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point of a psychologist of perception, trained in Astronomy. The author deals with the psychology of Perception and the seven Lotus-flowers of the Kundalini Yoga—by elucidating the study of Arthur Avalon, giving parallels in other traditions, and presenting a commentary on Astronomy according to Ptolemy The gold of light on Parmenides and his doctrine clearing away the mist of misunderstanding in Western Philosophy. Tying on case studies from late antiquity to the 21st century, this is the first volume that systematically explores the inter-relationship between fictional narratives about magic and the real-world ritual art of practicing magicians. This is the first book to focus on the 18th century South Indian textile crafts of the god Kali in the realm of 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 Gingei to its version of the Mahabharata war on the North Indian plain of Kuruksetra. Throughout, Hiltebeitel intertwines ‘regional’ data, gathered from both oral and written sources, with the ‘epic’ narratives of the cult’s own versions of the classical traditions of 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. Concise guide describes the ‘sacred’ elements of practicing one’s own year and offers new keys to the attainment and dissemination of universal power. Step-by-step instructions demonstrate how to perform traditional yoga exercises. Kirti Tenshap Rinpoche was a renowned teacher of Tibetan Buddhism with students worldwide. Revered as a teacher by even the Dalai Lama, he was known especially as a master of Buddhist tantra, the powerful esoteric methods for attaining enlightenment swiftly. The teaching of Kirti Rinpoche has spread far and wide to a group of Western students, the teachings comment on a classic introduction to tantra by the nineteenth-century Mongolian Choeje Ngawang Palden. The work, Illumination of the Tantric Tradition, is a staple even today of the curriculum for training young monastics. Kirti Tenshap Rinpoche points out the distinctive features of the four classes of tantra—action tantra, performance tantra, yoga tantra, and highest yoga tantra—by describing the way to progress through their paths and levels. He illuminates key issues in tantric practice that are still a matter of debate within the tradition. Finally, he gives a special treatment of the unique methods of Kalacakara tantra, which is regularly taught around the globe by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Sayings of Gorakhnath presents a translation of late-medieval texts in Old Hindi, traditionally attributed to one of the founders of the Order of Nath Yogis. The Naths are associated with the development of many local cultural and historical links to a unique form of Sufism, as well as with Kailas, a secret and undiscovered alchemy. The texts gathered in this collection on the one hand provide a criticism of religious authority based on external knowledge lacking personal experience, while on the other hand they celebrate the path of yoga and its methods of engagement with the subtle body and its centres of occult energy and miraculous powers. The ultimate goal of the style of yoga described in the text is to provide practitioners with the attainment of the Gokarna, the highest level of meditative adeptness. This is achieved by redirecting the trajectory of the seminal fluid, which in the process transforms into the elixir, the amrit. In order to accomplish that goal, a regime of yogic practices is suggested, consisting of the assumption of a steady posture, breathing exercises, mantra chanting, and meditation. Djujvic and Singh’s translations are preceded by an introduction and accompanied by notes, which contextualize and elucidate the subject matter. The essays are written by ten of the leading field of tantric studies, attempt to trace processes of transformation and transfer that occurred in the history of tantra from around the seventh century and up to the present. The volume gathers contributions on South Asia, Tibet, China, Mongolia, Japan, North America, and Western Europe. The chapters cover a wide thematic area, which includes modern Bengali tantric practitioners, tantric ritual in medieval and modern South Asian contexts, and the impact of Buddhist Tantrism on the development of modern tantric schools. Clearing up misconceptions about Tantra, and explains its pursuit of spiritual power to attain enlightenment. This book, “Light on the Tantra of Kashmir Shaivism” as revealed by Swami Lakshmanjoo, is chapter one of the renowned 10th century philosopher saint Abhinavagupta’s voluminous masterpiece—Tantraloka. This profound text is concerned with the philosophy and practice known as Kashmir Shaivism. The Tantric Tradition known as ‘Kashmir Shaivism’ bore within it the understanding that God is not a being ‘with’ awareness. Instead God is awareness, pure and unbound. This pure awareness is like a stainless mirror—invisible in itself—in which all experienced realities are not only reflected but actively and continuously manifested. The New Yoga of Awareness is not merely a commentary on or an explanation of this tradition, but the most comprehensive and original contribution to it by the great guru of this tradition, Abhinava-Sri Abhinavagupta. The New Yoga of Awareness is a complete manual on the philosophy and theology, psychology and metaphysics in a way that truly makes it not just ‘a’ new yoga but THE New Yoga. The New Yoga of Awareness is a complete manual on the philosophy and theology, psychology and metaphysics in a way that truly makes it not just ‘a’ new yoga but THE New Yoga of Awareness. It unites the most ancient yogic science and the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), along with the ‘monothecism of money’ (Marx) and the ‘secularism’ that is its religion. Peter Wilber’s wide-ranging writings on tantra, introduced in this book, constitute a new and highly practical body of theosophical and religious scientific knowledge of the sort that alone can help bring us to an end to today’s rising ocean of religious and scientific ignorance — and to the ecological devastation, economic inequalities and global mayhem that go with it. Above all, they offer a way of accomplishing this world-transforming aim — not through jihad, violence or war but through learning to experience that pure and Divine Awareness (‘Shiva’) that pervades all things, and the Divine Power (‘Shakti’) of Awareness that manifests them all. Language in the Buddhist Tantra of Japan dismantles the preconception that Buddhism is a religion of mystical silence, arguing that language is in fact central to the Buddhist tradition. By examining the use of ‘extraordinary language’—evocations calling on the power of the Buddha-in-Japanese Buddhism, Richard K. Payne shows that such language was not simply cultural baggage carried by Buddhist practitioners from South to East Asia. Rather, such language was a key element in the propagation of new forms of belief and practice. In contrast to Western approaches to the philosophy of language, which view language as a form of consciousness, Payne argues that language was central to the philosophical and ritual practices of language in meditative and ritual practices in Japan. It also illuminates why language was conceived as an effective means of progress on the path from delusion to awakening. The key to woman’s authentic power, man’s enlightenment, and on a larger scale, planetary transformation, is hidden within her womb the sacred temple of sexual energy, the holy source of creation. Tantra is a spiritual path embracing everything, avoiding nothing, recognizing sexual energy — the creative force of the universe — to be the most powerful and direct portal to awakening and illumination. Prepare to enter the Tantric universe, the dance of Shiva-masculine and Shakti-feminine cosmic principles. Through her open sharing of deeply intimate experiences, a complex world of female sexualities will be revealed. You’ll find profound spirit wisdom in places you’d surely not look without her intending to teach you. You will learn about the aspect of yoga that will lead you to transform your life and the mundane. Embrace raw sex, juicy eroticism, and mystical lovemaking. The Maddona and the whore. Enjoy step by step Womb Healing Ritual guidance for couples. What would it be like to know that you are indeed immortal, that your physical body is but the outward form taken by your own eternal inner form or soul body? What would it be like to dissolve the body, to find that you seem to have come from somewhere else, learning you from the cultivation of your soul and that your soul in yours? What would it be to use this power and feel your partner as the embodiment of a god or goddess, and to experience the bliss of ‘soul body sex’ — an intensely sensual intimacy and intercourse with their divine soul body? The New Yoga is a yoga of the soul body — that body with which we can intimately sense, feel and touch others — independently of their physicality. The New Yoga of Awareness known as Kashmir Shaivism through a wholly new understanding of its sexual symbolism and of ‘tantric sex’ — seen not merely as...
a heightening or spiritual elevation of bodily sex, but as an expression of the sublime sensuality and divine sexuality of the soul and its body. ‘Tantra Reborn’ explains in detail the anatomy, nature and powers of the soul body, its relation with sexuality, and the symbolism of the Tantric initiations of ‘Yoni’ and ‘Kundalini’. It also offers a practical guide to experiencing the bliss of soul body intercourse through new and original forms of tantric pair and partner meditation. About the book Tantra for a Modern World A central theme in Anne Sophie Jørgensen’s authorship is tantra. She revives a thousand year old eastern tradition and translates its practice into a modern context. Established couples, new couples and singles are invited to integrate spirituality, compassion and sexuality with a busy everyday life. A few topics from the book are: How to go from traditional lovers to a tantric relationship Unfolding the full sexual potential Body meets body, heart meets heart, and soul meets soul The book contains many personal accounts of tantric experiences from Anne Sophie’s students, and all chapters are followed by instructive practical exercises. This book entitled ‘Tantra its relevance to modern times’ which is a record of Tantras’s origins and development. "Vajra Yogini Tantra," an analysis and exhaustive study of the Tantric Cult such as Guru, Sisya, Diksa, Mantra, Yantra, Pratima Puja, Cakra Puja, Pancakarma, Satkarma and Bali. The present work contains the names of Vajrayana texts and their literary value, the names of the Sakraptas and their impact, comparisons of the Vedas, Buddhist Tantras, Islam and Marxism with Tantra, brief introductions of some legendary figures of Tantra, like Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sri Manikantha, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Sri Aurobindo, Sri Swami Nityananda, Sri Swami Satchidananda, and many others. The book’s analysis of the Vajra Rosary Tantra is perhaps the most significant and detailed presentation of tantric meditation techniques that can be used in everyday life for empowerment and healing. Throughout the book, there are beautiful images of philosophers, various meditation techniques and a variety of tantric symbols, such as the biological interpretations of the seed of life, the flower of life and the three dimensional kali yantra. It offers a practical, existential means to enhance the depth of one’s reader’s life. While using this book as a guide for your Tantric expedition, always remember. “If you know That, you don’t have to seek! If you don’t know That, then you don’t know what to seek!! If you think you know That, then you actually don’t know That!!!” -Sarayasa OpanishadHuman sexuality is a problematic thing. It gets us into trouble, breaks our hearts, involves us in painful compulsive relationships, even transmits deadly diseases. It would surely scare us off, if it were not for its siren call of union and Oneness. However, and paradoxically, we may call it a sex, Tantra, or Tantric, and say that it is aboutUnfolding the full sexual potential Body meets body, heart meets heart, and soul meets soul The book contains many personal accounts of tantric experiences from Anne Sophie’s students, and all chapters are followed by instructive practical exercises. This book entitled ‘Tantra its relevance to modern times’ which is a record of Tantras’s origins and development. 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the goddess-orientated Śākta traditions. The Goddess pervades Hinduism at all levels, from aniconic village deities to high-caste pan-Hindu goddesses to esoteric, tantric goddesses. Nevertheless, the highly influential tantric forms of South Asian goddess worship have only recently begun to draw scholarly attention. This book addresses the increasing interest in the Great Goddess and the tantric traditions of India by exploring the history, doctrine and practices of the Śākta tantric traditions. The highly influential tantric forms of South Asian goddess worship form a major part of what is known as ‘Śāktism’, and is often considered one of the major branches of Hinduism next to Śaivism, Vaisnavism and Śaivism. Śāktism is, however, less clearly defined than the other major branches, and the book looks at the texts of the Śākta traditions that constitute the primary sources for gaining insights into the Śākta religious imaginative, ritual practices and history. It provides an historical exploration of distinctive Indian ways of imagining God as Goddess, and surveys the important origins and developments within Śākta history, practice and doctrine in its diversity. Bringing together contributions from some of the foremost scholars in the field of tantric studies, the book provides a platform for the continued research into Hindu goddesses, yoga, and tantra for those interested in understanding the religion and culture in South Asia.


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