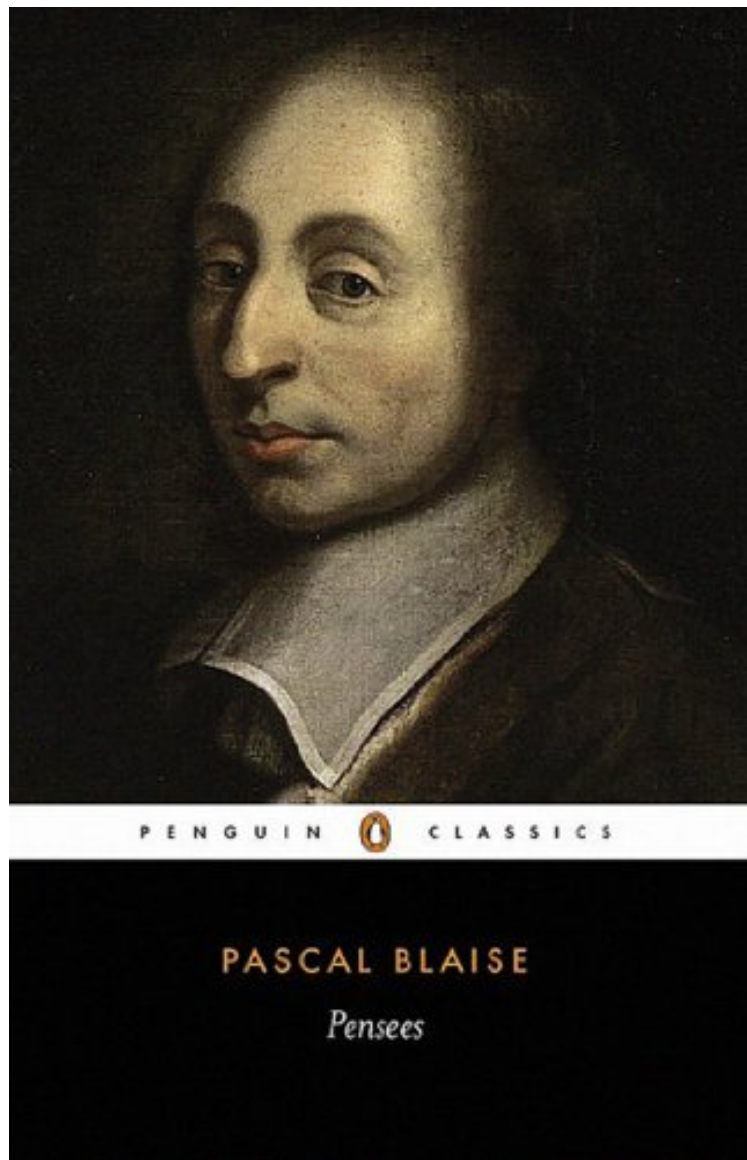


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nachdrucken lassen hat und ich es somit günstig erwerben konnte. Toll! - durch meine Geiz-ist-geil-Haltung habe ich dieses Buch erworben. Leider muss ich nun sagen, dass mir das mehr Nachteile gebracht hat, als das gesparte Geld mir Wert gewesen wäre. Der Inhalt ist stark gekürzt und die Reihenfolge weicht stark von der bekannteren Ausgabe ab, sodass es nur erschwert möglich ist, in einem Kurs inhaltlich zu folgen. Zusätzlich zur Verwirrung ist mir daher mehr Arbeit entstanden als nötig gewesen wäre, als wenn ich von vornherein die Agora-Ausgabe gekauft hätte, in die ich mich nun einlesen durfte. Bestimmt ist diese Ausgabe hier ganz nett, wenn man sowas im Bücherregal stehen haben möchte, um bei anderen Leuten einen belebten, gebildeten Eindruck zu wecken, da das Cover aus der Entfernung (die Auflösung der Illustrationen ist ja mal grottig!) ganz nett aussieht. Aber wem der Schein nicht wichtig ist, weil er mehr Wert auf den Inhalt legt, dem rate ich: Finger weg! 3 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

Read Pascal's *Pensees*. Von Craig G Cram I always thought of Pascal as a great scientist, but as a somewhat dated Christian apologist. The general treatment of Pascal by both science and humanities is at best an unreflective nod to the importance of his scientific discoveries and a momentary and uncomfortable glance at his 'other' writings. The lack of serious consideration given to Pascal's 'other' writings by philosophy and theology departments and their absence from science curriculums is indicative of major bias and ignorance. Why? Pascal's science is embarrassing to defenders of prevalent Darwinian atheistic science because of his zeal for the Christian faith. Pascal made some important discoveries but he "abandoned science for religion" and for that reason is tagged as an historical anachronism - he like many of the scientists of the 17th century were heavily tainted with 'folk belief' and superstitions. Pascal's Science and Faith is embarrassing to those philosophers and theologians that cannot reconcile the two aspects of human *Pensees* - thoughts. They like to think of Pascal as an early 'existentialist' like Kierkegaard who made a 'leap' of faith against the atheistic dogmas of material science; but Pascal did not support their radical dichotomy of science versus faith. Shunned on both sides for different reasons (for centuries!), Pascal is finally becoming more and more appreciated as someone who was 'between' faith and science; a position becoming more fashionable. All you have to do is read 'The *Pensees*' to quickly see it as one of the most important, beautiful and penetrating books ever written. The *Pensees* ('Thoughts') are a long series of fragments on the human situation, Jesus Christ, God, revelation, Infinity and finitude. But it is the little pieces that you find, like lost treasures, that ring through to your very being that sets Pascal's *Pensees* apart as a book for living and reflecting and not merely analyzing. "We sail over a vast expanse, ever uncertain, ever adrift, carried to and fro. To whatever point we think to fix and fasten ourselves it shifts and leaves us; and if we pursue it it escapes our grasp, slips away, fleeing in eternal flight - Man's condition: inconstancy, ennui, unrest." "The last step that Reason takes is to recognize that there is an infinity of things that lie beyond it. Reason is a poor thing indeed if it does not succeed in knowing that." 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. OUTSTANDING ! Von Michael Walters ONE OF THE BEST PIECES OF LITERATURE I HAVE EVER READ, IN LIGHT OF BOTH ITS STYLE, READABILITY AND CONTENT. PASCAL GIVES AN INCISIVE ANALYSIS OF THE HUMAN PREDICAMENT - HALFWAY BETWEEN THE FINITE AND THE INFINITE - AND THE CONCOMITANT CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SITUATION. HIS VIEW OF KNOWLEDGE - EPISTEMOLOGY - IS NOVEL AND SEEMINGLY VALID AS IT SEEMS TO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE HUMAN SITUATION. THE THREE ORDERS OF KNOWING REALITY SPEAKS BOTH TO MODERNITY AND POSTMODERNITY. AN EXCELLENT READ FOR ANY LEVEL AS THIS PIECE OF LITERATURE IS BOTH STYLISH AND SIMPLY PROFOUND.

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