

Interested In Spiritual Things? By John Van Veen. Outreach Publications, 1414 Erindale Crescent, London, Ont.N5X 1V9, 2003. Pb. 42 pp. Reviewed by Johan D.Tangelder.

In the wake of 9/11 and the consequent war against terrorism, many people are searching for meaning in the midst of all the gloom and doom. Regrettably, many are looking in the wrong places. They are interested in spirituality but not necessarily in God. In his well-written and attractive booklet, John Van Veen introduces searchers for spirituality to the life-giving Gospel. In a step-by-step and easy-to-grasp way he presents the essentials of the Christian faith.

Why evangelism?

Evangelism is the work of the church in obedience to her Lord to make known the Gospel to those who are estranged from it or who have never heard it before and to call them to repentance, faith and conversion. Evangelism is not option but a sacred duty and a high calling. We evangelize because we are commanded to as part of the all-inclusive task of the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20). If the Gospel is the Good News entrusted to us, we heap upon ourselves guilt if we neglect to pass it on. Van Veen's booklet is a great asset in reaching neighbours and friends with the Gospel. Highly recommended.