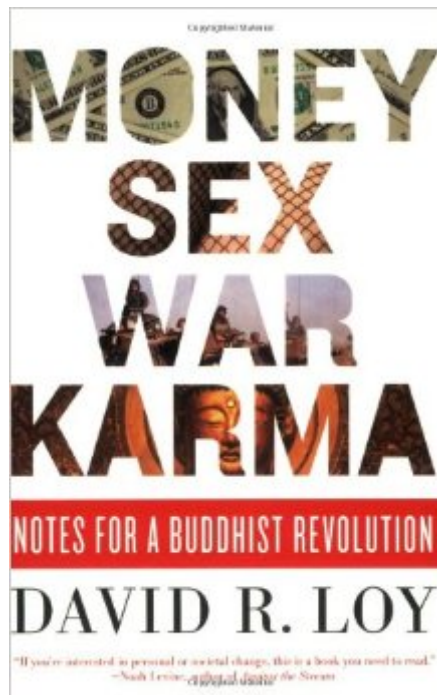


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Money, Sex, War, Karma: Notes For A Buddhist Revolution



Synopsis

What's Wrong with Sex? How to Drive Your Karma Consciousness Commodified The Karma of Food The Three Poisons, Institutionalized Why We Love War These are just some of the chapters in this brilliant book from David R. Loy. In little time, Loy has become one of the most powerful advocates of the Buddhist worldview, explaining like no one else its ability to transform the sociopolitical landscape of the modern world. In this, his most accessible work to date, he offers sharp and even shockingly clear presentations of oft-misunderstood Buddhist staples-the working of karma, the nature of self, the causes of trouble on both the individual and societal levels-and the real reasons behind our collective sense of "never enough," whether it's time, money, sex, security... even war. Loy's "Buddhist Revolution" is nothing less than a radical change in the ways we can approach our lives, our planet, the collective delusions that pervade our language, culture, and even our spirituality.

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Customer Reviews

I do not call myself a Buddhist, but that's certainly not because I haven't felt an almost life-long calling towards its teachings. I don't call myself a Buddhist because I am unsure of religion's place and legitimacy in the modern world. Religion, even dear Buddhism, seems divisive and small-minded, so I resist. Money Sex War Karma, first and foremost, is an insightful, well-written and surprisingly critical look at Buddhism. I found the short book completely riveting and full of useful criticism. As a person who has always been interested in the teachings of the Buddha and never in

the religion of Buddhism, this book articulated many vague notions that have been swirling around in my head for many, many years. How refreshing to see one of Buddhism's own teachers and practitioners offer such an insightful and well-reasonable approach to finding an authentic Buddhist path. Loy's analysis has the potential to make Buddhist teachings not only relevant to the 21st century, but indispensable. These essays possess the wisdom to help transform not only one's day to day practice, but Buddhism as an institution. Buddhists are wise to pay attention to Loy's sage and sane words.

A lot of books about Buddhism deal with concepts on a very personal level. Although one of the goals of "awakening" is to benefit all sentient beings, exactly how an "awakened" being can benefit a society in turmoil is not often discussed in a practical, realistic way. Conversely, when discussing the false perceptions that cause humans to suffer, most books about Buddhism deal with this in a very individual way, as opposed to discussing how human delusion causes problems in our collective consciousness, aka human society. "Money Sex War Karma" tries to tackle the effects of human delusion on a societal, even global scale, and tries to posit how principals of Buddhism can help bring some healing and peace to a very sick world. Clearly, this is a huge undertaking, and you could make the argument that the author bit off more than he could possibly chew. Well, so what? If the point of Buddhism is, ultimately, to wake up from our suffering, deluded state and benefit the world around us, isn't it time someone started talking about the possible ways to do that? One of the more interesting discussions in the book involves comparing the "three poisons" of Buddhist philosophy (greed, ill will, delusion) with three major human institutions that serve as direct manifestations of it (corporations, the military, and the media, respectively). Critics may call David Loy's essays naive, simplistic, liberal, or worse, but I'd prefer the dialog he is trying to perpetuate to the snarky, finger-pointing childishness that passes for most discourse.

These are great essays that provide insights into the role of modern buddhism for society in general. The perspectives herein are fresh, precise and will ressonate to buddhists of any tradition. I was fortunate to have this book recommended by Prof. Jonathan Garb, scholar for mysticism in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Not your typical book on the so-called evils of the world. It's plain to see from the dharma that the conditions we face regarding suffering are age old and the solution is just as old. Fortunately the solution is available for free. But I do recommend plunking down the cash to buy this book. Without

going into self/no self and karma, I will say that this offers a fresh look. We are fortunate to have serious students of the dharma in the west today. As the ancient sutras are often cryptic seeming and even seem non applicable, it's good to know there are men and women that can bring forth it's wisdom in plain English.

Some of the arguments were more clearly stated. I got more out of the section on war than that of genetically engineered food. He brought up interesting perspectives on karma. Underlying repetition is to be expected given that the big (negative) 3 are root causes of our discontent.

fantastic book with a western approach! just what is needed to incorporate Buddhism in our progressive western perspective. thoroughly enjoyed his modern writing style and appealed to my sense of wonder!

This book will be a life changer for many, myself included. It is a gem to have found such a solid digestible read to assist in applying concepts that can be all too often be made over complicated, Buy it! (-:

The points made are very good. If one is a beginner, then this book may seem to be a true eye opener. If more experienced with some Buddhist ways, this begins to get redundant. I feel like he uses 10 words when only 4 are needed.

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