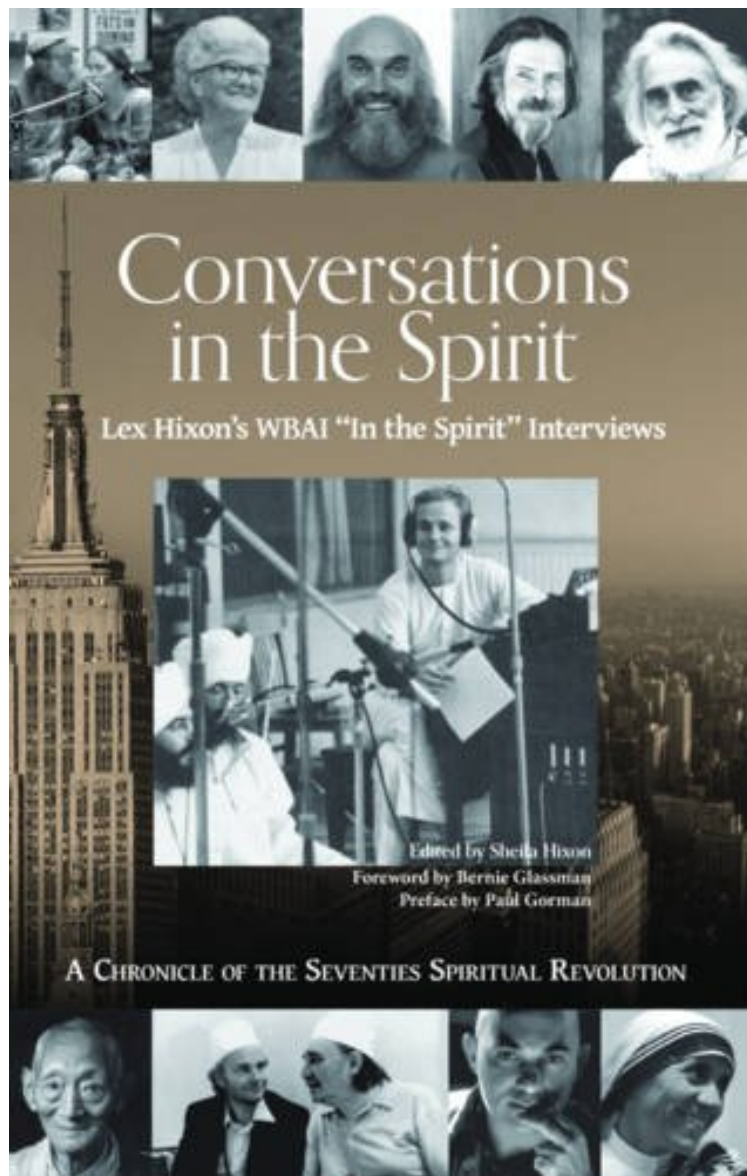


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Amazingly perceptive and illuminating interview questions by Lex Hixon of so many of the major spiritual leaders of the 1960's - 80's. Short chapters, fascinating, lively and ever relevant to Now.

Armed with a generous heart, subtle mind, and a PhD in comparative religion from Columbia, Lex Hixon, as host for WBAI's *In the Spirit*, was able to interview and skillfully probe the leading spiritual lights of the seventies and beyond. Twenty-five of those interviews, finely edited, appear here for the first time in print. Includes short bios and photos. Interviewees include Ram Dass, Alan Watts, Daniel Berrigan, Swami Muktananda, Kalu Rinpoche, and Stephen Gaskin. Lex Hixon was an accomplished spiritual practitioner, scholar, and author who explored the great religious traditions extensively. He published nine books and spent seventeen years hosting the radio program *In the Spirit*.

Thirty abridged transcripts chosen from more than 300 episodes of the New York-based WBAI radio show *In the Spirit*, which ran from 1971 until 1980, thoughtfully and cleanly edited by Sheila Hixon, widow of host Lex Hixon. Lex East-West spiritual integrator, consummate conversationalist paints a portrait of the rich, multicultural spiritual awakening of the New York City of that generation in these diverse interviews. Hixon's distinctive voice and careful preparation come through clearly in intimate interviews that engage the ideas and the personalities of his guests at a high level, free of antagonism and always open to the best of what each has to offer whether Hixon is interviewing international luminaries visiting New York such as Dudjon Rinpoche and Mother Teresa, Brooklynites gone Zen like Bernie Glassman, Jewish mystics like Reb Zalman Schachter, academics like Huston Smith, creatives like Allen Ginsberg, or quirky local spiritual leaders like Mother Serena, many of whom have since passed away. Even if the reader chooses not to engage with the powerful ideas expressed here, there's enough cultural history in the book to make reading it worthwhile. Add in the smorgasbord of ideas from around the world offered in clear and accessible language, and this becomes a treasure trove of high-end pointers toward the ineffable in theory and practice. Bw photos. (Oct.) Publishers Weekly, Starred
Spirituality has come a long way since the 1970s, when lots of parents worried that Zen Buddhism was a cult. Lex Hixon, who for seventeen years hosted WBAI 99.5 FM's Sunday morning radio show, *In the Spirit*, in New York City, contributed much to the nation's understanding of the changes taking place in its spiritual culture. His interviews with spiritual teachers who were bringing what were then strange new ideas and religions from the East to America provided much-needed explanations, addressed the all-too-common misunderstandings, and gave listeners the opportunity to get answers to their questions and put some of their fears to rest. Deeply spiritual, educated in many spiritual traditions, and immersed in all that was new and alive in 70s culture, Hixon had hoped to open, with Bernie Glassman, an interfaith center, the House of One People, and serve as its spiritual director; his death from cancer forestalled these plans. *Conversations in the Spirit* features interviews with spiritual giants, including Alan Watts, Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Mother Teresa, Ram Dass, Swami Muktananda, Sheikh Muzaffer Effendi, Bernie Glassman, Huston Smith, J. Krishnamurti, Father Daniel Berrigan, Allen Ginsberg, and many others. It offers a profound and intimate experience of the evolution of religious thought and spiritual growth in America, and a look at how media programming has the potential to serve as an instrument of grace in troubled times. Foreword Magazine