

Scan/Ransack Review

Note: This is a book review, not a report. Each review can be one page in length. Scan and ransack the book to get an idea of its contents. Then look for any helpful material that you might find useful for future reference.

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Bibliographic: Murphy, John Robin. Be Transformed: Work Book Edition. Brentwood, TN: Rock House Way Press, 2008.

Area of concentration: Spiritual Formation

1. Book summary: by reading the cover, preface, flyleaf, etc., summarize the book in one or two sentences.

This is a workbook designed for unmixed groups of men and women of no more than five. It is a practical examination of how to become more Christ like through forgiveness and the restoration and reclamation of ones heart.

2. Organization of the book: How is the material organized? How does the writer develop his/her material?

The workbook follows the pattern of Murphy sharing his experience and then inviting the reader to process their experience in light of what was shared with appropriate scripture. There are ample spaces for recording the reader's thoughts. There are two appendices, a leader's guide and a group member's covenant.

3. What sections/chapters of the book would you find most useful at a future time? List them and write one-sentence reasons why they would be helpful.

Chapter	Point of Interest/Useful Material
8	The description of Christ's forgiveness of humanity starting on page 170 is worth the price of the book.
10	The response to those who say that the Church does not feed them on page 212 is very good.

In the accompany CD Murphy spends the first part of his message, in a sense, boasting of his lack of training. I found that odd and distracting. The Lord has obviously given him a message. One does not see this pattern in scripture.

That being said, this is an interesting work. Murphy seems to have captured the need and a path forward toward transformation that seems to embrace fully the need of the believer to take responsibility to move toward the Lord in that transformation. The emphasis on the need to forgive without regard for the other party's response is a consistent part of his message. Further he treats well the notion of making agreements with the lies the enemy tells us and deals with how those agreements should be broken. There is an unstated undercurrent of spiritual warfare throughout this work that perhaps should be more intentionally exposed.

In relation to YOD the need to have transformation of heart in the pursuit of one's design is something that this may help address. There are aspects of this that may fill in some holes. The reality is that One Degree is dependent on the individual being intimate with Christ. This promotes and presents a path toward intimacy. There are other issues like how DESIGN fits into the larger story that this does not address.