Record Nr. UNINA9910778977303321 Autore Nightingale Florence <1820-1910.> Titolo Suggestions for thought / / by Florence Nightingale; selections and commentaries edited by Michael D. Calabria and Janet A. Macrae Philadelphia:,: University of Pennsylvania Press,, [1994] Pubbl/distr/stampa ©1994 **ISBN** 0-8122-0994-X 0-585-19677-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (220 p.) Collana University of Pennsylvania Press studies in health, illness, and caregiving CalabriaMichael D Altri autori (Persone) MacraeJanet <1947-> Disciplina 291 Soggetti **Ethics** Religion Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Front matter -- Contents -- Preface -- Introduction -- Suggestions for Thought by Florence Nightingale -- DEDICATION. TO THE ARTIZANS OF ENGLAND -- 1. On the Concept of God -- 2. On Universal Law -- 3. On God's Law and Human Will -- 4. On Sin and Evil -- 5. On Family Life --6. On the Spiritual Life -- 7. On Life After Death -- Appendix 1. Guide to the Text -- Appendix 2. Chronology -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto Florence Nightingale is best known as the founder of modern nursing, a reformer in the field of public health, and a pioneer in the use of statistics. It is not generally known, however, that Nightingale was at the forefront of the religious, philosophical, and scientific though of her time. In a three-volume work that was never published, Nightingale presented her radical spiritual views, motivated by the desire to give those who had turned away from conventional religion an alternative to atheism. In this volume Michael D. Calabria and Janet A. Macrae provide the essence of Nightingale's spiritual philosophy by selecting and reorganizing her best-written treatments. The editors have also provided an introduction and commentary to set the work into a

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illuminates a little-known dimension of Nightingale's personality, bringing forth the ideas that served as the guiding principles of her work. It is also an historical document, presenting the religious issues that were fiercely debated in the second half of the nineteenth century. In Suggestions for Thought, one has the opportunity to experience a great practical mind as it grapples with the most profound questions of human existence.