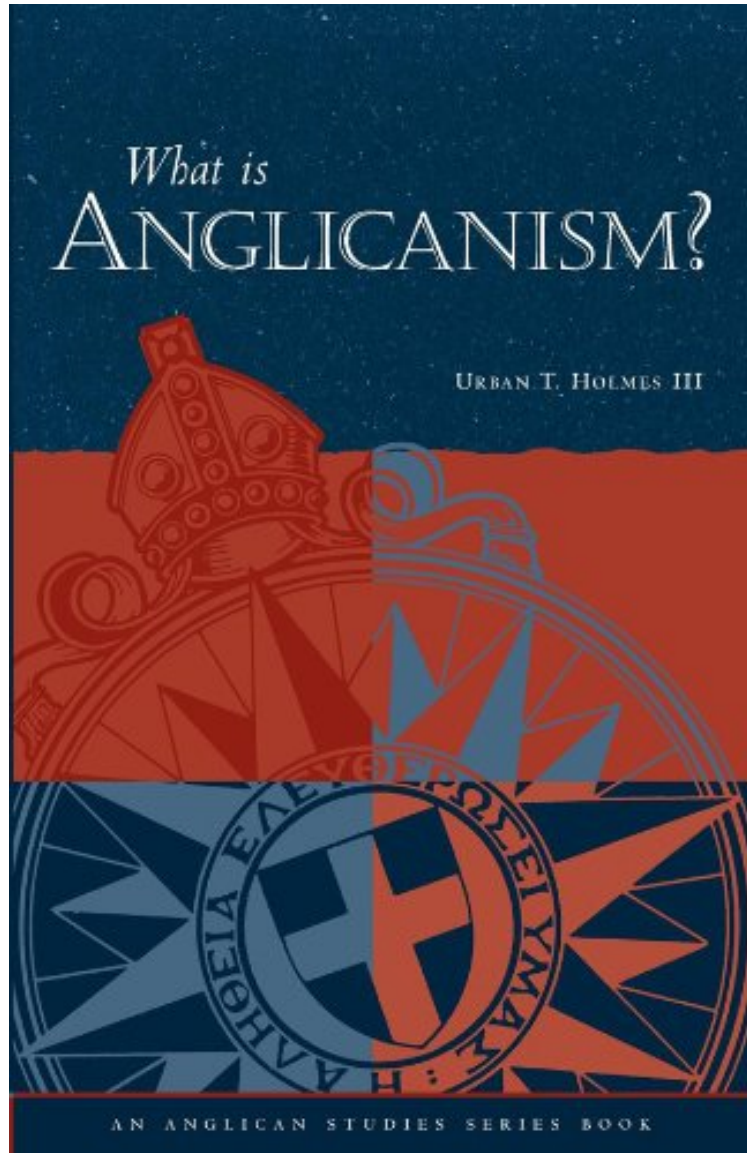


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**Von Urban T. Holmes III : What is Anglicanism? (The Anglican Studies Series)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What is Anglicanism? (The Anglican Studies Series):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A possible answer, but not necessarily the only one... Von Fr Kurt Messick The Episcopal church in the twentieth century took advantage of the general availability of publishing to good advantage, compiling through several auspices

different collections and teaching series, the latest of which was only completed a few years ago. One of the better of the 'unofficial' collections of teaching texts is the Anglican Studies Series by Morehouse press, put out in the 1980s, which comprise several volumes that look at different aspects - theology, spirituality, history, and more. The introductory volume, if you will, to this series is this text, 'What is Anglicanism?' by bishop Urban T. Holmes. Holmes, a respected educator and clergyman in the church, provided this personal set of reflections on the central question in response to the general need in a changing environment. This is not meant to be a comprehensive treatment - in a mere 100 pages of text, it could hardly hope for that. It is not heavy on history or theology, but rather in twelve chapters looks at some of the key issues involved in the church, devoting a few pages for each subject, such as liturgy, scripture, sacraments, spirituality, etc. There is no strong dogmatic or doctrinal system that the Anglican church insists upon; indeed, even the liturgical standards around which much of the church coalesces are far more flexible than many realise. Thus, this is not a book that will tell the reader what he or she must believe, or must do, but begins to approach the question of what is unique about Anglicanism, a point of continuing inquiry among Anglicans and non-Anglicans alike. Holmes wrote this text shortly after the adoption of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer by the Episcopal church and the decision to officially accept women's ordination; being an authority in the church hierarchy, he felt it important to be generally supportive of the moves the church was making in the face of dissatisfaction by many traditionalists. One of the criticisms of this book is that it is not specific, and that it wanders a bit in its text. This is true, but as Holmes discusses the Anglican consciousness in the first chapter, this kind of ambiguity is inherent in the Anglican mind. One can think of mystics and authors who embody ideas quite apart from traditional Anglican dogma, but still embody an overall ethos - C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams, J.R.R. Tolkien. Anglicanism is also a system of acknowledging the incarnation, making Anglicanism a 'sensible' religion - not necessarily sensible in terms of being practical, but rather in terms of paying attention to the experiences of the senses - worship services that involve 'smells and bells' can testify to this feature. Because Anglicanism does not have a set catechism or doctrinal system to which one must adhere, the statements in Holmes' text are subject to interpretation and change, but it does give a good introduction to the way Anglicans think.

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