

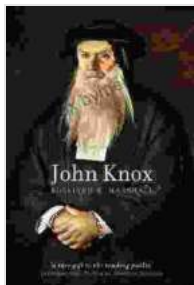
# John Knox: A Man of the People

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John Knox was a Scottish religious reformer who played a leading role in the establishment of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland. He was a controversial figure in his own time, and his legacy remains a matter of

debate today. However, there is no doubt that he was a man of great passion and conviction, and his work had a profound impact on the course of Scottish history.



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Knox was born in Haddington, Scotland, in 1514. He was the son of a prosperous merchant, and he received a good education. He studied at the University of St. Andrews, where he was ordained as a priest in 1536. However, he soon came to reject the teachings of the Catholic Church, and he was forced to flee Scotland in 1547. He spent the next few years in exile, living in England, France, and Switzerland. During this time, he studied the works of the Protestant reformers, and he developed his own distinctive religious beliefs.

In 1559, Knox returned to Scotland, and he quickly became a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation. He preached fiery sermons against the Catholic Church, and he helped to organize the Scottish Reformation Parliament, which abolished the Catholic Church in Scotland and established the Protestant Church of Scotland. Knox's work was not

without its critics, and he was often accused of being too radical. However, he remained a popular figure with the Scottish people, and his work had a lasting impact on the course of Scottish history.

Knox died in Edinburgh in 1572. He was buried in the churchyard of St. Giles Cathedral, and his tomb is still a popular tourist destination today. Knox's legacy is complex and controversial, but there is no doubt that he was a man of great importance in Scottish history.

### **Knox's Beliefs**

Knox's religious beliefs were based on the teachings of the Protestant reformers, such as Martin Luther and John Calvin. He believed that the Bible was the only source of religious authority, and he rejected the teachings of the Catholic Church. Knox also believed in the doctrine of predestination, which holds that God has already chosen who will be saved and who will be damned. This belief led him to believe that it was important to live a righteous life, in Free Download to prove that one was among the elect.

Knox's beliefs were not always popular, and he was often accused of being too harsh and judgmental. However, he remained a popular figure with the Scottish people, and his work helped to shape the religious landscape of Scotland.

### **Knox's Impact on Scottish History**

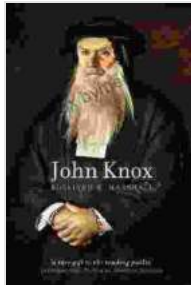
Knox's work had a profound impact on the course of Scottish history. He was a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation, and he helped to establish the Protestant Church of Scotland. His work also helped to shape

the Scottish national identity, and he is considered to be one of the most important figures in Scottish history.

Knox's legacy is still debated today. Some people view him as a hero, while others see him as a fanatic. However, there is no doubt that he was a man of great importance in Scottish history, and his work continues to have an impact on the lives of Scots today.

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