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Book Review

"Flusser's *The Sage from Galilee: Rediscovering Jesus' Genius*" is a book written by Brazilian philosopher and theologian, Dr. Fábio Schwartz. The book was published in 2014 by Wipf and Stock Publishers and has 248 pages. It is available in paperback and costs around \$26.

Dr. Fábio Schwartz is a Brazilian philosopher and theologian. He earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, and his Th.D. in Systematic Theology from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, USA. He is the author of several books on philosophy, theology, and religion, including "From Christianity to the Bible" and "Deleuze and Guattari: Philosophy and Theology."

The book is divided into nine chapters. The first chapter, "The Genius of Jesus," introduces the central thesis of the book, which is that Jesus was a sage or wise man who offered a radical and transformative message. The second chapter, "The Sage from Galilee," provides a historical and social background of Jesus' life and ministry. The third chapter, "The Art of Paradox," examines Jesus' use of paradoxical language and how it challenges conventional wisdom. The fourth chapter, "The Ethics of Compassion," analyzes Jesus' teachings on love, forgiveness, and compassion. The fifth chapter, "The Power of Imagination," explores Jesus' use of metaphors and imagery to convey his message. The sixth chapter, "The Kingdom of God," examines Jesus' teachings on the kingdom of God and its relevance today. The seventh chapter, "The Challenge of Discipleship," discusses the demands and responsibilities of being a disciple of Jesus. The eighth chapter, "The Transcendent Sage," explores Jesus' mystical experiences and his relationship with God. The final chapter, "The Future of Christianity," offers a reflection on the significance of Jesus' message for contemporary society.

"Flusser's *The Sage from Galilee*" can be compared to Marcus Borg's "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time." Both books attempt to present a fresh perspective on Jesus' life and teachings by examining the historical and social context of his time and by emphasizing his role as a sage or wise man. However, while Borg focuses on the historical Jesus and his relevance for contemporary spirituality, Schwartz offers a more theological reflection on Jesus' message and its implications for Christian faith.

Overall, "Flusser's *The Sage from Galilee*" is a well-written and thought-provoking book that offers a fresh perspective on Jesus' life and teachings. The author's scholarly background and theological insights make this book an engaging and informative read. I would recommend this

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book to anyone who is interested in deepening their understanding of Jesus and his message. However, the book's academic tone and theological focus may not appeal to everyone, especially those who are looking for a more accessible and practical approach to spirituality.