Laboratories Of Faith: Mesmerism, Spiritism, And Occultism In Modern France

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Summary:

John Warne Monroe's "Laboratories of Faith: Mesmerism, Spiritism, and Occultism in Modern France" explores the development of esoteric movements in France from roughly 1848 to 1914. Monroe examines the rise of mesmerism, spiritism, and occultism in modern France, focusing on the ways in which these movements challenged traditional religious beliefs and practices. He explores the influence of French revolutionaries, scientists, and intellectuals on the development of these movements, and how they were popularized and made omnipresent in the public consciousness.

Monroe argues that mesmerism, spiritism, and occultism in modern France were not simply isolated phenomena, but rather part of a broader cultural and social context. He analyzes the impact of these movements on French society, and how they were received and interpreted by different groups within French society. Monroe also discusses the role of women in the development of these movements, and how they were involved in the dissemination of their ideas.

Conclusion:

Laboratories of faith: Mesmerism, spiritism, and occultism in modern France is an important contribution to the study of French culture in the second half of the nineteenth century. Monroe's book provides a comprehensive and well-researched analysis of the development of these movements, and their impact on French society. It is an essential read for anyone interested in the history of science, religion, and culture in modern France.

Review: