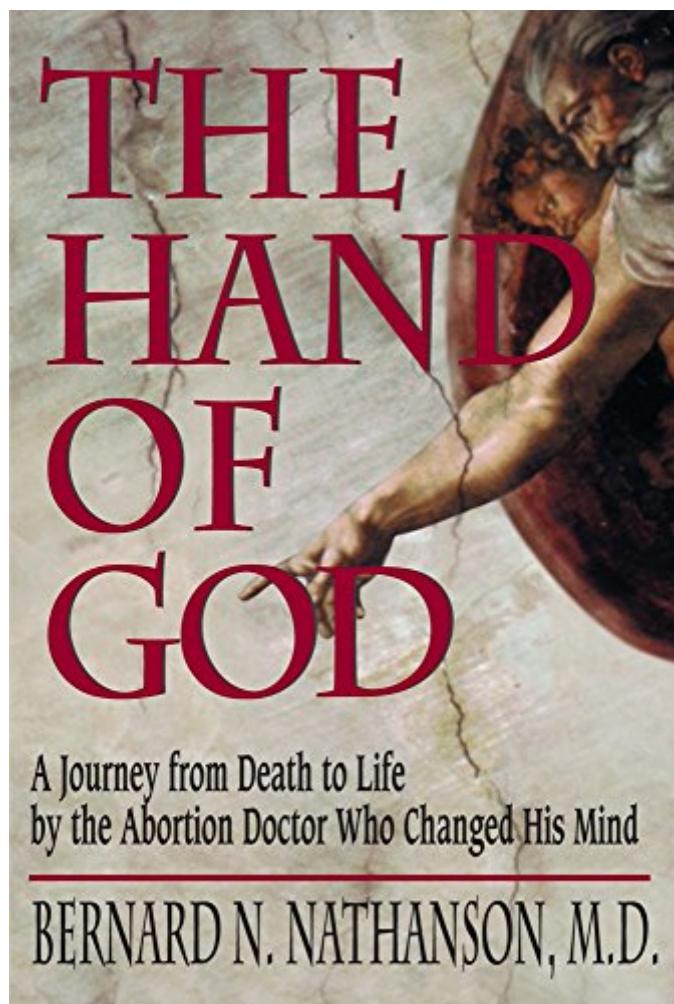


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The Hand Of God: A Journey From Death To Life By The Abortion Doctor Who Changed His Mind



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Customer Reviews

The Hand of God is a memoir from a former abortionist who was pivotal in legalizing abortion in America. Dr. Bernard Nathanson was a cofounder of NARAL, now the NARAL pro-choice America, formerly the national Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws. Nathanson campaigned to make abortion legal and then ran one of the biggest abortion clinics in the country. After working at the clinic for many years, and supervising all the doctors, as well as performing many abortions himself, he became convinced that abortion was the taking of a life. Breakthroughs in fetal development research and embryology drove his conversion, which was not motivated by religious teachings. He became a famous pro-life activist, and produced the movie The Silent Scream, which showed an unborn baby being aborted in the womb, recorded on ultrasound. The film was very controversial and converted many peoples of the pro-life cause. It can still be found online in various places. In this book, Dr. Nathanson talks about his life, from his childhood to his adulthood. Since in another book, Aborting America, he chronicled his fight to legalize abortion and his work at the abortion clinic, he only brushes over that in this book. He talks more about his pro-life conversion and his pro-life activities. He discusses filming the silent scream, and describes what it was like being in the pro-life movement. It's more of a memoir than an actual pro-life book I thought, it is more of a biography or autobiography rather. Dr. Nathanson converted to Catholicism several years before he died. Therefore, he discusses his conversion in his book and gives his reasons for becoming a Catholic. He believes that God drew him into the Catholic fold, but the religious content of the book is not too overpowering. Therefore, it can be read by anyone - I am a non-Christian but I still feel I got a lot out of the book. I recommend this book to anyone interested in the abortion debate, or anyone interested in Dr. Nathanson's life and the reasons why he made the tremendous transitions that he did - first from vehemently pro-choice to pro-life, then from an atheist to a Catholic. The book captures his life very effectively

Dr. Nathanson takes us through his childhood being raised by a stern father. His journey into abortion, as co-founder of NARAL, and then his sudden change of heart after the invention of the ultrasound. Its culmination is his advocacy now against this reprehensible procedure and his conversion back to the people of God, in this case the Roman Catholic Church. Its a profound journey with its ups and downs and he makes it clear yet personal, never ashamed to include numerous times where he failed morally in leading his life. Dr. Nathanson is an inspiration to all of us enduring the ups and downs of life coupled with societal flaws of reasoning as well as acts of reprehensible depravity.

I found that this book was very interesting reading and had great difficulty putting it down once I got started. The author describes light heartedly his journey from draconian childhood (which some people can relate to) searching for meaning, and peace from the guilt feelings of his earlier adult life. He describes how with the invention of ultrasound he could see for the first time what was happening to human life in the womb, and how on one floor of the hospital where he worked doctors and nurses were working frantically to save 20 week fetuses and on the floor below to extinguish the lives of 20 week fetuses. He eventually changed his mind, and then started searching for more meaning in life to escape his guilt, before becoming baptised as a Christian and finding the peace of Christ. I recommend the book to others who are also searching for meaning, and or have guilt feelings in their lives that there is a way to find true inner peace within oneself.

As Nathanson recounts his own journey from abortionist to champion of the pre-born, he provides much insight into the background of the abortion movement from its inception. Nathanson was at the forefront of the drive to legalize abortion and reports first-hand the movement from pre-Roe up to the present day. His personal as well as scientific perspective is an important contribution to the abortion discussion.

The truth behind this book makes it worth buying especially since this particular abortion doctor was instrumental in helping to get abortion legalized. The only problem with the book is that it was very cerebral. I think it would be more suited for people in the health care profession, especially doctors who could understand his writing better. Overall though, I hope and pray that it changes minds and makes people understand the importance of life and the money being made by the abortion industry. As a person involved in participating in retreats that help people who have had abortions forgive themselves, I've learned even more about the industry especially the fact that many of the doctors who perform abortions are doing it because they either aren't good enough to be a real doctor, or just want money. The caring for the patient is absent. I would highly recommend *Unplanned* by Abby Johnson. She worked for planned parenthood in administration thinking she was helping women until she learned more about planned parenthood's agenda and the true horrors of the abortion industry. She also had 2 abortions herself.

How does a Jewish atheist go from being Pro-Choice, a co-founder of NARAL, the operator of one of the largest abortion mills in the western world, a person claiming to be responsible for 60,000 abortions, to becoming Pro-Life and converting to Catholicism? This biography covers it all and

brings to light the truth about the abortion industry. And it doesn't stop there. A must read for everyone.

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