



## Lenin, Religion, and Theology New Approaches to Religion and Power

By Roland Boer

Palgrave Macmillan. Paperback. Condition: New. 360 pages. Dimensions: 9.1in. x 6.0in. x 0.8in. This book pursues the implications for linking Lenin with theology, which is not a project that has been undertaken thus far. What does this inveterate atheist known for describing religion as spiritual booze (a gloss on Marx's opium of the people) have to do with theology? This book reveals far more than might initially be expected, so much so that Lenin and the Russian Revolution cannot be understood without this complex engagement with theology. It also seeks to bring Lenin into recent debates over the intersections between theology and the Left, between the Bible and political thought. The key names involved in this debate are reasonably well-known, including Alain Badiou, Slavoj Žižek, Giorgio Agamben, Antonio Negri, Terry Eagleton, Ernst Bloch, Theodor Adorno, Louis Althusser, Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari. Boer has written concerning these critics, among others, in Boer's earlier five-volume *Criticism of Heaven and Earth* (Brill and Haymarket, 2007-13). *Lenin and Theology* builds upon this earlier project but it also stands alone as a substantial study in its own right. But it will be recognised as a contribution that follows a series that has, as critics have...



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