Beliefs: Mennonite Faith And Practice

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Synopsis

Ask any person randomly on the sidewalk what they know about the Mennonites and chances are their answer will include Mormons, black clothes and buggies, or general confusion. This short, engaging book gives a brief account of what Mennonites believe. From the beginnings of the Anabaptist (or Mennonite) movement in the 16th-century, to biblical interpretation, baptism, understandings of the church, ethics, and the complex question of denominationalism, John D. Roth provides a solid framework for on-going conversations about faithful discipleship in the Mennonite church today.

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Customer Reviews

Helpful both for persons coming to Mennonite congregations from other Christian denominations and for persons with deep Mennonite roots. --Sue C. Steiner, Mennonite Church Canada

This short book is an effort to respond positively to this challenge of summarizing Christian faith and practice from the perspective of a believer. Even though it is written primarily as a brief description of Mennonite faith and practice, at a deeper level it is also intended as a response to the questions posed by my Japanese friend about what Christians in general believe. "Always be prepared," we read in 1 Peter, "to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (3:15). This is one effort to do just that: to give a simple account of the Christian convictions that have sustained the Mennonite church for nearly five hundred years.
I'm an evangelical and I wanted to see if the Mennonites were really evangelical as they claim to be. It answered most of my questions and I'm convinced that they are indeed evangelical, although some of their practices and beliefs are a little different.

THIS WAS A GIFT FOR MY SON. THE CONTENT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND THE AUTHOR IS AN AUTHORITY ON THE SUBJECT. HIS WRITING IS PRECISE AND TRUSTWORTHY.

Always interested in various beliefs. This book explains so much of their history and why they live as they do.

Great intro to what it means to be an Anabaptist Mennonite.

Thanks

Failed to delve into the most basic concept of christainty which is the last words of the Apostles Creed ---"i believe in life everlasting". Eterinity is a very complex concept which most clergymen tend to avoid.

Another book by John Roth. He wrote both "Stories" and "Beliefs". Either book gives you good insight into who the Mennonites are. I read both books, but found that a lot of the same information was repeated in both books. I would choose one or the other if you don't want to get bored. Both are excellently written, but a lot of the same information is repeated in both books.

An interesting book but not much in it that I didn't already know. If you do not know anything about Mennonite beliefs this is a great start.

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