

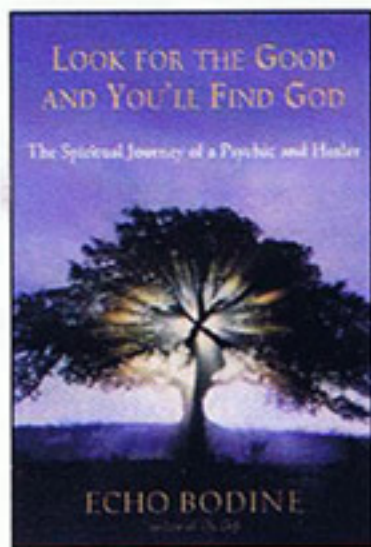
Suzuki jolted him into changing his view of God from the “tyrant” and “distant king” of his upbringing and to look for the divine presence within. Scientific rationalism, Needleman writes, is merely a gift to us from God to serve as an instrument of conscience. He describes how our preoccupation with intellectualizing God keeps us from seeing and feeling God’s presence every day.

What Is God? is laced with Needleman’s experiences as a philosophy professor. His students’ existential struggles will ring familiar to many readers.

By awakening his soul, his “Self,” Needleman found truth in that “mysterious and unfathomable and yet obvious definition” of God: God is love.

Look for the Good and You’ll Find God: The Spiritual Journey of a Psychic and Healer

**By Echo Bodine
New World Library, 2008, \$14.95**



From an early age, Echo Bodine knew she had the gifts of communicating with spirits and healing. For years Bodine was reluctant to talk about her abilities because they made

others uncomfortable. Friends even vowed to disown her if she accepted money for readings.

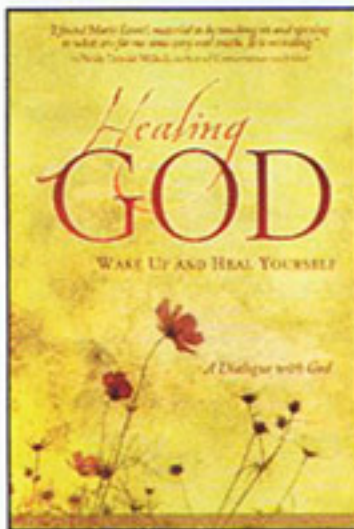
Gradually Bodine began to realize that God gave her psychic and healing gifts for a reason. As she accepted this, she began to look for the good in all people and experiences, leading her to the love of God.

Bodine encourages readers to tune in to the miracles that happen every day, which often manifest as surprise solutions to seemingly unsolvable problems. She urges readers to listen to the angels in their lives—people who push them to become better human beings.

The key to manifesting your heart’s desires lies in learning to heed and trust your still small voice within—the voice of God. Bodine cautions that the life of your dreams can’t be built on a shaky foundation of low self-worth. Ask God to show you how to heal your self-worth, but give God time and space to answer. Learn to listen to your gut. And pay attention to so-called coincidences, because God has messages for you.

Healing God: Wake Up and Heal Yourself

**By Marie Levit
Hampton Roads, 2009, \$16.95**



What would God say to you? Marie Levit, who immigrated to the U.S. from the former Soviet

Union, was agnostic, but she hungered for an answer to that question. And so she began her spiritual quest. In the style of Neale Donald Walsch’s best-seller *Conversations With God*, *Healing God* is a dialogue between author and Creator.

Levit aims to roust readers from the “dormant state humanity has collectively chosen to experience.” Her discussions with God cover a vast terrain, from guilt and fear to loving others, from why we’re here to why we die.

What does God want us to know? “The process of letting go is the most natural process in life. Your physical body is the best example of this process.”

“Guilt is part of victim thinking. It is generated when you divide the world into fair and unfair.”

“Physical death is an indicator of the end of a certain incarnation.” But people deal with death by turning it into “the biggest drama of their lives.” Only when humans break their addiction to the “excitement” of exaggerated emotions can they truly appreciate the “sweetness of just being.”

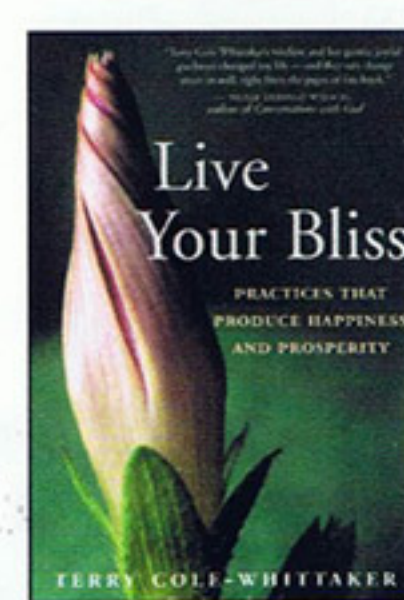
Live Your Bliss: Practices That Produce Happiness and Prosperity

**By Terry Cole-Whittaker
New World Library, 2009, \$14.95**

Bliss is your birthright, writes spiritual teacher Terry Cole-Whittaker, yet most of us have been so bombarded with cultural messages telling us how we should behave that we never fully claim it.

We all want to be happy. But unless you know how to be happy, your quest for joy can turn into a rocky road of heartache and misery. People often blame their negative emotions on the unhappy events in their lives, when actually it’s the negative feelings that manifest as misfortune. Only by tuning in to your heart’s desires can you break the vicious cycle and find bliss.

To help you find your bliss, Cole-Whittaker asks searching questions to



tap into your authentic self. Are you allowing others to control or repress your talents? What brings you joy? What gift would you give the world if money was not a concern

and you were free to do whatever you wished?

Cole-Whittaker outlines seven creative tools for getting in touch with your true nature: hearing, thinking, imagining, speaking, desiring, feeling and behaving. She tells how to consciously use your gifts and follow your desires to produce the highest good in your life and the lives of others. ■