

Worldwide Laws of Life: 200 Eternal Spiritual Principles

"synopsis" may belong to another edition of this title.

Sir John Templeton was born in Winchester, Tennessee, went to Yale, and then to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He is known for his astute investment skills on Wall Street and through the Templeton Mutual Funds. In 1987 he founded the John Templeton Foundation, and he currently funds the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

"In this book, Templeton builds on his earlier *Discovering the Laws of Life* to collect over 200 spiritual laws that he believes affect personal attitudes and personal development. These laws, or spiritual principles, are drawn from all of the world's religious traditions as well as from successful figures in secular life, such as Mike Ditka, former coach of the Chicago Bears and now coach of the New Orleans Saints, inventor Henry Ford and Templeton himself. Templeton has divided the book into increments of 40 weeks, and he provides five laws for each weekly period. The laws follow a predictable pattern; each law is stated, and Templeton then offers a reflection on that law. Other inspiring quotations appear in the margins. The end product is a positive-thinking handbook filled with simple exhortations reminiscent of the Horatio Alger stories of the 19th century." - Review from Publishers Weekly

"It has been well said that life is a tough school because the exams come first and the learning comes afterward. This book is a sincere attempt to provide some opportunities for learning before the exams arrive." - John Marks Templeton

"I was quite wowed by some of those quotations - and impressed by the moral energy and coherence required to assemble them! The author offers the wisdom of others, but in fact, it is his own moral quest that informs this book, and his own wisdom that enables it to be accomplished so successfully!" - Robert Coles, Pulitzer Prize-winning author

"Sir John Templeton's new book draws on a wide variety of cultures and sources, but its message is unified and clear: Affirm life. Dare to love. Be a person of depth and integrity. We need to hear these words, so clearly and forcefully presented, or we will not survive. This book is a fine example of mentoring - learning from our elders and teachers how to keep our souls in an age of anxiety." - Thomas Moore, author of *Care of the Soul* and *The Re-Enchantment of Everyday Life*

"Transcending our religious, economic and political differences, John Templeton reminds us that God still loves the little children of the world - red and yellow, black and white - just as much as when we adults first learned that little tune. As we approach a new millennium, it is most timely for ministers, economists, politicians and the rest of us to reflect on this wonderful book with hearts and minds that are as loving and open as those of little children." - Robert H. Schuller, Minister, The Crystal Cathedral

"John Marks Templeton's remarkable credo is influenced, in no small part, by his faith in God, his abiding belief in human progress, his enthusiasm for life, his commitment to the principles of free enterprise, and his unyielding desire to contribute meaningfully to the spiritual uplift of his fellow man. These cherished qualities are a testament to a reasoned and self-disciplined life of business success and philanthropic generosity, and embody the essence of our civilization and its values." - William E. Simon, Former Secretary of the Treasury

"Sir John Templeton has tested these laws in the most important experiment of all - his life. This book is deeply insightful and practical. We need mentors and exemplars more than ever before, and Sir John Templeton is such a person." - Larry Dossey, MD, author, Prayer is Good Medicine, Healing Words, and Recovering the Soul. Executive editor, Alternative Therapies

"John Templeton brings to the business of life the same world-class wisdom and incisiveness that have made him the premier international investor of the twentieth century. John combines a globe-sized brain with wonderfully human insights - and he beautifully practices what he so arrestingly preaches." - Louis Rukeyser, host of Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser and editor-in-chief of Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street and Louis Rukeyser's Mutual Funds.

"Books fascinate me. But none excels Worldwide Laws of Life by Sir John Templeton. It promises 200 essential spiritual principles. This would be overwhelming, but the plan and organization of the book prevents that. There are forty chapters and each chapter briefly presents five Laws. It is readable, stimulating, invigorating, and exciting. Quotations abound. You may read for an hour; or sometimes you will be rejuvenated and inspired by just ten minutes. No one should miss the thrill of being absorbed by Worldwide Laws of Life." - Ruth Stafford Peale

"Wisdom is hard to come by in this day and age. That is why this book is so valuable. John Templeton collects gems of wisdom cross-culturally. He puts them together in an inspiring mosaic that holds our attention and teaches us basic lessons for life." - Tony Campolo, Professor of Sociology, Eastern College, St. David's, Pennsylvania 19087

"Worldwide Laws of Life is not a passive textbook. It is inspirational counsel that will guide you successfully through today's very stressful and troubled world. Not surprisingly, its author is among the greatest investment counselors - regularly singled out as the best global investor that the modern world has ever known. Yet Worldwide Laws of Life is very easy-to-read and reference because of its enjoyable, yet thought-provoking style - organized by weeks - each summarized by ten spotlights. Its inspiration is powerfully believable, whether you are scientifically or spiritually inclined. Highly recommended." - Charles E. Githler, III, Chairman InterShow - world's largest live investor education conference producer.

Timeless wisdom that is inspirational for people from all walks of life." - Sanford N. McDonnell, Chairman Emeritus, McDonnell Douglas

"Worldwide Laws of Life is a wonderfully down-to-earth approach to the problems that all of us face spiritually each day. This book involves two hundred eternal spiritual principles that can be of great use to each of use who seek some meaning in life and realize that we can only obtain it through spiritual understanding. John Templeton helps us greatly in this endeavor and I commend this book to all who would like a spiritual enlightenment in our times. We are totally surrounded by materialism but this book breaks through all of that and gives a daily view of life which is both inspiring and wholesome. - Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President Emeritus, University of Notre Dame -- Reviews & Commentary

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