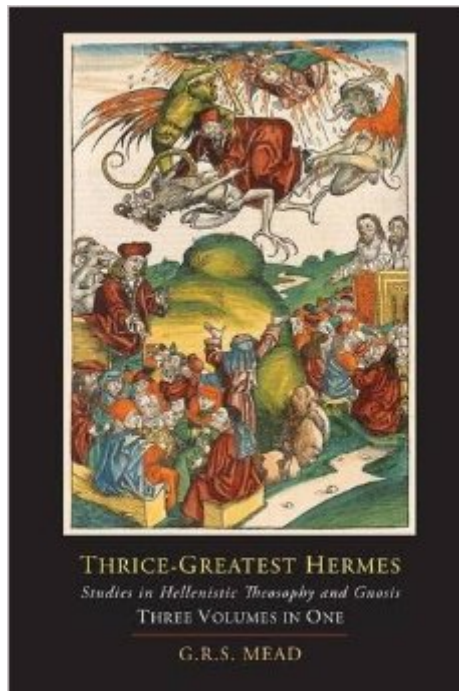


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A classic work on the philosophical Hermetica and the figure of Hermes Trismegistus, G.R.S. Mead's three volume (here in one) The Thrice-Greatest Hermes (1906) is a book I've been interested in for some time. The first volume (Prolegomena) gives an extensive study of the Hermetic corpus and the origins of Hermeticism, situated in the context of Egyptian religion and Hellenistic theology and philosophy. The scholarship isn't current, so while it is very good it should be supplemented by a reading of something like Garth Fowden's The Egyptian Hermes: A Historical

Approach to the Late Pagan Mind (1986) if you are interested in the more up-to-date scholarship on the subject. The second volume gives a translation of the entire Corpus Hermeticum and the Asclepius, with extensive commentary following each section. The third volume gives the excerpts and fragments that make up the rest of the Hermetica, namely from Stobaeus, but also from the Fathers (Clement of Alexandria, Augustine, etc) and the philosophers of antiquity (Zosimus, Iamblichus, etc). As a side note, there are a lot of bad reprints of this and other similar books floating around on the internet, for sale on sites like . This is the second book I've purchased from Martino press, and both have been of good quality, as far as printing and binding go. I would recommend that if you are interested in getting a copy of this book, get one of the older hardback editions (Samuel Weiser) or this Martino paperback.

A very good read - a classic for anyone interested in these themes.

Great!

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