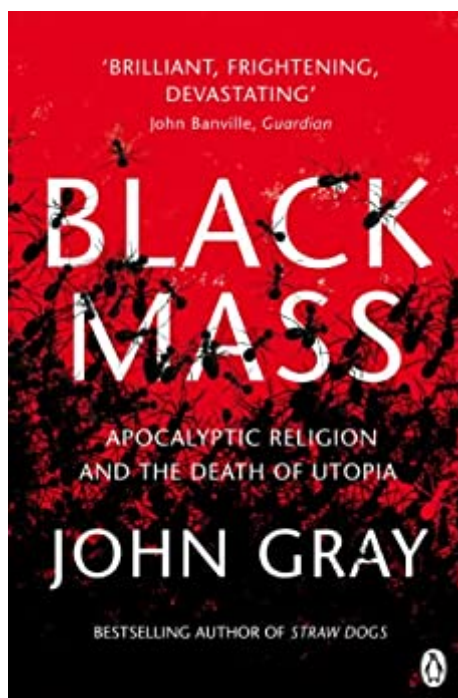


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# Black Mass: Apocalyptic Religion And The Death Of Utopia



## Synopsis

Our conventional view of history and human progress is wrong. It is founded on a pernicious myth of an achievable utopia that in the last century alone caused the murder of tens of millions. In *Black Mass* John Gray tears down the religious, political and secular beliefs that we insist are fundamental to the human project and shows us how a misplaced faith in our ability to improve the world has actually made it far worse.

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## Customer Reviews

Namely that a wide range of movements, from the right to the left make the tacit assumption that some kind of perfect solution is possible, attainable, and desirable, while forgetting the messiness of human beings.

I found this book illuminating and thought provoking. I especially enjoyed the later sections related to US policies in the M.E. and especially the Iraq war.

Straw Dogs-thoughts on humans and other animals, is my favorite John Gray masterpiece...Black Mass concentrates on the same subject with some duplications, which is already stated in details in Straw Dogs.Anyway worth to read it and I strongly recommend it to everybody.

This book starts out tight, historical.Then it loosens--without quite unraveling--and becomes more than a tad preachy.This lad (Gray) loves to pontificate.But, still and all, a good, if not a brilliant, read.

I found John Grey's book after reading his review of Fukuyama's new book. It explains that liberalism and Marxism are both utopian faith-based projects of the Enlightenment and the expectations of progress to a better world whether by Washington consensus, revolution, ethnic cleansing, or jihad. Now I understand why ISIS has less to do with Islam and more as a consequence of political decisions and trends in the West.

Like all books by John Gray, Black Mass is a compelling example of the power of an overwhelming and logical examination of vital events. At this point, I would classify Mr. Gray as one of the five top philosophers in the English language. In addition to the impeccable quality of his reasoning, he writes in an accessible and beautiful English, without all the word-splitting typical of philosophers, particularly of the French breed. Kudos!

Confusing

The other reviews say it all.If you had to pick 3 books from John Gray, (I've read all of them) I'd place the three mentioned above as must have top 10, all time reference books in political science/economy/philosophy, among the hundreds I have.

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