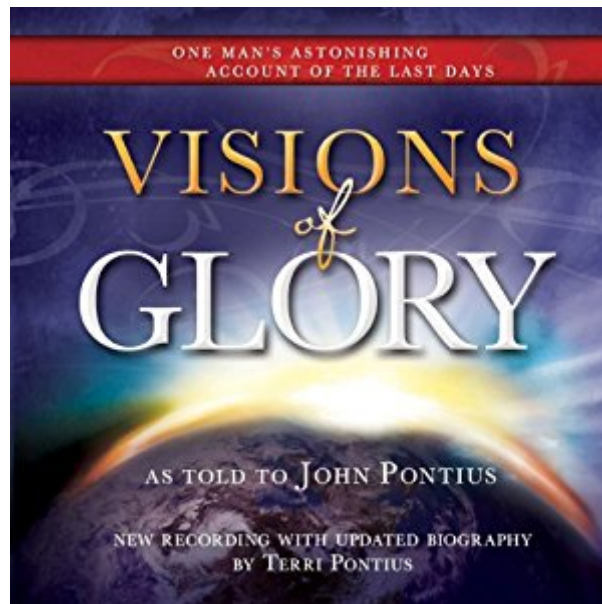


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Visions Of Glory: One Man's Astonishing Account Of The Last Days



Synopsis

In this recorded account of near-death experiences, we learn about the miracles of the millennium, the return of the Ten Tribes, the building of the New Jerusalem and temple, and many other astonishing events long prophesied in scripture but never before described in such vivid detail. Visions of Glory is a mesmerizing and fascinating read that you will not be able to put down. Now with all-new narration by Rick Gines and an updated biography by Terri Pontius.

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Customer Reviews

I'm hesitant to write about this book right now, because I just finished it today, and I'm still so awestruck by what I read that I'm afraid I will resort to heavy hyperbole and not be believable. Having been introduced to John Pontius by a friend who said his lectures were life-changing, I read *The Triumph of Zion-our Personal Quest for the New Jerusalem* and *Following the Light of Christ into His Presence*, two books by this author. I found these books to be inspired and life-changing for me also, as they were for my friend. I felt more motivated and focused on listening to the Holy Ghost as my guide than ever before. I started reading John Pontius' blog (Unblog My Soul), and loved his writings. I found them to be poignant, uplifting and right on target. Therefore, it was with excited anticipation that I went to the Unblog Family Reunion (a conference, of sorts, of blog followers) and listened to Bro. Pontius interview Spencer. I felt the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, and felt Spencer's love, humility and testimony. As soon as I got an email from Pontius about the release

of this book, I ordered it immediately. I read it in two days after starting it. If I hadn't been with extended family on a family outing, I would have finished in a day, because it was hard to put down. The book was beautifully written, the narrative being sharp and clear, and the topics covered extensive. The feeling emanating from the book was one of absolute love, for the reader, but most importantly for the Savior. I believe it helped to read the book with a lot of barriers down because of having read Pontius' earlier books and trusting him from that vantage point. Had that not been the case, I might have had more reservations. But as it was, since I trusted him, I was able to accept and understand the story much better. I feel that this book is a gift to us straight from the Lord. Pontius said in a blog post soon after Spencer spoke at the Unblog Reunion, that he felt that Spencer was like Samuel the Lamanite getting up on the wall (this is in reference to a Book of Mormon prophet). This made perfect sense to me, and helped me understand the origins of this information and how the Lord could allow it to come forth in this way. The fact that these visions are being made public is a huge testimony to me that the work is advancing and that the Lord will increasingly teach us and guide us as we continue home. Since reading it, I feel more than ever that I want to take the Holy Spirit for my guide and do everything I can to help the Lord in his work - to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. Dear Reader, if you truly want to get a bigger picture of what this life is about and how each decision you make ripples out into eternity, this is the book for you. If you have ever wondered what premortal life might have been like, and what events surrounding the last days before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ might look like, this a fascinating book for you to ponder. I came away with sharpened sensitivity to spiritual matters, and hope. A great deal of HOPE! And this hope is centered in Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testify shall come again. I also came away with an even greater understanding of the miracle it is to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to have a living Prophet to follow. Final Conclusion: THIS IS A MUST-READ!!

It was an interesting read but it had problems and the more I thought about it the more I don't care for it. The person telling the story goes by the name of Spencer since he says he doesn't want any credit for all the things he reveals. Perhaps he should read Elder Cook's talk "What E'er Thou Art, Act Well Thy Part: Avoid Wearing Masks That Hide Identity." I say that because he is using the name Spencer so that he can say things that he couldn't say if he was using his real name. The beginning of the book had many things that could be true but after reading the whole book twice I question some things in his first experiences. He talks about how confused he was by the experiences but he spends a lot of time expounding on how everything fits together. I was amazed

how he could read everybody's thoughts, feelings and life history. I was under the impression that God is the one who can do that and he doesn't give the gift out freely to just anyone. However, Spencer is not just anyone since towards the end of the book he has an office right next to the Savior in the New Jerusalem Temple. His final vision or out of body experience goes way out there. He has a little of everything in it. He includes standard near death things like the tunnel of light except he can add more details. The tunnel is alive and is special just for that person. He talks about the universe folding so that things can move through it quickly. That reminded me of the book "A Wrinkle in Time". When he gets into the destruction part he goes all out. I could see pieces of many published "visions" in what Spencer says. He managed to combine them all into one vision. His destruction of Salt Lake does not agree with what I understand. First he talks about how soon it will be. However, I do not think the church would be spending so much effort to do many of the things they are doing in Salt Lake if it's going to be destroyed in a couple years. A huge portion of South Salt Lake Valley is eliminated. I think the Lord can be much more selective with who he chooses to save or not to save. The church leadership is devastated and all communications with the rest of the world are cut off. Spencer is the one who goes and rescues the Lost Ten Tribes. He never really holds a position of authority, he just is the one chosen for lots of cool special assignments. Towards the end Spencer is able to travel through time, teach people and send them on their way to the New Jerusalem. Sorry but I just don't buy into time travel. Much of the book can be disturbing or depressing. Very little of what I read in the scriptures or hear from church leaders falls into that category. I'm not saying the Spencer didn't see or dream what the book says he did. I'm just saying that Spencer is not a prophet and I don't think he has authority to publish this even if he saw or dreamed it. Many dreams and visions are symbolic anyways so perhaps one shouldn't read so much reality into this one. Perhaps what was told to a family member of mine by a church leader once applies here. "Believe it if you must but don't teach it". I wish Spencer the best. I just don't believe his book represents the future.

I have read "Visions of Glory" multiple times but had not read all of the reviews of the book posted here on . I am not surprised by the large number of positive reviews of this book which are shared here nor am I surprised that there are such passionate negative perspectives. "There needs must be opposition in all things." Throughout my life I have chosen to put such writings to what I consider a full proof litmus test. This pattern is found in scripture and reads as follows. "For behold the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know good from evil; wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge: for every thing which inviteth to do good and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent

forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God. But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him.... Wherefore, I beseech of you brethren, that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ that ye may know good from evil and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not ye certainly will be a child of Christ." (Moroni 7: 17&19) With every reading of "Visions" I feel a greater desire to believe in Christ and serve Him! It is for this reason that I do not feel deceived in any measure but rejoice in the courage and integrity of those who chose to share this message of light and truth with the world.

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