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The engrossing, moving biography of one of China's better-known Christians, the dedicated evangelist and gifted Bible teacher Watchman Nee.

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Shanon Eubank says

A must read for anyone interested in Watchman Nee and/or reading his books.

Stefan says

A simple but spiritually inspiring biography of the Chinese Missionary, writer, and pastor Watchman Nee. From this humble little volume I was amazed on how much faith Nee and his colleagues had in the Risen Lord. Nee is to me, a wonderful example, even more so after reading this book, of a man who tried to become completely dependent on God and sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit. To reach his level of Biblical knowledge and wisdom, Nee decided not to continue on to secondary education (and a well paid position) after grade school, but instead followed God's promptings to become a missionary among his own people. Nee spent much of his life in humble surroundings, suffering from poor health. Often he was depending on God for everything, totally different then the consumerism of our culture. One line I distinctly remember, is Nee's comments to a pastor in Europe while visiting, on how little faith the western Christians seemed to have. This comment by Nee reveals how the Chinese Christians of that period did not take their faith for granted, and suffered with joy for Christ in prison camps following the formation of the Communist government.

Rex Barrett says

Felt like a bit of a gigantic Wiki article. It's a good book lacking polish and connection to a larger story that was happening in China during Nee's life. That might not be a fair assessment, but it's my gut reaction.

I wanted to learn more about where Nee was coming from in his books. Wow, this guy loved Jesus.

Bruce Morock says

Life changing for me

Amber says

A helpful book that is clear, well written, and easy to read. However, you'll only find it interesting if you want to know about Watchman Nee's life. Kinnear carefully records many details of his life, but it doesn't include many excerpts from his teaching or other information.

Royce Ratterman says

Most books are rated related to their usefulness and contributions to my research.

Overall, a good book for the researcher and enthusiast.

Read for personal research

- found this book's contents helpful and inspiring - number rating relates to the book's contribution to my needs.

Kathy says

I knew very little about Watchman Nee before I read this book except for having read a few of his books. I enjoyed getting to know about him and his influence on the spread of the Gospel in China. I did not know he had such a far-reaching impact on the church in the days before communism or that he spent 20 years in prison. Very informative.

Read1000books says

A biography of early 20th century Chinese evangelist and Bible teacher Watchman Nee. A very moving account of his dedication to the Lord's work, especially as communism began to arise and take over the country.

Steve says

If you like Watchman Nee this book is worth the read. As far as biographies go, this is not the most well written nor captivating. I can really only suggest it if you really like Watchman Nee's books.

Greg Wendschlag says

The book about Nee is not nearly as good as Nee himself.

Isaac says

Historically this book was interesting, though there are a couple of points - one in particular - which was not clarified within Watchman's life. At some point during a visit to Plymouth Brethren churches in the West, Watchman spent time with a highly regarded brother who took issue with some of Watchman's end time theology. The issue taken was apparently great enough that a large portion of the Brethren churches disassociated themselves from him up until the late 60's, however the author did not clarify what Watchman's stance was which was so emphatically rejected.

This book made me think a lot about apostolic vision for the church (i.e. (as it applies here) the appropriate structure of church organizations for any given time and culture).

From my observation of him (particularly through this book) Watchman Nee was a clearly a Teacher in the five-fold ministry sense, and apostolic. While these thoughts seemed quite far from the 'Little Flock's' (Watchman's Chinese 'Denomination,' or church organization) Western counterparts (Watchman in particular largely viewed the Plymouth Brethren as their 'sister churches'), he and his organization even used the term 'apostles' as a 'position' within their organization (which is one of many things they were castigated for).

Watchman, and several other Chinese ministers initiated a church structure under almost every imaginable cultural difficulty (from social unrest under the reigning emperor, and the growing communist movement, to the invasion, and dictatorial rule of the Japanese to the final conquering of China by the communists), which was opposed by the majority Western missionary organizations in place in China. Yet much of the native structure that they initiated is still largely in use in the underground church in China to this day.

One interesting evangelistic method that the 'Little Flock' leaders instigated (though I'm not sure that this method is still employed in China) was to train up an entire community of up to forty people who would then ALL move to another town or village and become the indigenous church 'core' there, where no other church or Christian influence existed. There the members would find homes and jobs and become the Christian influence in that community.

Interesting book, I am eager to get a hold of some of Watchman's literature.
