

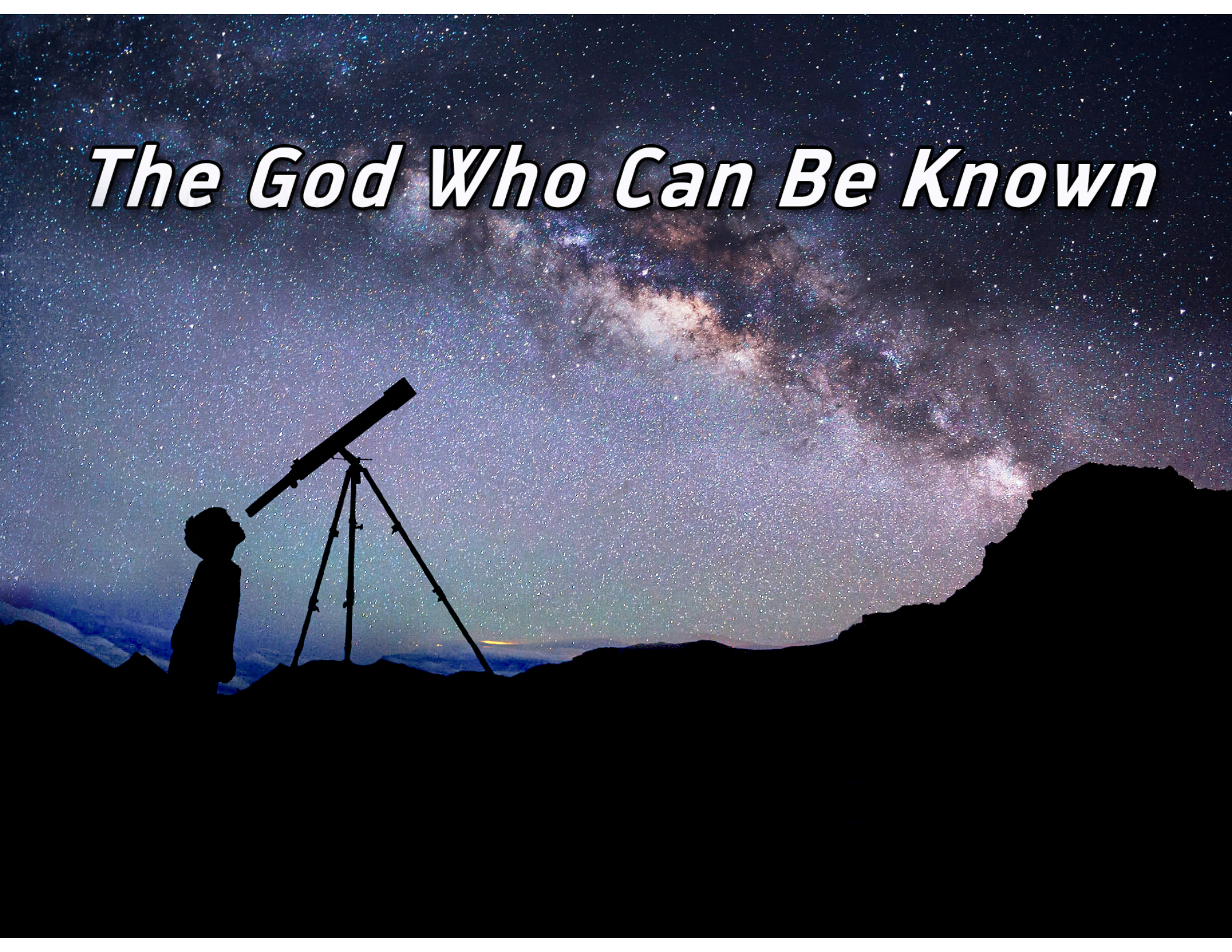
A winter landscape featuring a dark asphalt road that curves through a snowy environment. The road is flanked by snow-covered evergreen trees and a snow-covered hillside on the left. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting. The overall scene is serene and inviting.

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TO SIERRA  
COMMUNITY CHURCH



# *The God Who Can Be Known*





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Genesis

12:1-4

15:1-18



INCLUDES STUDY QUESTIONS  
FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP USE

KAY ARTHUR

*Our*  
COVENANT  
GOD

LIVING IN THE SECURITY  
OF HIS UNFAILING LOVE



**1. The Covenants in the Bible tell us that we can not only know ABOUT God but that God desires that we come to trust and love Him.**



**2. Marriage is an  
example of the  
pleasure and pain that  
we experience in a  
covenant relationship.**

*the* | **BIBLE**  
**PROJECT**



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# *Hosea 3:1*

*The Lord said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods"*



# Corinthians 13: 4-8

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails*



*“Ask not what your spouse  
can do for you - ask  
what you can do  
for your spouse!”*

*President John F. Kennedy*





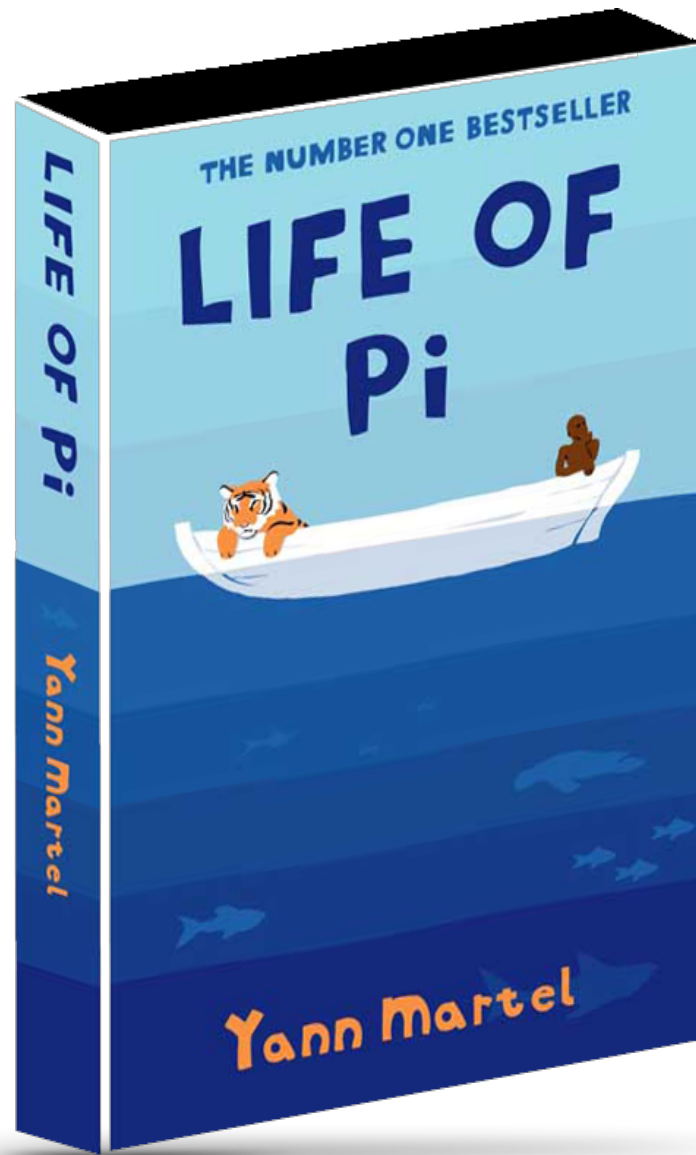
**3. The cross is the  
ultimate demonstration  
of God's commitment  
and love for us !**



# NEW COVENANT









“That a god should put up with adversity, I could understand. The gods of Hinduism face their fair share of thieves, bullies, kidnappers, and usurpers. What is the

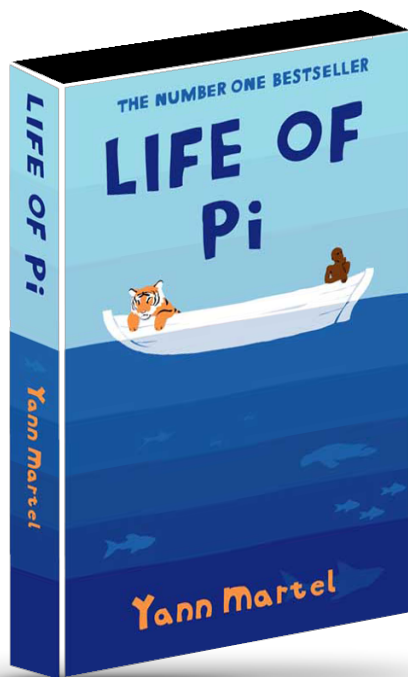
Ramayana but the account of one long, bad day for Rama?

Adversity, yes.

Reversals of fortune, yes.

Treachery, yes.

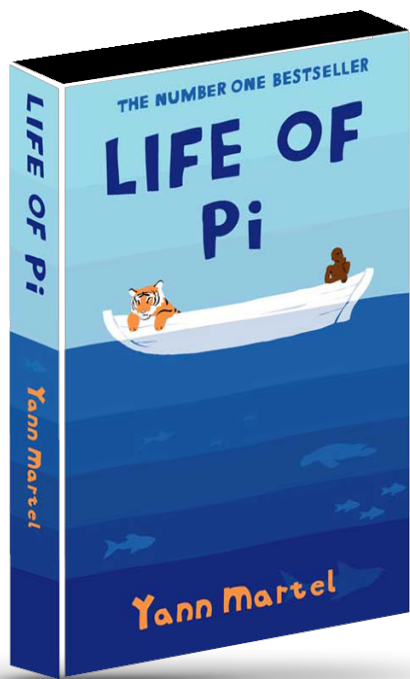
But humiliation? Death?





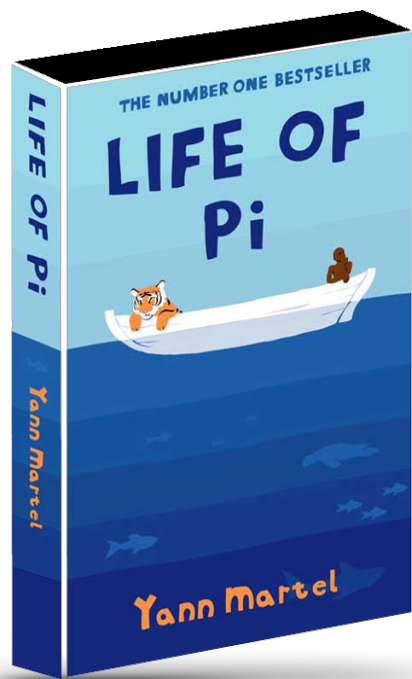
I couldn't imagine Lord Krishna consenting to be stripped naked, whipped, mocked, dragged through the streets and, to top it off, crucified—and at the hands of mere humans, to boot.” He continues, “I'd never heard of a Hindu god

dying. But divinity should not be blighted by death. It was wrong for this Christian God to let His avatar die. That is tantamount to letting a part of Himself die.





For if the Son is to die, it cannot be fake. If God on the Cross is God shamming a human tragedy, it turns the Passion of Christ into the Farce of Christ. The death of the Son must be real. Father Martin assured me that



it was. But once a dead God, always a dead God, even resurrected.” He says, “The Son must have the taste of death forever in His mouth.



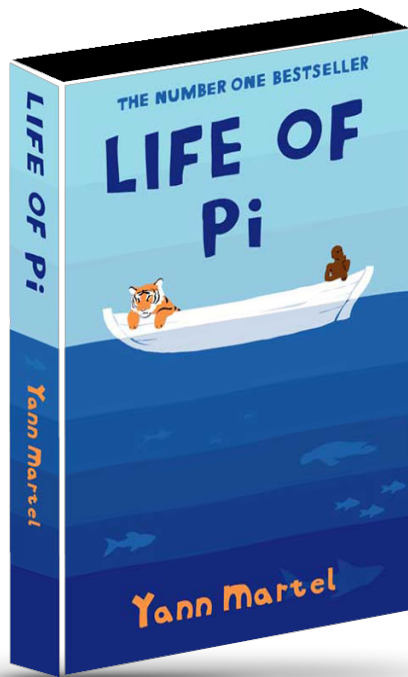
The Trinity must be tainted by it; there must be a certain stench at the right hand of God the Father. The horror must be real.

Why would God wish that upon Himself?

Why not leave death to the mortals? Why

make dirty what is beautiful, spoil what is perfect?”

“Love. That was Father Martin’s answer.”



# Romans 5:8

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*



# Jeremiah 31:31-34

*“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant**... not like the covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for **they all shall know Me***

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