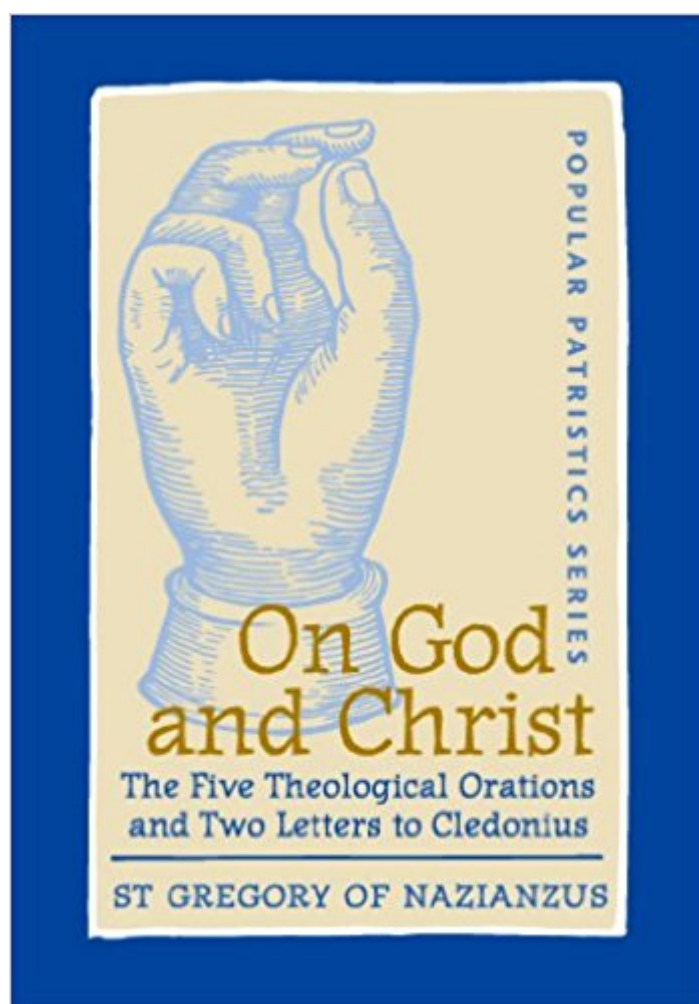


The book was found

On God And Christ: The Five Theological Orations And Two Letters To Cleodnius (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press) (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press: Popular Patristics)





Synopsis

Gregory of Nazianzus, "The Theologian," was recognized among the Cappadocian Fathers as a peculiarly vivid and quotable exponent of the doctrine of God in Trinity. A brilliant orator and accomplished poet, he placed before the Church his interpretation of the sublime mystery of the God revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These five sermons, probably delivered as a series at the small chapel of the Resurrection in Constantinople, where Gregory was the bishop in charge of loyal "Nicenes," contain Gregory's penetrating teaching. The English translation aims to capture for the present-day reader something of the atmosphere of intellectual excitement and spiritual exhilaration experienced by his first listeners. In addition, this work contains a new translation of Gregory's letters to Cledonius, which contain more focused reflections on the person of Jesus Christ, laying the groundwork for later Christology. Frederick Williams, professor of Greek at the Queen's University in Belfast, translated the first oration. Lionel Wickham, formerly Lecturer in the Faculty of Divinity at Cambridge, translated the other four orations and the two letters to Cledonius.

Book Information

Series: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press: Popular Patristics

Paperback: 144 pages

Publisher: St Vladimirs Seminary Pr (January 1, 2002)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0881412406

ISBN-13: 978-0881412406

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 5.2 x 7.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.9 out of 5 stars 16 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #52,575 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #81 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Philosophy #826 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Theology #911 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Theology

Customer Reviews

This was my first venture of reading the church fathers. This book was a great choice. Theologically deep, philosophically relevant for today, and I like the fact they didn't pull any punches when it came to being 'politically correct'--I laughed out loud a few times. The poetry in the first oration is very nice.

The Claims of Knowledge St Gregory's opponents, the Eunomians, reduced God to a set of deductive proofs. Unlike the earlier Gnostics and Arians, their problem was not that God was unknowable, but that he can easily be reduced to what the mind can affirm or negate. On the Son Gregory defines monotheism as "single rule produced by equality of nature, harmony of will, identity of action, and the convergence towards their source of what springs from unity--none of which is possible in the case of created nature" (29:2). This allows "numerical distinction without division in substance. In this way a One eternally changes to a Two and stops at a Three." St Gregory makes an important point in saying that the Son and Holy Spirit are from God but not after him. They have a cause, and thus are not unoriginate, but it is not a temporal cause. He is very quick to affirm the co-eternality of the Son and Holy Spirit with the Father. Gregory's Vocabulary Like St Athanasius, St Gregory operates around a series of terms, which determine the debate. They are "Ingenerate, The Begotten, and `what proceeds from the Father'" (28:2). Gregory is careful to affirm that Ingeneracy is not God's substance (29:12). This is a necessary point because the Son is not ingenerate (since he is begotten), but the Son is of the same substance as the Father. The term "Father" designates neither the activity nor the substance, but the relationship which holds good between the Father and the Son (29:16). This rebuts the dilemma posed: if we say that Father designates the "substance," then we admit the Son is of a different substance than the Father. If we say "activity," then we admit the Son is a creation of the Father. If we say "relationship," however, we can affirm Trinitarianism. Gregory concludes by saying that "each member of the Trinity is in entire unity as much with himself as with the entire partnership, by identity with being and power (31:16). One criticism/observation: Earlier editions translate the passage in the 3rd Theological Oration as "But *monarchy* (monarchia) is what we hold in honor." Here it is translated as "But monotheism is what we hold in honor." I have my suspicions on why this is the case, but it really doesn't detract from the overall point.

good book

This book is a great translation of St. Gregory with very little editorial notes to get in the way. A very pure rendering.

There are some real gems in here! Clear explanations, too, of some very complex ideas and inspires worship. Would recommend!

textbook material

Very hard read for me but useful all the same

Unless you are a theologian, there's really no reason to read this book. It is extremely dense with theological statements and logical arguments. It was not written in English, but the translator did a good job piecing together what the author meant to say. It's not a bad book, but I wouldn't put it on my top million books to read before you die.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

On God and Christ: The Five Theological Orations and Two Letters to Cledonius (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press) (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press: Popular Patristics) Three Treatises on the Divine Images (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press Popular Patristics Series) Eleventh Grade Burns #4: The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod (Chronicles of Vladimir Tod-Graphic Novel) Love and Joy: Law, Language, and Religion in Ancient Israel (Jewish Theological Seminary of America) The Infallible Word: A Symposium by the Members of the Faculty of Westminster Theological Seminary Man and Woman, One in Christ: An Exegetical and Theological Study of Paul's Letters The Book of Pastoral Rule: St. Gregory the Great (Popular Patristics Series) On Social Justice: St. Basil the Great (Popular Patristics) On the Incarnation: Saint Athanasius (Popular Patristics Series Book 44) On Social Justice (Popular Patristics Series Book 38) On the Incarnation: Saint Athanasius (Popular Patristics) On the Holy Spirit: St. Basil the Great (Popular Patristics) Charles Borromeo: Selected Orations, Homilies and Writings Cicero: The Verrine Orations I: Against Caecilius. Against Verres, Part I; Part II, Books 1-2 (Loeb Classical Library No. 221) Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible (Belief: a Theological Commentary on the Bible) Bible: Master the Prayers: Understand Christianity, Judaism, the Old & New Testament, Bible Verses & Jesus Christ (Bible Study, Gospel, Christianity, Evangelism, ... Religion, Spirituality, Christ, Jesus, God) Jesus Christ (student book): God's Love Made Visible (Living in Christ) The Word of God for the People of God: An Entryway to the Theological Interpretation of Scripture Christ Our Companion: Toward a Theological Aesthetics of Liberation Two by Two Bassoon Duets (Faber Edition: Two by Two)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

