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Stepfamily Realities Feb 12 2020 Providing practical information and effective advice, this helpful guidebook helps stepfamilies understand and cope with the special problems and issues that arise in new family relationships. Simultaneous.

Malaformed Realities Jan 05 2022 This collection is called Malaformed Realities not just as a clever play on my last name, but because distorting and twisting reality into something it was never intended to be is what I enjoy doing best. And if in the process, I manage to disturb and frighten you along the way then all the better. Stories included in this volume: When They Come For You A Love Best Served Cold Mega Synth RP-1BrassInspector 17Hear No Evil Big Frankie Dinner With Andy And MegCold, Cold Women If Thine Eye Offend Thee Homecoming Passageways To Perniciousness Storage Cutaneous Horns Icehouse Single Panel The Brands Breathe Tools Of The Trade

Zombie Party

Shared Realities Jul 31 2021 Shared Realities: Participation Mystique and Beyond brings together Jungian analysts and psychoanalysts from across the United States, the United Kingdom, and France. Carl Jung’s concept of participation mystique is used as a starting point for an in depth exploration of ‘shared realities’ in the analytic setting and beyond. The clinical, narrative, and theoretical discussions move through such related areas as: projective identification, negative coniunctio, reverie, intersubjectivity, the interactive field, phenomenology, neuroscience, the transferential chimera, shamanism, shared reality of place, borderland consciousness, and mystical participation. This unique collection of essays bridges theoretical orientations and includes some of the most original analytic writers of our time. An essential read for psychoanalysts, Jungian analysts, psychotherapists, and analytic candidates.

Dawn of Cthulhu Jun 05 2019 Dawn of Cthulhu - A trilogy of speculative fiction essays, exploring the strange corners of the human imagination, mixing genuine science, history and biology with fictional creations. On the Worship of Dark and Monstrous Gods - a fictional chronicle of the history of Lovecraft's Cthulhu Cult, mixed and merged with genuine history, revealing the Cult's humble origins as a trading expedition in the Egyptian New Kingdom, thirty-five hundred years ago, through its break with Egypt,
expansion into the Red Sea and along the coasts of the Indian Ocean, the emergence of Azathoth, Yog Sothoth and other Gods, conflicts with Buddhism and Islam, and its struggles with Empires and Civilisations, and following it ultimately, to its present day. Lost Continents Found - A tour of legendary and fictional lost continents, including Atlantis, Lemuria and Mu, and the fantastic stories of their creations and fictional mythologies. Meanwhile, even as legendary continents vanish, we have the discovery of genuine sunken continents submerged in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, and the strange stories of other lost lands hidden beneath the world’s oceans and seas. The Mysterious Monsters of Sesame Street - Everyone loves muppets. But where did they really come from? How did they evolve? Why did they learn to speak? What is the history of the big birds and the snuffleupagases, and how are they connected to muppets? A tour de force exploration of biology and evolution about the taxonomy, anatomy and biology of wonderfully unreal animals.

The Wonderland Trials Aug 08 2019
Glimpses of Other Realities Sep 13 2022
Realities, his metaphysical adventures take him to the galaxy in which we physically live—a galaxy with which we have only a remote relationship. We are not alone! He metaphysically enters a black hole for an experience beyond his wildest imaginings. He encounters a galactic Being which is a galaxy within itself, and also visits a few of the many utterly amazing astral worlds. Michael explains, "Over my lifetime I have learned that it is possible to move into my metaphysical Light-body and access that greater reality. I step . . . Between . . . realities. This book is filled with my unique insights gained by metaphysically journeying into realms and realities beyond imagination. My astonishing, consciousness-expanding journey into the dynamic, living energy we call our sun, is just one such indication of the miraculous universe in which we live. The galaxy is not dead matter and endless space; it is filled with consciousness, purpose, direction . . . life!" This latest book follows Michael J. Roads' popular trilogy "Through the Eyes of Love, Journeying with Pan" Books One, Two and Three.

Liberating Sociology: From Newtonian Toward Quantum Imaginations: Volume 1: Unriddling the Quantum Enigma Dec 12 2019 In this major new study in the sociology of scientific knowledge, social theorist Mohammad H. Tamdgidi reports having unriddled the so-called ‘quantum enigma.’ This book opens the lid of the Schrödinger’s Cat box of the ‘quantum enigma’ after decades and finds something both odd and familiar: Not only the cat is both alive and dead, it has morphed into an elephant in the room in whose interpretation Einstein, Bohr, Bohm, and others were each both right and wrong because the enigma has acquired both localized and spread-out features whose unriddling requires both physics and sociology amid both transdisciplinary and transcultural contexts. The book offers, in a transdisciplinary and transcultural sociology of self-knowledge framework, a relativistic interpretation to advance a liberating quantum sociology. Deeper methodological grounding to further advance the sociological imagination requires investigating whether and how relativistic and quantum scientific revolutions can induce a liberating reinvention of sociology in favor of creative research and a just global society. This, however, necessarily leads us to confront an elephant in the room, the ‘quantum enigma.’ In Unriddling the Quantum Enigma, the first volume of the series commonly titled Liberating Sociology: From Newtonian toward Quantum Imaginations, sociologist Mohammad H. Tamdgidi argues that unriddling the ‘quantum enigma’ depends on whether and how we succeed in dehabituating ourselves in favor of unified relativistic and quantum visions from the historically and ideologically inherited, classical Newtonian modes of imagining reality that have subconsciously persisted in the ways we have gone about posing and interpreting (or not) the enigma itself for more than a century. Once this veil is lifted and the enigma unriddled, he argues, it becomes possible to reinterpret the relativistic and quantum ways of imagining reality (including social reality) in terms of a unified, nonreductive, creative dialectic of part and whole that fosters quantum sociological imaginations, methods, theories, and practices favoring liberating and just social outcomes. The essays in this volume develop a set of relativistic interpretive solutions to the quantum enigma. Following a survey of relevant studies, and an introduction to the transdisciplinary and transcultural sociology of self-knowledge framing the study, overviews of Newtonianism, relativity and quantum scientific revolutions, the quantum enigma, and its main interpretations to date are offered. They are followed by a study of the notion of the “wave-particle duality of light” and the various experiments associated with the quantum enigma in order to arrive at a relativistic interpretation of the enigma, one that is shown to be capable of critically cohering other offered interpretations. The book concludes with a heuristic presentation of the ontology, epistemology, and methodology of what Tamdgidi calls the creative
The volume essays involve critical, comparative/integrative reflections on the relevant works of founding and contemporary scientists and scholars in the field. This study is the first in the monograph series “Tayyebeh Series in East-West Research and Translation” of Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-Knowledge (XIII, 2020), published by OKCIR: Omar Khayyam Center for Integrative Research in Utopia, Mysticism, and Science (Utopystics). OKCIR is dedicated to exploring, in a simultaneously world-historical and self-reflective framework, the human search for a just global society. It aims to develop new conceptual (methodological, theoretical, historical), practical, pedagogical, inspirational and disseminative structures of knowledge whereby the individual can radically understand and determine how world-history and her/his selves constitute one another. Reviews “Mohammad H. Tamdgidi’s Liberating Sociology: From Newtonian Toward Quantum Imaginations, Volume 1, Unriddling the Quantum Enigma hits the proverbial nail on the head of an ongoing problem not only in sociology but also much social science—namely, many practitioners’ allegiance, consciously or otherwise, to persisting conceptions of ‘science’ that get in the way of scientific and other forms of theoretical advancement. Newtonianism has achieved the status of an idol and its methodology a fetish, the consequence of which is an ongoing failure to think through important problems of uncertainty, indeterminacy, multivariation, multidisciplinarity, and false dilemmas of individual agency versus structure, among many others. Tamdgidi has done great service to social thought by bringing to the fore this problem of disciplinary decadence and offering, in effect, a call for its teleological suspension—thinking beyond disciplinarity—through drawing upon and communicating with the resources of quantum theory not as a fetish but instead as an opening for other possibilities of social, including human, understanding. The implications are far-reaching as they offer, as the main title attests, liberating sociology from persistent epistemic shackles and thus many disciplines and fields connected to things ‘social.’ This is exciting work. A triumph! The reader is left with enthusiasm for the second volume and theorists of many kinds with proverbial work to be done.” — Professor Lewis R. Gordon, Honorary President of the Global Center for Advanced Studies and author of Disciplinary Decadence: Living Thought in Trying Times (Routledge/Paradigm, 2006), and Freedom, Justice, and Decolonization (Routledge, forthcoming 2020) “Social sciences are still using metatheoretical models of science based on 19th century newtonian concepts of "time and space". Mohammad H. Tamdgidi has produced a ‘tour de force’ in social theory leaving behind the old newtonian worldview that still informs the social sciences towards a 21st century non-dualistic, non-reductionist, transcultural, transdisciplinary, post-Einsteinian quantum concept of TimeSpace. Tamdgidi goes beyond previous efforts done by titans of social theory such as Immanuel Wallerstein and Kyriakos Kontopoulos. This book is a quantum leap in the social sciences at large. Tamdgidi decolonizes the social sciences away from its Eurocentric colonial foundations bringing it closer not only to contemporary natural sciences but also to its convergence with the old Eastern philosophical and mystical worldviews. This book is a masterpiece in social theory for a 21st century decolonial social science. A must read!” — Professor Ramon Grosfoguel, University of California at Berkeley??????? ?”Tamdgidi’s Liberating Sociology succeeds in adding physical structures to the breadth of the world-changing vision of C. Wright Mills, the man who mentored me at Columbia. Relativity theory and quantum mechanics can help us to understand the human universe no less than the physical universe. Just as my Creating Life Before Death challenges bureaucracy’s conformist orientation, so does Liberating Sociology “liberate the infinite possibilities inherent in us.” Given our isolation in the Coronavirus era, we have time to follow Tamdgidi in his journey into the depth of inner space, where few men have gone before. It is there that we can gain emotional strength, just as Churchill, Roosevelt and Mandela empowered themselves. That personal development was needed to address not only their own personal problems, but also the mammoth problems of their societies. We must learn to do the same.” — Bernard Phillips, Emeritus Sociology Professor, Boston University Overtourism Jul 19 2020 Overtourism has become a major concern for an increasing number of destinations as tourism numbers continue to grow, stimulated by general economic and technological growth and the expansion of the global middle class. This, coupled with relentless promotion of tourism by many organisations and destinations, has increased tourism, despite growing opposition to excessive development. This book is the first academic volume to deal with this topic and contains chapters by experienced researchers in the tourism field, taking a multidisciplinary approach to review and explain the subject. The introductory section begins with an overview of the current situation and the forces enabling the appearance of overtourism. This is followed by a number of case studies from a range of destinations around the world, both urban and rural, which share the same problems. The concluding section includes
a discussion of potential mitigation methods and approaches and a final assessment of future developments. The focus and relevance of this book are not just for academics, as it offers insights into destinations, enablers and solutions for how to address the issue of overtourism on a wide variety of scales. This book offers globally relevant perspectives on destinations as varied as Venice and Barcelona, that have gained global media attention, as well as less publicised rural areas and developing destinations.

Virtual Realities Jul 07 2019

Modern Methods for Musicology Oct 10 2019 Written by leading experts, this volume provides a picture of the realities of current ICT use in musicology as well as prospects and proposals for how it could be fruitfully used in the future. Through its coverage of topics spanning content-based sound searching/retrieval, sound and content analysis, markup and text encoding, audio resource sharing, and music recognition, this book highlights the breadth and inter-disciplinary nature of the subject matter and provides a valuable resource to technologists, musicologists, musicians and music educators. It facilitates the identification of worthwhile goals to be achieved using technology and effective interdisciplinary collaboration.

Glimpses of Other Realities Jul 11 2022 GLIMPSES OF OTHER REALITIES--VOLUME 1: FACTS & EYEWITNESSES details investigations of the worldwide crop circle, animal mutilation, & human abduction mysteries, with photographs, drawings, maps & documents. In the puzzling crop formations described in Chapter 1, one biophysicist has discovered biochemical & biophysical changes in affected plants which he says cannot be hoaxed. Since the 1960s, other circles have been found in association with the worldwide animal mutilation mystery which is the subject of Chapter 2. Dry, ceramic-hard circles in which grasses are dead have been found in pastures underneath or near animals from which the tissue has been excised surgically & bloodlessly. In at least three cases, people affected by the "UFO abduction syndrome" have received information about animal mutilations which is included in Chapter 3, along with conscious eyewitness reports of other beings. The repeating patterns of non-human entities that people have drawn or painted are included in Chapter 4 as well as photographs of ancient Sumerian "gods" that resemble modern-day drawings of alleged extraterrestrials from military & civilian cases. To order contact LMH Productions, P.O. Box 538, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. Phone: 215-491-9840; FAX: 215-491-9842.

One Couple, Four Realities Sep 01 2021 An outgrowth of an Harvard Medical School Couple Therapy Conference, this is the first book on couple and family therapy to combine a range of clinical theories with a single case discussion. At the conference, Jim Framo, Peggy Papp, Norman Paul, and Carlos Sluzki--therapists well-known for their differing styles and theoretical persuasions--described and explained the sessions they each conducted with the same couple. These sessions varied greatly: each has a distinctive focus; two included family of origin members; one involved a co-therapist. Later, other therapists, representing an even broader range of perspectives, discussed their viewpoints and speculated how they might have approached the same case. In ONE COUPLE, FOUR REALITIES: MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES ON COUPLE THERAPY, the experience of attending this conference is recreated and expanded. The reader is first given the same background information about the couple that was supplied to the interviewers and is then presented with edited transcripts and commentary by Framo, Papp, Paul, and Sluzki about their own sessions. Further perspectives and approaches to the case are provided by a number of other teachers of therapy. Thus, the reader is invited to view the couple from over a dozen different perspectives, including psychodynamic, object relations, systemic, behavioral, feminist, contextual, and eclectic orientations. Perhaps the most fascinating perspective is provided by the couple, "Larry' and "Jennifer,' who, in the last section of the book, detail their reactions to the four demonstration sessions. Their stunningly candid and intelligent accounts, given soon after the original interviews, and then again six years later, provide a compelling conclusion to the book. Most published cases are selected retrospectively to illustrate the power of the author's approach. By contrast, this couple was selected in advance: their case, ongoing at the time in a Boston clinic, seemed suitable for the demonstration interviews to be videotaped for the Harvard conference. The couple was bright and engaging. They and their families of origin were willing to participate. The interviewers agreed to document the sessions no matter how they turned out. This prospective method of case selection lent authenticity to the interviews, permitting the viewers, and now the reader, to witness clinical work as it might unfold in the office of any therapist. This volume is not intended to and does not demonstrate the superiority of one approach over another. Each of the four demonstration interviews represents careful,
conscientious work, and each leads to a different `reality' about the couple. Only in a volume such as this can one see in high relief what each approach brings to light and what each obscures. All therapists interested in couples should find this book useful, as it stimulates readers to scrutinize their own theories and practices, consider how they might have approached Larry and Jennifer, and ponder what their own viewpoint may have caused them to overlook. Clinicians will appreciate the theoretical discussions and case analyses. The book is a natural supplemental text for courses in couple or family therapy. Teachers may learn much from the appendix which addresses ethical and therapeutic aspects of using videotaped demonstration interviews--important issues that have been neglected in the professional literature. The book may also have personal resonance for non-professionals interested in exploring the complexity of one couple's relationship. All will find ONE COUPLE, FOUR REALITIES accessible and thought-provoking. Through the lives of "Larry' and "Jennifer,' it addresses timeless and timely questions about the personal, familial, and cultural forces that create, shape, and strain the bonds that hold couples together. This book introduces a biblical and practical approach to dealing with the challenges of marriage that is rooted in God’s faithfulness and the Bible’s teaching on sin and grace. Outlining six practical commitments that give shape and momentum to a truly healthy and fulfilling union, this redesigned book will equip couples to develop thriving, grace-based marriages in all circumstances and seasons of their relationships.

The Unknown Reality, Volume One

From the Bestselling Author of Seth Speaks In this mind-stretching journey into the very frontiers of consciousness, Seth reveals the multidimensional nature of the human soul. In Seth Speaks, Seth introduced the concept of “probable realities,” in which our idle daydreams and unfulfilled impulses do take place, in which all possible choices are fully experienced by other portions of the self. Now in this first volume of The “Unknown” Reality, Seth explains the dazzling labyrinths of unseen probabilities involved in any decision, and how our awareness of these can enrich the waking life we know. In a fascinating exploration of the cosmic web of our existence, Seth reveals: • The purpose of dreams, and how they are often fulfilled unconsciously • Misconceptions about death and the afterlife • How different probable realities intersect and influence one another • The relationship between physical health and inner reality • A series of exercises to help you discover the unknown portions of your greater identity “The self is multidimensional when it is physically alive. It is a triumph of spiritual and psychological identity, ever choosing from a myriad of probable realities its own clear unassailable focus. When you don’t realize this, then you project upon life after death all of the old misconceptions. . . . The fact is that in life you poise delicately and yet perfectly between realities, and after death you do the same.” — Jane Roberts, Speaking for Seth

Retro Realities Volume 2

This entry has more Retro Realities, Reviews, Retro Reflections, and a deeper dive into the Chronological Storyline, Theories, and Connections. Inside you will find connections in the Mario franchise, how Metal Gear Solid is all connected, and even a look into the perplexing continuity of the Metroid series.

Ultimate Realities

Explores ultimate realities in a range of world religions and discusses the issue and philosophical implications of comparison itself.

Models of God and Alternative Ultimate Realities

The envisioned volume is a collection of recent essays about the philosophical exploration, critique and comparison of (a) the major philosophical models of God, gods and other ultimate realities implicit in the world’s philosophical schools and religions, and of (b) the ideas of such models and doing such modeling per se. The aim is to identify exactly what a model of ultimate reality is; create a comprehensive and accessible collection of extant models; and determine how best, philosophically, to model ultimate reality, if possible and desirable.

The Victorian City

Originally published by Routledge Kegan and Paul in 1973, "The Victorian City" is a major landmark, particularly in the study of the social and intellectual attitudes of Victorian society to the challenge of urbanization. This reissue can be purchased as a 2 volume set or as individual volumes. "The Victorian City, Volume 1"0-415-19323-0: $165.00/Y [Can. $247.50/Y] "The Victorian City, Volume 2"0-415-19324-9: $165.00/Y [Can. $247.50/Y]

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The Hunt for Dark Infinity  Feb 06 2022 After being kidnapped by Mr. Chu, Atticus "Tick" Higginbottom and his friends Paul and Sofia must survive a series of tests in several different Realities.

Realities of Paris Life  Apr 27 2021 This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work was reproduced from the original artifact, and remains as true to the original work as possible. Therefore, you will see the original copyright references, library stamps (as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world), and other notations in the work. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. As a reproduction of a historical artifact, this work may contain missing or blurred pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. Scholars believe, and we concur, that this work is important enough to be preserved, reproduced, and made generally available to the public. We appreciate your support of the preservation process, and thank you for being an important part of keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

Realities of Foreign Service Life  Mar 07 2022 Mention a diplomatic career and most people imagine high-level meetings, formal dress and cocktail parties. Few stop to think that behind the occasional glitter of official functions are thousands of families facing all the routines and crises of life-births, deaths, childrearing, divorce-far from home, relatives, and friends, in an unfamiliar and sometimes unfriendly country and culture. This book provides reflections and perspectives on the realities of Foreign Service life as experienced by members of the Foreign Service community around the world. The writers share their unvarnished views on a wide variety of topics they care about: maintaining long-distance relationships, raising teens abroad, dealing with depression, coping with evacuations, readjusting to life in the United States, and many others. These are stories from the diplomatic trenches-true experiences from those who have lived the lifestyle and want to share their hard-learned lessons with others. If you are new to the Foreign Service, this book will offer insights and practical information useful in your overseas tours and when you return home. Even if you are a seasoned veteran of the Foreign Service, the reports and reflections of others may encourage you to compare and evaluate your own experiences. If you (or your partner) are contemplating joining the Foreign Service, this book can serve as a reality check, giving you honest, personal perspectives on both the positive and negative aspects of Foreign Service life. If you are a student wondering what the Foreign Service is all about, this book will broaden your knowledge and provide you with an insider's view not found in any textbook.

Dreams and Realities  Apr 15 2020 Dreams and Realities is a book that garners a luxury of poems that characterizes the values of life's womb and workings. Her elastic nature allows verses that lay siege to politics, esoterics, spirituality, emotions, passion, reclusion, etcetera.

American Realities  Apr 08 2022 Designed as a secondary source reader for introductory-level survey courses in American History. American Realities: Historical Episodes from First Settlements to the Civil War, Volume 1, 8/e a best-selling collection of secondary sources, integrates the lives of Americans with their respective time periods, and depicts a diverse American experience that challenges the students' preconceived notions of history. This edition includes new scholarship and revised, more streamlined writing in existing chapters. The clarity of the author's unique, anecdotal writing style successfully engages students in an exploration of memorable historical characters and significant events. The "Unknown" Reality: Volume One  May 09 2022 Volume One of two volumes Exploring the interdependence of multiple selves, Seth explains how understanding unknown dimensions can change the world as we know it. Readers are invited to discover their own unknown realities through a series of exercises.

One Nation, Two Realities  May 17 2020 The deep divides that define politics in the United States are not restricted to policy or even cultural differences anymore. Americans no longer agree on basic questions of fact. Is climate change real? Does racism still determine who gets ahead? Is sexual
orientation innate? Do immigration and free trade help or hurt the economy? Does gun control reduce violence? Are false convictions common? Employing several years of original survey data and experiments, Marietta and Barker reach a number of enlightening and provocative conclusions: dueling fact perceptions are not so much a product of hyper-partisanship or media propaganda as they are of simple value differences and deepening distrust of authorities. These duels foster social contempt, even in the workplace, and they warp the electorate. The educated -- on both the right and the left -- carry the biggest guns and are the quickest to draw. And finally, fact-checking and other proposed remedies don't seem to holster too many weapons; they can even add bullets to the chamber. Marietta and Barker's pessimistic conclusions will challenge idealistic reformers.

The Realities of Heaven Dec 24 2020 This groundbreaking - and sure to be controversial - book is a collection of statements about life hereafter as made between 1852 and 2001 by spirits who speak from experience. The editor has examined and reviewed 50 different sources and selected, collated, and critiqued nearly a thousand descriptions that provide a fascinating and enlightening multifaceted picture of the heavenly and hellish realms that face us all when we leave the physical world. Intimate relations truly can be experienced in the hereafter, so be prepared for some intriguing information that you won't find in any other contemporary book.

PEPPER Poetry Aug 20 2020 Standing for Poetic Expressions of Pain, Pleasure and Exotic Realities, PEPPER Poetry is a collection of poems designed to entertain the senses and imaginations of women across the world. Using intense metaphors and provocative rhymes, PEPPER entices the attention and chemical reactions of women and their curious minds. While reading PEPPER, feel free to explore the deeper meanings of each poem and scenario, allowing yourself to escape into a world of joy, wonder and pleasure.

Deeper Realities of Existence Oct 02 2021 Deeper Realities of Existence, is a book that holds for mankind a message of profound truth and revelation of hidden mysteries. It is the panacea to all forms of physical, psychological and psychic terrorism, including vicious Astral attack. This book elucidates the basis of Planetary Winnowing in this Age, the core terrestrial and extraterrestrial danger of atomic radiation unknown to mundane scientists, Universal Signet of the Supreme Mastership of Christ, Immutable Laws of the Universe, the rise of a sane civilization of Universal Brotherhood on Earth, amongst others.

Eric Ravilious Sep 08 2019 The Realities of 'Reality' - Part II: Making Sense of Why Modern Science Advances (Volume 2 of 2) Jun 17 2020 The difference between Part I and Part II – Volumes 1 & 2 – of this series, is that in Part I the author showed how what we call reality starts with the inner self whereas Part II describes what, in fact, impacts and modifies the environment or reality and what are the factors behind that dynamics. What impacts and modifies the environment is science. This Volume 2 starts by showing how technology plays an important role in scientific progress. Although the relationship between the two is symbiotic, science can exist without technology but technology desperately needs science. Military technology is an example of how technology can help science advance. Some military inventions end up having civilian use. Science being at the center of society, the book makes the case for the direct impact of such social sciences as politics and economics on the advancement of science. Politics, says the author, influences science because of uncertainty in science, and economics does it thanks to the availability of money to scholars and scientists for their research. On the other hand, government also influences scientific progress through regulations. The book gives cyberspace regulation as an example. Furthermore, by showing how art influences science, the author really argues for the polyfactorial aspect of scientific progress. In that line of thought, he goes on to also prove that factors such as skepticism, curiosity, and the quest for knowledge greatly influence the advancement of science. That, says the author, “is a ninety-degree turn … By ending Part two that way, I wanted to, somehow, link it to Part I, which argues that reality starts from within.”

Alternative Realities Nov 10 2019 A reference work on paranormal experiences and phenomena offers articles discussing the characteristics of each experience, research and evidence associated with them, and possible scientific explanations.

Visions and Realities of Party Government Jun 10 2022

Harsh Realities Jan 25 2021 High above the planet, aboard a fifty-mile-wide alien vessel, The Authority - seven awesomely powerful meta-humans - act as bouncers for the Earth. If you threaten the life and liberty of its inhabitants, they'll get nasty in the pursuit of your blood.
Virtual Realities and Their Discontents Feb 23 2021 The recognition that cyberspace is a fiction -- a narrative that creates a coherence it would like to imagine "really" exists -- is crucial to any theoretically sophisticated critique of the limitations of this consensual hallucination and the discontents it imperfectly masks. In this groundbreaking volume Robert Markley and his co-authors set out to discover why "cyberspace provokes often-rapturous rhetoric but resists critical analysis." Taking a variety of approaches, the authors explore the ways in which virtual realities conserve and incorporate rather than overthrow the assumptions and values of a traditional, logocentric humanism: the Platonist division of the world into the physical and metaphysical in which ideal forms are valued over material content.

Cyberspace, David Porush suggests, represents not a break with our metaphysical past but an extension of its basic theistic postulates. Richard Grusin argues that the claims for new forms of electronic communication depend upon the very notions of authorship -- and subjectivity -- they claim to transcend. N. Katherine Hayles examines debates about cybernetics in the 1950s to demonstrate that the history of mind-body ideas in the age of computers and feedback loops is itself conflicted. David Brande analyzes cyberspace as an extension of the logic of late twentieth-century capitalism. And Robert Markley explores the entangled roots of cyberspace in the philosophy of mathematics. "One of the ironies of our culture's fascination with cyberspace is that our material and psychic investments in Virtual Reality suggest that the death of print culture -- or its disappearance into the matrix -- has been greatly exaggerated.... Cyberspace is unthinkable, literally inconceivable, without the print culture it claims to transcend. It is, in part, a by-product of a tradition of metaphysics that, boats against the current, bears us back relentlessly to our past." -- Robert Markley, from the introduction

Travels in Hyperreality Dec 04 2021 A "scintillating collection" of essays on Disneyland, medieval times, and much more, from the author of Foucault's Pendulum (Los Angeles Times). Collected here are some of Umberto Eco's finest popular essays, recording the incisive and surprisingly entertaining observations of his restless intellectual mind. As the author puts it in the preface to the second edition: "In these pages, I try to interpret and to help others interpret some 'signs.' These signs are not only words, or images; they can also be forms of social behavior, political acts, artificial landscapes." From Disneyland to holography and wax museums, Eco explores America's obsession with artificial reality, suggesting that the craft of forgery has in certain cases exceeded reality itself. He examines Western culture's enduring fascination with the middle ages, proposing that our most pressing modern concerns began in that time. He delves into an array of topics, from sports to media to what he calls the crisis of reason. Throughout these travels—both physical and mental—Eco displays the same wit, learning, and lively intelligence that delighted readers of The Name of the Rose and Foucault's Pendulum. Translated by William Weaver

Creating Augmented and Virtual Realities May 29 2021 Despite popular forays into augmented and virtual reality in recent years, spatial computing still sits on the cusp of mainstream use. Developers, artists, and designers looking to enter this field today have few places to turn for expert guidance. In this book, Erin Pangilinan, Steve Lukas, and Vasanth Mohan examine the AR and VR development pipeline and provide hands-on practice to help you hone your skills. Through step-by-step tutorials, you'll learn how to build practical applications and experiences grounded in theory and backed by industry use cases. In each
section of the book, industry specialists, including Timoni West, Victor Prisacariu, and Nicolas Meuleau, join the authors to explain the technology behind spatial computing. In three parts, this book covers: Art and design: Explore spatial computing and design interactions, human-centered interaction and sensory design, and content creation tools for digital art Technical development: Examine differences between ARKit, ARCore, and spatial mapping-based systems; learn approaches to cross-platform development on head-mounted displays Use cases: Learn how data and machine learning visualization and AI work in spatial computing, training, sports, health, and other enterprise applications