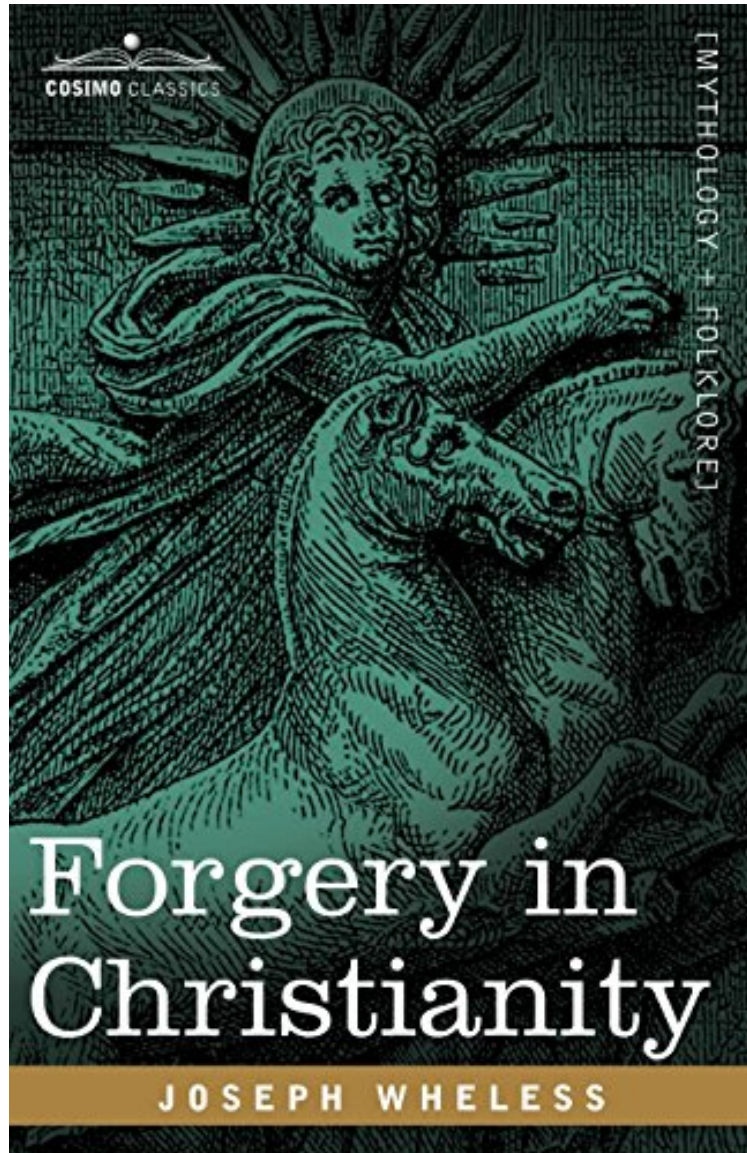


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Baby and the Bathwater again Von Peter Uys The author, who was a judge, criticizes the Bible, the history and the claims of Christianity and the Church from a legal angle and with a sense of humor. Unfortunately he failed to see the horrors of the religion of Marxism, judging by his praise of the Soviet Union. Well, the book was published in 1930

when various forms of collectivism were much in vogue amongst intellectuals; see *Sinisterism: Secular Religion of the Lie* by Bruce Walker for background. He deals with pagan frauds and Christian precedents, Hebrew forgeries, scripture forgeries, the Church Fathers, the Gospel forgeries, the church forgery mill and ends with the chapter: 'The Triumph' of Christianity, in which he takes stock of what he considers the disastrous influence of the faith on Western culture and the 'sad' fruits of Christianity, concluding with an appeal to reason. This book is an antidote to superstition and religious brainwashing plus a brave but flawed attempt to defend the liberating light of reason; Wheless mistook one particular sect of a secular religion as an expression of reason and approved of its suppression of traditional religion. I do however like his clear and witty style; the chapter on the early Church Fathers is especially funny, as he demolishes their fatuous fable-mongering and exposes them for the simple-minded clowns they were. Many of them were antisemites too: see *Christian Antisemitism: A History of Hate* by William Nicholls and *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood* by Michael L. Brown. Not even Saint Augustine escapes his probing wit, as he mercilessly exposes the "great doctor's" foolishness. Wheless does not address the issue, but this particular "saint" formalized the concept of supercessionism or replacement theology, a demonic doctrine that reinforced Christian Antisemitism, contributing to the oppression, misery and slaughter of Jewish people through many centuries. The Reformation did not do away with it as Luther and other reformers unquestionably accepted the doctrine. See *Future Israel: Why Christian Anti-Judaism Must Be Challenged* by Barry Horner for information on its roots and its resurgence. His opinions on the Church Fathers and the history of the Church are valid and thought-provoking but mankind does not live by reason alone, and the Judeo-Christian value system is the foundation of much that is good, kind and merciful in Western civilization. *Forgery In Christianity* does provide important food for thought in an engaging style; there's a guaranteed laugh on almost every page. Alas, what a pity that the author could have been as foolish as to consider the Soviet experiment an exercise in "reason." Of course one should respect the West's debt to Greece and Rome in the fields of art, philosophy, science, law and government. But those civilizations had an ugly underside which encompassed widespread infanticide, murder as entertainment, inequality, misogyny, contempt for the poor, illiteracy amongst the masses and the glorification of war. Even Aristotle (in his *Politics*) and Seneca (in *Controversiae*) condoned and justified infanticide. However imperfect its interpretation and however much its scriptures were twisted for reasons of power and greed, Judeo-Christianity underpins that which is humane in our civilization. In order to reacquaint oneself with what is mostly taken for granted today, I recommend *WorldPerfect* by Ken Spiro.

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