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Death matters and the matters of death are initially, and to a large extent, the decaying flesh of the corpse. Cremation as a ritual practice is the fastest and most optimal way of dissolving the corpse's flesh, either by annihilation or purification, or a combination. Still, cremation was not the final rite, and the archaeological record testifies that the dead represented a means to other ends – the flesh, and not the least the bones – have been incorporated in a wide range of other ritual contexts. While human sacrifices and cannibalism as ritual phenomena are much discussed in anthropology, archaeology has an advantage, since the actual bone material leaves traces of ritual practices that are unseen and unheard of in the contemporary world. As such, this book fleshes out a broader and more coherent understanding of prehistoric religions and funeral practices in Scandinavia by focusing on cremation, corpses and cannibalism.

After getting love and positive response of my previous book "Shiv Swarodaya - A Divine Law of Breathing" and "The Basic Mantras", of the series "The Mantras"; now, I am presenting a new book on meditation "Vigyan Bhairav Tantra" (Edition 2) to boost and take your spiritual and meditation level in zenith. Recently, I also wrote book namely, "Black Magic & Witchcraft" which will help you in your daily life in many ways. The "Vigyan Bhairav Tantra" is an ancient Indian text book of around 5,000 years old which is considered by many as the only book of meditation. This book is originally in Sanskrit. The book, which is before you, is the exact translation of the original text book. No discussion is complete on meditation without mentioning this book. It contains 112 methods and techniques of meditation in the form of conversation between God Shiva and Goddess Parvati (Devi, Gazelle-eyed). Many Sadhus, Saints, Gurus, etc. are also using these techniques of meditation. The book "Vigyan Bhairava Tantra" literally means: Bhairava - A God of Hindu religion or another name of God Shiva; Tantra - A mystical spiritual path, a specific ancient science; Science - Vigyan. In this book, 112 techniques of meditation are discussed which can also help you for realizing your own true self. The book "Vigyan Bhairav Tantra" is started with conversation between God Shiva and Goddess Parvati (Shakti). Devi asked God Shiva about the nature of reality, about Universe, about fundamental nature of the world. She also asked God Shiva, how can one go beyond space and time to understand this truth. God Shiva does not answer her directly of her questions. Rather than he tells her about the methods and techniques to get answers of these questions. He tells her how one can realize this reality through 112 methods of entering in the self. As every person has his own specific problems and questions. This book not only helped Goddess Parvati to get her answers but also can help same to the entire world. The methods are in their seed form which points towards various powerful meditation and concentration techniques. On contemplating about these techniques, you will get one of the most powerful collections of meditation techniques which are simple and very effective. The Book "Vigyan Bhairav Tantra" has 112 meditation methods and techniques which covered all meditation techniques and methods. These meditational techniques and methods can be used by the people of all ages and times (past, present and future). It is impossible to find a meditational method or technique beyond these 112 techniques. It is also impossible for anybody to find a technique which is not suitable to his own level of spiritual development and inner temperament.

ABOUT THE BOOK: This book is based on Ayurveda, the ancient healing science of India, by a Westerner first ever to obtain a degree in Ayurveda. It is meant to reintroduce modern man to Walking With Naked Feet through life to come back into contact w

The classic manifesto of the liberated woman, this book explores every facet of a woman's life. "The babies I helped birth taught me that babies are far more than just the tiny body they present visually. They taught me about the vibration of consciousness that enlivens the body. They taught me, that taking utmost care of their body is the best care for the soul, for only a

pristine body can carry its full divinity. With the holistic practices of Sacred Birthing, and without haste and interference, babies can maintain their alignment during the experience of labor and birth."

More than 150 alphabetically arranged entries on topics, thinkers, religions, movements, and concepts locate sexuality in its humanistic and social contexts.

Personal Liberation: The Way of the Aghori is the first publication written by Krishnaqayaamat, a Western-born aghori. Krishnaqayaamat outlines a concise and very effective set of methods for the seeker of truth to liberate themselves from the fetters of the world and discover their true nature. The methods of teachings will be considered unorthodox to many but this is due to their straight-forward honesty and their embracing of the atavistic nature of the human animal. *Personal Liberation: The Way of the Aghori* may serve as a thorough foundation upon which the seeker of truth may set forth on their journey to genuine enlightenment.

The followers of the Aghora path try to cultivate a state of mind and social practice totally non-discriminatory. Seeing the Divine in everything and everybody, they transcend all category distinctions, all prescriptions and proscriptions of the normal social structures such as high and low, purity and pollution, pure and impure, or male and female. In the 20th century, Aghoreshwar Mahaprabhu Baba Bhagwan Ram (1937-1992) was the greatest avadhut in the Aghora tradition. He attained enlightenment at the age of fourteen or fifteen. People felt that Baba truly loved everyone who went to him. Hundreds of thousands of devotees, simple villagers, spiritual seekers and high dignitaries would flock around him. Baba's teachings were imparted more through everyday conversations rather than through sermons. On his advice, his words were compiled into a book. Thus was written *Aghor Vachan Shastra* in Hindi and this book, its English translation.

India is a highly diverse country, home to a wide array of languages, religions, and cultural traditions. Analyzing the dynamic religious traditions of this democratic nation sheds light on the complex evolution from India's past to today's modern culture. Written by leading experts in the field, *Religions of India* provides students with an introduction to India's vibrant religious faiths. To understand its heritage and core values, the beginning chapters introduce the indigenous Dharmic traditions of Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism, while the later chapters examine the outside influences of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. These chapters are designed for cross-religious comparison, with the history, practices, values, and worldviews of each belief system explained. The final chapter helps students relate what they have learnt to religious theory, preparing the way for future study. This thoroughly revised second edition combines solid scholarship with clear and lively writing to provide students with an accessible and comprehensive introduction to religion in India. This is the ideal textbook for students approaching religion in Asia, South Asia, or India for the first time. Features to aid study include: discussion questions at the end of each chapter, images, a glossary, suggestions for further reading, and an Companion Website with additional links for students to further their study.

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This is the first volume of a projected three-volume work on the little known South Indian folk cult of the goddess Draupadi and on the classical epic, the Mahabharata, that the cult brings to life in mythic, ritual and dramatic forms. It focuses on the Draupadi cult's own double mythology, moving from its stories about Draupadi's 'primal temple' near the capital of the medieval South Indian Kingdom of Gingee to its version of the Mahabharata war on the North Indian plain of Kuruksetra. Throughout, Hildebeitel intertwines 'regional' data, gathered from both oral and written sources, with the 'epic', drawn from the cult's own performative traditions as well as from classical versions of the Mahabharata in both Tamil and Sanskrit. He re-examines many issues critical to Indological studies and takes up them while breaking new ground in investigating the further rapport between the Hindu goddess and the Indian epic. Future volumes will treat the rituals of the Draupadi cult and the Mahabharata as seen through a Draupadi cult retrospective.

The mythology, rituals, meditations, and practices used in Tantric worship of the goddess Kali in the tradition of Kashmiri Shaivism • Reveals the practices of Vamachara, known as the Left-hand Path but more accurately translated as the Path of Shakti • Includes a Kali ritual from the Nirrutara Tantra, translated here for the first time • Presents devotional chants, meditations, and mudras specific to Tantric worship of Kali According to traditions going back to pre-Vedic times, Kali sprang from the third eye of the Goddess Durga as a destructive and terrifying manifestation of feminine power sent to lay waste to the forces of evil. Throughout India to this day, Kali is worshipped as the destroyer of bondage, capable of liberating her devotee from all rules and subjugation. In Tantric Kali, Daniel Odier presents the mythology, practices, and rituals of Kali worship in the Tantric Kaula tradition within Kashmiri Shaivism. He reveals the practices of Vamachara, commonly known as the Left-hand Path but more accurately translated as the Path of Shakti. In this tradition the body itself is Kali's temple, and it is therefore unnecessary to reject or deny the body to know union with the divine. Instead, nothing is regarded as pure or impure and there is complete freedom from rules. Focused on working directly with forbidden emotions and behaviors, this path allows the seeker to transcend obstacles to liberation through sexual union. According to the Kaula Upanishad, "In your behavior do the opposite to what the norms dictate but remain in consciousness." This is the essence of Tantra. Kali is absolute reality: manifested as woman intoxicated by desire, she frees the tantric practitioner from all desire except union with the divine. The author includes an evocative ritual from the Nirrutara Tantra--never before translated into any Western language--containing devotions to the 64 yoginis according to Matsyendranath, founder of the Kaula path. Offering devotional chants, meditations, and mudras specific to Tantric worship of Kali, this empowering book provides practices and teachings for those on the Tantric path to liberation.

"Aghor Medicine moves seamlessly between an ethnography of religion and medical

anthropology. The stories of suffering and renunciation, of collective experience that turn Indian hierarchy and discrimination upside down are quite marvelous. The writing is clear and direct and the interpretations balanced and scrupulously documented. Barrett has written one of the best accounts on local traditions "modernizing" in ways that combine indigenous significance with globally crucial changes that react against health and social inequalities."—Arthur Kleinman, Harvard University "Ronald Barrett's fine account of aghor medicine reveals essential characteristics of India's popular culture, and, since an ashram in California has an important role in the story, of American popular culture as well."—Charles Leslie, author of *Death Row Letters* (forthcoming)

Ayurveda, The Universal Healing Art. More Than A Medical System. Developed From The Vedas, India's Ancient Books Of Wisdom, Ayurveda Combines Physical, Psychological And Spiritual Therapies In An Approach To Health That Is As Relevant To The Modern World As It Was To The Ancient World When It First Became Part Of India's Collective Consciousness. Here Is A Definitive Handbook Of A Health Care Both Sensible And Sublime, That Is Still Alive And Well Itself—The Author Is The First Westerner To Graduate From An Indian Ayurvedic College. Utilizing Herbs And Minerals, Proper Nutrition And Purification And, Above All, Affirmative Ways Of Living, Ayurveda Treats Not Just The Ailment But The Whole Person And Emphasizes Prevention Of Disease To Avoid The Need For Cure. Its Ancient Message Has Helped Spread The New Holistic Thinking In The West, Encouraging Us To Become 'Stewards Of Life' In Order, Now, To Give Civilization Itself A Chance To Heal.

The telling of mythic stories has always been a powerful form of therapy, bringing healing to people facing adversity. The greatness of Saturn is such a therapeutic myth, told and retold through many centuries. Taken from the East Indian Vedic tradition, it honors the planet Saturn, who personifies time, limitations, loss, and all forms of adversity.

Godlike is a condensed version of an original manuscript which was deemed too intense. It outlines the story of Mathews "christ complex" from a vision he had in 1996 to the present. Included in the unedited book are original rants, essays, and memes—the self replicating ideas which are seeking appendages in the form of his technomiracles. Several inventions are detailed including free energy (Revelations "fire from heaven") and artificial intelligence (Revelations "breathing life into the image of the beast"). Godlike is intended to change the world on a global level and an individual level and to prepare the reader for the original manuscript which details the endtimes events in depth.

A grand scale space opera about family, sacrifice, and survival told within an immense universe, both in scope and originality.

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Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In I'm a frog! Piggie has some ribbiting news! Can Gerald make the leap required to accept Piggie's new identity?

A practical manual for the Western massage therapist.

"More than four decades have passed since I met the Aghori Vimalananda, and it has

been thirty-three years since I last heard him speak. Happily for me he permitted me to write down many of his musings so that I would have them to remind me of the wisdom that he embodied. And, thanks to his compassion for others, he instructed me to publish some of this material after he was gone, which I did in the three Aghora books, books that I continue to regularly read and that continue to offer me thought-provoking guidance at any step along my own path. An aghori is someone who plunges so deep into darkness that he emerges into light. Aghora is a spiritual path that because of its extreme heterodoxy has been, though I cannot myself claim to be an aghori, the example that he thus set has inspired my own sophomoric attempts to transmute into equanimity all that is both gratifying and grotesque in life, focusing on the subtle world while living in mundane reality, for Vimalananda always emphasized the importance of living with reality." Dr. Robert E. Svoboda Illustrated by Satya Moses

The Left Hand of God by Paul Hoffman is the gripping first instalment in a remarkable trilogy. "Listen. The Sanctuary of the Redeemers on Shotover Scarp is named after a damned lie for there is no redemption that goes on there and less sanctuary." The Sanctuary of the Redeemers is a vast and desolate place - a place without joy or hope. Most of its occupants were taken there as boys and for years have endured the brutal regime of the Lord Redeemers whose cruelty and violence have one singular purpose - to serve in the name of the One True Faith. In one of the Sanctuary's vast and twisting maze of corridors stands a boy. He is perhaps fourteen or fifteen years old - he is not sure and neither is anyone else. He has long forgotten his real name, but now they call him Thomas Cale. He is strange and secretive, witty and charming, violent and profoundly bloody-minded. He is so used to the cruelty that he seems immune, but soon he will open the wrong door at the wrong time and witness an act so terrible that he will have to leave this place, or die. His only hope of survival is to escape across the arid Scablands to Memphis, a city the opposite of the Sanctuary in every way: breathtakingly beautiful, infinitely Godless, and deeply corrupt. But the Redeemers want Cale back at any price... not because of the secret he now knows but because of a much more terrifying secret he does not. The Left Hand of God is a must read. It is the first instalment in a gripping trilogy by Paul Hoffman. Imagine if Phillip Pullman's His Dark Materials met Umberto Eco's Name of the Rose. Fans of epic heroic fiction will love this series. Praise for Paul Hoffman: 'This book gripped me from the first chapter and then dropped me days later, dazed and grinning to myself' Conn Iggulden 'Tremendous momentum' Daily Telegraph 'A cult classic . . .' Daily Express

Robert Svoboda addresses Vāstu, the classical Indian art (or science) of architectural form, in a wholly unique way. Instead of presenting lists of rules and architectural injunctions to which builders and interior designers must scrupulously adhere at all times, he sensitizes the reader to the dynamics of space, alignment, and form in ever-expanding orbits of individual life. In the process of guiding the reader through a series of meditations on the dynamics of space and alignment, Dr. Svoboda enters the realms of classical Indian medicine (Ayurveda) and astrology (Jyotiṣa), which, it turns out, are of the greatest importance to realizing Vāstu and its contours in one's life. Dr. Svoboda allows readers and home builders to understand the complex dynamics of individual, terrestrial, and celestial energetic systems. This leads to a greater awareness of the nature of space and its application to house construction, interior spaces, gardens, one's relationship with the land, and, consequently, one's relationship with oneself.

The spiritual journey is perhaps the most personal experience of our lives—but does that mean we have to go it alone? With *The Guru Question*, award-winning author Mariana Caplan brings you a unique and much-needed guide for deciding whether you need a dedicated mentor to help illuminate your path to awakening—and if so, how to navigate the deep complexities of the

guru-disciple relationship. For those seeking a teacher worthy of their trust and devotion, or anyone who has been frustrated by their experiences with a spiritual teacher, Caplan offers a candid, practical, and daringly personal examination of the student-teacher dynamic, including: Are you ready to be a student? If and when you should consider making a commitment to a spiritual teacher The path of the conscious learner—how to retain your power and autonomy while accepting a mentor's authority Tips for the wounded seeker—the valuable lessons we learn from our encounters with false teachers Spiritual scandals and predatory gurus—guidance for avoiding the inherent pitfalls in the student-teacher relationship How to recognize the inner light of divinity as it manifests in the imperfect human guise of your teacher—and yourself In a time when a distrust of authority has been proven to be a healthy trait, we tend to be justifiably suspicious of those who present themselves as gurus and spiritual masters. Drawing upon her knowledge as both a scholar of mysticism and lifelong practitioner of spiritual traditions, Mariana Caplan helps readers develop the discernment that is crucial when seeking an authentic teacher—and reveals the immeasurable rewards that can come from having a trustworthy guide on the spiritual path.

The Aghora trilogy have been embraced world-wide for their frankness in broaching subjects generally avoided and their facility for making the 'unseen' real. We enter the world of Vimalananda who teaches by story and living example.

Book 2 of the trilogy explores the kundalini, the force of forces. Tantra, mantra, the sacred fire, chakras and consciousness. Written in the personable form of Vimalananda's storytelling and recounting of life's episodes we are able to truly enter the invisible realms.

Previously published by David & Charles Publishers of the UK in 1999.

How many of us have the courage to address and follow the true spiritual calling from within and beyond. This is the story of Shiva as he embarks on a journey to become a part of the most feared and simultaneously revered cults - Aghori. Shiva was borne on auspicious day of Shivaratri in an orthodox Hindu family in Trivandrum. His family was follower of Lord Vishnu but since childhood Shiva's devotion was inclined towards Lord Shiva. Since childhood he was curious to gain knowledge on myths and tales of Lord Shiva. His queries were often greeted by his family with raised eyebrows and getting the warning to shush it down. His curious mindset towards this, created issues in his life but he just couldn't ignore the calling to become a true devotee of Lord Shiva. Sasindran Kallinkeel in his yet another fiction novel written in autobiographical style gives insights on the real life of Aghoris; their spiritual beliefs and practices. The journey of becoming an Aghori is the most demanding and cruel one. One does not simply attain the status of being qualified for even becoming a hermit in Kashi and in midst of that Shiva struggles and completes his calling of becoming an Aghori.

An excellent introduction and overview of the profound, ancient Indian healing system known as Ayurveda.

Presents the mystery of the Divine Mother in all her manifold aspects • Explores more than 30 different goddess aspects of the Shakti force, both beneficial and malefic • Includes Sanskrit hymns and classic verses by Sri Auribindo for each of the goddesses Shakti is synonymous with the Devi, the Divine Mother or divine power that manifests, sustains, and transforms the universe. She is the womb of all creatures, and it is through her that the One becomes the many. Our first and primary relationship to the world is through the mother, the source of love, security, and nourishment. Extending this relationship to worship of a cosmic being as mother was a natural step found not only in the Shakti cult of Hinduism but also in ancient Greek, Egyptian, and Babylonian cultures. Shakti presents more than 30 goddess incarnations of the Divine Mother that represent both the

beneficial and malefic aspects of the Shakti force. From Lakshmi, Parvati, and Saraswati to Durga, Chandika, and Kali--each of the different functions of the female goddesses in the Hindu pantheon is revealed, accompanied by traditional Sanskrit hymns, classic verses by Sri Aurobindo, and discussions of tantric philosophy. The author draws from the Devi Bhagavatham, which describes all the stories of Shakti, and the Devi Mahatmyam, the most powerful scriptural text that glorifies Shakti in her form as Durga. Using these texts she shows that through the power and grace of the Divine Mother we may be released from the darkness of ignorance and taken to the abode of knowledge, immortality, and bliss--the source from which we have come.

With over a quarter of a million copies sold, *Mindfulness in Plain English* is one of the most influential books in the burgeoning field of mindfulness and a timeless classic introduction to meditation. This is a book that people read, love, and share - a book that people talk about, write about, reflect on, and return to over and over again. Bhante Gunaratana is also the author of *Eight Mindful Steps to Happiness*, *Beyond Mindfulness in Plain English*, *The Four Foundations of Mindfulness in Plain English*, and his memoir *Journey to Mindfulness*.

Caplan (*TO TOUCH IS TO LIVE*) asserts that "the reality of the present condition of contemporary spirituality in the West is one of grave distortion, confusion, fraud, and a fundamental lack of education." She claims that, as positive as the tremendous rise in spirituality is, there is not any context for determining whether any particular teaching, or teacher, is truly enlightening. Caplan compiles interviews with such noted spiritual masters as Joan Halifax, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee and Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi on the nature of enlightenment. In the first section, Caplan examines the motivations people have for seeking enlightenment and contends that very often they seek this state as a means of gratifying the ego. This "presumption of enlightenment," she says, often afflicts teachers masquerading as spiritual leaders. These teachers sometimes look down on their students and gloat over how far they have come and how far the students have to go. A second section focuses on "The Dangers of Mystical Experience," in which Caplan claims that many seekers mistake the mystical experience itself for enlightenment; she and the teachers she interviews all assert that enlightenment always involves gaining some knowledge about self and others. The third section, "Corruption and Consequence," focuses on the nature of power and corruption; the fourth section, "Navigating the Mine Field: Preventing Dangers on the Path," provides a survey of the ways in which practitioners can avoid the "pitfalls of false enlightenment." A final section, "Disillusionment, Humility and the Beginning of Spiritual Life," concludes that "the Real spiritual life [is] the life of total annihilation and the return to just what is." Caplan's illuminating book calls into question the motives of the spiritual snake handlers of the modern age and urges seekers to pay the price of traveling the hard road to true enlightenment.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "It's Lovecraft meets the Brontës in Latin

America, and after a slow-burn start Mexican Gothic gets seriously weird.”—The Guardian IN DEVELOPMENT AS A HULU ORIGINAL LIMITED SERIES PRODUCED BY KELLY RIPA AND MARK CONSUELOS • WINNER OF THE LOCUS AWARD • NOMINATED FOR THE BRAM STOKER AWARD • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New Yorker • Vanity Fair • NPR • The Washington Post • Tordotcom • Marie Claire • Vox • Mashable • Men’s Health • Library Journal • Book Riot • LibraryReads An isolated mansion. A chillingly charismatic aristocrat. And a brave socialite drawn to expose their treacherous secrets. . . . From the author of Gods of Jade and Shadow comes “a terrifying twist on classic gothic horror” (Kirkus Reviews) set in glamorous 1950s Mexico. After receiving a frantic letter from her newly-wed cousin begging for someone to save her from a mysterious doom, Noemí Taboada heads to High Place, a distant house in the Mexican countryside. She’s not sure what she will find—her cousin’s husband, a handsome Englishman, is a stranger, and Noemí knows little about the region. Noemí is also an unlikely rescuer: She’s a glamorous debutante, and her chic gowns and perfect red lipstick are more suited for cocktail parties than amateur sleuthing. But she’s also tough and smart, with an indomitable will, and she is not afraid: Not of her cousin’s new husband, who is both menacing and alluring; not of his father, the ancient patriarch who seems to be fascinated by Noemí; and not even of the house itself, which begins to invade Noemí’s dreams with visions of blood and doom. Her only ally in this inhospitable abode is the family’s youngest son. Shy and gentle, he seems to want to help Noemí, but might also be hiding dark knowledge of his family’s past. For there are many secrets behind the walls of High Place. The family’s once colossal wealth and faded mining empire kept them from prying eyes, but as Noemí digs deeper she unearths stories of violence and madness. And Noemí, mesmerized by the terrifying yet seductive world of High Place, may soon find it impossible to ever leave this enigmatic house behind. “It’s as if a supernatural power compels us to turn the pages of the gripping Mexican Gothic.”—The Washington Post “Mexican Gothic is the perfect summer horror read, and marks Moreno-Garcia with her hypnotic and engaging prose as one of the genre’s most exciting talents.”—Nerdist “A period thriller as rich in suspense as it is in lush ’50s atmosphere.”—Entertainment Weekly

Srimad-Bhagavatam, an epic philosophical and literary classic, holds a prominent position in India's voluminous written wisdom. The timeless wisdom of India is expressed in the Vedas, ancient Sanskrit texts that touches upon all fields of human knowledge. Originally preserved through oral tradition, the Vedas were first put into writing by Srila Vyasadeva, the "literary incarnation of God." After compiling the Vedas, Srila Vyasadeva was inspired by his spiritual master to present their profound essence in the form of Srimad-Bhagavatam. Known as "the ripened fruit of the tree of Vedic literature," Srimad-Bhagavatam is the most complete and authoritative exposition of Vedic knowledge. After writing the Bhagavatam, Vyasa taught it to his son, Shukadeva Goswami, who later spoke

