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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In his new book, Warner (*Hardcore Zen*) momentarily sets aside his punk weapons of iconoclasm and takes a more respectful, even reverential tone to a perennial question: does God exist? As a practicing Zen Buddhist, his way of considering this question is entangled in oft-misunderstood concepts such as enlightenment.

Warner never shies away from such complications; instead, they become grounds where the Western understanding of God and the Buddhist approach to reality and experience meet. For Warner, his practice is a way to approach and understand God without dealing with religion. His God is one to be experienced, felt, and intuited, something that lies beneath the surface of reality that is already naturally understood, if only one could learn to listen to silence, to listen to nothing, and to learn from nothing. In accompanying the punk Zen priest on such a singular journey through his understanding of God, the reader is asked to partake in meditation with Warner not on the Hebrew, Christian, Islamic, or any other traditional God, but rather One that can be found in daily experience when conceptual thinking has been silenced. (July)

Review

“At times in my life I’ve been an atheist, a Bible study teacher, a lover of quantum mechanics, and a believer that the universe is older and vaster than anything I could imagine. This book reflects the paradox of being a human interested in anything that might be divine.”

— **Moby**, musician and recording artist

“Insightful, refreshing, serious, humorous, and enjoyable, *There Is No God and He Is Always with You* takes a deep dive into the actual meaning of the word God and how it can be as useful for Zen Buddhists and atheists as for monotheists.”

— **David Chadwick**, author of *Crooked Cucumber: The Life and Zen Teaching of Shunryu Suzuki*

“Brad Warner frames Buddhism with something that touches my soul on the very deepest level — humor!”

— **Vicky Jensen**, director of *Shrek* and *Shark Tale*

About the Author

Brad Warner, a Soto Zen monk and teacher, is also a punk bassist, filmmaker, and popular blogger. He is the author of *Hardcore Zen*, *Sit Down and Shut Up*, *Zen Wrapped in Karma Dipped in Chocolate*, and *Sex, Sin, and Zen*. A documentary about him is forthcoming from Pirooz Kalayeh, the director of *Shoplifting from American Apparel*. Warner lives in Los Angeles.

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