

and Action, on the inter-relation of Metaphysics and the Physical Sciences, on Individualism and on Materialism, are a forcible statement of ideas which should be commonplaces to our readers. The author's reflections on the degeneration and externalisation of the religion of too many present-day Catholics, and of their ignorance of the value of the treasure entrusted to them, will perhaps be hardly less familiar to them; but his outsider's estimate of our unique responsibilities as Catholics in the modern world may be more persuasive than the exhortations of more accredited pastors and masters. Less familiar (at least to English Catholics—we believe that similar beliefs have inspired many of the most vital manifestations of Continental Catholicism in recent years) is the author's conviction of the necessity for the rejuvenation of the West from the living traditions of the Far East. We await eagerly the translation of those other books of M. Guénon, in which his very real gifts—which get very little chance in such books as this or its predecessor—will come to our assistance to that end.

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