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Best-selling author to speak at Dallas Public Library May 6; *Reza Aslan's work explores issues and ideology of the War on Terror*

Dallas – Internationally acclaimed writer, religious scholar and New York Times bestselling author Reza Aslan will be the featured speaker Wednesday, May 6 at Authorspeak, presented by the Dallas Public Library and the World Affairs Council. A reception for Aslan will begin at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, 1515 Young St., on the first floor, followed by a 6:30 p.m. lecture and book signing.

In his best-selling book *How to Win a Cosmic War: God, Globalization, And the End of the War on Terror*, Aslan explores the ideology behind al-Qa'ida, the Taliban, and like-minded militants throughout the Muslim world, as well as the tradition of religious violence found in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Surveying the global scene from Israel to Iraq and from New York to the Netherlands, Aslan argues that religion is a stronger force today than it has been in a century.

Aslan is a fellow at the University of Southern California's Center on Public Diplomacy, a Middle East Analyst for CBS News and often is a featured blogger for "Anderson Cooper 360" on CNN. Born in Iran, he now lives in Los Angeles where he is assistant professor of Creative Writing at the University of California, Riverside.

To register for Authorspeak events or for more information visit www.dfworld.org or call the World Affairs Council's reservations hotline at (214) 965-8412. The author's books will be available for purchase after the program.

The mission of the nonprofit, nonpartisan World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth is to promote international awareness, understanding and connections through its varied programs. The Council works to enhance this region's global stature and to prepare North Texans to thrive in our complex world. The Council presents more than 100 events each year and directs the City of Dallas Office of Protocol, the International Education Initiative and the International Visitor Program.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library and 26 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, visit <http://dallaslibrary.org/>.

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