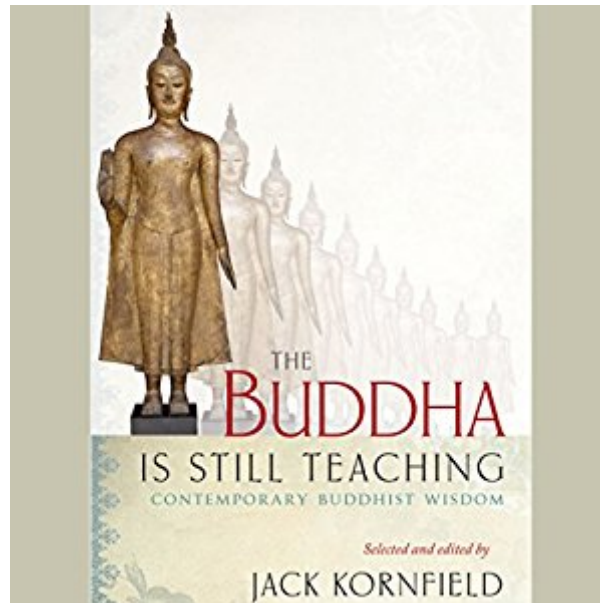


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When the Buddha set in motion the wheel of Dharma, he knew that the teaching he gave was inexhaustible - that every future generation would find its own skillful ways to convey it to the hearts and minds of those ready to hear. The Buddha Is Still Teaching is testimony to the fulfillment of that promise today. The selections it contains, from today's most highly regarded contemporary Buddhist teachers, bring the Dharma eloquently to life for us in our own time, place, and culture. They demonstrate that two and a half millennia have done nothing to diminish the freshness of the Buddhist teachings, or their universal applicability to our lives. Contributors include: Ajahn Chah, Joko Beck, Sylvia Boorstein, Tara Brach, Pema Chodron, the Dalai Lama, Ram Dass, Mark Epstein, Norman Fischer, Natalie Goldberg, Joseph Goldstein, Dilgo Khyentse, Jack Kornfield, Noah Levine, Stephen Levine, Sakyong Mipham, Sharon Salzberg, Suzuki Roshi, Robert Thurman, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Tulku Thondup.

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I savor this book, and it sits near the meditation cushion in my home. This is my current daily reader. What I enjoy about the book is the wide breadth of buddhist teachers whose wisdom appear in the pages of this book. There are few people more qualified than Jack Kornfield to edit a book like this. Due to a hectic life in this modern world, and living a 90 minute drive from Spirit Rock, I am limited in the amount of face to face time I get with live buddhist teachers. This book does me the service of bringing to my very living room wise teachers from all corners of the globe sharing some of the best

of what the dharma has to offer.

As a frequent library patron, I initially borrowed this book from my local library. I loved it so much that I felt I needed to own a copy of my own. Jack Kornfield introduced me to Buddhism several years ago and I now own several of his books. This book includes excerpts from books, sometimes only a page or less, authored by current, respected teachers of Buddhism. As a reader of books on Buddhism, most of their names were familiar to me but not all. I view these cited books and their authors as Kornfield's best-of-the-best list. In the future, with this book in hand, I feel that Jack Kornfield will be my own personal guide to future Buddhist reading.

I have purchased several copies of this book and after putting it on my bookshelf people have noticed it and asked to borrow it. I have yet to receive a lent copy back. My friends enjoy the book so much that they just pay me for the book and ask me to order a new one for myself. I currently have another copy on order and I will not lend it out. As Usual, Jack Kornfield has brought the essence of the Buddha's teachings to life, clearly and passionately sharing the wisdom of Buddhist teachings. I have purchased many of Kornfield's books and this one in my opinion, is by far the best. If you are looking for kind, compassionate and wise advice for difficult times, times of spiritual crises or a new way to approach life's challenges, this book is for you.

The Buddha Is Still Teaching: Contemporary Buddhist Wisdom comes from a range of contributors and packs in a testimony to Buddhist teaching and its applications to modern living. Selections come from notable Buddhist teachers and offer discussions of concepts ranging from change and karma to fidelity and developing inner discipline. No Buddhist or new age library should be without this fine, easy distillation of basic Buddhist beliefs and perspectives.

Great compilation of contemporary and timeless wisdom. My copy is well marked already with yellow post-it tabs and folded page corners - so many favorite quotes. I teach meditation, mindfulness classes and lead a women's mindfulness circle. We have read this book in 2 of our weekly forums, 45 pages each week. It is rich with gems of wisdom and insight. Meaningful and relevant. I often will read a short passage as a prelude to a meditation sitting or reflective gathering. It's a great gift for anyone who considers themselves 'spiritual but not religious' - got a copy for my mother (in her late 70's) for her birthday!

This is a wonderful daily meditation book; though it can be read in entirety, its best usage is to read selected pages, then journal and think about the ideas. It travels with me so I have a connection point to things that are most important every day.

I spend a lot of time sitting on the floor reading all kinds of books at the B&N bookstore on 14th street in Manhattan. One day I found this one. Many spiritual teachers talk long and hard about selflessness. But Jack Kornfield not only talks about it, he puts it into action. "The Buddha Is Still Teaching" is not a book by Jack per se but a book about Jack's purpose in life - to assist others. The book is a compilation of Jack's favorite bits n' pieces written by some of his favorite spiritual writers. What could be more selfless than a famous guy putting his name on a book that's all about the best writings of people who write material about helping others? The book is a compilation of quotations by some of the best spiritual writers of our time. It's nothing more than a book of spiritual, mostly Buddhist, quotations, but you'll love it. To Jack's credit, he really can pick the winners. Instead of just sitting on the floor reading this one for free, I actually bought it.--Marcus Author of WAKE YOURSELF UP

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