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most important western thinker and writer on eastern religions and philosophy as well as comparative religions of the twentieth century john w traphagan author of rethinking autonomy a critique of principlism in biomedical ethics alan w watts 1915 1973 fue probablemente el occidental que más y mejor estudió las filosofías orientales y en particular el pensamiento zen al que dedicó un primer libro en fecha tan temprana como 1935 el espíritu del zen sin embargo fue en la década de los cincuenta y sobre todo en la siguiente cuando sus obras se convirtieron en libros de cabecera para miles de lectores británicos y estadounidenses y a partir de ese momento fue traducido a todas las lenguas conocidas el fenómeno puede fecharse con más precisión en 1957 año en que apareció el camino del zen in the second half of the twentieth century the failure of enlightenment rationalism and the spiritual bankruptcy of western materialism have opened the door for eastern religions especially the nontheistic religions that promise enlightenment and peace of mind any major bookstore today has copies of the i ching the tao te ching and books on taoism zen and other forms of buddhism this volume and the volume on hinduism in this series together present a comprehensive overview of eastern religions their views and their impact on contemporary north america this book includes a concise introduction to eastern religions an overview of the movement s theology in their own words a biblical response tips for witnessing effectively a bibliography with sources for further study a chart comparing the groups beliefs with biblical christianity a glossary a radical reinterpretation of christianity by one of the twentieth century s leading philosophers today alan watts is remembered mainly as an eloquent interpreter of eastern philosophies such as taoism and zen buddhism not everyone knows that watts was also a formidable scholar of christianity who worked as an episcopal chaplain early in his career he eventually left the church to find his own spiritual path but his time there fueled a burst of literary creativity that culminated in beyond theology originally published in 1964 and now back in print in this landmark work watts asks whether a rigorous imperious and invincibly self righteous religion such as christianity can stay relevant in our modern multicultural world to answer that question he deconstructs christianity by using concepts borrowed from psychology linguistics science and eastern philosophy in the process he solves difficult problems of theology traces the impact of christianity on western culture and points the way to a new form of nondualistic spirituality playing the role of a philosophical jester watts artfully deploys paradoxes riddles and gently subversive humor to overturn conventional wisdom his intention is not to hold sacred things up to ridicule but rather to expand our definition of the sacred the ultimate aim is to help us see beyond the external trappings of religion beyond ritual myth doctrine and theology itself to experience the divine within ourselves at the heart of this book is one of the most ancient and profound question philosophers spiritual seekers and curious individuals have pondered since the beginning of history who am i advances in modern science and access to zen tradition have provided us with broader and richer understanding of this topic over the chapters the author a psychologist and zen master investigates how the brain fosters a sense of an independent self situating his research in the contexts of neuroscience ecology evolution psychology and of the principles eastern wisdom traditions the book explores a broad range of insights from brain science evolutionary biology astronomy clinical psychology thoughts and emotions mental health disorders and zen buddhism this book will appeal to psychologists psychiatrists social workers counsellors and researchers of eastern traditions general readers interested in the functioning of the brain will discover practical ways to integrate fascinating new findings on an age old question into their everyday life part of a series introducing the wisdom of the east to western readers this work offers an exposition of zen which although historically an aspect of buddhism is itself so vital and elusive aiming to leave the mind like an open window that it escapes definition

The Way of Zen 2021-07-15

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Nature, Man and Woman 2022-02-03

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This Is It 2011-09-28

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Become What You Are 2003-03-11

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Cloud-hidden, Whereabouts Unknown 2011-10-19

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In My Own Way 2011-02-09

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Tao 2013-01-21

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Behold the Spirit 1988

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The Early Writings of Alan Watts 1962

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What Is Zen? 1973

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Zen 1972

alan w watts 1915 1973 fue probablemente el occidental que más y mejor estudió las filosofías orientales y en particular el pensamiento zen al que dedicó un primer libro en fecha tan temprana como 1935 el espíritu del zen sin embargo fue en la década de los cincuenta y sobre todo en la siguiente cuando sus obras se convirtieron en libros de cabecera para miles de lectores británicos y estadounidenses y a partir de ese momento fue traducido a todas las lenguas conocidas el fenómeno puede fecharse con más precisión en 1957 año en que apareció el camino del zen

In My Own Way 2013-08-22

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a radical reinterpretation of christianity by one of the twentieth century s leading philosophers today alan watts is remembered mainly as an eloquent interpreter of eastern philosophies such as taoism and zen buddhism not everyone knows that watts was also a formidable scholar of christianity who worked as an episcopal chaplain early in his career he eventually left the church to find his own spiritual path but his time there fueled a burst of literary creativity that culminated in beyond theology originally published in 1964 and now back in print in this landmark work watts asks whether a rigorous imperious and invincibly self righteous religion such as christianity can stay relevant in our modern multicultural world to answer that question he deconstructs christianity by using concepts borrowed from psychology linguistics science and eastern philosophy in the process he solves difficult problems of theology traces the impact of christianity on western culture and points the way to a new form of nondualistic spirituality playing the role of a philosophical jester watts artfully deploys paradoxes riddles and gently subversive humor to overturn conventional wisdom his intention is not to hold sacred things up to ridicule but rather to expand our definition of the sacred the ultimate aim is to help us see beyond the external trappings of religion beyond ritual myth doctrine and theology itself to experience the divine within ourselves

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part of a series introducing the wisdom of the east to western readers this work offers an exposition of zen which although historically an aspect of buddhism is itself so vital and elusive aiming to leave the mind like an open window that it escapes definition

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