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The Riddle of Life Series #2.
Covers: Purgatory; True Facts;
Helping the Dead; Human
Workers in the Unseen;
Guardian Angels; Our Friends in
Heaven; the Heaven World; is
There Any Certain Knowledge.
Sonia Gandhi, Princess Niloufer,
Princess Durru Shehvar, Simone
Tata, Sooni Tata, Saint Teresa
The Mother, Margaret Cousins,
Sister Nivedita Annie Besant,
Jeanne Dupleix. What happened
to Sonia Gandhi as she moved

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from the Italian born wife of the non-political son closer and closer to the centre of power? Before she became Mother Teresa, how did an Eastern European-born outsider in the Loreto order criticize 'memsahib' nuns and claim that she would renew Christianity in India in 1947? These are just two of the ten stories captured in this book that illuminate the careers and Indian identity formation of European born women and their deep, and sometimes controversial, influence on education, religions, spirituality, commerce and politics in India. For their Indian supporters and

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opponents, these women were both Indian and videshinis (foreign women); they were also non-British and thus separate from the colonial power. They may have been the last outliers of the intercultural contact around the freedom struggle, but their integration by Indians now holds a lesson in inclusivity for the country.

A Magazine Devoted to the Brotherhood of Humanity, the Promulgation of Theosophy and the Study of Ancient and Modern Ethics, Philosophy, Science, and Art

Cosmogony is the physiology of the universe spiritualized.

The Theosophical Society

The Theosophist

Invisible Worlds

A sizeable minority of people with no particular connection to Eastern religions now believe in reincarnation. The rise in popularity of this belief over the last century and a half is directly traceable to the impact of the nineteenth century's largest and most influential Western esoteric movement, the Theosophical Society. In *Recycled Lives*, Julie Chajes looks at the rebirth doctrines of the matriarch of Theosophy, the controversial occultist Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831-1891). Examining her teachings in detail, Chajes places them in the context of multiple dimensions of nineteenth-century intellectual and

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cultural life. In particular, she explores Blavatsky's readings (and misreadings) of Spiritualist currents, scientific theories, Platonism, and Hindu and Buddhist thought. These in turn are set in relief against broader nineteenth-century American and European trends. The chapters come together to reveal the contours of a modern perspective on reincarnation that is inseparable from the nineteenth-century discourses within which it emerged, and which has shaped how people in the West tend to view reincarnation today.

This volume of conference proceedings investigates the various ways and patterns with which esoteric writings and groups establish their own tradition. This involves concepts of origin and memory, ways of legitimising esoteric tradition as well as

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techniques and practices of knowledge transmission in esotericism.

Recycled Lives

Notes on the Bhagavad-gita

The Encyclopedic Sourcebook of New Age Religions

The Dawn of the New Cycle

Controversial New Religions

A Biography

In the late 1980s, the New Age movement became the focus of both media attention and widespread ridicule as some of the more outlandish aspects of the movement, such as channeling and the use of crystals for healing, briefly piqued the public's curiosity. While the movement was at its height, scholars of religion generally sneered at what was perceived to be a daffy, shallow craze, and ignored it as a subject of

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serious study. Professor James R. Lewis was among the first to examine this growing religious phenomenon scientifically. In previous books, he has investigated the New Age as the most visible manifestation of a significant spiritual subculture, the roots of which reach back to Theosophy, Spiritualism, and New Thought. The present collection pursues this theme, bringing together some of the best recent scholarship on new religions. Since the height of its popular influence the New Age has declined in strength but has given rise to a plethora of new denominations all shaped by New Age ideas and spirituality. Reflecting the emergence of this new denominational structure, the core chapters of this book focus on

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specific groups. Other chapters examine the movement's historical roots. A unique feature of Dr. Lewis's work is his inclusion of extensive selections from New Age literature, thus allowing readers to experience firsthand the unusual perspectives of the various groups. This is a fascinating examination of a significant and persistent religious and social phenomenon. James R. Lewis (Stevens Point, WI), a world-recognized authority on nontraditional religions, teaches religious studies at the University of Wisconsin, and is the author or editor of over 20 books, including *Odd Gods: New Religions and the Cult Controversy* and *Doomsday Prophecies: A Complete Guide to the End of the World*.

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Focusing on the early Modern and Victorian periods, the author finds covert revolutionaries in four familiar practitioners of a strategy she calls creative negativity: poet-photographer Julia Margaret Cameron (1815-1879), novelist-essayist Anne Thackeray Ritchie (1837-1919), activist-spiritual leader Annie Besant (1847-1933), and actress-writer Elizabeth Robins (1862-1952).

Four Victorian Exemplars of the
Female Quest

Books in Print

The Theosophical Forum

Light on the Path and Karma

Point Loma Theosophists and

American Culture

Madame Blavatsky and Her
"theosophy"

In terms of public opinion, new

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religious movements are considered controversial for a variety of reasons ranging from how they speak, dress, and eat, to the way they think and their sense of community. Their social organization often runs counter to popular expectations by experimenting with communal living (or strict individualism), alternative leadership roles (or flat network structures), unusual economic dispositions, and new political and ethical values. As a result the general public views new religions with a mixture of curiosity, amusement, and anxiety, sustained by lavish media emphasis on oddness and

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tragedy rather than familiarity and lived experience. This updated and revised second edition of *Controversial New Religions* offers a scholarly, dispassionate look at those groups that have generated the most attention, including some very well-known classical groups like The Family, Unification Church, Scientology, and Jim Jones' People's Temple; some relative newcomers such as the Kabbalah Centre, the Order of the Solar Temple, Branch Davidians, Heaven's Gate, and the Falun Gong; and some interesting cases like contemporary Satanism, the Raelians, Black nationalism, and

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various Pagan groups. Written by established scholars as well as younger experts in the field, each essay combines an overview of the history and beliefs of each organization or movement with original and insightful analysis. By presenting decades of scholarly work on new religious movements in an accessible form, this book will be an invaluable resource for all those who seek a view of new religions that is deeper than what can be found in sensationalistic media stories.

This is the first bibliography of Postmodernism to take account of work published in all subject areas and in all languages.

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Deborah Madsen has identified a new first occurrence of the term in 1926, preceding by more than twenty years the first occurrence documented by the Oxford English Dictionary. In a chronological listing, books, articles, notes, letters and working papers on Postmodernism are described with full bibliographical details. Reviews of major books are documented and full contents listings are given for special issues of journals devoted to Postmodernism. An appendix includes books on Postmodernism announced for publication in 1995. This bibliography brings together in

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one place all secondary material published on Postmodernism. All disciplines are included, from anthropology to zoology: architecture, cultural studies, dance, drama, feminism, fiction, geography, history, legal studies, literary theory, mathematics, medicine, music, pedagogical theory, philosophy, photography and film, poetry, politics, religion, sociology, the visual and plastic arts, and others. The bibliography also documents items in a range of languages other than English: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, and the Scandinavian languages. Access to the

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information contained in the bibliography is made easy with a comprehensive index providing guidance according to author, subject, language, and key words. Postmodernism: A Bibliography, 1926-1994 is an essential reference text for anyone working in the area of contemporary culture studies.

Early Fragments of Esoteric
Cosmogony

Annie Besant on Psychic and
Spiritual Development

Parabola

The Theosophical Path

D.N. Dunlop, A Man of Our Time
Constructing Tradition

This peer-reviewed study represents

a culmination of years of research into the history of the Theosophical Society. In this unique project which combines biographies with source analyses, Jeffrey D. Lavoie records a detailed history of the early Theosophical Society and examines its relationship with the modern Spiritualist movement between the years 1875-1891. Special attention has been paid to some of the neglected figures associated with these organizations including Arthur Lillie- the Gnostic-occultist and early critic of the Theosophical Society; the Davenport Brothers- the Spiritualist mediums who developed many of the standard

elements which became associated with modern Spiritualism; Alfred Wallace- the prominent scientist, Spiritualist, and supposed member of the Theosophical Society and many others. This work will appeal to a wide array of readers including those interested in modern religious movements, Western Esotericism, South Asian history, and Victorian studies.

"To investigate the unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in humanity" is one object of the Theosophical Society. Annie Besant (1847–1933), outspoken feminist, political activist, and early president of the TS, thought that psychic and spiritual development

should be available to everyone, not just a chosen few. In her many books and articles providing guidelines, her goal was not to help students develop supernormal powers, but to help them increase consciousness in order to receive instruction from the ascended Masters. Besant believed this work had positively changed her life and wanted others to enjoy the same benefit. Although penned a century ago, Besant's wisdom on the subject is still germane. Her prose is clear and inspiring, and Kurt Leland's introduction and notes are well-informed. He helpfully divides Besant's writings into four parts — Occultism Light and Dark,

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*Higher Life Training, the
Investigation of Different Worlds,
and the Science of the
Superphysical.*

A Study

*Notes and Queries and Historic
Magazine*

Lucifer

Century Path

Pacific Theosophist

Theosophical Quarterly

Historical researcher, Michael
Gomes charts the dramatic origins
of the theosophical movement, one
of the most influential philosophical
systems to arise during the last
hundred years. In this skillfully
woven story of the early years of
theosophy, the author re-creates

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the key events involving Blavatsky, Olcott, and a small group of like-minded occultists. His account covers the publication of Blavatsky's "occult encyclopedia", Isis Unveiled, concluding with the pilgrimage to India by the "theosophical twins."

D.N. Dunlop (1868-1935) combined remarkable practical and organizational abilities in industry and commerce with gifted spiritual and esoteric capacities. A personal friend of W.B. Yeats and Rudolf Steiner, Dunlop was responsible for founding the World Power Conference (today the World Energy Council), and played leading roles in the Theosophical Society and later the

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Anthroposophical Society. In his business life he pioneered a cooperative approach towards the emerging global economy. Meyer's compelling narrative of Dunlop's life begins on the Isle of Arran, where the motherless boy is brought up by his grandfather. In a landscape rich with prehistoric standing stones, the young Dunlop has formative spiritual experiences. When his grandfather dies, he struggles for material survival, but devotedly studies occult literature. The scene moves to Dublin, where Dunlop becomes a friend of W.B. Yeats and the poet-seer A.E., and develops an active interest in Madame Blavatsky's Theosophy. Arriving in London via New York,

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Dunlop is now a lecturer, writer and the editor of a monthly journal – but alongside his esoteric interests he rises to a foremost position in the British electrical industry, masterminding the first World Power Conference. Dunlop's life is to change forever through his meeting with Rudolf Steiner, which '...brought instant recognition'. He was immediately convinced that Steiner was '...the Knower, the Initiate, the bearer of the Spirit to his age'. Dunlop's close involvement with anthroposophy, leading to his eventual position as Chair of the British Society, is described in detail: from the momentous conferences in Penmaenmawr and Torquay to his

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transformative relationships with Eleanor Merry, W.J. Stein, Ita Wegman and Ludwig Polzer-Hoditz. Meyer features important material on the Anthroposophical Society's tragic split, that allows for a true evaluation of this difficult period in the organization's history. This second, enlarged edition features substantial additions of new material and an Afterword by Owen Barfield.

A Bibliography, 1926-1994

Publishers' Trade List Annual

The Path

The Life After Death and How

Theosophy Unveils It

Studies in Occultism; A Series of
Reprints from the Writings of H. P.

Blavatsky. No. 1: Practical

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Occultism
Occultism Versus the
Occult, Arts
The Blessings of
Publicity

The Theosophical Review

Controversial New

Religions
Oxford University
Press (UK)

In considering a group
that identified with
Victorian American culture
and its anxieties while
adhering to an occult
worldview that most of
their contemporaries found
strange, if not dangerous,
the book explains why
these middle-class
Americans found Theosophy
so persuasive and why they
left family and friends

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behind to take up
residence at this
California
settlement."--BOOK JACKET.

The Dawning of the
Theosophical Movement

Theosophy

Means and Myths of
Transmission in Western
Esotericism

The British Library
General Catalogue of
Printed Books to 1975

Creative Negativity

The History of a
Spiritualist Movement

The active principle is attracted by
the passive and the Great Nag, the
serpent emblem of the eternity,
attracts its tail to its mouth forming

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thereby a circle in that incessant pursuit of the negative by the positive. The two opposing forces, unconscious and non-existing when separated, they become consciousness and life when brought together. On the post-mortem disintegration of the constituent parts of man and their return their respective source. It is not part of the evolutionary law that the human mind, our fifth principle, should be fully developed before the Fifth Round. The Seeress of Prévorst is an example of a Fifth Rounder; Count St. Germain, of a Sixth Rounder. Confucius and Plato were Fifth Rounders. While Gautama Buddha and Shankaracharya are also

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termed Sixth Rounders, allegorically, the former is still higher and greater than all Fifth Rounders. However, precocious minds on this Round are abnormal. Monads are not discrete principles, limited or conditioned, but rays from One Universal and Absolute Principle. The entrance into a dark room through the same aperture of one ray of sunlight following another will not constitute two rays but one ray intensified.

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A History of Reincarnation in Blavatsky's Theosophy