

RELIGION WRITER

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PROFILE

Rick Pidcock is a 2004 graduate of Bob Jones University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible. He is a freelance writer based in South Carolina and a former Clemons Fellow with Baptist News Global. He completed a Master of Arts degree in Worship from Northern Seminary in 2021. He is a stay-at-home father of five children and produces music under the artist name Provoke Wonder.

EXPERIENCE

2019 – Pres. Religion Writer, Freelance; Taylors, SC

2021 Clemons Fellow, Baptist News Global; Dallas, TX

EDUCATION

2021 M.A., Worship, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL

2004 B.A., Bible, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC

AWARDS

2021 Academic Achievement Award for highest GPA in the Master of Arts programs, Northern Seminary

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

Pidcock, Rick. *What If?* (Self-published)

Pidcock, Rick. *Mirantibus* (writing in progress)

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