

Here is a sample of early reviews, feedback, and endorsements for *A Secret of the Universe* (www.asecretoftheuniverse.com):

"Author Gibson takes the hard questions head-on and weaves multiple points of view, including the omniscient storyteller, allowing the reader enough distance to step out of the story and dig into the references in the back of the book. Fans ... will recognize the author's dedication to the quest for truth, and many readers who delight in a well-researched cautionary tale might find themselves dog-earing pages and taking notes as they enjoy the story."

--**Foreword** magazine, Carol Lynn Stewart (see Ms. Stewart's entire review from the September/October 2007 issue of **Foreword** [here!](#))

"*A Secret of the Universe* is a warm and inspiring story that offers a far deeper message than the other 'Secret' book so popular these days, but this secret is based in reality, always a good idea if you live in this universe and not some other! Read *A Secret of the Universe* and be prepared to be moved."

-- Michael Shermer, Publisher of *Skeptic* magazine, monthly columnist for *Scientific American*

"A fine and welcome novel of ideas on some of today's most pressing issues, well and thoughtfully written."

-- Earl Doherty, author of *The Jesus Puzzle* and *Challenging the Verdict*

"Thank you Stephen L. Gibson. You probably struck a chord with more people than you know. I have been waiting for this book for a very long time. I'm only sorry there are only five stars. I'd give it more!"

-- Mary A. Phillips, [Amazon](#) Reviewer

"Steve Gibson has given a wholly original spin to the age-old saga of the 'hero's journey' which we all must face in one way or another. This is a timely tale with profundities and depths far beyond the scope of most—if not all—first novels. A must read!"

-- Tom Harpur, Best-selling author of *The Pagan Christ*, journalist and former Rhodes Scholar

"It is a story about ... the most important secret the world could discover. ... The writing is tight and brilliantly executed. ... I dare readers to pick up this book and read it with an open mind. You won't be sorry. I wholeheartedly recommend *A Secret of the Universe*."

-- Heather Froeschl, author, editor, and book reviewer, [Bookideas.com](#). (Read Heather's [full review here.](#))

"*A Secret of the Universe* is good, exciting, and entertaining fiction; and it contains a lot of surprising information, with plenty of references, that many readers may not be aware of. Read it for entertainment and information. But you might not agree with Gibson's conclusions."

-- Maurice A. Williams, [Bookideas.com](#). (Read Maurice's [full review here.](#))

"Should be required reading for every seminary student! I'll teach it at my church."

-- Reverend Billie Dalton, Methodist Pastor

"It is a very powerful personal story and an intriguing quest for one's religious philosophy ... and philosophy of life. I tried to eat all the '[tomatoes](#),' and I'm fascinated by what they taught me. I confess that originally I thought that aspect of the book wouldn't affect me. However, it has caused me to evaluate many aspects of my beliefs and consider how those of others can influence me. It subtly and masterfully delivers its punch."

-- Michael LoPresto, Adjunct Professor of English, Western Michigan University

"I would suggest that anybody interested in religion, critical thinking, or belief systems read this book. This character driven book was both thought provoking and entertaining. It certainly deserves a second read."

-- M. Neall, Amazon reviewer (see [Amazon reviews](#))

"A book which came to mind while reading this was *The Hamlet Syndrome: Overthinkers Who Underachieve* by Adrienne Miller and Andrew Goldblatt. At the end of this book, they suggested the "Hamlets" of the world were those who could open the eyes of the world to what was going on around them through espousing such principles as tolerance, curiosity, critical thought and skepticism, associative thinking, and seeing the consequences of actions. These, and much more, can be seen in this novel of "love, loss, and the discovery of an eternal truth", and I daresay that Stephen Gibson is one of those "Hamlets". ... Using fiction, he takes us into the lives of believers and non-believers, to broach the subjects of religion, sex, philosophy, metaphysics, and other volatile subjects to help the reader see things from alternate perspectives."

-- Michael Woodhead, TCM Reviews (see Woodhead's [full review here](#))