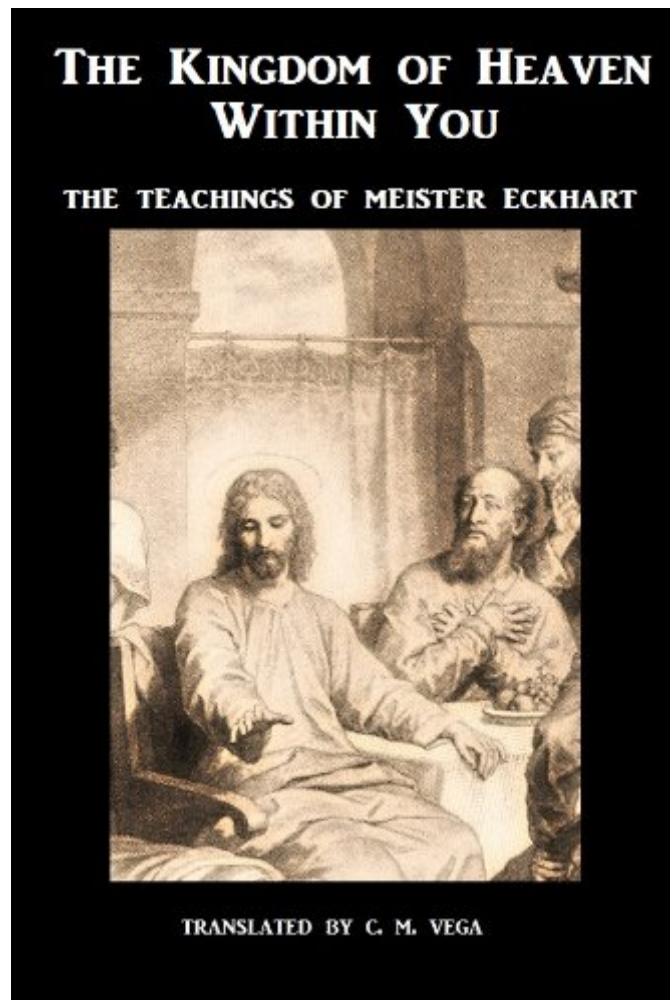




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Synopsis

What is the kingdom of heaven and how may it be attained? In these meditative sermons & tracts, Meister Eckhart elaborates at length upon the Biblical teaching that the kingdom of God is within us—*not* outside, but within. He points out that the exalted state of heaven's kingdom is not merely something to be realized after physical death, but may be realized here and now as one allows God's presence to unfold in one's life. And this is the essence of Christian mysticism. He also gives us beautiful instructions on the proper handling of our own desires and their significance in our growth in the life of Christ. The following unique translations of Meister Eckhart's teachings are included in this volume: The Kingdom of Heaven is Nigh, The Poor in God, The Birth of Christ in the Soul, And Jesus went into the temple. . .

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Customer Reviews

My first introduction to Eckhart. Overall, good stuff. Short and sweet. But, at times a bit dry.

However, I particularly like the spiritual angle of Christianity that Eckhart presents, thus the label of Christian mysticism. Most of the form of Christianity that I have come to know is very

knowledge-driven, often lacking the spiritual aspect of it. This was a nice change for me. The basic premise of this book is the understanding of how to marry the soul with God, essentially allowing the kingdom of God to dwell richly within us and learning to walk more with God at the helm of our lives rather than our knowledge and understanding. Some of my favorite quotes found in this book: "God is closer to me than I am even to my own self. My very existence and being depends upon the fact that God is with me and is present." "The soul that knows God knows also how nigh the kingdom is, and she knows all of God's riches therein." "Only when you seek for nothing will you find God. And, in finding God, you will find everything and all things will remain within you." "If you would pray for something, you need only pray 'thy will be done' and nothing more. Then everything will be given unto you." I highly recommend this short treatise into Christian spirituality. And, I look forward to reading more of Eckhart's stuff.

This book follows the thesis of the "One" articulated in other books by Meister Eckhart. Eckhart contends that "God" is "One" and that if the soul is to see "God" it must forget everything of itself and become lost. If there is anything substitute in the seeking of God even if it is peace, knowledge or the most sublime, outside the will of "God", you will not find "God". If you seek the will of "God" then you must accept whatever you receive as a gift from "God". Eckhart states that the soul has been created with such greatness that it can never rest and is unhappy until it arrives at the goodness of "God". The perfection of virtue of "God" arrives only with great struggle and "strength is made in perfect weakness". This is a very uplifting book that outlines some very critical teachings of Meister Eckhart of the "One". Eckhart does not seem to expound on the "specific means by which we can abide by the will of "God

Love Meister Eckhart's thinking! Just wish it was not such a short book. Whenever I read anything by him, I am moved, stretched, inspired and deeply touched. I wish everyone, especially Christians would read him.

If you want Christianity straight, much like the Pope delivers it, you can get it from Meister Eckhardt's sermons. He's a godly and kind man who knows the truth from the Christian viewpoint, and explains it clearly.

The book is consistent with all previous readings and is quite easy to understand. Looking forward to reading volume two.

No words, read for yourself. Nowhere else you will find the content in this sermon. I spent 10 years at one church and never heard a thing like this.

Meister Eckhardt had much in common with Eastern Orthodoxy with his understanding on the person becoming god by being transformed by God. Good start for those who are looking for a deeper level of spiritual truth.

Very fresh views on spirituality even though book was written eons ago. Meister Eckhart touches what is real in each of us.

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