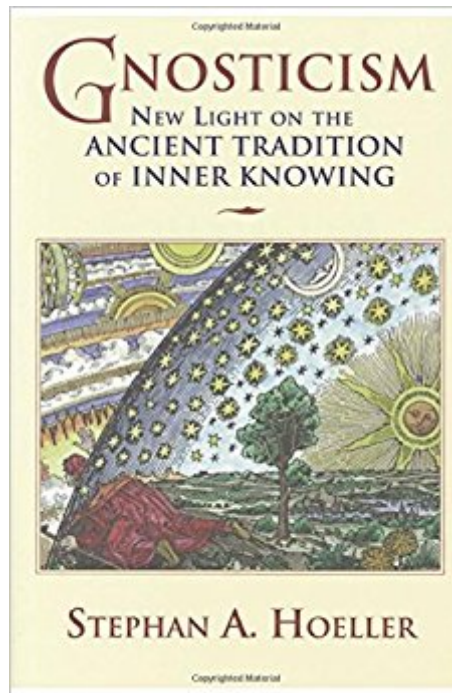




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Gnosticism: New Light On The Ancient Tradition Of Inner Knowing



Synopsis

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.

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Customer Reviews

Stephan A Hoellier, former teacher at the Manly P Hall Institute and Freemason initiate follows the religious aspect of Hellenistic Christianity known as Gnosticism in this wonderful book. While I disagree with him on his current position on Masonry and I do think many Masons, like Mr. Hoellier and Mr. Hall, were good people who didn't get to the top of the Ba'al worshiping satanic pyramid scheme. I can't blame him for liking Albert Pike either. After all Morals and Dogma espouses Gnosticism to the highest degree. Enough of that really, I could spend quite a long time on the elite and their misuses of knowledge of good and evil. Before you head into the Nag Hammadi texts I'd suggest you read this book first as it will provide you with an overview of what this paganistic form of Christianity believes. Now Pagan in this context is just being used as an adjective. The Gnostic ideal is a polytheistic religion combining the works of Plato, Kabalism, and Jesus Christ. Their take on genesis is radically different than the orthodoxy of Judea Christianity and when you open your eyes

and are willing to look at things in a new light it does make a lot of sense. For example, do you really think the God of the Kingdom of Heaven Jesus referred to is of Yahweh's the god of the Hebrews? If you think it is, well... this isn't the book for you! The Gnostics regard Yahweh as the flawed Demiurge creator god born into existence out of feminine Wisdom or Sophia and they provide significant bible verses to back up this assertion in the old testament under the name Chokhmah. They view Eden as a prison of ignorance and thank the serpent, an emanation of Sophia the mother of Yahweh, for convincing Eve (who is viewed as a daughter of Sophia) for giving Gnosis or knowledge of good and evil to mankind so man could be liberated from ignorance and awaken to the world around them. This is only the start of the journey here. The book also covers wide ranging religions from Mandaeanism, to Buddhism, to Zoroastrianism and beyond. It also has a great history of how the Knights Templar became obsessed with John de Baptist as well as the Rosicrucians. You don't have to agree with it, but if you wish to understand more about the secret orders and the beliefs of these secret societies then I'd suggest you'd by this book. After you're done with it I'd suggest the Nag Hammadi and Morals and Dogma to get into the mind of the gnostic a bit more. Though Pike espoused more than just gnosticism to let you know. I will warn you now, this road leads down many rabbit holes, some good and some bad. Just make sure to stay away from anything that has Alister Crowley's or the OTO's foot prints on it and you should be fine! Even Hoelzer himself in multiple interviews indicated as such about the OTO and Crowley. Below I provided two links to two interviews with the Author which include freemasonry, Crowley, Gnosticism, and more! I hope you enjoy them.[...][...]

If you're wanting an understandable explanation of the history, beliefs and writings of Gnosticism then this is the book for you. Very comprehensive, well written.

Overwhelmed by all the religious books I read

Christian intolerance era explained. Hint it was about power.

This book does a good job of explaining the basic teachings of Gnosticism and the differences in various schools. Hoeller explains how the Gnostic view of the divine and the world differs from conventional Christianity. He explains the concept of the Demiurge as the creator of the material universe versus the true God of Jesus who created the spiritual realms. He explains the significance of Sophia, the Gnostic goddess that symbolizes wisdom. He includes brief biographies of the

leaders of some of the better known Gnostic groups and schools from early Christianity. He also covers how Gnosticism has influenced many great minds including Blake, Voltaire, Yeats and Jung. He also takes a look at the growing interest in Gnosticism and how it may guide us into the future.

Perfect condition

Like the title explains, A New Light on The Ancient Tradition of Inner Knowing. This book was at a great price with very fast ship, thanks.

Generally a great 101 for someone like myself who knew very little on Gnosticism. I'd recommend it for people new to the subject.

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