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I dedicate this book to two groups of people:

First, to the tens of thousands of Christians across the world who are suffering because they asked questions, came to conclusions, and put their trust in Christ, but now suffer at the hands of people who oppress them wishing to suppress their message.

Secondly, to those who demonstrate their hatred for God by persecuting fellow human beings, simply because they follow Jesus. I pray that God would be merciful to you, helping you to ask the big questions as to who is Jesus, what has He done for you, and how He can bring you to know God.

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Introduction

My work involves travelling around the UK, and different parts of the world, speaking to people about Jesus. Through this work I have become convinced that everyone is asking similar questions when it comes to Christianity, the Bible and Jesus. Whether it's the university professor or the drunk in the gutter – the same questions are asked. I am so convinced of this that I wondered for a while if the drunk in the gutter was also the university professor, only just at different times of the week!

Answering a question can be difficult, but asking a good question can often be harder still. This book is filled with good, genuine questions. They are all ones that I have been asked over the last number of years.

I have sought to answer them honestly, but not exhaustively. For ease of reading I have tried to answer with clarity and simplicity. However, I believe it is important to say that the answers found in this book originate from a much higher and greater source, in that my world view is definitely a Christian one, and I have gone to the Bible for answers. Why I have done this, you will see in some of the answers I have given.

Most of the answers that I have written are deliberately short, but you will see that some are much more detailed. These answers touch on other issues, and I hope will help the questioner who is wanting thorough answers to some questions. I suspect that this book will not be read from beginning to end, but rather be 'dipped into'. So for that reason, there is some repetition in some of the answers, which you may spot if you read a good number of the answers.

As things stand, I have six grandsons, with another grandchild on the way. Harry is the oldest but is still little more than a toddler. He loves playing Hide and Seek. However, this isn't the Hide and Seek that you and I are used to. Harry hasn't quite understood yet, that the idea of the game is that you're trying not to get found. For him the fun is getting found, which is usually followed by him getting tickled!

"Is Harry behind the TV?" releases a muted giggle from his hiding place behind the sofa!

"Or is he hiding behind the curtains?" He's now laughing so loud he can hardly contain himself.

"Or is he behind the sofa?" You barely have to get the word 'sofa' out and a squeak of high-pitched giggles escape from Harry's lungs and he runs out from his not-so-secret hiding place!

Harry wanted to be found, right from the beginning. In a similar way, God does not want to play Hide and Seek. He wants to play 'found'. God wants to introduce Himself to you. Asking questions to know more of who God is and what He has done is absolutely the right thing to do. I hope that this book will help you come to know God personally. The Bible teaches that if you seek Him, with all your heart, you will find Him.

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