

Passing of a Remarkable Man

Many years ago, I was introduced to the writing of Frederick Buechner, a Presbyterian Minister who was more writer than pastor, by his own admission. He grew up in a household without any religion and became what is referred to as, “The C.S. Lewis of this century.” His thought process has guided many of my sermons. I have lost count of the books he has written.

The following is transcribed directly from the back cover of one of his better works, *Wishful Thinking; A Seeker’s ABC*, and I encourage you to find a copy and read it.

In *Wishful Thinking*, Buechner puts the language of God, the universe, and the human spirit under his wry linguistic microscope. In his often ironic and always keen-sighted reflections on such terms as *agnostic*, *envy*, *love*, and *sin*, he invites us to look at these everyday words in new and enlightening ways. *Wishful Thinking* is a “beguiling” adventure in language for the restless believer, the doubter, and all who love words.

On a personal note which saddens me, the world of writing and theology lost an icon when, on August 15, 2022, Frederick Buechner went to be with God at age 96.

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