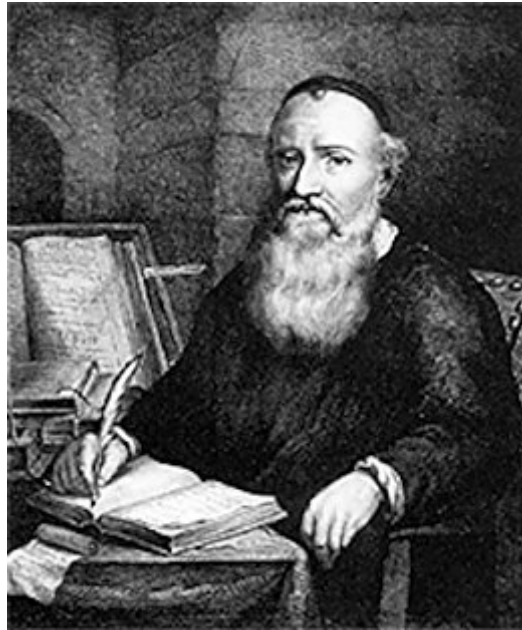




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Customer Reviews

I first encountered The Complete Works of Menno Simons in the Anabaptist library at Goshen College in Indiana. It was a huge old leather-bound volume, and I opened it at random and began to read all I could in the time I had. I was amazed at his cogent expositions of biblical doctrines and answers to both Roman Catholic and Lutheran positions on various topics. This man could have stood up in debate with any theologian of his time, but he would have been burned at the stake without doubt! If you want biblical truth, rather than denominational tradition, read Simons.

As a child my parents read books by Louise Vernon that chronicled the Anabaptists and Menno Simons. But I'd never read his actual works. I discovered this on Kindle and had to get it. I'm just a

little ways into the book, but feel such an affinity toward this man and the movement. The term "anabaptist" contrary to what I thought, means Re-baptists. It was a derogatory term used to describe them. In this day and age, in Western culture, we take for granted that we have our buffet of churches in various stripes and colors to choose from. We like to discuss a pre-tribulation rapture that will save us from persecution ... and that's so offensive and wrong. Every Christian should read what happened when these devout men listened to the voice of Christ and were called out, like Abraham from Ur, out from the pious and false religion of The Church to seek the true city that has a foundation. These men and women were the outcasts, counted worse than murderers and thieves! They were hunted, harassed, tortured and killed. And for what? They noted that Christ called us to respond to His love in a personal and individual way. They taught that each should be born again in new life through Christ's ascension, having their self-life crucified with Him on the cross. Only then should the new creation take part in the symbol of baptism. Why was this offensive to the point of pillaging, and persecution? Because they testified to the truth that the Roman Church and the Reformed State Churches sought to avoid: Humans cannot sprinkle water and drive out the sin nature or offer any hope of salvation through a ritual. This robbed these robed priests of their power over the masses. They stole the keys to heaven from the usurping, godless men who claimed to be able to bind God's work with humanity. They pointed out what the Reformation failed to do. The Reformation might be likened to Abram leaving Ur, but settling in Haran. Men like Menno Simons left Haran and headed out into the desert with all its perils and uncertainty, counting only on the Great Promisor, God in Christ Jesus.

A great collection of works of the early Anabaptist leader Menno Simons. I appreciate the availability of these older works at minimal cost, but I would be willing to pay full price to get a navigable table of contents and a search function. Unless you want to read the collection straight through, you're reduced to guessing and paging to find the next book. 5 stars for content, 1 stars for navigation.

Why only read what others say he said? Go to the source, and here it is. Be warned: This collection contains many redundancies, because Menno wrote many times on the same subjects, which allows the reader to skim over a lot. His arguments against the two natures of Christ is interesting. His explanation of separation is challenging. The defense of adult baptism is fairly standard. I am very glad I went through this book.

Interesting to read Menno Simons thought process. If you are a student of history than this is

certainly for you.

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