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STARTLING NEW BOOK CHALLENGES POPULAR IDEAS ABOUT GOD

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—With his iconoclastic new book *God Is Not Nice*, Ulrich L. Lehner, one of the most promising young Catholic theologians in America, challenges the God of popular culture and many of our churches and reintroduces the God of the Bible and traditional Christianity.

Lehner helps Christians see the true God—not the polite, easygoing, divine therapist who doesn’t ask much of us, but the Almighty God who is unpredictable, awe-inspiring, and demands our entire lives.

Stripping away the niceties, Lehner shows that God is more strange and beautiful than we imagine, and wants to know and transform us in the most intimate way.

This book is not safe. It may startle and annoy many people—including those who purport to teach and preach the Gospel, but are missing it, according to Lehner. *God Is Not Nice* intends to overthrow all of our popular misconceptions about God, inviting us to ask deeper questions about the nature of our lives and our relationship with him.

When you’re finished with *God Is Not Nice*, you may find the idols you constructed in God’s name smashed, replaced with a God who will ask you to live an entirely different life full of hope and transformation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



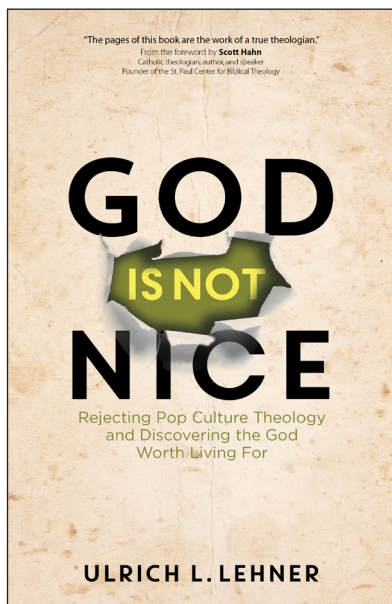
Ulrich L. Lehner is an internationally renowned professor of religious history and theology at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

He is a native of Bavaria/Germany and has earned doctorates in history and theology.

Among his numerous honors are grants and fellowships from the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, and the Humboldt Foundation.

The author and editor of more than twenty books, Lehner received the John G. Shea Award for the best book on Catholic history in 2011 by the American Catholic Historical Association for Enlightened Monks. Since 2014, he is an elected member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Lehner lives in the Milwaukee area with his wife, Angela, and their five children.

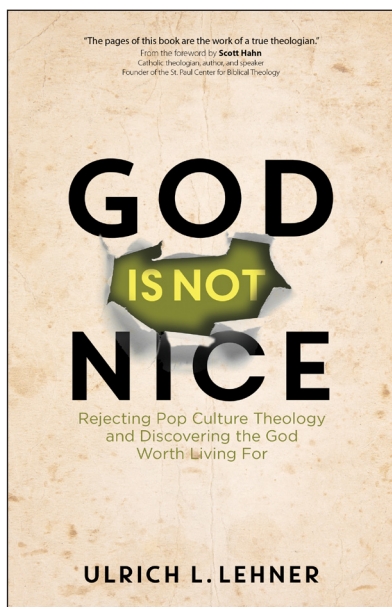


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PRAISE FOR *GOD IS NOT NICE*

“This book is a bombshell in the playground of the contemporary sentimentalism and therapeutic deism that often masquerades as Christianity—one of those rare works that brilliantly diagnoses the errors of our time and responds to them with clarity and charity. In our age of ‘safe spaces,’ it should be required reading for college and university students who likely haven’t yet met the God of the Bible—a God who is good, but by no means safe.”

Brant Pitre

Catholic theologian, apologist, and author of *The Case for Jesus*

“A bracing antidote to the vapidness of American megachurch religiosity, a challenge to all Christians to reencounter the God of the Bible in full, and, for Catholics, a primer on an important aspect of the New Evangelization.”

George Weigel

Catholic author and distinguished senior fellow
and William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies
Ethics and Public Policy Center

“We’ve made church and belief in God something that ‘nice and polite’ people do, mostly on Sundays. It’s idolatry of the worst kind and a deadly threat to not only our faith, but the faith of our children.”

Excerpt From *God Is Not Nice*

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. What’s the most important message you want readers to glean from the book?
2. Why is *God Is Not Nice* necessary for this time in our culture?
3. What’s the root of the “Nice God” mentality?
4. How will reframing your ideas about God help to transform readers and give them hope?