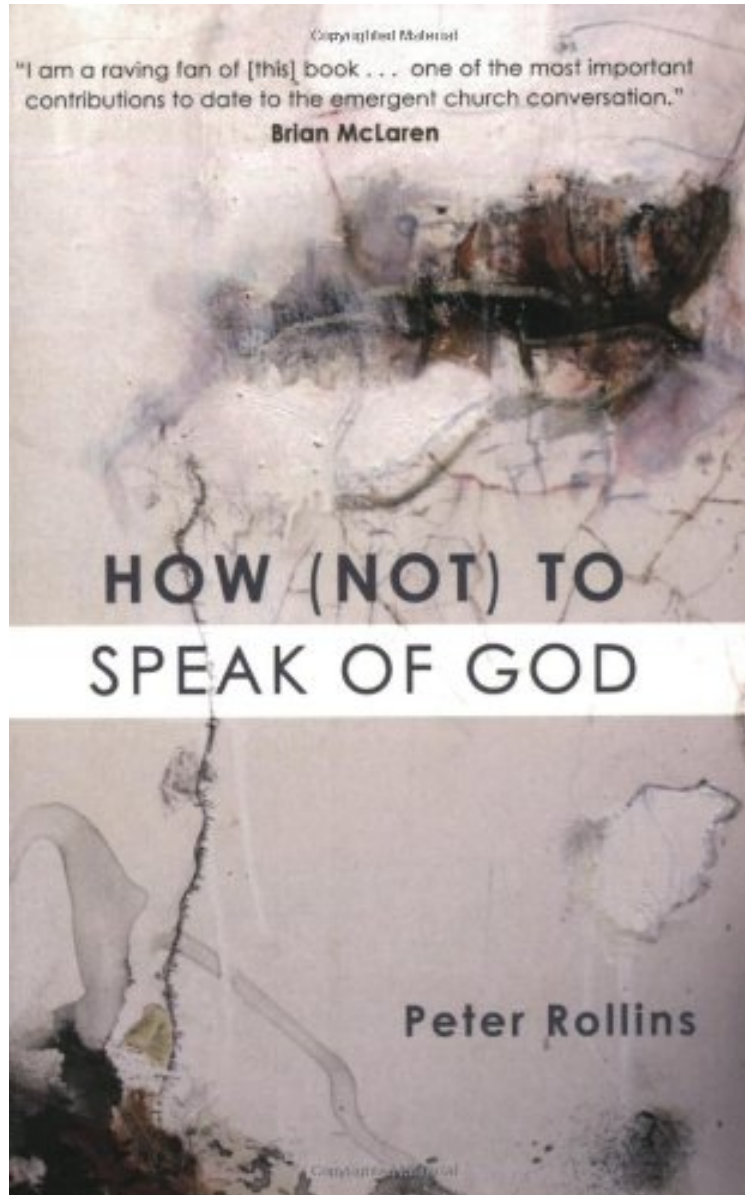


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try out some of his books. I was not disappointed. If you want a book that will take you deeper into the spiritual conversation than this is the book for you. Within the first two chapters I found myself wrestling with my own conceptions of "God" and throughout the rest had to ask myself difficult questions about what that means within my experience of life - it really changes everything. I appreciate this book, would highly recommend it, and will likely be reading it again within the year - once I get through three of his other books. More than worth the purchase. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Your idea of worship turned upside down. By Emalie Peter Rollins is one of the leaders of Ikon, a diverse group of believers and nonbelievers who are seeking an encounter with The Holy. You'll enjoy being uncomfortable. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. How (not) to Speak of God = best book of the century By Florin T. Sarbu I graduated from college in May of 2008. I can without a doubt say that this has been the best book I have read in the last 10 years. The reason I say this is because the ideas within this book although not completely new to me shattered many of the beliefs I once held. This book whether or not you agree with all the concepts in it causes one to rethink their faith and ask some important questions. 1. "why do i believe what i believe?" and more importantly 2. "how do I hold my beliefs?" Let me also say that this was an immensely hard read, in the sense that its very deep material and its not necessarily an easy read. I had to google words and sentences sometimes because i had no idea what they meant. I also would recommend that you read it with someone else so that you may discuss the topics chapter by chapter. I did it with 3 other college buddies and it turned out to be fantastic. I would highly recommend Peter Rollins and this book b/c he is a sweet dude and has some pretty intense viewpoints. I very much appreciate his writing techniques but what I appreciate most is the way he puts his message out.

With sensitivity to the Christian tradition and a rich understanding of postmodern thought, Peter Rollins argues that the movement known as the "emerging church" offers a singular, unprecedented message of transformation that has the potential to revolutionize the theological and moral architecture of Western Christianity. "How (not) to Speak of God" sets out to explore the theory and praxis of this contemporary expression of faith. Rollins offers a clear exploration of this embryonic movement and provides key resources for those involved in communities that are conversant with, and seeking to minister effectively to, the needs of a postmodern world. "Here in pregnant bud is the rose, the emerging new configuration, of a Christianity that is neither Roman nor Protestant, neither Eastern nor monastic; but rather is the re-formation of all of them. Here, in pregnant bud, is third-millennium Christendom." --Phyllis Tickle "I am a raving fan of the book you are holding. I loved reading it. I have already begun widely recommending it. Reading it did good for my mind and for my soul. It helped me understand my own spiritual journey more clearly, and it gave me a sense of context for the work I'm involved in. In fact, I would say this is one of the two or three most rewarding books of theology I have read in ten years." --Brian McLaren, from the Foreword

From Publishers Weekly In the first half of this powerful but frustratingly opaque book, debut author Rollins summarizes some of the theological ideas that the so-called emerging church is currently exploring: the importance of doubt and silence, the limits of apologetics, and the idea that God is concealed even as God is revealed. He skillfully scrutinizes Christian teaching through the lens of postmodern (especially deconstructionist) theory, and argues that Christians should both affirm their views of God and recognize that those views are inadequate. The second half comprises a set of liturgies that Rollins's religious community, an Irish group called Ikon, has employed. One service explores "divine absence" through a parable and a reading from Pascal. A ceremony for Advent uses sackcloth and ashes to highlight the penitential nature of the season. If most of these liturgies are affecting, some are a little hokey in a concluding service called "Queer," for example, participants wrap stones, representing their prejudices, in Bubble Wrap. While this may prove an important book for some younger Christian leaders, dense prose will limit its audience: "God's interaction with the world is irreducible to understanding, precisely because God's presence is a type of hyper-presence." Nonetheless, a very enthusiastic foreword from Emergent elder statesman Brian McLaren will help create buzz. (Aug.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. The emerging church is not just a term to describe a new movement for congregations that are just beginning; every congregation should see itself as emerging into the next stage of its journey, and this book will be an important tool on our journey as we think of how we speak or do not speak of God in this time in which we live. Congregations, 2007