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this book introduces students to christian mysticism and modern critical responses to it christianity has a rich tradition of mystical theology that first emerged in the writings of the early church fathers and flourished during the middle ages today christian mysticism is increasingly recognised as an important christian heritage relevant to today's spiritual seekers the book sets out to provide students and other interested readers with access to the main theoretical approaches to christian mysticism including those propounded by william james steven katz bernard mcginn michael sells denys turner and caroline walker bynum it also explores postmodern readings of christian mysticism by authors such as jacques derrida jean luc marion and jean françois lyotard the book first introduces students to the main themes that underpin christian mysticism it then reflects on how modern critics have understood each of them demonstrating that stark delineation between the different theoretical approaches eventually collapses under the weight of the complex interaction between experience and knowledge that lies at the heart of christian mysticism in doing so the book presents a deliberate challenge to a strictly perennialist reading of christian mysticism anyone even remotely familiar with christian mysticism will know that renewed interest in christian mystical writers has created a huge array of scholarship with which students of mysticism need to familiarise themselves this book outlines the various modern theoretical approaches in a manner easily accessible to a reader with little or no previous knowledge of this area and offers a philosophical theological introduction to christian mystical writers beyond the patristic period important for the latin western tradition

this revised and expanded edition offers a big possibility the hope of achieving real experiential union with god the christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist this word of warning from theologian karl rahner was uttered half a century ago and today christianity is indeed in crisis is mysticism necessary for the survival of christianity what exactly is christian mysticism how can it be relevant in our crisis ridden world questions like these inspire the new big book of christian mysticism a newly updated edition from beloved spiritual teacher and bestselling author carl mccolman the new big book of christian mysticism serves as both introduction and practical instruction for a living contemplative practice today in addition to the overview of mysticism spiritual and prayer practices in mysticism the various types of mysticism in christian tradition and influential mystics through the millennia this second edition offers an embodied understanding of the mystic life with a more diverse range of voices and perspectives from

howard thurman to pauli murray it also includes new chapters and themes that address embodied mysticism contemplation and social justice and the ongoing relevance of jesus s message of radical equality and inclusivity this bigger book introduces both christians and non christians to the contemplative tradition within christianity a tradition that has often been marginalized or cloistered to the church s detriment as a practice oriented book this is an invitation to embrace the mystical element within christianity a practice that can equip faithful persons with a joyful sense of divine intimacy not just for personal benefit but as a foundation to a life of service and activism in the interest of justice mccolman s overview of mysticism shows how it has been practiced and lived through the centuries and will prove inspirational for today s seekers regardless of their faith tradition at its heart christian mysticism is an ancient practice that incorporates meditation contemplation worship philosophy the quest for enlightenment the thirst for a better world and the experience of divine presence

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this clear and comprehensive anthology culled from the vast corpus of christian mystical literature by the renowned theologian and historian bernard mcginn presents nearly one hundred selections from the writings of origen of alexandria in the third century to the work of twentieth century mystics such as thomas merton uniquely organized by subject rather than by author the essential writings of christian mysticism explores how human life is transformed through the search for direct contact with god part one examines the preparation for encountering god through biblical interpretation and prayer the second part focuses on the mystics actual encounters with god and part three addresses the implications of the mystical life showing how mystics have been received over time and how they practice their faith through private contemplation and public actions in addition to his illuminating introduction bernard mcginn provides accessible headnotes for each section as well as numerous biographical sketches and a selected bibliography praise for the essential writings of christian mysticism no one is better equipped than bernard mcginn to provide a thorough and balanced guide to this vast literature this is an anthology which deserves to be read not only by those who study christian history and theology but by believers who long to deepen their own lives of prayer and service anglican theological review bernard mcginn a preeminent historian and interpreter of the christian mystical tradition has edited this fine collection of mystical writings organizing them thematically mcginn offers helpful introductions to each thematic section author and entry as well as a brief critical bibliography on mysticism published in the modern library classic series this is a great value christian century no one is better equipped than professor mcginn to provide a thorough and balanced guide to this vast literature a first class selection by a first class scholar rowan williams archbishop of canterbury this accessible anthology by the scholarly world s leading historian of the western christian mystical tradition easily outstrips all others in its comprehensiveness the aptness of its selection of texts and in the intelligent manner of its organization denys turner horace tracy pitkin professor of historical theology yale divinity school an immensely rich anthology assembled and introduced by our foremost student of mysticism both the scholar and the disciple will find god s plenty here barbara newman professor of english religion and classics john evans professor of latin northwestern university an unusually clear and insightful exposition of major texts selected by one of the greatest scholars in the field of christian

mysticism based on his vast erudition and uniquely sensitive interpretation like his other books this one too is destined to become a classic professor moshe idel hebrew university jerusalem

investigations of mysticism often focus on the past while largely ignoring current developments this book contributes to a reversal of that trend with a rigorous examination of a wide selection of contemporary buddhist and christian authors the focus is on the intriguing intersections and subtle divergences now emerging in areas such as ineffability nonconceptuality paradox inverted agency unity and self dissolution the analysis combines the theoretical framework of cognitive linguistics with a range of methodological approaches from discourse and thematic analysis to corpus linguistics wide ranging systematic and informative the book is invaluable to all of those interested in the phenomenon of mysticism within the modern world

the wiley blackwell companion to christian mysticism brings together a team of leading international scholars to explore the origins evolution and contemporary debates relating to christian mystics texts and the movements they inspired provides a comprehensive and engaging account of christian mysticism from its origins right up to the present day draws on the best of current scholarship by bringing together a collection of newly commissioned readings by leading scholars considers examples of mysticism in both eastern and western christianity offers a brilliant synthesis of the key figures and historical periods of mysticism its core themes such as heresy gender or aesthetics and its theoretical considerations including theological literary social scientific and philosophical approaches features chapters on current debates such as neuroscience and mystical experience and inter religious dialogue

this book examines the relationship between transcendence and immanence within christian mystical and apophatic writings original essays from a range of leading established and emerging scholars in the field focus on the roles of language signs and images and consider how mystical theology might contribute to contemporary reflection on the word incarnate this collection of essays re examines works from such canonical figures as eckhart augustine plotinus pseudo dionysius nicolas of cusa teresa of avila john of the cross julian of norwich along with the philosophical thought of iris murdoch jacques lacan and martin heidegger and the contemporary phenomena of the

emerging church presenting new readings of key ideas in mystical theology and renewed engagement with the visionary and the everyday the therapeutic and the transformative these essays question how we might think about what may lie between transcendence and immanence

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mystical theology has developed through a range of meanings from the hidden dimensions of divine significance in the community's interpretation of its scriptures to the much later science of the soul's ascent into communion with god the thinkers and questions addressed in this book draws us into the heart of a complicated beautiful and often tantalisingly unfinished conversation continuing over centuries and often brushing allusively into parallel concerns in other religions raising fundamental matters of epistemology representation metaphysics and divine reality contributors approach the mystical from postmodern feminist sociological and historical perspectives through thinkers such as meister eckhart thomas aquinas catherine of siena ignatius of loyola william james evelyn underhill ernst troeltsch rudolf otto jacques derrida jean luc marion and jean louis chrétien medieval and early modern radical prophetic approaches are also explored this book includes new essays by sarah apetrei tina beattie raphel cadenhead oliver davies philip endean brian fitzgerald ann loades george pattison simon d podmore joel d s rasmussen and johannes zachhuber

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the mystical experience the intimate knowledge of and loving union with god has found richly diverse expression during the 2000 years of christian history through an integration of text and image facts and facets of the human mystical quest are explored and discussed the book focuses on 50 to 60 individuals both men and women following a mainly historical outline it also considers the major figures among the early christians and their influence on early islamic mysticism

in this new work albert lachance presents a complete reframing of christianity as an experiential rather than dogmatic approach to the presence of christ it emphasizes the idea of christ as the source and sustainer of the cosmos the earth the life community and global culture as such it takes a unitive approach with christianity understood as being in mystical union with global culture and with the ecological realities of the earth in the author's view christianity thus joins hands with buddhism hinduism and taoism in a unitive oneness with all that is consisting of twenty eight short chapters the modern christian mystic focuses on the presence of god permeating and organizing the beginning of existence in the form of consciousness giving birth to energy and then the material reality of the universe the author argues that just as st augustine introduced the pagan plato to christianity and a millennium later st thomas aquinas revitalized his faith with the pagan philosophy of aristotle so in the modern age the non theism of buddhism taoism and hinduism holds the key to a revived mystical practice the modern christian mystic posits a nurturing new world based on commonality rather than conflict in the world of spirit

the cambridge companion to christian mysticism is a multi authored interdisciplinary guide to the study of christian mysticism with an emphasis on the 3rd through the 17th centuries written by leading authorities and younger scholars from a range of disciplines the volume both provides a clear introduction to the christian mystical life and articulates a bold new approach to the study of mysticism

in the western christian tradition the mystic was seen as having direct access to god and therefore great authority in this study dr jantzen discusses how men of power defined and controlled who should count as a mystic and thus who would have power women were pointedly excluded this makes her book of special interest to those in gender studies and medieval history its main argument however is philosophical because the mystical has gone through

many social constructions the modern philosophical assumption that mysticism is essentially about intense subjective experiences is misguided this view is historically inaccurate and perpetuates the same gendered struggle for authority which characterises the history of western christendom this book is the first on the subject to take issues of gender seriously and to use these as a point of entry for a deconstructive approach to christian mysticism

bernard mcginn is one of the greatest living historians and interpreters of christian mysticism his career spans more than 50 years and he has authored innumerable books articles and edited volumes on all dimensions of christian mysticism these essays by some of the most significant names in the contemporary field of spirituality seek to honor prof mcginn by examining the role of mysticism in contemporary life these fifteen essays examine the fruit of mcginn s life work to contemplate the ways in which the history of mysticism is relevant to many dimensions of contemporary life they also address the future of the study of christian spirituality in general and mysticism in particular by evaluation the place of religious experience and spiritual practice in lives of an increasingly diverse multi cultural and global cultural reality taken together these essays paint a picture of the current state of studies in mysticism and spirituality and point to some future trajectories that scholarly research and religious practice should pursue

mysticism in an ancient and important aspect of the christian faith yet it is highly misunderstood due to obscure language and concepts not to mention occasionally eccentric personalities the mystics can be difficult to approach once you peel back the layers of insider language however one begins to see a highly relatable group of people who were first and foremost concerned with tending to a personal and loving relationship with god tending the garden provides the reader with a basic definition of and clarity around several terms and practices of christian mysticism as well as analyzing the lives and writings of important christian mystics jennifer wojciechowski proposes some ways in which we as modern people living in an industrialized and disenchanted society can benefit from knowing christian mystical history and engaging in spiritual practices related to christian mysticism the book s aim is to demystify the mystics by making them understandable and relatable to modern believers in this era of disenchantment and religious decline tending the garden will introduce christians to a rich and vibrant history of mystical prayer and

relationship with god in order to spark curiosity and inspire a deeper spiritual life the book will serve as an accessible introduction to and thematic historical overview of christian mysticism

in these conferences dating to 1961 thomas merton provides for his audience of young monks an overview of major themes and figures in the christian mystical tradition as an integral part of their religious inheritance and a crucial part of their spiritual formation from fathers of the church such as st athanasius and st gregory of nyssa through such important medieval theologians as st bonaventure hadewijch and meister eckhart to the great spanish carmelites st teresa of avila and st john of the cross merton traces such key topics as the integration of theology and spirituality the importance of natural contemplation recognizing the divine presence in creation the centrality of apophatic or dark contemplation and the role of spiritual direction in forming mature and balanced contemplatives

texts from the patristic era with commentary displaying the roots of the deeply mystical spirituality that has flourished among christians throughout the ages by linking together a series of brilliantly chosen texts from the early centuries of the church the author lays bare the roots of the deeply mystical spirituality that has flourished among christians throughout the ages this book will appeal to anyone who is interested in the field of spirituality it is a masterly contribution to christian scholarship and this second edition includes an extraordinarily useful index

exploration of the interface between mystical theology and continental philosophy is a defining feature of the current intellectual and even devotional climate but to what extent and in what depth are these disciplines actually speaking to one another or even speaking about the same phenomena this book draws together original contributions by leading and emerging international scholars delineating emerging debates in this growing and dynamic field of research and spanning mystical and philosophical traditions from the ancient to the medieval modern and contemporary at the heart of which lies meister eckhart perhaps the single most influential christian mystic for modern times the book is organised around significant historical and contemporary figures who speak across the intersections of philosophy and theology offering new insights into key interlocutors such as pseudo dionysius augustine isaac luria eckhart hegel heidegger marion kierkegaard deleuze laruelle and Žižek designed both to contribute to current trends in mystical theology and philosophy and elicit dialogue and debate from further

afield this book speaks within an emerging space exploring the retrieval of the mystical within a post secular context

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