

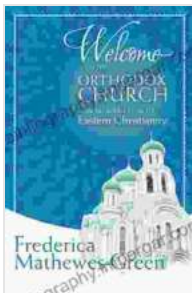
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Eastern Christianity, an ancient and captivating branch of the Christian faith, has shaped the cultural, historical, and spiritual landscapes of countless civilizations. Immerse yourself in a comprehensive exploration of this enigmatic tradition, delving into its origins, beliefs, practices, and profound impact on the world.

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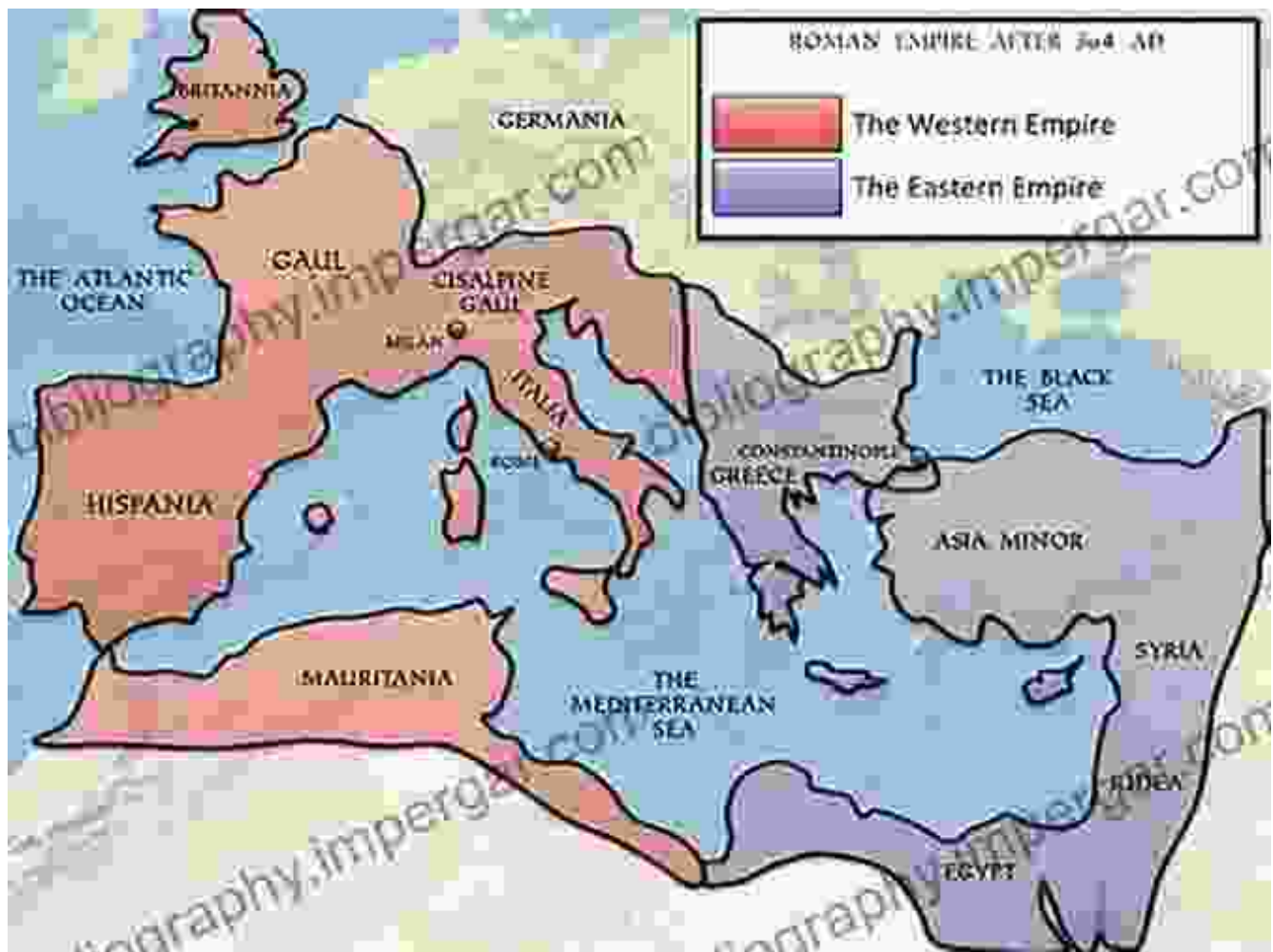
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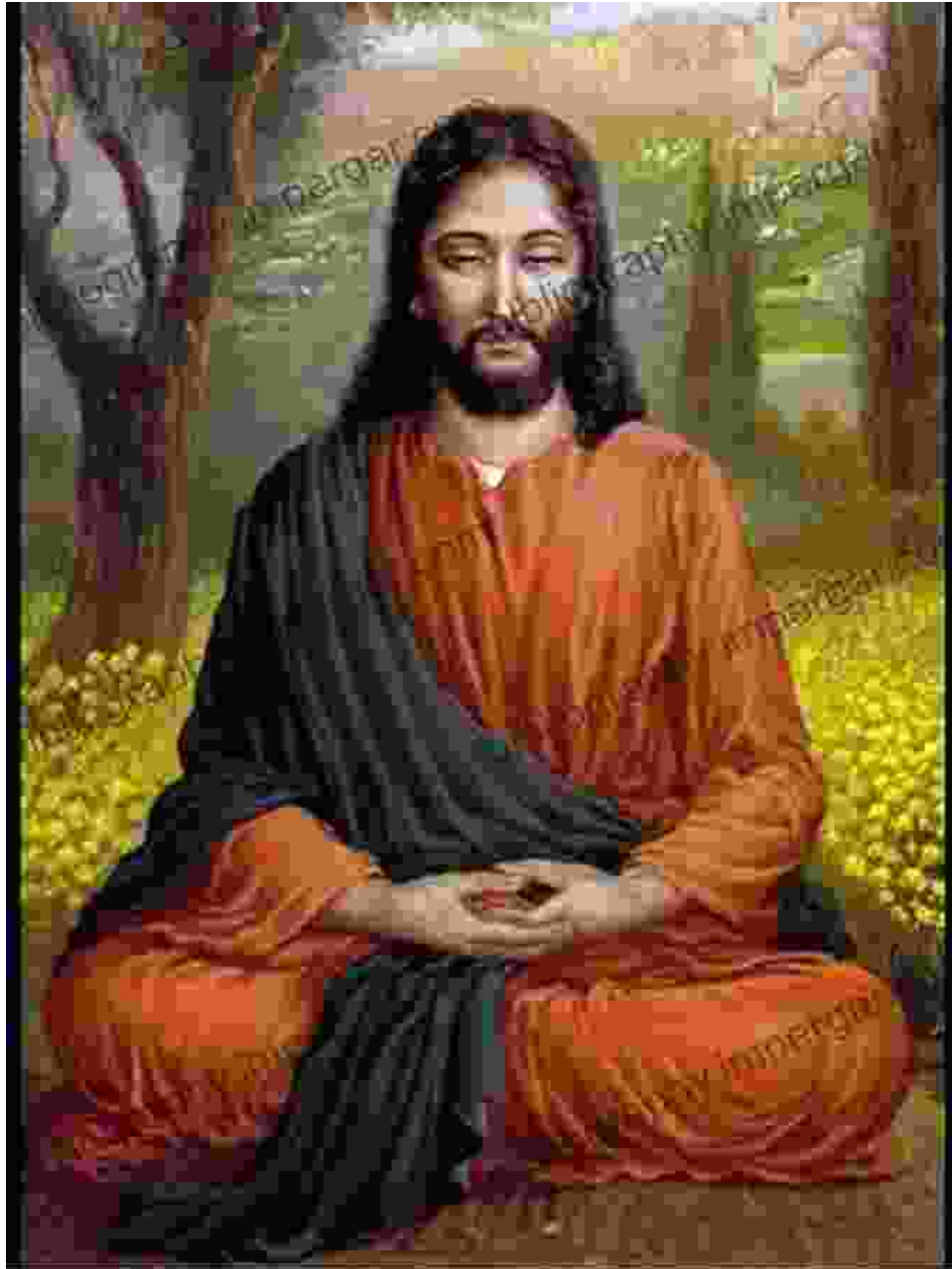
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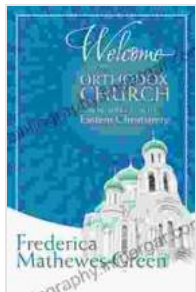
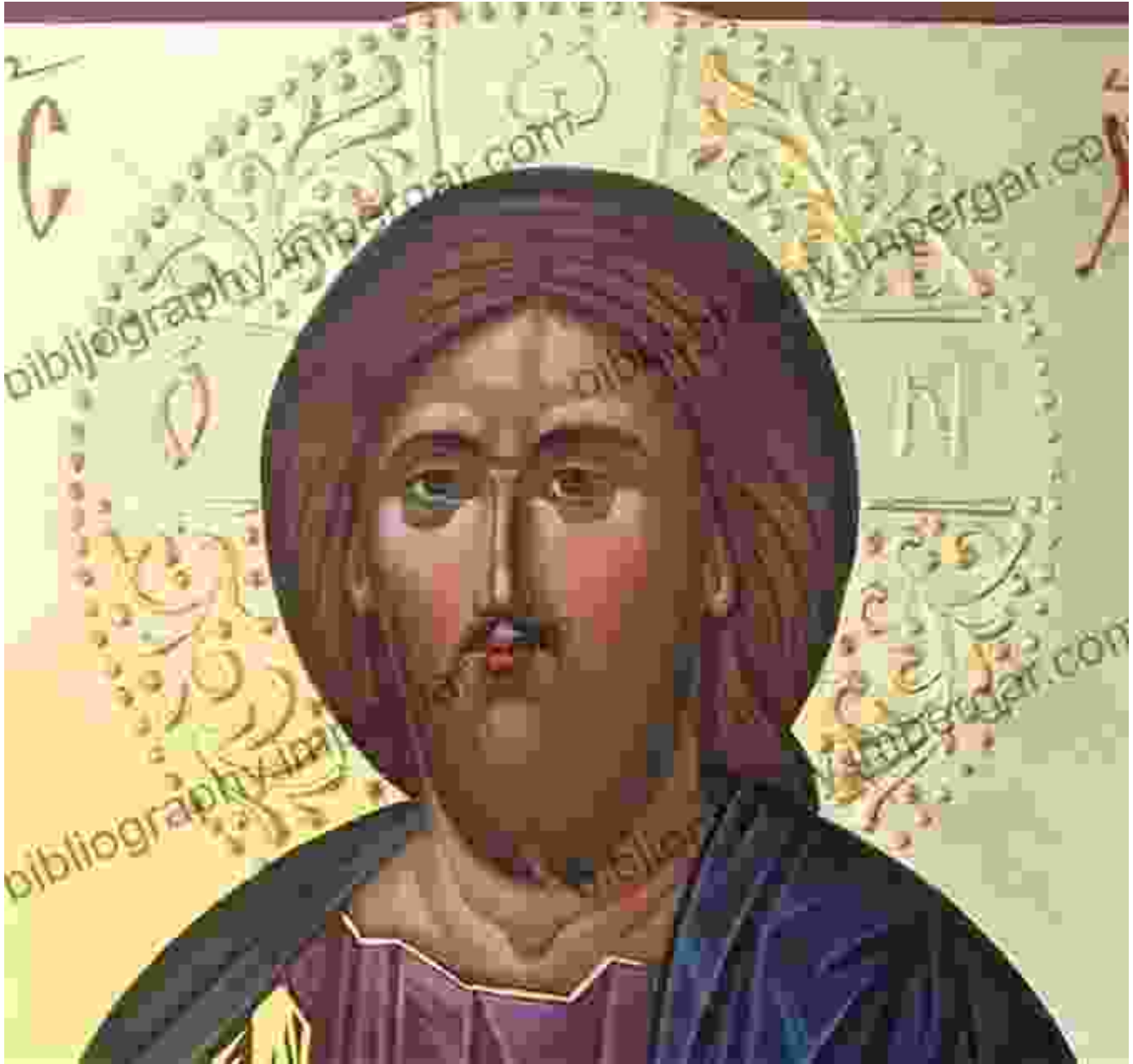
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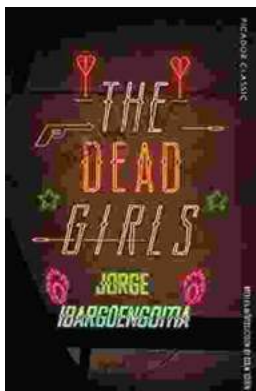
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