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evaluates attempts to provide alternative explanations from sociology and neuropsychology. He then carefully examines feminist objections to male philosophers' treatments of mystical experience of God and to the traditional hierarchal concept of God. Gellman finds none of the objections decisive, and concludes that while the initial evidential case is not rationally compelling for some, it can be rationally compelling for others. Offering important new perspectives on the evidential value of experiences of God, and the concept of God more broadly, this book will appeal to a wide range of readers including those with an interest in philosophy

of religion, religious studies, mysticism and epistemology.

**Whiteheadian  
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A comprehensive exploration of the philosophical issues raised by mysticism. This work is a comprehensive study of the philosophical issues raised by mysticism. Mystics claim to experience reality in a way not available in normal life, a claim which makes this phenomenon interesting from a philosophical perspective. Richard H. Jones's inquiry focuses on the skeleton of beliefs and values of mysticism: knowledge claims made about the nature of reality and of human beings; value

claims about what is significant and what is ethical; and mystical goals and ways of life. Jones engages language, epistemology, metaphysics, science, and the philosophy of mind. Methodological issues in the study of mysticism are also addressed. Examples of mystical experience are drawn chiefly from Buddhism and Advaita Vedanta, but also from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Daoism. “This is a significant extension of the seminal work by Walter Stace, *Mysticism and Philosophy*. That work has stimulated much literature, all of which Jones manages to review here. He critically extends Stace’s universal core and embeds it in a sophisticated

discussion of the extent, range, and metaphysical implications of mysticism.” — Ralph W. Hood, Jr., coauthor of *The Psychology of Religion: An Empirical Approach* [Christian Mysticism and Incarnational Theology](#) SUNY Press *Philosophical Theology in Islam* explores the later history of the Ash‘arī school of theology through in-depth studies on its thought, sources, scholarly networks and contexts.

**An Essay in the Phenomenology of Mysticism**

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This book examines the relationship between transcendence and immanence within



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France erupted in the twenty-first century, and from which it continues to challenge theology today.

**Philosophy, theology and mysticism in medieval Islam**

Routledge

What is it to experience union with God? In this highly original and accessible book, one of our leading philosophers of religion seeks to answer this question by analyzing the several states of mystic union as they are described and explained in the classical primary literature of the Christian mystical tradition.

*Contemplative Science, Philosophy, Literature, and Art* University of Pennsylvania Press  
From the introduction of Greek philosophy

into the Muslim world in the eighth century to modern times, this book charts the evolution and interaction of philosophy, theology and mysticism in the Islamic context. In a succinct but comprehensive guide, the author highlights key individuals, movements, concepts and writings, and explores the conflicts and controversies between anti-philosophical parties that have characterised the development of Islamic thought. The book also features coverage of: the translation of ancient texts and their transmission to the Muslim world; the development of systematic philosophy in Islam; theology,

mysticism and the development of Sufism; Islam's interaction with western philosophy and theology; contemporary trends. This accessible book should be of interest to students, scholars, and all those interested in broadening their knowledge of the Islamic tradition.

*Essays in Islamic Philosophy, Theology, and Mysticism* Springer  
Sufism and Theology are two major currents in Islamic thought and religious culture, and over the centuries they have displayed immense diversity and intellectual richness. This book takes a flexible and inclusive approach to these trends, revealing both how Sufis approached theological traditions and themes and

practised theology themselves, and how theologians approached different aspects of Sufism. Comprising chapters by leading specialists in the field, this volume is the first to explore the historically complex interface between these two major currents, highlighting key points of tension and interaction. Taking us through an array of subjects, including hermeneutics, psychology and metaphysics, light is shed on major intellectual trends and figures from the 12th century up to the modern period. These range from al-Hallaj, Ibn 'Arabi and Ibn Sab'in, to Fakhr al-Din al-Razi, Ibn Taymiyya, Haydar Amuli and Ibn Kemal Pasha, from the

Ottoman context to the Safavid, and from Sunnism to Shi'ism Mystical Theology and Continental Philosophy Routledge Restores the Platonic history and context of mysticism and shows how mysticism helps us understand more deeply the humanities as a whole, from philosophy and literature to art. In Platonic Mysticism, Arthur Versluis clearly and tautly argues that mysticism must be properly understood as belonging to the great tradition of Platonism. He demonstrates how mysticism was historically understood in Western philosophical and religious traditions and emphatically rejects externalist approaches to esoteric religion. Instead he develops a

new theoretical-critical model for understanding mystical literature and the humanities as a whole, from philosophy and literature to art. A sequel to his *Restoring Paradise*, this is an audacious book that places Platonic mysticism in the context of contemporary cognitive and other approaches to the study of religion, and presents an emerging model for the new field of contemplative science. Arthur Versluis is Professor and Chair in the Department of Religious Studies at Michigan State University. He is the author of *Restoring Paradise: Western Esotericism, Literature, Art, and Consciousness and Wisdom's Children: A Christian Esoteric*

*Tradition*, both also published by SUNY Press. Fordham Univ Press. A comprehensive, concise, and easy-to-read introduction intended for undergraduates and general readers interested in the study of mysticism. The purpose of this book is to fill a gap in contemporary mystical studies: an overview of the basic ways to approach mystical experiences and mysticism. It discusses the problem of definitions of "mystical experiences" and "mysticism" and advances characterizations of "mystical experiences" in terms of certain altered states of consciousness and "mysticism" in terms of encompassing ways of

life centered on such experiences and states. Types of mystical experiences, enlightened states, paths, and doctrines are discussed, as is the relation of mystical experiences and mysticism to religions and cultures. The approaches of constructivism, contextualism, essentialism, and perennialism are presented. Themes in the history of the world's major mystical traditions are set forth. Approaches to mystical phenomena in sociology, psychology, gender studies, and neuroscience are introduced. Basic philosophical issues related to whether mystical experiences are veridical and mystical claims valid, mystics' problems of

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At the time when  
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Tillich, linking their existentialist philosophy back to some of the key concerns of the mystical tradition. Providing a unique insight into how these two areas have overlapped and interacted, this study is vital reading for any academic with an interest in twentieth-century philosophy, theology and religious studies.

**Raids on the Ineffable** Oxford University Press  
This is the third of three volumes reprinting the collected papers on Islamic subjects by Richard M. Frank. The present volume on the Ash`arites and the classical Ash`arite tradition brings together articles written in the last two

decades of Richard Frank's scholarly activity which represent his mature thought on the main philosophical and doctrinal elements of that tradition. This body of work forms the vanguard of modern studies on the subject and will repay repeated and prolonged study.

**An Interpretation of the Great Mystics, East and West** Oxford University Press  
Few twenty-first century academics take seriously mysticism's claim that we have direct knowledge of a higher or more "inner" reality or God. But Philosophical Mysticism argues that such leading philosophers of earlier epochs as Plato, G. W. F. Hegel, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Alfred North Whitehead

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Augustine, Dante Alighieri, Immanuel Kant, Hegel, William Wordsworth, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Emily Dickinson, Whitehead, and Wittgenstein. Wallace's *Philosophical Mysticism* brings this central strand of western philosophy and culture into focus in a way unique in recent scholarship.

**Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism** SUNY Press

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**The Perennial  
Philosophy** Wipf and  
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The scholarly contributions gathered together in this volume discuss themes related to the cultural, social and ethical dimension of St Gregory Palamas' works. They relate his mystical philosophy and theology to contemporary debates in metaphysics, philosophy of

language, ethics, philosophy of culture, political philosophy, epistemology, and philosophy of religion and theology, among others. The book considers a variety of topics of special interest to Christian theologians, philosophers and art historians including church and state relations, similarities and differences between Palamas, contemporary phenomenologists and philosophers of language, and hesychast influences on late Byzantine iconography.

Mysticism and Cosmopolitics from the Ruins Cambridge Scholars Publishing  
Written in Judeo-Arabic in eleventh-century Muslim Spain but quickly translated into

Hebrew, Bahya Ibn Paquda's Duties of the Heart is a profound guidebook of Jewish spirituality that has enjoyed tremendous popularity and influence to the present day. Readers who know the book primarily in its Hebrew version have likely lost sight of the work's original Arabic context and its immersion in Islamic mystical literature. In *A Sufi-Jewish Dialogue*, Diana Lobel explores the full extent to which Duties of the Heart marks the flowering of the "Jewish-Arab symbiosis," the interpenetration of Islamic and Jewish civilizations. Lobel reveals Bahya as a maverick who integrates abstract negative theology, devotion to the inner

life, and an intimate relationship with a personal God. Bahya emerges from her analysis as a figure so steeped in Islamic traditions that an Arabic reader could easily think he was a Muslim, yet the traditional Jewish seeker has always looked to him as a fountainhead of Jewish devotion. Indeed, Bahya represents a genuine bridge between religious cultures. He brings together, as well, a rationalist, philosophical approach and a strain of Sufi mysticism, paving the way for the integration of philosophy and spirituality in the thought of Moses Maimonides. A Sufi-Jewish Dialogue is the first scholarly book in English about a

tremendously influential work of medieval Jewish thought and will be of interest to readers working in comparative literature, philosophy, and religious studies, particularly as reflected in the interplay of the civilizations of the Middle East. Readers will discover an extraordinary time when Jewish, Christian, and Islamic thinkers participated in a common spiritual quest, across traditions and cultural boundaries.

**A Beginner's Guide**

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