



## It Is What It Is: Grace Through Acceptance (Paperback)

By Thomas W E Budge

Namaste Trust, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Thomas s book is autobiographical. It reads like a novel. As one of an initial group of white English-speaking conscientious objectors to refuse military training under South Africa s former regime, he was held in military custody in the Detention Barracks in Voortrekkerhoogte, Pretoria shortly after matriculating in the early 1970 s. Of the 512 days of his incarceration, most of them were spent in solitary confinement and as much as a year in total isolation with a concurrent period spent in the notoriously awful dark-cells, a punishment that broke the spirit of many a young man. Whilst detention was an obviously difficult period for Thomas, it was extra tough because, as a gay man, he had to hide his sexual orientation from his family and friends out of fear. He had to live a double life: on one hand being the faithful child adhering to the strict dogma of the Jehovah s Witnesses, the religion under which he was raised; and simultaneously suppressing his sexual identity which he couldn t eradicate from his being. Deeply conflicted and misunderstood, soon, matters had to...



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