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This little book shows you how to experience the Divine in the world by being very present. It's possible to experience the mysterious truth that everything is an expression of the Divine by paying close attention to the many signs that reveal this great Mystery. *Radiance* points out these clues so that you can more easily recognize yourself as the Divine—that which is creating and has created this *you* that you think you are and all that this *you* is experiencing. *Radiance* was given to the author by her inner teacher.

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From Reader Review Radiance: Experiencing Divine Presence for online ebook

Eric says

Short and simple and sweet.

Some good insights, and exercises to help center on her theme. More clear exercises would be helpful for those new to the ideas of essence and divine. Short enough for a nice one sitting read.

Jerilyn says

Good Points

Good points to ponder, think about and use on a daily bases. This book was a good reminder of how we think affects everything about our being! Thank you Gina Lake for your time and effort to create this book to assist many in many different ways they may need.

Peggy L. Ohlson says

This book has some good information and shared ideas. It doesn't seem to work with a person on a personal level though. I was looking for developing feelings of radiance and living them. I never got the experiencing part I Thought it would provide this book would prpo

Talso i hate the requirement of putting a large number of words in a review when a few would make more sense

Susan Botich says

Inspiring words to meditate on.

This wisdom is presented in a flowing and east-to-understand way. Taken to heart, the information here is practical as well as inspirational, useful as well as uplifting.

bellatuscana bellatuscana says

Very good discussion about the ego versus the higher self or "essence." I Imagine some low in ego might not take this book well. Yes readers, this author mixes theology with New Age spirituality and it is evident in this book. If you don't like it then please be respectful and not suggest the author needs a shrink. You didn't have to pick up this book. Sending you love and light.

Anna Zollinger says

I picked this book up expecting to find a book about divinity and connecting with it, how to expand your worship and practice, or something similar. Instead, I got a face full of almost incoherent ramblings bordering on cultist propaganda, emotional manipulation, and brainwashing. There are so many problems with it that I don't even know where to start.

First of all, it's an absolute travesty that trees are being wasted to create paperback formats of this book. It's bad enough, in my eyes, that this thing is wasting internet space.

Secondly, the entire thing reads like cultist propaganda for brainwashing recruits. It also fits a portion of the model of manipulation. I'm not even joking. It fits the whole cultist brainwashing and manipulation model to a T.

From an expert of a guide on how to recognize brainwashing:

"The way we feel about a concept and idea is influenced by our personal experiences. This has both good and bad consequences. The bad part of it is, emotions and feelings can't be defeated by reason even if these feelings are out of place and uncalled for. If you want to use logical reasoning, all you can do is explain your view and then let your opponent accept or reject it on his personal feelings. On the other hand it can be considered a good thing that you can't force someone into believing something simply by superior reasoning. This is also why in many religious debates you'll find that people resort to emotive arguments rather than logical ones. One of the most powerful ways to convey emotive arguments is by art. Poetry, books, music or even paintings can convey strong arguments that can't be defeated by logic. Whether or not that argument or message is realistic is of course a totally different matter. But important here, is that most people do not approach emotive messages from a sceptical, logical point of view."

An excerpt of an article dealing with manipulation:

"The tactics manipulators use can make it seem like they're hurting, caring for you, defending you; almost anything but fighting. These tactics are hard to recognize as merely clever ploys. They always make just enough sense to make a person doubt their gut hunch that they're being taken advantage of or abused [...] These features make them highly effective psychological weapons to which anyone can be vulnerable. It's hard to think clearly when someone has you emotionally on the run [...] All of us have weaknesses and insecurities that a clever manipulator might exploit. Sometimes, we're aware of these weaknesses and how someone might use them to take advantage of us. For example, I hear parents say things like: "Yeah, I know I have a big guilt button." – But at the time their manipulative child is busily pushing that button, they can easily forget what's really going on. Besides, sometimes we're unaware of our biggest vulnerabilities. Manipulators often know us better than we know ourselves. They know what buttons to push, when and how hard. Our lack of self-knowledge sets us up to be exploited."

Step one of manipulation and brainwashing: Inform the individual being brainwashed that they are nothing. Worthless. Have no real place in the world, are not what they think they are, etc. Invalidate all personal

experiences in any way possible.

Step two of manipulation and brainwashing: Inform them that it's ok. Assume the role of a guidance figure. It's ok, I'll get you through this.

Step three of manipulation and brainwashing: Replace the self loathing and worthlessness you instilled in step 1 with new purpose. They are a divine vessel, they are a divine figure, etc. This is their whole point in life.

I have passed this book to several friends of mine because I couldn't stomach more than the first chapter (*SOMETHING about the book gave me massive heeb-y-jeebiez*), wanting their opinions on it. 3 of them were heavily triggered by the book due to personal experiences with abusive and psychologically damaging religious cultist communities. One of them was not triggered and has had no such experiences but even said it seems as if it's written for the gullible and easily manipulated / brainwashed individuals and seems like cultist propaganda. Mind you, I didn't share my own opinions on the book with anyone before they read it. They came to this conclusion themselves on all counts. Even within the first few pages I can see it myself and wholly agree.

Excerpt from chapter 1:

"Nevertheless, you are not who you think you are. Thinking gives you the illusion of being someone, but you are not someone, but rather Oneness itself; the Divine masquerading as an individual. The masquerade is for the purpose of exploring the physical reality and for having unique experiences you are having as someone. The divine is enjoying the experiences it is having through all of creation, even experiences you would consider unenjoyable. What the Divine enjoys is experience- any experience. It created you just for that, or rather you created you just for that. [P] You may think you are not enjoying an experience, but if you touch deeply within yourself you will discover enjoyment in even the most unpleasant experiences. The joy of these experiences comes simply from the ability to have them, the ability to be alive and experience them. the Divine is enjoying life and celebrating in every moment through every creation, regardless of what is being experienced. Therefore it is possible for you to find joy in any experience as well when you align yourself with the divine Self in you, or essence, instead of the personal self, or the you that you think you are."

Truthfully, I could get behind the divine vessel idea if the author hadn't attempted to completely invalidate us as humans, individuals, and people, capable of experiencing our own emotions and pain, etc.

Yes, please dear wise sage. Continue telling me that I am no one, and am nothing but a divine vessel... Not a person with their own unique experiences, emotions, etc. Please. Tell me more about how I and others really just truly enjoy things like rape, forced sterilization, forced relocation, abuse, violence, the death of our children, being the victims of homophobia, sexism, racism, etc. After all, we should be SO thankful we're even getting to experience these things in the first place right?

With all and complete sincerity, this author can go climb a very tall tree for trying to say that these things are not damaging. No, maybe it's not their intentions to do so, but you can't say something like what the author did, without acknowledging that you are also talking about abhorrent acts such as Rape and the like.

I wish I could just burn every copy of this book that I could find. I honestly pity those who have found this spiritually "enlightening". This woman genuinely sounds like a manipulative cultist in my opinion.

Jamie Harman says

I got this book well over a year ago and I don't even remember buying it (but I found the receipt in my email so that's how I know when). It came to my attention when I was looking through my Kindle library recently and I felt led to read it. I kept putting it off because I've read plenty of books of this genre and I didn't think it would really be anything new. But I kept feeling compelled to read it so I finally did (thank you Essence). It's a wonderful book, perhaps not new information for me but presented in such a way that I got a lot out of it and it has benefited me greatly already. I highly recommend it.

Nirmala Nirmala says

This wonderful free ebook will open your heart and connect you to essence.

Nirmala

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Katie says

Great for living in the moment and feeling oneness. If you are religious don't read books like this, you won't get it..

Anne says

I'm still not sure what on earth this was about. Not only was it awful, but also confusing as hell and filled with ridiculous statements.

"This is why humans suffer, but you are not actually human, so it isn't necessary for you to suffer this way."

So...this is telling me I'm not a human being. Great. Great start. I should have stopped right there and mark this as DNF. In fact, I'm still trying to figure out why I didn't.

"Essence loves it all, even the chaos, messiness, and challenges."

'Kay, if i ever trusted Essence, whatever the hell it is, I don't anymore!

"The ego is not the only thing moving this body of yours."

You don't say! I wonder, do my legs have anything to do with moving my body?

"There is something else living this life that has been masquerading as the you that you think you are."

...*blinks*...I must have read that wrong.

There is something else.

Living this life.

That has been masquerading.

As the you that you think you are.

That has been masquerading as the you that you think you are .

Just what the hell.

This is NOT spiritual, will NOT help you in your faith and is NOT recommended. If I ever come across the words "Essence", "radiance", "oneness" & co., I will SCREAM.

Brian says

Absolutely outstanding. The writing style is very clear, and the author has the most important message to humanity that I have ever read. This book has helped me grow and I can apply everything that she has had to say. Anybody who is on a spiritual path would be very well advised to read this book.

Martina says

I very much enjoyed reading this well written book, which calls us to awaken to our true nature. The author points out how ego draws us into its unreal world of thought, it continuously gives attention to itself and it never ending needs. While we are the Divine in disguise as human beings, our life journey is intended to bring us back to love. Instead of constantly being pulled into egos agendas we are being directed to follow essence, our innate intuition and surrender to the flow of life. The goal of our spiritual evolution is to take us toward expressing love in every moment; and love is really the only constant in the universe. This is much needed reminder for all of us in this busy day and age.

Jim Lesniak says

I much preferred Eckhart Tolle's "New Earth" and Marianne Williamson's "Return to Love," which cover the same principles more lucidly. But this is a quick read.

Dae says

All I can say about this book is what the hell was this woman smoking and where can I get some? It reads

like the ramblings of a total nutjob with some serious problems with magical thinking and I'd advise her to seek therapeutic intervention immediately. There's such things as spirituality and then there's delusional. I want my 2 hours back.

Peter Jochinger says

Gina Lake is a rare modern day author, in that, not only does Gina recognize an internal spiritual side that exists in all of us, Gina tells us how to see it and feel it.

I have not found a book that has done this until now, this is the search for physical enlightenment.

This being the core reason for my high review. You will like this book.

As they say never look a gift horse in the mouth.

This book is a great gift.

There are some dark patches in this book, one I will highlight.

You have victims of crime and therefor you will have parents of criminals.

Gina says the most heinous of criminals will be given a second chance in life. This comment no doubt will irk a lot of victims.

Be assured if we are to have a better world these heinous criminals will be judged spiritually for their actions as it is written in the Word (Bible) and disclosed in the book The Angelic Realm:

1CAnd the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home 1D, these He has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day 1D (Jude 1:6).

The Bible says to those born physical:

1CThen He will say to those on his left,

'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels' 1D (Mathew 25:41).

We only need to heal, someone much higher will do the judging.
