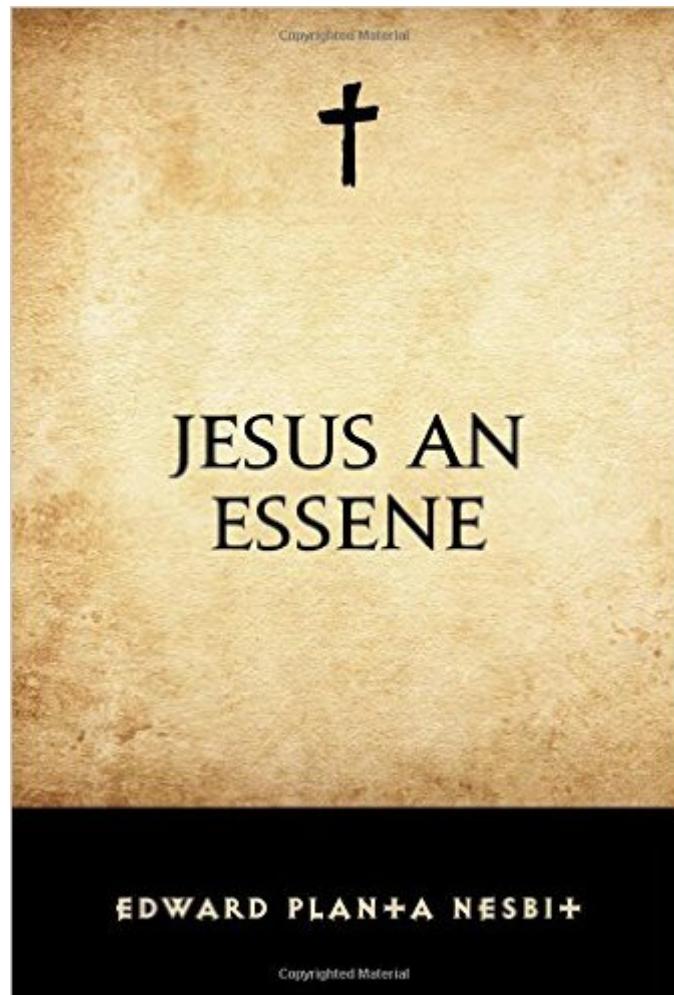


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Synopsis

Jesus an Essene is a short book espousing a theory of Jesus being an Essene. It was written by 19th century American schoolmaster E. Planta Nesbit.

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This is an interesting book, although somewhat dated stylistically. The author gives a great deal of detailed and informative background information about the Essenes of the time, and how their teachings contrasted--or were similar--to Jesus'. Although it greatly pre-dates the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls, it's fascinating to note how the current scholarship on the subject bolsters or confirms the author's conclusions. A very interesting and enlightening read!

The book was very interesting and gave much info on the Essenes' life. I didn't care for the last part of the book. The author got off course and gave his opinion of Jesus life instead of sticking to the life of the Essenes.

Finally a book that supports my hypothesis that Jesus was an Essene. For the past several years I've researched to determine as much as possible about how Jesus was able to live and promote the life he lived that is so distant from the lives of whom call themselves Christians. Thank you for writing this book and will be an informative guide to those that share a similar question!

I loved this book, made me think and pray. Answered lots of questions. As believers I think we need to seek and learn more of our Saviors life.

During my decades long research on the origins of Christianity it has become clear to me that Jesus was an Essene. Therefore I was pleasantly surprised when I discovered this book with the explicit title "Jesus an Essene". The opening sentences of the preface were quite recognizable: "Christianity, its rise, progress and influence on the human race, must necessarily ever cause the deepest interest among thinking men. In the present day, in particular, reflecting persons in various parts of Christendom appear to be moved by one common spirit to examine the foundations of the faith in which they have been brought up." This "present day" is the year 1894, long before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which have greatly contributed to the exposure of the close link between Essenism and Christianity. Planta Nesbit only had the accounts of Josephus on the Essenes and of Philo on the Therapeutae (the name of the Essenes in Egypt) at his disposal to bring Jesus forward as an Essene, and he does so con brio. For example Planta Nesbit convincingly counters the objection that the Essenes are never mentioned by name in the Gospels, contrary to the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Essenes are not mentioned because Jesus as well as his disciples and the Gospel writers were Essenes. As the Gospels were written from an evidently Essene viewpoint, there was no need to say "we are Essenes". Apart from this central theme Planta Nesbit makes some digressions which show his critical, independent mind. This is what makes this kind of books so liberating. The atmosphere of 'Jesus an Essene' reminds me of 'The Court-Martial of Jesus' "A Christian Defends the Jews against the Charge of Deicide", written by the German lawyer Weddig Fricke. A minus is the compactness of this edition, and the bizarre numeration of the footnotes. It took a lot of effort to match the text with the corresponding footnotes.

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