The American church historian Sidney Ahlstrom once described J. Gresham Machen's Christianity and Liberalism as "the chief theological ornament of American Fundamentalism." While fittingly complimentary, this assessment is unfairly restrictive. Machen never cared for the term "fundamentalism." He thought of himself as no more or no less than an orthodox Christian, confessional Presbyterian, and professor of New Testament, serving at Princeton Seminary until he resigned in 1929.

To be sure, Machen affirmed the doctrine of the plenary inspiration of Scripture. The Bible, he says, is a "true account" of divine revelation whose entire text is insured by the Holy Spirit. But this claim did not make Machen's theology different from the historic teaching of his church or the heritage of Princeton Seminary. Inerrancy is not the teaching upon which the Church stands or falls. "There are many," he wrote, "who believe that the Bible is right at the central point, in its account of the redeeming work of Christ, and yet believe that it contains many errors." While insisting on a biblical basis for Christianity, Machen did not believe, like the stereotypical fundamentalist, that all points of the Bible are of equal importance....
Christianity is diametrically opposed to true, biblical Christianity. In Christianity and Liberalism, Machen, who co-founded Westminster Theological Seminary, dissects liberal views of doctrine, God and man, the Bible, Christ, salvation, and the church. In doing so, he destroys liberal thought with Scripture and logic while calling all men to true fait Christianity and Liberalism book. Read 348 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Machen's classic defense of orthodox Christianity est... All this is simply to say that Christianity and Liberalism by J. Gresham Machen is as timely today as it was when it was originally written almost ninety years ago. Machen attacks liberalism (theological not political) which has for the last 150 years or so set itself against the understanding of the historic Church.