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DISCOVERING THE DIVINE

ABOUT ME

I am a professional actor turned ordained preacher, pastor, and author; a turn I never thought my life would take. I am married to Kate and we have two sons, Foster and Theo, all of whom make my life better.

After earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre Performance from Rockford University and performing across the country, I entered graduate school at North Park Theological Seminary to complete my Master of Divinity. Since then, I have worked as a pastor, campus minister, pediatric chaplain, and as the Director of Pastoral Care at a non-profit. Currently, I'm the Associate Chaplain in the Spiritual Life Center at the University of Lynchburg and have recently completed a Certificate in Spiritual Transformation from The Transforming Center.

I am the author of the book, *Embracing Love: My Journey to Hugging a Man in his Underwear*, and host the podcast, *The Why Behind the What*. As a speaker, I have been fortunate to speak at such wonderful venues as Google NYC, Google Chicago, CHIC, and numerous universities and churches.

I am increasingly drawn to contemplative and liturgical spiritual practices as a way to discover the Divine, maintain a plant-based diet, have a strong love for cities, am passionate about all things personality tests, always enjoy deep conversations, am an advocate of the Oxford Comma, and have a mild obsession with searching for sea glass, as I believe it to be the perfect illustration of the spiritual life.

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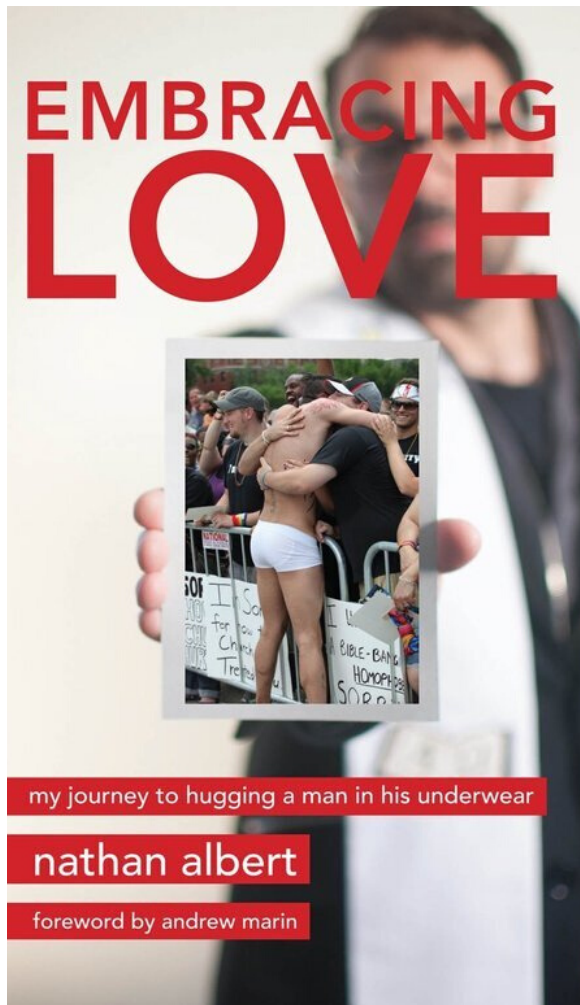
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EMBRACING LOVE



At the Chicago Pride Parade, Nathan Albert stood with his friends bearing signs of apology on behalf of Christians who had failed to represent Christ's love to the LGBTQ community. Little did he know that millions around the world would soon see him captured in an iconic viral photograph and read his blog about hugging a man in his underwear.

Embracing Love is the story behind that photograph, the story of an actor turned pastor whose deep desire is that the love of God be seen, heard, and felt by the LGBTQ community in every tangible way. Through personal stories, pastoral encounters, a Gospel-centric church model, a comparison of approaches to the biblical texts on homosexuality, and a fervent call to unity, Nathan invites readers past the intimidation of controversy for the sake of embracing people with the love of the Divine.

PAPERBACK \$16.99

EBOOK \$9.95

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"Take time reading this book, treasuring it for the legitimate expression of love, hope, and unity that it is." -*Andrew Marin, Founder of The Marin Foundation and CEO of Venture Resolutions*

"Nathan is a significant contribution calling for an end to fruitless Christian arguments and division. Warmly recommended." -*David Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Ethics, Mercer University*

"In the company of such faithful people as Pope Francis, Nathan reminds us that indeed the Spirit is able to do a new thing in our midst." -*Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, Professor of Theology and Ethics, North Park Theological Seminary*

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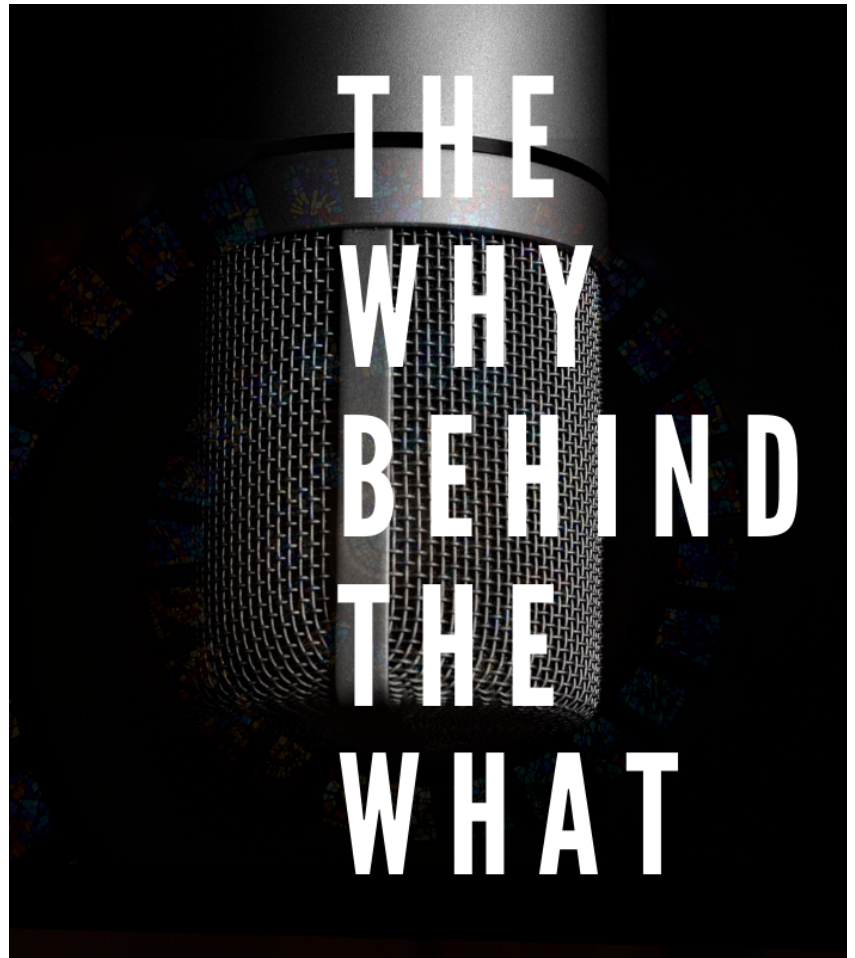
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"If hearing an exciting, passionate and emotional story-teller is one of your pursuits, without a doubt, this is your type of podcast! Real and exciting."

"Faithful and engaging. The subject matter is critical...and the reach back to the ancient to make transformation today is right on."

"I am thrilled by what I'm hearing. A unique voice, with diverse perspectives on faith and spirituality."

"Inspiring! This podcast is both entertaining and enlightening. Perfect for my commute!"

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



PREVIOUS SPEAKING VENUES

Google Talks NYC; Google Talks Chicago; CHIC; Brown University; University of Rhode Island; North Park University; University of Lynchburg; Wheaton College; Moody Bible Institute; The Salvation Army National Conference; Pilgrim Pines; Ashram Pastors Retreat; Camp Crossroads; among others.

TOPICS OR LECTURES

Sunday Pulpit Fill; Lectionary Preaching; Embracing Love Book Workshops; Introduction to Contemplative Spirituality & Practices; Performance of Colossians from Memory; Enneagram- A Personal Transformation Tool; Self Care and Productivity; among others.

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