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transcendentalism was the name given to the new england movement of
the 1830s and 1840s that brought together romanticism in literature and
social reform in politics its partisans argued for the rights of women the
abolition of slavery and in some cases the socialization of labor and equal
distribution of profits they were america s first avant garde this volume
presents substantial selections from the writings of key american
transcendentalists such as george ripley margaret fuller orestes brownson
theodore parker and bronson alcott included are sermons and diary entries
essays on labor religion education and literature on german metaphysics
and coleridge s philosophy of mind many are expressive of the movement s
over arching project to define the innermost meanings of democracy the
nature of man his place in the world and his relation to the divine first
published in 1966 the book has been updated and expanded for this edition

barbara l packer s long essay the transcendentalists is widely
acknowledged by scholars of nineteenth century american literary history
as the best written most comprehensive treatment to date of
transcendentalism previously existing only as part of a volume in the
magisterial cambridge history of american literature it will now be available

for the first time in a stand alone edition packer presents transcendentalism as a living movement evolving out of such origins as new england unitarianism and finding early inspiration in european romanticism transcendentalism changed religious beliefs philosophical ideas literary styles and political allegiances in addition it was a social movement whose members collaborated on projects and formed close personal ties transcendentalism contains vigorous thought and expression throughout says packer only a study of the entire movement can explain its continuing sway over american thought through fresh readings of both the essential transcendentalist texts and the best current scholarship packer conveys the movement s genuine expectations that its radical spirituality not only would lead to personal perfection but also would inspire solutions to such national problems as slavery and disfranchisement here is transcendentalism in whole with emerson thoreau and fuller restored to their place alongside such contemporaries as bronson alcott george ripley jones very theodore parker james freeman clarke orestes brownson and frederick henry hedge

the oxford handbook of transcendentalism offers an eclectic comprehensive interdisciplinary approach to the immense cultural impact of the movement that encompassed literature art architecture science and politics

the first large scale collaborative study of women s voices and their vital role in the american transcendentalist movement many of its seventeen distinguished scholars work from newly recovered archives and all offer fresh readings of understudied topics and texts shedding light on female contributions

essayist lecturer poet and america s first public intellectual ralph waldo emerson 1803 82 is the central figure in nineteenth century american letters and the leader albeit reluctantly of the transcendental group a literary mover and shaker emerson directed his unpopular early radicalism toward social institutions the church education literary conventions by his death in

1882 however his reputation was already solidifying as a national icon somewhere between the iconic sage and the speculative idealist lies an emerson that students don't often encounter a flesh and blood figure whose writings testify to his continuing exploration of the individual's place in an increasingly conformist and crowded world in its selections and its apparatus this broadview edition bridges the gap between emerson and students by stressing his real world engagements the collection contains a range of prose and poetry addressing some of emerson's major concerns nature and the self imagination and the poet religion and social reform as he explores the enduring question how shall i live historical appendices include primary materials on transcendentalism the contemporary debate about the nature of biblical miracles other authors responses to emerson as a writer and thinker and the development of his complex reputation as a representative american copy texts in this edition are the first published versions of each text restored here as emerson's initial audience would have read them

transcendental learning discusses the work of five figures associated with transcendentalism concerning their views on education alcott emerson fuller peabody and thoreau all taught at one time and held definite views about education the book explores these conceptions with chapters on each of the five individuals and then focuses the main features of transcendental learning and its legacy today a central thesis of the book is that transcendental learning is essentially holistic in nature and provides rich educational vision that is in many ways a tonic to today's factory like approach to schooling in contrast to the narrow vision of education that is promoted by governments and the media the transcendentalists offer a redemptive vision of education that includes educating the whole child body mind and soul happiness as a goal of education educating students so they see the interconnectedness of nature recognizing the inner wisdom of the child as something to be honored and nurtured a blueprint for environmental education through the work of thoreau an inspiring vision for

educating women of all ages through the work of margaret fuller an experimental approach to pedagogy that continually seeks for more effective ways of educating children a recognition of the importance of the presence of teacher and encouraging teachers to be aware and conscious of their own behavior a vision of multicultural and bilingual education through the work of elizabeth peabody the transcendentalists particularly emerson and thoreau sewed the seeds for the environmental movement and for non violent change their work eventually influenced gandhi and martin luther king jr and it continues to resonate today in the thinking of aung sang suu kyi and the dalai lama the transcendentalists vision of education is worth examining as well given the dissatisfaction with the current educational scene endorsements a transcendental education provides a powerfully hopeful integrative and holistic vision that can help guide education out of its current vacuum the book is thoughtfully explicated expertly synthesized and completely relevant for anyone interesting in helping education find itself like the transcendentalists themselves this is both down to earth and soaring in its potential implications tobin hart author of *The Secret Spiritual World of Children* and *From Information to Transformation: Education for the Evolution of Consciousness* the secret to a vital renewed america lies in the life and writings of the transcendentalist community of concord massachusetts in the 19th century jack miller who i know has been devoted to a new living form of education throughout his career has written a book that could inspire a revolution in teaching it goes against the tide as do emerson and thoreau but it offers a blueprint and a hope for our children thomas moore author of *Care of the Soul* a timely account of great thinking on genuine education reading this today's beleaguered teachers should experience a renewal of spirit and commitment nel noddings author of *Happiness and Education*

from before the civil war until his death in 1882 ralph waldo emerson was renowned and renounced as one of the united states most prominent

abolitionists and as a leading visionary of the nation's liberal democratic future following his death however both emerson's political activism and his political thought faded from public memory replaced by the myth of the genteel man of letters and the detached sage of individualism in the 1990s scholars rediscovered emerson's antislavery writings and began reviving his legacy as a political activist a political companion to ralph waldo emerson is the first collection to evaluate emerson's political thought in light of his recently rediscovered political activism what were emerson's politics a political companion to ralph waldo emerson authoritatively answers this question with seminal essays by some of the most prominent thinkers ever to write about emerson stanley cavell george kateb judith n shklar and wilson carey mcwilliams as well as many of today's leading emerson scholars with an introduction that effectively destroys the pernicious myth about emerson's apolitical individualism by editors alan m levine and daniel s malachuk this volume reassesses emerson's famous theory of self reliance in light of his antislavery politics demonstrates the importance of transcendentalism to his politics and explores the enduring significance of his thought for liberal democracy including a substantial bibliography of work on emerson's politics over the last century a political companion to ralph waldo emerson is an indispensable resource for students of emerson american literature and american political thought as well as for those who wrestle with the fundamental challenges of democracy and liberalism

the volume focuses on the changes which texts undergo with respect to their sacred status when they are reworked and recontextualized through music and poetry in a series of case studies the chapters explore processes of selection canonization and transformation which are triggered for example by musical settings translations into poetry and literary renderings these processes endow texts with a special aura authority or normative value which may influence the way in which they are perceived among the examples treated in this volume are the insertion of songs and music into seventeenth and eighteenth century funeral sermons the verbal strategies

of poeticizing english psalm translations and nasheed covers i e muslim versions of pop songs loosely based on the qur an and islamic teachings

a companion to american gothic features a collection of original essays that explore america s gothic literary tradition the largest collection of essays in the field of american gothic contributions from a wide variety of scholars from around the world the most complete coverage of theory major authors popular culture and non print media available

examines the life of louisa may alcott discussing her family relationships works rejection of marriage and other related topics

when i speak of liberal protestants i have in mind those protestants who feel free to depart from classical protestantism the protestantism of the reformers in order as they see it to keep christianity in step with the best of secular wisdom a secular wisdom that often includes attacks on christianity over the past 250 years there have been three great attacks on christianity deism agnosticism and the sexual revolution and so beginning with unitarianism more than 200 years ago liberal protestantism has adjusted to these attacks by dropping more and more of traditional christian doctrine until today the more advanced liberal protestants are only barely distinguishable from atheists

the unitarian universalist religious movement is small in numbers but has a long history as a radical reforming movement within protestantism coupled with a larger liberal social witness to the world both unitarianism and universalism began as christian denominations but rejected doctrinal constraints to embrace a human views of jesus an openness to continuing revelation and a loving god who they believed wanted to be reconciled with all people in the twentieth century unitarian universalism developed beyond christianity and theism to embrace other religious perspectives becoming more inclusive and multi faith efforts to achieve justice and equality included civil rights for african americans women and gays and lesbians

along with strident support for abortion rights environmentalism and peace today the unitarian universalist movement is a world wide faith that has expanded into several new countries in africa continued to develop in the philippines and india while maintaining historic footholds in romania hungary england and especially the united states and canada this second edition of historical dictionary of unitarian universalism contains a chronology an introduction an appendix and an extensive bibliography the dictionary section has over 400 cross referenced entries on people places events and trends in the history of the unitarian and universalist faiths including american leaders and luminaries important writers and social reformers this book is an excellent resource for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about unitarian universalism

long before the united states was a nation it was a set of ideas projected onto the new world by european explorers with centuries of belief and thought in tow from this foundation of expectation and experience america and american thought grew in turn enriched by the bounties of the enlightenment the philosophies of liberty and individuality the tenets of religion and the doctrines of republicanism and democracy in engaging and accessible prose jennifer ratner rosenhagen s introduction to american thought considers how notions about freedom and belonging the market and morality and even truth have commanded generations of americans and been the cause of fierce debate

reading thoreau s journal i discover any idea i ve ever had worth its salt notes the american composer john cage in 1968 upon reading the words of nineteenth century nature philosopher henry thoreau cage is immediately fascinated with the transcendentalist s ideas in particular his views on music and silence recognizing his own beliefs in thoreau s writings cage began to rely heavily on the thoughts of the nineteenth century man and implement them as the basis for his own compositions both musical and written drawing on the complete oeuvres of cage s and thoreau s written

works this book surveys the intertextual relation between the writings of the two men in the juxtaposition of these authors aesthetics this book reveals surprising overlaps in the thoughts of cage and thoreau

the oxford handbook of ralph waldo emerson is the most expansive collection of critical essays on emerson to date a survey that approaches emerson from the vantages of climate change racial justice print culture the digital humanities the new religious studies hemispheric american studies health humanities and affect theory among other critical perspectives curated between a forward by editor christopher hanlon who makes the case for a capacious and contemporary emerson and cornel west the activist scholar whose influential work on emerson merges with a career of advocacy for economic and racial justice this collection assesses the history and state of emerson scholarship while charting pathways for new work on this most essential american writer comprised of new works by leading figures in nineteenth century americanist literary studies the volume suggests directions into underexamined facets of emerson s writing life and reputation from emerson s engagements with energy infrastructure and the processes of extraction that undergirded the locomotives he rode and the energy economies he sometimes extolled to the vicissitudes of age he experienced alongside the romantic tropes of youthful vigour he both re circulated and re tooled to emerson s poetry both in its philosophical formulations and in its reflections of the material circumstances of nineteenth century print culture to emerson s resonance beyond the united states elsewhere in the western hemisphere to the black press and its refractions of emersonian transcendentalism in the midst of ante and post bellum justice struggles to the legacies of emerson to be found in the writings of w e b du bois james baldwin rachel carson and in the versions of emerson to be found in children s literature to his often fraught and often fruitful engagements with reform movements of various sorts to the prospects for digital processes of re reading emerson and his contemporaries styles of textual production and engagement the oxford

handbook of ralph waldo emerson is a necessary resource for students scholars and general readers committed to the study of emerson transcendentalism and current critical approaches to united states literature

walt whitman created in various editions of leaves of grass what is arguably the most influential book of poems anywhere in the past 200 years whitman absorbed the world transmuting it into poems that address a spectrum of topics from democracy and religion to sexuality gender class and identity he exuberantly incarnated his epoch at the same time as he invoked you readers and poets to come to join in a poetry of the future the first a to z whitman reference to incorporate 21st century scholarship this work is ideal for readers who want a concise introduction to the major poems and prose and to the people places and topics central to his life each of the book s 142 entries is followed by cross references to related entries and suggestions for further reading also included are a brief biography a chronology of whitman s life and major works and a bibliography of some 300 primary and secondary sources on this most timeless and contemporary of poets

this book offers new insight into the ways rhetorical educators religious motives influenced the shape of nineteenth century rhetorical education and invites scholars of writing and rhetoric to consider what the study of religiously animated pedagogies might reveal about rhetorical education itself the author studies the rhetorical pedagogy of austin phelps the prominent preacher and professor of sacred rhetoric at andover theological seminary and his theologically motivated adaptation of rhetorical education to fit the exigencies of preachers at the first graduate seminary in the united states in disclosing how phelps was guided by his christian motives the book offers a thorough examination of how professional rhetoric was taught learned and practiced in nineteenth century america it also provides an enriched understanding of rhetorical theories and pedagogies in american seminaries and contributes deepened awareness of the ways

religious motives can function as resources that enable the reshaping of rhetorical theory and pedagogy in generative ways exploring the implications of phelps s rhetorical theory and pedagogy for future studies of religious rhetoric histories of rhetorical education and twenty first century writing pedagogy this book will be essential reading for scholars and students of rhetoric education american history religious education and writing studies

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