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An Exact Exposition Of The Orthodox Faith



Synopsis

Saint John of Damascus (Arabic: ﻳﻮﻫﺎﻧﻦ ﺍﻟﺪﻣﺎﺷﻘﻲ; Greek: Ἰωάννης ὁ Δαμασκηνός; Latin: Iohannes Damascenus; also known as John Damascene, Ἰωάννης ὁ ἑρμῆς /Chrysorrhoas, "streaming with gold" i.e., "the golden speaker") (c. 676 – 4 December 749) was an Arab Christian monk and priest. Born and raised in Damascus, he died at his monastery, Mar Saba, near Jerusalem. A polymath whose fields of interest and contribution included law, theology, philosophy, and music, before being ordained, he served as a Chief Administrator to the Muslim caliph of Damascus, wrote works expounding the Christian faith, and composed hymns which are still in everyday use in Eastern Christian monasteries throughout the world. The Catholic Church regards him as a Doctor of the Church, often referred to as the Doctor of the Assumption due to his writings on the Assumption of Mary.

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It is fantastic to be able to download books like this on your Kindle. I really like that. I'm used to seeing hyphenations in text where they were in the paper version, but that make no sense on a

Kindle. But this is a book that was clearly scanned in and rendered to text. There is nothing wrong with that except that a human needs to go over the text and edit the garble out. "and" commonly is rendered as "anti", "He" is sometimes "the", "If" is sometimes "It" and my favorite, "body" is sometime rendered "booty" I can't help laughing at "the booty of Jesus" This book is worth way more than 99 cents. I just wish the publisher would have a website at the beginning of the book where people can download the source to correct errors as they read so that over time the electronic book would get better.

This is a rich source of traditional Christian theology that has found wide acceptance in all quarters of the Christian world. In it John of Damascus produced the first systematic compendium of accepted Christian theology, drawn primarily from the Greek theologians of the fourth and fifth centuries. The author does not argue for any new doctrine but seeks to present a systematic account of Christian dogma, supported by Scripture and rational arguments. In doing so he shows himself to be a very capable theologian. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, this exposition was translated into Latin in 1150 and was immensely influential. I searched the Summa Theologia of Thomas Aquinas and found the "Damascene" cited 372 times. Calvin, on the other hand, merely mentions him in a footnote. Perhaps Calvin disliked the Damascene's Cyrillian Christology, which differed somewhat from his own. (Calvin does not cite Cyril of Alexandria much either.) Today one finds social Trinitarians citing John of Damascus in support of their views, but a reading of the exposition will make clear that John's view of the Trinity was the traditional unitary view of one tripersonal being, with one will, one power, one rule, etc. I wish that had included the bibliographical information. This is not a new translation but simply the 1898 translation of S.D.F. Salmond, which was published in the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers.

how the orthodox church stays distant from the roman catholic church in liturgy, dogma, and general philosophy. This should be read after a long and loving study of the councils, and schism between the west and the eastern churches.

I have trouble understanding the theology of the Eastern Orthodox Church. This writing has greatly benefit my studies in this area. The translation is well done and is very readable. I recommend it for anyone seeking to come to terms with Eastern Theology.

The publisher's text recognition program did not work well. Hardly a sentence passes without at

least one word misspelled. While many of these misspellings are easy to resolve, many are not. It's very annoying. Look for a more reputable publisher before purchasing the text. John of Damascus is very important to Eastern Orthodoxy. His writing is very technical, often tedious. Proper spelling would go a long way toward helping the reader get through what is often very difficult reading. I do find his writing very interesting.

The quality of this version is bad...The scanned artwork on the front cover is very bad quality. It is blurry, and you can see all the pixels...The text is very small, and there are many misspellings in the text...This work is worthy of not having all these problems. Search out a better quality publisher.

Extremely dry and boring. This is more of a scholarly work than something the average person would read. if the average Orthodox reader wants to learn more I would recommend looking up Father Matthew Raphael Johnson

A truly worthy of reading spiritual text for Orthodox Christians. Very deep in spiritual treasure and good for retooling at what we think we know about a life in Christ.

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