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lossky's great work on eastern orthodoxy covers the whole range of its spirituality and theology combining careful theology with the warmth of the deep personal devotion of the author the mystical theology of the eastern church is the best introduction to orthodox teaching and theology available it provides a reliable and

informative presentation of the theological spirit of the eastern church his account makes clear the profound theological differences underlying the practices of the east and west and yet it is also an important contribution to ecumenism and to the life of christian devotion it brings together subjects that are more usually separated asserting that there is no true mysticism that is not firmly rooted in theology and no true theology that is not experienced and therefore mystical the tradition of the eastern church is presented as a mystical theology with doctrine and experience mutually conditioning each other

this book is the first consistent theological treatment of the subject of hindu thought known to itself as trika or triadism and popularly as kashmir saivism few indic theologies equal it in architectonic power and mystical profundity its highest category and goal is consciousness or light whose foremost characteristic is freedom this goal can be attained through four ways upayas the theology of these ways pertains to gnostic or knowledge oriented triadism whose prime theologian is ahhinavagupta the emperor of indic speculation

in the middle ninth century the frankish king charles the bald invited the established theologian eriugena to translate the work of the fifth century dionysius from greek to latin the translation proved enduring and was copied often and bound with the scholia translated by anastasius the librarian and excerpts from eriugena s periphyseon all of which harrington u of dallas includes in his edition with english translation on facing pages distributed by the david brown book company annotation 2004 book news inc portland or booknews com

in mystical theology and contemporary spiritual practice several leading scholars explore key themes within the christian mystical tradition contemporary and historical the overall aim of the book is to demonstrate the relevance of mystical theology to contemporary spiritual practice attention is given to the works of baron von hugel vladimir lossky margery kempe ludwig wittgenstein thomas merton and francisco de osuna as well as to a wide range of spiritual practices including pilgrimage spiritual direction contemplative prayer and the quotidian spirituality of the new monasticism christian mystical theology is shown to be a living tradition which has vibrant and creative new expressions in contemporary spiritual practice it is argued that mystical theology affirms something both ordinary and extraordinary which is fundamental to the christian experience of prayer

from the earliest centuries there has existed a christian theology of mysticism defining the state which bernard lonergan called a being in love with god st john of the cross wrote such a theology for the sixteenth century calling it the science of love now william johnston one of the great spiritual writers of our time attempts to do the same for the twenty first century in part one of mystical theology johnston surveys christian mysticism through the centuries johnson shows that such a

theology today must dialogue with modern science and with eastern religions part two provides this dialogue where johnston engages einstein s theories as well as zen buddhism in part three it becomes clear how the science of love is no longer an esoteric discipline for monks and nuns in johnston s writing it becomes accessible to all modern people grappling with problems of our age

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excerpt from mysticism its true nature and value with a translation of the mystical theology of dionysius and of the letters to caius and dorotheus 1 2 and 5 in quite another direction again mysticism has been brought into connection with a certain school of metaphysics as a kind of direct intuition by means of which the absolute reality underlying the phenomenal world may be perceived and contemplated and this intuition is held by some to be the true essence of mysticism as the common and only reality belonging to all kinds of mystical experience about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

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and experience and to show at the same time that genuine mysticism is one of the greatest glories of the catholic church a fact which has not always been duly recognized commending the book for its many praiseworthy features we should however like to call attention to some points which invite discussion with many if not most writers on the subject we are of the opinion that the soul in this life even when it attains to the highest state of mystical contemplation does not think or know without a species intelligibilis impressa the need of a species expressa is absolutely evident since the species expressa is nothing else but the act by which the intellect thinks on the other hand we easily understand that in extraordinary contemplation at least in its sublimest forms god infuses a species intelligibilis without the concurrence of a phantasm since god can suspend the operation of physical laws we do not deny that god can even in this life as he actually does hereafter in the life of glory make up as it were for the presence of the species impressa by the most intimate union of his own essence with the soul which sufficiently determines the soul raised as it is in such a case by the lumen gloriae to elicit a vital act what we do deny is that god thus actually unites himself to the soul in this life we hold on the contrary first that there is a species impressa created and therefore distinct from god and secondly that the soul does not enjoy the lumen gloriae in the state of mystical contemplation the sayings of mystics may we think be satisfactorily explained by this theory which is shared by alvarez de paz a classic on mysticism and also by poulain many theologians assert that even the visions of moyses and st paul are to be explained by the infusion of a sublime species which may be technically called infusa in contradistinction to the species impressa caused by a phantasm the fortnightly review volume 18

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the treatise by the pseudo dionysius de mystica theologia was translated into latin in the ninth century but it had to await the first decades of the thirteenth to receive interpretation and commentary thomas gallus a member of the victorine school at paris glossed the latin version of iohannes sarracenus in 1233 this new critical edition and translation are based upon all five manuscripts two of which are recent discoveries the commentary by bishop grosseteste was made at lincoln around 1242 it was based upon his new version of the greek text both are published here with a translation these earliest latin commentators ventured a full scale reappropriation of the contents of the mystical theology they explored the trans conceptual ecstasy of the individual soul that passes through purification and illumination to union with god by means of an exceptional grace of divine love between them they provided the context which not only the later mystical theology of monastery and university but also the actual spiritual experience of countless souls was formed

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