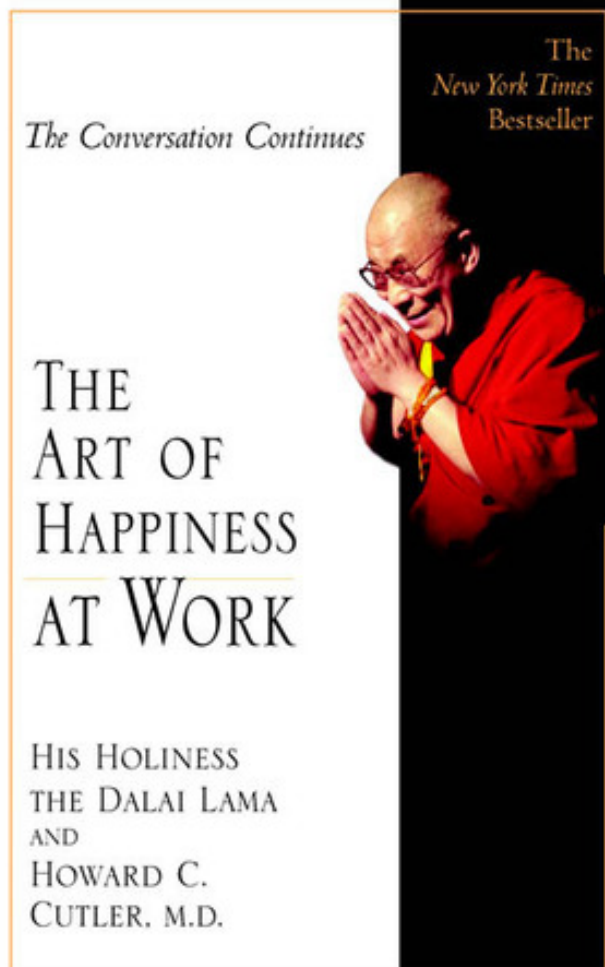


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### The Art of Happiness at Work



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## Description

From the authors who brought you the million-copy bestseller *The Art of Happiness* comes an exploration of job, career, and finding the ultimate happiness at work.

It spent nearly two years on the *New York Times* bestseller list and has sold well over a million copies in hardcover. It remains, five years later, in its original hardcover edition. It was the book by the Dalai Lama that broke new ground, that made him accessible to a larger audience, spreading his words of daily wisdom and message of inner peace that captured the imagination of America. His Holiness the Dalai Lama, for the first time since that revolutionary book, has once again teamed up with psychiatrist Howard Cutler to resume the discussion about what makes life meaningful begun in *The Art of Happiness*.

Over the past several years, Howard Cutler has continued his conversations with the Dalai Lama, asking him the questions we all want answered about how to find happiness in the place we spend most of our time. Work-whether it's in the home or at an office-is what mostly runs our lives. We depend on it to eat, to clothe and shelter ourselves, and to take care of our families. Once again, Dr. Cutler brings forward seminal studies and asks the Dalai Lama to respond. Beginning with a direct correlation between productivity and happiness, Dr. Cutler questions His Holiness about the nature of work. In psychiatry and according to the Dalai Lama, our motivation for working determines our level of satisfaction. The book explores these three levels of focus:

**Survival** focus on salary, stability, food and clothing

**Career** focus on advancement

**Calling** focus on work as a higher purpose

Cutler probes the Dalai Lama's wisdom by posing these questions: How does the relationship between our personal values and those of our employers affect happiness? What is the relationship between self-awareness and work? What are the main sources of dissatisfaction and how can we cope with them? How do we deal with conflicts with coworkers and bosses? How do we deal with jealousy, anger, or hostility at work? How does the lack of freedom affect our levels of happiness? How do we deal with boredom or lack of challenge? Unfair criticism? Overly demanding or taxing situations? Job change and unemployment?

Once again, Cutler walks us through the Dalai Lama's reasoning so that we know how to apply the wisdom to daily life. This practical application of Buddhist ideas is an invaluable source of strength and peace for anyone who earns a living.

The Dalai Lama's most recent book, *The Wisdom of Compassion*, is now available from Riverhead Books.

## Insightful reviews

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Kevin: Mostly fluff. Maybe it was the format of the book that didn't do it for me. The entire book is a series of conversations that the author has with the Dalai Lama on the topic of work. This style gave it a bit of an unprofessional feel. Most of the dialog was not relevant or useful, hence fluff. Too much time was spent trying to explain modern work office problems to someone that has not worked in an office.

While I have not yet read the original, Art of Happiness, I can imagine what it covers based on other similar readings. The Work book seems to be delving into a topic that is a bit too specific for the Dalai Lama's general lessons to be very applicable. From the entire book, I found a few chestnuts worth remembering. These are most likely covered in the original Art of Happiness book, or at least should be.

Jill: Quotes to remember:

“He reminds us that if we can change some of the external conditions at the workplace that contribute to our dissatisfaction, we certainly should. If not, although it is not always easy or quick, it is still possible to be happy at work through reshaping our attitudes and outlook, through inner training.”

Look at a tense situation as a way to improve yourself. Stay calm and react with dignity.

“Our attitudes about money are more important than the amount we make. As always, in our pursuit of happiness, our inner resources assume a greater role than our material resources, unless of course we exist in abject poverty and are suffering from hunger or starvation.” – Choose the career you love, not where you will make the most money.

“One should not just concentrate on job or money. That’s important.”

“The principle of adaptation suggests that no matter what kind of success or good fortune we experience, or, alternatively, no matter what adversity or tragedy we encounter, sooner or later we tend to adapt to the new conditions and eventually migrate back to our customary levels of day-to-day and moment-to-moment happiness.” This is to not lose initiative. Need a balanced life.

Help others. Job vs. Career vs. Calling.

“whether we are obstructed from achieving our goals by overestimating or underestimating our

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abilities and skills, there is little doubt that the greater our self-understanding and self-awareness, the more our self-concept corresponds with reality, the happier we will be at work or at home.”

“So if you’re looking for work and have a choice of a job, choose a job that allows the opportunity for some creativity, and for spending time with your family. Even if it means less pay, personally I think it is better to choose work that is less demanding, that gives you greater freedom, more time to be with your family, or to do other activities, read, engage in cultural activities, or just play. I think that’s best.”

“It would seem reasonable that basing one’s identity on the essence rather than the external form would decrease the likelihood that one would be devastated by the loss of any particular role or job – after all, the essence is portable and can be transferred to any activity, any given relationship, hobby, or job.”

“If you can, serve others. If not, at least refrain from harming them.”

Now, if we sell software and may have had an unproductive day in terms of not having had a single sales, we can still have a sense of accomplishment if we have had some positive interactions with our customers or co-workers, if we’ve made their day just a little bit better. Our day is now transformed into a productive day that we can take pride in. Being of some benefit to others, may provide us with many new sources of satisfaction that can sustain our sense of pride and accomplishment even during the inevitable slow periods of our career.

“Even a simple smile can have some impact on my overall state of mind. So, everything is interconnected, interdependent. When you appreciate the interconnected nature of all aspects of your life, then you will understand how various factors – such as your values, your attitudes, your emotional state – can all contribute to your sense of fulfillment at work, and to your satisfaction and happiness in life.”

Meditate – focus on breathing for 5-10 minutes. Acquire the ability to cultivate a settled mental state that you can then successfully direct to any chosen topic. In this way, you will be able to overcome many of the problems that arise simply as a result of an unfocused, undisciplined mental state.

Amanda: This gave the look of the precise publication to select up and read. I've got deep appreciation for The Dalai Lama and that I relatively wanted a few suggestions on easy methods to be happier at work. I used to actually love my job. It was once exciting, for the main part, and each day often held whatever new and demanding in store. Nowadays, it isn't like that. There is a designated vibe folks vs. them in so many cases, IT vs. Accountants. Many of the monetary people selected to imagine that anybody can application so they're going to simply look after what they wish and forget about us programmers. The paintings is not approximately not easy adequate either, even if the folks are. Cutler interviews The Dalai Lama approximately numerous features of labor with reference to happiness. For example, they chat approximately making money, the human issue of work, no matter if your task is simply a job, a profession or a calling,

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the way to conquer boredom, tips to have a correct livelihood, etc. I preferred his perception on all the above. Unfortunately, whereas I believe it is all strong advice, it is going to be tough to place into practice. In one chapter, and all through others, the significance of being self-aware is emphasized. I believe lots of people have that problem, which will examine themselves and their skills undistorted and with a serious eye. All in all, the right way to achieving happiness, at paintings or otherwise, is to start inwards, by way of readjusting your perspective to all issues and remembering that it really is simply paintings and that doing solid and aiding others is extra important.

Sophie: So, I wished to learn a publication via the Dalai Lama. I do not even understand why I picked it; there are a variety of at our shop and that I imagine I simply loved the introduction. In any case, this was once the 1st booklet by means of the Dalai Lama I learn (or probably I may still say "read and finished", simply because I take into account borrowing a few of books from our neighborhood library whilst I used to be nonetheless at school, yet I by no means was once capable of end them simply because I discovered them quite tricky to read). Technically (and factually) asserting that this ebook is "by the Dalai Lama" is wrong, since it was once written by means of Howard C. Cutler. It is the checklist of a sequence of conversations among the Dalai Lama and Cutler, with a few additional gildings to offer a few extra context. The final subject is "The paintings of Happiness At Work", and the e-book bargains with such things as the significance cash and the relationships with our co-workers in regard to our happiness at, well, work, in addition to tips to care for no longer feeling challenged enough/feeling too challenged at paintings and the way to deal with unemployment. At the top of the day, lots of the issues during this e-book pretty well boil all the way down to universal sense, combined with Buddhist teachings. Still, simply because anything is usual feel doesn't suggest it does not endure repeating, and I've to claim that due to the fact that I began analyzing the publication I've got attempted to use a number of the innovations pointed out in it to my activity and my life, and whereas a few conduct are fairly challenging to change, I feel I will say examining this has helped me already. The point of interest is particularly a lot at the Western means of work, and it is attention-grabbing to get an "outsider's perspective" on it, because it is. Sometimes, the Dalai Lama's solutions look really inconclusive, yet evidently there are occasions the place it truly is demanding to discover a solution that applies to everyone, everywhere, and that I really beloved that he's greatly conscious of that. I do not recognize even if it is the fault of the interpretation or of the format, yet occasionally it learn a bit awkward (at instances it \*definitely\* used to be the translation). It used to be great to get a few medical historical past at the topics, yet to be honest, I locate the technological know-how of happiness a piece atypical because it is. Because the e-book is written from Cutler's perspective, we additionally get some of his suggestions and emotions in regards to the Dalai Lama, in addition to his descriptions of his behaviour and mode of talking. The latter have been very attention-grabbing and engrossing. The previous - just like the authors of "Buddhism for Dummies", the experience of awe Cutler feels is particularly a lot apparent, yet because it does not learn like blind worship, it truly is endearing instead of off-putting. It is simply - nice. You are feeling like he's greatly in awe and feels highly fortunate to have the opportunity to speak with this man, and - well, it truly is nice. And now and then it is also humorous and adorable and also you know, in spite of everything the miserable books I have learn in recent times this was once person who was once uplifting and inspiring. I relatively loved this, and it will not be the final of this type of ebook that I'm going to read.

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Jason: After a lot good fortune together with his first e-book in collaboration with the Dalai Lama, *The Paintings of Happiness*, Howard Cutler determined to put in writing one other book. During this e-book Cutler desired to discover a few principles and subject matters no longer touched upon within the first one. Namely, on account that paintings takes up an overpowering volume of the day for many people, how do we locate happiness at work? After all, such a lot people can't take a seat round all day in a cave with no venturing out into the genuine world. If we haven't any useful option to take our non secular perform into the true global then what solid is it? First thing that turns into effortlessly obvious to the reader is that the Dalai Lama feels that cultivating internal values contributes to the best chance of being satisfied at work. Evidently when you've got a sour perspective approximately paintings no matter what kind of profession you could have you're most likely going to be dissatisfied. Also, cultivating internal values like compassion and kindness can help get in addition to different co-workers and this contributes to happiness as well. Later within the booklet different subject matters are stated that are rendered as conversations that happened among Cutler and the Dalai Lama. After those conversations finish Cutler often offers his personal statement approximately them because the bankruptcy ends. The various issues are; making money, paintings boredom, task profession and calling, correct livelihood. A number of the useful feedback focus on holding an positive outlook, calm mind, and a pragmatic perspective. For instance, having your self-identity tied up with the cash you are making isn't really a pragmatic perspective. You're not your funds and what occurs if you happen to by surprise cease making money. You're abruptly a valueless individual since you now not have a excessive income? So a pragmatic viewpoint is crucial. The Dalai Lama encourages us to even take jobs that pay much less cash yet that depart for extra time to spend with family, friends, and doing issues we enjoy. It truly is challenging to be at liberty while you are a slave to work. A few of the different feedback within the e-book I felt based round common sense objectives. For instance, have a self-understanding of your strengths and weaknesses so that you will not be devastated while you're now not nice at convinced elements of your job. Also, attempt to do your task with a feeling of meaningfulness and ability so that you achieve a sense of pride from doing an exceptional job. Regardless of this e-book having a good volume of excellent suggestion for we all I did locate myself turning into a piece uninterested in it. The various conversations looked as if it would ramble on and have become a bit monotonous. I believe if a number of the extra redundant conversations have been wiped clean up a section it's going to were a greater read. Nevertheless, it really is nonetheless relaxing for the main half as so much books in regards to the Dalai Lama along with his functional suggestion and reliable perspective are likely to be.

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