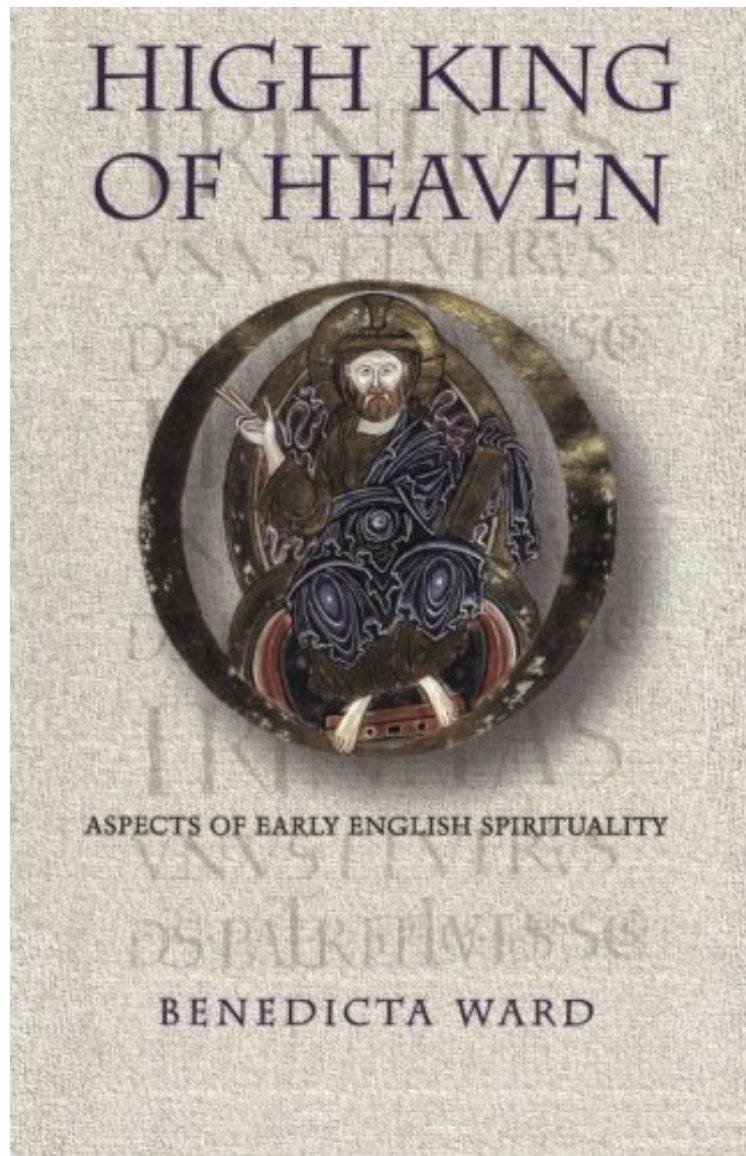


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"customer friendly" path with little or no mention of conflict or opposing views. More integration of the social and political factors of the time would have enhanced comprehension. The author's style consisted of straight reporting on a topic that could also be presented in a comparative or argumentative form. My point is that the title specifies Early English spirituality. How did that compare or contrast to early continental European spirituality and what makes the development of Christianity in England unique? I would have appreciated more summation and editorializing to clarify the main points.

It was not until after the conversion of the English to Christianity that any sustained information was written down about Christian life in these islands. This was done in the eighth century by the monk Bede, and it is mostly through his writings that it is possible to be in touch with the first Christians in England and to know about what they thought and did. Ward looks at this "golden age" of English Christianity, how it ended with the attacks of the Vikings and the "golden age" of faith and culture which followed in the tenth century.

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