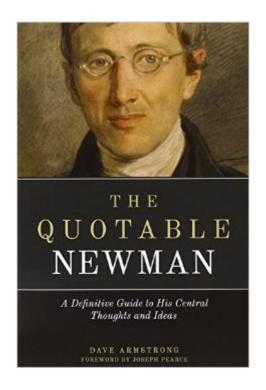
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The Quotable Newman: The Definitive Guide To His Central Thoughts And Ideas





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To raise up Catholics who "know their creed so well that they can give an account of it," John Henry Newman -- the 19th century British Cardinal recently pronounced "Blessed" by Pope Benedict XVI preached thousands of sermons, wrote scores of books, and published countless articles explaining our Catholic faith, with particular attention to the relationship between faith and reason. So prodigious was Cardinal Newman's output that only a few souls have read all he wrote. Yet so keen was his intellect -- and so profound his love for our Lord -- that even those who've read just a few pages have profited greatly, growing quickly in knowledge, understanding, and renewed faith in God. Now comes Dave Armstrong, himself drawn forth from Protestantism by the power of Cardinal Newman's words. Eager to share Newman's wisdom with others, Armstrong has mined from over forty of Cardinal Newman's works to produce substantive passages on more than 100 topics ranging from Angels, Absolution, and the Bible, through Confession, the Eucharist, Infallibility, and the Inquisition, and reaching all the way to the Sacraments, the Saints, Transubstantiation, and the Trinity. Armstrong selected these particular passages for their beauty, to be sure, but even more for the clarity and persuasiveness with which they present and defend so many key theological positions of our Catholic Church. Whether you are a catechist, an apologist, a Catholic layman, or just a searcher after truth, you will find in these hundreds of passages a lucid consideration of most any Catholic teaching of serious concern to you. Indeed, this book covers so many topics that it actually constitutes a complete education in the doctrines of the Catholic Faith.

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I love Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman. His immense intelligence, dogged search for Truth, and eloquence are the main reasons why I consider him one of my main mentors (alongside Bl. Archbishop Fulton Sheen). God, in His great love for mankind, is gracious in each time period to give us men who make an indelible spiritual impact on not only their generation, but future ones as well. Cardinal Newman is one such man, and I am so thankful to Dave Armstrong for compiling this great collection of Newman's own words from correspondence, essays, sermons, diaries, etc. The book's Preface by Joseph Pearce gives a brief biography of Cardinal Newman and discusses the impact of his conversion from the Anglican Church to the Catholic Church: "The result would be a Catholic revival that would last for more than a century." (p. xiii) In addition, Mr. Pearce discusses Newman's influence as an historian, theologian, philosopher, educationist, apologist, novelist, and poet. Cardinal Newman was a well-rounded man!In the book's Introduction, Mr. Armstrong lays out for us the aim of his book, a labor of love: "to compile notable quotations from Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman in the areas of theology and Church history, so that his thinking and wisdom might be more accessible to the reading public, and particularly to students of Christian theology and its history." (p. xvii) Although Newman was a brilliant man with great influence in many areas, Mr. Armstrong chose to focus "on theology and the history of theological doctrine and the Church, since those topics lend themselves to thematic unity and a coherent collection that can be referenced and used for the purpose of catechesis or apologetics." (p. xviii) And a masterful job he does!

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