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READING LIST

Course Title: The Origins of Christian Mysticism

Location: Ewert House, Oxford

Term Dates: 22 Apr 2025 to 24 Jun 2025

Tutor: Ann Conway-Jones

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Baxter, Jason M.	An Introduction to Christian Mysticism: Recovering the Wildness of Spiritual Life
Louth, Andrew	The Origins of the Christian Mystical Tradition: From Plato to Denys
McGinn, B. & P. F. McGinn	Early Christian Mystics: The Divine Vision of the Spiritual Masters
Nataraja, Kim (ed.)	Journey to the Heart: Christian Contemplation through the Centuries
Williams, Rowen	Silence and Honey Cakes: The Wisdom of the Desert
Williams, Rowen	The Wound of Knowledge: Christian Spirituality from the New Testament to St. John of the Cross

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The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Casiday, Augustine M.	Evagrius Ponticus
Conway-Jones, Ann	Gregory of Nyssa's Tabernacle Imagery in its Jewish and Christian Contexts
Greer, Rowan A.	Origen: An Exhortation to Martyrdom, Prayer, First Principles: Book IV, Prologue to the Commentary on the Song of Songs, Homily XXVII on Numbers
Harmless, William	Desert Christians: An Introduction to the Literature of Early Monasticism
Harmless, William	Mystics
Heine, Ronald	Origen: Scholarship in Service of the Church
Himmelfarb, Martha	Ascent to Heaven in Jewish and Christian Apocalypses
Hollywood, Amy and Beckman, Patricia Z. (eds)	The Cambridge Companion to Christian Mysticism
Lamm, Julia A. (ed.)	The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Christian Mysticism
Louth, Andrew	Denys the Areopagite
Luibheid, Colm & Paul Rorem	Pseudo-Dionysius: The Complete Works
Malherbe, Abraham & Everett Ferguson	Gregory of Nyssa: The Life of Moses
Maloney, George	Pseudo-Macarius: The Fifty Spiritual Homilies and the Great Letter
McGinn, Bernard	The Foundations of Mysticism: Origins to the Fifth Century
McGinn, Bernard, John Meyendorff, and Jean Leclercq (eds)	Christian Spirituality: Origins to the Twelfth Century
Meredith, Anthony	Gregory of Nyssa
Norris, Richard A.	Gregory of Nyssa: Homilies on the Song of Songs
Sinkewicz, Robert E.	Evagrius of Pontus: The Greek Ascetic Corpus
Springer, Don W. & Kevin M. Clarke (eds)	Patristic Spirituality: Classical Perspectives on Ascent in the Journey to God

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Tilby, Angela The Seven Deadly Sins: Their Origin in the Spiritual Teaching of

Evagrius the Hermit

Ward, Benedicta

The Desert Fathers: Sayings of the Early Christian Monks

Ward, Benedicta

The Sayings of the Desert Fathers: The Alphabetical Collection