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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

Christian mysticism is unique in its view of Jesus' death and resurrection as the very cause and exemplar of the mystical life in all its purity. Jesus' saving death on the cross

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exemplifies the mystical letting-go of everything consoling, tangible and finite in order to surrender totally to the mystery of the Father's unconditional love. In this introduction to Christian mysticism, Reverend Harvey Egan, S.J. presents four Christian mystics as paradigms of the classical tradition: St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and the unknown author of the Cloud of Unknowing. From this foundation he moves to two contemporary figures, Thomas Merton and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, each of whom reflects a contemporary

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transposition of the two mystical traditions, the apophatic, which emphasizes the radical difference between God and creatures, and the kataphatic, which emphasizes the similarity between God and creatures. "... parallels the prayer practices of Sufi and Christian mysticism with ease.... Vaughan-Lee's prayerful prose is poetic, inclusive, and intelligent." —Publishers Weekly Prayer of the Heart in Christian & Sufi Mysticism guides the reader through the stages of mystical prayer. Mystical prayer is a way to create a living relationship with the Divine within the heart.

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Drawing on Christian and Sufi sources such as St. Teresa of Avila, Attar, St. John of the Cross, and Rumi, as well as from his own experience, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee describes how prayer is first born of need, but then takes one deep within the heart, into the stages of Union and Ecstasy. Through mystical prayer, one is drawn beyond any words into the interior silence of real communion with God. Here, in the silence within the heart, a meeting and merging takes place that carries us beyond our self into the mystery of divine presence, into the secret nature of love's

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oneness. Prayer of the Heart in Christian and Sufi Mysticism explores the inner listening of the heart, and the secret of 'pray without ceasing' in which we discover how prayer becomes alive within the heart. Finally there is a chapter on the need at this time to pray for the Earth. How can we pray for the well-being of the Earth? How can we include the Earth in our prayers and our heart? This little book is an offering of the heart that brings together the Christian and Sufi mystical traditions in the oneness of love to which they belong. It will benefit any practitioner of prayer,

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anyone who is drawn to discover a relationship with God within their heart. "... with the understated simplicity of a true spiritual master, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee seamlessly weaves these complementary traditions into a single tapestry of singular power and beauty... this book offers yet another profound contribution to the collective evolution of our hearts." –Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault, from the Foreword "... draws together the Christian and Sufi traditions of mystical prayer ... Vaughan-Lee's clearly written little guide will be gratifying and

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absorbing for those interested in mysticism and alternate routes toward the love of God." –Library Journal "... an excellent book ... As we recover more and more of the ancient contemplative traditions, we are finding immense similarities in goal, practice, and effects. At the mystical level, we are seemingly talking about the same experience, despite our different vocabularies and styles! Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee makes this sacred journey both clear and inviting." –Fr. Richard Rohr, Franciscan Priest, author, and founder Center for Action and Contemplation

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The teachings in this book have helped hundreds of thousands of people gain a deeper appreciation for Jesus's teachings about the mystical path that he taught 2,000 years ago and that he still teaches today for those who are able to make an inner connection with him. Today many people cannot find a lasting heart connection to the real Jesus and his teachings because, according to most Christian churches, Jesus no longer talks to us. In reality, Jesus is a spiritual being and he is working to help all people who are able to raise their consciousness and attune to his Presence.

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For the past 2,000 years he has maintained a line of communication through those who have been willing to serve as messengers for his Living Word and who have pursued an understanding of his true message instead of settling for official Christian doctrines. In this book, the ascended Jesus reveals the mystical teachings that he gave to his most advanced disciples. He explains why his true teachings are as relevant today as they were two millennia ago and how you can develop a personal relationship with him-one of the most remarkable spiritual teachers of all

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time. Once you admit that mainstream religious traditions have not answered your questions about life, it is truly liberating to read the profound and meaningful answers in this book. Encouraging, moving and profound, this enlightening book will help you attain inner attunement with Jesus, even mystical union with him. You will learn how to: -recognize the silent, inner voice of Christ in your heart -achieve permanent inner peace and happiness by getting connected with the Christ Consciousness -heal yourself from emotional wounds -get guidance from

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Jesus, who is your greatest teacher and friend
-communicate directly with Jesus"

Learning from the Mystics
The Gospel of John in the Light of Indian Mysticism
A Course in Christian Mysticism

Wisdom from the Christian Mystics: How to Pray the Christian Way

The Mystical Teachings of Jesus

Growing into God

The Big Book of Christian Mysticism

If you're a Christian seeking an expanded understanding of your beliefs, or if you're metaphysical and wonder how Jesus Christ fits

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in your current understanding of life, this book will help you 'bridge the gap' between these two seemingly different ideologies. Based on a lecture given by spiritual instructor, Ann Albers

(www.VisionsOfHeaven.com), this work will heal your heart, allow you to find a deep and loving connection with Jesus Christ regardless of spiritual persuasion, and give you perspectives to help you connect with those of different faiths. This is a loving and heartfelt discussion about the mystical side of Christianity.

Some books on mysticism offer

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New Age syncretism. Others propose simplistic methods of producing spiritual experiences. Still others deconstruct religious experience. The Roots of Christian Mysticism by Oliver Clement, however, avoids these pitfalls. Clement presents the mysticism of the early fathers themselves, from whose writings he offers exceptionally rich selections that are not readily available. In so doing, he introduces the reader to Christian mysticism through the words of those who were “drunk with God,” but whose religious experience was firmly rooted in Christ. Most

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importantly, given the modern propensity for bogus spirituality, Clement shows the indissoluble unity between mysticism and doctrine. The Fathers speak doctrine in voices radiant with the dark vision of God and their doctrine is both the fruit of prayer and the form of spirituality. From this perspective, the Church's teachings about God, Christ, Church, Sacrament and Christian vocation become the objects of contemplation and the personal quest for God finds its way within, not apart from the Church, ecclesia. Christian mysticism, therefore, always occurs within the womb of the

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Church, particularly within the locus of the liturgy and thus, is prevented at the outset from becoming merely a freewheeling and self-authenticating form of emotional exuberance.

Mysticism, thus firmly rooted, is considered the normal spiritual life of all Christians. All the faithful are called to realize fully the grace of their baptism, that is, to fulfill their humanity by being divinized through grace.

These words might be disconcerting or raise the specter of “enthusiasm,” but some proper understanding of this calling, however embryonic, is indispensable to spiritual growth,

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to the life of the Church and to the transformation of culture. Why, for example, when so many Americans claim to be Christian does their faith have so little impact on our culture? Or why are the Church's moral teachings found to be so excessively burdensome? Perhaps Christians have seldom been directed toward a spirituality that would open them to a fuller vision of their true destiny in Christ. A recent classroom experience illustrates the point. A young Christian father of two vigorously proposed many practical reasons for using contraception. His understanding

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of fatherhood operated on a purely naturalistic level; his concern to provide for his children likewise revolved around material goods. But once he glimpsed the ultimate destiny in Christ to which he and his children were called, he saw his fatherhood as a participation in a sacred mission and trust. Only then did the Church's teaching and the sacrifices it entails make sense enough to follow. Such illumination is an essential component in the birth of mystical life from which, for the fathers, the moral life flows. To use Clement's terms, "only when the beauty-goodness of

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the truth captures the spirit-heart is the person able to engage in Christian praxis and to make the sacrifices necessary not merely to be good but to be transformed into Christ.Â ” This transformation entails strenuous spiritual combat with a fallen human nature that the Fathers understand with exquisite perception. But even here the patristic thrust is basically positive, an attraction to the beauty and goodness of God that calls forth virtue, rather than an emphasis on the direct destruction of sin. Clement aptly describes asceticism as Â “ an awakening from the sleep-

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walking of daily life. It enables the Word to clear the silt away in the depth of the soul, freeing the spring of living waters.... It is the Word who acts but we have to cooperate with him, not so much by exertion of will-power as by loving attentiveness. ” Although spiritual growth naturally encompasses the activities of prayer, fasting and so forth. Clement never discusses this apart from Christ and Trinity. Salvation is not achieved through Pelagian self-development but in Christ and through his Church. The Fathers ’ theological center prevents their mysticism from collapsing into self-centered or

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naturalistic forms. The beauty that attracts is never separated from her sisters truth and goodness. The Roots of Christian Mysticism needs to be read by Christians seeking spiritual depth and by anyone wanting to taste doctrine as a living word. It is an excellent introduction to patristic thought and offers not only extensive selections of their writings but an appendix of about seventy pages of biographical material. Only one criticism of the book is offered: references to modern writers need to be noted so the reader can pursue them. Otherwise, this book is a gem.

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Jerrilyn Szelle Crisis April, 1996
The Cosmotheandric Experience is not a Christian, or an Indic, or a Buddhist study, but an interdisciplinary study with a firm foundation. It aims at an integration of the whole of reality: We have to reconstruct the body of Prajapati, even if some of the parts feel unworthy, are shy or run away ... We have to think of all of the fragments of the present world in order to bring them together into a harmonious--though not monolithic--whole. The Cosmotheandric principle, which the author advocates, could be formulated by saying that the

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divine, the human and the earthly are three irreducible dimensions which constitute the real.

New discoveries in archaeology and recent bestsellers and movies like THE DA VINCI CODE and PASSION OF THE CHRIST have sparked a renaissance over the many controversies that have remained unanswered in Christianity and other religions. At the heart of these controversies is Jesus. With a unique perspective only Sylvia Browne could bring, THE MYSTICAL LIFE OF JESUS is filled with the details of Jesus'

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inspiring life, including his birth, childhood, travels, ministry, miracles, crucifixion, death and resurrection. Sylvia addresses all of the major controversies surrounding Jesus: Was he married? Was he divine? What did he do for the first thirty years of his life? Was it a virgin birth? Was there a Star of Bethlehem? Was it a miracle at Canaan (and who was getting married)? Using her unique relationship with her spirit guide and her years studying the controversial Gnostic texts, Sylvia answers all of these questions with a confidence and authority only someone who has visited the

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afterlife can have.

Mysticism, Ethics and Politics

Yeshua: Mystic Christianity and
the Path to Christ

Consciousness

The Mystical Keys to the Book of
Revelation

Bonaventure's Mysticism of the
Crucified Christ

Crossing the Border

Stuff They Never Told You about
the Finished Work of the Cross

High Mysticism

"The Mystic Christ is an
ancient tale of mystic union,
salvation, and enlightenment.
It is the careful uncovering of
a lost treasure of
immeasurable value, long

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buried in the suffocating darkness of conventional orthodoxy on one side, and blind fundamentalist extremism on the other. From the viewpoint of the world's mystical religious traditions, the brilliant light of the Master's way is revealed as a penetrating radical non-duality unifying all people and all of life. His path to this all-embracing unity is the spiritual practice of pure selfless love. Love God intensely, love our neighbor as our own Self, bless those that curse us, and pray for those that mistreat us. Love

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has been lost, becoming nothing more than a word in the dictionary and, yet, it remains the foundation of Jesus' message."

The author studies various aspects of Bonaventure's mystical world view, leading to an understanding of his relevance to contemporary issues such as individualism and relatedness, peace and violence, and the problems of the created world's relationship to the person who seeks to love God in all and above all.

Called in a special way to listen to God's whispers, the

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mystics amplify not only what it means to be baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ 'and to having the Trinity living in them 'but also what is deepest in the human spirit. Mystics experience themselves as an infinite question to which only God is the answer; as an immense longing that only Love can quench; as a nothing in the face of the No-Thing. They are God's fools, troubadours 'the great artists and poets of the interior life whose learned ignorance" articulates the art of loving God, neighbor, self,

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the Church, and the world. In Soundings in the Christian Mystical Tradition Harvey Egan draws on fifty years of reading and teaching the mystics to sketch the varieties and passion of the mystical life across more than two millennia. Through their stories and words Egan reveals that all were conscious of the paradox of human identity 'supremely and unsurpassably manifested in the God-Man 'that the genuinely human is disclosed only through surrender to God and that the search for God cannot bypass the

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genuinely human.

In this historical survey, preeminent theologian John Macquarrie demonstrates how Christians, especially the great mystics, have experienced at their own "radiant core" the love and presence of God. Macquarrie discusses in detail ten common traits of mysticism before tracing two millennia of Christian mystical experience. He mainly allows the mystics to speak for themselves, but he is also particularly insightful about the greatest Christian mystics - from Paul to the early

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Platonists through the classic medieval mystics like Bernard and Julian and Catherine of Siena, to the Spanish mystics, the devotio moderna, the tailor John Woolman and preacher Jonathan Edwards, to a host of twentieth-century exemplars.

An Uncommon Perspective on
the Life of Christ

The Little Book of Christian
Mysticism

An Introduction to the
Practice of Christian
Mysticism

Aspects of Christian
Mysticism

The Mystical Journey from

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Jesus to Christ

The Mystic Christ

Journey Into Christian

Mysticism to Discover Your
Authentic New Life in Christ

Thomas Merton's lectures to the young monastics at the Abbey of Gethsemani provide a good look at Merton the scholar. A Course in Christian Mysticism gathers together, for the first time, the best of these talks into a spiritual, historical, and theological survey of Christian mysticism—from St. John's gospel to St. John of the Cross.

Sixteen centuries are covered over thirteen lectures. A general introduction sets the scene for when and how the talks were prepared and for the perennial

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themes one finds in them, making them relevant for spiritual seekers today. This compact volume allows anyone to learn from one of the twentieth century's greatest Catholic spiritual teachers. The study materials at the back of the book, including additional primary source readings and thoughtful questions for reflection and discussion, make this an essential text for any student of Christian mysticism.

During the many years of the active ministry of Emma Curtis Hopkins, over fifty thousand individuals came to her for instruction. Numbered among them were ministers, priests, lawyers, physicians, artists, business men and people from

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every walk of life. She was known as the "Teacher of Teachers" as so many of her students later became teachers and carried the message of the High Watch to the far corners of the earth. Several of the well known schools of advanced thought in this country were founded by her students. It is said that the glory of her teaching is that it arouses the hidden creative genius in the student so that he goes forth inspired to accomplish some great work of a unique and inimitable sort by the recognition of his own inherent divinity. To awaken this Divine Sense in her readers is the chief aim of the writings which she has left with us. The Studies in High Mysticism contain her latest

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writings, the full bloom of her spiritual unfoldment. They are acknowledged to be among the finest examples of Mystical writings. Mrs. Hopkins was herself a Mystic, a Mystic of a new type. She sang the song of the Life triumphant over loss, pain, sickness, poverty, sin and death, and the joy that comes from living the Christ Life. Here we have no identifying with suffering and grief, but the fuller doctrine of Jesus Christ—the rise from ignorance to the "Liberty of the Sons of God!" This book is spiritual dynamite. Read it and your life will be transformed forever. More than simply a book about mysticism, 'Christophany' offers the attentive reader a way to

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experience the mystical depths of life.

THE MYSTICAL JOURNEY FROM JESUS TO CHRIST Discover the ancient Egyptian origins of Christianity before the Catholic Church and learn the mystical teachings given by Jesus to assist all humanity in becoming Christlike. Discover the secret meaning of the Gospels that were discovered in Egypt. Also discover how and why so many Christian churches came into being. Discover that the Bible still holds the keys to mystical realization even though its original writings were changed by the church. Discover how to practice the original teachings of Christianity which leads to the Kingdom of

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Heaven.

Two Worlds are Ours

An Introduction to Christian

Mysticism

The Light of Non-Duality and the
Path of Love According to the Life
and Teachings of Jesus

Soundings in the Christian Mystical
Tradition

The Roots of Christian Mysticism

Teachings of the Christian Mystics

The Mystical Life of Jesus

***The Christian mystics are
the treasure of Western
civilization—yet they
remain little known among
those of us who are
potentially their spiritual
heirs. Andrew Harvey's
anthology confronts us with***

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the mystics in their own words, to show us how well they serve, even now, as guides for the spiritual life—and to challenge our preconceived ideas about the path of Christianity. He has chosen selections that represent all eras of the Christian tradition, as well as the amazing range of people who have embodied it, people like Francis of Assisi, Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton, Bede Griffiths, and many others. A distinctive feature of mystical experience is that it is "imageless". Mystics of

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various traditions witness indeed to their going beyond all intermediaries so as to enjoy immediate union. Understandably, the idea of imageless immediacy is attractive, and it is especially in vogue with those who hope to discover that different (religious) spiritualities converge if only the particularity of, say, the Christian way would be left behind. However, a crucial question arises here. If mystical union consists in simply transcending what is part and parcel of the human condition, where is its

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relevance? Is the mystic as such in a position to be his or her human self - thinking and loving, enjoying and suffering? Can he or she be active in the world of humankind?

Obviously, it is especially in the Christian tradition that this matter comes to the fore as a radical difficulty. For here there is the divine Image and Mediator, so much so that the Humanity of Jesus ought to be integral to a person's union with God. Perhaps the Christian mystic is such an extraordinary figure that the Humanity and all other

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images and intermediaries are, for him or her, at best a stepping-stone that is bound to disappear? The Riddle of Christian Mystical Experience aims to clarify this issue by analyzing the writings of such visionaries as Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila and Maria Petyt; of the ecstasy-minded masters Richard of Saint Victor, Bernard of Clairvaux and Bonaventure (describing Francis of Assisi's experience); of the cream of the Flemish mystics, namely Hadewijch and Jan van Ruusbroec. Nevertheless, the preference for the

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mystical text does not prevent the Riddle from drawing on the insights of modern philosophers such as Jean-Paul Sartre and Jean-Luc Marion when treating of images and idols, or Michael Polanyi and Ludwig Wittgenstein when reflecting on intermediaries. The main result of this procedure may come as a surprise. Far from turning into a detached creature who forgets about the Humanity and the human, the full-fledged mystic is, as a Flemish mystic puts it, "wholly in God, where he

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rests in enjoyment, and wholly in himself, where he loves with works".

Experiencing union "with intermediary and without intermediary", the true Christian mystic is "unimaged" as well as "imaged upon the humanity of our Lord through heartfelt affection".

With over 300 quotations, this book invites the reader to delve into the writings of the great contemplatives and mystics of the past two thousand years. The Little Book of Christian Mysticism provides a user-friendly, insightful, and

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potentially life-changing introduction to the essential teachings of the greatest mystics in the western wisdom traditions, past and present, including Francis of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, Thomas Merton, Evelyn Underhill, Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Julian of Norwich. Readers can use this book to initiate themselves into this visionary and ecstatic spiritual lineage, and they can also use it as a book of daily meditations. Small enough to fit in one's pocket or handbag, this is

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truly a user-friendly introduction to this venerable body of wisdom. This scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original. Due to its age, it may contain imperfections such as marks, notations, marginalia and flawed pages. Because we believe this work is culturally important, we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting, preserving, and promoting the world's literature in affordable, high quality, modern editions that are true to the original work.

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Revealed

***Christian Mysticism of the
Priesthood of Jesus Christ:
Workbook***

***Ignatius Loyola the Mystic
Pauline Mysticism***

***The Religious Experience of
Saint Paul***

***Prayer of the Heart in
Christian and Sufi
Mysticism***

***The Role of the Humanity of
Jesus***

The Mystical Keys to the Book of Revelation is about the author's miraculous transformation that was responsible for aligning her soul with the Spirit of the living God. As her journey progressed, God and his angels taught Laura the secrets to the Book of Revelation. They revealed that this

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sacred Scripture is not a book of doom and gloom, but simply describes in symbolic language the stages of metamorphosis that will occur on the planet as the souls of humanity are aligned with the divine spirit. Laura's own metamorphosis led her into the arms of true love as she and her soul mate were united. She reveals how the forces of the Holy Trinity become active in two souls as they become bonded by Divine Love. Laura has recorded her journey and the messages that the Divine Spirit imparted to her in the hopes that they will inspire others to search for truth and love in their own lives.

For many people, the word mysticism conjures up occult, secretive rituals held after midnight in some dark cave. But true mysticism isn't at all sinister or secretive, says author John Mabry, an

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Anglican-rite Congregational minister. In fact, mysticism is at the heart of an authentic Christian life. It is nothing more and nothing less than the pursuit-and enjoyment-of union with God, which is the goal of all Christian spirituality. Christian mysticism is the discipline of growing the soul into God—shedding illusory identities, deepening prayer, seeing God in all things, and acting as Christ in the world. Mabry’s great passion is to bring theology to everyday life by explaining complex ideas in everyday language that anyone can understand and find useful. In *Growing into God*, he “demystifies” mysticism, providing a friendly and accessible entry point to some of the teachings, practices, and experiences of the Christian mystical tradition. Mabry explores the classic mystical journey, which begins with the Awakening of a

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unitive consciousness that experiences everything as Divine and interconnected. The journey continues with Purgation, in which we empty ourselves of illusion; Illumination, in which we begin to see God in all things and all things in God; and, finally, Union, in which we marry our lives with God's life. Our hands become God's hands, our lips become God's lips, our touch becomes God's touch, in order to bring help, comfort, and healing to the world. ,p>Along the way, and with an entertaining teacher's clarity, Mabry recounts the stories of many Christian mystics, including inspiring quotations. He also enriches each chapter with questions and answers to simplify points as well as experiential practices to help readers embark upon the mystical journey themselves

MORE THAN Conquerors is a

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contemplative meditation on the 8th chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Modeled on the lectio divina style of Adrienne von Speyr and Erasmo Leiva-Merikakas, this book explores the mystical depths of St. Paul's most famous letter, inviting us to reflect on the deifying power of 'life in Christ.' St. Paul was the first and perhaps greatest Christian mystic. The complexities of his letters to the Romans bear witness to the unfathomable riches of the Mystery of Christ. These reflections seek to bring us into the heart of Pauline mysticism. Exploring Christian text from a Hindu perspective, Ravi Ravindra takes readers into the heart of St. John's words, eloquently and convincingly revealing the interconnectedness of all faiths and the growing need in today's world for interfaith dialogue.

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Crucified Love

The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism

How to Pray the Christian Way

The Future of a Tradition

Christ in the Mystical Teaching of St. Paul

An Uncommon Perspective on the Life of Jesus Christ

Text and Commentary

What does christian mysticism mean? Is it some spooky form of religion? Can anyone become a mystic believer? Does this term refer to the new age beliefs?

Well when we look at the life of Jesus Christ and his incarnation we see that there was a dimensional shift in the reality of humanity. God is infinite and his ways are higher than ours and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts, yet we try to put God in a box that only those who think like us can be apart. For

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instance many Baptist, pentecostal, and even catholic teaches that if you do not follow their particular dogma, doctrines and traditions you will eternally lost into damnation? That is finite thinking and Jesus was not a finite thinker, because he said he did not come to condemn the world but to save it through faith in him. So why do churches, religions and organizations require you to have a particular membership and if you do not then you are bound for destruction and damnation? Well the problem is that all men have a apart of God in them and that through our ignorance we would deny that point, but the word says, " if the Lord takes up his spirit all humankind shall perish!" what I am saying the path to true enlightenment is not an external journey but it is internal journey of the soul, mind and spirit. As we decrease in who we think we are then

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we grow and conform to the image of Jesus Christ. You are a part of God and he is in you and you are in him. God is omni-present at all times and all things are in him. The word says the lord order the steps of the righteous so why do so many Christian believers suffer in fear, doubt and worry. Well I believe that the body of Christ needs more discipleship and not showmanship! This book is for the believer looking for a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit and understand the heart and will of God. Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork. This, the shortest of Edward Schillebeeckx's books so far, represents a

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chapter, the longest, looks first at ethics, then at the tension between mysticism and politics, commitment to both of which is vital for Christians today, and shows how these three dimensions together must provide the framework for their life. Edward Schillebeeckx is a Dominican and Professor Emeritus of Theology and the History of Theology in the University of Nijmegen.

In popular usage, "mysticism" typically refers to New Age or Eastern forms of spirituality. However, the mystical tradition is also an important component of the Christian tradition. At its heart--and much like its expression in other faith traditions--Christian mysticism is an ancient practice that incorporates meditation, contemplation, worship, philosophy, the quest for personal enlightenment, and the experience of Divine presence. This

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volume is a comprehensive introduction and guide to Christian mysticism. It is a big book about a big possibility: the hope of achieving real, blissful, experiential unison with God. Among the topics covered here are a general introduction to mysticism, the Bible and mysticism, the history and types of Christian mysticism, biographical sketches of leading Christian mystics, and practical instructions about practicing mysticism today. This is a breathtaking work that explores a form of spirituality that has changed lives over the course of 2,000 years. Learning about Christian mysticism and how it has been articulated through the centuries will prove inspirational for today's seekers, regardless of the faith tradition. "The mystic is not a special kind of person; every person is a special kind of mytic."

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translations and an replacement of Y
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Salvation. Aramaic was the language spoken by the original Jews and Jesus the Christ was a title meaning the anointed. More importantly, Jesus taught that Christ Consciousness was a mystic path to Truth attainable by all when he stated "The Kingdom Of God Is Within You " This book, inspired by William Walker Atkinson, begs the question: "Will the REAL Jesus Please Stand Up?" Most know Jesus Christ's true name is Yeshua and no historical figure has been more studied, scrutinized and examined. Yet most of what we have learned has been told strictly through the written works of the Bible. Many Christians today take this book to be the written word of God. However, anyone who has truly studied history and the Bible know that much has been altered and misinterpreted over time through

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language translations and the intentional "revisions" of church priests, Caesars and councilmen with less than best intentions. This book about Jesus is an effort to tell the most accurate depiction possible from an eastern mystic point of view.

Unfortunately, the Orthodox church has attempted to make sense of and elaborate on metaphysical matters they hardly understood. Some call this occultism, gnosticism or secret esoteric doctrine but the yogis state this is ancient wisdom that has always been available to the sincere Truth Seeker This work was written in an honest effort to expound on the mystical interpretation of Jesus' teachings. To remain as authentic as possible we've made an effort to present Jesus in a way that is most likely accurate to the culture and

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climate of his times. Firstly, we've decided to address Jesus by his Aramaic birth name of Yesoshuah in which the more common alternative spelling is Yeshua. Yeshua of course means "God is Salvation." Yeshua known as the Son of God proclaimed ""not to throw pearls before swine"" because those that don't understand and appreciate the True meaning will merely "trample" on the message. He often spoke in parable and this presentation will seek to shine the Light on the Eternal Truth of man's spiritual Being ""Many rivers... One Ocean; many branches... One Tree; many paths... One Destination; many stories... One Truth "" 1 S.O.U.L. Publishing"

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When Quietism was condemned in 1687 it resulted in an antipathy, if not an open hostility to authentic mystical theology. This situation has lasted down to the present day and has been aggravated by many forms of counterfeit mysticism that are self-centred, not God-centred. The consequences have been disastrous. To restore the balance lost to Christian spirituality, the author returns to the profound mystical teaching that Jesus himself lived and handed on to the early Church through his disciples. His research has resulted in a book that

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