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Welcome

You may have picked up this book because you've read or heard of *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne. In that book, Byrne explores our relationship to the universe and how understanding what lies beyond the veil drastically affects our lives, relationships, and goals. The fact that millions have responded to *The Secret* shows the deep hunger we all have for two things: one, we all want to understand the nature of the universe and those things beyond what we can see; and, two, we all have a hunger for principles and practices that make life work.

While so many have found *The Secret's* message to be intriguing and inspiring, it has raised several questions from those of the Judeo-Christian faith: (1) Are the forces that control the universe and our lives *impersonal and detached*, as *The Secret* explains; or is the force behind it all of a more personal nature? (2) Is there just *one secret*; i.e., your thoughts create your life, good or bad? Or, just like in the physical universe, does the spiritual universe have a set of laws that make life work? (3) Is making your life work all up to you; or is it a *collaborative effort* between you and a force greater than you, who cares about you and has a plan for you? It is these questions and more that *The Secret Things of God* will address.

This book is not a Christian argument for or against *The Secret*. In fact, it sometimes agrees with and sometimes differs with it. Over and above being a discussion on the principles of *The Secret*, this book affirms the deep spiritual hunger that the success of Byrne's book has shown all of us to have. And it offers tested spiritual truths based on the Bible that help *make life work*. For all of us long to know what more is out there, who this force is, how it works, how we can get on the right side of it, and if it has a name.

Today's spiritual environment reminds me of that of ancient Greece, where all kinds of spiritual discussions and ideas floated around. When the apostle Paul entered the scene, rather than bash those with different perspectives, he affirmed the quest itself. He basically said to them, "I see that you are a spiritual people, building an altar to an Unknown God. This Unknown God is who I've come to tell you about." He told them one of the things I want to share with you: God wants a relationship with you; he wants you to seek after him and to find him. Even further, he said our very existence and purpose is wrapped up in him.

This book's title comes from a letter the apostle Paul wrote. In it he said, "Regard us...as those entrusted with the secret things of God." These secrets are, indeed, a great trust -- a treasure that can literally change your life. The spiritual truths shared in these pages will connect you with the God who created the universe and will unlock the secrets to *making life work*.

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Henry Cloud attempts two things with this book: a response to Rhonda Byrne's occult-influenced work *THE SECRET* and a further discussion of the spiritual side of the Christian walk (on which he has written a number of works). This book tries to be transparent, using psychological jargon to inform the listener of how *THE SECRET* stacks up--or, more often, doesn't stack up--to scripture. In doing so, Cloud relies on embarrassingly dumbed-down vernacular, such as "the Creator has a thing for you," to make the book accessible. And, although it's plain that Cloud is an accomplished speaker, his sibilant "s" detracts from the narration. S.M.M. © AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine

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