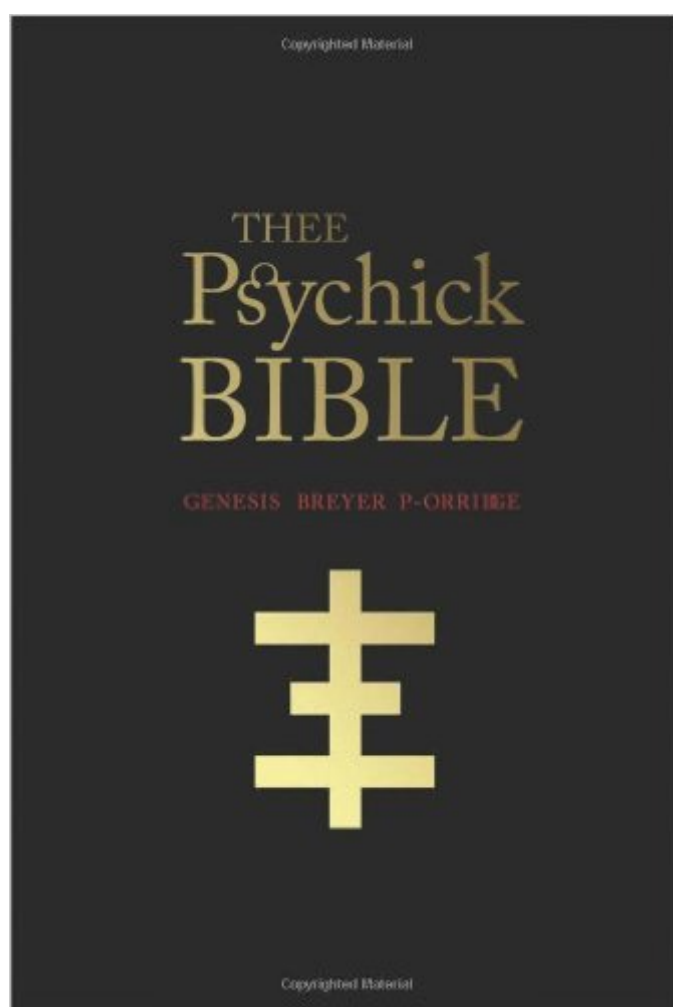


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THE PSYCHICK BIBLE: Thee Apocryphal Scriptures Ov Genesis Breyer P-Orridge And Thee Third Mind Ov Thee Temple Ov Psychick Youth



Synopsis

Thee Temple ov Psychick Youth (TOPY) will be remembered for its crucial influence on youth culture throughout the 1980s, popularizing tattooing, body piercing, "acid house" raves, and other ahead-of-the-curve cultic flirtations and investigations. Its leader was Genesis P-Orridge, co-founder of Psychick TV and Throbbing Gristle, the band that created the industrial music genre. The limited signed cloth edition of Thee Psychick Bible quickly sold out, creating demand for any edition of this 544-page book, which will be available in a handsome Smyth-sewn paperback edition with flaps and ribbon. According to author Genesis Breyer P-Orridge, "this is the most profound new manual on practical magick, taking it from its Crowleyan empowerment of the Individual to a next level of realization to evolve our species."

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Customer Reviews

The reviews of this book seem, appropriately enough, to come from fans of the work of Neil Megson a.k.a. Genesis P. Orridge, the co-founder of the Temple ov Psychick Youth and its musical propaganda wing Psychic TV. If you are one of these people, I'd imagine that you can stop reading this review, since you already know this work will satiate your desires for a grand helping of GPO's quirky erotomaniac concepts, funny spellings and neologisms. Rest assured that the built-in 'target audience' is catered to here. If you are, instead, a general student of the arts and culture, and not a TOPY 'convert', this book offers something different entirely. Admittedly, it's interesting purely as a study of an ambitious personal project that, over time, began to adopt more of the trappings of that

which it set out to destroy. As a guidebook to actually improving one's life through focused intent, though, most non-TOPY readers will find it too self-aggrandizing in tone to really be taken seriously. Like most modern books advertising themselves as manuals on 'practical magic', Thee Psychick Bible is merely a set of commonsensical notions re-imagined as esoteric concepts. I see little in the neologistic excesses of Megson, or the more straightforward hagiographical text of his co-editors, that cannot be summed up succinctly as "think for yourself as much as you possibly can." It is a sad fact that many individuals do need some "de-programming" to reach this lofty plateau of self-determination, but very few people ever undergo this process without allowing themselves to be "re-programmed" with yet another immutable and systemic way of thinking.

(This review describes the now out-of-print signed 1st edition hardback that was briefly available several years ago. The interior content is the same in the paperback edition, but the paperback does not include the DVD.) Back in the 80's, the hippest kids on the Magickal Scene were without a doubt, Thee Temple Ov Psychick Youth, and one of the hippest bands on the New Wave/Industrial scene was Genesis P. Orridge's Psychick TV. 20-odd years later, their infamous Psychick Bible finally receives an updated, expanded, corrected edition, complete with dozens of new visuals and essays. This edition is beautifully gold embossed on the cover, is a Smyth-sewn hardcover with a red ribbon, and its 544 pages within are printed in two colors on high-quality 60-pound stock on acid-free 100% recycled paper stock. A quality book. This signed, numbered limited edition (999 copies only) is also presented with a remarkable DVD of impossible-to-find videos from P-Orridge archives of early Psychic TV and TOPY creations which includes the work of Peter "Sleazy" Christopherson and Derek Jarman. Several of the videos included were seized by Scotland Yard in 1991, and as a result, here are second-generation, and are reproduced in this CD for both their intrinsic and historical value.

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