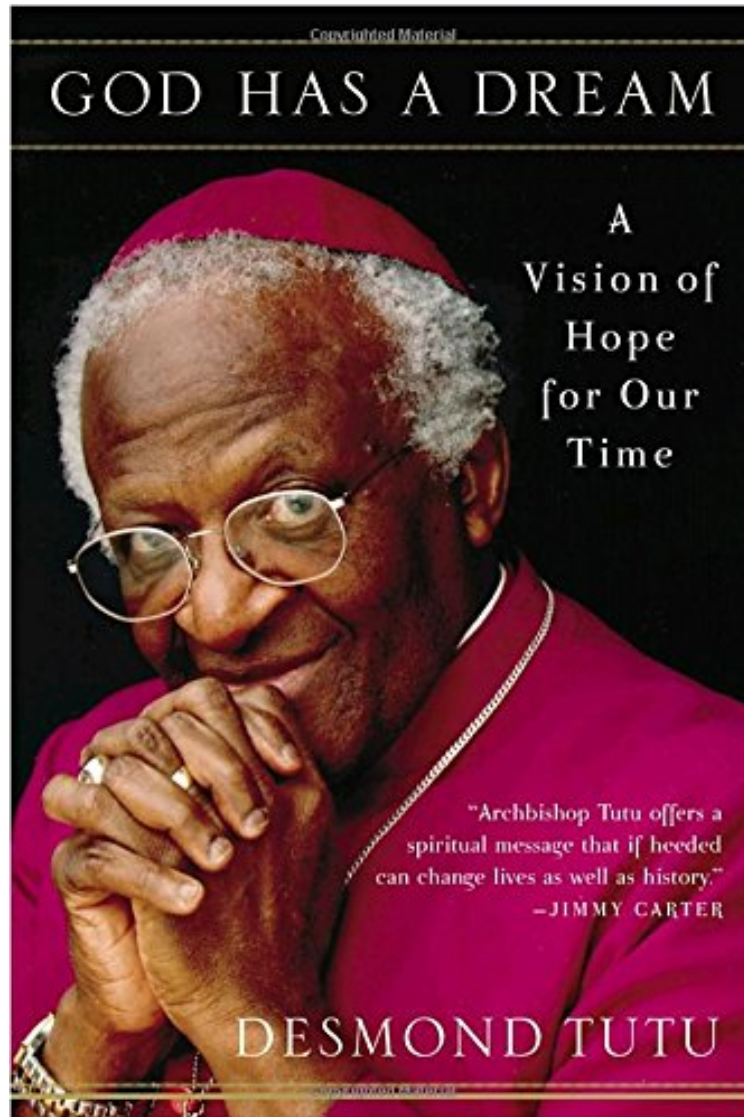


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Desmond Tutu : God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very Inspiring...But Not For Hellfire Damnation Christians By gailI loved this book! It really helped me! I've often had many anger issues, and this book really helped me put things in perspective. I really loved his analogy that one day we'll see each other as we really are--beings of light, and we'll see

how beautiful we are. We'll no longer see skin color or weight gain or other physical blemishes. I had seen Desmond Tutu on a Prime documentary...I forgot what it was called now. He had seemed like a very joyous person. This book supposedly reiterates a lot of what he has said in other books. This was the first book of his that I have ever read. However, I personally don't think it hurts to repeat these messages. Desmond Tutu is a progressive Christian. Though he believes many messages in the bible are good, he also seems to believe that as the bible was the interpretation of people of God's words, that some of the messages are incorrect. Tutu's God is a loving, compassionate God. He embraces everyone regardless of race, gender, and sexual orientation. Tutu's God is one that wishes freedom and equality for everyone. People who take the bible literally are probably going to object to many of his views. The man's vision is infectious. With all the things that go on in the world, it is easy to lose hope...to believe that is just how things are, so what is the point? Yet, Tutu shows many examples that things are improving despite all the horrible things that are still happening. He gives a message of hope that our dreams are very possible. It may not happen in our time, but it will happen...and that it is worth fighting for. The dream is beautiful and worth believing in. I have felt renewed. My anger has diminished profoundly with this idea. I would love to meet this man and thank him for how much he has helped me!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. REAL Hope From a REAL Man of God By wandering monk I have been a prolific reader most of my long life, and I've never read a book I would truly consider, "Life changing," until I read Desmond Tutu's "God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time." And it appears I'm in good company. If you scope the book cover, you will read glowing recommendations by Nelson Mandela, Jimmy Carter and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. I have never read a man of God who could explain so many deep, urgent spiritual truths using such plain, understandable words. Time and time again I have looked up from this book, with the light-bulb clicked "ON" above my head, and called across the living room to my wife, "No-one ever explained it like this to me before!" Yes, this book by Desmond Tutu has changed my life forever - and I'm not even all the way through! If you're serious about your spiritual walk, no matter what your religion, I have no doubt this work will deeply affect you, if you give it a chance. Imagine what could happen if every head of state and every religious authority had a copy of "God Has a Dream" placed in their hands!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Biblical essence boiled down into 144 quite readable pages By Donna Anastasi Archbishop Tutu had a wonderful, welcoming writing style that flows almost like poetry. Each chapter starts with the phrase "Dear Child of God" and the reader is given a tremendous reminder of his or her full worth. A central theme throughout is that none of us is excluded whether we know it or not, accept or reject it. We, all of humankind, are family. And treating one another not just as equals, but as family is God's Dream. Other themes in this book are the nature of God, our relationship with God, and why God needs us to fulfill His dream. Suffering and growth is another topic. Also weaved into this work is the concept that we are built to be free, it's in our DNA; this not only allows us to choose God and therefore have a true relationship, but also means that every unjust regime will eventually "in the fullness of time" be toppled. This is discussed with the backdrop of Tutu's experiences living through and overcoming Apartheid. All of this fits neatly into a small, 144 page package. I'm on my second reading (right in a row) of Tutu's fine work, and I know that with a selected few other's this will be a book I keep reading throughout my whole life.

Nobel Laureate Desmond Tutu has long been admired throughout the world for the heroism and grace he exhibited while encouraging countless South Africans in their struggle for human rights. In *God Has a Dream*, his most soul-searching book, he shares the spiritual message that guided him through those troubled times. Drawing on personal and historical examples, Archbishop Tutu reaches out to readers of all religious backgrounds, showing how individual and global suffering can be transformed into joy and redemption. With his characteristic humor, Tutu offers an extremely personal and liberating message. He helps us to see with the eyes of the heart and to cultivate the qualities of love, forgiveness, humility, generosity, and courage that we need to change ourselves and our world. Echoing the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., he writes, God says to you, I have a dream. Please help me to realize it. It is a dream of a world whose ugliness and squalor and poverty, its war and hostility, its greed and harsh competitiveness, its alienation and disharmony are changed into their glorious counterparts. When there will be more laughter, joy, and peace, where there will be justice and goodness and compassion and love and caring and sharing. I have a dream that my children will know that they are members of one family, the human family, God's family, my family. Addressing the timeless and universal concerns all people share, *God Has a Dream* envisions a world transformed through hope and compassion, humility and kindness, understanding and forgiveness.

From Publishers Weekly Reading this book is like having a long, and somewhat homiletical, afternoon tea with former Archbishop of Cape Town and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Tutu. Four years after *No Future Without Forgiveness*, Tutu's reflection on his role as Chairman of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, comes this deeply personal book that Tutu calls "a cumulative expression of my life's work." Each chapter begins "Dear Child of God," and goes on to reflect on vulnerability, transfiguration and the human condition with winding anecdotes from Tutu's personal and public life, stories he delivers with his trademark humor and a deceptive simplicity. For example, when Tutu says we are all one family, what emerges is not some churchy optimism, but a highly developed theology of

relationship, what Tutu has earlier called ubuntu ("a person is a person through other people"), with political as well as interpersonal implications. This book is highly readable, perhaps because, like other Tutu books, it is culled in large part from lectures and sermons delivered in Tutu's very public life. That this book aims for more than an afternoon tea becomes clear at its close: we are God's partners, Tutu exhorts. We are humanized or dehumanized in and through our actions toward others. Tutu grounds this appeal most concretely, ending with a list of Web sites from organizations that need more partners for their outreach. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist
Admired throughout the world for grace, generosity of spirit, honesty, and humility, Archbishop Tutu has witnessed much evil, particularly in his native South Africa, and has been threatened with death. He has also seen much good, and here he emphasizes that. Many find his dream that the world's people will realize they are all members of one family--God's family--rather utopian, but he heartily disagrees. He believes in the genuine possibility of his dream, and he uses the Feast of the Transfiguration to express the goodness--the power of God's transformation--that undergirds the world and that has already made the cross, once an instrument of death, the source, for Christians, of eternal life. No one is beyond God's love and grace, the archbishop assures. He also discusses the nature of evil and goodness (one cannot exist without the other), free will, moral responsibility, individualism, capitalist culture, sexism, racism, forgiveness, suffering, and mortality. Goodness will prevail, he believes, and his small, inspiring, empowering book will make others believe that, too. June Sawyers
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Advance praise for God Has a Dream
I have the highest regard for my good and trusted friend Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I admire him for the wonderful, warm person he is and especially for the human principles he upholds, and I have no doubt that readers will enjoy and benefit from what he has to say in God Has a Dream. His Holiness the Dalai Lama
Desmond Tutu shows each of us how to transform our pain and sorrow into hope and confidence in the future. Whether you are the head of a country or the head of a household, you will cherish his words.
Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa and Nobel Peace Prize recipient
Archbishop Desmond Tutu, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. before him, has offered us a luminous vision of love and hope. God Has a Dream shows us how our personal and global suffering can be transformed into joy and redemption. With his great warmth and compassion, Archbishop Tutu offers a spiritual message that if heeded can change lives as well as history. Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States and Nobel Peace Prize recipient
Like Desmond Tutu's life, this book is a testament to the power of faith and optimism in human affairs.
Senator George J. Mitchell
This book is a small miracle, an elegantly simple testimony to the shining spirit and unquenchable faith of Bishop Tutu and of all humanity. It will inspire your heart and reaffirm your faith. Jack Kornfield, author of A Path with Heart
While the world is plagued by religious fanaticism Archbishop Tutu brings refreshing African wisdom like a soothing balm
Arun Gandhi, founder/director, M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, Memphis, Tennessee
We all want to know what produces larger-than-life people. We all need to know the mind and heart of greatness. Desmond Tutu gives you all the clues in this marvelous book of dreaming. Richard Rohr, O.F.M., Center for Action and Contemplation