Tibetan Buddhism And Modern Physics Toward A Union Of Love And Knowledge

Tibetan Buddhism and Modern Physics: Toward a Union of Love and Knowledge addresses the complex issues of dialogue and collaboration between Buddhism and science, revealing connections and differences between the two. While assuming no technical background in Buddhism or physics, this book strongly responds to the Dalai Lama's "heartfelt plea" for genuine collaboration between science and Buddhism. The Dalai Lama has written a foreword to the book and the Office of His Holiness will translate it into both Chinese and Tibetan. In a clear and engaging way, this book shows how the principle of emptiness, the philosphic heart of Tibetan Buddhism, connects intimately to quantum nonlocality and other foundational features of quantum mechanics. Detailed connections between emptiness, modern relativity, and the nature of time are also explored. For Tibetan Buddhists, the profound interconnectedness implied by emptiness demands the practice of universal compassion. Because of the powerful connections between emptiness and modern physics, the book argues that the interconnected worldview of modern physics also encourages universal compassion. Along with these harmonies, the book explores a significant conflict between quantum mechanics and Tibetan Buddhism concerning the role of causality. The book concludes with a response to the question: "How does this expedition through the heart of modern physics and Tibetan Buddhism—from quantum mechanics, relativity, and cosmology, to emptiness, compassion, and disintegratedness—apply to today's painfully polarized world?" Despite differences and questions raised, the book's central message is that there is a solid basis for uniting these worldviews. From this basis, the message of universal compassion can accompany the spread of the scientific worldview, stimulating compassionate action in the light of deep understanding—a true union of love and science. Tibetan Buddhism and Modern Physics will appeal to a broad audience that includes general readers and undergraduate and graduate students in science and religion courses.

Tibetan Buddhism & Modern Physics: Victor Mansfield 2011

Tibetan Buddhism and Modern Physics, Vol 2-Robert Paul 2017-03-25 In the book I investigate distinctions between independent individuality and interactive relationality in physical phenomena. This common topic for modern physics and philosophy of science is explored using current research in those disciplines. Buddhism also focuses on relationships, proposing that independent things do not exist. In the context of physical reality, I take this Buddhist view as a hypothesis and examine it critically. We evaluate its arguments and find them generally to be problematic when evaluated against modern standards for logic and physics. However, its fundamental principle-emptiness, or shunyata, is still test-worthy. Contrary to many books on Buddhism and science, this one takes a positive view of science. The book begins by defining 'science'. While we discuss, explain, and justify many views of science, and present the standard elements of science, physics and physics theories, I argue extensively for one perspective: pluralism in a synthesis of my own design: physics pluralism. I show Buddhist 'emptiness' (shunyata) to be quite consistent physical pluralism. When we test shunyata with physics within that knowledge framework uncovers the relevance, importance, and some truth in the Buddhist relationality ideas. This Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary provides a brief introductory treatment of the topic designed for the general audience. You may read Volume 1 independently from Volume 2: Scholarly Edition. Both volumes provide background and develop concepts from a non-technical and non-specialized starting point. However, this Volume 1 stops there, while in Volume 2 we examine extensive treatments of controversies, complexities and technical details, plus elaborate explanations and examples. Volume 2 contains hundreds of citations and footnotes, while Volume 1 has no footnotes and few citations, although both have complete bibliographies. The series Buddhism and Modern Science will include books that examine links between Buddhism and the life and social sciences, e.g., neuroscience, economics, and geopolitics. For four decades, Robert Alan Paul has studied physics, has been a career as a physicist, and both studied and practiced Tibetan Buddhism. He holds a bachelor's degree in physics, and separate master's degrees in philosophy; philosophy of science & mathematics; and physics (abd). He holds an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in four disciplines: philosophy of science, Western analytic metaphysics, Buddhist philosophy, and physics. His Ph.D dissertation was the foundation for this book.

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Buddhism & Science—B. Alan Wallace 2004

Reflecting its wide variety of topics, Buddhism and science is comprised of three sections. The first presents two historical overviews of the engagements between Buddhism and modern science or rather how Buddhism and modern science have defined, rivalled and complemented one another. The second describes the ways Buddhism and the cognitive sciences inform each other, the third address point of intersection between Buddhism and the physical sciences. On the broadest level this work illuminates how different ways of exploring the nature of human identity the mind, and the universe at large can enrich and enlighten one another.

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Hidden Dimensions—B. Alan Wallace 2007-08-28

Bridging the gap between the world of science and the realm of the spiritual, B. Alan Wallace introduces a natural theory of human consciousness that has its roots in contemporary physics and Buddhism. Wallace’s "special theory of ontological relativity" suggests that mental phenomena are conditioned by the brain, but do not emerge from it. Rather, the entire natural world of mind...
and matter, subject and objects, arises from a unitary dimension of reality that is more fundamental than these dualities, as proposed by Wolfgang Pauli and Carl Jung. To test his hypothesis, Wallace employs the Buddhist meditative practice of samatha, refining one's attention and metacognition, to create a kind of telescope to examine the space of the mind. Drawing on the work of the physicist John Wheeler, he then proposes a more general theory in which the participatory nature of reality is envisioned as a self-excited circuit. In comparing these ideas to the Buddhist theory known as the Middle Way philosophy, Wallace explores further aspects of his "general theory of ontological relativity," which can be investigated by means of vippasana, or insight, meditation. Wallace then focuses on the theme of symmetry in reference to quantum cosmology and the "problem of frozen time," relating these issues to the theory and practices of the 17th Panchen School of Tibetan Buddhism. He concludes with a discussion of the general theme of complementarity as it relates to science and religion. The theories of relativity and quantum mechanics were major achievements in the physical sciences, and the theory of evolution has had an equally deep impact on the life sciences. However, rigorous scientific methods do not yet exist to observe mental phenomena, and naturalism has its limits for shedding light on the workings of the mind. A pioneer of modern consciousness research, Wallace offers a practical and revolutionary method for exploring the mind that combines the keenest insights of contemporary physicists and philosophers with the time-honored meditative traditions of Buddhism.

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Quantum Buddhism: Dancing in Emptiness - Reality Revealed at the Interface of Quantum Physics and Buddhist Philosophy-graham smetham 2010-04-17 An extensive, detailed and definitive exploration and elucidation of the extraordinary meeting ground and interconnections between quantum physics and Buddhist philosophy. Esoteric Cosmology and Modern Physics-Bodo Balsys 2020-03-04 This book endeavours to integrate the concepts gleaned through modern physics with those of the esotericist, hence with the lore derived from meditative penetration of high dimensions of perception. This incorporates the nādi and chakra system, via which all phenomena is derived, and of the nature of the projection of thought-forms from the subjective domain into the objective world. The second section traces the evolution of modern physics with contemporary qualitative validation, such as the scientifically minded are unaware, as well as unfamiliar concepts for most religionists and philosophers. Hopefully this syncretic approach will evoke many revelations in all these schools of thought. Readers should not dismiss the ideas presented out of hand, but rather should rationalise what is logically correct as a valid basis for further research and enquiring and the origin and nature of things. The Tao of Physics-Fritjof Capra 2010-06-24 Fritjof Capra’s groundbreaking exploration of the parallels between modern physics and eastern mysticism. Creation Stories in Dialogue: The Bible, Science, and Folk Traditions-Jan G. van der Watt 2015-11-16 This book is about creation stories in dialogue, not only between different religious views, but also between current day scientific perspectives.

The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism-Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Michael Jerryson 2016-12-01 As an incredibly diverse religious system, Buddhism is constantly changing. The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism offers a comprehensive collection of work by leading scholars in the field that tracks these changes up to the present day. Taken together, the book provides a blueprint to understanding Buddhism's past and uses it to explore the ways in which Buddhism has transformed in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The volume contains 41 essays, divided into two sections. The essays in the first section examine the historical development of Buddhist traditions throughout the world. These chapters cover familiar settings like India, Japan, and Tibet as well as the less well-known countries of Vietnam, Bhutan, and the regions of Latin America, Africa, and Oceania. Focusing on changes within countries and transnationally, this section also contains chapters that focus explicitly on globalization, such as Buddhist international organizations and diasporic communities. The second section traces the relationship between modernity and religion, including issues such as violence and peacebuilding, and ecology, as well as Buddhist influences in areas such as medicine and science. Offering coverage that is both expansive and detailed, The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Buddhism delves into some of the most debated and contested areas within Buddhist Studies today.

Mysticism and Meaning: Multidisciplinary Perspectives-Alex S. Kohar 2019 The volume investigates the question of meaning of mystical phenomena and, conversely, queries the concept of “meaning” itself, via insights afforded by mystical experiences. The collection brings together researchers from such disparate fields as philosophy, psychology, history of religion, cognitive poetics, and semiotics, in an effort to ascertain the question of mysticism’s meaning through pertinent, up-to-date multidisciplinarity. The discussion commences with Editor’s Introduction that probes persistent questions of complexity as well as perplexity of mysticism and the reasons why problematizing mysticism leads to even greater enigmas. One thread within the volume provides the contextual framework for continuing fascination of mysticism that includes a consideration of several historical traditions as well as personal accounts of mystical experiences: Two contributions showcase ancient Egyptian and ancient Israelite involvements with mystical alterations of consciousness and Christianity's origins being steeped in mystical praxis, and four essays highlight mysticism’s formative presence in Chinese traditions and Tibetan Buddhism as well as medieval Judaism and Kabbalah mysticism. A second, more overarching strand within the volume is concerned with multidisciplinary investigations of the phenomenon of mysticism, including philosophical, psychological, cognitive, and semiotic analyses. To this effect, the volume explores the question of philosophy’s relation to mysticism and vice versa, together with a Wittgensteinian nexus between mysticism, facticity, and truth; language mysticism and "supernormal meaning" engendered by certain mystical states; cognitive-poetic analysis of mystical poetry; and a semiotic scrutiny of some mystical experiences and their ineffability. Finally, the volume includes an assessment of the so-called New Age authors’ contention of the convergence of scientific and mystical claims about reality. The above two tracks are appended with personal, contemporary accounts of mystical experiences, in the Prologue; and a futuristic envisioning, as a fictitious chronicle from the time-to-come, of life without things mystical, in the Postscript. The volume contains fourteen chapters; its international contributors are based in Canada, Israel, United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Spread of Tibetan Buddhism in China-Dan Smyer Yu 2013-03-01 Focusing on contemporary Tibetan Buddhist revivals in the Tibetan regions of the Sichuan and Qinghai Provinces in China, this book explores the intricate entanglements of the Buddhist revivals with cultural identity, state ideology, and popular imagination of Tibetan Buddhist spirituality in contemporary China. In turn, the author explores the broader socio-cultural implications of such revivals. Based on detailed cross-regional ethnographic work, the book demonstrates that the revival of Tibetan Buddhism in contemporary China is intimately bound with both the affirming and negating forces of globalization, modernity, and politics of religion, indigenous identity reclamation, and the market economy. The analysis highlights the multidimensionality of Tibetan Buddhism in relation to different religious, cultural, and political constituencies. By recognizing the greater contexts of China’s politics of religion and of the global status of Tibetan Buddhism, this book presents an argument that the revival of Tibetan Buddhism is not an isolated event limited merely to Tibetan regions; instead, it is a result of the intersection of both local and global transformative changes. The book is a useful contribution to students and scholars of Asian religion and Chinese studies.

The Reality We Create-Warren L. Cargal, L. Ac. 2019-07-25 "The Reality We Create" makes a good case that we are on the verge of another revolution in our understanding that everything is interrelated and interdependent, which has profound implications for our health as well as the health of the planet." — J Virgin, New York Times best-selling author of The Virgin Diet: Drop 7 Foods, Lose 7 Pounds, Just 7 Days, and The Virgin Diet Cookbook "The implications of the book provide an understanding of the link between mind and matter, and the profound effects of our thoughts on our personal lives, our health and longevity and the collective life of our world " — Jack Wolfson DO, FACC, Author, The Healthy Conscious Traveler and founder of The Self Care Revolution Have you ever wondered if your thoughts affect your overall health? Do you strive to live a healthy and peaceful life, but struggle to find balance? If the answer is yes, then The Reality We Create can guide you to a better understanding of your consciousness that could reflect positively in your life.
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Quantum of Buddhist-Christiano Thomas Kohli 2010-05-20 Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author of “The Jungle Book”, born in India, wrote one day these words: “Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet”. In essay I show that Kipling was not completely right. I try to show the common ground between buddhist philosophy and quantum physics. There is a surprising parallelism between the philosophical concept of reality articulated by Nagarjuna and the physical concept of reality implied by quantum physics. For neither is there a fundamental core to reality, rather reality consists of systems of interacting objects. Such concepts of reality cannot be reconciled with the substantial, subjective, holistic or instrumentalistic concepts of reality which underlie modern modes of thought.

Encountering Buddhism in Twentieth-Century British and American Literature-Lawrence Normand 2013-10-24 Encountering Buddhism in Twentieth-Century British and American Literature explores the ways in which 20th-century literature has been influenced by Buddhism, and has been, in turn, a major factor in bringing about Buddhism’s increasing spread and influence in the West. Focussing on Britain and the United States, Buddhism’s influence on a range of key literary texts will be examined in the context of those societies’ evolving modernity. Writers discussed include T. S. Eliot, Hermann Hesse, Virginia Woolf, Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, J. D. Salinger, Iris Murdoch, Maxine Hong Kingston. This book brings together for the first time a series of context-rich interpretations that demonstrate the importance of literature in this ongoing cultural change in Britain and the United States.

The Heart Doctrine-Christopher P. Holmes 2010-03-10 The Heart Doctrine explores the mysteries of human consciousness, the spiritual nature of the heart, and the question of the existence of an ‘I’ within the individual—a divine spark of the god spark ‘ Modern psychology and science have been dominated by the ‘head doctrine’ the assumption that the material brain produces consciousness and that a human being does not have a true ‘I’ except as an illusory byproduct of neural events in the cerebral cortex. In contrast, mystics claim that the origins of consciousness and Self are related to the physical and spiritual dimensions of the Heart. A human being is ensouled through the heart. Further, consciousness and vitality are related to oxygenation and blood flow within the material body and to the subtle anatomy of the chakras. Mystical experiences involve penetrating veils of nature which allow for the awakening of consciousness and the Heart, the realization of higher Space dimensions and experiences of the unity of things with the inner life. We are individual “eyes” or “I’s of THAT,” the unity within which we live, move and have our being. Most importantly, human beings have a zero point centre and this is the means by which higher dimensional influences bring life and consciousness into the living being. There is a higher dimensional physics and metaphysics to the human heart and to the issues of consciousness. The Heart Doctrine challenges the orthodox scientific and new age views of the day but is consistent with the esoteric teachings of the world’s religions— including Judaism and Kabbalah, Gnosticism and mystical Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Tibetan Buddhism and with The Secret Doctrine of H. P. Blavatsky. The Heart Doctrine is Book I of the Within-Without from Zero Points series—which juxtaposes the most advanced concepts in modern physics and with varied esoteric mystical and spiritual teachings.

The Essence of Jung’s Psychology and Tibetan Buddhism-Radmila Moacanin 1986 The Essence of Jung’s Psychology and Tibetan Buddhism cuts to the heart of two very different yet remarkably similar traditions. The author touches on many of their major ideas: the collective unconscious and karma, archetypes and deities, the analyst and the spiritual friend, and mandalas. Within Tibetan Buddhism she focuses on tantra and relates its emphasis on spiritual transformation, also a major concern of Jung. This expanded edition includes new material on the integration of the two traditions, and the importance of these paths of the heart in today’s unsteady world.

Philosophy of Mysticism-Richard H. Jones 2016-03-23 A comprehensive exploration of the philosophical issues raised by mysticism. This work is a comprehensive study of the philosophical issues raised by mysticism. Mystics claim to experience reality in a way not available in normal life, a claim which makes this phenomenon interesting from a philosophical perspective. Richard H. Jones’s inquiry focuses on the skeleton of beliefs and values of mysticism: knowledge claims made about the nature of reality and of human beings; value claims about what is significant and what is ethical; and mystical goals and ways of life. Jones engages language, epistemology, metaphysics, science, and the philosophy of mind. Methodological issues in the study of mysticism are also addressed. Examples of mystical experience are drawn chiefly from Buddhism and Advaita Vedanta, but also from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Daoism. “This is a significant extension of the seminal work by Walter Stace, Mysticism and Philosophy. That work has stimulated much literature, all of which Jones manages to review here. He critically extends Stace’s universal core and embeds it in a sophisticated discussion of the extent, range, and metaphysical implications of mysticism.” — Ralph W. Hood, Jr., coauthor of The Psychology of Religion: An Empirical Approach

Science and Religion-Alister McGrath 2011-09-23 Now thoroughly updated to reflect the latest debates, this popular textbook introduces readers to the central questions in the field of science and religion. Ideally suited to those who have little or no prior knowledge in either area, it incorporates numerous student-friendly features, including maps, summaries, and historical references, resulting in the most up-to-date introduction to the study of religion and the natural sciences available. Examines the historical, theological, philosophical and scientific aspects of the interaction between religion and science Fully updated to reflect current, cutting-edge debates on scientific atheism and the limits of scientific method, and discussions about the relationship between science and religion in major world faiths Includes a historical component to enable readers to orientate themselves within the subject Takes a topic based approach which fits into the existing structure of most courses, and includes explanatory material not found in other works of this kind, making it highly accessible for those with little scientific or religious background knowledge Incorporates illustrations, tables, maps, summaries and questions for a lively and engaging approach to the subject Written by world-renowned theologian, Alister McGrath; author of bestselling books such as Dawkins’ God, and an acknowledged expert in the field of science and religion

Embracing Mind-B. Alan Wallace 2008 Examines the integral link between science and spirituality in the two areas’ quest for “ultimate truths,” arguing that science hampers its search by ignoring the human mind as the ultimate source of inspiration and the separation between the fields is unnecessary. 15,000 first printing.

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