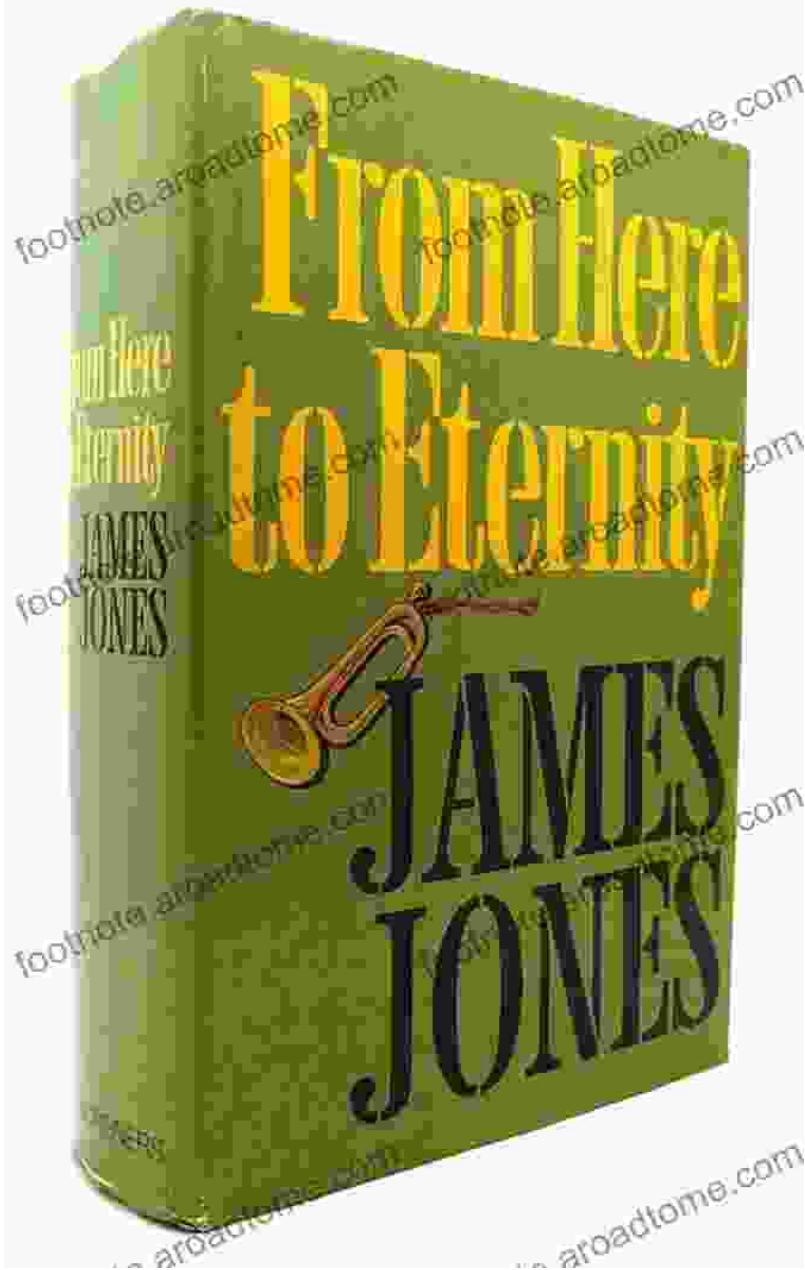
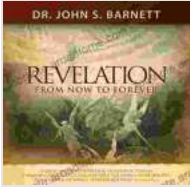


# From Now To Eternity: A Timeless Masterpiece of Lost Love, Broken Promises, and the Unbreakable Bonds of War



**The Unveiled Christ of Revelation: From Now to Eternity** by John Samuel Barnett

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James Jones's *From Now To Eternity* is a classic of American literature that has captivated readers for over seventy years. First published in 1951, the novel was an immediate bestseller and won the National Book Award for Fiction. It was also adapted into a critically acclaimed film in 1953, starring Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr, and Frank Sinatra.

*From Now To Eternity* is set in Hawaii in the months leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. The novel follows the lives of a group of soldiers and their families as they navigate the challenges of military life and the uncertainties of an impending conflict. The novel is a powerful and moving exploration of love, loss, and the unbreakable bonds of war.

## **The Characters**

The characters in *From Now To Eternity* are some of the most memorable in all of literature. They are flawed and complex, and their struggles are both heartbreaking and inspiring.

The novel's central character is Private Prewitt, a young soldier who is transferred to Schofield Barracks after getting into trouble at his previous post. Prewitt is a talented bugler, but he is also a loner who has difficulty

fitting in. He is drawn to Karen Holmes, a beautiful and enigmatic young woman who is married to a cruel and abusive officer.

Private Rebennack is another important character in the novel. Rebennack is a kind-hearted and gentle man who is trying to make the best of his life in the army. He is friends with Prewitt, and he is also in love with Karen Holmes.

Sergeant Warden is a tough and demanding officer who is determined to make his men the best soldiers they can be. Warden is a hard man, but he is also fair, and he cares for his men.

Karen Holmes is a beautiful and troubled woman who is married to an abusive officer. She is drawn to Prewitt and Rebennack, and she finds herself torn between her desire for them and her duty to her husband.

## **The Themes**

*From Now To Eternity* explores a wide range of themes, including love, loss, war, and the search for meaning in life.

Love is a central theme in the novel. The novel explores the different types of love, from romantic love to the love of friends and family. Prewitt's love for Karen is a powerful and passionate love, but it is also doomed from the start. Rebennack's love for Karen is a more gentle and patient love, but it is also unrequited.

Loss is another important theme in the novel. The novel explores the different types of loss, from the loss of loved ones to the loss of hope and innocence. Prewitt loses his best friend, Maggio, in a tragic accident.

Rebennack loses the woman he loves to another man. Warden loses his faith in the army after witnessing the horrors of war.

War is a constant presence in the novel. The novel explores the physical and psychological effects of war on the men and women who fight it. Prewitt witnesses the death of his friend and is forced to kill an enemy soldier. Rebennack is wounded in battle and is left with a permanent disability. Warden is disillusioned by the war and its aftermath.

The search for meaning in life is another important theme in the novel. The novel explores the different ways that people search for meaning in their lives, from religion to work to relationships. Prewitt searches for meaning in his music, but he is unable to find it. Rebennack searches for meaning in his love for Karen, but he is unable to find it. Warden searches for meaning in his work, but he is unable to find it.

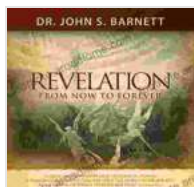
## **The Style**

James Jones's writing style is gritty and realistic. He does not shy away from violence, profanity, or sexuality. His characters are flawed and complex, and they speak in a language that is both authentic and profane.

Jones's writing style is also lyrical and poetic. He has a gift for language, and he uses it to create vivid and memorable images. His descriptions of the Hawaiian landscape are particularly beautiful, and they help to create a sense of place that is both exotic and familiar.

*From Now To Eternity* is a timeless masterpiece of American literature. It is a powerful and moving exploration of love, loss, war, and the search for

meaning in life. It is a novel that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.



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