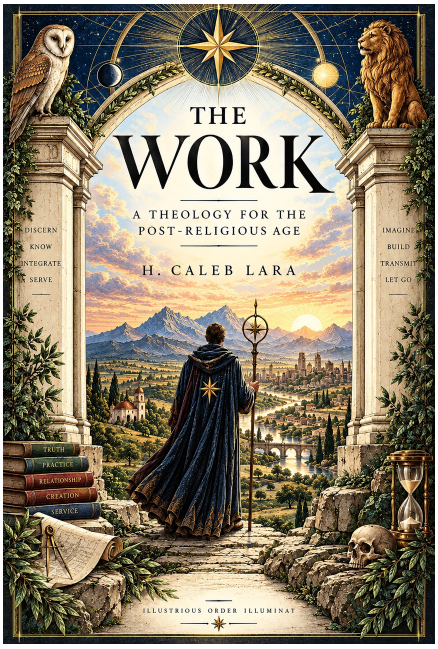

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The Work

A Theology for the Post-Religious Age

Book information, author biography, interview angles, event formats, and contact details for reviewers, hosts, librarians, and booksellers.

THE WORK
A Theology for the Post-Religious Age
H. Caleb Lara
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Book at a glance

Title	The Work
Subtitle	A Theology for the Post-Religious Age
Author	H. Caleb Lara
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Interior	Black and white; illustrated
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Short description

A personal theology for readers seeking transformation beyond religious certainty, spiritual branding, and easy reassurance. Drawing on philosophy, Western esotericism, lived experience, and ordinary life, H. Caleb Lara asks how Love and Will can become practices rather than ideas.

Full description

Across thirty-three chapters, The Work moves through reason and faith, embodiment and breath, imagination and discernment, relationship and service. Candid journal entries sit beside practical invitations, while symbolic illustrations give visual form to the questions under examination. The journey culminates in a ninety-day self-trial: a structured invitation to test what you believe against how you live. Neither a claim of spiritual completion nor a demand for obedience, The Work asks whether we can become more honest, more responsible, and more useful to one another.

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H. Caleb Lara is the author of The Work: A Theology for the Post-Religious Age. His writing explores belief and daily life through discernment, responsibility, relationships, and service.

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Author-approved publicity image for coverage of H. Caleb Lara and The Work.

Author biography

H. Caleb Lara is a writer, religious thinker, and founder of the Illustrious Order Illuminat. His work examines how inherited religious language can be tested, revised, and embodied without surrendering reason, personal sovereignty, or responsibility to others. Drawing from philosophy, Western esotericism, organizational leadership, and lived experience, he writes for readers who remain serious about transformation after certainty has failed them. Through IOI, he develops public educational materials and disciplined practices centered on discernment, creation, wisdom, relationship, and service. The Work is his invitation to replace spiritual performance with observable practice and to judge theology by the honesty, responsibility, and usefulness it produces.

Interview angles

- What post-religious means - and why it is not anti-religious

- Why certainty and nihilism are not the only options

- The difference between will, appetite, and domination

- How symbolic imagination can remain accountable

- Why service is a test of theology

- How a ninety-day self-trial turns belief into evidence

Suggested event formats

- 45-minute author conversation plus audience questions

- 60-minute workshop: From Belief to Observable Practice

- Six-session hosted book-club series

- Library talk: Meaning After Certainty

- Podcast interview or written Q&A;

- Independent bookstore conversation with a local faith-transition or philosophy host

Sample interview questions

1. What did inherited certainty provide before it stopped answering your life?

2. How do you distinguish spiritual experience from the interpretation placed upon it?

3. What makes a practice accountable?

4. Why do Love and Will need one another?

5. What does service reveal that private insight cannot?

6. What should a reader expect from the ninety-day self-trial?

Reader and retail positioning

Primary readers

Religiously unaffiliated and spiritually independent adults; readers in faith transition; contemplative practitioners; readers of philosophy, practical theology, Jungian and Western esoteric thought.

Secondary readers

Clergy and spiritual directors working with deconstruction; therapists and coaches interested in meaning-making; book clubs; comparative-religion and philosophy groups.

Shelf placement

Religion / Theology; Religion / Spirituality; Philosophy / Religious; Body, Mind & Spirit / Spiritualism; with local placement in spiritual growth, faith transition, or philosophy.

Comparable conversation space

Books that connect spiritual reconstruction, disciplined practice, and meaning after inherited certainty. Position by topic and audience rather than claiming equivalence or endorsement.

Contact and assets

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