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This index lists all of the Scripture references for all the stories I have quoted from the Bible so that you can look them up and read them for yourselves. I believe it's helpful to look at the stories in the context that they have been given to us. It's easy to take only the verses you agree with from the Bible and build a case for your own particular ideological view. We all have our opinions and feelings about what is important and none of us come to our holy books without some bias. What I have written about in this book is based very much on how I have read, interacted with, and reflected on certain passages and stories, but I have tried to look at them honestly and let them speak to me as much as have them confirm what I want them to say. I hope you'll do the same, and let the stories offer you new perspectives on life, love, and God.

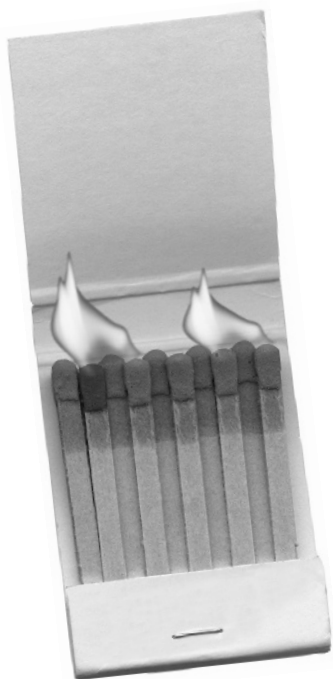
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