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**What Others Are Saying About**

***Transparent: How to See Through the Powerful Assumptions That Control You***

**By Dave Richardson**

**“This is an important book on a tremendously important subject. That there has been**

**an intentional and systematic indoctrination of Americans with false and pernicious**

**ideas is horrific, but this fine book helps us understand what has happened and helps**

**us also see how we can—and absolutely must—oppose those ideas.”**

**Eric Metaxas, Host, the *Eric Metaxas Show***

**New York Times best-selling author of *Bonhoeffer*, *Miracles*, and *If You Can Keep It*…*”***

“Searching for the truth? David Richardson maps three rivers through the land of assumptions and gives you a practical tool, the *Critical Assumptions Test*, to help you decide which route to take to reach Truth Territory. As he strips away false assumptions about life, you’ll reach surprising conclusions about the world and your place in it.”

**Mike Donahue**

**Prominent television journalist, Portland, Oregon**

“As a veteran of ministry with students in many settings, Dave Richardson has ample experience of the kinds of questions raised against the gospel and the struggles that so many believers, often raised with what they see as strong beliefs, yet when confronted by other ideas, worldviews or claims, find themselves unable to respond in a meaningful way or how to begin to frame a response to questions or challenges against their beliefs. This book is a thoughtful but also practical tool that gets to the heart of discussions and provides an accessible method that enables a conversation to get to the core, and those communicating to show quickly and effectively why different assumptions have serious outcomes and what difference the differences make. I highly recommend this book and believe it will help many

to seriously engage with other views and show a coherent and robust response.”

**Stuart McAllister**

**Regional Director Americas, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries**

“David Richardson has written what is perhaps the most insightful book to date on the ‘spiritual but not religious’ generation. While most analyses of this phenomenon amount to little more than hand-wringing, *Transparent* tackles head on a likely source of the trouble: the lack of vital Christianity in the lives of parents and adults in the millennial generation. I highly recommend this book.”

**Greg Thornbury**

**President, The King’s College, New York City**

 “Dave Richardson’s book is the result of decades of reflection and hands-on experience ministering on secular university campuses. He has developed an effective method to help us excavate the assumptions that underlie much of what we hear in the classroom, the news, movies, lectures, or just conversations with friends. *Transparent* is simple enough for students, but powerful enough for adults to enable them to integrate their faith with their fields of expertise. I heartily recommend it.”

**William Lane Craig**

**Research Professor of Philosophy, Talbot School of Theology**

**Author of *On Guard*; *Hard Questions, Real Answers;* and *Reasonable Faith*.”**

“There are a few thinkers whose insights changed the world. J.K. Rowling, a British woman, earned billions of dollars in her books about Harry Potter that became popular movies. The General Theory of Relativity that defines the sciences came out of Albert Einstein’s relentless curiosity. Hassan al-Banna assembled what became the jihadist movement, Muslim Brotherhood, which is behind the formation of the Muslim Student Association on American campuses. The founder of the globally dominant Apple, Steve Jobs, accomplished it before he died in his 50s. The inventors of nuclear power and the atomic and hydrogen bombs changed the world. And the Intelligentsia successfully infiltrated universities with ideas that emasculated Christianity and have changed America and the world. The main approach that Christians employ to defend their faith in the world is apologetics and worldviews. David Richardson goes beyond these and does something better. He does not simply ‘defend.’ He is the only one that I know who uncovers the weakness of the intellectuals in universities, the media, government, and culture. David provides a powerful offense, and does so in a winsome fashion. His thinking redefines what it means to be a public Christian. The words ‘changing the world’ are dangerous. The insights in *Transparent* show what changing the world means.”

**J. Stanley Oakes,**

**Chancellor, The King’s College, New York City**

“I first met David Richardson several years ago when he was first beginning work on his book. As a career educator, I was impressed that his Critical Assumptions Test is the most innovative thing I have seen in 40 years. It is powerful enough for teachers and leaders, but simple enough for students and parents. *Transparent* will help you quickly see through the complex ideas and issues we face in a global society. It will give you the means to connect your faith with whatever you do or wherever you go. I guarantee you have never thought like this before. Get ready for an epic adventure.”

**Bill Gibbons**

**Superintendent, Cornerstone Christian Academy for Learning and Leadership,**

**Vancouver, Washington**

“David Richardson is a man of both uncommon wisdom and unbridled passion. It’s that mix of wisdom and passion that gets me really excited to watch how God can work in and through a person. When David first explained his Critical Assumptions Test to our staff, I was blown away and immediately saw the wisdom of his apologetic. Now that he has written this book, I believe that many will benefit from his knowledge. And not only that, the kingdom will grow. You will be blessed by this book!”

**Daniel Fusco**

**Lead Pastor, Crossroads Community Church, Vancouver, Washington**

**Author of *Honestly: Getting Real about Jesus and Our Messy Lives***

“Dave’s book and Critical Assumptions Test are a must in the existing environment of ideas, lifestyles, and concepts. They allow the person desiring to live biblically to assess foundational assumptions both in their professional and personal lives and provide a rapid way to assist the believer in taking ‘every thought captive.’”

**Nolan Hertel**

**Professor, Nuclear and Radiological Engineering,**

**Georgia Institute of Technology**

“*Transparent* is written as a) a popular book for the lay Christian audience, and as b) a scholarly treatise that will become an essential reference textbook for clergy and laity. It addresses the widespread problem of ‘Christian disengagement’ by the lay Christian people with the un-discipled public in Western culture. [David] Richardson elaborates a careful study of the root problems facing Christians who attempt to engage a culture that is largely un-discipled by the Christian movement. With the problems clearly analyzed, he moves on to offer a solution to the problems that can be used by young and more mature Christians. This solution will also appear as an app that can be placed on your appropriate electronic device. Numerous examples are given in the text to show how the tool can be used to engage effectively the un-discipled person. In addition, Dave shows how this general methodology described in *Transparent* can be applied to one’s own profession to become a more effective disciple in that work arena. I endorse with enthusiasm the book *Transparent* as the next text that you buy for your library. It will become your next best ‘literary friend’ for many years to come.”

**Mark G. White**

**Ph.D., Director and Professor Emeritus,**

**Dave C. Swalm School of Chemical Engineering, Mississippi State University**

“*Transparent: How to See Through the Powerful Assumptions That Control You* is a pioneering, practical, and simple tool for doing what the subtitle says. It shows how to look at your own thought or someone else’s, and pull the curtain back to see how those heretofore unrecognized assumptions in your life actually do shape your observations and actions. I plan to use *Transparent* with our students at Konos Academy. Why should the professionals have all the fun?”

**Charles Thaxton**

**Coauthor of *The Mystery of Life’s Origin* and *The Soul of Science***

**President of Konos Connection. Dr. Thaxton is considered one of the**

**founders of the modern Intelligent Design movement**.

***Transparent: How to See Through the Powerful Assumptions That Control You* released in 2016 from Clovercroft Publishing. It is available from Amazon and other online retailers, selected book stores, and from** **http://**[**www.TheTransparentBook.com**](http://www.thetransparentbook.com/)**.**

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