

## BOOK REVIEW

The Devil Is In The Details  
The Subtlety of Satan in the Complexity  
of Life

By: Tony Kessinger

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"Knowing your enemy is an important ingredient in any battle strategy. The more you know your enemy, the better you are prepared to expect certain actions and anticipate counter measures..."

When I first began reading this book I noticed the author delved deeply into the Scriptural existence of angels. After all, "Satan was at one time a beautiful celestial being entrusted by God with great authority...until pride overcame Satan and he fell."

Mr. Kessinger establishes Satan's existence in the first two chapters and continues to do so in each chapter. Although the author's interpretation of Scripture throughout the book can be at times questionable to some, it is noted that he brings more than twenty-five years of Scriptural experience" to this book.

The author writes that Satan and his fellow fallen angels are constantly waging war against God and man. Although they know their fate is sealed they continue to persist in thinking they will win in the end, and it is this delusion that makes them "public enemy number one."

I found this book quite interesting. It's like a tell all book about Satan and spiritual warfare, how even the most minute detail, or innocent action, or thought can be the devil's playground. Mr. Kessinger clearly provides a simple understanding of spiritual conflict and Bible prophecy for the reader.

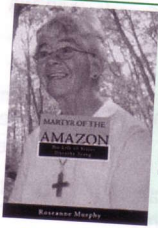
The author explains that Satan is restricted to time and space, and is everywhere at the same time and because of this states that the "forces of evil are single minded in their mission to God." If you have ever watched Star Trek then you could relate this to the Borg where their mission was to simulate everyone into their mindset, a Hitler in outer space.

I found this book very informative and interesting as Mr. Kessinger began at the beginning of Satan's angelic fall from grace and proceeded all the way to Revelation, while relating everything with Scripture. Not to be forgotten is the author gives the reader great "insights and practical applications" in the fight against our mortal enemy who will do anything to gain our souls.

It is wonderful to know that Jesus gave us all victory through His glorious sacrifice! We have a power greater than Satan's tactics and it comes through the name and the blood of Jesus. The only thing we have to do is

remember this power when demonic forces come against us. I would encourage you to read this book for the sole purpose of protecting your soul.

Reviewed by: Elaine Balestrini Vizard



Martyr Of The Amazon:  
The Life Of Sister Dorothy Stang

By: Roseanne Murphy

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This book, written by a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur (SND), is the story of the life of Sister Dorothy Stang, SND, martyred in 2005 by hired assassins, after 40 years of advocacy for the rights of the poor, especially poor farmers in the Brazilian Amazon struggling against rapacious developers. Sister Dorothy worked tirelessly to defend the threatened rainforest from these developers and land-grabbing ranchers. The author recounts Sister Dorothy's life primarily within the context of being an SND.

In the Foreword, written by Sr. Joan Kimm, SND, we learn, "By telling her story, this book makes it possible for us to know Sister Dorothy. It helps us to understand her Gospel mission, a ministry rooted in the Word of God. We can learn how her ministry radiated her love of God and God's love of the forgotten and voiceless. And we can teach our children why our world needs people like Sister Dorothy Stang." The author devotes the first chapter to Dorothy's early life, growing up in a large and devout Roman Catholic family; however, the rest of the book is about how Sister Dorothy came to join the religious life and her training as a future SND. It traces her early years of teaching first in her native Ohio and then in her first mission in Arizona, where she got a taste of working with the poor, before realizing her dream of going to work in a foreign mission. It chronicles the struggles and the violence against Dorothy and "her people" and culminates in her assassination, the subsequent trial, and worldwide attention to the case of how this simple, elderly nun came to give her life not only for justice, but also for the rainforest, which is life.

Because I was educated as a child by the SNDs during the years of the Second Vatican Council, and they remain my lifelong heroes, I was interested in reading this book to learn more about the SNDs and their training in religious life prior to Vatican II. I may be biased, but I believe Sister Dorothy was a saint, and that in time, the Church will recognize her sainthood. As such, the true value of this book lies in its ability to serve as a guide as to how we can all grow in a life of holiness.

Reviewed by: Elizabeth Pilgrim