

## Book list for the curious

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Book	Author(s)	Cost	Comment
<b>Theology</b>			
Inner Journey Home: The Soul's Realization of the Unity of Reality - A.H. Almaas	Almaas	\$ 20.37	Transformational meditation
The Case for God - Karen Armstrong	Armstrong	\$ 11.99	Theology from one who Really knows her stuff
Zealot - The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth - Reza Aslan	Aslan	\$ 6.99	Jesus as a revolutionary with context
Interior Castle - St Theresa of Avila	Avila	\$ 0.99	Some of the original best
Initiation into Hermetics - Franz Bardon	Bardon	\$ 24.95	Buy together with secret teachings
The Gnostic Bible (Incl the Pistis Sophia)	Barnstone	\$ 19.99	the most comprehensive collection of gnostic materials ever gathered in one volume
A Peoples' History of Christianity	Bass	\$ 1.99	Cristianlity seen through the stories of ordinary people
Buddhism Without Beliefs - Stephen Batchelor	Batchelor	\$ 9.71	The concepts of Buddhism are not something to believe in, but something to do.
The Consolation of Philosophy - Boethius	Boethius	\$ 11.16	B's dialog with Sophia
The Heart of Christianity Borg	Borg	\$ 9.78	Why the Christian life can remain a transforming relationship with God.
Jesus A New Vision - Marcus Borg	Borg	\$ 10.50	Historical Jesus & relevance to contemporary
The Practice of the Presence of God, With Spritual Maxims - Brother Lawrence	Brother Lawrence	\$ 5.99	How to bring the Holy Spirit into everything you do
Open Christianity - Jim Burkow	Burkow	\$ 16.00	Keep the faith, lose the dogma
Buddhism & Buddhist Teachings - Paul Carus	Carus	\$ 0.99	A clear, easy understanding of Buddhist
The Hands of the Buddha	Cogan	\$ 2.99	This ancient book of Buddhist wisdom is older
Mithras: Mysteries and Initiation Rediscovered	Cooper	\$ 9.99	Mithras was recognized as the greatest rival
The Future of Faith - Harvey Cox	Cox	\$ 10.23	Christian dogmatism giving way to grassroots faith
Shiva and Dionysus - Alain Daniclou	Daniclou	\$ 10.47	Primordial religion
Thank God for Evolution	Dowd	\$ 12.99	Upgrading early Biblical belief into a modern scientific frameowrk
Lost Christianities: The Battle for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew = Bart Ehrman	Ehrman	\$ 20.85	Ebionites, Marcionites and Gnostics, oh my!
How Jesus Became God	Ehrman	\$ 12.99	How a messianic preacher was elevated to deity status
Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity	Felten	\$ 13.99	Embrace the mystery vs. Force the Answers.
The Mystery Experience - A Revolutionary Approach to Spiritual	Freke	\$ 7.99	A history of Mystery and some practical
The Hermetica - Lost Wisdom of the Pharoahs - Freke & Gandy	Freke & Gandy	\$ 11.16	Intro to Hermes Trismegistus
Jesus and the Lost Goddess - Freke & Gandy	Freke & Gandy	\$ 17.47	Further examinations of Gnostic thought

The Jesus Mysteries - Freke & Gandy	Freke & Gandy	\$ 11.20	Gnostic mystery cults at bottom of Christianity
The Five Gospels	Funk	\$ 2.99	The reference Bible for the Jesus Seminar. Jesus
Tao Te Ching Taoism Ultimate Collection - Dwight Goddard	Goddard	\$ 0.99	
The Holy Grail - II's Origins, Secrets and Meanings Revealed -	Godwin	\$ 8.56	The archetypal quest as a journey of the soul
Good Book - Discovering the Bible's Place in Our Lives - Peter Gomes	Gomes	\$ 11.99	Biblical interpretation for our times
The Gospel of the Savior - Hedrick & Mirecki	Hedrick & Mirecki	\$ 14.00	Newly translated from Belin Museum.
Jung and the Lost Gospels - Hoeller	Hoeller	\$ 11.20	Jung, Gnosticism, Essenes and orthodoxy
The Gnostic Jung And the Seven Sermons to the Dead - Hoeller	Hoeller	\$ 10.49	The dead came back to Jerusalem, where they did
The Perennial Philosophy - Aldous Huxley	Huxley	\$ 10.23	Examining the divine reality underlying all faiths
The Gnostic Religion - Hans Jonas	Jonas	\$ 14.70	THE reference on the subject
Shamanic Christianity: The Direct Experience of Mystical Communion	Keeney	\$ 9.99	An invitation to breathe in a fresh spirit and observe the boundless horizons of spiritual possibilities
The Magdalen Manuscript - The Alchemies of Horus & The Sex Magic of Isis - Kenyon & Sion	Kenyon & Sion	\$ 18.95	Magdalen as tantric grail Available through Mandala <a href="http://www.shopmandala.com">www.shopmandala.com</a>
Hiram Key: Pharaohs, Freemasons & the Discovery of the Secret Scrolls of Jesus - Knight & Lomas	Knight & Lomas	\$ 13.27	Similar to F&G's "Jesus Mysteries, " except with freemasonry.
The Second Messiah: Templars, the Turin Shroud & the great Secret of Freemasonry- Knight & Lomas	Knight & Lomas	\$ 9.00	The Shroud isn't Jesus
Without Buddha, I Could not be a Christian - Paul Knitter	Knitter	\$ 9.99	Comparison between Christian & Buddhist practices
Meditation for Beginners - Jack Kornfeld	Kornfeld	\$ 8.49	Just what it says from one of the best practitioners in English
The Gospel of Mary Magdalen - Jean-Yves Leloup	Leloup	\$ 8.97	Magnificent - inspirational commentary, very contemporary religious/psychological teachings.
Putting on the Mind of Christ	Marion	\$ 13.99	A guide to live as Jesus taught in the modern day, with exercises. Based on the work of Ken Wilber
The Big Book of Christian Mysticism	McColman	\$ 13.99	A history of men and women who experienced profound, life-changing mystical encounters with God
Breaking the Code - Bruce Metzger	Metzger	\$ 8.00	How to understand the Book of Revelation
The Ancient Mysteries: A Sourcebook - Marvin Meyer	Meyer	\$ 13.97	The texts, translated
The Nag Hammadi Scriptures - Marvin Meyer	Meyer	\$ 15.75	All the original Gnostic gospels
Spiritual Defiance	Meyers	\$ 11.99	Faith as resistance to Ego, Orthodoxy and Empire

A Religion of One's Own	Moore	\$ 12.99	Offers a new vision of how seekers can fashion their own connection to the sacred out of the materials of ancient faiths and everyday life.
God's Breath The Essential Texts with thoughts & commentary Thomas Moore	Moore	\$ 17.47	Selections from seven of the world's major wisdom traditions
The Spritual Exercises of St. Ignatius - Anthony Mottola	Mottola	\$ 8.76	30-day Ignatian retreat - meditational exercises.
Saving Jesus from the Church - Robin Myers	Myers	\$ 9.78	Lose the dogma, follow His words instead
The Underground Church	Meyers	\$ 9.99	When was the last time you thought of going to church as dangerous?
Living, Dreaming, Dying - Rob Nairn	Nairn	\$ 10.50	Wisdom from the Tibetan Book of the Dead
Dionysus: Myth and Cult - Walter Otto	Otto	\$ 15.95	The religion, myths and history of Dionysus
The Tibetan Book of the Dead - Padmasambhava	Padmasambhava	\$ 13.50	Instructions on the afterlife for the nearly and newly dead
Beyond Belief-The Secret Gospel of Thomas - Elaine Pagels	Pagels	\$ 17.47	Conflict Between Gospels of John & Thomas - Jesus vs. personal enlightenment
The Gnostic Gospels - Elaine Pagels	Pagels	\$ 9.60	The alternate version
Revelations: Visions, Prophecies & Politics in the Biok of Revelations - Elaine Pagels	Pagels	\$ 10.99	What John's visions were really about
Jesus Through the Centuries - Jaroslav Pelikan	Pelikan	\$ 11.16	How J's image changes with each culture/century
The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language	Peterson	\$ 5.55	A Direct translation of the Bible from the Greek to contemporary English. Excellent!
The Templar Revelation: Secret Guardians of the True Identry of Christ - Picknett & Prince	Picknett & Prince	\$ 10.50	Lots 'n Lots about Mary Magdalen, J. the Baptist & the Priury de Sion
What the Buddha Taught - Walpola Rahula	Rahula	\$ 10.50	Essentials of Buddhist thought
The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying - Sogyal Rinpoche	Rinpoche	\$ 12.01	Allegedly the ultimate introduction to Buddhst wisdom
Jesus' Plan for the New World	Rohr	\$ 9.99	Jesus' original subversive plan for society
The Road to Eleusis - Ruck, Hoffman et al	Ruck, Hoffman et al	\$ 50.00	The alkaloid base for the mystery cults with much explanation of the myths
Delicious Laughter - Rumi / Coleman Barks	Rumi	\$ 7.50	Rumi's Teaching Stories
A Course In Miracles - Dr, Helen Schucman	Schucman	\$ 9.99	The power of healing through forgiveness
Jesus for the Non-Religious John Shelby Spong	Spong	\$ 9.78	Separating the human Jesus from the Myth
Eternal Life: A New Vision	Spong	\$ 7.99	Spong's lifelong struggle with the quaestions if God and death
The Canon: An Exposition of the Pagan Mystery Perpetuated in the Cabala As the Rule of All Arts	Stirling		The Canon is the numerical interpretation of the Cosmic law and, since man is a microcosm of the universe, it is also the law of human nature

St John of the Cross: The Dark Night of the Soul	St John of the Cross	\$ 9.56	Christian mysticism at its best
Interior Castle - St Theresa of Avila	St Theresa of Avila	\$ 0.99	St Theresa's mystical vision
Paul and Jesus: How the Apostle Transformed Christianity	Tabor	\$ 12.99	Christianity is Paul, and Paul is Christianity
Abhidharma Studies: Buddhist Explorations of Consciousness and Time: by Nyanaponika Thera	Thera	\$ 11.87	Buddhist science of mind and emotions
The Heart of Buddhist Meditation Nyanaponika Thera	Thera	\$ 12.95	Studies in Right Mindfulness meditation technique
Mystics, Master, Saints and Sages - Stories of Enlightenment - Ullman & Reichenberg	Ullman & Reichenberg	\$ 12.49	34 unique stories of the moment of enlightenment
Integral Spirituality	Wilber	\$ 19.99	Applying his highly acclaimed integral approach, Ken Wilber formulates a theory of spirituality that honors the truths of modernity and postmodernity
The Cloud of Unknowing - The Classic of Medieval Mysticism (Anonymous) - Evelyn Underhill	Underhill	\$ 6.99	Some of the original best
The Secret Oral Teachings of Tibetan Buddhist Sects Yougden &	Yougden & David-Neel	\$ 6.00	Out of print, but available used. Basic Abhidharma

<b>Physics/Neuropsychology</b>			
The Dimensional Structure of Consciousness - Samuel Avery	Avery	\$ 8.00	Space & Time as functions of Consciousness, rather than vice-versa
Stalking the Wild Pendulum: On the Mechanics of Consciousness - Itzhak Bentov	Bentov	\$ 10.36	Dynamics of consciousness, high energy physics
A Brief Tour of Higher Consciousness: A Cosmic Book on the Mechanics of Creation - Itzhak Bentov	Bentov	\$ 10.36	Physics & Enlightenment & how they work towards each other
Thought As A System - David Bohm	Bohm	\$ 18.95	Bohm's collaboration with Krishnamurti
Wholeness and the Implicate Order - David Bohm	Bohm	\$ 13.17	The totality of existence as an unbroken whole
Looking Glass Universe: The Emerging Science of Wholeness - Briggs & Peat	Briggs & Peat	\$ 7.00	More on Bohm's wholeness concept
The Tao of Physics - An Exploration of the Parallels between Modern Physics & Eastern Mysticism	Capra	\$ 9.99	Amazing comparisons of modern physics texts and ancient Buddhist and Hindu texts.
Neurophilosophy - Toward a Unified Science of the Mind/Brain - Churchland	Churchland	\$ 32.95	Biology-based philosophy
Six Easy Pieces - Feynman	Feynman	\$ 11.20	Basic Physics
The Feynmann Lectures on Physics	Feynmann	\$ 70.77	3 Vol not to be missed!
God: The Evidence - Patrick Glynn	Glynn	\$ 10.47	Science discovers the anthropic principle
The Self-Aware Universe - Maggie & Amit Goswami, F.A. Wolf	Goswami	\$ 11.17	Matter & mind have origin in consciousness

Physics of the Soul - Amit Goswami	Goswami	\$ 9.99	Theories on reincarnation from a quantum perspective
The Elegant Universe - Brian Greene	Greene	\$ 11.17	Superstring theory
In Search of Schrodinger's Cat: Quantum Physics and Reality - John Gribbin	Gribbin	\$ 11.17	The basics of Quantum Theory - buy together with Schroedinger's Kittens
Schrodinger's Kittens and the Search for Reality - John Gribbin	Gribbin	\$ 10.47	The latest in accessible Quantum theory - refutes the Copenhagen interpretation
God Theory: The Universe, Zero Point Fields and What's Behind It All - Bernard Haisch	Haisch	\$ 9.99	A sea of quantum light underlying the universe
Quantum Implications - Hiley & Peat	Hiley & Peat	\$ 27.95	Essays in honor of Bohm
The Mind Matters: Consciousness and Choice in a Quantum World - David Hodgson	Hodgson	\$ 45.00	Worked with Schwartz on Quantum understanding of brain/mind functions
The Mind's I - Douglas Hofstadter	Hofstadter	\$ 13.27	Philosophy of Mind/Self, physicality of thought
The Doors of Perception - Aldous Huxley	Huxley	\$ 10.00	Huxley on Mescaline
Mind Wide Open by Stephen Johnson	Johnson	\$ 14.99	Latest in neuroscience
The Conscious Universe; Parts and Wholes In Physical Reality - Kaftos & Nadeau	Kaftos & Nadeau	\$ 24.88	More on non-locality and it's implications
Hyperspace : A Scientific Odyssey Through Parallel Universes, Time Warps, and the 10th Dimension - Michio Kaku	Kaku	\$ 10.47	The Theory of Everything / 10-dimensional Universe
The Future of the Mind The Scientific Quest to Understand Enhance & Empower the Mind-Michio Kaku	Kaku	\$ 10.99	Integrating chips/software into the brain
Quantum Enigma: Physics Encounters Consciousness - Fred Kuttner	Kuttner	\$ 7.14	The interdependence of things related by the oibserver in quantum physics
The Singularity is Near - When Humans Transcend Biology	Kurzweil	\$ 18.99	A positive view of joining human and machine consciousness and its impact on the world
Biocentrism: How Life & Consciousness are the Keys to Understanding the Universe - Robert Lanza, MD	Lanza	\$ 8.98	Life is not an accidental byproduct
The God Particle: If the Universe is the Answer, What is The Question? Lederman	Lederman	\$ 11.17	2500 year tour of the question "What is the World Made of?"
The Field : The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe - Lynne McTaggart	McTaggart	\$ 10.36	Zero Point field and it's connectedness throughout universe.
Quantum Mind: The Edge Between Physics & Psychology - Arnold Mindel	Mindel	\$ 18.87	Interface between Physics/Psychology/Religion
The Non-Local Universe:the new Physics and Matters of the Mind - Nadeau & Kafatos	Nadeau & Kafatos	\$ 11.17	Bell's resolution of EPR Paradox and its implications in other disciplines
The Emperor's New Mind - Penrose	Penrose	\$ 12.57	Neuro/quantum/AI/Neural Networks
How the Mind Works - Steven Pinker	Pinker	\$ 12.57	Computational approach to explain a diversity of human behaviors

Languages of the Brain: Experimental Paradoxes and Principles in Neuropsychology - Pribram	Pribram	\$ 20.00	Used
A User's Guide to the Brain: Perception, Attention, and the Four Theaters of the Brain John J. Ratey	Ratey	\$ 10.47	Ten years of brain-based research
On Thinking - Gilbert Ryle	Ryle	\$ 18.00	Only available at Alibris.com
The Mind and the Brain : Neuroplasticity and the Power of Mental Force - Schwartz	Schwartz	\$ 10.47	How mind affects the wiring of the brain
Mind, Matter and Quantum Mechanics - Henry Stapp	Stapp	\$ 36.16	Heisenberg, Schrodinger and Willian James all in one.
The Holographic Universe - Michael Talbot	Talbot	\$ 11.20	What got me started - Bohm & Pribram & how the brain perceives/organizes sensory input
The Embodied Mind - Varela, Thompson & Rosch	Varela, Thompson & Rosch	\$ 25.00	Cognitive science & Human experience
The Physics of Consciousness: The Quantum Mind and the Meaning of Life - Evan Harris Walker	Walker	\$ 12.60	Not Monty Python, but not David Bohm, either.

<b>Jung/Mythology</b>			
Green Man - William Anderson	Anderson	\$ 14.67	Mythology/Archetypes/Art
Iron John - Bly	Bly	\$ 10.40	Integrating wildness back into civilized masculinity
The Little Book of the Human Shadow - Bly	Bly	\$ 8.80	Exploring the dark side
The Hero With a Thousand Faces - Joseph Campbell	Campbell	\$ 13.88	The Hero's journey of transformation - said to be Campbell's best book
The Masks of God - Creative Mythology - Joseph Campbell	Campbell	\$ 12.60	Interpreting myth from the troubadors to Finnegans Wake
A God Within - Rene Dubos	Dubos	\$ 1.00	Used - ecological spirituality
Modern Mysticism: Zen, Jung and the Still Good Hand of God - Gellert	Gellert	\$ 12.95	The unconscious as source of spirituality
The Holy Grail: Its Origins, Secrets & Meaning Revealed - Malcom Godwin	Godwin	\$ 17.99	Just what it says.
The Greek Myths - Robert Graves	Graves	\$ 13.97	Std reference
Encounters With the Soul: Active Imagination as Developed by CG Jung - Barbara Hannah	Hannah	\$ 13.97	How to: techniques for active imagination
The Wild Man in Medieval Myth and Symbolism - Timothy Husband	Husband	\$ 30.00	Used - Why Mary Magdalen has a hair suit.
The Way of Individuation - Jacobi	Jacobi	\$ 8.00	Out of print, may be hard to find - try Alibris
Psychology: The Briefer Course - William James	James	\$ 6.76	The power of focused attention on the mind
Inner Work: Using Dreams and Creative Imagination for Personal Growth and Integration - Robert Johnson	Johnson	\$ 10.50	Active imagination & Dream analysis

Archetypes and the Collective Unconscious	Jung		The fundamentals of Jung's psychological system: "On the Psychology of the Unconscious" and "The Relations Between the Ego and the Unconscious," with their original versions in an appendix.
Symbols of Transformation	Jung	\$ 18.17	Jung's big break w/Freud
Psychology and Alchemy	Jung		A study of the analogies between alchemy, Christian dogma, and psychological symbolism
Exploring the World of Lucid Dreaming - Laberge & Rheingold	Laberge & Rheingold	\$ 6.99	Stanford study methodology to induce lucid dream state
Psyche Speaks - Russel Lockheart	Lockheart	\$ 15.95	Jungian approach to life
Le Morte D'Artur	Malory	Free	The Death of King Arthur and the Grail Legend
Vison A Computational Investigation into the Human Representation and Processing of Visual Information - David Marr	Marr	\$ 26.57	Fourier transforms and visual representation
The Shaman's Body - Arnold Mindell	Mindell	\$ 11.20	Jungian anlyast on finding and working with your dreambody
Man's Rage for Chaos: Biology, Behavior and the Arts - Morse Peckham	Peckham	\$ 13.97	Biological / Psychological basis for why we do Art
The Trickster - Paul Radin	Radin	\$ 9.57	American Indian Coyote/trickster mythology
Parzifal	Von Eschenbach	\$ 9.99	The Grail legend and how Parzifal became the Grail King
Number and Time: reflections leading towards a unification of psychology and physics - Marie Louise von Franz	von Franz	\$ 37.06	A unification of psychology and physics
The Dreaming Universe - Fred Alan Wolf	Wolf	\$ 11.20	Physics meets Jung
Ego, Attachment and Liberation: Overcoming your Mental Bureaucracy -Yeshe	Yeshe	\$ 0.99	Record of a 5 day meditation course
Meeting the Shadow - Zweig & Abrams	Zweig & Abrams	\$ 11.17	Multiple essays on dealing with & integrating the shadow
Romancing the Shadow - Zweig & Wolf	Zweig & Wolf	\$ 10.47	Modern interpretation of Jung w/self-analysis guidelines & exercises

<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
God's Debris - Douglas Adams	Adams	\$ 4.39	A thought exoeriment - Can God commit suicide? If so, then what?
The Origin of Species - Charles Darwin	Darwin	\$ 5.79	What drives Fundamentalists mad
The Alexandria Quartet - Lawrence Durrel	Durrel	\$ 12.99	The First "Relatavistic" Novel - 4 books from 4 viewpoints in prewar Alexandria

The Magus - John Fowles	Fowles	\$ 9.99	A major work of mounting tensions in which the human mind is the guinea-pig
From Beirut to Jerusalem - Thomas Freidman	Freidman	\$ 11.17	Understanding what's going on at a deep level
The American Soul - Jacob Needleman	Needleman	\$ 10.47	What is the real meaning of "The pursuit of happiness?"
Time and the Soul - Jacob Needleman	Needleman	\$ 10.36	Crisis of busyness vs. urgent need for spiiitual nourishment
The Values Divide - John K. White	White	\$ 15.99	Red vs. Blue, but in great depth and detail
Steppenwolf - Hermann Hesse	Hesse	\$ 11.20	Schizophrenia - a way of life AND a philosophy, too!. Integrating the shadow in literature
Demian - Hermann Hesse	Hesse	\$ 9.60	Growing up with Abraxis