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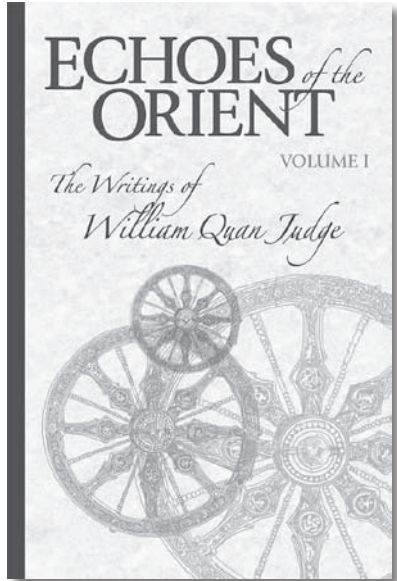
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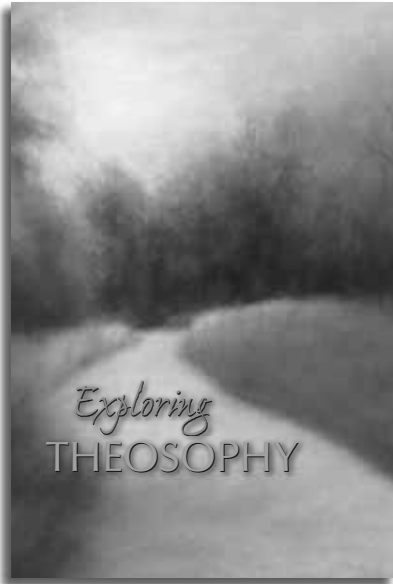
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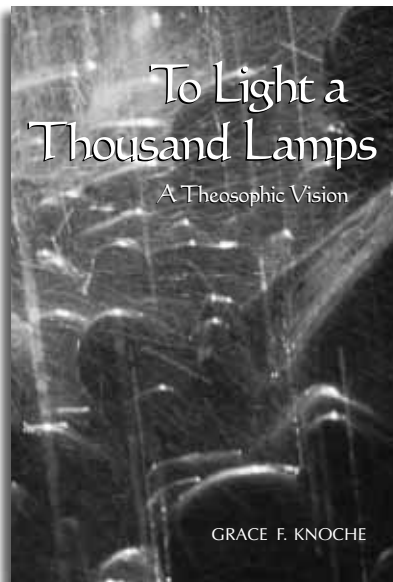


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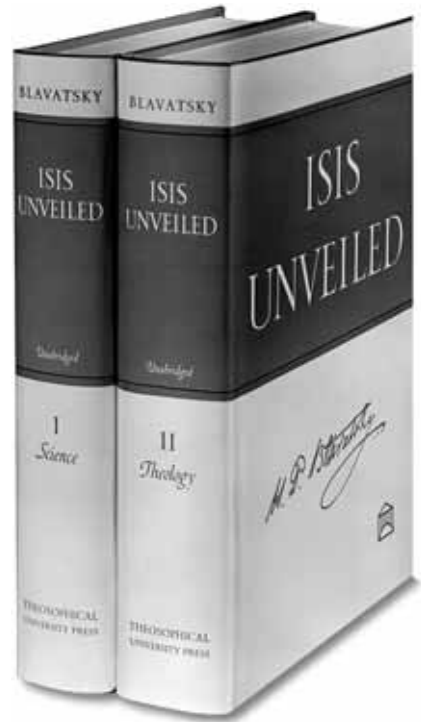
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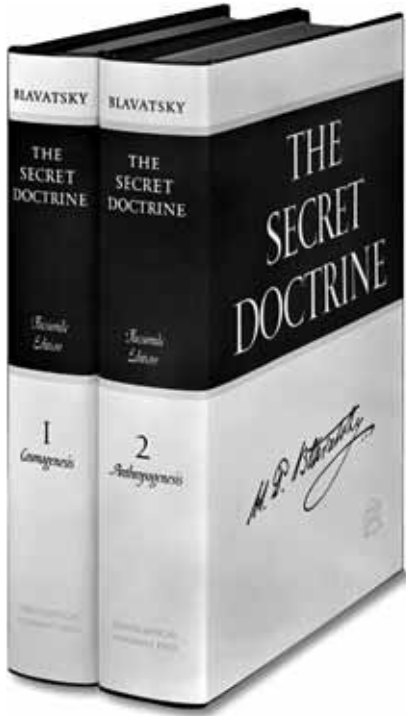


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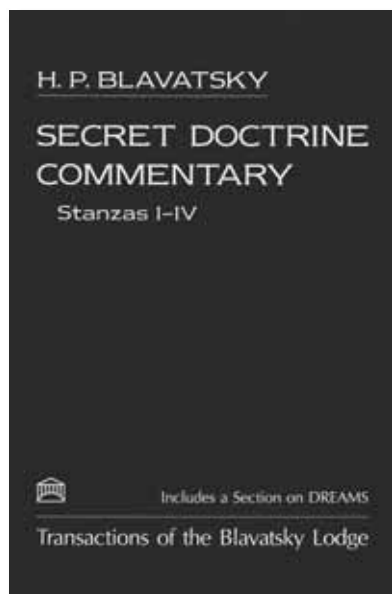
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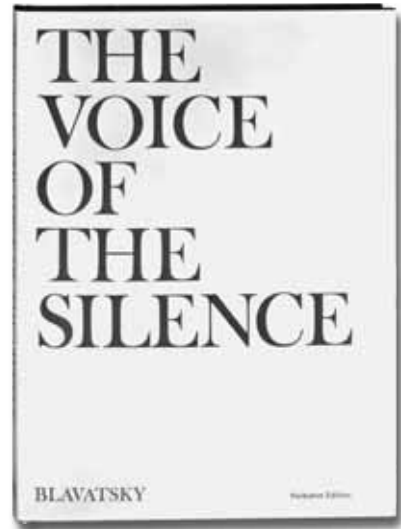
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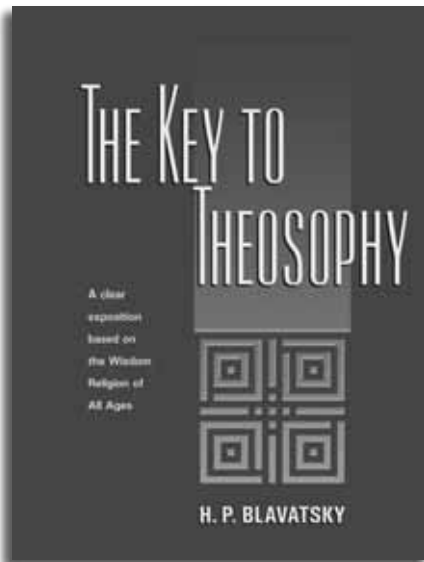
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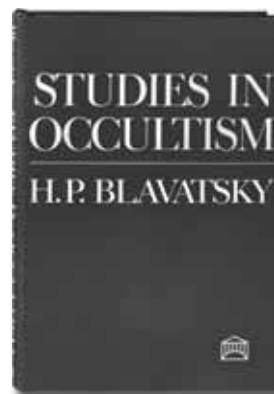
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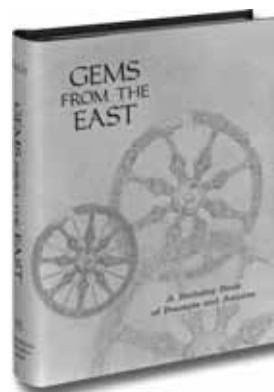
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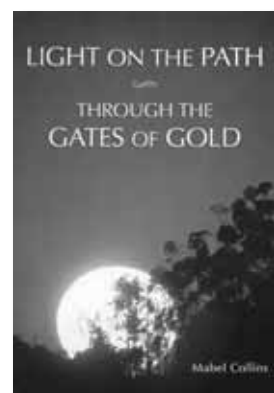
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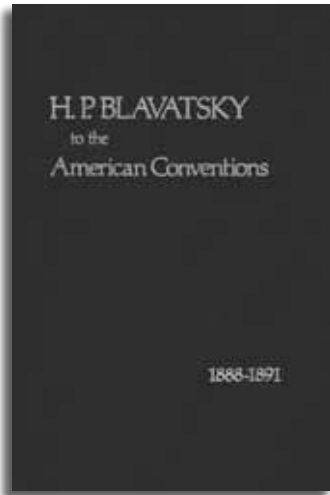
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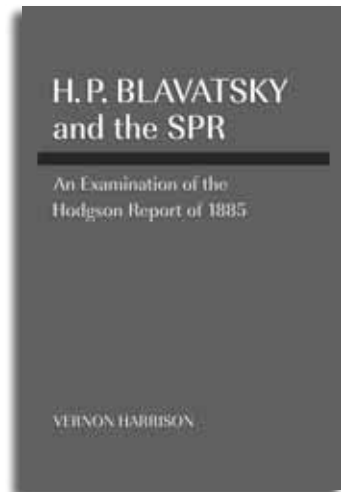
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Vernon Harrison, Ph.D.

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In April 1986 the *SPR Journal*, "in the interests of truth and fair play," published a critical analysis of the Hodgson Report by handwriting expert Vernon Harrison, who found it "riddled with slanted statements, conjectures advanced as fact or probable fact, uncorroborated testimony of unnamed witnesses, selection of evidence and downright falsity."

Dr. Harrison, a professional examiner of questioned documents, continued his research, including a line-by-line examination of 1,323 color slides of the Mahatma Letters, and in a second monograph (1997) concluded that "the Hodgson Report is even worse than I had thought." *H. P. Blavatsky and the SPR* combines both of Dr. Harrison's papers together with his Opinion, Replies to Criticism, formal Affidavit, and 13 full-color plates of sample pages from the Mahatma and Blavatsky letters.



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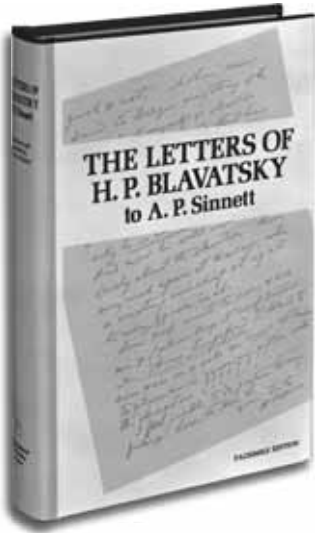
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Along with writing her several books, H. P. Blavatsky kept up a voluminous correspondence and also contributed a steady stream of essays and articles to periodicals in English, French, and Russian. Fourteen volumes of her *Collected Writings* are now in print plus a Cumulative Index; compiled by Boris de Zirkoff through Vol. XII; completed after his death in 1981 by Dara Eklund (see page 31).

## THE MAHATMA LETTERS TO A. P. SINNETT

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No other book is quite like this private collection of letters. Preserved in the British Library, they were written between 1880 and 1884 to Alfred P. Sinnett, editor of a leading Anglo-Indian newspaper, *The Pioneer*. His correspondents were two Mahatmas whom H. P. Blavatsky has acknowledged as her teachers and the inspirers of her *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine*.

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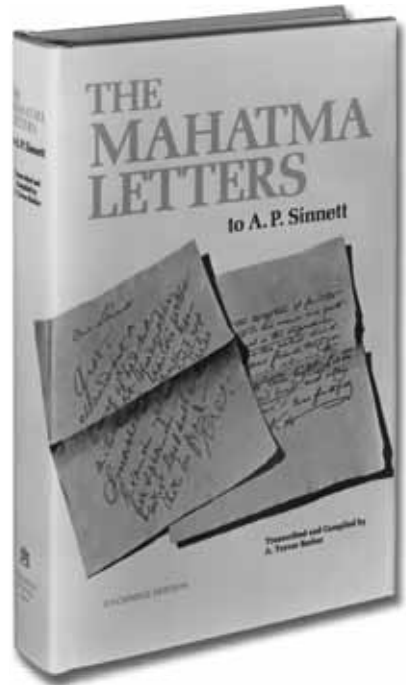
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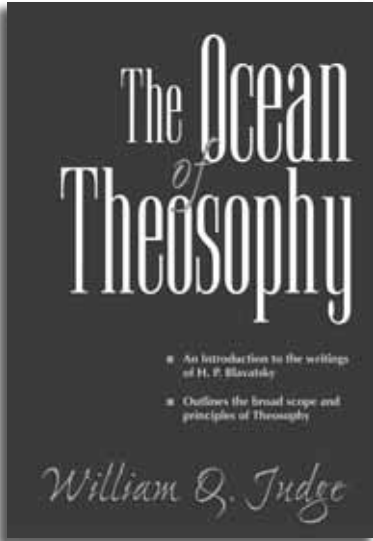
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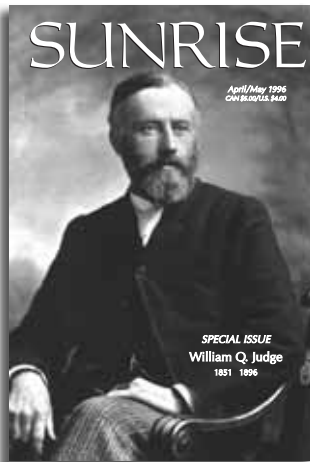
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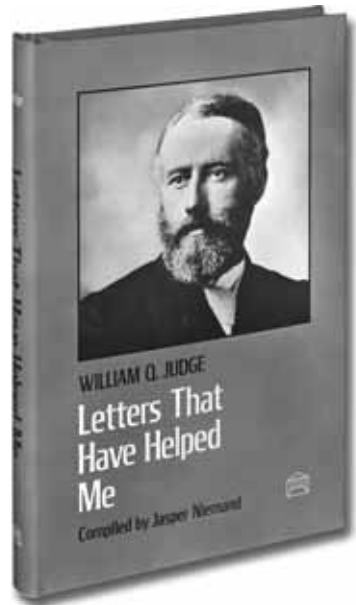
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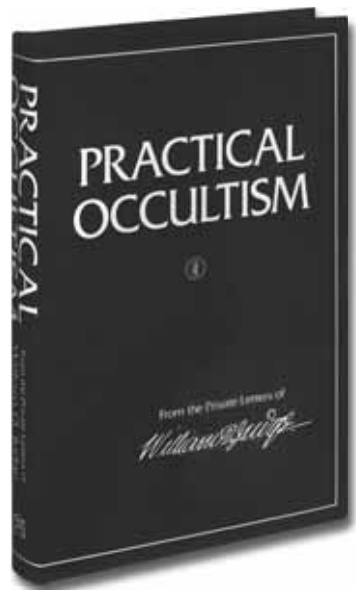
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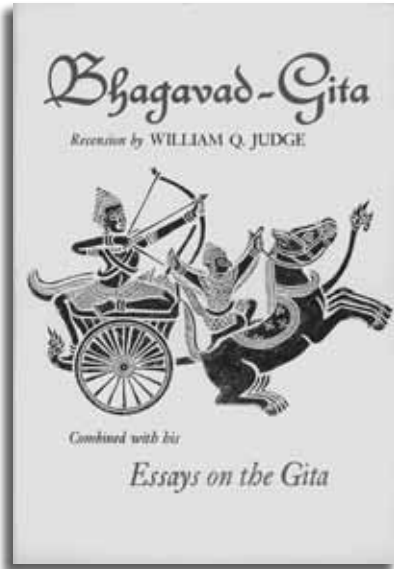
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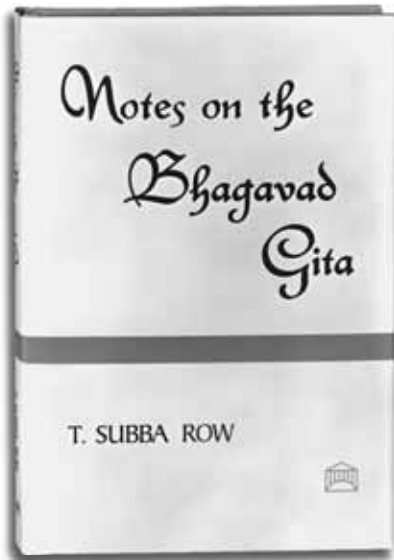
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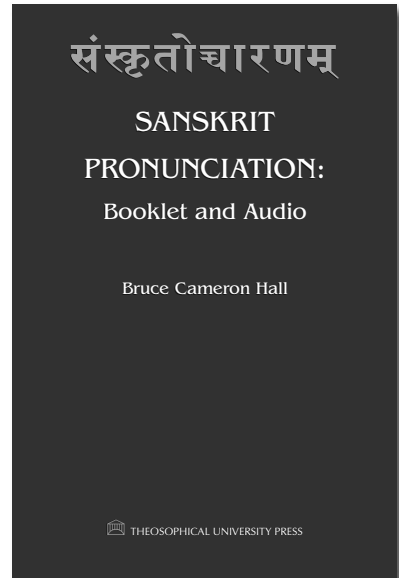
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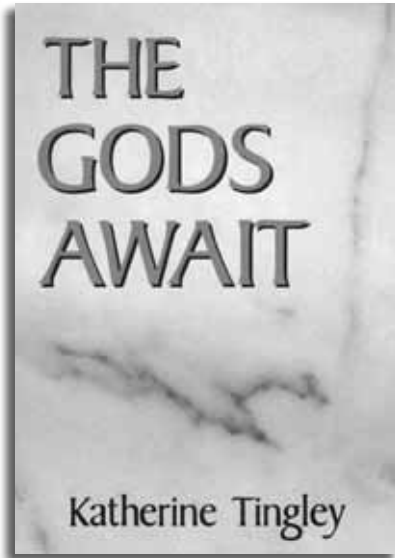
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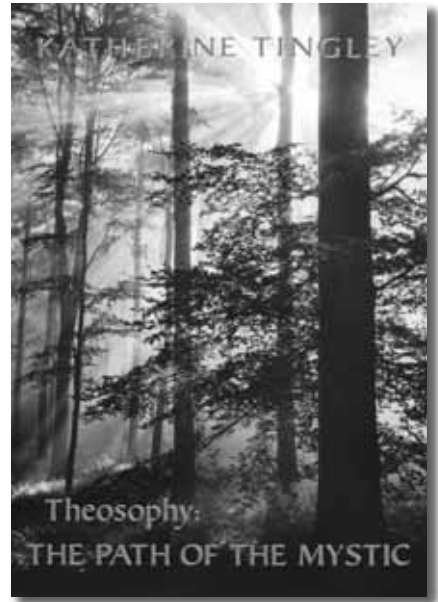
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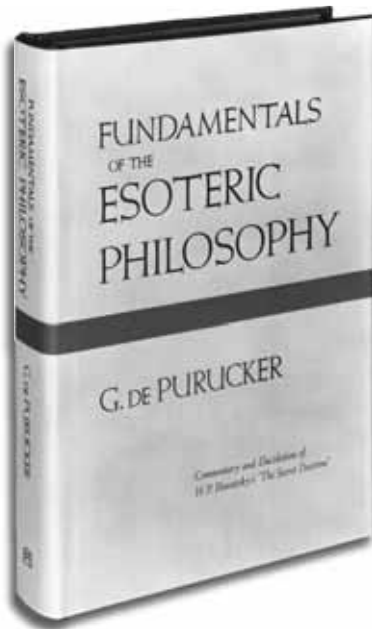
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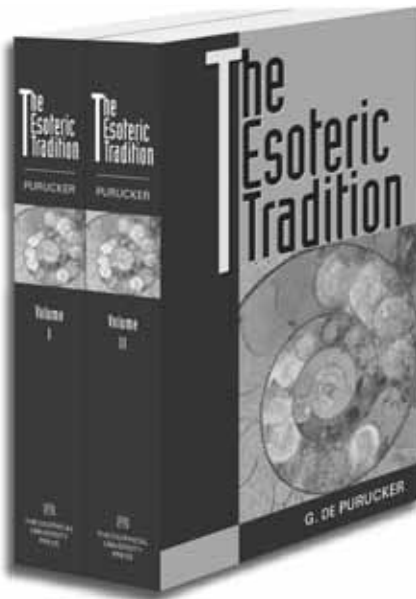
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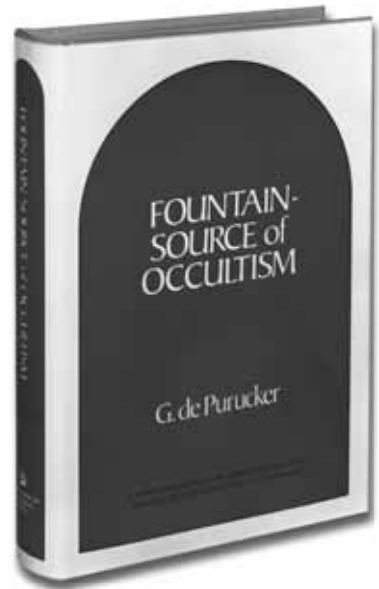
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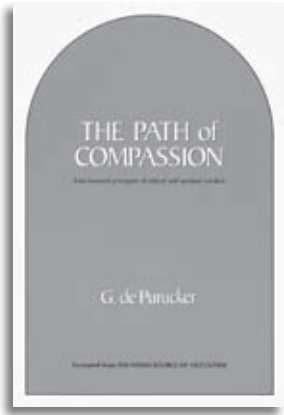
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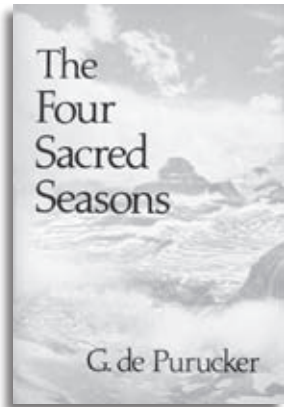
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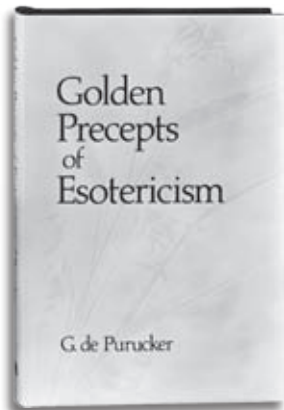
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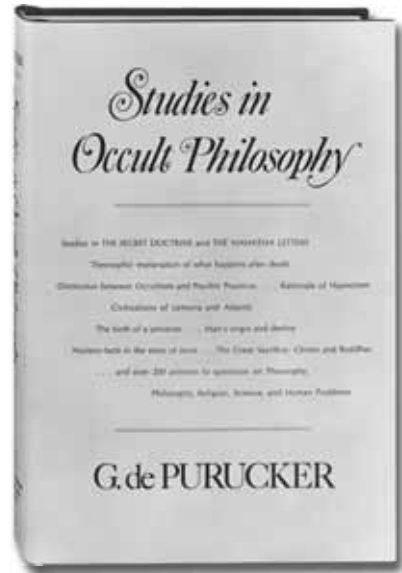
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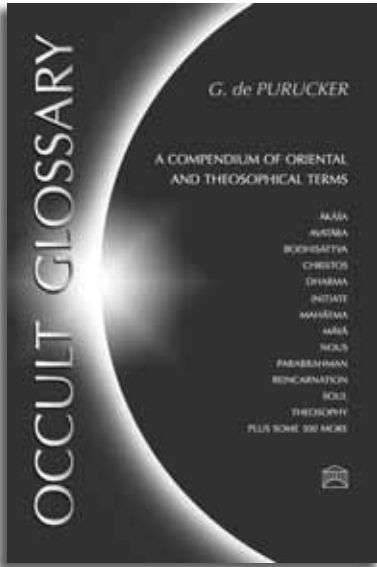
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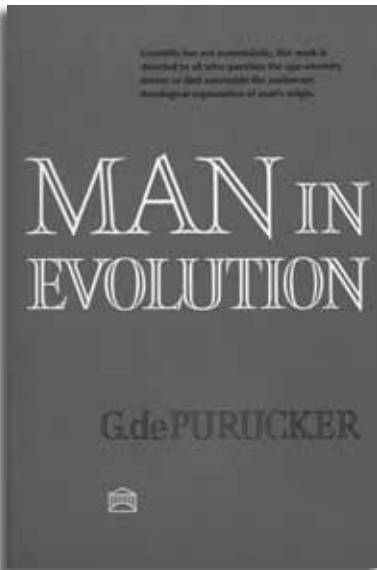
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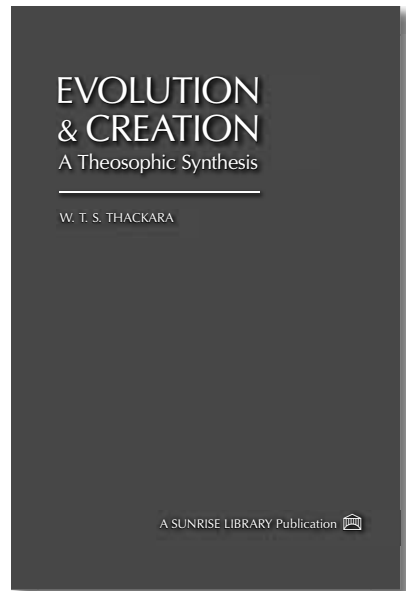
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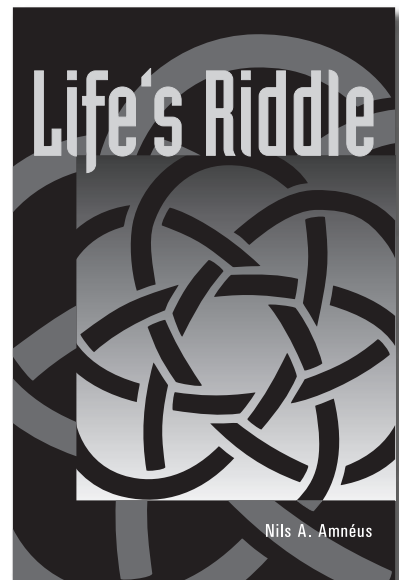
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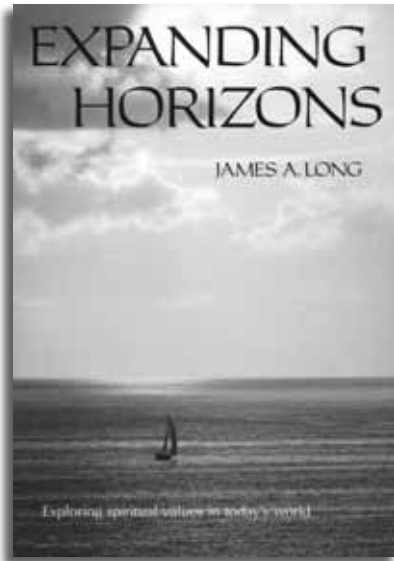
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Mr. Long joined The Theosophical Society in 1935 and in 1939 became business manager of its American Section. He worked closely with Arthur L. Conger, whom he succeeded as leader of The Theosophical Society in 1951. The same year he founded *Sunrise* magazine, which he edited until his death on July 19, 1971.

**Grace F. Knoche** was born February 15, 1909 at the international headquarters of The Theosophical Society, then at Point Loma, California. There she attended the schools founded by Katherine Tingley, receiving a PhD from Theosophical University in 1944. In the 1930s and '40s she worked on the headquarters staff in the Press and in the secretarial and editorial departments. She also taught violin, Greek, Sanskrit, and Hebrew at Theosophical University, and painting and sculpture to younger students at the Lomaland School.

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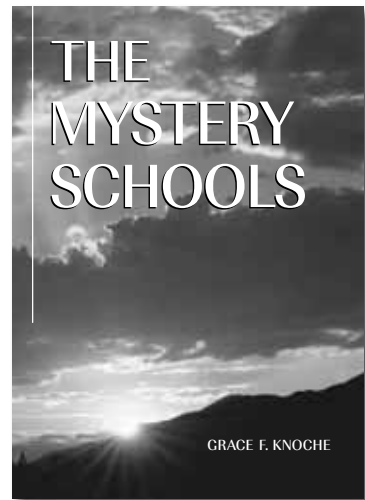
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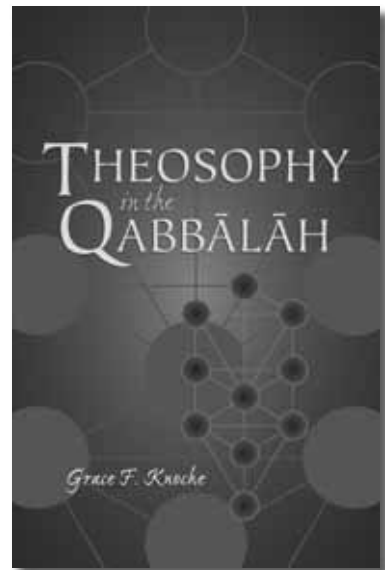
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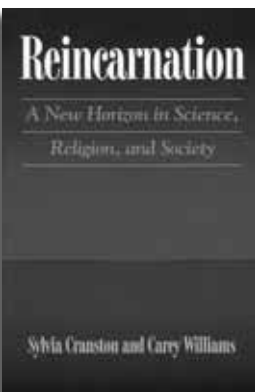
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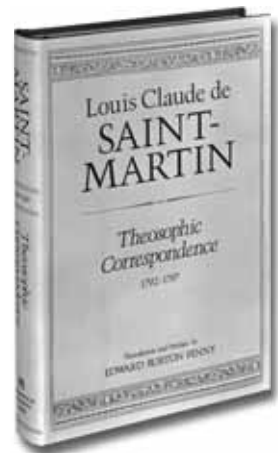
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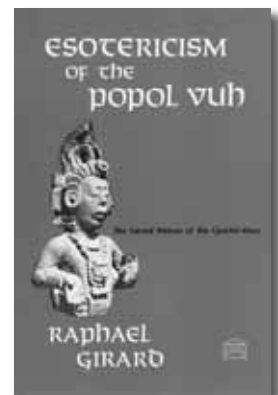
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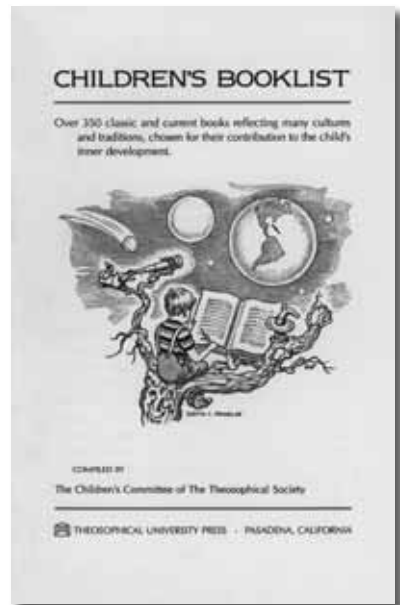
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