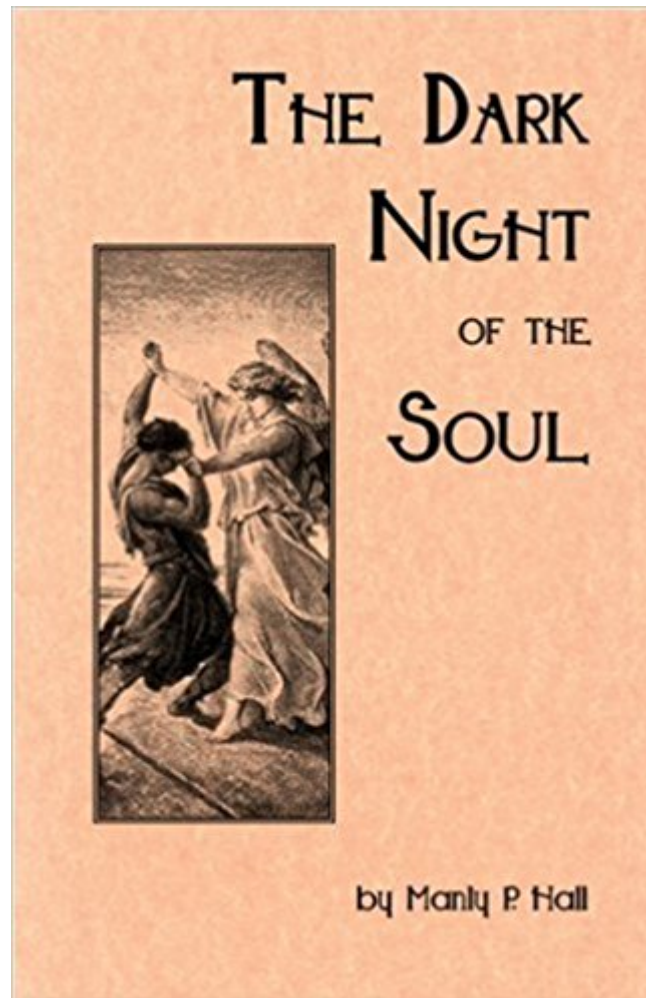




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# The Dark Night Of The Soul (Search For Reality)



## Synopsis

An interpretation of an extraordinary work by St. John of the Cross, and Christian symbolism on a mystical level. Its insights are invaluable for modern man's growth. More than three hundred years ago, a Spanish mystic, San Juan de la Cruz, St. John of the Cross, wrote an extraordinary book entitled 'The Dark Night of the Soul.' Though comparatively unknown to the modern reader, this is perhaps one of the greatest documents in Christian symbolism on a mystical level. All the boundaries between the faiths of men are annihilated, not by words, but by the import of the message. The terms used are so broadly derived from the great sources of man's mystical insight, that we find the same thought as we learn in India, China, Egypt, or Greece. The message of this book is from a level of personal inspiration which demonstrates beyond all controversy that man's search for reality is one, regardless of his race, his people, or his time. It presents certain insight which is invaluable to us today. The purpose is not to attempt an analysis of the book, therefore, but rather, to interpret certain parts of it in terms of our present problems and our continuing emergency.

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Man fails truth because he or she does not " . . . love more perfectly or serve more kindly." Truth is determined by who we are, not what we know; our life's problem is becoming worthy of truth. While this essay is ultimately about bringing one's soul back to God, it is relevant in today's world because there are many principles that while they can be attributed to God, they can be attributed to any

"name" as long as the dark journey back to one's self is attempted. The mystic, San Juan de la Cruz, explored his idea of the three natures of man and his work causes us to contemplate their inter-connectedness. As the name implies and the copy states, "Dark Night of the Soul" is about Man's Instinctive Search For Reality. Love when fully looked at and defined is about the journey, not necessarily the destination. The work discusses the journey, the dark journey of the Soul . . . back to itself, back to its essence and one of the ways the Soul can do that is to listen to the "voice of silence". An excellent read for those of us on the path to enlightenment.

Everyone will experience this sooner or later, The brilliance of moving to a higher plane of awareness when one thinks everything is crashing down around them, when in fact it's falling into place, at a very rapid rate, all the while you may be crying, why me, why me, but the brilliance behind this is sooooo?

interesting read .... this guy has a flair for words

Using St John of the cross as a reference point, Brother Hall conveys the essential trials and tribulations all seekers of truth must at some time face. He terms this period of trial, after St John of the cross, the "Dark Night of the Soul". A period when we must reevaluate all we thought or believed we knew in the light of higher truth. Highly recommended!

This is a good book to have. Manly p Hall was a brilliant Mason. I would recommend the book.

Amazing !!

This little 35 page book is a re-write, re-interpretation of parts of St. John of the Cross's The Dark Night of Soul book from way back. I think, upon reflection--that I'd rather draw my own conclusions and read the original book. Hall's treatise's on spiritual esoteric history is always fascinating but I would highly recommend reading the ORIGINAL spanish translation of St. J of the Cross's book first. I got it at my local library and saved some \$ here too;) Reading that first and THEN reading Hall's interpretation/explanation/research/opinion will be more enlightening that way if you are a serious student of esoteric history and spiritual research:)thanks

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