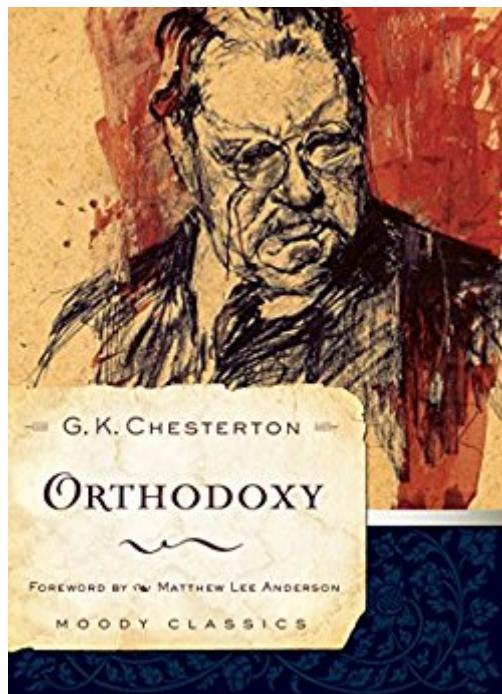


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# Orthodoxy (Moody Classics)



## Synopsis

Now with a foreword by Matthew Lee Anderson. Antiquated. Unimaginative. Repressive. We've all heard these common reactions to orthodox Christian beliefs. Even Christians themselves are guilty of the tendency to discard historic Christianity. Yet as we read through the literature in Christianity's past, we learn that we are in better company with our beliefs than we might think. Through his enchanting book, *Orthodoxy*, G.K. Chesterton reminds us of the paradoxes of our faith and the joy that comes when we explore them. From the foreword by Matthew Lee Anderson, author of *The End of Our Exploring*: "How can we contrive to be at once astonished at the world and yet at home in it?" And with that question, G.K. Chesterton recounts the heart of an intellectual journey that took him from the edges of a nihilistic pessimism into the center of the paradoxical joy of Christian orthodoxy. His book is not a defense of the Christian faith, at least not primarily, so much as an attempt to explain how the startling paradoxes and sharp edges of the creed explain everything else. It is a dated work, dealing in the categories and concerns of Chesterton's contemporaries, and yet it comes nearer timelessness than anything we have today. Though *Orthodoxy* was written near the start of the 20th century, I have dubbed it the most important book for the 21st. There are few claims I have made in my life that I am more sure of than that one. A

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## Customer Reviews

I'll be honest and say that a lot of Christian books I have read have been dull or void of passion. This book is neither. I have read a few G.K. Chesterton books and in my opinion this is my favorite of his. This book displays the wonder and mystical side of Christianity through Chesterton's eyes and can get very deep philosophically and also very witty. It has some big words yet most audiences will be able to comprehend what he is saying without getting lost. Its hard for me to clealy explain the whole synopsis but this is very good book and considering the price, you won't lose out by taking a chance and picking up a copy of your own.

Of all the books my daughter had to read this semester, this was the book the teacher warned was boring and odd. However, my daughter loved it. She love G.K. Chesterton's sense of humor and turn of phrases. I accept her oddness though and I found myself laughing, too.

Lewis is one of my all-time favorite authors and thinkers. So, when I read in his autobiography the impact that Chesterton had on him, I had to pick up a copy of one of his books. I chose this one, and what an introduction it was. It is a wonderful thing to find a new author that you enjoy so immensely. As the title of my review intimates, Chesterton has all of the intelligence and keenness of mind of Lewis, but with the added bonus of a boundless, cheery sense of humor (not to say, of course, that Lewis does not have a good sense of humor in his own rights). If you read this book without smiling to yourself dozens of times, you are missing something. Chesterton's jabs at his contemporaries, as well as his predecessors, in philosophical thought are at once humorous and severe, all without the slightest hint of mean-spiritedness; a tribute to his sense of paradox. My one complaint about this edition is the endless typographical errors contained in its pages. I find it appalling that a publishing house would send to print something with so many glaring errors. After the first couple, I thought it to be no big deal. But after the first ten I became a bit put off. If you can overlook the typos, then this edition will suit you just fine. And the errors can in no way detract from wealth of prose, candor, analogy, and humor found within this gem of a book.

This is so real I love reading this

One of the best books I've ever read.

Definitely a book with British language and locations. Chesterton grants us a look at his journey from atheism to believer and has had a significant impact on others of like disbelief in the foundational Christian meaning for both life now and for eternal joy later. While his writing was for the past generation, it lives today in those whose hearts and minds it has impacted.

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It is amazing to read a book that was written at the beginning of the previous century and find that it describes the current one. Humanity, for all of its technological advances, has not made one singular advancement in the ways of the mind or the heart. As one reads the words contained within these pages, it is amazing clear that man is no different today than yesterday. Why? Because we are all fools. Who are you a fool for?

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