

AWAY WITH ALL GODS!

**UNCHAINING
THE MIND
AND RADICALLY
CHANGING
THE WORLD**

BOB AVAKIAN

"Bob Avakian has written the first book in years that makes me actually want to re-read the Bible, but this time as freaky horror show, weirded out fiction and gothic nightmare."

"Everyone should read Away With All Gods because it is necessary, critical and timely, but also because it is a book written with joy and humor. Avakian has a whole lot of fun mocking the absurdities of those who should be called 'god-botherin fools'—never better than when he retells old Richard Pryor routines about Cleveland or reminds us of the hypocrisy of Ronald Reagan as Christian leader while wife Nancy reads the tarot. The trouble is that the people who go in for this religious-fantasy foolishness are serious, and they must be stopped. Avakian shows how and why."

"Pointing out that the myth that Zapata had not been killed and would return to fight again some day was flawed because it overlooked the fact that he was just as dead as was the resurrected Jesus; showing that Mel Gibson's 'Passion of the Christ' movie perpetuates an anti-Jewish slander that the mob killed the son of God; equally critical of contortions such as the one where the Quran is as fair to women thieves as it is to men ('cut off their hands' if they do not repent); and skewering Christopher Hitchens whose critique of religion is just as much an anti-Muslim tirade ('God is not great') as is the U.S. War on Terror; Avakian eviscerates all manner of soft thinking on issues that have a mysterious afterlife in popular thought today."

"Avakian has answers as to why religious fundamentalism (Christian or Islamic) is on the rise, and he does this not with candles and mirrors, dark robes and incense, but rather a philosophico-political analysis and a program for change. These are things we really need to hear."

—Professor John Hutnyk,
Academic Director, Centre for Cultural Studies,
Goldsmiths, University of London.
Author of *Bad Marxism: Capitalism and Cultural Studies*

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