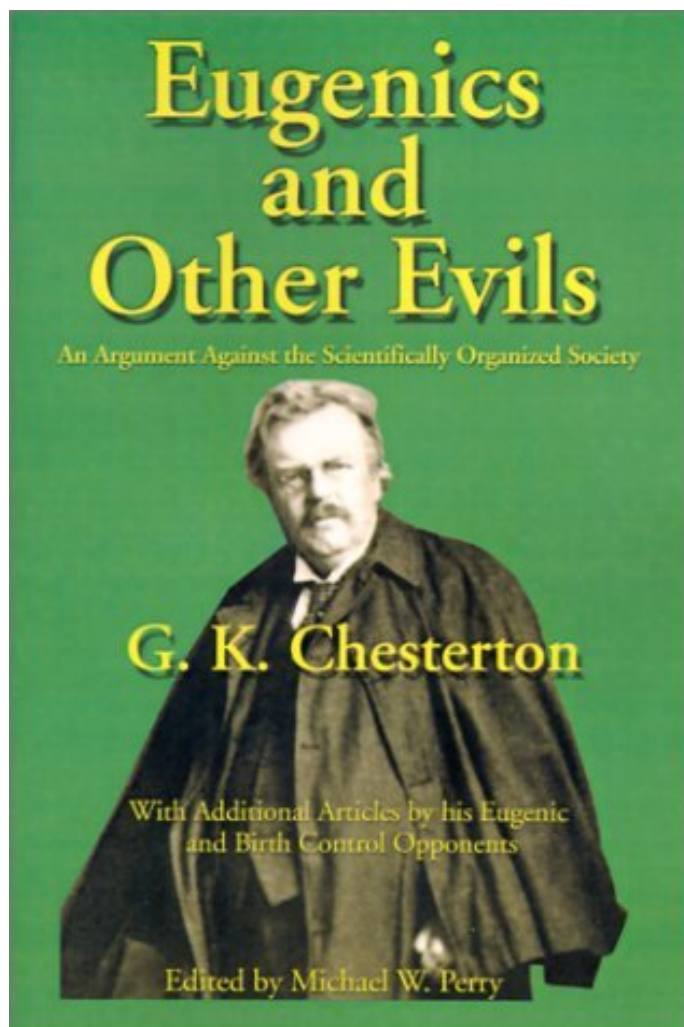

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Description

"The main text of this book comes from the definitive 1922 edition ... published by Cassell and Company of London"--T.p. verso.

Insightful reviews

Brent: A fantastic work, rivaling even Orthodoxy with its razor sharp insight, wit and prescience.

Chesterton was an early opponent to eugenics at a time when it was very fashionable. With a clarity that is as tragic as it is brilliant, Chesterton foretold what was to come. There are many things that can be said about the Holocaust, but one thing that cannot be said is that we were not warned.

In addition to dealing with the Eugenists, Chesterton also speaks on economics and freedom. Building on the foundation that Hilaire Belloc began with *The Servile State*, Chesterton comments on the deficiencies and absurdities of both Capitalism and Socialism, offering Property (Distributism) as the sane and humane alternative.

The timelessness of this book is truly remarkable. Even though overt eugenics has fallen into disfavor, it is tragically apparent that the same goals and mindset are thriving in the abortion industry. Indeed, abortion and artificial contraception has largely succeeded in fulfilling the wildest dreams of the Eugenists... and Chesterton cries out from heaven warning us, once again, of what is to come.

Athens: Chesterton is really quite enjoyable to read.

I often disagree with his premises and outcomes of his thinking, but the thinking itself is something to behold. A brilliant man.

Will read more of his.

Daniel: Bloody amazing.

I am kicking myself for not having read Chesterton constantly, continually, and so very thoroughly much, much earlier in my career. And I have no plausible excuse. I was quite familiar with the name Chesterton due to the ongoing *friendly rivalry* that he had with George Bernard Shaw. And there was always the indirect Chesterton quote that the very famous personality Michael Palin eventually delivered during the opening segment of the ***Ripping Yarns*** series. Yet I never picked anything up by Chesterton until about a half-year ago.**

This thing might very well have the best opening paragraph in the history of opening paragraphs:

The wisest thing in the world is to cry out before you are hurt. It is no good to cry out after you are hurt; especially after you are mortally hurt. People talk about the impatience of the populace; but sound historians know that most tyrannies have been possible because men moved too late. It is often essential to resist a tyranny before it exists. It is no answer to say, with a distant optimism, that the scheme is only in the air. A blow from a hatchet can only be parried while it is in the air.

You see? I told you. After reading that opening paragraph I'll bet that you want to kick me as well for not having read Chesterton earlier in my career. Well, bring it on, fat ass. After reading ***Eugenics and Other Evils*** should be painfully obvious to you that I will parry your kick while it is in the air.

** This is a typo. I read quite a few ***Father Brown*** stories about ten years ago. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Russell: the item that inspired me such a lot approximately this book, apart from Chesterton's genius at writing with paradoxes, used to be how proper it nonetheless is. the issues he wrote approximately are nonetheless here, just like the trendy international obtained caught round put up WWI and not moved earlier definite ideas. Chesterton's religious imaginative and prescient is piercing, capable of see via many arguments and positions to properly determine the ethical risks and evils behind. he isn't simply an interesting writer and a grasp of logic, he is a voice for good judgment rooted in non secular truths. After seeing the wear and tear performed during the last decades, i can't see any secular ethical framework being worthy a lot in comparison to Christianity's. Chesterton lays out the evils, indicates why and the way they're evil, and the way they are often conquer by utilizing the sunshine of Christianity tell judgements and direction. He applies his abilities to reveal not just the nonsenses of eugenics and social engineering, but in addition to the risks of capitalism unfettered by way of the limitations of the traditions and ethical framework of Christianity expressed in the course of the shaping of England. it is one other vintage of Chesterton's, really worth reading.

Erik Olson: Chesterton is an grand linguist. a few examples are dated, however the language and ideas concerned are not. an excellent read!

Nicole: If a gross injustice seemed disguised in medical lingo and speak of progress, might I realize it for what it is? That was once the query I had in brain as i began this book. I drastically appreciate Chesterton and his contemporaries for spotting eugenics for the monster it was, and with out the advantage of hindsight. Few writers could make me believe so totally uneducated and dimwitted as Chesterton can. yet somehow the problem is worthwhile instead of defeating. This e-book challenged my perspectives at the right function of government, science, and medication in society. One example: he argues that to make vagrancy against the law is lunacy-- situations conspire to remove a man's home, so we lock him up for the crime of no longer having one. He additionally argues that the capitalist/industrial process had taken the entire undesirable elements of socialism with no the extra confident aspects. Provocative stuff,

really in present day political climate. i'm nonetheless processing his arguments and count on to re-read this at a few point.

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