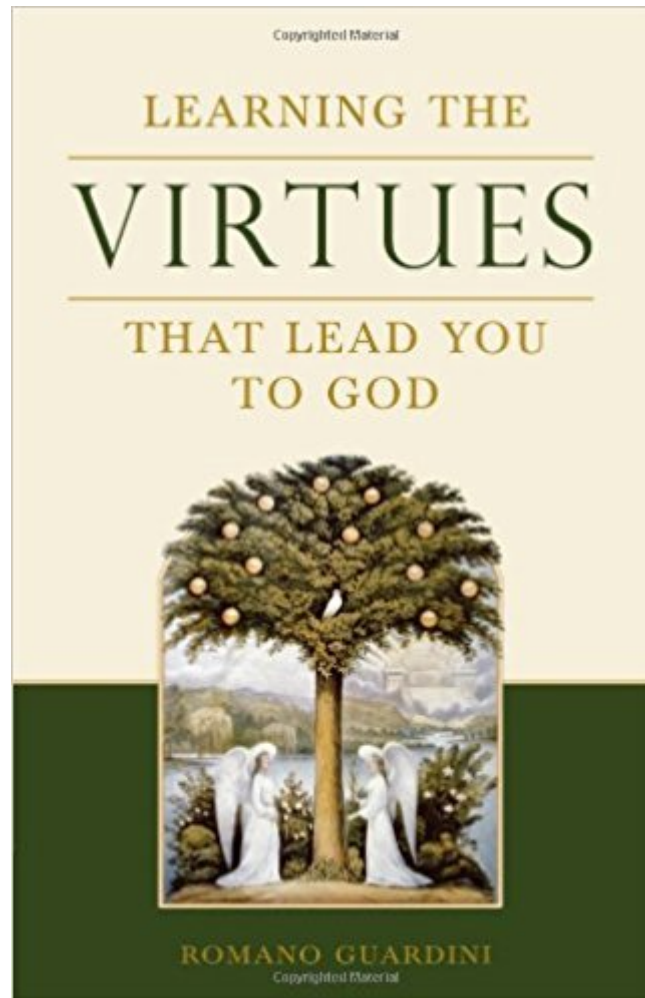




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view them with fresh eyes. Fr. Guardini's insights give us an opportunity to strengthen our faith, our prayer life, and our relationships with those around us family, friends and strangers."

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This is not a book for the person looking for a light pass over of the virtues. I could only read one chapter at a time, because it confronted me with much to contemplate. I do recommend it highly though for those who want to confront their shortcomings but especially for those who want a pathway out of the endless cycle of sins. There are no more excuses in the confessional!

If I had a little more money, I would buy a box of these and give a copy to everyone I know. A beautiful, thought-provoking, life-transforming book.

Through the text emerges the image of a modest, honest and wise man of faith who has experienced life and extracted pearls of wisdom that he shares with his readers. The writing is simple yet powerful - the hallmark of a great thinker who has grasped the essence of a thing. As a

spiritual guide this book is as essential as "Spiritual Combat" by Scupoli and "Introduction to the devout life" by de Sales but more accessible, given its contemporary language. This is a life-long companion I will carry with me to nurture my soul and to help me work towards purity.

In my opinion the author possesses a very easily communicated wisdom and a deep knowledge of the human mind and issues in today's world. With that knowledge, he is very persuasive on the definition of the virtue he is explaining, and makes it very easy to understand. If you are looking for a book to explain what virtues are, which ones are the most important, and how they work for yourself if fully developed, this is the book!

I am so glad I bought this book. No matter your age or where you are in your faith journey, it is never too early or too late to be reminded of the virtues that will make us better persons. You need not be Catholic or even religious to gain the tremendous wisdom presented in the book. Every penny spent on it will provide lifelong benefits.

This book is a classic of Christian Spirituality and lives up to its reputation as it discusses the significance of habitually becoming and doing good as a way to overcome the alienation, loneliness, and depression that too often mar our lives.

This is an incredible book. The original title Guardini had was "The Virtues." Each chapter is dedicated to a different virtue--many of which I didn't expect, such as "Acceptance," "Silence," and some more usual like "Patience" and "Kindness." Every chapter is a meditation written in beautiful language and thought-provoking. This book challenges you.

This is the best money I've spent on a book in a long time. Clear, insightful, easy to read but thoughtful and insightful. I have been delighted to spend time with this author. I hope to read more of his work.

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