



The Kingdom of God Is Within You

By Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy

White Crow Books. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 324 pages. Dimensions: 8.4in. x 5.5in. x 0.8in. Published in 1884, The kingdom of God is within you is perhaps Tolstoy's most significant work of non-fiction. Due to the Russian censors, it was first published in Germany, but its dominant idea of non-violence echoed across the international stage throughout the 20th century. In essence, the book is a defence by Tolstoy of the position on non-violence he adopted in My Religion; and therefore also an assault on the Orthodox Church. Nowhere, says Tolstoy, is there evidence that God or Christ founded anything like what churchmen understand by the Church. And in what it now proclaimed, Tolstoy believed the church was wasting its time: The activity of the church consists in forcing, by every means in its power, upon millions of Russian people, those antiquated, time-worn beliefs which have lost all significance. Freshly informed by Quaker ideals of non-violence; and full of both story telling and rhetoric, here is Tolstoy calling for a change in consciousness in society. He does not accept that this social order, with its pauperism, famines, prisons, gallows, armies and wars, is necessary to society. That which is, is not that...



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