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***This is a book of wisdom
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how providential are the trials through which the Catholic Church is now passing. The need of the Papal Primacy to ensure Christian unity; the true meaning of the Priesthood

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***as a sacrament and not a
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as the Sacrifice of the
Savior now offering Himself
on our altars; the role of
the Bishops as successors***

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***of the Apostles, united with
the successor of St. Peter,
the Bishop of Rome; the
value of suffering in union
with Christ crucified; the
indispensable service of the
laity in the apostolate - all***

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***these themes receive from
Cardinal Ratzinger new
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Ratzinger/Pope Benedict
XVI in dialogue with African***

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Catholic theological concerns and challenges. After an Introduction by Matthew Levering arguing that African Catholic theology is an important resource for the whole

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Church, the book contains ten chapters by African and non-African Catholic theologians. Paulinus Odozor investigates whether and, if so, how the God of Jesus Christ stands

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***in continuity with the God
known to African
Traditional Religions. Paul
Ọlátúbọsún Àdajà
addresses faith and reason
in light of the current
African anthropological***

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crisis. Tegha Nji and Valery Akoh connect Ratzinger's idea of "pro-existence" with traditional African understandings of solidarity. Jacob Phillips compares the theologies of

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Robert Cardinal Sarah and Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI. Dennis Kasule examines the requirements of a New Evangelization for Africa, in light of the case of Uganda. Joseph

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Lugalambi proposes that the Catholic liturgies of Africa are in need of reform. Mary-Reginald N. Anibueze explores the Eucharist as a socio-communitarian event.

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***Agbaw-Ebai meditates upon
Ratzinger's understanding
of political power.
Increasingly, the future is
becoming a theme for
theological reflection. In
the background we can***

detect a growing concern among many people for the future of faith. Does faith have any future at all, and, if so, where in all the confusion of today's trends will we discover its

embryo? But the problem of the future assails not only the believer. In the ever more rapidly advancing process of historical evolution, man is confronted with enormous

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opportunities, but also with colossal perils. For him, the future is not only hope, but sorrow-a nightmare, indeed. He cannot avoid asking what part faith can play in building tomorrow's

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***world. Joseph Ratzinger,
now Pope Benedict XVI,
approaches this problem of
universal concern from a
variety of angles, bringing
his deep personal faith and
theological brilliance to***

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***bear on these serious
questions.***

***At life's many crossroads,
the sacraments of the
Church—Baptism,
Confirmation, Confession,
Holy Eucharist, Matrimony,***

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Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick—bring people into contact with the saving work of God. In this collection of homilies, Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) explains

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these celebrations of the Church and shows how they always offer an opportunity to announce our faith in Christ and to deepen our understanding of it. Ratzinger endeavored as a

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theologian to develop an understanding of the sacraments that would help to make participation in them, and in the Paschal Mystery, more fruitful. Many of these homilies

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***connect the sacraments
with a profound
interpretation of Scripture.
The scriptural passages
interpreted in each homily
are listed at the beginning
of the chapter, so that this***

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volume can also be used for scriptural meditation. Since the Church herself is both a sacrament—that is, a sign of God's saving action in the world—and the place where the sacraments take

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***place, two of the chapters
are about the Church, the
body of believers where
God dwells.***

***Joseph Ratzinger's report
on the debates and
struggles that made up***

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***each of the four sessions of
Vatican II (1962-65), along
with theological
commentary.***

***The Thought of Pope
Benedict XVI new edition
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***and Eschatology in Joseph
Ratzinger***

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Thought***

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*Recounts the life of the
German theologian and
cleric who became Pope
Benedict XVI and
describes his views on
Church doctrine and*

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other issues.

In this collection of essays, theologian Joseph Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, tackles three major issues in the Church today--the

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*nature of the Church,
the pursuit of Christian
unity, and the
relationship of
Christianity to the
secular/political power.
Relates the life story*

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*of Joseph Ratzinger,
later to be known as
Pope Benedict XVI, from
his birth in Germany in
1927 through his
election as Pontiff in
2005, as told by his*

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cat, Chico.

*Well known for his
important scholarly
contributions to
dogmatic theology and
biblical commentary,
Joseph Ratzinger has*

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*also written penetrating
observations of our
times. This book
includes some of his
keen insights about the
social and political
challenges confronting*

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modern Western societies. Writing most of these chapters just before his election as pope, Ratzinger sought to remind Europeans, who at the time were

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*crafting a new
constitution, that the
civilizational project
we call "the West" is a
cultural achievement
with a history.*

Jerusalem, Athens, and

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*Rome were the three
foundation stones upon
which Western
civilization was built,
he wrote. Their
invaluable contributions
form the basis for the*

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Western understanding of human dignity and human rights, which spread from Europe to the United States and beyond. This book also includes, as an

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*epilogue, a new essay by
Pope Emeritus Benedict
XVI on clerical sex
abuse, which traces the
moral disorder that
preys upon the young to
the collapse of faith*

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*both inside and outside
the Church. "The witness
of Christian lives nobly
lived is the beginning
of reconversion (or, in
many cases, conversion)
of the West—and that*

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*return to the truths
taught by the God of the
Bible is essential if
the great Western
civilizational project
is not to crumble
because of its current,*

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*postmodern incoherence.
Joseph Ratzinger
understood that danger
long before many others.
It would be well to
attend to his
prescription.” –George*

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*Weigel, Distinguished
Senior Fellow, Ethics
and Public Policy
Center, from the
Foreword*

*At life's many
crossroads, the*

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*Sacraments of the Church
continually bring people
into contact with the
saving work of God:
Baptism, Confirmation,
Confession, Holy
Eucharist, Matrimony*

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*Holy Orders, Anointing
of the Sick. The
celebrations of the
Church always offer an
opportunity to announce
the faith and deepen our
understanding of it.*

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Signs of New Life
gathers a selection of
fourteen homilies by
Joseph Ratzinger (Pope
Benedict XVI) on each of
the Seven Sacraments, as
well as an additional

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*two texts on the theme
of the Church more
broadly. Ratzinger
endeavored as a
theologian to develop an
understanding of the
Sacraments in new ways*

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and to make fruitful the participation of others in the celebration of them. Many of his homilies refer to individual Sacraments and connect them with a

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*profound interpretation
of Scripture and of the
Christ event. The
Scriptural passages
interpreted in each
homily are listed at the
start, so that this*

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*volume can also be used
for Scriptural
meditation and spiritual
reading. This book is
intended to help us
grasp more profoundly
the essence of the*

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*Church and to aid us in
celebrating and
proclaiming the
Sacraments as that which
they truly are: signs of
the new life in Christ.
Death and the Eternal*

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*Addressing Fundamental
Issues*

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Sacraments

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*Theology of Joseph
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Life of a Pope before he
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Pope Benedict XVI

This profile of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger

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takes a look at his life, then moves forward as Ratzinger has been closely involved in the controversies that have shaken the Catholic church for the past 20 years.

Aidan Nichols' timely book is the first full-scale investigation of Joseph Ratzinger's theology, from the 1950s to the present day. It presents a chronological account of the

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development of Ratzinger's writing that reflects a wide range of historical and theoretical interests. A comprehensive introduction to a figure who is in his own right, quite apart from his significance in the politics of the Church, a major German Catholic theologian of the twentieth century. This new edition amplifies existing chapters

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by reference to books by Ratzinger between 1986/1987 and his election as Pope in 2005, and includes two new chapters - Judaism, Islam and other religions, and the secularization and future of Europe.

An Intimate Portrait of the Pope and His Homeland Highlighting a little-known personal side of Joseph Ratzinger, Pope

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Benedict XVI, this book places him in the context of his homeland, Bavaria a place which the author, Brennan Pursell, has come to know well through extensive travel and study over the last twelve years. Explore the extraordinary brilliance of Pope Benedict's mind and the universality of his vocation within the context of his identity as

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*a simple son of his beloved homeland,
Bavaria. Includes color photos and a rare
look at a day in the life of the Pope.
The Second Vatican Council says, "We
ought to try to discover a new reverence for
the Eucharistic mystery. Something is
happening that is greater than anything we
can do. The liturgy is the summit toward*

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which the activity of the Church is directed; it is the font from which all her power flows." This profound statement about the Eucharist stands at the center of this book by Cardinal Ratzinger. He compellingly shows us the biblical, historical, and theological dimensions of the Eucharist. The Cardinal draws far-reaching conclusions,

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focusing on the importance of one's personal devotion to and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, for the personal reception of Communion by the individual Christian, as well as for the life of the Church. For Ratzinger, any transformation of the world on the social plane grows out of the celebration of the Eucharist. He

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beautifully illustrates how the omnipotent God comes intimately close to us in the Holy Eucharist, the Heart of Life.

New Softcover Edition with Index!

Considered by Ratzinger devotees as his greatest work on the Liturgy, this profound and beautifully written treatment of the "great prayer of the Church" will help

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readers rediscover the Liturgy in all its hidden spiritual wealth and transcendent grandeur as the very center of our Christian life. Among the many liturgical issues that he covers in this work, Cardinal Ratzinger discusses fundamental misunderstandings of the Second Vatican Council's intentions for liturgical renewal, especially the orientation

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of prayer at the Eucharistic sacrifice, the placement of the tabernacle, and the posture of kneeling. Other important topics he discusses include the following: the essence of worship; Jewish roots and new elements of the Christian Liturgy; the historic and cosmic dimensions of the Liturgy; the relationship of the Liturgy to time and

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space; art, music, and the Liturgy; active participation of all the faithful; gestures, posture, and vestments. "My purpose here is to assist this renewal of understanding of the Liturgy. Its basic intentions coincide with what Guardini wanted to achieve. The only difference is that I have had to translate what Guardini did at the end of the First

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World War, in a totally different historical situation, into the context of our present-day questions, hopes, and dangers. Like Guardini, I am not attempting to involve myself with scholarly discussion and research. I am simply offering an aid to the understanding of the faith and to the right way to give the faith its central form of

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*expression in the Liturgy." - Joseph Cardinal
Ratzinger, from the preface
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*Cardinal Ratzinger
Western Culture Today and Tomorrow
A Catholic Understanding of the Story of*

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Creation and the Fall

*Youth in Nazi Germany to the Second
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*From the Baptism in the Jordan to the
Transfiguration*

Edited by Emery de Gaál and
Matthew Levering, Joseph
Ratzinger and the Healing of

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Reformation-Era Divisions
examines Joseph Ratzinger/Pope
Benedict XVI's manifold
contributions to Catholic-Protestant
theological reflection. The collection
opens with an introduction
comparing Ratzinger's approach to

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ecumenism to that of Karl Rahner. Rahner argues that the structural uniting of Protestants and Catholics should take place now without worrying about doctrinal differences. In contrast, Ratzinger argues that unity in Christ requires

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probing the doctrinal differences
and seeking a deeper
understanding of the reasoning of
each side—on the grounds that the
truth of the Gospel that each side
desires to preserve will ultimately
be the basis for the only kind of

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Christian ecclesial unity worth having, namely, a unity of the basis of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Detailed essays follow, treating a number of loci including papal primacy, ecumenical principles, liturgy, evangelization,

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Mariology, Christ's birth and the celebration of Christmas, public theology, Christocentrism, Martin Luther, charity, conscience, missiology, justification, the reception of Ratzinger/Benedict in Radical Orthodoxy, and Scripture

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and Tradition. These essays run the full gamut of Ratzinger/Benedict's major themes and preoccupations. Ten of the essays are by Catholic scholars, and seven by Protestant scholars. Contributors include many of the

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world's leading Ratzinger experts,
and the volume opens with an
essay by Bishop Rudolf
Voderholzer, Director of the Pope
Benedict XVI Institute in
Regensburg, Germany.
A Living Sacrifice focuses on the

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inherent relationship between eschatology and the liturgy in light of Ratzinger's insistence upon the primacy of logos over ethos. When logos is subordinated to ethos, the human person becomes subjected to a materialist ontology that leads

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to an ethos that is concerned above all by utility and progress, which affects one's approach to understanding the liturgy and eschatology. How a person celebrates the liturgy becomes subject to the individual whim of

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one person or a group of people. Eschatology is reduced to addressing the temporal needs of a society guided by a narrow conception of hope or political theology. If the human person wants to understand his authentic

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sacramental logos, then he must first turn to Christ the incarnate Logos, who reveals to him that he is created for a loving relationship with God and others. The primacy of logos is the central hermeneutical key to understanding

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the unique vision of Ratzinger's Christocentric liturgical theology and eschatology. This is coupled with a study of Ratzinger's spiritual Christology with a focus on how it influences his theology of liturgy and eschatology through the

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notions of participation and communion in Christ's sacrificial love. Finally, A Living Sacrifice examines Ratzinger's theology of hope, charity, and beauty, as well as his understanding of active participation in relationship to the

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eschatological and cosmic characteristics of the sacred liturgy. The celebration of the Eucharist, in which Jesus Christ becomes present, is the center of the Catholic faith. This volume brings together substantive texts of the

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Holy Father on the many aspects and dimensions of the Mass and the Mystery of the Eucharist, a rich source for every Christian and a spur to reflection and personal prayer. Delivered in addresses and homilies to a wide variety of

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audiences, these reflections reveal the depth and breadth of Pope Benedict XVI's profound and life-long love for the Holy Eucharist. A major theme throughout the works of Joseph Ratzinger, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

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is the Church's source of life, unity and fruitfulness. This theme has been carried deeply into his pontificate, as can be seen in this collection, which challenges the faithful to believe that by receiving Christ in Holy Communion, they are

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drawn not only into the very life of God, but into the community that is Christ's Body, the Church.

In these pages Benedict XVI shares his reasons for retiring from the papacy in 2013 in an interview with the author. Many saw his

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astonishing retirement as a sign of the Church's decline, but he intended it as a seed sown in the hope of bringing the Church a younger, more vigorous leadership in the face of daunting challenges. Among those challenges are the

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financial and sexual scandals that continue to undermine the Church's mission. When Ratzinger was elected Pope in 2005, he opened a path of purification for the Church, while calling upon the Western world to return to its Christian roots

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and to build a new humanism for the twenty-first century, and his call for renewal is still relevant. Widely recognized as one of the most important theologians and spiritual leaders of our time, Joseph Ratzinger served throughout the

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papacy of John Paul II as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Both men had witnessed how atheistic philosophies and war had ravaged twentieth-century Europe, and they shared in the effort of revealing to

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modern man his need for God, for redemption in Jesus Christ.

Originally published in English in 1988, Joseph Ratzinger's Eschatology remains internationally recognized as a leading text on the "last things"—heaven and hell,

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purgatory and judgment, death and the immortality of the soul. This highly anticipated second edition includes a new preface by Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI and a supplement to the bibliography by theologian Peter A. Casarella.

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Eschatology presents a balanced perspective of the doctrine at the center of Christian belief—the Church's faith in eternal life. Recognizing the task of contemporary eschatology as "to marry perspectives, so that person

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and community, present and future, are seen in their unity," Joseph Ratzinger brings together recent emphasis on the theology of hope for the future with the more traditional elements of the doctrine. His book has proven to be as

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timeless as it is timely.

Professor and Prefect to Pope and
Pope Emeritus 1966–The Present
The Ratzinger Report
My Brother the Pope
Heart of the Christian Life
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New Endeavors in Ecclesiology
Milestones

*While the stories of the
vcreation of the world and
of the fall of humankind
have often given rise to
conflict - fundamentalists*

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*twist the Bible into
science and history while
rationalists approach this
issue by "divorcing God
from creation" - Cardinal
Ratzinger presents the
Catholic middle ground*

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*between extremist
positions in explaining
the vitality of these
early Old Testament
writings.*

*It wasn't always the case
that Msgr. Georg Ratzinger*

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*lived in the shadow of his
younger brother, Joseph.
Georg was an accomplished
musician, who for over 30
years directed the
Regensburger Domspatzchor,
the world-famous boys*

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*choir of the Regensburg
cathedral. Brother Joseph
was a brilliant young
professor, but mostly
known in German academic
circles. Now Georg writes
about the close friendship*

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*that has united these two
brothers for more than 80
years. This book is a
unique window on an
extraordinary family that
lived through the
difficult period of*

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*National Socialism in
Germany. Those interested
in knowing more about the
early life of Benedict XVI
will not be disappointed.
They will also learn of
the admirable character*

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*and inspiring example of
the parents, and see how
the Catholic faith can
shape not just a family,
but an entire culture—in
this case, that of
Bavaria. Georg's*

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reminiscences are detailed, intimate, and warm. And while they begin with the earliest years of the Ratzinger family, they continue right up to the present day. This is not

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*simply a book to satisfy
curiosity about a
"celebrity", though it
certainly does that. It's
a beautiful portrait of
Catholic family life and,
in the most literal sense,*

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*of enduring fraternal
charity. Georg has a
talent for telling a
story, and the co-author
fills in some of the
larger historical
background. The many*

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*photographs, both in black
and white and in color,
round out a thoroughly
enjoyable and
inspirational book.
Illustrated with 47
photographs.*

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*"This book is . . . my
personal search 'for the
face of the Lord.'"*

*-Benedict XVI In this
bold, momentous work, the
Pope--in his first book
written as Benedict*

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XVI--seeks to salvage the person of Jesus from recent "popular" depictions and to restore Jesus' true identity as discovered in the Gospels. Through his brilliance as

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*a theologian and his
personal conviction as a
believer, the Pope shares
a rich, compelling, flesh-
and-blood portrait of
Jesus and incites us to
encounter, face-to-face,*

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*the central figure of the
Christian faith. From
Jesus of Nazareth: “. . .
the great question that
will be with us throughout
this entire book: But what
has Jesus really brought,*

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then, if he has not brought world peace, universal prosperity, and a better world? What has he brought? The answer is very simple: God. He has brought God! He has

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*brought the God who once
gradually unveiled his
countenance first to
Abraham, then to Moses and
the prophets, and then in
the wisdom literature—the
God who showed his face*

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only in Israel, even though he was also honored among the pagans in various shadowy guises. It is this God, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, the true God, whom

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*he has brought to the
peoples of the earth. He
has brought God, and now
we know his face, now we
can call upon him. Now we
know the path that we
human beings have to take*

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in this world. Jesus has brought God and with God the truth about where we are going and where we come from: faith, hope, and love."

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in the modern secular
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and for one's neighbor and
the importance of faith,
both for oneself and as a*

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witness to others.

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in the subject Theology -
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Ratzinger, language:*

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English, abstract: This little book was originally a series of speeches on the theologian Joseph Ratzinger and former pope Benedict XVI at Holy Cross Catholic Church in

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*Atlanta, Georgia, in the
United States. It is a
biographical-historical
approach to this important
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leading up to the year
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*highest office of the
Catholic Church. The six
chapters span from
Ratzinger's youth in
Bavaria, his close
relationship with his
family and brother Georg,*

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*his early priesthood, his
theological development,
his experiences as a
professor in the sixties,
his years as archbishop of
Munich and his time in
Rome as Prefect of the*

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*Congregation for the
doctrine of the faith.
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study can offer, is a
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essential components of
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career.

*Christianity and the
Culture of Relativism in
the Anthropologies of
Joseph Ratzinger and
Stanley Hauerwas
The Vatican's Enforcer of*

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*The Eucharist, the Heart
of Life*

*A Biography of Joseph
Ratzinger*

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passion and love for the cause of God
and of man, *Milestones* is the early

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autobiography of Pope Benedict XVI, Joseph Ratzinger. It tells the fascinating and inspiring story of his early family life, the years under Nazi oppression in Germany, and his part in World War II—including how as a teenager he was forced to join the Hitler Youth and the

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German army, from which he risked his life to flee. This book also recounts Joseph Ratzinger's calling and ordination to the priesthood, the intellectual and spiritual formation he received, his early days as a parish priest, his role as an expert at the

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Second Vatican Council, his experience as a popular university professor and theologian, and his appointment as Archbishop of Munich-Freising in Germany. Joseph Ratzinger would go on to serve for over two decades as the Prefect of the Congregation of the

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Doctrine of the Faith under John Paul II, before being elected pope himself in 2005. Written before Benedict XVI became pope, *Milestones* remains a valuable road map to the man's mind and heart. It dispels the media myths and legends, and it reveals the real

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Benedict XVI A man of the Church who loves God and humanity, a scholar, a theologian, a teacher, and a humble pastor with deep compassion and profound spiritual insight. Illustrated. Joseph Ratzinger rates relativism as the greatest challenge of the Church today.

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What he describes is not a new phenomenon but his theology highlights its origins and magnitude. Stanley Hauerwas fights the same battle on the Protestant side. This book attempts to discover and streamline their deliberations, showing their meeting

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points and where they differ, and remedies they offer to combat the crisis. It seeks to argue out the best response to relativism that can most appropriately benefit both Western and African Christendom. Despite being a Western phenomenon, relativism is no

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longer an exclusively Western problem. It is, rather, imposing itself as the new world culture, depicting all other cultures and perspectives as inferior. Ratzinger christened this the Dictatorship of Relativism, while Hauerwas calls it Policing of Christian

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Values. While Ratzingers greatest worry is relativisms denial of Truth (mostly from outside the ekklesia), for Hauerwas, relativism is not a force from without (of the Church) but part and parcel of the peoples modern ways of life, in which Christian values are

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persecuted in the name of peaceful existence. Both perspectives point at a crisis of cultures where the past is rejected and the future disconnected from the present, which trend inevitably leads to disintegration a leap into the dark. While the pre-Modern

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world sought God, the Modern world sought knowledge. The contemporary world seeks relativism. But all is not lost. The truth can still be found through the word of God and Christian culture.

Pope Benedict XVI writes eloquently

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and persuasively about the importance for followers of Christ to understand well what they believe in order to live as a serious Christian in today's secular world.

This is a major work on the theology of Joseph Ratzinger by a highly regarded

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German theologian, priest and writer. Since his election to the Papacy, Ratzinger's theology, and in particular his ecclesiology (theology of the Church), has been in the limelight of theological and ecumenical discussions. This work studies in detail Ratzinger's

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ecclesiology in the light of Vatican II, against the ongoing debate about what Vatican II really meant to say about the life of the Church, its liturgy, its worship, its doctrine, its pastoral mission, and more.

The testimony and teachings of Joseph

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Ratzinger on the act of faith are particularly urgent for the Church today. Doctrinal confusion and other signs of crisis experienced by believers find their root in a crisis of faith. Understanding what it means to believe is more than an academic exercise;

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rather, it is a necessary step for authentic renewal in the Church. In *What Does it Mean to Believe?*, Fr. Daniel Cardó outlines the different insights of Joseph Ratzinger on the act of faith—understood as a personal, integral, and ecclesial act. Cardó

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provides an organic view of the rich contribution made by the Pope Emeritus in his many theological works. What Does it Mean to Believe? is also an invitation to appreciate the mind and the faith of one of the greatest theologians of our time.

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Joseph Ratzinger

Memoirs, 1927-1977

Joseph and Chico

Seek that which is Above

Signs of New Life

Understanding the Church Today

Meditations on the Triune God

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A fascinating and insightful volume collecting together the key writings of Joseph Ratzinger, some of them yet untranslated, from his youthful and more progressive writings, to his 'transition period' following his

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disillusionment with the aftermath of Vatican II, to his time as Prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith down to 2005. The emphasis will be upon Joseph Ratzinger as 'private theologian', his many writings

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released in a personal capacity for such will chart the formation of and comment upon the official statements and texts released under his name in a more informative fashion than the simple inclusion of the formulaic

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'official texts' themselves.

Following a section providing insight into the fundamental and systematic theological background and development of Joseph Ratzinger's thought, further thematic sections will also

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be included, for example, Joseph Ratzinger's writings on Ecclesiology, on Theology and the Role of Theologians, on the Eucharist, on Religious Pluralism, on Sacramental Theology, Ecumenism, on Truth, on the

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Contemporary Historical Era, on
Magisterium and on Faith Morals
etc. The volume will open with an
introductory essay charting the life
and career, the achievements of
and the controversies surrounding
the new pope. Each reading will

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be prefaced by a brief introduction to its context and themes and will be followed by recommended further reading on its respective subject matter.

In these homilies, most of which are previously unpublished,

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Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, addresses the theme he has celebrated, pondered, and witnessed by his life more than any other: love. For him, love is the vital nucleus of the Church

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and to serve Christ is above all a question of love: "Peter, do you love me? Feed my sheep" (Jn 21:15-17). Love is also the quest of every human being on the journey toward eternity. He beautifully states, "Christianity is a

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movement, a journey; it is not a theory, a sum total of doctrine; Christianity is life, it is a vital impetus that carries us toward true life. . . . Someone who has found love can say: I have found life." Arranged by the liturgical

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seasons of the Church year, the homilies predate the author's pontificate. The earliest dates from 1970 while he was still a professor of theology. Thus, this collection traces the way Joseph Ratzinger has been enamored of

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the love of God throughout his years of serving the Church. Emeritus Pope Benedict commands both adulation and unremitting criticism. To millions, he remains a beacon of light in a turbulent modern world. In this

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second volume of Peter Seewald's authoritative biography, the story continues from the Second Vatican Council (1965–8) right up to the present day. We see how Benedict was influenced by the Council and the

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ensuing political unrest all over Europe to move from a liberal perspective on the Church and the modern world to one that was profoundly conservative.

Appointed in 1981 as prefect of the Congregation of Doctrine of

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the Faith, and quickly nicknamed 'God's Rottweiler', he proved to be intransigent on the controversial issues of abortion, contraception, gay rights and gay marriage. But elected Pope in 2005, his tenure of office was so

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riven with shocking revelations of controversy and scandal that it seemed that by the time of his resignation in 2013 he was incapable of handling the complexities of the Church in the modern world. Vatileaks, sexual

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abuse by priests, the Regensburg speech which became the spark of an eruption of anger and rage in the Muslim world – all these hit the world's media headlines.

Peter Seewald is the only person who is close enough to Benedict

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to assess the man himself and to uncover the truth about so many of the controversial issues surrounding this most controversial papacy. Seewald has already published two books of interviews with Benedict and

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this book is based not just on meticulous research but on many hours of recorded interviews with Benedict himself. It will stand for many years as the definitive biography of Benedict XVI from an author with unrivalled access

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to the Pope Emeritus.

Presents a series of meditations on Christian life, focusing on such events of the church year as Advent, Lent, and Corpus Christi, and discussing such topics as the nature of peace and the

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relationship between spirit and matter.

When Pope John XXIII invoked the Second Vatican Council, he hoped the Church would once again become a culture shaping evangelical force in society.

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Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis have echoed that call for the Church to renew her missionary energies and to strengthen her life of communion. Nevertheless, the laity has largely been

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unresponsive to these calls and missionary efforts, admirable as they may be, are often the efforts of a few specialists rather than the life of a people lived for and with the Lord. While the shift from agrarian societies through the

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industrial city to the technopolis
has brought unprecedented
economic growth and scientific
progress, peoples and
communities have suffered from
the anonymity of mobility, the
irrationality of rationalism, the

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indignity of materialism, and the duplicity of relativism. With the dawn of modernity, philosophical thought reflects a reduction in its perceived breadth, depth, and import, and ecclesiological conceptions similarly reveal a

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sociologically reduction, failing to emphasize the properly theological character of the Church and her mission. In light of this situation, this dissertation offers Joseph Ratzinger's notion of communion and mission in the

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Church as a contemporary
"creative minority" analogous to
St. Benedict's monasteries of old.
To this end, it first examines the
theological foundations of his
ecclesiology to ground his
thinking of the Church. After

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drawing upon Ratzinger's notion of Trinitarian communion and of person as relation, it then examines his spiritual Christology to highlight the sacramental character of his ecclesiology and the liturgical, indeed Eucharistic,

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character of his understanding of mission. The dissertation addresses the critiques of scholars who argue Ratzinger's conception of communion and mission in the Church is too monistic and idealistic, causing it

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to pass over the heads of persons
in the pews and in the streets.

With reference to the concrete
character and ethos demanded
by his notion of worship, I counter
these critiques, suggesting that
Ratzinger's ecclesiology offers a

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theologically and liturgically grounded vision of missionary communion. This Benedictine vision can equip churches to respond to the existential questions raised by modernity. Finally, I posit the witness of

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community for mission lived by
the new ecclesial movements as
an example of how Ratzinger's
creative minorities can
successfully evangelize.

(Rediscovering the Truth of
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Theology of the Liturgy

Mapping a Theological Journey

The Ratzinger Reader

Church, Ecumenism, and Politics

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This major volume is a collection of the writings of Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI) on the theology of the Liturgy of the Church, a subject of preeminence to him as a theologian, professor and

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spiritual writer. It brings together all his writings on the subject, short and long, giving his views on liturgical matters and questions over many years and from various perspectives. He chose to

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have his writings on the Liturgy for the first volume published of his collected works (though listed as vol. 11) because, as he says in the Introduction: "The liturgy of the Church has been for me since my

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childhood the central reality of my life, and it became the center of my theological efforts. I chose fundamental theology as my field because I wanted first and foremost to examine thoroughly the question: Why

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do we believe? But also included from the beginning in this question was the other question of the right response to God and, thus, the question of the liturgy." By starting with the theme of liturgy in this

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volume, Ratzinger wants to highlight God's primacy, the absolute precedence of the theme of God. Beginning with a focus on the liturgy, he said, tells us that "God is first". He quotes from the Rule of St. Benedict,

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"Nothing is to be preferred to the liturgy", as a way of ordering priorities for the life of the Church and of every individual. He says that the fundamental question of the man who begins to understand himself

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correctly is: How must I
encounter God? Thus learning
the right way of worshipping
is the gift par excellence
that is given to us by the
faith. The essential purpose
of his writings on the
liturgy is to place the

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liturgy in its larger context, which he presents in three concentric circles. First, the intrinsic interrelationship of Old and New Testament; without the connection to the Old Testament heritage, the

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Christian liturgy is incomprehensible. The second circle is the relationship to the religions of the world. The third circle is the cosmic character of the liturgy, which is more than the coming together of a

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circle of people: the liturgy is celebrated in the expanse of the cosmos, encompassing creation and history at the same time. Cardinal Ratzinger speaks candidly and forcefully about the state of the

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Church in the Post-Vatican II era. Here is the complete text of a meeting many have called a "historical turnabout" in the Church. The roots of the crisis that has troubled Catholics in the twenty years since the

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Council are analyzed with forthright clarity by one of the most authoritative voices in the Vatican. Here is a clear and uncompromising report on the dangers that threaten the Faith, from one who every

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day receives the most reliable information from every continent. Yet Ratzinger's observations are as hopeful and balanced as they are clear-sighted, forcefully re-affirming the immense and positive work of

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Vatican II, whose genuine fruits this book provides a guideline for achieving. A vivid blow-by-blow of the controversies that have wracked the Catholic Church during the past twenty years Liberation theology,

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birth control, women's
ordination, inclusive
language, "radical
feminism," homosexuality,
religious pluralism, human
rights in the church, and
the roles of bishops and
theologians—one man has

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stood at the dead center of all these controversial issues: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. A teenage American POW as the Third Reich crumbled and a progressive wunderkind at the Second Vatican Council,

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Ratzinger, for twenty years, has been head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (until 1908 known as the Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition, or Holy Office). The book

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goes a long way toward explaining the central enigma surrounding Ratzinger: How did this erstwhile liberal end up as the chief architect of the third great wave of repression in Catholic

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theology in the twentieth century? Based on extensive interviews with Ratzinger's students and colleagues, as well as research in archives in both Bavaria and the United States, Allen's account shows that

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Ratzinger's deep suspicion of "the world," his preoccupation with human sinfulness, and his demand for rock-solid loyalty to the church run deep. They reach into his childhood "in the shadow of the Nazis" and

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reflect his formative theological influences: Augustine, Bonaventure, and Martin Luther(!) rather than the world-affirming Thomas Aquinas. When the cardinals of the Catholic Church next gather in the Sistine Chapel

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to elect a pope, Allen argues, they will in effect be deciding whether to continue the policies Ratzinger has been the central force in shaping."The servility of the sycophants, of those who

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shy from and shun every collision, who prize above all their calm complacency, is not true obedience. . . . What the church needs today as always are not adulators to extol the status quo, but men whose humility and

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obedience are not less than
their passion for the truth;
. . .men who love the church
more than the ease and the
unruffled course of their
personal destiny."-Joseph
Ratzinger (1962)>

In this book of meditations,
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based on a series of meditations by the author shortly before he became Archbishop of Munich-Freising, in 1977, theologian Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) presents his profound thoughts on the

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nature and person of God,
building a bridge between
theology and spirituality as
he makes wide use of the
Sacred Scriptures to reveal
the beauty and mystery of
who God is. He writes about
each of the three persons in

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the Holy Trinity, showing the different attributes of each person, and that "God is three and God is one." God is - and the Christian faith adds: God is as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three and one. This

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is the very heart of Christianity, but it is so often shrouded in a silence born of perplexity. Has the Church perhaps gone one step too far here? Ought we not rather leave something so great and inaccessible as

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God in his inaccessibility?
Can something like the
Trinity have any real
meaning for us? It is
certainly true that the
proposition that "God is
three and God is one" is and
remains the expression of

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his otherness, which is infinitely greater than us and transcends all our thinking and our existence. But, as Joseph Ratzinger shows, if this proposition meant nothing to us, it would not have been

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revealed! And it could be clothed in human language only because it had already penetrated human thinking and living to some extent. "Without Jesus, we do not know what 'Father' truly is. This becomes visible in his

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prayer, which is the foundation of his being. A Jesus who was not continuously absorbed in the Father, and was not in continuous intimate communication with him, would be a completely

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different being from the Jesus of the Bible, the real Jesus of history... In Jesus' prayer, the Father becomes visible and Jesus makes himself known as the Son. The unity which this reveals is the Trinity.

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Accordingly, becoming a Christian means sharing in Jesus' prayer, entering into the model provided by his life, i.e. the model of prayer. Becoming a Christian means saying 'Father' with Jesus." – Joseph Ratzinger

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Divisions

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Pope Benedict XVI was
extraordinary, with moments of
high drama. Not the least of these
was his resignation from office in**

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**shows the exceptional
circumstances in which the
exceptionally talented son of a
Bavarian policeman became the
first German pope for 950 years.
In this first volume, covering the
years 1927–1965, we witness**

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Joseph Ratzinger's early days, living above his father's police station. Ratzinger came to adulthood through the years of National Socialism. Though hostile to the rise of Hitler, his family knew well about Dachau

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**and Ratzinger himself was
conscripted into the Hitler Youth.
Joseph Ratzinger proved to be a
man of exceptional intellectual
gifts and by the time of the
Second Vatican Council
(1962–1965) he was already noted**

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**as one of the outstanding
intellects present and was
nominated a 'peritus' or
theological expert. This was also
the time of the start of his
friendship with the Swiss
theologian Hans Küng who was to**

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become his nemesis. Of his predecessor, Pope Francis has said: 'Pope Benedict was a great Pope, great for the penetration of his intelligence, great for his important contribution to theology, great for his love of the

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Church and human beings, great for his virtues and faith'. Even in this first volume, we begin to understand how this came to be true.

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Benedict of Bavaria

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On Love**