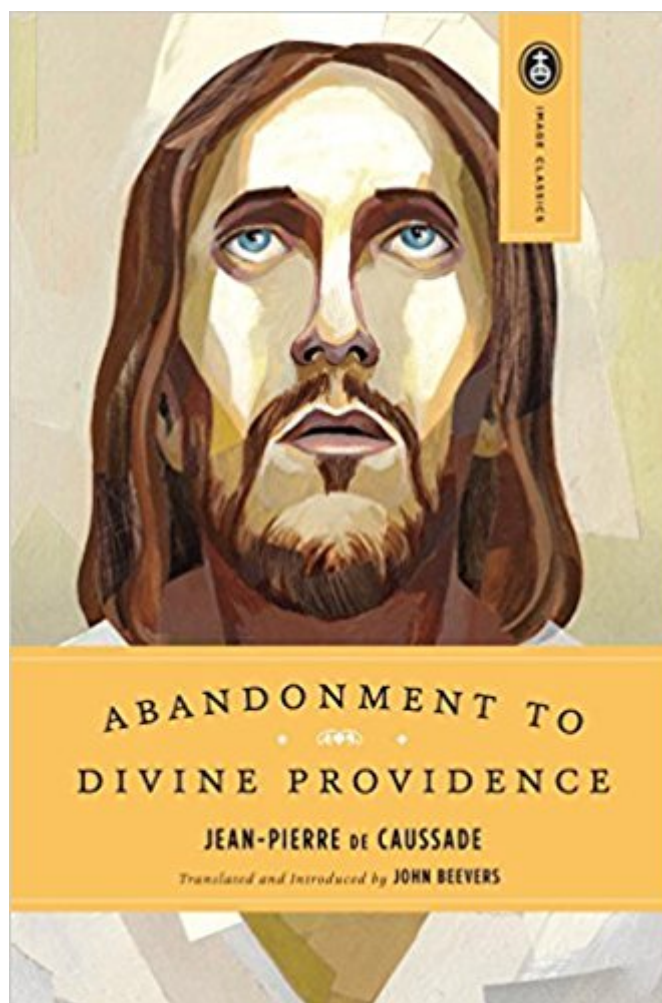


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peace.

NB: This review has been updated as of 16/04/2014. To be current, skip to the end. The rest is probably chaff. This little book is what you need when all else has failed. John Beevers uses the modern idiom to get across the ideas that Jean Pierre de Caussade offered to his friends for their comfort and holiness in finding God in all things. It takes a modern Jesuit to bring into the present moment the lessons of an 18th Century Jesuit who went beyond religion to help the Religious understand what their religion had taught them. While there are many presentations and formats of the "Classic" English language translation done and introduced by Dom Arnold, O.S.B. in 1921, all of these variations are dry, academic, and tedious compared to John Beevers' American rendition. N.B. at this time, there is NO E-Text or Kindle version of Beever's unique work. All of the public domain stuff is the awkward, 1921 translation with different covers and window dressing. Even the Kindle version linked to this Beevers BOOK is not the genuine Beevers text. So beware! You have to buy the physical IMAGE book to get the genuine article and sells it. Now then, you will not be disappointed by purchasing a paper book. Nor will you suffer technological inconvenience by having to actually hold a real book in your hands and use an old fashioned book mark to hold your place. Beevers is the real deal in both style and insight and he follows on from Anthony de Mello's WAY TO LOVE in being an easy read and a friendly guide. In fact, De Mello and all of the well written books on spirituality you have enjoyed up until now, have brought you to the present moment, WHERE YOU ARE NOW ABOUT TO ENCOUNTER THIS LITTLE GEM OF A BOOK! There is a caveat, however. This is not a book for exploration or casual inquiry. This is serious spirituality for the latter part of your life (no matter when it begins). If you have not yet "made" the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, it would be a good idea to do so. The "19th Annotation" for those of us who are busy, is a good introduction, and when you have finally arrived at the point where you are feeling overwhelmed at finding God in everything, this book, by John Beevers, S.J. is your next step. If you are at this stage, then no further explanation is either adequate or necessary. If you are here because of curiosity, you will probably be bitterly disappointed or even disillusioned. On the other hand, you might be caught up on the crest of Grace, whether or not you choose to admit it, and that being the case, you may proceed as far as you are carried. Do not however, make the mistake of reading a lesser (cheaper) version of the Abandonment to Divine Providence in order to get a "taste" of what the book offers. If you do and you become less than completely enthralled with the Sacrament of the Present Moment, the problem is most likely the translation. If you insist on continuing, scrape up the needed cash and buy the Image book. Then, prepare yourself prayerfully,

trying to forget all the unpleasantness, and take the "easy" path that John Beevers has laid out for you. Dare I say, providentially, offers you the opportunity to read John Beevers' Introduction on line. A few minutes spent here will be most beneficial and should give you a good idea of what to expect. And now for the testimonial: Abandonment is true joy and peace. Yes, the Kingdom is most definitely here and now, and this particular publication is the best roadmap I have found in over seven decades of searching. So, give it a try. The book is under \$10, and if it is not for you now, it will be someday. UPDATE: I just bought another copy - to give to a friend. UPDATE: I'm on my second reading and as a daily reader, it just keeps getting better. UPDATE: I'm now on my seventh reading. Each day I read passage and it is always new. Why is this? You figure it out. Best \$10 I ever spent. April 6 2014, UPDATE: Well, I just read my original review with the intention of deleting the whole thing and leaving just a sentence or two and, so much for intentions. For what it is worth, here are my couple of sentences and the wordy review will have to stand as amended: I have just completed my 16th (count 'em SIXTEEN) reading of this book, the last 8 on my Kindle so that brings this up to date, and I am still learning by my daily readings. If you are reading this, there is a reason. To quote St. Francis, I have done what was mine to do, you must do what is yours. Nothing more need be said.

I love this book. I actually bought another copy after losing mine. It really makes you want to be closer to God. This book is great for contemplation. I read a section at a time and then pray. One warning is that this is not something you can read in a hurry.

For a venture into deep Christian spirituality of an earlier time, read this book, slowly, in small doses.

Loved the book so much, I am re-reading it. It has wonderful advice and quite a blessing. Thank you for having it available at a great price

Use "Look Inside" and read a letter! de Caussade provides a lucid guidebook for living life now and acquiring eternity in God's presence. He bridges between fearing God's punishment and daily decisions in today's real world. "Be kind to yourself God is with you. You are never alone." For him all events are allowed by God to provide His people with the opportunity to develop all of their Christian attributes. He coaches and explains the frailty and inherent sinfulness of humanity as reality to be addressed over time by God. God makes the changes in our lives when He sees fit. We have only to do our small part--without recrimination-- to accept our weakness, strive to understand

our short comings, and tolerate our repeated failures. Personal recrimination for Caussade is an example of self interest and will--to be put aside. God is the source of our existence and all our possessions. As we recognize God as the focus and source of our existence we move towards a better life. This translation is concise, and is loaded with simple useful insights.

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