

the Yoga of Self-Knowledge, Adhyatma Yoga. After receiving instruction from illumined sages in Northern India and confirming the essential teachings of the Upanishads in his own experience, he travelled in Japan, China and Europe and studied the classics of the world's wisdom traditions. In 1933, in London, he founded Shanti Sadan as a traditional centre of non-duality and the way of Self-Knowledge. Meditation Its Theory and Practice was one of the first books published by Shanti Sadan. It contains a distillation of insights and guidance in meditation as it is understood and practised in the non-dual schools, with special relevance for those who wish to seriously practise meditation without having adopted discipleship under a particular teacher. In the current edition, the original content has been somewhat re-arranged and augmented by clearly structured sets of meditation exercises that may be taken up for regular daily practice.

Meditation, A Practical Guidebook Glorian Publishing

¿A veritable treasure trove.... Both demanding and tremendously rewarding.... The book is of high scholarly standard, but ... is clear, precise and a pleasure to read - and is certainly accessible to interested laymen. It cannot be recommended highly enough.¿ ¿The Middle Way, November 1993 ¿Each chapter in this volume is sophisticated, tightly argued, and well documented.... An important contribution to the literature on Buddhist meditation.¿ ¿Journal of Asian Studies 47 (1988)

MEDITATION

Shambhala Publications

A practical guidebook for meditators interested in achieving the states of bliss and deep focus associated with the Buddhist jhānas One of the elements of the Eightfold Path is Right Concentration: the one-pointedness of mind that, together with ethics, livelihood, meditation, and more, leads to the ultimate freedom from suffering. So how does one achieve Right Concentration? According to the Buddha himself, the jhānas—a series of eight progressive altered states of consciousness—are an essential method. But because the jhānas can usually be achieved only through prolonged meditation retreat, they have been shrouded in mystery for years. Not anymore. In Right Concentration, Leigh Brasington takes away the mystique and gives instructions on how to achieve them in plain, accessible language. He notes the various pitfalls to avoid along the way and

provides a wealth of material on the theory of jhāna practice—all geared toward the practitioner rather than the scholar. As Brasington proves, these states of bliss and concentration are attainable by anyone who devotes the time and sincerity of practice necessary to realize them.

The Holy Teaching of Vimalakīrti eBook Partnership

An Emerald Earth celebrates a natural spirituality rooted in everyday life. Drawing upon the universal teachings of the Sufi master Hazrat Inayat Khan on the "natural self," this book calls us to clarify the mirror of the heart and to restore our deep connection with all of creation. It likens the unfolding of our being to the process of cultivating a field or garden to bring forth fruitfulness. Incorporating meditation practices, rich teaching stories and poetry from Sufi, Buddhist and other mystic traditions, An Emerald Earth affirms the infinite power of the heart, pointing the way to an uplifted world and a spirituality that is grounded in service to all of life. "An Emerald Earth celebrates Sufi wisdom that, since its very beginning, has held the sacred green earth at its center. Today this wisdom guides us toward restoring ourselves and our relationship with the natural environment." -The Very Reverend James Parks Morton, pioneer in sacred ecology
[The Shin Buddhist Classical Tradition Volume 2](#) Shambhala Publications
A groundbreaking and detailed presentation of the rich system of meditation traditions that have come to us through the Pali tradition of Buddhism. Meditations of the Pali Tradition, from consummate scholar of Pali Buddhism L. S. Cousins, explores the history of meditation practice in early or Pali Buddhism, which was established in various parts of South and Central Asia from the time of the Buddha and developed until at least the fourteenth century CE. Ranging in discussion of jhana (absorption) meditation in ancient India to the Buddhist practice centers of the Silk Road to the vipassana (insight) practices of our modern world, this rigorous and insightful work of scholarship sheds new light on our understanding of the practices that are today associated with the Theravada school of Buddhism and the insight meditation movement. Cousins demonstrates that there is much more to Buddhist meditation than mindfulness alone—concentration and joy, for example, are equally important.

AN EMERALD EARTH

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The Mind Illuminated Hay House, Inc
Buddhism Shambhala Publications

An introduction to the practice of Christian meditation, this book offers a twelve step programme in learning meditative prayer.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE BUDDHA

Penn State Press

An accessible guide to controlling the mind. Written in a simple and easily understandable style, Concentration is a classic among books on the art of meditation. Without the ability to concentrate, our efforts at meditation will result only in going nowhere, in spinning our wheels in an unending rut. Through a series of practical steps, the author provides the frame work of achieving the state of Samadhi. It encourages readers to actively walk the path of spirituality and achieve a state of super consciousness, rather than just passively read about it.

A GARLAND OF VIEWS

University of Hawaii Press

This is an excellent practical guide to learn the wide-ranging forms of meditation techniques practised in the ancient times as well as the present.

[Word into Silence](#) □□□□

This new book has taken many years of spiritual exploration to create. It explores spirituality within various religions, and finds spiritual gems within each religion while discarding what is contrary to universal human spirituality. The book tries to tear out of religion whatever is tearing humanity apart. It extracts ideas and teachings from our various religions that give us the ability to practice the trimmings of simple spirituality free from the trappings of religious dogma. It reviews various approaches to meditation, and finds a simple letting-go meditation practice which opens up our innate spirituality. This method works for everybody, and is free of religious exclusivity. The meditation practice is based on the teachings of the Tao, Zen, and the Hindu Upanishads, and is consistent with Islamic and Christian spirituality. Finally, it teaches and guides us in bringing the spirituality acquired from prayer and meditation into our everyday lives. This insightful and inspiring book is a call to set spirituality free from the dead-weight of religious dogma. It fearlessly exposes the madness of religious fundamentalism and offers instead the loving kindness of genuine spiritual awakening. Bigoted religion is a source of most of the conflicts bedeviling our world today. In this book Raja Bhat offers an exciting alternative: spirituality transcending religion. Timothy Freke,

author and co-author of numerous books on religion and spirituality, such as *Encyclopedia of Spirituality*; *The Jesus Mysteries*; *Jesus And The Lost Goddess*; *Spiritual Traditions: Essential Teachings To Transform Your Life*; *The Complete Guide To World Mysticism* and many others.

Yoga Pustak Mahal

Packed full of ideas for multi-faith assemblies including stories, songs, drama activities, and background information on six major world religions, this book makes an essential addition to the staffroom bookshelf.

TRADITIONS OF MEDITATION IN CHINESE BUDDHISM

Mango Media

Called the jewel of the Mahayana Sutras, this book presents the major teachings of Mahayana Buddhism in a precise, dramatic, and even humorous form. For two millennia this Sutra has enjoyed immense popularity among Mahayana Buddhists in India, centra

Meditation and Kabbalah Shambhala Publications

Dharma practice comprises a wide range of wise instructions and skillful means. As a result, meditators may be exposed to a diversity of approaches to the core teachings and the meditative path—and that can be confusing at times. In this clear and accessible exploration, Dharma teacher and longtime meditator Richard Shankman unravels the mix of differing, sometimes conflicting, views and traditional teachings on how samadhi (concentration) is understood and taught. In part one, Richard Shankman explores the range of teachings and views about samadhi in the Theravada Pali tradition, examines different approaches, and considers how they can inform and enrich our meditation practice. Part two consists of a series of interviews with prominent contemporary Theravada and Vipassana (Insight) Buddhist teachers. These discussions focus on the practical experience of samadhi, bringing the theoretical to life and offering a range of applications of the different meditation techniques.

Mastering the Core Teachings of the Buddha Lotus Press

This study on Meditation as a Path to God-

realization is a modest attempt to understand the idea-forces behind Hindu meditation as interpreted by Swami Prabbavananda. A study in his spiritual teachings will surely reveal the precious contents of Hindu meditation. An Indian Christian experience cannot disregard the salient features of Hindu meditation. The relative lack of study on Hindu-Christian meditation is an indication of the need for a new approach to Indian Christian thought. Within the Indian Church there is now a growing concern for dialogue with Hinduism. The consensus that there can be no fruitful dialogue based on doctrines alone is also growing. A dialogue with Hinduism demands a clear notion of its cardinal point of spirituality, namely meditation. It is with this hope that the present study is undertaken.

Concentration Gregorian Biblical BookShop

With the widespread growth of the Internet, a new space – cyberspace – has appeared and has rapidly been integrated into every facet of life and work. It has effectively become the fourth basic living space for human beings. Although cyberspace has become a topic of increasing widespread concern, it is still difficult to understand cyberspace well because of its many definitions, vast and varied content, and differences with other similar spaces. *A Brief History of Cyberspace* attempts to establish a complete knowledge system about the evolution and history of cyberspace and cyber-enabled spaces (i.e., cyber-enabled physical space, cyber-enabled social space, and cyber-enabled thinking space). By providing a comprehensive overview, this book aims to help readers understand the history of cyberspace and lays a solid foundation for researchers and learners who are interested in cyberspace. The book has three main objectives: To provide a comprehensive understanding of the development of cyberspace, ranging from its origin, evolutions, and research status to open issues and future challenges, as well as related hot topics in industry and academia. To examine cyber life, cyber syndrome, and health in addition to cyber-enabled spaces designed for better living. To describe cyberspace governance from the perspective of the

individual, society, and national and international levels in order to promote a more profound and reasonable direction to the development of cyberspace.

Consisting of 16 chapters, the book is divided into three parts. Chapter 1 introduces the origins and basic concept of cyberspace, cyber philosophy, and cyber logic to help readers have a general understanding of cyberspace. Chapters 2 through 7 discuss a wide variety of topics related to human behavior, psychology, and health to help people better adapt to cyberspace. Chapters 8 through 16 present the history of cyberspace governance and various social and culture aspects of cyberspace. Each chapter concludes with a discussion of future development.

Crown Chakra and the Heavenly Sound Shambhala Publications

The Santo Daime is a syncretic religion that arose in the Amazon region of Brazil in the middle of the twentieth century and now has churches throughout the world. Its spiritual practice is based around the sacramental use of ayahuasca, a psychedelic brew consumed only within regular ceremonies. In *Liquid Light*, G. William Barnard—an initiate of the religion and a scholar of religious studies—considers the religious practice and transformative inner experiences of the Santo Daime community. Immersing readers in his own journeys into nonordinary states of consciousness, Barnard provides a vivid as well as introspective depiction of the dramatic ritual and visionary worlds that a practitioner of this tradition encounters. He combines striking first-person accounts of the ritual life of the Santo Daime with accessible examinations of the psychological and philosophical significance of mystical states and mediumship. Bridging insider and outsider perspectives on religious experience, Barnard demonstrates how the Santo Daime offers its practitioners a transformative and profoundly illuminating spiritual path. *Liquid Light* also reflects on the broader implications of psychedelics, arguing that entheogenic religions can shed light on a wide range of key philosophical questions concerning consciousness, selfhood, and reality.

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