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Truth about Our Resurrection: Jews and the Next Holocaust

Frederick Fuhrmaneck

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Truth about Our Resurrection encompasses an evangelical Christian's singular conception of life after death. Frederick Fuhrmaneck's effort is relatively brief, but his ideas are sometimes dense and often require careful reading. His thesis is presented in six parts.

Stitched together with verses from both the Old and New Testaments, the book's foundation lies in the idea that a human being consists of three elements. This concept will no doubt be foreign to many who study Christian theology. Fuhrmaneck goes on to use Biblical versus to illustrate how "the inward man is renewed day by day and is eternal." He writes, "When God formed man of the dust of the ground, that was the body. When God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, that was the spirit or the inward man, and then man became a living soul." At this point, the author's thesis takes a new tack.

While Fuhrmaneck does not state so directly, his conception is analogous to the Holy Trinity, but little of the book is devoted to the indivisible God expressed as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Instead, Fuhrmaneck uses verses from the King James Bible to prophesy the end times, which he believes is a revelation of truth from the Gospel. His vision is Apocryphal and is focused primarily on Israel and its end-time enemies. The author overreaches, though, when he applies his prophetic message to geopolitics, as when he flatly states "Today Israel and Egypt are friends."

Special importance is given to the King James translation of the Bible because the author believes, "it has all this spiritual knowledge that other Bibles have lost or which was eliminated in subsequent editions. This is why I believe God has preserved the King James Bible for all English-speaking people."

Though Furhmaneck is passionate and knowledgeable about Scripture, *Truth about Our Resurrection* is not the work of a gifted writer. The prose is troubled occasionally by improper punctuation, incorrect verb tense, and muddled syntax. Some readers also will be frustrated that quoted scripture and the author's own remarks are identically formatted. Different fonts, italics, or even block quotations would make for easier reading.

While most of the book is a discussion of prophecy and end times, Fuhrmaneck touches on the Christian Sabbath, how a divorced Christian might remarry, and the nature of faith and acceptance as he concludes this work. As with most evangelical books, the conceptions and conclusions are presented as absolutes. Because of this, Truth will either reinforce already held beliefs or it will await a reader's Damascus Road experience. Fuhrmaneck, however, will be admired for his passion and for his faith beyond measure.

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