



God Is an Anarchist

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Createspace, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 222 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Gary Chartier (author of Anarchy and Legal Order: Law and Politics for a Stateless Society) writes the foreword and states: Anarchists frequently view religion as exemplifying or sustaining arbitrary authority. Consider Mikhail Bakunin's God and the State, suggesting that subservience to the state is disturbingly similar to religious belief, and Daniel Guerin's No Gods, No Masters, effectively treating religious and socio-political authority as coordinate. When religious institutions are intertwined with a society's power structure, just as when those institutions reinforce submissiveness to authority by denigrating or otherwise resisting critical thinking, it's easy to see why they might be seen as anarchism's enemies. But it is also surely crucial to recognize alternative strands in the history of multiple religious traditions. In the Abrahamic traditions, which I know best, it is clear, for instance, that belief in divine transcendence has undermined the idolization of political authority; that belief in individual access to God and to divine truth has strengthened belief in the capacity of ordinary people to make their own political decisions; and that Jesus...



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