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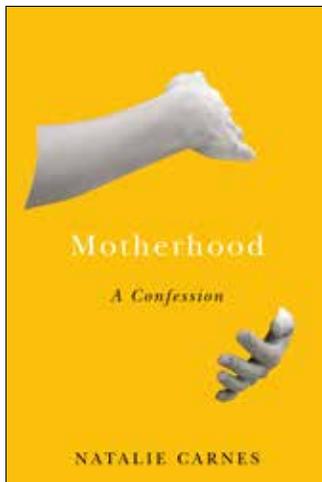
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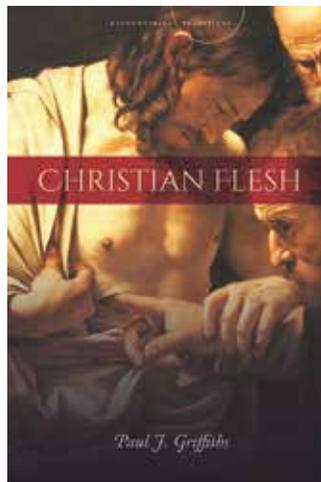


Motherhood *A Confession*

Natalie Carnes

What if Augustine's *Confessions* had been written by a mother? How might her tales of desire, temptation, and transformation differ? Carnes tells a story of conversion strikingly unlike Augustine's—even as his journey becomes a surprising companion to her own. The challenges Carnes recounts will be familiar to many parents. She wonders how to ask her daughter to suffer in resisting injustice. She wrestles with an impulse to compel her child to flourish, and reflects on what that reveals about human freedom. She negotiates a religiously divided home, working motherhood, and social expectations, tracing the hopes and anxieties exposed. The demands of motherhood open new modes of reflection about deep Christian commitments and age-old questions. Having given birth, she finds herself reborn.

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Christian Flesh Paul J. Griffiths

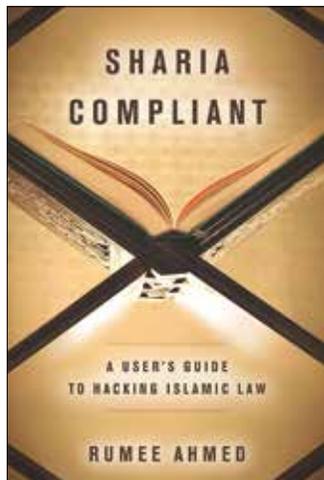
A sustained and systematic theological reflection on the idea that being a Christian is, first and last, a matter of the flesh, *Christian Flesh* shows us what being a Christian means for fleshly existence.

Depicting and analyzing what the Christian tradition has to say about the flesh of Christians in relation to that of Christ, the book shows that some kinds of fleshly activity conform well to being a Christian, while others are in tension with it. But to lead a Christian life is to be unconstrained by ordinary ethical norms. Arguing that no particular case of fleshly activity is forbidden, Griffiths illustrates his message through extended case studies of what it is for Christians to eat, to clothe themselves, and to engage in physical intimacy.

"Paul Griffiths has produced another brilliant and provocative work of speculative theology."

—Carol Zaleski,
Smith College

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Sharia Compliant

A User's Guide to Hacking Islamic Law

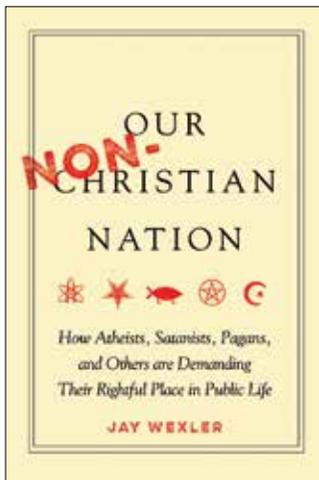
Rume Ahmed

For over a thousand years, Muslim scholars worked to ensure that Islamic law responded to the needs of an evolving Muslim community and served as a moral and spiritual compass. They did this by “hacking” Islamic law in accordance with changing times and contexts. Today, the process has stalled, and this book is designed to revitalize the hacking tradition. Ahmed walks readers through the process of Islamic legal change, vividly describing how Muslim scholars have met evolving challenges on topics as diverse as abolition, democracy, finance, gender, human rights, and sexuality. He argues that through engagement and creativity, Islamic law can regain its intrinsic vitality and resume its role as a forward-looking source for good.

“This original and thought-provoking book shows how law and practice can interact to shape as well as reflect a community's collective wisdom. It tackles with authority a highly complex and contested set of concepts in Islamic law.”

—Ziba Mir-Hosseini,
University of London

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Our Non-Christian Nation

How Atheists, Satanists, Pagans, and Others Are Demanding Their Rightful Place in Public Life

Jay Wexler

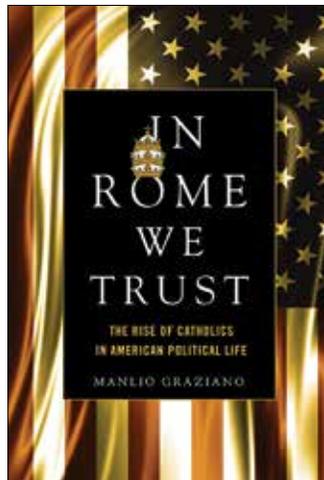
Non-Christians have increasingly been demanding their full participation in public life, bringing their arguments all the way to the Supreme Court. Wexler travels the country to engage non-Christians who have called on us to maintain our ideals of inclusivity and diversity. With his characteristic sympathy and humor, Wexler introduces us to these determined champions of free religious expression, and shows how anyone who cares about pluralism, equality, and fairness must support a public square filled with a variety of religious and non-religious voices. The stakes are nothing short of long-term social peace.

“Timely, trenchant, and tremendously engaging. Our Non-Christian Nation is essential reading for anyone interested in understanding the contemporary battles over religion's role in our national politics and culture.”

—Phil Zuckerman,
author of *Living the Secular Life*

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In Rome We Trust

The Rise of Catholics in American Political Life

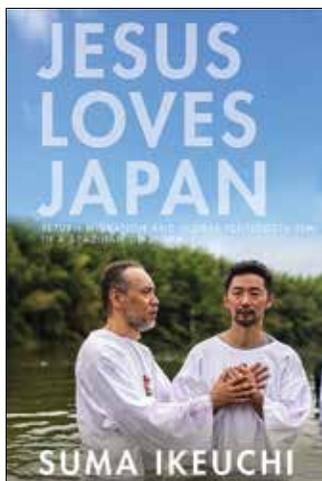
Manlio Graziano

The “Catholicization” of the United States is a recent phenomenon and was particularly prominent in the Obama administration. Over one-third of cabinet members, the Vice President, the White House Chief of Staff, the heads of Homeland Security and the CIA, the director and deputy director of the FBI, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff were all Roman Catholic. Challenging received wisdom that the American Catholic Church is in crisis and that the political religion in the United States is Evangelicalism, Graziano provides an engaging account of the tendency of Catholics to play an increasingly significant role in American politics, as well as the rising role of American prelates in the Roman Catholic Church.

“This fascinating and astonishingly neglected subject is of immense importance, and I can think of no one better positioned than Manlio Graziano to treat it in all its complexity.”

—Stanislao G. Pugliese,
Hofstra University

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Jesus Loves Japan
Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism in a Brazilian Diaspora

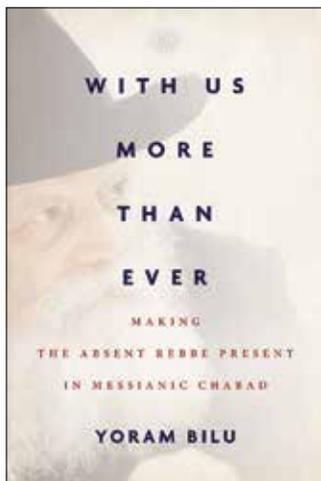
Suma Ikeuchi

After the introduction of the “long-term resident” visa, the mass-migration of Nikkeis (Japanese Brazilians) has led to roughly 190,000 Brazilian nationals living in Japan. While the ancestry-based visa confers Nikkeis’ right to settlement, their ethnic ambiguity and working-class profile often prevent them from feeling at home. In response, many have converted to Pentecostalism, reflecting the explosive trend across Latin America since the 1970s. In *Jesus Loves Japan* Ikeuchi argues that charismatic Christianity appeals to Nikkei migrants as a “third culture”—one that transcends ethno-national boundaries. She insightfully describes the political process of homecoming through the lens of religion, and the ubiquitous figure of the migrant as the pilgrim of a transnational future.

“In showing how Pentecostalism grants meaning to a bleak existence, Ikeuchi opens new vistas in our understanding of Japanese Brazilians residing in Japan.”

—Daniel T. Linger,
 University of California, Santa Cruz

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With Us More Than Ever
Making the Absent Rebbe Present in Messianic Chabad

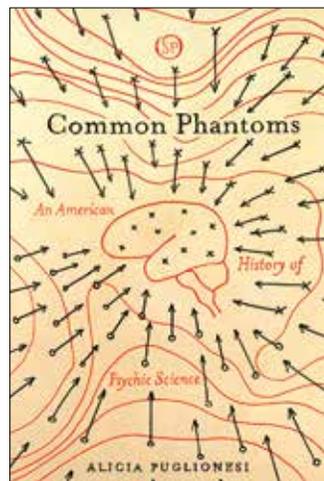
Yoram Bilu

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson was the charismatic leader of the Chabad Hasidic movement and its designated Messiah. Yet when he died, his followers’ messianic fervor did not subside. Through traditional means and digital technologies, these radical Hasidim keep the Rebbe palpably close—engaging in ongoing dialogue, ritual practices, and a ubiquitous visual culture. This book examines how religious practice can keep a messianic figure not just present but accessible. Bilu examines a distinctly new and uniquely modern religious experience. The *virtual* Rebbe—multiple, visible, accessible, and highly decentralized—engages a truly twenty-first-century messianic movement. Bilu documents the birth and development of a new religious faith, and thereby charts religious horizons old and new.

“In this fascinating study, Israel’s foremost scholar of Jewish popular religion offers a brilliant analysis of how these Hasidim create an ‘apotheosis’ of the Rebbe.”

—David Biale,
 University of California, Davis

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Common Phantoms
An American History of Psychic Science

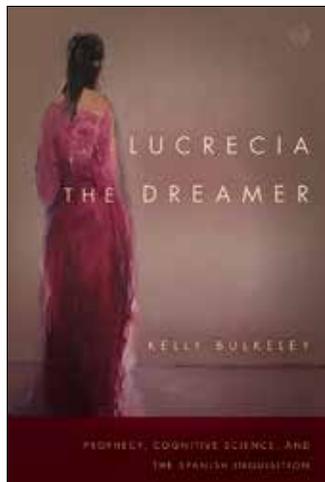
Alicia Puglionesi

Séances, clairvoyance, and telepathy captivated the U.S. public imagination from the 1850s well into the twentieth century. Though dismissed by skeptics, a new kind of investigator sought the science behind such phenomena. *Common Phantoms* brings these experiments back to life while modeling a new approach to the history of psychology and the mind sciences. Drawing on previously untapped archives of participant-reported data, Puglionesi describes a vast though flawed experiment in democratic science, in which psychical research gave participants tools to study their own experiences. Academic psychology would ultimately disown this effort, but its challenge to the limits of science, the mind, and the soul still reverberates today.

“A fresh perspective on the goals and failures, friendships and rivalries, methods and dreams of those who investigated the interconnected powers of the human mind.”

—Pamela Klassen,
 University of Toronto

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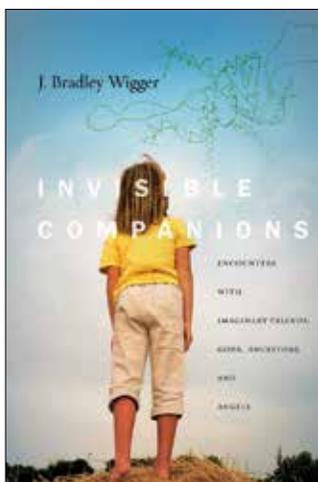
Lucrecia the Dreamer
*Prophecy, Cognitive Science,
and the Spanish Inquisition*
Kelly Bulkeley

This book tells the gripping story of Lucrecia de León, a young woman in sixteenth-century Spain who gained a popular reputation as a prophetic dreamer predicting apocalyptic ruin for her country. Stung by her forecasting, King Philip II ordered the Inquisition to arrest her on charges of heresy and sedition. During her imprisonment, trial, and torture, the court preserved and analyzed records of her dreams. Their authenticity, and potentially explosive significance, became the focal point of the Church's investigation. Drawing on the cognitive science of religion, Bulkeley finds meaningful patterns in Lucrecia's prophecies and sheds new light on the infinitely puzzling question at the center of her trial, a question that has vexed all religious traditions throughout history: How can we determine if a dream is, or is not, a true revelation?

"Structured like a police procedural and delightful to read."

— Leslie Tuttle,
Louisiana State University

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Invisible Companions
*Encounters with Imaginary
Friends, Gods, Ancestors,
and Angels*

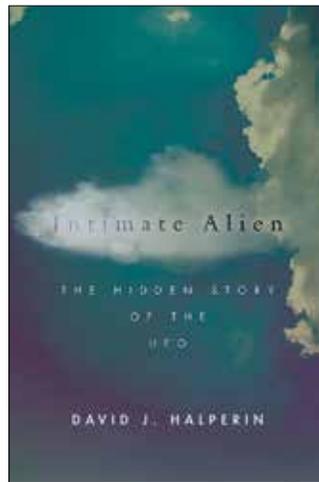
J. Bradley Wigger

From the U.S. to Nepal, Wigger travels five countries on three continents to hear children describe their invisible friends— one-hundred-year-old robins and blue dogs, dinosaurs and teapots. Drawing on these interviews and on a new wave of developmental research, he finds a fluid and flexible quality to the imaginative mind. Yet Wigger steps beyond psychological territory to explore the religious significance of relationships with invisible beings. He uncovers a profound capacity in the religious imagination to see through the surface of reality to more than meets the eye. Not just for parents or for those who work with children, *Invisible Companions* will appeal to anyone interested in our mind's creative and spiritual possibilities.

"Wigger's artful mix of storytelling and new research captivates the imagination. One of the best reads I have enjoyed for some time."

—Justin Barrett,
Fuller Theological Seminary

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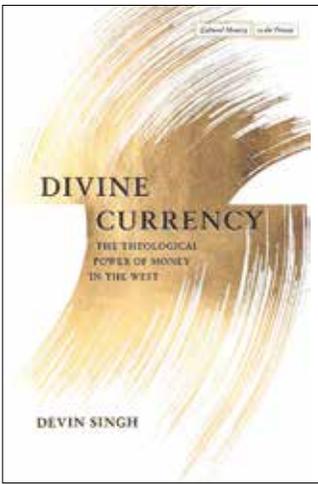
Intimate Alien
The Hidden Story of the UFO
David J. Halperin

From the prehistoric Balkans to the deserts of New Mexico, from Biblical visions to modern abductions, *Intimate Alien* traces the hidden story of the UFO. UFOs are a myth—but myths are real, says Halperin. The power and fascination of the UFO is about us, our longings and terrors, especially the greatest terror of all: the end of our existence. Halperin's investigation goes beyond believing in or debunking UFOs, to a fresh understanding of what they tell us about ourselves as individuals, as a culture, as a species. It's a human story from beginning to end, no less mysterious and fantastic for its earthliness. A collective cultural dream, UFOs transport us to the outer limits of that most alien yet intimate frontier, our own inner space.

"On one level, this is a book about the UFO phenomenon. On another, this is a book about how a scholar of religion comes to be."

—Jeffrey J. Kripal,
Rice University

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Divine Currency
The Theological Power of Money in the West

Devin Singh

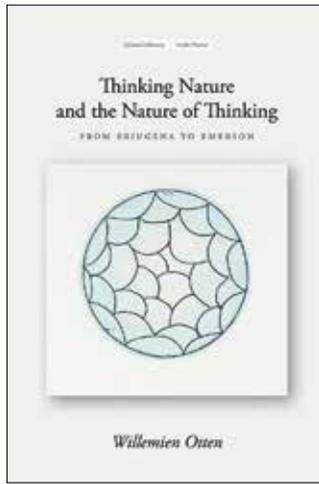
This book shows how early economic ideas structured Christian thought and society, giving crucial insight into why money holds such power in the West. Examining the religious and theological sources of money's power, it shows how early Christian thinkers borrowed ancient notions of money and economic exchange as a basis for new theological arguments. God became an economic administrator, and Christ functioned as a currency to purchase humanity's freedom. Such ideas provided models for pastors and Christian emperors, which led to new economic conceptions of the administration of populations and conferred a godly aura on the use of money. *Divine Currency* argues that this longstanding association of money with the divine has contributed to an ever-increasing significance of money, justifying various forms of politics that manage citizens along the way.

"Ground-breaking, erudite, and a pleasure to read."

—Adam Kotsko,
North Central College

CULTURAL MEMORY IN THE PRESENT

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Thinking Nature and the Nature of Thinking
From Eriugena to Emerson

Willemien Otten

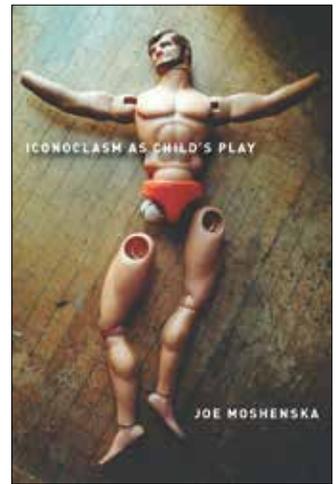
A fresh, capacious reading of the Western religious tradition on nature and creation, this book puts medieval theologian John Scottus Eriugena into conversation with philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson. Challenging historical religious models, Otten reveals a line of thought that has long made room for nature's agency as the coworker of God. Embracing this idea of nature in a world beset by environmental crisis will allow us to see nature not as a victim but as an ally in a common quest for re-attunement to the divine. Putting its protagonists into further dialogue with such classical authors as Augustine, Maximus the Confessor, Friedrich Schleiermacher, and William James, her study deconstructs the idea of pantheism and paves the way for a new natural theology.

"Persuasively illustrates how to engage religiously with religious texts without having to disdain the blessings of secularity."

—James Wetzel,
Villanova University

CULTURAL MEMORY IN THE PRESENT

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Iconoclasm As Child's Play
Joe Moshenska

During the Reformation, rejected sacred objects were not always burned or broken; they were sometimes given to children as toys. Play is usually seen as free and open, while iconoclasm, even to those who deem it necessary, is violent and disenchanting. What does it say that these two activities were sometimes one and the same? Drawing on a range of artifacts, artworks, and texts, as well as on ancient and modern theories of iconoclasm and of play, Moshenska argues that this type of iconoclasm has the potential to alter our understanding of the threshold between the religious and the secular, the forms and functions of play, and the nature of historical transformation and continuity.

"This startlingly original and refreshingly multidisciplinary book will change the way we look at toys, children, and religious images."

—Michael Schoenfeldt,
University of Michigan

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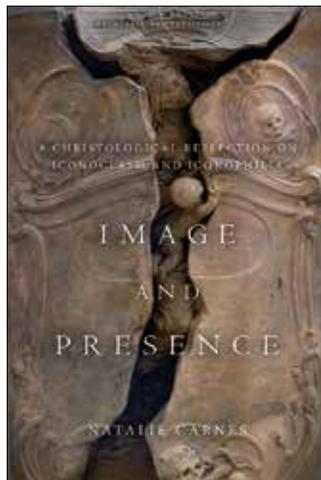


Image and Presence *A Christological Reflection on Iconoclasm and Iconophilia*

Natalie Carnes

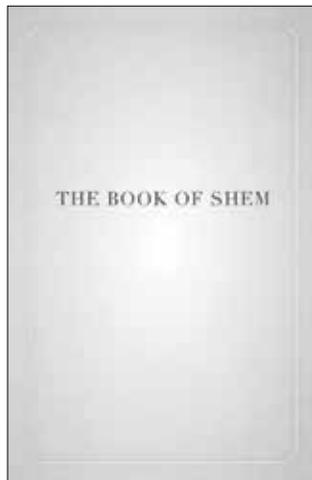
Joining a growing multidisciplinary conversation that rejects an understanding of images as lifeless objects, this book offers a theological meditation on the ways images convey presence. Just as Christ negates himself in order to manifest the invisible God, images, Carnes contends, negate themselves to give more than they literally or materially are. Her Christological reflections bring iconoclasm and iconophilia into productive relation, suggesting that they need not oppose one another. Investigating such images as the biblical golden calf and paintings of the Virgin Mary, Carnes distinguishes between iconoclasm that maintain fidelity to their theological intentions and those that lead to visual temptation. Offering ecumenical reflections on issues that have long divided various Christian traditions, *Image and Presence* provokes a fundamental reconsideration of images and of the global image crises of our time.

"A sophisticated and important book."

—Paul Griffiths,
Duke University

ENCOUNTERING TRADITIONS

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The Book of Shem *On Genesis before Abraham*

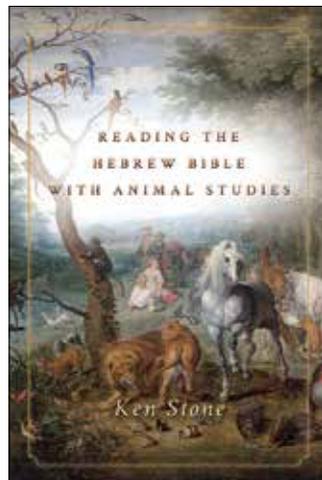
David Kishik

One of the most radical rereadings of the opening chapters of Genesis since *The Zohar*, *The Book of Shem* offers an inspiring interpretation of this novel of world literature. The six parts of the primeval story—God's creation, the Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, the first covenant, and the Tower of Babel—come together to address a single concern: How does one become the human being that one is? By closely analyzing the founding text of the Abrahamic religions, this short treatise rethinks some of their deepest convictions. With a mixture of reverence and violence, Kishik's creative commentary demonstrates the post-secular implications of a pre-Abrahamic position.

"A fantastic book that teaches us something new and returns us to something we have abandoned for too long."

—Gil Anidjar,
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Reading the Hebrew Bible with Animal Studies

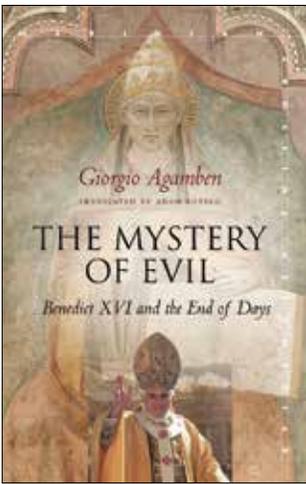
Ken Stone

This book explores the significance of animal studies for the interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. Combined with biblical scholarship, it sheds useful light on animals, animal symbolism, and the relations among animals, humans, and God. Without the presence of domesticated and wild animals, neither biblical traditions nor the religions that make use of the Bible would exist in their current forms. Although parts of the Bible draw a clear line between humans and animals, other passages complicate that line in multiple ways and challenge our assumptions about the roles animals play therein. Engaging influential theorists and experts in animal and ecological studies, *Reading the Hebrew Bible with Animal Studies* shows how prehumanist texts reveal unexpectedly relevant dynamics and themes for our posthumanist age.

"Stone's ecological sensibilities, theoretical acumen, and incisive exegetical arguments open up fresh perspectives on overread biblical texts and tired scholarly debates."

—Stephen D. Moore,
The Theological School,
Drew University

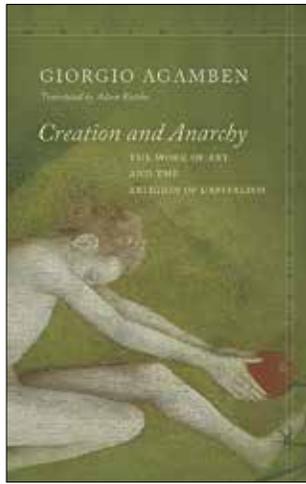
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The Mystery of Evil
Benedict XVI and the End of Days
Giorgio Agamben
Translated by Adam Kotsko

In 2013, Benedict XVI became only the second pope in the history of the Catholic Church to resign from office. In this brief but illuminating study, Giorgio Agamben argues that Benedict's gesture, far from being solely a matter of internal ecclesiastical politics, is exemplary in an age when the question of legitimacy has been virtually left aside in favor of a narrow focus on legality. This reflection on the recent history of the Church opens out into an analysis of one of the earliest documents of Christianity: the Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, which stages a dramatic confrontation between the "man of lawlessness" and the enigmatic katechon, the power that holds back the end of days. In Agamben's hands, this infamously obscure passage reveals the theological dynamics of history that continue to inform Western culture to this day.

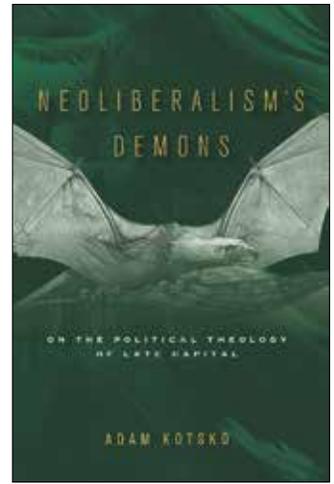
MERIDIAN: CROSSING AESTHETICS
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Creation and Anarchy
The Work of Art and the Religion of Capitalism
Giorgio Agamben
Translated by Adam Kotsko

Creation and the giving of orders are closely entwined in Western culture, where God commands the world into existence and later issues the injunctions known as the Ten Commandments. The *arche*, or origin is always also a command, and a beginning is always the first principle that governs and decrees. This is as true for theology, where God not only creates the world but governs through continuous creation, as it is for the philosophical and political tradition, according to which beginning and creation will together form a strategic apparatus without which our society would fall apart. *Creation and Anarchy* aims to deactivate this apparatus through a patient archaeological inquiry into the concepts of work, creation, and command. Exploring every nuance of the *arche* in search of an *an-archic* exit strategy, it points to a philosophical thought that might overthrow both the principle and its command.

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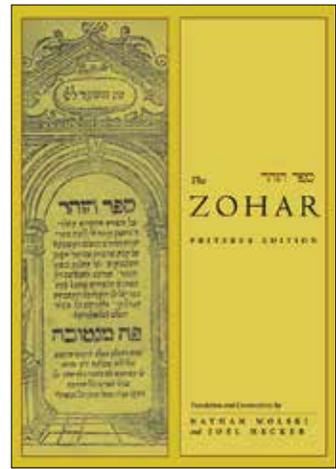
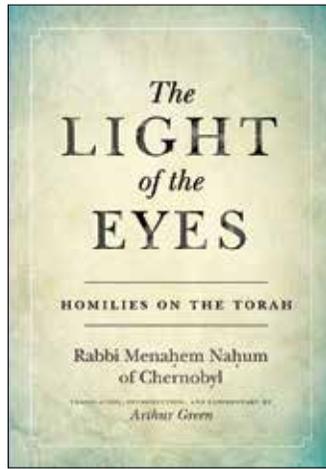
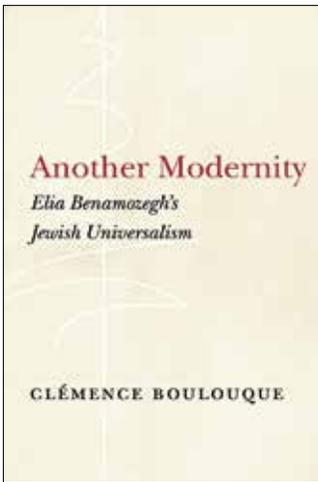
Neoliberalism's Demons
On the Political Theology of Late Capital
Adam Kotsko

Neoliberalism is not just an economic policy agenda. A complete worldview, it presents the competitive marketplace as the model for true human flourishing, transforming every aspect of our shared social life. This book explores the sources of neoliberalism's remarkable success and the roots of its current decline. Neoliberalism's appeal is its promise of unfettered free choice, but that freedom is a trap. If we choose rightly, we ratify our own exploitation. If we choose wrongly, we are demonized as the cause of social ills. Tracing the political and theological roots of the neoliberal concept of freedom, Kotsko offers a fresh perspective that emphasizes the dynamics of race, gender, and sexuality. He argues that the rise of right-wing populism, far from breaking with the neoliberal model, actually doubles down on neoliberalism's most destructive features.

"Everyone should read this book."

—James Martel,
San Francisco State University

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Another Modernity Elia Benamozegh's Jewish Universalism

Clémence Boulouque

Another Modernity is a rich study of the life and thought of Elia Benamozegh, a nineteenth-century rabbi and philosopher whose work profoundly influenced Christian-Jewish dialogue in twentieth-century Europe. Benamozegh, a Livornese rabbi of Moroccan descent, was a prolific writer and transnational thinker who corresponded widely with religious and intellectual figures in France, the Maghreb, and the Middle East. What he proposed was unprecedented: that the Jewish tradition presented a solution to the religious crisis of modernity. In this book, Clémence Boulouque presents a wide-ranging and nuanced investigation of Benamozegh's views on Jewish universalism, Kabbalah, and his commitment to interreligious engagement, considering his work's impact on Christian-Jewish dialogue as well as on evangelical Christians and right-wing religious Zionists.

**STANFORD STUDIES IN JEWISH
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The Light of the Eyes *Homilies on the Torah*

By Rabbi Menachem Nahum
of Chernobyl

Translation, Introduction, and
Commentary by Arthur Green

Hasidism is an influential spiritual revival movement within Judaism that began in the eighteenth century and continues to thrive today. One of the great classics of early Hasidism, *The Light of the Eyes* is a collection of homilies on the Torah, reading the entire Five Books of Moses as a guide to spiritual awareness and cultivation of the inner life. This is the first English translation of any major work from Hasidism's earliest and most creative period. Green's introduction and annotations survey the history of Hasidism and outline the essential religious and moral teachings of this mystical movement. *The Light of the Eyes*, by R. Menahem Nahum of Chernobyl, offers insights that remain as fresh and relevant for the contemporary reader as they were when first published in 1798.

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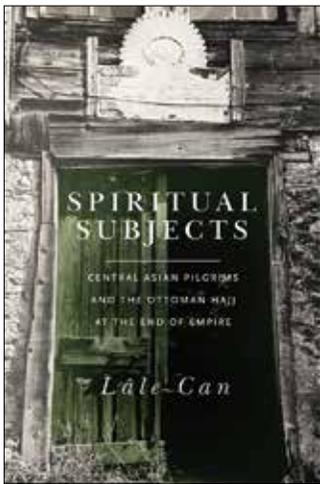
The Zohar *Pritzker Edition*

Translation and Commentary by
Daniel C. Matt, Nathan Wolski,
and Joel Hecker

Sefer ha-Zohar (The Book of Radiance) has amazed readers ever since it emerged in Spain over seven hundred years ago. Written in a lyrical Aramaic, the Zohar, the masterpiece of Kabbalah, features mystical interpretation of the Torah, from Genesis to Deuteronomy. *The Zohar: Pritzker Edition* series presents the first translation ever made from a critical Aramaic text of the Zohar, which has been established by Professor Daniel C. Matt (along with Nathan Wolski and Joel Hecker) based on a wide range of original manuscripts. Every one of the twelve volumes provides extensive commentary, appearing at the bottom of each page, clarifying the kabbalistic symbolism and terminology, and citing sources and parallels from biblical, rabbinic, and kabbalistic texts.

To celebrate the completion of the twenty-year project to translate *The Zohar*, all twelve volumes are available, both individually and as a complete set.

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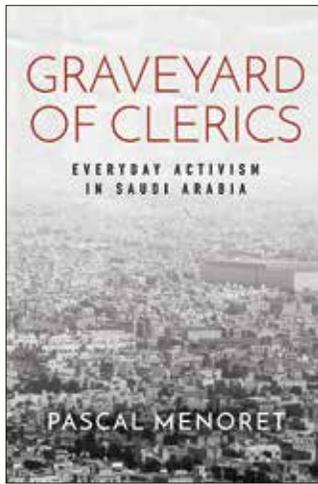
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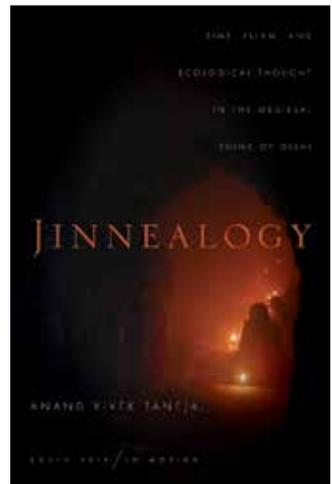


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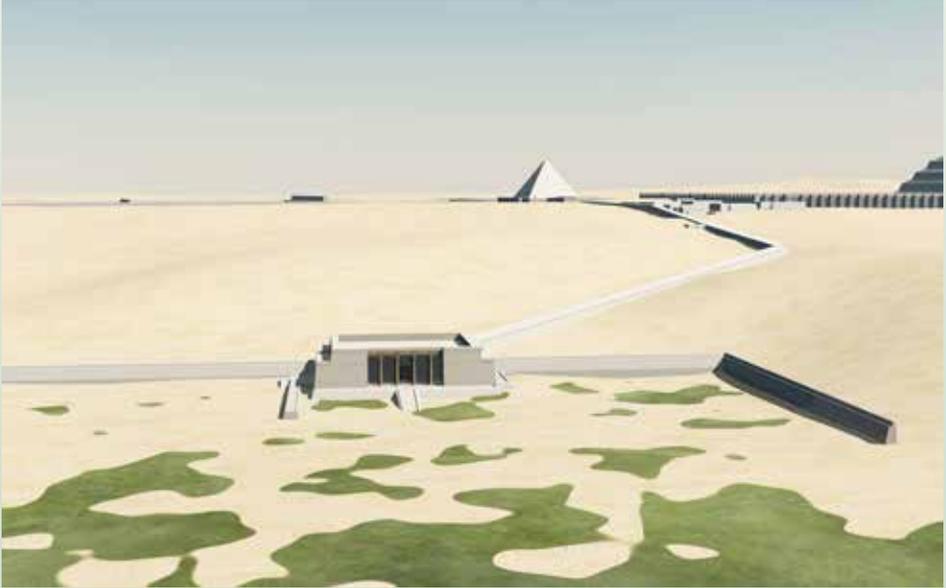
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