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On Acquisition Of The Holy Spirit



Synopsis

Saint Seraphim of Sarov (Russian: Святой Серафим Саровский, 19 July 1759 - 2 January (N.S. 14 January), 1833), born Prokhor Moshnin (Проктор Можнин), is one of the most renowned Russian monks and mystics in the Orthodox Church. He is generally considered the greatest of the 19th century startsy (elders) and, arguably, the first. He is remembered for extending the monastic teachings of contemplation, theoria and self-denial to the layperson, and taught that the purpose of the Christian life was to acquire the Holy Spirit.

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Customer Reviews

Many of the spiritual books I have read reference this St Seraphime. Highly recommend this as well as the Spritual Path by St Theophan ther Recluse. This is a short narrative with deep meaning which you may spend a lifetime meditating upon and never fully appreciating what is being said - much like the Bible. I started as a Lutheran and now belong to the Coptic Orthodox church.

I loved reading this book. It gave me a sense of awe an great joy. Very informative in the fruits of the spirit. Such as "All that is not done for Christ's sake even though it be good, brings neither reward in

the future life nor the grace of God in this life. "He who does not gather with Me scatters" Luke 11:23 It is still considered good. For he who fears God is acceptable to Him. This book is filled with great teachings of the spirit, biblically sound. St Seraphim's revelations is truly extraordinary and I will read this book over and over. If you wonder what is your true role as a Christian, St Seraphim answers the questions with inspiration and sound advice. A good read!

This book is simple, profound and moving. A short work worth referring to again and again. If you are not familiar with St. Seraphim of Sarov, I would suggest a quick reading about his life and ascetic struggles before reading this book. These can easily be found by a quick internet search. This will allow you to have a deeper understanding of the great mysteries described in this work. My favorite part of the book is that St. Seraphim keeps referring to his spiritual son as "my godliness". Showing his great awareness that all people are icons of our saviour. The formatting was fine and there were no glitches.

A fascinating dialogue that goes on as you are a fly on the wall in the humble cottage of a great spiritual man. It is at times reminiscent of St. Stephen's incomparable sermon in Acts or St. Francis speaking truth to power in Rome. If you are looking for food for thought- this book contains an all you can eat buffet.

Any Catholic (for that matter anyone) wishing to advance in the spiritual life will find this little book packed with vitamins for the spirit.

This reflection of the wisdom of the great Orthodox St. Seraphim is priceless. Here we have deep spiritual knowledge, pastoral compassion, and charismatic praxis brought together in a form that is accessible to the newest spiritual babe and profound to the wisest of our elders. The aim of the Christian life, indeed, is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit.

Interviewer asks St Seraphim, who at the time was a renowned holy monk, on how to be holy and acquire the Holy Spirit. Very interesting documentation of the insights and inspirations of a saint. Unlike most writings of saints, this is a very easy read with practical advice.

Like me, you may have to read some passages once or twice, or complete the book, let it lie awhile, then read again ; but this gentle, wise Russian monk has a lot of wisdom about being open and

eager for the filling of the Holy Spirit. I found it very calming to read when I've been stressed out; and somehow could almost hear his voice quieting me in my questions. Good book. Deserving of five stars.

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