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JACQUES ELLUL is the distinguished lay theologian of the Reformed Church of France who has recently become known in the English-speaking world through the publication of three massive studies of contemporary society—*The Technological Society*, *Propaganda*, and *The Political Illusion*.

In this earlier study, *The Presence of the Kingdom*, Ellul established his theological perspective and foreshadowed his seminal concepts. He explored the problem that sharply confronts all Christians today—how the Christian can be truly present in the world, and live and work effectively by the grace of God.

WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW, in his Introduction to this reissued book, observes: "In both Europe and the United States, many—and I include myself—regard *The Presence of the Kingdom* as an authentically prophetic work."

Ellul, a professor of law and government, was a leader in the French Resistance, a one-time Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux, and a critic of French military activities during the Algerian war. He is highly esteemed in ecumenical circles as a creative theologian.