

The Church of the Holy Cross Presents

An evening with
J. Douglas Johnson, Executive Editor of

Touchstone
A Journal of Mere Christianity

What Happened to England?
Simon Raven and *The Decline of the English Gentleman*

In recent decades, conservative English writers such as Theodore Dalrymple, Roger Scruton, and David Betz have had much to say about their nation's decline, but none of them have really answered the question "What happened to England?"

In his 1961 apologia, *The English Gentleman*, Simon Raven may have come closer to answering that question than any writer has since.

The English gentleman was, Simon grudgingly admits, "a Christian gentlemen as well," and the civilization he built could not survive a loss of faith.

The great irony of Raven's book that it was written by man who loved the institutions built by the English gentleman, even though he denigrated the gentleman's Christian beliefs without which Western civilization as we know it could never have come to be.

We hope you will join us for an evening lecture by Douglas Johnson, Executive Editor of *Touchstone, A Journal of Mere Christianity*, as he explores the many controversial and contradictory questions raised by Simon Raven and *The English Gentleman*.

This year, **Touchstone** magazine enters its fortieth year of publication, as the nation's leading journal of Christian orthodoxy where **J. Douglas Johnson** has served Executive Editor for four years. His work has appeared in many publications including The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, The Far Eastern Economic Review, The Federalist, Crisis, and, of course, **Touchstone**.

Thursday, November 5
Doors open at 6:00 pm and
the lecture will begin at 6:30 pm
Refreshments will follow



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