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A Bloody and Barbarous God investigates the relationship between gnosticism and the perennial philosophy and how these traditions have influenced the later novels of Cormac McCarthy, namely, Blood Meridian, All the Pretty Horses, The Crossing, Cities of the Plain, No Country for Old Men, and The Road.