L608, Survey of Non-Traditional Beliefs

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Resources

GENERAL:

<http://www.themystica.com/mystica/default.html>

Awarded from: Encyclopedia Britannica.com; Criteria: Editors selected site as one of the best on the Internet for quality, accuracy of content, presentation and usability.

<http://www.crystalinks.com/>

<http://www.ancient-wisdom.com/>

<http://www.encyclopedianomadica.org/>

Carol E. Parrish-Harra, Ph.D., *New Dictionary of Spiritual Thought*, Sparrow Hawk Press, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, 2002

 an excellent dictionary with entries on just about anything in spiritual and esoteric

 concepts and thought from a number of religions, clear and easy to understand

*Kybalion,* Three Initiates

 actual authorship uncertain, primary candidate is William Walker Atkinson

 not a book to sit down and read through, better to read a chapter and then think about it

 for awhile; however, it is a book that one can go back to again and again

ADK Luk books

 To purchase:

 <http://www.alohapeace.com/lawoflife.aspx>

 not necessarily an easy read

 lots of very detailed information on the Masters of the White Brotherhood

 (mystical beings who are often mentioned in various discussions)

MYSTICAL TRADITIONS:

http://holybooks.lichtenbergpress.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/The-Origin-of-Western-Mysticism.pdf

 about Plotinus

 long but interesting, good definition and understanding

<https://westernmystics.wordpress.com/>

 read thoroughly, some things hidden in this I think

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/mysticism/>

 check, good resource so may be helpful

search on how to obtain a mystical experience

<http://www.sawka.com/spiritwatch/cehsc/ipure.htm>

Bruce B Janz, Ph.D. Professor, University of Central Florida

[www.religiousworlds.com/mystic/whoswho.html](http://www.religiousworlds.com/mystic/whoswho.html)

 site temp closed for repair???

 lots of info, links and references, not always clear about who is a mystic and who isn’t

<http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~janzb/mysticism/>

 resources for Bruce Janz’s class on Western Mysticism, University of Central Florida

 lots of info, links and cross references

 under section on Academic Study of Western Mysticism, first subsection:

 click on Mysticism, PPT presentation

Evelyn Underhill

<http://www.evelynunderhill.org/>

Underhill, Evelyn, *Mysticism,* 12th EDITION, New York, Meridian Books, 1955

 Janz: “an old classic but later works fulfill this project better”

Underhill, Evelyn, *Practical Mysticism*, New York, E.P. Dutton, 1915

 Janz: “good introduction, kind of a primer on mystical life”

Rabbi Amy Scheinerman

 <http://scheinerman.net/judaism/Ideas/index.html>

 click on Kabbalah in the list

Recommended reading:

Daniel C. Matt*, The Essential Kabbalah: The Heart of Jewish Mysticism*

Lawrence Kushner*, The Way Into Jewish Mystical Tradition*

Zev ben Shimon Halevi, *The Work of the Kabbalist*

Moshe Idel*, Kabbalah: New Perspectives*

per Rabbi Scheinerman, not recommended are:

 The Kabbalah Centre

 Michael or Yehuda Berg

CLASSICAL ELEMENTS:

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/xenophanes/>

<http://www.britannica.com/biography/Thales-of-Miletus>

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/heraclitus/>

<http://www.britannica.com/biography/Anaximenes-of-Miletus>

http://www.spiritual-knowledge.net/articles/fire-water-air-earth.php

 from Slovak web site [www.poznanie.sk](http://www.poznanie.sk)

<http://www.friesian.com/elements.htm>

<http://www.friesian.com/>

 some interesting concepts but rather unusual

 just the kind of thing that may challenge your ideas

 but also the kind of material that may just have a nugget of interest for you

AETHER – MICHELSON-MORLEY EXPERIMENT (1887):

 http://galileoandeinstein.physics.virginia.edu/lectures/michelson.html

 see section in hand out: Detecting the Aether Wind

 http://scienceworld.wolfram.com/physics/Michelson-MorleyExperiment.html

PRANA:

 http://www.chopra.com/ccl/what-is-a-chakra#sthash.KQtORR3o.dpuf

 quoted under section on Prana in hand out

DOCTORS AND THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT:

 <http://www.aaos.org/news/aaosnow/jan14/managing3.asp>

 <http://definitions.uslegal.com/g/good-samaritans/>

 https://www.princeton.edu/~achaney/tmve/wiki100k/docs/Good\_Samaritan\_law.html

 Wikipedia article on various state laws

REINCARNATION:

ARE, Association for Research and Enlightenment, Virginia Beach

 Edgar Cayce, (March 18, 1877 – January 3, 1945)

 Sugrue, Thomas, *There is a River, The Story of Edgar Cayce*

Dr. Jim B. Tucker, M.D., the Bonner-Lowry Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences at the University of Virginia (from Bill Stoney’s Paranormal class)

Bio, (aka curriculum vitae or CV)

http://www.medicine.virginia.edu/clinical/departments/psychiatry/sections/cspp/dops/staff/jimbio-page

http://www.today.com/news/return-life-how-some-children-have-memories-reincarnation-t8986

Dr. Ian Stevenson, Carlson Professor of Psychiatry and Director or the Division of Personality Studies at the University of Virginia, predecessor to Dr. Tucker

<http://reluctant-messenger.com/reincarnation-proof.htm>

Dick Sutphen with Tara Sutphen, *Soul Agreements*, Hampton Roads Publishing Company, 2005

AKASHIC RECORDS:

<http://www.themystica.com/mystica/default.html>

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HEALING SYSTEMS:

Alice Steadman, *Who’s the Matter with Me*

<http://www.takingcharge.csh.umn.edu/>

 Univ of Minn

 comprehensive list of the various types of CAM, with links

 research and support for various types

Johns Hopkins, Different Types of CAM

http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/healthlibrary/conditions/adult/complementary\_and\_alternative\_medicine/types\_of\_complementary\_and\_alternative\_medicine\_85,p00189/

NIH, exceptionally long list sorted by medical problem and various solutions

<https://nccih.nih.gov/health/atoz.htm>

WebMD

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/what-is-alternative-medicine>

ASTROLOGY

Associations for Astrologers:

See list at: <http://stariq.com/PageTemplate/t1.asp?PageID=799>

 American Federation of Astrologers

 seems to have a training and testing program

 may be easier to use one of their astrologers

 none in the DC, one in Virginia area, are several in Maryland

REIKI:

<http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Reiki>

 general info, good summary

<http://www.reiki.org/>

 International Center for Reiki Training

THERAPEUTIC TOUCH:

<http://therapeutic-touch.org/>

ROLFING:

<http://www.rolf.org/about>

<http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Rolfing>

http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/ART00472/Rolfing-Dr-Weils-Wellness-Therapies.html

ACUPUNCTURE:

http://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/acupuncture/basics/definition/prc-20020778

 includes information on risks and potential side effects

<http://www.webmd.com/fibromyalgia/tc/acupuncture-topic-overview>

 topic says fibromyalgia but article is about acupuncture

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/156488.php>

 lots of info

ACUPRESSURE:

http://www.webmd.com/balance/guide/acupressure-points-and-massage-treatment

<http://www.acupressure.com/>

 a number of images on people using the pressure points

<http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/ART03230/Acupressure.html>

REFLEXOLOGY:

http://www.takingcharge.csh.umn.edu/explore-healing-practices/reflexology

http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/consumer-health/expert-answers/what-is-reflexology/faq-20058139

NATUROPATHY:

<https://umm.edu/health/medical/altmed/treatment/naturopathy>

 lots of info with good references

<https://nccih.nih.gov/health/naturopathy>

 what a naturopath does and how he/she works

HOMEOPATHY:

<http://www.nationalcenterforhomeopathy.org/>

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/guide/homeopathy-topic-overview>

<https://nccih.nih.gov/health/homeopathy>

 comprehensive discussion

AYURVEDA:

[www.chopra.com/our-services/ayurveda](http://www.chopra.com/our-services/ayurveda)

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/guide/ayurvedic-treatments>

<https://umm.edu/health/medical/altmed/treatment/ayurveda>

<https://nccih.nih.gov/health/ayurveda/introduction.htm>

 comprehensive article

LOCAL CLASSES:

<http://www.peaceabledragon.org/class-archives/virginia-classes/>

KUNDALINI:

<http://www.swamij.com/index-yoga-meditation-kundalini.htm>

 most detailed info I found

MYSTERY SCHOOLS:

 Astara.org

also search on Mystery Schools, many are listed

LESSER MYSTERIES:

http://www.starwars.com/news/the-starwars-com-10-best-yoda-quotes

 Yoda training Luke

Examples:

 James Redfield

The Celestine Prophecy

The Tenth Insight

The Secret of Shambhala

The Twelfth Insight (new)

 Richard Bach

 Jonathan Livingston Seagull, is now a Part 4

 Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah

 One

 Illusions II

 psychics:

 Edgar Cayce

 Jane Roberts, Seth material

 Arthur Ford