

Green Wood: The Timeless Rituals of Rural Life



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In *Green Wood: The Timeless Rituals of Rural Life*, the esteemed scholar and spiritual master Frithjof Schuon presents a captivating exploration of the spiritual significance of traditional rural life. Drawing on his extensive knowledge of comparative religion and symbolism, Schuon argues that the cyclical rhythms of the agricultural year embody profound spiritual truths. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the Western esoteric tradition, rural life, or the search for meaning in the modern world.

Schuon begins by contrasting the modern, urban way of life with the traditional, rural way of life. He argues that the modern world is characterized by a loss of connection to the natural world and a fragmentation of the human community. In contrast, the traditional rural way of life is characterized by a deep connection to nature and a strong sense

of community. Schuon argues that this traditional way of life is not simply a matter of nostalgia, but rather a profound expression of human spirituality.

Schuon then goes on to explore the various aspects of traditional rural life, including the seasons of the year, the different types of work that are done on the land, and the festivals and rituals that are celebrated throughout the year. He shows how each of these aspects of rural life is imbued with a deep spiritual significance. For example, he argues that the seasons of the year represent the different stages of the human soul's journey, and that the work that is done on the land is a form of spiritual purification.

Schuon concludes by arguing that the traditional rural way of life is a valuable source of wisdom for the modern world. He argues that we can learn from the traditional rural way of life how to live in harmony with nature, how to build strong communities, and how to find meaning in our lives. *Green Wood: The Timeless Rituals of Rural Life* is a profound and inspiring work that offers a unique perspective on the spiritual significance of traditional rural life.

About the Author

Frithjof Schuon (1907-1998) was a Swiss-born philosopher, metaphysician, and spiritual teacher. He was one of the most influential figures in the twentieth-century revival of Western esotericism. Schuon's work has been translated into more than twenty languages and has had a profound impact on a wide range of thinkers and spiritual seekers.

Reviews

"*Green Wood* is a classic work of Western esotericism that explores the spiritual significance of traditional rural life. Schuon's insights are profound

and inspiring, and his writing is both erudite and accessible. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the Western esoteric tradition, rural life, or the search for meaning in the modern world." - **Jacob Needleman, author of *The Heart of Philosophy***

"*Green Wood* is a beautiful and evocative book that celebrates the timeless rhythms of rural life. Schuon's writing is full of wisdom and insight, and his descriptions of the seasons of the year, the work that is done on the land, and the festivals and rituals that are celebrated throughout the year are both poetic and profound. This book is a must-read for anyone who loves the countryside or who is interested in the spiritual significance of traditional culture." - **Thomas Berry, author of *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future***

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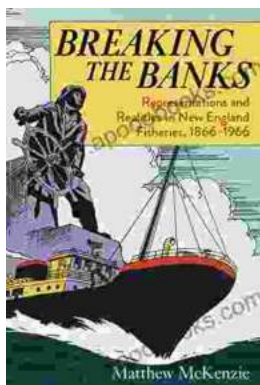
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