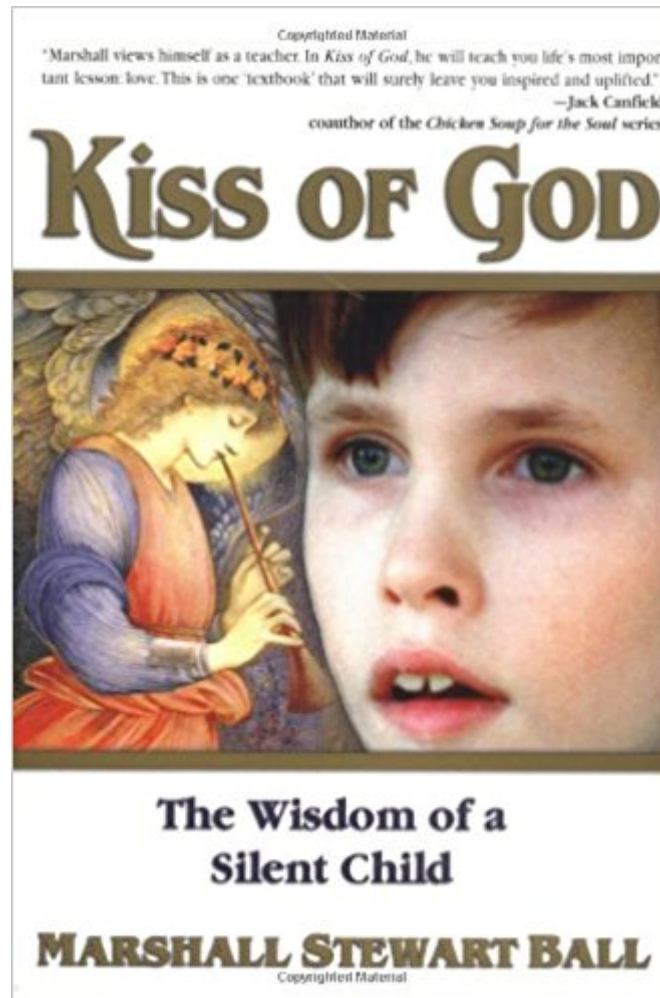


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Kiss Of God: The Wisdom Of A Silent Child



Synopsis

This book is a collection of astonishingly inspiring writings by a developmentally challenged boy. Born with a host of developmental challenges, including inability to speak, Marshall persevered despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. A specially designed pointing device that works with an alphabet board enables Marshall to communicate. By pointing to specific letters, which family members and/or friends then transcribed, he came to form words. From those words came the inspiring selections collected in this book. His graceful, remarkable words are filled with the purity of his spirit and the love in his heart. In our fast-paced world with all its turmoil and tragedy, the simple and gentle wisdom of *The Kiss of God* is sure to make it a treasured favorite with all readers for many years to come. In addition to these beautiful and loving pieces of inspiration, this book contains introductions to Marshall's writing that detail the circumstances under which he created each piece. The book also contains an afterword that details the powerful effect Marshall and his writing have had on those he has met. This collection includes thoughts such as: "My five favorite words are: Love -- a feeling of God that needs no one. Good -- the answer that gives real meaning to life. Tame -- the management of thought. Teach -- giving. Think -- how we listen". "Answers to the good listeners that hear God. Go to God and God will teach you".

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Customer Reviews

Marshall Stewart Ball had his first book of spiritual writings published at the age of 13, an impressive feat for any young teenager. But Marshall is not just any teenager. Soon after he was born it was

discovered that he would probably never walk or speak. Despite his numerous physical disabilities (no doctor has been able to diagnose him with any specific diseases, illnesses, or genetic abnormalities), Marshall learned to communicate by pointing to letters on an alphabet board. He first wrote about God at age five in a compelling poem titled "Altogether Lovely." It soon became apparent that this special child liked to "speak" often and deeply about God, love, knowledge, and freedom--sophisticated topics for a sheltered lad of 5. By age 9 Marshall tested above a 12th-grade reading level. Meanwhile, he continued with his laborious pointing/writing sessions--revealing an unusual voice with a distinct rhythm and a disarming spiritual wisdom. Fortunately, Marshall's parents saved his writings and compiled them into *Kiss of God*, allowing the world to behold this "silent" teacher. Each poem or essay gets a brief introduction so that readers know the story behind his loving words and how old Marshall was when he wrote it. These intimate introductions help readers see the true miracles of Marshall's life and gifts. --Gail Hudson

"Some call him a boy genius. Others call him a prophet. One thing is certain about poet Marshall Ball: Anyone who has ever used the phrase 'simple but profound' does not know the meaning of that phrase until he or she reads Marshall's *Kiss of God*." -- Ron Jaeger, editor, *Northwoods Journal* Marshall answers even the most mundane inquiries in his ever-elliptical, evocative style. In "*Kiss of God*", Marshall Stewart Ball writes of everything from Princess Diana (Caring greatly, kissing people with your good heart you became definitely a Princess...) to his dreams of climbing a tree, realized vicariously through his brother Luke (see that good tree as a peace of me. Fortunately, I have fine, lovely Luke growing free, dearly waiting for me to climb that tree). -- Julie Bonnin, *Austin American Statesman*, Sept. 26, 1999 The Miracle of Marshall - Meet the little boy with a boundless mind that can't be imprisoned by his broken body. He's changed his loved ones forever, and now he has written a book that just might change you, too. -- *Austin American Statesman*, Sept. 26, 1999

I love this so much that when I lost my original copy, I bought a replacement.

Words cannot express how completely awesome and spine-tingling this book is. I saw Marshall Ball on the Oprah show several years ago and was so in awe of him that as soon as the show ended I got in the car and drove to the bookstore to buy the book. It will make you smile, cry and laugh; it really left me with the lessons of 'miracles do happen' and 'you never know what someone can do until you give them a chance'. It's a definite must read.

As heralded by such masters as Eckhart Tolle and Don Miguel Ruiz the earth at this time is graced by a number of awakened divine flowers of consciousness which grace us with their tremendous healing power and gentility. Marshall Ball is no doubt one such light in our world. His healing gift is through the power of his words. In these important documents of our time [Kiss of God & A Good Kiss] Marshall Ball uses his gentle and seemingly simple use of the English language to incite a healing effect that evokes deep emotions and directly effects the heart. Short of a miracle, both of Marshall Ball's books are a collection of communications poetically expressed and clearly echo teachings from A Course in Miracles, Eckhart Tolle's Power of Now and Stillness Speaks, and the Conversations with God books, none of which have been a source of study for this young man of 17. It seems Truth is spoken again by another source of pure love, but here, with heavenly gentleness and a poetic voice that can lift and heal the coldest of hearts. I highly recommend reading and studying both "Kiss of God" and "A Good Kiss" as material for spiritual study and personal growth. May this gentle heavenly force continue to grace us with his divine wisdom and healing voice.

Amazing and inspirational poetry from a very handicapped, mute five-year-old.

"Destruction is the need to find being in matter." from a seven year old. I rest my case. Marshall's wisdom is for the ages.

God used someone the world might have thought to be of little value to show us just how valuable and beautiful each person really is in God's sight. The words in this book are a challenge to me to look at others who might not be perfect by the world's standards, with the same heart of love that God has for each of them. Thank you, Marshall.

the book arrived before the preventive time. The book is perfect as said

A fleeting mention of "Kiss of God" and I was drawn to purchase it and read it before sleeping the first night, January 13. I cannot describe the effect it has on my soul. So much joy within its pages and so much Goodness, it is as if Marshall is an Angel, himself, and has specifically reached to touch only my soul with his peaceful, poignant words. I hesitate to agree he's a prophet, but I will say, my heart has longed for the Good Truth and Love within Marshall's heart for many years.

Today I do Good deeds. Today I think Good deeds, because of Marshall and his (and my) Good God. Praise God for a pure soul that succeeds in speaking from within. Marshall is silenced no more, and the most truthful words I can utter are: Praise God!

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