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### Desmatron says

Il libro è scritto male, soprattutto se paragonato ad "Incontri con uomini straordinari". Non lo consiglio come prima lettura poiché il significato della lettura, oltre ad essere esoterico, dunque nascosto è anche a mio parere esposto male. Non si può non essere colpiti dalle eccessive lamentele dell'autore sul suo stato di salute, lamentele che però sono volte a far comprendere marcatamente un insegnamento e non invece ad esternare futilemente una condizione di salute a posteriori. Dopo un'introduzione dell'autore vengono esposte delle conferenze tenute sempre per i suoi allievi, dalle quali si evincono una serie di esercizi (molto pochi) e una serie di nozioni già accennate in "Incontri con uomini straordinari". Tuttavia le aspettative create in quest'ultimo libro sono disattese. Vengono però trattati esempi di "coincidenze fortuite" vissute dall'autore e l'annoso tema della libertà dell'uomo.

Lettura consigliata se si è già letto molto di Gurdjieff, ma non indispensabile.

Sconsigliato come prima lettura.

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### Robison Souza says

very good !

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### Harrison says

This one's a page turner and a mind bender. I didn't know a 180 page book could only have 7 sentences! ;)

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### Μαρ?α says

"Αν ?λοι οι ?νθρωποι ε?χαν ψυχ?  
απ? καιρ? δε θα υπ?ρχε χ?ρος π?νω στη γη  
ο?τε για τα φαρμακερ? φυτ?, ο?τε για τ' ?γρια θηρ?α,  
κι ακ?μα και το κακ? θ? πανε να υπ?ρχει.  
Για τον οκνηρ? η ψυχ? ε?ναι αυταπ?τη,  
ε?ναι πολυτ?λεια γ? αυτ?ν που αρ?σκεται να υποφ?ρει  
ε?ναι η σφραγ?δα της προσωπικ?τητας  
ε?ναι ο δρ?μος, ε?ναι ο κρ?κος με τον Πλ?στη και το Δημιουργ?,  
καταστ?λαγμα αγωγ?ς,  
πρ?τη πηγ? υπομον?ς,  
αποτελε? και μαρτυρ?α της αξ?ας,  
της ουσ?ας του αι?νιου Ε?ναι.  
Οδηγ?ς της θ?λησης,

η παρουσ?α της ε?ναι "Εγ? ε?ματ?",  
αποτελε? μ?ρος του Σ?μπαντος-Ε?ναι,  
?τσι ?ταν κι ?τσι π?ντα θα ε?ναι."

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### **Maureen says**

Gurdjieff's aim in writing the Third Series was, "to assist the arising in the mentation and in the feelings of the reader, of a veritable, nonfantastic representation not of that illusory world which he now perceives, but of the world existing in reality."

Just from that quote, one can tell two things: first: Gurdjieff aimed high. Second, he is an abstruse writer. Add on top of that, that his writings in the three series were written in Russian, Turkish, and who-knows-else-what, and it is easy to see why his books have not gained a wider audience.

In the first portion of the book, much space is given to Gurdjieff's relations with Orage and the New York groups. In the fifth talk, two useful exercises are given. One is based upon using the "I am" in a particular way, and the other is on dividing attention. Although these exercises look deceptively simple, the reader can obtain substantial results with sincere practice. The sixth talk, The Outer and Inner World of Man, was unfinished at the time of Gurdjieff's death. Still in all, this is a primary source for the Gurdjieff work, and it is worth the effort of reading it.

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### **Dean says**

I once thought Gurdjieff's series, and this book in particular, actually contained some worthwhile spiritual value and practical use. Upon rereading them years later after bing around the block, I can see the actual value lies in about 2 pages out of the whole book. The sensing of "I am" is of value, but so hopelessly explained here, that it will be of use only to the most ardent of Gurdjieff disciples. The remainder of the book reads exactly like someone's half penned notebooks written while drunk on Armagnac and sitting in a Paris cafe. There's better material out there. One wonders wtf was he thinking, or rather they thinking in even publishing this "work".

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### **Brendan says**

again, not as fascinating as "meetings with remarkable men," but an excellent and worthwhile read.

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### **Feliks says**

Near entirely codswallop; gibberish. Some of the most ineffectual religious writing I've ever endured. The writing is so childish that you can barely restrain yourself from skimming through it in disgust.

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## **Edwin Wolbers says**

Is spirituality that difficult to understand? This book is nothing more than the rants and suffering of a crazy person. He constantly thinks and analyses his situation to understand his suffering. He constantly sets goals to write and teach what he has learned in life. But he didn't learn anything! He suffers his whole life because of his thinking and analysing and the goals he thinks he must set for himself to give his suffering a purpose. These rants of this crazy person will teach you how your thinking and analysing will sustain your suffering till the end. Extra motivation not to do the same!

I'll bet you no one even understands what we are supposed to learn from this great man with all his followers. (Poor people)

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## **Nancy says**

This is the third book in the All and Everything trilogy.

A combination of autobiography and a series of talks. Not the book promised to readers at the end of Meetings with Remarkable Men, but interesting in any event.

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## **Riccardo Paul A G says**

opinions pls

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## **Lysergius says**

The explanation of why life is only real when I am is what makes this an interesting book... You see it depends on what you mean by "real", of course.

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## **Tom says**

Having finished this book I have now completed reading Gurdjieff's All and Everything trilogy. I very much enjoyed Beelzebub's Tales and Meetings With Remarkable Men but I didn't enjoy this book as much. I liked reading about his journey to the US and his problems with Orage but the book did not have anything specific that I could grasp onto and put into practice.

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## **John says**

philosophy, meditation, nonfiction

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Was pretty happy about some events in this book, gurdjieff was more than sincere in this book than ever, enjoyed every story about it. Good read

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