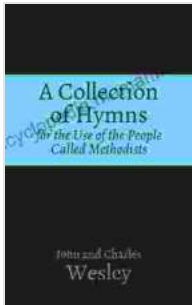


A Comprehensive Anthology: Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists



A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists by John Wesley

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File size	: 1178 KB
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Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 944 pages
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The 'Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists' is a foundational hymnbook that has played a pivotal role in Methodist worship for over two centuries. Compiled by John and Charles Wesley, the renowned founders of Methodism, this anthology of hymns has deeply influenced the spiritual and musical traditions of the Methodist movement.

Origins and Compilation

In the mid-18th century, John Wesley embarked on a mission to revitalize Christianity in England. As a key component of this endeavor, he recognized the power of music in inspiring hearts and minds. Wesley, an

avid hymn writer himself, collaborated with his brother Charles to compile a collection of hymns that would serve as a resource for Methodist congregations and individuals.

The first edition of the 'Collection of Hymns' was published in 1738. It contained 51 hymns, primarily drawn from the works of Isaac Watts, Philip Doddridge, and the Wesleys themselves. Over time, the collection grew and evolved through subsequent editions, incorporating hymns from a wide range of sources, including Moravian and Anglican traditions.

Characteristics and Significance

The 'Collection of Hymns' is characterized by its rich and diverse content, reflecting the theological and experiential foundations of Methodism. The hymns cover a broad spectrum of themes, including salvation, repentance, praise, and the Christian life. They are written in a variety of styles, from traditional metrical patterns to more contemporary and emotive forms.

One of the distinctive features of the hymnbook is its emphasis on personal experience and emotional expression. Many hymns invite the worshiper to engage in a direct and heartfelt relationship with God. They convey themes of joy, sorrow, hope, and assurance, resonating deeply with the lived experiences of Methodist believers.

The 'Collection of Hymns' has had a profound impact on Methodist worship. It has provided a shared repertoire of songs that unite congregations in praise, devotion, and reflection. The hymns have inspired countless individuals, fostering a sense of community and strengthening the bonds of faith.

Influence on Christian Music

Beyond its significance within Methodism, the 'Collection of Hymns' has also influenced Christian music more broadly. Many of the hymns included in the anthology have become enduring classics, sung in churches and worship services around the world. They have been translated into numerous languages and adapted for various musical settings.

The Wesleys' emphasis on simplicity and clarity of language has had a lasting impact on hymn writing. Their hymns are known for their accessibility, allowing both literate and unlettered worshipers to participate in congregational singing.

Modern Editions and Legacy

The 'Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists' continues to be in use today, although it has undergone several revisions and adaptations to reflect changing tastes and worship practices. The Methodist Hymnal, published in 1989, is the current official hymnbook of the United Methodist Church in the United States.

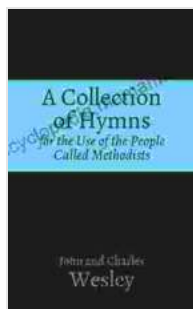
The legacy of the 'Collection of Hymns' endures as a testament to the power of music in shaping faith and community. Its hymns remain a vital part of Methodist worship, inspiring generations of believers to connect with God and one another through song.

The 'Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists' is a cornerstone of Methodist heritage, a treasure trove of spiritual songs that have nurtured the faith of countless individuals. Through its rich content, heartfelt expressions, and enduring influence, this anthology continues to

be a source of inspiration and a testament to the transformative power of music in Christian worship.

Additional Resources

- History of the United Methodist Hymnal
- Hymnary.org: Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists
- Amazon: Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists



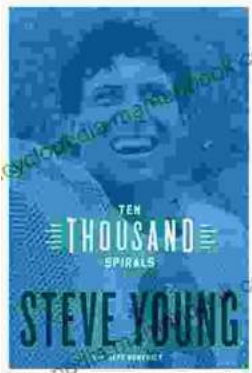
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