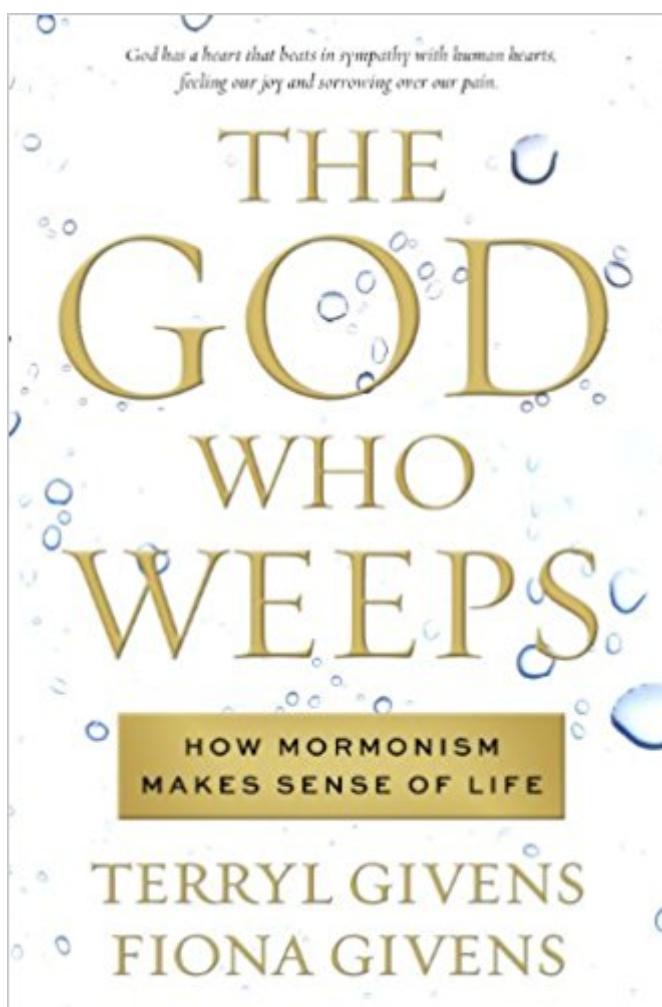


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# The God Who Weeps: How Mormonism Makes Sense Of Life



## Synopsis

Reading this book is like experiencing Mormonism in high definition. Whether you know a lot or a little about Latter-day Saint doctrine, this book will both educate and inspire you. - David E. Campbell, author of *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites us*. A work of theological reflection that has much to offer intellectually and morally serious men and women of every religious persuasion. - Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton. An elegant meditation on the basic tenets of the Mormon faith written with precision and poetry. The Givens' literary and religious references are unusually rich and varied, with prose at times urgent and even soaring. - Helen Whitney, producer of *The Mormons* and *Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero*. In the Givens' masterful hands, the Mormon view of God comes alive in fresh and challenging ways. Mainstream Christians have much to learn from Mormonism, and this book is the place to start. - Stephen H. Webb, author of *Jesus Christ, Eternal God*

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Terry Givens (PhD Comparative Literature, UNC Chapel Hill) holds the James A. Bostwick chair of English and is professor of literature and religion at the University of Richmond. Author of several books, his writing has been praised by the New York Times as provocative reading, and includes, most recently, *When Souls Had Wings*, a history of the idea of premortal life in Western thought, and a biography (with Matthew Grow) of Parley Pratt (winner of the 2012 Best Book Award from the Mormon History Association). Fiona Givens (MA European History, University of Richmond) recently retired from directing the French Language program at Patrick Henry High School, in Ashland

Virginia. Besides education, she has worked in translation services, as a lobbyist, and as communications director of a non-profit. A longtime collaborator in Terryl's previous books, this is her first coauthorship.

I loved this book! I have to admit the first few pages made me a little nervous. I had heard wonderful things about the book and I was afraid it was going to be less than spectacular and just a lot of quotes of different philosophers. Boy, was I wrong and thrilled as I got into the book and realized how much good there was in it! It took a second of patience and I was rewarded with a lifetime of rewards!

I found this a deep read in the sense that I highlighted a great deal and spent a lot of time thinking "Wow, that makes sense!" as well as "How did they put all of this together in such a cogent way?" It is not a light "feel good" book but it is, for anyone who wants to know more about God and whether He really cares, a carefully, philosophically researched, book that will make you feel good. But it may also challenge you--it challenged me.

This is an excellent presentation of mostly long forgotten Christian leaders from the past who have supported ideas that are now apparently only found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon). These equally long forgotten beliefs are today considered far out or ridiculous, once had a life long before Mormonism was founded. This book explains it in such beautiful and mostly easy to understand prose that it will make the Mormons smile and those not affiliated almost consider conversion.

Givens and Givens are quite a team. This may well be the only volume ever stocked in Deseret Book stores that mentions Immanuel Kant.

Very philosophical with highly advanced language. I couldn't get through it. I'm a little too simple for this one.

The basic treatise is that doubt and agency are necessary to develop God's attributes. For example, God feels sorrow and so must we to have genuine compassion. We fulfill our life's purpose as we emulate and strive to understand God.

The Givens' are amazing. I had the privilege of hearing them speak once, but their names didn't stick with me at the time. I ordered this book based on reviews and found inside many of the points they had made in their amazing presentation. I was quickly convinced they were one and the same and went to look and voila! They were! This book is incredible. Their marvelous way of articulating thoughts is an artform. And, by the way, if there is a version out there with Fiona reading it, you should definitely download it as her accent is rich and beautiful and makes you feel smarter for having heard it. ;)

Deep, thoughtful reading. Excellent resource for those seeking peace. Many scriptures references and cross references.

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