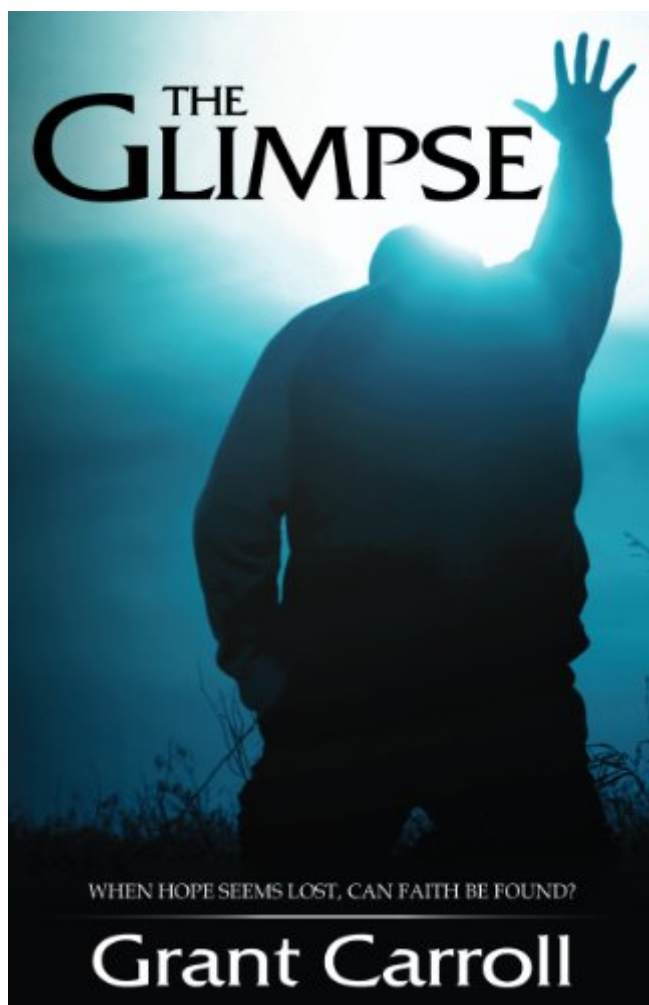


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The DreamIn 2007, God gave Grant Carroll a critical end times message for the American Church through a chilling dream his wife had. Not long after, he began to notice uncanny similarities between the dream and real world events happening to Christians in the news as if the dream was giving predictions of the future. Grant felt led to turn the dream into a piece of Christian fiction that would grab people's attention, so they would understand the dire warning of coming persecution, before it's too late. That story is called The Glimpse, and it's for youth, young adults, parents, church leaders and the Christian Church at large. It's message is for you. Story SynopsisAustin Kelly is about to learn a lesson: Be careful when you pray for God to change you, because He answers prayer. Even though he's a Sunday School teacher, Austin's faith in Jesus Christ is no match for his fear of rejection from others. Lizzie Kelly has more courage than her husband, but struggles to find fulfillment and meaning in her job at their church. The couple's friends aren't faring much better. Computer tech Daniel Cabrera fights disappointment with the direction his career has taken, and even more frustration with the church youth he teaches. His wife, Jackie, strives to maintain a sense of control over her life, but it's quickly faltering. Faced with churches dying across New York City, the four Christian teachers have a cry in their hearts for their lives to make a difference. God answers their cry by throwing them into a world that looks like a nightmare version of the United States. Everything is so similar, yet totally different, starting with the fact that Christians are nearly extinct after decades of persecution. They soon discover it is a fascist nation, where anyone who professes faith in Christ risks their life. The four travelers encounter a group of teenagers that turn out to be one of the last surviving churches, led by their high school teacher, Eric Peterson. With no visible way to get home, Austin, Lizzie and their friends join the underground church in their fight to spread the Gospel while avoiding the National Police. Their task is made even more difficult when revival breaks out in the local high school and draws unwanted attention, but they know they can't stop until their work is complete and the Lord makes a way for them to go home...if there is one..

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Customer Reviews

This is my first ever video review. The reason I wanted to do a video review is because I wanted you to feel my heart and excitement about this book. It is 12:50 in the morning and I just couldn't wait to give you my thoughts about The Glimpse. I hope you enjoy.

Since reading always helps me to sleep, I started reading this book when I was having difficulty sleeping. However, it was so riveting and superbly written that I could not put it down. The climax of the story took me completely by surprise...I didn't see it coming, and it caused me to pause and think of my own faith and my relationship with God. The Glimpse is a must-read for everyone, whether they belong to the Christian community or not. Mr. Carroll is a gifted and talented writer, and I'm anxiously looking forward to his next project.

This book is so multi-layered and the fact that it was revealed in a dream just adds another dimension to it. I know the author's intention is to make the reader look toward the future and the direction we are headed as Christians in a fallen world. I agree wholeheartedly, but also could not dismiss the melding of the past with the future. I believe the person who dreamed this book was given a glimpse into the future but also the past. This is how early first century Christians must have felt as they faced persecution and martyrdom at the hand of the world (particularly Rome). I have to point out the similarities between Austin (in Chapter 28 section 2) and Stephen (the first recorded martyr in scripture). Acts 6 -Verse 15: All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Acts 7-Verse 55 & 56: But

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." And then there is the undeniable similarity to Agent Archer and Saul (who later became Paul). The basement of the school reminded me of the catacombs that early Christians worshiped and lived in during persecution. This is a well written book for anyone interested in the gradual decline of the world in general and the area of Christianity specifically. I give it five stars and recommend without reservation!

This captivating story is so much more than a story for we are actually on the brink of just such times. There is already persecution happening for Christians in this country. Our country's actual history has been revised leaving out our Godly heritage and blatantly distorting it. So many kids have no respect for authority, expect everything without being responsible for anything. They are idle, unproductive, troubled and troublemakers killing themselves with drugs, alcohol, illicit sexual behavior and illegal activities. It is not all their fault by any means. Parents have ceased being godly, responsible parents, training their children up with love and discipline in the ways they should go and leading them with proper, godly examples. We have become an immoral, ungodly society who kicked God out of our schools and the public arena and reaping what we have sown. The only way to turn things around is to do like the young people in this book were doing, seek and follow after God.

I just finished reading this book and am amazed at how good it actually is. I've read the "Left Behind" series, I've read the "Soon" series by Jerry B. Jenkins, I've seen most of the Christian movies regarding an antichrist-type government that you have probably seen, too. This is different. If you are willing to ignore the strange bit at the beginning where the characters seemingly travel forward in time, you will be rewarded by a story that places people just like you in the middle of the persecution. Most of the other books are clearly placed in the future with characters who grew up in the future and have different backgrounds than the rest of us. This isn't all bad, but it makes them somewhat less accessible, somehow harder to relate with. In so many words, the four main characters in this book are my friends, my wife, my church mates. As a matter of fact, they are me. Sure, this book kept me entertained, but more importantly, it kept me thinking. It has stirred a greater love for my Bible, it has deepened my understanding of a need for prayer, and it really has driven home the point that it is really and truly time to really get REAL about this whole Jesus business! And that, more than anything else, is what matters.

the prologue of this pulled me right in and was very intriguing. I wanted to know what these re-programming facilities were and what happened to the man who was released against orders to kill him. It reminded me of the book 1984. The first few chapters of the book were much slower paced to me. I think that the intention was to get in the fact that the church was slowly dying off. At the end the pace picked back up as I read about all of the changes in this new style society and what was (nothing) and wasn't allowed regarding religion. By the end of the book I was in tears reading God's will for these people. Definitely a thought provoking read.

I have never before been so moved by a book! While reading this book I shed tears of both joy and heartache. I can say in all honesty that this story has reignited my faith. I don't usually read Christian based works, I tend to think that they will be boring or preachy... I had a hard time putting this book down, in fact the only time I did so was so that I could wipe the tears from my eyes as they were causing my vision to blur. I can clearly see the events in this book taking place, especially in the English speaking world where being politically correct seems to outweigh being true to God and to oneself. I believe that everyone should read this book as it has the potential and power to open everyone's eyes to the very real direction that our world is heading if we as a nation and people continue to turn our backs on the One that loves us most.

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