# **Everyman and Other Old Religious Plays in Plain and Simple English**

### **Everyman: A Classic Morality Play**

Everyman is a medieval morality play, written in the early 15th century. It tells the story of a rich man who is summoned by Death to give an account of his life. Everyman is terrified and tries to find companions to accompany him on his journey to the afterlife, but one by one they all abandon him: Fellowship, Kindred, Riches, and Goods. Only Good Deeds remains faithful and helps Everyman prepare for his final judgment.



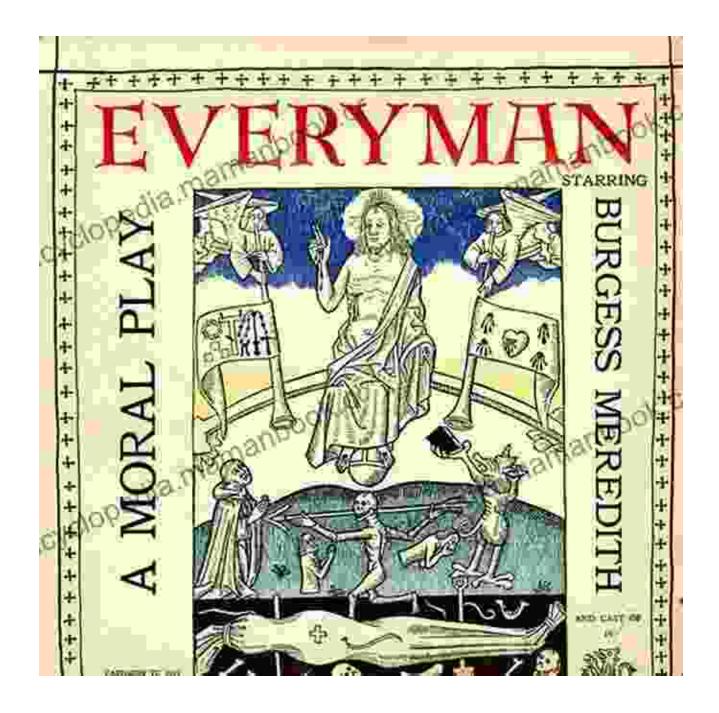
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#### **Themes**

- The importance of good works and living a virtuous life.
- The transience of earthly possessions and relationships.
- The inevitability of death and the need to be prepared for the afterlife.



### Other Old Religious Plays

Everyman is not the only surviving religious play from the Middle Ages.

There are many others, each with its own unique story and themes. Some of the most popular include:

- The York Cycle: A collection of 48 plays that tell the story of the Bible from Creation to the Last Judgment.
- The Chester Cycle: A collection of 24 plays that are similar to the York Cycle but with some unique features.
- The Towneley Cycle: A collection of 32 plays that are known for their humor and satire.
- The N-Town Cycle: A collection of 42 plays that is thought to have been performed in Norwich.

#### **Significance**

Old religious plays were an important part of medieval society. They provided a way for people to learn about the Bible and the teachings of the Church. They also helped to create a sense of community and shared values. Today, these plays are still studied and performed as a way to appreciate the richness of medieval culture and the timeless themes they explore.

Everyman and other old religious plays are a valuable part of English literature and medieval history. They offer insights into the beliefs and values of the past and continue to resonate with audiences today. By understanding these plays in plain and simple English, we can better appreciate their significance and the enduring power of their messages.

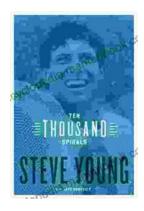
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