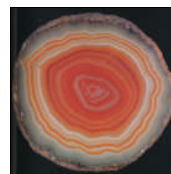




T.S. BOOKSHOP NEWS

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Don't forget to visit our website: www.tsbookshop.com.au

We've no doubt you've been hearing about the difficulties that the retail sector in general, and book shops in particular, are facing at the moment. With the strong Aussie dollar, the advent of the ebook and various electronic readers, and the impact of overseas websites selling into the Australian market without attracting the GST, bricks and mortar bookshops are having difficulty making ends meet. The overseas situation is particularly challenging, given that businesses in Australia are obliged to impose the GST and act as tax collectors for the Australian Government, so are already at a 10% disadvantage. And of course, we still have to pay rent, utilities and wages.

However, we believe that we have much more to offer than just "products" at particular prices. Here at the T.S. Bookshop, we have a world class collection of books and associated products relating to all things "esoteric". In the past, many spiritual truths were only taught or passed on to initiates in "secret" orders or sects. Thankfully, much of this information has now become "exoteric", i.e. available to all those who seek it, and the T.S. Bookshop is a veritable treasure trove of this knowledge.

Our knowledgeable and experienced staff can help with your enquiries, and there's nothing like being able to browse the whole book, and make an informed choice between titles, selecting the one/s that best suits your needs: or, indeed, listening to our extensive range of music before you purchase.

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The T.S. Bookshop is very excited to share a new initiative with our loyal customers. We are pleased to introduce a Customer Loyalty Programme, which will begin on 1st June, 2011. You just need to register your name, address and phone number with us, and we will record the amount of your purchases. Twice a year, on 1st June and 1st December, a Loyalty Reward Voucher will be sent to you, to the value of 10% of your purchases during the previous 6 months. As a bonus, we will start recording purchases as soon as you join, but the first Voucher won't be issued until 1st December, 2011.

Terms & Conditions of the Customer Loyalty Programme:

1. Rewards will only accrue on purchases of full-priced items. The following categories will not accrue credit: secondhand and sale books, gift vouchers and freight.
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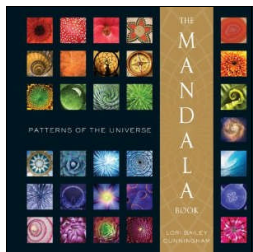
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Mandala Book

Patterns of the Universe

Lori Bailey Cunningham

HC \$30.00



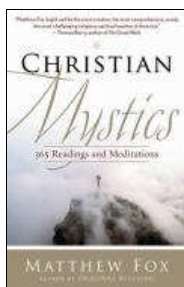
The mandala is an archetypal symbol of wholeness that is replicated on a cosmic scale, not only throughout the natural universe, but also in manifestations of art, architecture and religion. The concepts and primal patterns it represents are the base upon which all physical things are created. *The Mandala Book* is filled with 500 stunning coloured images from nature and civilization, all related to the mandalic patterns and shapes that are explored in the text. Drawing from history, science and art, Lori Bailey Cunningham takes you on a journey that travels from the tiniest particle of matter to spiral galaxies in the farthest reaches of the universe, and from prehistoric petroglyphs to Carl Jung. She concludes with thirteen beautiful mandalas to photocopy and colour for yourself.

Christian Mystics

365 Readings and Meditations

Matthew Fox

PB \$29.95



Spiritual maverick, Matthew Fox, believes that through the ages, religious patriarchal hierarchy and rigidity have obscured Christianity's most beneficial and essential teachings: those that arise out of personal, mystical experiences of the Divine. "... for mysticism is about the awe and the gratitude, the letting go

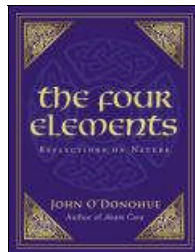
and the letting be, the birthing and the creativity, and the compassion - including healing and celebration and justice making - that our world so sorely needs." In *Christian Mysticism*, Fox offers a wide-ranging collection of quotations from Christianity's greatest mystics and prophets of the past two thousand years. He explores and celebrates the mystical path with insightful commentary on the thoughts and revelations of some of history's greatest religious visionaries.

The Four Elements

Reflections on Nature

John O'Donohue

HC \$32.95



Since John O'Donohue's untimely death in 2008, many have wished that he was still here to write a new work to inspire and comfort us, as he did with *Anam Cara*, *Eternal Echoes* and *Divine Beauty*. In *The Four Elements*, the publishers have drawn together four previously published booklets, *Stone*, *Air*, *Water* and *Fire*, as a way of revisiting his thoughts on the way we live our lives today. Always drawing on his Celtic heritage and his love of his native Irish landscape, O'Donohue weaves a tapestry of beautifully evoked images of nature. He reveals how the energy and rhythm of the natural world - its innocence and creativity, its power and splendour - hold profound lessons for us all.

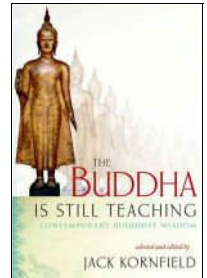
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IS CLOSED
for Easter & ANZAC day
from Friday 22nd April
until Tuesday 26th April
Reopen Wednesday 27th**

The Buddha is Still Teaching

Contemporary Buddhist Wisdom

Jack Kornfield (ed)

HC \$35.95



When the Buddha set in motion the wheel of Dharma, he knew that the teaching he gave was inexhaustible - that every future generation would find its own skilful ways to convey it to the hearts and minds of those ready to hear. "Dharma means both truth and the path to discover the truth." The selections contained in this book from today's most highly regarded contemporary Buddhist teachers bring the Dharma eloquently to life for us in our own time, place, and culture. "In this simple volume, you will find beautiful invocations of generosity; celebrations of courage; and practices to quiet the mind, transform difficulties, and liberate the spirit." Contributors include Ajahn Chah, Charlotte Joko Beck, Pema Chödrön, The Dalai Lama, Ram Dass, Stephen Levine, and Thich Nhat Hanh.

The Wisdom to Know the Difference

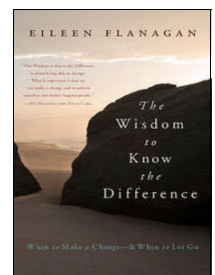
When to Make a Change —

and When to Let Go

Eileen Flanagan

PB \$19.95

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can change, and wisdom to know the difference." Millions of people have been moved by these famous lines from the Serenity Prayer to make important and lasting changes in their lives. But how,

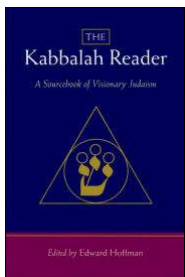


exactly, can we know the difference? How can we acknowledge the real limits that human beings face, without negating the possibility for dramatic change? In this wise book, Eileen Flanagan - a leader in her Quaker community - effortlessly weaves the wisdom of the ordinary people whose stories she tells, with the extraordinary wisdom from various spiritual traditions, as she guides you in exploring this deeply thought-provoking issue. "It simply means recognizing that while I can chart my own course in life, I don't control the sea round my little boat."

The Kabbalah Reader

A Sourcebook of Visionary Judaism

Edward Hoffman (ed) PB \$24.95



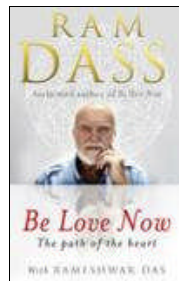
This comprehensive and accessible entrée into the world of Kabbalah covers 1,600 years of Jewish mystical thought and features a variety of thinkers unavailable in any other volume. It's a fresh take on an ancient tradition compiled by Edward Hoffman, a psychologist and respected scholar of Judaism, who reveals how this supposedly esoteric material is relevant to many contemporary concerns, such as ethics, emotional health, intuition and creativity, meditation, social relations and leadership, and higher states of consciousness. "My aim has been ... to present a diverse array of interesting, authentic Kabbalistic writings spanning the centuries through our contemporary era; [and] I've chosen selections representing some of the main features of Jewish mysticism as it pertains especially to daily life."

Be Love Now

The Path of the Heart

Ram Dass with Rameshwar Das

PB \$35.00



In 1967 he travelled to India and met his spiritual teacher, Maharjji (Neem Karoli Baba), who awakened him to the state of unconditional love: "This love is like sunshine, a natural force, a completion of what is, a bliss that permeates every particle of existence." After he returned to the United States, he published his groundbreaking book *Be Here Now*, which inspired huge numbers of people to see the world in a different light. *Be Love Now* is a "teaching memoir" of Maharjji's life, and the grace that Ram Dass experiences in his relationship with him.

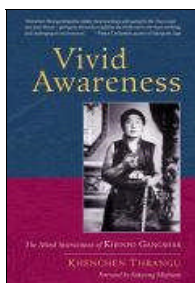
Ram Dass's personal journey began in the early 1960s. As a Harvard psychologist and psychedelic pioneer, he was right at the heart of the counter-culture.

Vivid Awareness

The Mind Instructions of Khenpo Gangshar

Khenchen Thrangu

PB \$33.95



In the summer of 1957, the revered Buddhist teacher and scholar, Khenpo Gangshar foresaw the difficulties that would soon fall upon Tibet, and began teaching in a new way that enabled all those who heard him to use the coming difficulties as the path of Dharma practice. The teaching consisted of the essential points of mahamudra and dzogchen, both view and practice,

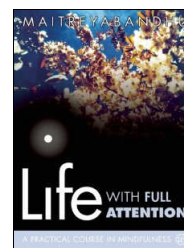
presented in a way that made them easy for anyone to use, even in the most difficult of circumstances. Khenchen Thrangu Rinpoche was one of the grateful recipients of these teachings, and he transmits them here for the benefit of all who strive to practice in challenging times. They include contemplations on the ephemeral nature of both joy and suffering, meditations for resting the mind, and guidance for cultivating equanimity in any situation.

Life with Full Attention

A Practical Course in Mindfulness

Maitreyabandhu

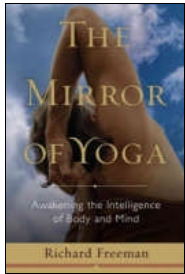
PB \$22.95



"One description of mindfulness is 'paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and non-judgementally' ... That's fine as far as it goes ... But it's only the beginning." Maitreyabandhu, an experienced meditation teacher and member of the Western Buddhist Order, has designed this book as an eight-week course in cultivating full attention. He begins with 'day to day mindfulness' such as remembering to recharge your mobile phone or turn off the oven. He then progresses to mindfulness of the body and of sensation, inner narratives, spiritual teachings, the environment, other people, and, finally, reality itself. *Life with Full Attention* show how, by applying mindfulness to modern times, we can steal back the lost moments of life.

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The Mirror of Yoga
Awakening the Intelligence
of Body and Mind
Richard Freeman HC \$44.95



The world of yoga is astonishingly rich in its array of schools and practices. Yet, as diverse as they seem, they share a common aim: the discovery of the essence of existence that can be found at the core of our being, and the liberation that comes from that discovery. Richard Freeman has been a student of yoga since 1968, and has spent many years studying various traditions. In *The Mirror of Yoga* he presents an enlightening overview of the many teachings, practices, and scriptures that serve as the basis for all of the schools of yoga - hatha, bhakti, jnana, karma, tantra, and others. This is a welcome resource for all yoga students who wish to better appreciate the profound philosophy underlying their practice.

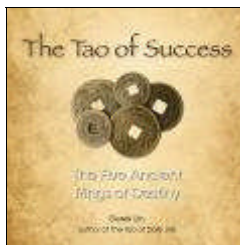
God's Healing Power
Finding Your True Self
Through Meditation
B.K. Jayanti HC & CD \$20.00



B.K. Jayanti is the European Director of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, and in *God's Healing Power*, she shares what we can gain from a relationship with a higher power through Raja Yoga meditation. "Raja Yoga offers a meditation that we can carry inside ourselves so that we can practice it not just when we're sitting quietly but also as we continue to fulfill our daily

tasks and responsibilities." The techniques you will learn will help you momentarily withdraw from bad situations in order to make informed decisions about how to react, to tolerate the bad and celebrate the good, and to feel strong in moving toward a positive future. Her tranquil thoughts are expressed in short chapters designed to inspire you on your path.

The Tao of Success
The Five Ancient Rings of Destiny
Derek Lin PB \$28.95

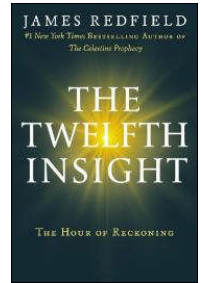


The Tao of Success navigates the five rings of life, i.e. common patterns of traditional Tao cultivation, conceptualized by the ancient sages: Your Spirit, Your Mind, Your Relationships, Your World, and Your Destiny. "The Ancient sages ... conceptualized a human being as [five] concentric rings. You would start at the centre and advance step by step from the innermost ring to the outermost. The change you create with every step would spread outward like a ripple in a pond." Denis Lin uses the power of story to illustrate important keys and to fuse life-altering lessons into today's busy modern life. In illuminating ancient Taoist secrets, Lin encourages everyone to cultivate the Tao and live their destined life.

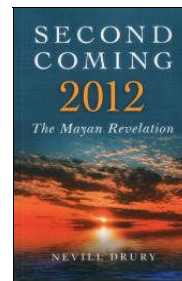
The Twelfth Insight
The Hour of Decision
James Redfield PB \$34.95

Most of you will be familiar with the phenomenally successful *The Celestine Prophecy*, in which James Redfield used Nine Insights to reveal the laws of the universe, in the

form of a gripping adventure story. In this long-awaited fourth book in the Celestine series, we again follow our Hero and his close friend Wil. They have just received a portion of another ancient and mysterious manuscript that describes a secret approach to spirituality that is silently arriving in the second decade of the 21st century — but the manuscript is only available in fragments! To understand its full meaning for mankind, the protagonists must embrace the power of Synchronicity and begin an urgent search to find the message in its entirety!



Second Coming 2012
The Mayan Revelation
Nevill Drury PB \$34.95

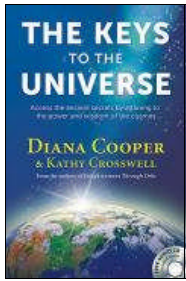


If you've just read the review above, here's another tempting story. Nevill Drury is well known for his publications on the Western esoteric tradition and New Age spirituality. In this latest work, he has used the genre of fiction to write about the fabled End-Time of the Mayan Calendar - 21st December 2012. Journalist James Highgate and linguist Flavia Timmins journey to Xocomil near Lake Atitlán in the Mayan highlands. There they meet the custodian of a secret ancient text that holds the key to the amazing link between the Mayan god Kukulcan and the Christian disciple St. Thomas, brother of Jesus. How are the destinies of these two spiritual figures connected as the End-Time draws near?

The Keys to the Universe

Diana Cooper & Kathy Crosswell

PB & CD \$29.95



Diana Cooper and Kathy Crosswell were advised by their spirit guides that the spiritual realms wanted them to write this very important

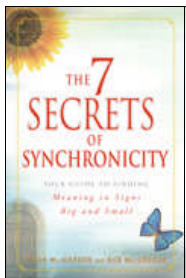
book, and that it was to be called *The Keys to the Universe*. They were given 50 Keys: “the two Golden Cosmic Keys held in Hollow Earth and Sirius, and 48 further Keys held by the ancient civilizations and culture, the portals, the kingdoms and universal aspects and concepts”. Each Key is described in detail, listing its associated colour and sound (hear them on the accompanying CD), and with exercises for visualizations and connecting with the various energies of other realms, such as the animal and natural kingdoms, the elementals, different archangels and other angelic beings, cosmic masters and wisdom centres.

The 7 Secrets of Synchronicity

Your Guide to Finding Meaning in Signs Big and Small

Trish & Rob MacGregor

HC \$34.50



There are signs everywhere, pointing the way to a better life, *if* you know how to read them. Signs are the stuff that synchronicity is made of.

In this exciting new book, best-selling authors Trish and Rob MacGregor reveal the seven secrets that allow you to recognize synchronicity when it happens - and

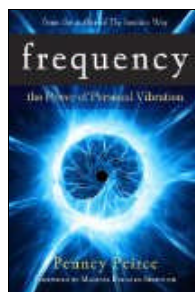
make the most of it. “ ... we also felt there is an active magical element in which human beings can engage synchronicity and direct it for their own purposes.” Throughout this book, you’ll learn to interpret the meaning of the signs you encounter every day, and use tools such as tarot, I Ching and astrology to understand your past, inform your present, and guide your future.

Frequency

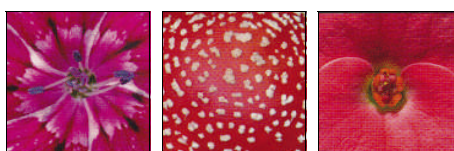
The Power of Personal Vibration

Penney Peirce

HC \$28.00



Already a best-seller, *Frequency* delves into the world of energy and personal vibration. Penny Peirce is an internationally respected clairvoyant empath and intuition development trainer, known for her common sense approach to developing expanded human capacities, heightened perception and spirituality. Because science has long taught us to rely on what we can see and touch, we often don’t notice that our spirit, thoughts, emotions and body are all made of energy: everything is vibrating. In *Frequency*, Peirce shows how to feel your personal vibration and work intentionally with energy to transform your life. By learning to find your “home frequency” - the highest, most natural personal vibration you can attain - you can maximize clarity, minimize struggle, and discover new talents and capacities.

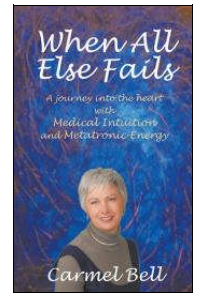


When All Else Fails

A Journey into the Heart with Medical Intuition and Metatronic Energy

Carmel Bell

PB \$30.00



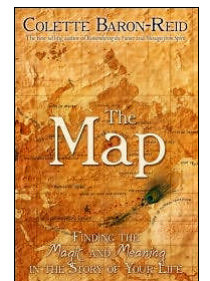
Carmel Bell is a Melbourne-based Medical Intuitive and Metatronic Energy healer—a pioneer in the Medical Intuitive world. In this book, she tells the story of her life, including her experiences with Jesus, heaven, and the angel, Metatron. In 2009 she died, and it took paramedics 47 minutes to bring her back. She has used Metatronic Energy to heal the resulting brain damage. Bell provides information on how to access Metatronic Healing Energy: “Metatronic Energy is designed to rebuild and repair your energy system so that you *can* live.” *When All Else Fails* is also a “textbook” for medical intuition, with detailed information on energy, auras, the chakras, the emotional roots of illness, and the blocks to healing.

Map

Finding the Magic and Meaning in the Story of Your Life

Colette Baron-Reid

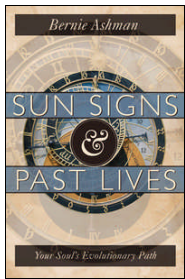
PB \$19.95



Intuitive counselor Colette Baron-Reid is renowned for helping people create the purposeful and authentic lives they desire. “It became clear to me that rather than focus on separate events, it was more valuable to help clients envision a *map* of their lives.” In this fascinating book, Baron-Reid hands you the “magic wand” of your own awareness, so that you can begin to perceive your

life as a wonderful adventure, and see yourself as a powerful map-maker. She guides you on a profound journey, exploring your inner landscapes, and meeting the imaginary beings who hold the keys to the wisdom hidden in your subconscious. *The Map* provides exercises and "Traveller's Notes" to enable you to find and respond to the wisdom there.

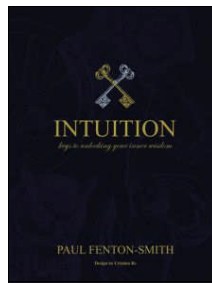
Sun Signs & Past Lives
Your Soul's Evolutionary Path
Bernie Ashman PB \$29.95



You don't have to have any special astrological knowledge to use this book - all you need is your birthday. *Sun Signs & Past Lives* separates each Sun sign into three energy zones: simply look up the zone in which your birthday falls and find out your innate strengths, and the spiritual lessons you need to learn for this lifetime. Each zone is explained in terms of a current life scan, past life patterns, illumination for the current life, and a roadmap to your empowerment. "There is *light*, or places we use [an astrological] sign influence consciously and clearly, as though we have learned the lessons it contains; and there is *shadow*, which points to the lessons we have yet to learn."

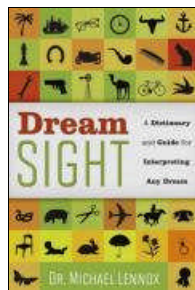
Intuition
Keys to Unlocking Your Inner Wisdom
Paul Fenton-Smith PB \$34.95

In this attractively crafted book, highlighted with colourful photographs and reminder boxes, clairvoyant Paul Fenton-Smith shows you how to develop and strengthen your intuition. "Psychic development is the proc-



ess of learning to listen to the psyche or the soul, to heed this part of us which sees life's bigger picture. Acknowledging the soul enables us to grow, strengthen ourselves and become whole." Combining effective techniques with illustrative examples from life, Fenton-Smith shows you how to master a range of intuitive techniques including telepathy, clairvoyance, seeing auras, intuitive dreams and meditation, as well as recognizing the importance of psychic cleansing and protection. He emphasizes that "Prediction is merely the beginning. Nourishing your spirit is a longer term path to happiness."

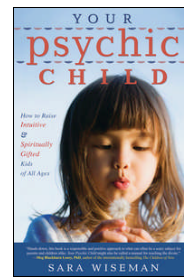
Dream Sight
A Dictionary and Guide for Interpreting Any Dream
Dr. Michael Lennox PB \$29.95



Most dream dictionaries contain brief, overly generic meanings of the universal symbols that appear in your dreams. *Dream Sight* is different. Dr. Michael Lennox presents a practical three-step approach to understanding your dreams. Begin by reading the universal symbols in your dreams, then consider the context, and finally pinpoint your unique personal associations. This method leads to deeper, more profound interpretations that will unlock the mysteries of your unconscious mind. "Dreams can reveal so much. They emerge from the depths of our soul under the veil of sleep. Inside them are hidden treasures both wondrous and terri-

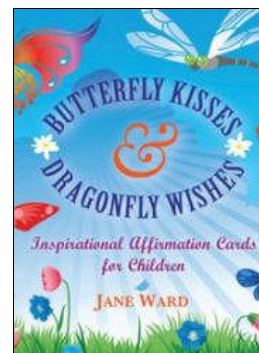
fying." Combining warmth and a touch of irreverence, *Dream Sight* is both a unique teaching tool and a fun reference guide.

Your Psychic Child
How to Raise Intuitive & Spiritually Gifted Kids of All Ages
Sara Wiseman PB \$29.95



From sensing different forms of energy to simply being highly aware of others' feelings, today's children are much more intuitive and spiritually evolved than those of past generations. Filled with practical advice for parents of these extraordinary kids, this indispensable guide tells you everything you need to know to support, encourage, and raise your uniquely gifted child. You'll find easy and fun age-appropriate exercises for helping your child explore and develop their intuitive strengths and create a spiritual connection.

Butterfly Kisses and Dragonfly Wishes: *Inspirational Affirmation Cards for Children*
Jane Ward Deck \$29.95



Each of these twenty-six magical cards has a simple and colourful character, accompanied by a positive affirmation and thought for the day. They are designed to help children from six to twelve years of age to share their thoughts, ideas and emotions with friends, parents and teachers.

DVD & CD REVIEWS

For All Mankind

Al Reinhart

DVD \$33.95

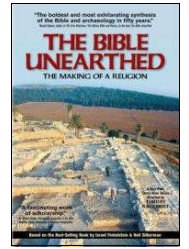


We are fascinated with our place in the universe and this prompts many of us on an inner search. It also prompts many to discover more about the external world, and this film looks at this side of our quest for meaning. Documenting the 24 men (yes 24!) who landed on the moon, it features commentary by some of them and film from the missions. The footage contained is quite awe-inspiring, featuring scenes from space of earth and the moon. It also features scenes from the landings of the men going about their mission collecting samples, goofing around and exploring the surface. The film has been restored in digital high-definition and features the original music from Brian Eno. This really is an inspiring film about a period in human history that has had a profound impact on mankind.

The Bible Unearthed

Theirry Ragobert

DVD \$33.95

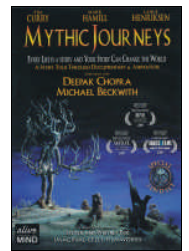


Based on the bestselling book by Israel Finkelstein and Neil Silberman, this film measures dates and events in the Bible against archaeological records. The conclusions reached are quite fascinating and suggest the necessity for discernment with regards to literal interpretation. According to the documentarians, some historical events simply did not happen as they have been related, but this is no debunking; instead it seeks to better understand the conditions and circumstances of the men who wrote the Bible. It features scholarly contributions from Biblical scholars and archaeologists from esteemed institutions such as the Louvre, Cairo and Jerusalem museums and the British Museum.

Mythic Journeys

Steven & Whitney Boe

2DVD \$37.95



“Every life is a story and your story can change the world...” is the sub-title of this documentary-come-animated film based on an ancient Indian myth. Featuring interviews with Deepak Chopra, Michael Beckwith, Jean Shinoda Bolen and a host of other people, the film-makers seek to renew the place of mythological storytelling in our lives. The stop-motion animation features the puppetry of Brain and Wendy Froud and the voices of Tim Curry, Mark Hammill and Lance Henriksen, which proves to be a winning formula. Profound, humorous and a visual delight, this is a heart-warming and inspirational look at the place of story-telling and its potential to enhance our lives in a profound way. There is a raft of extras on the bonus DVD.



Vision – From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen

(German/English sub-titles)

Margrethe von Trotta

DVD \$33.95



Starring Barbara Sukowa, this film studies the trials, tribulations and triumphs of the 12th century abbess, Hildegard von Bingen. A herbalist, artist, composer, poet and scientist, Hildegard of Bingen was a remarkable woman who had a deep mystical connection with her faith. How she managed to avoid being excommunicated for her relationship with god remains a mystery, let alone that she challenged the orthodoxy of the authorities. Beautifully filmed on location in Germany, this is a timely portrait of a woman who was not afraid to question the status-quo.

Staring at the Sun

Overcoming the Dread of Death

Irvin D. Yalom

read by Sean Mangan

7CD \$39.95



Bestselling author and psychiatrist Irvin Yalom relates his own confrontation with the prospect of dying. He posits that, “self-awareness is a supreme gift, a treasure as precious as life”, however, “it comes with a costly price, the wound of mortality”. He offers a means of looking at our fear of death in a positive manner. Through his own understandings and through those of his patients who he honours as his primary teachers, he addresses a very real fear in a manner that is both un-sentimental and engaging. The ideas and thoughts of ancient Greek philosophers are used as his touchstones, particularly Epicurus.

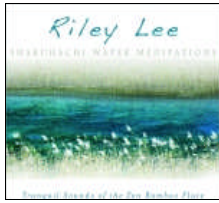
Inside the Koran

Anthony Thomas

DVD \$29.95

Brought to us by the same people who produced *The Bible Unearthed* doco, this film looks at the Holy book of over one billion people, the Koran. Featuring interviews with Imams, Sheikhs, “simple” farmers and many others it displays as diverse a range of interpretations as the interview subjects themselves. This is a sometimes sobering and contradictory look at a faith that some would like us to believe is one dimensional – nothing can be further from the truth. Subjects discussed include crime & punishment; the status of women; peace; violence and forgiveness. Here we have an informed, intelligent documentary that presents a wide range of opinions of people from within their faith.

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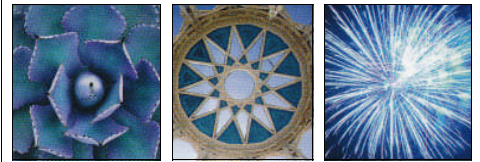


Shakuhachi Water Meditations

Riley Lee

CD \$29.95

Recently released on the Sounds True label *Water Meditations* is another beautiful study in sonic serenity. Here, Riley explores our planet's most predominant element, water, in all its manifestations. On the first track, *Searching (Shirabe)*, water's journey begins to wend its way downwards through creeks, streams and rivers. The journey continues with *Safe Passage (Tamuke)*, until the ocean is met on *Safe Delivery (San An)*, and a transformation is completed with *Pounding Wave (Daha)*. If you know and appreciate Riley's music, you will undoubtedly enjoy this release, as will newcomers. (NB while stocks last selected back catalogue titles of Riley's are available for a limited time for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Titles include: *Wild Honey Dreaming, Nalu Surf Rider, Floating World, Lightning Man, & Bamboo Soup*).

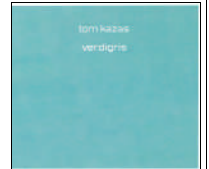


Ambionica: "a 'portmanteu' combining the terms ambient and electronica; describes a type of music". It features old guard innovators like **Terry Riley, Brian Eno, Harold Budd, Steve Roach** etc. along with newer artists like **Celer, Library Tapes, Akira Kosemura, Susumu Yokota** and others.

Two new local releases exemplify the kind of musical territory we are identifying here:

Tom Kazas has produced *Verdigris*

(CD \$20.95) an album of music with



a mysterious quality,

played primarily on piano. Occasionally, distant sounds of the Lyra weave their way into the mix like a snake charmer's *punji* (flute). Overall, it sounds as if it was recorded in a cathedral.

Stephen Oakes

has produced *Mu-tawintji*

(CD \$23.95), an album featuring piano,

keyboard textures,

guitar and some wonderful location recordings of birdsong.

Make no mistake though, Stephen's album is no clichéd 'nature-sound' recording; he brings subtle compositional skills to the fore.

Harold Budd and Robin Guthrie

have produced *Bordeaux*

(CD \$19.95). Guthrie's chiming guitar

and Budd's gentle piano/keyboards

produce a gossamer cloud of drifting sound that is poignant and enchanting – it's great to hear them

working together again.



Recently, three musicians who helped define new-age music have released albums. **Kitaro**, famous for the *Silk Road* series has released *Sacred Journey of Ku-Kai Volume 4* (CD \$28.95) - while the synths are still here, the majestic, orchestral surges of previous albums have gone. However, the familiar Kitaro "sound" is still predominant. **Yanni** has produced *Truth of Touch* (CD \$25.95), an album of contemporary relaxation music that revisits his musical themes, adding some 'current' electronica flourishes. Founder of the Windham Hill record label and guitarist **Will Ackerman** returns with *Visiting* (CD \$26.95) an album of gentle solo guitar music with occasional accompaniment from vocalists **Samite** and **Noah Wilding** guitarist **David Cullen**, and **Jeff Osters** on flugelhorn.

Live At Stone Mountain Arts Center

Dana Cunningham - Piano

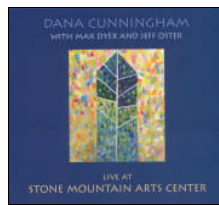
Max Dyer - Cello

Jeff Oster - Trumpet, Flugelhorn

and Chime

CD \$28.95

A pianist with a beautifully gentle playing style, Dana's previous albums have been solo affairs. Here, the equally sensitive playing of Max Dyer and Jeff Oster create an album of calming acoustic music, with neo-classical influences. The musicians work well together, always enhancing and complementing each other's playing, creating a warm tapestry of sound. Fans of David Darling, Mark Isham, Michael Hoppe and Stanton Lanier will find this music immediately appealing.



Mistico Mediterraneo

A Filetta Corsican Voices with

Paolo Fresu & Daniele di Bonaventura

CD \$30.00

One of this reviewer's favourite a-capella ensembles is the sublime A Filetta, a male choir who predominantly sing traditional Corsican polyphony. Accompanied here by Paolo on trumpet/flugelhorn and Daniele on bandoneon, the traditional chant has the addition of quiet jazz improvisation and tango-like elements. I can only say that this music really makes one glad to be human: it is profoundly beautiful to behold. There is melancholy, playfulness and romance aplenty here. There is no fear of the silence between notes either. This is beautifully peaceful music with a diversity of sound.

