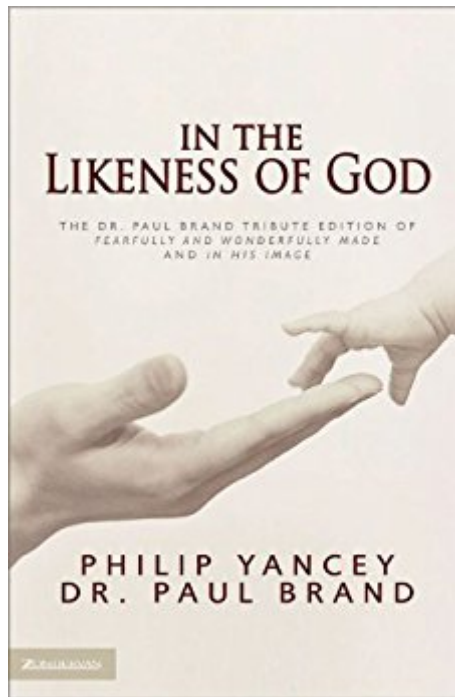


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# In The Likeness Of God



## Synopsis

The human body is a likeness of God, its design revealing insights into the church, the *œbody* of Christ • For bestselling author Philip Yancey, the late Dr. Paul Brand “the brilliant hand surgeon who devoted his life to the poorest people of India and Louisiana” was also a likeness of God, living the kind of Christian life that exemplified what God must have had in mind. *In the Likeness of God* combines the complete texts of *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* and *In His Image* “both Gold Medallion Award winners which together have sold more than half a million copies” into one volume. Also included for the first time are eight beautiful litanies of praise on the human body by Dr. Brand. In *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, Dr. Paul Brand and bestselling writer Philip Yancey explore the wonder of the human body and uncover the eternal statements that God has made in the very structure of our bodies. Their remarkable journey through inner space “the world of cells, systems, and chemistry” points to a still deeper unseen reality of God’s work in our lives. *In His Image* takes up where the first book leaves off. In five sections “Image, Blood, Head, Spirit, and Pain” the authors unlock the remarkable living lessons contained in our physical makeup.

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I borrowed these books (in their separate form) years ago and enjoyed them very much. I now want to buy this, so that I may read them again. I am an RN, so the details of anatomy and physiology (though not heavy with medical jargon) were fascinating to me. God has revealed Himself in all creation; perhaps the human body is the most amazing example. Reading these has given me a richer, deeper appreciation for the complexity of God's human creation as well as how that creation relates to one another as the body of Christ.

I have been reading everything I can get my hands on for the last 50 some years. This book explains God better than 10 years of going to church. Especially the blood section. I buy the book and give it as gifts.

Dr.Brand explains various body systems in simple terms and credits our great God with their amazing design and functionality. He also gives inspirational parallels to life as a Christian. Phillip Yancey is the invisible editor and writer who transcribed Dr.Brand's writings into this very readable and informative work. I generally read books that I can learn from rather than fiction. If that describes you then I think you would enjoy this book.

Learned a lot, although I have to admit I was grateful for the end- it seemed like I had been reading it forever. It's inspiring, though, to be able to glean from someone who has lived a full and generally expansive (in the sense that he's experienced quite a bit more than most) life. In retrospect, it probably would have been wiser to have read *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* and *In His Image* instead- the two books of which this is an revised edition- for the simple reason that it wouldn't have seemed like a project due to it's length. But, on the whole, I enjoyed it. It also provides a lot of great examples and illustrations; promotes a new outlook on the human body and the Church; and prompts a greater appreciation for the complex magnificence of our mortal frame.

This classic analogy is a bit dated, but so challenging to Christians in the USofA who have little if any cross cultural experience. Those involved in health care will be especially challenged to apply their knowledge of science to understand the teachings of Jesus as recorded in our Bible.In

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" to focus is on the actual anatomy and Christian living. "In the Image of God" leans more to physiology, the function and interaction of the parts. Those who are not Christian but interested in teaching and doctrine will gain many insights worth pondering. I hope it will be back in print! TK

This book is lovely in the way it compares the human body with the Body of Christ. I love the way it restates the 10 commandments so that the love of Father God shines through. A great gift for either a pastor or a favorite doctor, and a wonderful read for any believer. Each chapter is a separate story. Beautiful book!

There is so much here it deserves to be read once a year. Dr. Brand (and his Mother before him) was an incredible man and must be an inspiration to all who read of his life and worksâat least he was for me, and obviously for Phillip Yancey. I thought Yancey did an excellent job in bringing us Dr. Brand's works. If you like reading this, look up the book "Granny Brand". She was a real pistol and makes all of us in our senior years sit up, take notice, and get to work! I could read that book many times also.

Probably the best read I've found discussing the Christian Church as a unified body. This is told from the perspective of a doctor with a great appreciation for the miracle of the inner workings of the anatomy. Brand also describes disease states and lets the reader compare those to weaknesses in church and religions. I enjoyed reading this for personal devotion time, but it would also be a good subject matter for a study group. This would be a great gift for a reader in a medical field. The combo writings of Brand and Yancey make this a good value for these two books by two inspiring authors.

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