

The book "The Sage from Galilee: Rediscovering Jesus' Genius" was written by philosopher and cultural theorist Vilém Flusser and was translated into English by Rodrigo Maltez Novaes. The book was originally published in German in 1981 and the English translation was published in 2014 by the University of Illinois Press. The book is 214 pages long and is available in paperback and e-book formats. The paperback edition costs around \$24.

Vilem Flusser was a Czech-born philosopher and cultural theorist who lived in Brazil, France, and Germany.

He is best known for his work on communication and media theory, as well as his philosophical and religious writings. Flusser was born in Prague in 1920 and fled Nazi Germany in 1939. He spent most of his life in Brazil, where he taught philosophy at several universities. Flusser died in 1991.

"The Sage from Galilee" is divided into eight chapters, each exploring a different aspect of Jesus' life and teachings. In the first chapter, Flusser argues that Jesus was a radical thinker who challenged the dominant cultural and religious norms of his time. In the second chapter, Flusser explores Jesus' relationship with Judaism and argues that Jesus saw himself as a reformer, rather than a founder of a new religion. In the third chapter, Flusser examines Jesus' use of parables and argues that they were a way of subverting the dominant cultural narratives of his time. In the fourth chapter, Flusser explores Jesus' views on wealth and poverty and argues that Jesus advocated for a form of radical equality. In the fifth chapter, Flusser examines Jesus' teachings on forgiveness and argues that they were a way of challenging the dominant cultural norms of revenge and punishment. In the sixth chapter, Flusser explores Jesus' views on power and argues that Jesus saw power as a means of service, rather than domination. In the seventh chapter, Flusser examines Jesus' relationship with women and argues that Jesus' teachings were radical in their inclusion of women. In the final chapter, Flusser reflects on the relevance of Jesus' teachings for contemporary society.

"The Sage from Galilee" can be compared to the work of other scholars who have explored the historical Jesus and his teachings, such as John Dominic Crossan's "The Historical Jesus: The Life of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant" and Bart Ehrman's "Jesus: Apocalyptic Prophet of the New Millennium".

However, Flusser's work is unique in its emphasis on Jesus as a radical thinker who challenged the dominant cultural and religious norms of his time.

"The Sage from Galilee" is a thought-provoking and insightful book that offers a fresh perspective on Jesus and his teachings. Flusser's writing is clear and engaging, and his arguments are well-supported by historical and cultural evidence. While the book may not be suitable for readers looking for a traditional theological or devotional approach to Jesus, it is an excellent choice for those interested in exploring Jesus' life and teachings from a historical and philosophical perspective. Overall, I would highly recommend "The Sage from Galilee" to anyone interested in Jesus and his legacy.