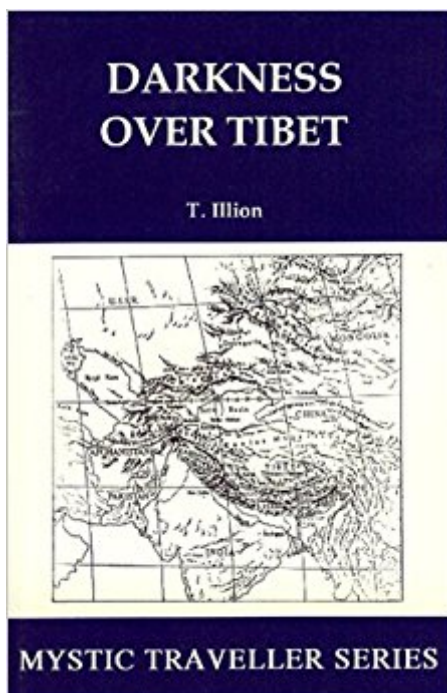


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DARKNESS OVER TIBET (Mystic Traveller Series)



Synopsis

In this second reprint of the rare 1930s travel book by Illion, the German traveller continues through Tibet and is given the directions to a strange underground city. As stated in the original publisher's remarks, this is a rare account of an underground city in Tibet by the only westerner ever to enter it and escape alive.

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Customer Reviews

Very interesting book. However, there is a missing passage in the text at Location 1558 (where it says 155), because it is clear that the story line abruptly ends and continues from mid-sentence, and it does not make sense. There are also a couple of repeated passages in the first half of the text.

Illion's *Darkness Over Tibet* can perhaps be regarded as a spiritual myth-buster. In a concise, simple, flowing prose the author has communicated esoteric truths that would engage the reader's interest and challenge the dogmas and practices of traditional as well as New Age spiritual paths. Illion writes that there are two types of spirituality and defines matter as the battleground on which the two types of spirituality come into opposition. This opposition is a natural consequence of polarity (like positive and negative electric charges) and is not something that can be (or needs to be) fixed. The created being (man) has the choice of aligning with one of the two types of spirituality and this choice involves a spiritual struggle and turmoil. According to him, absolute impartiality where all divisions and polarity ceases to exist is an attribute of the Creator. A creature who aspires

to this state of absolute impartiality oversteps its bounds and aligns with the descending current of life. Highly recommended for open-minded seekers of truth.

Illion's short story about his travels in Tibet yielded many interesting truths wrapped in a very engaging story. As the main character, we see a man gifted in many respects, capable and very bright with soul-passion. His struggle to learn more about Tibet takes him to many spiritual guru's and different 'teachers' who all seem very capable of charming the masses. Illion himself has his own interesting philosophy and intuition and he uses it to weigh the individuals and philosophies he encounters on his journey. We're given a really interesting look inside Tibet, and discover - like so many other religious institutions - the claim of being benevolent isn't enough to make you so. We also see that evil cloaks itself in a shroud of good in order to deceive unwitting travelers and truth-seekers who are not wary. The story itself is a great metaphor for any truth seeker who is newly awakening and wading into the New Age movement. Many a dark individual poses as a light worker, just as many criminal masterminds pose as philanthropist. The take-home lesson being always learn as much as you can, keep a cool head, and trust your gut when it comes to those claiming spiritual superiority.

It is a compound of interesting anecdotes and a little data, with complete lack of introspection, I expected more of such an incredible one in a lifetime experience.

This book tells of a journey that penetrated through the insulation of a culture. The author shares his perspective of Tibet's past. He reveals that the unknown continuously tests one's beliefs and physical endurance. We have to admit to ourselves we are pulled towards all the universal mysteries even today.

Wow.. I will never get to go to Tibet.. yet after reading this incredible book, I feel as if I had been there. Fascinating and interesting. Often seems like Fantasia.. yet very well documented, so I guess.. it's all true. Amazing. A must read.. for a well-rounded education. It is more than a good read.. it expands your horizon in many ways.. I could not put the book down.. til I turned the last page.

This book is just plain foolishness. As has already been said, a travel book of its time, of totally improbable events, unlikely places, and no way to verify anything. If you want to learn about Tibet, read some good modern books, by folks who have really been there. Don't waste your time/money

on this book.

Might be appealing to New Age faith fools, not enough history. but still, written in the adventure style of the 30's, some interesting tidbits regarding Tibetan Lamaism and its occult underpinnings, now wearing masks of 'scientific' and 'ecological', 'feminine' and 'democratic', instead of the medieval occult clerical priesthood that it still is. I absolutely believe that they were eating human flesh in Tibet, as described in this book, since according to the exhaustive research of the Trimondis on the Law of Inversion of Tibetan Buddhism.[...]and my own experience as an ex Tibetan Buddhist, (TB is really about the occult) they did eat human flesh, Trungpa did, and others who were considered mahasiddhis, (which means power, these lamas are all about power over the world,) and other substances to prove in their "advanced practices" that they had transcended beyond good and bad, disgusting and pure, that is what Tibetan Buddhism is really about power, through occult practices. They eat their gurus piss and s*** in the form of ditsi pills as it is considered enlightened energy and healing properties. People just do not get that these are still black magicians, and how primitive their beliefs really are. These are not scientists, or bringers of harmony and peace, they are deceivers, and will use every trick in the book to recreate what they lost in Tibet. They are all about the occult and very little about Buddhism. That is how the Dalai Lama has fooled so many people.

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