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Sommario/riassunto	The Deities Are Many is a lively and learned introduction to polytheism. Drawing from both his scholarly research and his personal experience, author Jordan Paper is the ideal guide into this milieu. Paper was drawn to polytheism through his love of nature, seeing it as a source of the divine. In this book he focuses on Chinese and Native American religious traditions, as well as West African, African-Brazilian, Hindu, Polynesian, and circum-Polar traditions, to describe the theology of polytheism. The book provides a topology of polytheistic deities, focusing on the cosmic couple, Father Sky and Mother Earth; animal, plant, and mineral deities; ancestral spirits; divine ghosts; and culture heroes and tricksters. Paper also shows how monotheists misunderstand polytheism and provides a polytheist perspective on

what it means to be human when the "deities are many." This is a fascinating, illuminating book, especially for those raised in monotheistic societies.

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Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Acknowledgments -- Introduction -- 1 .Vision at the Threshold -- 2. The Five Percent Solution to Vision -- 3. A More Delightful Vision -- 4 .A Burning Issue -- 5. A SAD Tale -- 6 .The Purple Disease -- 7 .A Novel Method of Weed Control -- 8 .Light and Beer -- 9. Phycomyces, the Fungus That Sees -- 10. Dictyostelium, the Amoeba and the Slug -- 11. High Hopes for Hypericin -- 12 .Turning on a Butterfly -- 13 .Blue Moons and Red Tides -- 14. Photosynthesis and the Great Salt Lake -- 15. Too Much of a Good Thing -- Appendix: A Menagerie of Molecules -- Notes -- Glossary -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	Which fungus is as sensitive to light as the human eye? What are the myths and facts about the ozone hole, tanning, skin cancer, and

sunscreens? What is the effect of light on butterfly copulation? This entertaining collection of essays explores how various organisms—including archaebacteria, slime molds, fungi, plants, insects, and humans—sense and respond to sunlight. The essays in Peter A. Ensminger's book cover vision, photosynthesis, and phototropism, as well as such unusual topics as the reason why light causes beer to develop a "skunky" odor. He introduces us to the kinds of eyes that have evolved in different animals, including those in a species of shrimp that is ostensibly eyeless; gives us a better appreciation of color vision; explains how plowing fields at night may be used to control weeds; and tells about variegate porphyria, a metabolic disease that makes people very sensitive to sunlight and may have afflicted King George III of England. These engaging essays present a complicated yet fascinating subject in an accessible way. The book will be treasured by anyone interested in the wonders of biology.
