

Reading free The mystical theology of eastern church vladimir lossky [PDF]

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. Can we know God? What is the relation of creation to the creator? How did man fall and how is he saved? Lossky demonstrates the close relationship between the orthodox doctrine of the Trinity and the orthodox understanding of man. Vladimir Lossky established himself as one of the most brilliant orthodox scholars in the years between his departure from Russia in 1923 and his death in 1958. His uncompromising faithfulness to scriptural and patristic tradition coupled with his constant concern for an articulate orthodox witness in the West are indispensable for understanding the theology of the eastern church. Here in twelve essays he explores the implications of the orthodox understanding of the human being's destiny: communion in love with the true God; an overview of the life and work of the Russian theologian Vladimir Lossky whose profound rooting in the orthodox tradition gave him the conviction that the most important theology is a help to the mystical life on the way to deification; just as the most reliable mysticism is theologically responsible, the nature of the icon cannot be grasped by means of pure art criticism nor by the adoption of a sentimental point of view. Its forms are based on the wisdom contained in the theological and liturgical writings of the eastern orthodox church and are intimately bound up with the experience of the contemplative life. The present work is the first of its kind to give a reliable introduction to the spiritual background of this art. The introduction into the meaning and language of the icons by Ouspensky imparts to us in an admirable way the spiritual conceptions of the eastern orthodox church which are often so foreign to us but without the knowledge of which we cannot possibly understand the world of the icon.

Back cover: At the height of World War II, Lossky joined the massive exodus from Paris before the advancing German army. In his diary of the upheaval, this theologian of orthodox mysticism reflects on civilization, war, and the place of Christianity in East and West. Vladimir Lossky's posthumously published masterwork is now made available in English for the first time. Eckhart's apophatic theology is the culmination of a long process whereby the renowned orthodox philosopher and theologian embraced the ways of thinking of a thirteenth-century German mendicant and mystic while refusing to simplify Eckhart's theology to a system or single motif. Lossky explores in detail the various ramifications of Eckhart's insistence on the ineffability of God. Is God to be regarded as being or the one or intellect? Does God's pure expression of each of these preclude the others? Framed by six key statements about God's essence, Lossky lays out Eckhart's approach to this dilemma. His understanding of the problem, guided by careful engagement with a multitude of sources, is exhaustive. Scholars will welcome this eagerly anticipated translation. In this book, a revised, annotated, and expanded second edition of *Théologie dogmatique* edited in the French by Olivier Clément and Michel Stavrou, readers encounter Lossky's classroom lectures on dogmatic theology. Lossky confronts the great questions of theology: how can we know God? How is the creator related to his creation? What is the vocation of human beings created in God's image? These questions are understood in light of the two great mysteries of the faith: the Trinity and the incarnation of the Son of God. In Lossky's articulation, these are not abstract theories but living and vivid realities emphasizing the thought of the Fathers. Lossky actualizes the latter in a creative fashion through a critical reflection, namely on the theme of the person attempting through an approach that is faithful and free to express the elements of the ecclesial tradition in a contemporary language. In the wake of the Fathers, Lossky linked dogma narrowly to the spiritual life, rejecting the false and ruinous split between spirituality and theology. Hence this term, mystical theology, from the introduction, an excellent introduction for those unfamiliar with this eastern light and a stimulating read for those already engaged in exploration and dialogue.

Priests and people: Aidan Nichols has two main objectives: first, to identify a variety of dogmatic issues raised or discussed by eastern orthodox theologians but of equal importance to Catholic theology; and secondly, to discover through a study of modern orthodox dogmatic theologians the character of the eastern orthodox tradition. Writing as a Catholic theologian himself, Fr. Nichols makes an important ecumenical contribution by offering this study of one tradition from the standpoint of another. Science and the eastern orthodox church explores core theological and philosophical notions and contentious topics such as evolution from the vantage point of science, orthodox theology, and the writings of popular recent orthodox critics as well as supporters, examining what science is and why eastern orthodox Christians should be concerned about the topic, including a look at well-known 20th-century figures that are considered holy elders or saints in the orthodox church and their relationship and thoughts about science. Contributors analyse the historical contingencies that contribute to the relationship of the orthodox church and science both in the past and present. Part II includes critiques of science and considers its limitations and strengths in light of orthodox understandings of the experience of God and the so-called miraculous. Together with analysis of two orthodox figures of the 20th century that were highly critical of science, its foundations, and metaphysical assumptions, Part III looks at selected topics in science and how they relate to orthodox theology, including evolution, brain evolution, and consciousness, beginning of life, science, nanotechnology, stem cell research, and others, drawing together leading orthodox scientists, theologians, and historians confronting some of the critical issues and uses of modern science. This book will be useful for students, academics, and clergy who want to develop a greater understanding of how to relate orthodoxy to science.

Russian emigre theologian Vladimir Lossky (1903-1958) claims that western theologies of the dark night of the soul tend toward an impersonal philosophy, especially neo-Platonism, in a way that seems to involve spiritual dangers at the same time. He commends, for example, the orthodox theologies of St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) and St. Maximus Confessor (580-662). This study discusses the Spanish Carmelite St. John of the Cross (1542-1591), mystical theology of dark nights of the soul from the point of view of Lossky's claim, conducting a substantial comparison of St. John's theology with the theology of St. Symeon the New Theologian. In addition, it also compares select aspects of his theology with aspects of Vladimir Lossky's and St. Maximus Confessor's theologies and the thought of the neo-Platonist philosopher Plotinus (204-270). The purpose of these comparisons is to propose a definition of the relationship of St. John of the Cross's theology to central orthodox theological principles and emphases and to evaluate the truth of Lossky's more general attempt to define the western notion of dark nights from an eastern orthodox perspective. Vladimir Lossky's posthumously published masterwork is now made available in English for the first time. Eckhart's negative theology is the culmination of a long process whereby the renowned orthodox philosopher and theologian embraced the ways of thinking of a thirteenth-century German monk and mystic while refusing to simplify Eckhart's theology to a system or single motif. Lossky explores in detail the various ramifications of Eckhart's insistence on the ineffability of God. Is God to be regarded as being or the one or intellect? Does God's pure expression of each of these preclude the others? Framed by six key statements about God's essence, Lossky lays out Eckhart's approach to this dilemma.

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theological literature on the nature of eros and the status of married christians and sexual love within marriage the present work attempts to expound the nature of eros marriage and monasticism from the perspective of the holy fathers of the orthodox church the holy fathers especially the greek fathers from the fourth to the fourteenth century from st john chrysostom to st gregory palamas serve as the foundation of this work it also uses russian fathers such as st demetrius of rostov st tikhon of zadonsk st seraphim of sarov bishop ignatius brianchaninov bishop theophan the recluse st john of kronstadt archbishop theophan of poltava and new hieromartyr gregory lebedev more contemporary orthodox philosophers and theologians such as bishop nikolai velimirovich archpriest lev lebedev hieromonk seraphim rose vladimir soloviev s i frank s v troitsky vladimir lossky i a ilyin john romanides panagiotis trembelas panagiotis nellas georgios mantzaridis anestis keselopoulos and philip sherrard 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introduces readers to a diverse and unusual group of men and women who strove to put the gospel of christ into action in their lives the living icons plekon describes were among other things priests theologians writers and caregivers to the homeless and poor one was an artist who became the greatest icon painter in this century another was assassinated for his teachings in post soviet russia these remarkable people of faith lived through times of great suffering forced emigration the great depression world war ii and the cold war many of them were criticized if not condemned by ecclesiastical opponents and authorities yet each demonstrate a unique pattern for holiness illustrating that the path to sainthood is open to all with the fall of state socialism eastern orthodox churches and monasteries are being reopened and receiving renewed interest from believers and nonbelievers alike plekon calls to our attention people like saint seraphim of sarov 1759 1832 a monk mystic counselor healer and visionary father alexander men 1935 1990 a russian whose writings after glasnost ultimately led to his tragic assassination mother maria skobtsova 1891 1945 a painter poet and political activist who was killed in a concentration camp for hiding her jewish neighbors and father lev gillet 1893 1980 one of the twentieth century s greatest spiritual teachers living icons which includes a foreword by lawrence s cunningham brings to life the beautiful and often unfamiliar spirituality of the eastern orthodox church through some of its most remarkable members it shows with simplicity and clarity that christ and the gospel are often manifested in extraordinary ways in the lives of ordinary people andrew louth introduces us to twenty key orthodox thinkers from the last two centuries the poets and thinkers included range from romania serbia greece england and france and also include exiles from communist russia the book concludes with an illuminating chapter on metropolitan kallistos and the theological vision of the philokalia this book written by a leading orthodox theologian offers a serious re examination of the role of women in the church for orthodox and roman catholics especially the question of women s ordination must be asked from the inside and not only from the outside this book does not suggest final answers but raises issues and defines their relative importance a clear introduction to eastern orthodoxy and key aspects of the tradition now contains new articles and additional readings on orthodoxy and evangelicalism wrestling with angels gathers writings by rowan williams spanning the years 1980 2000 it focuses on his engagement with a range of modern theologians and philosophers hegel wittgenstein barth bonhoeffer balthasar simone weil marilyn mccord adams and more key themes explored in this volume include negative theology postmodernity violence innocence divine action and the nature of historical development in theology from publisher s description in this work fr schmemann defines liturgical theology noting especially its progress beyond liturgics james r payton jr introduces us to eastern orthodox history theology and practice for all readers interested in ancient ecumenical christian theology and spirituality this book is especially open and sympathetic to what evangelicals can learn from orthodoxy this work is a revised and expanded version of a book that has appeared in several languages it focuses on themes central to eastern christian worship and spiritual life the first three chapters provide insights on death bereavement and resurrection in christ and repentance chapters four and five invite the reader into the world of desert ascetics and hesychast monks combining scholarly rigor with practical counsels on prayer bishop ware makes the wealth of this traditional accessible to today s christians the next three chapters concern personal vocation martyrdom spiritual fatherhood and the strange path of the fool for christ s sake there follows brief essays on the theology of time and the spiritual purposes of higher education the final chapters is a challenging discussion of origen and ss gregory of nyssa isaac the syrian and silouan the athonite and in conversation with them asks dare we hope for the salvation of all although its various bodies boast a combined total of at least 300 million members the eastern orthodox church is widely perceived among members of other denominations to be an exotic branch of the faith often shrouded in mysticism and misunderstanding that has been exacerbated by the longstanding

eastern western split in purification of memory ambrose mong casts light on the true nature of orthodox theology illuminating the thinking of eight distinguished modern orthodox theologians who have made important contributions on topics as ecclesiology ecumenism christology and mariology approaching the work of john meyerendorff nicholas afanasiev john zizioulas georges florovsky sergius bulgakov vladimir lossky nicolas berdyayev and jaroslav pelikan from an ecumenical standpoint mong deftly draws comparisons with the theology of their roman catholic counterparts to reveal points on which the two traditions have much more in common than either side will always admit the author interweaves these comparisons with a fascinating exposition of the history of the schism between the eastern and western churches to demonstrate decisively that in spite of the bitter mistrust dividing them they share a common heritage which could and should serve as a basis for reunification before old wounds can mend however a healing process of forgetting characterized by pope john paul ii as a purification of memory must take place to clear the path towards a long awaited return to unity vladimir solovyev was a convert to catholicism in this book he gives a defense of his new faith he gives the historical evidence that proves the catholic church is the one church of christ he dispels the myths propped up by the orthodox as an excuse to stay away from rome and the pope this book is vital for anyone who believes that russia will have a role to play in future events that is a future catholic russia from diverse international and multi disciplinary perspectives the contributors to this volume analyze the experiences challenges and responses of orthodox churches to the foundational transformations associated with the dissolution of the ussr this is a study of spirit christology a contemporary theological model of the relationship between jesus christ and the holy spirit del colle measures this christological model against trinitarian theology and tests its viability he investigates in particular the development of a roman catholic spirit christology which has arisen from within the modern neo scholastic theological tradition contrary to other interpreters del colle argues that an incarnational christology and a spirit christology are not conflicting but complementary and that this is recognized by the older and deeper tradition in conclusion he seeks to demonstrate the productivity of the spirit christological model in reference to three major areas of concern for contemporary systematic theology cultural pluralism and diversity emancipation and social praxis and inter religious dialogue first published in 1979 georges florovsky 1893 1979 was one of the most prominent orthodox theologians and ecumenists of the twentieth century his call for a return to patristic writings as a source of modern theological reflection had a powerful impact not only on orthodox theology in the second half of the twentieth century but on christian theology in general florovsky was also a major orthodox voice in the ecumenical movement for four decades and he is one of the founders of the world council of churches this book is a collection of major theological writings by george florovsky it includes representative and widely influential but now largely inaccessible texts many newly translated for this book divided into four thematic sections creation incarnation and redemption the nature of theology ecclesiology and ecumenism and scripture worship and eschatology a foreword by metropolitan kallistos ware presents the theological vision of georges florovsky and discusses the continuing relevance of his work both for orthodox theology and for modern theology in general the introduction by the editors provides a theological and historical overview of florovsky theology in the context of his biography the book includes explanatory notes translation of patristic citations and an index in the eastern christian tradition in modern russian thought and beyond teresa obolevitch elucidates the main philosophical and theological ideas of the eastern christian tradition of neo patristic synthesis and considers them in comparative philosophical context a fresh vision of the common good through pneumatological lenses daniela c augustine a brilliant emerging scholar offers a theological ethic for the common good augustine develops a public theology from a theological vision of creation as the household of the triune god bearing the image of god in a mutual sharing of divine love and justice and as a sacrament of the divine presence the spirit and the common good expounds upon the application of this vision not only within the life of the church but also to the realm of politics economics and care for creation the church serves a priestly and prophetic function for society indeed for all of creation this renewed vision becomes the foundation for constructing a theological ethic of planetary flourishing in and through commitment to a sustainable communal praxis of a shared future with the other and the different while emphatically theological in its approach the spirit and the common good engages readers with insights from political philosophy sociology of religion economics and ecology as well as forgiveness reconciliation and peacebuilding studies this anthology is a collection of readings on the christian life they were carefully selected from every era of history and from across the spectrum of christian traditions they include letters sermons treatises and disputations poems songs and hymns confessions biblical commentary and even part of a novel in each case the subject is life with god life in god life for god life infused and enlivened by god s grace the editors introduce each selection highlighting relevant aspects of the author s biography spirituality and historical context introductions are also provided for the major eras of the church which present theological historical and cultural perspectives to help the reader best engage the selections for individuals and groups classrooms and seminars this collection will generate dialogue between past and present and between traditions familiar and unfamiliar it is not merely a book on the christian life but for the christian life making yesterday s witness to life with god a resource for the church today an introduction to the thought of one of the most fascinating theologians and at the same time most controversial church leaders of our time beginning with the church fathers and moving right through to the present day the holy spirit offers a theologically informed international collection of the most important texts relating to christians understanding of the holy spirit a new volume of texts and readings offering a chronologically organized selection of the most important and interesting writings on the holy spirit considers how the holy spirit has always been an integral part of both christian belief and systematic theology from the church fathers through to the present day each set of readings is prefaced by an introduction from the editor drawing out the main themes and important historical points and linking the readings to what has gone before tackles the disagreements over the role of the holy spirit within the trinity and how it was a contributing factor in the split between the western and eastern church opens with a newly commissioned essay describing the importance of the holy spirit in the theology of the last one hundred years and in particular in relation to the revival of trinitarian theology veli matti kärkkäinen provides an up to date survey and analysis of the major ecclesiological traditions the most important theologians and a number of contextual approaches to both the unity and the diversity of ecclesiastic understandings and practices the orthodox church is one of the three major branches of christianity there are over 300 million adherents throughout the world the orthodox church is a fellowship of independent churches which split from the roman church over the question of papal supremacy in 1054 the orthodox adherents include people in greece georgia russia and serbia there are an estimated one million members in the united states this advanced book explains the basic principles of orthodox christianity and describes in detail the holidays observed by the orthodox church in addition relevant book literature is presented in bibliographic form with easy access provided by title subject and author indexes das attribut katholisch wird in vielen kontexten als konfessionsbezeichnung einer bestimmten kirche missverstanden die in diesem band vorgelegten vorträge der 18 wissenschaftlichen konsultation der societatis oecumenica beleuchten die ökumenische bedeutung der katholizität die alle kirchen im glaubenbekenntnis bekennen dabei werden auch die spannungen zwischen einheit und vielfalt sowie die 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Light from the East 1999-01-10 vladimir lossky's posthumously published masterwork is now made available in english for the first time eckhart's negative theology is the culmination of a long process whereby the renowned orthodox philosopher and theologian embraced the ways of thinking of a thirteenth century german monk and mystic while refusing to simplify eckhart's theology to a system or single motif lossky explores in detail the various ramifications of eckhart's insistence on the ineffability of god is god to be regarded as being or the one or intellect does god's pure expression of each of these preclude the others framed by six key statements about god's essence lossky lays out eckhart's approach to this dilemma his understanding of the problem guided by careful engagement with a multitude of sources is exhaustive scholars will welcome this eagerly anticipated translation

Science and the Eastern Orthodox Church 2016-04-01 archpriest georges vasilievich florovsky september 9 1893 august 11 1979 was born in odessa as the fourth child of an orthodox priest inspired by the erudite environment in which he grew up he learned english german french latin greek and hebrew while still a schoolboy at eighteen he started to study philosophy and history after his first graduation he taught for three years at high schools in odessa and then made his full graduation including the *licentia docendi* at all universities in the russian empire in 1919 the young florovsky began to teach at the university of odessa but his family was forced to leave russia in 1920 at that time he realized that there would be no return for him since the history and philosophy he taught was incompatible with marxist ideology and would be rejected florovsky thus became part of the great emigration of the russian intelligentsia which also included nikolai berdyaev sergei bulgakov nicholas lossky his son vladimir lossky alexander schmemann and john meyendorff the latter two of whom later followed florovsky as dean of st vladimir's orthodox theological seminary in 1925 florovsky was appointed professor for patristics at the st sergius institute of orthodox theology in paris in this subject he found his real vocation patristics became for him the benchmark for orthodox theology and exegesis as well as a source for many of his contributions and critiques of the ecumenical movement despite not having earned an academic degree in theology apart from several honorary degrees he was awarded later florovsky would spend the rest of his life teaching at theological institutions in 1932 florovsky was ordained priest of the orthodox church during the 1930s he undertook extensive research in european libraries and wrote his most important works in the area of patristics as well as his magnum opus *ways of russian theology* in this massive work he questioned the western influences of scholasticism pietism and idealism on russian theology and called for its re-evaluation in the light of patristic writings the work was received with either enthusiasm or condemnation there was no neutral attitude to it among russian émigrés among the critics were sergei nikolajevitch bulgakov the head of the st sergius institute and prominent exponent of the russian theological tradition of the 19th century as well as nikolai berdyaev exponent of the religious renaissance of the 20th century in 1949 florovsky moved to new york city to take a position as dean of st vladimir's florovsky's oversight of the development of the theological curriculum led to the board of regents of the university of the state of new york granting the seminary an absolute charter in 1953 he retired as dean in 1955

The Dark Night 2012 the theology of eros owes its origin to a recent debate in the russian orthodox theological literature on the nature of eros and the status of married christians and sexual love within marriage the present work attempts to expound the nature of eros marriage and monasticism from the perspective of the holy fathers of the orthodox church the holy fathers especially the greek fathers from the fourth to the fourteenth century from st john chrysostom to st gregory palamas serve as the foundation of this work it also uses russian fathers such as st demetrius of rostov st tikhon of zadonsk st seraphim of sarov bishop ignatius brianchaninov bishop theophan the recluse st john of kronstadt archbishop theophan of poltava and new hieromartyr gregory lebedev more contemporary orthodox philosophers and theologians such as bishop nikolai velimirovich archpriest lev lebedev hieromonk seraphim rose vladimir soloviev s i frank s v troitsky vladimir lossky i a ilyin john romanides panagiotis trembelas panagiotis nellas georgios mantzaridis anestis keselopoulos and philip sherrard are used to provide insight into this topic fr seraphim rose pointed to the need for study such as is found in the theology of eros all of this the true nature of sexuality and of human nature before the fall from a patristic point of view should one day be written out and printed with abundant illustrations from the holy fathers and lives of the saints together with the whole question of sexuality abortion natural and unnatural sins pornography homosexuality etc with scriptural and patristic sources this could be done carefully and without offensiveness but clearly this is what this book tries to achieve

Eckhart's Apophatic Theology 2024-01-01 this study offers a new interpretation of twentieth century russian orthodox theology by engaging the work of georges florovsky 1893-1979 especially his program of a return to the church fathers

Aspects of Church History 2019-11 living icons presents an intimate portrait of holiness as exemplified in the lives and thoughts of ten people of faith in the eastern orthodox church in this inspiring volume michael plekon introduces readers to a diverse and unusual group of men and women who strove to put the gospel of christ into action in their lives the living icons plekon describes were among other things priests theologians writers and caregivers to the homeless and poor one was an artist who became the greatest icon painter in this century another was assassinated for his teachings in post-soviet russia these remarkable people of faith lived through times of great suffering forced emigration the great depression world war ii and the cold war many of them were criticized if not condemned by ecclesiastical opponents and authorities yet each demonstrate a unique pattern for holiness illustrating that the path to sainthood is open to all with the fall of state socialism eastern orthodox churches and monasteries are being reopened and receiving renewed interest from believers and nonbelievers alike plekon calls to our attention people like saint seraphim of sarov 1759-1832 a monk mystic counselor healer and visionary father alexander men 1935-1990 a russian whose writings after glasnost ultimately led to his tragic assassination mother maria skobtsova 1891-1945 a painter poet and political activist who was killed in a concentration camp for hiding her jewish neighbors and father lev gillet 1893-1980 one of the twentieth century's greatest spiritual teachers living icons which includes a foreword by lawrence s cunningham brings to life the beautiful and often unfamiliar spirituality of the eastern orthodox church through some of its most remarkable members it shows with simplicity and clarity that christ and the gospel are often manifested in extraordinary ways in the lives of ordinary people

The Theology of Eros 2010-08 andrew louth introduces us to twenty key orthodox thinkers from the last two centuries the poets and thinkers included range from romania serbia greece england and france and also include exiles from communist russia the book concludes with an illuminating chapter on metropolitan kallistos and the theological vision of the philokalia

Georges Florovsky and the Russian Religious Renaissance 2014-02 this book written by a leading orthodox theologian offers a serious re-examination of the role of women in the church for orthodox and roman catholics especially the question of women's ordination must be asked from the inside and not only from the outside this book does not suggest final answers but raises issues and defines their relative importance

Living Icons 2002 a clear introduction to eastern orthodoxy and key aspects of the tradition now contains new articles and additional readings on orthodoxy and evangelicalism

Modern Orthodox Thinkers 2015-09-25 wrestling with angels gathers writings by rowan williams spanning the years 1980 2000 it focuses on his engagement with a range of modern theologians and philosophers hegel wittgenstein barth bonhoeffer balthasar simone weil marilyn mccord adams and more key themes explored in this volume include negative theology postmodernity violence innocence divine action and the nature of historical development in theology from publisher s description

The Ministry of Women in the Church 1991 in this work fr schmemann defines liturgical theology noting especially its progress beyond liturgics

Eastern Orthodox Theology 2003-10 james r payton jr introduces us to eastern orthodox history theology and practice for all readers interested in ancient ecumenical christian theology and spirituality this book is especially open and sympathetic to what evangelicals can learn from orthodoxy

Wrestling with Angels 2007-10-26 this work is a revised and expanded version of a book that has appeared in several languages it focuses on themes central to eastern christian worship and spiritual life the first three chapters provide insights on death bereavement and resurrection in christ and repentance chapters four and five invite the reader into the world of desert ascetics and hesychast monks combining scholarly rigor with practical counsels on prayer bishop ware makes the wealth of this traditional accessible to today s christians the next three chapters concern personal vocation martyrdom spiritual fatherhood and the strange path of the fool for christ s sake there follows brief essays on the theology of time and the spiritual purposes of higher education the final chapters is a challenging discussion of origen and ss gregory of nyssa isaac the syrian and silouan the athonite and in conversation with them asks dare we hope for the salvation of all

Introduction to Liturgical Theology 1986 although its various bodies boast a combined total of at least 300 million members the eastern orthodox church is widely perceived among members of other denominations to be an exotic branch of the faith often shrouded in mysticism and misunderstanding that has been exacerbated by the longstanding eastern western split in purification of memory ambrose mong casts light on the true nature of orthodox theology illuminating the thinking of eight distinguished modern orthodox theologians who have made important contributions on topics as ecclesiology ecumenism christology and mariology approaching the work of john meyendorff nicholas afanasiev john zizioulas georges florovsky sergius bulgakov vladimir lossky nicolas berdyaev and jaroslav pelikan from an ecumenical standpoint mong deftly draws comparisons with the theology of their roman catholic counterparts to reveal points on which the two traditions have much more in common than either side will always admit the author interweaves these comparisons with a fascinating exposition of the history of the schism between the eastern and western churches to demonstrate decisively that in spite of the bitter mistrust dividing them they share a common heritage which could and should serve as a basis for reunification before old wounds can mend however a healing process of forgetting characterized by pope john paul ii as a purification of memory must take place to clear the path towards a long awaited return to unity

Light from the Christian East 2009-12-14 vladimir solovyev was a convert to catholicism in this book he gives an defense of his new faith he gives the historical evidence that proves the catholic church is the one church of christ he dispels the myths propped up by the orthodox as an excuse to stay away from rome and the pope this book is vital for anyone who believes that russia will have a role to play in future events that is a future catholic russia

The Inner Kingdom 2000 from diverse international and multi disciplinary perspectives the contributors to this volume analyze the experiences challenges and responses of orthodox churches to the foundational transformations associated with the dissolution of the ussr

Purification of Memory 2015-06-25 this is a study of spirit christology a contemporary theological model of the relationship between jesus christ and the holy spirit del colle measures this christological model against trinitarian theology and tests its viability he investigates in particular the development of a roman catholic spirit christology which has arisen from within the modern neo scholastic theological tradition contrary to other interpreters del colle argues that an incarnational christology and a spirit christology are not conflicting but complementary and that this is recognized by the older and deeper tradition in conclusion he seeks to demonstrate the productivity of the spirit christological model in reference to three major areas of concern for contemporary systematic theology cultural pluralism and diversity emancipation and social praxis and inter religious dialogue

Russia and the Universal Church 2017-05-21 first published in 1979

Eastern Orthodox Encounters of Identity and Otherness 2014-01-16 georges florovsky 1893 1979 was one of the most prominent orthodox theologians and ecumenists of the twentieth century his call for a return to patristic writings as a source of modern theological reflection had a powerful impact not only on orthodox theology in the second half of the twentieth century but on christian theology in general florovsky was also a major orthodox voice in the ecumenical movement for four decades and he is one of the founders of the world council of churches this book is a collection of major theological writings by george florovsky it includes representative and widely influential but now largely inaccessible texts many newly translated for this book divided into four thematic sections creation incarnation and redemption the nature of theology ecclesiology and ecumenism and scripture worship and eschatology a foreword by metropolitan kallistos ware presents the theological vision of georges florovsky and discusses the continuing relevance of his work both for orthodox theology and for modern theology in general the introduction by the editors provides a theological and historical overview of florovsky theology in teh context of his biography the book includes explanatory notes translation of patrisitc citations and an index

Christ and the Spirit 1994-01-06 in the eastern christian tradition in modern russian thought and beyond teresa obolevitch elucidates the main philosophical and theological ideas of the eastern christian tradition of neo patristic synthesis and considers them in comparative philosophical context

The Orthodox Way 1995 a fresh vision of the common good through pneumatological lenses daniela c augustine a brilliant emerging scholar offers a theological ethic for the common good augustine develops a public theology from a theological vision of creation as the household of the triune god bearing the image of god in a mutual sharing of divine love and justice and as a sacrament of the divine presence the spirit and the common good expounds upon the application of this vision not only within the life of the church but also to the realm of politics economics and care for creation the church serves a priestly and prophetic function for society indeed for all of creation this renewed vision becomes the foundation for constructing a theological ethic of planetary flourishing in and through commitment to a sustainable communal praxis of a shared future with the other and the different while emphatically theological in its approach the spirit and the common good engages readers with insights from political philosophy sociology of religion economics and ecology as well as forgiveness reconciliation and

peacebuilding studies

The Patristic Witness of Georges Florovsky 2019-09-19 this anthology is a collection of readings on the christian life they were carefully selected from every era of history and from across the spectrum of christian traditions they include letters sermons treatises and disputations poems songs and hymns confessions biblical commentary and even part of a novel in each case the subject is life with god life in god life for god life infused and enlivened by god s grace the editors introduce each selection highlighting relevant aspects of the author s biography spirituality and historical context introductions are also provided for the major eras of the church which present theological historical and cultural perspectives to help the reader best engage the selections for individuals and groups classrooms and seminars this collection will generate dialogue between past and present and between traditions familiar and unfamiliar it is not merely a book on the christian life but for the christian life making yesterday s witness to life with god a resource for the church today

The Eastern Christian Tradition in Modern Russian Thought and Beyond 2022-07-18 an introduction to the thought of one of the most fascinating theologians and at the same time most controversial church leaders of our time

The Spirit and the Common Good 2019-09-12 beginning with the church fathers and moving right through to the present day the holy spirit offers a theologically informed international collection of the most important texts relating to christians understanding of the holy spirit a new volume of texts and readings offering a chronologically organized selection of the most important and interesting writings on the holy spirit considers how the holy spirit has always been an integral part of both christian belief and systematic theology from the church fathers through to the present day each set of readings is prefaced by an introduction from the editor drawing out the main themes and important historical points and linking the readings to what has gone before tackles the disagreements over the role of the holy spirit within the trinity and how it was a contributing factor in the split between the western and eastern church opens with a newly commissioned essay describing the importance of the holy spirit in the theology of the last one hundred years and in particular in relation to the revival of trinitarian theology

The Grammar of Grace 2019-06-11 veli matti kärkkäinen provides an up to date survey and analysis of the major ecclesiological traditions the most important theologians and a number of contextual approaches to both the unity and the diversity of ecclesiastic understandings and practices

Christ the Stranger: The Theology of Rowan Williams 2012-01-26 the orthodox church is one of the three major branches of christianity there are over 300 million adherents throughout the world the orthodox church is a fellowship of independent churches which split from the roman church over the question of papal supremacy in 1054 the orthodox adherents include people in greece georgia russia and serbia there are an estimated one million members in the united states this advanced book explains the basic principles of orthodox christianity and describes in detail the holidays observed by the orthodox church in addition relevant book literature is presented in bibliographic form with easy access provided by title subject and author indexes

The Holy Spirit 2009-05-11 das attribut katholisch wird in vielen kontexten als konfessionsbezeichnung einer bestimmten kirche missverstanden die in diesem band vorgelegten vorträge der 18 wissenschaftlichen konsultation der societates oecumenica beleuchten die ökumenische bedeutung der katholizität die alle kirchen im glaubenbekenntnis bekennen dabei werden auch die spannungen zwischen einheit und vielfalt sowie die herausforderungen durch neuere entwicklungen in der weltweiten christenheit in den blick genommen in many contexts the attribute catholic is misunderstood as a confessional term describing one specific church the papers of the 18th academic consultation of societates oecumenica presented in this book give insights to the ecumenical significance of the catholicity which all churches confess in the creed they also take into consideration the tensions between unity and diversity as well as the challenges by new developments in worldwide christianity

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