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Secret Groups in Ancient Judaism Rowman & Littlefield

This theory recognizes the evolution of the soul as a process that is quite continuous in itself, though carried out partly through the instrumentality of a great series of dissociated forms. Putting aside for the moment of profound metaphysics of the theory which trace the principle of life from the original first cause of the cosmos, we find the soul as an entity emerging from the animal kingdom, and passing into the earliest human forms, without being at that time ripe for the higher intellectual life with which the present state of humanity renders us familiar. But through successive incarnations in forms whose physical improvement, under the Darwinian law, is constantly fitting them to be its habitation at each return to objective life, it gradually gathers that enormous range of experience which is summed up in its higher development. In the intervals between its physical incarnations it prolongs and works out, and finally exhausts or transmutes into so much abstract development, the personal experiences of each life. This is the clue to the

true explanation of that apparent difficulty which besets the cruder form of the theory of reincarnation which independent speculation has sometimes thrown out. Each man is unconscious of having led previous lives, therefore he contends that subsequent lives can afford him no compensation for this one. He overlooks the enormous importance of the intervening spiritual condition, in which he by no means forgets the personal adventures and emotions he has just passed through, and in the course of which he distills these into so much cosmic progress. In the following pages the elucidation of this profoundly interesting mystery is attempted, and it will be seen that the view of events now afforded us is not only a solution of the problems of life and death, but of many very perplexing experiences on the borderland between those conditions - or rather between physical and spiritual life - which have engaged attention and speculation so widely of recent years in most civilized countries.

An Essay on the Fundamental Principles of Operative Occultism Cambridge University Press
 Western esotericism has been a pervasive presence in Western culture from late antiquity to the present day, but until recently it was largely ignored by scholars and surrounded by misconceptions and prejudice. This accessible guide provides readers with the basic knowledge

and tools that will allow them to find their way in this bewildering but fascinating field. What is it that unites phenomena as diverse as ancient gnosticism and hermetism, the "occult sciences" of astrology, alchemy, and magic, rosicrucianism, as well as Christian theosophy, occultism, spiritualism, and the contemporary New Age spiritualities? What can the study of them teach us about our common cultural and intellectual heritage, and what is it that makes them relevant to contemporary concerns? How do we distinguish reliable historical knowledge from legends and fictions about esoteric traditions? These and many other questions are answered clearly and succinctly, so that the reader can find his way into the labyrinth of Western esotericism and out of it again.

Penn State University Press

Mysticism and esotericism are two intimately related strands of the Western tradition. Despite their close connections, however, scholars tend to treat them separately. Whereas the study of Western mysticism enjoys a long and established history, Western esotericism is a young field. The Cambridge Handbook of Western Mysticism and Esotericism examines both of these traditions together. The volume demonstrates that the roots of esotericism almost always lead back to

mystical traditions, while the work of mystics was bound up with esoteric or occult preoccupations. It also shows why mysticism and esotericism must be examined together if either is to be understood fully. Including contributions by leading scholars, this volume features essays on such topics as alchemy, astrology, magic, Neoplatonism, Kabbalism, Renaissance Hermeticism, Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, numerology, Christian theosophy, spiritualism, and much more. This handbook serves as both a capstone of contemporary scholarship and a cornerstone of future research.

The Hermetic Deleuze Pickle Partners Publishing

Apocryphal traditions, often shared by Jews and Christians, have played a significant role in the history of both religions. The 26 essays in this volume show how such traditions were elaborated in literatures, liturgies, figurative arts and mythology, in regions ranging from Ethiopia to Italy.

[An Outline of Esoteric Science](#) Sagwan Press

Christian Teachers in Second-Century Rome situates second-century Christian teachers such as Marcion, Justin, Valentinus and others in the social and intellectual context of the Roman urban environment, placing their teaching and textual activity in the midst of physicians, philosophers, and other religious experts.

[The Sources of Esotericism in Islam](#) The Matheson Trust

The Imam, the Divine Guide, is the central point around which the Shi'ite religion turns. The power of Shi'ism comes from the actions of the Imam. This title is reserved exclusively for the successors of the prophets in their mission. The author shows that from the beginning of Shi'ite Islam until the tenth century, the Imam was primarily a master of knowledge with supernatural powers, not a jurist theologian. The Imam is the threshold through which God and the creatures communicate. He is thus a cosmic necessity, the key and the center of the universal economy of the sacred. The author presents Shi'ism as a religion founded on double dimensions where the role of the leader remains constantly central: perpetual initiation into divine secrets and continued confrontation with anti-initiation forces. Without esotericism, exotericism loses its meaning. Early Imamism is an esoteric doctrine. Historically, then, at the beginning of esotericism in Islam, we find an initiatory, mystical, and occultist doctrine. This is the first book to systematically explore the immense literature attributed to the Imams themselves in order to recover the authentic original vision. It restores an essential source of esotericism in the world of Islam.

A Vision for the Future of the Great Traditions - More Inclusive, More Comprehensive, More Complete Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

This book is available as open access through the Bloomsbury Open Access programme and is available on www.bloomsburycollections.com. Censorship in varying forms has been part of human experience for 2,500 years and has proved itself to be a recurring presence for political thought, whether as active repression, a shaping context for expression, or as itself a subject for analysis and argument. From the death of Socrates to the fatwa against Salman Rushdie, attempts to silence thinkers and writers have provoked passionate and often penetrating responses that speak of their historical moment. Censorship Moments will provide short, accessible and stimulating access to a variety of these responses. Each chapter will couple a short textual 'moment' of writing on censorship and freedom of expression by a past writer with analysis by an expert current scholar. The book's main focus is the public political dimension of censorship, in its relation to political authority and political thought, while also reflecting on the porous boundary to literature and other areas such as law and the media.

The Book of Five Rings (Annotated) SteinerBooks

Provides overview, from antiquity onwards, on various Western religious esoteric movements. This book includes topics such as: alchemy, Gnosticism, Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, Theosophy and more.

[The True Church of Christ, Exoteric and Esoteric](#) Esoteric & Exoteric Philosophy'the

Sayings'Philosophy Between the LinesThe Lost History of Esoteric Writing

The science of esoteric astrology is said to be the basic occult science of the future. Astrology is described in this book as "the science of relationships", a science which deals with those conditioning energies and forces which play through and upon the whole field of space and all that is found within it.

[An Essay on the Fundamental Principles of Operative Occultism](#) Shambhala Publications

Boris Mouravieff was an enigmatic 'third man', known to Gurdjieff and Ouspensky, who found and learned to practice what he clearly believed to be the complete system of which only 'fragments' had been previously published in Ouspensky's *In Search of the Miraculous*. On this basis, he

formed the 'Center for Christian Esoteric Studies' in Geneva - now closed. Many of his discoveries are described in his book *Gnosis*, which contains in its three volumes the fundamental components of that Christian esoteric teaching revealed by Ouspensky in fragmentary form. This *Gnosis* is not a modern statement of the second century texts known as 'Gnosticism', but a previously unpublished ancient Christian knowledge tradition. Boris Mouravieff taught Eastern Esotericism at Geneva University for many years, and *Gnosis* is the result of his teaching. First published in French in 1961, the three volumes of Mouravieff's *Gnosis* have since been translated into Greek and Arabic. During the 1980's and early 1990's, Praxis Research Institute published the English translation of all three volumes. Volume I contains the first level of this teaching, designated as 'exoteric' for outer or surface.

[Western Esotericism](#) SUNY Press

First published in 1929, this is one of Canadian-born mystical writer Manly P. Hall's essays on the art of self-realization, as expressed through the wisdom of the ages. An *Essay on the Fundamental Principles of Operative Occultism* provides an early description of the seven spinal chakras and the science of regeneration. Beautifully illustrated with three oil paintings by Mihran K. Serailian.

Budhism is Inner Wisdom Princeton University Press

This is an anthology of 25 essays by the leading exponents of the perennialist school of comparative religious thought. It aims to be the most accessible introduction yet to the perspective of the Perennial Philosophy.

[The True Church of Christ](#) Shambhala Publications

An examination of the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam, especially in the areas of ontology, philosophy and metaphysics. The integration of the heritages of Plato and Aristotle in the Church and in Islam is explored deftly and densely. This book invites adherents of Christianity and Islam to understand more deeply their own respective traditions and on this basis to understand and respect 'the other'. Several chapters are devoted to a comparison between both Sunnite Sufi and Shi'ite Gnostic esoteric traditions, especially in the area of Qur'anic exegesis. This book will be equally challenging and rewarding for the serious reader.

[Cao Dai Great Way](#) SUNY Press

The first in-depth look at how postwar thinkers in Egypt mapped the intersections between Islamic discourses and psychoanalytic thought In 1945, psychologist Yusuf Murad introduced an Arabic term borrowed from the medieval Sufi philosopher and mystic Ibn 'Arabi—al-la-shu'ur—as a translation for Sigmund Freud's concept of the unconscious. By the late 1950s, Freud's *Interpretation of Dreams* had been translated into Arabic for an eager Egyptian public. In *The Arabic Freud*, Omnia El Shakry challenges the notion of a strict divide between psychoanalysis and Islam by tracing how postwar thinkers in Egypt blended psychoanalytic theories with concepts from classical Islamic thought in a creative encounter of ethical engagement. Drawing on scholarly writings as well as popular literature on self-healing, El Shakry provides the first in-depth examination of psychoanalysis in Egypt and reveals how a new science of psychology—or “science of the soul,” as it came to be called—was inextricably linked to Islam and mysticism. She explores how Freudian ideas of the unconscious were crucial to the formation of modern discourses of subjectivity in areas as diverse as psychology, Islamic philosophy, and the law. Founding figures of Egyptian psychoanalysis, she shows, debated the temporality of the psyche, mystical states, the sexual drive, and the Oedipus complex, while offering startling insights into the nature of psychic life, ethics, and eros. This provocative and insightful book invites us to rethink the relationship between psychoanalysis and religion in the modern era. Mapping the points of intersection between Islamic discourses and psychoanalytic thought, it illustrates how the Arabic Freud, like psychoanalysis itself, was elaborated across the space of human difference.

Philosophy Between the Lines Lulu.com

During Whitsun 1908, seven years after he had given the world the first intimation of the consequences of his turn-of-the-century Christ-experience in Christianity as Mystical Fact, Rudolf Steiner began his great task of renewing humanity's understanding of the true meaning of the Mystery of Golgotha. Accordingly, he turned to the deepest, most spiritual Gospel: that of the Initiate, St. John. In this lecture cycle, readers will find that the incarnation, death and resurrection of the Divine Word or Logos reveals the mission of the earth to be Love. We learn the secret of the raising of Lazarus, of the Seven Degrees of Initiation, of the I AM sayings. Listening to Rudolf Steiner, we come to understand that the Gospel of St. John is a continuing spiritual presence - to be recalled, meditated, and permeated with one's life. Doing so, we realize that our task - the task of human beings - is to become ourselves Virgin Sophias, receptive to the Holy Spirit. All of

Steiner's work, as Marie Steiner writes in her introduction, was to "pave the way to Christ." Indeed, at the conclusion of these lectures Rudolf Steiner said: "It will come to be understood that Christianity is only beginning its influence, and will fulfill its real mission only when it is understood in its true, spiritual form." And he added: "The more these lectures are understood in this sense, the better they will be understood as they were intended."

New Magicks for a New Age -- an Ecology of the Heart BRILL

The Book of Five Rings is a text on kenjutsu and the martial arts in general, written by the Japanese swordsman Miyamoto Musashi around 1643. Written over three centuries ago by a Samurai warrior, the book has been hailed as a limitless source of psychological insight for businessmen-or anyone who relies on strategy and tactics for outwitting the competition.

It has nothing to do with Buddhism, the religion of Gautama Buddha. Oxford University Press

Bettina Knapp examines the various forms of exile--forced and voluntary--and demonstrates that exile is a fundamental form of the human condition. In *Exile and the Writer*, Knapp addresses the fundamental, mythical yet real questions of exile that inform, both individually and collectively, our everyday consciousness and action. She sets forth the forms of exile and situates them in history, literature, and mythology, considering in her study Dostoevsky's *The House of the Dead*, Conrad's *The Heart of Darkness*, Huysmans's *Against the Grain*, Malraux's *The Royal Way*, Agnon's "Edo and Enam," Kawabata's *The Master of Go*, Levi's *Survival in Auschwitz*, Garro's *Recollections of Things to Come*, Beckett's *That Time*, and Cheng's "The King of the Trees." Knapp's analyses bring together a remarkable body of knowledge of subtle psychological insight and Western and Oriental mythology. Few modern critics have her awareness not only of Jung but of vast cross-cultural religious, mythical, and historical traditions.

An Introduction to Western Esotericism Cambridge University Press

In the Valley of the Shadow of the Bomb and Dioxin: making spiritual sense of today's world. The need for a method of achieving true psychospiritual literacy in terms of today's world and its exigencies. A presentation of a number of Hermetic disciplines to show their interrelationships and provide greater success in using any of them. This book and the following four volumes of *New Magicks for a New Age* are for the education of the engineer and the modern scientist as well as the mystic, the Qabalist, the Ceremonial Magickian, and all others who are concerned with the esoteric, subjective universe. It is concerned with the education of the soul, the psyche, and its relation to the objective universe through the intellect, and vice-versa. They are intended to help the student of any of the esoteric Arts and Sciences to see the interrelationships among those disciplines and thereby come to a much deeper and more powerful understanding of them than would otherwise be the case - to come to understand that both metaphysical, subjective reality and rational, materialistic, objective reality are aspects of one overarching ecological reality and inextricably wedded to each other. The goal of Magick and the other esoteric disciplines is to become one with oneself and reality, living in harmony with both, accepting both the Yin and the Yang aspects of one's own nature as well as that of Reality itself, physically and psychospiritually healed and whole in the Tao, learning to accept and live out the wisdom of Chapter 3 of the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament. Also, by using the material presented here, the student can achieve greater success in his or her chosen discipline, whether esoteric or exoteric, and perhaps become proficient at several of the Hermetic as well as objective disciplines. Learning these disciplines and their relationships creates a matrix into which and growing up from are assimilated all one's experience, memories, learning of any kind, and all other aspects of one's life, bringing them alive and illuminating them as nothing else can. We observe the rest of creation from the vantage of our intellectual minds, but we live in our psyches, our emotional and creative minds; the training of the psyche in the esoteric disciplines uniquely enriches and enlivens us. Finally, the material here includes historical material as well material from the modern objective sciences to show that both these aspects of reality - objective, exoteric as well as subjective, esoteric knowledge - are two sides of the same coin. To paraphrase Rudyard Kipling's eponymous Kim, "And I thank God for giving me both sides of my head."

Magic and Mysticism North Vancouver : Steiner Book Centre

A general outline of the religious philosophy of Guido von List originally published in the 1920s and a companion volume to *The Secret of the Runes*. There is an introductory essay by Stephen E. Flowers on the roots of Lists ideas and philosophy.

Esoteric & Exoteric Philosophy Oxford University Press

Sinnett's "Esoteric Buddhism" was an excellent work with a very unfortunate title. Esoteric

BuDhism (spelled with one D), or Inner Wisdom (Sophia, in Greek), is a pre-Vedic term millennia older than 643 BCE, the year Siddhartha Gautama, Prince of Kapilavastu, was born. It has nothing to do with the BuDDhist religion whatsoever. An agnostic student of Theosophy puzzled by "Esoteric Buddhism." Puzzle solved by Madame Blavatsky BuDDhism, the religious system of ethics preached by Lord Gautama and named after his title of BuDDha, the "Enlightened," and BuDha or Inner Wisdom are totally unrelated terms. Long kalpas had passed before the epithet of

Buddha became so humanised, as to allow the term to be applied to mortals and, finally, to Siddhartha Gautama. BuDhism is Archaic Wisdom-Religion. It reconciles all religions, strips every one of its outward, human garments, and shows the root of each to be identical with that of every other great religion. It proves the necessity of an immutable Divine Principle in nature but rejects the gods of monotheistic religions, sorry caricatures created by man in his own image and likeness. Truth is its god and dogma. Orthodox, Exoteric BuDDhism, or the public teachings of Gautama Buddha, differ greatly from the Secret Doctrine, or Esoteric BuDhism, that he had reserved for the

initiated Brahmans of his day and his Arhats. Sinnett defends his "Esoteric Buddhism." Though "Esoteric Buddhism" preceded "Isis Unveiled" and "The Secret Doctrine," its contents are not original. His letter to "Lucifer," annotated by Madame Blavatsky in her capacity as Editor of "Lucifer." Theosophy is not BuDDhism, whether Exoteric or Esoteric. Bodhi and Sophia are one and the same, supersensuous wisdom from within. Bodha, Bodhi, Buddha, Buddhi are one and the same, Divine Wisdom.

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