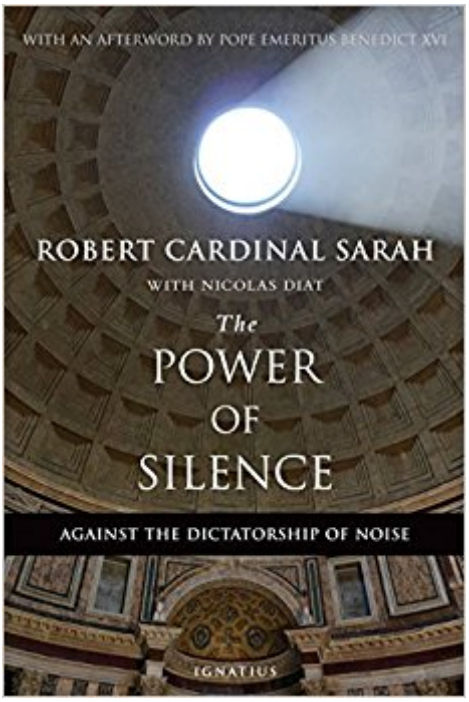
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Synopsis

In a time when technology penetrates our lives in so many ways and materialism exerts such a powerful influence over us, Cardinal Robert Sarah presents a bold book about the strength of silence. The modern world generates so much noise, he says, that seeking moments of silence has become both harder and more necessary than ever before.Silence is the indispensable doorway to the divine, explains the cardinal in this profound conversation with Nicolas Diat. Within the hushed and hallowed walls of the La Grande Chartreux, the famous Carthusian monastery in the French Alps, Cardinal Sarah addresses the following questions: Can those who do not know silence ever attain truth, beauty, or love? Do not wisdom, artistic vision, and devotion spring from silence, where the voice of God is heard in the depths of the human heart?After the international success of God or Nothing, Cardinal Sarah seeks to restore to silence its place of honor and importance. "Silence is more important than any other human work," he says, "for it expresses God. The true revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and others so as to place ourselves humbly and generously at their service.""This book shows Cardinal Sarah to be one of the most spiritually alert churchmen of our time."--Bishop Robert Barron, Creator and Host,Catholicism film series Cardinal Robert Sarah’s profound exploration of the silence in which we hear the still, quiet voice of God, and thus come to know the truth about ourselves, is a powerful challenge to the cacophony of our times and a summons to a more Gospel-centered way of life."--George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow and William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies, Ethics and Public Policy Center "Cardinal Sarah provides an incomparable help to contemporary man, so that he may practice the silence which is necessary to hear the voice of God and so to know himself and the world in their deepest truth, beauty, and goodness."--Cardinal Raymond Burke, Author, Hope for the World"Noise, as C.S. Lewis’devil Screwtape famously said, is the music of hell. Cardinal Sarah offers us a richly engaging, elegantly written reflection on the importance of recovering silence in our own lives, and through silence, rediscovering the presence of God, the beauty of creation, and the nature of our mission as disciples."--Most Rev. Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia"Cardinal Robert Sarah has once again powerfully spoken a message desperately needing to be heard in our contemporary society. I pray that many will read this treasure chest of wisdom."--Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco"It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of this profound, uniquely beautiful book."--Michael D. O Brien, Author, Father Elijah: An Apocalypse

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Robert Cardinal Sarah was born in Guinea, West Africa. Made an Archbishop by Pope John Paul II and a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI, he was named the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments by Pope Francis in 2014.Nicolas Diat is a French journalist and author.His previous collaboration with Cardinal Sarah was on his celebrated book God or Nothing.

"In this hell of noise, man disintegrates and is lost." Cardinal Sarah is not a writer in the same league as Pope Benedict or von Hildebrand. But he is a truly remarkable man with remarkable thoughts. If you haven’t read God or Nothing, I would read that first to better understand where Cardinal Sarah is coming from. But don’t miss this book and its message. My only regret is that it ranks #541 on the best seller list.

I think this is the most important book on the market right now. Not that its subject matter would ever be untimely, but it is especially timely in our tweet-saturated, attention-dispersed, blinking-light modern world. This is one of those books where I have to stop myself from underlining just about everything. Theologically, it is remarkably astute and instructive. Spiritually, it is as nourishing a read as any book I can remember reading.

A deeply meditative book on the value of silence, and of the difficulties in getting there.

Simply beautiful and inspirational reading! Sarah is a prelate well deserved to be emulated.....

The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship..by Robert Sarah was recommended to me at a Bible study. I got it and I got it and it is good.

Great book! Thank you.

This is an inspirational book on a way of life that is centered in God!! Am going to read it again!!

I have recommended it to our book study group at my parish. Excellent book and I will read it again.

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