

# Robert S. Corrington

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**Robert S. Corrington** (born 1950) is an American theologian and author of several books exploring human interpretation of the universe as well as biographies on C.S. Peirce and Wilhelm Reich. He is currently employed as professor of philosophical theology at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Before that he was a professor at Pennsylvania State University.

He is member of Unitarian Universalist Association and The Theosophical Society of America and a lecturer for both organizations, and he is also an affiliate of The Parapsychological Association. Corrington has had bouts with bipolar disorder (manic-depressive), and he gives a personal account of this in his 2003 book *Riding the Windhorse: Manic Depressive Disorder and the Quest for Wholeness*.

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## Ecstatic naturalism

Corrington has described his main life focus as the "development of a philosophical perspective called 'ecstatic naturalism'." This perspective attempts to provide an alternative to contemporary metaphysical perspectives such as materialism on the one side and process theology on the other. In ecstatic naturalism there exists nothing except nature, although the term nature assumes a much wider meaning than it has within the narrow confines of reductionist materialism, which happens to coincide with today's western consensus reality. It follows from this that psi phenomena have a quite natural etiology, however one not fully understood in the contemporary scientific paradigm

Dr. Corrington's research involves an interdisciplinary approach to problems of meaning, semiotics, and unconscious processes in the self/world correlation. His long-time interest in parapsychology is focused most recently on the issue of how the unconscious, in its various modes, interacts with the forms of semiosis (sign transmission) that occur in psi phenomena.

## Bibliography

Robert S. Corrington is the author of 9 books and 70 articles in the fields of philosophy, theosophy, theology, psychoanalysis, and semiotics as well as editor of several books on metaphysics and semiotics.

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<b>Born</b>	1950
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Occupation</b>	professor of philosophical theology

#### Website

Home page at Drew University

He has also authored to plays.

## Books

- Editor (with Hausman, Carl and Seebohm, Thomas M.): *Pragmatism Considers Phenomenology* (1987)
- The Community of Interpreters: On the Hermeneutics of Nature and the Bible in the American Philosophical Tradition* (1987, 2nd ed. 1995)
- Editor (with Marsoobian, Armen and Wallace, Kathleen): *Buchler, Justus Metaphysics of Natural Complexes* (1990)
- Editor (with Marsoobian, Armen and Wallace, Kathleen): *Nature's Perspective: Prospects of Ordinal Metaphysics* (1991)
- Nature and Spirit: An Essay in Ecstatic Naturalism* (1992)
- An Introduction to C.S. Peirce: Philosopher, Semiotician, and Ecstatic Naturalist* (1993)
- Ecstatic Naturalism: Signs of the World* (1994)
- Nature's Self: Our Journey from Origin to Spirit* (1996)
- Nature's Religion* (1997)
- A Semiotic Theory of Theology and Philosophy* (2000)
- Wilhelm Reich: Psychoanalyst and Radical Naturalist* (2003)
- Riding the Windhorse: Manic Depressive Disorder and the Quest for Wholeness* (2003)

## Plays

- Black Hole Sonata (or Waiting for Steven Hawking)*
- One, Two, Three*

Robert S. Corrington has also contributed to numerous academic journals, e.g. *Chrysalis*, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, and the *American Journal of Semiotics*.

## Affiliations

- International Association of Semiotic Studies
- Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought (executive board, 1992–95)
- American Academy of Religion
- American Philosophical Association
- C.S. Peirce Society
- North American Paul Tillich Society
- Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
- Karl Jaspers Society of North America
- Semiotic Society of America (executive board, 1992–94)
- C.G. Jung Foundation for Analytical Psychology
- Unitarian Universalist Association
- Theosophical Society of America

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## External links

- n Corrington's Amazon Profile
- n Home page at Drew University
- n Biography at The Parapsychological Association

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