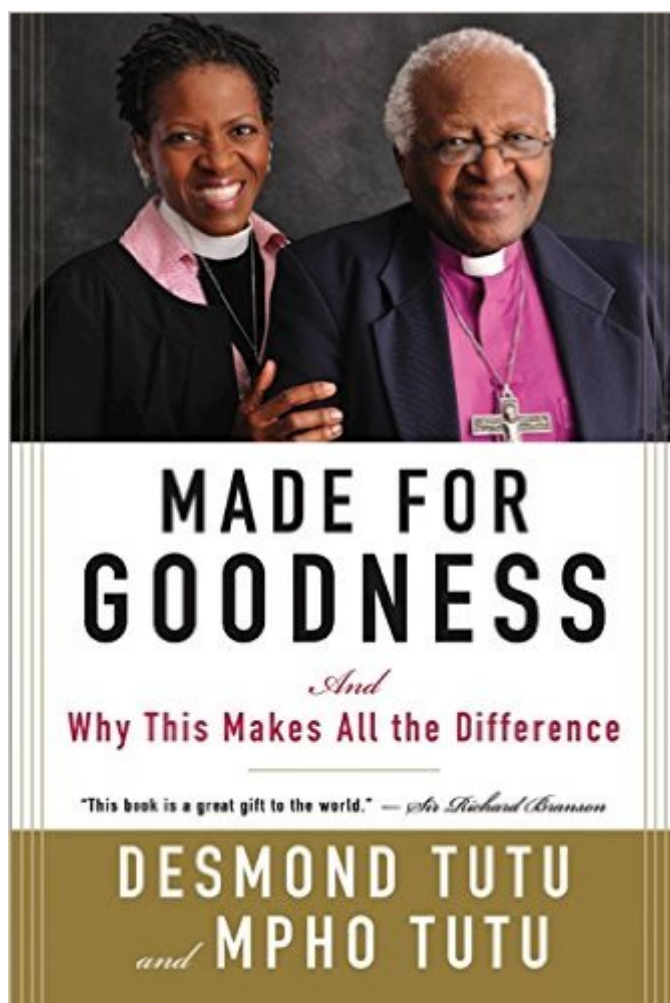


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Made For Goodness: And Why This Makes All The Difference



Synopsis

Over the years the same questions get asked of Desmond Tutu, the archbishop, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and veteran of the moral movement that ended apartheid in South Africa: "How can you be so hopeful after witnessing so much evil?" "Why are you so sure goodness will triumph in the end?" This book is his answer. Now, more than any other time in history, our world needs this message: that we are made for goodness and it is up to us to live up to our destiny. We recognize Archbishop Tutu from the headlines as an inspirational figure who has witnessed some of the world's most sinister moments and chosen to be an ambassador of reconciliation amid political, diplomatic, and natural disasters. Now, we get a glimpse into his personal spirituality and a better understanding of the man behind a lifetime of good works. In this intimate and personal sharing of his heart, written with his daughter, Episcopal priest Mpho Tutu, Tutu engages his reader with touching stories from his own life, as well as grisly memories from his work in the darkest corners of the world. There, amid the darkness, he calls us to hope, to joy, and to claim the goodness that we were made for. Tutu invites us to take on the disciplines of goodness, the practices that are key to finding fulfillment, meaning, and happiness for our lives.

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Reading this inspiring book is like seeing a sunrise for the first time! Desmond Tutu, joined by his daughter Mpho, invite us to imagine a way of living that brings us fully alive; a way of being that says, "You matter" because you are loved by the Holy One for your existence. They invite us

beyond the smallness of divisions and suspicion into the gladness of everyday life. Our own goodness has an impact way beyond anything we might imagine! Through it we remember that "I am because we are" - we are part of the oneness of the human family and Creation. No matter your religion or spirituality, this book invites a life of gladness in which love and compassion are not merely concepts, but part of our daily living. No wonder Tutu is the iconic spiritual voice of hope! The book is a keeper! This is spiritual wisdom for being fully alive and engaged. Robert V. Taylor [...]

Want to know the meaning of life? Read this book. Is mankind inherently good? Inherently bad? Read this book. Inherently selfish or inherently good? Read this book. Ever think about the inter-connectedness of all people? Read this book. More than an inspirational classic, this is a wisdom classic from one, make that two, who have lived it. This book is more than words. It is the story of a life well lived and what we can learn from that life. It is a story of forgiveness, reconciliation and hope for people of all faiths, nationalities and thought. It is a good book, a very good book. A book that gives hope and promise to all.

For people unfamiliar with the struggle for liberation in South Africa this is a must read. Because some of the chapters contain sermon material of Desmond Tutu there tends to be some repetition of themes. The best part of every chapter is the concluding poem. These may well be Mpho's contributions as the rest seems to be written in his voice. It is a delightful book by one of the most important leaders of non-violent liberation, peace and reconciliation in the world.

This book is a joy and a love. For me, it is definitely a treasured gift from God, through a beautiful, articulate man and his daughter. I basked and bathed in the lovingkindness and blessing offered through, "Made For Goodness." For those of us who feel that we can never be "good enough" or "perfect enough," this book is a healing balm. I felt God's love radiating through and behind and in between the words. The prayerful meditations that end each chapter are worth the whole book, but the spirit of Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho resonate such a refreshing feeling of authentic love and respect for our individual, human innate goodness, that I feel renewed with a sense of passion for spreading God's Word of how inexpressively, immeasurably and unconditionally beloved we are. We are loved through and through by the Beloved, our Creator. This book is a Godsend.

This is a must read for anyone who wonders why there's so much violence and evil in the world and

wonders if that's the norm or if we really are good at heart. While this is written by Christian authors, it does not delve into the Christian faith, but instead explores the topic of why we are Good by nature through a variety of examples and illustrations from various faiths. Great book!

Desmond Tutu has a voice that needs to be listened to. His voice through this book, penetrates the heart of the reader because of his real life experiences and his walk with God. Together, the credibility of his words, come to life in our own lives. He has seen it all and done more than most of us could even imagine. He has spent time with paupers and kings, presidents and the desperate and he has spent more time in prayer than many. He knows God intimately and wants all of us to experience how God regards each of us. To see ourselves through God's eyes, he tells us. Goodness makes all the difference and Desmond Tutu leads us to understand this in this book. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to know God better, and wants to know what God thinks of them.

Bishop Tutu is one of my all time heroes for his intellect, his faith, his grace, and his loving good nature which is willing to forgive insults and injury to include all mankind in God's joy and love.

This is a great book for discussion groups. Many issues are presented that offer excellent, yet sometimes difficult, topics for group discussion and thought. I got this book for a group and I am learning so much, most of all that I want the joy for life and love of others that Desmond Tutu has and this book offers insight into his and his daughters lives that make them who they are. Desmond Tutu has witnessed some of the worlds worst horrors and yet he truly believes that we are all basically good and that we are made for goodness. His discussion is compelling and this book inspires myself--who has not witnessed the level of human evil that he has---to be a better person. A must read for all, that we all may one-by-one improve the world.

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