



Spirit, Qi, and the Multitude: A Comparative Theology for the Democracy of Creation

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Fordham University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Spirit, Qi, and the Multitude: A Comparative Theology for the Democracy of Creation, Hyo-Dong Lee, We live in an increasingly global, interconnected, and interdependent world in which various forms of systemic imbalance in power have given birth to a growing demand for genuine pluralism and democracy. As befitting a world so interconnected, this book presents a comparative theological and philosophical attempt to construct metaphysical underpinnings for the idea of democracy, by bringing the Western concept of spirit into a dialogue with the East Asian nondualistic and nonhierarchical notion of *qi* (*ch'i*). The book follows the historical "adventures" of the idea of *qi* through some of its Confucian/Daoist textual histories in East Asia, mainly Laozi, Zhu Xi, Toegye, Nongmun, and Su-un, and compare them with analogous conceptualizations of the ultimate creative/spiritual power found in the intellectual constellations of Western and/or Christian thought, namely, Whitehead's Creativity, Hegel's Geist, Deleuze's chaosmos, and Catherine Keller's *tehom*. The book adds to the still nascent comparative theological contributions to the growing body of pneumatocentric (Spirit-centered), panentheistic Christian theologies which all emphasize God's liberating, equalizing, and pluralizing immanence in the cosmos. Further, the book introduces into the theological...



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