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A collection of Poems by Serenity Mask. Some old, mostly new... most talking about Armageddon and such. An opportunity to journey through the mind body and soul of a conscious poet. You are invited to encounter the expression of emotions that harmonize with a heartbeat of rhythms. Each artful entry makes a statement after guidance on verses that flow. Connect in the presence of this poetic vortex with a spirit that has written revelations, sensations, and creations. In Poems of Human Struggle and God's Love, Margaret Freeman explores the theme of salvation: release from bondage to self-consciousness through the awakening of Christ-consciousness. She believes that this awakening to the glory of God is increasing on earth and she considers aspects of this through her poetry as she tells biblical and contemporary stories and shares personal revelation of "the one who holds you dear". Freeman's poetry gives voice to our insecurities, doubts and questions – and the work of the spirit of Christ to awaken our own spirits to the fullness of the life God has for us, body and soul clothed in light and glory. Transfiguration Adam and Eve were naked; No shame they had to hide: Clothed in light and splendour, A delight to God's eyes. Until Satan tempted them To believe his lie. He said God couldn't be trusted; Good things he withheld. He said they should seek out the truth The apple would reveal. And so through their own efforts They were bound to self-rule, To striving for perfection- All men became its fool. Their spirits now bound within the soul, And animal skins for clothing, They tried their best to work the soil As Satan stood by laughing. But God has not been outplayed; He came to earth, you see, To tell us he is the way For our spirits to be freed: Bound by grace to Truth and Light- Our transfiguration. Spiritual Revelations, Lynn's 3rd book continues to demonstrate her remarkable and powerful poetic ability to captivate readers. The author's poetry, song and short story provides a nearly visual glimpse into her thought as she humbly expresses words of honor and worship to the Lord and God. You feel a poignant correlation with the author, as she delivers messages of adoration, hope, praise, mourning the loss of family members, child abuse, romance and triumph. You understand the author's true and calming sense of peace. A must have for lovers our God and Savior; of poetry, song, and short story. "Peeling Myself a Soul", 2004, was the debut of a powerful new force in African American Poetry. The book (hardback) collection of 50 poetry, song and short story infused with an overwhelming sense of love and personal growth, as though on a pilgrimage to discover ones self. Weighty issues such as abuse, race relations and relationships are explored. Filled with emotional resonance, this reading remains inherently accessible to all. "Animalyrics", the author's 2nd book, 2011, pays homage to animals, and all of creation. The book is an exceptional compilation of 40 poetry, song, and short story streaming with adoration for all life within the universe. The earth and mother-nature are also explored, as well as mankind's disrespect for the planet, and child abuse. An animal lover myself, you will find these readings reflective of today, while relaxing to words which will inspire and motivate you. These poems were inspired by God. I want to give Him praise and thanks for awakening a talent that was dominant in me. These poem were given by Revelation from the Author and Finisher of my faith, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This poetry has been a blessing to my soul, as God has used me to write it. I give it to you A Revelation of Poetry knowing that the meaning of this poetry will bless someones soul. What Will Soon Take Place is an imaginative journey through the book of Revelation. It offers a poet's view of the prophetic, not in the sense of seeking out clues to the "end times," but a means of taking this strange, fantastic book of scripture and letting it read its way into personal lives. Religious poetry has often been regarded as minor poetry and dismissed in large part because poetry is taken to require direct experience; whereas religious poetry is taken to be based on faith, that is, on second or third hand experience. The best methods of thinking about "experience" are given to us by phenomenology. Poetry and Revelation is the first study of religious poetry through a phenomenological lens, one that works with the distinction between manifestation (in which everything is made manifest) and revelation (in which the mystery is re-veiled as well as revealed). Providing a phenomenological investigation of a wide range of "religious poems", some medieval, some modern; some written in English, others written in European languages; some from America, some from Britain, and some from Australia, Kevin Hart provides a unique new way of thinking about religious poetry and the nature of revelation itself. I used my poems as writing prompts in my "Expanding Our Possibilities (TM)" workshop series. To continue supporting writing for healing and personal growth, I created this lovely guided journal based on my poem, "I Am Willing." The poem has been shared by blogs all over the world. This volume is for you to write, expressing and exploring your dreams and challenges, your hopes and fears. Ideal to use on your own or in a group setting, it also makes a thoughtful gift for someone in the midst of life changes. The complete poem (from my book, "As Easy as Breathing") is included at the beginning, with an introduction. A stanza of the poem tops each writing page with ample space underneath for your reflections and revelations. Use this guide however seems right to you. You may begin at the beginning and sequentially work through the poem, or you might open to any line that speaks to you right then. In preparation, you can sit quietly, deeply breathing for a few minutes or read the lines aloud. To get your pen moving you can copy the lines at the top of the page or dive directly into

your own writing. Be patient. Trust. Be kind to yourself. Poetry or prose, let the words flow, no concerns about spelling or punctuation. This is just for you. Later you can decide if you want to share any part of this. There is no one right way, only what you choose, what seems right in the moment. Write, draw, color, doodle, decorate with stickers, if you like. Do what feels good to you. Make this book your own. Now begin... With love, Margaret Dubay Mikus Religious poetry has often been regarded as minor poetry and dismissed in large part because poetry is taken to require direct experience; whereas religious poetry is taken to be based on faith, that is, on second or third hand experience. The best methods of thinking about "experience" are given to us by phenomenology. 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Search relentless Lord Reach deep in me, your wounding friend, and mark your signs in my heart sand. Then in every hour ascend in me to heights of you by paths that I will follow. [from Will your holy hill] In his poems, Allyn Benedict expresses so much of his inner journey most subtly and beautifully. His writing about weighty topics is enticingly suggestive; never statemental, sentimental, or ponderous. Allyn makes his readers think for themselves, enjoy themselves and grow themselves...and theres music in his onomatopoetic linesit all spells warmth and joy and love. Elizabeth Ring Award winning poet and author of 26 childrens books including Smithsonians Loon at Northwood Lake. The interrelationship of the ideas of apocalypse and millennium is a dominant concern of British Romanticism. The Book of Revelation provides a model of history in which apocalypse is followed by millennium, but in their various ways the major Romantic poets - Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Keats, and Shelley - question and even at times undermine the possibility of a successful secularization of this model. No matter how confidently the sequence of apocalypse and millennium seems to be affirmed in some of the major works of the period, the issue is always in doubt: the fear that millennium may not ensue emerges as a significant, if often repressed, theme in the great works of the period. Related to it is the tension in Romantic poetry between conflicting models of history itself: history as teleology, developing towards end time and millennium, and history as purposeless cycle. This subject-matter is traced through a selection of works by the major poets, partly through an exposition of their underlying intellectual traditions, and partly through a close examination of the poems themselves. "The vividness and beauty of the language emerge in a fresh way . . . with evocative simplicity." —Robert Alter, professor emeritus of Hebrew and comparative literature, University of California, Berkeley The world's greatest poetry resides in the Bible, yet these major poets are traditionally rendered into prose. In this pioneering volume of biblical poets translated in English, Willis Barnstone restores the lyricism and power of the poets' voices in both the New and Old Testaments. In the Hebrew Bible we hear Solomon rhapsodize in Song of Songs, David chant in Psalms, God and Job debate in grand rhetoric, and prophet poet Isaiah plead for peace. Jesus speaks in wisdom verse in the Gospel, Paul is a philosopher of love, and John of Patmos roars majestically in Revelation, the Bible's epic poem. This groundbreaking volume includes every major biblical poem from Genesis and Adam and Eve in the Garden to the last pages of Alpha and Omega in Paradise. What old stories, beliefs, or habits can you change over 7 weeks? Both a writing guide and a collection of poetry, Revelations of the Heart takes you on a 49-day journey of self-reflection and self-expression through creative writing. The inspiration for this book is an ancient Hebrew custom called "Counting the Omer," where each spring you intentionally immerse in the spiritual qualities of lovingkindness, strength, harmony, endurance, awe, foundation, and dignity for 49 days. The 50th day is known as a time of Revelation. This book is mystical, practical, spiritual, and fun! Experience this sacred technology and let the creative process unfold you. Come be a witness to your life and hear the revelations of your heart! With the tools of far-reaching revolutions in literary theory and informed by the poetic sense of truth, William Franke offers a critical appreciation and philosophical reflection on a way of reading the Bible as theological revelation. Franke explores some of the principal literary genres of the Bible—Myth, Epic History, Prophecy, Apocalyptic, Writings, and Gospel—as building upon one another in composing a compactly unified edifice of writing that discloses prophetic and apocalyptic truth in a sense that is intelligible to the secular mind as well as to religious spirits. From Genesis to Gospel this revealed truth of the Bible is discovered as a universal heritage of humankind. Poetic literature becomes the light of revelation for a theology that is discerned as already inherent in humanity's tradition. The divine speaks directly to the human heart by means of infinitely open poetic powers of expression in words exceeding and released from the control of finite, human faculties and the authority of human institutions. CHRIS BENDA: The main title of your book, A Theology of Literature, is rather expansive in scope - it's the title of a manifesto - while the subtitle, The Bible as Revelation in the Tradition of the Humanities, narrows the focus to a particular text. This title seems to adumbrate your conception of the relationship between literature and the Bible. What is that relationship? WILLIAM FRANKE: Picking up on your suggestions, I would say that the book is a manifesto for literature as a revelation of the highest sort of truth of which the human heart and intellect are capable, and at the same time a manifesto for theology as the source and core of traditions of human knowledge. The Bible is taken as an outstanding example of both types of discourse, literature and theology, in some of their most marvelous and miraculous revelatory capacities. CB: In the introduction to your book, you ask, "What is a theological reading of the Bible, and what is a literary reading?" This question suggests different methods, different purposes, different outcomes. But you put forward another way of thinking about the relationship between the theological and the literary. What is that way? WF: The usual idea of the "Bible as literature" is that one can read the Bible just as good literature without presupposing any kind of religious belief. This makes it palatable to many who would otherwise not be interested. My approach, likewise, is to read the Bible for all that it is worth as literature, but I find precisely there the Bible's most challenging and authentic theology. Understanding literature in its furthest purport requires a kind of belief in language and the word. It entails a hopeful, loving, and faithful sort of understanding of what is said, and that already constitutes the rudiments of a theology. This is to take the Bible as an especially revealing example of a humanities text. The greatest of these texts generally contain an at least implicitly theological (or sometimes a/theological) dimension to the extent that they envision the final purpose of life and the meaning of the world as a whole. Whether or not they speak of "God," such texts are in a theological register wherever the unity and origin of existence are in question. Personalizing this origin as "God" is one interpretation that remains inevitable and imaginatively compelling for us, since we are persons. CB: You are not reading the Bible as literature in the same way that many others have been doing over the last several decades (even though Robert Alter, one of the foremost practitioners of that art, appears frequently in the pages of your book). Which aspects of the "Bible as literature" approach are, in your view, problematic, at least for your project, and which do you find of continuing value? WF: The tendency to reduce the Bible to mere literature is the approach that I wish to eschew. I emphasize that the Bible is truly revelatory as literature. This enables us to understand theological revelation, too, in a non-dogmatic sense, as having a much more general human validity. Appreciating the literary qualities and excellence of the Bible remains as crucial to my project as to the traditional approach. However, I stress that these literary features are not merely aesthetic effects or ornaments. They can be revelatory of the real. The ultimately real and true, which exceeds objectification and its inevitable oppositions, cannot be apprehended except through the imagination. CB: When you speak of the Bible as revelation, what do you mean? WF: I mean especially that it enables uncanny insight into the nature of reality as a whole and in its deepest core. Revelation conveys an infinite intelligence of life and of everything that concerns us as humans. I recognize knowledge as "revealed" to the extent that it rises beyond ordinary limits to a degree of knowing that somehow fathoms the whole or total or infinite. This means for many that revelation comes from God. But even before presupposing that we know anything about God, we can simply let revelation emerge from this extraordinary capacity of the mind to transcend itself toward what it cannot comprehend. In certain encounters with others, we can experience an infinite depth of love and life that boggles the mind and exceeds comprehension. It can transform our lives. Theological revelation is a compelling interpretation, handed down over generations in the human community, of this register of experience. CB: You seem to make a distinction between revelation and theological revelation. What is that distinction, and what import does it have for your argument? WF: No, I would rather emphasize the continuity between theological revelation and revelation in a more general, phenomenological sense of things simply coming to be known or openly "disclosed." This is important for keeping theology connected with the rest of human knowledge, although human knowledge itself, all along, has also harbored something that transcends it and all its finite means. I say "all along" because this problematic of the self-transcendence of knowledge towards an extra-worldly Other can be traced to the Axial Age in the middle of the first millennium BCE. Of course, a relationship with the Other who reveals himself or herself or itself as God belongs to the full sense of theological revelation as understood in biblical tradition. I consider this as a degree of revelation of our relationship with others envisaged in its absoluteness. CB: What do you mean when you talk about the "poetic potential" of language? Does all language have such potential, even what we might not typically think of as poetic - or even literary? WF: Language has infinite potential for meaning, and poetic language shows and exploits this potential most intensively. Language can be thought of as beginning with one word like "OM" that means everything all at once. By a process of disambiguation, more limited and specific meanings are differentiated from each other and assigned to different words. However, poetic language reverses this process and allows us to hear the multiple meanings buried in our metaphors and to divine the original unity of meaning in language behind the rationally differentiated senses of words in the language that we pragmatically employ, yet with loss of its potential wholeness of meaning. CB: Your book is concerned with the Bible as a humanities text. What is a humanities text and what does a humanities text do? Might we think of any text as having the potential to be a humanities text, as long as it is read "humanistically"? WF: Yes. Being a humanities text is a matter of how a text is read. But certain texts lend themselves more than others to touching on matters of deep and perennial human concern: life and death and love and war, greed and heroism, suffering and hope for liberation, redemption, etc. CB: You state that, prior to modernity, texts, including the Bible, "exercise[d] sovereign authority in determining [their] own meaning and in interrogating the reader and potentially challenging the reader's insight and very integrity." In secular modernity, by contrast, "texts taken as specimens for analysis are dissected according to the will and criteria of a knowing subject considered to be wholly external to them." What implications have modern, secular readings of the Bible, and of literature more generally, had for human knowledge and, indeed, for human existence; and how does our present time - what you call "the 'post-secular' turn of postmodern culture" - change how we

relate to the Bible and literature? WF: The modern, secular era is the era of the individual knowing subject. The self-conscious human subject becomes the ground and foundation of all knowing, emblematically with Descartes's "I think therefore I am" as the inaugural proposition of modern philosophy. Hegel construed the history of philosophy this way. Texts become artifacts created by finite human subjects. Prior to this modern era and its constitutive Narcissism, the creation of the text was a much more open affair. It was not under the control of a unitary finite subject, the author. Human authors could be channels for revelations from beyond their own ken. Readers could explore texts for revelations from a higher authority than just the author's own intention. Augustine's reading the Bible as meaning infinitely more than its presumable human authors, starting with Moses, were able to comprehend is a good example (Confessions, Book X-XIII). CB: You quote John 1:14 ("The Word became flesh and dwelt among us") and claim that this statement "announces a general interpretive principle: the meaning of tradition is experienced only in its application to life in the present." Could you unpack that a bit? WF: Meaning in literature and life is much more than just an intellectual sense or dictionary definition. How words mean for us is rooted in our way of existing in the world. They have to take on our own flesh and dwell in and with us in order to realize their full potential to signify. This fact is conveyed poetically by the doctrine of the Incarnation that is clairvoyantly and beautifully expressed in the Gospel of John. CB: A Theology of Literature largely consists of explorations of the revelatory aspects of varying literary genres in the Bible. You look at mythology, epic, history, prophecy, apocalyptic, literature, poetry, and gospel. In the conclusion of your book, you suggest that "[a]ll of these genres, in some manner, are summed up and recapitulated in the Gospel." This is convenient, since we can't discuss each of these genres in depth. How, in brief, does the Gospel provide such a summation and recapitulation? WF: The gospel is a prophetic word in which the archetypal myth of Genesis and the epic history of Exodus and the words of the prophets are fulfilled by the apocalyptic event of Christ as Savior. It contains the life history of the Redeemer and includes many of his own sayings uttered with all their poetry ("Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin," etc.). It brings all these various forms and genres of revelation to a culmination in a word that exceeds all genres, not least history, in order to recast the mold of meaning and the very meaning of "truth." Its truth is made in being enacted and incorporated by those who believe in it and live it. In the terms of I John 1: 6, these are those who would "do the truth." CB: Your book is able to cover significant portions of the Bible despite its brevity, but of course it can't cover everything. The legal materials are one type of literature that doesn't get extended treatment, so I'm curious how you might understand them as revelatory texts within the tradition of the humanities. WF: The legal materials fundamentally express a relationship with God. They enable Israel to live in fellowship with the Lord and as sanctified by his love. "O Lord how I love thy law!" (Psalm 119: 97) exclaims the psalmist. The legal prescriptions in the Bible reveal God and the way to God in very particular circumstances and social conditions. But the relationship with God that they model is potentially valid in all times and places for those who wish to embrace the law as a gift for living in intimacy with the Almighty. CB: What dangers might accompany the recovery of texts as authoritative sources of truth in our post-secular, postmodern age? How might those dangers, should they exist, be avoided or met? WF: The authority of texts read in the perspective of a theology of literature never exempts the readers from responsibility for the implications and consequences that they draw from the text. The authoritativeness of the infinite potential for meaning that is inherent in these texts is in a dimension of depth that underlies all meanings and all being and all creatures. It does not valorize some over others. These determinations are always made by human beings, and they alone bear the responsibility for their choices and acts. The power and authority of the text resides in its infinite potential before the emergence of any divisive distinctions and oppositions. This type of authority of the text does not absolve humans of responsibility. It rather reveals their infinite responsibility for whatever authority they claim or evoke. They give this authority a determinate shape and particular application that is all their own. They are answerable for whether or not their interpretation respects and protects all creatures and creation. Questions by Chris Benda, Divinity Librarian, Vanderbilt University A collection of monologues, elegies and satires on subjects ranging from Mozart to graffiti. One is a letter to the New York Times, praising "Man Who Beat Up Homosexuals Reported to Have AIDS Virus." The author won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1970. This is a collection of poems about people in the Bible. It is an attempt to bring them to life, so that the average reader, believer or non believer will say, I got it! Now I understand who Job, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Jeremiah were! It is by no means a replacement for the Bible, and I hope all who read it will search the scriptures for themselves to see if the poems are correct. For example, did the king really turn white and get weak at the knees in the book of Daniel? It is the authors hope and prayer, that all who read these poems, will not be able to put them down! And cause them all to want to learn more and more about the word of God. I had written many poems about the Los Angeles Lakers and only one poem for the church. This book is an attempt to change that, in a sense, saying, God, this ones for you! I found these poems to be heartwarming and inspirational. For Christians everywhere, or anyone curious about people of the Bible, a must read! Rev. Charles Harris II, Pastor, Village Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. Ross Woodman and Joel Faflak focus on the clash in British Romantic poets' works between depth psychology and mysticism in the context of post-Enlightenment crises of belief. The Book of Revelation enters today's world of disingenuous politics - austerity, Brexit and Trump - and attempts to reflect on power, lies and fakery. And also resistance, truth and integrity. It finds solace in uncommercial art of all kinds (especially in music) against "official discourse". For generations, poets have turned to the Bible for insight and inspiration. What did so many creative minds find in scripture? Is the Bible still a vital source of poetic inspirations? Chapters Into Verse is the first comprehensive collection ever made of poems written in English inspired by the Bible. A groundbreaking anthology, it introduces readers to a distinct heritage of English poetry: the scriptural tradition. Though frequently ignored and sometimes suppressed, this tradition rivals the classical and is every bit as venerable. Drawing a unique map of the history of English poetry, the two volumes of Chapters Into Verse survey and define the literary legacy of the Scriptures from the fourteenth century to the present. Each volume is arranged in scriptural order, and each poem is preceded by the biblical passage that inspired it. Thus readers can conveniently witness the various ways sacred text has sparked the imagination of poets throughout the ages. In Volume I, which covers Genesis to Malachi, almost every book of the Old Testament is represented. The collection features verses both famous and unfamiliar, from Milton's Paradise Lost and Lord Byron's Hebrew Melodies to Christopher Smart's hymns and Mary Herbert's psalms. The editors have included poems by virtually all the prominent religious poets--among them, John Donne, George Herbert, Henry Vaughan, Edward Taylor, and Gerard Manley Hopkins. Included, too, are devotional and visionary works from a wide range of vintage poets--Robert Burns, William Blake, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Christina Rossetti, Alfred Tennyson, and Robert Browning. Proving that the Bible is just as powerful a source of inspiration today as it was in the past, the collection assembles a mixed congregation of modern and contemporary poets, such as Marianne Moore, Delmore Schwartz, Dylan Thomas, Robert Frost, William Carlos Williams, Countee Cullen, e.e. cummings, William Butler Yeats, Robert Lowell, Hugh McDiarmid, Laura (Riding) Jackson, Charles Reznikoff, A.D. Hope, Geoffrey Hill, Denise Levertov, Philip Levine, John Ashbery, and Derek Walcott. Of enduring interest to readers of both scripture and literature, this anthology illuminates key passages of the Old Testament. The measured speech and inspired leaps of poetry offer a spirited alternative to the textual exegesis usually supplied by prose commentary. As such, Chapters Into Verse is truly a poets' Bible. In selection after selection, readers will encounter an astonishing variety of religious experiences, as a host of poets from many eras and many backgrounds respond to Holy Scripture spiritually, profoundly, and imaginatively. Fred Chappell says of Ted Olson's second collection of poems: "These surprising revelations are really reminders." The eleven 'chapters' of seven poems per chapter provide readers with poetry that Maurice Manning describes as, "refreshing, almost old-fashioned in that it is truly verse...composed generously with rhythm and rhyme, and that antiquated quality makes the gravity of Revelations all the more subtle." THROUGH TIME, is an anthology of poems. A compact of two anthologies (a) Hidden through time (b) Drops through time, in one book. The poem honours the intrinsic nature of man, extrinsic nature of the world and the challenges of time to making man live out above the norms of life There is no under-judgment about the fact that births of transparent green tangibles are consequences of conception and only the green coating of a mind knows the white substance that feeds the soul of man to make progenies. In it, nature is ceased to function and we all are glad. FESTUS ARINZE ALIBA, in this book exposes the need for man to have softer air to breathe from, and giving awareness about the hopeful green to achieve. Thus the book aims at making man moist and wet in Love and Life to cause him to be evaporative enough to cause rain in seasons and to make other men of substance have spherical increment on radius. Octavio Paz presents his sustained reflections on the poetic phenomenon and on the place of poetry in history and in our personal lives. Civilization of Paradise is both a collection of Qur'an inspired poetry and a fascinating record of intimate dialogs with a Sufi master in Damascus. Poetry, in the case of Asad Ali, is a way of life and prayer. In the state of consciousness from which he speaks, we become the companions of great beings: the Timeless Desert, the Infinitely Compassionate, the Supplicating Earth, the Universal Human. Each of these poems is related to a Surah of the Qur'an, as noted below the title of each poem. This book explores the much debated relation of language and bodily experience (i.e. the 'flesh'), considering in particular how poetry functions as revelatory discourse and thus relates to the formal horizon of theological inquiry. The central thematic focus is around a 'phenomenology of the flesh' as that which connects us with the world, being the site of perception and feeling, joy and suffering, and of life itself in all its vulnerability. The voices represented in this collection reflect interdisciplinary methods of interpretation and broadly ecumenical sensibilities, focusing attention on such matters as the revelatory nature of language in general and poetic language in particular, the function of poetry in society, the question of Incarnation and its relation to language and the poetic arts, the kenosis of the Word, and human embodiment in relation to the word 'enfleshed' in poetry. The poems of The Revelation of Love encompass a wide range of subjects: romance, philosophy, religion, metaphysics, and running like a bright thread through the weave of this collection ""love."" The diversity of this collection offers universal appeal, and poetry lovers will be inspired by the tapestry of complex imagery and symbolism. This is no slim, delicate volume of poems, deftly constructed at 384 pages. The Revelation of Love takes the reader on an odyssey of love, a spiritual journey like a Dante traveling with his muse into a new Inferno in search of paradise and divine bliss -- from the classical Homeric tradition into the contemporary genres of poetry. Very few collections of poetry can reach such diverse audience with such power and panache. Great poets from around the world whose work transcends culture and time. THE PRAYER OF THE INSPIRED Father God, thank you for your divine inspiration. With your Word, I am encouraged to continue on and fight the good fight. I am a conqueror because you showed me how to overcome. I am a defeater because you showed me how to defeat all my enemies. I am a lover because you showed me how love wiped away a multitude of sin. Through it all, I remain humble because I know where my help comes from. Thank you Lord for your undeserved kindness. From a small flower with a little bit of hope to an eager worm who desperately wants to experience the glorious transformation from God before his time, God Wired Jesus Inspired offers day-to-day encouragement to all in a new light. "The vividness and beauty of the language emerge in a fresh way . . . with evocative

simplicity.” —Robert Alter, professor emeritus of Hebrew and comparative literature, University of California, Berkeley The world’s greatest poetry resides in the Bible, yet these major poets are traditionally rendered into prose. In this pioneering volume of biblical poets translated in English, Willis Barnstone restores the lyricism and power of the poets’ voices in both the New and Old Testaments. In the Hebrew Bible we hear Solomon rhapsodize in Song of Songs, David chant in Psalms, God and Job debate in grand rhetoric, and prophet poet Isaiah plead for peace. Jesus speaks in wisdom verse in the Gospel, Paul is a philosopher of love, and John of Patmos roars majestically in Revelation, the Bible’s epic poem. This groundbreaking volume includes every major biblical poem from Genesis and Adam and Eve in the Garden to the last pages of Alpha and Omega in Paradise. Y (Spiritual Journey) is a book of spiritual poems that explore an array of human emotions and experiences. For some of you, it is a reflection in the mirror to your soul. For others, it reveals stories you have lived, lingering memories of silent struggles from within. But for all, its intent is to provide insight, inspiration and hope. God is the rock and the foundation of every poem. He is the way, the truth and the light, who will guide you on your journey through this life. Many of the poems like, Hold On, I Cry and Why? are two pages long because the spiritual messages they convey cannot be told in a couple of paragraphs. There are several other poems in this book you will find of interest, such as: Pennies From Heaven, Walk With Me Lord, Dont Give Up, Gods Canvas In the Sky, He Never Promised Us Tomorrow, I Call Your Name, After the Storm and Joy Comes in the Morning. To order, just click on the shopping cart. Click on Author Display, located on the left hand side of this page to read my biography. If you have enjoyed any of these poems, please share this website with your friends and family. Click on Contact Author. Id love to hear from you. As one of the poems said, "Pass It On". The book is also available at Amazon.com, Borders.com, and BarnesandNoble.com

Commentaries from my readers: "This subtle poetry jumps off the pages and into our hearts. Each poem creatively breaths life into us by granting a glimpse of how we can better live our lives and in so doing, create good spaces for ourselves and those we share our lives with. Yvonne's book is truly inspirationally uplifting and life changing." Stephanie Sanford "This exhilarating book of poems will take you on an adventure filled with biblical truths. From Genesis to Revelation this book of poetry will take your mind through a wonderful and glorious journey. So sit back and enjoy and get ready to be filled with spiritual exuberance." Rose Harris Starting with Locke’s philosophy of language, which turns words into bricks and uses them to build a rigid system of science and morality, this book is a response to Blake’s un-Lockian thought through an analysis of his linguistic practices. It is an attempt to understand why Blake says what he says the way he does. While being a study of Blake’s poetics, the book is at the same time a poetic study that never attempts to translate poetry into prose. It reads like a narrative, telling of an effort to build, an attempt to destroy, and then rebuild again. Primarily aimed at Blake readers, it will also interest those interested in Enlightenment and Romanticism, as well as students of art, religion or philosophy. And, since Blake’s criticism of Locke is in fact Blake’s criticism of the main assumptions of modernity, the book should prove a stimulating experience to all those who do not mind looking at the reality from some critical distance. I am an extremely true child of God! I gave my life to Christ at the age of fourteen. Im forty-five years of age as we speak. I keep a strong grip on my faith in God by any means necessary! I try to read my Holy Bible daily to keep me focused on the Word of God. Over the years, Ive learned so much about God and Jesus Christ. However, I was told by God to deliver his Word to the very best of my ability! Therefore, I beg urgently that you allow me to have just a few minutes of your precious time to introduce As the World Turns, Revelation: Part 1, which contains serious testimonies and breathtaking spiritual poetry. I have five more books following As the World Turns, Revelation. To be more specific, there are six parts of As the World Turns, Revelation. I actually believe these six books will be very interesting to Gods children. A collection of poems written in English inspired by the Bible. Volume 1 of PERFECTLY IMPERFECT Poems of Encouragement, Reflection and Revelation of God's Love Hear and listen to the voice of God speak to your heart about who you are as His masterpiece as you read each poem. We are created Perfectly Imperfect to fulfill the will of the Perfect King. Several of my poems have been inspired by God and Jesus, and I have compiled a selection of my favorites that I have written over the years. I am here to give a message for all that have eyes and ears that you may see and hear this warning. I hope this book finds you well and healthy. I hope it brings upon you blessings of love, health, and wisdom from God, our Creator. Amen! “Listen, are you breathing just a little, and calling it a life?” —Mary Oliver This luminous anthology brings together great poets from around the world whose work transcends culture and time. Their words reach past the outer divisions to the universal currents of love and revelation that move and inspire us all. These poems urge us to wake up and love. They also call on us to relinquish our grip on ideas and opinions that confine us and, instead, to risk moving forward into the life that is truly ours. In his selection, Roger Housden has placed strong emphasis on contemporary voices such as the American poet laureate Billy Collins and the Nobel Prize–winners Czeslaw Milosz and Seamus Heaney, but the collection also includes some timeless echoes of the past in the form of work by masters such as Goethe, Wordsworth, and Emily Dickinson. The tens of thousands of readers of Roger Housden’s “Ten Poems” series will welcome this beautiful harvest of poems that both open the mind and heal the heart. "Poetry, My Bible and Me" is a unique written book of poetry, because many of the poems are Derived directly from scripture, love and life, and provides a new and fascinating way of being understood. The poems in this book, are not just words, but they have been inspired by the gifted author thru prayer, and spirit revelation, and lifetime experiences. Never will you see such a widely fashion of poetry combined in one book, that provides, knowledge, humor, and thought provoking conversations about the topics inside. The author has been preaching and teaching the gospel for years, and was led from within to put many scriptures, and experiences in a modern form of poetry, that has already inspired many who has heard his innovative style of writing. Trust me, it will be hard to pick a favorite, and hard to stop reading the same poems over and over again, as each line takes you on ride that will keep you enthused, intrigued and excited about what's coming next. A book, you will read more than once, and you will definitely share with others. "It's so hard to pick a favorite, because many of them reach you in different ways, and you just want to read them over and over again" -T. Fisher "His poems reach across race, religion and its content is suitable for all ages" -S. Conyers "There is a healing in his poetry, that reaches the very essence of your mind and soul..." -R. Trotter "Once you start to read a poem, you are fascinated, and intrigued by what's coming next" -E. Chatman "When I read one of the poems regarding scripture, I then want to go and read the passage of scripture he writes about" -D. Conyers

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