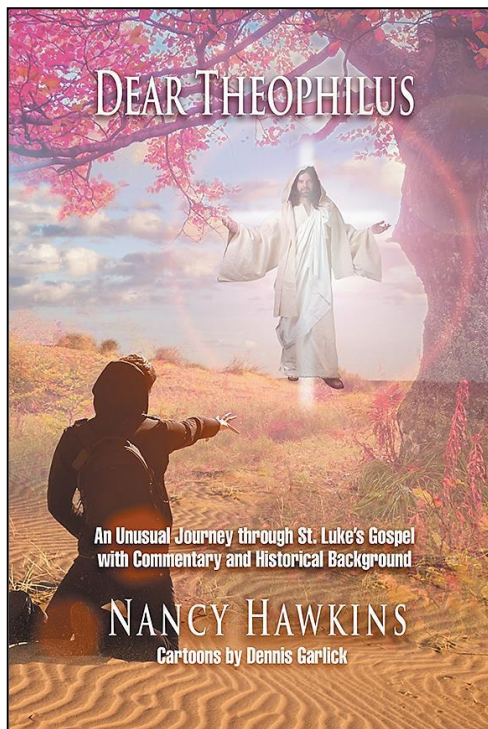


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### **Two Books About St. Luke Celebrate the Joy of Christianity**

Nancy Hawkins has written two books, *Dear Theophilus: An Unusual Journey Through St. Luke's Gospel with Commentary and Historical Background*, and now *Opening Doors to a New World*, to introduce Christianity as a joyful experience, highlighting the relevance to all ages of this 2000-year-old story, while enabling young people to explore the excitement of belonging to the Christian family.



“These books are not only a fascinating read, but offer important story to be told. We are thrilled to announce their release,” said Robert Fletcher, CEO of Strategic Book Publishing and Rights Agency.

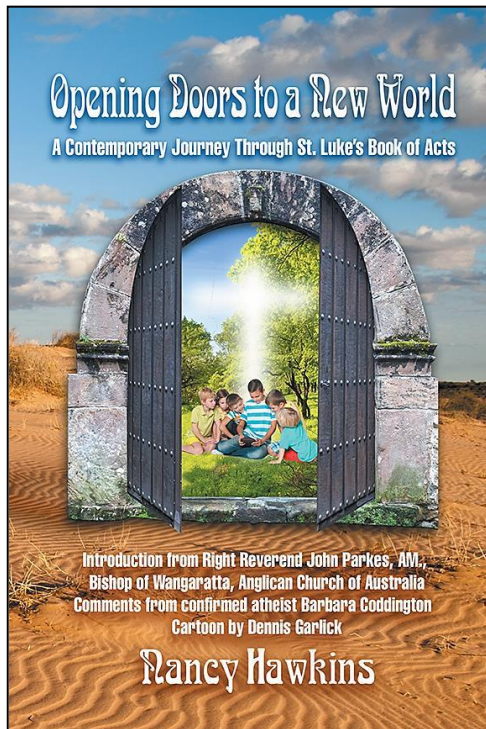
*Dear Theophilus:* Comments and historical details are presented after every few verses, followed by questions to stimulate discussion. The Christian faith is presented informally, bringing hope and encouragement to readers, heightened by Dennis Garlick’s joyful cartoons.

Everyone knows the outline of Jesus’ story, the great nativity, his radical teaching that received the death penalty for contradicting religious leaders of the time, and the joyful news of Easter morning, giving the world a certainty of a life after death.

Luke, the physician, writes to his friend Theophilus to tell him the story of these extraordinary recent events that would change the world forever.

***DEAR THEOPHILUS: AN UNUSUAL JOURNEY THROUGH ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL WITH COMMENTARY AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND* (ISBN: 978-1-62857-452-4) is now available for \$20 and can be ordered through the publisher's website:**

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Excerpt from the introduction of *Opening Doors to a New World*:

As I sit by my window, overlooking our small, beautiful garden, I wonder why I ever started to write a book about God in this secular age. Was it madness? Time will tell.

It all began with an earlier book, *O My God! Where Are You?* (the second edition is called *Dear Theophilus*). Originally written for an atheist son-in-law, Frank, who asked quite sincerely one day, after “dutifully” attending a church service with the family, “Nancy, do you really believe in all this?” Later he picked up a Bible, groaning in despair, “And where do you begin with all this stuff?”

*Dear Theophilus* and *Opening Doors to a New World* look for those answers.

The author’s two books are a prayer – a plea – to all Christian leaders to embrace a younger generation in the community marketplace, and to reach out to members of other faiths, agnostics, and atheists, encompassing one human family unconditionally. Although the voices of young people have barely been heard in most traditional churches for years, an exciting groundswell of young believers, like tiny pockets of seedlings, are growing to bring the love of God home again in a way the young can relate.

Finding a faith is a positive step to a life of hope, and discovering a secret, invisible, beautiful garden with a small gate called Love, through which to enter.

*Opening Doors*, a contemporary version of the Book of Acts, offers ideas to cross generational and interfaith bridges. The book becomes a valuable resource offering a wealth of historical information, challenging questions to stimulate discussion, a summary of important Christian events, a diagram of creation, and a brief look at 12 major religions.

A review of the author’s earlier book *O My God! Where Are You?* comes from Anne Findlay of Editing Works, Melbourne: “I was unexpectedly moved by the story of Jesus (most people know the outline of his life), but reading Nancy’s thoughts on Luke’s gospel, make me realize for the first time what an extraordinary person he must have been and how brave he was. The words from the New Testament, while interesting in themselves, for me lacked the sense of being personally involved, whereas reading them with someone else’s research and reflections make all the difference.”

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