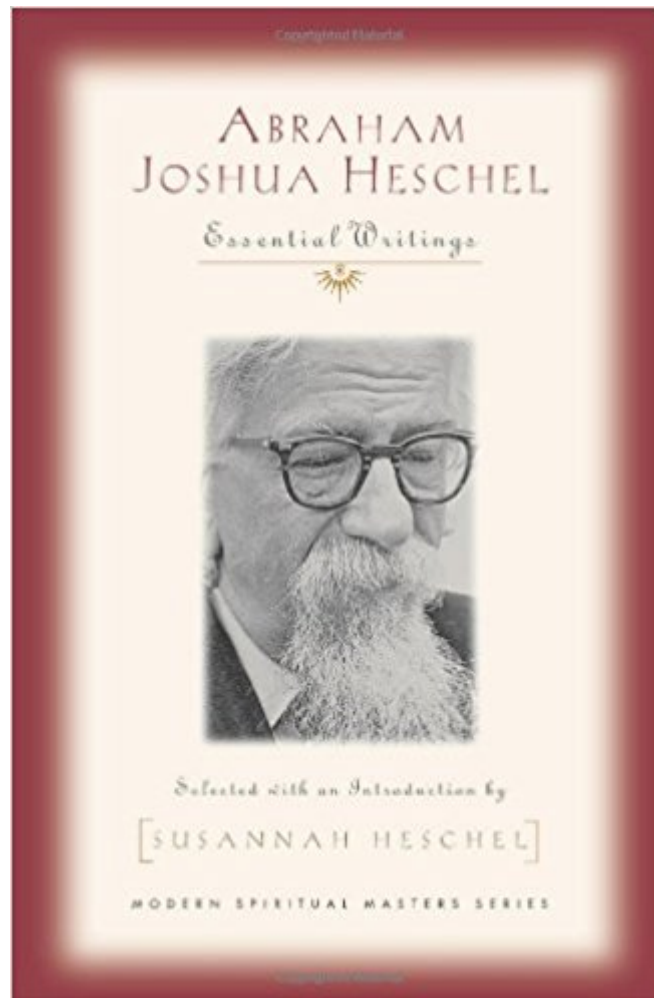




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# Abraham Joshua Heschel: Essential Writings (Modern Spiritual Masters)



## Synopsis

Abraham Heschel (1907-1972) was one of the great religious teachers and moral prophets of our time. Born in Warsaw to a long line of Hasidic rabbis, he chose instead to study philosophy in Germany. Expelled back to Warsaw, he escaped just weeks before the Nazi invasion and settled in the United States. Through a series of books he contributed greatly to the spiritual renewal of Judaism. But he exerted an equal influence on Christians, so much that he was called another apostle to the gentiles. A passionate champion of interfaith dialogue, he served as an official observer at Vatican II and was influential in challenging the Catholic church to overcome the legacy of anti-Semitism. He raised a prophetic challenge to the social issues of his day, marching with Martin Luther King and protesting the Vietnam war. His writings here on prayer, God, prophecy, the human condition, and the spiritual life vividly communicate his instinct for the holy dimension of all existence.

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There is no one to this day who writes like Heschel did. His work combines Philosophy and Poetry, Mysticism and Depth Theology, enormous erudition about the literature of the past and enormous passion about the task for the present, concern for the welfare of the Jewish people and concern for the welfare of the world. --Rabbi Jack Riemer - Jewish Journal News

Susannah Heschel, the daughter of Abraham Heschel, is the Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies

at Dartmouth College. Her many books include *The Aryan Jesus: Christian Theologians and the Bible in Nazi Germany*. She is the editor of *Moral Grandeur, Spiritual Audacity: Essays of Abraham Joshua Heschel*.

I am not a consummate expert on Heschel, by any means, but I found these "Essential Writings" to be highly engaging and informative about Heschel's unique perspective on Judaism. This compilation made by his daughter provides just enough background information to give the beginning reader a sense of who Heschel was, why he believed the Jewish faith (and faith in general) is so important. For Heschel, the spirit of prophetic Justice, of making the world better, had to be guided by an inner life of reverential awe and of prayer. Experts of Heschel may find parts of his writings missing here, for in a career of so many writings, how can one volume summarize it all? Suffice it to say this book is a good way to whet the appetite of those curious for more of Heschel's thought.

I read this book because I read an article in the New York Times that had several quotes from Abraham Heschel. The book lived up to my expectation

HESCHEL is an inspiring company in these difficult times. His example of tolerance and inclusion, And the depth of his spiritual life are a precious legacy.

Susannah Heschel is the single best writer and interpreter of her father's vision for modern Judaism. Her language is eloquent and her organization of the master's thought produce a very accessible work that will be as significant for progressive Christians as for Jews.

I am a big fan of Heschel and this is more of his work. I was already familiar with much of it but liked this format.

It seems clear to me that Rabbi Heschel was in love with God and with humanity-which I find appealing.

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This book was not exactly what I was looking for. I am not sure what I was looking for but this was

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