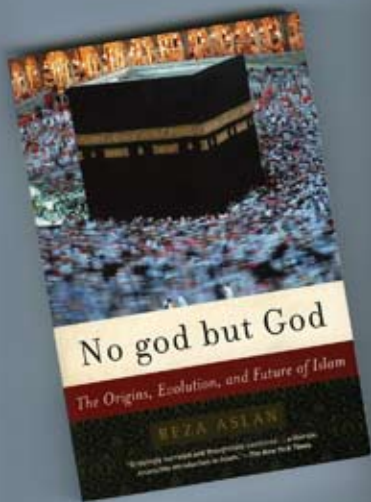


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Revolution, Reformation, and Regime Change: Contemporary Iran

Reza Aslan

Writer and religious scholar

Friday, 2 November

3:00 P.M.

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Reza Aslan, an internationally acclaimed writer and scholar of religions, is a regular commentator for NPR's *Marketplace* and a Middle East Analyst for CBS News. Aslan's first book, *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam* has been translated into half a dozen languages, was short-listed for the Guardian (UK) First Book Award and nominated for a PEN USA award for research nonfiction. Born in Iran, he now lives in Santa Monica, CA, where he is a research associate at the University of Southern California's Center on Public Diplomacy. His next book is *How to Win a Cosmic War: Why We're Losing the War on Terror* (forthcoming, Random House, fall 2008). Until recently, he was both a visiting assistant professor of Islamic and Middle East studies at the University of Iowa and the Truman Capote Fellow in Fiction at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. He has written for the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, *Slate*, *Boston Globe*, the *Washington Post*, the *Guardian*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Nation*, and others, and has appeared on *Meet The Press*, *Hardball*, the *Daily Show*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, the *Colbert Report*, *Anderson Cooper*, and *Nightline*.

Aslan received a BA in religion from Santa Clara University, a master's degree in theological studies from Harvard University, an MFA in fiction from the University of Iowa, and is currently a doctoral candidate in the sociology of religions at the University of California—Santa Barbara.

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