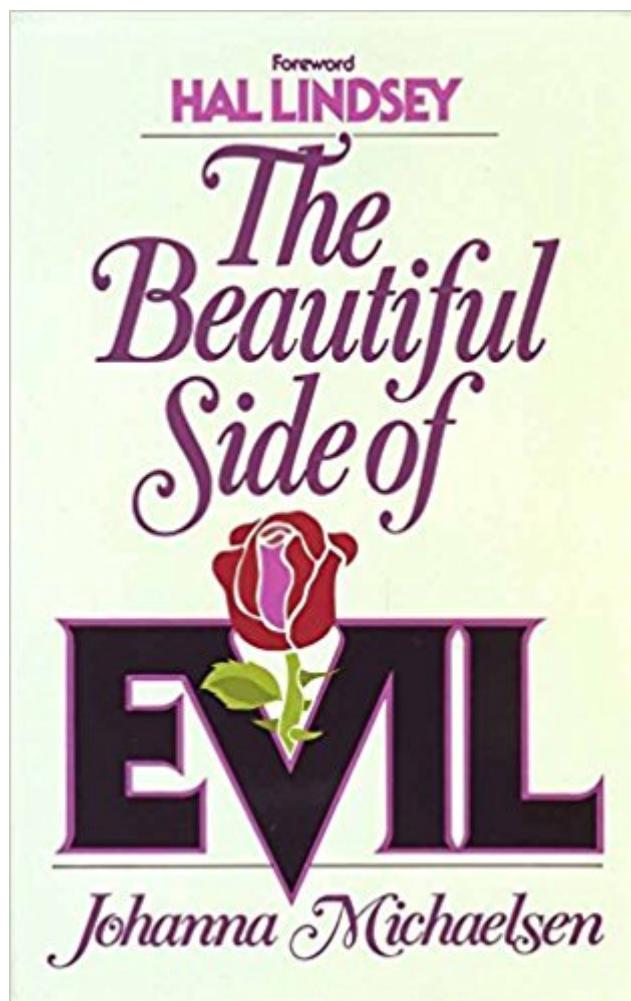


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The Beautiful Side Of Evil



Synopsis

An extraordinary story about Johanna's involvement in the occult and how she learned to distinguish between the beautiful side of evil and the true way of the Lord.

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Customer Reviews

The Beautiful Side of Evil by Johanna Michaelsen is her story of spiritual searching that led her to become a personal assistant to a "psychic surgeon" for 14 months in Mexico. It was published in 1982 at the beginning of the "Satan is everywhere" and "Why not Rock" movements in the Christian Subculture. To be honest I got this book as a birthday gift last year. I really didn't care about the book didn't even really interest me. I remember all these type of books back in the day and how most of them seem way over done sensationalized and even some just pure crap. So I didn't have high hopes for this book at all. I don't know if all of what she has written in this book is the truth. I did do a Google search on her and this book. I didn't find any "She is a liar/scam artist" out there like I did for Mike Warnke and Lauren Stratford. So I read the book. Some of it is just wild especially reading about how Catholic Priests came to Pachita for healing and guidance - you would really think they would be the last ones. Johanna walks you through her life and how she got there to become Pachita's assistant. And, then how she came to faith in Jesus Christ. In the second half of the book she tries to explain a biblical model for testing the spirits and how to do it. She states she is Charismatic and believes in all the gifts of the spirit. She does go off on some weird tangents - such as - E.T. (the movie) with other things were/are a part of Satan's pre-evangelistic campaign to reach children. (You now see the 1980's Satan is everywhere - Why not Rock movement influence)

She does take on her Charismatic brethren on a lot of different issues and for the most part is very biblical in her teaching on discernment and that is needed more often in the Church.

Johanna Michaelson's book, "The Beautiful Side of Evil," is one of only three books that I would consider a "classic" book regarding "Angels" and "Out of Body Experiences." ("Murdered Heiress, Living Witness" by Dr. Petti Wagner, and "Angels on Assignment" by Roland Buck, of the famous Buck knife family, are the other two.) About the first 90% of Michaelson's book is one fast-paced experience after another -often involving demons, typical college life experiences, and out-of-body experiences, and it is good reading, let me assure you! One such experience that particularly stands out in my mind is the time Johanna had a "dream" that she was standing outside her friend's 2nd-floor dormitory window. When she later told her friend of the dream, the friend related how she saw Johanna standing outside the window at that time and was about to invite her in when she realized -in horror -that she was looking out a window that was two stories up! Another intriguing college experience was when a friend offered her mescaline to induce an out of body experience, and she left her body and saw her body below her somehow walking down the street -on its own -that late night! However, right near the end, Johanna shares some Biblical truths that sets the record straight on whether she is Biblically solid or not. Johanna Michaelson's book here is forwarded by Hal Lindsay (famous for his end-time book, "The Late, Great Planet Earth"). Before anyone gets turned off by any negative name recognition by Hal Lindsay, let me point out that Michaelson's book, like Wagner's and Buck's, has solid Biblical support.

I first heard about this book a few months ago as the author was interviewed on a radio program. Hearing her story was bone-chilling and I had to read the whole story. The author has a gift for writing - a real page turner that is hard to put down. For generations, various family members of hers were not only into the occult, but actually famous for their 'gifts' in reading minds, fortelling the future and other 'parlor tricks.' She tells of one evening in which a 'being' moved into her family's home, its footsteps audible to her and her sister, wreaking havoc by opening and closing doors, making sounds, and causing nightmares. The hair on the back of my neck stood on end as I read her recollection, as it sounded so eerily familiar to some experiences I had growing up, in which something in our apartment would open the refrigerator, turn on light switches and relocate objects like car keys in places where they had never been before. Her life sounds almost like you took a book on the occult, cut it up and pasted the words into a Mad Libs game - just about everything you can imagine was thrust into her path, and in many instances, she jumped onto the path herself...

and then the really weird stuff happens. I remember seeing so-called "Psychic Surgeons" in the 1970s being debunked via hidden cameras as these con-artists told dying cancer patients that they were removing tumors when they were using chicken guts. What wasn't shown on the TV exposés were the isolated cases they couldn't debunk. Cases in which real life-saving surgery was occurring. The blind see, the lame walk - all via a possessed Mexican woman named Pachita - possessed by the supposed spirit of a long dead Aztec warrior who likes to be called Hermanito (Little Brother).

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