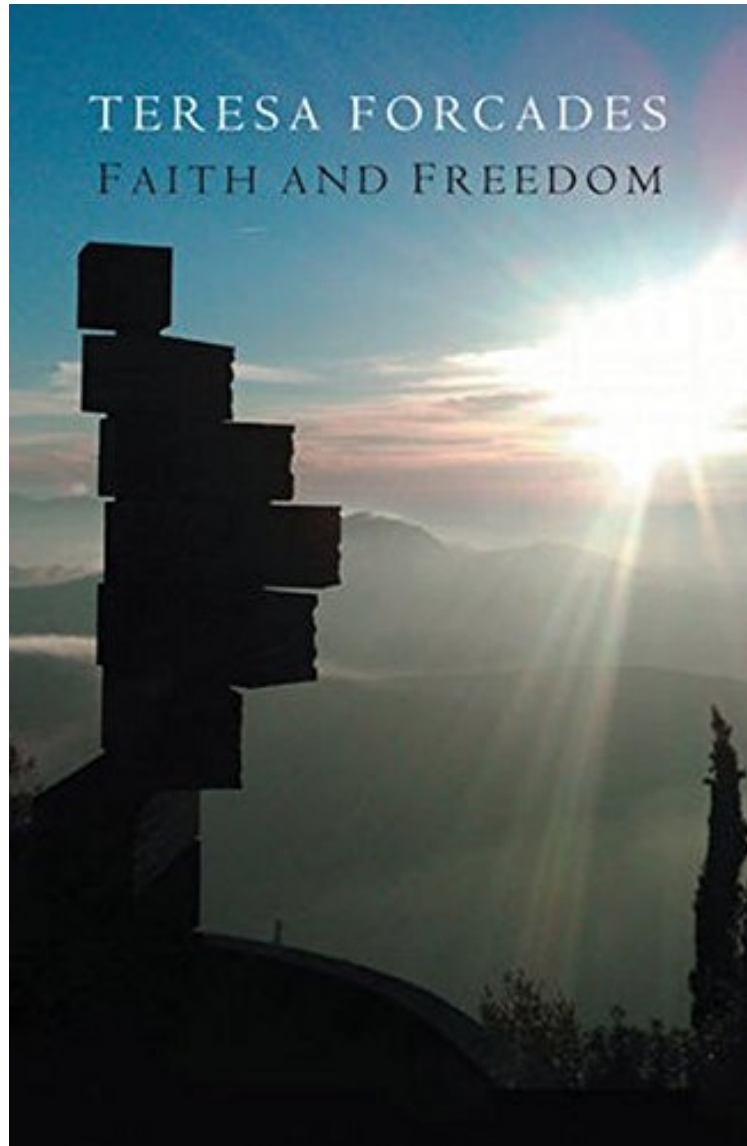


(Download pdf ebook) Faith and Freedom

## Faith and Freedom

*Teresa Forcades*

*\*Download PDF / ePub / DOC / audiobook / ebooks*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#1139445 in Books Polity 2016-12-12Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 7.30 x .60 x 4.80l, .0 #File Name:  
1509509763112 pagesPolity | File size: 43.Mb

**Teresa Forcades : Faith and Freedom** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Faith and Freedom:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very readable, thought provoking calls to action from a foremost proponent of liberation theology and Christian socialismBy A. I. McCullochNote: This is a version of a review first published by me on UK. The review is of an as-published copy of a book supplied to review without cost, by UK Vine .This is a book which is easy to read in the sense that the author's arguments are clearly and logically explained, and

yet also takes time, in that Teresa Forcades gives the reader plenty to think about in her arguments. I often put the book down to properly digest what I had read, to pick it up again the following day. The book is laid out sections which are in the same sequence as the Benedictine monastic daily cycle of prayer, from pre-dawn Matins to the evening service of Compline. It links each of the five parts of the Benedictine day, plus recreation, with a unifying theme. The theme of the section titled 'Matins' is social justice, Lauds, has the theme of love and freedom, Sext, public health, Vespers, faith. As well as the philosophical and theological discussion points, Sr Teresa Forcades outlines the nature and particular atmosphere of those services. The author's almost unique perspectives as physician, nun, feminist and social activist make for some extremely thought provoking pieces. I'm not a Catholic and found my essential faith by attending an evangelical Christian church as a child which in later years embraced Creationism, which I did not. (Creationism generally has far less acceptance in UK Nonconformist churches than in the USA, at least in my experience.) The idea of a nun skipping Biblical verses in a reading during a service when she personally disagreed with the content was in itself something that I found initially a little surprising- but why not? Paul's letter to Timothy in which he says 'I permit no woman to teach or have authority over a man; she is to keep silent' is an instruction I have disobeyed just about every day of my working life as a teacher and tutor. As with many feminist writers Sr Teresa feminises God, something most readers of the canon will be used to seeing in print, but still a slight surprise in the writings of a Benedictine nun. She has been chastised by the Vatican, but it hasn't made her change her style. A book full of slight surprises, I've given this five stars because I very much enjoyed the way it made me think. I have Faith and Freedom as a bedside book and enjoyed the time spent in quiet contemplation of a wide range of matters. Particularly the compatibility of a nationalist viewpoint allied with a socialist one - Forcades is a Catalan nationalist and anti-capitalist who in 2013, co-founded a political movement for Catalan independence. (Catalonia being a non-autonomous region of Spain). Equally compelling were sections on the injustices of big pharma, the subject of a book by her in Spanish just over 10 years ago, and compelling from a theological perspective the intriguing apocryphal Gospel of Judas. Her pieces are rallying calls to action for believers and those committed to social justice. This is the author's first book in English, I hope that it will not be the last. Accessible, readable and thought provoking. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting and different By A reader This is a somewhat odd but fascinating book by Benedictine nun Teresa Forcades i Vila. Sister Teresa has an extremely impressive background: doctorates in medicine, feminist theology, and Fundamental Theology, as well as considerable experience as an activist. In this book, she covers an unexpected range of subjects, from corporate greed to Big Pharma, to queer theory, to her interpretation of the Gospel of Judas; to the thirteenth century German theologian, Gertrude of Helftha, etc. She includes much lovely discussion of her own spiritual views, ending with a simple statement of her own beliefs. The book is very readable. Each chapter is named after one of the canonical hours, outlining the rituals and events of the day in her monastery. Very lovely and warm, though the material in each chapter doesn't always quite match the description at the beginning. This book will very likely appeal most to those with an open mind and a philosophical bent. Recommended to people open to new ideas within the church. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting in content and form By sanoe.net It took me just a bit to get into Teresa Forcades's "Faith and Freedom" but that was only due to my realization that I am a lapsed Catholic because I had a little trouble with some of Forcades's terminology even though I read the introduction. That said, once I got past that personal block, I got into the flow of Sister Teresa's points. The book is a slim volume at under 125 pages. She speaks of faith and freedom in the sense of faith as discipline of contemplation and freedom for social justice. That one can be part of the other. Some topics, like Catalan independence, is specific to Sister Teresa but it lends itself to the more universal topics such as health care, public service, freedom. As I was reading, I didn't feel a need to agree with everything Sister Teresa was espousing in terms of her politics, but I always felt like I could appreciate the form and discipline that she lives her life and I like how she structured the book to follow a specific rhythm for monastic daily life. It ended up being a very interesting read both in content and form.

Teresa Forcades, Spanish Benedictine nun, theologian, physician and political activist, is one of Europe's leading radical thinkers. Marrying her Catholic faith with a passion for social justice, she came to prominence for her eloquent condemnation of the abuses of some of the world's biggest pharmaceutical companies. She has gone on to found a leading Catalan anti-capitalist independence movement and is one of the leading voices in the world today against the injustices of capitalism and the patriarchy of modern society and of her own church. In Faith and Freedom, her first book written in English, she skilfully weaves together her personal experiences with a reflection on morality, religion and politics to give a trenchant account of how the Christian faith can be a dynamic force for radical change. Placing herself in a powerful tradition of Catholic social doctrine and Liberation Theology, she applies her perspective to the issues most precious to her: freedom and love, social justice and political engagement, public health, feminism, faith and forgiveness. Structured around the five canonical hours that give its peculiar rhythm to the monastic day, this book is a thoughtful and bold polemic against the exploitation and injustice of the status quo. Its call for liberty, love and justice will resonate with anyone disaffected with a savage and destructive political and economic system that marginalises and murders the poor and undermines the very fabric of social life.

Teresa Forcades offers a lucid and inspiring reflection on the mutually enriching relationship between contemplation and action, the spiritual and the political, faith and feminism. Structuring her book around the liturgy of the hours, she shows how the Christian life can be lived in a way that is deeply rooted in prayer and tradition, but also radically engaged with the contemporary world. Tina Beattie, University of Roehampton Sister Teresa's meditations, gracefully woven out of the daily Benedictine cycle of prayer, confront some of the most profound personal challenges of contemporary life. Let no one say that the religious life is a-political: Sister Teresa combines fearless intellectual analysis, radical resistance to injustice, and an unwavering commitment to the mystery and power of Christian forgiveness. Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge Eye-opening and invigorating, *Faith and Freedom* demonstrates the power of faith combined with inquiry. Foreword s Teresa Forcades offers a lucid and inspiring reflection on the mutually enriching relationship between contemplation and action, the spiritual and the political, faith and feminism. Structuring her book around the liturgy of the hours, she shows how the Christian life can be lived in a way that is deeply rooted in prayer and tradition, but also radically engaged with the contemporary world. Tina Beattie, University of Roehampton About the Author Teresa Forcades i Vila is a physician, theologian and Benedictine nun in the mountain monastery of Sant Benet de Montserrat in Catalonia, Spain.