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Editorial Review

Review

Boehme's text was an important influence on modern accounts of the relation of God as Trinity to the cosmos, creation or 'nature', including those of Hegel, William Blake and Alfred North Whitehead. The reissue of the Elliston English translation as revised by William Law is therefore a welcome new book from Lutterworth Press. (Michael Northcott *The Expository Times*, Vol. 127, No. 2, November 2015)

From the Back Cover

How does the individual relate to the world, to the universe, to the soul? The question is fundamental to both modern theology and modern psychology, and much of the contemporary thinking on the matter grew out of this numinous treatise by German mystic JACOB BOEHME (1575-1624), one of the most confounding of the Reformation-era Christian theologians.

Also known as the *Signatura Rerum* and first published in 1621, this is one of Boehme's major works; in it, he expounds upon:

* the "great Mystery of all Beings" * "Sulphurean Death" * the "inward and outward Cure of Man" * the "Emnity of the Spirit and Body" * the "Generation of Good and Evil" * and more.

Radical and controversial in his day--he was constantly drawing the ire of the Church--Boehme was a profound influence on subsequent Europe thinkers including Hegel, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and Jung, and this challenging work will intrigue anyone interested in the esoteric roots of current philosophy and theology.

About the Author

Jacob Boehme was a German Christian mystic and theologian. He is considered an original thinker within the Lutheran tradition, and his first book, commonly known as *Aurora*, caused a great scandal. Born: March 8, 1575, Sulików, Lower Silesian Voivodeship, Poland Died: November 17, 1624, Görlitz, Germany Influenced: Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel Parents: George Wissen

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