

MYSTICISM

Böhme, Jakob, *The Way to Christ*, c1978, 307 pages.

This book provides an introduction to the thought and spirituality of this renowned German mystic. In it are described the stages of mystical ascent to Christ through the attainment of Divine Contemplation.

189.5 Boe WC

Borchert, Bruno, *Mysticism: Its History and Challenge*, 1994, 456 pages.

Explains Christian mystics in history, in perspective, and through art, examining the phenomenon of Western mysticism, especially the mystical experience, the mystical person, mystical language, and the triggers of mystical experience.

248.22 BOR MHC

Bridges, Hal, *American Mysticism, from William James to Zen*, 1970, 208 pages.

Concentrating upon the writings of representative mystics, this book offers an account of the history of mystical experience and thought in the United States since 1900, within the Judeo-Christian tradition, Vedanta, Zen, and psychology.

149.3 Bri AM

Crookall, Robert, *The Interpretation of Cosmic and Mystical Experiences*, 1969, 175 pages.

Research into the feeling of at-oneness with inanimate and animate objects, including nature and people as presented through the experience of clairvoyants, astral projectors, anaesthetized and disincarnated persons.

133 Cro ICM

Dupré, Louis K., *Light from Light: An Anthology of Christian Mysticism*, 1988, 440 pages.

A collection of excerpts from twenty-five of the most important of the Christian mystics ranging from the second to the twentieth century, including Gregory of Nyssa, Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Ignatius of Loyola, William Law, and Thomas Merton.

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Eckhart, Meister, *Selected Writings*, 1994, 293 pages.

The works of this seminal Christian mystic are some of the most powerful attempts to synthesize ancient Greek thought and Christian faith, reconciling a belief in the Christian Trinity with the Neoplatonic concept of a divine "Oneness" inherent in all creatures.

252 Eck SW

Eckhart, Meister, *Meister Eckhart, Sermons & Treatises*, 1987, 3 v.

Meister Eckhart was one of the greatest mystics and a key figure in the history of Western mysticism. This three-volume edition offers a comprehensive collection of his sermons and treatises.

248.22 Eck MEST v.1-3

Ellwood, Robert S., *Mysticism and Religion*, 1999, 201 pages.

An overview of the major issues and positions in the study of mysticism (its history, the structure of its experience, the technique, etc.) as well as a closer integration of mystic and religious thought.

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Fanning, Steven, *Mystics of the Christian Tradition*, 2001, 279 pages.

A comprehensive guide to exploring the broad range of mystic phenomena—from divine visions to self-tortures—and the lives and teachings of almost a hundred mystics of the Christian tradition in their historical context.

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Forman, Robert K. C., *The Problem of Pure Consciousness: Mysticism and Philosophy*, 1997, 307 pages.

The contributors to this collection scrutinize the “pure consciousness event”—the common mystical experience of being awake but devoid of intentional content—through the use of historical Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, and Jewish mystical writings.

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Ghose, Sisirkumar, *Mystics as a Force for Change*, 1981, 153 pages.

Analyzing the transformative effect of the mystical experience upon the mystic, and, in turn, the effect the mystic has upon his world, this book underlines the social validity of mysticism, postulating that mystical psychology is a possible foundation for a better society.

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Harvey, Andrew, *The Direct Path: Creating a Journey to the Divine through the World's Mystical Traditions*, c2000, 291 pages.

Drawing on mystical traditions from around the world, the author outlines eighteen sacred practices that readers can use to unite mind, body, and soul, cultivating a personal relationship with the divine without relying on intermediaries.

291.4 Har DP

Hollenback, Jess Byron, *Mysticism: Experience, Response, and Empowerment*, c1996, 646 pages.

Affirming that a mystic’s cultural heritage profoundly shapes the content of his or her experience, this book consists of an inquiry into the nature of mystical experience overall, and analyses of two major instances of it—Black Elk’s and Teresa of Avila’s.

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Jinarājādāsa, C., *The Nature of Mysticism*, 1934, 80 pages.

Analyses the modes of mysticism identifying six main types—of Grace, of Love, Pantheistic, Nature, Sacramental and Theosophical. The author explores the theme, method, obstacle, and ideal of each one of them.

T J564 NM

John of the Cross, *Saint, John of the Cross: Selected Writings*, 1987, 326 pages.

John of the Cross is recognized by the Catholic community as *the* mystical doctor, being a major figure in the history of Spanish literature and Christian mysticism. In this book a selection of his more important mystical writings is offered to the reader.

248.22 Joh JCSW

Johnston, William, *The Cloud of Unknowing, and The Book of Privy Counseling*, 2005, 185 pages.

The Cloud of Unknowing is a practical spiritual guide to the path of contemplation, and represents the first expression in our tongue of the great mystic tradition of the Christian Neoplatonists. The Book of Privy Counseling is a short and moving text on the way to enlightenment through a total loss of self and consciousness only of the divine.

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Kushner, Lawrence, *The Way into Jewish Mystical Tradition*, 2001, 184 pages.

A guided tour through fifty Jewish mystical ideas that remain vital to this day. Each one is presented in a biblical text, classical maxim, or phrase together with the English translation, the original Hebrew, or Aramaic, and their transliterations.

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Laenen, J. H., *Jewish Mysticism: An Introduction*, c2001, 292 pages.

This book aims to provide the interested layperson with a picture of the main currents of mysticism in the past two thousand years of Judaism, through ancient Jewish mysticism, the Kabbalah, and the Hasidic movement.

296.712 Lae JM

Marquette, Jacques de, *Introduction to Comparative Mysticism*, 1965, 229 pages.

A concise survey of the universal aspects of mysticism in Hinduism, Buddhism (including Lamaism and Zen), Hebrew mysticism, the Orphics, Pythagoreans, Platonists and Neo-Platonists, Christian mystics, and the Sufis of Islam.

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Merkur, Daniel, *Mystical Moments and Unitive Thinking*, 1999, 188 pages.

An alternative psychoanalytic theory of mysticism that speaks not of regression to infantile modes of ego functioning, but of sublimation. This theory postulates that unitive thinking is inherently and inalienably healthy, manifesting as conscious spirituality.

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Mommaers, Paul, *Mysticism, Buddhist and Christian: Encounters with Jan van Ruusbroec*, 1995, 302 pages.

This book presents the writings of the not very well known but influential, medieval Flemish mystic, Jan van Ruusbroec, and engages his mystical path in an interreligious “dialogue” with Buddhist contemplation.

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Otto, Rudolf, *Mysticism East and West: A Comparative Analysis of the Nature of Mysticism*, 1987, 256 pages.

Explores the nature of Eastern and Western mystical experience by comparing the teachings of the German mystic Meister Eckhart and the Indian Shankara, examining common elements and differences in them.

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Paper, Jordan D., *The Mystic Experience: A Descriptive and Comparative Analysis*, 2004, 169 pages.

The author offers an analysis of mystic experience in a variety of cultural traditions, including how it is considered in fields like philosophy, sociology, psychology and anthropology. He also distinguishes this experience from others such as lucid dreams, shamanism and mediumism.

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Pseudo-Dionysius, the Areopagite, *Pseudo-Dionysius: The Complete Works*, 1987, 312 pages.

Prepared by a team of six research scholars, these are the complete works of the enigmatic fifth- and sixth-century writer, pseudonymously named as Dionysius the Areopagite, the Athenian convert of St. Paul mentioned in Acts 17:34.

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Rumi, J., *The Sufi Path of Love: The Spiritual Teachings of Rumi*, c1983, 433 pages.

The teachings of the greatest mystical poet of Islam, J. Rumi, are presented in an orderly arrangement covering the fields of knowledge or theory, works or practice, and attainment to God or spiritual psychology.

I298.1 Rum Chi SPL

Ruusbroec, John, *The Spiritual Espousals and Other Works*, 1985, 286 pages.

This volume collects four of the best works of the most important Flemish Christian mystic, for whom the mystic life was not so much a progression of stages, but a simultaneous activity, return, and rest.

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Sells, Michael A., *Mystical Languages of Unsaying*, 1994, 316 pages.

A study on a mode of mystical discourse called apophasis which embraces the impossibility of naming something that is ineffable. Includes readings of apophatic texts by Plotinus, John the Scot Eriugena, Ibn Arabi, Marguerite Porete, and Meister Eckhart.

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Spencer, Sidney, *Mysticism in World Religion*, 1971, 363 pages.

A comprehensive survey of the various types of mystical religion in a single volume, including Hindu, Buddhist, Taoist and Confucianist, Greek and Hellenistic, Jewish, Christian, and Islamic forms of mysticism.

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Stace, W. T., *Mysticism and Philosophy*, 1960, 349 pages.

The distinguished professor of philosophy at Princeton explores what bearing, if any, the notion referred to as “mystical experience” in the different religious traditions, has upon the more important problems of philosophy.

149.3 Sta MP

Suzuki, Daisetz Teitaro, *Mysticism: Christian and Buddhist*, c1957, 214 pages.

The renowned Zen scholar D. T. Suzuki presents a clear account of the essentials of mysticism, taking as examples, Zen and Shin Buddhism and the reflections of Meister Eckhart, one of the greatest Christian mystics.

149 Suz MCB.

Teresa, of Avila, Saint, *The Interior Castle*, c1979, 225 pages.

Among the mystics, Saint Teresa of Avila holds a unique position as a witness to divine realities. This book is one of the most celebrated on mystical theology in existence, the most sublime and mature of her works in guiding souls toward spiritual perfection.

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Underhill, Evelyn, *Mysticism: A Study in the Nature and Development of Man's Spiritual Consciousness*, 1955, 519 pages.

First published in 1911 and now recognized as a classic, this is one of the most significant books on the subject of mysticism, its history and manifestation. Underhill collects and compares material from St. Teresa of Avila, Meister Eckhart, St. John of the Cross, and other mystics.

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Underhill, Evelyn, *Practical Mysticism*, 1942, 191 pages.

Written for the general reader, this book explains how the practice of mysticism can raise spiritual consciousness, resulting in a better grasp of reality, how it harmonizes with the duties of ideals of an active life, and how it can help us solve our problems.

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Versluis, Arthur, *Theosophia: Hidden Dimensions of Christianity*, 1994, 223 pages.

Focusing on the mysticism of Tauler and Eckhart, the *Philokalia*, and the teachings of Jacob Bohme, introduces little-known aspects of Christian tradition tracing the long-hidden esoteric stream of Christian gnostic theosophy, which affirms a profound nature-based mysticism.

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Weeks, Andrew, *German Mysticism from Hildegard of Bingen to Ludwig Wittgenstein: A Literary and Intellectual History*, 1993, 283 pages.

Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart, Paracelsus, Jacob Boehme, Angelus Silesius, Novalis, and such recent thinkers as Schopenhauer and Wittgenstein are among the philosophers analyzed in this rich overview of German mysticism.

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Werner, Karel, *The Yogi and the Mystic: Studies in Indian and Comparative Mysticism*, 192 pages.

A collection of papers displaying the structural patterns in mystical experiences and the mystic paths in different traditions and schools, also comparing the Eastern development of mysticism with that of Europe.

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Zum Brunn, Emilie, *Women Mystics in Medieval Europe: Northern Mystic Writers of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries*, 1989, 233 pages.

A succinct yet scholarly study of the lives of five women mystics (a Benedictine Abbess, a Cistercian Prioress, and three Beguines) including selections from their writings-works and depicting their place in the development of Christian mystical thought.

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Buss, Erik, *Ahead of His Time: Swedish Mystic Emanuel Swedenborg* CDA 0141

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