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Images of the Mother of God 2017-03-02

fully illustrated in colour and black and white images of the mother of god complements the successful exhibition catalogue of the mother of god exhibition at the benaki museum in athens it brings together the work of leading international authorities and younger scholars to provide a wide ranging survey of how the theotokos was perceived in the byzantine world it embraces the disciplines of art historians archaeologists traditional and feminist historians as well as theologians philologists and social anthropologists images of the mother of god will appeal not just to those interested in byzantine art and culture but also to scholars of western europe in the middle ages who are looking for comparative materials in their own work

Christ, Creation, and the Vision of God 2010-11-11

early christians interpreted the biblical theophany narratives as manifestations of christ yet augustine challenged and reconfigured this view developing over centuries into two major exegetical strands the transformation of theophany interpretation reveals the critical and adaptive capacity of patristic exegesis

The Universe Viewer Guide 2017

one day as i was sitting in church i began to look around at the diverse group of women seated around me the following questions raced about in my mind do the women know that god is deeply in love with them that god is pursuing and longing to have a relationship with them do they want more do they know god has a specific purpose just for them in this compelling in depth study of scripture and the catechism we will dive into 1 john and 2 john to find answers to these questions gods love for you is greater than your imagination can behold he wants you to consume his extreme love and bestow it upon those around you when one pours out the abundance of gods love from their soul they will be well on their way to a life full of purpose and meaning our church and the world need women to rise up and be the women that god has designed and called us to be

Rise Up, Women of God 2015-12-11

bringing together thinkers from philosophy of religion religious studies music art and film while drawing on a wealth of phenomenological resources and methods a team of renowned scholars provide new vantages on the question of how art is an expression of the human desire for god in three interrelated parts chapters employ phenomenological tools to propose new ways for speaking of the desire for god scholars first draw upon music sculpture film and painting to develop ways of

expressing diverse philosophical and religious aspects characteristic of aesthetic experience the discussion then opens up to examine the mystical and wounded aspects of embodied interface with god the final part investigates embodied aesthetic praxis in philosophy of religion and religious studies with several contributions engaging with the embodied aesthetic experience of underrepresented voices art desire and god offers constructive phenomenological bridges across divides of disciplines aesthetic experiences and embodied actions

Art, Desire, and God *2023-08-24*

in western religious traditions god is conventionally conceived as a humanlike creator lawgiver and king a being both accessible and actively present in history yet there is a concurrent and strong tradition of a god who actively hides the two traditions have led to a tension between a god who is simultaneously accessible to humanity and yet inaccessible a god who is both immanent and transcendent present and absent western gnostic esoteric and mystical thinking capitalizes on the hidden and hiding god he becomes the hallmark of the mystics gnostics sages and artists who attempt to make accessible to humans the god who is secreted away histories of the hidden god explores this tradition from antiquity to today the essays focus on three essential themes the concealment of the hidden god the human quest for the hidden god and revelations of the hidden god

Histories of the Hidden God 2016-04-08

this volume brings together key findings of the long term research project religious individualisation in historical perspective max weber centre for advanced cultural and social studies erfurt university combining a wide range of disciplinary approaches methods and theories the volume assembles over 50 contributions that explore and compare processes of religious individualisation in different religious environments and historical periods in particular in asia the mediterranean and europe from antiquity to the recent past contrary to standard theories of modernisation which tend to regard religious individualisation as a specifically modern or early modern as well as an essentially western or christian phenomenon the chapters reveal processes of religious individualisation in a large variety of non western and pre modern scenarios furthermore the volume challenges prevalent views that regard religions primarily as collective phenomena and provides nuanced perspectives on the appropriation of religious agency the pluralisation of religious options dynamics of de traditionalisation and privatisation the development of elaborated notions of the self the facilitation of religious deviance and on the notion of dividuality

Religious Individualisation 2019-12-16

this book is an examination of personal identity exploring both who we think we are and how we construct the sense of ourselves through art it proposes that the notion of personal identity is a psycho social construction that has evolved over

many centuries while this idea has been widely discussed in recent years andrew spira approaches it from a completely new point of view rather than relying on the thinking subject s attempts to identify itself consciously and verbally it focuses on the traces that the self sense has unconsciously left in the fabric of its environment in the form of non verbal cultural conventions covering a millennium of western european cultural history it amounts to an anthropology of personal identity in the west following a broadly chronological path spira traces the self sense from its emergence from the collectivity of the medieval church to its consummation in the individualistic concept of artistic genius in the nineteenth century in doing so it aims to bridge a gap that exists between cultural history and philosophy regarding cultural history especially art history it elicits significances from its material that have been thoroughly overlooked regarding philosophy it highlights the crucial role that material culture plays in the formation of philosophical ideas it argues that the sense of personal self is as much revealed by cultural conventions and as a cultural convention as it is observable to the mind as an object of philosophical enquiry

The Invention of the Self *2020-06-25*

this book focuses on the earliest surviving christian icons dated to the sixth and seventh centuries which bear many resemblances to three other well established genres of sacred portrait also produced during late antiquity namely roman imperial portraiture graeco egyptian funerary portraiture and panel paintings depicting non christian deities andrew paterson addresses two fundamental questions about devotional portraiture both christian and non christian in the late antique period

firstly how did artists visualise and construct these images of divine or sanctified figures and secondly how did their intended viewers look at respond to and even interact with these images paterson argues that a key factor of many of these portrait images is the emphasis given to the depicted gaze which invites an intensified form of personal encounter with the portrait s subject the book will be of interest to scholars working in art history theology religion and classical studies

Late Antique Portraits and Early Christian Icons *2022-06-30*

the bold thesis of canonical theism is that the good and life giving holy spirit has equipped the church not only with a canon of scripture but also with an abundant canonical heritage of materials persons and practices however much of the latter has been ignored or cast aside the authors call for the retrieval and redeployment of the full range of this rich legacy voices from across the spectrum here chart that mine of opportunity and invite the entire church to explore the benefits of their discoveries ambitious in its scope and agenda canonical theism offers insights that will enable the readers to discover anew the faith that has nourished converts created saints and upheld martyrs across the years contributors william j abraham frederick d aquino paul i gavrilyuk charles gutenson douglas m koskela mark e powell frederick w schmidt horace six means natalie b van kirk jason e vickers david f watson

Canonical Theism 2008-02-18

how can we in our times understand the biblical concept that human beings have been created in the image of an invisible god this is a perennial but increasingly pressing question that lies at the heart of theological anthropology humanity in god s image an interdisciplinary exploration clarifies the meaning of this concept traces different jewish and christian interpretations of being created in god s image and reconsiders the significance of the imago dei in a post holocaust context as normative counterfactual notions human dignity and the imago dei challenge us to see more claudia welz offers an interdisciplinary exploration of theological and ethical visions of the invisible by analysing poetry and art welz exemplifies human self understanding in the interface between the visual and the linguistic the content of the imago dei cannot be defined apart from the image carrier an embodied creature compared to verbal visual and mental images how does this creature as a living image refer to god like a metaphor a mimetic mirror or an elusive trace combining hermeneutical and phenomenological perspectives with philosophy of religion and philosophy of language semiotics art history and literary studies welz regards the imago dei as a complex sign that is at once iconic indexical and symbolical pointing beyond itself

Humanity in God's Image 2016-08-18

how might film reveal god in its most basic form film is a series of images displayed over time of course film has developed

greatly since the lumière brothers by adding components such as sound special effects digital recording and more to create an increasingly complex artistic medium historically film studies has often focused on the narrative aspect of film as it seeks to tell a story more recent studies however have turned attention to other elements of film such as the musical score yet film remains in a sense a series of images in this studies in theology and the arts sta volume theologian richard goodwin considers how the images that constitute film might be a conduit of god s revelation by considering works by carl theodor dreyer stanley kubrick paul thomas anderson robert bresson martin scorsese terrence malick and more goodwin argues that by inviting emotional responses film images can be a medium of divine revelation blessed are those who have seen god through film the studies in theology and the arts series encourages christians to thoughtfully engage with the relationship between their faith and artistic expression with contributions from both theologians and artists on a range of artistic media including visual art music poetry literature film and more

Seeing Is Believing *2022-07-19*

this collection casts light on various aspects of the life and thought of nicholas of cusa the first part is concerned with the context in which he made his contributions the second part is concerned with nicholas work for ecclesiastical reform and his thought on the church the third part deals with cusanus ideas on christ and mystical experience as well as the larger significance of his speculative works

Nicholas of Cusa on Christ and the Church 1996

quiet your heart and listen for the loving whispers of god through this daily advent retreat experience offers compelling reflections on the season s traditional scripture readings and creative ways to let god s word sink deep into your heart and soul including journaling with mandalas audio divina and meditative movement

The Advent of God's Word 2015-10-15

how are processes of vision perception and sensation conceived in the renaissance how are those conceptions made manifest in the arts the essays in this volume address these and similar questions to establish important theoretical and philosophical bases for artistic production in the renaissance and beyond the essays also attend to the views of historically significant writers from the ancient classical period to the eighteenth century including plato aristotle plotinus st augustine ibn sina avicenna ibn al haytham alhazen ibn sahl marsilio ficino nicholas of cusa leon battista alberti gian paolo lomazzo gregorio comanini john davies rene descartes samuel van hoogstraten and george berkeley contributors carefully scrutinize and illustrate the effect of changing and evolving ideas of intellectual and physical vision on artistic practice in florence rome venice england austria and the netherlands the artists whose work and practices are discussed include fra angelico donatello leonardo da vinci filippino lippi giovanni bellini raphael parmigianino titian bronzino johannes gump and rembrandt van rijn

taken together the essays provide the reader with a fresh perspective on the intellectual confluence between art science philosophy and literature across renaissance europe

Renaissance Theories of Vision 2016-12-05

an essential book for courses on native film indigenous media not to mention more general courses a very impressive and useful collection randolph lewis author of navajo talking picture the film industry and mainstream popular culture are notorious for promoting stereotypical images of native americans the noble and ignoble savage the pronoun challenged sidekick the ruthless warrior the female drudge the princess the sexualized maiden the drunk and others over the years indigenous filmmakers have both challenged these representations and moved past them offering their own distinct forms of cinematic expression native americans on film draws inspiration from the indigenous film movement bringing filmmakers into an intertextual conversation with academics from a variety of disciplines the resulting dialogue opens a myriad of possibilities for engaging students with ongoing debates what is indigenous film who is an indigenous filmmaker what are native filmmakers saying about indigenous film and their own work this thought provoking text offers theoretical approaches to understanding native cinema includes pedagogical strategies for teaching particular films and validates the different voices approaches and worldviews that emerge across the movement accomplished scholars in the emerging field of native film studies marubbio and buffalohead focus clearly on the needs of this field they do scholars and students of native film a great service by

reprinting four seminal and provocative essays james ruppert author of meditation in contemporary native american literature succeed s in depicting the complexities in study teaching and creating native film regardless of an individual s level of knowledge and expertise in native film native americans on film is a valuable read for anyone interested in this topic studies in american indian literatures

Native Americans on Film *2013-02-22*

reading god s will and a man s last will as ideas that reinforce one another this study shows the relevance of england s early modern crisis regarding faith in the will of god to current debates by legal academics on the theory of property and its succession the increasing power of the dead under law in the us the uk and beyond a concern of recent volumes in law and social sciences is here addressed through a distinctive approach based on law and humanities vividly treating literary and biblical battles of will the book suggests approaches to legal constitution informed by these dramas and by english legal history this study investigates correlations between the will of god in judeo christian traditions and the last wills of humans especially dominant males in cultures where these traditions have developed it is interdisciplinary in the sense that it engages with the limits of several fields it is informed by humanities critical theory especially benjaminian historical materialism and lacanian psychoanalysis but refrains from detailed theoretical considerations dramatic narratives from the bible shakespeare and milton are read as suggesting real possibilities for alternative inheritance i e constitutional regimes as jenkins shows

these texts propose ways to alleviate violence violence both personal and political through attention to inheritance law

Inheritance Law and Political Theology in Shakespeare and Milton *2016-05-23*

the divine truthlo those who believe in the one alone god and those who are the children of israel and the followers of jesus and the nation of noah whoever will believe in the oneness the aloneness of god and the day of judgment and will perform good acts according to the commandments of god surely their reward is with their lord and there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve because god neither makes the sects nor the sectarians god is the lord of moral state and belongs to everyone god guides the righteous heart inside usatan tries to de track outside us the affairs of the world are around us it is a divine truth unveiling the secrets which remained unknown to mankind you will believe it if you will read it please read it once at least

The Divine Truth *2014-06-26*

an incisive and wide ranging study of michael haneke s entire body of work broadening the scholarship on this highly controversial filmmaker

Funny Frames 2010-06-03

this richly illustrated volume illuminates how the arts have helped jews confront the challenges of modernity there truly is an art to being jewish in the modern world or alternatively an art to being modern in the jewish world and this collection fully captures its range diversity and historical significance

The Art of Being Jewish in Modern Times 2008

reclaim your hope have you ever felt you struggled to find your faith footing join amberly neese in she explores the questions
jesus asked as a way to reclaim that faith chapters explore our own questions like can god be trusted and how can i grow in
faith amberly s unique humor and wit help the whole group find their way through deep and rich issues of personal faith
doubt and growth components for this six week bible study each available separately include a participant workbook with daily
reading and reflection a full leader guide to help plan full group sessions and video sessions with six 20 to 25 minute
segments with closed captioning

Untangling Faith Women's Bible Study Participant Workbook *2023-04-18*

in 1508 pope julius ii commissioned michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the sistine chapel the thirty three year old michelangelo had very little experience of the physically and technically taxing art of fresco and at twelve thousand square feet the ceiling represented one of the largest such projects ever attempted nevertheless for the next four years he and a hand picked team of assistants laboured over the vast ceiling making thousands of drawings and spending back breaking hours on a scaffold fifty feet above the floor the result was one of the greatest masterpieces of all time this fascinating book tells the story of those four extraordinary years and paints a magnificent picture of day to day life on the sistine scaffolding and outside in the upheaval of early sixteenth century rome

Michelangelo And The Pope's Ceiling *2012-10-31*

this evangelical and ecumenical ecclesiology survey text provides a comprehensive biblical historical and cultural perspective and addresses contemporary issues in church life

Exploring Ecclesiology 2009-03

bestselling author and biblical scholar stephen j binz presents the first book to combine the ancient western practice of lectio divina sacred reading with the lesser known eastern orthodox tradition of visio divina sacred seeing binz offers a life changing way to pray through twenty gospel readings paired with beautiful never before published contemporary icons st benedict urged his followers to listen to god s word with the ear of the heart eastern orthodox spiritual writers focused on gazing at icons as st paul said with the eyes of the heart popular speaker and retreat leader stephen j binz draws on the richness of both traditions by combining lectio and visio divina contemplation is more difficult than ever during this digital age and binz offers a proven and profound way to cut through the noise and pray the gospels he walks you through six steps reading seeing meditating praying contemplating and acting binz also provides simple suggestions for self reflection that can lead to practical changes in your everyday life the book s twenty bible passages starting with the annunciation and ending with pentecost are paired with full color icons of each story the original never before published icons written by ruta and kaspars poikans are displayed in the unity chapel at the mary of nazareth international center in israel

Transformed by God's Word 2016-02-05

mariam f ayad explores how five women were elevated to a position of supreme religious authority drawing on a variety of

textual iconographic and archaeological evidence and containing fifty one black and white and colour illustrations the volume discusses this often neglected subject placing the women within the broader context of the politically volatile turbulent seventh and eighth centuries bce

God's Wife, God's Servant *2009-06-02*

a multi faceted commentary that breathes fresh insight into paul s letter in second corinthians paul responds to reports of the corinthian congregation questioning his competency as a divinely sent messenger through apologetic demegoria and the use of graphic imagery related to triumphal processions siege warfare and emissary travels and negotiation paul defends his constancy persona and speaking abilities as he extends the offer of clemency and reconciliation to his auditors oropeza combines rhetorical pictures rhetography with interpretative layers literary features intertextuality socio cultural ideological and sacred textures to arrive at the rhetorical impact of paul s message for ancient mediterranean discourse features a visual sensory and imaginative interpretation of the scripture a comprehensive commentary an avant garde approach to biblical interpretation

Exploring Second Corinthians *2016-04-15*

this volume advances our understanding of early christianity as a lived religion by approaching it through its rites the emotions and affects surrounding those rites and the material setting for the practice of them the connections between emotions and ritual between rites and their materiality and between emotions and their physical manifestation in ancient mediterranean culture have been inadequately explored as yet especially with regard to early christianity and its water and dining rites readers will find all three areas ritual emotion and materiality engaged in this exemplary interdisciplinary study which provides fresh insights into early christianity and its world ritual emotion and materiality in the early christian world will be of special interest to interdisciplinary minded researchers seminarians and students who are attentive to theory and method and those with an interest in the new testament and earliest christianity it will also appeal to those working on ancient jewish and greco roman religion emotion and ritual from a comparative standpoint

Ritual, Emotion, and Materiality in the Early Christian World *2021-12-30*

uses new critical approaches to demonstrate deep affinities in these vastly different filmmakers philosophies on film fantasy and reality

Three Documentary Filmmakers 2009-03-05

medieval and renaissance viewers demanded art and architecture that provoked emotional and or performative interactivity the authors of these essays explore the history of this call and response from the view of both artists and devotees

Push Me, Pull You 2011-05-10

over the course of the fifteenth century the low countries transformed europe s economic political and cultural life innovative and influential cultural practices emerged across the region in flourishing courts towns religious houses guilds and confraternities whether in visual culture music devotional practice or communal rituals the thriving cultures of the low countries wrestled with time both through explicit measurement and reflection and in the rhythms of social and religious life this book offers a deeper understanding of how time was structured and experienced by different constituencies through a series of detailed readings of diverse cultural objects and practices ranging from woodcuts and painted altarpieces to early print books and to the use of polyphony in the liturgy individual chapters are devoted to life in the university towns of louvain and ghent the liturgical rituals at cambrai cathedral and the rich pageantry that marked the courts of philip the good and the new burgundian rulers what emerges is a complex temporal landscape in which devotional and secular practices and experiences merged into a new fullness of time

The Fullness of Time 2017-11-13

logos 5 is the sixth of my ten volume logos 1 7 work each volume of which is able to stand alone as god s book of life it took me over 3 000 pages in ten volumes to say how and what is important to believe it seeks to explain by experience who jesus is who god is who the holy spirit is what the bible is why it is crucial to life that we believe in them what belief is what to be saved is just how salvation is effected what the take away benefits are and how to find meaning and purpose in life each of these ten volumes is able to stand alone as god s book of life portraying life with the holy spirit by belief in the christ of jesus as savior to eternal life with god the ten volumes relate my story of writing god s book of life using nonfiction essays and poetry with daily help of divine intervention in producing the seven logos work of ten volumes and the four supporting volumes all seek to fully understand and explain this work inspired by the holy spirit the christ of jesus the action of god fulfilled for him in seven years all of rodger crafton s dreams of becoming a writer of poetry and prose an armchair philosopher and an artist working in his new upstairs garage atelier r crafton gibbs

Writing God's Book of Life 2013-08-30

explores the impulse that has drawn seekers into the wilderness for centuries and offers eloquent testimony to the healing power of mountain silence and desert indifference cover

The Solace of Fierce Landscapes 1998

grieser reveals to readers that the lord is crazy about them this life changing book replaces satan s deceptive reflections with god s scriptural image of them christian religion

God's House of Mirrors 2005-03

a fresh interpretation of an enigmatic illumination and its contexts the ashburnham pentateuch is an early medieval manuscript of uncertain provenance which has puzzled and intrigued scholars since the nineteenth century its first image which depicts the genesis creation narrative is itself a site of mystery originally it presented the trinity as three men in various vignettes but in the early ninth century by which time the manuscript had come to the monastery at tours most of the figures were obscured by paint leaving behind a single creator in this sense the manuscript serves as a kind of hinge between the late antique and early medieval periods why was the ashburnham pentateuch s anthropomorphic image of the trinity acceptable in the sixth century but not in the ninth this study examines the theological political and iconographic contexts of the production and later modification of the ashburnham pentateuch s creation image the discussion focuses on materiality the oft contested relationship between image and word and iconoclastic acts as embodied responses ultimately this book argues that the carolingian era reception and modification of the creation image is consistent with contemporaneous

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The Ashburnham Pentateuch and Its Contexts 2022

how and why did the images of the crucified christ and his grieving mother achieve such prominence inspiring unparalleled religious creativity as well such imitative extremes as celibacy and self flagellation to answer this question fulton ranges over developments in liturgical performance private prayer doctrine and art

The Meaning of the Merode Altarpiece 1982

god s wounds hermeneutic of the christian symbol of divine suffering volume i divine vulnerability and creation is the first of a three volume study of christian testimonies to divine suffering the larger study focuses its inquiry on the testimonies to divine suffering themselves seeking to allow the voices that attest to divine suffering to speak freely the goal is then to discover and elucidate the internal logic or rationality of this family of testimonies rather than defending these attestations against the dominant claims of classical christian theism that have historically sought to eliminate such language altogether from christian discourse about the nature and life of god in this first volume the author develops an approach to interpreting the contested claims about the suffering of god through this approach to the christian symbol of divine suffering he then investigates the two

major presuppositions that the larger family of testimonies to divine suffering normally hold an understanding of god through the primary metaphor of love god is love and an understanding of the human as created in the image of god with a life though finite analogous to the divine life the imago dei as love when fully elaborated these presuppositions reveal the conditions of possibility for divine suffering and divine vulnerability with respect to creation

From Judgment to Passion 2002

this book examines the fierce theological controversy over the great muslim mystical thinker ibn arabi 1165 1242 even during his lifetime ibn arabi s conformity with the letter of the muslim dogma was called into doubt by many scholars who were suspicious of the monistic unitive tendencies of his metaphysical teaching of his claims to be the prophet s successor and restorer of the true meaning of the islamic revelation and of his allegorical interpretation of the qur an following ibn arabi s death these misgivings grew into an outright condemnation of his teachings by a number of influential thirteenth through fifteenth century theologians who portrayed him as a dangerous heretic bent on undermining the foundations of islamic faith and communal life in response to these grave accusations ibn arabi s advocates praised him as the greatest saint of islam who was unjustly slandered by the bigoted and narrow minded critics as time went on these conflicting images of the mystical thinker became rallying points for various political and scholarly factions vying for lucrative religious and administrative posts and ideological denomination in thoroughly analyzing the heated debates around ibn arabi s ideas throughout the three

centuries following his death this study brings out discursive strategies and arguments employed by the polemicists the hidden agendas they pursued and the reasons for the striking longevity of the issue in islamic literature up to the present day on the theoretical level this book reassesses the validity of such common dichotomies as orthodoxy versus heresy mainstream versus mystical interpretations of islam and communalism versus individualism as well as other issues related to the history of islamic thought

God's Wounds 2011-07-28

as bearers of the divine image all of us are storytellers and artists however few people today believe in truth that is not empirically knowable or verifiable the sort of truth often trafficked through direct forms of communication drawing on the works of soren kierkegaard benson p fraser challenges this penchant for direct forms of knowledge by introducing the indirect approach which he argues conveys more than mere knowledge but the capability to live out what one takes to be true dr fraser suggests that stories aimed at the heart are powerful instruments for personal and social change because they are not focused directly on the individual listener rather they give the individual room or distance to reconsider old meanings or ways of understanding indirect communication fosters human transformation by awaking an individual to attend to images or words that carry deep symbolic force and that modify or replace one s present ways of knowing and ultimately make one capable of embodying what he or she believes through an examination of the indirect approach in kierkegaard jesus c s lewis and

flannery o connor fraser makes a strong case for the recovery of indirect strategies for communicating truth in our time

Ibn al-Arabi in the Later Islamic Tradition 1998-12-23

unrivalled influence explores the exceptional roles that women played in the vibrant cultural and political life of medieval byzantium written by one of the world s foremost historians of the byzantine millennium this landmark book evokes the complex and exotic world of byzantium s women from empresses and saints to uneducated rural widows drawing on a diverse range of sources judith herrin sheds light on the importance of marriage in imperial statecraft the tense coexistence of empresses in the imperial court and the critical relationships of mothers and daughters she looks at women s interactions with eunuchs the in between gender in byzantine society and shows how women defended their rights to hold land herrin describes how they controlled their inheritances participated in urban crowds demanding the dismissal of corrupt officials followed the processions of holy icons and relics and marked religious feasts with liturgical celebrations market activity and holiday pleasures the vivid portraits that emerge here reveal how women exerted an unrivalled influence on the patriarchal society of byzantium and remained active participants in the many changes that occurred throughout the empire s millennial history unrivalled influence brings together herrin s finest essays on women and gender written throughout the long span of her esteemed career this volume includes three new essays published here for the very first time and a new general introduction by herrin she also provides a concise introduction to each essay that describes how it came to be written and

how it fits into her broader views about women and byzantium

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