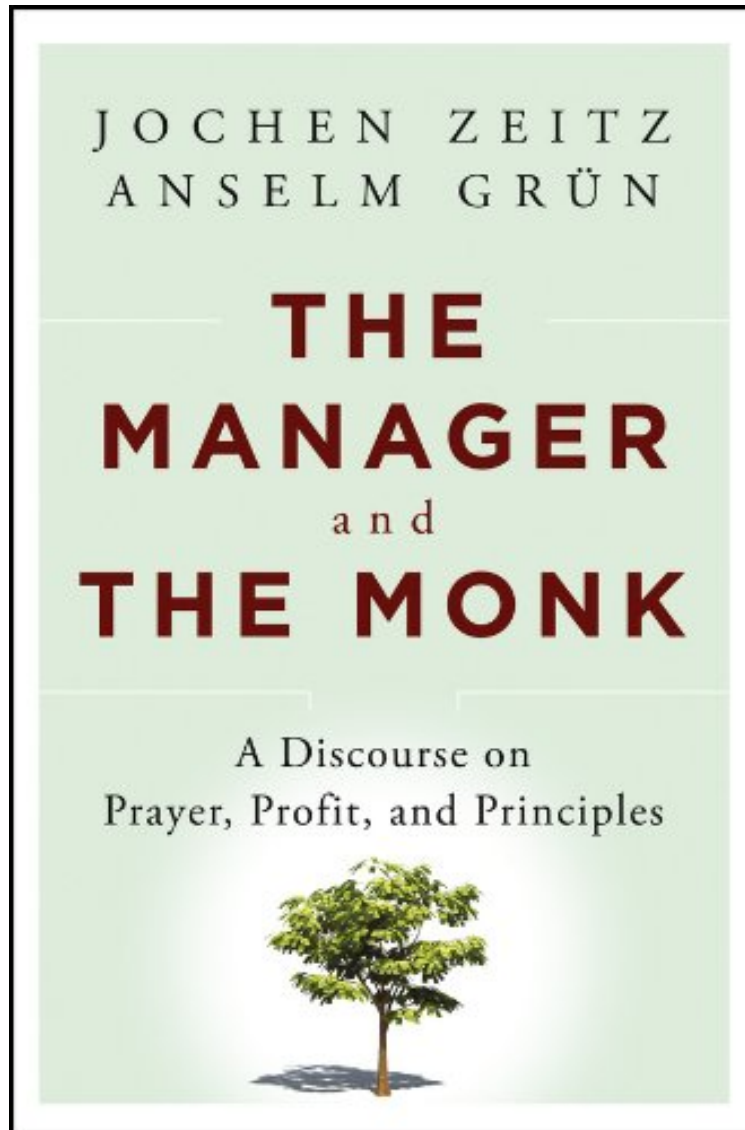


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because it contrasts two completely different worlds (a monastery and a global business) and two completely different leaders (a monk and a CEO) through reflective conversation. From these seemingly profound differences, it draws out the great similarities and underlying truths that are common to our different ways of living and being. These profound truths are explored in a variety of themes: What does success and prosperity really mean for business as well as individually? How does being differ from having or seeming, especially in a business setting? How can culture embody an authentic way of being in business that is also pragmatic? What are the great values that should embody great companies? How can they be made manifest through practice in business? What does it mean to act ethically in a corporate setting? How can we embody ethics in our everyday interactions? How can we become aware of the environment in which our companies and our institutions are embedded? What are the limits of our commercial activities and what are the consequences of our insatiable consumption? What can companies and business leaders do to create a more sustainable world? How can we become aware of our own strengths and weaknesses and our responsibilities in business? The book fittingly ends with the ways in which we can expand our awareness of who we are and where our world is going. In providing deeply illuminating answers to these questions, the authors explore and examine the contrasting currents that lie underneath: God and mammon, idealism and pragmatism, strength and weakness, action and reflection, growth and destruction, material prosperity and spiritual wealth, and many others. What the book provides is a way to not just reconcile these different dialectics, but to create a shared vision that can guide a new worldview. It is a worldview that is much needed today where the world of business is colliding with our internal world and the world of nature. I can think of one word that expresses this new way of living and being in the world: *Zeitgeist*. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a must-read business book on how we can all make a difference to improve the workplace. By SuSuI would recommend this book to anyone, particularly those in management roles. I have been following this particular "manager" for many years now, and it is quite admirable that despite his track record for maximizing shareholder value, he is also pioneering the notion of how sustainability is an important component for any company to achieve success in the long term. It discusses topics like bringing everything you have to a meeting in terms of being present in the moment (versus compulsively checking our email as most of us do), and how we miss 2/3 of our lives because we spend 1/3 of every moment in the imaginary future and another 1/3 in the past. The book is full of interesting anecdotal examples with historical references to back it up. In short, the book provides a lot to think about and ideas on how everyone can improve old habits right away, as well as a new perspective on how important it is to constantly adapt to the changing global environment both personally and professionally so that we don't "petrify" by following rigid cult behavior and enable tired bureaucracies. It also made me feel like looking into a monastery that would take me in for a week! Again, I highly recommend this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Strong and honest messages, a must read for every manager! By Merel Hoving I was mostly struck by the way they have been able to convey their important messages in such a 'simple' and strong way! It's an easy read that resonates!

An exploration of spirituality, values, and sustainability in business When Jochen Zeitz and Anselm Grueml;n first met onstage as "the manager and the monk," Zeitz was CEO and Chairman of Puma, and Father Grueml;n was a monk serving as cellarer, the business manager of his Benedictine abbey. They came together to discuss their shared goal: what it means to lead and manage responsibly and sustainably in today's shifting world. Available for the first time in English, *The Manager and the Monk* features these topical essays and dialogues, drawing on sources as diverse as the Bible, contemporary religious thought, psychological theory, and the innovative "environmental profit loss account" Zeitz developed for Puma. Together, Zeitz and Gr??n explore their intersecting definitions of prosperity, values, sustainability, among a host of other topics. Jochen Zeitz was CEO of Puma for 18 years and is founder, with Sir Richard Branson, of the B Team, a global initiative aimed at transforming the future of business. Anselm Grueml;n is cellarer (business manager) of Muuml;nsterschwarzach Abbey in Germany, overseeing a staff of 300 in crafts such as beekeeping and brewing; and an internationally best-selling author of more than 300 books available in 35 languages. Translated from an award-winning German book, *Gott, Geld, und Gewissen*, which has been translated into 11 languages *The Manager and the Monk* is a thoughtful, impassioned plea for how to manage responsibly in the modern world.

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