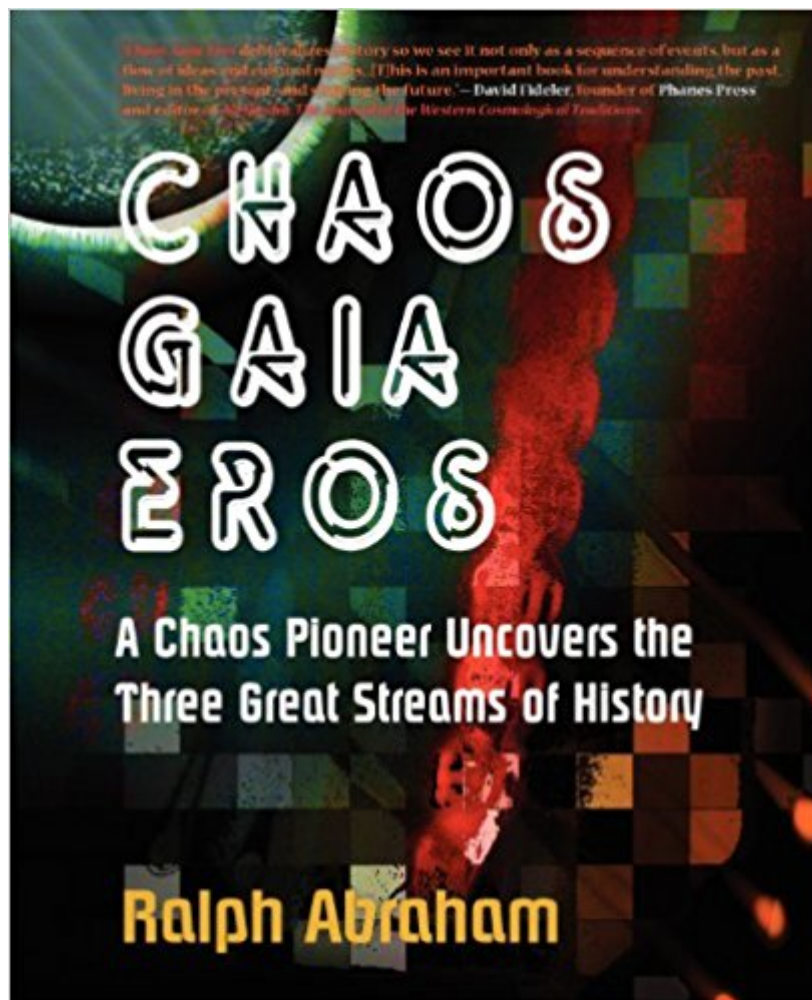




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Chaos, Gaia, Eros: A Chaos Pioneer Uncovers The Three Great Streams Of History



Synopsis

Untitled Document Chaos, Gaia, Eros: A Chaos Pioneer Uncovers the Three Great Streams of History The History of the World According to Chaos Theory In this eclectic and interdisciplinary work, chaos pioneer Ralph Abraham traces the history of consciousness through a rediscovery of the three forces that drive it: chaos, gaia, and eros-the mind, body, and spirit of evolution. With startling originality and clarity of vision, Abraham employs photographs, timelines, charts, and an engaging format to sweep the reader along on this wild ride through math, science, mythology, philosophy, and the whole of history. Sure to fascinate the poet, scientist, philosopher, and historian in all of us, Chaos, Gaia, Eros is a mind-bending masterwork that reunites the chaotic and mythological forces of human history and blows the doors off existing modes of thought. "Chaos, Gaia, Eros deliteralizes history so we see it not only as a sequence of events, but as a flow of ideas and cultural myths...[T]his is an important book for understanding the past, living in the present, and shaping the future."-David Fideler, founder of Phanes Press and editor of Alexandra: The Journal of the Western Cosmological Traditions "This extraordinary work is a veritable Rosetta stone, unlocking the past, present and future."-Joan Halifax, author of The Fruitful Darkness. "[Ralph Abraham has] his own highly original ideas about the application of chaos theory to changes in history and consciousness, making for a rich and provocative blend"-Riane Eisler, author of The Chalice and the Blade. "Ralph Abraham is the most readable and delightful of mathematical pioneers. He is in the great tradition of Poincaré and Whitehead, a true mathematical humanist. Chaos, Gaia, Eros is destined to be a voice shaping the new millennium."-Terence McKenna, author of True Hallucinations, The Invisible Landscape, Archaic Revival and Food of the Gods.-----Ralph Abraham is a world renowned chaos theorist and professor emeritus of mathematics at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

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How odd that a modern mathematician would style himself as an advocate of Paleolithic religion! Yet in these pages, the reader finds Abraham--a pioneer in the development of chaos theory--espousing religious and cultural perspectives long buried in oblivion. Although repressed for 6,000 years, the Orphic tradition of ancient goddess worship may live again for those able to pierce the patriarchal deceptions of order and control. The daring will enter into the blessed mysteries of pagan antiquity. Unabashedly utopian, the author interprets current intellectual ferment surrounding chaos theory, the Gaia hypothesis, and aerodynamics as an auspicious sign. If humankind can recognize this world-historical moment, the true Trinity--Chaos, Gaia, and Eros--will once again cover the earth with peace and harmony. The bibliography lists dozens of books in mythology, archaeology, and hermeneutics, but no source provides nearly as much as the author's own potent imagination. Bryce Christensen --This text refers to the Kindle Edition edition.

Ralph H. Abraham is a world-renowned chaos theorist and professor emeritus of mathematics at the University of California, Santa Cruz. --This text refers to the Kindle Edition edition.

If you enjoy thinking outside the box, to the extent of mixing apparent separate aspects of reality, a curiosity about the application of Complexity models into History and Consciousness... this is a book for you. If you expect a linear, traditional and specialised academic work, do not come anywhere close to this. It might upset you! This is what happens when Mathematicians begin to mess about with other fields of knowledge...A delight for the mind

Chaos, Gaia, Eros: A Chaos Pioneer Uncovers the Three Great Streams of History is a weaving together of many strands all of which point toward our potential future. The word chaos is understood by its author in its original meaning rather than the false meaning of our misunderstanding. Within Chaos is Order. Another misunderstood word. We have come to understand Order as what we Control. We control nothing and become lost in our own illusions. In our Ordering the Blind lead the Blind. With a Fractal image our eyes can see not only Order but

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