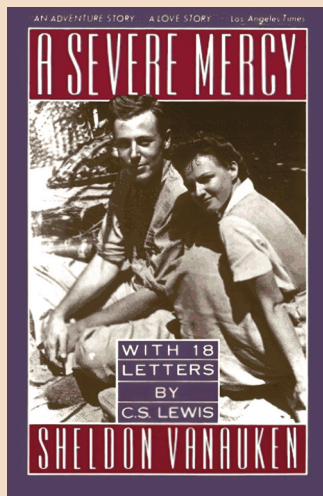


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"...I was one of those caught up in the mood and action of the 1960s, especially the Peace Movement. Christ, I thought, would surely have me oppose what appeared an unjust war [Vietnam]. But *the Movement, whatever its ideals, did a good job of hating*. And Christ, gradually, was pushed to the rear. Movement goals, not God, became first—in fact, not only for me but for other Christians involved...I now think that making God secondary (which in the end is making him nothing), is, quite simply, the mortal danger in social justice, especially in view of the marked intimations of virtue—even arrogant virtue—that often accompany it... I was not obeying the first and greatest commandment—to love God first—nor is it clear I was obeying the second—to love my neighbor. *Hating the oppressors of my neighbor isn't perhaps what Christ had in mind*.

—Sheldon Vanauken, *A Severe Mercy*, pages 234-235

Sheldon Vanauken (1914-1996) was an American author, professor of history and literature, and student-friend of C.S. Lewis. *A Severe Mercy* is a love story of his married life with Davy, the love of his life, who died prematurely at the age of 40 in 1955. After Davy's death, Vanauken became a political activist, only to have severe misgivings in the 1970s about his involvement, as per the quote above.



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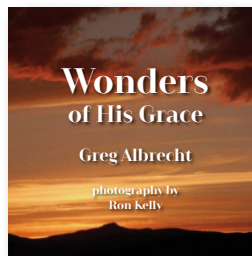
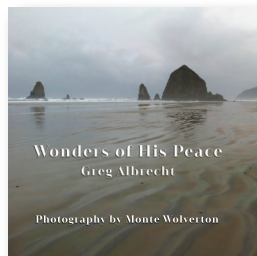
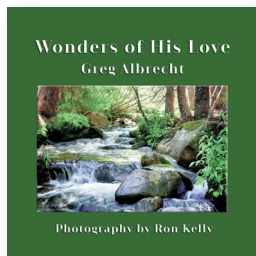
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