The Chasm: A Journey to the Edge of Life by Randy Alcorn

Rehash Of Edge Of Eternity

A Journey He Couldn’t Miss… and a Step He Couldn’t Take

He found himself a traveler in the strangest of lands. Where invisible secrets come starkly into sight. Where the fairest of companions leads the way into unsuspected danger and darkness. Where hidden battles burst into the open. Where so much is grasped…and so much more seems unattainable.

Driven by a yearning he doesn't understand, compelled toward a destination he can't quite see, the traveler navigates the inhospitable landscape with determination and a flicker of something like hope—despite the obstacles that seem to unerringly block his path.

Best-selling novelist Randy Alcorn weaves a supernatural interplay of wills and motives, lusts and longings, love and sacrifice. It’s a potent mix that leaves every reader wondering: Do I really understand this world I live in? Do I really understand myself? Is there more to all this than I’ve ever dared hope?

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My Personal Review:
Recently I began doing the whole blogging for books thing. I love reading, and I love free books, so I figured I'd give it a go. The first book I got for free is The Chasm by Randy Alcorn, which turned out nothing like I thought it would be. I initially got it because the description made it seem like a good sci-fi type book that I was hoping one of my jr. high students would appreciate, and it would offer a better connection with him.
Instead, the Chasm is a weak attempt at a modern-day Pilgrims Progress. Though I can not say that this was the authors intent, it certainly came off this way. Coupled with the fact that The Chasm is in essence a re-written version of a piece of another work by Alcorn, I cant honestly say I would recommend this book to many.

It is written in allegory in a portrayal of one man searching for truth, and much of the book deals with him seeing that only one path leads to the Hope that we all are searching for. The beginning few chapters are quite painful to get through as a great deal is crammed into a short space. Because, as mentioned above, this book is a piece in a more detailed work, we arent given much of a set-up of the characters to really understand what is going on. You open the book and it just jumps right into this man encountering horrible things one after another in such a rapid rate that it loses the effect. As I read it, I kept thinking no non-Christian is going to read this and keep going to see the point of it all, it will just come off as a weak attempt to relate to their lives. But many judgmental Christians will read this and become even more hardened towards the lost.

Without getting too much further into it, I will try and sum up by saying that this book had promise for being good, and I believe if I were to read the full version in the book Edge of Eternity, I would have a different view of the story. But as far as this single piece cut-out from the rest of the story, I cant say it is worth the time or the price compared to the full version.

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