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Dr. Reza Aslan is an internationally acclaimed writer and scholar of religions and expert on Middle East affairs. Born in Iran, he has degrees in Religions from Santa Clara University, Harvard, and U.C. Santa Barbara, as well as a Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa, where he was named the Truman Capote Fellow in Fiction. Dr. Aslan is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities, and the Pacific Council on International Policy. He serves on the board of directors for both the Ploughshares Fund, which gives grants for peace and security issues, and Abraham’s Vision, an interfaith peace organization.

Aslan’s first book, the New York Times Bestseller, “No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam”, has been translated into thirteen languages, short-listed for the Guardian First Book Award in the UK, and nominated for a PEN USA award for research Non-Fiction. His most recent book is “How to Win a Cosmic War: God, Globalization, and the End of the War on Terror”, and his edited anthology, “Words Without Borders: Writings from the Middle East”, which will be published by Norton in 2010.

Dr Aslan’s ability to bridge the gap between east and west has earned time on the Daily Show with Jon Stewart and he comments regularly for the Anderson Cooper 360 Weblog on CNN.com. He is a contributing editor at the Daily Beast (thedailybeast.com) and has written for the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, Slate, Boston Globe, the Washington Post, the Guardian, Chicago Tribune, the Nation, and others. Dr. Aslan has appeared on Meet The Press, Hardball, Real Time with Bill Maher, The Colbert Report, Anderson Cooper 360, and Nightline.

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