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The question of the transcendence of God has traditionally been thought in terms of the difference between pantheism, which affirms that God is wholly "within" the world, and theism, which affirms that God is both "within" and "outside" the world, both immanent and transcendent. Against Heidegger's critique of onto-theology and the general postmodern concern for respecting and preserving the difference of the other, Merold Westphal seeks to rethink divine transcendence in relation to modes of human self-transcendence. Touching upon Spinoza, Hegel, Augustine, Pseudo-Dionysius, Aquinas, Barth, Kierkegaard, Levinas, Derrida, and Marion, Westphal's work centers around a critique of onto-theology, the importance of alterity, the decentered self, and the autonomous transcendental ego. Westphal's phenomenology of faith sets this book into the main currents of Continental philosophy of religion today. The problems in the modern world are multiplying at a rapid rate. But what if all of the problems together is not the problem? Social milieu, conventional knowledge, and daily life lock our attention on numbers and abstract thinking. We are increasingly unconscious of some important aspects of ourselves and reality. What if what we are overlooking is exactly what we need to live a proper life? In Game of Life, Kin Lau examines disparate ideas from philosophy, psychology, and religions from both East and West that can engage the individual on a common path. The game of life is to be played two in modes. One mode is playing as a human, which is the mode we are exerting all of our time and effort. For a more complete and integrated way of living, human beings need to rediscover the other mode. The other mode is about our being, which involves understanding the nature of reality. It is time we become integrated individuals again by adding the being back into the game of life. Rather than looking at Jesus -- the popular conception of the "historical Jesus" -- John Baggett contends that we should instead look with Jesus at the realities of God and neighbor as he perceived them. Baggett incorporates the witness of the key human relationships of Jesus, looking at why those earliest believers and friends considered him divine. Baggett then asks how Christ's transcendence can ultimately translate to significance for life and faith in today's story. "Consciousness is the cosmic mystery that provides all the ingredients to the majesty and beauty of Life and existence on earth. We take the simple day-to-day awareness of this Life for granted, without the respect that it deserves. Every life moves towards higher and higher levels of consciousness, often a great source of delight for us, when we witness the distinctions of growth in awareness of this beauty. Pointers to Reality provides some helpful reminders to us that our direction is always towards full awakening, whether it occurs in this life, or in the next. I hope that these aphorisms will give you the sparks of delight of our purpose of life. " From the Introduction by Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri Reflections on meta-

Reality is now widely regarded as a landmark in contemporary philosophy. It initiates the philosophy of meta-Reality, the third main phase of Roy Bhaskar's philosophical thoughts, after original or basic critical realism and dialectical critical realism. Originally published in 2002 and based on talks given in India, Europe and America, Roy Bhaskar presents his new philosophy of meta-Reality as a radical extension, systematic development and proleptic completion of critical realism. This brilliant series of studies contains seminal and far-reaching discussions of critical realism and the nature of being; an incisive and limpid account of modernity, modernism and post-modernism; a sublime discourse on the nature of the self and compelling considerations on the relationship between social science and self-realization. Together, they demonstrate the ubiquity of transcendental phenomena in everyday life and the orientation of enlightenment towards collective human emancipation and universal self-realization. A new introduction to this edition by Mervyn Hartwig, founding editor of The Journal of Critical Realism and editor of A Dictionary of Critical Realism (Routledge, 2007), describes the context, significance and impact of Reflections on meta-Reality, and supplies an expert guide to its content. This book is essential reading for students and practitioners in both philosophy and the human sciences. The book first argues that religious feeling persists in the secular western mind; that it has taken refuge in the unlikeliest of camps, indeed with the supposed debunker of religious creed: the rationalist existential ego. "The problem of Transcendence is the problem of our time. " I Needless to say, Transcendence was a particularly lively issue when Karl Heim wrote these words in the mid-1930's. Within the province of philosophical theology and philosophy of religion, however, it is always the problem, as Gordon Kaufman has recently reminded us. For the question concerning the nature and the reality of Transcendence has not only to do with self-transcendence, but with the being of Transcendence-Itself, that is to say, with the nature and the reality of God as experienced and understood at any given time or place. Now there are those today who would claim that any further discussion of the latter half of this proposition, namely, Transcendence-Itself or God, is worthless and quite beside the point. Such persons would claim that the particular logia represented by the theological sciences has collapsed by virtue of its object having disappeared. Indeed, when one surveys the contemporary scene in philosophy and theology, there is a good deal of evidence that this is the case: "theology of late having become something of a "spectacle," to use Pritz Buri's term. One of the reasons for this, we here contend, is that the richness and the diversity of the meaning of Transcendence has been lost. And even though we do not here intend to resolve the issue, neither do we assume that such an enquiry is either impossible or irrelevant. A theme throughout My Universe is that our consciousness exists simultaneously in transcendent and material domains. The gift and power of transcendent consciousness is that we apparently share it with extraterrestrial beings everywhere in the cosmos. Author Vary describes sub-quantum hyperspace phenomena that enable and mediate our communion with extraterrestrials. These reflections prompted Vary to muse that in this sense we are all extraterrestrials Our consciousness transcends the material and elevates and entwines our spirits. My Universe - A Transcendent Reality is a literary work with profound technological and teleological overtones. Vary's prophetic prose-poetry essays combine physics, metaphysics, cosmology, theology, and philosophy. He offers extraordinary radical ideas that can expand our dominion over nature and promote self-realization. Vary's book differs from others of its genera because it presents a rational basis for understanding the transcendent reality that influences our lives and by which we can enhance our interpersonal relations and infinite potentials. My Universe describes the foundation for perceiving a transcendent reality with quantum phenomena which we may experimentally observe as evidence of the intertwining of the transcendent and material. From this foundation we may realize transcendent communications with extraterrestrial beings. This is because there is a bond between transcendent reality and material reality, between transcendent human consciousness and extraterrestrial reality; which are seemingly separated only by a tenuous hyperspace interface that may be traversed

by advanced human techniques. Describes paradigms that enable and implement our transcendent consciousness and our relation to and contact with extraterrestrial worlds and beings. Gives entertaining, provocative clarification of great ideas in cosmology, philosophy, theology, sociology, evolution, metaphysics, and sub-quantum physics. Speaks to all cultures: innovators, writers, poets, artists, scientists: explains the nature of our world, so that we may better apply our infinite potentials. Promotes broadening of one's spiritual self-realization: challenging, revolutionary, transformational, and inspiring - needed in this crucial juncture of time. Suggest transcendent control of nature through sub-quantum phenomena and harnessing cold fusion power and changing lead to gold, actually, metaphorically. Proclaims people may aspire to a personal paradise: because no matter how bad life on Earth becomes, everyone may prepare for access to a transcendent paradise. Resonance and Transcendence with Great Nature is a guide book for understanding the essence of material existence and consciousness, the relationship between materiality and mentality, and the path of enlightenment according to Taoist internal alchemy practice. Primarily serving as a preface for the book Discourse on Chuang Tzu, this book appears separately due to its wide coverage of Buddhist and Taoist theory, as well as modern physics concerning the compositional structure of materiality. Emancipating the mind from bondage constitutes the first step for enlightenment. By taking this first step, and allowing the miniature universe of the human body to resonate with the great nature found in the Mysterious Pass, people can walk along the correct path of enlightenment. In doing so, they may attain Oneness, where Jing, Qi and Shen are unified, thereby transforming consciousness into enlightening wisdom, gaining transcendence from the mundane world, and attaining release from the bondage of encumbrance and afflictions. This book provides clear and thorough explanations of terminologies and processes in Taoist transformative meditation, illustrating a sort of internal cultivation and purification practice based in the foundations of the I-Ching (the Hetu and Luoshu diagrams). It offers theory that students receive from meditation teachers in the Taoist mountains of China, to keep them on the right path in their self-cultivation, and explains the many correlations between Taoist, Buddhist, Confucian theory and practice. This guide also prepares readers for the book Discourse on Chuang Tzu which people may not have known about but have been waiting for! It includes esoteric explanations of Chuang Tzu's many puns and uses of poetic language, detailed histories of the many obscure characters and events within these stories, and revelations of passages which may seem almost arbitrary to readers without author's insights into Taoist practice, history, foundations, terminologies, etc., unfolding the poetic tapestry of meanings within the Chuang Tzu that only a Taoist adept of author's background and experience could explain. Rationality is widely regarded as being at odds with the very concepts of metaphysics and transcendence. Yet it is easy to forget that the thinkers who pioneered rationality and the scientific method did not subscribe to this view. For instance, Aristotle described God as the source of reason in "Eudemian Ethics", and Newton and Galileo both believed that our ability to investigate the world scientifically has a divine origin. The eight essays in this volume examine a variety of intellectual approaches to the Christian faith, addressing a number of philosophical questions en route: Are some worldviews more rational than others? What limits are there to the kinds of queries we can answer through reasoning and scientific inquiry? What role can rationality play in the study of time and reality? How can we resolve questions about transcendence and metaphysics? The book concludes with the transcript of a public debate on whether theism is more rational than atheism. Not only does it serve as a useful reminder that religion and reason can inhabit the same discourse, but the lack of a clear winner also demonstrates the importance of trying to wrestle with such perennial questions. Anyone who is exploring the arguments for Christianity's rational basis, whether out of academic, cultural or personal interest, should find in this volume much food for thought. This book offers a readable and compelling introduction to the work of one of the twentieth century's most important and elusive thinkers. Other books have tried to explain Deleuze in general terms. Todd May organizes his book around a central question at the heart of Deleuze's philosophy: how might we live? The author then goes on to explain how Deleuze offers a view of the cosmos as a living thing that provides ways of conducting our lives that we may not have dreamed of. Through this approach the full range of Deleuze's philosophy is covered. Offering a lucid account of a highly technical philosophy, Todd May's introduction will be widely read amongst those in philosophy, political science, cultural studies and French studies. Humanity in the early

Twenty-First Century is changing. Progressing. Evolving. Transcending. With every passing year, the distinctions which separate mankind from machines are becoming increasingly blurred as technology is quickly helping humanity free itself from the age-old constraints of biology, frailty, and mortality. We are becoming healthier, stronger, and smarter at an exponential pace. We can fight wars from half-a-world away, we can visit any location on earth without moving, and we can not only repair our bodies, but enhance them. Soon, even immortality will no longer be a fantasy of religion or myth, but within our very grasp. We will transcend biology. What lies ahead for mankind is breathtaking - and even terrifying. And as we peer into that future, we are faced with the startling question: "What does it mean to be human?" After experiencing a horrible personal loss, Daniel Marks, a former time-traveler, embarks on a journey which will cause him to not only question the entire purpose of his existence, but that very existence itself. Transcendence and History is an analysis of what philosopher Eric Voegelin described as "the decisive problem of philosophy": the dilemma of the discovery of transcendent meaning and the impact of this discovery on human self-understanding. The world's major religious and wisdom traditions are built upon the recognition of transcendent meaning, and our own cultural and linguistic heritage has long since absorbed the postcosmological division of reality into the two dimensions of "transcendence" and "immanence." But the last three centuries in the West have seen a growing resistance to the idea of transcendent meaning; contemporary and "postmodern" interpretations of the human situation—both popular and intellectual—indicate a widespread eclipse of confidence in the truth of transcendence. In Transcendence and History, Glenn Hughes contributes to the understanding of transcendent meaning and the problems associated with it, assisting in the philosophical recovery of the legitimacy of the notion of transcendence. Depending primarily on the treatments of transcendence found in the writings of twentieth-century philosophers Eric Voegelin and Bernard Lonergan, Hughes explores the historical discovery of transcendent meaning and then examines what it indicates about the structure of history. Hughes's main focus, however, is on clarifying the problem of transcendence in relation to historical existence. Addressing both layreaders and scholars, Hughes applies the insights and analyses of Voegelin and Lonergan to considerable advantage. Transcendence and History will be of particular value to those who have grappled with the notion of transcendence in the study of philosophy, comparative religion, political theory, history, philosophical anthropology, and art or poetry. By examining transcendent meaning as the key factor in the search for ultimate meaning from ancient societies to the present, the book demonstrates how "the decisive problem of philosophy" both illuminates and presents a vital challenge to contemporary intellectual discourse. A phenomenological account of religious life This book brings together the work of several scholars to shed light on the Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges' complex relationship with language and reality. A critical assumption driving the work is that there is, as Jaime Alazraki has put it, 'a genuine effort to overcome the narrowness that Western tradition has imposed as a master and measure of reality' in Borges' writing. That narrowness is in large measure a consequence of the chronic influence of positivist approaches to reality that rely on empirical evidence for any authentication of what is 'real'. This study shows that, in opposition to such restrictions, Borges saw in fiction, in literature, the most viable means of discussing reality in a pragmatic manner. Moreover, by scrutinising several of the author's works, it establishes signposts for considering the truly complicated relationship that Borges had with reality, one that intimately associates the 'real' with human perception, insight and language. Language, Reality, and Transcendence deals with the later philosophy of Wittgenstein by delving into language, grammar, rule, self, world, culture, and value. Wittgenstein has given a comprehensive philosophy of man and the world and has dealt with the destiny of man by outlining the moral and the spiritual goals of human life. In this work, the nature of Wittgenstein's transcendent metaphysics of man and the ultimate reality has been outlined. "I concludes the presentation of a long-predicted major advance in critical human knowledge. It explains and describes the very substrate and essence of consciousness as it evolved from its primordial appearance as life on earth on up through evolution as the human ego, and hence, to the ego's transcendence as the spiritual Reality of Enlightenment and the Presence of Divinity."--Cover page 4. This book is open access and available on www.bloomsburycollections.com. It is funded by Knowledge Unlatched. Philosophy in a Meaningless Life provides an account of the nature of philosophy which is rooted in the question of the meaning of life. It

makes a powerful and vivid case for believing that this question is neither obscure nor obsolete, but reflects a quintessentially human concern to which other traditional philosophical problems can be readily related; allowing them to be reconnected with natural interest, and providing a diagnosis of the typical lines of opposition across philosophy's debates. James Tartaglia looks at the various ways philosophers have tried to avoid the conclusion that life is meaningless, and in the process have distanced philosophy from the concept of transcendence. Rejecting all of this, Tartaglia embraces nihilism ('we are here with nothing to do'), and uses transcendence both to provide a new solution to the problem of consciousness, and to explain away perplexities about time and universals. He concludes that with more self-awareness, philosophy can attain higher status within a culture increasingly in need of it. The root of human dilemmas, although they always present themselves in multiple hues, invariably plunges into the question of human dualism, consciousness and matter. There's a subtle cosmic Darwinism going on that we haven't paid attention to yet. A real universal filter is at work, silently decimating intelligent biological species across the Universe. From our animal matrix either this subtle "something" that we decide to identify as "consciousness" will emerge, or our bodily instincts will inevitably lead us to nuclear suicide. The "Fermi paradox" suggests this possibility explicitly. The human mind, this highly efficient and complex biological software, emerged from this same Darwinian process of violent and brutal struggle for survival. So, the mind also naturally tends to aggression and violence when dissociated from consciousness, that "energy" that many decided to call pejoratively as "the ghost in the machine". The human world in general expresses precisely such "reality" created by the mind, when dissociated from consciousness. Hence our inclination towards indifference and aggression. Our animal instincts are still highly active, determining our every move. So, the nuclear age effectively corresponds to the turning point of intelligent species. Every day we seem to take a step forward towards "defcon 1", the threat of imminent nuclear destruction. The existence of the doomsday clock is known only to a few. Atomic weapons are not "peace insurers" by the certainty of mutual assured destruction (M.A.D.). This is a truly insane perspective that exposes us in our ravings, making it more than clear that we have deviated from our natural evolutionary course. However, if we implode ourselves, it will only show that we never had what it takes to persevere as a conscious biological species. The Universe, however, will lose nothing. It is its simple and natural way of functioning. The Parable of the Sower reminds us of this reality. This thesis contributes to Psychology and Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) research with a focus on the design of immersive experiences that support self-transcendence. Self-transcendence is defined as a decrease in a sense of self and an increase in unity with the world. It can change what individuals know and value, their perspective on the world and life, evolving them as a grown person. Consequently, self-transcendence is gaining attention in Psychology, Philosophy, and Neuroscience. But, we are still far from understanding the complex phenomenological and neurocognitive aspects of self-transcendence, as well as its implications for individual growth and psychological well-being. In reviewing the methods for studying self-transcendence, we found differing conceptual models determine different ways for understanding and studying self-transcendence. Understanding self-transcendence is made especially challenging because of its ineffable qualities and extraordinary conditions in which it takes place. For that reason, researchers have begun to look at technological solutions for both eliciting self-transcendence to better study it under controlled and replicable conditions as well as giving people greater access to the experience. We reviewed immersive, interactive technologies that aim to support positive experiences such as self-transcendence and extracted a set of design considerations that were prevalent across experiences. We then explored two different focuses of self-transcendence: awe and lucid dreaming. First, we took an existing VR experience designed specifically to support the self-transcendent experience of awe and looked at how the mindset and physical setting surrounding that VR experience might better support the experience of and accommodation of awe. Second, we delved deep into lucid dreaming to better understand the aspects that could help inform the design of an immersive experience that supports self-transcendence. We put those design ideas into practice by developing a neurofeedback system that aims to support lucid dreaming practices in an immersive experience. Through these review papers and design explorations, we contribute to the understanding of how one might design and evaluate immersive technological experiences that support varieties of self-transcendence. We hope to inspire more work in

this area that holds promise in better understanding human nature and living our best lives. *Transcendence and Phenomenology* presents a definitive collection of essays discussing the much debated turn to theology in philosophy, most evident in phenomenology. Arguably the most pressing debate at the interface of philosophy and theology, this collection of essays makes a significant intervention in the on-going argument, gathering together some of the finest phenomenologists writing today; Jean-Luc Marion, Jean-Yves Lacoste, Jean-Louis Chretien and Michel Henry. It also presents major criticisms of phenomenology in relation to theology, especially from John Milbank. This volume will provide a framework for those new to the debate. Contributors to this volume: JEAN-LUC MARION, MICHEL HENRY, RICHARD KEARNEY, JEFF BLOECHL, RUDI VISKER, JEAN-YVES LACOSTE, LASZLO TENGELYI, JOHN MILBANK, JEAN GREISCH, RUUD WELTEN, MAURO CARBONE. Dr Conor Cunningham is Co Director of the Centre for Theology and Philosophy at the University of Nottingham. Dr Peter Candler is Assistant Professor of Theology at Baylor University in Texas. The first volume of Arthur Schopenhauer's (1788-1860) *The World as Will and Representation* (1818, WWR) contains the heart of his philosophical theory. It alone provides an exposition of his theoretical system. The genesis of all his later works can be traced back to here, his magnum opus. Intended to be a complete system, Schopenhauer's exposition spans the range of the discipline: epistemology, metaphysics, aesthetics and ethics. This dissertation examines the significant role Schopenhauer assigns time in the WWR. To explain inner and outer experience, he maintains two distinct senses of temporality. On the objective side, understanding is limited to causality where it is tied to perception. Subjectively the recurring present can be accessed, where observation is optional. This general divide is examined over the four books and appendix of the WWR. His earlier works written before the WWR are also taken into account, *On the Fourfold Root of the Principle of Sufficient Reason* (1813), *On Visions and Colors* (1816). Over the course of discussion, I argue Schopenhauer carries existential value through his system using the *Eternal Now* (EN). The *Now* traces itself back to the first book of the WWR, where he claims there can be no object without a subject. This provides Schopenhauer's *Now* with an Eastern quality, in addition to the Platonic and Kantian ones. Behind the *Now* is the life-force and singular reality of the universe, the *Wille-zum-Leben*. Schopenhauer claims what gives us life can also destroy us if we are not careful. Transcendence from temporal violence is possible through the temporal faculty. Recognizing the *Wille* in other objects as the felt *Now* within themselves, the subject can leave causal understanding behind in what I frame as the *Aesthetic Now* (AN). I close by arguing modern science has demonstrated Schopenhauer's placement of the subject before the object to be fundamentally correct. Michael Welker's newest book opens new vistas on the theology of creation and challenges reigning notions of nature, transcendence, revelation, and life in biblical studies, philosophy, and theology. Based on his *Warfield Lectures at Princeton*, the volume probes the classical creation accounts of Genesis 1 and 2. Welker exhumes a more dynamic, concrete, pluralistic sense of creation, with accents on interdependence, unrest, and the text's "astounding potential for critique of deeply ingrained conceptions and ways of thinking." Welker then sketches surprising and creative interpretations of the text's most perplexing features: the angelic, world, the image of God in humans, dominion, sin and the "fall." *Process, Praxis, and Transcendence* is a North American philosophy of liberation that defends both metaphysics and philosophy of religion. The book moves from an existential phenomenology of the knowing and choosing subject through affirmation of a processive and liberating Christ to a critique and overcoming of neo-imperialism. Its ultimate theme explores what the appropriate theory and praxis of liberation is for those of us living "in the center of the empire" in North America and Western Europe. Western culture has been moving away from its Christian roots for several centuries but the turn from Christianity accelerated in the 20th century. At the core of this decline is a loss of a sense of our own transcendence. Scientific materialism has so seriously impacted our belief in human transcendence that many people find it difficult to believe in God and the human soul. This anti-transcendent perspective has not only cast its spell on the natural sciences, psychology, philosophy, and literature, it has also negatively impacted popular culture through the writings of Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, and many others. The warning signs of this loss of transcendence have been expressed by thinkers as diverse as Carl Jung (psychiatrist), Mircea Eliade (historian of religion), Gabriel Marcel (philosopher), C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. These warnings were

validated by a 2004 study in the American Journal of Psychiatry which showed that the absence of religion alone was responsible for a marked increase in suicide rates, sense of meaninglessness, substance abuse, separation from family, and other psychiatric problems. Thus, the loss of transcendence is negatively affecting not only individuals' sense of happiness, dignity, ideals, virtues, and destiny, but also the culture. Ironically, the evidence for transcendence is greater today than in any other period in history. The problem is - this evidence has not been compiled and propagated. Fr. Spitzer's book provides a bright light in the midst of this cultural darkness by presenting both traditional and contemporary evidence for God and a transphysical soul from several major sources. He also shows how human consciousness and intelligence is completely special - and cannot be replicated by artificial intelligence or animal consciousness. We are transcendent beings with souls capable of surviving bodily death - self-reflective beings aware of perfect truth, love, goodness, and beauty. We are beings with an unrestricted capacity to know and create science, law, culture, art, music, literature, and so much more. The evidence reveals that we have the dignity of being created in the very image of God, and if we underestimate it, we will undervalue one another, underlive our lives, and underachieve our destiny. This work is the most comprehensive treatment of human transcendence available today. In this book, Louis Roy takes account of the fact that, in the last fifty years, numerous people in the secularized West have responded yes to surveys that asked, "Are you aware of having had an experience during which you felt in the presence of a dimension or a reality very different from ordinary human life?" Are such experiences mere illusions? Some thinkers, like Feuerbach and Freud, believed so. Are such experiences encounters with God? Karl Barth, a great Protestant theologian, did not think much of their worth. On this issue, psychologists and theologians are divided. Roy argues that those experiences are valid, that they possess a real potential, and that they can open their recipients to a genuine wisdom. He reports on eight narratives, spells out their constitutive elements, classifies them into four categories—aesthetic, ontological, ethical, and interpersonal—and suggests criteria to assess their concrete authenticity. Thus, this book will appeal to educated readers interested in spirituality, philosophy of religion, psychology, literature, theology, and pastoral ministry. Search Without Idols is a study of human transcendence in the context of human striving, projecting, surpassing, overcoming. This power is central to man's search for wholeness. Such transcendence makes reality tolerable. It provides us with ~m impressive array of human responses which enable us to cope. But it also provides the excesses that go beyond human striving. Nothing seems to be off-limits to this ubiquitous power. Such a state of surpassing limits is what we find in the relation between the human search for wholeness and the quest for external totalities which lies beyond the human context. Such soaring flights beyond the capacity of human striving are hard to control, impossible to show responsibility-for and beyond the reach of criteria. The reach exceeds both our grasp and our control. Transcendence, then, is a greatly used and much abuse~ human power. Its activities have never ceased to amaze me, its excesses have always troubled me even from the beginning of my studies. This book is not an exercise in self-clarification. I have some thoughts on the matter which I wish to share with the reader. Perhaps we can mutually appreciate the great gift without compromising our sanity. Part I will provide a new look at the meaning of transcendence. The Priority of the Other provides radical reorientation of our most basic ways of making sense of the human condition. By thinking and being Otherwise, he suggests, we can become better attuned to both the world beyond us and the world within. Contemporary scholars of Chinese philosophy often presuppose that early China possessed a naturalistic worldview, devoid of any non-natural concepts, such as transcendence. Challenging this presupposition head-on, Joshua R. Brown and Alexis McLeod argue that non-naturalism and transcendence have a robust and significant place in early Chinese thought. This book reveals that non-naturalist positions can be found in early Chinese texts, in topics including conceptions of the divine, cosmogony, and apophatic

philosophy. Moreover, by closely examining a range of early Chinese texts, and providing comparative readings of a number of Western texts and thinkers, the book offers a way of reading early Chinese Philosophy as consistent with the religious philosophy of the East and West, including the Abrahamic and the Brahmanistic religions. Co-written by a philosopher and theologian, this book draws out unique insights into early Chinese thought, highlighting in particular new ways to consider a range of Chinese concepts, including tian, dao, li, and you/wu. Gill contends that the seeming loss of transcendence, in favor of naturalism (or overcome by thinking of intangible reality as it mediates and is mediated by tangible reality. He draws on well-seasoned theories of reality, knowledge, ethics, and language. Cloth edition, \$26.50 (unseen). Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

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