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Two Gentlemen in Touraine  
Franklin Classics

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Methods of Prayer in the Directory of the Carmelite Reform of Touraine

Wentworth Press

For over two hundred years, the notion of modernity has dominated Western social thought. Yet as we approach the end of the millenium, we find the concept under seige: constantly being challenged, rejected or refined. In Critique of Modernity d, Alain Touraine, one of our leading social thinkers, offers an outstanding analysis and reinterpretation of the modern for the twenty-first century. Thinking Differently Routledge

This is a reprint of the classic work of Carmelite spirituality by Fr. Kilian Healy. It is a required reading for all who want to deepen their understanding of the spirituality of the Church and of Carmel. Fr. Kilian was the Prior General of the Order from 1959-1971. He presents the spirituality of the Touraine Reform and the relation between their method of prayer with the other schools of spirituality such as Ignatian, Salesian, Teresian, as well as others. This is a book which should be in any Carmelite's library.

**Old Touraine, the Life and History of the Chateaux of the Loire** Routledge

Constructing a dialogue between the social theory of Alain Touraine and the philosophy of Paul Ricoeur, this work locates the wellsprings of the renewed intepretative powers of Touraine's recent sociology of the subject and critique of modernity in an implicit and unfinished, but unmistakable 'hermeneutical turn'.

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Joan of Arc Peter Lang  
In his previous books Alain  
Touraine analysed the  
great changes that have  
transformed our personal  
and collective lives; in this  
new book he shows that we  
need to transform our ways  
of thinking about these  
changes. The very idea of  
society is in crisis:  
globalization and the  
liberation of desires from  
taboos have led to the  
collapse of the old social  
order. In our societies  
today, good and evil can no  
longer be defined by  
institutions; self-awareness  
is more important than the  
awareness of rules and  
subjects have become their  
own creators. Taking as his  
starting point a critique of  
what he calls the Dominant  
Interpretive Discourse,  
which tried throughout the  
twentieth century to  
impose the idea of a society  
without actors that was  
subject to various kinds of  
determinism (especially  
economic determinism),  
Touraine argues that the  
only principle that allows us  
to evaluate individual  
behaviour and social  
situations is the recognition  
of the political, social and  
cultural rights of all human  
beings, who are viewed as  
free and equal. The  
individual must be seen as  
a subject and treated as the  
cornerstone of a  
reconstructed sociology.  
Whereas some denounce  
individualism, the author  
celebrates a subjectivation

that involves the defence of  
the rights of all against all  
modes of social integration.  
This general line of  
argument is made concrete  
through an analysis of the  
subordination of women, the  
exclusion of minorities and  
the difficulties young people  
face at school and at work.  
This major new book  
represents in many ways  
the culmination of twenty  
years of theoretical  
reflection which began with  
Critique of Modernity and  
which have established  
Touraine as one of the  
leading figures of  
contemporary social  
thought.

Can We Live Together?  
Stanford University  
Press

"This book will be of  
interest to students and  
academics in sociology,  
social theory and cultural  
studies, and to anyone  
concerned to understand  
today's world"--Jacket.

Old Touraine Polity  
In this book, a leading  
French social thinker  
grapples with the gap  
between the tendency  
toward globalization of  
economic relations and  
mass culture and the  
increasingly sectarian  
nature of our social  
identities as members of  
ethnic, religious, or  
national groups. Though  
at first glance, it might  
seem as if the answer to  
the question Can we

live together? is that we  
already do live  
together watching the  
same television programs,  
buying the same clothes,  
and even using the same  
language to communicate  
from one country to  
another the author  
argues that in important  
ways, we are farther than  
ever from belonging to  
the same society or the  
same culture. Our small  
societies are not  
gradually merging into  
one vast global society;  
instead, the  
simultaneously political,  
territorial, and cultural  
entities that we once  
called societies or  
countries are breaking up  
before our eyes in the  
wake of ethnic, political,  
and religious conflict. The  
result is that we live  
together only to the  
extent that we make the  
same gestures and use  
the same objects we do  
not communicate with one  
another in a meaningful  
way or govern ourselves  
together. What power can  
now reconcile a  
transnational economy  
with the disturbing reality  
of introverted  
communities? The author  
argues against the idea  
that all we can do is agree  
on some social rules of  
mutual tolerance and  
respect for personal

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freedom, and forgo the attempt to forge deeper bonds. He argues instead that we can use a focus on the personal life-project the construction of an active self or subject ultimately to form meaningful social and political institutions. The book concludes by exploring how social institutions might be retooled to safeguard the development of the personal subject and communication between subjects, and by sketching out what these new social institutions might look like in terms of social relations, politics, and education.

From *Out of the Past* Polity Ideas cannot be imported wholesale from economics to political science. Through empirical evidence and theoretical analysis the author argues that sociological as well as economic theories must be accommodated.

The Chateaux of the Loire BRILL

"A perfect military fantasy: brutal, complex, human and impossible to put down." - Tasha Suri, author of *Empire of Sand* In an epic fantasy unlike any other, two women clash in a world full of rebellion, espionage, and military might on the far outreaches of a

crumbling desert empire. Touraine is a soldier. Stolen as a child and raised to kill and die for the empire, her only loyalty is to her fellow conscripts. But now, her company has been sent back to her homeland to stop a rebellion, and the ties of blood may be stronger than she thought. Luca needs a turncoat. Someone desperate enough to tiptoe the bayonet's edge between treason and orders. Someone who can sway the rebels toward peace, while Luca focuses on what really matters: getting her uncle off her throne. Through assassinations and massacres, in bedrooms and war rooms, Touraine and Luca will haggle over the price of a nation. But some things aren't for sale.

*Methods of Prayer in the Directory of the Reform of Touraine* Wiley-Blackwell Violence is one of the main themes in the novels of Hanore de Balza. Executions, murders, savagery and death accompany the conspiracies and the turbulence that characterise his post-Revolutionary times,

from the terror to Napoleonic campaigns and then to the upheavals of 1830 and 1848. Despite the importance of violence in Balzac, this is the first book-length study of the topic. The book begins by tracing the links between violence and Balzac's approach to the novel, not merely in terms of violent content, but, equally importantly, in terms of the form associated with that content. Form and content combine to perpetuate and naturalise violence and suffering. After charting examples of this combination in one of Balzac's earliest fictions, the book moves on to the links between violence and place (from his native Touraine to sickness in Paris), and between violence and gender/sexuality. It also examines the representation of violence in the form of spoken or written death. Throughout the

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analysis, the book asks the following question: do Balzac's novels reinforce or counteract the literary text's apparent love-affair with violence?

The Horns of Chance  
Psychology Press

Although the period of student protests of the 1960s and 1970s has long passed, Alain Touraine argues, in this wide-ranging and vigorous essay, that the period's problems remain with us. Higher degrees have become less and less valuable on the labor market and the demand for academic reform has become more intense. Community colleges still try to provide equal educational opportunities for the poor and the minorities, without much success. And the university has not yet resolved the conflict between being the home of impartial inquiry and research and serving constituent interests. Touraine views American higher education as a system within a definite, though changing, social context. He compares U.S. student movements with those of other countries. He is skeptical about the way Americans view the relationships between the university and what he regards as the ruling forces of the society, between knowledge and power,

between production and education. He offers no facile solutions, but he presents an exciting, nontraditional analysis of the social and political forces that have shaped the modern history of higher education. In the new introduction, Clark Kerr contrasts his own views as an American observer to those of Touraine as a French intellectual. He asserts that the family, not higher education, is the most important "school" in the process of reproducing society. Kerr places more emphasis than does Touraine on the labor market, on the production functions (training of skills and advancing technology) of the vast nonelite segments of American higher education, on the long-term impacts of science in changing society, and on scholarly criticism in affecting transformations, and places less emphasis on sporadic political protests by faculty and students. He agrees with Touraine however, in his two great themes: (1) that you cannot understand the academic system unless you first understand society; and (2) that the rise of the university must be understood to understand modern society, where "knowledge is power." This volume will be important to all those interested in higher education, whether as participants or

observers.

Touraine and Brittany,  
Their Celtic Monuments  
and Ancient Castles,  
Ocean and Sea-bathing  
Stations, Places of  
Pilgrimage, the Loire  
from Orleans to the  
Ocean Orbit

Today neoliberals argue that we should let ourselves be guided by market forces and that there is little we can do to stem the flow of economic globalization. On the other hand, thinkers on the left continue to denounce domination and claim to speak in the name of victims who are powerless to change the circumstances of their lives. Despite the differences between these two political positions, they suffer from a common weakness: they underestimate the role of autonomous social actors who are capable of influencing political decision-making. In this important new book Alain Touraine - the leading sociologist and social theorist - attacks the positions of the neoliberals and certain thinkers on the left and develops an alternative view of the tasks for political thought and

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action today. He argues that the globalization of the economy has not dissolved our capacity for political action, and that the actions of the most underprivileged sections of society are not restricted to rebellion against domination: they can also demand rights (in particular, cultural rights), and can therefore put forward an innovative and not merely critical conception of society and its future. Beyond Neoliberalism is an original and timely contribution to current debates about the changing nature and goals of politics in our contemporary, globalized age. It will be of great interest to students of politics and sociology and will also appeal to a broader readership interested in contemporary politics and current affairs.

Old Touraine

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The Chateaux of the Loire

In this sequel to *A Critique of Modernity*, Alain Touraine questions the social and cultural content of democracy today. At a time when state power is being increasingly eroded by the economic might of transnational capital, what possible value can we ascribe to a democratic idea that

is defined merely as a set of guarantees against the totalitarian state? If democracy is to survive in the postcommunist world, Touraine argues, it must accomplish two urgent goals: It must somehow protect the power of the nation-state at the same time as it limits that power (for only the state has sufficient means to counterbalance the global corporate wielders of money and information); and it must reconcile social diversity with social unity and individual liberty with integration. This is not merely a philosophical problem but a dilemma whose resolution will dramatically affect the immediate future of people everywhere. If we want a resolution in democracy's favor, then it is time, in Touraine's view, for us to redefine democracy in terms of active intervention rather than mere passive institution. To preserve the power and effectiveness of our states and societies, we must make visible

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strides?and soon?away  
from a politics of  
particularity and toward  
the integration and  
balancing of women and  
minorities, of  
immigrants, of rich and  
poor. If our states  
become too weakened,  
too debased by the  
politics of competing  
identities and interest  
groups, we will one day  
find ourselves without  
the means to protect  
the very values we  
believe we are fighting  
to uphold.

Castles and Chateaux of  
Old Touraine and the  
Loire Country

DROLL STORIES  
COLLECTED FROM THE  
ABBEYS OF TOURAINE

The Unbroken

The Academic System in  
American Society

The Limits of Public  
Choice

The Publishers Weekly