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Ils ont tué ma femme et mon fils

VUARNET Jean

[Archipoche](#), 2023, 240 p., ISBN: 979-1039202718

En décembre 1995, la femme de Jean Vuarnet, Édith et son fils cadet, Patrick, 27 ans, périssent dans le massacre de la secte de l'Ordre du Temple solaire. Jean Vuarnet, champion de ski, raconte l'emprise de la secte et témoigne pour qu'un tel drame ne se reproduise plus.

Jean et Édith Vuarnet forment un couple de légende. Il est médaille d'or de descente aux JO de Squaw Valley en 1960, elle aussi est championne de ski. Jean a fondé la station d'Avoriaz et la marque Vuarnet, qu'il a contribué à créer, prospère sur tous les continents. Ils ont trois enfants.

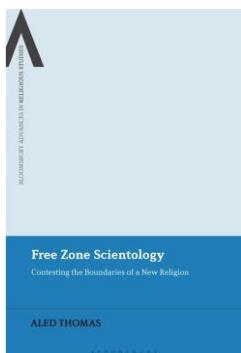
Leur bonheur a duré plus de trente ans, jusqu'à ce jour d'octobre 1994 où tout a basculé.

Ce jour-là, Jean apprend que son - ls Patrick et sa femme Édith appartiennent tous deux à l'Ordre du temple solaire, dont cinquante-trois membres viennent de mourir dans d'atroces circonstances. Terri-fés par ce massacre, Édith-et Patrick Vuarnet jurent de quitter la secte. Pourtant, juste avant Noël 1995, ils disparaissent. Une semaine après, leurs corps sont retrouvés calcinés avec des impacts de balles, dans le Vercors, aux côtés de quatorze autres membres de la secte. Suicide collectif ou assassinat ?

Après cette mort tragique, Jean Vuarnet, avec Henri Haget et Renaud Leblond, alors journalistes à L'Express, décrit les ressorts de l'emprise sectaire et tente de comprendre.

Le récit d'une longue descente aux enfers.

Dans la presse : [RTL.fr](#) - Secte de l'Ordre du Temple Solaire : la famille Vuarnet au cœur du massacre



Free Zone Scientology: Contesting the Boundaries of a New Religion

ALED Thomas

[Bloomsbury Academic](#), 2022, 200 p., ISBN: 978-1350232990

In this novel academic study, Aled Thomas analyses modern issues surrounding boundaries and fluidity in contemporary Scientology. By using the Scientologist practice of 'auditing' as a case study, this book explores the ways in which new types of 'Scientologies' can emerge. The notion of Free Zone Scientology is characterised by its horizontal structure, in contrast to the vertical-hierarchy of the institutional Church of Scientology. With this in mind, Thomas explores the Free Zone as an example of a developing and fluid religion, directly addressing questions concerning authority, leadership and material objects.

This book, by maintaining a double-focus on the top-down hierarchy of the Church of Scientology and the horizontal-fluid nature of the Free Zone, breaks away from previous research on new religions, with have tended to focus either on new religions as indices of broad social processes, such as secularization or globalization, or as exemplars of exotic processes, such as charismatic authority and brainwashing. Instead, Thomas adopts auditing as a method of providing an in-depth case study of a new religion in transition and transformation in the 21st century. This opens the study of contemporary and new religions to a series of new questions around hybrid religions (sacred and secular), and acts as a framework for the study of similar movements formed in recent decades.



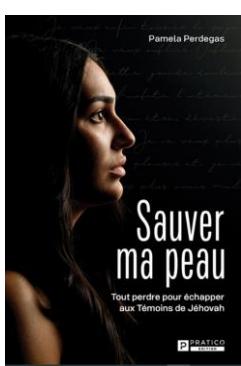
Las Sectas y La Nueva Era

Guía católica para conocer las nuevas formas de religiosidad

URONES Jesús, ORÉ Yasmin

Independently published, 2020, 216 p., ISBN: 979-8553775025

Las sectas y las disciplinas nueva era forman parte de la nueva demanda espiritual que se anda ofreciendo desde hace un tiempo en todo el mundo y que esta dirigida especialmente a aquellas personas que se han apartado de las grandes religiones, para buscar así otras formas con las que expresar su religiosidad. Las sectas en primer lugar atraen a la gente con cierto vacío religioso, intentando satisfacer variadas necesidades no solo de carácter espiritual sino también emocional, financiero, etc. Fundamentándose en nuevas y excéntricas doctrinas que aseguran la salvación, recompensas materiales o soluciones inmediatas en sus vidas. La Nueva Era por otro lado ofrece una gama de corrientes orientales, cósmicas, terapéuticas que buscan la experiencia religiosa personal sin intermediación de instituciones o sacramentos. En este sentido los autores presentan este libro fruto de la experiencia y la investigación realizada por algunos años en esta temática de actualidad y que consideran como material pastoral, muy importante dentro de la Nueva Evangelización que se debe realizar en la Iglesia.



Sauver ma peau. Tout perdre pour échapper aux témoins de Jéhovah

PERDEGAS Pamela

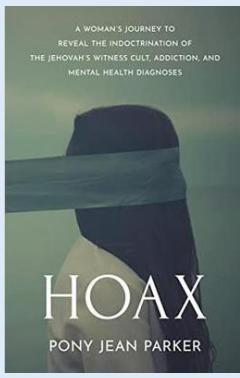
[Editions pratique-pratiques](#), 2022, ISBN: 978-2896589401

À travers un des rares récits levant le voile sur la vie d'une enfant Témoin de Jéhovah au Québec, Pamela Perdegas raconte sans détour ce qui l'a poussée à se rebeller contre sa famille et sa religion, qui ont été pour elle une véritable prison. Emprise de ses proches, isolement, violence physique, psychologique et économique: la jeune femme, aujourd'hui âgée de 25 ans, a déjà cru ne jamais voir la lumière au bout du tunnel.

Hélas, une fois la porte des Témoins claqué, impossible de conserver quelconque lien avec eux. Perdre sa famille et tous ses repères a été le prix à payer pour gagner sa liberté, envers et contre tous.

Aussi bouleversant qu'inspirant, ce récit d'émancipation appuyé par des témoignages de ceux qui l'ont accompagnée avant, pendant et après la tempête offre un regard d'une impressionnante lucidité sur cet enjeu dont on parle encore trop peu.

Dans la presse : [Le journal de Montréal](#) - Témoignage: à 16 ans, elle fuit sa famille membre des Témoins de Jéhovah pour se bâtrir une nouvelle vie



Hoax

A Woman's Journey to Reveal the Indoctrination of the Jehovah's Witness Cult, Addiction, and Mental Health Diagnoses

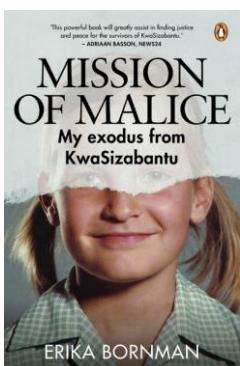
PARKER Pony Jean

[W. Brand Publishing](#), 2023, 266 p., ISBN: 978-1956906363

Hoax is the story of a woman born and raised in the Jehovah's Witness cult. Her journey from self-realization of the indoctrination she was born into to self-acceptance as she struggles to belong in a world where things are not as they seem. Finding the courage to leave, she loses her entire family and children in the process.

A story of battling Alcohol Addiction, Mental Health Diagnoses, and the journey to becoming her true self in the wake of the loss she struggles with. A powerful story of strength, vulnerability, and redemption leaves readers with hope and conviction to embrace their truth as well.

When you're raised in a cult it is hard to escape indoctrination but even harder to find yourself. Follow Pony Jean's journey of self-realization through loss, addiction, and mental health diagnoses as she allows herself to become vulnerable and worthy of becoming her true self.



Mission of Malice: My Exodus from KwaSizabantu

BORNMAN Erika

[Penguin Books](#) (South Africa), 2021, 256 p., ISBN: 978-1776096237

She is given a savage beating, the adults impervious to her screams. I have to look at her. I am not allowed to look away and I am not allowed to cry. I am not allowed to show any emotion at all. Because if I do, I will be next.'

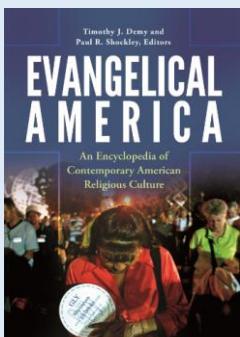
In the 1980s, Erika Bornman's family join, and ultimately move to, KwaSizabantu, a Christian mission based in KwaZulu-Natal, which is touted as a nirvana, founded on egalitarian values. But something sinister lurks beneath 'the place where people are helped'.

Life at KwaSizabantu is hard. Christianity is used to justify harsh punishments and congregants are forced to repent for their sins. Threats of physical violence ensure adherence to stringent rules. Parents are pitted against children. Friendships are discouraged. Isolated and alone, Erika lives in constant fear of eternal damnation.

At 17, her grooming at the hands of a senior mission counsellor begins. For the next five years, KwaSizabantu wages emotional, psychological and sexual warfare on her, until, finally, she manages to break free and walk away at the age of 21.

Escaping a restrictive religious community is difficult, but rehabilitation into 'normal' life after a decade of ritual humiliation, brainwashing and abuse is much more painful, as Erika soon discovers. She cannot ignore her knowledge of the grievous human-rights abuses being committed at KwaSizabantu, and so she embarks on a quest to expose the atrocities. With her help, News24 launches a seven-month investigation, culminating in a podcast that will go on to win the internationally renowned One World Media Award for Radio and Podcast in 2021.

In Mission of Malice: My Exodus from KwaSizabantu, Erika chronicles her journey from a fearful young girl to a fierce activist determined to do whatever it takes to save future generations and find personal redemption and self-acceptance.



Evangelical America

An Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Religious Culture

DEMY Timothy J., SHOCKLEY Paul R. ; eds

[ABC-CLIO](#), 2017, 515 p., ISBN: 978-1610697736

An essential new reference work for students and general readers interested in the history, dynamics, and influence of evangelicalism in recent American history, politics, and culture.

What makes evangelical or "born-again" Christians different from those who identify themselves more simply as "Christian"? What percentage of Americans believe in the Rapture? How are evangelicalism and Baptism similar? What is the influence of evangelical religions on U.S. politics?

Readers of Evangelical America: An Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Religious Culture will learn the answers to these questions and many more through this single-volume work's coverage of the many dimensions of and diversity within evangelicalism and through its documentation of the specific contributions evangelicals have made in American society and culture. It also illustrates the Evangelical movement's influence internationally in key issues such as human rights, environmentalism, and gender and sexuality.

Features

Provides readers with an understanding of contemporary American evangelicalism's history, key individuals, organizations, and beliefs through detailed coverage of more than 180 topics

Documents the diversity of the Evangelical movement under a common core umbrella of doctrinal beliefs

Displays the breadth of American evangelical interaction in social and cultural issues and in debates in recent American history

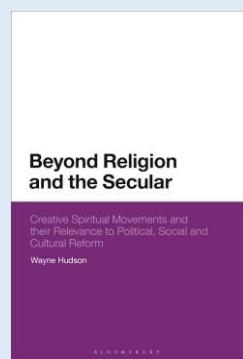


La violence conjugale dans les églises évangéliques en France

SELON Murielle

L'Harmattan, 2022, 168 p., ISBN: 978-2140308796

Ce livre est la première étude méthodique sur l'existence et l'importance des violences conjugales au sein des églises évangéliques en France. L'analyse des ressorts de la violence conjugale spécifiques à ce milieu sera utile, à la fois à celles et ceux qui y sont confrontés (victimes, accompagnants, entourage) et aux personnes qui s'y intéressent. Les problématiques pointées pourront plus largement alimenter la réflexion sur ce thème dans d'autres milieux religieux. Des pistes d'action et de positionnement sont présentées dans le but de favoriser un accompagnement adapté et protecteur des victimes.



Beyond Religion and the Secular

Creative Spiritual Movements and Their Relevance to Political, Social and Cultural Reform

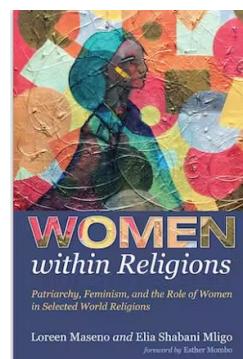
HUDSON Wayne

Bloomsbury Academic, 2022, 208 p., ISBN: 978-1350331716

Deploying a distinctive disaggregative approach to the study of 'religion', this volume shows that spiritual movements with extensive counterfactual beliefs have been much more creative than one might expect.

Specifically, Wayne Hudson explores the creativity of six spiritual movements: the Bahá'ís, a Persian movement; Soka Gakkai, a Japanese movement; Ananda Marga and the Brahma Kumaris, two reformed Hindu movements; and two controversial American churches, The Church Universal and Triumphant and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Most of these movements have counterintuitive features that have led Western scholars making Enlightenment assumptions to dismiss them as irrational and/or inconsequential. However, this book reveals that these movements have responded to modernity in ways that are creative and practical, resulting in a wide range of social, educational and cultural initiatives.

Building on research surrounding the ways in which spiritual movements engage in cultural productions, this book takes the international research in a new direction by exploring the utopian intentionality such cultural productions reveal.



Women within Religions

Patriarchy, Feminism, and the Role of Women in Selected World Religions

MASERO Loreen, SHABANI MLIGO Elia, MOMBO Esther Mombo

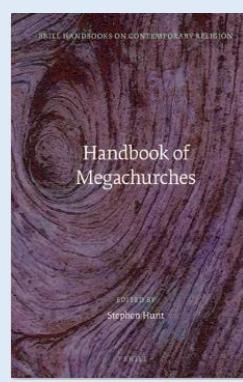
Wipf and Stock, 2019, 152 p., ISBN: 978-1532697579

Women are the majority in almost every cultural or social group. However, their roles vary in various cultures, religions, and traditions. In some cultures and religions, they are highly honored, while in others they are neglected, oppressed, and segregated.

This book examines women's role in a few selected world religions, namely Christianity, Islam, African Traditional Religion, Hinduism, and Buddhism. It also surveys the concept of patriarchy and the various theoretical perspectives surrounding it. Eventually, this book discusses the concept of ecofeminism and how feminists perceive of the relationship between nature and the oppression of women.

The book grapples with the question, "In what way do world religions perceive of women and their role in their teachings and traditions?"

This book is important for students and teachers of gender studies, African theology, and Christian theology as a whole.



Handbook of Megachurches

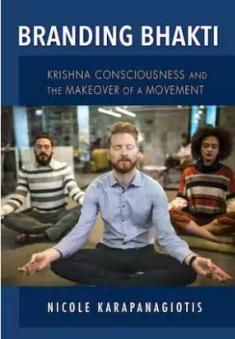
HUNT Stephen J., ed.

Brill, Handbooks on Contemporary Religion, Volume: 19

2019, 362 p., ISBN: 978-9004399884

The growth of the megachurch (generally defined as a regular attendance of over 2,000 people) is undoubtedly one of the most exceptional religious trends of recent times, certainly within the Christian sphere. Spreading from the USA, megachurches have now become common globally - reaching different national and cultural contexts.

The edited volume Handbook of Megachurches offers a comprehensive account of the subject from various academic perspectives: sociology, religious studies, religious history and religious studies among them. Topics covered include: the historical developments and growth, typologies, theology, popular culture, revivalism, social engagement, and the manifestation of megachurches in such countries as Canada, Russia, India and Africa.



Branding Bhakti

Krishna Consciousness and the Makeover of a Movement

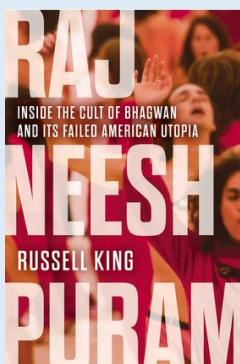
KARAPANAGIOTIS Nicole

[Indiana University Press](#), 2021, 288 p., ISBN: 978-0253054890

How do religious groups reinvent themselves in order to attract new audiences? How do they rebrand their messages and recast their rituals in order to make their followers more diverse?

In *Branding Bhakti*, Nicole Karapanagiotis considers the new branding of the Hare Krishna Movement, or the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). Known primarily for their orange robes, shaved heads, ecstatic dancing on the streets, and exuberant Hindu-style temple worship, many contemporary ISKCON groups are radically reinventing their public presentation and their style of worship in order to attract a global audience to their movement. Karapanagiotis explores their innovative and complex approaches in both the United States and India by following three new ISKCON brands aimed at gathering new followers. Each is led by a world-renowned ISKCON guru and his global disciples, and each is promoted through a mix of digital and social media and the construction of an innovative "worship-scape." These new spaces trade ISKCON's traditional temples for corporate work-life balance programs, posh yoga studios, urban spiritual lounges, edgy mantra clubs/lofts, and rural meditative retreat facilities.

Branding Bhakti not only investigates the methods the ISKCON movement uses to position itself for growth but also highlights devotees' painful and complicated struggles as they work to transform their shrinking, sectarian movement into one with global religious appeal.



Rajneeshpuram

Inside the Cult of Bhagwan and Its Failed American Utopia

KING Russell

[Chicago Review Press](#), 2022, 304 p., ISBN: 978-1641604727

Russell King has written the most definitive account of this grand American saga. *Rajneeshpuram* is rich storytelling." — Chapman and Maclain Way, directors of *Wild Wild Country*

In 1981, ambitious young Ma Anand Sheela transported the Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to the United States to fulfill his dream of creating a utopia for his thousands of disciples. Four years later, the incendiary Rajneeshpuram commune in Oregon collapsed under the weight of audacious criminal conspiracies hatched in its inner sanctum, including the largest bioterrorism attack in US history, an unprecedented election fraud scheme, and multiple attempted murders.

Rajneeshpuram explores how this extraordinary spiritual community, featured in the Netflix docuseries *Wild Wild Country*, went so wrong. Drawing from extensive interviews with former disciples and an exhaustive review of commune records, government and police files, and archival materials, author Russell King probes the charismatic power that Bhagwan (later known as Osho) and Sheela exercised over the community and the turbulent legal and political environment that left commune leaders ready to deceive, poison, and even murder to preserve their home and their master.

Rajneeshpuram is a fresh examination of the Rajneesh story, using newly available information and interviews with high-ranking disciples who have never before shared their stories.



Les évangéliques sionistes des Etats-Unis

Christians United For Israel, John Hagee et ses disciples

LUCAS Katia

[L'Harmattan](#), 2022, 228 p., ISBN: 978-2140268779

Le sionisme chrétien évangélique existe depuis des années et est représenté aux États-Unis par le Christians United For Israel (CUFI) dirigé par le pasteur John Hagee, ardent supporter du parti républicain et du président Donald Trump.

En plongeant dans l'univers du CUFI et de Cornerstone Church, l'église de Hagee, en allant à la rencontre des croyants et des leaders, il est possible de saisir leurs croyances, leurs pratiques, leurs propres visions de leur activisme qui peut différer du discours officiel et sioniste.

L'instrumentalisation du religieux par le politique sur le sol américain, le jeu du « je-vote-pour-toi-si-tu-votes-Israël », l'amplification de l'action et du recrutement de ce groupe sont fascinants.

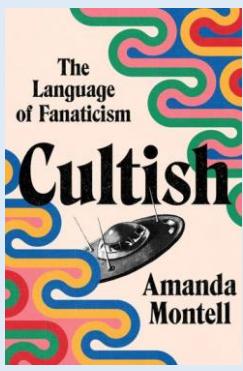
Qu'est-ce que ce type de sionisme ?

Qu'est-ce qu'un « chrétien sioniste » ?

Comment Hagee est-il devenu le leader des évangéliques sionistes ?

Ces évangéliques sont-ils plus juifs que les juifs ?

Cet ouvrage permet une meilleure compréhension de ce mouvement politico-religieux pro-Israël et pro-juif.



Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism

MONTELL Amanda

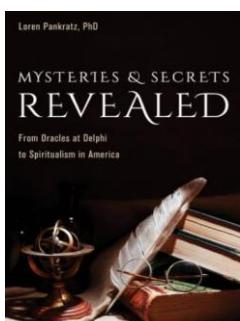
[Harper Wave](#), 2021, 320 p., ISBN: 978-0062993151

The author of the widely praised Wordslut analyzes the social science of cult influence: how cultish groups from Jonestown and Scientology to SoulCycle and social media gurus use language as the ultimate form of power.

What makes “cults” so intriguing and frightening? What makes them powerful? The reason why so many of us binge Manson documentaries by the dozen and fall down rabbit holes researching suburban moms gone QAnon is because we’re looking for a satisfying explanation for what causes people to join—and more importantly, stay in—extreme groups. We secretly want to know: could it happen to me? Amanda Montell’s argument is that, on some level, it already has . . .

Our culture tends to provide pretty flimsy answers to questions of cult influence, mostly having to do with vague talk of “brainwashing.” But the true answer has nothing to do with freaky mind-control wizardry or Kool-Aid. In Cultish, Montell argues that the key to manufacturing intense ideology, community, and us/them attitudes all comes down to language. In both positive ways and shadowy ones, cultish language is something we hear—and are influenced by—every single day.

Through juicy storytelling and cutting original research, Montell exposes the verbal elements that make a wide spectrum of communities “cultish,” revealing how they affect followers of groups as notorious as Heaven’s Gate, but also how they pervade our modern start-ups, Peloton leaderboards, and Instagram feeds. Incisive and darkly funny, this enrapturing take on the curious social science of power and belief will make you hear the fanatical language of “cultish” everywhere.



Mysteries and Secrets Revealed

From Oracles at Delphi to Spiritualism in America

PANKRATZ Loren

[Prometheus Books](#), 2021, 650 p., ISBN: 978-1633886681

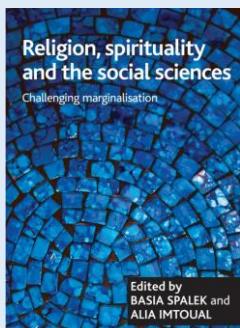
Mysteries and Secrets Revealed uncovers the reality behind mysteries of nature and secrets of frauds that eluded common understanding. The journey begins in the ancient Greek city of Delphi, where priests claimed the gift of a priceless gold lion was an acknowledgement of their clairvoyant powers. But their concocted story concealed an embarrassing blunder. Those sufficiently savvy to catch the lie became aware of even deeper problems.

Author Loren Pankratz then guides us through the conflicts of Renaissance scholars, including Galileo who explained things in ways that enraged philosophers and infuriated priests. Galileo’s methods of investigation were perpetuated by the meticulous work of the Academy of Experiment, and Bernard Fontenelle’s enthralling dialogue enabled common people to accept life in the rearranged sun-centered universe.

Clairvoyants in a mesmeric trance claimed they could visit distant planets and endure brutal surgical procedures. If any of this was real, how was it possible? One nineteenth century mesmeric savant, Alexis Didier, was so convincing that someone claimed no case of clairvoyance could be made for anyone if his accomplishments were not real. This unchallenged declaration is now unraveled here for the first time through information gleaned from uncommon documents and rare antiquarian pamphlets.

The surprising manifestations of modern spiritualism quickly escalated into a psychic arms race that included mysterious tipping and turning of tables. Scientist Michael Faraday devised ingenious experiments to show how subtle muscle reactions outside of awareness created these manifestations. On the other hand, explanations for table levitations and mysterious writing on slates could only be solved by individuals with acute observational skills and acquainted with the methods of trickery.

Each story in Mysteries and Secrets Revealed captures the tension of conflict, the thrill of discovery, and the strategies of science that unmasked frauds, fakes, false belief, and the enigmas of our natural world.



Religion, Spirituality and Social Science: Challenging Marginalisation

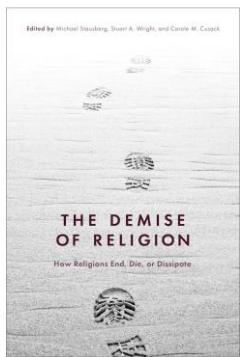
SPAŁEK Basia, IMTOUAL Alia; eds

[Policy Press](#), 2008, 224 p., ISBN: 978-1847420411

A growing number of people are claiming or reclaiming a religious or spiritual identity for themselves. Yet, in contemporary Western societies, the frameworks of understanding that have developed within the social science disciplines, and which are used to analyse data, are secular in nature, and so may be inappropriate for investigating some aspects of religion, spirituality and faith and how these intersect with individuals’ lives.

This edited collection addresses important theoretical and methodological issues to explore ways of engaging with religion and spirituality when carrying out social science research. Divided into three sections, the book examines the notion of secularism in relation to contemporary western society, including a focus upon secularisation; explores how the values underpinning social scientific enquiry might serve to marginalise religion and spirituality; and reflects on social science research methodologies when researching religion and spirituality.

With international contributions from key academics in the fields of religious studies, cultural studies, political science, criminology, sociology, health and social policy, this engaging book will provide social science students, educators, researchers and practitioners with an essential overview of key debates around secularism, faith, spirituality and social science research.



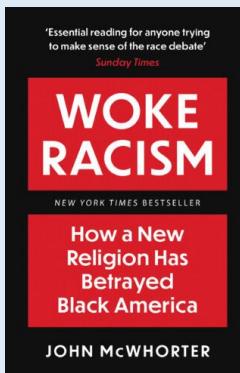
The Demise of Religion: How Religions End, Die, or Dissipate

STAUSBERG Michael, CUSACK Dr Carole M., WRIGHT Stuart A.; eds
[Bloomsbury Academic](#), 2022, 208 p., ISBN: 978-1350195301

Why do religions fail or die? Taking a multidisciplinary approach, this open access book explores this important question that has received little scholarly attention to date.

International contributors provide case studies from the United States, England, Sweden, Japan, New Guinea, and France resulting in a work that explores processes of attenuation, disintegration, transmutation, death, and extinction across cultures. These include: instances where mass suicides or homicides resulted in religious dissolution; the fall of Mars Hills Church and its larger-than-life megachurch pastor, accused of plagiarism and bullying in 2012; the death of the last member of the Panacea Society in England in 2012; and the disintegration of Knutby Filadelfia, a religious community in Sweden with Pentecostal roots that ceased to exist in May 2018 after a pastor shot his wife.

Combining case studies and theoretical contributions, *The Demise of Religion: How Religions End, Die, or Dissipate* fills a gap in literature to date and paves the way for future research



Woke Racism: How a New Religion has Betrayed Black America

McWHORTER John

Swift Press, 2022, 224 p., ISBN: 978-1800751446

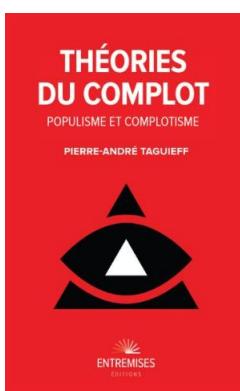
People of good will on both the left and the right are secretly asking themselves the same question: how has the conversation on race gone so crazy?

Bestselling author and acclaimed linguist John McWhorter argues that an illiberal neoracism, disguised as antiracism, is hurting black communities and weakening the social fabric.

We're told to read books and listen to music by people of colour but that wearing certain clothes is 'appropriation.' We hear that being white automatically gives you privilege and that being black makes you a victim. We want to speak up but fear we'll be seen as unwoke, or worse, labelled a racist. According to John McWhorter, the problem is that a well-meaning but pernicious form of antiracism has become, not a progressive ideology, but a religion – and one that's illogical, unreachable, and unintentionally neoracist.

In *Woke Racism*, McWhorter reveals the workings of this new religion, from the original sin of 'white privilege' and the weaponization of cancel culture to ban heretics, to the evangelical fervour of the 'woke mob.' He shows how this religion that claims to 'dismantle racist structures' is actually harming his fellow black Americans by infantilizing black people, setting black students up for failure, and passing policies that disproportionately damage black communities. The new religion might be called 'antiracism,' but it features a racial essentialism that's barely distinguishable from racist arguments of the past.

Fortunately, for all of us, it's not too late to push back against woke racism. McWhorter shares scripts and encouragement with those trying to deprogramme friends and family. And most importantly, he offers a roadmap to justice that actually will help, not hurt, black people.



Théories du complot. Populisme et complotisme : Le mal du siècle

TAGUIEFF Pierre-André

[Entremises éditions](#), 2023, ISBN: 978-2382550854

Depuis la fin des années 1980, Pierre-André Taguieff a consacré une grande partie de ses travaux de recherche et de ses réflexions au phénomène conspirationniste. Ses travaux, marqués par les analyses pionnières de Karl R. Popper, Hannah Arendt, Richard Hofstadter et Léon Poliakov, ont été ponctués par la publication de plusieurs ouvrages de référence, de sa somme sur les Protocoles des Sages de Sion (Un faux et ses usages dans le siècle, 1992 et 2004) à son Court Traité de complotologie (2013), en passant par La Foire aux « Illuminés » (2005) et L'Imaginaire du complot mondial (2006).

Dans le présent essai, Pierre-André Taguieff nous livre une magistrale synthèse des recherches conduites en Europe et aux États-Unis sur le complotisme et nous propose ses propres réflexions critiques sur ce phénomène multidimensionnel appelant des approches pluridisciplinaires. Multipliant les exemples et les études de cas, à distance des polémiques stériles entre complotistes et anticomplotistes, il nous offre une introduction claire et argumentée aux problèmes posés par la globalisation contemporaine des croyances conspirationnistes, dans une langue accessible à tous ceux que la question intéresse.

A lire sur [Conspiracy watch](#) : Le « complotisme d'atmosphère », facteur majeur des mobilisations populistes



Mon frère est complotiste.

Comment rétablir le lien et le dialogue social

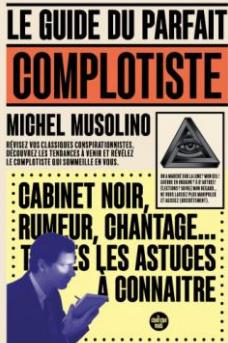
CARIGNAN Marie-Eve, MORIN David

Montréal: [Les éditions de l'Homme](#), 2023, 208 p., ISBN: 978-2761960427

Marginal il y a quelques années, le conspirationnisme s'est immiscé dans nos vies durant la pandémie de COVID-19. Présents dans les médias, sur les réseaux socionumériques et dans les manifestations, les complotistes se sont également fait entendre dans les familles, les cercles d'amis et les milieux de travail, au point de devenir un enjeu de premier plan.

Pour bien cerner ce phénomène complexe aux ramifications psychologiques, sociales, historiques, politiques, médiatiques et idéologiques, Marie-Eve Carignan et David Morin se sont entourés de plusieurs spécialistes, faisant la démonstration que la meilleure façon de déboulonner les préjugés – de part et d'autre – passe par la compréhension. Ils nous éclairent, avec des pistes d'action à la clé, sur l'importance de maintenir le lien et le dialogue, aussi bien dans les familles que dans la société. Car comprendre et déjouer le complotisme est l'affaire de tous : la paix et l'avenir de nos démocraties en dépendent.

Dans la presse : [La Tribune](#) - Un livre pour comprendre le complotisme et le combattre



Le Guide du parfait complotiste

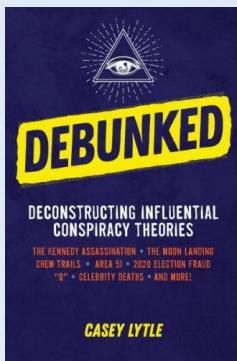
MUSOLINA Michel

Le Cherche Midi, 2022, 208 p., ISBN: 978-2749175539

Un ouvrage pédagogique, utile et indispensable pour ajouter au chaos et à la bêtise du monde.
Rien n'est simple mais tout s'explique.

À condition bien sûr de connaître les ramifications cachées, les liens occultes, les signes invisibles qui régissent le monde ! Ne vivez plus en somnambule, réveillez-vous, prenez le contrôle de votre vie (et, accessoirement, de celle de milliers de fidèles adeptes de vos thèses).

Grâce à ce guide complet, riche en conseils pratiques, en exemples et en astuces, devenez à votre tour un complotiste aguerri, un de ces maîtres du monde qui, dans le secret de son deux-pièces, de sa cave ou de son grenier, tire bien des ficelles et comprend bien des choses. Un ouvrage pédagogique, utile et indispensable pour ajouter au chaos et à la bêtise du monde.



Debunked

Separate the Rational from the Irrational in Influential Conspiracy Theories

LYTLE Casey

[Alpha](#), 2022, 208 p., ISBN: 978-0744062731

Conspiracy theories pop up surrounding every major national and global event - some are possible, some are not. TikTok influencer and psychology professor Casey Lytle teaches you how to be an intelligent consumer of 'alternative' theories.

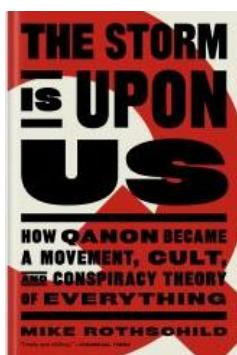
Head down the rabbit hole and feed your fascination for conspiracy and controversy. Conspiracy theories—they're influential and spread to sometimes irrational extremes. Why do people cling to conspiracy theories so powerfully? Is there a way to separate the possible from the impossible? Yes. Enter: Debunked.

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9/11—No fewer than 10 alternative theories have gained traction. But let's evaluate: Did the Twin Towers really look like a controlled demolition? Would jet fuel have to melt steel for the towers to collapse? What would it take in hours and people to secretly plant enough explosives to bring the buildings down without being discovered, and without being set off by the impact and fires from the planes? All this and more in Chapter 7.

COVID-19—The vaccine implants a microchip used to track people; the fatality rate has been wildly inflated; oh, and Bill Gates is not only responsible for the virus but also the head of a plot to use the virus as population control.

School shooters—why are they so easy to explain, but so hard to predict? In what ways has the profile of a school shooter changed over the last 25 years, and what has caused those changes? Are school shootings a new phenomenon, or does the media simply make us more aware of them when they happen? The chapter will cover Sandy Hook conspiracy theories, as well as the psychology behind "truthers."



The Storm is Upon Us

How QAnon Became a Movement, Cult, and Conspiracy Theory of Everything

ROTHSCHILD Mike

[Melville House](#), 2022, 336 p., ISBN: 978-1685890186

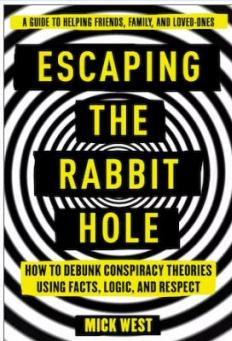
"Reads like a thriller, with cliffhangers that leave you eager for the next episode . . . *The Storm Is Upon Us* is an impressive piece of research and a gripping read." —[The Times \(of London\)](#)

The definitive story of QAnon from an expert on cult and fringe culture: how it started, what it is, and how it is so effective at destabilizing society and promoting conspiracy.

On October 5, 2017, President Trump made a cryptic remark in the State Dining Room at a gathering of military officials. He said it felt like "the calm before the storm"—then refused to elaborate as puzzled journalists asked him to explain. But on the infamous message boards of 4chan, a mysterious poster going by "Q Clearance Patriot," who claimed to be in "military intelligence," began the elaboration on their own.

In the days that followed, Q's wild yarn explaining Trump's remarks began to rival the sinister intricacies of a Tom Clancy novel, while satisfying the deepest desires of MAGA-America. Did any of what Q predicted come to pass? No. Did that stop people from clinging to every word they were reading, expanding its mythology, and promoting it wider and wider? No.

In *The Storm Is Upon Us*, conspiracy theory researcher, Mike Rothschild, takes readers from the background conspiracies and cults that fed the Q phenomenon, to its embrace by right-wing media and Donald Trump, through the rending of families as loved ones became addicted to Q's increasingly violent rhetoric. He also makes a compelling case that mocking the seeming madness of QAnon will get us nowhere. Rather, his impassioned reportage makes clear that it's critical to figure out what QAnon really is — because QAnon and its relentlessly dark theory of everything isn't done yet.



Escaping the Rabbit Hole

How to Debunk Conspiracy Theories Using Facts, Logic, and Respect

WEST Mick

[Skyhorse](#), 2020, 312 p., ISBN: 978-1510755772

The Earth is flat, the World Trade Center collapse was a controlled demolition, planes are spraying poison to control the weather, and actors faked the Sandy Hook massacre....

All these claims are bunk: falsehoods, mistakes, and in some cases, outright lies. But many people passionately believe one or more of these conspiracy theories. They consume countless books and videos, join like-minded online communities, try to convert those around them, and even, on occasion, alienate their own friends and family. Why is this, and how can you help people, especially those closest to you, break free from the downward spiral of conspiracy thinking?

In Escaping the Rabbit Hole, author Mick West shares over a decade's worth of knowledge and experience investigating and debunking false conspiracy theories through his forum, MetaBunk.org, and sets forth a practical guide to helping friends and loved ones recognize these theories for what they really are.

Perhaps counter-intuitively, the most successful approaches to helping individuals escape a rabbit hole aren't comprised of simply explaining why they are wrong; rather, West's tried-and-tested approach emphasizes clear communication based on mutual respect, honesty, openness, and patience.

West puts his debunking techniques and best practices to the test with four of the most popular false conspiracy theories today (Chemtrails, 9/11 Controlled Demolition, False Flags, and Flat Earth) — providing road maps to help you to understand your friend and help them escape the rabbit hole. These are accompanied by real-life case studies of individuals who, with help, were able to break free from conspiracism.

With sections on:

- the wide spectrum of conspiracy theories
- avoiding the "shill" label
- psychological factors and other complications
- (and concluding with) a look at the future of debunking

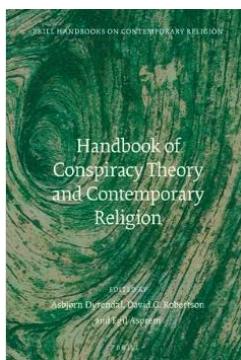
Mick West has put forth a conclusive, well-researched, practical reference on why people fall down the conspiracy theory rabbit hole and how you can help them escape.

Handbook of Conspiracy Theory and Contemporary Religion

DYRENDAL Asbjørn, ROBERTSON David G., ASPREM Egil; eds,

[Brill, Handbooks on Contemporary Religion](#), Volume: 17

2018, ISBN: 978-9004381506



Conspiracy theories are a ubiquitous feature of our times. The Handbook of Conspiracy Theories and Contemporary Religion is the first reference work to offer a comprehensive, transnational overview of this phenomenon along with in-depth discussions of how conspiracy theories relate to religion(s). Bringing together experts from a wide range of disciplines, from psychology and philosophy to political science and the history of religions, the book sets the standard for the interdisciplinary study of religion and conspiracy theories.

Propagande Exposée

Comment la désinformation, les fausses croyances et les théories du complot atteignent les esprits suspicieux et attaquent la démocratie avec des idées radicales

Real News Books, 2022, 228 p., ISBN: 978-9493261761



Propaganda est un livre sur la désinformation, les fausses croyances et les théories du complot.

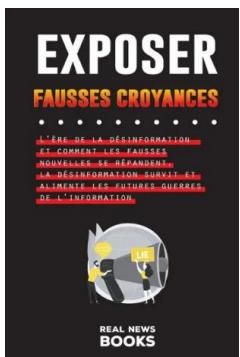
Le livre examine en profondeur la façon dont ces idées dangereuses sont diffusées et les effets qu'elles ont sur la société. Il propose également des moyens de se protéger de la propagande et de lutter contre ses effets néfastes.

Ces dernières années, l'explosion des médias sociaux a permis à la désinformation de se répandre comme une traînée de poudre. En un seul clic, les fausses croyances et les théories du complot peuvent être partagées avec des millions de personnes dans le monde. Et comme de plus en plus de personnes se tournent vers l'internet pour s'informer, les méthodes traditionnelles de vérification des faits ne sont plus aussi efficaces pour combattre la désinformation. En conséquence, la propagande est devenue l'un des outils les plus puissants pour manipuler l'opinion publique.

Si certains peuvent affirmer que chacun a droit à ses propres opinions, la réalité est que lorsque ces opinions sont fondées sur de fausses informations, elles peuvent avoir des conséquences dangereuses. La désinformation peut amener les gens à prendre de mauvaises décisions, comme voter pour un candidat qui n'est pas dans leur intérêt ou refuser de faire vacciner leurs enfants. Elle peut également entraîner une panique et une violence de masse, comme nous l'avons vu lors du génocide rwandais.

Dans un monde où presque tout le monde peut publier ce qu'il veut en ligne, il est plus important que jamais d'être critique vis-à-vis des informations que nous consommons.

Ce livre est une lecture essentielle pour tous ceux qui veulent comprendre le monde dans lequel nous vivons aujourd'hui. Il offre un regard révélateur sur les dangers de la propagande et sur la façon dont elle peut être utilisée pour manipuler les gens et contrôler leur comportement.



Exposer Fausses Croyances

L'ère de la désinformation et comment les fausses nouvelles se répandent, la désinformation survit et alimente les futures guerres de l'information

Real News Books, 2022, 214 p., ISBN: 978-9493261808

Voulez-vous savoir comment les fake news se propagent ?

"False Beliefs in the Age of Misinformation" est le premier ouvrage à explorer les origines et la dynamique des fake news. Il offre un compte rendu complet de la façon dont la désinformation et les guerres de l'information sont menées à l'ère numérique, et il fournit aux lecteurs des outils pour identifier ces menaces pour la démocratie et y résister.

À l'ère des médias sociaux, tout le monde peut devenir une "source d'information". Il est donc plus facile que jamais pour les fausses informations de se répandre et de prendre racine. Une fois que les fausses nouvelles commencent à circuler, il peut être difficile de les arrêter. Même si la source originale de l'histoire est discréditée, le mal est souvent déjà fait. La fausse information a été partagée d'innombrables fois et a pris une vie propre. Dans certains cas, les gens peuvent même finir par croire la fausse nouvelle, même si la preuve du contraire n'a pas été apportée. En effet, notre cerveau est câblé pour croire les informations qui confirment nos croyances existantes. Par conséquent, nous ignorons ou minimisons souvent les informations qui contredisent ce que nous pensons déjà. À l'ère de la désinformation, il est plus important que jamais d'être critique à l'égard des sources d'information que l'on consulte. Sinon, vous courez le risque de diffuser de fausses informations et de faire partie du problème.

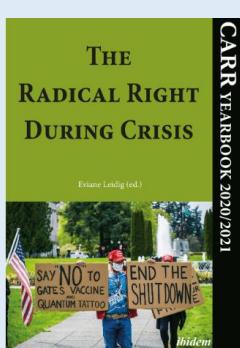
Ce livre montre comment les plateformes sont utilisées pour diffuser de fausses croyances et des informations erronées, avec parfois des conséquences désastreuses. Mais il se termine sur une note d'espoir, avec une discussion sur les moyens permettant aux citoyens d'être mieux informés et de mieux résister à la désinformation.

The Radical Right During Crisis

CARR Yearbook 2020/2021

LEIDIG Eviane

[Ibidem](#), 2021, 484 p., ISBN: 978-3838215761



CARR YEARBOOK 2020/2021

While the COVID-19 pandemic overshadowed all else and would quickly have a lasting impact on our daily lives, other events related to the radical right in 2020 soon surfaced. From terrorist attacks in Germany and India to anti-mask protests across the U.S. and Europe, radical right violence escalated in the midst of circulating conspiracy theories and disinformation. The yearbook draws upon insightful analyses from an international network of scholars, policymakers, and practitioners who explore the dynamics and impact of the radical right. It explores a wide range of topics including reflections on authoritarianism and fascism, the role of ideology and (counter-)intellectuals, and radical-right responses to the pandemic and calls for police reform in the height of the Black Lives Matter protests. It ends with important assessments on best approaches towards countering the radical right, both online and offline. This timely overview provides a broad examination of the global radical right in 2020, which will be useful for scholars, students, policymakers, journalists, and the public.

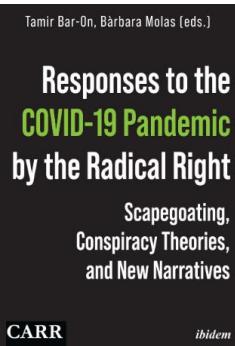
The [Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right](#) (CARR) is a UK-based research centre and pedagogical outreach initiative focused on the study and countering of radical right extremism and intersecting phenomena (e.g. populism, gender, antisemitism, and Islamophobia) that aims to support a variety of mainstream groups, from government agencies to grass-roots charities, through podcasts, commentary, research reports, presentations, media interviews and commissioned work.

Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic by the Radical Right

Scapegoating, Conspiracy Theories, and New Narratives

BAR-ON Tamir, MOLAS Bàrbara

[Ibidem](#), 2021, 206 p., ISBN: 978-3838214887

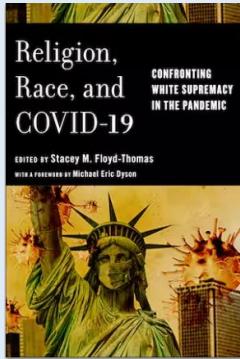


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Numerous political commentators have noted the rise of the radical right worldwide. How has the radical right responded to the COVID-19 pandemic? Has the radical right been legitimized in a world of closed borders and greater securitization? Have radical right regimes in power cracked under the strains of the crisis and thus undermined their own political fortunes? Have radical right-wing responses to COVID-19 been uniform or diversified? These are some of the questions tackled in Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic by the Radical Right. This volume gathers a collection of short pieces, which highlight the multi-faceted ways in which right-wing and radical right-wing political forces have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. It presents research by scholars from all around the world concentrating on the evolution of radical right-wing movements since the COVID-19 crisis began and their influence on mainstream and alternative narratives.

The edited volume includes case studies as well as far-reaching reports on the radical right's utilizing of the crisis to re-shape ideas about sovereignty, globalization, democracy, equality, diversity, and political legitimacy. Such studies comprise cases on gender and class, racism, religious hatred, scapegoating, anti-Semitism and Sinophobia, conspiracy theories, and online radicalization, focusing on locations as diverse as the US, Canada, Brazil, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, France, Spain, Ukraine, Latvia, Israel, and India. All such studies are compiled in a total of six chapters and an epilogue, organized thematically and by country.



Religion, Race, and COVID-19

Confronting White Supremacy in the Pandemic

FLOYD-THOMAS Stacey M.

[New York University Press](#), 2022, 320 p., ISBN: 978-1479810222

Examines how the dynamics emerging from the pandemic affect our most vulnerable populations and shape a new religious landscape

The COVID-19 pandemic upset virtually every facet of society and, in many cases, exposed gross inequality and dysfunction. The particular dynamics emerging from the coronavirus pandemic have been felt most intensely by America's most vulnerable populations, who are disproportionately people of color and the working poor, the people whom the Bible refers to as "the least of these."

This book makes the case that the pandemic was not just a medical phenomenon, or an economic or social one, but also a religious one. Religious practice has been altered in profound ways. Controversies around religious freedom have been re-ignited over debates concerning whether government can restrict church services. Christian white supremacists not only defied shelter in place orders, but found new ways to propagate racist attacks, with their White Christian identity fueling their reactions to the pandemic. Some religious leaders, including those in communities of color, saw the virus as an indicator of God's wrath, or as a divine test, and viewed altering their traditional practices to mitigate the virus's spread as a weakening of faith.

Religion, Race, and COVID-19 argues that there is a religious hierarchy in US society that puts "the least of these" last while prioritizing those who benefit most from white privilege. Yet these vulnerable populations draw on theological and religious resources to contend with these existential threats. The volume shows how social transformation occurs when faith is both formed and informed during crises, offering compelling insight into the saliency and lasting impact of religiosity within human culture.

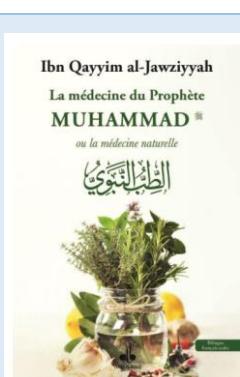


Le djihad en héritage sur le territoire belge

BACHA Aicha

[L'Harmattan](#), 2022, 116 p., ISBN: 978-2140269738

Ce livre porte sur la radicalisation violente de jeunes belges issus de la diversité marocaine en se focalisant sur leur famille et plus particulièrement sur leur mère. Certains d'entre eux sont partis faire le djihad en Syrie et n'en sont pas revenus, laissant leurs proches dans le désarroi et l'incompréhension. Cette approche inédite se base sur un solide terrain d'études de six ans durant lequel l'auteure a suivi, entre autres, le quotidien de cinquante-deux mères de djihadistes. Elle a analysé leurs trajectoires, leurs conditions de vie familiale ainsi que leurs relations intra-familiales et leurs situations socio-économique et culturelle. Cette étude identifie les différents mécanismes de la transmission de la violence dans les familles ainsi que les différents types de transmission de celle-ci, les présentant comme une des causes de la radicalisation violente. En cela, elle apporte un regard novateur et complémentaire aux multiples travaux déjà réalisés sur le djihadisme en Europe, en ouvrant des perspectives nouvelles qui ne manqueront pas d'interpeller les lecteurs.

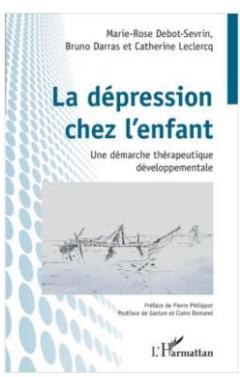


La médecine du Prophète Muhammad: Ou la médecine naturelle

IBN QAYYIM Al-Jawziyya

[Editions Albouraq](#), 2021, 400 p., ISBN: 979-1022503648

D'une incroyable actualité, ce guide complet et détaillé de médecine naturelle est un des plus grands classiques de la tradition musulmane. Puisant dans les hadiths authentiques du Prophète (saw), Ibn al-Qayyim, savant damascène du 13ème siècle a recensé toutes les maladies et leurs remèdes naturels. Il offre ainsi aux lecteurs la possibilité de mieux comprendre le fonctionnement du corps humain et la possibilité de parvenir à notre bien-être grâce à notre environnement premier : la nature. La pertinence et la fiabilité des conseils peuvent parfois nous étonner tant ils s'avèrent justes et bénéfiques.



La dépression chez l'enfant

Une démarche thérapeutique développementale

DEBOT-SEVRIN Marie-Rose, DARRAS Bruno, LECLERCQ Catherine

PHILLIPOT Pierre (préface), DEMARET Claire (postface)

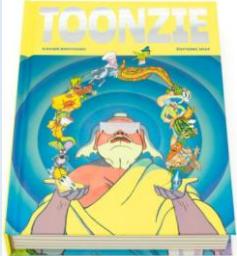
[L'Harmattan](#), 2022, 272 p., ISBN: 978-2343249568

La dépression chez l'enfant reste un sujet peu abordé dans notre société. Des recherches ont été réalisées avec comme référence le trouble chez l'adulte. L'objet de ce livre est de préciser les signes propres à la dépression chez l'enfant. Nous espérons que cela aidera les parents, les instituteurs et les spécialistes de la santé à reconnaître ce trouble quand ils le rencontreront. Enfin, nous exposons l'approche thérapeutique Développementale, Intégrative, Familiale, Adaptative et Pluridisciplinaire (D.I.F.A.P.) que nous avons développée depuis 40 ans.

TOONZIE

BOUYSSOU Xavier

[Editions 2024](#), 2022, 294 p., ISBN: 978-2383870203



Toonzie va bientôt mourir. Dans sa luxueuse villa de San Bernardino, Californie, seule une poignée de fidèles entourent encore le gourou déclinant. La mort de leur prophète sera un déchirement mais aussi une célébration car l'humanité toute entière sera alors "toonzifiée" : chacun pourra découvrir son propre Toon et vivre en harmonie avec lui, prouvant au monde que Toonzie avait raison. Pour que la prophétie se réalise, Toonzie doit mourir en paix. Alors que ses derniers disciples essaient d'adoucir la lente agonie du vieil homme, l'agent du fisc Adam Miller, lui, est bien décidé à faire de ses derniers jours un enfer...

Avec ce premier livre d'une grande virtuosité, Xavier Bouyssou impose la bande dessinée comme le Médium par excellence, le seul véritable opium du peuple à même de sauver l'Humanité.

Gourou d'un nouveau genre, il produit une synthèse surprenante entre l'héritage de Carl Barks et les découvertes les plus récentes en matière de psychologie cognitive, pour prendre le contrôle des cœurs et des cerveaux. Lecteurs, lectrices, laissez-vous guider par le Maître, vous n'en sortirez pas indemnes...

A lire sur [actua BD](#) : Toonzie: voyage spirituel et hilarant au pays des toons