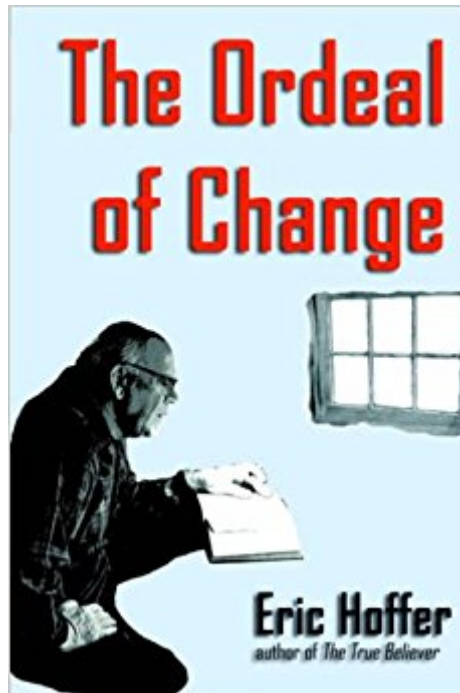




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Eric Hoffer--one of America's most important thinkers and the author of *The True Believer*--lived for years as a Depression Era migratory worker. Self-taught, his appetite for knowledge--history, science, mankind--formed the basis of his insight to human nature. Nowhere is this more evident than in Hoffer's seminal work, *The Ordeal of Change*, essays on the duality and essentiality of change in man throughout history.

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He seems like a being who had just emerged from unknown depths, startled, overjoyed at what he saw about him -- Eric Sevareid, broadcaster, journalist

Eric Hoffer--philosopher, author of the timeless tome *The True Believer*, and a truly great American thinker--gets to the essence of mankind through the ages in *The Ordeal of Change*.

Not quite as profound as "*The True Believer*," but featuring several important insights, such as the appeal of bureaucratic careers to mediocre talents and the general anxiety caused by change that we don't control.

Eric Hoffer's writing does something to the mind. His words forces you to think and see things which you generally and habitually overlook.

Although Eric Hoffer wrote in the sixties, his observations have remained timeless and spot on for truth. I highly recommend this short, terse book for anyone. His other books are equally fascinating and provide great insights. That Eric Hoffer was a longshoreman who writes well and profoundly is another added benefit for all those who suffer under the delusion that wisdom comes only from an ivory tower. I made this purchase now only because all my copies of Hoffer had been aged, torn, coffee stained and suffered from years in a back pocket and needed replacement. You can take the forty years of reading I have gotten as sufficient testimony as to its worth.

Eric Hoffer in one paragraph can contemplate issues so significant and transcendent that I find myself reading it over and over to understand how it applies to so many situations big and not so big. It really blows my mind sometimes...

excellent

Although he thought this to be his best book, I as others do not. I believe his best book to be "The True Believer" as do many others. That is not to say you should read it, it is really a good corollary, and as such, a must read.

This guy understood the causality for groups like the Tea Party almost 60 years ago. Some parts (e.g. references to the Cold War) are a little dated, but the basic principles that he explains never change.

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