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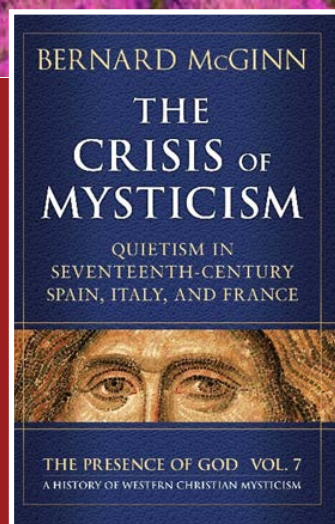
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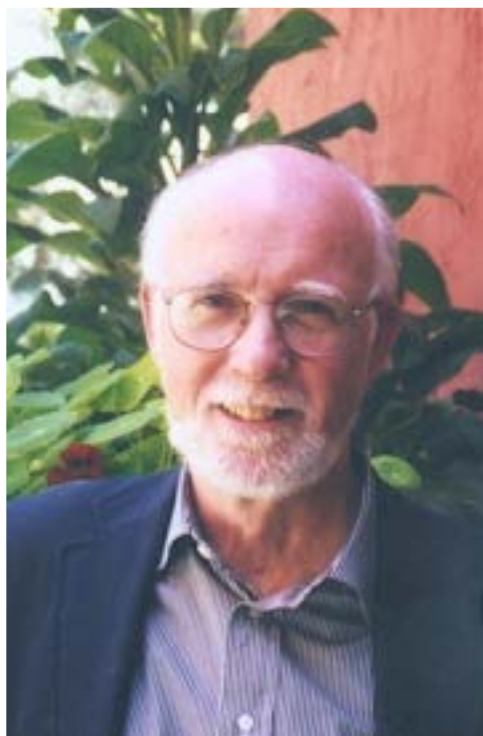
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He is a Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is married to Patricia Ferris McGinn, a licensed professional counselor, with whom he collaborated in writing *Early Christian Mystics: The Divine Vision of the Spiritual Masters* (Crossroad, 2003). He is enjoying a fruitful retirement, continuing to research and write volumes for the critically-acclaimed **The Presence of God: A History of Western Christian Mysticism** series.



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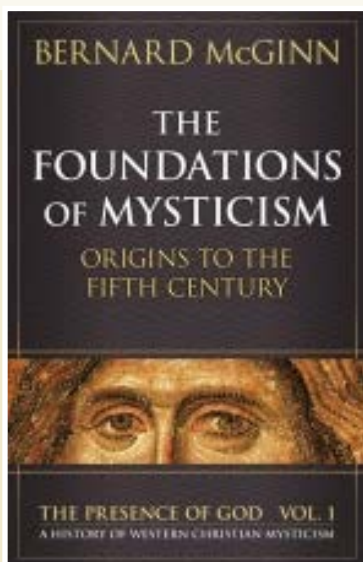
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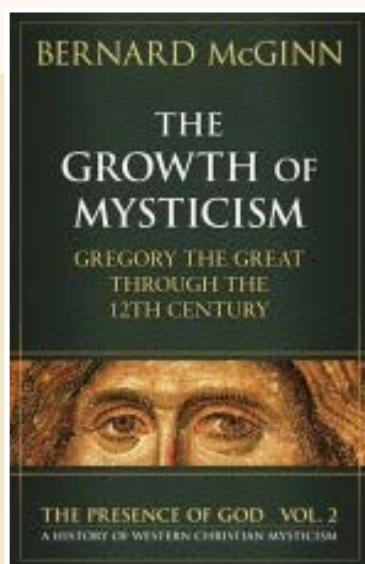
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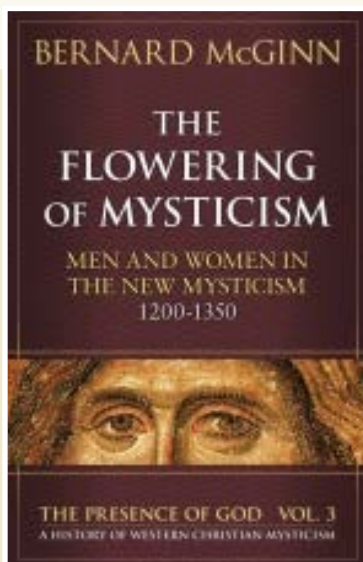
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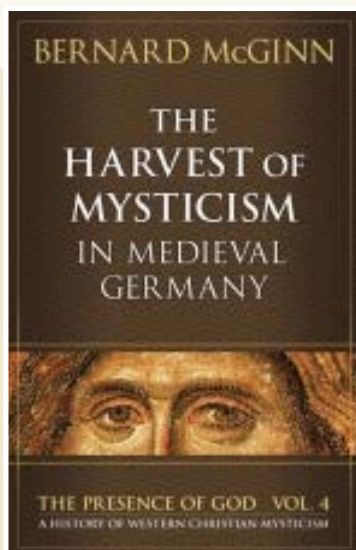
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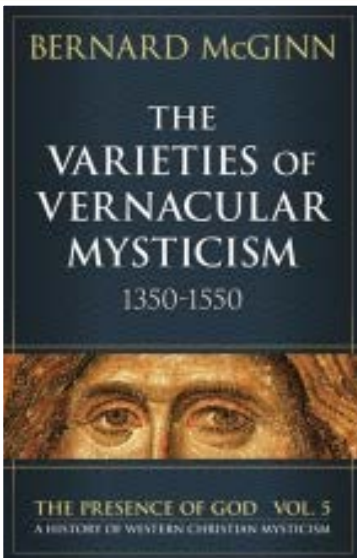
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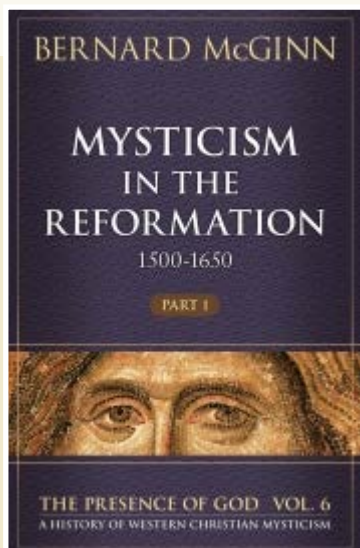
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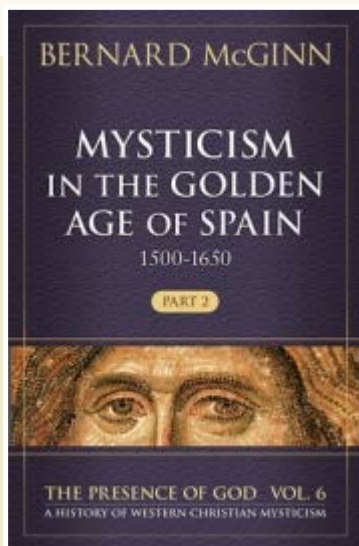
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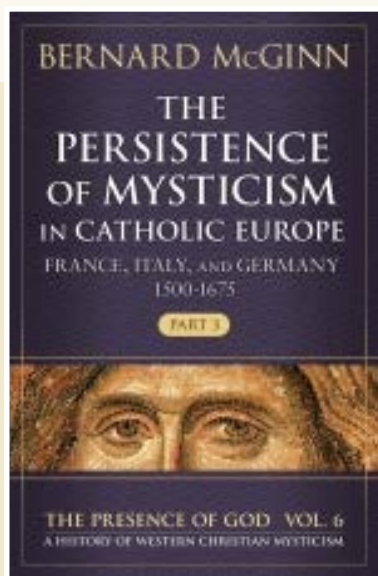
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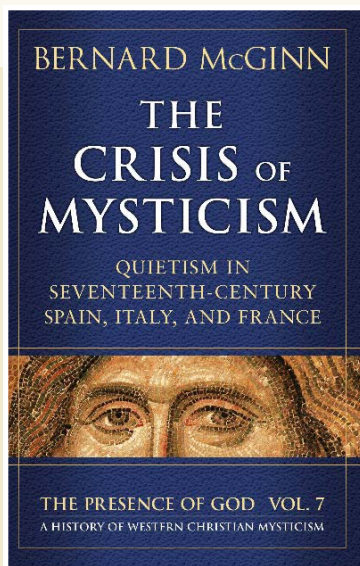
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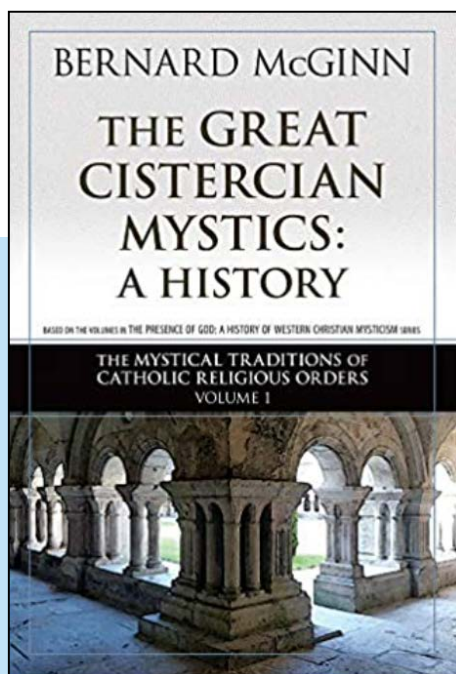
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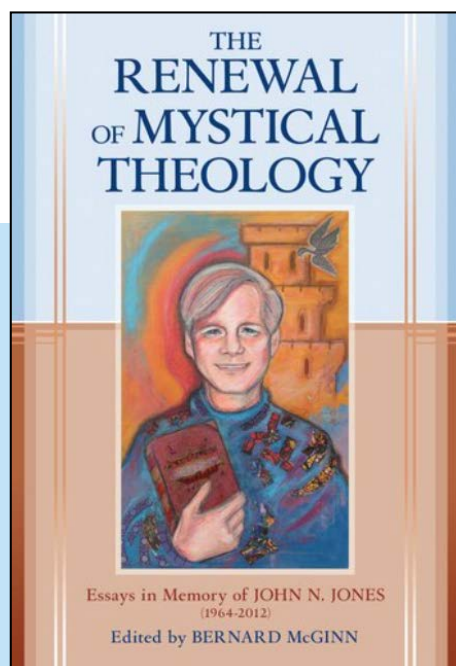
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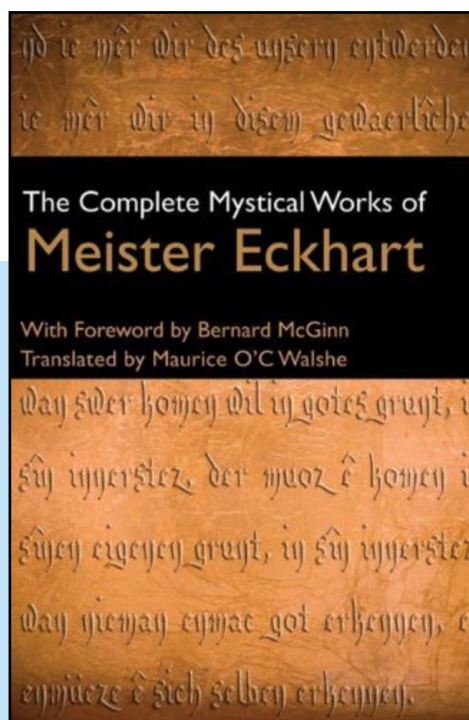
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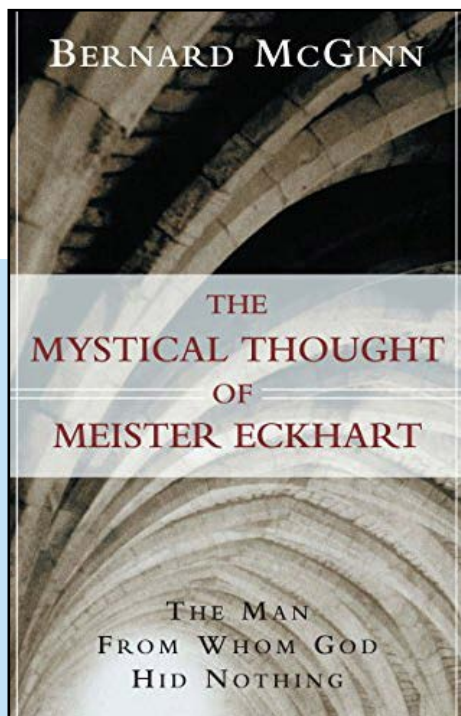
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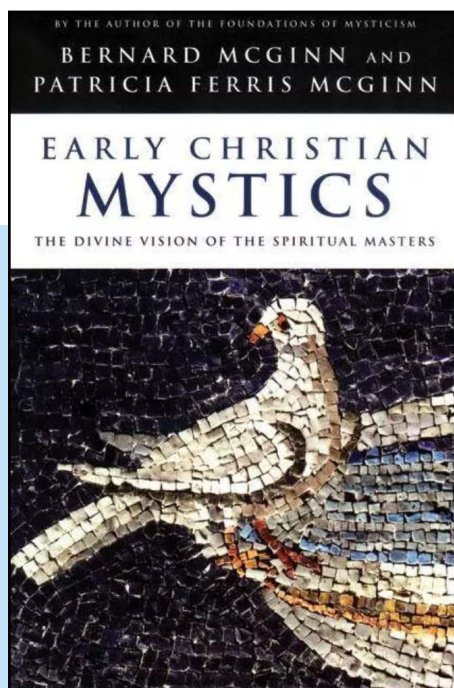
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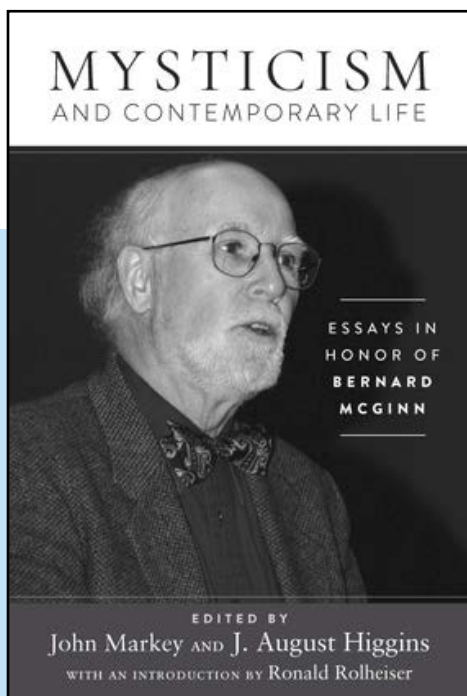
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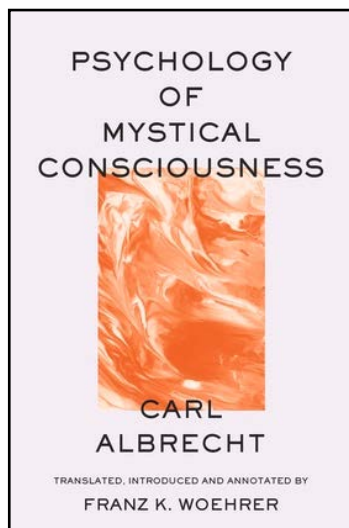
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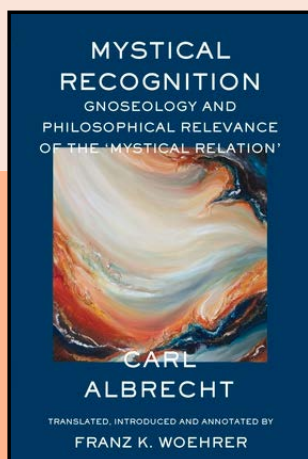
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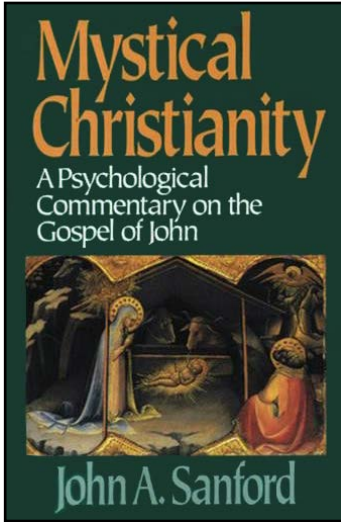
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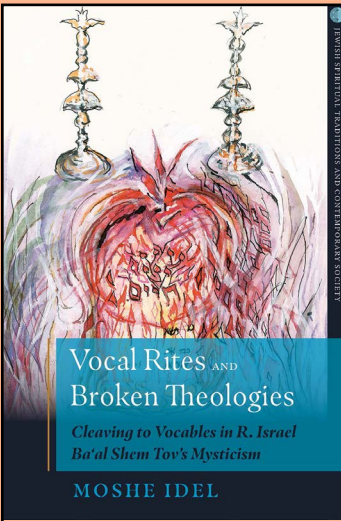
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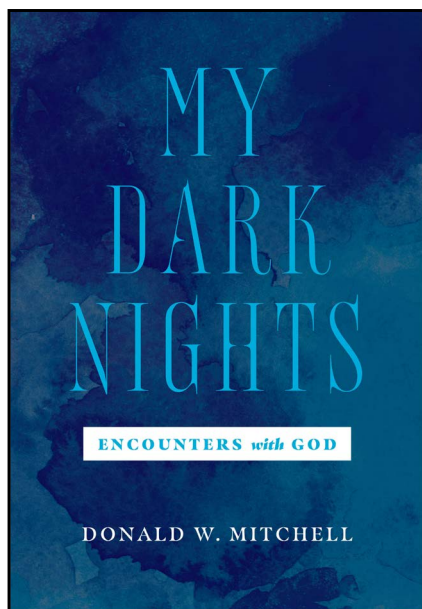
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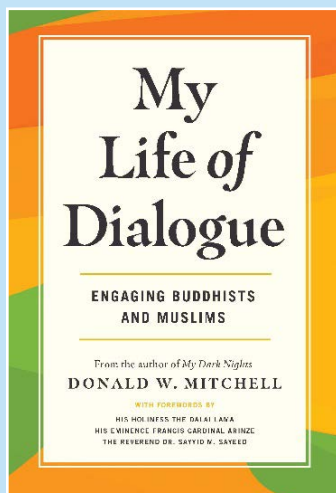
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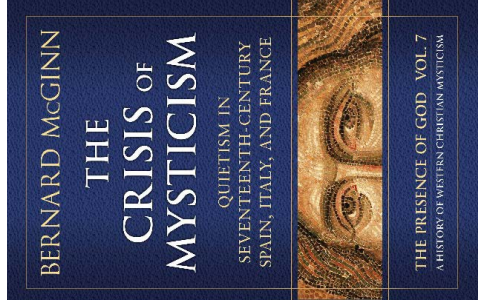
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