

I'm God You're Not – Observations on Organized Religion and Other
Disguises of the Ego by Lawrence Kushner.
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Rabbi Lawrence Kushner has been a hugely influential presence in the United States, both as a scholar and a congregational rabbi, for many decades. He is respected for his theology, his mysticism, his calligraphy, his passion for his Jewish heritage and, above all, for his ability to communicate these things in approachable language to people of all ages.

I'm God You're Not is a terrific collection of Kushner's writings between 1984 and the present, divided into 6 subjects: Rabbi, Judaism, Family, World, Mysticism, and Holiness.

There is something here for everyone, and whether short or long each passage has ideas and thoughts that cry out for reflection and consideration. My bias towards his articles in the first section is, perhaps, comprehensible, and Larry and I are in agreement about many things rabbinic, but there is much in Family and Holiness that is touching and thought provoking in equal measure.

This is a wonderful introduction to the world-views of Rabbi Kushner for those ignorant of him, and for the Kushner cognoscenti it is a joyous compendium of the work of an admirable colleague.

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