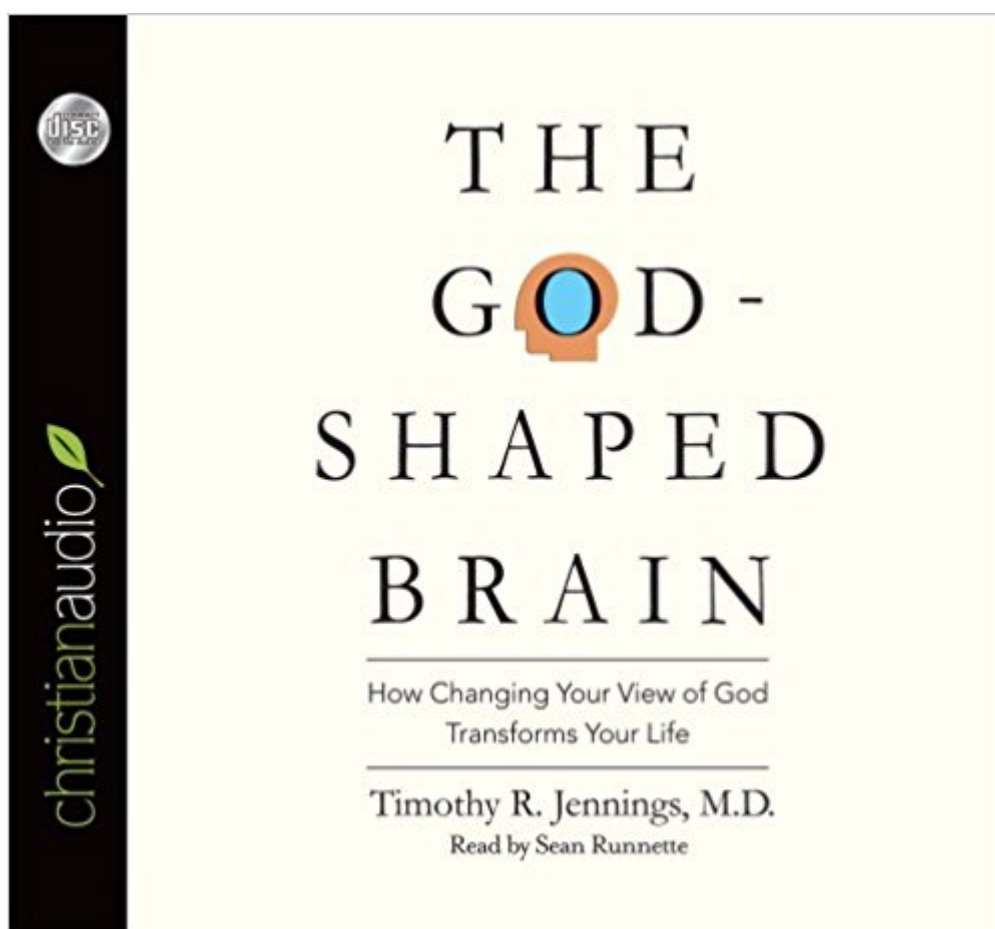


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The God-Shaped Brain: How Changing Your View Of God Transforms Your Life



Synopsis

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Timothy R. Jennings, M.D., is a board certified Christian psychiatrist, master psychopharmacologist, lecturer, international speaker and author. Dr. Jennings was voted one of America's Top Psychiatrists by the Consumers' Research Council of America in 2008, 2010 and 2011. He is a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and President-Elect of the Tennessee Psychiatric Association. He also serves on the board of the Southern Psychiatric Association and is in private practice in Tennessee.

It was nice to read something you can say "Amen" all the way through. Lights and bells continued to be set off as the writer grimp my attention. Read it in one sitting. I am rereading it again. Highly recommend for fathers of families and other leaders.

I am in the process of reading The God Shaped Brain. I have read the Bible through quite a number of times and the New Testament many times. This book has opened my mind to new concepts that have never occurred to me before regarding our idea of who God is and how He deals with His erring children. It is interesting, educational and well worth reading! I highly recommend it.

Herein you will find a depth of scriptural application matching a wealth of life science practical wisdom. One hand washes the other; being human and being spiritual are not a tradeoff, but symbiotic. This book clearly portrays this as common sense, not as a radical concept, and demonstrates how so. Help yourself, help your patients abide in wholeness and the abundant life. No spiritual counselor should be practice without this book. I use it dually, as a text, and also as a devotional to enrich and deepen my life and applications as a clinical scholar.

I truly value Dr. Jennings "M.D." praise of our Almighty Creator! God designed the brain and it can not be made by man. I appreciate his writing to help those of us who battle with "taking our thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ" and knowing how much God loves us and gave us Jesus to stand in the gap of our humanity. I've listened to many of his teachings online at [...] and am thankful for the gift the site gives us to listen to his teaching. So no "buts" just the plain Biblical truth: Our God is an all-consuming fire as, Dr. Jennings quotes the Word of God so eloquently from Hebrews 12:28-29(NIV) restating Duet 4:24: Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our
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"Hell cannot be denied when we read the words of Jesus or look at Revelation and our eternity. Luke 12:4-6 (NIV) "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God." Dr. Jennings writing and recordings have caused me to examine my mind and heart once again as I go through counseling and rely on God's Holy Spirit to be my ultimate Counselor. A reader friend of mine calls these types of books "fishing" books - take out the good big fish and throw out the bad little ones. I would have given it a 5 star rating had Dr. Jennings Biblical views been God's Holy and Just Eternal view.

This is a very well written book. It provides a new way, a better way of looking at some age old beliefs. I will surely read it a second time.

I must admit that the beginning of the book is a little slow, but you won't be disappointed if you stay with it. About a fourth of the way through the book, I became totally fascinated by Dr. Jennings explanations of the brain and our view regarding God. Of his many case examples, it is easy to find

a counseling patient to which you can relate. This book helps you examine your beliefs and reminds you of the fact that "God is love". The God-Shaped Brain could be a real life changer for many hurting people.

Definitely took a few liberties with concepts here, but to each their own. I wasn't all that impressed but the fact is, there really are no facts when it comes to successful christian living, it all happens by faith, and faith is relative.

A most interesting read. Challenges the typical liberal vs conservative paradigms, and makes God out to be far more tolerable than we have been led to believe he is. A good book for agnostics. It reframes sin and punishment, and even heaven and hell concepts. Highly recommended. Only wish he could have slimmed it down a bit

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