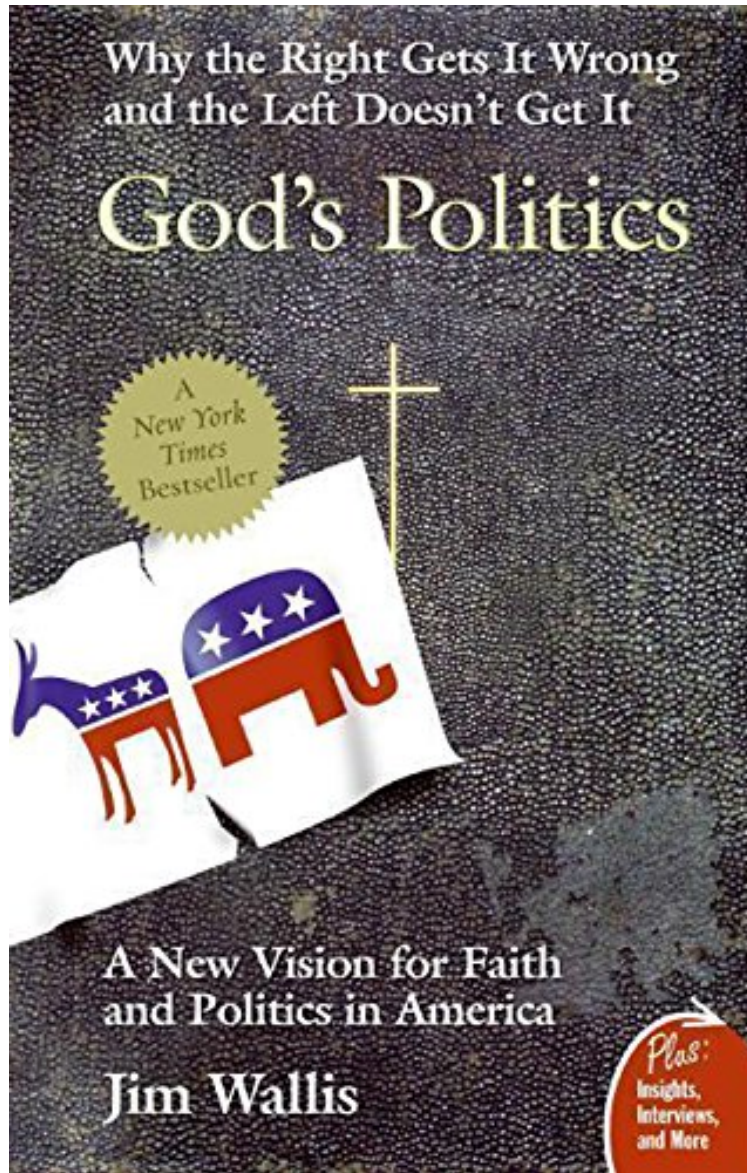


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Spot OnBy CustomerJim Wallis is a great example of how to be in and not of the world of politics. He is a prophetic voice in a world desperately in need of it. This is a really important read, especially in the time of President Trump, but it could use an update for relevancy.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Steven CuperyExcellent15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Calling all Liberal Christ-ians!By Dixie DinahJim Wallis is an evangelical who knows how to preach to us wounded Liberal Followers-of-Christ who are tempted to sit on our butts and duct-tape our mouths, hoping someone might eventually come along to make us feel better. The way to re-claim Christian values is for us to live, and talk, our faith. To quote Wallis: "Our biblical faith and religious traditions simply do not allow us as a nation to continue to ignore the poor and marginalized, deny racial justice, tolerate the ravages of war, or turn away from the human rights of those made in the image of God." There are many of us who believe that justice and peace are never contradictory, that the poor are not only our responsibility but our family, and that we must never allow God to be shanghaied (as if that were even possible)! No doubt we're being called to action. I'd like to say "Amen!" to the review by Charleen Touchette.

New York Times bestseller God's Politics struck a chord with Americans disenchanted with how the Right had co-opted all talk about integrating religious values into our politics, and with the Left, who were mute on the subject. Jim Wallis argues that America's separation of church and state does not require banishing moral and religious values from the public square. God's Politics offers a vision for how to convert spiritual values into real social change and has started a grassroots movement to hold our political leaders accountable by incorporating our deepest convictions about war, poverty, racism, abortion, capital punishment, and other moral issues into our nation's public life. Who can change the political wind? Only we can.

.com Secular liberals and religious conservatives will find things to both comfort and alarm them in Jim Wallis's God's Politics. That combination is actually reason enough to recommend the book in a time when the national political and theological discourse is dominated by blanket descriptions and shortsightedness. But Wallis, editor of Sojourners magazine, offers more than just a book that's hard to categorize. What Wallis sees as the true mission of Christianity--righting social ills, working for peace--is in tune with the values of liberals who so often run screaming from the idea of religion. Meanwhile, in his estimation, religious vocabulary is co-opted by conservatives who use it to polarize. Wallis proposes a new sort of politics, the name of which serves as the title of the book, wherein these disparities are reconciled and progressive causes are paired with spiritual guidance for the betterment of society. Wallis is at his most compelling when he puts this theory into action himself, letting his own beliefs guide him through stinging criticisms of the war in Iraq. In his view, George W. Bush's flaw lies in the assumption that the United States was an unprecedented force of goodness in a fight against enemies characterized as "evil." Indeed, although both the right and left are criticized here, the idea is that the liberals, if they would get religion, are the more redeemable lot. Wallis's line between religion and public policy may be drawn a little differently than most liberals might feel comfortable with, and while he pays some lip service to other faiths most of his prescription for America seems to come from the Bible. Still, for a party having just lost a presidential election where "moral issues" are said to have factored heavily, God's Politics is a sermon worth listening to. --John MoeFrom Bookmarks MagazineGods Politics has struck a chord with contemporary Americans who, according to bestseller lists, are buying Walliss book in droves. Regardless of how critics feel about the authors religious beliefs (evangelical Christian) and political leanings (traditional on family values; progressive on issues like poverty and social justice), they are hard-pressed to argue with his central tenets: God belongs to no single political party and true faith transcends political categorization. Wallis writes that liberals and conservatives alike should work for a "new spiritual revival that could transform our society." While at least one reviewer complains that Wallis glosses over the religious lefts failures, no one denies that he has produced a timely, thought-provoking book.Copyright 2004 Phillips Nelson Media, Inc. How far should we go to understand each others points of view? Maybe the distance grace covered on the cross. (Bono, lead singer of U2)Jim Wallis is an inspiration to me for his witness of faith and his engagement with politics. (Bill Moyers)Jim Wallis is compelling, provocative, and inspirational, with faith that can move mountains and can certainly move people and communities. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)Wallis at his usual passionate and brilliant self: he will move you to examine your conscience and search your soul. (E.J. Dionne, author of Stand Up Fight Back and Why Americans Hate Politics)Jim Wallis is the major prophetic evangelical Christian voice in the country. (Cornel West, author of Race Matters and Democracy Matters)Wallis provides a refreshing alternative voice to the polarizing rhetoric currently popular. (Library Journal)