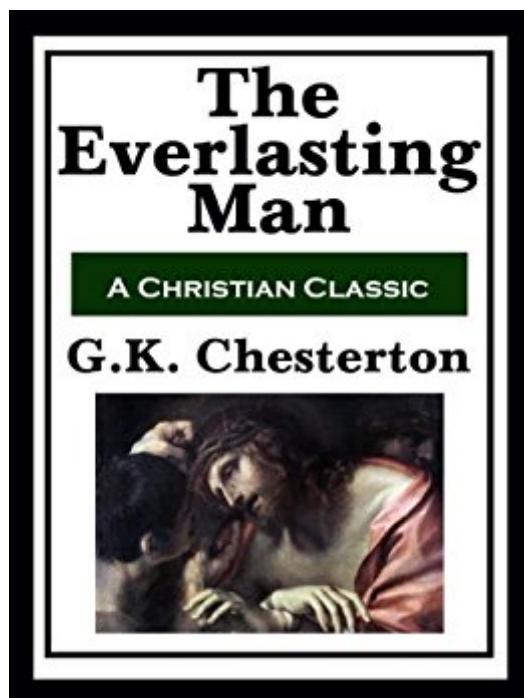


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Synopsis

Here is the book that converted C. S. Lewis from atheism to Christianity. This history of mankind, Christ, and Christianity is to some extent a conscious rebuttal of H. G. Wells' Outline of History, which embraced both the evolutionary origins of humanity and the mortal humanity of Jesus. Whereas Orthodoxy detailed Chesterton's own spiritual journey, this book illustrates the spiritual journey of humanity, or at least of Western civilization. A book for both mind and spirit.

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But what an enjoyable task it is. It is all too easy to draw the parallels between Chesterton and Lewis, but here we go. Both make you pay attention to every word and every line to grasp the concepts they introduce and follow the arguments they string together. But both have the skill of a poet in thrilling you as you go. Chesterton takes on the task of counteracting popular opinion that man is just another animal and that Christianity is just another religion. He does so with both wit and wisdom. He challenges the assumptions of many learned thinkers by turning their arguments on

their heads and showing how much better they then represent reality. Highly recommended for those interested in apologetics as well as anyone investigating Christianity. Chesterton provides a convincing case for orthodox Christianity with humor, intelligence, and beauty.

An amazing book! For a fundamental understanding of Christianity, you must read this book. Of course, it helps if you have a basic understanding of Christianity to start with, and in that case I recommend starting with CS Lewis and *Mere Christianity*. GK influenced CS Lewis, but CS Lewis wrote his books for us who were not necessarily scholars. Now ratchet it up a notch and read GK Chesterton *The Everlasting Man*. One of the most important things you understand from this book is that Christianity is nothing like a myth, it is not a philosophy, and it stands alone in the world. There is a good reason why religion is religion and Christianity is not. Read this book and be challenged on your very core assumptions about world, life, happiness and God.

Ah, that we had the gift of understanding and the ability to relate it in today's authors to the extent of Mr. Chesterton. With the plethora of modern inspirational works available - it's sometimes worth one's while to step back in time to see that things haven't changed. This book is well worth "the read". His interpretation of Christ's burial, the morning after and what it meant to the world is just plain beauty.

In my view, in this book (which is a wonderful book), we can peer into Chesterton's penetrating wisdom and amazing word-smithing and see how one can build truth on error (air), but only, and I emphasize only, in a few places. Those few places, I believe, exist due to a wonderful rationality that grasps, and possibly possesses, but might not have succumbed to a power more powerful that makes wisdom more wise by making it seem foolish. I suggest it is no accident nor a mere trifling detail that God's presence among mankind in the wilderness did not enter the Holy of Holies through the East gate.

In his usual way Chesterton says better than anyone else what anyone else would have been thinking already had he been as insightful as Chesterton. Or, stuff so profound and clear you wonder why you hadn't thought of it before. The man is a prophet-artist and this is one of his masterpieces. The first half can get a bit repetitive if you have A.D.D. Or are new to GKC Push through to get a birds eye view. Consider reading the final chapter which is a summary. As you come to appreciate his genius, you will want to go back and take it all in. I recommend this book and

especially the second half as a good primer on GKC non-fiction. I think it is easier to follow than Orthodoxy, Heretics or many of his essays. Especially for someone not acquainted with the popular thinkers, writers and politicians of his day or just generally not well read (i.e. a product of the American public school system) and not able to pick up on the references he tends to make in most of his other work.

It's amazing that such timeless wisdom comes forth from a mind from generations past. His musings are as relevant today as they were in the early days of the twentieth century. Perhaps more so.

I have listened to his book several times as an audio book. I find something new to inspire and delight me every time. I both recommend this book and G. K, Chesterton. His insight, style and breath of understanding are a national treasure. Please do your self a favor and make Mr. Chesterton your new favorite author. He can put a solid foundation under your understanding of what is important in this world and the next.

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