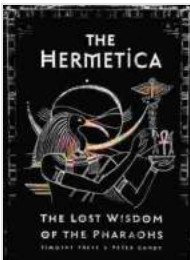


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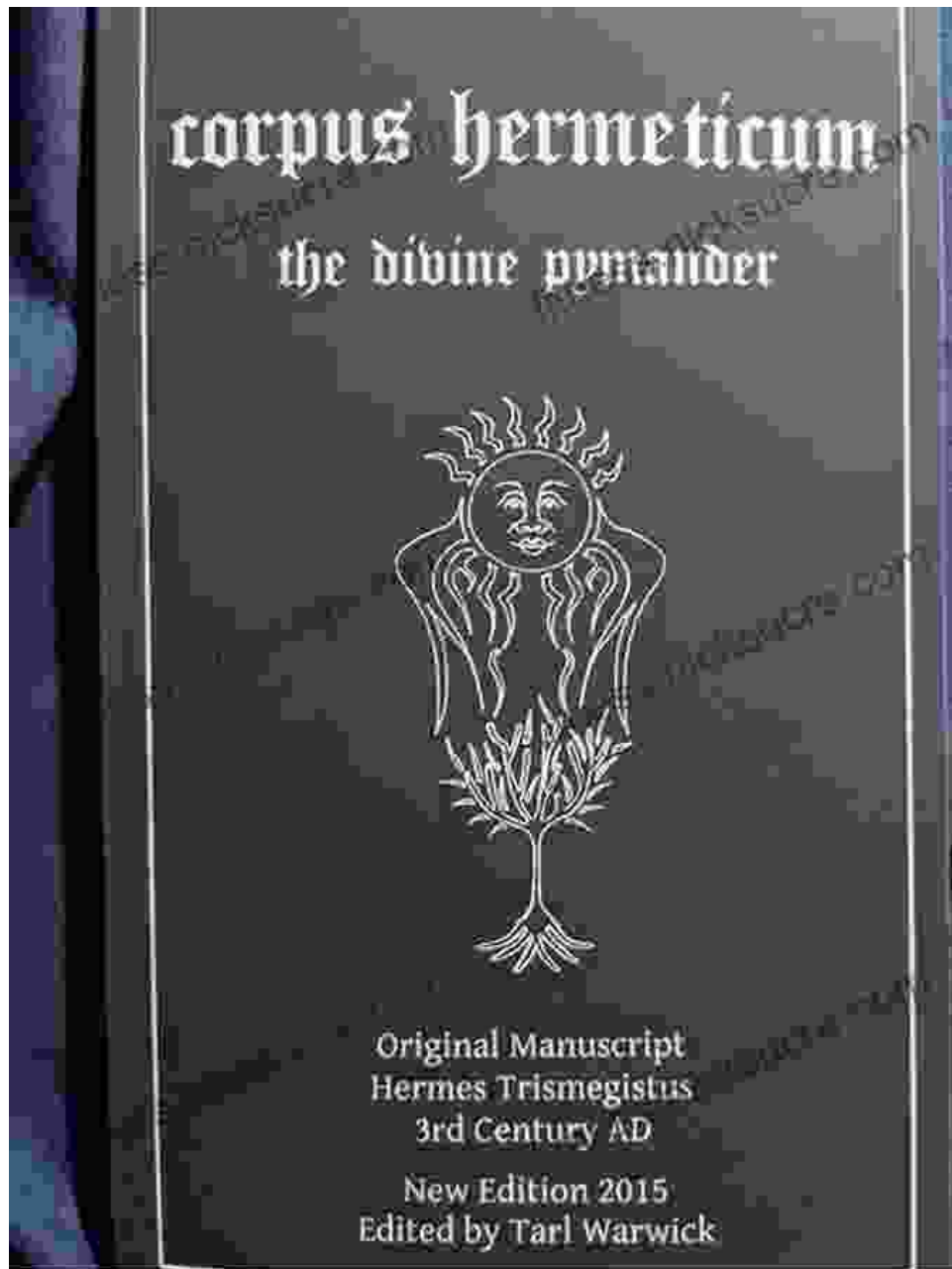
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The Hermetica is divided into three parts: the Corpus Hermeticum, the Asclepius, and the Nag Hammadi library. The Corpus Hermeticum is the largest and most important part of the Hermetica, and it is thought to have been written around the 2nd century AD.

## The Corpus Hermeticum



The Corpus Hermeticum is a collection of 18 treatises that are written in the form of dialogues between Hermes Trismegistus and his disciples. These treatises cover a wide range of topics, including the nature of God, the human soul, the universe, and the path to enlightenment.

One of the most important teachings of the Corpus Hermeticum is the concept of the Hermetic axioms. These axioms are a set of universal

principles that govern the universe. The most famous of these axioms is the Emerald Tablet, which states that "As above, so below; as within, so without."

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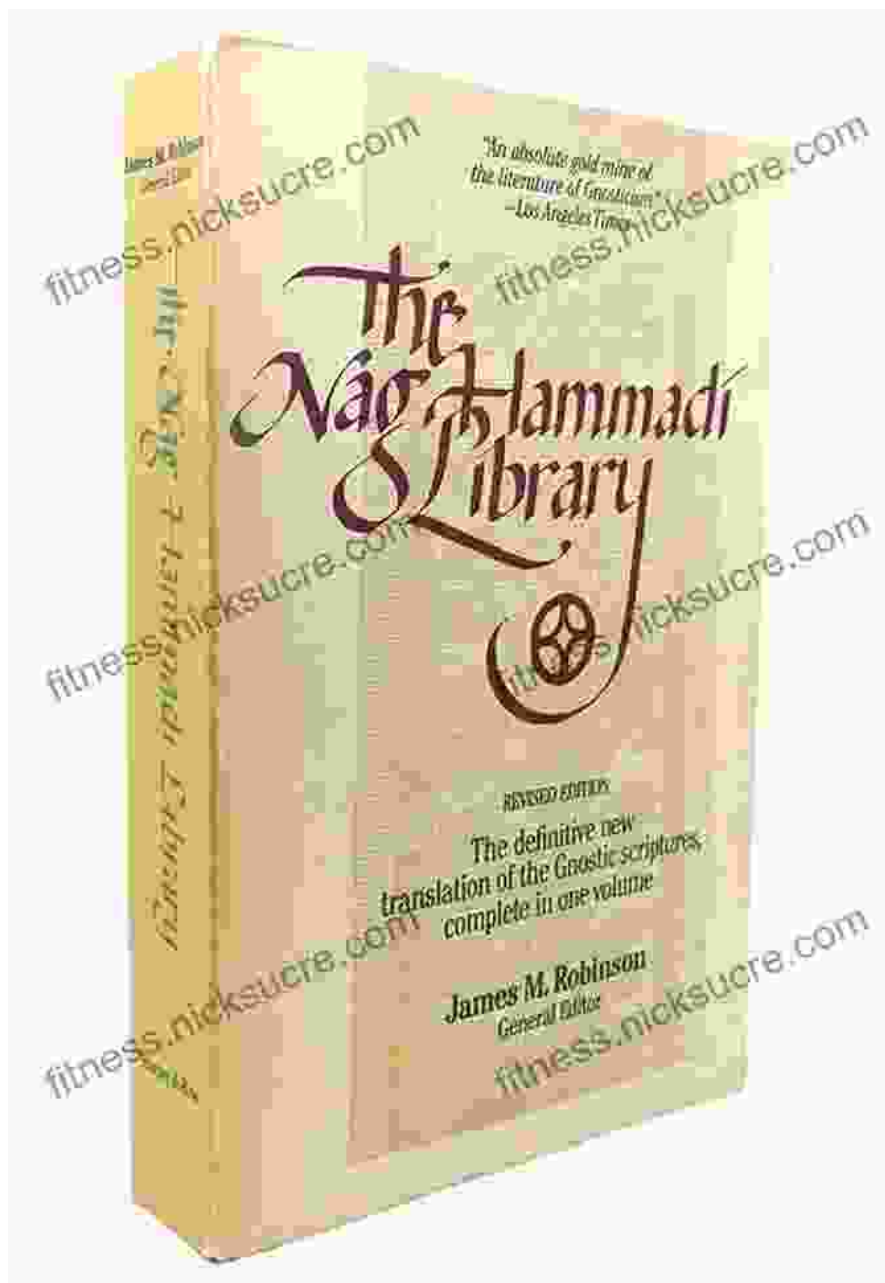


A statue of Asclepius, the Greek god of healing.

The Asclepius is a dialogue between Hermes Trismegistus and the Greek god of healing, Asclepius. In this dialogue, Hermes teaches Asclepius about the nature of the human soul and the path to enlightenment.

The Asclepius is an important text because it provides a link between the Hermetica and the Greek philosophical tradition. It is thought that the Asclepius was written around the 3rd century AD, and it had a significant influence on the development of early Christian thought.

### **The Nag Hammadi Library**



The Nag Hammadi library is a collection of ancient Coptic texts that were discovered in 1945 in the town of Nag Hammadi, Egypt. The library contains a number of texts that are attributed to the Hermetica, including the Gospel of Thomas and the Apocryphon of John.

The Nag Hammadi library is an important discovery because it provides new insights into the early development of Christianity. The texts in the

library show that there was a great deal of diversity in early Christian thought, and that the Hermetica played an important role in the development of some of the earliest Christian beliefs.

## **The Lost Wisdom of the Pharaohs**

The Hermetica is a treasure trove of ancient wisdom and knowledge. These texts offer insights into the nature of the universe, the human soul, and the path to enlightenment. They are a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in exploring the spiritual traditions of the ancient world.

The Hermetica is often referred to as the "lost wisdom of the pharaohs." This is because these texts were once believed to have been written by the ancient Egyptian pharaohs. However, it is now known that the Hermetica was actually written by a group of Greek philosophers who lived in Egypt during the Roman period.

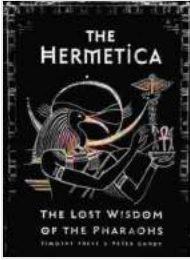
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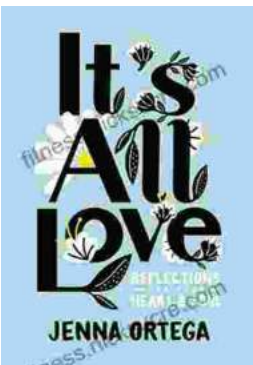
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