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# The Tree of Life - A Dr. Nicklaus Heart Novel

## FUELED WITH IMAGINATION, INSPIRED BY HISTORY, GROUNDED IN TRUTH

-A Medical Thriller- By Timothy Browne, MD

### About the Book

Dr. Nicklaus Hart has lost his moral compass. As an orthopedic surgeon in a busy trauma practice, the cares of the world overshadow what Nick knows is true about himself. With his life unraveling, he falls into his old patterns of stress relief, but knows they are a poisonous cure. Nick is shaken from his moral slumber when a massive earthquake strikes Eastern Turkey, and he makes the snap decision to respond. Thrown into the chaos and devastation, Nick must face his internal struggle head-on.

When he cares for a man and woman from Russia, Nick is cast into a mystery as old as time. He learns the Russians are searching for the original tree of life. Intrigued, Nick and his friends accompany the agents to a town in Southeastern Turkey—a region where ISIS has infiltrated and is positioning to re-establish the caliphate. The team falls into the hands of the terrorist cell. Threatened with his life, Nick must choose between his life and his faith, and he discovers the true meaning of *The Tree of Life*.

### About the Author:

Timothy Browne extensively drew from life and work experience when writing *The Tree of Life*. For many years, he has worked as an orthopaedic surgeon and medical missionary for Operation Blessing, Mercy Ships, and Hope Force International. His work has taken him to Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Brazil, Ukraine, Borneo, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, North Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Haiti and Sierra Leone. He now resides in Western Montana with his wife, Julie, who along with their three sons, served with him.

### Note from the Author:

*The Tree of Life* is published at a time when it is important for all of us to understand the geopolitical issues of the Middle East. Although *The Tree of Life* is a fictional story, it takes the reader directly into the conflict between the radical ideology of ISIS and the rest of the world. What drives this ideology of hatred? Understanding always proceeds wisdom.