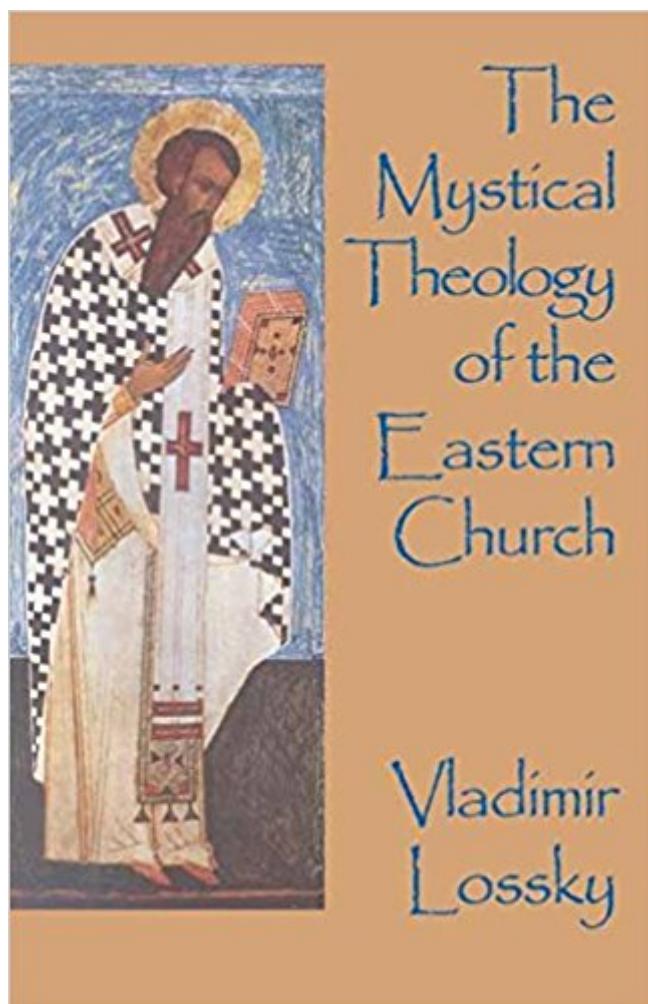


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The Mystical Theology Of The Eastern Church



Synopsis

Through a combination of careful scholarship and the warmth of the deep personal devotion of the author, this book provides the authoritative English study of Eastern orthodox theology. Lossky's account makes clear the profound theological differences between East and West, as well as offering an important contribution to ecumenism and to the life of Christian devotion. The tradition of the Eastern Church is presented as a mystical theology with doctrine and experience mutually supporting each other.

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Customer Reviews

Vladimir Lossky did a good -- perhaps even great! -- job of orienting us Westerners to an understanding of the Mystical Theology of the East. At times, it was a bit difficult reading, but the summaries helped for understanding. I'd recommend it for serious students of East/West relations. The book itself was in fair shape, and arrived fairly quickly.

Excellent book on Mysticism and Eastern Orthodox....opened my eyes to a lot of what the Eastern brothers have to say...As a Roman Catholic, made me feel I found the other half of my soul!

This is an interesting slender volume on Orthodox theology and doctrine. I'm kind of on the fence with how much I like this book. I tend to dislike cerebral intellectual approaches to how I view God and too many theological books place more emphasis on a worldly view of God instead of focusing on the many spiritual, unknowable aspects of His nature. I guess this isn't anything bad - I know the average person needs or desires a concrete sort of relationship with our Father, and I see many people enjoy discussing God's nature. This is the first theological book I've owned and, coming from a Seventh Day Adventist childhood, I've never before encountered a denomination that spends such a breadth of time devoted to the Lord and understanding who He is. This is what has drawn me as a young woman to the Orthodox faith. There is a lot of sensitivity on the part of Lossky. He quotes the Bible (an unusual aspect, as most theologians I've encountered don't really pay much attention to Scripture), and seems to have an intuitive approach to the Father. In many ways he seems to act as a mediator or representative of God, an image of Him. Again, something I've never encountered before. I think this is a book you read over a period of years vs months. It's not a replacement for a real relationship with God; if you're curious about the Holy Spirit, the incarnation of Christ, the nature of God's love and omnipresence in a world which is confused with itself, I think this will give you better answers than most, or at least, guide you on a path of greater understanding.

I have been raised in educated in the West. Yet I have been challenged recently as I have been reading various authors from what we consider to be the eastern Church. Better known as the Orthodox church. This book has been a very enjoyable experience personally.

There was much that went over my head on the first reading, but so much more that helped me better understand Christianity that I definitely intend to return to this book again, and possibly again!

Great! A wonderful journey through the Fathers of the Church and a deeper understanding of theosis--this is an old and wonderful classic!!

This is an excellent introduction to Eastern Christian spirituality for the educated lay-person or clergy-person.

A very good read so far, but his prose is very sophisticated and not for everyone. I am really enjoying it however.

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