

Graced Notes | Philip Yancey

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It has now been ten years since I began writing this little column for the [Philogian](#). During that span of time I have introduced you to, at least what I consider, some of the most important books of our time, featuring some of the best writers of both the Christian and non-Christian worlds. We have read everything from history to theology, from works of fiction to apologetics and prophecy.

In this issue I would like to introduce you to three volumes – numbers 58, 59, and 60. I don't imagine I have ever written on three more diverse books than these, yet each has had significance in my life and has helped shape my thinking. The first of the books is written by a former classmate of mine – Philip Yancey. The book is titled, [Grace Notes: Daily Readings with a Fellow Pilgrim](#) (Zondervan, 2009). As you know, if you have been following this column, Mr. Yancey is a prolific writer with such award winning titles as [What's So Amazing About Grace?](#) and [The Jesus I Never Knew](#). [Grace Notes](#) is a collection of some of the best found in Mr. Yancey's many books and columns. Each day your heart will be challenged and inspired by the thoughts from this sensitive writer. Allow me to share just a portion from the June 1 entry: *The more I reflect on Jesus' parables, the more tempted I am to use the word "atrocious" to describe the mathematics of the gospel. I believe Jesus gave us these stories about grace in order to call us to step completely outside our tit-for-tat world of ungrace and enter into God's realm of infinite grace. As Miroslav Volf puts it, "The economy of undeserved grace has primacy over the economy of moral deserts."* This book would make a great Christmas gift to that person who wants to be challenged to think more deeply of his or her faith. Every day he or she will find a nugget to reflect upon.