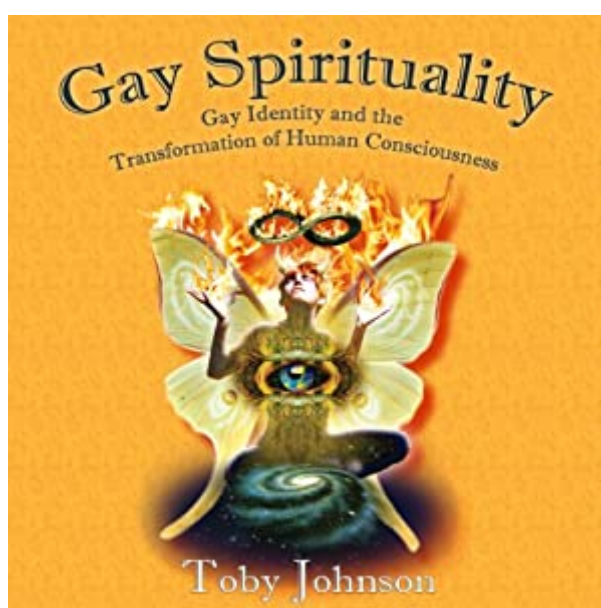


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# Gay Spirituality: The Role Of Gay Identity In The Transformation Of Human Consciousness (White Crane Spirituality Series)



## Synopsis

In this Lambda Literary award-winning title, author Toby Johnson explores how the rise of gay identity has become an important part of contemporary religious development. This dramatic transformation has resulted due to the perspective of gay men; their ability to step outside the assumptions and conventions of culture and see things from a different point of view. This audiobook will reward readers seeking new insight into faith as well as culture, myth and traditions.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a good book and I may find it easy to write more about a book I would criticize. This is an excellent book about how gay men can relate to religion and spirituality. I had the opportunity to meet Toby Johnson when he gave a talk to a small group. An excellent speaker, knew exactly what he meant to say. I learned of Joseph Campbell, a professor at Sarah Lawrence College who was a prime influence on Toby Johnson. Campbell was not gay but was a free spirit. Five stars.

The Divine loves us all, spiritually

A most insightful and moving book that connects with the heart of every gay man's struggle trying to fit. I was knocked to the floor so many times in recognizing myself in Toby's writings. For one filled with self doubt and self hatred being a gay born again Christian this book guided me back to the Cross, back to my Loving Heavenly Father and letting go of the terrible hurt and pain my childhood

memories evoke. I purchased 20 copies and give them to men who are wrestling with the same Spiritual anguish I was. I am God's creation, God's Beloved Son; to criticize myself is to criticize the handiwork of God.

I haven't really thought about spirituality much in recent years but this book really touched me. At first I feared it would be one of those new age sort of books that cause my eyes to roll back in my head - it most certainly isn't. This is a powerful book that I would even describe as potentially life changing.

This is a great overview of Gay Spiritual directions, the author hits on a number of ideas.

Never before did the thoughts of another human resonate so much with my own. We are definitively part of a bigger consciousness. And these pages did sprung from close from the source.....

Homosexuality is objectively disordered, sinful, immoral. Such are the positions still held by the Roman Catholic church and many protestant Christian denominations. Having grown up with this kind of outright moral condemnation, many gay men go on to reject organized religion, and there's nothing wrong with that. Unfortunately, many throw the baby out with the bathwater, and ban not only religion, but spirituality from their lives, leaving them spiritually empty and longing for that missing piece to the puzzle of happiness. This book can guide you to that piece. It shows that being gay is a spiritual asset, not a liability. Where some look down on same-sex love as defective, because it does not express the male-female duality, Johnson turns it around and proudly declares that to be the precise reason why same-sex love is spiritually superior. It transcends the duality. Johnson's vision of a life-affirming, sex-positive spirituality of love, cooperation, mutual respect and acceptance is in sync with modern scientific knowledge, and does not ask the reader to suspend logic or critical thinking. Gay Christians who are struggling with their sexual orientation will especially appreciate Johnson's convincing refutation of common "biblical" anti-gay arguments. A powerful book for personal change, a wonderful antidote to the negativity of the Religious Right, and a great gift to a gay friend who is unhappy with his life or suffering from low self-esteem.

At first, I did not consider that being gay had any influence at all upon my spirituality. However, the author makes such a convincing case of this through out his book, that I had to accept that my sexuality, and experience of life due to my sexuality completely molds my spiritual experience. The

book is well written and researched. The author's own life journey with its unique experiences gives him the authority to address this topic. The observations he makes in the book will cause a thoughtful reader to pause and reflect. Even though the book was written decades ago, I think it is as relevant today as when published. It is a great book.

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