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Gnostic Vision, Sacred Ecology, and the Future of Belief BRILL

"In The Secret Sayings of Jesus, Robert Grant and David Noel Freedman offer a modern translation of the Gospel of Thomas, along with a judicious and revealing commentary on each saying."--Inside jacket.

The Secret Wisdom of the Qabalah Penguin (Non-Classics)

Lost in antiquity, rediscovered in 1896, and only recently accessible for study, The Secret Revelation of John offers a firsthand look into the diversity of Christianity before the establishment of canon and creed. Karen L. King offers an illuminating reading of this ancient text--a narrative of the creation of the universe and humanity and a guide to justice and salvation, said to be Christ's revelation to his disciple John. Freeing the Revelation from the category of "Gnosticism" to which such accounts were relegated, King shows how the Biblical text could be read by early Christians in radical and revisionary ways. By placing the Revelation in its social and intellectual milieu, she revises our understanding of early Christianity and, more generally, religious thought in the ancient Mediterranean world. Her work helps the modern reader through many intriguing--but confusing--ideas in

the text: for example, that the creator god of Genesis, a self-described jealous and exclusive god, is not the true Deity but a kind of fallen angel; or, in an overt critique of patriarchy unique in ancient literature, the declaration that the subordination of woman to man was an ignorant act in direct violation of the "holy height." In King's analysis, the Revelation becomes not strange but a comprehensible religious vision--and a window on the religious culture of the Roman Empire. A translation of the complete Secret Revelation of John is included.

The Secret Books of the Egyptian Gnostics M J F Books

Kabbalah has gained notoriety in recent years, thanks in large part to a publicity boost from celebrity adherents like Madonna. Yet the uninitiated may be surprised to learn that Jewish mysticism has been practiced for thousands of years. First published in 1929, The Holy Kabbalah is Arthur E. Waite's guide to these esoteric teachings. Divided into twelve books, with five appendices and a detailed index, this heavily researched volume traces the origins of Kabbalah and examines its influence (if any) on astrology, alchemy, and freemasonry. Including a close look at Kabbalistic literature, and sections on the Zohar and the Ten Sephiroth, this volume will serve as an excellent introduction to the secret tradition for those wanting to learn more about Kabbalah out of scholarship or curiosity. American-born British author ARTHUR EDWARD WAITE (1857-1942) was cocreator of the famous 1910 Rider-Waite Tarot deck. Among his numerous books are Book of Ceremonial Magic, Devil Worship in France, and New Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.

A Coptic Handbook of Ritual Power Wayne State University Press

This volume publishes a new Coptic handbook of ritual power, comprising a complete 20 page parchment codex from the second half of the first

millennium AD. It consists of an invocation including both Christian and Gnostic elements, ritual instructions, and a list of twenty-seven spells to cure demonic possession, various ailments, the effects of magic, or to bring success in love and business. The codex is not only a substantial new addition to the corpus of magical texts from Egypt, but, in its opening invocation, also provides new evidence for Sethian Gnostic thought in Coptic texts. A Coptic Handbook of Ritual Power is the first volume in the series The Macquarie Papyri, which will publish the papyri in the collection of the Museum of Ancient Cultures, Macquarie University (Sydney, Australia).

The Sign of the Serpent Vega Books

Provides insight into the lost history of the Giza Plateau and how Temple priests of the Great Pyramid preserved the evidence of life beyond death.

[The Secret Book of the Egyptian Gnostics](#) HarperLuxe

The Sign of the Serpent spans the chasm that has long separated ancient insight and modern knowledge. The image of the hooded serpent or Cobra - revered in India as a symbol of consciousness and the life force -has in the West lain buried in shame throughout 2000 years of history. In 1986, however, scientific evidence for the substantial reality of universal life-force energy fields in accordance with the ancient edicts shattered the reductionist's view that life and intelligence are mere effects of physical causes. CREATIVE PHYSICS, echoing a once universal 'Science of Life', is swiftly emerging with far- reaching implications that touch every facet of the human experience. The serpent is at last re-emerging from its long period of hibernation. MARK BALFOUR is a well-known photo-journalist and long time student of the culture of the Indian sub-continent. In recent times he has worked closely with physicists in documenting the discovery of the life-force energy field and the resulting breakthrough in the control of cancer.

What it is & how to Do it Putnam Publishing Group

Here is a handy, comprehensive reference guide to the myths and deities from ancient religions around the world. Now you can easily find the information you need to develop your own rituals and worship using the Gods/Goddesses with which you resonate most strongly. More than a mythological dictionary, this book explains the magical aspects of each deity as well as various magickal practices. For any cultural/religions background.

Synopsis of Nag Hammadi Codices II,1 - III,1 and IV,1 with BG 8502,2 Inner Traditions

"Jean Doresse's book was originally published in 1958 as the first authoritative description of the now famous cache of Egyptian Gnostic writings known as the Nag-Hammadi Library or, as Doresse calls it, the Chenoboskion Library. Despite the forty plus years since publication, a more readable and thorough introduction to the material is not to be found. Until the Nag-Hammadi discovery, the Gnostics were thought to be no more than a heretical splinter group of early Christianity with particularly bizarre cosmologies and licentious sexual practices. Hardly surprising given that most of what we knew about the various sects of Gnostics came from their rivals, the Christians. Doresse thoroughly reviews what was known of Gnosticism before these writings of theirs were unearthed. As one of the original discoverers of these texts, his first person account of their unearthing, acquisition, and identification is quite engaging. A physical description of the books then is given. Finally he launches into a discussion of the texts themselves, and what they reveal to us of Gnostic belief and practice"--Amazon.com.

With an English Translation... of the Gospel According to Thomas Viking Adult

"The aim of the present volume is to give a co-ordinated and coherent view of the "forest" rather than to describe in detail each particular "tree." The student may then, as his leisure permits, and his tastes impel, study for himself the histories of the separate trees, bushes, thickets, and so on, which, collectively, make up the gigantic forest of lives which populate the amazing world, or rather series of worlds, in which we have our being and evolve. "The work is planned in three main sections. First, the field, in which evolution takes place, is described. This involves a study of the various globes, their successive periods of activity and obscurity, the chains, and schemes of evolution. It is the forside of our subject, a description of the places where life evolves. The second section deals with the various streams of life which are poured into the prepared field, and the method by which those streams steadily evolve and pass through the various stages or levels of attainment or growth. These processes are here dealt with in, broad outline only, giving the student a bird's-eye view of the whole stately march of events. "The third section describes in much more detail the progress of the component parts of certain of the kingdoms of life, more especially the human races and sub-races. In this section, however, as already stated, full elaboration of detail is avoided, the object being, not so much to give the student an encyclopedic mass of information, as to enable him to perceive and understand the principles determining the mighty plan in obedience to which everything is ordered in this superbly ordered universe, in which "not a sparrow falls on the ground" save by the will of the Father of the System to which we have the honour to belong." (Lieut.-Col. Arthur E. Powell)

A Firsthand Account of the Expedition That Shook the Foundations of Christianity SkyLight Paths Publishing

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[The Gnostic Gospel Annotated & Explained](#) Simon and Schuster

A painstaking piece of detective work, drawing on all available evidence, this is the most thorough and important work on a perennially fascinating

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[The Secret Adam](#) Brill Archive

The book deals with thinkers and movements that were embraced by many second-century religious seekers but which are now largely forgotten or known only as "heretics": Basilides, Sethianism, Valentinus' school, Marcion, Tatian, Bardaisan, Montanists, Cerinthus, Ebionites, Nazarenes, Jewish-Christianity of the "Pseudo-Clementines," and Elchasites.

The Secret Books of the Egyptian Gnostics Harvard University Press

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Ritual Magic, by Donald Tyson, provides a historical, theoretical, and practical introduction to the astonishing world of magic--not mere myth and delusion nor tricks and illusion, but real magic. In Ritual Magic you will learn what is possible with magic. Can magic bring rains from a clear sky? Can it calm stormy seas? Can real magic change the outcome of great battles? Can you use magic to improve your life? The answers to these and many other questions will be found in Ritual Magic. ·Explore the roots of magic ? its complete history ·Get answers to questions frequently asked by those approaching magic for the first time ·Discover how magic works ·Learn the similarities and differences among different magical paths, including Golden Dawn, Shamanism, Wicca, Thelema, Druidism, and more ·Receive complete instructions for rituals to awaken magical awareness and to accomplish a willed purpose ·Deepen your knowledge of ritual magic, with suggested programs of study and reading material ·Learn how and why magic can become an important part of your life Whatever you own particular occult interest, Ritual Magic will help you learn what it is about, where it comes from, and how to do it correctly. By using this book as a road map of Western occultism, you will discover the truth about magic and use it to improve your life.

Another Seed Healing Arts Press

These Gnostic texts from the 4th century reveal the world of early Christianity and include The Gospel According to Thomas. This firsthand account of the discovery includes the first complete publication of the documents.

[Not in His Image \(15th Anniversary Edition\)](#) Llewellyn Worldwide

Why is religion still around in the twenty-first century? Why do so many still believe? And how do various traditions still shape the way people experience everything from sexuality to politics, whether they are religious or not? In *Why Religion?* Elaine Pagels looks to her own life to help address these questions. These questions took on a new urgency for Pagels when dealing with unimaginable loss—the death of her young son, followed a year later by the shocking loss of her husband. Here she interweaves a personal story with the work that she loves, illuminating how, for better and worse, religious traditions have shaped how we understand ourselves; how we relate to one another; and, most importantly, how to get through the most difficult challenges we face. Drawing upon the perspectives of neurologists, anthropologists, and historians, as well as her own research, Pagels opens unexpected ways of understanding persistent religious aspects of our culture. A provocative and deeply moving account from one of the most compelling religious thinkers at work today, *Why Religion?* explores the spiritual dimension of human experience.

A Personal Story A&C Black

Following a detailed introduction to the world of messianic ideology and its significance in Jewish history, *The Messiah* Texts traces the progress of the messianic legend from its biblical beginnings to contemporary expressions. Renowned scholar Raphael Patai has skillfully selected passages from a voluminous literature spanning three millennia. Using his own translations from Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, Latin, and other original texts, Patai excerpts delightful folk tales, apocalyptic fantasies, and parables of prophetic power. All are central to the understanding of a magnificent heritage. Patai also investigates the false messiahs who have appeared throughout Jewish history, the modern Messiah-influenced movements such as reform Judaism and Zionism, and the numerous reasons put forth by the various branches of Judaism as to why the Messiah has not yet appeared.

[Myth Or Reality?](#) Peter Owen Publishers

This book aims at presenting a new discussion of primary sources by renowned scholars of the long disputed question of "What Happened to the Ancient Library of Alexandria"? The treatment includes a brilliant presentation of cultural Alexandrian life in late antiquity.

[The Secret Books of the Egyptian Gnostics](#) Prism PressLtd

A noted parapsychologist offers convincing evidence of psychic ability through her numerous experiments. Examine the techniques used in different esoteric schools for altering states of consciousness from a scientific point of view. An authoritatively written work emphasizes that the psychic arts should be a working, living part of a way of life. As practical as it is spiritual, this will lead you to a oneness with, the universe.

[The Black Origins of Mysticism and Psychology](#) The Secret Books of the Egyptian GnosticsAn Introduction to the Gnostic Coptic Manuscripts

Discovered at Chenoboskion

In the period dominated by the triumphs of scientific rationalism, how do we account for the extraordinary success of such occult movements as astrology or the revival of witchcraft? From his perspective as a historian of religions, the eminent scholar Mircea Eliade shows that such popular trends develop from archaic roots and periodically resurface in certain myths, symbols, and rituals. In six lucid essays collected for this volume, Eliade reveals the profound religious significance that lies at the heart of many contemporary cultural vogues. Since all of the essays except the last were originally delivered as lectures, their introductory character and lively oral style make them particularly accessible to the intelligent nonspecialist. Rather than a popularization, Occultism, Witchcraft, and Cultural Fashions is the fulfillment of Eliade's conviction that the history of religions should be read by the widest possible audience.