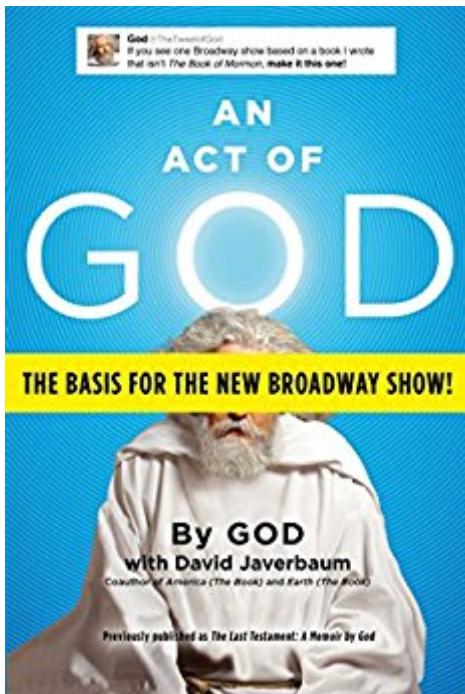


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Synopsis

An Act of God (previously published as The Last Testament: A Memoir) is now a major Broadway show starring Jim Parsons (The Big Bang Theory) and directed by Joe Mantello (Wicked)Over the course of his long and distinguished career, God has literally seen it all. And not just seen. In fact, the multitalented deity has played a pivotal role in many major events, including the Creation of the universe, the entirety of world history, and the successful transitioning of American Idol into the post-“Simon Cowell era. Sometimes preachy, sometimes holier-than-thou, but always lively, An Act of God is the ultimate celebrity autobiography.

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It seems whenever a book of criticism, humor or sarcasm about the bible or religion comes out those religious fanatics who are so sure they know that a god exists, and who or what this god thing is, seem to get their panties all in a twist. The astute can use the one and two star reviews these humorless defenders of the faith invariably post as an endorsement of a good read. I know I do. That said...As any objective student of the Bible knows, the god of the old testament comes across as a hideously psychopathic thing. While religionists prefer to deny this, ask them if they'd treat their

own children that way and they simply fall back and cry "Context!", which of course means nothing at all. In The Last Testament this god readily admits he's got issues. Fact is, he admits that he and his staff of angels had no second thoughts about mass murder, cruel and unusual punishments and some really bizarre laws. But "God" explains it in a way that almost makes you want to forgive him his trespasses... almost. Sort of like the way you'd forgive a riotously funny comedian for running over your cocker spaniel while making a U-turn in your driveway. Oh, he's not repentant for the wackier things he's done, just reflective. After all, no one is perfect...not even god. How do I know? Because he says so in his The Last Testament. I found myself laughing until my eyes watered. I kept dog earring the pages with the best lines to use as excerpts to read to my wife, and to use in this review. But it got to the point where almost every page was turned in so I stopped. Yep, seems all of those self appointed/ self-righteous religious shaman got it wrong about a whole bunch of stuff.

Regardless of your faith, hopefully you have thick enough skin to enjoy a clever parody. God's spokesman, David Javerbaum, makes equal fun of many faiths (including my own) in this book. His humor is fantastic. I first heard Javerbaum as a guest on the Adam Carolla podcast and thought he was a pretty funny clever guy. He wasn't necessarily plugging his book, but Carolla always promotes his guest's recent ventures and mentioned this book. It sounded interesting enough, so I picked it up. I'm very glad I did. This is all written in the first-person from the voice of God Almighty, the LORD our God, King of the Universe (as he puts it). I like his viewpoint and I like the way he struggles with understandable questions and challenges man has put forth throughout the ages: "...if thou hast power over what hath not yet come, canst thou not unspool the future with a gentler thread; one weaving a tapestry whereby righteousness is always rewarded, and evil always punished; so that mankind may behold with perfect clarity thine infinite justice?" Interesting; interesting,' I said. 'Yet I think I would prefer to work in mysterious ways.' "God chose Javerbaum well. He is the perfect mouthpiece to use as a so-called ghost writer. Javerbaum has a fantastic turn of phrase and his vocabulary is perfect for the voice of the LORD our God, King of the Universe. Luckily I read this on my Kindle where it's easy to highlight and look up unknown words in the dictionary. The topics are thought provoking and the book moves right along (with the exception of the chapter on the book of Revelation...that one drags a little and might be better as a movie). If you're an atheist or agnostic, then this book probably doesn't hold much for you.

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