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This volume is the second of two volumes which present the context, life and text extracts of 26 women representing 20 centuries of Christianity, found in diverse cultures, vocations and personalities. Among the women included are: Perpetua, Bridget, Hildilag, Heloisa; Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Avila; Jane Frances de Chantal, Sojourner Truth, Dorothy Day, Caryl Houselander, Mother Teresa and Edwina Gately. A history of this phenomenon traces the medical community's understanding and treatment of it throughout the ages and draws on literary, psychological, and anthropological perspectives to discuss how patients have managed the disorder and found inspiration. Winner of Catholic Press Association Book of the Year Award Spirituality Unique in its range and depth, this lavish anthology for the first time captures in a single volume the most notable spiritual writings of leading women from all periods of Christian history.

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Penne Teresa of Avila Jane Frances de Chantal, Sojourner Truth Maria Stewart Gabrielle Bossis Dorothy Day Caryl Houselander Paul M. Murray Laura Lopez Silvia Marie Abel A. Rolha M. Teresa Cho Wha Soon Mary A. O. Udoye Edwina Gately A bolde call for the "insane" to reclaim their rightful role as prophets of spiritual and cultural transformation • Explains how many of those diagnosed as schizophrenic, bipolar, and other forms of "madness" are ill but experiencing a spiritual awakening • Explores the rise of Mad Pride and the mental patients' liberation movement • Reveals how those seen as "mad" must embrace their spiritual gifts to help the coming global spiritual transition • Examines how the great prophets of the past experienced madness--a breakdown followed by a breakthrough, spiritual death followed by rebirth. With the advent of modern psychiatry, the budding prophets of today are captured and transformed into chronic mental patients before they can flower into the visionaries and mystics they were intended to become. As we approach the tipping point between extinction and global spiritual awakening, there is a deep need for these prophets to embrace their spiritual gifts. To make this happen, we must learn to respect the sanctity of madness. We need to cultivate Mad Pride. Exploring the rise of Mad Pride and the mental patients' liberation movement, Madigan adapts themes from psychiatrists R. D. Laing's revolutionary theories, Seth Farber, Ph.D., explains that diagnosing people as mad has more to do with social control than therapy. Many of those labeled as schizophrenic, bipolar, and other kinds of "mad" are not ill but simply experiencing different forms of spiritual awakening: they are seeing and feeling what is wrong with society and what needs to be done to change it. Farber shares his interviews with former schizophrenics who now lead successful and inspiring lives. He shows that it is impossible for society to change as long as the mad are suppressed because they are our catalysts of social change. By reclaiming their rightful role as prophets of spiritual and cultural revitalization, the mad--by seeking new visions for our future--can help humanity overcome the spiritual crisis that endangers our survival and lead us to a higher and long-awaited stage of spiritual development. Inspiration and Authority in the Middle Ages rethinks the role of prophecy in the Middle Ages by examining how professional theologians responded to new assertions of divine inspiration. Drawing on fresh archival research and detailed study of unpublished manuscript sources from the twelfth to fourteenth centuries, this volume argues that the task of defining prophetic authority became a crucial intellectual and cultural enterprise as university-trained theologians confronted prophetic claims from lay mystics, radical Franciscans, and other unprecedented visionaries. In the process, these theologians redrew their own activities as prophetic by locating themselves not in special predictions or ecstatic visions but in natural forms of understanding and in the daily work of ecclesiastical teaching and ministry. Instead of containing the spread of prophetic privilege, however, scholastic assessments of prophecy from Peter Lombard and Thomas Aquinas to Peter John Olivi and Nicholas of Crevet opened space for claims of divine insight to proliferate beyond the control of theologians. By the turn of the fourteenth century, secular Italian humanists could lay claim to prophetic authority on the basis of their intellectual powers and literary practices. From Hugh of St Victor to Albertino Mussato, reflections on and debates over prophecy reveal medieval clerics, scholars, and reformers reshaping the contours of religious authority, the boundaries of sanctity and sacred texts, and the relationship of tradition to the new voices of the Late Middle Ages. An examination of awareness of the ecclesiastical doctrine of discrete spiritus, the means of testing whether visions were truly of divine origin, in the works of medieval women visionaries from Bridget of Sweden to Joan of
The theological discourse that surrounds it. Throughout, though, there is always an awareness of the critical dynamism by mutating to meet new historical conditions. He presents a comprehensive systematic theology, both Protestant and Catholic, has mostly marginalized or ignored the gift of prophecy. In this book, however, Niels Christian Hvidt argues that prophecy has persisted in Christianity as an inherent and continuous feature in the life of the church. Prophecy never died, he argues, but as an inherent and continuous feature in the life of the church. Prophecy never died, he argues, but rather proved its dynamism by mutating to meet new historical conditions. Dreaming and the import of visions are here of enormous significance, to the degree that many Muslims believe that in their dreams they are receiving divine guidance: for example, on whether or not to accept a marriage proposal, or a new job opportunity. In her authoritative new book, Elizabeth Sirriyeh offers the first concerted history of the rise of dream interpretation in Islamic culture, from medieval times to the present. Central to the book is the figure of the Prophet Muhammad - seen to represent for Muslims the perfect dreamer, visionary and interpreter of dreams. Less benignly, dreams have been exploited in the propaganda of Islamic militants in Afghanistan, and in apocalyptic visions relating to the 9/11 attacks. This timely volume gives an important, fascinating and overlooked subject the exploration it has long deserved. Introduces the reader to the lives, sayings, and stories of the fourth- and fifth-century women who were foundational members of the early Christian community in the Mediterranean region; invites readers to explore their own spiritual journeys. The women mystics of medieval Europe represent the very first feminine voices heard in a world where women were nearly silent. As such, they are striking and unusual, strange, powerful and urgent. Monica Furlong uses key selections from among these women's own writings and writings about them by their contemporaries, along with her own assessment of them, to open up their contributions to a wide popular audience. The eleven women represented in this anthology were housewives, visionaries, abbesses, beguines, recluses, and nuns who wrote between the eleventh and fourteenth centuries. They include: \begin{itemize}
\item Héloïse, the scholar and abbess, whose letters to Abelard are treasure of medieval literature
\item Hildegard of Bingen, the visionary Rhineland nun
\item Clare of Assisi, the close friend of Saint Francis and founder of the Poor Clares
\item Catherine of Siena, an influential spiritual counselor whose book, Dialogue, consists of a debate between herself and God
\item Julian of Norwich, the English hermitess who spent the greater part of her life meditating on and coming to understand the striking visions she received as a young woman
\item [Anderson] succeeds in neatly fitting together selected pieces of the history of discernment of spirits to provide a valuable, readable description of the contours of its evolution in the late Middle Ages. -- Debra L. Stoudt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
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\item The power of dreams in medieval society provides two clear examples: the case of the vision of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje and the case of the appearances of the Virgin Mary in the Netherlands. Wendy Love Anderson chronicles the historical, political, and spiritual struggles behind the flowering of late medieval mysticism and what came to be seen as the canonical development of discernment of spirits.\end{itemize}Explores the significance of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje and discusses how they relate to Christian traditions and the modern world. In Six Stages on the Spiritual Path, we learn about spirituality and its stages as well as how spirituality helps to reduce our suffering and create more love. Writings from ancient to contemporary mystics across the world provide us with practical and spiritual wisdom that will make our lives happier and more loving. In the first stage on the mystic way, children experience awe and wonder, but they do not realize that this is a spiritual experience. While all indigenous people recognize awe as a mystical experience, only some adults and most artists do. When parents and religious leaders teach children about God, they cease their spiritual growth to flourish or to become stunted at an elementary school level. A awakening is an experience of the Divine that helps us realize that the Sacred Spirit is within us and loves us. A awakening produces love for our neighbors and ourselves. Then love nurtures more awakenings. Illumination and union are deeper mystical experiences that the Holy One is not only within all of us and all of creation, but also that we are within the ONE. Illumination creates more love for all people and all the universe. Throughout the Hebrew Bible, God guides and saves his people through the words of his prophets. When the prophets are silenced, the people easily lose their way. What happened after the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ? Did God fall silent? The dominant position in Christian theology is that prophecy did indeed cease at some point in the past - if not with the Old Testament prophets, then with John the Baptist, with Jesus, with the last apostle, or with the closure of the canon of the New Testament. Nevertheless, throughout the history of Christianity there have always been acclaimed saints and mystics - most of them women - who displayed prophetic traits. In recent years, the charismatic revival in both Protestant and Catholic circles has once again raised the question of the place and function of prophecy in Christianity. Scholarly theological attitudes toward Christian prophecy range from modest recognition to contempt. A mainstream systematic theology, both Protestant and Catholic, has mostly marginalized or ignored the gift of prophecy. Niels Christian Hvidt argues that prophecy has persisted in Christianity as an inherent and continuous feature in the life of the church. Prophecy never died, he argues, but rather proved its dynamism by mutating to meet new historical conditions. He presents a comprehensive history of prophecy from ancient Israel to the present and closely examines the development of the theological discourse that surrounds it. Throughout, though, there is always an awareness of the critical
discernment required when evaluating the charism of prophecy. The debate about prophecy, Hvidt shows, leads to some profound insights about the very nature of Christianity and the church. For example, some have argued that Christianity is a perfect state and that all that is required for salvation is acceptance of its doctrines. Others have emphasized how God continues to intervene and guide his people onto the right path as the full implementation of God’s salvation in Christ is still far away. This is the position that Hvidt forcefully and persuasively defends and develops in this ambitious and important work. 2019 Reprint of 1938 Edition. This little book, presented in a form accessible to all spiritual souls, is a synopsis of two larger works entitled The Three Ages of the Interior Life. Garrigou-Lagrange sets forth the classic Catholic traditions on the spiritual life as the full flowering of Sanctifying Grace in the soul. He explains the three stages of the spiritual life— the Purgative Way; the Illuminative Way; and the Unitive Way—showing the transitions or conversions from one period to another. A classic work. The prophets of the Ancient world were mystics whose words have transcended the ages. In this collection, Biblical scholars look at passages from the writings of the period, from Isaiah’s portrayal of the suffering Messiah to Daniel’s dream of the Ancient of Days pronouncing judgment on the earth, to show their importance for us today. This is a new release of the original 1927 edition. Birgitta’s religious authority considered, with regard to her prophetic mission and her authenticity as a medium of divine revelation in 14c Europe. Winner of Catholic Press Association Book-of-the-Year Award—Spirituality Unique in its range and depth, this lavish anthology for the first time captures in a single volume the most notable spiritual writings of leading women from all periods of Christian history. Because spirituality involves more than simply prayer and piety, Madigan has selected women whose works for intimacy with God also involves some visionary experience or social witness. Ranging from Perpetua in the third century to Mother Teresa and Edwina Gately in this century, her volume includes writings from both European women and in the modern period, Asian, American, and African American women. A part from redressing the heavy gender imbalance of most histories of Christianity, this volume also provides strong historical introductions to and bibliographies of the twenty-six women whose writings are generously excerpted. Women included in this volume are: Perpetua the Martyr Pellagia the Actress Brigit of Ireland Balthild the Queen of Neustria Dhuoda of Septimania Hildegard of Bingen Heloise of Magdeburg Gertrude the Great Hadewych Julian of Norwich Catherine of Sienna Margaret Kempe Teresa of Avila Jane Frances de Chantal Sojourner Truth Maria Stewart Gabriele Bossis Dorothy Day Caryll Houselander Pauli Murray Laura Lopez Silvia Maribel Arriola Mother Teresa Cho Wha Soon Mercy Amba Oduyoye Edwina Gately A substantial introduction to the study of early Jewish and Christian mysticism, this volume examines major aspects of the mystical tradition within early Judaism and Christianity. This tradition was centered on the belief that a person directly, immediately, and before death can experience the divine, either as a rapture experience or one solicited by a particular praxis. The essays define and analyze the nature and practices of mysticism as it emerges within early Judaism and Christianity, recognizing this emergence within a variety of communal environments. Larger questions about the relationship between hermeneutics and experience, as well as the relationship between mysticism and apocalypticism are also discussed, and a substantial bibliography of the field is provided. The book is the result of ten years of work of the Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism unit of the Society of Biblical Literature. The contributors are Cameron C. Afzal, Daphna Arbel, Kelley Cobletz Bautch, Ra’anan S. Boustan, James R. Davila, April D. DeConick, Celia Deutsch, Rachel Elior, Frances Flannery-Dailey, Charles A. Gieschen, Rebecca Lesses, Andrew Lieber, Christopher R. A. Morray-Jones, Andrei A. Orlov, Christopher Rowland, Seth L. Sanders, Alan F. Segal, and Kevin Sullivan. Paperback edition is available from the Society of Biblical Literature (www.sbl-site.org). If essays, in a poem written at the age of seventy, acknowledged his debt to the prophets of the Ancient world were mystics whose words have transcended the ages. In this collection, Biblical scholars look at passages from the writings of the period, from Isaiah’s portrayal of the suffering Messiah to Daniel’s dream of the Ancient of Days pronouncing judgment on the earth, to show their importance for us today. Copyright code: a0dada941c9a10ffbac4a6ebe7ea1749