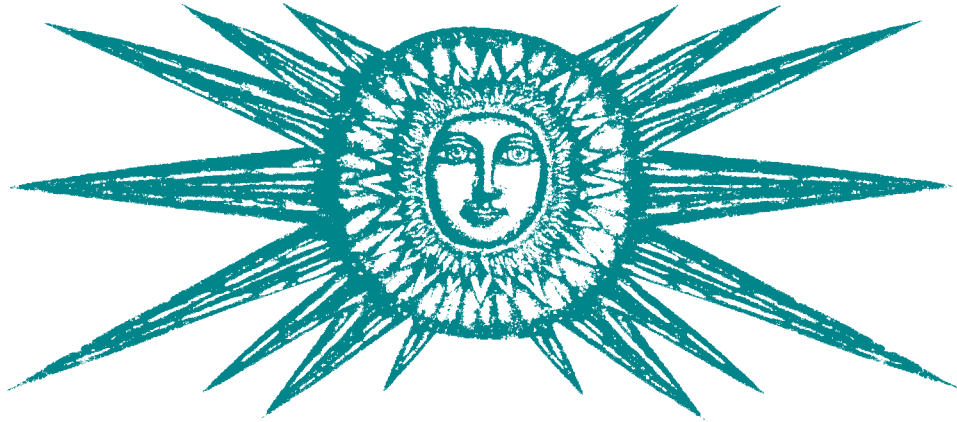


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Although the meetings are open to all it is possible to become a Member of the Temenos Academy. Please refer to page 52 for information about how to join.

Since its inception in 1990 the Temenos Academy has sought to publish the best of its lectures as individual Temenos Academy Papers, or in the annual *Temenos Academy Review*, edited by John Carey, Valentin Gerlier and James Harpur.

The *Review*, which is the successor to *Temenos* (1981–92, 13 issues), founded by Keith Critchlow, Brian Keeble, Kathleen Raine and Philip Sherrard, comprises papers given at the Academy and new work, including poetry, art, and reviews.

Publication of the *Review* is made possible by the generosity of Kim Samuel, member of the Council of the Temenos Academy.

Twenty issues of the *Review* and forty Temenos Academy Papers have been published. Not all are in print, others are in short supply. Items in the catalogue may be ordered using the form on page 61.

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At this time, the growing realization that all religions are one reminds us that their source itself lies beyond religion: Plotinus' words 'There is nothing higher than the truth' point to a reality transcending any knowledge that can be formulated, and beyond the knowable lies the mystery from which all creation proceeds.

Even as it has spread around the globe, it seems that modern Western civilization has increasingly lost contact with the Perennial Wisdom, led away from the values and meanings of life by our impressive achievements in science and technology. In the absence of a unity of culture established in the real nature of things, speculation and opinion proliferate, often to the point of caricature, or the nihilistic denial of all values whatsoever.

The review Temenos, which appeared over the decade 1981–92, was devoted to 'the Arts of the Imagination'. The Temenos Academy has the same purpose, affirming not material phenomena but mind and spirit to be the ground of all knowledge and understanding, the measure which must inform all future civilization as it does the great works of the past. All else is transient.

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(1908–2003)

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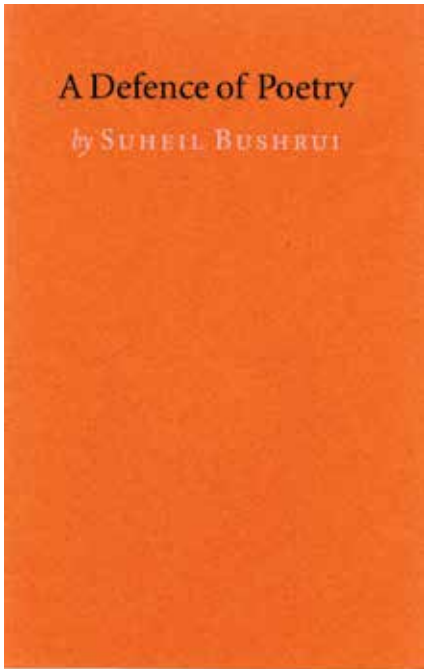
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John Stewart Allitt was Senior Lecturer in Liberal Studies at Central St Martins, and an authority on the work of the composers Donizetti and J.S. Mayr. A founder of the Temenos Academy, and one of its Fellows, he specialized in the teaching of Dante at Temenos. He was knighted by the Italian Republic in recognition of his services to Italian culture.



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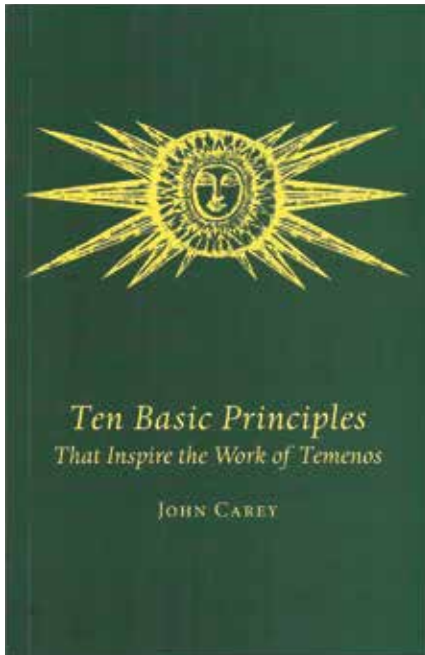
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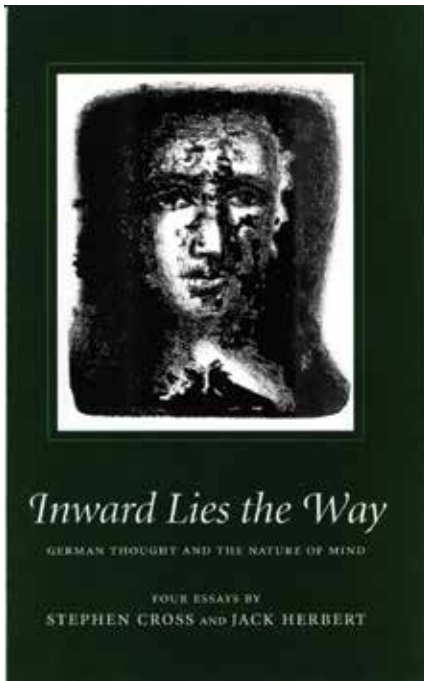
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Jack Herbert studied William Blake at Cambridge under Kathleen Raine and he has lectured at the Universities of Munich and Kyushu. Until recently, he was staff tutor in literature with the Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education. He is a Fellow of the Temenos Academy.



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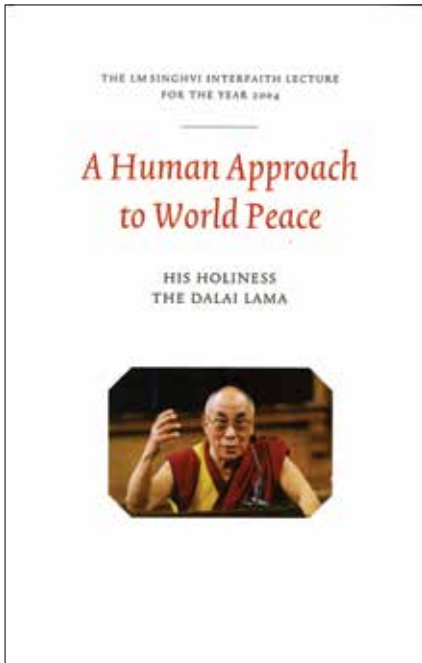
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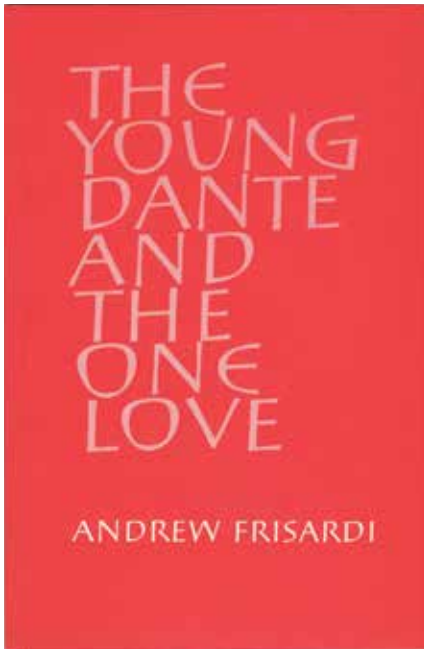
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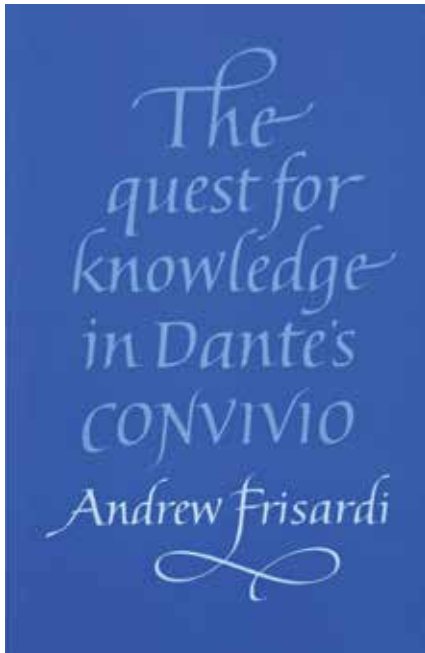
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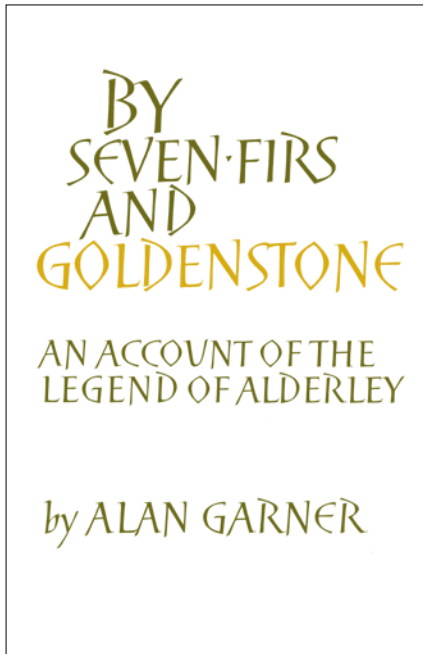
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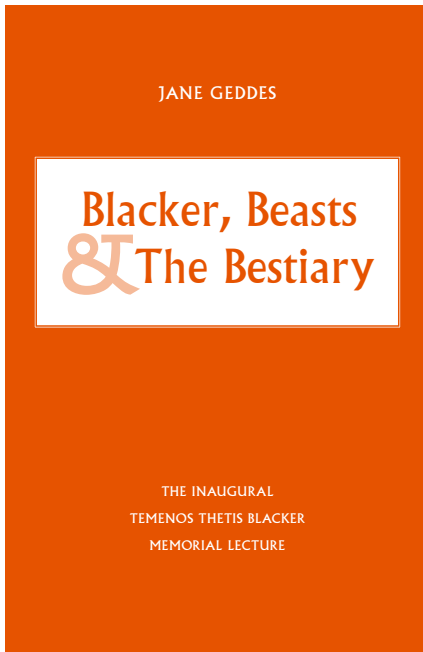
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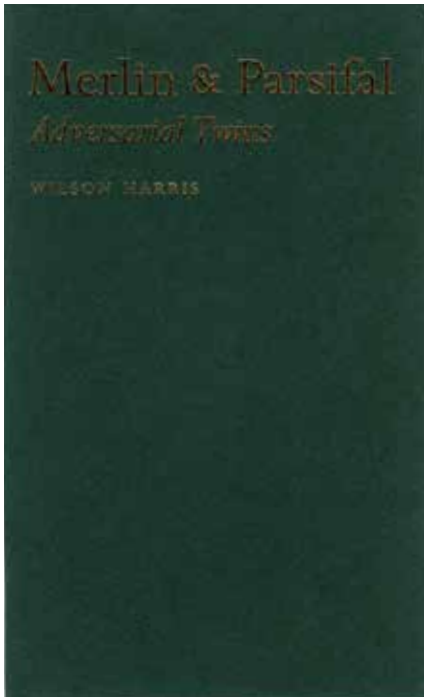
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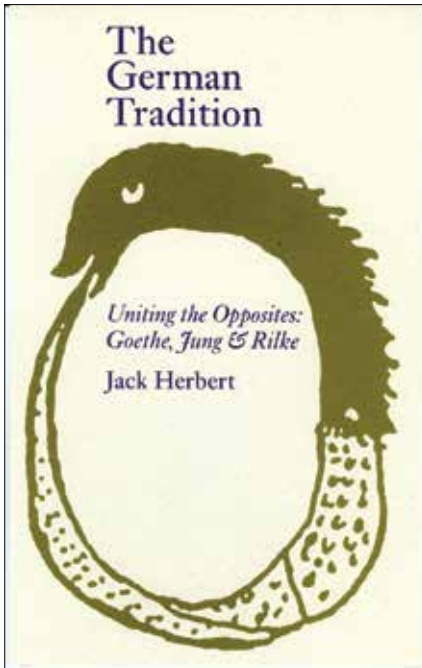
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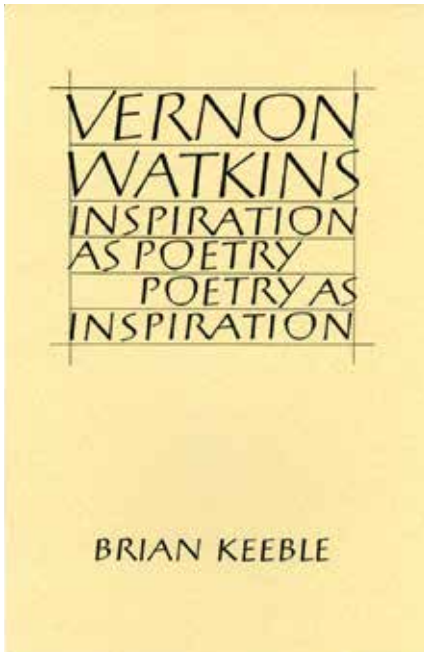
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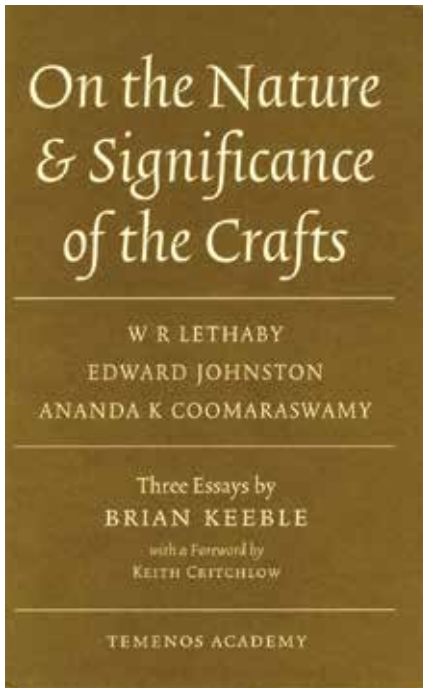
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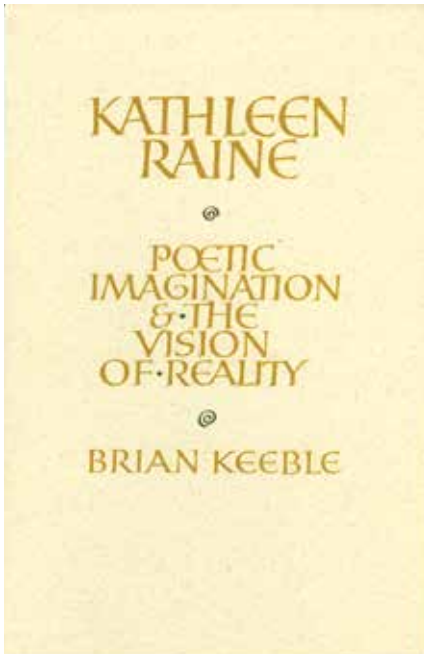
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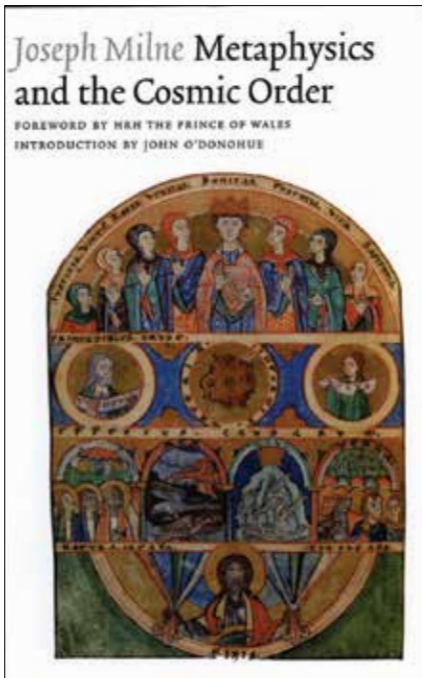
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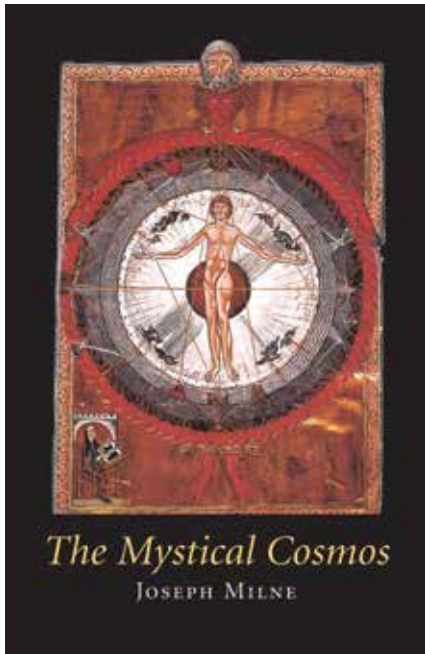
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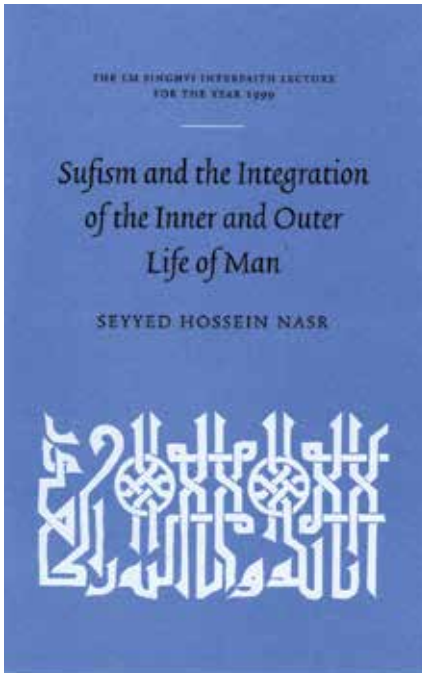
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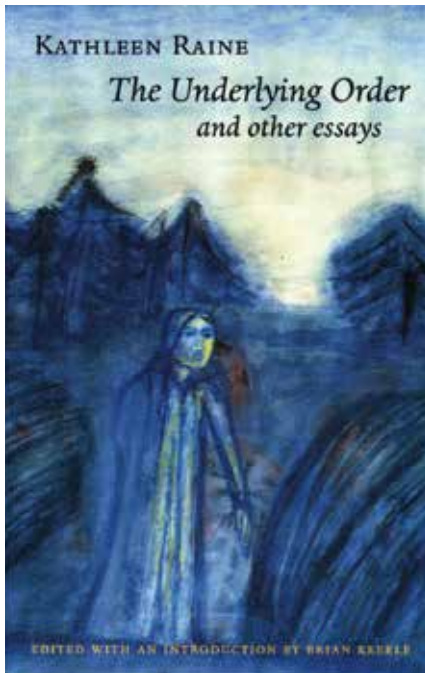
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'I felt ... that poetry and literature in general were not "subjects" to be studied and learned but the stuff of life ... I have learned more about poetry from my mother, from my friends, from solitude, and from the school of life than I could ever have done from the Cambridge English School'. Raine drew on nature and fortified her inspiration by her studies in biology, having pursued botany and zoology instead of English studies. Nonetheless, if one cannot learn enough about poetry from life, her collection of essays about poetry is the next best thing.

She writes that John Donne was shaped by his personal experience as well as history, 'as to feel the pull of all those great forces that were rendering the world apart'. She sees Shelley as a mythological poet whose 'vision was more real than the world of "cold mortality" that has judged him, and he believed that, some day, the world will live according to the truth'. And she writes of Wordsworth that 'his poetry ... confirmed me'.

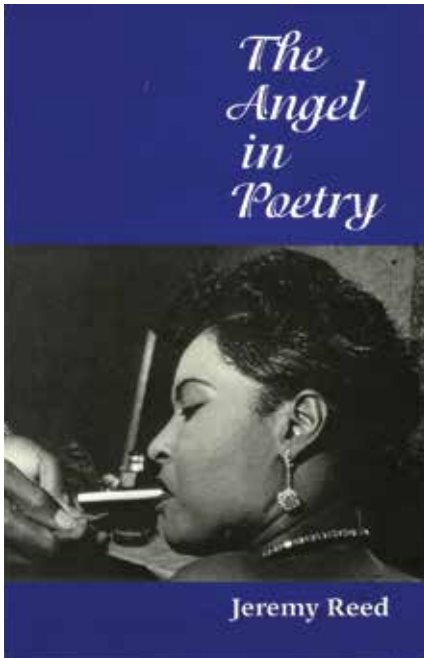
It is clear why she chose these poets: they valued spirituality as the prime need for life and poetry. Their poetry in its premises resembles her own. We are drawn by what we imitate, and Raine, it is clear, needed to write poetry to live.

Jeannie Vanasco

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Kathleen Raine (1908–2003) was one of the most important poets and critics of the twentieth century. A co-founder of the journal *Temenos*, and principal founder of the Temenos Academy, she received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Leicester, Durham and Caen. Admired in France, she was made Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres in 2000. Her works include *Blake and Tradition* (1969, republished 2002), *Yeats the Initiate* (1986), *Autobiographies* (1991) and *The Collected Poems of Kathleen Raine* (2001). Kathleen Raine was a recipient of the Queen's Medal for Poetry and in 2000 was appointed CBE for distinguished services to literature.



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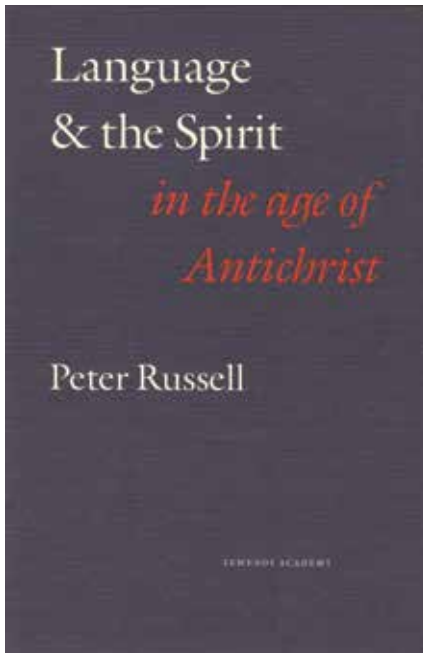
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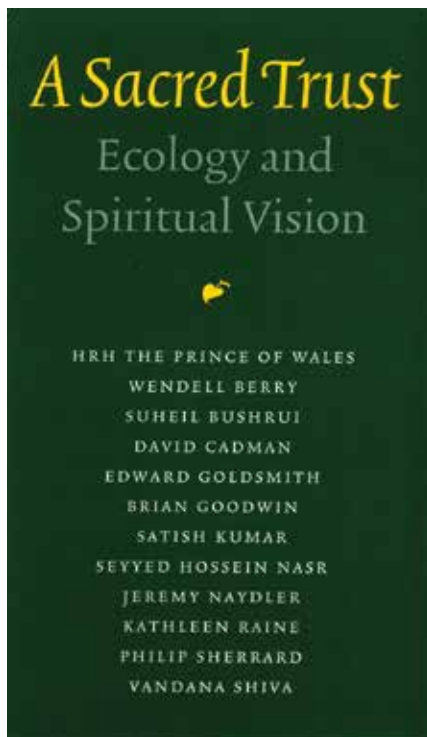
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Peter Russell (1921–2003) was a poet, editor and man of letters. A follower of Ezra Pound, his numerous works include *All for the Wolves: Selected Poems 1947–1975* (1984). He was a Fellow of the Temenos Academy.



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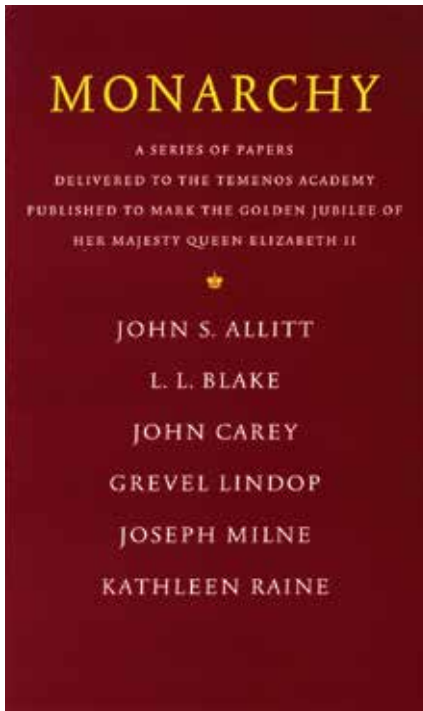
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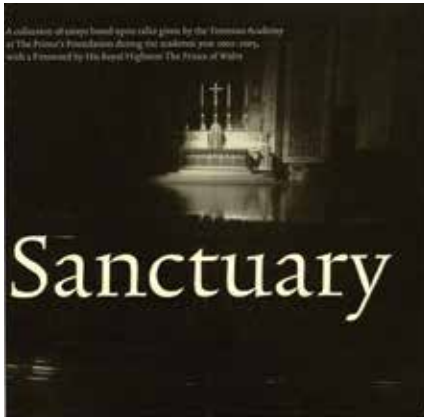
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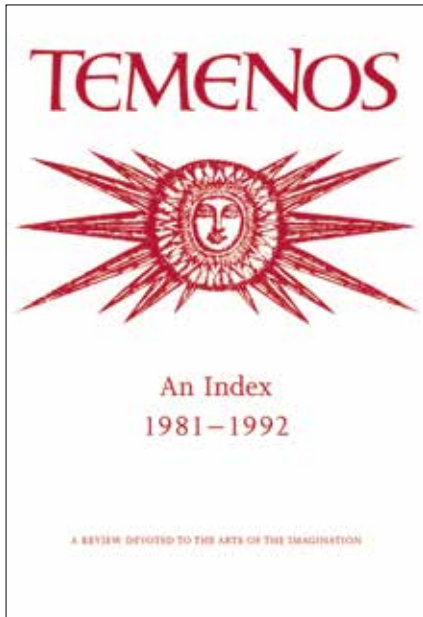
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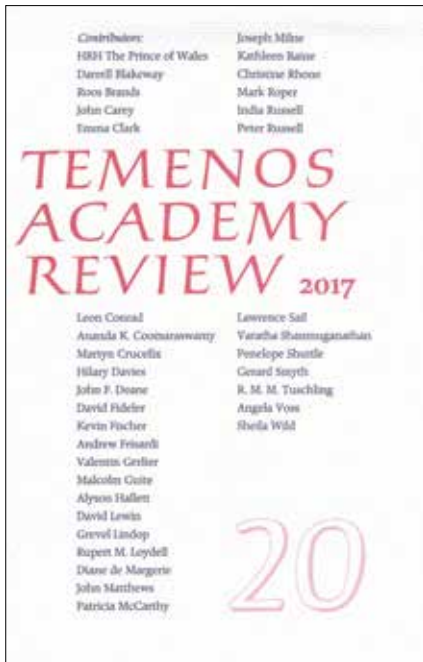
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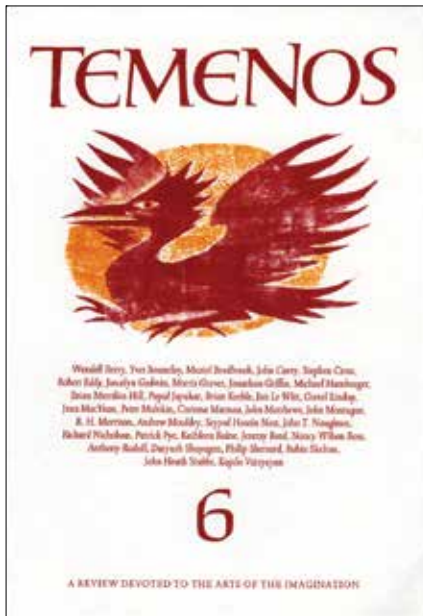
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