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This volume is a collection of essays by members of the "Theophaneia School." This group, whose research objective is the recovery of the theophanic language of ancient Christian traditions, came into existence in the late nineties by the efforts of the Eastern Orthodox doctoral students and professors at the theology department of Marquette University in Milwaukee, USA.

The volume opens with two introductory essays setting forth the theological roots of the "Theophaneia School" and its founders. The rest of the volume is divided into two major parts. The first part contains the essays investigating the theophanic language of several Christian texts and authors including the Book of Revelation, the *Shepherd of Hermas*, Clement of Alexandria, Jacob of Serug, Ps.-Dionysius, the Ps.-Macarian Homilies, and Symeon the New Theologian. The second part of the volume deals with Jewish biblical and pseudepigraphical texts and traditions that constitute the conceptual background of later Christian theophanic developments: the Book of Ezekiel and the Book of Daniel, *1 Enoch*, *2 Enoch*, the *Ladder of*

Jacob, 3 Baruch and the Testament of Moses.