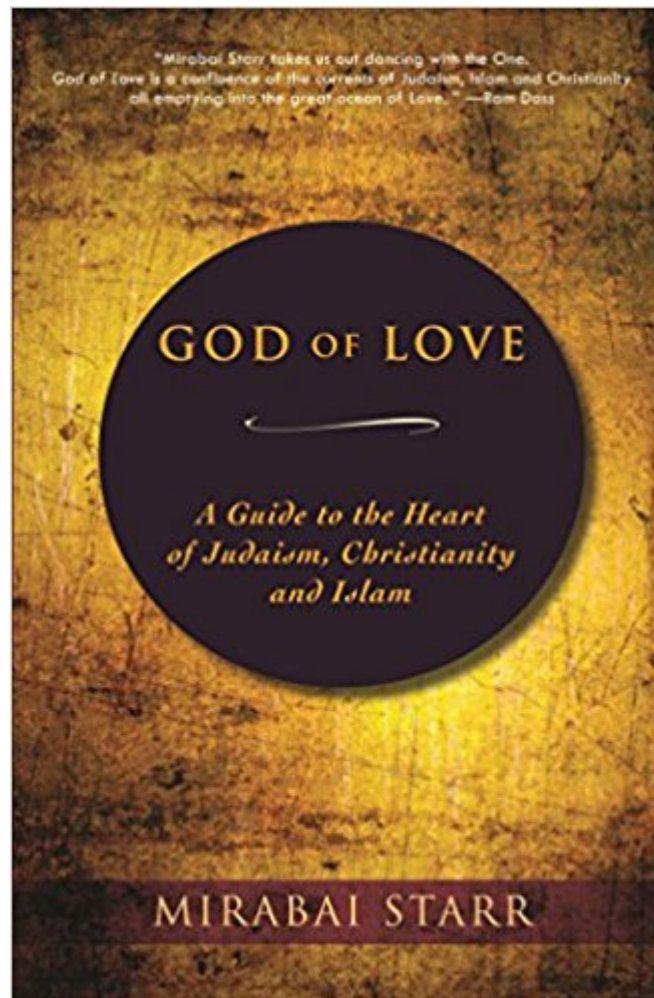




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God Of Love: A Guide To The Heart Of Judaism, Christianity And Islam



Synopsis

God of Love is Mirabai Starr's passionate and personal exploration of the interconnected wisdom of the three Abrahamic faiths. She shares an overview of essential teachings, stories of saints and spiritual masters, prophetic calls for peace and justice, and for the first time in print, deeply engaging narratives from her own spiritual experiences. She guides readers to recognize the teachings and practices that unify rather than divide the three religions, and sheds light on the interspiritual perspective, which celebrates the Divine in all paths. It is Mirabai's hope that this book will serve as a reminder that a dedication to lovingkindness is the highest expression of faith for all three religions.

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Mirabai Starr takes us out dancing with the One. God of Love is a confluence of the currents of Judaism, Islam and Christianity all emptying into the great ocean of Love.

• Ram Dass, Author Be Here Now

In a time of division between people, this book

• which is a masterful blend of research, storytelling, poetry, and memoir

• is like a sacred magnet, pulling on the spiritual heart of all seekers.

• Elizabeth Lesser, Cofounder, Omega Institute; Author, Broken Open: How Difficult Times Can Help Us Grow

Mirabai Starr writes of the divine from a luminous gene inherited by only a few. We hear The True Song in each word she attributes to the holy. It is more than just her song; it is the Melody of the Spheres translated by an astute musician. We are always touched by the genuine in her call to the reader to love and love well, to see with the sacred eye of beauty.

• Ondrea & Stephen Levine, Authors Embracing the Beloved

Mirabai's book has brought me great consolation.

• Daniel Berrigan, S. J. activist-priest; Author, No Gods but One

This book brilliantly reminds us that in the heart of the Abrahamic traditions there burns a singular divine flame.

• Rev. Robert V. Thompson, Author A Voluptuous God

A wonderful and

• perfect

™ book. Highly recommended.

• Rabbi David A. Cooper, Author God Is a Verb

[God of Love] will expand your vision and inspire your search; I recommend it with great joy.

• Andrew Harvey, Author The Hope: A Guide to Sacred Activism

At home in the three great Abrahamic traditions, Mirabai Starr takes us on a deeply personal journey 'Toward the One,' exploring aspects of the 'God of Love' as seen through the eyes of Jewish, Christian and Muslim mystics. This is a book which will delight the seeker of sacred connections between these traditions and those who look forward to a day when Jerusalem, the city shared by all these faiths, will be a house of prayer for all people.

• Reb Netanel Miles-Yepez, Co-Author A Heart Afire: Stories and Teachings of the Early Hasidic Masters

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•Spirituality & Practice, Awarded one of S&P’s Best Spiritual Books of 2012

“Maybe if Starr were less of a storyteller, her style would be less invitational, but she writes about the three Abrahamic religions as a woman in love, not as a tenure-hungry prof. The result, bearing the brilliance of her surname, plaits a strong braid from the essences of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: God is love. She writes about the three Abrahamic religions as a woman in love, not as a tenure-hungry prof.”

•Publishers Weekly, Starred Review

“The radiance of this book lies in the heartfelt and intelligent way it constructs a bridge not only between the three religious traditions but, equally important, a bridge between the moments when we recognize and know this God of love in our own lives and the moments when that love becomes invisible—obscured by clouds of anger, disbelief, sorrow, or despair.”

•Tikkun.org

“Mirabai Starr’s new book, God of Love—A Guide to the Heart of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, will be disconcerting to many in an arena that seems sometimes to have been written to death—the complexities of the Abrahamic faiths. The interconnections Starr explores seem novel but obvious at first. As the interconnections accumulate, though, familiar sacred texts become powerful and compelling in new ways, a source of hope for those who’ve concluded that Abrahamic violence is forever intractable.”

•The Interfaith Observer

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MIRABAI STARR is an adjunct professor of philosophy and world religions at the University of New Mexico-Taos. As a teenager, Starr lived at the Lama Foundation, an intentional spiritual community that has honored all the world's faith traditions since its inception in 1967. At Lama she encountered many of the leading teachers and timeless traditions of diverse spiritual paths: Hindu, Buddhist, Sufi, Jewish, Christian, and Native American. This ecumenical experience was formative in the universal quality that has infused her work ever since. Starr is best known to readers for her acclaimed translations of Dark Night of the Soul by John of the Cross, and The Interior Castle and The Book of My Life by Teresa of Avila.

Quite a helpful and innovative book. Starr delivers on her premise to identify universals with respect

to loving kindness in the three Abrahamic traditions. Chapters are organized in an inviting and accessible way. I appreciate very much this contribution and have recommended the book to others.

This book held some interesting concepts on religion. It challenged me to think past religion and more inwardly. Great read.

It is what reading Rumi while listening to Gregorian chants would be! Mirabai Starr passionately and lovingly demonstrates the Unity between all religions. There is only one God under different names in different cultures.

Once again, a person with a sense of reason has examined the content and values of these three major spiritual paths and found them remarkably similar in the aspects that matter - how to treat one's fellow man, how to regard those who suffer, how to show love and regard for others, how to explore a relationship with the concept of God, etc. Her research and journey reveal great truths about who we are supposed to be, and why it is always understanding and communication that triumph over suspicion and separatism.

A very accessible faith resource for personal and pastoral use. Mirabai Starr focuses on the commonality of these 3 traditions and the richness and Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. For those familiar with these faiths, as well as those who have not been exposed to these traditions, this will be a book to read and re-read. I highly recommend it.

This book confirmed my own feelings about religion and spirituality. It was a big whisper from the One that indeed he/she is drawing all beings to his/herself through the mystical traditions of all major religions.

I'm reading God of Love for the second time. Took it with me for an overnight with my children at the lake. Wonderful! I recommend it to everyone who wants World Peace, although it does not say it's about world peace....Read it! :)

This book was recommended highly before I even bought it. I love the format she is using in each section, which brings the reader along with her on her life journey regarding religion, spirituality and

finding God. So don't be too hasty in judging the book when starting out.

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