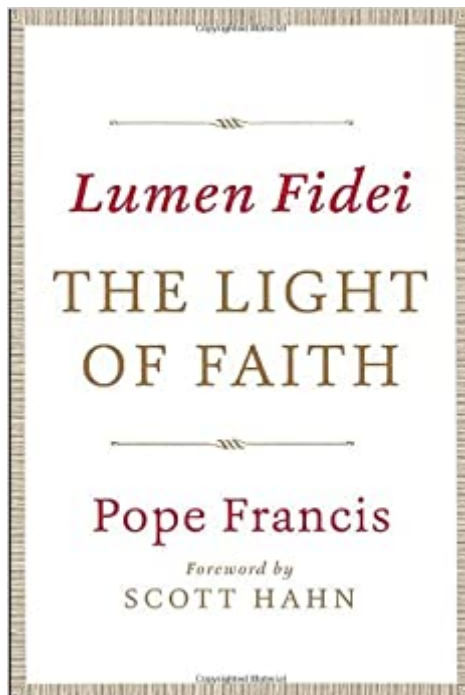


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Lumen Fidei: The Light Of Faith



Synopsis

The encyclical letter *Lumen Fidei* is the great monument of the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI and brought to completion by Pope Francis. It is a capstone of the year, but at the same time a milestone of a long road, a road we have only begun to travel: the road of the New Evangelization. —from the Foreword by Scott Hahn

On June 29, 2013 Pope Francis issued his first papal letter reflecting on the nature of belief and the need to renew our faith for a bright future of charity and love for all. "The light of Faith: this is how the Church's tradition speaks of the great gift brought by Jesus," Pope Francis writes. "In John's Gospel, Christ says of himself: 'I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.'" Here is an illuminating work inviting all to lead a more spiritual and faith-based, a reminder that with faith comes service, and with service to others and to God comes heaven on earth.

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POPE FRANCIS is the first Latin American to be elected to the chair of Peter. A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, he was ordained as a priest in 1969. He served as head of the Society of Jesus in Argentina from 1973 to 1979. In 1998 he became the archbishop of Buenos Aires, and in 2001 a cardinal. He was elected pope on March 13, 2013.

Yes, and I recommend *Lumen Fidei* even to those doubters, not yet confirmed in Faith, as a guide

and mentor. Pope Francis writes this for all Christians, not just one specific Christian demonination, as well as for non-Christians still finding their way through the discovery process. Even doubters will find true fruit in the document if they let it speak to them right where they now are. Yes, this book has a great spiritual value; it's ageless and priceless, as is the gift of Faith towards which it points. Faith produces action, and studying those actions as Francis does reveals the divine nature of Faith and how it is freely gifted to all who seek it. Jay Porcaro, Milford, OH

really helped in understanding our faith and good reference for teaching

This is a short but illuminating encyclical from both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis. The topic is Faith and all that it encompasses. As stated in the dialogue between faith and reason; "Each of us comes to the light because of love, and each of us is called to love in order to remain in the light." Pope Francis equates faith as a journey that illumines all our relationships. This light will not scatter all darkness but will guide our steps and suffice for the journey. This is an inspirational and thought provoking read for your faith journey.

This is an excellent book on the nature of faith - any kind of faith. I buy multiple copies of it at a time and I give it out to people who are non religious as well as devout Catholics. The genius of this book is that it manages to capture the essence of faith in anything - secular or religious - in a way that is at once contemporary and timeless. For those of us that struggle with faith or belief in anything, it feels like a manual to discovery.

The transition from Benedict XVI to Pope Francis is seamless in this wonderful encyclical. It points out the importance of faith in lighting our lives and directing us to the true path to happiness.

Loved being able to get this on my kindle and take it wherever I want to. Its always good to have the words of our Holy Father. This isn't too long and of course doesn't cover everything in the Catholic faith but definitely something every Catholic should read.

I always struggle with very deep philosophical works so it was difficult for me to really understand everything. I had to re-read quite a bit. With that being said I can't say enough about how beautifully this work was composed and how rich and compelling the content is. I would suggest people who consider themselves "of faith" and not alike read this as it really does open the mind to analyze and

discern the meaning of our earthly existence.

If you've read a lot of "B16", then you will recognize him in this document and Pope Francis' additions will be very clear to you. Lumen Fidei was a wonderful back and forth between the two, like a responsorial psalm, both perspectives praising the same Truth. Enjoy !!

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