Andrew Clitherow
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Much is claimed for this book in the publisher's blurb, and rightly so. "Searing honesty" and "transparent vulnerability" are certainly evident on every page. Clitherow, not for the first time, confronts human suffering in the light of neuroscience and his own experience as a human being of mental darkness in a series of closely argued chapters.

The result is a treasure store which needs to be read slowly, a page at a time, and not just once. Its very nature disqualifies it as an easy read. The task of summarising the argument is beyond this reviewer, but he hopes nonetheless to persevere and recommends the book to anyone looking for God in life as it is in reality.

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