

Czech reformer Jan Hus in the interpretation of the Czechoslovak historian and publicist Milos Kratohvil

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Milos Vaclav Kratochvil (1904-1988)

- Hometown: Vienna;
- Education: historian faculty of Prague university (1926); and Highest archival school (1927);
- Academic degree: Ph.D (1928);
- Work: Prague city archive (1928-1944); Ministry of information (1945-1950); collaborated with studio «Barrandov» (1945-1950); Prague academy of arts (1950-1972);



Scientific and creative activities

Books:

«The king clothed on rags» (1945);

«Life of Jan Amos Comenius»
(1975);

«Master Jan» (1951);

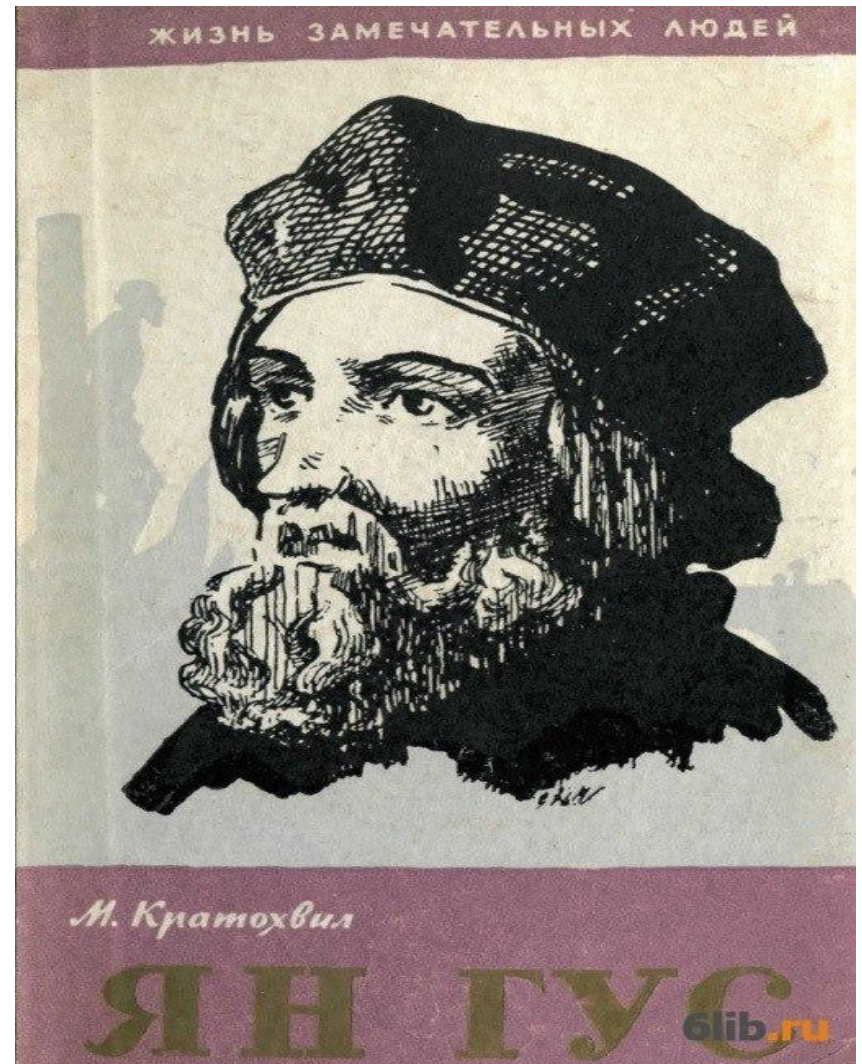
«Amazing adventures of Jan Korpel, which he experienced on land and at sea among soldiers, galleys, pirates, Indians, people of good and evil, while remaining always loyal to their heart»
(1954);

Movies:

«Jan Hus» (1955);

«Jan Zhizhka» (1956);

«Against everyone» (1957).



Jan Hus

- Year of birth: exact date unknown, 1369 or between 1373-1375;
- Education: monastery; Karlov university (theology); bachelor of theology (1393-1394); master of arts (1396);
- Activity: Priest (since 1400); dean of the Faculty of free arts (1401-1402); rector of Karlov university (1402-1403; 1409-1410);
- He criticized abuses of the Catholic Church;
- He was called on the Constance Cathedral for explanation of his position about the Catholic Church (1414);
- He was executed on a bonfire as an heretic, by the judgment of the Konstance's Council (1415).

The main theses

- The feudal order was not equitable;
- Jan Hus was the spokesman of the lower classes;
- He criticized the feudal order and, especially, the Catholic Church as one of the main representatives of this order;
- His death was heroic and became the call to the real great Hussite revolution in Czech;

Briefly about the book itself

- It is Marxist, socialist interpretation of Jan Hus and his ideas;
- It is more biography of Jan Hus himself than describing of Hussite wars.