Foxe’s Book of Martyrs

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To the martyrs of our Lord Jesus Christ past, present and yet to come. Whether they have met their deaths by the hands of pagans, atheists, religious zealots, or by those who falsely call themselves by the name of Christ, through their words, their courage, and their uncompromised faithfulness, they have inspired us to persevere. Though countless thousands of names and triumphant stories have been omitted from the pages of this edition, we are assured that they are recorded eternally in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

[O]thers were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy). Hebrews 11:35-38
Foxe’s *Book of Martyrs* was first published over five hundred years ago. Today, there are many editions of this book available. When Lighthouse Trails decided to start offering this book to our readers, we began our search for an edition that we could use. Much to our dismay, we discovered that many of the current editions were compromised in one form or another. For example, in one edition (ironically, published by an advocacy group for persecuted Christians), front page endorsements included the names of those who promote contemplative spirituality and the emerging church. When one realizes that contemplative/emerging spirituality embraces some of the very same beliefs that Foxe’s martyrs stood against and thus died for that contending, it is most troubling to see these names in the cover of an edition of *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*.

In another edition we reviewed, the book was among a special set of “Christian classics.” We were once again perplexed to see that some of the other books in that series were written by contemplative mystics.

And yet another edition, published by a secular publisher, advertised mystical and occult practices on the back cover.

Finally, after an unsuccessful search, Lighthouse Trails decided to publish our own edition of this truly incredible and unforgettable account.

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3: 17*
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