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False Dawn Lee Penn 2004 The interfaith movement, which began with the 1893 World’s Parliament of Religions in Chicago, has grown worldwide. Although this movement has been largely unknown to the public, it now provides a spiritual face for globalization, the economic and political forces leading us all from nationalism to 20ne World. The most ambitious organization in today’s interfaith movement is the United Religions Initiative (URI), founded by William Swing, the Episcopal Bishop of California. Investigative reporter Lee Penn, a Catholic ex-Marxist, exhaustively documents the history and beliefs of the URI and its New Age and globalist allies, the vested interests that support these movements, and the direction they appear to be taking. The interfaith movement is no longer merely the province of a coterie of little-heeded religious idealists with grandiose visions. The URI’s proponents have ranged from billionaire George Soros to President George W. Bush, from the far-right Rev. Sun Myung Moon to the liberal Catholic theologian Hans Küng, and from the Dalai Lama to the leaders of government-approved Protestant churches in the People’s Republic of China. The interfaith movement, including the URI, is being promoted by globalist and New Age reformers who favor erosion of national sovereignty, marginalization of traditional religions, establishment of 2global governance, and creation of a new, Earth-based 2global spirituality. In effect, a one-world religion. Therefore, the URI and the interfaith movement are poised to become the spiritual foundation of the New World Order: the 2new civilization2 now proposed by Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union. In The Reign of Quantity and the Signs of the Times, French metaphysician René Guénon spoke of the 2anti-tradition2 (the forces of materialism and secular humanism) finally giving way to the 2counter-tradition2 (the satanic inversion of true spirituality), leading to the regime of Antichrist. The 2anti-tradition2 weakens and dissolves traditional spiritualities, after which the 2counter-tradition2 sets up a counterfeit in their place. Since Guénon’s time, as is well known, anti-traditional forces have greatly advanced worldwide. It is less well-known that counter-traditional movements have also made great strides, and now stand closer to the centers of global political and religious power than ever before. The 2counter-tradition2 is making inroads on the political and cultural Right, as much as it is doing on the Left. False Dawn painstakingly documents these trends, and speculates on their future development. In so doing, the author takes investigative reporting to the threshold of prophecy, and gives us a stunningly plausible picture of the global religious landscape of the 21st century. This extraordinary project is the literary equivalent of turning over a flat rock. There is much to be seen and learned here.2 of it unsettling, disquieting, occasionally downright scary. 2William Murchison, Radford Distinguished Professor, Baylor University When a bishop of a Christian church happily worships alongside a Wiccan invoking other gods, something has gone horribly wrong. In False Dawn, Lee Penn has produced a comprehensive and critical history of the United Religions Initiative. This book sounds a clear warning: Anyone who makes theological truth subservient to utopianism denigrates all religions. 2Douglas LeBlanc, Editor, GetReligion.org

A-Z of *Spirituality* Steve Nolan 2013-11-28 Spirituality is a multifaceted speciality; anyone who wants to understand it must look across a range of disciplines, which can often make it seem overwhelming and incomplete. This book will act as a reference resource for readers looking to develop their study of spirituality and its relevance to health and social care.

Walking a Sacred Path Lauren Artress 1995 Exploring the historical origins of an ancient spiritual tool, an examination of the ancient Labyrinth offers a walking meditation that transcends the limits of still meditation and provides a tremendous sense of renewal and change.

The Sacred Way Tony Jones 2010-12-21 Broaden your spiritual horizons.How has spirituality changed in the last 500, 1,000, or even 2,000 years? How can ancient approaches to faith help my relationship with God today?In The Sacred Way, popular author and speaker Tony Jones mines the rich history of 16 spiritual disciplines that have flourished throughout the ages and offers practical tips for implementing them in your daily life. Find encouragement and challenge through time-tested disciplines such as:•Silence and solitude •The Jesus prayer•Meditation•PilgrimageExplore these proven approaches to deepening your faith. As you do, your way of living your spiritual life will never be the same.

Das Buch von Gott Walter Wangerin 1999

The Sand Labyrinth Kit Lauren Artress 2000-10-15 For thousands of years, archetypal labyrinth patterns have been used as a powerful tool for resolving problems, access to inner peace, and spiritual alignment. A simple, yet highly effective practice, walking or tracing a labyrinth quiets the mind and takes you to a place where you can hear your own wisdom with clarity and calmness. Author Lauren Artress, the founder of Veriditas, the Worldwide Labyrinth Project and renowned expert on the subject, offers a lovely labyrinth kit, to be used anywhere, anytime—on tabletops, desktops, beds or laps. Included in The Sand Labyrinth is a 10" square sandbox and two traditional labyrinth tops—each pattern creating a different meditative effect—that fit perfectly on top of a layer of fine white sand for finger tracing. The accompanying book contains five sections devoted to using the labyrinth for healing, creativity, discovering your soul assignment, awakening self-knowledge, and honoring your experience. You’ll also find words of wisdom from sages of all traditions and ages, plus testimonials from ordinary people who have found extraordinary results from the soothing, mesmerizing power of the labyrinth—to help deepen your meditation practice.

A Spirituality for Brokenness Terry Taylor 2009 Compassionately guides you through the practicalities of facing and finally accepting brokenness in your life a process that can ultimately bring mending. A clear-eyed, kindhearted method based on teachings and practices from many religious traditions."

Bodies of Worship Bernard J. Cooke 1999 Bodies of Worship explores how the ecclesial, ritual, individual, and cultural bodies engaged in the Church's worship contribute to the theory and practice of both liturgical theology and pastoral ministry. The authors bring solid historical and theoretical scholarship to bear on the practice and experience of the liturgy and spirituality of the Church.

Labyrinth Di Williams 2012-01-18 This full-colour book offers a unique insight into labyrinths in the UK and wider, combined with Di's own stunning photography. It begins with a potted history of the labyrinth and hints for walking one, shares personal reflections and stories from the labyrinth and explores the variety of settings in which labyrinths are now to be found. It includes a section on how to create your own labyrinth and lead your own labyrinth walk.

Pilgrimage as a Means of Spiritual Formation Jimmy Todd Bardin 2018 The purpose of this project was to enhance the formation of the spiritual lives of the people of Rockledge United Methodist Church by engaging in the ancient practice of pilgrimage. A person on pilgrimage, according to Dr. Lauren Artress in Walking the Sacred Path, engages in a three-fold path of purgation, illumination and union as they seek an ever-deepening sense of union with the Divine. ([Footnote:] Lauren Artress. Walking the Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Tool (New York: Riverhead Books, 1995), 29-30). By encouraging persons to be open to their stories of faith and reflective of their own spiritual condition, Rockledge United Methodist Church sought to deepen its capacity for spiritual journey in the company of other traveling companions, thereby we had hoped that we might move closer to God and each other. The narrative of concern, which sparked this project, was the sense that this congregation wanted to be vital in ministry and grow close to God but it seemed that every time they began to make progress in the right direction, something came along and knocked them off their path. The theological and biblical foundations for the project focused on the nature of relationships in the context of pilgrimage experiences and we explored them in the layered stories from those who participated in the pilgrimage events. The research methodology included two opportunities to practice pilgrimage: a labyrinth experience on campus during Lent and a trip to a local beach. Most of the people that comprised the congregation of Rockledge United Methodist Church took advantage of these opportunities to seek God. God moved among the participants in various ways and most shared amazing stories of divine encounter in their reflections. As a result of this project, the congregation now wishes to keep the practice of pilgrimage alive. We are exploring ways of having the labyrinth back during others seasons of the year or even having a permanent Labyrinth installation located somewhere on campus. We are exploring additional trips to the beach and to other close by places to intentionally seek God. In the narrative landscape of the project, the pastor-researcher and the Local Advisory Committee discovered connections between the pastoral, personal and congregational journeys that converged into a newfound understanding that God is with us no matter what.

Walking a Sacred Path Lauren Artress 1996-06-01 Lauren Artress reintroduces the ancient Labyrinth, a walking meditation that transcends the limits of still meditation, and shows us the possibilities it brings for renewal and change. 'Walking the Labyrinth' has reemerged today as a metaphor for the spiritual journey and a powerful tool for transformation. This walking meditation is an archetype, a mystical ritual found in all religious traditions. It quiets the mind and opens the soul. Walking a Sacred Path explores the historical origins of this divine imprint and shares the discoveries of modern day seekers. It shows us the potential of the Labyrinth to inspire change and renewal, and serves as a guide to help us develop the higher level of human awareness we need to survive in the twenty-first century.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Meditation Joan Budilovsky 1998-12-01 You're no idiot, of course. Sometimes you just want to relax, clear your head, rest your aching muscles, and rejuvenate your weary soul. You've heard meditation is a great stress reliever, but sometimes it seems so complicated it makes you downright uptight. Relax! Meditation is easy to learn-especially if you rely on The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Meditation, as you follow the path to inner peace. In this Complete Idiot's Guide®, you get: --Zen techniques, including guided imagery and mindfulness, to help you meditate effectively. --Tips for learning how to use meditation in daily life, including stressful situations, exercise, and fatigue. --An easy-to-understand explanation of the connections between meditation, sleep, and dreams. --Expert advice on how and when to meditate and detailed drawings and diagrams for breathing, positions, and more. --Techniques for meditating to music or modern chants.

Phoenix Rising Birthing the Strong Delusion Phyllis Kathleen Gault 2021-10-15 This Book Exposes the False Prophets of the New Apostolic Reformation Phyllis Kathleen Gault, B.S. M.A. is the author of Phoenix Rising: Birthing the Strong Delusion. Mrs. Gault states that all religions are merging with Christianity to form one universal church. She provides an overview of the major world religions, and she explains how both liberal and Charismatic Christians are merging Eastern mysticism and Western esotericism with Christianity. Mysticism is the tie that binds these mystery religions together. Her book focuses on a far-right movement called the New Apostolic Reformation. These Gnostics are cloaking mysticism within Christian-sounding terms to convert Christians, unwitting, to their rising apostate religion. These false prophets call this the underground stream. These pretenders of the faith are taking advantage of the rising global crises. These dominionists plan to deconstruct the United States Government to establish a fascist system controlled by their heretical prophets, and apostles, as they do not follow Bible-based Christianity. When they reach the apex of their plan, they will establish a theocracy, which is a political, economic, social, and religious system based on their heretical interpretation of Christianity. Revelation 12 calls this church Mystery Babylon. Finally, these Gnostic Christians are networking with various groups to deconstruct the United States Government by increasing divisions among the people. They say this chaos will lead to a second Civil War. Then, this "revolution" will spread worldwide, leading to the bloodiest crusade ever. About this Book: This book is 372 pages with 56 pages of reference. The printed copy is one inch thick. It is a big book. This work has 320 black and white images and 52 color photos. It traces the rise of pagan religions from the beginning of time and it reveals how Gnostics and other esotericists have infiltrated Christianity with these philosophical ideas.

She Changes Everything Lucy Reid 2005-12-12 This is not a textbook in feminist theology so much as a chronicle of Reid's own journey and an excursion through the writings of others whose thought has been pivotal for her. In the first chapter, she describes my research into the use of feminine imagery for God in the Bible and Christian history. Discovering the feminine face of God was an affirming and exciting process, and it opened new paths of imagery and understanding that linked women's lives to the Divine and named women's reality as holy. In the second chapter, she combines the Wisdom of the Goddess with that of the God she had known, reaching toward a more whole image of the Divine. Reid describes her loss of faith in a distant and transcendent God in the third chapter. In the fourth chapter, she describes the freedom she experienced when abandoning the traditional concepts of sin and salvation. In the remaining chapters, she describes her departure from traditional Christianity, her engagements with other religious traditions, and her reframing of theology into a life-sustaining, earth-honoring, and peace-making endeavor.

Meditation ? The Complete Guide Patricia Monaghan 2011-10-05 Uniquely comprehensive, this one-stop resource describes thirty-7ve distinct meditation practices, detailing their historical background and contemporary use, ways to begin, and additional resources. The what and why of meditation in general are discussed, with emphasis on helping readers discover what particular type of meditators they are. Disciplines grounded in Buddhism, Tantrism, Taoism, Judaism, and Islam are included, as are contemplative

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prayer, Quaker worship, and indigenous traditions. Drumming, trance dancing, yoga, mindfulness, labyrinth walking, gardening, and even needle crafts are explored in a spirit that invites and instructs novice, devotee, and healing professional alike. How to choose an approach? The authors ask questions that steer readers toward options that match their habits, preferences, and needs.

Exploring_the_Labyrinth Melissa Gayle West 2011-03-16 "Whoever you are, walking the labyrinth has something to offer. If a project is challenging you, walking can get your creative juices flowing. When struggling with grief or anger, or a physical challenge or illness, walking the labyrinth can point the way to healing and wholeness. If you're looking for a way to meditate or pray that engages your body as well as your soul, the labyrinth provides such a path. When you just want reflective time away from a busy life, the labyrinth can offer you time out. The labyrinth holds up a mirror, reflecting back to us not only the light of our finest selves, but also whatever restrains us from shining forth." --From the Introduction Join Melissa Gayle West and thousands of others who are turning to labyrinth walking for quiet meditation and spiritual healing. Exploring the Labyrinth blends the timeless wisdom and meaning derived from labyrinths along with practical advice, divided among three sections: What is a labyrinth and why does it have such astonishing contemporary appeal? You'll be introduced to walking and working with this ancient archetype. Learn to construct a temporary or permanent, indoor or outdoor labyrinth from rocks, rope, canvas, and a wide variety of other materials. Discover specific ways to use the labyrinth for rituals, meaningful celebrations, spiritual growth, healing work, creativity enhancement, and goal setting. With practical advice, spiritual wisdom, and helpful resources, Exploring the Labyrinth is the complete guide to this ancient, transformative tool.

The Path of the Holy Fool Lauren Artress 2020-11-15 The Path of the Holy Fool: How the Labyrinth Ignites Our Visionary PowersThe Path of the Holy Fool summons each of us to become a Holy Fool: one who is accountable, stands for equality and social justice, embraces an ecological vision, and encourages community spirit. Lauren Artress, who established the two permanent labyrinths at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, is a leading force in the Labyrinth Movement. Her new book The Path of the Holy Fool: How the Labyrinth Ignites Our Visionary Powers expands upon her earlier work in Walking a Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice. Through the Parsifal story Artress suggests the labyrinth serves as a Grail that is discovered in the invisible, imaginative, in-between world symbolized by the Grail Castle. Most importantly this book invites readers to explore and reflect upon their own uniquely configured imaginations. It is through the imagination that self-reflection and raw experiences of the Holy occur. Once we navigate our imaginative processes without fear, the labyrinth experience ignites our creativity, heals our wounds and opens our big picture vision that nurtures empathy and gives us eyes to see and ears to hear—even through the sorrows of the pandemic—the call for a life-enhancing future. The labyrinth offers the Holy Fool an unwavering path as we learn to takes risks, create new modalities and find a way to contribute to our evolving world. ISBN (eBook): 978-1-7359188-0-8 *Kids on the Path: School Labyrinth Guide* Marge McCarthy 2019-12-11 “Kids on the Path” was designed to guide school personnel on how to plan, build, and maintain a Labyrinth at their school site. It was first published in 2007. It stresses the importance of total buy-in from: teachers, staff, parents and especially the students. The book provides labyrinth-themed lessons for the classroom in all subject areas: math, science, art, music, health and wellness, affective/social domains, language arts, art, social studies. The book has been sold across North and South America, Europe, Australia and Africa. Perhaps the popularity of labyrinths in schools today is a result of the frantic pace of our society. Children feel pressured to succeed academically, to excel at sports, to be popular, to participate in a multitude of after-school activities and to please their parents and teachers. The labyrinth is a tool that allows calming of the mind, body, and spirit – for children, teachers, and school personnel. Enjoy walking the path of this book in creating your labyrinth.

The Spirituality of Mazes and Labyrinths Gailand MacQueen 2005 In this full-colour, beautifully illustrated book, Gailand MacQueen uses myth, history, and personal experience to explore the spiritual meanings of mazes and labyrinths. Convinced that labyrinths and mazes have much to teach us, Gailand MacQueen invites readers on a sometimes mystical, sometimes mysterious, journey of spiritual discovery.

Healing with Art and Soul Kathy Luethje 2008-12-18 This fascinating collection of essays contains a variety of perspectives about the use of expressive arts for facilitating physical and emotional healing. Each author within brings a fresh approach and unique experiences to their writing. Within these pages, you will find many ideas for the use of the arts and can learn how to engage the inner layers of the self that allow natural healing processes of the body and soul to flourish. When we fully engage an art modality, we find ourselves in a place in our consciousness that could be called 'healingspace,' where we feel ourselves whole and re-member ourselves as well. From psychic trauma to physical illness, dis-ease of many kinds may be addressed through the various techniques discussed here. The tools offered by some authors are population specific and age appropriate, while several authors have given us the philosophical underpinnings for it all. While the authors within represent the grassroots voices of this new and rapidly expanding field, several of them have developed their own methods for using the arts, and have thriving practices. Our approach is wholistic. Music, visual arts, movement, dance, and poetry are discussed as separate modalities and in combination with one another in a process or flow. The reader will engage in our experiences with these modalities as they have been lived. The complementary CD that accompanies this book will allow the listener to have a full sound experience of toning. If a rationale is needed for establishing arts programs in medical centers or other health facilities, it can be found here. The book offers tools for self development and for group facilitation. Those wanting to expand their healing practice through the use of the arts will find the book to be a faithful guide. Anyone wishing for a fuller understanding of how the arts may work to facilitate healing will find much food for thought within these pages.

The Way We Pray Maggie Oman Shannon 2001-10-01 The Unity minister and author of Prayers for Healing explores prayer practices across the world’s many religions in this inspiring celebration of faith. In this ideal guide for spiritual explorers everywhere, author Maggie Oman Shannon presents fifty wonderfully diverse prayer practices. Among the powerful and colorful rituals she describes are walking a labyrinth, speaking affirmations, writing in a gratitude journal, displaying prayer flags, dressing in ceremonial costumes, reading sacred scriptures, listening to the resonant sounds of a prayer bowl, drawing a mandala, counting prater beads, fasting, writing haiku, and chanting. For each of these practices and more, Shannon offers historical details, meanings and interpretations, and stories and anecdotes from practitioners she interviewed. She also includes suggestions for bringing these rituals into one’s own spiritual practice.

Future Memory P.M.H. Atwater 2013-02-01 There are many different paths to the future. According to P.M.H. Atwater, one of the foremost investigators into near-death experiences, future memory allows people to "live" life in advance and remember the experience in detail when something triggers that memory. Atwater explains the unifying, and permanent, effect of that experience is a brain a "brain shift" which she believes "may be at the very core of existence itself." In Future Memory, Atwater shows that structural and chemical changes are occurring in our brains, changes indicative of higher evolutionary development. This mind-blowing exploration of a mind-blowing topic traces her findings about this phenomenon and explores its implications for the individual and for society. Future Memory: Provides a series of steps to assist in developing future memory Explores new models of time, existence, and consciousness Presents an in-depth study of the brain shift and how it can be experienced Offers an extensive appendix and resource manual Future Memory is an important step in understanding the relationship between human perception and reality.

Labyrinths from the Outside in Donna Schaper 2013 Walking labyrinths is a twenty-first century method of approaching the sacred and a spiritual practice more ancient than Stonehenge or the ruins of Troy. A practical and inspiring guide to help you explore."

The Art of Stopping David Kundtz 2021-01-19 Life Is A Race and With So Many Responsibilities It Can Feel Overwhelming “An elegant, powerful, and simple tool for finding serenity. Just what the world needs right now.” –Richard Carlson, author of Don't Sweat the Small Stuff We are always on the go. Balancing work, family, friends, and everything in between is a routine of running and never stopping—a cycle that can be tiring. We forget the beauty of the smaller moments and sometimes we forget ourselves. Stopping is a gift to yourself. Knowing when to breathe and regain a clearer vision of yourself and your surroundings helps give you a fresh perspective and an inner balance meant to help you feel in control of the bigger things. Who are you? What are your true priorities? Your responsibilities may have taken over and are preventing you from living to your fullest potential. Dr. Kundtz gives you insight into key questions you should be asking. Stop whatever you’re doing and enjoy the sunrise. Big things can grab your attention but don’t forget to turn around and find the serenity in stillness—the peace in a deep breath, and the happiness in remembering who you are. With this valuable guide learn to:
• Connect with the spiritual aspects of your life
• Practice mindfulness and reduce stress
• Acknowledge when it becomes too much and take a step back
• Use proper coping tactics to create healthier habits If you enjoyed books like A New Earth, The Untethered Soul, or The Road Less Traveled, then you’ll love How to Be Still When You Have to Keep Going: The Art of Stopping.

On the Wings of Inspiration Cheryl Metrick and Jeree Wade MA 2013-09-16 On The Wings of Inspiration: Exploring Our Inner Life through Interpretive Symbols was written in collaboration by two authors: Cheryl Metrick, and Jeree Wade, MA. The book is based on a collection of drawings and poems Cheryl created from spontaneous inspiration where she says, “They fell out of my head.” These inspirational poems are descriptive of the drawings. The premise of the book is not only to explore the interpretation of the art itself, but to journey into the drawings to find more personal meaning within. The authors lead the readers to take a personal inner journey to self-awareness and inner growth. Cheryl writes interpretations and feelings about each drawing in a narrative, which at times is autobiographical, as she takes her journey through the pictures. Jeree’s commentary and workbook sections delve into symbolism to guide readers through an analytical process to achieve greater awareness, become mindful, and set guidelines in the continued pursuit of a purposeful and fulfilling life. Topics from the metaphysical philosophies to spirituality, humanitarianism, ecology, and energy systems are explored. The workbook sections include a wide range of themes: compassion, intention and focus, manifestation, balance, transformation, maturation, renewal, self-knowledge, self-sabotage, self-awareness, death, letting go, and the meaning of time. A guided process supports the reader to move into a place that is more peaceful and more centered to understand and implement life’s lessons.

Der Name Gottes ist Barmherzigkeit Papst Franziskus 2016-01-12 In seinem ersten Buch als Papst formuliert Franziskus das Herzstück seines Pontifikats. Für alle Gläubigen, aber auch für nachdenkende Menschen ohne konfessionelle Bindung, erläutert er die zentrale Botschaft der Barmherzigkeit – in der ihm eigenen einfachen und direkten Sprache. Dabei gibt Franziskus persönliche und bislang unbekannte Einblicke in seine Erfahrungen als Priester und erläutert seine Motive für das außerordentliche Heilige Jahr der Barmherzigkeit. Diese ist nichts Geringeres als Ausdruck für die Liebe Gottes. Eine Offenbarung für alle, die auf der Suche nach dem Sinn des Lebens sind und einen Weg des Friedens, der Besinnung und Versöhnung gehen wollen.

Labyrinth & Irrgärten Jürgen Hohmuth 2003

The Sacred Path Companion Lauren Artress 2006-03-07 Full of exercises, suggestions, questionnaires, assignments, and meditations for getting the most out of the Labyrinth experience, The Sacred Path Companion is the indispensable guide for anyone searching for a spiritual journey that will inspire, educate, and engage. Created by one of the guiding forces of the Labyrinth movement and the author of Walking a Sacred Path, this comprehensive and interactive workbook includes: - The art of Labyrinth walking - The nine lessons of the Labyrinth - Four guidelines to gauge spiritual growth - Specific uses for healing and transformation through the Labyrinth - Forgiveness and reconciliation - The six purposes of ritual - Developing visions for the Labyrinth movement

Path of the Purified Heart Laura Dunham 2012-02-01 Path of the Purified Heart traces the classic Christian spiritual journey toward transformation into the likeness of Christ in a unique, fascinating way. Drawing on the voices of wise elders from the past and present, Dunham illumines the common path all Christians and spiritual seekers may take toward union with God. Through the motifs of the liturgical year and the labyrinth, the author weaves in her own journey on this path during her "year of purification."

Journeys and Destinations Alex Norman 2013-07-16 Journeys and Destinations: Studies in Travel, Identity, and Meaning brings together scholarship from diverse fields all focused on either practices of journeying, or destinations to which such journeys lead. Common across the contributions herein are threads that indicate travel as a core component – as a concept or a practice – of the fabric of identity and meaning.

The Performances of Sacred Places Silvia Battista 2021-06-18 This is the first book to explore the notion of sacred places from the perspective of performance studies and presents both practice-as-research accounts alongside theoretical analysis. It is multidisciplinary bringing together religious studies, philosophy and anthropological approaches under the umbrella of performance studies. By focusing on practice and performance rather than theology it also expands the notion of sacred places to non-religious contexts. This new collection offers a multi-layered and contemporary approach to the question of sacred sites, their practices, politics and ecologies. The overarching critical framework of inquiry is Performance Studies, a multidisciplinary methodological perspective that stresses the importance of investigating the practices and actions through which things are conducted and processes activated. This is an innovative perspective that recognizes the value, function and role that practices and their materialities have in the constitution of special places, their developments in culture, and the politics in place for the conservation of their sense of specialness. The questions investigated are: what is a sacred place? Is a place inherently sacred or does it become sacred? Is it a paradigm, a real location, an imaginary place, a projected condition, a charged setting, an enhanced perception? What kind of practices and processes allow the emergence of a sacred place in human perception? And what is its function in contemporary societies? The book is divided into three sections that evidence the three approaches that are generally engaged with and through which sacred places are defined, actualized and activated: Crossing, Breathing and Resisting. There is a strong field of international contributors including practitioners and academics working in the UK, USA, Poland and Australia. Primary interest will be students, academics and practitioners studying or working in theatre and performance studies; fine art; architecture; cultural and visual studies; geography; religious studies; and psychology. Potential for classroom use, and very strong potential for inclusion on reading lists as a secondary text for undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Fine Art, Live Art, Performance Art, Performance and Theatre Studies.

Yogamass Gena Davis 2017-04-21 **YogaMass: Embodying Christ Consciousness** bridges yogic principles and practices with Christian spirituality and worship as a path for bringing the whole self (body, mind, soul, and spirit) to the experience of spiritual awakening. The author, an ordained Episcopal priest, weaves together spiritual practices from different traditions with her own discovery that yogas ancient truths are complementary with Christian beliefs taking one deeper into the spiritual life in ways that people of diverse faiths can embrace. Blending yogic practices with Christian spirituality and worship, the Reverend Gena Davis has co-created an exciting and powerful new practice of spiritual ritual and celebration called YogaMass that leads to embodying Christ Consciousness. On and off the yoga mat, this book points the way to discovering a whole-self spiritual experience and connecting with God through an awakened open mind and heart. I loved this book! The author, the Reverend Gena Davis, shares the story of her amazing spiritual journey that culminates in the creation of the worlds first YogaMass service. This alone would make the book well worth reading, but throughout, she integrates sacred writings, stories, and poems from spiritual masters of western and eastern spirituality, all the while never losing sight of her own Christian heritage. It is a remarkable accomplishment. You will be blessed by this book and want to share it with others. - The Reverend Dr. John K. Graham, president and CEO, Institute for Spirituality and Health at the Texas Medical Center, Houston I am delighted and privileged to encourage those who seek to worship God with all that is within to pick up and digest this spiritual teaching presented by the Reverend Gena Davis. Gena has captured the importance of worshipping God with, as the Psalmist uttered, all that is within me. I am fascinated by the interplay of yoga and liturgy within these pages, and find myself wanting to go deeper into both. I think the Reverend Davis is on to something that has been lacking in our Christian path and tradition. The interweaving of her personal narrative and the spiritual insights she gained through the study and practice of yoga unveils how Gods truth makes itself known through many different paths. - The Reverend Dr. Richard Kleiman, retired Presbyterian pastor Yoga is an exploration based on experiential processes. It is defined by our own internal truth! Making Yoga universal but deeply personal is something Gena Davis expresses so beautifully. - Robert Boustany, Yoga instructor and master, and founder of Pralaya Yoga system

I'd Say Yes God If I Knew What You Wanted Nancy Reeves 2001 "What do you want from me, God?" If you have ever struggled with this question, but have not found a way to answer it, then this book is for you. Real-life stories from 75 men and women open up a world of spiritual discernment practices inviting you to find one that works for you. Easy to read, yet rich with information, this book draws on faith traditions as diverse as Baha'I, Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Sikh, and Sufi Stories from every day people living everyday lives are interspersed with biographical accounts from C.S. Lewis, Albert Schweitzer, Shoghi Effendi, Mahatma Gandhi, Matsuo Basho, Thomas Merton, and Mother Teresa. Over 40 discernment concepts and methods are illustrated including prayer, worship, pilgrimage, labyrinth, Enneagram, I Ching, pendulum, angels, the medicine wheel, and the use of sacred texts. Suitable for individual use, this book lends itself to group settings such as workshops or retreats.

SoulTypes Robert Norton 2004-03-19 We are all wired for God, but our needs, inclinations, and personalities are all different. Using the metaphor of "spiritual DNA," SoulTypes will help you assess your own inborn qualities and find a spiritual path that will support your quest for a richer, fuller, more integrated life. If you consider yourself spiritual but not religious, SoulTypes will help you discover just what works for you. With its inventory and assessment to guide you to discover and interpret your spiritual type, SoulTypes helps you in answering the most profound questions: * Who am I What is my authentic identity? * What's important to me What are my values, my gifts, my passions? * Why am I here What is my purpose or mission in life? * Where am I going What is my vision of my future?

Walking a Sacred Path Lauren Artress 2006 The author explores the history and significance of the image of the labyrinth and explains how readers can use the ancient imprint in the art of meditation, leading them to new sources of wisdom, change, and renewal. Reprint.

In Sweet Company Margaret Wolff 2006-02-17 In Sweet Company takes readers on a spiritual odyssey into the hearts and minds of some of the most influential women of our time -Olympia Dukakis, Sister Helen Prejean, Riane Eisler, Zainab Salbi, Margaret Wheatley, Katherine Dunham, Reverend Lauren Artress, Grandmother Twylah Hurd Nitsch, Sri Daya Mata, Rabbi Laura Geller, Le Ly Hayslip, Miriam Polster, Alma Flor Ada, and Gail Williamson. For all these women, their spiritual life nourishes them and serves as a dependable compass for decision making. Written with warmth and wisdom, In Sweet Company tells their stories, their personal journeys, and relates their thoughts on living a spiritual life.

Pilgrimage-the Sacred Art Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook 2013 Integrates spirituality, practice, spiritual formation, psychology, world religions and historical resources. Examines how pilgrimages evolved as spiritual practices and the relationship between pilgrimage and transformation.

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