

## WHAT EXPERTS SAY:

“Johanna Kern is a serious woman, a professional filmmaker of talent, who found herself experiencing, to her own great surprise, some truly bizarre, transcendental, supernatural events. Sometimes these individuals find themselves channeling volumes of religious revelations and evolutionary instruction manuals like *The Urantia Book* and *A Course in Miracles* tomes; sometimes they undergo a series of trance-like states and begin spouting purported ancient wisdom, and/or producing paranormal phenomenon. Johanna’s story is especially valuable and interesting because it records and illustrates the development of an individual through time—a sort of answer to the perennial ‘What’s it worth?’ question. Also, it is a very well written, enjoyable book that places it above the general order of this genre of work. Furthermore, if you want to attempt some personal spiritual growth, Johanna’s guides could be valuable for you too.”

-- *Brian Van der Horst, author, journalist, therapist and management consultant; Chief Facilitator, Europe, for Ken Wilber's Integral Institute; former director of the Neuro-Linguistic Programming Center for Advanced Studies in San Francisco; he has taught at John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, California, The University of California in Sonoma, the University of Paris XIV & XIII, and Apple University; former acquisitions editor for J.P. Tarcher Books & Houghton-Mifflin; former editor for New Realities, Practical Psychology, Playboy, and The Village Voice; author of several books and over 1,000 magazine and newspaper articles. He currently writes for Intelligence, a newsletter on neuro-computing, and Integral Leadership Review. He worked in the entertainment industry for 10 years, serving as Vice-President of the Cannon Group, and as Director of Advertising and Publicity for Atlantic Records. Van der Horst has been listed in “Who’s Who in the World” since 1994, and “Who’s Who” in America since 2007 --*

“Thank you so much for providing me with a sneak preview of Johanna Kern’s new book, *Master and The Green-Eyed Hope*. I intended to skim a few pages to taste the flavor of the thing and suddenly found myself pulled along by the current of her words. As a scientist who has devoted many years to the serious study of ‘things that go bump in the night’, I’ve encountered directly or indirectly most every type of extraordinary human capability, and I can assure you Johanna Kern’s special ability is rather unique. Somewhere between nighttime dreams, hallucinations, hypnagogic states, and mediumistic trance lies a rich grey area of untapped human potential. Johanna Kern’s story seems to fall into this in-between area, but what makes her book unique is her ability to cast a net of words around the reader that picks him up and carries him along without stumbling over the is-it-real-or-not question. Like Castaneda, the author ventures into the hinter world as a sort of transcendental anthropologist, comes back whole, and offers a detailed report that makes the rest of us feel as if we’ve been there too. I believe there’s a large audience for this thoroughly grounded, highly intelligent journey, with its complex system of symbols and metaphors, and rich blend of

characters from several worlds. This is at once a novel, a creative fiction, a scientific journey, and a true-life story. More power to you, Hermenethre!”

-- *Jerry Solfvín, Ph.D., Professor at Center for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; former Senior Research Associate at Psychological Research Foundation at Duke (with William Roll) — conducting studies of poltergeists, meditation & psi, and psychophysiology (with Ed Kelly); he completed his PHD dissertation on psi, healing and placebo in Utrecht (with Martin Johnson & Sybo Schouten); former Director of the graduate program in parapsychology at John. F. Kennedy University in California; Dr. Solfvín pursues research on the psi dimensions of expectancy and placebo effect --*

“I have read Johanna Kern’s manuscript and found it very intriguing. From a psychological point of view, it suggests that her ‘spontaneous trances’ reflect the fact that the REM (rapid eye movement) cycle continues during the day, but most people do not notice it. Ms. Kern might be particularly sensitive to it, and her ‘spontaneous trances’ might occur at the time when vivid dreams would take place if she had been asleep. Ernest Rossi has done considerable research on these cycles and arranges to see his clients for clinical hypnosis at a time that matches their daytime counterpart to their nighttime REM stage.

The material itself is reminiscent of the Castaneda books. However, Ms. Kern did not ingest a substance and her journey is totally interior (so she does not have to run the risk of defending a ‘don Juan’ who might or might not exist). In her case, the Master could have been a product of her imagination or could have been an entity existing in the ‘imaginal’ world, the world rooted in what Carl Jung called ‘archetypes.’ Thus, her Master could have an existence apart from his visits to Ms. Kern, and other people might be able to contact him as well because he represents what Jung called the ‘collective unconscious.’

Ms. Kern writes exceptionally well and tells her story in an engaging, reader-friendly style. As I said about Castaneda, it is not as important to know who came up with these ‘life lessons’ as it is to know if they work for and contribute to human happiness. Her book, *Master and The Green-Eyed Hope*, I feel, will truly contribute to human well-being.”

-- *Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Saybrook University; former President of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, the Parapsychological Association and the Association for the Study of Dreams; a Charter Member of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation; a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, the American Psychological Society, the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; former Director of the Dream Laboratory at Maimonides Medical Center in New York and The Child Study Center at Kent State University --*

“When Johanna told me about her unusual experiences during our initial meeting – I didn’t believe her at first. It was the mid-90s of the last century. No one spoke loudly in those days about alternative worlds. I observed her carefully,

therefore, looking for any signs of mystification or disturbances of consciousness and perception. I couldn't find any. And when I read her consistent, wise and yet simple and intuitively true notes, I thought that such a young person without a degree in physics or philosophy could not create them. I felt in a similar way, when reading *A Course in Miracles*. I decided that Johanna's knowledge must also come from a different source – higher and much wiser.

Her first book is a beautiful encounter with her story written in a simple, captivating way. Let us not be fooled by this seemingly light form, and reach to the core of the teachings contained in it. We will find in them true wisdom and hope. There is also love, which emanates from the teachings and Johanna's being. Getting to know her, you will simply love her. I am sure that *Master and the Green-Eyed Hope* will fascinate and transform the life of every reader.”

-- Iwona Majewska-Opielka, psychologist, author of many books, counselor --