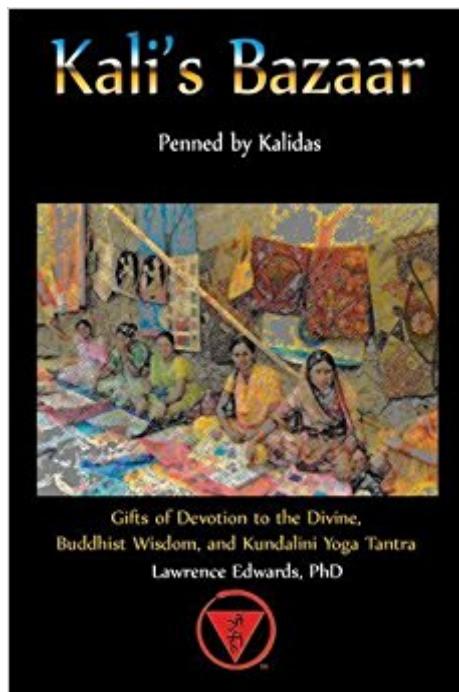


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Kali's Bazaar



Synopsis

You may laugh out loud, be moved to tears or pulled into deep contemplation by what you encounter in Kali's Bazaar. Readers will return often to this accessible collection to draw from its wellspring of devotion, revelation and celebration of the Divine present in every moment, every being, and all of creation. Bring inspiration, clarity, and practical instruction to your spiritual path or meditative practice through insightful and often ecstatic poetry from a devoted master meditation teacher who has more than 40 years of experience. Dr. Edwards trained in Buddhist, yogic, Kundalini and other mystical traditions, in addition to his professional training in depth psychology, biofeedback and neurofeedback. "This collection of devotional poems, a rarity in today's world, will awaken the heart of love within any reader whatever their spiritual tradition... These poems are in the tradition of the great ecstatic poets such as Rumi, Kabir, Hafiz and others. They transport the reader beyond this world of duality into unconditioned Oneness, a rare gift indeed!"... Olivia Hoblitzelle, 2009 Best Buddhist Writer, author: *Ten Thousand Joys & Ten Thousand Sorrows: A Couple's Journey Through Alzheimer's*... Dr. Edwards earned his PhD as a University Scholar Fellow at Temple University. He has an extensive background in meditation, mindfulness, Kundalini and yoga. He has run meditation centers and an ashram in the US and taught at a variety of institutions in India, Canada and the United States. Dr. Edwards is the author of the critically acclaimed book, *The Soul's Journey: Guidance From the Divine Within*. He is the founder and director of The Anam Cara Foundation. Visit: TheSoulsJourney.com, and AnamCaraFoundation.org.

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From the Introduction of Kali's Bazaar: These poems were penned as accurately as possible as they appeared during meditative states which were often suffused with the gifts of unimaginably sublime ecstasy and overwhelming Love. (Such living meditative states aren't limited to sitting in a classic posture or specified time of practice.) Gathered along the path of devotion, the poems are gifts of grace, of Love, to be passed on to others. The path of Love, the path of devotion - bhakti yoga in the yogic tradition - fully engages the heart, mind, body and spirit of the seeker. The highest knowing is experienced through loving merger with the Infinite and the divine play of Lover and Beloved. I didn't begin my spiritual pursuits this way. I started out as an intellectual, seeking with the mind, studying Buddhism, Vedanta and yoga; doing practices of watching the breath, meditating with clarity, focus and energy, seeking an abstract Witness Consciousness, Buddha Mind, Transcendent Infinitude. I was blind to love and devotion. I didn't think of the heart. I didn't engage the heart or even want to remember it. In fact, I found the heart to be a problem. Feelings were obstacles to be subdued, mere mud that once stirred had to be allowed to settle before the clarity and light of the mind could be regained. Of course I didn't know That which illumines even the darkness and density of the mind. Fortunately the Heart of hearts has never forgotten us, regardless of how long we may have turned away from Her. One of the poems in this collection ends with "Choose Love/For Love has already chosen you." Perhaps that's all that really needs to be said about the great paths to knowing and living the highest truth. Though I can say that now, from where I sit now, where I started from decades ago was very different. I grew up in an average suburb of New York City, on Long Island, and rebelling all the way, went through a disengaged confirmation process in the Methodist Church. But there was within me a very alive longing to know what lies beyond the ordinary mind and the ordinary things that occupy us all. I wrote more about this in my book The Soul's Journey: Guidance From The Divine Within and won't go into that here. Suffice it to say that I was blessed with heart and mind opening experiences of the Infinite One clothed in exquisite archetypal forms divine, as well as experiences of dissolution into formlessness which

forever altered my view of the entire world and every being within it...Kali is known as the Great Mother, the one who creates all the forms that appear in the universe and withdraws them all back into Herself. She is a fierce protector of true seekers. Creator and Destroyer, Lover and Beloved, She is all that is. When I first encountered Her decades ago in meditation I was completely overwhelmed and I was afraid to even contemplate the experience for many months. I literally wondered how a suburban New Yorker could possibly be having mind blowing experiences of the Hindu Goddess Maha Kali! Decades later it didn't surprise me that as She appeared in the form of Tara telling me to learn of Her in those forms, suddenly I was introduced to a great master of the Tibetan Buddhist Tara tradition visiting from his monastery in Bhutan, His Eminence Tsewang Seetar Rinpoche. Nothing is impossible for Her!...The Source, the power and wisdom of Love, which attempts to push its way into this world through the words of these poems reveal Her gifts. Please look beyond the words, please feel beyond the words, please hear beyond the words for what is truly being offered by Her, and imperfectly conveyed by this scribe.I pray that you fully receive all that She has to give.In Her service,Kalidas

The work of this book stimulates the mind and the heart. For the author's work I give it five stars. However, for the Kindle version I purchased I have many pages where the poetry is cut off the bottom of the page and I cannot read all of the lines. It is disappointing to read the work and then have missing endings or transitions to the next page. So for I give this a minus as my book is incomplete.

Rarely does a collection contain so many poems that penetrate directly to our spiritual heart. As with Hafiz and Rumi, the author's voice is like the voice of our own Self - wise, kind, admonishing, cajoling - reminding us of ancient truths we have may have forgotten. Bravo, Mr. Edwards. More!

Kali's Bazaar is a sublime and uplifting collection of poems penned by Lawrence Edwards, Ph.D., gifted writer, Jungian analyst and true Teacher. Each poem beckons you to sit down, to allow your cup to overflow with beauty and grace of spirit, and to experience a transformational journey of mind, heart and soul. Edwards eloquently reminds us that, even in the darkest of times, to "choose love" as the path of connection to each other and the divine. Kali's Bazaar is a gift to and for the soul that will "cover you like blanket of grace". Ilene S. Smith

In "Kali's Bazaar," Lawrence Edwards, Ph. D., offers us what is rare in our modern world--a

dedicated pilgrim who speaks the authentic language of desire, hope, and union as he approaches the throne of the Invisible, "Kali," the divine all knowing Mother of all that is. Spoken as the true devotee, he allows us to witness through the power of sacred poetry the profound adoration of and day to day interactions between the small self and the Great Wisdom Being who guides and protects. Such perspectives are rare in our modern age, though they were once prevalent in certain parts of the world. Kalidas (servant of Kali) reminds us that such dedication is timeless and true devotion occurs in all eras and geographic locations. To read these verses is to undergo a deep infusion of Divine Love. Dorothy Walters, Ph. D.[...]

A wonderful book of inspired verse. Edward's poetic voice delightfully spans across traditions, and always lands in a space of transcendent wonder. This is a great addition to my collection of mystic poetry.

Those on a sacred path will recognize that Kalidas (Lawrence Edwards) has made an authentic life journey and, through his poetry, is sharing his piercing insights and exalted states. His relationship to the Mother allows us to hear her voice in every sound, to see her magnificence in every sight, to feel her fiercely loving caress in every touch, and to sense the rhythm of her beating heart in our own heart. Reading these poems transports and transforms the reader through delight and deep satisfaction.

The book is magnificent, epic!! It, in brief lines of prose and deep inspiration, exposes the eternal truth and perennial philosophy naked to the world. It is a book that can be read in an hour and must be studied for a lifetime to reveal the astonishing truths hidden in its pages. Kali's Bazaar contains a distillation of the essence of all the world's mystery and ecstatic traditions. Embrace the light streaming from its pages!

Lawrence Edwards' beautiful, moving poetry fills you with hope and makes it abundantly clear that the loving power of the divine feminine is afoot in the world today and that She is busily doing her holy work -- transforming each and every one of us with her grace.

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