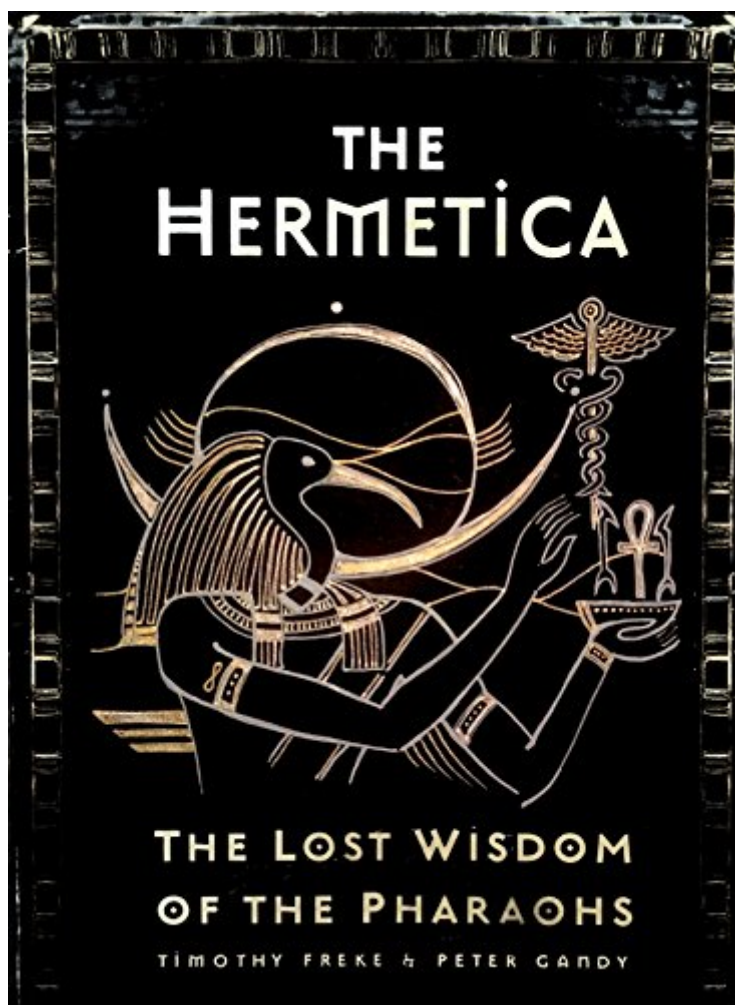


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Customer Reviews

I found this book interesting for getting the basic idea of what the Hermetica is. I guess some reviewers think it's too watered down and doesn't match the voluminous original texts. However I read one such book years ago which was overloaded with footnotes and sections written in the original language which unfortunately for me I am not fluent in. There's something to be said for creating an approachable introduction to such a metaphysical subject. The statements attributed to Thoth / Hermes in this book are very eloquent and poetic at times. He describes the universe as a goddess named Destiny who governs the stars and the constellations of the Zodiac. The Zodiac in turn governs the affairs of us mortals. On the day we are born the position of the constellations will foretell our destiny during this incarnation. I would like to find a good book about astrology that shows the connections between the Zodiac and Egyptian mysticism if anyone can think of one. I'm interested in what the 12 signs mean in relation to the effects of the constellations on the affairs of mortals. Some people see a connection between the Egyptian god Thoth and Christ like Thoth was Christ in another incarnation. Edgar Cayce stated that Thoth was the living embodiment of 'The Word' or something to that effect. The Gospel Of John describes Christ in that same way. Another possible connection with Christ is the way Thoth explained what the term 'born again' means. Christians use that term often but do they know what it really means? Perhaps they do know but they usually won't explain it in terms of Egyptian mysticism. I believe Christ traveled to Egypt and studied with the Egyptian priests during the so called missing years that weren't captured in the bible. Christ experienced the Egyptian initiation rites I believe. If what some people believe is true it was Christ Himself who created the Egyptian priesthood and the initiation rites during his life experience as Melchizedek. Although who knows if Melchizedek and Thoth were even normal human beings. Perhaps they were something more. That's why Saint Augustine said that Christianity has always existed and is the one true religion. The authors show that quote in the introduction. It's an interesting theory that ancient and secret knowledge is passed along to a chosen few in every generation. Some people think that Pythagoras and Plato may have been two of those people. The search for the origins of philosophy will I believe lead us back to ancient Egypt and ultimately to Atlantis. Mythology is the common thread between all of the world's religions, even the evil ones like Satanism. Although I'm not sure that saying Satan is 'evil' is totally accurate either. Zeus, Osiris, Isis and those others are very real. Have no doubt about that. Edgar Cayce's Story of Jesus Initiation Initiation in the Great Pyramid (Astar's library of mystical classics) The Lives of Edgar Cayce Edgar Cayce's Past Lives of Jesus: An Amazing Story Fulcanelli: Master Alchemist: Le Mystere des Cathedrales, Esoteric Intrepretation of the Hermetic Symbols of The Great

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If you are interested in the works of the ancients, this is a satisfying fragment in your search for 'truth'.

Currently still reading this book. The information contained within is so helpful and insightful, that one can not just rush through the book.I normally devour books within a day (especially of this size), but with this one I have found myself reading just a 'chapter' and reflecting what was written.One can see a number of similarities with a few religions out there. As a very spiritually open person, I have always thought, one needed to make sure the information we receive resonates within ourselves.I started with the Kybalion by Three Initiates (also ordered here on), so this left me wanted to find out more. This book is well written, I will order more copies to give away

I am enjoying the learning from this book. Since my ego is not based on how long I can verbose about this book, I will simply say that I am loving what I am learning, and the information is presented very, very well. Deep gratitude to the author.

I absolutely love this book. the only word(s) that i can use to describe it isBEAUTIFUL. very well written. Even though most of the concepts are different from my Christian background, this book made my heart smile. I love how ATUM was described. A must read.

There is music in this volume. It has sang a song that is written on my heart and continues to sing even as I write these words. Forever in Gods presence I will be. #wakeuphotep.

Love all these books! Buy them for my tweens as well as myself to learn about where we come from and everything in-between!

Great book. I have read it twice and will read it many times.

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