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ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS

An Adventure in the Great Library of Evolution

Telmo Pievani

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192 pages

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MIT Press

What kind of world would we have if evolution had taken different paths? And why, instead, did things turned out this way?

In his outstanding short story "The Library of Babel", Jorge Luis Borges imagines a seemingly endless place where all the books of the world are collected; those already written and those existing only potentially. Just as a writer can imagine books that have never been written, a scientist in the laboratory can create enzymes that evolution has never created, which are extremely powerful and can do wonderful things.

Proteins, DNA, genomes are also some kind of books: they are sequences formed by codes and therefore, in some way, alphabets.
Here a literary idea becomes a scientific metaphor. Telmo Pievani teases our imagination, always assisted by scientific evidence, sharing with the reader hypotheses of historical crossroads, parallel universes, potential lives.

Praise for *ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS*

"The dazzling step-by-step tale of the work of a extraordinary mind against the backdrop of a universe in which literature and science hold hands." ***La Repubblica***

"Pievani plans a striking choreography that, in just a few pages, allows the reader to bump into proteins and characters, genes and castles to escape from, fantastic zoology and real bodies." ***Corriere della Sera***

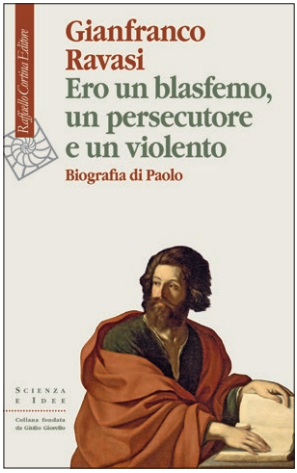
TELMO PIEVANI, a leading science communicator and columnist for *Il Corriere della Sera*, is Full Professor in the department of Biology at the University of Padua, where he covers the frst Italian chair of Philosophy of Biological Sciences.

By the same author:

ONCE A BLASPHEMER AND A PERSECUTOR AND A VIOLENT MAN

Biography of Paul

Gianfranco Ravasi



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208 pages

From persecutor to Apostle of Christ. The personal and ideal world of Christianity's *enfant terrible*.

While he was on a journey approaching Damascus, Paul was "grasped, clasped, conquered" by Christ. From that moment, a few days after the death of Jesus, Paul became the most passionate Christian missionary.

The gospel he proclaims is not just a theory, it is also a way of being. That's what his Epistles are: an interweaving of words and life. The theological dissertation is always receptive to the ethical, pastoral, existential implication.

This journey through the personal and ideal world of the "Apostle par excellence" is an invitation to bring Paul out of its hagiographic pages and into our secularized world.

GIANFRANCO RAVASI, a highly respected biblical scholar and Hebraist, was consecrated as a Cardinal in 2010. President of the Pontifical Council for Culture, a prolific communicator, he has published approximately one hundred and fifty volumes mainly on biblical and scientific subjects.

By the same author:

THE LEXICON OF THE GREEKS

A Civilization in 30 Words

Giulio Guidorizzi

November 2024
240 pages

Few words to tell the story of a culture.

We all know that the origins of our culture lie there, in that sunny, windswept peninsula, and in the countless islands that populate the Aegean Sea. It was there that the oldest words in living memory began to be used, and some of them continue to be spoken after more than three thousand years.

Giulio Guidorizzi has chosen thirty of them to lead us to the origin of some ideas that are still essential for our culture. Democracy, beauty, violence, law, friendship. Each of these words shows a way of coming up with reality as the Greeks did it, and is intended to bring to life their extraordinary world exploring specific concepts thar are still relevant today.

GIULIO GUIDORIZZI taught Greek Literature at the University of Milan and Turin.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN?

How Our Body and Mind Live in the Present

Vittorio Gallese, Ugo Morelli

April 2024
300 pages

An illuminating reflection on the Copernican revolution in neuroscience to understand what makes us human.

The discovery of mirror neurons was a huge revolution not only for the neurological and biological studies, but also for humanities. Anthropological and sociological research is highlighting the paradox of considering ourselves as individuals and at the same time needing to consider ourselves as expressions of the relationships and contexts in which we live.

Science, in fact, shows us that intersubjectivity sets its roots in the prenatal stage, throughout the relationship between the fetus and the mother, within which multisensory connections are developed and are destinated to leave a trace in postnatal memory.

Two distinguished scholars of our time draw attention to the importance of recognizing ourselves as sharers, rather than individuals, in order to understand what it means to be human nowadays through an interdisciplinary essay that starts with a scientific discovery and comes to embrace all that underlies the world and the life of our species.

VITTORIO GALLESE, one of the most influential neuroscientists on the international scene, is Full Professor of Psychobiology at the University of Parma. Cognitive neuroscientist, his research focuses on the relation between the sensorimotor system and social cognition by investigating the neurobiological grounding of intersubjectivity, psychopathology, language and aesthetics.

UGO MORELLI is Full Professor of applied Cognitive Science at the University of Naples.

ITALY OF MIRACLES

Stories of Saints, Magic and Mysteries

Marino Niola

April 2024
168 pages

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"Certain it is that the Pagan divinities lasted much longer than we suspect, sometimes in their own nakedness, sometimes in the stolen garb of the Madonna or the saints. Who knows whether they do not exist to this day?"

VERNON LEE

"San Gennaro is the true God of Naples", wrote Alexandre Dumas. He wasn't overinflating: the ancient martyr is the absolute lord of Neapolitan devotion, and his acrobatic liquefaction of blood is the most famous miracle in the world. Southern European catholic countries, and Italy in particular, have a special relationship with religion and sacred rites – a cult that may appear freakish and absurd to the eyes of large northern cities such as Paris or London.

It is crucial to remember, however, that all Catholic rituals were borrowed from the pivotal rites of the Roman Empire – ancestral rites that have their roots in the mists of time and have dominated the life of many civilizations, even those that now seem to have disengaged from these folk habits.

With great evocative effectiveness, the author retraces these stories that have endured through the centuries to us, capturing in depth the power of myths and rituals that have always invested the power and the social order.

Praise for *ITALY OF MIRACLES*

"An unmissable journey into the land of miracles." ***La Repubblica***

MARINO NIOLA is Full Professor of Anthropology of symbols at the University of Naples. He is a columnist for La Repubblica, and contributes to the French magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur* (L'Obs).

MEASURING HISTORY

The New Timeline of Human Evolution

Sahra Talamo

May 2024
184 pages

A journey to the time of early Sapiens with a futuristic time machine: radiocarbon 3.0.

The arrival of Homo sapiens in Europe, the processes that fostered their adaptive success, and the causes that led to the extinction of the Neanderthals are key events in the history of human evolution, but we are far from reconstructing a clear chronology of this crucial period.

The challenge for the author and her team is to improve the potential of radiocarbon, a dating method already widely used in archaeology, by increasing its temporal resolution capabilities.

The results may be a revolution of the scenarios hypothesized to date, allowing us to answer the many questions that still remain pending about the history of this pivotal period in human evolution.

Praise for *MEASURING HISTORY*

"This is one of those books that makes us come to terms with our inclination for certainty, because certainty does not exist." ***Corriere della Sera***

SAHRA TALAMO Full Professor of Chemistry at the University of Bologna, has a special interest in the study of human evolutionary events in conjunction with radiocarbon dating. Since 2020 she has been directing the radiocarbon laboratory BRAVHO (Bologna Radiocarbon Laboratory devoted to Human Evolution). She also collaborates with several scientific journals, research institutes, universities and museums worldwide.

REPAIRING THE FUTURE

How to Create Resilience Across Generations

Clara Mucci

May 2024
256 pages

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English

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Polish: PWN

Practices that enhance the ability to withstand traumatic circumstances.

Clara Mucci shows how resilience can be structured to create stronger individuals and societies before increasingly traumatic and stressful life circumstances by conducting a careful analysis of human practices, processes and characteristics that support our ability to withstand, adapt to or counteract traumatization, even the most extreme one.

These characteristics come into play at the point of contact between vulnerability and resilience and provide insights into the mechanisms underlying resilience itself. Each chapter examines the components necessary for its strengthening: attachment, connection, memory, witnessing, development and practice of artistic and creative activities.

The book also explores the positive effects on trauma of moral commitment, altruism and intergenerational psychodynamic therapy, demonstrating that feelings of compassion, as well as the use of higher-order symbolic structures such as art and creativity, help to strengthen resilience and social solidarity.

Praise for previous books of the author

"The depth and the breadth of these rich creative chapters is remarkable." **Allan Schore**

"Mucci elaborates the vitality of the analytic endeavor as she connects what goes on in the patient-therapist interaction with the increasing body of knowledge coming from the neurosciences. The book helped me better appreciate what I do when trying to help patients and gave me ideas about how to refine the process." **Frank Yeomans**

CLARA MUCCI is Full Professor of Dynamic Psychology at the University of Bergamo. Her previous books, *Beyond Individual and Collective Trauma* and *Borderline Bodies*, have been praised and translated abroad.

THE UNIVERSAL QUANTUM COMPUTER

And How It Will Change the World

Giulio Casati, Giuliano Benenti, Simone Montangero

January 2025
About 200 pages

A technology that promises many revolutions, from medicine to finance.

The future quantum computer could make calculations that would take the most powerful calculator existing today millions of years – but do them in a few seconds. This is not just an improvement on current technology but a paradigm shift in the way information is now processed and transmitted from one point on Earth to another. But how do these "impossible" calculators work and why are they so efficient?

The first quantum revolution changed our perception of the world, forcing us to renounce a deterministic description of the universe. The revolution now underway aims to build real machines – computers that obey quantum logic, capable of tackling currently unthinkable challenges: ultra-precise sensors that will change our everyday lives, from medicine to cybersecurity.

GIULIO CASATI, Professor Emeritus of Physics, discovered quantum localization and the thermal rectifier. In 2008 he was awarded the Enrico Fermi Prize by the Italian Physical Society.

GIULIANO BENENTI is Full Professor of Theoretical Matter Physics. His research involves quantum computation, thermodynamics and chaos.

SIMONE MONTANGERO is Full Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of Padua. He has been involved in computational methods underlying quantum technologies for many years.

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE HUMAN

Rethinking Human Beings between Science and other Disciplines

Björn Larsson

February 2024
448 pages

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Swedish

One of the greatest Swedish authors that sold over a million copies all over the world.

What makes us human? What distinguishes *homo sapiens sapiens* from other primates? In shaping our individual and collective existence, do we human beings have a margin of choice or are we wholly subordinate to the physical laws that govern micro- and macrocosms?

In contrast to the more or less fatalistic sciences – cognitive sciences, for example – that see human nature as an inevitable result of evolutionary adaptation, the author argues that the specificity of the human being depends largely on that great innovation that was symbolic representation, that is, on the idea that everything – a sound, a gesture, an object – can be used to represent anything else.

Therefore, if the nature of men is not deterministically reducible to biology, chemistry and physics, how can we conceive of a new science that accurately describes and explains what it means to be human? And, if so, what would it be good for? Could it really help make the world a better, more humane, fairer, freer place for all?

Praise for *TO BE OR NOT TO BE HUMAN*

"The bestselling novelist author tries to answer the question of utmost value: what makes us human?" ***Corriere della Sera***

BJÖRN LARSSON, Professor of French Literature at Lund University, philologist, translator and novelist, is one of Sweden's best-known authors on the international scene. He has published around a dozen literary works sold in well over a million copies in more than fifteen languages.

SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE STATES OF WEST

Piergiorgio Odifreddi

April 2024
200 pages

ENGLISH EXCERPT AVAILABLE

A confession of the sins that weigh on the conscience of a white western man.

Piergiorgio Odifreddi, like many people born in the postwar period, grew up in the myth of the United States and the "liberating" American soldiers. Yet, beginning with the Vietnam War, his relationship with the US began to change. As time goes by, he realizes the violent ways in which Western countries in general have always lorded it over the peoples: economic exploitation, trade embargo, military occupation, and more oppressions.

In this book he reflects on the arrogance of the West, and invites us not to ease our conscience through the illusion that, perhaps, others may even be worse than we are.

RANKED IN THE TOP TEN ON BESTSELLING LISTS

Praise for *SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE STATES OF WEST*

"An intellectual's act of contrition that lays bare the West's attempts to impose itself on the rest of the world." ***Corriere della Sera***

PIERGIORGIO ODIFREDDI is one of the most debated intellectuals of the cultural scene. He has studied Mathematics in Italy, the United States and in the Soviet Union; he has taught Mathematical Logic at the University of Turin and the Cornell University of New York.

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372 pages

ENGLISH EXCERPT AVAILABLE

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Romanian: Editura Humanitas

PILLS OF MATHEMATICS *Numbers in the Humanities and Science*

Against mathematical illiteracy, an irreverent and hilarious journey into the world of numbers.

They say that mathematicians talk only to God, but this is certainly not true of Piergiorgio Odifreddi, a mathematician who not only converses with all branches of science, but is also on excellent terms with literature, art and philosophy.

The illness that has been diagnosed is scientific innumeracy, the cure prescribed, 120 "pills of mathematics" of which the active ingredients are summarized in the subheading.

These "pills of mathematics" play the fields of the humanities and mathematics to show the reader that mathematics is present – sometimes almost shyly, other times powerfully – in all aspects of culture: in those disciplines, ranging from physics to economics, where one would expect to find it, but also in less expected places, from novels to works of art.

Praise for *PILLS OF MATHEMATICS*

"Piergiorgio Odifreddi puts mathematics in our pockets, explaining the fundamental theorems and showing us that they hold everything, from physics to novel." ***La Stampa***

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384 pages

IN SMALL DOSES *Against Withdrawal from Mathematics*

A journey through the works of arts of mathematical thought.

The numbers, theorems and theories examined in this book belong to the realm of pure mathematics, speculative concepts that engage mathematicians regardless of whether they lead to practical applications. This is the most fascinating kind of math, the only discipline truly free to explore imaginary worlds.

The author succeeds in describing the discipline for what it really is: the captivating story of human creativity, from Pythagoras and Homer through to Escher, Nabokov, and Bertrand Russell – the ultimate expression of our capacity for free thinking; an exploration of the limits of reason.

Praise for *IN SMALL DOSES*

"Piergiorgio Odifreddi is devilishly good at taking the reader from elementary notions to the frontiers of research in just a few lines." ***La Stampa***

IMPERFECTION

A Natural History

Telmo Pievani

May 2019
198 pages

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Czech: Dokoran
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Korean: Book in a Box
Spanish: Alianza Editorial
Turkish: Koç University Press

In the history of evolution, it is not as much about being perfect as it is about being able to get by.

Where there is perfection, there is no history: everything has already happened. Evolution feeds on imperfections. Acclaimed Italian science writer and evolutionist Telmo Pievani traces the history and the role of imperfection in natural history, starting with the tiny imperfection into the primordial quantum vacuum that gave birth to our universe from an infinitesimal and random physical anomaly, from a contingent fluctuation.

Homo sapiens is the son of successful imperfections. And now, such an imperfect species is the master of the ecological world. Our body, our brain, our DNA are repositories of imperfections, and therefore they are so creative systems.

Evolution works on existing constrained material and it does what it can, not the best. Tinkering is the right metaphor.

Imperfection, like diversity, is our major ally, not an enemy.

Praise for *IMPERFECTION*

"*Imperfection* is a perfect way to begin understanding our imperfect world."
The Wall Street Journal

"Telmo Pievani's lively prose carries weighty ideas and massive knowledge as though they were as light as a backpack full of feathers. This book is mesmerizing, delightful, profound, persuasive, and amiably conversational from the first page to the last, helping us understand how evolution works and why." **David Quammen**

"One of the Italian most skilled scientists shows us the disharmony and irrationality of nature." ***La Repubblica***

"With this book Telmo Pievani gives us a compass to understand the present and orient ourselves into the future – which is imperfect, of course, but beautiful." ***Donna Moderna***

November 2021
254 pages

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English (worldwide): MIT Press

SERENDIPITY *The Unexpected in Science*

Great discoveries happened by chance.

How many times have you searched for something and come across something entirely different? It happens to scientists all the time: they design an experiment and the results reveal something totally unexpected, that often turns out to be quite important. This fascinating phenomenon is known as serendipity.

In the history of science, this is how the greatest discoveries have been made. But these discoveries cannot be ascribed to fortune alone: serendipity springs from a mixture of astuteness and curiosity, of sagacity and accidents seized upon and transformed into knowledge in the blink of an eye. Above all, serendipity shows us things we didn't know that we didn't know.

Praise for *SERENDIPITY*

"Be ready to be seduced by this learned and entertaining essay devoted to the unexpected." ***La Repubblica***

"Though scientifically rigorous, Pievani's book is very rich in stories with a fabulous tone." ***Il Sole 24 Ore***

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French: Humensis

AROUND THE WORLD IN THE ANTHROPOCENE *A Map of Humanity in the Future*

A voyage in the future to understand past mistakes and avoid repeating them.

In 1872, when Jules Verne's *Around the World in 80 Days* was first published, little was known about the cause of climatic variations; today, however, the certainties far exceed the doubts. Not only do we now know for certain that global warming is mainly caused by the greenhouse effect produced by our activities, we can also predict the effects and scenarios of the next decades with reasonable accuracy.

The authors take us on a voyage around the world in 2872, one thousand years after Verne, to show us the hypothetical and decidedly undesirable future that awaits our planet if we don't decide to take action without further delay.

Praise for *AROUND THE WORLD IN THE ANTHROPOCENE*

"Pievani's compelling and ironic 'fantageographical' book is a much-needed exhortation to engage against huge but still addressable ecological problems." ***Il Sole 24 Ore***

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THE MYTHS IN THE STARS

Giulio Guidorizzi

November 2023
312 pages

Behind every constellation lies a tale in a sky alive with the images of gods and heroes.

For tens of thousands of years, men have been fascinated by the beauty and mystery of the univers, searching the skies for fixed points to guide them and signs of the divine. In all ancient cultures – of the Babylonians and the Egyptians, for example – astrologers mapped the sky to decipher its messages. However, it was the Greeks who gave us the constellations we know today.

Gradually, Greek astronomers defined the zodiac, charted the constellations and gave them the names we still use today. Each constellation hold a story, and the heavens are populated by a plethora of mythical characters.

But where, for example, did the Ursa get her name? And what about Aries or Taurus? The Myths in the Stars leads us through the maze of ancient tales that still today define the skies above us.

Praise for *THE MYTHS IN THE STARS*

"The author takes us on a fascinating journey with his beautiful book that reminds us we are children of the stars." ***La Repubblica***

"In the stories told by Giulio Guidorizzi the reader is gladly lost, as under a clear sky on summer nights." ***Corriere della Sera***

GIULIO GUIDORIZZI taught Greek Literature at the University of Milan and Turin.

By the same author:

THE FINAL SPECTACLE

Soviet Funerals that Have Gone Down in History

Gian Piero Piretto

October 2023
240 pages

ENGLISH EXCERPT AVAILABLE

Lenin, Stalin, Gagarin, Majakovskij… Memorable funerals of the USSR.

Funerals tell us much about a country's society and politics. A look at the propaganda underpinning state funerals in the former Soviet Union helps us understand the contemporary Russian mindset, and the alarming patriotic death cult that has taken hold with Putin's pro-Stalinist re-interpretation of the country's medieval past.

The book looks at funerals of fgures like Lenin, Stalin, Majakovskij, Gagarin, and Gorbačëv, among others – that have become deeply ingrained in the national consciousness, but also other, more recent ones, like that of Prigozhin, held in total secrecy far from the public eye.

Visual and written testimonies of the time reveal the relationship between the people and its government, illustrating how funeral spectacles were designed to involve the citizenry and consolidate state power, but also – in the case of spontaneous gatherings in honor of a non-aligned personage – to challenge and defy those in power.

Praise for *THE FINAL SPECTACLE*

"A significant and most interesting collection of Soviet funerals that have much to tell about the totalitarian regime and its myths, its heroic and inevitably lying self-representation." ***Corriere della Sera***

"The details that emerge from Piretto's book are extraordinary and give an insight into what hero worship must have been in the popular imagination: a new form of laical religion." ***La Repubblica***

"Piretto analyzed Soviet state funerals through a century, from Lenin to Prigožin, in a highly documented and compelling book." ***Panorama***

GIAN PIERO PIRETTO has taught Russian Culture and Visual Culture at the University of Milan. He has translated works by Chekhov and other Russian authors, and is the author of signifcant studies on the history of Soviet culture.

A BIOGRAPHY OF JESUS

According to the Gospels

Gianfranco Ravasi

October 2021
248 pages

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Portuguese: Ediçoes Loyola
Polish: Jednosc
Romanian: Editura Spandugino
Spanish: San Pablo
Ukrainian: Missioner Publishing

The life, passion and resurrection of Jesus as recounted by a great scholar.

This biography of Jesus is constructed on the watershed between faith and historical fact. The opening pages provide a setting that isolates the historical-cultural and geopolitical coordinates of the four Gospels, after which the reader is accompanied in a journey through their pages that offer a composite of portraits taken from different perspectives rather than an academic reconstruction of a character and his story.

Gianfranco Ravasi develops this profile of Jesus adhering to certain fundamental features, starting from his public life in the village of Nazareth, his speeches that frequently flowed into parabolic narratives, his hands that moved in surprising gestures, recognised as “miracles”. Then the supreme sacrifice, his death by capital execution imposed by Rome. But just when the curtain falls on Jesus earthly existence, a new phase of his life opens up: “resurrection”.

Understanding this requires another descriptive channel, mainly entrusted to a transcendent consciousness, what is called “Easter faith”.

Praise for *A BIOGRAPHY OF JESUS*

“As an expert exegete, Ravasi accompanies the reader on an itinerary of both renewed interpretation and unexpected discovery that has the knowledge of Jesus Christ as its sole aim.” ***La Stampa***

“An accurate, cultured, impeccable biography.” ***Il Giornale***

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BE YOURSELF BUT DO IT MY WAY

Being an Adolescent in a Time of Adult Fragility

Matteo Lancini

May 2023
212 pages

ENGLISH EXCERPT AVAILABLE

A look at the fragility of adolescents – and especially their parents.

For a long time, we have asked children to adhere to the ideal expectations of parents and teachers. We raised them as little adults, pushed them to socialize, and protected them from unhappiness and pain. The paradox is that while children adapt to the needs of adults in order to make them feel like adults, the latter are grappling with increasing fragility.

In order to support adolescents during such a complex period in which they find themselves, adults must first come to terms with their own insecurities.

Praise for *BE YOURSELF BUT DO IT MY WAY*

"Everyone who has anything to do with children should read this book: parents, teachers, educators. Everyone." ***La Repubblica***

"One might think that this book is an examination of the beaviour and problems of teens. Instead, it is a rigorous overview of the fragility of adults." ***Corriere della Sera***

"This book accompanies parents towards an arduous, but certainly extremely useful awareness." ***Donna Moderna***

MATTEO LANCINI, a psychologist and psychotherapist, is president of the Minotauro Foundation of Milan. He also teaches at the Psychology Department of the University of Milan.

TEN LESSONS ON EVIL

The Crimes of Adolescents

Mauro Grimoldi

April 2024
296 pages

A journey into the minds of violent teens to reflect on the origins of evil and its consequences.

Teenagers are not adults. Often, they do not know who they are or where they belong: they are a potential, a promise. The reasons why a young person may end up on a path of delinquency are many. The background they belong to often plays a key role, but it is not the only matter to be considered.

Even seemingly "problem-free" teens experience situations of distress that can give rise to antisocial behaviors. This phenomenon is very complex, and is often linked to psychological fragility in which an existential void matures.

Punishments alone are not a deterrent: it is necessary to fill the void with listening, presence, and culture. At a time like this, with turbulent and explosive youth discomfort, the most important thing is to make kids understand that another path is possible.

Praise for *TEN LESSONS ON EVIL*

"Mauro Grimoldi takes us on a disturbing tour of the crimes of the youngest without moralizing, trying to draw lessons about the human nature instead." ***La Repubblica***

MAURO GRIMOLDI, legal psychologist, is regular consultant for the Court of Milan. He is Scientific Head of the Legal and Forensic Psychology Master.

THE APOCALYPSE OF LUCRETIUS

Politics, Religion, Love

Ivano Dionigi

October 2023
208 pages

A revolutionary figure who changed European culture.

"I announce unprecedented things." With this revolutionary message Lucretius bursts into conservative republican Rome in the 1st century BC. Politics, religion and love are constructions of the mind, forms of alienation and sources of unhappiness: they wear a mask and hide reality.

What is the way out? Lucretius has no doubt: "the science of nature," the "apocalypse" that from the darkness of ignorance brings us to the light of reason and reveals cheering truths: the afterlife with its pains and fears does not exist; a single law governs all things; the universe, indeed the innumerable universes stand in balance thanks to equal and opposite forces.

With this book, we understand why Lucretius' scandalous poem *La Natura* changed the face of European culture and still speaks of us and to us.

Praise for *THE APOCALYPSE OF LUCRETIUS*

"With an accurate writing, Ivano Dionigi describes the cosmic feeling of Lucretius, for whom everything is in transformation and in relationship." ***Corriere della Sera***

"An enthralling reading of an author so far-sighted that he was not truly understood until 1,500 years after his death." ***La Repubblica***

"Dionigi signs an extraordinary act of love for the author of *De Rerum Natura*, an atheist and revolutionary manifesto of an incredibly modern philosopher." ***Il Sole 24 Ore***

IVANO DIONIGI is Professor Emeritus of Latin Language and Literature at the University of Bologna, of which he was Magnifico Rector from 2009 to 2015. He is consultant to the Roman Curia's Dicastery for Culture and Education.

DEFENSE MECHANISMS

Theory, Evaluation, and Clinical Practice

Vittorio Lingiardi, Fabio Madeddu

September 2023
592 pages

THIRD EDITION

Defense mechanisms in today's changing environment.

Since its first edition in 1994, *Defense Mechanisms* has been read with interest by clinicians, researchers, and students for its accurate account of theoretical models and practical examples. This new, updated edition again puts the accent on clinical examples, now with reference to today's world, an environment that has taken on board relationship and attachment studies along with empirical research.

In addition to the wealth of data provided in the previous editions, this latest volume adds the scientific, clinical and research literature of the last few decades. Special attention is again given to the Defense Mechanism Rating Scale (DMRS) and its new instruments, self-reports, and Q-sorts (adult and child versions).

VITTORIO LINGIARDI is professor of Dynamic Psychology at the University of Rome. Together with Nancy McWilliams, he edited *Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual* (Guilford Press).

FABIO MADEDDU is full professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Milan.

EMDR TREATMENT OF GRIEF AND MOURNING

From Diagnosis to Clinical Intervention

Roger M. Solomon

February 2022
350 pages

ENGLISH PDF AVAILABLE

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Chinese: Psygarden
English (worldwide): Oxford University Press
French: Dunod
Polish: EDRA
Spanish: Editorial Eleftheria
Ukrainian: Ukrainian Institute of Public Health

In this book, Roger Solomon draws on his wealth of experience and clinical sensitivity to explain how to work with grief, mourning and the pain of loss. The author describes the impact that the loss of a loved one can have on innumerable functions, both intrapsychic and interpersonal, on the tasks that the mourner has to face in processing the sense of loss and the plethora of factors that can complicate grief.

After providing a brief panorama of EMDR, the author accompanies the therapist through the process step by step, integrating theoretical explanations with numerous accounts of clinical cases, using theoretical frameworks – including the theory of attachment and that of continuing bonds – that are efficacious for clinical work and a complete understanding of the cases presented. The author completes the volume with a detailed explanation of how to use EMDR therapy to facilitate the mourning process.

ROGER M. SOLOMON is Program Director and Senior Faculty with the EMDR Institute (Watsonville, CA) and teaches EMDR Therapy internationally.

REALITY IS NOT WHAT IT SEEMS

The Journey to Quantum Gravity

Carlo Rovelli

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