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Sommario/riassunto	This book explores religious anthropology and asceticism from its biblical and desert roots and within eastern patristic writers including Ephrem, Pseudo-Macarius and Climacus. Hunt examines the apparent paradox that Jesus' earthly existence and post resurrection appearances are experienced through consummately physical actions and attributes yet some ascetics within the Christian tradition appear to seek to deny the value of the human body, to find it deadening of spiritual life.

