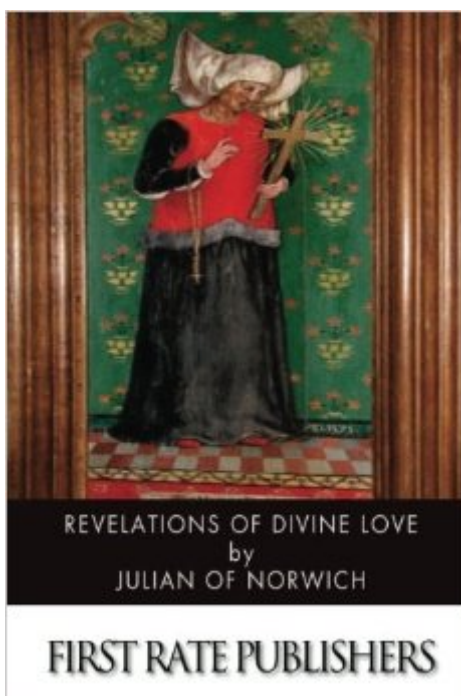


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Synopsis

Julian of Norwich is one of the most famous Christian mystics. Her work, Revelations of Divine Love, is considered one of the greatest Christian works of the medieval era. This edition is translated by Grace Warrack.

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Customer Reviews

I have previously read Revelations of Divine Love in a version whose language was not updated. This takes the text and modernizes the language without losing the original flavor of mysticism. In the original version, one had to read the text several times in order to begin to understand how the language flowed and to understand, by use of context what certain words meant. This converts the old middle English to modern English and the tone is kept the same. I read both versions side by side and this version was nearly identical to the older one except for the updating and the text really flows. I highly recommend this.

I searched for this book after A.W. Tozer quoted her several times in one of his books. This is one of the most beautiful things I have ever read! I love the beautiful, poetic language that so perfectly fits the unspeakable, lovely things this lady was trying to share from the depths of her heart, out of her passionate love for Jesus, her Savior. I love this book. I treasure it. It is very dear to my heart. I had to face dying three times this year battling severe illness. I am a mother of children ages 1-18. I had to actually prepare to say my goodbyes and prepare to meet God. That was an experience I cannot

really describe to anyone--but it really shook me to the core and was a huge test for me. But this book so encouraged me about it all! It gives such hope and desire for being with God! It was such an encouragement and sweet medicine for my struggling faith and wounded heart, troubled mind and soul!The "catholic" influence is apparent in her writings, but the discerning person can see that this lady's heart was full of pure love and devotion for Jesus. She was not allowed to read the Bible for herself, so she treasured all the words she heard read by her Bishop. And I also believe that is why God blessed her with personal revelations. She does give a "Catholic" reverence and attention to the Virgin Mary, but none of her meditations on the matter are really inappropriate. We must remember that in faith this lady obeyed the authority and teachings of her spiritual leaders and the church--she was 100 faithful and true, and God was faithful to keep her faith pure and free from error in many ways. I'm so glad I found this book, and sad it took me so long to find this treasure. But in God's Providence, it came to me at the perfect time to minister to my soul! So lovely!

Julian of Norwich was a 14th century mystic/anchorite who discovered the mystery of God in the simplest of creation - an acorn! Her writings lead us to simpler understanding of God in our lives and to appreciate God as Mother/Father/Nurturer/Creator.

What an incredible read! Dating from the 1300s, there are some surprisingly open and very mystical ideas about faith and the nature of God. There is none of the condemnation or even a strictness that one would expect from the medieval Roman Catholic Church. Instead, the writing of St. Julian regarding her visions and insight presents us with not merit based religion, but a vision of absolute and total Divine Love. While careful in some spots not to contradict church edict, this book still does some very surprising things - almost (but not quite) dismissing the notion of Hell and eternal condemnation, painting a spiritual relationship dynamic extremely close to that of Brahman/Atman in Hinduism, and even expounding on the Maternal aspect of God. St. Julian goes as far to call Jesus our "Divine Mother". While a challenging read, I think it is a worthwhile read. It does a great job of getting to the center of spirituality and the mystic experience and provides a wonderful glimpse of the awe and bliss that we can connect with.

"THE light is Charity, and the measuring of the light is done to us profitably by the wisdom of God. For neither is the light so large that we may see our blissful Day, nor is it shut from us; but it is such a light that we may live heedfully, with travail deserving the endless worship of God." Julian of Norwich was a true English mystic (c. 1342-1420). Her book is nothing more than the recapitulation

of the Christian belief. That part of the above quote i. e. "it is such a light in which we may live meedfully (rewardingly), with travail deserving the endless worship of God." is just the saying of all of what I want to do in this life. I cannot praise Julian of Norwich enough for her English and also for how much as an example she has been in giving me direction to work, to live, and to heal. These are mainly what she says that might be worthwhile: "For our natural Will is to have God, and the Good Will of God is to have us." "God is all that is good, as to my sight, and the goodness that each thing hath, it is He." "the continual seeking of the Soul pleaseth God full greatly:" "the cause while he suffereth (it to be so) is for [that] He will of His goodness make us the higher of Him in His bliss." "the more the soul seeth of God, the more it desireth Him by His grace." "He is the Head and we be His members. To which members the day and the time is unknown, when every passing woe and sorrow shall have an end, and the everlasting joy and bliss shall be fulfilled;" "It is His office to save us: it is His worship to do [for] us, and it is His will [that] we know it." "Christ alone did all the works that belong to our salvation," Thus we see the harmony of the interplaying of creation, fall, redemption, and salvation, ringing throughout. Probably one of the greatest books in my life.

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