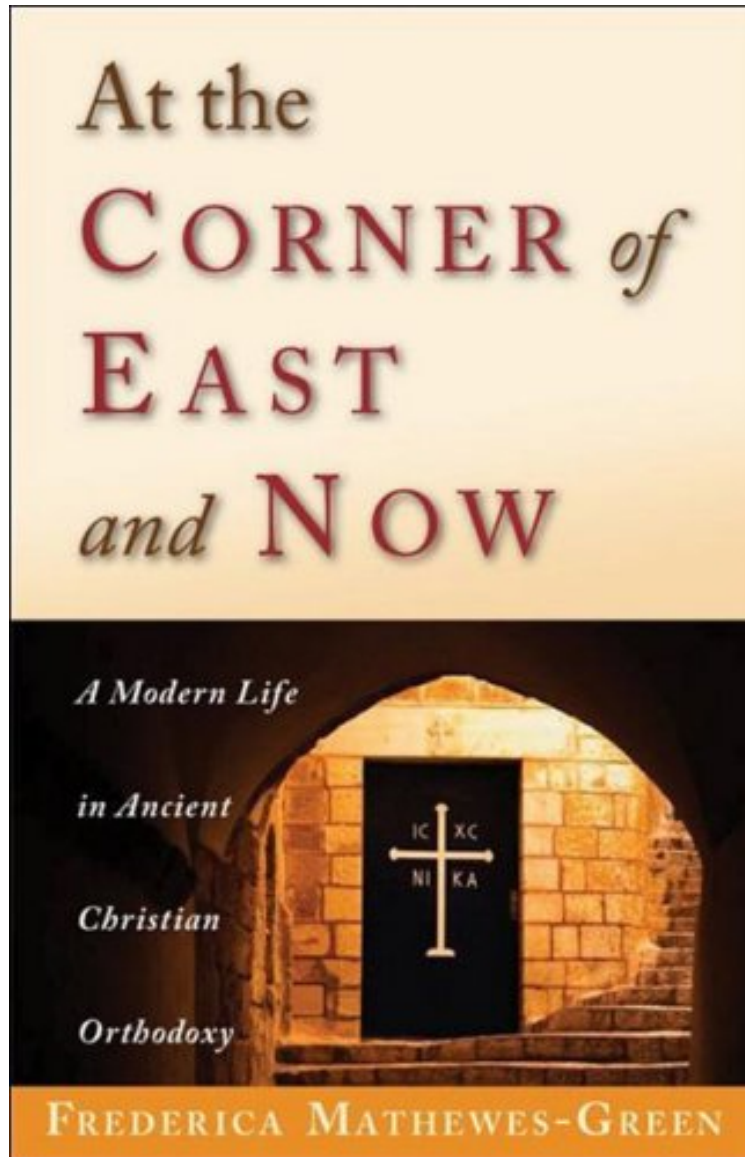


(Free pdf) At the Corner of East and Now: A Modern Life in Ancient Christian Orthodoxy

At the Corner of East and Now: A Modern Life in Ancient Christian Orthodoxy

Frederica Mathewes-Green

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#2056440 in Books Conciliar Press 2009-05-15 2009-05-15 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.25 x 5.25 x .501, .0 #File Name: 1888212349269 pages | File size: 51.Mb

Frederica Mathewes-Green : At the Corner of East and Now: A Modern Life in Ancient Christian Orthodoxy before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised At the Corner of East and Now: A Modern Life in Ancient Christian Orthodoxy:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. and provides excellent overview of Orthodoxy By Miz LizClear

writing, holds attention, and provides excellent overview of Orthodoxy. Love all Ms Green's writing. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great resource!! By Kayla Grieco I love how well-written this book is. It is very approachable and was helpful for me when I was new to Orthodoxy. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. good easy Orthodox read By Red Kat This is a very good introduction into Orthodoxy written by a convert whose husband became an Orthodox priest. I wouldn't label this a "religious" book though there are religious Orthodox instruction and explanations in a light-hearted, easy to read and understandable fashion. I'm really enjoying this book; I can take it to a doctor office, take it on a bus, or sit with a cup of tea and read. I will be lending this one out to people who are interested in learning something about Orthodoxy. I've been Orthodox for 1 1/2 years.

Acclaimed author Frederica Mathewes-Green takes us through a typical Divine Liturgy in her little parish of Holy Cross in Baltimore, setting of her well-loved book "Facing East." Interspersed with reflections on the liturgy and the Orthodox faith are accounts of adventures around the country. In all the places she visits and all the people she meets, Frederica finds insights about faith, American life and what it means to be human and she shares these insights with the wit, pathos and folksy friendliness that have made her one of the most beloved spiritual writers in America. Listen to Frederica's podcast, [i]Frederica Here and Now[/i], at www.ancientfaith.com. Frederica Mathewes-Green is an Eastern Orthodox author and speaker on the subjects of religion and abortion. She holds a BA in English from the University of South Carolina and an MA in Theological Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary. Her husband, Fr. Gregory Mathewes-Green, is an Eastern Orthodox priest. Her writing has been compared to Erma Bombeck and Garrison Keillor.

.com The wonderful title of this book gives a glimpse into its subject: a life at the crossroads of everyday life in America and the timeless rituals in a Christian Orthodox service. Full of information about this ancient church, Mathewes-Green--author of *Facing East* and a columnist for *Christianity Today*--uses a style that is both quirky and intellectual, moving easily from the conversational ("this wasn't one of those woo-woo spiritual experiences where everything goes misty") to references to great Orthodox theologians and rich, Annie Dillard-like prose. One example is her brief description of a young man she saw in California who believed he was Christ: "This is just someone's boy, someone's dreamer, who grabbed a sheet out of the linen closet and walked out of the suburbs, a nice young man breaking someone's heart, lost and gliding over the beautiful Santa Rosa Mountains in a private plane of bliss." While bearing the hallmarks of a fairly recent convert to the faith (some readers will have to adjust to her celebration of orthodoxy at the expense of both Catholicism and Protestantism), the book makes a fine introduction to orthodoxy for contemporary readers. --Doug Thorpe From *Publishers Weekly* When this book succeeds, it does so beautifully: Mathewes-Green (*Facing East*) has crafted a stirring tribute to Eastern Orthodoxy, geared for the beginner. She patiently explains Orthodoxy's emphasis on tradition and conciliar decision making, rigid fasting requirements, use of icons and commitment to transcendent liturgy. (The book also closes with a helpful appendix about what to expect in an Orthodox service.) Her discussion of hell is probably the most lucid since C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*. Moreover, she accomplishes this in a well-balanced tone that is personal and often hilarious but never embarrassingly confessional or cheap. Why, then, are parts of this book so disappointing? Mathewes-Green approaches Orthodoxy with a convert's enthusiasm, sometimes making theological comparisons based on negative stereotypes of other religious traditions. She chastises Evangelicalism, which she claims debases authentic faith with its trinkets, trendy bands and weepy teens. Roman Catholicism does not fare much better, with what she deems its overreliance on papal authority and its "helpless... vapid" Virgin Mary. Eastern Christianity is superior, Mathewes-Green contends, because it is strong, rigorous and masculine (her term); Western Christianity is accommodating, consumer-oriented and therefore feminine. Her gender stereotypes go downhill from there: when she finally addresses Orthodoxy's unwillingness to ordain women, she insists it is not a problem because men's special church leadership responsibilities counterbalance women's clear, vital roles as mothers. Mathewes-Green's reliance on this hackneyed and feeble argument is disappointing in a book that, at other times, shows tremendous promise and theological depth. (Sept.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Library Journal* In the tradition of Kathleen Norris and Esther de Waal, Mathewes-Green (an NPR All Things Considered commentator and the author of *Facing East*) offers her reflections on life as a believer. In her case, an Orthodox Christian believer. She and her husband, both formerly Protestants, lead a parish composed mostly of converts. Chapters on the liturgy alternate with chapters on everyday life, and what comes through is both a deep love of Orthodoxy and a sense of wonder and awe. She admits that, being a recent convert, she has to avoid the tendency to gush, and her knowledge of Orthodox history seems a bit superficial. But her writing has an immediacy that brings the reader into the life of Orthodoxy. The descriptions have the same intimate feel as those on NPR. For general readers. A Augustine J. Curley, O.S.B., Newark Abbey, NJ Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.