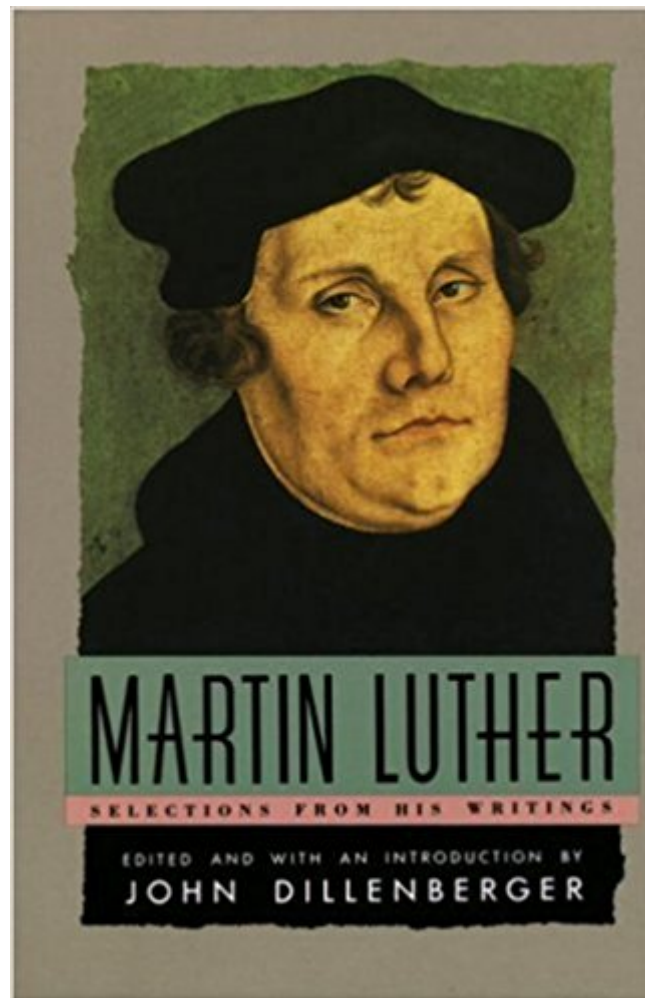




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Dillenberger is a fine collection of classic earlier Luther texts with a few examples from his later career. One will find here the basics of Luther's teaching at a reasonable cost and in an agreeable format. The texts cover both Luther's theological views and his views of reform by for the princes of his day. The text also includes his two most famous sets of theses, The Ninety Five Theses and the Theses for the Hiedelberg Disputation. Freedom of a Christian Man does a great job of explaining Luther's view of the benefit of the Gospel in the life of the Christian, as well as the life that results. Some of the writings, such as Bondage of the Will are abridged. Brief introductions are provided to the various works. I would like to see the Theses on Scholastic Theology from 1517 included. The writings are uniformly theological, and so do not include some of Luther's sharp and controversial polemics. I teach Luther courses regularly, and still use this book as it provides the best source based information for the price. For further reading, I also recommend the Theodore Tappert Volume from the Library of Christian Classics, Luther: Letters of Spiritual Counsel, to go with this volume. One might also productively read Paul Althaus, The Theology of Martin Luther for a more systematized treatment of his theology.

Aside from John Dillenberger's overly verbose introduction (nearly unreadable to me), this is a well chosen selection of Luther's writings. Despite a tendency to keep beating a point already made, Luther was a clear and accessible writer. The world has much to thank him for.

An excellent introduction to Luther's thought - it includes the complete text of the 95 Thesis, and

many of Luther's significant theological ideas and conflicts with the Catholic Church. Luther's language is at times scathing, referring to the office of the pope as the "Antichrist." Some basic biographical review is included in this text, as well as many tracts of Luther's writings. Although not a complete introduction to Luther's thoughts, surely it is a vital introductory source.

An interesting look at Martin Luther. It gives some interesting insights.

If you are in the religious field or enjoy religious genre, this is a great historical read. It was recommended by me from a religious historian and has been very insightful concerning the life of Luther BEFORE he penned his infamous thesis. What was Luther like before he was famous. How was his thesis conjured reflectively from his past? Great questions to know when solidifying your religious understandings.

Good price and condition

I would have scored it 5 out of 5 but the print is very small.

This book offers a peek into the life of a man who constantly questioned the decisions he made and truly tried to walk his talk. We may think that the times he lived in were harsh and he was treated unfairly for his views...yet this still happens today. A good book about a man who was great...despite those around him.

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