

Free reading Christian spirituality an anthology (PDF)

this book is a collection of classical and contemporary texts pertinent to the study of christian spirituality excerpts from the key writings of seventy seven spiritual masters are arranged in chronological order representative figures from the major christian traditions are included attention has been given to the contributions of women and minorities spirituality is approached in the broadest sense and in a manner that includes both the theory and practice of spirituality in this revised edition of a longtime bestselling anthology of christian mysticism editors louis dupre and james wiseman bring together selections from the writings of twenty three of the most important christian mystics from origen of alexandria in the third century to thomas merton in the twentieth this edition retains most of the authors included in the first addition but has replaced some authors from that edition with ones that will be of greater interest to readers today e g francis and clare of assisi francis 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macrocosm is literally reflected in the microcosm leslene della madre for as long as she can remember author laura e gillett has always had an awareness of spirit presences and a strong sense of intuition as a young child she recalls picking apart the physical reality and being curious about her own fragment of consciousness throughout the years with the help of guides and spiritual teachers shes devoted time to piecing together her personal toolbox which has taught her to better manage when and how she connects to the spiritual plain in loving herself whole gillett give insight into the process of awakening through ones spiritual healing journey it offers an anthology of guided messages collected from personal journals during the past decade with the intention of inspiring hope and encouragement for those going through their own transformation with extensive training in psychic development and meditation various healing modalities and holistic therapies gillett intends to be of service to the spirit world the mother and the whole by using her passionate gifts to inspire others dana vinicoff has wandered through many religious groups including campus crusade for christ inter varsity christian

fellowship a catholic charismatic prayer meeting and transcendental meditation over the years starting in the 1970 s she wrote the pieces gathered in these pages to explore and express her experiences and beliefs the writings include stories of her religious wanderings prayers and sermons leavened with humor these ideas will surely help seekers on their own path of growth you did good wrote janell moon author of how to pray without being religious and stirring the waters writing to find your spirit andrew ramer author of queering the text and torah told different wrote of tales of a seeker i was moved by your stories and felt supported by your journey and where it got you to and i know others will too so thank you for a timely read a reflecting mirror for many of my own questions 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 quests 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 apart 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 pelagia the actress brigite of ireland balthild the queen of neustria dhuoda of septimania hildegard of bingen heloise mechtild of magdeburg gertrude the great hadewijch julian of norwich catherine of siena margery kempe teresa of avila jane frances de chantal sojourner truth maria stewart gabrielle bossis dorothy day caryll houselander pauli murray laura lopez silvia maribel arriola mother teresa cho wha soon mercy amba oduyoye edwina gately today s world is characterised by the ever widening gap between the rich and the poor between the so called able and those with disabilities the streets of our big cities are populated by growing numbers of homeless broken people spiritual journeys is about bridging the ever widening gap between the capable and admirable person and the broken weak person in each one of us it is about being healed by the poor and lonely edited by sister stanislaus kennedy founder of focus point ireland spiritual journeys includes essays from jean vanier founder of the l arche faith and light communities for people with mental handicaps dr sheila cassidy who works with the dying as a palliative care physician fr peter mcverry sj well known in dublin for his work with homeless young people edwina gately a catholic lay woman who works with prostitutes book jacket title summary field provided by blackwell north america inc all rights reserved this book has woven together the voices of over seventy women of diverse ethnicities and traditions in meditative and insightful poems they offer us revealing glimpses of their souls engaged in meaningful dialogue with the world others themselves and divinity this spiritual poetry draws from the timeless wisdom power and beauty residing deeply within the hearts of all women emerging within archetypal themes that deliver valuable messages the inspiring and uninhibited chorus of voices beckons us to journey along with them into the wild mysterious and uncharted territory of a womans heart in this beautiful volume of poetry catherine ghosh gives us the voices of womens spiritual expressions across cultures the many women who contribute their hopes fears visions and life narratives to this volume fulfill the poet muriel rukeyser s injunction breathe in experience breathe out poetry every woman and man will find poetry that speaks to the heart and the soul i highly recommend this volume to anyone who values the poetry of womens lives and imaginations roberta rosenberg professor of english and co director of womens and gender studies christopher newport university virginia this beautiful book of verses speaks of the longings of the heart the habits of the mind the prayers often unspoken of silent cries in the dark to god to the universe to life itself to anyone who may listen and be moved it is an ode to the muzzled yearnings of half of humanity rita d sherma phd swami vivekananda visiting professor university of southern california in this powerful collection of modern prose and poetry women from a wide spectrum of races and religions embrace their spiritual heritage or create one but all are searching for the sacred in their lives back cover spiritual naturalism also called religious naturalism is a worldview value system and personal life practice a religion to some philosophy to others spiritual naturalism sees the universe as one natural and sacred whole it advocates principles and practices that have compassion as their foundation and it finds wisdom and inspiration in innumerable rich traditions and ethical philosophies from around the world this anthology of articles celebrates the first year of the spiritual naturalist society and its mission through this series the reader will get an overview of spiritual naturalism and how it can transform practitioners healing the schism between the natural and the sacred in today s world these essays cover reason and perspective practice and ritual spiritual naturalism in tough times applied issues and naturalism as seen through several traditions soul of the earth is an anthology of poetry to inspire hope in humanity beautifully crafted yet challenging received wisdom and pushing boundaries these are cutting edge poems from a new generation of writers who share a love of the earth and haven t given up on humans either in poems as light as a butterfly and as wild as a storm you ll find vivid contemporary voices that dare to explore a spiritual dimension to life on earth and in doing so imply that a way out of our global crisis of ecological catastrophe financial meltdown and bankruptcy of the spirit is to look beyond the impasse of materialism with contributions from poets in the usa canada uk australia and new zealand this anthology reaches out across the planet to embrace the challenges and blessings of being alive on the earth in the twenty first century contributors include diana durham karen eberhardt shelton rose flint paul matthews paul nelson gabriel bradford millar roselle angwin kevan manwaring jay ramsay dawn gorman alyson hallett jehanne mehta lynne wycherley charlotte hussey margie mccallum helen moore aidan andrew dun irina kuzminsky jennie powell adam horovitz jeremy hooker prabuddha bhārata an english monthly journal of the ramakrishna order has trodden a long and arduous path for the last hundred years throughout this past century it has gathered many treasures within its covers on those pages some of the brightest minds of the century struggled with the

problems of the world and placed before humanity their insights and solutions for the readers who do not have ready access to all the volumes of prabuddha bhārata few of the priceless gems contained in those pages have been anthologised here in this publication by advaita ashrama a publication house of ramakrishna math belur math india a study of this anthology is a study of life of science art psychology philosophy etc as the titles show as you will see in the following pages many of the articles draw the reader into another milieu a milieu that was the precursor of today's there we discern the hopes fears and anxieties that moved powerful minds and there we find the solutions they proposed and the hopes they cherished regarding humanity's future we see a recent past through some of the clearest eyes of that period and we also get a glimpse of the world they thought would soon emerge thus we are able to compare all that with the present understand better what is happening now and ponder over the future eknath easwaran taught spiritual living for nearly 40 years and drew deep ongoing inspiration from the sacred literature of all traditions the great river of wisdom that is always flowing throughout the world the 149 short extracts in this anthology come from the much loved saints sages and scriptures of the christian hindu sufi jewish native american buddhist and taoist traditions these passages can be read for daily inspiration for their insights into other spiritual traditions for the light they throw on how to live for the sustenance they offer when we feel sad or tired and for the deep transformation they can bring in easwaran's method of passage meditation rich supporting material includes stories from india detailed background notes suggestions for memorization and for studying the texts in practices such as lectio divina from the christian tradition and instruction in using these texts in passage meditation anthology of english spiritual writings the 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and how to approach the study of sacred texts additional chapters explore what are often referred to as eastern religions hinduism buddhism confucianism taoism and jainism students also learn about the abrahamic religions studying in turn judaism christianity and islam each chapter includes an introduction and post reading questions to provide context and facilitate learning reflection and discussion the world religions anthology is an exemplary anthology for foundational courses in world religions and the study of religious texts this anthology contains selections from the writings on prayer and spirituality of the english mystics it includes work by julian of norwich and the author of the cloud of unknowing as well as walter hilton selections from ancrene wise and edmund of abingdon the story of jesus an intuitive anthology many contemporary christians suspect that there is more to jesus and his enduring message than the little that has survived in historical writings and the 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God in All Worlds 1995

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She Is Everywhere! Vol. 2 2008

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Woman to Woman 1993

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Cultivating Spirituality 2013-03-02

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Soul Searchers 2002

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the spiritual naturalist society continues exploration of spiritual naturalist thought and practice through its courses podcast

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Beguine Spirituality 1989-01-01

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How I Found God in Everyone and Everywhere 2024-08

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she is everywhere volume 3 presents a bold brave and beautiful compilation of womanist feminist essays poems and artwork showcasing work from an international community of women and men who honor the sacred female the fifty contributors in this anthology scholars creative writers and visual artists share their vision for a world that reclaims the inviolability of the divine female in all her many and varied manifestations she is everywhere volume 3 is the latest edition of a leading edge series which like its predecessors offers an invaluable contribution to womens spirituality religion philosophy and womens studies the contemporary voices contained within its pages echo an ancient clarion call to embrace the values of justice with compassion equality for all people and transformation we have a calling in this world namely to prevent the destruction from continuing claudia von werlhof i am in the presence of a divine mother and she is fulfilling a deep longing inside of me nicole margiasso tran she was i am my daughter is because we are all her etoyle mckee just as dark matter mother in space shapes galaxies and holds them together we are shaped and held by the african dark mother who has given us her life force and resides in the very depths of our being where the macrocosm is literally reflected in the microcosm leslene della madre

Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Spiritual Exercises 2019-05-20

for as long as she can remember author laura e gillett has always had an awareness of spirit presences and a strong sense of intuition as a young child she recalls picking apart the physical reality and being curious about her own fragment of consciousness throughout the years with the help of guides and spiritual teachers shes devoted time to piecing together her personal toolbox which has taught her to better manage when and how she connects to the spiritual plain in loving herself whole gillett give insight into the process of awakening through ones spiritual healing journey it offers an anthology of guided messages collected from personal journals during the past decade with the intention of inspiring hope and encouragement for those going through their own transformation with extensive training in psychic development and meditation various healing modalities and holistic therapies gillett intends to be of service to the spirit world the mother and the whole by using her passionate gifts to inspire others

Marxism and Spirituality 1993-03-30

dana vinicoff has wandered through many religious groups including campus crusade for christ inter varsity christian

fellowship a catholic charismatic prayer meeting and transcendental meditation over the years starting in the 1970 s she wrote the pieces gathered in these pages to explore and express her experiences and beliefs the writings include stories of her religious wanderings prayers and sermons leavened with humor these ideas will surely help seekers on their own path of growth you did good wrote janell moon author of how to pray without being religious and stirring the waters writing to find your spirit andrew ramer author of queering the text and torah told different wrote of tales of a seeker i was moved by your stories and felt supported by your journey and where it got you to and i know others will too so thank you for a timely read a reflecting mirror for many of my own questions

She Is Everywhere! Volume 3 2012-02-15

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 quests 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 apart 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 pelagia the actress brigite of ireland balthild the queen of neustria dhuoda of septimania hildegard of bingen heloise mechthild of magdeburg gertrude the great hadewijch julian of norwich catherine of siena margery kempe teresa of avila jane frances de chantal sojourner truth maria stewart gabrielle bossis dorothy day caryll houselander pauli murray laura lopez silvia maribel arriola mother teresa cho wha soon mercy amba oduyoye edwina gately

Loving Herself Whole 2017-08-11

today s world is characterised by the ever widening gap between the rich and the poor between the so called able and those with disabilities the streets of our big cities are populated by growing numbers of homeless broken people spiritual journeys is about bridging the ever widening gap between the capable and admirable person and the broken weak person in each one of us it is about being healed by the poor and lonely edited by sister stanislaus kennedy founder of focus point ireland spiritual journeys includes essays from jean vanier founder of the l arche faith and light communities for people with mental handicaps dr sheila cassidy who works with the dying as a palliative care physician fr peter mcverry sj well known in dublin for his work with homeless young people edwina gately a catholic lay woman who works with prostitutes book jacket title summary field provided by blackwell north america inc all rights reserved

The Spirituality of the Later English Puritans 1987

this book has woven together the voices of over seventy women of diverse ethnicities and traditions in meditative and insightful poems they offer us revealing glimpses of their souls engaged in meaningful dialogue with the world others themselves and divinity this spiritual poetry draws from the timeless wisdom power and beauty residing deeply within the hearts of all women emerging within archetypal themes that deliver valuable messages the inspiring and uninhibited chorus of voices beckons us to journey along with them into the wild mysterious and uncharted territory of a womans heart in this beautiful volume of poetry catherine ghosh gives us the voices of womens spiritual expressions across cultures the many women who contribute their hopes fears visions and life narratives to this volume fulfill the poet muriel rukeyzers injunction breathe in experience breathe out poetry every woman and man will find poetry that speaks to the heart and the soul i highly recommend this volume to anyone who values the poetry of womens lives and imaginations roberta rosenberg professor of english and co director of womens and gender studies christopher newport university virginia this beautiful book of verses speaks of the longings of the heart the habits of the mind the prayers often unspoken of silent cries in the dark to god to the universe to life itself to anyone who may listen and be moved it is an ode to the muzzled yearnings of half of humanity rita d sherma phd swami vivekananda visiting professor university of southern california

Tales of a Seeker 2016-11-14

in this powerful collection of modern prose and poetry women from a wide spectrum of races and religions embrace their spiritual heritage or create one but all are searching for the sacred in their lives back cover

Mystics, Visionaries, and Prophets 1998

spiritual naturalism also called religious naturalism is a worldview value system and personal life practice a religion to some philosophy to others spiritual naturalism sees the universe as one natural and sacred whole it advocates principles and practices that have compassion as their foundation and it finds wisdom and inspiration in innumerable rich traditions and ethical philosophies from around the world this anthology of articles celebrates the first year of the spiritual naturalist society and its mission through this series the reader will get an overview of spiritual naturalism and how it can transform practitioners healing the schism between the natural and the sacred in today s world these essays cover reason and perspective practice and ritual spiritual naturalism in tough times applied issues and naturalism as seen through several traditions

Spiritual Journeys 1997

soul of the earth is an anthology of poetry to inspire hope in humanity beautifully crafted yet challenging received wisdom and pushing boundaries these are cutting edge poems from a new generation of writers who share a love of the earth and haven t given up on humans either in poems as light as a butterfly and as wild as a storm you ll find vivid contemporary voices that dare to explore a spiritual dimension to life on earth and in doing so imply that a way out of our global crisis of ecological catastrophe financial meltdown and bankruptcy of the spirit is to look beyond the impasse of materialism with contributions from poets in the usa canada uk australia and new zealand this anthology reaches out across the planet to embrace the challenges and blessings of being alive on the earth in the twenty first century contributors include diana durham karen eberhardt shelton rose flint paul matthews paul nelson gabriel bradford millar roselle angwin kevan manwaring jay ramsay dawn gorman alyson hallett jehanne mehta lynne wycherley charlotte hussey margie mccallum helen moore aidan andrew dun irina kuzminsky jennie powell adam horovitz jeremy hooker

Journey of the Heart 2014-07-25

prabuddha bharata an english monthly journal of the ramakrishna order has trodden a long and arduous path for the last hundred years throughout this past century it has gathered many treasures within its covers on those pages some of the brightest minds of the century struggled with the problems of the world and placed before humanity their insights and solutions for the readers who do not have ready access to all the volumes of prabuddha bharata few of the priceless gems contained in those pages have been anthologised here in this publication by advaita ashrama a publication house of ramakrishna math belur math india a study of this anthology is a study of life of science art psychology philosophy etc as the titles show as you will see in the following pages many of the articles draw the reader into another milieu a milieu that was the precursor of today s there we discern the hopes fears and anxieties that moved powerful minds and there we find the solutions they proposed and the hopes they cherished regarding humanity s future we see a recent past through some of the clearest eyes of that period and we also get a glimpse of the world they thought would soon emerge thus we are able to compare all that with the present understand better what is happening now and ponder over the future

Storming Heaven's Gate 1997

eknath easwaran taught spiritual living for nearly 40 years and drew deep ongoing inspiration from the sacred literature of all traditions the great river of wisdom that is always flowing throughout the world the 149 short extracts in this anthology come from the much loved saints sages and scriptures of the christian hindu sufi jewish native american buddhist and taoist traditions these passages can be read for daily inspiration for their insights into other spiritual traditions for the light they throw on how to live for the sustenance they offer when we feel sad or tired and for the deep transformation they can bring in easwaran s method of passage meditation rich supporting material includes stories from india detailed background notes suggestions for memorization and for studying the texts in practices such as lectio divina from the christian tradition and instruction in using these texts in passage meditation

Exploring Spiritual Naturalism, Year 1: An Anthology of Articles from the Spiritual Naturalist Society 2014-06-27

anthology of english spiritual writings

Soul of the Earth 2011-03

the anthology of spiritual direction is an initiative of the australian ecumenical council for spiritual direction to encourage and support spiritual directors and those associated with this ministry to contribute to the study and practice of contemporary spiritual direction the initiative also invites the worldwide spiritual direction community to draw upon what the anthology's authors have contributed

Fire of Silence and Stillness 1996

with 84 poems by 63 poets from 5 countries this anthology explores the many faces of contemporary transcendent experience

Art, Culture and Spirituality 2018-07-04

this is an exploration of the rich spirituality of the church fathers found in the writings of cyprian the desert fathers and mothers basil the great gregory of nyssa john chrysostom augustine benedict and gregory the great

God Makes the Rivers to Flow 2009

this new collection of spiritual masterpieces will delight all lovers of anthologies unusually it is formed in the shape of a symphony with dark and lighter phrases and glorious uplands of magical harmonies that lift the spirit to realms of the ethereal this is an anthology of other men's insights other men's inspirations we need all that they give in order that we might make sense of those difficult obscure parts of life when god seems silent the desert unending or when the storm clouds gather we need their awareness their perception their understanding so that we too can perceive understand and pick up the threads of our lives once again this is a must have anthology for the bedside that special gift as sermon material teacher's handbook hospice retreat house library it has a myriad uses and will delight all who acquire it

African Spirituality 1992

the world religions anthology faith worldview spirituality provides students with a thoughtful and insightful overview of some of the religions of the world and helps them identify both the differences between them and the underlying themes and values that connect them the anthology is organized into nine chapters the first of which gives students a foundational understanding of what constitutes religion and how to approach the study of sacred texts additional chapters explore what are often referred to as eastern religions hinduism buddhism confucianism taoism and jainism students also learn about the abrahamic religions studying in turn judaism christianity and islam each chapter includes an introduction and post reading questions to provide context and facilitate learning reflection and discussion the world religions anthology is an exemplary anthology for foundational courses in world religions and the study of religious texts

The English Spirit 1988

this anthology contains selections from the writings on prayer and spirituality of the english mystics it includes work by julian of norwich and the author of the cloud of unknowing as well as walter hilton selections from ancrene wisse and edmund of abingdon

Anthology of Spiritual Direction Volume One 2012

the story of jesus an intuitive anthology many contemporary christians suspect that there is more to jesus and his enduring message than the little that has survived in historical writings and the legendary christian tradition this book offers a narrative account of jesus life from the perspective of twenty contemporary writers who have developed their natural intuitive abilities to an unusually high level they are therefore able to bring forth new and detailed information not ordinarily accessible by historical or literary means some of them had demonstrated their unusual skill by probing deeply into the personal lives and minds of historical individuals other than jesus while some had provided important and detailed technical information which was then verified scientifically they apply their intuitive skills here to uncover fresh information about the man jesus his contemporaries and his extensive teachings which never found their way into the new testament gospels and related historical documents these new findings offer a much richer view of the man himself than that available from traditional christian sources they also provide illuminating insights and a deep spiritual understanding of jesus original and hidden teachings the story of jesus is essential reading for all inquirers and seekers into these hidden and previously lost portions of christian spiritual history

The Spirit It Travels 2019-08

this beautiful little book is perfect for personal reflection and meditation a useful and inspirational resource for women the world over

Spiritual Classics from the Early Church 1995

Symphony of Life 2009

The World Religions Anthology 2021-06-25

The English Mystics 1998-01-01

The Story of Jesus 2012-04-10

Dancing on Mountains 1996

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