

# Get **UNSTUCK** from **FUNDAMENTALISM**

## *A Spiritual Journey*

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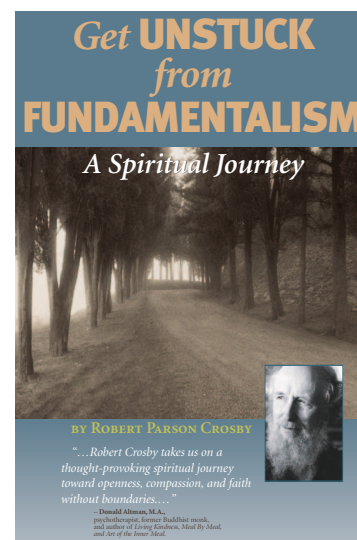
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### **SYNOPSIS**

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After referring to the “younger members of his family”, the author summarizes the book’s purpose. “I want these essays to help them see through the fog that surrounds us and find their own meaning in life and their jewel within.”

This deeply personal meaning permeates the book as he wrote freely about issues that are important to him while on a six-week trip to Italy. As a result the reader receives a collage of associative insights, interspersed with scholarly references, heart-felt images and the author’s poetry. The combination makes for an emotionally enjoyable read to see “through the fog.”

#### ***Part One: Life and faith simply put***

Part One brings clarity through understanding a few simple truths and the roles our ego, our judgments, and either/or thinking play in trapping us in literalism.

#### ***Part Two: Christian Fundamentalism: A Distraction from Essence***

This section autobiographically and historically describes the origins of American fundamentalism, its political threat, and its child-like limitations on spiritual growth. The last chapter delves into emotion-driven political issues like “the war on terror”, school prayer, abortion, inter-racial and gay marriage and ends by quoting Isaiah: “Come now and let us reason together.”

#### ***Part Three: The Spiritual Road Beyond Literalism***

Where do we turn to find direction after leaving literalism? To Ross Snyder’s core moralities that serve as guides, not as rigid moralistic codes. After examining the implications for life, death, work, creation, salvation and the role of the feminine in our lives, the book ends on a joyful, if somewhat sad note as his journey in Italy ends.