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## **Christianity, from its very inception, has been a protest against religion:**

**Peter Rollins' new book 'Insurrection' encourages readers to think  
through explosive theological questions not asked in the Church**

**GREENWICH, Conn., September 13, 2011** –[Peter Rollins](#), internationally acclaimed writer, philosopher and public speaker, explores the explosive question of whether Christianity can exist in a religion-less manner in his new book "Insurrection: To Believe is Human To Doubt, Divine." Rollins shows how Christianity, from its very inception, has always been a protest against religion.

Each chapter of "Insurrection" ([Howard Books](#), October, ISBN: 9781451609004) poses a different question directed toward the Christian life and viewpoint. Rollins incorporates modern day parables, theology and anecdotes to reinforce that doubt; complexity and ambiguity are necessary elements of growing and maturing faith in Jesus while challenging individuals to think inherently and develop their own conclusions about Christianity.

"In 'Insurrection,' I endeavor to outline what this radical expression of faith beyond religion might look like," writes Rollins. "And how it has the power to give birth to a radically new form of Church, one with the power to renew, reform or even transcend the present constellation of conservative, liberal, evangelical, fundamentalist and orthodox community."

Utilizing references to biblical characters, the author reveals that Apostle Paul wrote, in the New Testament, of Christians as those who broke free of the political, religious and gender identities of his day (Jew, Gentile, slave, free, male and female). Contemporary Christianity has become but one more identity and thus the person of faith must break free of it to remain true to Paul's vision.

A modern-day philosopher, Rollins encourages individuals to think deeper and ask questions. He points out that God cannot be contained by human words and it is easy to get caught up in religion instead of relationship.

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The vision of Christianity, as described by Rollins in “Insurrection,” is one that breaks open the usual oppositions that exist between theists and atheists to present a faith that claims what we, as individuals, believe is not to be found upon our lips but rather in the very texture of our lives. That Christianity involves the loss of dogma, the embrace of personal responsibility and the courage to celebrate existence. Here we learn Salvation is not about the mere continuation of this life beyond the grave, but rather with the transformation of this life before the grave.

“This type of incendiary faith asks us to submit our spiritual practices, religious rituals and dogmatic affirmations to the flames of fearless interrogation,” said Rollins. “For it is only as we courageously set fire to our sacred temples of belief that we glimpse the true nature of faith.”

Rollins is the author of four books, including “How (Not) To Speak To God” and “The Orthodox Heretic.” His upcoming release from Howard Books, “Insurrection” will release in early October. For more information, visit

<http://books.simonandschuster.com/Insurrection/PeterRollins/9781451609004>

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**Note to Editors: For more information about Peter Rollins’ “Insurrection” please visit <http://www.alrcnewskitchen.com/peterrollins/index.htm>. To arrange an interview with Peter Rollins, please contact Lauren Williams at 972.267.1111 or via e-mail at [lauren@alarryross.com](mailto:lauren@alarryross.com).**