

JESUS TODAY: A SPIRITUALITY OF RADICAL FREEDOM

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Sep 24, Mark rated it it was amazing. Albert Nolan's insights on Christian spirituality is very radical and bold. For he questions our complacency and oftentimes apathetic and naive attitude toward creation, toward our fellow creatures and most importantly to the Creator. Dec 09, John Carter rated it it was ok Recommended to John by: a book group at church.

Shelves: non-fiction. It seemed unbalanced. Much of the introductory sections were drawn out while the conclusions were rushed. Not a book I would recommend. My wife however--though largely agreeing--says Nolan's first book was far, far superior. I find this book very interesting from the title. Jesus is the one who offers radical freedom to the entire humanity. I want to read this book. I just went through the reviews and articles etc. It is worth reading. Jan 17, Rheena rated it it was amazing Shelves: books-read-in , spirituality , books-in-the-philippines , my-favorites. For those who are serious in following Jesus and the spirituality that he lives with, -this reading is a must. It brought me deeper in my understanding of who Jesus is and the life he has exemplified for us to follow. Nolan makes some incisive observations about the signs of the times and raises some excellent points.

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Readers also enjoyed. About Albert Nolan. Albert Nolan. Books by Albert Nolan. Read more No trivia or quizzes yet. Quotes from Jesus Today: A Sp And, although it is not a word Jesus used, detachment expresses very well an important element in his spirituality: the ability to let go. Our primary concern will be his spirituality. He does not seem to have spoken much about his own spiritual life, but, as I pointed out in the introduction, by reading between the lines we can extrapolate some of the elements of what must have been an extraordinarily profound spirituality.

We will have to look at what Jesus did and said and taught, but only in order to appreciate the spirituality that must have been behind his activities and teachings. What was the secret of his extraordinary life—and death? What did he feel strongly about? What was so memorable about him? To bless your enemies is a fundamental revolution. Perhaps even more so in the blessing of the poor: it does not mean that it is good to be desperately poor. Rather, what Jesus says to his audience the poor! The rich will find it very difficult to share. He treats people with equal dignity, regardless of who they are: outcasts, prostitutes, beggars, children, women He tells parables: subversive stories which undermine the values of the world. Reversing the fundamental understanding of victim and victor, namely that the victim of this world is the victor of the kingdom of God is a function of his death on the cross.

I am running out of time, inevitably. So far, I have summarised just the first two parts of out of four, about half the book. Much of this is particularly addressed, I would personally stress, not to the poor, but the rich, like us, who can afford to buy and read his book because in real terms, that is the difference between poverty and wealth. What we see in this is much that is born out of classic 20th century Catholic spirituality. Yet it is deeply rooted in the struggle for justice. The two belong together, cannot be separated, Nolan would argue, because that is who and how Jesus was: radically free. It is in the sense of all the above that he uses that much misused term, freedom. I think that is a characteristic of the spirituality throughout.

Jesus was an amazingly free person and what he was bringing was not new constraints and so forth, not new prohibitions, et cetera, but freedom. Christianity is not supposed to be like that and Jesus was not like that. In other words, the kind of freedom that people are striving for, I criticize. Liberation theology is just as much a matter of discussion and debate and conflicting views as everything else is — and that is good. What I would hope you take away from this short, whirlwind tour of one example of spirituality and liberation are two things. Be concrete in your prayer: bring your social analysis into your prayer. In fact: do your social analysis in the first place! Poverty is a scandal, not just something to feel bad about.

Think about it, talk about it, pray about it, and do something about it in the world. Globalization and Human Solidarity. Tiruvalla: Christiava Sahitya Samithy. Introducing Liberation Theology. Maryknoll: Orbis Books. Brown, Robert McAfee Spirituality and Liberation. Galilea, Segundo Quezon City: Claretian Publishers. The Way of Living Faith. London: Collins. Haight, Roger Liberationist Spirituality. New York: Paulist Press. Leech, Kenneth Houlden eds. Companion Encyclopedia of Theology. London: Routledge. Lay Spirituality in a Post-Modern World.

Accessed 3 June Nolan, Albert Jesus before Christianity: The Gospel of Liberation. London: Darton, Longman and Todd. Accessed 4 June Second Impression. Springs: Order of Preachers, South Africa. Nolan, Albert a. Interview with Fr. Albert Nolan, O. Luis Ramos, O. Nolan, Albert b. Jesus before Christianity. Petersen, Robin M. Spirituality in the Struggle for Liberation. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications. Raiser, Konrad Accessed 12 December Liberation Spirituality. Spirituality Today 35 2 , Jesus was a revolutionary in other ways too; especially in challenging his disciples to move beyond the limitations of the blood family to the broader family of God's kingdom.

Although he was radically critical of the world, he never singled out individuals for blame, condemnation, or hatred, no matter what they did. He was also a healer, an aspect of his ministry that Nolan thinks is very important Nolan, Jesus demonstrated a path of personal transformation that we would do well to emulate today. His practice of silence and solitude led to an inner peace and tranquility. He saw himself and his mission clearly. He was grateful to God for all the blessings in his life.

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