Record Nr. UNINA9910798505803321 Autore **Tugendhat Ernst** Titolo Egocentricity and mysticism: an anthropological study / / Ernst Tugendhat; translated by Alexei Procyshyn and Mario Wenning Pubbl/distr/stampa New York: .: Columbia University Press. . [2016] ©2016 **ISBN** 0-231-54293-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (194 p.) Disciplina 171/.9 Soggetti Egoism Self-interest Self (Philosophy) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Relating to oneself -- Propositional language and saying I -- Good and important -- Saving I in practical contexts: self-mobilization and responsibility -- Adverbial, prudential, and moral good; intellectual honesty -- Relating to life and death -- Stepping back from oneself --Religion and mysticism -- Wonder -- On historical and nonhistorical inquiry. Sommario/riassunto In Egocentricity and Mysticism, Ernst Tugendhat casts mysticism as an innate facet of what it means to be human—a response to an existential need for peace of mind. This need is created by our discursive practices, which serve to differentiate us from one another and privilege our respective first-person standpoints. Emphasizing the first person fuels a desire for mysticism, which builds knowledge of what binds us together and connects us to the world. Any intellectual pursuit that prompts us to "step back" from our egocentric concerns harbors a mystic kernel that manifests as a sense of awe, wonder, and gratitude. Philosophy, the natural sciences, and mathematics all engender forms

of mystical experience as profound as any produced by meditation and asceticism. One of the most widely discussed books by a German philosopher in decades, Egocentricity and Mysticism is a philosophical milestone that clarifies in groundbreaking ways our relationship to

language, social interaction, and mortality.