

SIX DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ *SPIRIT OF FIRE II*

Book II was written first. My goal was to put the essence of what Jesus' name can do, in and around us, **now**, on one page.

After three or four years of steady writing, one day I saw that — with a little work — the current draft could be read not only in columns (as one would expect) but also across in rows.

“A little work” turned out to be three more years to get it to work smoothly, and another fifteen years after that to develop the skill to write the final two verses that brought it to completion.*

When all sixteen verses of Book II are placed on one page, they can be read in at least six different ways:

First, in columns:

The four verses of II.1 (p. 8) make up the first column.

— in all diagrams —
p.8 | p.9 | p.10 | p.11

1	5	9	13
2	6	10	14
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Then across, in rows:

(1) is the first verse of II.1 (p.8),
(2) is the first verse of II.2 (p.9), etc.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
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And in four other ways:

1	3	9	11	1	3	5	7	1	2	9	10	1	2	5	6
2	4	10	12	2	4	6	8	3	4	11	12	3	4	7	8
5	7	13	15	9	11	13	15	5	6	13	14	9	10	13	14
6	8	14	16	10	12	14	16	7	8	15	16	11	12	15	16

Reading in different sequences reveals different meanings.

On the following six pages the six sequences are typed out in columns.

Spirit of Fire II

Sequence 1 (the first sequence, as in the book)

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You have no past in Jesus' name;
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Jesus' name reveals the love
that overwhelms the Enemy —
the God who raised him from the dead,
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in heaven, on the throne of grace.
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Those who worship in his name
dwell in God's Most Holy Place
and spend their lives discovering
new dimensions of his grace.

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