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Buddhist Mode of Education in Modern Context / Ajit Kumar  
Eastern Book Linkers, Delhi 2021

Xxxii, 311p.; 25 cm.  
Includes Bibliography.

9788178543932

\$ 37.50 / HB

900 gm.

In the Present book explores the various aspects of Buddhist Education in Ancient India with the focus on Buddhist Education and its mode of education in the light of application of Buddhist Methodology in Modern context. Dr. Ajit Kumar has discussed elaborately and critically various aspects of Buddhist education such as Buddhist educational method training and spiritual attainments of monks and nuns, Evolution of Buddhist Mode of Education, Origin and Development of residential monasteries some of which later on turned to be well reputed Universities like Nalanda, Vikramasila, Odantapuri, Vallabhi, Jaggadalpura, etc.

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Vipassana Masters of Myanmar / Ashin Nyanavara

Eastern Book Linkers, Delhi 2021

Xxx, 290p.; 25 cm.  
Bibliography Includes Index.

9788178543987

\$ 62.50 / HB

850 gm.

The present book titled "Vipassana Masters of Myanmar" deals with the life and works of famous Vipassana Masters of Myanmar from colonial to modern era and how they have influenced and contributed in the evolution and development of their methods of vipassana. The book started with a brief history of Vipassana Meditation in Myanmar. Over 2600 years ago, The Buddha attained Enlightenment in India.

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Bodhisattva and Sunyata In the Early and Developed Buddhist Traditions /  
Bhikkhuni Gioi Huong

Eastern Book Linkers, Delhi 2022

Xvi, 467p.; 23 cm.  
Bibliography Includes Index.

9789389386059

\$ 31.25 / HB

800 gm.

If the history of humankind is the history to seek for the object of the freed and bliss truth, then the doctrine of Sunyata is the very object for that purpose. The doctrine of Sunyata is the basis, the great confidence not only for the 21st century but also for next ones in the view to build, upgrade and improve man and society as well as return to man and society whatever was lost by their unintention or intention. Sunyata is a door for us to abide in deliberation, true nature.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833132>

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Buddhist Treasures of Russia and Mongolia / Lokesh Chandra

Aditya Prakashan, New Delhi 2022

205p.; ill. 27 cm.

Includes Index.

9788195096176

\$ 82.50 / HB

950 gm.

This volume narrates the cultural exchanges between India and Russia, beginning with Russian words cognate to Sanskrit called 'paternal language' by a Russian linguist. Indian items have been exhumed from the 8-9th century layers of Kiev. Indian colony in Astrakhan on the Volga River, first contact of Russians with Buddhism in 1716, reference to Sanskrit in a novel written in 1784, the volume comes down to the troika of Blavatsky, Tolstoy and Roerichs and their historic contributions. It sketches the many-sided and manifold researches of Russian scholars on Sanskrit and Indian languages, excavations of Central Asian sites, extensive studies on Tibetan and Mongolian Buddhism. Genocide of Buddhism in Mongolia in the agonised narratives of Prof. Rinchen to Prof. RaghuVira: millions of xylographs burnt, two lakh Lamas shot or conflagrated, all monasteries razed to the ground in a massive butchery of extermination.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833367>

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Of the Progresse of the Bodhisattva : The Bodhisattvamarga in the Siksasamuccaya / Richard Mahoney

Indica et Buddhica, New Zealand 2016

266p.

9780473409319

\$ 149.00 / null

674 gm.

The Buddha is credited with clearly and succinctly expounding the Buddhist path (mārga). Despite the eloquence and brevity of the Buddha's exposition, the corpus of Buddhist scriptures explaining the path is prolix.

It is generally thought that the moral precepts (śikāpadas), correct practices (samudācāras) and restraints (śavaras) for a bodhisattva are to be found in Mahāyāna sūtras. Yet it seems that the most likely outcome of reading these sūtras is not enlightenment, but confusion. Mahāyāna sūtras appear too extensive and complex to be of much practical benefit to an incipient bodhisattva. This paper asserts that the Śikāsamuccaya (SS) and Śikāsamuccayakārikā (SSKā) are composed by Śāntideva (S) to counter the bewilderment which results from reading Mahāyāna sūtras. Both works explicate the essential principles (marmasthānas) of these sūtras for the benefit of a bodhisattva new to the way. Further, this paper asserts that of all the various practices described in Mahāyāna sūtras, Ś believes that the practice of giving (dāna ≡ utsarjana) is fundamental. In the SS and SSKā the way of the bodhisattva (bodhisattvamārga) is essentially the way of giving (dānamārga).

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A Philosophical Development of Buddhist Theory of Apoha (With Reference to Nyaya-Buddhist Controversy) / Lata Dilip Chhatre

New Bharatiya Book Corporation (India), Delhi 2022

x, 512p.; 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9788183154864

\$ 30.00 / HB

770 gm.

The book, entitled A Philosophical Development of the Buddhist Theory of Apoha' (with reference to Nyaya Buddhist controversy) throws a light on a Philosophical development of the Theory of Apoha. In this book, the author has tried to investigate the Philosophical reasoning behind this development. The author also has made an attempt to point out that although the principle of Apoha has been interpreted by different Buddhist philosophers in different ways, they are tied by common thread of their devotion, faith and love with the Buddhist tradition. Besides that, the book also throws a light on Nyaya-Buddhist controversy to show the importance of this controversy in the development of the theory of Apoha. The author has tried to investigate the origin and genesis of Apoha in Pre-Dinnaga Buddhist Philosophy.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832866>

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Talalaksanam of Acyutaraya with a Telugu Commentary / V. Premalatha (ed)

National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi 2022

Xlix, 285p.; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

978930829883

\$ 12.50 / HB

700 gm.

Talalaksanam, an exhaustive Sanskrit treatise with a Telugu commentary, deals exclusively on Tala which is an important component of music. The Work is attributed to king Acyutaraya of the Vijayanagar empire who belonged to the sixteenth century. The author first defines the term tala, its derivation and greatness of the knowledge of tala. There is a discussion on tala being nitya and anitya.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833073>

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The Dharma of Justice in the Sanskrit Epics: Debates on Gender, Varna, and Species / Ruth Vanita

Oxford University Press, New Delhi 2022

X, 287p.; 22cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9780192859822

\$ 45.00 / HB

520 gm.

This book shows that many characters in the Sanskrit epics-men and women of all varnas and mixed-varna-discuss and criticize discrimination based on gender, varna, poverty, age, and disability. On the basis of philosophy, logic and devotion, these characters argue that such categories are ever-changing, mixed and ultimately unreal therefore humans should be judged on the basis of their actions, not birth.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833089>

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Quest and Reflections of the Sakti Tattva: A Study of the Sakti Siddhanta, Agamic Sahasranama & Stotra Mimamsa / Chaman Lal Raina

Sharada Publishing House, Delhi 2022

Xviii, 296p.; 24 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789383221431

\$ 79.25 / HB

600 gm.

A Nice exposition of the Quest and Reflections of the Sakti Tattva, is essentially a study of the Agamic-Sakti Siddhanta, Sahasranama-Paddhati and Stotram for Understanding and analyzing the 'Sakti Tattva' popularly adored as the Divine Mother. This is to be understood as the main source of all that exists, which is responsible for the creation of the universal flux, with its sustenance power and further assimilating it within the Primal seed of the Para-Sakti.

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The Sacred Complex In Hindu Gaya / L.P. Vidyarthi  
Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021  
xxxii, 232p.; 22 cm.  
Bibliography Includes Index.  
9789351251668  
\$ 12.50 / HB  
520 gm.

Among the places of Hindu pilgrimage Gaya holds a pre-eminent position for reasons more than one. It is only in Gaya that last obseisance to the departed father and forefathers is traditionally paid to let their soul achieve salvation. It is Gaya again which has remained largely unchanged throughout history, thus becoming the focal point of the cultural unity and continuity of Indian civilization. The temples, the kunds, the holy trees, River Falgu, and the other sacred zones of Gaya have their own charming mythology and history attached to them Equally exotic is the family history, life, styles, and functions of the sacred priests (traditionally known as pandas) without whom the pilgrimage to Gaya is unthinkable.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832580>

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Vaisnavism in Manipur - In 2 Volumes: Vol.1 - Experiences on Life, Culture and Belief. Vol.2 - Performing Arts / Laimayum Bishwanath Sharma, Shukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam (ed)  
Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2021  
2 Vols. 22 cm.  
Includes Index.  
9789354390159  
\$ 60.00 / HB  
1070 gm.

This book Vaisnavism in Manipur, is brought out in two sequels. Volume I which deals with the Experiences on Life, Culture and Beliefis an anthology of Manipuri culture, religion and way of life which have been authored by the reputed scholars of Manipur intending primarily to locate the core values of the society that binds as underlying principles in continuing process of evolving a new form of life. It deals with different aspects of philosophy, culture and religion from the perspectives of continuity and change with a new paradigm that explains the cultural fusion which occurs in the history of Manipur. Volume II deals with the Performing Arts which evolved with the Hinduism starting to occupy a central position in Manipur's social and religious life since the beginning of the eighteenth century. The guiding spirit behind the publication of these volumes are to initiate informed academic debate on the history and development of Vaisnavism in Manipur and its impact on the worldview of the Manipuri community.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832577>

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Ratnakaranda Shrivakachara of Samantabhadra: The Spiritual Life of the Householder / Jagdish Prasad Jain  
Kaveri Books, New Delhi 2022  
Viii, 179p.; 22 cm.  
Includes Index.  
9788195549382  
\$ 21.25 / HB  
450 gm.

Ratnakaranda Shrivakachara is one of the great masterpieces of Acharya Samantabhadra-an eminent Scholar of Jaina Philosophy who flourished in the second century. It has been widely recognized as one of the most authoritative scriptures in the hierarchy of Jaina Scriptures. Containing 150 verses, this outstanding treatise of Jainism outlines the major tenets for the lay practitioner and the householder. The translation and annotation as well as the critical, analytical introduction places the contemporary circumstances.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833115>

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The earliest mandala of Subhakarasingha (637-735 CE) / Chandra, Lokesh

Aditya Prakashan, New Delhi 2021

119p.; 29 cm.

Includes Index.

9788195096114

\$ 62.50 / HB

680 gm.

This volume illustrates the scroll of Rtasamhara. It is the earliest known iconography of the Vajradhatu-mandala, probably drawn by Subhakarasingha (637-735) himself. It bears his signatures at the end: the only signature of a master of Nalanda. He was an expert sculptor of images. It illustrates every deity in sambhoga-kaya, consort, dharmakaya and nirmanakaya form. The four forms have been placed alongside for clarity. In 1982 Roger Goepfer was describing the dharani-mandala in the Sumtsek of Alchi. He was puzzled by its central group whose figures were all female.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833581>

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Tantra Veda and Mysticism / L.P. Singh

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2022

xii, 276p.; 22 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789354390050

\$ 27.50 / HB

560 gm.

The book is a collection of some of the papers that were presented by the author at various International and National Conferences and Seminars. They broadly highlight author's foray in the world of Indian mysticism, metaphysics, Tantra and Veda that form the essence of Indian Cultural and Philosophical thinking. Tantra and Veda are warp and woof and mysticism is a central principle that preserved and made Indian culture and civilization alive and vibrant.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832498>

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A Survey of Post-Sankara Advaita-Vedanta of S.A. Nachane / R.K. Panda

Eastern Book Linkers, Delhi 2022

Xv, 352p.; 22 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9788186339343

\$ 18.75 / HB

660 gm.

The Theme of the Present work, A Survey of Post-Sankara Advaita Vedanta is a very wide one and hence the enquiry has been restricted to the salient features of Advaita; for example, the problems regarding the Jiva and his relation with Brahman, the nature of Avidya, the nature of the world, etc. It has been divided into six chapters. The First chapter takes up a bird's eye-view of Pre-Sankara Advaita and also contains the Philosophy of Sankaracarya in brief as developed out of Gaudapada's work.

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Inference: The Anumana Khanda of the Tattva Cintamani (with Introduction, Sanskrit text, Translation and Explanation) – In 2 vols. / V.P. Bhatta

Eastern Book Linkers, Delhi 2021

792p.; 25 cm.

Includes Index.

9788178544021

\$ 112.50 / HB

1950 gm.

The Navya-nyaya, which has heralded a New era in the system of Nyaya in India, has brought a revolutionary change in the outlook of the Nyaya Philosophy. It has systematized all the doctrines of Nyaya and Vaisesika under single head of 'means of knowledge' (Pramana).

The Thought Jewel of Reality (Tattva Cintamani), Which is the most fundamentals work of the Navya-nyaya, is composed by Gangesopadhyaya of Mithila and it deals with all the important doctrines of the Nyaya-Vaisesika, i.e. Philosophy, logic, epistemology, and linguistics, under the four books, viz.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833139>

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The Mandukya Karika in Relation to Buddhism and Vedanta / A.K. Singh

Prachya Vidya Bhawan, Varanasi 2022

vi, 202p.; 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9788195555529

\$ 30.00 / HB

450 gm.

Ever since the time when we began in Italy our studies in Oriental Philosophy, we have always felt particularly attracted to the Mandukya Upanisad which seemed to us to resume in itself what is perhaps the best of the religious doctrine of the upanisads. We took up its study also because this text seemed to us to contain notable metaphysical implications and complex historical questions. Our research work, therefore, has not been inspired by mere academic interest but by a sincere metaphysical concern and by the necessity, so keenly felt nowadays in the west, of a philosophic-religious dialogue between the West and the East.

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God of Medicine and Healing: Arulmegu Marundeeswarar Temple / V.V.S. Manian

Aayu Publications, New Delhi 2022

138p.; ill. 22 cm.

9789391685324

\$ 18.75 / HB

380 gm.

The temple of Medicine and Healing is dedicated to the Hindu god and goddess Marundeeswarar and Thirupurasundari. This 1300 year old temple is located in Thiruvanniyur, Chennai, and attracts hundreds of devotees, especially those suffering from serious disorders. They believe the deity can heal them or find a cure.

This book is a comprehensive record of the sacred temple, and its evolution over centuries to become a place of divine healing, with significant cultural and aesthetic significance. The Temple is a classic example of 11th century Chola-Pallava Hindu Temple architecture, Sculptures and stucco figures.

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Maha Prajna Paramita Heart Sutra (2022 Version) / Woon Chok Thin

Woon Chok Tin (Self-Published), Singapore 2022

40p.

9789811155741

\$ 12.00 / null

100 gm.

In 649 A.D. Tang Xuanzang (aka Tang Tripitaka) first wrote The Maha Prajna Paramita Hrdaya Sutra (abbreviation, The Heart Sutra) in the Tang Dynasty Chinese language. Soon after, he wrote a Sanskrit version. The Chinese version was widely translated into Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese languages. Meanwhile, the Sanskrit version was translated to Hindi, Tibetan, English and other languages. First, The Heart Sutra Mantra is the perfect wisdom to enlighten both the thoughts of all human beings and the consciousness Of all sentient beings to have pure compassion and loving kindness, and to perform righteous deeds according to the Dharma teachings. These noble deeds summarily enable them to activate their Bodhi light to the heavenly realms. As everything in this world is changing, there is nothing one can possess or hold onto continually. When one's mind is at peace With the happenings around him, there shall be peace in one's heart and the entire universe shall be in harmony with him. Second, for the same reason, all sentient beings should rest and let go of the worldly affairs, thereby, successfully free themselves from sufferings by way of nirvana, where they return to the realm of Lord Lokeshvara, or Bodhisattva Guanyin. Indeed, all sentient beings are true spiritual travelers and should not have any plan, especially the idea to revisit the mundane world, through reincarnation. May, all beings be well and happy.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836083>

Chinese Calligraphy and Early Buddhist Manuscripts / Tsui Chung-Hui (Eds)  
Roberta Rainé ,Richard Mahoney

Indica et Buddhica, North Canterbury, New Zealand 2020

xxxviii, 142p.

Includes Index

9780473540098

\$ 225.00 / null

600 gm.

The earliest extant Chinese Buddhist manuscript the Buddhasaḡīti-sūtra was excavated at Toyuq in Turfan. It is dated the 6th year of the Yuankang era (296 CE) during the Western Jin Dynasty (266–316 CE). This sūtra is a copy by Zhu Fashou, one of Dharmaraka's monk disciples, a distinctive scribe on the translation team. Both historical documentation and archæological findings of the period when Buddhism was initially transmitted into China demonstrate that the copying of Buddhist texts by monk scribes from Central Asia played a key role. The work of these scribes also enhanced the creation of diverse and vigorous calligraphic styles from the 3rd to 5th centuries. However, before the 20th century, early Buddhist scribes or foreign scribes were little known in the history of Chinese calligraphy, or in official records.

The discovery of the Dunhuang and Turfan manuscripts in the early 20th century provided scholars with new material with which to examine early Buddhist scribal culture. This monograph considers the culture of early sacred writing, and the role of early Buddhist scribes, scribal workshops, scriptural calligraphy, and the expertise of these scribes, for the history of Chinese calligraphers and calligraphy.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833867>

= Nipannakrama of the Vajrācāryanayottama : Introduction, Romanized Sanskrit Text and Related Studies / = Kimiaki Tanaka

Watanabe Publishing Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Japan 2021

106p ; 21cm.

9784902119350

\$ 60.00 / null

220 gm.

A Japanese-English bilingual research book on Esoteric Buddhism texts in Sanskrit. Dr. Keikyo Ejima's memorial essay collection "The sky and reality" Contributed to the book "Esoteric Buddhism who called themselves Chukan school = 'Esoteric Buddhism Assembly' Seija-ryu thought and practice system", which was greatly enlarged and revised and published.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=778293>

= The Sahasrabhuja-Sutra : Introduction, Tibetan/Chinese Text and Related Studies / Kimiaki Tanaka

Watanabe Publishing Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Japan 2022  
144p.  
9784902119367  
\$ 60.00 / null  
320 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834814>

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Words of a Gentle Sage : Collected Teachings of Khenchen Appey Rinpoche, Vol. 2 / Christian Bennett, His Holiness the 42nd Sakya Trizin  
Vajra Publications Inc. Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal 2022  
xxx, 456p.  
Includes Bibliography  
9789937624176  
\$ 40.00 / null  
700 gm.

Volume Two of this collection expands on Volume One with a series of longer, in-depth teachings by Khenchen Appey Rinpoche on five essential subjects: 1) a commentary to inspire faith, based on verses in praise of the Buddha's immeasurable qualities from Sakya Pandita's Clarifying the Sages Intent; 2) oral instructions based on Candrakirti's Entering the Middle Way, offering a practical understanding of the Mahayana path as a whole; 3) a commentary on the first three chapters of Santideva's The Way of the Bodhisattva, which includes an explanation of the ritual for the bodhicitta vow; 4) a rarely given explanation of Gorampa's profound teaching on dependent arising according to the four philosophical schools of Indian Buddhism, entitled Illumination of Samsara and Nirvana; and 5) a detailed commentary on Samantabhadra's Noble Aspirations to Sublime Conduct, as the supreme means of dedication.

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"The five teachings contained in this book are a testament to the in-depth knowledge and realization that defined Khenchen Appey Rinpoche as one of the most accomplished exponents of the Buddhadharma of our times. His realization of the teachings, along with the logical reasoning and thorough analysis with which he elucidated them. invariably enabled his students to have confidence in their authenticity, as well as earning him their deepest respect and admiration. Over and above being an outstanding practitioner, scholar and teacher, Khenchen Appey was a living example of a Bodhisattva. He was unfalteringly compassionate to all and, in spite of his overwhelming qualities. he always remained humble and unassuming." - from the foreword by His Holiness the 42nd Sakya Trizin Ratna Vajra

(Manuscript / Religion-Buddhism / Sanskrit Text / Tibetan Translation)

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834812>

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= A Ritual Manual of the Fifty-Eight Wrathful Deities from Dunhuang :  
Introduction, Tibetan Text and Related Studies / Kimiaki Tanaka  
Watanabe Publishing Co. Ltd., Tokyo, Japan 2020  
116p.  
9784902119329  
\$ 60.00 / null  
300 gm.

(Manuscript / Religion-Buddhism / Tibetan/Chinese Text / Translation)

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834813>

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Fortunate to Behold : A History of the Birth of the Blessed One Sakyamuni  
Buddha at Lumbini / Chogye Trichen Rinpoche ,David P. Jackson  
Vajra Publications Inc. Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal 2022  
xx, 110p.  
9789937624169  
\$ 35.00 / null  
300 gm.



Fortunate to Behold is one highly knowledgeable Tibetan lama's brief history of Buddha Shakyamuni's birth in the Lumbini garden, told in a way meant to amaze and inspire readers. Later chapters tell about the author's founding of new temples in Lumbini and Bouddhanath. This corrected version gives a visually enriched version of an original and still very relevant contribution.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834811>

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Painted Catalogue of Pali Literature : Uposatha Hall of Wat Thong Nopphakhun, Bangkok / Santi Pakdeekham

Fragile Palm Leaves Foundation & Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok, Thailand 2021

lxxviii, 196p.  
Includes Index

9786165827874

\$ 60.00 / null

380 gm.

Painted Catalogue of Pali Literature, Uposatha Hall of Wat Thong Nopphakhun, provides a transliteration and annotated edition of the titles of the Tripitaka texts recorded on a mural painting on the eastern wall of the uposatha hall of Wat Thong Nopphakhun, Bangkok. This is the only mural painting in Thailand known to present a detailed depiction of the texts of the Tripitaka. Only a few other temples have paintings of the canonical collections, and none of them give such detail about titles and size. This book is useful reference work for the study of Buddhism during the Rattanakosin period.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834860>

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History of Pali Scriptures : Sangitiyavamsa by Somdet Phra Phonnarat / Santi Pakdeekham

Fragile Palm Leaves Foundation & Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok, Thailand 2020

lxxviii, 196p.  
Includes Index

9786169314813

\$ 50.00 / null

420 gm.

The Sagītiyavasa is a history of the transmission of the Pali scriptures. It was compiled by Somdet Phra Phonnarat (1735–1816) at Phra Chetuphon (Wat Pho) in Bangkok, a celebrated centre of wisdom and education from ancient times up to the present day. The learned author draws on a range of Pali sources to describe nine scripture recitations held over a period of more than 2000 years: from the first, held just after the Buddha's passing to Nirvāa, to the ninth, convened in Bangkok by King Rāma I in 1788 CE. Divided into nine chapters, the Sagītiyavasa is a rich sourcebook for the history and heritage of Buddhist scriptural traditions from the age of oral recitation to that of written documents. The last chapter discusses the merits and benefits gained by preserving the precious Dharma of the Buddha. This is the first-ever romanized edition of this rare Pali text. It is illustrated and includes an introduction and an index of verses.

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Biblical Art of Cappadocia: (Re) Reading Iconography In Byzantine' Cappadocian Rock-Cut Churches / Mustafa Uysun

Mustafa Uysun Publication, Turkey 2022

512p.  
Includes Bibliography

9786058746749

\$ 120.00 / HB

1278 gm.

In the Middle Byzantine Period (843-1204), icons, murals and book illustrations were at the centre of religious life ; because of the preferences of those who built the churches of Cappadocia and of those who had them built, the reflection of the religious thoughts in that era and the traces of social life are all seen on the murals in these churches, the aforementioned works of art stand out as historical sources as well besides having great artistic value.

During the making of this book, which is the product of long endeavour, the written and visual sources on the churches of Cappadocia were exploited and the murals that are in the scope of the book were observed and examine in situ.

The book consists of eight chapters and at the end of the text there is a glossary, a bibliography, and an index.

The religious scenes that are found in this work are supported with visuals with high resolution and these visuals are presented to the reader with various symbols and directions on them.

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Elements of Godlessness in Christianity and Islam / Kamau wa Macharia

Solomon Kamau Macharia, Kenya 2021

350p.

Includes Index

9789966109255

\$ 35.00 / null

440 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835540>

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Catholics and Protestants in Africa / ) Peter Knox S J , Jean Luc Enyegue SJ(Ed)

Jesuit Historical Institute of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya 2022

xx, 364p.

9789966186027

\$ 50.00 / null

400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835545>

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Echoes of Life : Behind the Scenes – The Series, Book I - III / Truphie Njiru

Fanisi Creations, Nairobi, Kenya 2019

100p.

9789966196842

\$ 15.00 / null

200 gm.

The Biblical account of Life as we know it today, has its nascent beginnings in the Garden of Eden- the Garden planted by God Himself. And yet, this is only a tiny fraction of the entire universe that is in existence. Everything within the borders of the universe points to one who cannot fit into any boundary, and yet reaches out and invites us to know Him in all His limitlessness. The first two humans that had their dwelling in Eden, were unfortunately the last as well. They are not only God's masterpiece, but the crown on His creation. One can only imagine what Eden's picturesque sights afforded any observer walking into it. We follow these two , Adam and Eve in time through their daily delightful encounters , as they unfold each petal of adventure and discover , with each passing day , the treasure that creation really is.

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Creating a Consistent Culture of Safeguarding in Church and Society :

Perspectives from Africa / Lawrence Daka and Beatrice Mumbi Gikonyo(Eds)

Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM), Kenya 2022

198p.

9789914996210

\$ 25.00 / null

400 gm.

The book opens a new path of multidisciplinary inquiry and constructive conversation by academics and practitioners about the global phenomenon of sexual abuse in the context of Church and Society in Africa.

This book offers an opportunity for formation and capacity building for the Christian community, leaders and pastoral agents. In this way this volume aims to inform research, study, formation and practice.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835543>

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Africa Bears Witness : Mission Theology and Praxis in the 21st Century / Harvey Kwiyani(Ed)

African Theology Network Press, Nairobi, Kenya 2021

xiv, 218p.

9789914704808

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With various objectives in mind, this book examines the cumulative scholarship of Professor Ogbu Kalu (1942-2009). The first objective is to supply the contexts to understand him at various levels. Including the scholarship to which he responded, the cultural background which his work was grounded, and above all, the debates that raged during his era. The second objective is to analyze the overall contents of his body of work that constitute his contributions to knowledge. The third is to go beyond his work and, in the process, make far-reaching reflections on Christianity as a religion and as a field of scholarship. The fourth and final objective is to create an agenda for the Center that is named after him.

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Baptists are keen to go directly to the New Testament in all major issues of faith. If the Bible is the first argument, then history (and therefore tradition) is another line of argument, that both promoters and opponents of women's ordination can and do use. This book is largely concerned with not just the history of women's ordination, or even of Baptists and women's ordination, but offers perspectives from history that may be useful for the discussion of this issue. The thrust of the arguments are aimed at highlighting that differing biblical interpretations are possible, and it must be admitted that Baptists have their own history, over which, much diversity has developed.

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In Suhrawardī's Criticism of the Philosophy of Ibn Sīnā, Tahir Uluç conducts an epistemological discussion on the relation between philosophy and mysticism. In this context, he aims to go beyond the common opinion, which assumes that in Islamic thought, philosophy depends mostly on rational means in its quest for truth, theology rests primarily on revelation and Sufism on mystical experience and vision. Throughout his study, he investigates the following question: Are the legitimate domains of operation of philosophy and mysticism as clearly distinguished from each other as this assumption suggests, or do they share a common domain?

In answering this question, he suggests that Suhrawardī's intention by this criticism is not to eradicate speculative philosophy in general and Peripateticism in particular, unlike the case in Ghazālī, but to transform it into a theoretical basis upon which to build his own Illuminative (Ishrāqī) system. In fact, Suhrawardī clarifies that one cannot understand the ikmat al-Ishrāq, in which he provides a full exposition of his overall philosophical project unless one is well versed in the Peripatetic philosophy.

In this perspective, Uluç demonstrates how the criticism of Peripateticism is an essential and integral part of Suhrawardī's endeavor to build a theoretical basis for his Illuminative philosophy, which depends primarily on mystical experience and vision. Accordingly, this book has a twofold purpose. First, it examines from what epistemological point of view Suhrawardī finds the Peripatetic philosophy inadequate and on which principles he criticizes it. Secondly, it presents an in-depth analysis of how Suhrawardī, who regards himself as a philosopher and his endeavor as philosophical, transforms the Peripatetic philosophy into an instrument and prelude that would serve the Illuminative philosophy.

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