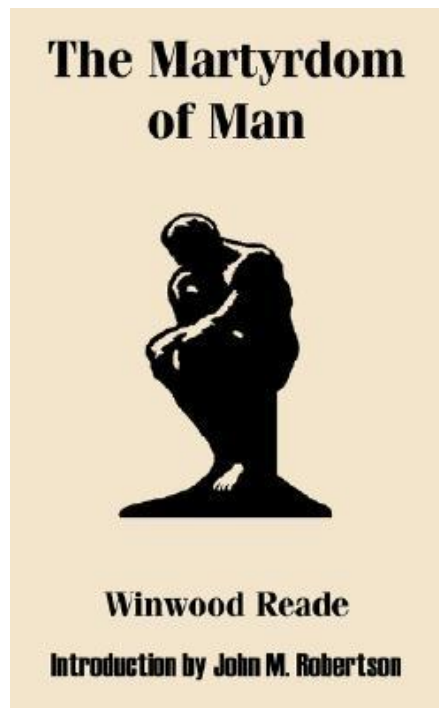




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A book of the authors thoughts on the history of the world, with inclusion of some remarkable predictions for the future. Includes chapters on war - Western Asia, the Persians, Carthage and Rome, the Arabs, etc; religion - Arabian, Mecca, Israelites, the Jews, etc; liberty - Ancient Europe, the German Invasion, the Portuguese Discoveries, Abolition, etc.; and intellect. This classic work first published in 1872. Reade was an explorer and a disciple of Darwin who acknowledged that Descent of Man had left him little to say respecting the birth and infancy of the faculties and affections'. His The Martyrdom of Man, an essay in Universal History', dealing with war, religion, liberty, and intellect, was informed not only by Darwin, but the many other authors listed in the introduction . Reade declared his own atheism in defiance of 'the advice and wishes of several literary friends and his publisher.' The book takes us from Africa and throughout the world. Winwood Reade (1838-1875) was an atheist, traveler, and controversialist who traveled extensively through Africa, covered the Ashanti War, wrote against Roman Catholicism and other established forms of religion.

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Tarun Rattan says

It's amazing to read the clarity of thought of Winwood Reade in this book and how he shreds apart the folly of organized religions. This man was definitely centuries ahead of his times. Everyone should read this, it's a human treasure.

Sigrid Fry-Revere says

Fun to read primarily because it was written in the 1870s. It is fascinating to see what predictions did and did not come true in the two centuries since it was written.

Malcolm Collins says

Most of this book is not super relevant to the modern reader but the last two chapters can be haunting. He predicts the advancement of society and technology almost exactly and speaks to readers living in the future time period he predicts directly. Then goes on to tell us what he thinks will happen next with hold unique weight given his other predictions.

Quinner says

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I can't say it was an enjoyable read but it was an eye opener for me. There's a pattern in what happens to cultures through the ages. Also the Evolution V's Religion message was damning.

Daniel says

This book unmasks the fantasy and hoax that is religion

Cliff says

I question the factual basis of some historic assertions, but I think it's a nice compilation of the understanding of world history in nineteenth century England. His final conclusion is remarkable for the time, but doesn't really go far enough.

Dina Strange says

If there is one historical book you can read, read this one. Excellent book. William Reade is a brilliant writer.

Steve says

It is written in the ponderous, florid language of the mid-Victorians, however, most of it is quite profound, and some of it surprisingly prescient.

Highly recommended, despite its perceived shortcomings.

Laura says

A difficult book to rate - certainly not one that I would read in my spare time or that I particularly enjoy reading for my thesis. Also not one that I will read more than bits and pieces of. Nevertheless, it is a superbly written polemic on human evolution and natural history. Originally published in 1872, Reade was inspired by his trip to Africa to write a history of various central-African tribes but ended up writing a "history of the world" in 543 pages instead. Reade makes no apologies for the deeply anti-Christian and creationist sentiments which pervade this manifesto, and, though indebted to Darwin, he stresses that he differs with him on several accounts, going so far as to suggest in his preface that Darwin beat him to writing on the development of the human brain - another strong theme in this work.

Interesting background reading for studies of H.G. Wells, who apparently read Reade at an early age and was heavily influenced by him. For more information, see Brian Murray's book, *H.G. Wells*.

Carl says

Interesting history & analysis of everything by a very learned but also prejudiced British victorian. His history of civilization is so astounding that it finally dawns on the reader that his conclusions far exceed the sum total of knowledge at his time & since his time. He reflects the jingoism of his day but this is still a remarkable book.

Tadas Sandanavicius says

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Lenna says

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