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Discover the nature of the mysterious, spiritually potent starseeds—intuitive people who help change the world—with this easy-to-read and accessible beginner's guide! Explore the ancient new age concept of starseeds, spiritually advanced people with strong psychic abilities sent to help the earth heal, grow, and change. The Beginner's Guide to Starseeds offers a look at who starseeds are and where they come from, as well as their innate skills and spiritual sensitivities. You will gain fascinating insight into the unique personalities and nature of starseeds and even figure out if you're a starseed, too! Perfect for anyone hoping to change the world or curious about different dimensions, this book is an illuminating and enlightening look at life on a higher plane of existence.

The Bible clearly states that a great apostasy must occur before Christ's Second Coming. Christians today are being deceived by a worldview that is more subtle and seductive than any before. We will look at some of the dangers in the growing acceptance and practice of: Positive and possibility thinking Healing of memories Self-help philosophies Holistic medicine This seduction of Christianity will not appear as a frontal assault or oppression of our religious beliefs. Instead, it will come as the latest fashionable philosophies that will promise to make us happier, healthier, better educated, and even more spiritual. A compelling look at the times in which we live and a clear call to every believer to choose between the original and the counterfeit. Only then can we hope to escape the seduction of Christianity.

Over the past four decades, a new form of Pentecostalism has irrevocably changed the religious landscape of global Christianity. This changed landscape is particularly evident in Africa, considered by many as the new center of Christianity. In Africa, most mainline denominations created space for Neo-Pentecostalism and continued with their historic mission. Most, but not all. Relying on dozens of in-depth interviews with church leaders and members, Randy Arnett explains that many African Baptists pentecostalized. They adopted Neo-Pentecostalism for their faith and practice. In this carefully researched work, he unravels the context, nature, and reasons for pentecostalization. Arnett applauds the strengths, and challenges the flaws of the movement. He concludes with suggested strategies for church leaders, evangelists, and missionaries who work in a Neo-Pentecostal environment.

Have you ever . . . ¿Taken an abstinence pledge, then broken it? ¿Been taught that dating is sinful, so you should try courtship? ¿Believed that sexual thoughts, masturbation, and non-marital sex are sinful? ¿Thought that falling in love with someone you aren't married to is giving away your emotional virginity? ¿Asked someone on a date and been turned down because the person was ¿dating Jesus¿? ¿Been taught that God has a spouse chosen just for you? ¿Told someone God wants you two to marry? ¿Been afraid that you missed out on ¿the one¿ God had for you and married the wrong person? ¿Had someone come to you with prophetic guidance concerning your future spouse? ¿Been disillusioned with guidance from God and questioned everything you believed? In this transparent and sometimes irreverent spiritual memoir, Paul Harrison navigates the Christian dating landscape through his teen years and into his adult life, deconstructing and reconstructing his faith as he seeks to understand his encounters with God and follow the guidance of God's voice in his life. Paul's quest for God, meaning, and love takes him to places he never intended, with outcomes he never imagined, and he shares the insights from his journey here.

The title story of this collection — a devilishly ironic riff on H. P. Lovecraft's "Pickman's model" — was nominated for a World Fantasy Award, while "Probiscus" was nominated for an International Horror Guild award and reprinted in The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror 19. In addition to his previously published work, this collection contains an original story. Unite Your Everyday & Magical Lives with the Power of Inner Alchemy Make your day-to-day life as fulfilling and rewarding as your magical practice by turning everything you do into an extension of that practice. Nothing is truly mundane in this world—but if you can't pay bills on time or weather difficult relationships, how can you achieve spiritual transformation? Packed with practical tools that help improve your willpower and focused intention, The Little Work teaches you how to build and sustain the magical life you desire. Durgadas Allon Duriel guides you through a journey of inner alchemy to develop your mind, body, emotional resilience, and personal power. Explore meditations, affirmations, and will-development exercises. Discover how to manage your energy, heal from painful experiences, and create a daily practice. This essential book encourages you to dance with rather than run from reality while transforming yourself into a healthier, happier, and more spiritual person.

In his debut novel, literary alchemist Jeff VanderMeer takes us on an unforgettable journey, a triumph of the imagination that reveals the magical and mysterious city of Veniss through three intertwined voices. First, Nicholas, a would-be Living Artist, seeks to escape his demons in the shadowy underground—but in doing so makes a deal with the devil himself. In her fevered search for him, his twin sister, Nicola, spins her own unusual and hypnotic tale as she discovers the hidden secrets of the city. And finally, haunted by Nicola's sudden, mysterious disappearance and gripped by despair, Shadrach, Nicola's lover, embarks on a mythic journey to the nightmarish levels deep beneath the surface of the city to bring his love back to light. There he will find wonders beyond imagining...and horrors greater than the heart can bear. By turns beautiful, horrifying, delicate, and powerful, Veniss Underground explores the limits of love, memory, and obsession in a landscape that defies the boundaries of the imagination. This special edition includes the short stories "The Sea, Mendeho, and Moonlight"; "Detectives and Cadavers"; and "A Heart for Lucretia" and the novella Balzac's War, offering a complete tour of the fantastic world of Veniss. Praise for Veniss Underground "A wonder-filled journey that echoes Dante's Divine Comedy, the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, and the landscapes of Hieronymus Bosch."—Publishers Weekly "Audacious . . . full of beautiful sentences, black humor and terrible wonders."—San Francisco Chronicle "[The novel's] milieu recalls Philip K. Dick, its passages of prose poetry Edgar Allan Poe, its wry fatalism Jim Thompson. Wow!"—Booklist "In the hands of a brilliant writer like Jeff VanderMeer, writing fantasy can be a means of serious artistic expression . . . also playful, poignant, and utterly, wildly imaginative."—Peter Straub, author of

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With refreshing candor and self-deprecating humor, Wayne takes the reader with him on the adventure to Medjugorje that radically and permanently changed his life. You will discover the apparitions of the Blessed Mother along with him, as he chronicles the ways that the Virgin Mary continues to speak to the world today from Medjugorje. "In a tiny village in the mountains of Yugoslavia, the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, had reportedly been appearing to a group of local teenagers, beginning in June, 1981, and continuing every evening since." So begins journalist Wayne Weible's life-transforming investigation into the veracity of one of the most popular Marian apparition claims in history. What began as a quick attempt to add some spice to his regular newspaper column resulted in a life-long exploration of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother that are still happening at Medjugorje, and the lives that are changed as a result. Do miracles happen? Wayne Weible is one former skeptic who is now convinced that they do. Paraclete Press presents a special, hardcover, illustrated edition of Medjugorje: The Message---the best-selling English-language book on the subject--- on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Mary's first message to six youths in the mountains. This new edition includes a new preface by the author and a special, eight-page photo insert.

World Fantasy Award-Winner First time available in an e-book edition "Rich and regal." —The New York Times Young Sybel, the heiress of powerful wizards, needs the company of no-one outside her gates. In her exquisite stone mansion, she is attended by exotic, magical beasts: Riddle-master Cyrin the boar; the treasure-starved dragon Gyld; Gules the Lyon, tawny master of the Southern Deserts; Ter, the fiercely vengeful falcon; Moriah, feline Lady of the Night. Sybel only lacks the exquisite and mysterious Liralen, which continues to elude her most powerful enchantments. But Sybel's solitude is to be shattered when a desperate soldier arrives bearing a mysterious child. Soon Sybel will discover that the world of men is full of love, deceit, and the temptations of vast power.

The 2015 issue highlights both global and local realities in religious adherence, from the demographics of the world's atheists to the emigration of Christians from the Middle East. Other case studies include inter-religious marriage patterns in Austria, Muslim immigration to Australia, and methodological challenges in counting Hasidic Jews.

Co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord offers pastoral and theological reflections on the reality of lay ecclesial ministry, affirmation of those who serve in this way, and a synthesis of best thinking and practice.

Women are often times very emotional when it comes to relationships and marriage and as a result, they make very important decisions based on feelings. However, if you desire a great marriage, then it's time you asked the right questions. This book will guide you through 7 very important questions to ask before you walk down the aisle.

As the Crimson Guard marches toward Quon Tali, the heart of the Malazan Empire, many citizens, and even her own generals and mages, wonder whether Empress Laseen is losing her grip on power.

During his height of popularity in the late 1990s, Captain America was given a second monthly title--and it's collected here in full! Featuring Cap stories from across the ages! With the invaders in World War II! With Iron Man after his iceberg rescue! Against terrorists with S.H.I.E.L.D.! COLLECTING: Captain America: Sentinel of Liberty #1-12, Rough Cut

Return of the Crimson Guard A Novel of the Malazan Empire Macmillan

"The Four Elements are the pillars that uphold the manifest world and anchor spirit to matter. They are associated with a wide range of spiritual entities from small elementals to divine beings. The Elements provide a system of understanding that undergirds most of the magic of the West and Paganism. This book explores each of the Elements in depth, then shows how they interact and change as they rise on the planes. Practical applications for working with the Elements are also woven throughout the book"--

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The mystery of God has fascinated people of all generations. Based on what has been revealed, people have tried to define, describe, and depict him in the way they deemed fit. But he has proved himself to be bigger than all human classifications. He continues to reveal himself to us in ways that we sometimes least expect. He becomes so small that we can understand and experience him according to who we are and what capacity we have. But he is so big that he is beyond all our imaginations and fantasies. Author Binu Edathumparambil considers God as an inevitable component in the triangular model of life that he suggests for our lives. A healthy and happy life, according to Edathumparambil, is one that is lived in communion with God and others. This book specifically focuses on the mystery of God and his place in the triangular model of life. It is about what our forefathers experienced in the past and what we experience today. It is also about how our understandings and experiences of God shape our lives as individuals and communities.

If Ernest Hemingway were to write about ecology and nature, he would have written like Krishnan. - The Indian Express Of Birds and Bird song is a masterpiece of great nature writing, natural history and wit at its best, by one of India's greatest naturalists ever. A must read for anybody who is a nature enthusiast or who simply loves prose and is surely a collectors delight! - The Hindu You should read this book if you know nothing about birds and equally, if you marvel at them or enjoy watching them and listening to their calls. - Outlook India is home to over a thousand species of birds ranging from glittering sun-birds, peacocks and pheasants through to unassuming inhabitants of town and countryside like crows, sparrows and pigeons to those that are rare and threatened like the Indian Bustard. In this book, many of

them are brought to vivid life by one of the countrys greatest naturalists and nature writers. M. Krishnans prose is studded with evocative descriptions of nature, literary allusions, stylistic flourishes, humor and most rewardingly, precise observations and original insights into over a hundred species of birds in a variety of habitats. This is a work that will delight bird lovers of every stripe. As Zafar Futehally, one of the countrys best known ornithologists, says in his forward, every piece in this collection has something even for the seasoned naturalist and even his description of common events holds your interest because of the writing.

With the aim to write the history of Christianity in Scandinavia with Jerusalem as a lens, this book investigates the image – or rather the imagination – of Jerusalem in the religious, political, and artistic cultures of Scandinavia through most of the second millennium. Jerusalem is conceived as a code to Christian cultures in Scandinavia. The first volume is dealing with the different notions of Jerusalem in the Middle Ages. Tracing the Jerusalem Code in three volumes Volume 1: The Holy City Christian Cultures in Medieval Scandinavia (ca. 1100–1536) Volume 2: The Chosen People Christian Cultures in Early Modern Scandinavia (1536–ca. 1750) Volume 3: The Promised Land Christian Cultures in Modern Scandinavia (ca. 1750–ca. 1920)

Anyone deeply interested in converts seeks an exposition of the Catholic Faith which not only defines each article of the Creed and each doctrine of the Church, but which also gives an explanation and a reason for the doctrine,” writes Fulton J. Sheen in the Foreword to this classic of religious instruction. “Such an ideal is beautifully satisfied in a Catechism written by one of our zealous missionary Bishops, Most Reverend Louis L. R. Morrow, S.T.D., Bishop of Krishnagar. The presentation is such as to satisfy the mentality of both children and adults, and is even not beyond an excellent review for those who have studied both Dogmatic and Moral Theology.” This work is organized as follows: 1. Religion and the End of Man 2. The Apostles’ Creed 3. God the Supreme Being 4. The Perfections of God 5. Divine Providence 6. Existence of God 7. Divine Revelation 8. Holy Scripture, or The Bible 9. Divine Tradition 10. The Church and Divine Revelation 11. One God in Three Persons 12. Unity of the Blessed Trinity 13. Creation 14. Revelation and Science 15. The Angels 16. The Devils; Temptation 17. An Image of God 18. Adam and Eve: Our First Parents 19. Evolution and the Bible 20. Original Sin 21. Actual Sin 22. Mortal Sin 23. Venial Sin 24. Occasions and Sources of Sin 25. Pride, Covetousness, Lust 26. Anger, Gluttony, Envy, Sloth 27. The Promise of the Redeemer 28. The God-Man 29. Our Lord Jesus Christ 30. The Incarnation 31. The Nativity 32. The Hidden Life of Jesus Christ 33. The Public Life of Jesus Christ 34. The Passion 35. Calvary 36. The Resurrection 37. The Ascension 38. The Holy Ghost 39. Sanctifying Grace 40. Actual Grace 41. The Theological Virtues 42. Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Ghost 43. Moral Virtues 44. Humility, Liberality, Chastity 45. Meekness, Abstinence, Zeal, Brotherly Love 46. The Eight Beatitudes 47. Foundation of the Church 48. The Apostles: First Bishops of the Church 49. The Primacy of Peter 50. Marks of the True Church 51. The One True Church 52. The Catholic Church: Unity and Holiness 53. The Catholic Church: Catholicity and Apostolicity 54. The Living Church 55. The Catholic Eastern Church; Rites 56. The Bishop of Rome 57. Powers of the Pope 58. The Roman Curia 59. The Hierarchy 60. Bishops and Priests 61. The National Catholic Welfare Conference 62. The Laity 63. Catholic Action 64. Church and State 65. Services of the Church to the State 66. Authority of the Church 67. Infallibility of the Church 68. Sphere of Infallibility 69. Indefectibility of the Church 70. Salvation and the Catholic Church 71. Schism and Heresy 72. Protestant Churches 73. The Gates of Hell 74. One Body in Christ: Communion of Saints 75. The Forgiveness of Sins 76. Death 77. Particular Judgment 78. Existence of Purgatory 79. Souls in Purgatory

Approximately 90 percent of the marriages in India today are reported to be arranged marriages. Parents and families make partner choices and marital decisions for their children, sometimes needing the children only to consent to the decisions of the elders. Given this reality, most men and women who enter into such marriages have very limited pre-marital contact with each other. Several studies have been done on these arranged marriages in India to see how these relationships are formed and what their state of affairs is. The results have been varied and sometimes discrepant. This book is a revised version of a mixed methods study that the author conducted on the quality of relationship in such marriages in India. Specifically, the study explored the levels of marital satisfaction, quality of alternatives, investment of resources, intimacy, passion, and commitment, and examined their association with relationship quality.

There is no more important issue facing education, or humanity at large, than the fast approaching revolution in Artificial Intelligence or AI. This book is a call to educators everywhere to open their eyes to what is coming. If we do so, then the future will be shaped by us in the interests of humanity as a whole - but if we don't, it will be imposed by others. Britain and the US have an excellent education system in their schools and universities - excellent, but tailored to the twentieth century. The factory mass teaching methods of the third revolution era have failed to conquer enduring problems of inequity and unfairness. Students have to make progress at a set rate which demotivates some and bores others. And for all the new technologies, teachers remain weighed down by routine administration and only a narrow range of our aptitudes are encouraged. Will the fourth AI revolution be able to remedy these problems? We have allowed ourselves to believe that teaching can uniquely be done only by the teacher, but might it in fact be better carried out by AI machines? Or at least in concert with teachers? The evolution of AI, still in its infancy, raises a range of issues of enormous importance as we grapple with how we as humans will interact with it. AI will be an altogether new way of spreading quality education across the world, especially to those hundreds of millions who do not have it. And coming it is - the final part of the book stresses that we have to embrace AI and ensure that we shape it to the best advantage of humanity. If we get it wrong, there may be no second opportunity. The conclusion... Nothing matters more than education if we are to see AI liberate not infantilise humanity.

The recipient of numerous literary prizes, including the National Book Award, the Kafka Award, and the Pushcart Prize, Ursula K. Le Guin is renowned for her lyrical writing, rich characters, and diverse worlds. The Wind's Twelve Quarters collects seventeen powerful stories, each with an introduction by the author, ranging from fantasy to intriguing scientific

concepts, from medieval settings to the future. Including an insightful foreword by Le Guin, describing her experience, her inspirations, and her approach to writing, this stunning collection explores human values, relationships, and survival, and showcases the myriad talents of one of the most provocative writers of our time.

The second book of Christie Angelson, dedicated to men, reveals a certain Hebrew name of God, in order to empower the reader. The sequence of exercises is similar to that in the first book in the series, just shortened to 4 days instead of 7. The reader will feel blessed introducing himself to the carefully selected biblical readings and deep christian meditations.

Living the Truth in Love grew out of the desire to provide answers to the questions posed for the Synod on Marriage called by Pope Francis: How can the Christian community give pastoral attention to families with persons with same-sex attraction? While avoiding any unjust discrimination, how can the Church give such persons pastoral care in light of the Gospel? How can God's will be proposed to them in their situation? People who want to be instruments of Christ's love to those who experience same-sex attraction (SSA) seek guidance on how best to do so. They need to listen to the stories of those who experience SSA and the stories of those who have accompanied them on their journeys. They also need to ground their responses in a genuine Christian understanding of the human person and of human sexuality. This volume includes essays that lay out the Christian view of the human person and of human sexuality, essays that challenge the bifurcation of sexualities into "heterosexual" and "homosexual". Topics include an explanation of the meaning of the word "disorder", a discussion of the therapeutic power of friendship, and an application of Saint John Paul II's personalism to the question of same-sex attraction. Psychologists and counselors explain various ways of affirming those who experience SSA and of leading them to experience the power of Christ's healing love. Several of those who experience SSA tell their touching and inspiring stories.

Despite the global spread of Western medical practice, traditional doctors still thrive in the modern world. In *Recipes for Immortality*, Richard Weiss illuminates their continued success by examining the ways in which siddha medical practitioners in Tamil South India win the trust and patronage of patients. While biomedicine might alleviate a patient's physical distress, siddha doctors offer their clientele much more: affiliation to a timeless and pure community, the fantasy of a Tamil utopia, and even the prospect of immortality. They speak of a golden age of Tamil civilization and of traditional medicine, drawing on broader revivalist formulations of a pure and ancient Tamil community. Weiss analyzes the success of siddha doctors, focusing on how they have successfully garnered authority and credibility. While shedding light on their lives, vocations, and aspirations, Weiss also documents the challenges that siddha doctors face in the modern world, both from a biomedical system that claims universal efficacy, and also from the rival traditional medicine, ayurveda, which is promoted as the national medicine of an autonomous Indian state. Drawing on ethnographic data; premodern Tamil texts on medicine, alchemy, and yoga; government archival resources; college textbooks; and popular literature on siddha medicine and on the siddhar yogis, he presents an in-depth study of this traditional system of knowledge, which serves the medical needs of millions of Indians. Weiss concludes with a look at traditional medicine at large, and demonstrates that siddha doctors, despite resent trends toward globalization and biomedicine, reflect the wider political and religious dimensions of medical discourse in our modern world. *Recipes for Immortality* proves that medical authority is based not only on physical effectiveness, but also on imaginative processes that relate to personal and social identities, conceptions of history, secrecy, loss, and utopian promise.

In *St. Thomas and India*, renowned scholars trace the historical, religious, and cultural connections link India's Syrian Christian community with St. Thomas the Apostle. They use modern historiographical methods seek to corroborate the ancient tradition that tells of St. Thomas's missionary journey to India in the middle of the first century, in which he established seven churches in some of the major commercial centers of Malabar. From this first churches, Christianity spread throughout the region. *St. Thomas in India* also examines the legacy of the ancient Christianity on the Syrian community in India today, as well as exploring the various cultural and religious connections between the Syrian church in Indian and other ancient churches in the east.

Masterpieces of myth and terror about modern gods from technology to drugs to materialism—"fantasy at its most bizarre and unsettling" (*The New York Times*). As Earth approaches Armageddon, a man embarks on a quest to confront God in the Hugo Award-winning novelette, "The Deathbird." In New York City, a brutal act of violence summons a malevolent spirit and a growing congregation of desensitized worshippers in "The Whimper of Whipped Dogs," an Edgar Award winner influenced by the real-life murder of Queens resident Kitty Genovese in 1964. In "Paingod," the deity tasked with inflicting pain and suffering on every living being in the universe questions the purpose of its cruel existence. *Deathbird Stories* collects these and sixteen more provocative tales exploring the futility of faith in a faithless world. A legendary author of speculative fiction whose best-known works include *A Boy and His Dog* and *I Have No Mouth, and I Must Scream*—and whose major awards and nominations number in the dozens, Harlan Ellison strips away convention and hypocrisy and lays bare the human condition in modern society as ancient gods fade and new deities rise to appease the masses—gods of technology, drugs, gambling, materialism—that are as insubstantial as the beliefs of those who venerate them. In addition to his Nebula, Hugo, World Fantasy, Bram Stoker, Edgar, and other awards, Ellison was called "one of the great living American short story writers" by the *Washington Post*—and this collection makes it clear why he has earned such an extraordinary assortment of accolades. Stories include: "Introduction: Oblations at Alien Altars" "The Whimper of Whipped Dogs" "Along the Scenic Route" "On the Downhill Side" "O Ye of Little Faith" "Neon" "Basilisk" "Pretty Maggie Moneyeyes" "Corpse" "Shattered Like a Glass Goblin" "Delusion for a Dragon Slayer" "The Face of Helene Bournouw" "Bleeding Stones" "At the Mouse Circus" "The Place with No Name" "Paingod" "Ernest and the Machine God" "Rock God" "Adrift Just Off the Islets of Langerhans: Latitude 38° 54' N, Longitude 77° 00' 13" W" "The Deathbird"

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