



## **An Introduction to Personalism**

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*"I know of no comparable text in English for providing a systematic overview of the personalist movement in philosophy. Burgos addresses all the major and most of the minor figures in personalism, introducing not only those generally known to Americans (such as Scheler, Mounier and Maritain) but also important figures in Spain and Poland. The book is more than simply a history, however, as in the concluding section Burgos offers his own proposal for a well-developed personalist philosophy."* – **Adrian Reimers (University of Notre Dame)**

Much has been written about the great personalist philosophers of the 20th century – including Jacques Maritain and Emmanuel Mounier, Martin Buber and Emmanuel Levinas, Dietrich von Hildebrand and Edith Stein, Max Scheler and Karol Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II) – but few books cover the personalist movement as a whole. *An Introduction to Personalism* fills that gap.

Juan Manuel Burgos shows the reader how personalist philosophy was born in response to the tragedies of two World Wars, the Great Depression, and the totalitarian regimes of the 1930s. Through a revitalization of the concept of the person, an array of thinkers developed a philosophy both rooted in the best of the intellectual tradition and capable of dialoguing with contemporary concerns.

Our times are marked by numerous and often contradictory ideas about the human person. *An Introduction to Personalism* presents an engaging anthropological vision capable of taking the lead in the debate about the meaning of human existence and of winning hearts and minds for the cause of the dignity of every person in the 21st century and beyond.

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