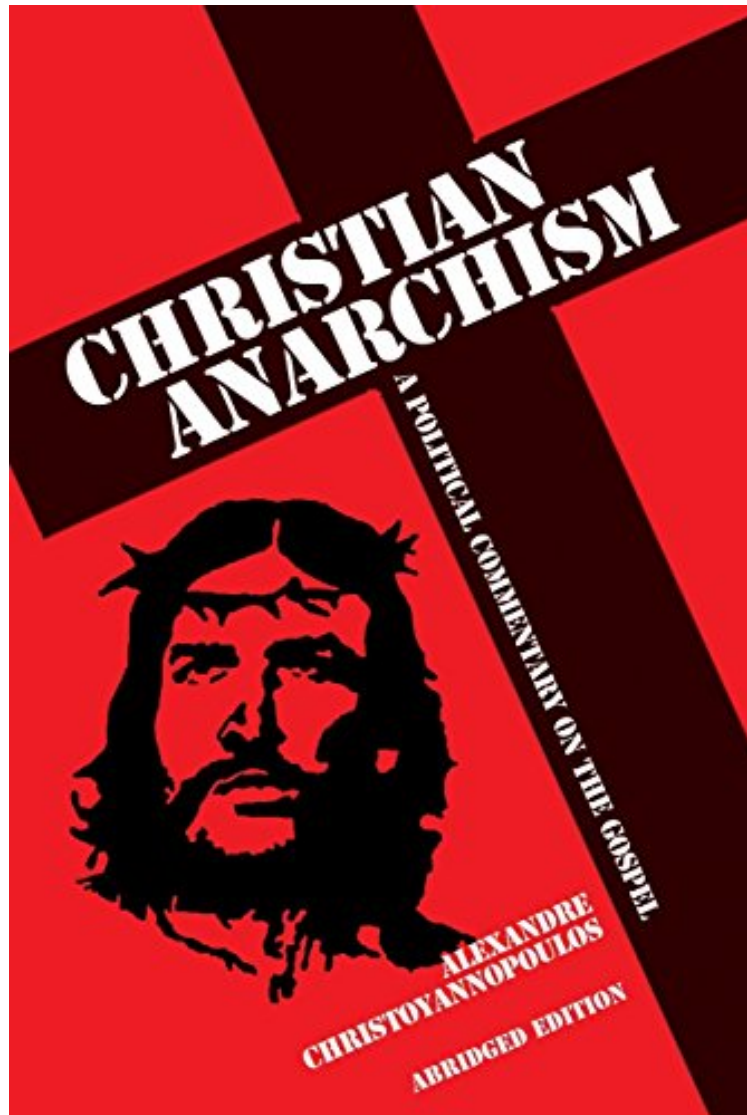


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I have ever read. He has a gift for the written word. Beyond that however is the stunningly rich mother lode of references he provides. I ordered the paperback version several weeks ago and it is now chock full, page after page, of margin notes, underscoring and highlighting. I will be hunting for the hardback version now for the sake of its more extensive notes and references left out of this paperback version. The author has opened doors for years of reading and study for this old geezer who recently retired into the bible belt and has undertaken bible study with a local church in a determination to more fully understand the language of the surrounding culture and its thought processes. My personal politics have evolved over a lifetime to embrace anarchism and though a lifelong admirer of Jesus as a moral/political thinker I am staunchly agnostic. This book is a wellspring for me in providing a structure upon which I will be able to fashion my engagement and responses to the religious people who now surround me. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely Illuminating By Michael Strawser I cannot praise this book enough. Christoyannopoulos has put together an astoundingly well-researched work that does exactly what it sets out to do: guide the reader through every corner of Christian Anarchism. Ordering the Abridged Edition, I was a little worried that I would be held back from important information. However, Christoyannopoulos notes at the start of the book that the only content that has been eliminated are some of the footnotes - it was his doctoral thesis, after all. Thus, I don't regret buying the Abridged Edition at all. I've noticed some talk about the binding of the book. Again, I wouldn't be too concerned. I've really studied this book - it's been bent, highlighted, and written in, and it's holding up just fine. This book is a wonderful assest to both Christian political thought and anarchist thought. Followers of Christ will discover the merits of Christian Anarchism and anarchists' basis in a very unique (and in my opinion, correct) reading of Biblical texts. Secular anarchists will see how the teaching of Christ can assist in attaining their goal - specifically in relation to 'breaking the cycle of violence' and methods of subversion that expose injustice without stooping to the lows of coercion and violence. I admire how Christoyannopoulos took small subjects - for example, how Christ's teaching at the Sermon on the Mount is the fulfillment of the Old Law - and seamlessly weaved together what every major (and often times, minor) relevant thinker has to say about the subject (in the case I mentioned, he cited 6 different thinkers in a 3 1/2 page section). The views presented in this book are challenging at times - but they offer a great deal of hope in such a lost world. A new way is offered: one of radical commitment and faith in God. As I said before, this book deserves a great deal of praise. I cannot recommend it enough. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is one of the best Political Christian Anarchism books available today By John S. Jones Personally thought this book was very informative, this was honesty more of a focus material of Fathers of the Church, to me felt there should have been a little more Christology on the matter, but was more political and a lot of focus was given through in Idol Tolstoy, personally felt sermons given was a little conflicting with doctrine and humility, for some of the doctrine I believed meant another meaning. Alexandre deserves a 5 star because he was very informative on political stand point but I feel Christian Anarchism is more of a liberation with prudence, not a political party but what's human with prudent mentality in accordance to the Divine. This is one of the best Political Christian Anarchism books available today, in worth adding to a collection of Charismatic guidance but not to fully accept all it's guidance's but use your diligence to determine proper liberation.

Christian anarchism has been around for at least as long as "secular" anarchism. Leo Tolstoy is its most famous proponent, but there are many others, such as Jacques Ellul, Vernard Eller, Dave Andrews or the people associated with the Catholic Worker movement. They offer a compelling critique of the state, the church and the economy based on the New Testament..

"This book could easily be for Christian anarchism what Gustavo Gutierrez's A Theology of Liberation was for that school of thought." (Pinch of Salt) "A magnificent achievement Christoyannopoulos organises and expounds a vast mass of material with admirable lucidity. His work will surely prove indispensable." (Church Times) "The analyses of the Sermon on the Mount and Letters of St. Paul are very informative, and the range of anarchist interpretations is presented with remarkable clarity... As a compendium of viewpoints within the general heading of 'Christian Anarchism', Christoyannopoulos's book is both useful and original." (Tom Grimwood The European Legacy) "Christian Anarchism will be of interest to Christians, theologians, anarchists and historians of political thought... On its own terms it achieves its aim of synthesising a range of Christian anarchist writings and demonstrating that Christian anarchism is a coherent school of thought." (Daniel Duggan Political Studies ) "an excellent and original book which deserves a reading by anyone interested in anarchism, radical Christianity or the politics of non-violence." (Paul Chambers Anarchist Studies) "Dr Christoyannopoulos has produced a superb discussion of Christian anarchism from Tolstoy to the present day. He combines a wide scope and meticulous scholarship with impressive analytical ability. He also writes clearly and well not always the case in this area. This book is required reading for those interested in alternative conceptions of politics." (Professor David McLellan) "As a Christian, I found that the ideas were presented in an easily digestible form and it was easy to follow the lines of thinking that led these writers into their theories of Christian anarchism. Whilst I didn't find myself agreeing with many of the ideas, it's testament to the amount of research that has gone into the book that I could understand them well enough to disagree with them, as I

had little knowledge of the subject before reading." (Bookbag) "Alexandre Christoyannopoulos's engaging and intelligent study of Christian anarchism directly confronts the perception that these two traditions of thought are incompatible. At the heart of this scholarly discussion is the work of Tolstoy but the analysis is enriched by an examination of a much wider range of writers and movements. Anyone interested in the vital issues of non-violence, the limits of political obligation, resistance, compassion and justice will find this book enormously illuminating." (Dr Ruth Kinna) "There is much of interest in this book, however, particularly for scholars interested in political theology. its concise description and synthesis make the themes and debates within Christian anarchist writings much more accessible than they have been previously." (Christopher Craig Brittain Modern Believing)About the Author[sites.google.com/site/christoyannopoulos/](http://sites.google.com/site/christoyannopoulos/)