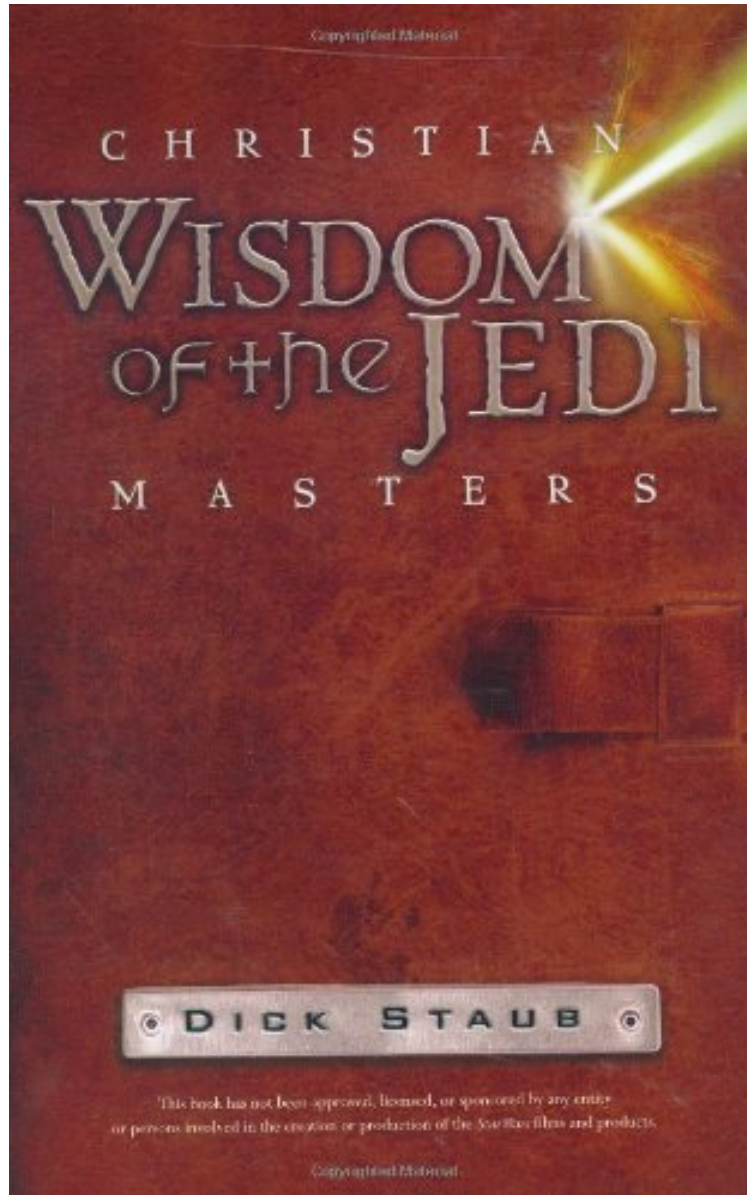


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Dick Staub : Christian Wisdom of the Jedi Masters before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Christian Wisdom of the Jedi Masters:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Merely the Christian Wisdom of Dick Staub; not Star Wars By Will Jerom This book should probably be titled "Christian Wisdom of Dick Staub" and subtitled "Stuffed into the Mouths of Jedi Masters." If you are expecting an intricate and serious attempt to link the Star Wars films to Christian theology,

then don't buy this book. Buy instead John McDowell's "The Gospel According to Star Wars" The Gospel according to Star Wars: Faith, Hope, and the Force, the most serious academic treatise on Star Wars and the Christian Faith, or Caleb Grimes "Star Wars Jesus" Star Wars Jesus - A spiritual commentary on the reality of the Force, also a fairly good attempt to unite Star Wars ideas with Christianity. In this book, Staub has some interesting insights in the first third of the book - he conveys some noteworthy quotes and ideas - but thereafter the book dissolves into merely a Christian self-help book (the middle third), and (about the last third) a book espousing Staub's interpretation of Christianity. I don't mean at all mean to say that either Christianity or Staub's interpretation of it is bad, it is just that if you are already familiar with Christianity he doesn't tell you anything new. He doesn't seriously or in a sustained effort link the Christian theology to Star Wars, he merely repeats endlessly the idea of "Christian Jedi would believe X", and "X" is his own Christian theology. So if all you want is Staub's theological view, or a Christian self-help book wrapped in Yoda's thin mantle, then buy this book. But if you are seriously interested in real connections between the film and the Christian faith, go to first to McDowell and then Grimes.² of 3 people found the following review helpful. Spiritual Truths presented By Danny QED What a fascinating book! One of the first concerns that any Christian will present (and understandably so) is: "Isn't it dangerous to mix the eastern mysticism of Star Wars with the Bible?" Let me put this to rest, the author does not intertwine the "force" with the Bible. Merely he takes time to pull out some spiritual truths that do align with scripture and elaborate. In the same way someone might quote non-Christian authors/poets (example: The Apostle Paul quoted Epimenides - Titus 1:12-13) in a Christian book to explain some spiritual truth. As someone who studies Theology and is conservative, this book is doctrinally sound in its approach. With that aside, this book reads like a devotional. You can read one small section at a time and stretch it out over a month or so. However, personally I could not read one at a time, I devoured the book within a week. I highly recommend to any Christian who is also a Star Wars fan.⁰ of 0 people found the following review helpful. I personally liked this book By Adam Joseph Wiebelt, Sr. I brought several copies as gifts for friends and family. I also got one for myself, it is a good read well done. This book does a great job at breaking down the relationships between Star Wars and Christianity. I would certainly recommend this book for any Star Wars fan, who is looking for a way to make the connection between god and put god into a perspective that could make understanding god easier to learn. The only con would be: I would not recommend for children to young, cause it may be hard to understand. I would say age 10 and up.

Written by award-winning radio personality Dick Staub, this compelling book is filled with anecdotes from the Star Wars films that serve as a launching pad into rediscovering authentic Christianity. Christian Wisdom of the Jedi Masters also contains quotes from revered Jedi Christians such as Thomas Merton, Teresa of Avila, the Apostle Paul, G. K. Chesterton, and other theologians, mystics, writers, and philosophers. The author sheds new light on the struggles and challenges of living faithfully in postmodern life and offers a reintroduction to what C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien called the one true myth, Christianity.

.com Dick Staub starts his book by describing the key difference between the Christian faith and the Force of the Star Wars films. In Star Wars, the Force itself is the energy field that "surrounds and penetrates us [and] binds the galaxy together." But in our world, Staub points out that a Christian believes in one true Lord over all things - including the Force itself, a Lord of the Force, if you will. So with this subtle but important point made, the rest of the book takes a journey of exploration, looking in detail at how a Jedi learning the ways of The Force can be readily compared to a Christian learning the ways of the Lord of the Force. The interesting aspect of this book though, is not the primary conceit of using the Jedi mythology to explore Christianity. Instead it is the wealth of ideas Staub brings to the table from a variety of sources as he takes us on the journey. The title of the book may presuppose and even help ensure a select demographic, but in truth Staub's book comes across as a fireside chat that would be of interest to many, weaving together elements from Star Wars, the Bible, academia, psychology, and so on to make his underlying point, which is to live a fully-engaged Christian life. For example, in a discussion that starts with a quote from Yoda: "Always two there are, a master and an apprentice," Staub follows up with an obvious Biblical parallel on discipleship from the Book of John, but then takes it further, discussing the Jewish tradition of how a rabbi chooses and trains the next generation of teachers that will succeed him, a more detailed description of how Jesus disciplined his own followers, and ending with an off-the-wall but thoroughly on-point illustration from the field of engineering that demonstrates the value of correctly applied knowledge from those we should look to as potential mentors. By the end of the book, we are reminded of the commonality of belief systems (fictional or otherwise.) All seek to give us our place in the universe, and equip us with the knowledge necessary for a successful journey. Staub's book starts with the myth of the Jedi system, but its true end is an invitation to become a Christian Jedi, following what he calls the "one true myth" of the Lord of the Force.--Ed Dobeas From Publishers Weekly Biblically literate Star Wars fans have long recognized similarities between Jedi teachings and biblical wisdom. Staub, a broadcaster and director of the Center for Faith and Culture in Seattle, artfully lays out many similarities for Christians who want to claim Jedi wisdom as their own. After seeing a Star Wars prequel, Staub realized that a young man he was mentoring wanted "to be a 'Jedi

Christian,' " but Staub's generation had not produced a Yoda. To correct that, Staub takes on the role of a modern-day Yoda (the wise sage) by speaking directly to readers as aspiring Jedi Christians and doling out his understanding of Christian theology. Thankfully, Staub resists the urge to fit all-things-Jedi into a Christian framework, but instead picks and chooses from Jedi (as well as Buddhist, Jewish, Taoist and mystical) teachings, comparing what he finds with biblical wisdom. Because the book is so biblically oriented, it seems to be reaching out to young evangelical Christians, asking them to consider a more progressive tradition of Christian faithone that embraces liberal Christian philosophers, theologians and mystics, and social and environmental activism. Using Jedi culture as a draw, Staub builds a number of bridges with this book that will keep coffeehouse theological discussions going at least as long as Star Wars films are popular. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From BooklistUsing Star Wars as his dig, Staub excavates the Christian meaning in pop-cultural artifacts. Like Harry Potter, Frodo Baggins, and even Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Luke Skywalker, Staub figures, is an everyman who is transformed into a heroic figure. Staub believes that as Christianity is Western culture's prevailing myth, Star Wars exemplifies a prevailing Western pop-cultural myth. In the cinematic story about the ultimate struggle between good and evil, Staub finds profoundly Christian wisdom. Christianity, he warns, is always one generation from extinction, since spiritual practices pass from generation to generation via individuals. The contemporary lack of spiritual mentors--Yodas--has led to an irrevocable decline in the next generation of Christians. Staub yearns for an authentic Christianity, such as he found in his youth but that now has virtually disappeared. Entertaining and very subjective--Staub refers to it as a journal of remembrances--this discussion of how Star Wars relates to Christianity also refers to such currently immensely popular writers within the Christian tradition as C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. June SawyersCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved