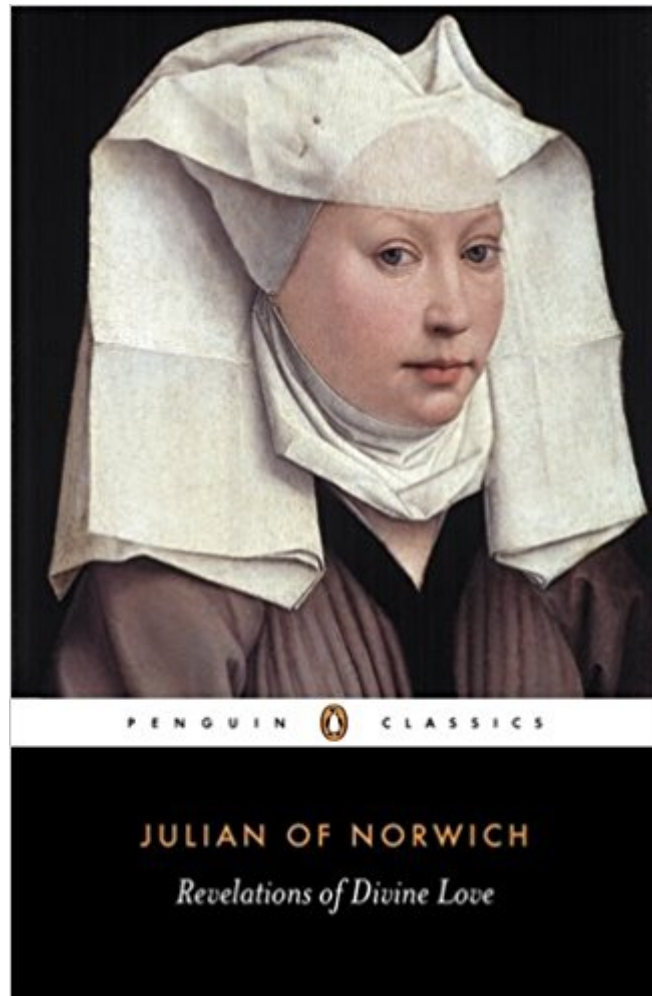




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# Revelations Of Divine Love (Short Text And Long Text)



## Synopsis

One of the first woman authors, Julian of Norwich produced in *Revelations of Divine Love* a remarkable work of revelatory insight, that stands alongside *The Cloud of Unknowing* and *Piers Plowman* as a classic of Medieval religious literature. After fervently praying for a greater understanding of Christ's passion, Julian of Norwich, a fourteenth-century anchorite and mystic, experienced a series of divine revelations. Through these 'showings', Christ's sufferings were revealed to her with extraordinary intensity, but she also received assurance of God's unwavering love for man and his infinite capacity for forgiveness. Written in a vigorous English vernacular, the *Revelations* are one of the most original works of medieval mysticism and have had a lasting influence on Christian thought. This edition of the *Revelations* contains both the short text, which is mainly an account of the 'showings' themselves and Julian's initial interpretation of their meaning, and the long text, completed some twenty years later, which moves from vision to a daringly speculative theology. Elizabeth Spearling's translation preserves Julian's directness of expression and the rich complexity of her thought. An introduction, notes and appendices help to place the works in context for modern readers. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

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Text: English (translation)

A wonderful spiritual journey. Julian of Norwich was devoted to prayer and personal mortification, but did so with deep joy. She did not see her way of living as a sacrifice but a way of complete giving of herself to God. It may be worded in language not familiar to us in the world of today, but it is an incredible work of devotion and love of one who wants to give all for the love she experiences in her prayers and life with God. An incredible woman.

very well done for a 14th century nun in England. Very simple reminder of just what "love is".

If an individual is seeking a greater understanding of the Love of God for human beings this is a magnificent help. It is important to get Elizabeth Spearing's translation (from the 14th century Olde English). She has maintained the phrasing of Julian so that one feels one is listening to Julian, herself. Other translators bring the prose to a more modern cadence, thus losing the sound of reality.

This book is a tremendous articulation of God's Love and the centrality of the Passion of Christ as revealing the great Mercy. Beautiful meditation on Providence.

Such a deep and moving book

This is an excellent form of the book. Very clear and concise! I highly recommend it!

I've admired Julian for years, but never read her -- so welcomed this chance to get a copy of the Revelations of Divine Love on Kindle. Tough going! The vocabulary is so specialized, and so much a part of the era of its writing, that I'm having real problems comprehending her. But her

consciousness of the incredible distance between God and human beings -- the qualitative differences -- the enormous favor God bestowed in relating to humankind -- is very striking. I'll keep wrestling with the text.

I couldn't get into this book. It's very difficult to understand the way the language is written.

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