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POWERFUL ANCIENT AND LEADING EDGE VISIONS AND TEACHINGS FOR HEALING OURSELVES AND OUR WORLD THROUGH MEDITATION PRAYER AND SACRED PLANT PRACTICES

THIS BOOK THE FIRST IN THE FIELD FOR TWO DECADES LOOKS AT THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GEOGRAPHY AND RELIGION IT REPRESENTS A SYNTHESIS OF RESEARCH BY GEOGRAPHERS OF MANY COUNTRIES MAINLY SINCE THE 1960s NO PREVIOUS BOOK HAS TACKLED THIS EMERGING FIELD FROM SUCH A BROAD INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE AND NEVER BEFORE HAVE SUCH A VARIETY OF DETAILED CASE STUDIES BEEN PULLED TOGETHER IN SO COMPARATIVE OR ILLUMINATING A WAY EXAMPLES AND CASE STUDIES HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM ALL THE MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS AND FROM ALL CONTINENTS FROM BOTH A HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE MAJOR THEMES COVERED IN THE BOOK INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIGION AND THE PROCESSES BY WHICH RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS IDEAS SPREAD THROUGH SPACE AND TIME SOME OF THE IMPORTANT LINKS BETWEEN RELIGION AND POPULATION ARE ALSO EXPLORED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON THE VISIBLE MANIFESTATIONS OF RELIGION ON THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE INCLUDING LANDSCAPES OF WORSHIP AND OF DEATH AND THE WHOLE FIELD OF SACRED SPACE AND RELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGE

A LEADING SCHOLAR CULTURAL HISTORIAN AND CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO SPENT MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS WRITING ABOUT OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE EARTH THOMAS BERRY POSSESSED PROPHETIC INSIGHT INTO THE RAMPANT DESTRUCTION OF ECOSYSTEMS AND THE EXTINCTION OF SPECIES IN THIS BOOK HE MAKES A PERSUASIVE CASE FOR AN INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE THAT CAN BETTER CONFRONT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY THESE ERUDITE AND KEENLY SYMPATHETIC ESSAYS REPRESENT BERRY S BEST WORK COVERING SUCH ISSUES AS HUMAN BEINGS MODERN ALIENATION FROM NATURE AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF FUTURE REGENERATIVE FORMS OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE ASKING THAT WE CREATE A NEW STORY OF THE UNIVERSE AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE EARTH WITHIN IT BERRY RESITUATES THE HUMAN SPIRIT WITHIN A SACRED TOTALITY

ASSESSES MIRCEA ELIADE S CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGION AND THE ACADEMIC STUDY OF RELIGION

CHRISTIANITY IN THE LATE ANTIQUE WORLD WAS NOT IMPOSED BUT EMBRACED AND THE LAITY WERE NOT PASSIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR RELIGION BUT HAD A CENTRAL ROLE IN ITS CREATION THIS VOLUME EXPLORES THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN GAUL BRINGING TOGETHER THE FIELDS OF HISTORY ARCHAEOLOGY AND THEOLOGY FIRST THIS BOOK FOLLOWS THE WAYS IN WHICH CLERGY AND MONKS TRIED TO SHAPE AND MANUFACTURE LAY RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE THEY HAD THEMSELVES CONSTRUCTED THE CATEGORY OF THE LAITY WHICH SERVED AS A NEGATIVE COUNTERPART TO THEIR SELF DEFINITION LAY RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE WAS THUS SHAPED IN PART BY THIS NEED TO CREATE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CATEGORIES THE BOOK THEN FOCUSES ON HOW THE LAITY EXPERIENCED THEIR RELIGION HOW THEY INTERPRETED IT AND HOW THEIR DECISIONS SHAPED THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH AND OF THEIR FAITH THIS PART OF THE STUDY PAYS CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE LAITY IN THIS PERIOD THEIR RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENTS RITUAL ENGAGEMENT BEHAVIOURS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEFS THE FIRST VOLUME TO EXAMINE LAITY IN THIS PERIOD IN GAUL A KEY REGION FOR THINKING ABOUT THE TRANSITION FROM ROMAN RULE TO POST ROMAN SOCIETY THE RELIGIOUS WORLDS OF THE LAITY IN LATE ANTIQUE GAUL FILLS AN IMPORTANT GAP IN CURRENT LITERATURE

EVENTUALLY, **RETURNING TO SACRED WORLD** WILL AGREED DISCOVER A OTHER EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY BY SPENDING MORE CASH. YET WHEN? DO YOU TAKE THAT YOU REQUIRE TO GET THOSE EVERY NEEDS IN IMITATION OF HAVING SIGNIFICANTLY CASH? WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO ACQUIRE SOMETHING BASIC IN THE BEGINNING? THATS SOMETHING THAT WILL LEAD YOU TO COMPREHEND EVEN MORE RETURNING TO SACRED WORLDSOMETHING LIKE THE GLOBE, EXPERIENCE, SOME PLACES, AFTERWARD HISTORY, AMUSEMENT, AND A LOT MORE? IT IS YOUR TOTALLY RETURNING TO SACRED WORLD WORLD WORLD DELOW.

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