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T. M. Bauduin, H. Johnsson (Eds)

- Combines modernism/the avant-gardes and occultism.
- Offers a broad spectrum of media including literature, visual arts, and film.
- Includes a range of languages and historical periods.

Many modernist and avant-garde artists and authors were fascinated by the occult movements of their day. This volume explores how Occultism came to shape modernist art, literature, and film.

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T. Cattoi, D. M. Odorisio (Eds)

- Explores the depth psychological significance of mystical experience from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- Brings together contributions of scholars and practitioners/analysts.
- Shows that depth psychological and traditional readings of mystical phenomena are not incompatible, but may be mutually enriching.

Since the late 19th century, when the “new science” of psychology and interest in esoteric and occult phenomena converged – leading to the “discovery” of the unconscious – the dual disciplines of depth psychology and mysticism have been wed in an [...] 

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S. Donaldson, R. Cole-Turner (Eds)

- Calls on Christians to understand and engage with some of the deep issues facing the church in a technological, transhumanist future.
- Considers how technology can help or harm genuine spiritual transformation.
- Begins the process of crafting a vision that can inspire people to hope for God’s transforming grace while living in a culture defined by technology’s enhancing powers.

Christians have always been concerned with enhancement—now they are faced with significant questions about how technology can help or harm genuine spiritual transformation. [...] 

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Y. N. Gez

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