Larry Scanlan Receives International Recognition Through the NYC Big Book Award®!

This major recognition builds on the book's growing critical acclaim, following its earlier win at the Independent Press Award.



2026 NYC Big Book Award Distinguished Favorite

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD, UNITED STATES, September 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The NYC Big Book Award recognized Wisdom of an Elder: Weekly Devotionals to Help You Reach Heaven by Larry Scanlan in the category of Christian Nonfiction as a Distinguished Favorite.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, designers, booksellers, librarians and professional copywriters. Winners and distinguished favorites are based on overall excellence.

Printed Word Reviews recently reviewed Scanlan's Wisdom of an Elder stating:
"Scanlan's 52-week devotional, Wisdom of an Elder, combines personal life experience with a disciplined focus on eternity to provide a practical roadmap against modern spiritual complacency." The full critical review is here: https://www.printedwordreviews.com/bookreviews/9798999407719

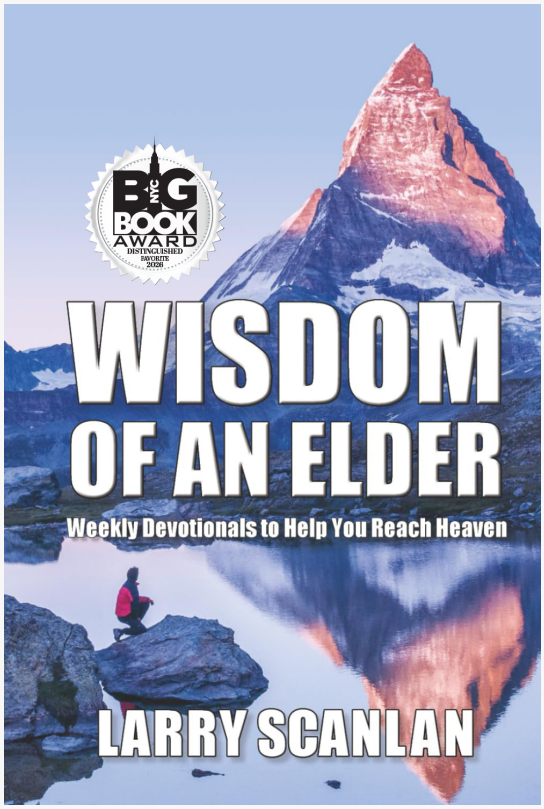
Scanlan quotes Matthew 24:35: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

As an octogenarian, "elder statesman" Larry Scanlan wishes to share the wisdom he has learned through the years on work, family and friends, and how to live life in this world to ensure we get to eternal life in the next. He has found one amazing tenet to be true: studying the Bible, God's word, is the key.

Scanlan asks "So why read the Bible?"

Surveys released in 2025 on the Bible reading habits of Americans indicate thirty-seven percent read their Bible once a week. Almost two-thirds of Bible readers find more peace after reading, and eighty-seven percent feel encouraged. The largest increase in Bible reading habits came from Millennials and Gen Z generations. Half of those surveyed wish they read their Bible more. But only ten percent read their Bible every day.

These weekly devotionals will encourage and challenge you to read your Bible more, if not every day, just as we eat and drink every day. The Bible has been around for thousands of years and always will be, just as Jesus said. Why has it survived never-ending attempts to marginalize it? Because of the powerful impact reading and studying it has on the way people live and interact.



Wisdom of an Elder: Weekly Devotionals to Help You Reach Heaven by Larry Scanlan

Sometimes humorous, at times heart-tugging and humble, these weekly devotionals are written with poignant reflections on faith, family and friends. After all, at the end of life, what else really matters? Each will direct you to God's word, which will then point you to Jesus and how to accept his offer of life in heaven, while positively impacting your daily way of living.

> Scanlan cuts to the core message and brings each chapter to a meaningful end. This conciseness, guarantees that one's spiritual clarity and real-life practicality can be fueled in a few pages."
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> *Ted Olczak, Publisher of the Printed Word Reviews magazine*

The NYC Big Book Award received book submissions worldwide. Attorneys, Doctors, Entrepreneurs, Film & Television writers, Historians, and Journalists, from well established authors to first time indie authors as well as small and large presses participated.

Entries this year were received from the United States as well as countries such as Australia, Canada, China, Dubai, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea United, Sweden, Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Cities represented among the entries were Auckland, Baltimore, Dallas, Frankfurt, Hollywood, Johannesburg, Manhattan Beach, New Orleans, NYC, Philadelphia, Sydney, and West Palm Beach.

Publishers included Beacon Press, Berrett-Koehler, Casemate, Edinburgh University Press, Forbes Books, Kiplinger Books, NYU Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Penguin Random House, Rizzoli, Routledge, The White House Historical Association, University of California Press, University of Nebraska Press, Weaving Influence Press, and Wiley.

We have an amazing list of authors from around the globe participating this year, said awards sponsor Gabby Olczak. I'm so excited to share these books with a worldwide readership!



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About the Author

Larry Scanlan, CPA, FHFMA, has worked as a CFO and CEO of several hospitals and as a President and Managing Director of multiple national consulting firms. He is the author of the book, Business Practices, Biblical Promises, and a contributor to Upper Room Magazine.

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