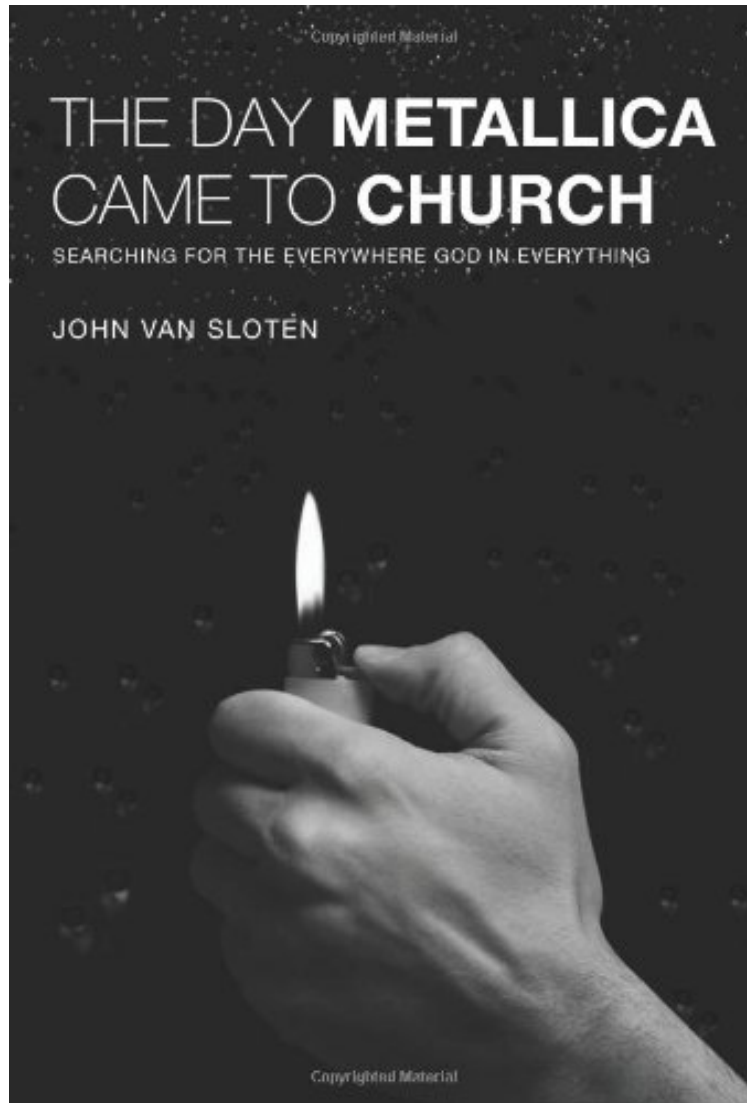


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What do the music of Metallica and Bach, the film Crash, and stories about Batman have in common? According to author and pastor John Van Sloten, God can speak through all of them if we're listening. Out of his own often startling and sometimes wrenching journey of discovery, Van Sloten shows how God can speak to us through anything and everything heavy metal music, R-rated films, sports, and even the latest fashions. This book might just change the way you hear God's voice and how you live in today's world.

The idea that God can be found in all things is nothing new in Christianity. Still, some contemporary believers are reticent to search for God in popular culture, which is often dubbed a lower form of entertainment. Van Sloten, a pastor and former real estate developer, cannot help seeing God everywhere, and he goes to great lengths to help his congregation do the same. Whether heavy metal music, sports, or blockbuster films, the author mines a large swath of U.S. pop culture and adroitly connects people's desire to enjoy these entertainments with their desire to find God. All along he cautions against replacing or equating God with music and mass media, but he never dilutes the message about God's omnipresence in human life. Not all Christians will be comfortable with the author's suggestions, but many others will appreciate his ability to discern the holy in everyday life, especially in those areas too often considered secular. (Aug.) --Publishers Weekly An artistic and playful reminder that, though the Church is God's primary instrument for changing the world, that doesn't mean God is limited to religious stuff. Scriptures are filled with God working in unlikely and scandalous ways, through brothel owners and adulterous kings and reborn terrorists. And just as the Scripture says the rocks can cry out, John Van Sloten reminds us that so can the rock stars. May we find something of God in these pages that can help us love better... and change the world. --Shane Claiborne John Van Sloten finds divine revelation in a cup of cappuccino and at an NHL hockey game, but he's far from naive; indeed, his brand of faith is as deep and expansive as his joy is infectious. These are the profoundly humble, intelligent, yearning ramblings of a seeker with wide open eyes and the courage to shove aside conventions of church-culture to discover grace and goodness. Van Sloten manages to turn everyday events such as getting on a plane, watching the Discovery Channel and listening to a Beatles' song into startling acts of love and hope. --Jacquie Moore, Senior Writer, Swerve magazine, The Calgary Herald An artistic and playful reminder that, though the Church is God's primary instrument for changing the world, that doesn't mean God is limited to religious stuff. Scriptures are filled with God working in unlikely and scandalous ways, through brothel owners and adulterous kings and reborn terrorists. And just as the Scripture says the rocks can cry out, John Van Sloten reminds us that so can the rock stars. May we find something of God in these pages that can help us love better... and change the world. --Shane Claiborne John Van Sloten finds divine revelation in a cup of cappuccino and at an NHL hockey game, but he's far from naive; indeed, his brand of faith is as deep and expansive as his joy is infectious. These are the profoundly humble, intelligent, yearning ramblings of a seeker with wide open eyes and the courage to shove aside conventions of church-culture to discover grace and goodness. Van Sloten manages to turn everyday events such as getting on a plane, watching the Discovery Channel and listening to a Beatles' song into startling acts of love and hope. --Jacquie Moore, Senior Writer, Swerve magazine, The Calgary Herald