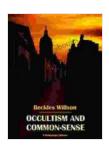
Occultism and Common Sense: A Critical Examination of the Supernatural

By Beckles Willson

Occultism and Common Sense is a classic work of skepticism that debunks the claims of the supernatural. Written by Beckles Willson, the book examines the evidence for ghosts, psychics, and other paranormal phenomena and finds it wanting. Willson argues that there is no scientific evidence to support the existence of the supernatural and that belief in it is based on wishful thinking and superstition.



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Willson begins by defining occultism as "the belief in the existence of supernatural forces or beings." He then goes on to examine the evidence for the existence of these forces, including the testimony of psychics, mediums, and other alleged witnesses to the supernatural. Willson finds this evidence to be unreliable and unconvincing.

Willson also argues that the belief in the supernatural is based on a number of fallacies, including the fallacy of wishful thinking. This fallacy occurs when people believe something because they want it to be true, rather than because there is any evidence to support it. Willson argues that many people believe in the supernatural because they find it comforting to believe that there is a life after death or that there are forces that can protect them from harm.

However, Willson argues that there is no scientific evidence to support these beliefs. He points out that there is no evidence to suggest that consciousness survives death or that there are any forces that can protect people from harm. Willson concludes by arguing that the belief in the supernatural is a harmful delusion. He believes that it leads people to make poor decisions, such as seeking medical treatment from psychics or mediums rather than from qualified medical professionals.

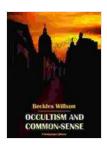
Occultism and Common Sense is a well-written and thought-provoking book that challenges the claims of the supernatural. Willson's arguments are clear and persuasive, and he provides a wealth of evidence to support his claims. This book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the paranormal or who is skeptical of the claims of the supernatural.

About the Author

Beckles Willson (1869-1942) was a British journalist, author, and skeptic. He was a member of the Society for Psychical Research, but he became increasingly skeptical of the claims of the supernatural. Willson wrote a number of books on skepticism, including Occultism and Common Sense, which was first published in 1920.

Willson's work has been praised by skeptics and scientists alike. In his book The Demon-Haunted World, Carl Sagan wrote that Occultism and Common Sense is "a classic debunking of the supernatural." Willson's work continues to be read and quoted by skeptics today.

If you are interested in learning more about skepticism or the paranormal, I highly recommend reading Occultism and Common Sense. It is a well-written and thought-provoking book that will challenge your beliefs about the supernatural.



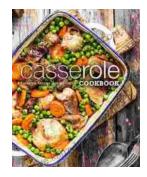
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