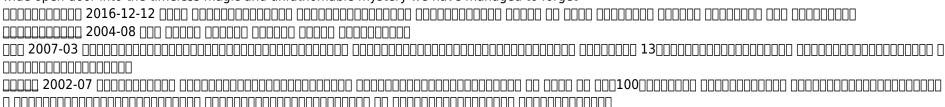
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American Gurus 2014 by the early twenty first century a phenomenon that once was inconceivable had become nearly commonplace in american society the public spiritual teacher who neither belongs to nor is authorized by a major religious tradition from the oprah winfrey endorsed eckhart tolle to figures like gangaji and adhyashanti there are now countless spiritual teachers who claim and teach variants of instant or immediate enlightenment american gurus tells the story of how this phenomenon emerged through an examination of the broader literary and religious context of the subject arthur versluis shows that a characteristic feature of the western esoteric tradition is the claim that every person can achieve spontaneous direct unmediated spiritual insight this claim was articulated with special clarity by the new england transcendentalists bronson alcott and ralph waldo emerson versluis explores transcendentalism walt whitman the beat movement timothy leary and the new age movement to shed light on the emergence of the contemporary american guru this insightful study is the first to show how asian religions and western mysticism converged to produce the phenomenon of spontaneously enlightened american gurus

**Nietzsche and the Becoming of Life** 2014-10-15 this exciting collection of essays challenges existing interpretations of several key moments of nietzsche s philosophy paul patton scientia professor of philosophy university of new south wales australia throughout his writing career nietzsche advocated the affirmation of earthly life as a way to counteract nihilism and asceticism this volume takes stock of the complexities and wide ranging perspectives that nietzsche brings to bear on the problem of life s becoming on earth by engaging various interpretative paradigms reaching from existentialist to darwinist readings of nietzsche in an age in which the biological sciences claim to have unlocked the deepest secrets and codes of life the essays in this volume propose a more skeptical view life is both what is closest and what is furthest from us because life experiments through us as much as we experiment with it because life keeps our thinking and our habits always moving in a state of recurring nomadism nietzsche s philosophy is perhaps the clearest expression of the antinomy contained in the idea of studying life and in the socratic ideal of an examined life and remains a deep source of wisdom about living

In the Dark Places of Wisdom 1999 a set of ancient inscriptions on marble found forty years ago in southern italy recording details so bewildering that scholars have kept silent about them sensational new information about a group of ancient philosophers who were so intensely practical that two and a half thousand years ago they shaped our existence and the world we live in these are just two ingredients of this extraordinary book which uncovers an astonishing reality right at the origins of the western world written by one of the most highly acclaimed contemporary historians and experts in the field it provides dramatic new evidence about the most important of ancient philosophers parmenides and revolutionizes our understanding of the history of religion of the origins of philosophy and of western culture as a whole

Catafalque (2-Volume Set) 2018-11 catafalque offers a revolutionary new reading of the great psychologist carl jung as mystic gnostic and prophet for our time much more than a brilliant spiritual biography this book holds the key to understanding why western culture is dying and what we now can do to help it

Otherwise Than the Binary 2022-07-01 otherwise than the binary approaches canonical texts and concepts in ancient greek philosophy and culture that have traditionally been understood as examples of binary thinking particularly concerning sexual difference in contrast to such patriarchal logic the essays within this volume explore how many of these seemingly strict binaries in ancient culture and thought were far more permeable and philosophically nuanced each contribution asks if there are ways of thinking of antiquity differently namely to examine canonical works through a lens that expounds and even celebrates philosophies of difference so as to discover instances where authors of antiquity valorize and uphold the necessity of what has been seen as feminine foreign and or irrational as contemporary thinkers turn toward new ways of reading antiquity these selected studies will inspire other readings of ancient texts through new feminist methodologies and critical vantage points when examining the philosophers and notable figures of antiquity alongside their overt patriarchal and masculinist agendas readers are invited to rethink their current biases while also questioning how particular ideas and texts are received and read

**Addendum** 2022-01-12 addendum unorthodox ontological analogy concerning existence and reality is meant as an introduction to metaphysics a word coined my aristotle to express a reality other than the physical we begin with a focus on consciousness followed by an emphasis on ancient greek wisdom at times we will wander in rivulets to other topics along the way the scope of this treatises is as said and introduction to the ancient metaphysical wisdoms but also a plunge into the fathomless ocean of esoterism our journey into the perception of reality is two fold and is analogues to the dichotomy of newtonian physics versus quantum in this work the dichotomy is between perception and observation i e duality and oneness

A Story Waiting to Pierce You 2010 revealing a forgotten truth in the present day this account illuminates the crumbling political and economic structures of the west shedding light on an ongoing and arduous search for a sense of purpose recounting a true story this exploration tells of a wandering mongol shaman who made a dramatic appearance around the mediterranean centuries before the time of christ highlighting how this nomad came as an envoy on a mission of purification this study records how he met with a man who became tremendously influential in western science philosophy culture and religion pythagoras the essence of western civilization is said to have originated from this meeting and this examination argues that today s conflicts and tensions have stemmed from taking this monumental occasion for granted forgetting that there must be a greater meaning to life than everyday efforts and struggles reflecting on a time when eastern and western cultures were one this evocation contends that there is still a common spiritual heritage to all civilizations a unique collaboration between the author and archaeologists historians and shamans from around the world this document has the potential to change the future for all

**Fichte's Vocation of Man** 2013-10-31 new perspectives on fichte's best known and most popular work written for a general audience during a period of intense controversy in the german philosophical community j g fichte's short book the vocation of man 1800 is both an introduction to and a defense of his philosophical system and is one of the best known contributions to german idealism this collection of new essays reflects a wide and instructive variety of philosophical and hermeneutic approaches which combine to cast new light upon fichte's familiar text the contributors highlight some of the overlooked complexities and implications of the vocation of man and situate it firmly within the intellectual context within which it was originally written relating it to the positions of kant hegel schelling schlegel jacobi and others in addition the essays relate the text to issues of contemporary concern such as the limits of language the character of rational agency the problem of evil the relation of theoretical knowledge to practical belief and the dialectic of judgment Wallace Stevens and Pre-Socratic Philosophy 2012-09-10 this book studies wallace stevens and pre socratic philosophy showing how concepts that animate stevens poetry parallel concepts and techniques found in the poetic works of parmenides empedocles and xenophanes and in the fragments of heraclitus tompsett traces the transition of pre socratic ideas into poetry and philosophy of the post kantian period assessing the impact that the mythologies associated with pre socratism have had on structures of metaphysical thought that are still found in poetry and philosophy today this transition is treated as becoming increasingly important as poetic and philosophic forms have progressively taken on the existential burden of our post theological age tompsett argues that stevens poetry attempts to play its audience into an ontological ground in an effort to show that his reduction of metaphysics is not dry philosophical imposition but is enacted by our encoun

tompsett uncovers the mythology his poetry shares with certain pre socratics and with greek tragedy this shows how such mythic rhythms are apparent within the work of friedrich nietzsche martin heidegger and hans georg gadamer and how these rhythms release a poetic understanding of the violence of a reduction of metaphysics

The Return of the Perennial Philosophy 2012-01-01 intelligent and perceptive this examination of the universal truths inherent in all cultures and religions is a powerful scholarly analysis of western esotericism s deepest teachings john holman contends that the perennial philosophy is not only at the heart of all world religions but also of all major schools of thought and writings by the great thinkers and philosophers no matter how diverse the presentation of their perceived truths in an accessible way holman sheds light on a number of esoteric topics including the absolute and the one the great chain of being the philosopher s stone the seven spirits the evolution of consciousness and the eternal now paying particular attention to the subject of time this thought provoking book helps us to develop a better understanding of the nature of reality and our potential for transcendence and revolutionizes the debate on the perennial philosophy

Lost Masters 2016-10-15 ashrams in europe twenty five hundred years ago greek philosophers studying in india meditation classes in ancient rome it sounds unbelievable but it s historically true alexander the great had an indian guru pythagoras empedocles and plotinus all encouraged their students to meditate apollonius the most famous western sage of the first century c e visited both india and egypt and claimed that egyptian wisdom was rooted in india in lost masters award winning author linda johnsen digging deep into classical sources uncovers evidence of astonishing similarities between some of the ancient western world s greatest thinkers and india s yogis including a belief in karma and reincarnation today ancient greek philosophers are remembered as the founders of western science and civilization we ve forgotten that for over a thousand years they were revered as sages masters of spiritual wisdom lost masters is an exploration of our long lost western spiritual heritage and the surprising insights it can offer us today

The Flip 2020-04-23 mindblowing michael pollan why do we know so much more about the cosmos than our own consciousness are there limits to the scientific method why do we assume that only science mathematics and technology reveal truth the flip shows us what happens when we realise that consciousness is fundamental to the cosmos and not some random evolutionary accident or surface cognitive illusion that everything is alive connected and one we meet the people who have made this visionary intuitive leap towards new forms of knowledge mark twain s prophetic dreams marie curie s séances einstein s cosmically attuned mind but these forms of knowledge are not archaic indeed they are essential in a universe that has evolved specifically to be understandable by the consciousnesses we inhabit the flip peels back the layers of our beliefs about the world to reveal a visionary new way of understanding ourselves and everything around us with huge repercussions for how we live our lives after all once we have flipped we understand that the cosmos is not just human the human is also cosmic

<u>Hydrolith</u> 2010 poetry fiction literary nonfiction art music this book brings together in one volume some of the most exciting recent work from the international surrealist movement with over 80 contributors from 17 countries around the world the book contains drawings paintings games comics photographs poetry prose theoretical and political writings on a huge variety of subjects including special in depth investigations of music space and myth the book is a must read for anyone interested in the surrealist movement today

Tracing Rhetoric and Material Life 2017-11-27 this volume brings together three areas of scholarship and practice rhetoric material life and ecology the chapters build a multi layered understanding of material life by gathering scholars from varied theoretical and critical traditions around the common theme of ecology emphasizing relationality connectedness and context the ecological orientation we build informs both rhetorical theory and environmentalist interventions contributors offer practical theoretical inquiries into several areas rhetoric s cosmologies the trophe bioregional rhetoric s nuclear colonialism and more collectively forging new avenues of communication among scholars in environmental communication communication studies and rhetoric and composition this book aims at inspiring and advancing ecological thinking demonstrating its value for rhetoric and communication as well as for

environmental thought and action

Why Can't We Be Good? 2007-02-01 the widely respected social philosopher embarks on his most gripping and broadly appealing work asking the ultimate question of human nature why do we repeatedly violate our most deeply held values and beliefs after nearly forty years of weighing humanity s deepest dilemmas working in settings ranging from university and high school classrooms to corporate offices and hospitals bestselling author philosopher and religious scholar jacob needleman presents the most urgent deeply felt and widely accessible work of his career in why can t we be good needleman identifies the core problem that therapists and social philosophers fail to see he depicts the individual human as a being who knows what is good yet who remains mysteriously helpless to innerly adopt the ethical moral and religious ideas that are bequeathed to him

Philosophy and Salvation in Greek Religion 2013-04-30 ever since vlastos theology and philosophy in early greek thought scholars have known that a consideration of ancient philosophy without attention to its theological cosmological and soteriological dimensions remains onesided yet philosophers continue to discuss thinkers such as parmenides and plato without knowledge of their debt to the archaic religious traditions perhaps our own religious prejudices allow us to see only a polis religion in greek religion while our modern philosophical openness and emphasis on reason induce us to rehabilitate ancient philosophy by what we consider the highest standard of knowledge proper argumentation yet it is possible to see ancient philosophy as operating according to a different system of meaning a different logic such a different sense of logic operates in myth and other narratives where the argument is neither completely illogical nor rational in the positivist sense the articles in this volume undertake a critical engagement with this unspoken legacy of greek religion the aim of the volume as a whole is to show how beyond the formalities and fallacies of arguments something more profound is at stake in ancient philosophy the salvation of the philosopher initiate

Figures of Entanglement 2021-07-28 recent and ongoing new materialisms scholarship seeks to fundamentally reshape the humanities and their relationship with the sciences while this work comprises multiple and varied currents one of the most important yet whose distinctive merits are arguably often underappreciated is that influenced by the theoretical physicist and feminist philosopher karen barad the first volume devoted to bringing barad s work into conversation with the disciplines of rhetoric and communication studies this collection organizes that conversation primarily around her notion of entanglement which encourages an understanding of meaning as inherently performative material and ecological in doing so the essays in this collection variously approach rhetoric as a figure of entanglement in ways that contribute to and enrich both rhetoric and barad s theorizing topics range from politics to breast cancer genealogy the trope of academic turns marx s notion of exchange and the prehistoric emergence of human consciousness with a new foreword by the editors and afterword by laurie e gries this collection is otherwise reprinted from the 2016 figures of entanglement special issue of the journal review of communication

The Dark Secrets of the Witch: The Book of Shadows 2017-10-05 learn that it is safe to embrace the sacred dark for there is much wisdom there as a matter of fact much is taken from my own personal book of shadows where i reveal the inner mysteries of rites beliefs and also the practices of the old religion this book the book of shadows will challenge your own perceptions as you explore the eleusinian mysteries and begin to understand the role of the journey to the underworld you will gain a new sense of the rich heritage that was passed on from the old ways in southern italy also in this book are comparatives of different religions and how at the core they all connect together as one some examples of the exploration of this include the resurrection of jesus and the return of persephone to the land of the living shedding new light on how both are an allegory of the journey of the soul the old ways have their roots in the indus valley it is delved into where by speculating that they then eventually traveled to other lands

**New Paths in Jewish and Religious Studies** 2024-06-15 the work of elliot r wolfson has profoundly influenced the fields of jewish studies as well as philosophy and religion more broadly his radically new approaches have created pioneering ways of analyzing texts and thinking about religion through the

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lens of gender sexuality and feminist theory the contributors to new paths in jewish and religious studies essays in honor of professor elliot r wolfson many of whom are internationally renowned scholars hearken from diverse fields each has learned from and collaborated with wolfson as student or colleague and each has expanded the new scholarly directions initiated by wolfson s groundbreaking work wolfson s scholarship gives us innovative ways to think about judaism and a fresh understanding of religion not only a scholar wolfson is one of the most important jewish thinkers of our day chapters are grouped according to the categories of religion jewish thought and philosophy and a focused section on kabbalah wolfson s primary specialization the volume concludes with a bibliography of wolfson s published work and a selection of his poetry

Including the Earth in Our Prayers 2019-04-01 including the earth in our prayers tells a story of love and prayer how spiritual practice is not just for ourselves our own journey but for life itself it steps back to reclaim the wisdom of our ancestors including the original instructions of indigenous peoples instructions that describe how we need to get along with all of creation and relates these teachings to the need of our present time with our ecosystem in crisis and our culture increasingly divisive it suggests ways in which the energy and transformative potential of our spiritual nature can be applied to these critical issues and reconnects us with a spiritual understanding of the living earth the simple premise of this book is that there is a vital need to shift our collective culture from a story of separation and exploitation into a new story of living oneness and that spiritual practice and the love and light it generates have an essential part to play in this shift including the earth in our prayers is a revised and updated edition of awakening the world a global dimension to spiritual practice which was originally published in 2006 the call of the soul in our time is to become loving partners with our world in manifesting the potentials of blessing and wholeness innately within us and within the earth in this wonderful book llewellyn eloquently shows us that we each have within us the power to answer this call and embody this partnership in a time when we are beset with fear and divisiveness he offers a vision of wholeness and healing hope and empowerment it is definitely a book whose time has come david spangler author of journey into fire llewellyn vaughan lee is a rare mystic who honors the eternal truths of the wisdom traditions while recognizing the ever evolving ways that these truths must be accessed and lived this book opens our eyes and hearts to the true potential of spiritual practice to go beyond self transformation to play a vital role in the well being and awakening of the earth as a whole he suggests that ours is a time when new pathways are being revealed that use spiritual practice as a way of nourishing the whole of life pointing the way to a form of spiritual service that belongs to the future david t nicol author of subtle activism the inner dimension of social and planetary transformation this luminous book shows us the way to navigate these tumultuous times with a clear mind a hopeful heart and a renewed relationship with holy awe in including the earth in our prayers vaughan lee one of the great wisdom teachers of our age invites us to participate in nothing less than the radical rebirth of all that is mirabai starr author of god of love and wild mercy the earth is luminous from being a dark and degraded thing the earth is in reality an angelic being our relationship with the earth not one of domination but one grounded in harmony adoration and contemplation is a powerful indicative of our relationship with the divine with the feminine and ultimately with the entire realm of the spirit llewellyn vaughan lee opens up this connection in a lucid and luminous way highly recommended for devotees of spiritual pursuit and ecological sustainability omid safi author of radical love teachings from the islamic mystical tradition professor duke university leader illuminated tours as we enter the anthropocene era when no part of the world remains untouched by the human imprint the need for action is urgent any talk now of contemplation or spirituality might appear to be self centered and much of what passes for spirituality has fallen into this quagmire but as llewellyn vaughan lee shows us real spiritual practice is never for ourself alone but always for the whole always for the sake of the beloved drawing on the deep tradition of sufi wisdom including the earth in our prayers is a call to place the wellbeing of the earth at the center of our spiritual practice with lucidity grace and wisdom vaughan lee has given us a cleverly disguised resistance manual for our time fred bahnson author soil sacrament a spiritual memoir of food and faith and director of the food health and ecological well being program at wake forest university school of divinity

Seeing with Different Eyes 2009-05-05 seeing with different eyes essays in astrology and divination represents the cutting edge of contemporary thought and research on divination the thirteen authors come from a variety of academic disciplines ranging from anthropology and classics to english literature and religious studies and all address the question of divination astrology and oracles in a spirit of critical but sympathetic inquiry the emphasis is on a participatory and reflexive approach which is firmly post positivist seeking to understand the divinatory act on its own terms within widely varying contexts ancient greek and chaldean philosophy and theurgy theravadan buddhism biblical studies elizabethan hermeticism jacobean drama heideggerian

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philosophy medieval scholasticism 19th century occultism contemporary guatemalan divination and western medical practice the authors are all teachers or researchers in the area of divination and symbolism which is a new disciplinary focus developing at the university of kent canterbury under the aegis of the ma programme in the cultural study of cosmology and divination the essays in this volume originally contributed to an international conference of the same name held there in april 2006

2017-08-30 our modern patterns of thinking and learning are all based on observing a world of things which we think of as separate building blocks this worldview allows us to count and measure objects without their having any innate value it provides neat definitions and a sense of control over life however this approach also sets humans apart from each other and from nature in reality in nature everything is connected in a fluid dynamic way separateness is an illusion we have created and is fast becoming a dangerous delusion infecting how we relate to business politi and other key areas of our daily reality giles hutchins argues that the source of our current social economic and environmental issues springs from the misguided way we see and construct our world with its roots in ancient wisdom this insightful book sets out an accesssible easy to follow exploration of the causes of our current crises offering ways to rectify these issues at source and then pointing to a way ahead

2020-08 unlocking the poetry of w b yeats undertakes a thorough re reading of yeats oeuvre as an extended meditation on the image and theme of the heart as it is evident within the poetry it places the heart at the centre of a complex web of yeatsian preoccupations and associations from the biographical to the poetic and philosophical to the mythological and mystical in particular the book seeks to unlock yeats mystifying aesthetic vision via his understanding of the ancient egyptian weighing of the heart ceremony the work provides a chronological narrative arc that looks to use the theme of the heart as it recurs in the poetry in order to circumvent and overcome more established frameworks its purpose is to offer refreshing ways of conceptualizing and building alternatives to more deeply entrenched but not entirely satisfactory arguments that have been offered since yeats death in 1939 while demonstrating the centrality of the occult to yeats art

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