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Deepest thoughts and musings of a 1960s countercultural icon

- Includes 108 of Michell's most insightful, erudite, witty, and occasionally scathing essays on diverse topics ranging from sacred practices of the Stone Age to the evils of the metric system to the madness of modernity
- Describes principles to live in tune with the divine order of the world and discover the "paradise of the philosophers" of ancient times.
- Includes an introductory overview by Joscelyn Godwin of Michell's entire career

A countercultural icon of the 1960s, John Michell (1933-2009) was perhaps best known for his books on sacred geometry, Earth mysteries, and unusual phenomena. He was also beloved and reviled for his radical, idealistic, yet classically traditional views on a wide range of heretical topics, from sacred practices of the Stone Age to the evils of the metric system to the madness of modernity and the unfolding apocalypse.

Carefully selecting 108 of Michell's most insightful, erudite, witty, and occasionally scathing essays from his column in the monthly magazine *The Oldie*, esoteric scholar Joscelyn Godwin presents a colorful collection of Michell's writings and rants that cover nearly every aspect of society, history, and traditional wisdom. In these short essays, Michell takes on agribusiness, Darwinism, superstition, Stonehenge, the insanity of modern society, UFOs, Jesus, fairies, the Grail legend, among many other topics. No matter how small the topic under consideration, Michell always takes a larger view on it, illuminating it with light from above.

Godwin's artful selection and ordering of essays reveals Michell's overarching grand view of the world at large. We glimpse the heart of Michell as idealistic Platonist and radical traditionalist, absorb his common sense lessons for living in tune with the divine order, and are reminded that the elusive "paradise of the philosophers" of ancient times is still within reach for those with the strength of vision to see it.

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