

Eugene author relates God, science, personal responsibility to global peace

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With *God Refined: A Proposal for Peace*, Robert Kezer answers what may be our most important question: Can the average person make a difference in the world, or are we destined to a future beyond our control -- one of increasing war, environmental destruction, and disparity between the rich and poor? By Eugene, Oregon author Bob Kezer Today, many people feel religious strife is tearing us apart. Ancient scriptures contradict logic, history, and science: fanatics rule while reason, character, and education falter. Wisdom, the combination of knowledge and experience, is often overshadowed by dogma, church imposed doctrine considered beyond human debate. Yet, rather than our spirituality destroying us, Kezer says it is what has stopped the carnage from getting worse: this, he offers, is a clue for ending the violence consuming our planet. In *God Refined*, we are challenged to accept global change as personal responsibility. Kezer shows how beliefs in hell, karmic justice, and the wrath of God are fear-based ideas retarding humanity's progress -- concepts no longer reasonable for most educated people. Drawing on the Urantia Revelation, he teaches the unified nature of creation, that our relationship with God is personal, and that all religions are considered equal under the umbrella of a single sovereign Creator. On a planet becoming ever more violent, Kezer offers the tools we need to survive. His approach is simple, direct, and compelling: abolishing war is our responsibility, not that of our leaders. Believing that crisis creates opportunity, he visualizes a new era of global community -- one where women enjoy full partnership with men in all decision-making, from the family level to the world stage. Relating humanity's evolution to individual personal growth, we are presented with a path to a higher order of existence, one from which peace can have its first true chance. *God Refined: A Proposal for Peace* is offered in paperback and in a Complimentary E-book edition for those people for whom the cost would impose a hardship.

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