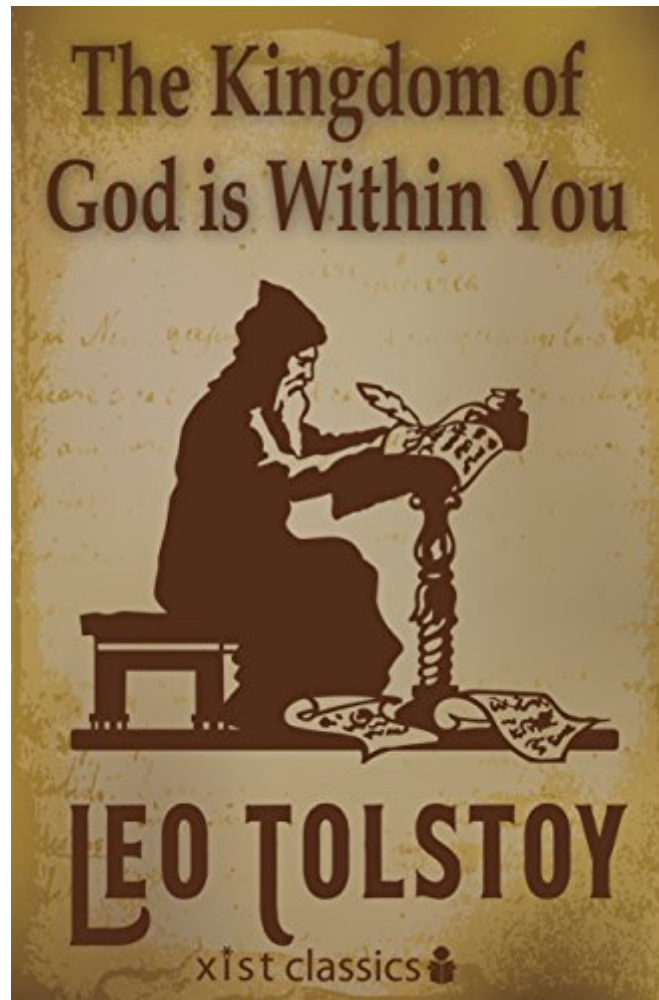




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Turn the Other Cheek – “Satan can never be driven out by Satan. Error can never be corrected by error, and evil cannot be vanquished by evil.” - Leo Tolstoy, *The Kingdom of God is Within You*

In *The Kingdom of God is Within You*, Tolstoy urges the readers to look within themselves to find the answers to questions of morality and shows them why they must reject any sort of violence, even that sanctioned by the state or the church. This book is a startling read which is still relevant today. This Xist Classics edition has been professionally formatted for e-readers with a linked table of contents. This ebook also contains a bonus book club leadership guide and discussion questions. We hope you will share this book with your friends, neighbors and colleagues and can't wait to hear what you have to say about it.

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Customer Reviews

This is Tolstoy's major work on Christian nonviolence. He puts forth the principle on non-violent resistance to evil and bases it on Christian principles. It took me a long time to read this book because, being written in 1894, the significance of many of the references that Tolstoy makes to 19th century European politics and society are not easily grasped by the modern 21st century reader. Yet if you want to understand the history and theory of nonviolent resistance, I feel this is an important book to read and understand. Not only because of Tolstoy's thinking, but because he outlines the work of previous writers and activists that contributed to his thinking. Tolstoy raises the stakes on what it means to be Christian. I am sure that most of the people who profess Christianity today would turn away from Tolstoy's teachings and go on supporting their country's wars and their own personal wealth that comes from these wars. He starts small with just asking his readers to recognize the truth of what he says, and to speak the truth instead of living the lies. I believe I will read this book again someday as the long time it took to read has diluted its impact on me. Having sampled the wine and found it good, I hope someday to be able to drink it to the dregs.

Very long, and drawn out. too many re-hashes of what's wrong with the world, and not enough spirituality explained. I know this book was banned in Russia and I know MLKing jr and Gandhi admired Tolstoy, especially this book. The world has a long, long way to go before we can expect the "Christian Anarchy" he professes. The most interesting part of reading this book, isn't so much what I read, but to put into perspective the times from 1893 to the present time. The world is doing the same "swirl-lee" of War, Tax, Oppression that it has done for centuries upon centuries. If Tolstoy had only known how bad things would get in Russia, Europe, Asia about 24 years after he wrote this. The world continues to fail mainly because we feel the Kingdom of God is out there and we have to go get it, using only our egos...I recommend the book to be read in schools and maybe our youth can somehow break the cycle of misery...in the world.

Malcolm Muggeridge said Tolstoy single-handedly kept Christianity alive in Russia. Tolstoy knows his Bible - does not prevaricate, sets down the bottom line, and gives the reader no excuses for not following Christ as he is shown in the scriptures. And the sad thing is that nothing seems to have

changed from the 'godlessness' of those times to now.

It took me a time or two of reading and re-reading this book to find the true message that I was searching for. This book is very inspiring in that it shows how war and rage are not from God. This book showed me that peace and the Kingdom of God is truly within, it cannot be found in this world with things, war or anything worldly. The message in this book is just as true, maybe more true today than it was in Tolstoy's day!

Important discussion about the place of patriotism and support of government and war for the Christian. Raises critical issues that every Christian should consider. Some of the arguments are lengthy. Requires a reader who can plow through some dense material.

Tolstoy unleashes a powerful volume in support of his pacifist views. The first chapter of the book is excellent and, as always, wonderfully written. Tolstoy's views had a tremendous impact upon believers in Europe and his arguments deserve to be taken seriously rather than dismissed out of hand for its supposed impracticability. There are a number of points where Marxist influences creep into his analysis, reflecting his background. In sum, however, the book is extremely rewarding to read and prompted me to think deeply about my Christian convictions and their outworking in life.

Downloaded to my phone on mp3 and listen to this powerful words of wisdom on my walks through local parks. Tolstoy is "Top Shelf"

Known for War&Peace, Tolstoy's abhorrence and repudiation of war shines through this beautiful teaching of non-violence as bedrock to true Christ following. Has spurred great thought to apprehend what it means to turn the other cheek, go the extra mile, give your coat, and love your enemies.

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