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Meditative practices have flourished in widely different parts of Eurasia, yet historical research on such practices is limited. Research to date has

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focused on contexts rather than actual practices, and within individual traditions. For the first time in one volume, the meditative practices of the three traditions of Judaism,

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Christianity and Islam are examined. They are viewed in a global perspective, considering both generic and historical connections to practices in other traditions, particularly in India and East

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Asia. Their cultural and historical peculiarities are examined, comparing them both to each other and to Asian forms of meditation. The book builds on a notion of meditation as self-

administered techniques for inner transformation, a definition which focuses on transformative practice rather than notions of meditative states and mystical experiences. It proposes ways

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of studying meditative practice historically, and concludes with an essay on the modern scientific interest in meditation.

«Il volume xii, ultimo nello schema della struttura

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dell'Opera Omnia, comprende articoli e libri sul tema della scienza, apparsi nel primo periodo della mia vita.

Sebbene il contenuto e lo stile possano apparire superati, ho comunque scelto di includerli

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come testimonianza di quel periodo e dei miei interessi di allora. Il prologo, soprattutto, Visione di sintesi dell'universo, è molto datato nell'esposizione, ma vi compaiono certe intuizioni che

**considero ancora valide.
L'argomento del volume parte
dalla concezione del tempo
legata alla visione scientifica
della realtà. Questo tempo non
è un involucro esterno agli
esseri, ma una dimensione**

**costitutiva e specifica di
ciascun essere, che è in
quanto perdura, e perdura
proprio in quanto è questo
essere specifico e non un
altro. Il tempo della civiltà
tecnologica ha provocato**

**all'interno dell'uomo un
conflitto profondo,
alterandone il ritmo di vita.
L'uomo deve rifiutare la
tecnologia o, al contrario,
rafforzarla integrandosi nel
progresso? È un conflitto**

ineluttabile. Conviene qui notare che la tecnologia presenta un carattere ontonomico e, quindi, una relazione costitutiva sia con il mondo che con l'uomo. In effetti, la relazione tra l'uomo

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e la tecnologia è tanto intima e profonda quanto quella tra la tecnologia e la natura. L'uomo genera la tecnologia partendo dalla natura. La tecnologia ha inizio come frutto dell'interesse umano per la

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terra, per la materia». Il volume consiste di due sezioni, anche se il suo contenuto si intreccia costantemente. La prima concerne il tempo e lo spazio, argomento che sta alla base di una visione non solo

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filosofica della realtà, ma anche scientifica. La seconda concerne la concezione più occidentale della scienza. Essa inizia con un articolo dedicato a Max Planck, cui fa seguito parte della tesi di dottorato in

**Scienze dell'autore,
Ontonomia della scienza
(1961) e si conclude con un
salto di quasi mezzo secolo
con uno scritto di riflessione
sulla scienza moderna che
sfocia nella tecnologia, La**

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porta stretta della conoscenza. Due articoli sottolineano la necessità di emanciparsi dalla scienza e dalla tecnologia, non come rifiuto del loro valore, ma come superamento dei loro condizionamenti.

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La civilización china no es una civilización de la palabra que confiere un sentido (la Biblia), ni del discurso (logos) que articula construcciones teóricas por medio de su sintaxis. China tampoco es una

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**tierra de Revelación, en la que
primaría el mensaje y crecería
la Promesa, ni de ella se
espera que articule
dialécticamente las formas y
los géneros. La civilización
china es fundamentalmente**

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una civilización del texto, de un texto que muestra su trazado y es en sí mismo un tejido continuo. Así lo indica la palabra 'wen', que significa cultura, civilización, texto, ideograma, y que está

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compuesta por un cruzamiento de trazos. En el país de la seda, dice François Jullien, la "urdimbre" y la "trama" son las coordenadas del texto chino. A partir de la "urdimbre" del texto canónico y de la "trama"

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del imaginario, François Jullien establece un "orden" del texto en China -a semejanza de lo que Michel Foucault llamaba un "orden del discurso"- poniendo especial interés en elucidar el estatus ambiguo de

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lo imaginario.

Dios amor nos deifica

La urdimbre y la trama

Acedia

**Essence and Energies: Being
and Naming God in St Gregory**

Palamas

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Ira

The fourteenth-century Greek hesychast and controversialist, Gregory Palamas, has been so successfully cast as 'the other' in Western theological discourse that it can be difficult to gain a

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sympathetic hearing for him. In the first part of this book, Norman Russell traces the historical reception of Palamite thought in Orthodoxy and in the West, and investigates how 'Palamism' was constructed in the early twentieth

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century by both Western and Eastern theologians (principally Martin Jugie and John Meyendorff) for polemical or apologetic purposes. Russell argues that we need to go behind these ideological constructions in order to gain a

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true perception of the teaching of Gregory Palamas. In his recent survey of Palamite scholarship, Robert Sinkewicz noted that it is now time to raise the larger questions. The second part of the book attempts to do this, following

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the contours of Palamas' thinking in three areas: his relationship to tradition, his philosophy, and his theology. Russell shows that Palamite thought, when freed of misunderstanding and misrepresentation, has the

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potential to enrich our understanding of divine-human communion. This study contributes to the changing paradigm of scholarship on Palamas, nudging it towards the point at which Palamite thought can be used

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fruitfully by contemporary Western and Eastern theologians without the need to subscribe to what has been regarded as 'Palamism'.

La deificación es una idea de gran tradición en la historia de la

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espiritualidad, sobre todo en la oriental. El autor, con grandes miras ecuménicas, nos expone los principales textos y razones en las que se basa la deificación y nos anima con el convencimiento de quien vive el amor y la ternura de

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Dios a adentrarnos en el misterio de quien quiso derramar su sangre para que el hombre pudiera llegar a ser Dios.

Il diffuso interesse per il fenomeno monastico, documentato anche da libri e film, si intreccia con la

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grande fatica dei monaci e delle monache dei nostri giorni a restare se stessi senza avere nostalgia di se stessi. La «prima generazione di monaci increduli» è dunque chiamata a diventare credente, in ossequio al voto monastico di

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«conversione». Questo cammino avviene necessariamente in modo diverso anche se non opposto a quanto hanno vissuto i Padri. «Quanti ci hanno preceduto nell' avventura monastica – scrive frater Michael Davide – si

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aspettano da noi che siamo dei veri figli capaci di diventare a nostra volta padri: essere generati e generare alla vita monastica passa attraverso una continua rigenerazione per rimettere a fuoco una visione del combattimento

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spirituale», memore dell' insegnamento del grande Antonio quando disse che al monaco restano due cose: la Scrittura e la libertà.
Chi è l'uomo signore? Viaggio alla scoperta del cuore

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Elenchus of Biblica

Artículos varios

Tristeza

The Culture of Cursilería

Hay una unión primigenia entre Dios y el ser humano, y aunque se trata del hecho más simple y

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esencial de nuestra vida espiritual, se necesita una vida para materializarlo. La razón de nuestra ignorancia es el constante ruido y el parloteo interior que genera la ilusión de estar separados de Dios. Nuestra cultura nos educa

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mayormente para que fijemos la atención en ese ruido superficial, que, a la vez, prolonga la ilusión de Dios como un objeto distante que debemos buscar, pues estamos convencidos de que nos falta. Y entonces, uno de los grandes

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misterios del camino contemplativo es el descubrimiento de que, apenas caen los velos de la separación, ese Dios que hemos estado buscando ya nos ha encontrado, nos conoce y nos sostiene en el ser desde toda la

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eternidad.

"Empujado por la codicia, el avaro aspira a acumular las cosas que desea, y cuando ha amasado muchas cosas, por decirlo así, una vez saciado en el vientre de su codicia, se atormenta, pues, al

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buscar ansiosamente conservar los bienes acumulados, su misma saciedad lo angustia".

Not easily translated, the Spanish terms *cursi* and *cursilería* refer to a cultural phenomenon widely prevalent in Spanish society since

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the nineteenth century. Like "kitsch," *cursi* evokes the idea of bad taste, but it also suggests one who has pretensions of refinement and elegance without possessing them. In *The Culture of Cursilería*, Noël Valis examines the social

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meanings of cursi, viewing it as a window into modern Spanish history and particularly into the development of middle-class culture. Valis finds evidence in literature, cultural objects, and popular customs to argue that

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cursilería has its roots in a sense of cultural inadequacy felt by the lower middle classes in nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century Spain. The Spain of this era, popularly viewed as the European power most resistant to economic and social

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modernization, is characterized by Valis as suffering from nostalgia for a bygone, romanticized society that structured itself on strict class delineations. With the development of an economic middle class during the latter half of the nineteenth

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century, these designations began to break down, and individuals across all levels of the middle class exaggerated their own social status in an attempt to protect their cultural capital. While the resulting manifestations of cursilería were

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often provincial, indeed backward, the concept was—and still is—closely associated with a sense of home. Ultimately, Valis shows how cursilería embodied the disparity between old ways and new, and how in its awkward

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manners, airs of pretension, and graceless anxieties it represents Spain's uneasy surrender to the forces of modernity. The Culture of *Cursilería* will interest students and scholars of Latin America, cultural studies, Spanish literature, and

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modernity.

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Applied Social Sciences

la cultura ortodossa in Italia dopo il
1945

La filocalia, amore del bello
"Nada nos pertenece. El

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hombre es sólo un eslabón en medio de la sucesión de generaciones innumerables. Cada hombre y cada generación tienen por tarea recibir la herencia de quienes les han precedido y

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transmitirla a quienes les suceden. Pero en este relevo se produce una transformación, que es la aportación específica, la huella de cada hombre y de cada generación que actúa en el

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presente. La herencia que nos ocupa aquí es la Filocalia de los Padres Vigilantes, llamada también la Gran Filocalia: un precioso legado en el que, en unas 2.500 páginas, se recogen más de mil años de la

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experiencia espiritual de los monjes de la Iglesia de Oriente. Un mormullo, un impulso atraviesa esos mil años de oración, esos mil años de búsqueda: el deseo de contemplar la belleza de Dios

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oculta en la Creación y el deseo de contemplar esa Belleza que está por encima de toda creación. Una sed incontenible, una sed insaciable. Pero, al mismo tiempo, una sed serena,

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apacible, una sed humilde, que aprende a esperar, a alcanzar su meta sin violentar nada ni a nadie. Sed de ver a Dios...

Visión que es conocimiento y amor a un mismo tiempo, ya que "Dios es amor". Y conocer

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ese Amor supone ir transformándose en él y dejarse transformar por él. Así se van los tres dilatando (el conocimiento, la visión y el amor), a medida que crece la humildad, esa disposición

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*-limpieza y pureza del corazón-
que permite ir acogiendo más
y más a Dios". Javier Melloni
Ribas (Barcelona, 1962) es
licenciado en Antropología por
la Universidad de Barcelona, y
en Teología por el Centro*

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Sévres de París, donde actualmente está ultimando su tesis doctoral. Es además miembro del "Centre Cristianisme i Justícia" de Barcelona.

"La ira es la rapiña de la

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*prudencia, destrucción de una
condición, confusión de la
naturaleza, un modo de crear
salvajes, un horno del corazón,
una llama que lanza fuera, una
ley de la irascibilidad, cólera
por las ofensas, madre de*

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fieras, un conflicto silencioso, impedimento para la oración".
"This study demonstrates the previously unrecognised significance of discourses of saintliness for constructions of gender and national identity in

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late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century Spanish culture. a Kathy Bacons innovative approach to sainthood leads to fresh readings of texts by Spains three principal realist novelists:

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La familia de Leon Roch and Nazarin (Benito Perez Galdos, 1878 and 1895), La Regenta (Leopoldo Alas, 1884-85), and Dulce dueno (Emilia Pardo Bazan, 1911).a The author challenges the conventional

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distinction between anti-clerical and spiritual novels by these writers, and questions previous feminist assumptions about the negative role of religion for female identity. aSainthood emerges

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as a key theme through which texts grapple with Spains difficult transition to modernity."

*Dels acadèmics ***

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Negotiating Sainthood

Los santos más populares

"La acedia es todo lo contrario de la eucaristía, es decir, del espíritu de agradecimiento: incapaz de tomar la relación con el espacio y el sentido de las cosas, quien es presa de la acedia vive en la a-caristía, en la

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incapacidad de maravillarse de la belleza, del amor y, por tanto, en la incapacidad de dar gracias". Enzo Bianchi

Includes entries for maps and atlases.

"La soberbia es la negación de Dios, invención de los demonios, desprecio

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de los hombres, madres del juicio del prójimo, hija de las alabanzas, indicio de esterilidad, repudio de la ayuda de Dios, superación de la locura, causa de caídas..., fuente de la cólera, puerta de la hipocresía, apoyo de los demonios...".

Patrology

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Cultural Histories

Meditation in Judaism, Christianity
and Islam

Ustedes se han mantenido a mi lado
en mis pruebas

Social Work

***"La tristeza es un inquilino
perjudicial, un confidente funesto,***

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***un anticipador del desarraigo,
nostalgia de la familia, un
compañero de la angustia, un
familiar de la pereza, una
lamentación exasperante, un
recuerdo de las ofensas, un
oscurecimiento del alma,
humillación moral, prudente***

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embriaguez, antídoto hipnótico, deslucimiento de las formas, un gusano de la carne, aflicción de los pensamientos, prisión de un pueblo".

St. Gregory Palamas (ca. 1296-1357) is among the most well-known and celebrated theologians of late

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Byzantium. This book provides a comprehensive account of the essence-energies distinction across his twenty-five treatises and letters written over a twenty-year period. An Athonite monk, abbot, and later Metropolitan of Thessalonica, Gregory is remembered especially

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for his distinction between God's essence and energies, and his celebrated doctrine still generates a great deal of debate. What does Palamas actually mean by the term 'energies'? Are they 'activities' that God performs, and, if so, how can they be eternal and uncreated?

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Indeed, how could God be simple if he possesses energies distinct from his essence? Going beyond the Triads and the One Hundred and Fifty Chapters, this book explores Palamas's answers to these longstanding questions by analysing all of the treatises

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produced by Palamas between the years 1338 and 1357. It seeks to understand what Palamas means when he speaks of God's 'energies,' how he seeks to prove that they are distinct from the divine essence, and how he explains that this distinction in no way violates

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the unity and simplicity of the one God in Trinity. Essence and Energies is a useful resource for upper-level undergraduates, postgraduates, and scholars interested in Byzantine theology in the fourteenth century. The Philokalia (literally "love of the

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beautiful") is, after the Bible, the most influential source of spiritual tradition within the Orthodox Church. First published in Greek in 1782 by St. Nicodemos of the Holy Mountain and St. Macarios of Corinth, the Philokalia includes works by thirty-six influential

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Orthodox authors such as Maximus the Confessor, Peter of Madascus, Symeon the New Theologian, and Gregory Palamas. Surprisingly, this important collection of theological and spiritual writings has received little scholarly attention. With the growing interest in Orthodox

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theology, the need for a substantive resource for Philokalic studies has become increasingly evident. The purpose of the present volume is to remedy that lack by providing an ecumenical collection of scholarly essays on the Philokalia that will introduce readers to its

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***background, motifs, authors, and
relevance for contemporary life and
thought.***

En la tierra silenciosa

Spazio, tempo e scienza

***Gregory Palamas and the Making of
Palamism in the Modern Age***

El diablo en el monasterio (Codex

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no 11)

***Distinction, Cursileria and
Saintliness in Spanish Novels
Evagrius of Pontus (ca.
345-399) was a Greek-
speaking monastic thinker
and Christian theologian***

whose works formed the basis for much later reflection on monastic practice and thought in the Christian Near East, in Byzantium, and in the Latin West. His innovative

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***collections of short chapters
meant for meditation,
scriptural commentaries in
the form of scholia,
extended discourses, and
letters were widely
translated and copied.***

***Condemned posthumously
by two ecumenical councils
as a heretic along with
Origen and Didymus of
Alexandria, he was revered
among Christians to the east
of the Byzantine Empire, in***

Syria and Armenia, while only some of his writings endured in the Latin and Greek churches. A student of the famed bishop-theologians Gregory of Nazianzus and Basil of

Caesarea, Evagrius left the service of the urban church and settled in an Egyptian monastic compound. His teachers were veteran monks schooled in the tradition of Clement of

Alexandria, Origen, and Anthony, and he enriched their legacy with the experience of the desert and with insight drawn from the entire Greek philosophical tradition, from Plato and

***Aristotle through
Iamblichus. Evagrius and His
Legacy brings together
essays by eminent scholars
who explore selected
aspects of Evagrius's life
and times and address his***

***far-flung and controversial
but long-lasting influence on
Latin, Byzantine, and Syriac
cultures in antiquity and the
Middle Ages. Touching on
points relevant to theology,
philosophy, history,***

***patristics, literary studies,
and manuscript studies,
Evagrius and His Legacy is
also intended to catalyze
further study of Evagrius
within as large a context as
possible.***

Estamos hechos para la contemplación. Este libro trata del cultivo de las habilidades necesarias para la más sutil, sencilla y penetrante de las artes espirituales. La comunión

con Dios en el silencio del corazón es una capacidad sobrenatural, como la capacidad del rododendro para la floración, la del polluelo para el vuelo y la del niño para la alegría y el

abandono desinteresados. Si la gracia de Dios, que inunda y simplifica la prodigalidad de nuestras vidas, no consume esta capacidad mientras vivimos, entonces sin duda lo hará el

***abrazo de Dios, que nos
acogerá cuando entremos en
el misterio transformador de
la muerte. Este Dios que se
entrega, el Ser de nuestro
ser, la Vida de nuestra vida,
ha hermanado dos hechos***

indiscutibles del devenir humano: estamos hechos para una comunión íntima con Dios y todos debemos enfrentarnos a la muerte. Nicodemo, monaco del Monte Athos, e Macario,

***arcivescovo di Corinto,
perseguirono il loro ideale di
ritorno a una vita spirituale
più autentica
intraprendendo un lavoro di
riscoperta e divulgazione
delle fonti patristiche.***

Realizzarono così la prima edizione della "Filocalia", un'antologia di testi ascetici e spirituali provenienti da diverse aree geografiche oltre che da varie chiese: un'opera che presenta l'arte

***della preghiera
sinfonizzando voci diverse,
ma sempre basandosi sulla
tradizione dei padri.
List of Printed Books in the
Library of the Hispanic
Society of America***

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The Philokalia
Elogio della libertà
Los caminos del corazón
Biblioteca de escritores
baleares

**This book, Applied Social Sciences:
Social Work, is a collection of**

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essays specific to the field of social work. The approach is both holistic (assessment of social work, burnout, counselling, history of social work, migration, models of excellence in social work, unemployment, workaholism) and atomistic (child attachment,

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children's rights, coping strategies and associated work – family conflict, emotional neglect, monoparental families, physical abuse, positive child disciplining, psychological abuse, rehabilitation of delinquent minors, social inclusion of youth, etc). The types

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of academic readership it will appeal to include: academic teaching staff, doctors, parents, psychologists, researchers, social workers, students, and teachers in the field of social work, who wish to improve personally and professionally. It may also be

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useful to all those who interact, one way or another, with the human factor.

**Una ausencia iluminada
el conocimiento espiritual en la
"Filocalia"**

**To Hellenikon Studies in Honor of
Speros Vryonis, Jr:**

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**Byzantinoslavica, Armeniaca,
Islamica, the Balkans and modern
Greece
Avaricia
Exploring the Classic Text of
Orthodox Spirituality**