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C. S. Lewis is almost certainly the most popular twentieth-century Christian apologist--*almost* because he is very closely rivaled, if not surpassed, by G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936), the English writer of all kinds of prose and verse who was the most beloved public speaker and debater of his time, adored as much by his famous sparring partners G. B. Shaw and H. G. Wells as by anyone who agreed with him. In 21 quotation-laden chapters, Ahlquist, president of the American Chesterton Society, presents Chesterton's Christianity. The most famous convert to Catholicism of his time, Chesterton stressed the permanency of the faith and its rootedness in common sense, by which he meant the ordinary human considerations conducive to family and community fellowship. Humility and humor, as much as wisdom and logic, and a candid, conversational manner suffuse his writing, and at least the manner has rubbed off on Ahlquist, thereby ensuring that this is one of the most enjoyable works of Christian "propaganda" you will ever read. *Ray Olson*
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Ahlquist proves that Chesterton's commentaries and views on the continuing dehumanization of man, the so-called social sciences, the totalitarian ideologies and the intellectual fashions of his day continue to be relevant in our own age. --**George J. Marlin**, Editor, *Collected Works of Chesterton*

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Dale Ahlquist is the President of the American Chesterton Society. He has also hosted three 13-part television series on the life and writings of the prolific Chesterton. He speaks often around the country on the great man and his works, and is the author of the best-selling book, *G.K. Chesterton: The Apostle of Common Sense*.

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