

# 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: Department of History 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);



# Scholarly and creative activities

## Books:

«The king clothed on rags» (1945);

«Life of Jan Amos Comenius»  
(1975);

«Master Jan» (1951);

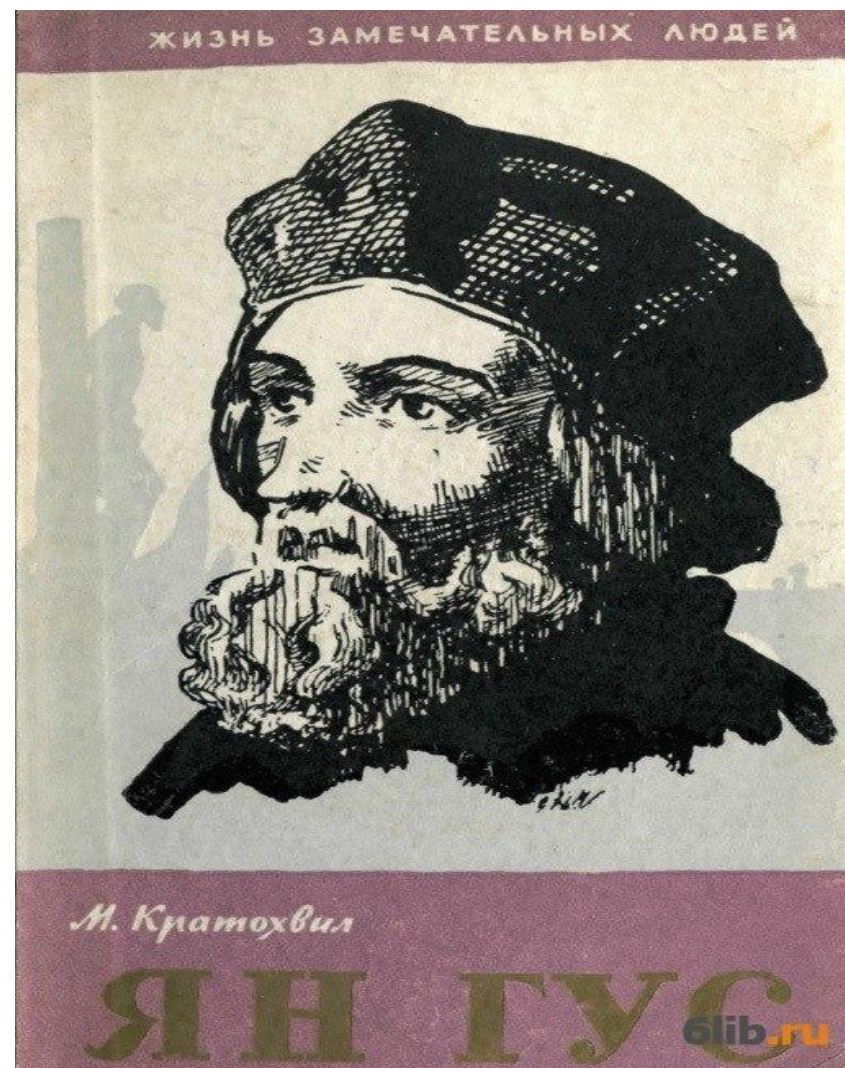
«Amazing adventures of Jan Korpel, which he experienced on land and at sea among soldiers, galleys, pirates, Indians, people of good and evil, while remaining always loyal to their heart»  
(1954);

## Movies:

«Jan Hus» (1955);

«Jan Zhizhka» (1956);

«Against everyone» (1957).



# Jan Hus

- Year of birth: exact date unknown, 1369 or between 1373-1375;
- Education: monastic school; 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's Council for explanation of his position about the Catholic Church (1414);
- He was sentenced to be executed on a bonfire as a heretic by the Constance's Council (1415).

# The main theses of the book

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

# Briefly about the book itself

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