



## Spiritual Bypassing: When Spirituality Disconnects Us from What Really Matters

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By Robert Augustus Masters

North Atlantic Books, U.S. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Spiritual Bypassing: When Spirituality Disconnects Us from What Really Matters, Robert Augustus Masters, Spiritual bypassing--the use of spiritual beliefs to avoid dealing with painful feelings, unresolved wounds, and developmental needs--is so pervasive that it goes largely unnoticed. The spiritual ideals of any tradition, whether Christian commandments or Buddhist precepts, can provide easy justification for practitioners to duck uncomfortable feelings in favor of more seemingly enlightened activity. When split off from fundamental psychological needs, such actions often do much more harm than good. While other authors have touched on the subject, this is the first book fully devoted to spiritual bypassing. In the lineage of Chogyam Trungpa's landmark "Cutting Through Spiritual Materialism," "Spiritual Bypassing" provides an in-depth look at the unresolved or ignored psychological issues often masked as spirituality, including self-judgment, excessive niceness, and emotional dissociation. A longtime psychotherapist with an engaging writing style, Masters furthers the body of psychological insight into how we use (and abuse) religion in often unconscious ways. This book will hold particular appeal for those who grew up with an unstructured new-age spirituality now looking for a more mature spiritual practice, and for anyone seeking increased self-awareness...



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