

Praise for THE HIDDEN POWER OF THE GOSPELS

"The liveliest presentation of the Gospels that I have seen in a very long time."
Phyllis Tickle, author of *The Great Emergence*

"It's a rare treat to have someone show you a previously undiscovered layer of meaning and import. Alexander Shaia has given us a tremendous resource. Many times as I read, I said to myself, 'I've never noticed that before. That makes so much sense – both theologically and psychologically!'"
Brian McLaren, author of *A New Kind of Christianity*

"Alexander Shaia reclaims the Christian gospels as religious practices shared across spiritual traditions- minds abiding in peace, guided by love, mandated to serve. This book is a jewel."
Sylvia Boorstein, PhD, bestselling author of *Happiness Is an Inside Job*

"This is a wonderfully wise and profound vision of the gospels, illuminating their inner meaning and our inner lives with them."
Jack Kornfield, co-founder of Spirit Rock Meditation Center and bestselling author of *A Path With Heart*

"This book enriches prayer. Every word is delicious."
Rev. Mpho Tutu, Executive Director of the Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage and coauthor with Desmond Tutu of *Made for Goodness*

"With many books today based on Jesus and a narrow view of history, this work on the gospels is breathtakingly liberating. Dr. Shaia is redirecting the last hundred and fifty years of gospel scholarship."
Alan Jones, author & dean emeritus, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

"Eye-opening, intelligent, and practical, Hidden Power will transform the way you read scripture and reveal a path for a vibrant Christian way of life."
Diana Butler Bass, author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us*

"An inspirational book, of value to anyone who turns to the gospels for insight and guidance. His readers will find themselves engaged, encouraged, and energized for their life-long Christian pilgrimage."
Rev. Robin Griffith-Jones, author of *Beloved Disciple*

Dr. Shaia's portrayal of the four gospels reaches to the very heart of recovery. His book reveals a sequence of the gospels that complements the 12 step journey of recovery and spiritual maturity. His work on the gospels addresses suffering, unmanageability, turning it over to a power greater than ourselves, searching for truth, and service to others. Written in a way that is accessible to believers and nonbelievers alike, the counsel and exercises presented offer a great guide for achieving and deepening long term recovery, equanimity and spiritual growth.
Ed Connolly & Karen Dotson, Owners, Sunlight of the Spirit Books, Sacramento