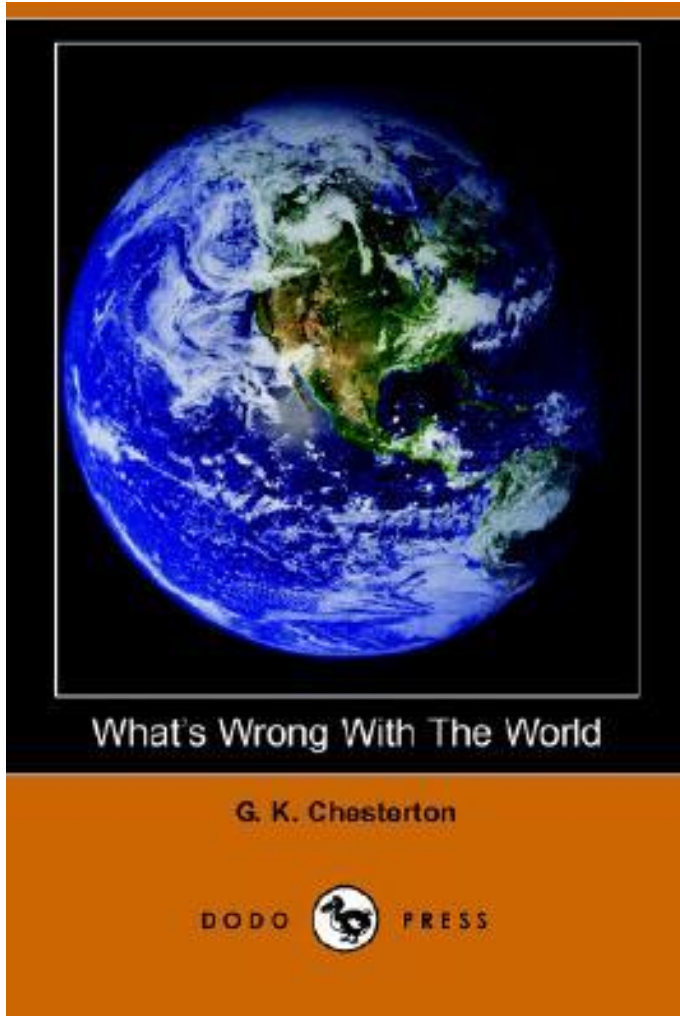


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**G.K. Chesterton**

**What's Wrong With The World**



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## Description

Chesterton gives his remarkably perceptive analysis on social and moral issues more relevant today than even in his own time. In his light and humorous style, yet deadly serious and philosophical, he comments on feminism and true womanhood, errors in education, the importance of the child and other issues, using incisive arguments against the trendsetters' assaults against the family.

Chesterton possessed the genius to foresee the dangers if modernist proposals were implemented. He knew that lax moral standards would lead to the dehumanization of man, and in this book he staunchly defends the family, its constituent elements and character over against those ideas and institutions that would subvert it and thereby deliver man into the hands of the servile state. In addressing what is wrong, he also shows clearly what is right, sane and sensible and how to change things in that direction.

## Insightful reviews

Mortimus Wiley: Marvelous -- right up there with Christopher Lasch's, *Haven in a Heartless World* and Huxley's, *Brave New World*. Obviously very different in many respects from those writers. His insight into the structural connections between capitalism and socialism (the Yin and Yang of modernity) is spot on. Now if we could only get the message out to the mindless minions on Left and Right. We need a complete overhaul -- a return to the Household as the intergrating, universal institution -- fundamentally a polity and an economy in harmony with nature and the basis of society.

Emilia P: Oh Chesterton.

You are pretty freaking clever guy, and I love how much you love the poor and think women are glorious generalists and men have sort of a rotten lot in life and that democracy can only take us so far and it is ok to drink and be dirty if that is what you want to do sometimes. I would have come to some different conclusions about stuff (like maybe everybody should be more like ladies, not that ladies shouldn't vote), but basing your commentary on the idea that every person is unique and worthwhile and society should work for the good of the person and the family and the Home rather than the other way around was wonderful. Of course, as he says at the end, there's more about what's wrong than how to fix it, but it's good to hear someone who criticizes while remaining essentially optimistic about humankind.

I'll be reading more, then.

Jason: Chesterton's wit is in top form, but the content was somewhat disappointing. I tend to agree with Chesterton's overall worldview, so I was excited to get his take on family values and gender roles. Good points here and there, but much of it is somewhat dated -- even for the traditionalist. Much of the discussion is concerned with woman's suffrage, which has long since been settled.

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Chesterton does make an interesting distinction between the domestic realm and the professional realm, classifying homemakers as generalists and professionals as specialists. He argues that reserving women for the domestic realm is an honor, because it charges them with the highest responsibility in the world -- teaching children about everything while they are most impressionable. Specialization is a base necessity for men who have to earn a living, while homemakers have the honor of learning a lot about everything, even if not enough to make money at any of it.

Again, the premise may turn a lot of people off, particularly feminists, but the book does offer some much needed praise for mothers.

What Chesterton does well in this book is give an honest assesment of the plight of the poor which defies current liberal-conservative classification. His ultimate conclusion about redistributing wealth kind of comes out of nowhere.

A good book for the serious Chesterton fan or the extreme traditionalist. Good wit for anyone else.

Tammi: no longer as miserable because the title! a fascinating perception into how a lot the realm continues to be the same. Written in approximately 1910, the language is a section dated, yet is gorgeous in it truly is expressive specificity. GK Chesterton was once CS Lewis mentor, and reads very like Lewis work. definitely worth the attempt of reading. strangely attractive defense,depiction and realizing of womens roles and the important nature of motherhood.

Ann: Love GK Chesterton's wit and readability of thought. during this selection of essays, i like half III "Feminism, or the error approximately Woman". I in particular love his reviews at the value of "motherhood" ... one such instance is the following: " ... little ones ... require to study now not a lot something as everything. infants don't need to to learn a trade, yet to be brought to a world. to place the problem shortly, girl is usually close up in a home with a individual on the time while he asks all of the questions that there are, and a few that there aren't. ... while humans start to discuss this family responsibility as now not in simple terms tricky yet trivial and dreary, I easily hand over the question. For i can't with the maximum strength of mind's eye conceive what they mean. whilst domesticity, for instance, is termed drudgery, the entire trouble arises from the double that means within the word. If drudgery purely skill dreadfully difficult work, I admit the lady drudges within the home. ... but when it implies that the exertions is extra heavy b/c it really is trifling, colorless and of small import to the soul, then as I say, I provide it up; i don't comprehend what the phrases mean. ... How can or not it's a wide profession to inform different people's kids concerning the Rule of Three, and a small occupation to inform one's personal young ones concerning the universe? How can or not it's large to be an identical factor to everyone, and slender to be every thing to someone? No; a woman's functionality is laborious, yet since it is gigantic, now not b/c it really is minute." Chesterton isn't effortless to read, yet he's so tremendously notion upsetting and so at the moment correct !

Seth: a desirable critique of not only what's wrong, but in addition with the methods proposed to correct the wrong.Chesterton's precis of his book: to teach that development should be in line

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with principle, whereas our sleek development is usually in response to precedent. In looking progress, we glance ahead with enthusiasm simply because we're afraid to seem back. The Christian excellent has now not been attempted and located wanting. it's been attempted and located difficult; and left untried.

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