

## FOREWORD

Throughout the course of recorded history, Man, as a relational being, has grappled with the origin and nature of his existence and its impact on that of others. Central to this investigatory reflection and the resultant research has been the inherently compelling need to understand Man's relationship with God and even to know the very nature of God Himself. But God is Spirit and those who seek Him must do so through the spiritual realm.

In his quest to "know," Man must also acknowledge that he is fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of an invisible, holy God. He who seeks to ferret out the essence of God and His divine intention relative to sinful man must begin at the point of creation. In the beginning, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. The foundational principle of God's relationship with man is love. The begotten Son so loved His father that He endured the death of the cross that man might return to Genesis, to the beginning. Any man who seeks God's grace and confesses his sin is privileged to experience a relationship with God, to know the heart of God and to know God's desire for the life of the believer. The essence of all human relationships is inextricably intertwined with Man's relationship with God and God's love for man.

*Oneness with God* represents just such an intentional seeking to understand the nature of God and his purposed relationship to Man, his creation. Richardson's writing reflects the work of a transformed man panting after the heart of God, searching for the keys to a genuine relationship with God through a relationship with His Son. This writer uses his "trained mind" and his personal experiences to interpret God's divine purpose for believers. He informs us that God created the world with His faith and that believers

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do indeed have that same creative faith which they should engage to live in oneness with God.

Yes, believers certainly do have that same faith because of God's prophetic intention. *Oneness with God* is indeed a reflection of His prophetic intention in the life of every believer. By faith, the principle of equivalent effect helps us to evangelize others to receive that word of oneness spoken originally. Richardson captures John chapter seventeen from an analytical mind set with a passion for the spiritual. This book is a must read!

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