G K Chesterton wrote Eugenics and Other Evils over 90 years ago, as a warning against the new science of eugenics. It was a bold act at a time when US president Woodrow Wilson was an avid supporter of scientific breeding and even Winston Churchill believed that the multiplication of the feeble-minded cannot go on unchecked. Wielding his formidable insight and wit - and with remarkable prescience - Chesterton deconstructs the absurdities of the Eugenicist movement and points to its potential for ill-use, dangers which came to their full, terrible fruition in the Nazi destruction of the mentally ill and the horrors of the Holocaust. Despite its age, this is a surprisingly contemporary book. Modern-day Genetics, which offers tests claiming to reveal weaknesses such as mental instability, susceptibility to illness, or a low IQ, make it plain that eugenic solutions are even more plausible today than when Chesterton first wrote this timely and thought-provoking analysis.

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