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## PRESS RELEASE

**Hodder & Stoughton Religious Books are very excited to announce the acquisition of UK, Europe and Commonwealth rights to the new book by Philip Yancey, arguably the world's greatest living spirituality writer**

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Currently untitled, Yancey's new book explores the mysteries of prayer, asking what it is, why and how we do it and what relevance it has to the twenty-first century world. It will be published in September 2006.

This new book joins the author's bestselling *Soul Survivor*, *Finding God in Unexpected Places* and *When Life Hurts* on Hodder's list. Yancey's other titles include *What's So Amazing About Grace* and *The Jesus I Never Knew*.

'I'm very pleased to extend my publishing partnership with Hodder & Stoughton and to have my books available in the United Kingdom,' said Yancey. 'Books allow me to have close ties with many readers there, even though I live thousands of miles away. Hodder & Stoughton has been an extremely supportive partner over many years, and I look forward to continued partnership.'

Hodder Religious' Managing Director, Martin Mullin, said: 'We are all completely thrilled to have acquired Philip's new book. It was a real team effort. Philip's treatment of the mysteries of prayer is totally engaging and compelling. The book will be of great interest and appeal to both the Christian and General markets. We are looking forward to making it the biggest spirituality title of next year. It is an honour to be publishing Philip Yancey.'

The division's acquiring Publisher, David Moloney, said: 'We are absolutely delighted to have signed this new book from Philip, who writes so powerfully and clearly on the human soul, the world around us and our relationship with God. The early chapters are outstanding – this book has the potential to be his greatest yet.'

'We are also hugely encouraged that Philip has entrusted his new book to us on the strength of our performance with his previous titles, despite a very strong push for World rights from his US publisher. His decision re-enforces our belief that books are most effectively published in the UK through an indigenous British publisher which knows its market. The recent trend in the Christian trade for American publishers to export direct to the UK is in neither the book's or the author's best interests.'

The book will be published in North America by Zondervan.

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