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this book introduces students to christian mysticism and modern critical responses to it christianity has a rich tradition of mystical theology that first emerged in the writings of the early church fathers and flourished during the middle ages today christian mysticism is increasingly recognised as an important christian heritage relevant to today s spiritual seekers the book sets out to provide students and other interested readers with access to the main theoretical approaches to christian mysticism including those propounded by william james steven katz bernard mcginn michael sells denys turner and caroline walker bynum it also explores postmodern re readings of christian mysticism by authors such as jacques derrida jean luc marion and jean françois lyotard the book first introduces students to the main themes that underpin christian mysticism it then reflects on how

modern critics have understood each of them demonstrating that stark delineation between the different theoretical approaches eventually collapses under the weight of the complex interaction between experience and knowledge that lies at the heart of christian mysticism in doing so the book presents a deliberate challenge to a strictly perennialist reading of christian mysticism anyone even remotely familiar with christian mysticism will know that renewed interest in christian mystical writers has created a huge array of scholarship with which students of mysticism need to familiarise themselves this book outlines the various modern theoretical approaches in a manner easily accessible to a reader with little or no previous knowledge of this area and offers a philosophical theological introduction to christian mystical writers beyond the patristic period important for the latin western tradition

this revised and expanded edition offers a big possibility the hope of achieving real experiential union with god the christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist this word of warning from theologian karl rahner was uttered half a century ago and today christianity is indeed in crisis is mysticism necessary for the survival of christianity what exactly is christian mysticism how can it be relevant in our crisis ridden world questions like these inspire the new big book of christian mysticism a newly updated edition from beloved spiritual teacher and bestselling author carl mccolman the new big book of christian mysticism serves as both introduction and practical instruction for a living contemplative practice today in addition to the overview of mysticism spiritual and prayer practices in mysticism the various types of mysticism in christian tradition and influential mystics through the millennia this second edition offers an embodied understanding of the mystic life with a more diverse range of voices and perspectives from howard thurman to pauli murray it also includes new chapters and themes that address embodied mysticism contemplation and social justice and the ongoing relevance of jesus s message of radical equality and inclusivity this bigger book introduces both christians and non christians to the contemplative tradition within christianity a tradition that has often been marginalized or cloistered to the church s detriment as a practice oriented book this is an invitation to embrace the mystical element within christianity a practice that can equip faithful persons with a joyful sense of divine intimacy not just for personal benefit but as a foundation to a life of service and activism in the interest of justice mccolman s overview of mysticism shows how it has been practiced and lived through the centuries and will prove inspirational for today s seekers regardless of their faith tradition at its heart christian mysticism is an ancient practice that incorporates meditation contemplation worship philosophy the quest for enlightenment the thirst for a better world and the experience of divine presence

ursula king s christian mystics offers a distinctive perspective on spirituality the author presents the christian mystical tradition through short biographies of its great figures biographies which are highly readable without oversimplifying the ideas of these great figures this is an outstanding entryway into the rich and deep world of christian mysticism recommended for readers of all

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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 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 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

called in a special way to listen to god s whispers the 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 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 genuinely human harvey d egan sj is the author of numerous works on christian mysticism and the thought of karl rahner he is currently professor of systematic and mystical theology at boston college

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

this brief accessibly written volume introduces key figures texts and themes of the mystical tradition and shows how and why the mystics can speak to the church today jason baxter an expert educator and storyteller explains that the mystical tradition offers a more robust understanding of god than our current shallow conceptions featuring engagement with primary sources and suitable for use in a variety of courses this book argues that the mystics have much to say to contemporary christians searching for authentic modes of spirituality

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

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aspects of christian mysticism by william major scott first published in 1907 is a rare manuscript the original residing in one of the great libraries of the world this book is a reproduction of that original which has been scanned and cleaned by state of the art publishing tools for better readability and enhanced appreciation restoration editors mission is to bring long out of print manuscripts back to life some smudges annotations or unclear text may still exist due to permanent damage to the original work we believe the literary significance of the text justifies offering this reproduction allowing a new generation to appreciate it

in this masterful historical survey theologian johnmacquarrie demonstrates how christians especially thegreat mystics have experienced at their own radiant core the love and presence of god the word mysticism evokes ecstatic visions asceticism andesoteric teaching yet the author maintains mystics arebetter thought of as people who exhibit common humancuriosity long to explore religious mystery and ultimatelyfind a deep personal relationship with god macquarrie discusses in detail the ten common traits ofmysticism before tracing two millennia of christianmysticism he mainly allows the mystics to speak forthemselves but he is also particularly insightful aboutthe greatest individuals of the tradition from paul to thepatristic platonists to the classic medieval mystics to a hostof twentieth century exemplars

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 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 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

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 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

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 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

the heart of the christian faith is a direct encounter with god so profound that it can be referred to as union it is an experience that cannot be described in words but it can be glimpsed in the radiant lives of the men and women called mystics here james harpur presents the stories of some of the most influential christian mystics from the past two thousand years he provides their historical and ecclesiastical contexts as well as appreciations of the unique contributions of each of them to the ongoing articulation of the way of love and union love burning in the soul is a comprehensive and highly readable survey of the great christian mystical tradition for everyone included are clement of alexandria gregory of nyssa john scotus eriugena bernard of clairvaux hildegard of bingen francis of assisi mechtild of magdeburg meister eckhart john tauler jan van ruysbroeck gregory palamas richard rolle julian of norwich catherine of siena jacob boehme george fox teresa of vila fran ois f nelon jean pierre de caussade william blake pierre teilhard de chardin thomas merton many others

this clear and informative book provides readers with a crash course on how the seers saints and sages of the christian tradition have pursued and attained enlightenment this is a user friendly and potentially life changing introduction to the wisdom teachings of over 108 of the greatest mystics in the western tradition its premise is that we all need teachers and companions to assist us in developing rich interior lives it celebrates the universal power and wisdom of the teachings of the mystics highlighting the ways in which their words can help anyone find greater love purpose and a deeper sense of god s presence mccolman organizes the mystics into nine categories visionaries

confessors lovers poets saints heretics wisdom keepers soul friends and unitives he covers a wide range of christian mystics including martin luther king hildegard of bingen julian of norwich gregory of palamus and c s lewis this informative volume will appeal to those who buy religious reference books and those interested in spirituality

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