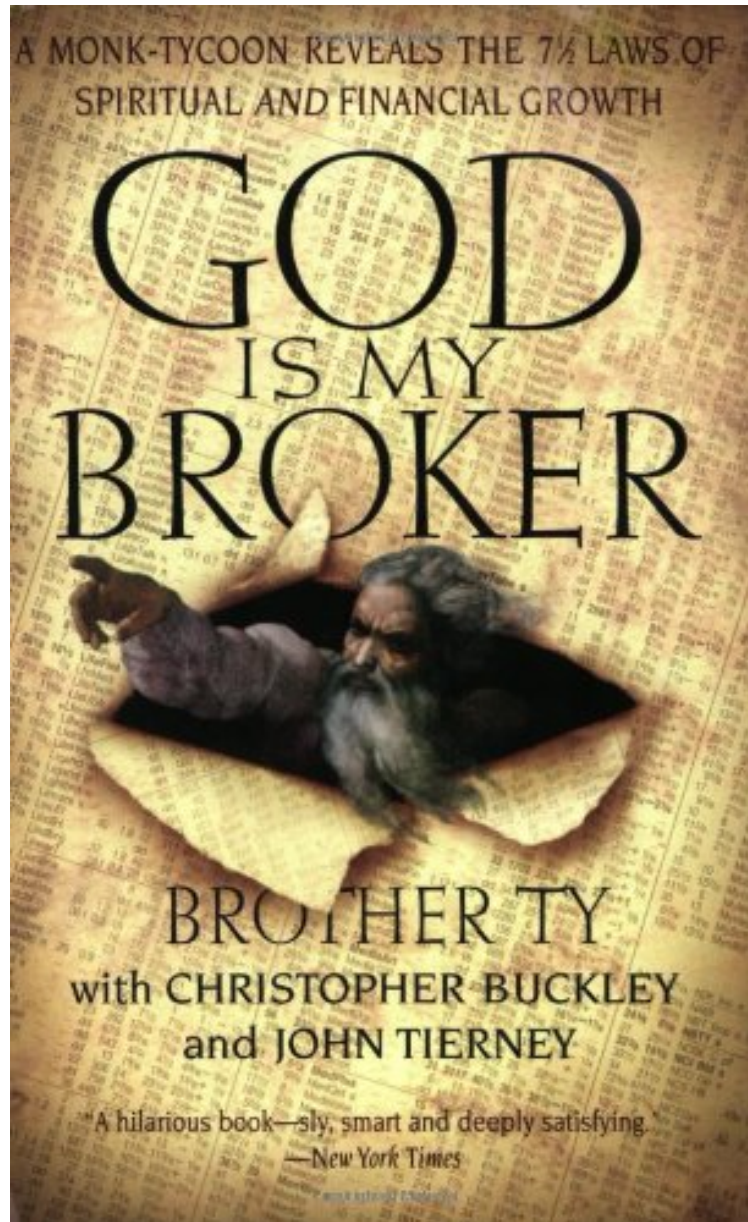


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Deepak Chopra, Tony Robbins, and Their Brethren Get Their Comeuppance By Mal Warwick At his best, Christopher Buckley writes breathtakingly hilarious novels. God Is My Broker is one of them. However, if you're a devotee of Deepak Chopra, Tony Robbins, Stephen Covey, Dale Carnegie, or one of the many other high-profile self-help gurus who have streaked across the American firmament over the past century, you may not laugh. But who knows? Since Buckley takes on the Catholic Church with equal verve, you might enjoy the book, anyway. In God Is My Broker, a certain Brother Ty has chucked a career on Wall Street — a singularly unsuccessful one, if the truth be told — and become a monk in an upstate New York monastery called Cana dedicated to the teachings of a masochistic saint. Unfortunately, Cana is on the ropes. Its source of revenue — sales of a uniquely awful wine called Cana Nouveau — has, shall we say, dried up. (Cana Nouveau is so bad that the Vatican blames a serious setback to the health of the Pope to a sampling of the stuff sent as a gift from Cana.) To reverse the monastery's desperate financial troubles, Brother Ty decides to let God be his broker, looking for buy and sell signs in his breviary in combination with current business rumors. Meanwhile, the Abbot turns to Deepak Chopra, Tony Robbins, and their brethren for guidance. The result of these twin devotional habits are the 7-1/2 Laws of Spiritual and Financial Growth, which are conveniently spelled out as the story is told. OK, so, you've gotta read it to make any sense of this proposition. And, unless you're in thrall to a latter-day guru, you'll probably enjoy it. A lot. I've previously reviewed Buckley's Little Green Men, Florence in Arabia, The White House Mess, and They Eat Puppies, Don't They?, which I regard as a true classic of political satire. Before starting this blog, I also read and enjoyed immensely two other Christopher Buckley novels: Boomsday and Thank You For Smoking, which is probably his best-known work because of the movie of the same name. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Try Not to Laugh! By J. Phelps Brother Ty has authored the best "self-help" book you could ever purchase. Much better than anything by Robbins, Covey, and Chopra (amongst the rest of the crowd). If you really want to know how to improve your life and your finances, and just can't seem to get it from the Self-Help gurus that have become so wealthy through touting their philosophies that rarely if ever actually make sense - then God is my Broker is the book for you. Of course - being that Christopher Buckley contributed to this work, you are going to laugh. Out loud! Raucously! With that deep, abdomen squeezing, painful hilarity that you just can't help. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I consistently enjoy the books of Christopher Buckley By Married W Children I consistently enjoy the books of Christopher Buckley. While I came to them through the books of his father, the son has a P.J. O'Rourke sense of humor. In this book it is mixed with a knowledge of both the Catholic faith and self-help religion. It takes a certain talent and self confidence to use relevant Latin and religious language as a punchline and expect us to get the joke. In case we are not capable, he protects us by including some footnotes (also humorous) that are unusual in books of this kind. The book accomplishes what I assume is its goal; providing happy hours to a reader who is wise enough to invest in Chris Buckley at each opportunity.

This is an incredible story. The author, a failed, alcoholic Wall Street trader, had retreated to a monastery. It, too, was failing. Then, one fateful day, Brother Ty decided to let God be his broker--and not only saved the monastery but discovered the 7 1/2 Laws of Spiritual and Financial Growth. Brother Ty's remarkable success has been studied at the nation's leading business schools and scrutinized by Wall Street's greatest minds, but until now the secret to his 7 1/2 Laws of Spiritual and Financial Growth have been available only to a select few: 87 percent of America's billionaires 28 recent Academy Award winners Over half the recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize No members of the U.S. Congress Now, for the first time, Brother Ty reveals the secrets he has gleaned from the ancient texts of the monks, and tells how you can get God to be your broker. God Is My Broker is the first truly great self-help business novel. Open this book and open your heart. It will change your life.

.com The whole point of a monastic existence is to put aside worldly things. Brother Ty, the narrator of God Is My Broker, has put them aside with a vengeance, and his task is all the more impressive when you consider just how many he used to possess. "I had traded the life of a Wall Street trader," he tells us, "for the contemplative life, my briefcase for a rosary, the roar of the trading floor for Gregorian chant." Hunkered down in a rural monastery, he seems finally to have escaped the iniquities of Mammon, along with rush-hour traffic and a major drinking problem. A vow of poverty, however, isn't what it used to be. The monastery of Cana is falling to pieces. And Cana Nouveau--the wine the brothers have always produced to sustain themselves--has hit a new, undrinkable low. As the desperate abbot looks to Deepak Chopra and Anthony Robbins for advice, Brother Ty begins to get financial tips from the Supreme Insider: "That day God had revealed Himself to be our broker." Sometimes, of course, the Lord speaks in mysterious ways. Even a stray line from the Song of Solomon may encourage the narrator to take a flier on Apple Computer stock: "Comfort me with apples. It sounded like a 'buy' recommendation to me." By heeding his divine broker at every turn, however, Brother Ty manages to transform the monastery into a financial powerhouse. His story amounts to the

funniest bit of ecclesiastical satire since J. F. Powers's *Morte D'Urban*. What's more, the authors send up the entire self-help industry with hilarious expertise, concluding *God Is My Broker* with what even Deepak Chopra would recognize as a home truth: "The only way to get rich from get-rich books is to write one." From *Library Journal* Billed as a self-help novel, this satire features Brother Ty (for Tycoon) and his wondrous advice for getting rich with God's approval. Optioned by New Line Pictures. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. "God is My Broker is irreverent, silly, and genuinely funny." -- -- Atlanta Journal-Constitution "A hilarious book--sly, smart and deeply satisfying." -- -- New York Times "This hilarious spoof on spiritual and financial gurus...proves that satire can be an occasion of grace." -- -- People "God is My Broker is irreverent, silly, and genuinely funny." -- Atlanta Journal-Constitution "A withering and witty novel...Vastly entertaining." -- Washington Post "This hilarious spoof on spiritual and financial gurus...proves that satire can be an occasion of grace." -- People