



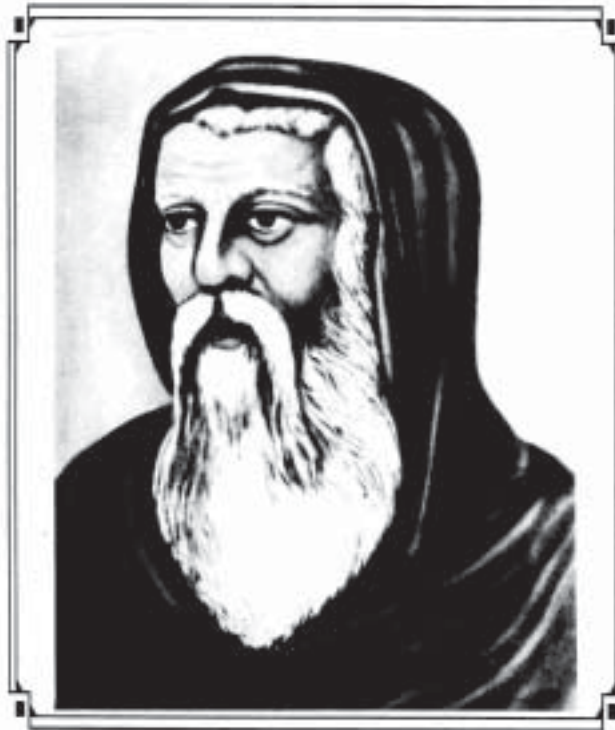
Novel Analysis:

On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius

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This book was published twice, once in 1944 by Centenary Press and the second time in 1946 the American Edition published it then it was reprinted in January of 1989. Many religious books have this writer read, but never have any of the books had so much detail. St. Athanasius goes into so much detail in everything he says and he is so sincere in everything. C.S Lewis writes the introduction to this book and he tells you about how St. Athanasius lived. When one knows St. Athanasius' background one can feel how sincere he was in everything he wrote and one can understand the book better.



St. Athanasius

St. Athanasius proves his points and goes into detail by using verses from the Holy Bible to help you understand. Take this part from the book for instance, "But, as a matter of fact, what profane persons doubt, the evil spirits *know*— namely that He is God; and for that reason they flee from Him and fall at His feet, crying out even as they cried when He was in the body, "We know Thee Who art, the Holy One of God," and, "Ah, what have I in common with Thee, Thou Son of God? I implore Thee, torment me not. (Luke 4:34)" He is so sincere and he chooses the perfect verses to prove his points. If you want to know

more about Christianity, this is the book to read.

The way St. Athanasius talks of the Lord Jesus Christ; it makes one understand how great the Lord Jesus Christ really is. "He is dishonored, so that we may be brought to honor." "He endures it, they say, not for His own sake, but for the sake of bringing immortality and salvation to all."

St. Athanasius also includes verses from the Old Testament in order to prove that the Lord Jesus' coming had been prophesied before He ever even came. "A man that is

afflicted and knows how to bear weakness, for His face is turned away. He was dishonored and not considered; He bears our sins and suffers for our sakes. And we for our part thought Him distressed and afflicted and ill-used; but it was for our sins that He was wounded and for our lawlessness that He was made weak. Chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His bruising we are healed." "You shall see your Life hanging before your eyes, and shall not believe. (Deuteronomy 28: 66)"

The Lord Jesus Christ saved us from our sins by dying for us. He was the only one who could die for us, because He was the true son of man and He was the only one who had made no sins and that is totally



pure and perfect in every way, and that is why He was the only one who could save us from our sins. He did die for us, and yet still some won't believe that He is God, though there has been much evidence to prove he is. What more evidence is needed than what the prophets in the Old Testament spoke of. All that they have prophesied has been fulfilled, but still some won't believe. "But I as an innocent lamb brought to be offered was yet ignorant of it. They plotted evil against Me, saying, 'Come, let us cast wood into His bread, and wipe Him out from the land of the living. (Jeremiah 11:19)" This conflict just proves that people can be so thick headed. They wait for a messiah and when He comes, they kill Him. It is pathetic when you think about it.

St. Athanasius wraps the book up with a quick overview of everything that the book is about. He goes over the book in a way that really makes one think of everything that they have just read. He makes really good points, and still he uses verses from the Holy Bible. He also warns that you must prepare yourself for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, because no one knows when He is coming and you need to be ready. "Get ready and watch, for ye know not the hour in which He cometh. (Matthew 24: 42)"

This was an amazing book. Never has this writer read such a sincere religious book. There was so much information that I never realized or didn't understand about my religion, and some information in my religion I thought was too strict. Though after reading this book, it helped me understand my religion more and made me proud to be a Christian. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to know the true meaning of Christianity and what it is all about. ✚



In order to take care of all the excuses for not attending a church, the following information was placed in a local newspaper:

To make it possible for everyone to attend Church next Sunday:

- A) Beds will be placed in the Fellowship Hall for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to rest."
- B) Blankets will be furnished for those who think that Church is too cold and airconditioning for those who say that it is too hot.
- C) We reserve the front pews for those who like the speakers' sermons and the back pews with ear plugs for those who dislike the speakers' sermons.
- D) Score cards will be made available for those who feel the need to list the hypocrites in attendance.
- E) TV dinners will be available for all those who cannot attend Church to cook the noon meal for the family.
- F) Eye drops will be made available for those with tired eyes from surfing the internet too late Saturday night.

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