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## Mary Magdalene

## Christianity's Hidden Goddess

Constable & Robinson Picknett presents a startling chronicle revealing the millennia long conspiracy to deny Mary Magdalene's vital role in Christian history as Jesus' priestess, catechizer, apostle, and lover.

## The Hidden Goddess

## The Quest for the Divine Feminine in the Judeo-Christian Tradition - from Asherah to Mary Magdalene

John Hunt Publishing **The Hidden Goddess** delves into the Bible to uncover the goddesses that have been buried within it. As well as discussing familiar figures such as Eve and Mary, the book also features Asherah, Sophia, Lilith, and others, exploring their histories, their roles in early Judaic Christian belief and their subsequent suppression. '...a readable and accessible antidote to the stereotype that the divine feminine is absent in the biblical traditions. A great resource for women and men seeking the Goddess in unlikely places. Professor Mary Ann Beavis, Ph.D., St. Thomas More College

## Christian Goddess Spirituality

## Enchanting Christianity

Routledge This monograph focuses on "Christian Goddess Spirituality" (CGS), the phenomenon of (mostly) women who combine Christianity and Goddess Spirituality, including Wicca/Witchcraft. Mary Ann Beavis's study provides ethnographic data and analysis on the lived religious experience of CGS practitioners, drawing on interviews of over 100 women who self-identify as combining Christianity and Goddess spirituality. Although CGS also has implications for Goddess Spirituality and related traditions (e.g., Neopaganism, Wicca), here, CGS is considered primarily as a phenomenon within Christianity. However, the study also shows that the fusion of Christian and Goddess spiritualities has had an impact on non-Christian feminist spirituality, since Goddess-worshippers have often constructed Christianity as the diametrical opposite and enemy of the Goddess, to the point that some refuse to admit the possibility that CGS is a valid spiritual path, or that it is even possible. In addition, biblical, Jewish and Christian images of the divine such as Sophia, Shekhinah, the Virgin Mary, and even Mary Magdalene, have found their way into the "Pagan" Goddess pantheon. The main themes of the study include: overlaps and differences between Christian feminist theology and CGS; the routes to CGS for individual practitioners, and their beliefs, practices and experiences; proto-denominational classifications ("spiritual paths") within CGS; CGS theology (Christian discourse about the female divine); and the future of CGS in social scientific and ecclesiological context. Christian Goddess Spirituality will be of interest to scholars of religion, especially those with interests in women and religion, feminist spiritualities, feminist theology/theology, alternative spiritualities, New Religious Movements, and emergent Christianities.

## Jesus and the Lost Goddess

## The Secret Teachings of the Original Christians

Harmony **Why Were the Teachings of the Original Christians Brutally Suppressed by the Roman Church?** • Because they portray Jesus and Mary Magdalene as mythic figures based on the Pagan Godman and Goddess • Because they show that the gospel story is a spiritual allegory encapsulating a profound philosophy that leads to mythical enlightenment •

Because they have the power to turn the world inside out and transform life into an exploration of consciousness Drawing on modern scholarship, the authors of the international bestseller *The Jesus Mysteries* decode the secret teachings of the original Christians for the first time in almost two millennia and theorize about who the original Christians really were and what they actually taught. In addition, the book explores the many myths of Jesus and the Goddess and unlocks the lost secret teachings of Christian mysticism, which promise happiness and immortality to those who attain the state of Gnosis, or enlightenment. This daring and controversial book recovers the ancient wisdom of the original Christians and demonstrates its relevance to us today.

## The Secret History of Lucifer (New Edition)

[Hachette UK](#) In her new account of an old religion, Lynn Picknett explains that Lucifer means 'the light bringer' and was a personification of the Morning Star, the planet Venus and its goddess. 'He' was originally 'she' -- a divine representation of love, light and human warmth. The early Christian Church appropriated the name Lucifer, and it became synonymous with darkness and the Devil. Yet many great thinkers have covertly followed the old Luciferan way, most famously Leonardo da Vinci, who encrypted the symbols of his heretical beliefs in his work, visible only to those who have the key.

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[HarperCollins UK](#) Decoding the extraordinary myths of Jesus and the Goddess.

## Magdalene's Lost Legacy

## Symbolic Numbers and the Sacred Union in Christianity

[Inner Traditions / Bear & Co](#) Using New Testament gematria, symbolic number values encoded in the Greek phrases, the author reveals that the sacred couple was one of the essential pillars of early Christian teachings, before being denied by the architects of institutional Christianity and obscured by later Church doctrine.

## The Masks of Christ

## Behind the Lies and Cover-ups About the Life of Jesus

[Simon and Schuster](#) From the gnostic gospels to the Nativity, religious mythology immortalized Jesus -- his personality, his actions, his words -- but what if they didn't tell the truth? Although an entire religion is based on his teachings, Jesus himself did not record any written accounts of his life or faith. He taught his followers orally, and our only sources about what Jesus actually said and believed, the Gospels, were written long after his lifetime. But the Gospel authors had their own agendas to promote and most certainly altered -- even distorted -- their leader's message. In *The Masks of Christ*, bestselling authors Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince peel away layers of mythology, canonical revisions, Church propaganda, and censorship in order to reveal who Christ really was -- and discover his true message to the followers of Christianity. Stripping away centuries of misinformation, Picknett and Prince dispel religious myths, unearth historical truths, and uncover the real stories behind some of the Bible's most famous tales -- including how Christ's long-hidden relationships with John the Baptist and Mary Magdalene shaped his beliefs and religious mission. Drawing on objective research, Picknett and Prince present the living, breathing Jesus and provide a context for Jesus' teachings in the time and society in which he lived -- and, most important, guidance on what the life and lessons of Jesus Christ mean to everyone today.

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## The Lost Gospel

Simon and Schuster **Waiting to be rediscovered in the British Library is an ancient manuscript of the early Church, copied by an anonymous monk. The manuscript is at least 1,450 years old, possibly dating to the first century. And now, The Lost Gospel provides the first ever translation from Syriac into English of this unique document that tells the inside story of Jesus' social, family, and political life. The Lost Gospel takes the reader on an unparalleled historical adventure through a paradigm shifting manuscript. What the authors eventually discover is as astounding as it is surprising: the confirmation of Jesus' marriage to Mary Magdalene; the names of their two children; the towering presence of Mary Magdalene; a previously unknown plot on Jesus' life (thirteen years prior to the crucifixion); an assassination attempt against Mary Magdalene and their children; Jesus' connection to political figures at the highest level of the Roman Empire; and a religious movement that antedates that of Paul—the Church of Mary Magdalene. Part historical detective story, part modern adventure, The Lost Gospel reveals secrets that have been hiding in plain sight for millennia.**

## The Turin Shroud

## How Da Vinci Fooled History

Simon and Schuster **The authors of The Templar Revelation and The Sion Revelation draw on new findings to contend that the shroud was created by Leonardo Da Vinci, who they believe used sophisticated methods and his own image to create the shroud as a substitute for a medieval forgery. Reprint. 35,000 first printing.**

## Mary Magdalene The Illuminator

SCB Distributors **William Henry presents new evidence about the secrets and the true history of Mary Magdalene, including the reasons why she was called the Illuminator or Illuminatrix and why the Knights Templar were attacked by the Church of Rome. In this book, he explores the core of the mysteries of Mary Magdalene to study knowledge of the 'ultimate secret' of the Tower or Ladder to God, also called the Stairway to Heaven. The astonishing facts about the secret teachings of Jesus and Mary Magdalene and their connection to the Illuminated Ones of the past are discussed. Other subjects include: The Gnostics and Cathars and their connection to Mary Magdalene; The alchemical secrets of Mary Magdalene's anointing oil and how it transformed Jesus; The Magdalene's connection to Ishtar, Isis and other ancient goddesses; The reality of an extraterrestrial presence in the Bible and Gnostic Christian texts; How the Knights Templar encoded the secret teaching of Jesus and Mary Magdalene in religious graffiti at Domme, France; more.**

## The Secret Teachings of Mary Magdalene

## Including the Lost Verses of The Gospel of Mary, Revealed and Published for the First Time

Watkins Media Limited **This in-depth commentary on the lost material of The Gospel of Mary Magdalene presents Jesus' most important—and misunderstood—disciple as you've never seen her before. Discovered in fragments in Egypt in 1945, The Gospel of Mary remains one of the most controversial texts of early Christianity. This translation of Mary's teachings, from the original Greek and Coptic, offers a unique new perspective: authors Claire Nahmad and Margaret Bailey utilized "inner listening" to uncover lost material, and they present Mary's ideas in the form of a dialogue between the (risen) Savior and His disciples. Most importantly, The Secret Teachings of Mary Magdalene includes a description by Mary of special revelations given to her by Jesus. Nahmad and Bailey argues that Mary was not just the consort of Christ but the feminine Christ herself, and in their view, the partnership between Jesus and Mary exemplifies the crucial balance of male and female in spiritual and corporeal life. It's an interpretation that uncovers a rich subtext in Mary's words, offering wisdom on an extraordinary range of concerns—from the origins of the human race to the pathway to Christlike consciousness.**

# Encyclopedia of Women in Today's World

**SAGE** This work includes 1000 entries covering the spectrum of defining women in the contemporary world.

## St. Mary Magdalene

### The Gnostic Tradition of the Holy Bride

**Llewellyn Worldwide** In the Gospels of the Bible there are a few comments about Mary Magdalene here and there. But in the Gnostic scriptures that have been discovered, there are tantalizing hints that both her relationship to Jesus and her role among Jesus' disciples may have been profoundly important. Among several schools of Gnostic Christianity, Mary plays an essential role in the revelation of the gospel. Here, for the first time in print, is a Sophian Gospel of St. Mary Magdalene. No secret oral tradition as extensive as this has ever been recorded, and none has ever presented a Gnostic view of Mary Magdalene as she is portrayed in this groundbreaking work-as a powerful holy woman, the innermost disciple and beloved wife of Jesus, and a Christed woman who is coequal with Jesus in the Christ revelation.

### 14 Steps to Awaken the Sacred Feminine

### Women in the Circle of Mary Magdalene

**Inner Traditions / Bear & Co** A practical guide for inviting the wisdom of Mary Magdalene into everyday life • Provides a unique workbook for use in the spiritual pathwork of Magdalene Circles • Includes wisdom stories, guided meditations, journaling questions, and essays by Margaret Starbird, author of *The Woman with the Alabaster Jar* • Designed for those involved in Magdalene Circles and those interested in applying the sacred feminine wisdom of the Goddess to their lives Women's circles have been called a "revolutionary-evolutionary movement hidden in plain sight" by Jean Shinoda Bolen and have been hailed as capable of affecting global change. Magdalene Circles are groups of women who focus their shared energies on the wisdom of Mary Magdalene to gain insight into the role of the sacred feminine in their own lives and to help them advance on their spiritual paths. This book offers 14 lessons to help understand the wisdom offered by Mary Magdalene's story and mythos. Among the lessons are prophecies of the bride, why we need the bride, Magdalene's archetypal pattern of descent, and how modern women carry the Grail. Well-suited for the individual reader as well as a group, each lesson includes an introduction, guided meditation, questions for journaling, and an essay by Margaret Starbird as well as suggestions for group sharing. Placing Mary Magdalene within the pattern of "cyclic renewal" of earth-based religions, this book offers the chance to incorporate the sacred feminine wisdom of Mary Magdalene into everyday life for Christians and spiritual feminists alike.

### The Da Vinci Code Revisited

### A Conclusive Reputation of the Sinister, Widespread Lie

**Xlibris Corporation** Dan Browns staggering bestseller, *The Da Vinci Code* has sold over 80 million copies since it was released in 2003. Expediently classified as a work of fiction, Brown nevertheless intimates that his book is about historical fact and about a conspiracy by mainstream Christian leaders to suppress the truth about the origins of the faith, its development over the centuries, and its central figure . . . the Galilean Jesus Christ! Everything the world has been taught about traditional Christianity, Brown claims, is based on falsehood. Numerous responses, many of them incisive and persuasive, have been produced to challenge Dan Browns historically inaccurate and nonsensically speculative endeavors at maligning the greatest religious system the world has ever known. *The Da Vinci Code Revisited* comprehensively debunks *The Da Vinci Code* farce. Unlike other undertakings to refute Dan Browns misrepresentations and outright lies, however, *The Da Vinci Code Revisited* in addition to addressing Browns preposterous claims head-on counters his arguments with an insightful presentation of the Christian Gospel. The result is not only the availability of an antidote for *The Da Vinci Code's* corrosive ideology, but an invitation to the reader to contemplate the incontrovertibly truthful teachings of the Holy Bible and its sure message of salvation for lost mankind. If the warped conceptualizations and despicable lies peddled in Dan Browns *The Da Vinci Code* have been promoted once, they have been promoted once too often! The fact that over 80 million copies of Browns book have been sold attests to the painful realization that the toxicant ideas advanced by this shameless excuse for a religious scholar have been imposed upon very many credulous and uninformed people around the world. You owe it to yourself to read *The Da Vinci Code Revisited: A Conclusive Refutation of the Widespread, Sinister Lie!* Know the truth!

### Invoking Mary Magdalene

## Accessing the Wisdom of the Divine Feminine

Sounds True Recent discoveries of sacred texts such as the Gospel of Mary of Magdala and the Gospel of Thomas tell us that Mary Magdalene was independent, insightful, and courageous—a woman so inspirational that her voice can still be heard across the ages. In *Invoking Mary Magdalene*, religious scholar Siobhán Houston invites you to develop your own personal relationship with one of Jesus' closest disciples, as she instructs you in a daily devotional practice of prayers, meditations, and visualizations from around the world. With the exercises in this book and on the accompanying CD, Houston offers step-by-step guidance for accessing the wisdom of the Divine Feminine that Mary Magdalene represents, as you explore: Novenas, rosaries, and seasonal rituals from the Gnostic, Kabbalistic, and Grail traditions How to connect to Mary Magdalene in her Dark Goddess aspect to unleash your own fierce power—the energy that turns fear and illusion into healing and renewal Reveling in bliss: realizing a euphoric adoration of the Divine that eclipses all earthly concerns, and much more Whether you're discovering Mary Magdalene for the first time or have long felt an unquenchable desire to experience the presence of the beloved luminary, with *Invoking Mary Magdalene*, you will come to share Mary Magdalene's gnosis—her indwelling knowledge of the sacred—and witness the blessings of the one who has been called "the woman who knew the All".

## The secret life of Mary Magdalene

Éditions Essénia The story of Mary Magdalene is that of a simple woman, understanding a secret, concentrating all her strength on the divine fire, deciding to consecrate her whole life so that her thoughts would be turned to the Father. This woman is intelligent, she has understood that man is only a passage on earth and that he will spend his life doing things that have no interest and that will turn to dust. She then takes care of her eternal soul. Following the Master Jesus and surrounding him with his blessings, she will consecrate herself to God with intelligence and mastery, know the laws and walk on the path of the spiritual masters, the divine masters.

## Origins of the Magdalene Laundries

### An Analytical History

McFarland The convents, asylums, and laundries that once comprised the Magdalene institutions are the subject of this work. Though originally half-way homes for prostitutes in the Middle Ages, these homes often became forced-labor institutions, particularly in Ireland. Examining the laundries within the context of a growing world capitalist economy, the work argues that the process of colonization, and of defining a national image, determined the nature and longevity of the Magdalene Laundries. This process developed differently in Ireland, where the last laundry closed in 1996. The book focuses on the devolution of the significance of Mary Magdalene as a metaphor for the organization: from an affluent, strong supporter of Jesus to a simple, fallen woman.

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## Magdalene Mysteries

### The Left-Hand Path of the Feminine Christ

[Simon and Schuster](#) **Discover the Womb Rites and initiatory magic of Mary Magdalene, who was revered as a Priestess and human embodiment of the Goddess • 2020 Nautilus Gold Award • Reveals how Mary Magdalene was a sacred priestess of the ancient Womb Mysteries, connected to moon wisdom, sacred harlot archetypes, and goddesses in many traditions, including Sophia, Isis, Inanna, Asherah, Lilith, Jezebel, and Witches • Explains how the Magdalene Mysteries have been encoded in Gnostic texts, sacred art, and literature and unveils the secret Grail heresy of the Ghent Altarpiece • Offers rituals and practices to initiate you into the Womb magic of the ancient priestesses and access deeper dimensions of sexuality and feminine power** A sacred priestess of the ancient Womb Rites, Mary Magdalene was at the center of a great and enduring Mystery tradition, one that touched on a stream of perennial spiritual wisdom as old as humanity. Worshipped as the human embodiment of the Goddess, the earthly Sophia, her womb was the spiritual luminatrix that anointed and empowered Jesus, transforming him into the Christ. As a priestess of the Goddess, Mary Magdalene knew how to embody the light and the dark, how to harness the magic potency of sacred sexual energy, and how to cleanse, awaken, and resurrect the soul. Yet, even though she sparked the creation of a worldwide religion, her story and teachings have been forgotten. Unveiling the lost left-hand path of the Magdalene, the Feminine Christ, authors Seren and Azra Bertrand explore how this underground stream of knowledge has been carried forward over the millennia through an unbroken lineage of Womb Shamans, Priestesses, Oracles, and Medicine Women. They explain how the Magdalene Mysteries, symbolized by the Rose, have been encoded in Gnostic codices and gospels and in the highest art, literature, and architecture of many ages, including most significantly the Ghent Altarpiece. They examine Mary Magdalene's connection to moon wisdom, sacred harlot archetypes, and goddesses in many traditions, including Isis, Inanna, Asherah, Lilith, and Jezebel, and look at shamanic, tantric, and Cathar expressions of sacred feminine mysteries as well as the Witch and Templar roots of Robin Hood and Maid Marian. In this revelatory and magical text on the lost feminine mystery traditions of Mary Magdalene and the lineage of Sophia, the authors present encompassing theological, historical, mythological, and archetypal wisdom, with rituals and practices to initiate you into the Womb magic of the ancient priestesses and the path of the wild feminine.

### The Magdalene Legacy

### The Jesus and Mary Bloodline Conspiracy Revelation Beyond The Da Vinci Code

[HarperElement](#) **The behind the controversial ideas in the Da Vinci Code and the real and remarkable significance of the Magdalene to our culture and to Christianity itself. Contents: - the allegorical portrayals of Leonardo da Vinci, including Mary's coded appearance in The Last Supper - the enigmatic Templar society called The Priory of Sion apparently formed to protect the Jesus/Mary secret marital relationship and descendants - the sacred marriage of Jesus and Mary - the truth behind the Knights Templar - who they were and what their role was - the hidden gospel of the Magdalene, excluded from the New Testament canon - Mary Magdalene - goddess or prostitute? Her life and exile in France - the forbidden tomb: the secret resting place of Mary Magdalene**

### Christians in the Twenty-First Century

[Routledge](#) **'Christians in the Twenty-First Century' examines Christianity as it is understood and practised both by active followers and those who regard themselves as Christian. The book opens with an examination of key Christian concepts - the Bible, the Creeds, the Church and the sacraments - and the major traditions of Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy and Protestantism as well as more recent movements. The book continues with an analysis of the challenges presented by the rise of science, new approaches to biblical scholarship, the rise of fundamentalist movements, the ordination of women, secularization, the interfaith movement, and the impact of the electronic revolution.**

### The Forbidden Universe

### The Occult Origins of Science and the Search for the Mind of God

[Hachette UK](#) **Were the first scientists hermetic philosophers? What do these occult origins of modern science tell us about the universe today? The Forbidden Universe reveals the secret brotherhood that defined the world, and perhaps discovered the mind of God. All the pioneers of science, from Copernicus to Newton via Galileo, were inspired by Hermeticism. Men such as Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Leibniz, Bacon, Kepler, Tycho Brahe - even Shakespeare - owed**

much of their achievements to basically occult beliefs - the hermetica. In this fascinating study, Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince go in search of the Hermetic origins of modern science and prove that not everything is as it seems and that over the past 400 years there has been a secret agenda behind our search for truth. From the age of Leonardo da Vinci, the influence of hermetic thinking upon the greatest minds in history has been hidden, a secret held by a forbidden brotherhood in search of the mind of God. Yet this search does not end in history but can be found in the present day - in the contemporary debates of leading evolutionists and thinkers. The significance of this hidden school can hardly be over-emphasised. Not only did it provide a spiritual and philosophical background to the rise of modern science, but its worldview is also relevant to those hungry for all sorts of knowledge even in the twenty-first century. And it may even show the way to reconciling the apparently irreconcilable divide between the scientific and the spiritual. Picknett and Prince go in search of this true foundation of modern rational thought and reveal a story that overturns 400 years of received wisdom.

## Mary and Early Christian Women

### Hidden Leadership

[Springer](#) This book is open access under a CC BY-NC-ND license. This book reveals exciting early Christian evidence that Mary was remembered as a powerful role model for women leaders—women apostles, baptizers, and presiders at the ritual meal. Early Christian art portrays Mary and other women clergy serving as deacon, presbyter/priest, and bishop. In addition, the two oldest surviving artifacts to depict people at an altar table inside a real church depict women and men in a gender-parallel liturgy inside two of the most important churches in Christendom—Old Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome and the second Hagia Sophia in Constantinople. Dr. Kateusz's research brings to light centuries of censorship, both ancient and modern, and debunks the modern imagination that from the beginning only men were apostles and clergy.

### The Templar Revelation

## Secret Guardians Of The True Identity Of Christ

[Random House](#) In the course of their investigations into Leonardo da Vinci and the Turin Shroud, Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince found clues in the work of the great Renaissance artist that pointed to the existence of a secret underground religion. More clues were found in a twentieth-century London church. These were the beginnings of a quest through time and space that led the authors into the mysterious world of secret societies and such bodies as the Freemasons, the Knights Templar and the Cathars and finally back to the ideas and beliefs of the first century AD and a devastating new view of the real character and motives of the founder of Christianity and the roles of John the Baptist and Mary Magdalene. They reveal nothing less than a secret history, preserved through the centuries but encoded in works of art and even in the great Gothic cathedrals, whose revelation could shake the foundations of the Church.

## The Meaning of Mary Magdalene

## Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity

[Shambhala Publications](#) Mary Magdalene is one of the most influential symbols in the history of Christianity—yet, if you look in the Bible, you'll find only a handful of verses that speak of her. How did she become such a compelling saint in the face of such paltry evidence? In her effort to answer that question, Cynthia Bourgeault examines the Bible, church tradition, art, legend, and newly discovered texts to see what's there. She then applies her own reasoning and intuition, informed by the wisdom of the ages-old Christian contemplative tradition. What emerges is a radical view of Mary Magdalene as Jesus's most important disciple, the one he considered to understand his teaching best. That teaching was characterized by a nondualistic approach to the world and by a deep understanding of the value of the feminine. Cynthia shows how an understanding of Mary Magdalene can revitalize contemporary Christianity, how Christians and others can, through her, find their way to Jesus's original teachings and apply them to their modern lives.

## The Da Vinci Hoax

## Exposing the Errors in The Da Vinci Code

[Ignatius Press](#) The Da Vinci Code, Dan Brown's best selling novel, purports to be more than fiction: it claims to be based on fact and scholarly research. Brown wants his readers to believe that he is revealing the long-concealed truth about Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and early Christianity, a truth that he says has been suppressed by the malevolent and conspiratorial forces of the Catholic Church. The novel alleges that there has been throughout history a secret group of true followers of a Gnostic Jesus and his wife, Mary Magdalene, the true "Holy Grail." Almost everything most Christians and non-Christians think they know about Jesus, according to Dan Brown, is completely wrong, the result of

Catholic propaganda designed to hide the truth from the world. But are The Da Vinci Code's claims fact or just plain fiction? Is the novel well-researched as claimed? What is the truth about Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and the early Church? Has the Catholic Church distorted the real Jesus? Why is the novel so popular? What about the anti-Catholic, anti-Christian agenda behind the novel? Best selling author Carl Olson and journalist Sandra Miesel answer these and other important questions. Their painstaking research into The Da Vinci Code and its sources reveals some surprising truths. No one who has read or heard about The Da Vinci Code should miss this provocative and illuminating book.

## Pistis Sophia

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## You Are a Goddess

## Working with the Sacred Feminine to Awaken, Heal and Transform

Hay House, Inc Discover the goddess energies that lie within you and are guiding your life, with the ten goddess archetypes in this book. Discover How the Goddess is Guiding Your Life. You know 'the Goddess' as a divine feminine figure of myth, art and faith - but are you aware that, in truth, the Goddess is a life force that lives in you? Did you know that your multi-faceted experiences of life as a woman are influenced by Goddess consciousness? Do you sense that you have a hidden feminine energy that longs to be seen, accepted, valued - and used for a healing purpose? In this highly engaging and stirring book, leading intuitive Sophie Bashford takes you on a journey to meet nine Goddess archetypes, which will help you to: \* understand the many ups and downs, emotions and cycles of your life through the 'eyes of the Goddess' \* discover how the Goddesses can ignite your spiritual growth and uncover your feminine healing gifts \* learn how to work with each Goddess for self-healing, positive inner change and empowerment \* get in touch with a divine feminine support and healing system comprising nine archetypes - including Kali, Mary Magdalene, Aphrodite and Isis Sharing intuitively channelled messages, beautiful guided meditations and moving personal experiences, Sophie leads you into safe territories where your darkest fears can be healed, your deepest dreams awakened and your entire life transformed.

## The Cambridge Companion to New Religious Movements

Cambridge University Press New religions emerge as distinct entities in the religious landscape when innovations are introduced by a charismatic leader or a schismatic group leaves its parent organization. New religious movements (NRMs) often present novel doctrines and advocate unfamiliar modes of behavior, and have therefore often been perceived as controversial. NRMs have, however, in recent years come to be treated in the same way as established religions, that is, as complex cultural phenomena involving myths, rituals and canonical texts. This Companion discusses key features of NRMs from a systematic, comparative perspective, summarizing results of forty years of research. The volume addresses NRMs that have caught media attention, including movements such as Scientology, New Age, the Neopagans, the Sai Baba movement and Jihadist movements active in a post-9/11 context. An essential resource for students of religious studies, the history of religion, sociology, anthropology and the psychology of religion.

## In His Name

AuthorHouse Many devout Christians will not like this book as I have discovered that they are neither interested, nor concerned with anything which challenges their long taught beliefs. I did not make history, but merely write on its historical significance in the events of mankind. For those truth seekers who are interested in the 'Why' regarding religious beliefs, this book offers a genesis of Christian beliefs. Religion is a multi-million dollar a year business, and world wide, that figure runs into the billions. Is the true nature of faith focused on mankind or merely a financial endeavor? Extraordinary care has been taken to present the good, and the bad, as well as the ugly side of religion.

## When God Had a Wife

### The Fall and Rise of the Sacred Feminine in the Judeo-Christian Tradition

[Simon and Schuster](#) Reveals the tradition of goddess worship in early Judaism and how Jesus attempted to restore the feminine side of the faith • Provides historical and archaeological evidence for an earlier form of Hebrew worship with both male and female gods, including a 20th-century discovery of a Hebrew temple dedicated to both Yahweh and the warrior goddess Anat • Explores the Hebrew pantheon of goddesses, including Yahweh's wife, Asherah, goddess of fertility and childbirth • Shows how both Jesus and his great rival Simon Magus were attempting to restore the ancient, goddess-worshipping religion of the Israelites Despite what Jews and Christians--and indeed most people--believe, the ancient Israelites venerated several deities besides the Old Testament god Yahweh, including the goddess Asherah, Yahweh's wife, who was worshipped openly in the Jerusalem Temple. After the reforms of King Josiah and Prophet Jeremiah, the religion recognized Yahweh alone, and history was rewritten to make it appear that it had always been that way. The worship of Asherah and other goddesses was now heresy, and so the status of women was downgraded and they were blamed for God's wrath. However, as Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince reveal, the spiritual legacy of the Jewish goddesses and the Sacred Feminine lives on. Drawing on historical research, they examine how goddess worship thrived in early Judaism and included a pantheon of goddesses. They share new evidence for an earlier form of Hebrew worship that prayed to both male and female gods, including a 20th-century archaeological discovery of a Hebrew temple dedicated to both Yahweh and the goddess Anat. Uncovering the Sacred Feminine in early Christianity, the authors show how, in the first century AD, both Jesus and his great rival, Simon Magus, were attempting to restore the goddess-worshipping religion of the Israelites. The authors reveal how both men accorded great honor to the women they adored and who traveled with them as priestesses, Jesus's Mary Magdalene and Simon's Helen. But, as had happened centuries before, the Church rewrote history to erase the feminine side of the faith, deliberately ignoring Jesus's real message and again condemning women to marginalization and worse. Providing all the necessary evidence to restore the goddess to both Judaism and Christianity, Picknett and Prince expose the disastrous consequences of the suppression of the feminine from these two great religions and reveal how we have been collectively and instinctively craving the return of the Sacred Feminine for millennia.

## Saint Mary Magdalene

### Prophetess of Eucharistic Love

[Ignatius Press](#) This work is an extended Eucharistic meditation inspired by the traditional biblical texts associated with the life of St. Mary Magdalene, known as the "Apostle of the Apostles" because the Risen Christ appeared first to her, and she announced his Resurrection to the apostles. It is designed to help readers learn from the inspiring example of Magdalene to enter more deeply into adoration and love of Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. In telling the story of her profound conversion after a life so steeped in sin that the Lord had to expel seven demons from her soul, this book shows how Magdalene is a shining witness to the transforming power of an encounter with Jesus Christ, an encounter for her which blossomed into a life of adoration, meditation and prayer. Thus she is seen as the perfect biblical model for those who have encountered Christ, and who seek to deepen their life of adoration at the feet of the Eucharistic Lord. Adoration is essentially about love, and in the gospels there are few people who understood love as well as Mary Magdalene. Throughout the book the author draws out her profound secrets of love, through which the adorer can learn how to become ever more pleasing to the Heart of Christ. These pages will help many people find nourishment for their souls and discover anew the timeless figure of the "Apostle of the Apostles."

## The Conclusion of the Sexual Revolution

### Volume Iii of Sex and the Bible: Restoring the Foundations of Human Sexuality

[Xlibris Corporation](#) This is a book about sexual morality. Not a morality based on shame or tradition, however; but one based on combining the most up-to-date findings of sex researchers, with the most ancient teachings of the Judeo-Christian Bible. In this book, you will find that: Private masturbation and public nudity are the two Pillars, upon which all healthy attitudes towards Sex must be based. Faithful heterosexual monogamy is God's Plan for Sex, but a minority who deviate from this Plan (such as homosexuals) are nonetheless necessary for a whole society. And that Virgin Sex for young adults - which means enjoying sex play while rejecting intercourse - is the Key to: true romantic passion, equality between the sexes, and even to the very Future of Humanity. At last! A book that tells the truth about Sex and God.

## The Blackwell Companion to Jesus

John Wiley & Sons **The Blackwell Companion to Jesus** features a comprehensive collection of essays that explore the diverse ways in which Jesus has been imagined or portrayed from the beginnings of Christianity to the present day. Considers portrayals of Jesus in the New Testament and beyond, Jesus in non-Christian religions, philosophical and historic perspectives, modern manifestations, and representations in Christian art, novels, and film Comprehensive scope of coverage distinguishes this work from similar offerings Examines both Christian and non-Christian perspectives on Jesus, including those from ethnic and sexual groups, as well as from other faiths Offers rich and rewarding insights which will shape our understanding of this influential figure and his enduring legacy

## The Secret History of Lucifer

## The Ancient Path to Knowledge and the Real Da Vinci Code

Constable In her new account of an old religion, Lynn Picknett explains that Lucifer means 'the light bringer' and was a personification of the Morning Star, the planet Venus and its goddess. 'He' was originally 'she' -- a divine representation of love, light and human warmth. The early Christian Church appropriated the name Lucifer, and it became synonymous with darkness and the Devil. Yet many great thinkers have covertly followed the old Luciferan way, most famously Leonardo da Vinci, who encrypted the symbols of his heretical beliefs in his work, visible only to those who have the key.

## The Weiser Fields Guide to Ascension

## The Meaning of Miracle and Shifts in Consciousness Past and Present

Weiser Books **The Weiser Field Guide to Ascension** tackles the vast topic, so often misconstrued, of the idea of ascending into a universal consciousness, and creates a literal handbook to the historical, biblical, and highly topical implications of the concept of Ascension, raising consciousness, the earth shift and changes of 2012, and The Great Shift.

## Buried by the Church

Troubador Publishing Ltd **Buried by the Church** is a controversial book that seeks to encourage readers to rethink religion, to question the Church and the Bible and to use their new-found knowledge to find a different spirituality. Written in a simple, easy-to-understand manner Buried by the Church aims to demystify some of the more challenging concepts within Christianity, while demonstrating that true spirituality is within us all. Neal Sutton's work charts 12,500 years of spiritual truth from the real pyramid builders to Moses, the Mayans, Freemasons, Pharaohs, Jesus, Mary Magdalene and John the Baptist. It details the battle for hearts and minds that has played out across thousands of years within the Church, and looks at the truth behind the Bible stories. Buried by the Church is based on several years of research on religion, spirituality and history and goes further than comparable books such as Holy Blood, Holy Grail, offering more detail - including, for the first time - the true identity of the Mona Lisa, the reason the pyramids were really built and what Jesus went on to do after he 'died' on the cross. The DaVinci Code lit the fuse - Buried by the Church is the explosion