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Have you ever read a book that affected you so deeply that you thought to yourself, "I wish I could give a copy of this book to everybody I know"? Well, Mark Whitt has been so impressed by "Beyond the Sacred Page," written by his friend, Edward Fudge, that he is offering to give you a copy of that book which so strengthened his faith.

"Every believer's life is unique and as unpredictable as the wind. God, on the other hand, is constant. He never changes from age to age. He walked with Enoch and he wants to walk with us. Just as he guided Noah, he is willing to guide us. If we believe that he directed the steps of Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Joseph and David and Elijah and Daniel, we may expect him to direct us, if we only request his guidance and submit to it when it comes." In those words Edward Fudge introduces a compelling account of his growing assurance of God's work in his life.

The author is such a masterful writer that he captures your attention from the first page and makes it difficult to put the book down once you begin to read it.

Edward was brought up in a most devout family with daily Bible teaching at home and formal education in Christian schools. I knew his parents, Bennie Lee Fudge and Sybil Short, in college before they married. Bennie Lee was fully dedicated to learning and serving; Sybil was born of missionaries in Africa and was nurtured in spiritual service.

"Although I was reared in a Christian home, my church taught that 'God does not operate separate and apart from the Word,'" Edward explains, "And since we believed that we had correctly deciphered and interpreted the Bible, God's guidance meant little more than following the 'true doctrine' and teaching it to everyone else." Not being willing to limit God to a book, however, this keenly intelligent and scholarly brother began to seek "beyond the sacred page" for a more intimate God.

All is not easy for a person who continues to grow in knowledge, maturity, and spirituality. Too often, those whose parameters one outgrows tend to judge him harshly. It seems that Edward has always pushed out ahead and drawn rebuffs and abuse from those who had shared his more recently outgrown views. As we read of his experiences we admire his integrity, courage, and truly humble spirit.

From my association with Edward, I can testify that his keen perceptions of truth have not adversely affected his humble spirit and compatible personality. After reading this account of his experiences, if you think he has "gone too far" in his claims, he will have no disdain or feel animosity. For myself, I must confess that I cannot claim such evident

manifestations of the working of God in my life as Edward perceives in his. God's workings in my life have been more subtle -- or I have been more blinded to them. But I am happy to help make this book available that it may cause you to be more sensitive to God's constant presence with you.

In 1998 Edward invited me to reprint and handle this book. After doing so, I realized that I am unable to give the book the advertising and outreach that it deserves. I mentioned this to him more than once inviting any alternative he might suggest. Then the answer came through Mark Whitt, a friend of Edward's in Athens, Alabama. Shall we perceive this as an answer from God -- that he wants you to read this book in order to be made more aware of his presence in you daily life?

Mark Whitt is paying the mailing cost which is about \$1.50 for a single copy. In addition, he is including a minimal amount that will enable me to recover my investment in printing the book. I shall only forego monetary profit while Mark underwrites the project. We are both pleased to do this believing that you will be enriched by reading "Beyond The Sacred Page."

A good number of you have ordered this book from me at a cost of \$9.00 per copy. That is a nominal price for a good book of 182 pages. Now, while the supply lasts, you can have a copy simply by requesting it. They are yours for the asking, so do not be timid about asking.

Order from me at 17196 NW Woodmere Court, Beaverton, OR 97006-4820; phone: 503-690-0826; email: <hookc@teleport.com>.

After being benefited spiritually by his gift, you may express your thoughts to Mark Whitt at 205 Whitfield Street, Athens, AL 35613 or <No1Chetfan@aol.com>. Edward Fudge's address is on the title page of the book.

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