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Why Were the Teachings of the Original Christians Brutally Suppressed by the Roman Church? • Because they portray Jesus and Mary Magdalene as mythic figures based on the Pagan Godman and Goddess • Because they show that the gospel story is a spiritual allegory encapsulating a profound philosophy that leads to mythical enlightenment • Because they have the power to turn the world inside out and transform life into an exploration of consciousness Drawing on modern scholarship, the authors of the international bestseller *The Jesus Mysteries* decode the secret teachings of the original Christians for the first time in almost two millennia and theorize about who the original Christians really were and what they actually taught. In addition, the book explores the many myths of Jesus and the Goddess and unlocks the lost secret teachings of Christian mysticism, which promise happiness and immortality to those who attain the state of Gnosis, or enlightenment. This daring and controversial book recovers the ancient wisdom of the original Christians and demonstrates its relevance to us today.

Presents an alternative interpretation of early

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Christian history that claims that Jesus intended to establish a royal dynasty, based on his descent from King David, for the spiritual and political redemption of the Jews.

In this reader-friendly guide, Markus Bockmuehl offers a sympathetic account of the ancient apocryphal Gospel writings, showing their place within the reception history and formation of what was to become the canonical fourfold Gospel. Bockmuehl begins by helping readers understand the early history behind these noncanonical Gospels before going on to examine dozens of specific apocryphal texts. He explores the complex oral and intertextual relationships between the noncanonical and canonical Gospels, maintaining that it is legitimate and instructive to read the apocryphal writings as an engagement with the person of Jesus that both presupposes and supplements the canonical narrative outline. Appropriate for pastors and nonspecialists, this work offers a fuller understanding of these writings and their significance for biblical interpretation in the church.

Discusses a recent archaeological discovery in Jerusalem that the authors claim is the earliest evidence of the resurrection of Christ, and reopens the historical discussion about the family tomb of Jesus.

Jesus and the First Woman Apostle

Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah

Lost Ancient Technology Of Peru And Bolivia

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The Secret Teachings of the Original Christians
Including the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of
Mary Magdalene

Mystic in a Time of Revolution

Gnosticism

2020 Reprint of 1926 Editions. Full facsimile of the original editions and not reproduced with Optical Recognition software. This edition includes two titles published into one bound volume. Rutherford Hayes Platt, in the preface to his 1963 reprint of this work, states: "First issued in 1926, this is the most popular collection of apocryphal and pseudepigraphal literature ever published." The translations were first published, under this title, by an unknown editor in The Lost Books of the Bible Cleveland 1926, but the translations had previously been published many times. The book is, essentially, a combined reprint of earlier works. The first half, Lost Books of the Bible, covers the New Testament. The second half of the book, The Forgotten Books of Eden, includes a translation originally published in 1882 of the "First and Second Books of Adam and Eve", translated first from ancient Ethiopic to German and then into English by Solomon Caesar Malan, and a number of items of Old Testament pseudepigrapha, such as reprinted in the second volume of R.H. Charles's Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament (Oxford, 1913).

An investigation into the historical Jesus and the veracity of the Gospels • Reveals the biblical Jesus as a composite figure, a blend of the political

revolutionary Judas the Galilean and Paul's divine-human Christ figure • Matches the events depicted in the New Testament with historically verifiable events in Josephus' history, pushing Jesus' life back more than a decade • Demonstrates how each New Testament Gospel is dependent upon Paul's mythologized Christ theology, designed to promote Paul's Christianity and serve the interests of the fledgling Gentile Christian communities Scholars have spent years questioning aspects of the historical Jesus. How can we know what Jesus said and did when Jesus himself wrote nothing? Can we trust the Gospels, written by unknown authors 40 to 70 years after Jesus' death? And why do other sources from the time not speak of this messianic figure known as Christ? Drawing on the histories of Josephus, Tacitus, Suetonius, and Pliny as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls, Daniel Unterbrink contends that the "Jesus" of the Bible was actually a composite figure, a clever blend of the Jewish freedom-fighter Judas the Galilean and Paul's divine-human Christ figure created in the middle of the first century CE. Revealing why Paul was known as a liar, enemy, and traitor in other Jewish literature, he shows that the New Testament Gospels are not transcripts of actual history but creative works of historical fiction designed to promote Paul's Christianity and serve the interests of the fledgling Gentile Christian communities. He demonstrates how each Gospel is written in light of the success of Paul's religion and dependent upon his later

perspective. Matching the events depicted in the New Testament with the historically verifiable events in Josephus' history, Unterbrink pushes the dating of Jesus' life back nearly a generation to a revolutionary time in ancient Judea. He shows that the real historical Jesus--the physical man behind the fictional stories in Paul's Gospels--was Judas the Galilean: a messianic pretender and Torah-observant revolutionary bent on overthrowing the Roman government and galvanizing the Jewish people behind his vision of the coming Kingdom of God. In the greatest cover-up of history, this teacher of first-century Israel was replaced by the literary creation known as Jesus of Nazareth.

Aims to decode the Gospel of Mark . This book uses puzzle-like writing devices called chiasms, which are found throughout Mark, to reconstruct the original Gospel. By the presence or absence of these chiasms, it identifies sections of the Gospel that were added by a later editor, and recovers passages from the Secret Gospel of Mark .

The stories in this book are drawn from the dozens that Douglas-Klotz has enjoyed telling in his seminars over the past 20 years. Most of them appear in works of the classical Sufis, such as Rumi, Attar, or S'adi. To preserve some of the in-person feeling and bring the language up to date, he has given them his own improvised turns. "If you want to hear a good story but prefer to read it instead, then read Douglas-Klotz! He writes as if he's sitting in your living room, invited over for afternoon tea to

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entertain you with some heart-pleasing, often humorous, yet soul-searching Sufi stories. His modernization of these old texts is gentle and mindful, yet unapologetic.” —Maryam Mafi from the Foreword

A Contribution to the Decoding of the Language of the Koran

The Gospel of Mary of Magdala

Ancient Apocryphal Gospels

The Original Sayings of Jesus

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary

Hidden Gospels

New Light on the Ancient Tradition of Inner Knowing

The bestselling author of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" casts new light on the Virgin Mary, illuminating her role in the Old and New Testaments.

This incisive critique thoroughly and convincingly debunks the claims that recently discovered texts such as the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary, and even the Dead Sea Scrolls undermine the historical validity of the New Testament. Jenkins places the recent controversies surrounding the hidden gospels in a broad historical context and argues that, far from being revolutionary, such attempts to find an alternative Christianity date back at least to the Enlightenment. By employing the appropriate scholarly and historical methodologies, he demonstrates

that the texts purported to represent pristine Christianity were in fact composed long after the canonical gospels found in the Bible. Produced by obscure heretical movements, these texts have attracted much media attention chiefly because they seem to support radical, feminist, and post-modern positions in the modern church. Indeed, Jenkins shows how best-selling books on the "hidden gospels" have been taken up by an uncritical, drama-hungry media as the basis for a social movement that could have powerful effects on the faith and practice of contemporary Christianity.

Seventeen hundred years ago, key elements of our ancient heritage were lost, relegated to the esoteric traditions of mystery schools and sacred orders. Among the most empowering of the forgotten elements are references to a science with the power to bring everlasting healing to our bodies and initiate an unprecedented era of peace and cooperation between governments and nations. In his groundbreaking new book, *The Isaiah Effect*, Gregg Braden turns to the *Isaiah Scroll*, perhaps the most important of the *Dead Sea Scrolls* discovered in 1946, to offer insight into a powerful form of ancient prayer. In *The Isaiah Effect*,

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Braden, author of *Awakening to Zero Point* and *Walking Between the Worlds*, combines research in quantum physics with the works of the prophet Isaiah and the ancient Essenes. He demonstrates how prophecies of global catastrophe and suffering may only represent future possibilities, rather than forecast impending doom, and that we have the power to influence those possibilities. In addition to describing multiple futures, the Isaiah texts take us one step further, clearly describing the science of how we choose our futures. Tracing key words of Isaiah's text back to their original language, we discover how he taught a mode of prayer that was lost to the West during Biblical editing in the fourth century. Braden offers detailed accounts of how elements of this mode of prayer have been applied in a variety of situations, ranging from healing life-threatening conditions to entire villages using collective prayer to prevail during the 1998 fires in southern Peru. In each instance, the correlation between the offering of the prayer and a shift of the events in question was beyond coincidence--the prayers had measurable effects! As modern science continues to validate a relationship between our outer and inner worlds, it becomes more likely

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that a forgotten bridge links the world of our prayers with that of our experience. Each time we engage ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities with Isaiah's life-affirming message of hope, we secure nothing less than our future and the future of the only home we know.

Waiting to be rediscovered in the British Library is an ancient manuscript of the early Church, copied by an anonymous monk. The manuscript is at least 1,450 years old, possibly dating to the first century. And now, *The Lost Gospel* provides the first ever translation from Syriac into English of this unique document that tells the inside story of Jesus' social, family, and political life. *The Lost Gospel* takes the reader on an unparalleled historical adventure through a paradigm shifting manuscript. What the authors eventually discover is as astounding as it is surprising: the confirmation of Jesus' marriage to Mary Magdalene; the names of their two children; the towering presence of Mary Magdalene; a previously unknown plot on Jesus' life (thirteen years prior to the crucifixion); an assassination attempt against Mary Magdalene and their children; Jesus' connection to political figures at the highest level of the Roman Empire; and a religious movement that

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*antedates that of Paul—the Church of Mary
Magdalene. Part historical detective story,
part modern adventure, The Lost Gospel
reveals secrets that have been hiding in
plain sight for millennia.*

Natural Atheism

NeoHooDoo

Truth and Fiction in The Da Vinci Code

The Syro-Aramaic Reading of the Koran

A New Look at Betrayer and Betrayed

The Jesus Dynasty

*A Historian Reveals What We Really Know
about Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and
Constantine*

This eye-opening collection of texts sheds light on the esoteric knowledge of Gnosticism, revealing intimate conversations between Jesus and his Disciples In 1945, several gospels, hidden since the first century, were found in the Egyptian Desert at Nag Hammadi. This discovery caused a sensation as the scrolls revealed the mysteries of the Gnostics—a movement which emerged during the formative period of Christianity. ‘Gnosis’, from the Greek, broadly meaning ‘hidden spiritual knowledge’, was associated with renouncing the material world, and focusing on attaining the life of the Holy Spirit. Many Christian sects are derived from the esoteric knowledge of Gnosticism. The gospels selected here by Alan Jacobs reveal intimate conversations between

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Jesus and his Disciples. The Gospel of Mary Magdalene sheds new light on his relationship with his favorite follower, while the Gospel of Thomas consists of mini-parables of deep inward and symbolic meaning—many of which are not found in the New Testament. The wisdom in this inspiring collection of texts is wholly relevant to our lives today, addressing the questions of good and evil, sin and suffering, and the path to salvation.

The biblical scholar recounts the events surrounding the discovery and handling of the Gospel of Judas, and provides an overview of its content, in which Judas is portrayed as a faithful disciple.

This is the blueprint for living out the first-century supernatural life! Sid Roth, host of Its Supernatural! Lost for centuries, this ancient text is the believers key to unlocking the supernatural lifestyle of first-century believers. In the book of Acts, we glimpse the world-changing community marked by passion, authenticity, and supernatural power that was the early Church. How did the early church cultivate these kinds of powerful believers? Where does the modern church fall short? And what if you could access the early Churchs discipleship manual? Picture it: While browsing the stacks of a dimly lit library in the cavernous corridors of an Middle Eastern monastery, a young Greek Orthodox cleric stumbles upon a fragile parchment manuscript, containing ancient wisdom. The clerics name was Philotheos

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Bryennios, the year was 1873, the place was Istanbul, Turkey, and the incredible document he found was called the Didache, or the Teaching. The Didache is a transformative step-by-step training program for new believers, and offers a window into the faith and practice of the earliest Gentile disciples, when Christianity was still within the fold of Messianic Judaism. Written for a culture where individuals had no knowledge of Jesus or the gospel, the Didaches timeless instruction is especially applicable for our current, postchristian era. Ancient Blueprints for the Supernatural contains the full text of the Didache along with extensive, revelatory commentary and application from Drs. Dennis and Jen Clark. You will: Discover how to live as a holy vessel in a godless society. Enter a new way of life that reveals Jesus of Nazareth to the world. Access the miraculous lifestyle that Jesus made possible through the Cross. Experience the presence and power of God through ancient practices such as persistent prayer, communion, baptism, and more. Gain wisdom for discerning false teaching and doctrine that obscures the fullness of Gods life and power. Uncover the Biblical definition of The One New Man, and what it means for you. Learn to live in watchful preparation for the Messiahs return. Unleash the timeless wisdom of the Didache into your life, and begin walking in the world-changing footsteps of the early church.

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Gnosticism developed alongside Judeo-Christianity over two thousand years ago, but with an important difference: It emphasizes, not faith, but direct perception of God--Gnosticism being derived from the Greek word gnosis, meaning "knowledge." Given the controversial premise that one can know God directly, the history of Gnosticism is an unfolding drama of passion, political intrigue, martyrdom, and mystery. Dr. Hoeller traces this fascinating story throughout time and shows how Gnosticism has inspired such great thinkers as Voltaire, Blake, Yeats, Hesse, Melville, and Jung.

Decoding Mark

A Guide to African American Wellness

Ancient Wisdom to Nourish the Heart

The Jesus Family Tomb LP

The Isaiah Effect

Wisdom of the Heart from the Aramaic Words of Jesus

Regaining Our Sacred Power.

- Explains how Mary was born into a lineage of powerful women who cultivated and passed on the ability to consciously conceive elevated beings
- Includes a complete translation of the Infancy Gospel of James and reveals the hidden codes it contains relating to the practice of miraculous conception
- Shows how Mary was trained and initiated in the "womb mysteries" and reveals the esoteric techniques she used to conceive Jesus

Delve into one of the Virgin Mary's forgotten gospels, the Infancy Gospel of James, Marguerite Mary Rigoglioso,

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Ph.D., reveals a truth that has been suppressed for nearly two millennia: that Mother Mary was not a passive bystander to her own pregnancy but an advanced member of a sacred order of women trained in divine conception. Unlocking the hidden codes of Mary's gospel and other ancient source texts, the author reveals how Mary conceived Jesus through a careful process that she willed and initiated. She explains how Mary was born into a family of powerful priestesses, women who possessed and cultivated, and passed on the ability to consciously conceive elevated beings to help the planet. This lineage included Mary's own mother, Anne, who conceived Mary with this method, her relative Elizabeth (mother of John the Baptist), and the biblical matriarch Sarah, the wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac. These women were schooled in the shamanic "womb mysteries," secret knowledge of the capacity of the womb. Decoding the Infancy Gospel of James, the author shows how Mary, trained and initiated, reveals the esoteric techniques she used to conceive Jesus, and explores the birth itself as a mind-altering reality that accompanied it. By revealing the Virgin Mary as a trained holy woman and conscious actor in the conception of Jesus, the author corrects the impression we have been given of a passive and bewildered girl who had no idea how or why she was pregnant. She also restores Mary as the empowered feminine orchestrator of these significant events, paralleling the redemption of Mary Magdalene in recent years. Explaining how and why virgin birth was

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accomplished, this book allows us to make sense of miraculous conception and reveals the power that lies all women's wombs.

A well-researched work of fiction from bestselling author Barbara Hand Clow • A contemporary spiritual and erotic thriller that reveals esoteric teachings on Jesus Mary Magdalene, holy relics, sacred sexuality, and art • Contains hidden secrets on the use of crystals as well extraordinary information about secret societies • Continues the story from Revelations of the Ruby Crystal • From the bestselling author of The Pleiadian Agenda (98,000 copies sold) and The Mayan Code (57,000 copies sold) Shortly after his wedding at his family's ancient castle in Tuscany, sophisticated and mysterious Armando Pierleoni reveals his richly symbolic painting of the love between Jesus and Mary Magdalene to his bride Jennifer. Deeply affecting all who view it, the alchemical portrayal leads Armando, Jennifer, and their friends on a contemporary journey into the esoteric mysteries of divinity, marriage, sacred sexuality, the Black Madonna, and the transformative power of holy relics. The group of friends--Jennifer's journalist brother Simon, his mystical wife Sarah, Jungian analyst Lorenzo, exotically beautiful and insightful Claudia, and Armando and Jennifer--discover past-life connections and the power of sacred sex as a path to the divine. They explore how the Knights Templar collected the bones of the Jesus family from the Talpiot tomb in Jerusalem and eventually placed them in reliquaries throughout the world--including

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within the Medici Chapel in Florence and in the Four Corners region of the American Southwest. When Armando's magical painting of Jesus and Mary Magdalene goes on display in the Medici Chapel and is viewed by thousands, the painting's power coalesces with Aquarian vibrations to trigger a mass kundalini rising within the Chapel, activating the sacred bones in the reliquaries. The activated bones enable the Light to flow into the world, awakening Christ Consciousness around the globe.

Throughout its history the Koran has presented problems of interpretation. Some scholars estimate that at least a quarter of the text is obscure in meaning, not only for Western translators but even native Arabic speakers, who struggle with the archaic vocabulary that is no longer used in modern Arabic. In this in-depth study of the language of the Koran, scholar Christoph Luxenberg dispels much of the mystery surrounding numerous hitherto unclear passages. The key, as Luxenberg shows exhaustively, is to understand that Aramaic--the language of most Middle Eastern Jews and Christians of the pre-Islamic era--had a pervasive influence on the development of the Arabic text of the Koran. For a thousand years preceding the advent of Islam, Aramaic (or Syriac as it was sometimes called) was the lingua franca of many parts of the Near East. It was the native language of the first Christian evangelists and the main liturgical language of the early Christian churches from Syria to Iran. Based on this historical context and a profound

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knowledge of Semitic languages, Luxenberg clarifies many thorny textual puzzles. Perhaps his most interesting argument is that the passage often translated as referring to the "virgins" that are believed to greet the departed faithful in paradise was long ago misunderstood. In fact, knowledge of ancient Christian hymns in Aramaic suggests that the word in question refers to "grapes" the departed will enjoy in a paradisiacal garden. Luxenberg discusses many other similar fascinating instances where Aramaic vocabulary and concepts influenced the text of the Koran. This highly erudite work makes a significant contribution to the study of the Koran and the history of Islamic origins.

Everything is here to help those who are already atheists better understand the logic of their lives and see the social and political implications. Those who are not yet atheists will be helped by this scientist's common-sense analysis of the so-called 'proofs of God' to see the irrationality, indeed, the meaninglessness of god-beliefs. What is belief? What is knowledge? As Pilate is alleged to have asked, "What is truth"? Understandable and clear answers to all these questions are given by a seasoned anthropologist who has been able to see around the blinders imposed by Judaeo-Christian cultures.

A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne

The Gospel of Philip

Lost Books of the Bible and The Forgotten Books of Enoch

The New Archaeological Find That Reveals the Birth of

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Christianity

The Jesus Discovery

Reclaiming Our Health

The Mystery Tradition of Miraculous Conception

A new translation and analysis of one of the most controversial of the apocryphal gospels □ Emphasizes an initiatic marriage between the male and female principles as the heart of the Christian mystery □ Bears witness to the physical relationship shared by Jesus and Mary Magdalene □ Translated from the Coptic and analyzed by the author of the bestselling *The Gospel of Mary Magdalene* (over 90,000 sold) The mainstream position of the Christian church on sexuality was perhaps best summed up by Pope Innocent III (1160-1216) when he stated that □the sexual act is so shameful that it is intrinsically evil.□ Another Christian theologian maintained that the □Holy Ghost is absent from the room shared by a wedded couple.□ What Philip records in his gospel is that Christ said precisely the opposite: The nuptial chamber is in fact the holy of holies. For Philip the holy trinity includes the feminine presence. God is the Father, the Holy Ghost is the Mother, and Jesus is the Son. Neither man nor woman alone is created in the image of God. It is only in their relationship with one another--the sacred embrace in which they share the divine breath--that they resemble God. The Gospel of Philip is best known for its portrayal of the physical relationship shared by Jesus and his most beloved disciple, Mary of Magdala. Because it ran counter to the direction of the Church, which condemned the □works of the flesh,□ Philip's gospel was suppressed and lost until

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rediscovered at Nag Hammadi in 1947. Orthodox theologian Jean-Yves Leloup's translation from the Coptic and his analysis of this gospel are presented here for the first time in English. What emerges from this important source text is a restoration of the sacred initiatic union between the male and female principles that was once at the heart of Christianity's sacred mystery.

This title examines the work of 35 artists, including Jimmie Durham, David Hammons, José Bedia, Rebecca Belmore and James Lee Byars, who began using ritualistic practices during the 1970s and 1980s as a way of reinterpreting aspects of their cultural heritage.

The Jesus Family Tomb tells the story of what may be the greatest archaeological find of all time—the discovery of the family tomb of Jesus of Nazareth The Jesus Family Tomb includes: A gripping real-life detective story that combines history, archaeology and cutting-edge science, and reveals the truth behind 2,000 years of mystery Scientific details about the Jesus family tomb ossuaries Results from DNA tests performed on human residue taken out of the Jesus ossuary and the Mary Magdalene ossuary

In his staggeringly popular work of fiction, Dan Brown states up front that the historical information in the *The Da Vinci Code* is all factually accurate. But is this claim true? As historian Bart D. Ehrman shows in this informative and witty book, *The Da Vinci Code* is filled with numerous historical mistakes. Did the ancient church engage in a cover-up to make the man Jesus into a divine figure? Did Emperor Constantine select for the

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New Testament--from some 80 contending Gospels--the only four Gospels that stressed that Jesus was divine? Was Jesus Christ married to Mary Magdalene? Did the Church suppress Gospels that told the secret of their marriage? Bart Ehrman thoroughly debunks all of these claims. But the book is not merely a laundry list of Brown's misreading of history. Throughout, Ehrman offers a wealth of fascinating background information--all historically accurate--on early Christianity. He describes, for instance, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls ; outlines in simple terms how scholars of early Christianity determine which sources are most reliable; and explores the many other Gospels that have been found in the last half century. In his engaging book, Ehrman separates fact from fiction, the historical realities from the flights of literary fancy. Anyone who would like to know the truth about the beginnings of Christianity and the real truth behind The Da Vinci Code will find this book riveting.

Decoding the Butterfly Promise

Readings, Review, and Exercises

Decoding the Lost Science of Prayer and Prophecy

The Lost Gospel Q

Judas of Nazareth

New Testament History and Literature

Womanist Midrash

Aramaic—the language of Jesus and his disciples—has captured the imagination of seekers from every faith and spiritual tradition. Since the publication of his bestseller Prayers of the Cosmos, Aramaic scholar Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz has become a foremost expert at uncovering the rich layers of meaning found

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in Jesus's native wisdom sayings. Now, in Blessings of the Cosmos, this renowned author presents a collection of all-new translations of Jesus's best-loved benedictions and invocations for peace, healing, divine connection, and more, including: "Come unto me, all ye that labor"—blessings to renew and rededicate your life's sacred vocation "Ask, and it shall be given you"—discovering your origin in the source of Love itself Jesus's parting words to the disciples, from the blessing of greater works to the many mansions teaching to the great commandment on love, and more Jesus' Beatitudes in Luke—blessings for our inner being Plus an 80-minute CD with 20 guided Aramaic body prayers, similar to the traditional Middle Eastern practices that Jesus himself used to generate spiritual energy and insight Whether for personal inspiration or for communal worship and rites of passage, Blessings of the Cosmos offers you a heart-opening prayerbook that offers guidance and encouragement toward an ever-deepening daily experience of the Divine.

DIV The life and thought of a forceful figure in Israel's religious and political life /div

"An interactive and empowering book" to help African American men and women create a new vision of better health and navigate the health care system (BET.com). According to the federal Office of Minority Health, African Americans "are affected by serious diseases and health conditions at far greater rates than other Americans." In fact, African Americans suffer an estimated 85,000 excess deaths every year from diseases we know how to prevent: heart disease, stroke, cancer, high blood pressure, and diabetes. In this important and accessible book, Dr. Michelle Gourdine provides African Americans with the knowledge and guidance they need to take charge of their wellbeing. Reclaiming Our Health begins with an overview of the primary health concerns facing African Americans and explains who is at greatest risk of illness. Expanding on her

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Dr. Gouroutine presents key insights into the ways African American culture shapes health choices—how beliefs, traditions, and values can influence eating choices, exercise habits, and even the decision to seek medical attention. She translates extensive research into practical information and presents readers with concrete steps for achieving a healthier lifestyle, as well as strategies for navigating the health-care system. This interactive guide with illustrations is a vital resource for every African American on how to live a healthier and more empowered life, and an indispensable handbook for health-care providers, policy makers, and others working to close the health gap among people of color. Says Gouroutine, "I wrote this book to empower our community to solve our own health problems and save our own lives."

Includes selections from Xenophon, Antiphon and Euripides.
Rav Kook

Revelations of the Aquarian Age

An Ancient Blueprint for the Supernatural

The Lost Teachings of the Apostles, Hidden for Such a Time as This

Blessings of the Cosmos

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and the Gnosis of Sacred Union

How the Search for Jesus Lost Its Way

"This book centers on The Gospel of the Lots of Mary, a previously unknown text preserved in a fifth- or sixth-century Coptic miniature codex. It presents the first critical edition and translation of this new text. My book is also a project about religious praxis and authority, as I situate the manuscript within the context of practices of and debates around

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divination in the ancient Mediterranean
world."--Preface, p. [vii].

All over the world people look forward to a perfect future, when the forces of good will be finally victorious over the forces of evil. Once this was a radically new way of imagining the destiny of the world and of mankind. How did it originate, and what kind of world-view preceded it? In this engrossing book, the author of the classic work *The Pursuit of the Millennium* takes us on a journey of exploration, through the world-views of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and India, through the innovations of Iranian and Jewish prophets and sages, to the earliest Christian imaginings of heaven on earth. Until around 1500 B.C., it was generally believed that once the world had been set in order by the gods, it was in essence immutable. However, it was always a troubled world. By means of flood and drought, famine and plague, defeat in war, and death itself, demonic forces threatened and impaired it. Various combat myths told how a divine warrior kept the forces of chaos at bay and enabled the world to survive. Sometime between 1500 and 1200 B.C., the Iranian prophet Zoroaster broke from that static yet anxious world-view, reinterpreting the

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Iranian version of the combat myth. For Zoroaster, the world was moving, through incessant conflict, toward a conflictless state--"cosmos without chaos." The time would come when, in a prodigious battle, the supreme god would utterly defeat the forces of chaos and their human allies and eliminate them forever, and so bring an absolutely good world into being. Cohn reveals how this vision of the future was taken over by certain Jewish groups, notably the Jesus sect, with incalculable consequences. Deeply informed yet highly readable, this magisterial book illumines a major turning-point in the history of human consciousness. It will be mandatory reading for all who appreciated The Pursuit of the Millennium.

A comprehensive description of the transformation of Christianity, by the bestselling theologian who has defined this spiritual renaissance.

Presents a new translation of the Gospel of Mary, discusses its presentation of the teachings of Jesus, and compares it to other early Christian writings in the context of early Church teachings.

The Gospel of Mary

Art for a Forgotten Faith

The Hidden History of Jesus, His Royal Family, and the Birth of Christianity

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**How the Greatest Teacher of First-Century
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The Little Book of Sufi Stories
The Gospel of the Lots of Mary

The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Gnostic writings and now The Lost Gospel, a newly decoded manuscript that uncovers groundbreaking revelations about the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth—a startling follow-up to the New York Times bestseller The Jesus Family Tomb. Gathering dust at the British Library is an ancient manuscript of the early Church, copied by an anonymous monk. The manuscript is at least 1,450 years old, possibly dating to the first century, i.e., Jesus' lifetime. The Lost Gospel provides the first ever translation from Syriac into English of this unique document that tells the inside story of Jesus' social, family and political life. The Lost Gospel takes the reader on an unparalleled historical adventure through a paradigm-shifting manuscript. What the authors eventually discover is astounding: the confirmation of Jesus' marriage to Mary Magdalene; the names of their two children; the towering presence of Mary Magdalene; a previously unknown plot on Jesus' life, thirteen years prior to the crucifixion; an assassination attempt against Mary Magdalene and their children; Jesus' connection to political figures at the highest level of the Roman Empire; and a religious movement that antedates that of Paul—the Church of Mary Magdalene. Part historical detective story, part modern adventure, The Lost Gospel reveals secrets that have been hiding in plain sight for millennia.

Haunted by an urgent voice she hears each time she reads a book by Carlos Castaneda, Gail seeks out Castaneda's apprentice, and she finds herself catapulted into a strange world of shamans, metaphysics, and ancient beings. She is thrust forward onto a dangerous path that takes her from the safety of her everyday world into the radiant landscape where true power lives. Here, she is

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introduced to an ancient couple, who have lived and loved beyond time itself. She offers up her heart to become a co-conspirator with them in an unbelievable task. She must journey into the ancient records and retrieve the knowledge that broke this ancient couple and humanity itself apart. The death-bed promise this ancient couple made to each other eons ago is also the key to humanity's own resurrection. It is this—the Butterfly Promise—that will return us to our true powers and to our wholeness once again.

Womanist Midrash is an in-depth and creative exploration of the well- and lesser-known women of the Hebrew Scriptures. Using her own translations, Gafney offers a midrashic interpretation of the biblical text that is rooted in the African American preaching tradition to tell the stories of a variety of female characters, many of whom are often overlooked and nameless. Gafney employs a solid understanding of womanist and feminist approaches to biblical interpretation and the sociohistorical culture of the ancient Near East. This unique and imaginative work is grounded in serious scholarship and will expand conversations about feminist and womanist biblical interpretation.

The #1 New York Times bestselling author addresses the controversial questions about the life of Jesus Christ and the women in his life. An extraordinary message from ?possibly the most famous psychic in the world,?(Mystic Living Today)Sylvia Browne: ?In writing this book, I was amazed to find out that I actually had visions of what was happening...a manifestation of the infusion that I was getting from God. God does work in mysterious ways.? Many controversies have gone unanswered in Christianity for centuries. Now, told from the unique perspective only Sylvia Browne could bring, The Two Marys focuses on the greatest of those extraordinary unknowns: the two most important women in Jesus's life?his mother and his wife?whose profound influence on him has been marginalized by Christian churches and reinvented out of contradictions, misrepresentations, and fabrications. Finally, Sylvia Browne uncovers the hidden history of these two remarkable

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women in a story that will challenge the very basis of traditional
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Mary and the Lineage of Virgin Births

Attica: Intermediate Classical Greek

The Gnostic Gospels

The Lost Gospel of Judas Iscariot

The Hidden History of the Mother and Wife of Jesus

***Presents the original teachings of
Jesus written by his contemporaries and
early followers***

***In this engaging introduction to the
New Testament, Professor Dale B. Martin
presents a historical study of the
origins of Christianity by analyzing
the literature of the earliest
Christian movements. Focusing mainly on
the New Testament, he also considers
nonbiblical Christian writings of the
era. Martin begins by making a powerful
case for the study of the New
Testament. He next sets the Greco-Roman
world in historical context and
explains the place of Judaism within
it. In the discussion of each New
Testament book that follows, the author
addresses theological themes, then
emphasizes the significance of the
writings as ancient literature and as***

sources for historical study.

Throughout the volume, Martin introduces various early Christian groups and highlights the surprising variations among their versions of Christianity.

The success of Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code has raised new interest in Mary Magdalene and in the Gospel of Mary. Here, the author examines Mary Magdalene's influence on the beginnings of Christianity and asks what was her impact and her message? And furthermore, what became of her and her ideas? Esther de Boer studies the Gospel of Mary (the only Gospel to be named after a woman) to discover what it reveals about Mary Magdalene and to determine the origin of its portrayal. She argues that the Gospel of Mary is not a Gnostic writing but is more closely related to the writings of Philo, the letters of Paul and the Gospel of John. She demonstrates that esteem of Mary Magdalene did not just belong to the Gnostic tradition but to a broader Christian context. In order to determine this context, the study identifies the different portrayals of

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Mary Magdalene in the New Testament, analyses their concepts of discipleship and their views on women, and investigates their historical 'reality'. Esther de Boer concludes that the portrayal of Mary Magdalene in the Gospel of Mary is close to that in the Gospel of John, and investigates the possibility that she is concealed in the Johannine disciple loved by Jesus.

The Lost Gospel

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Jesus and the Lost Goddess

The Coming of the Cosmic Christ

The Two Marys