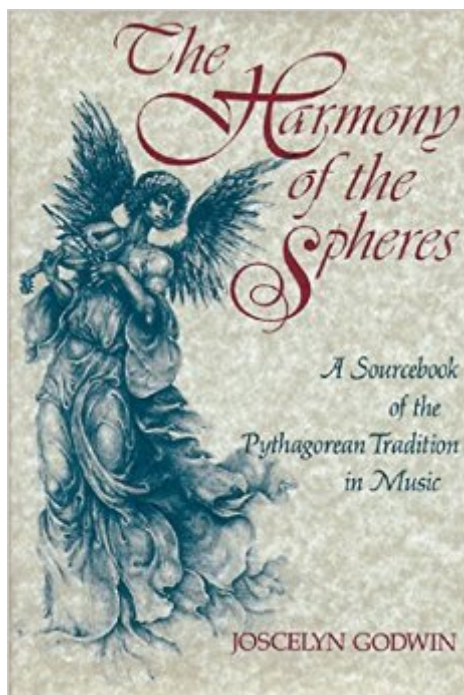


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The Harmony Of The Spheres: The Pythagorean Tradition In Music



Synopsis

Professor of Music at Colgate University and a widely respected musicologist, Godwin traces the history of the idea, held since ancient times, that the whole cosmos, with its circling planets and stars, is in some way a musical or harmonious entity. The author shows how this concept has continued to inspire philosophers, astronomers, and mystics from antiquity to the present day.

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Yes, this is a highly specialized, scholarly, and esoteric collection but it contains the translated writings of philosophers of music not easily available. Not even the huge "Strunk's Source Readings (1998)" has the information which Godwin has collected and translated: Nicomachus, Pliny, Ptolemy, Kepler, Fludd; Arab writers Al-Safa, Al-Katib; the kabalist Ibn Latif. If you are a fan of Godwin's research as I am, these source readings will fill in the gaps in the history of music which is not taught. It is, however, a reference book first and foremost.

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harmonious entity (Adam Kadmon)! His scholarship is beyond repute, his research exhaustive and his conclusions, well you decide.

It is obvious the author has a deep understanding of the different realms of existence. Helped integrate various fragmented sources of knowledge that I had prior to reading this book.

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