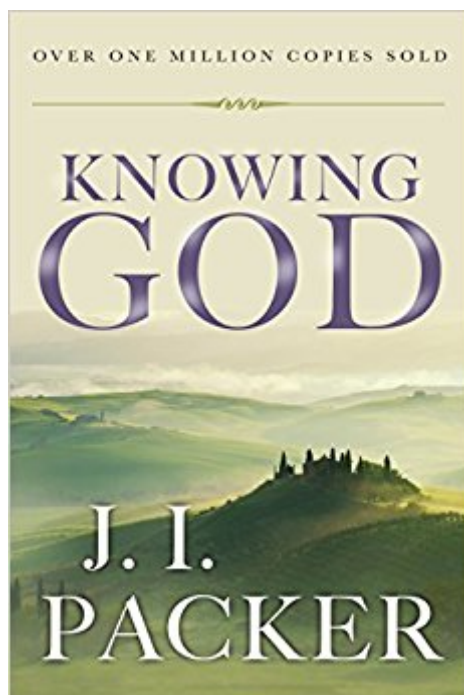


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# Knowing God



## Synopsis

One of the top 50 books that have shaped evangelicals (Christianity Today, 2006) Platinum Book Award, Evangelical Christian Publishing Association For over 40 years, J. I. Packer's classic has been an important tool to help Christians around the world discover the wonder, the glory and the joy of knowing God. In 2006, Christianity Today voted this title one of the top 50 books that have shaped evangelicals. This edition is updated with Americanized language and spelling and a new preface by the author. Stemming from Packer's profound theological knowledge, *Knowing God* brings together two important facets of the Christian faith—knowing about God and also knowing God through the context of a close relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. Written in an engaging and practical tone, this thought-provoking work seeks to transform and enrich the Christian understanding of God. Explaining both who God is and how we can relate to him, Packer divides his book into three sections: The first directs our attention to how and why we know God, the second to the attributes of God and the third to the benefits enjoyed by those who know him intimately. This guide leads readers into a greater understanding of God while providing advice to gaining a closer relationship with him as a result.

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## Customer Reviews

A lifelong pursuit of knowing God should embody the Christian's existence. According to eminent theologian J.I. Packer, however, Christians have become enchanted by modern skepticism and have joined the "gigantic conspiracy of misdirection" by failing to put first things first. *Knowing God* aims to redirect our attention to the simple, deep truth that to know God is to love His Word. What

began as a number of consecutive articles angled for "honest, no-nonsense readers who were fed up with facile Christian verbiage" in 1973, *Knowing God* has become a contemporary classic by creating "small studies out of great subjects." Each chapter is so specific in focus (covering topics such as the trinity, election, God's wrath, and God's sovereignty), that each succeeding chapter's theology seems to rival the next, until one's mind is so expanded that one's entire view of God has changed. Author Elizabeth Eliot wrote that amid the lofty content Packer "puts the hay where the sheep can reach it--plainly shows us ordinary folks what it means to know God." Having rescued us from the individual hunches of our ultra-tolerant theological age, Packer points the reader to the true character of God with his theological competence and compassionate heart. The lazy and faint-hearted should be warned about this timeless work--God is magnified, the sinner is humbled, and the saint encouraged. --Jill Heatherly

"Week by week and day by day, Packer gives advice that is sure to motivate and inspire readers to reach for more in their quest to unite with God. A fine read for any devoted Christian." (James A. Cox, Library Bookwatch, December 2009)"This is a book that urges us to know about God and then to know God in Jesus Christ. It is a book that serves up real meat--a thought-provoking call to apply ourselves to knowing who God is and to develop a close relationship with Him." (East Central Illinois Baptist Association, February 13, 2008)"Something must be said for the staying power of a book like J. I. Packer's *Knowing God*. With some of the language and rhetoric updated, the foundational elements of the book are as powerful and strong as ever." (Chris Wise, The Christian Manifesto ([thechristianmanifesto.wordpress.com](http://thechristianmanifesto.wordpress.com)), February 26, 2008)"Packer was magisterial in substance, but adopted the tone of a fellow traveler. He convinced us that the study of God 'is the most practical project anyone can engage in.'" (Christianity Today, October 2006)"If I can't put the Bible on this list, I'll choose a Packer book instead. Every national and world leader must seek to know the nations and world in which they serve. And in order to know this world and its people, we must first know the God who shaped and molded us all. Packer simply and powerfully re-introduces us to God: his attributes, actions, and, most important, his grace." (Joshua DuBois, "My Top Five," Christianity Today, September 2014)

Awesome book! (I'm reading it for the third time) It teaches the reader about the character and qualities of God, in an easy to understand format. After reading it, I bought several more copies to give away.

I love it. It is one of those books that, "once you pick it up you can't put it down." So true, revealing and educational, that it is a great resource for small group studies. It is in my opinion a prophetic revelation of how we can have hope in knowing and serving God.

Rich, beautiful, practical theology. A must for every Christian wanting to go deeper in the faith.

I loved reading this book. Very interesting throughout. Packer does an excellent job at leaving the reader wanting more at the end of each chapter. Helped me to understand God through perspectives I hadn't previously thought of before. I will be keeping this one close for a long time, I know I'll be pulling it out and to read again and again in the future.

Extremely insightful. I love anything bible based and this was recommended by my pastor. A definite read for those that desire a better understanding of our Lord and want to gain more insight on your walk with the Lord.

Perfect, thanks!

Excellent!

Great book that every believer should read

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