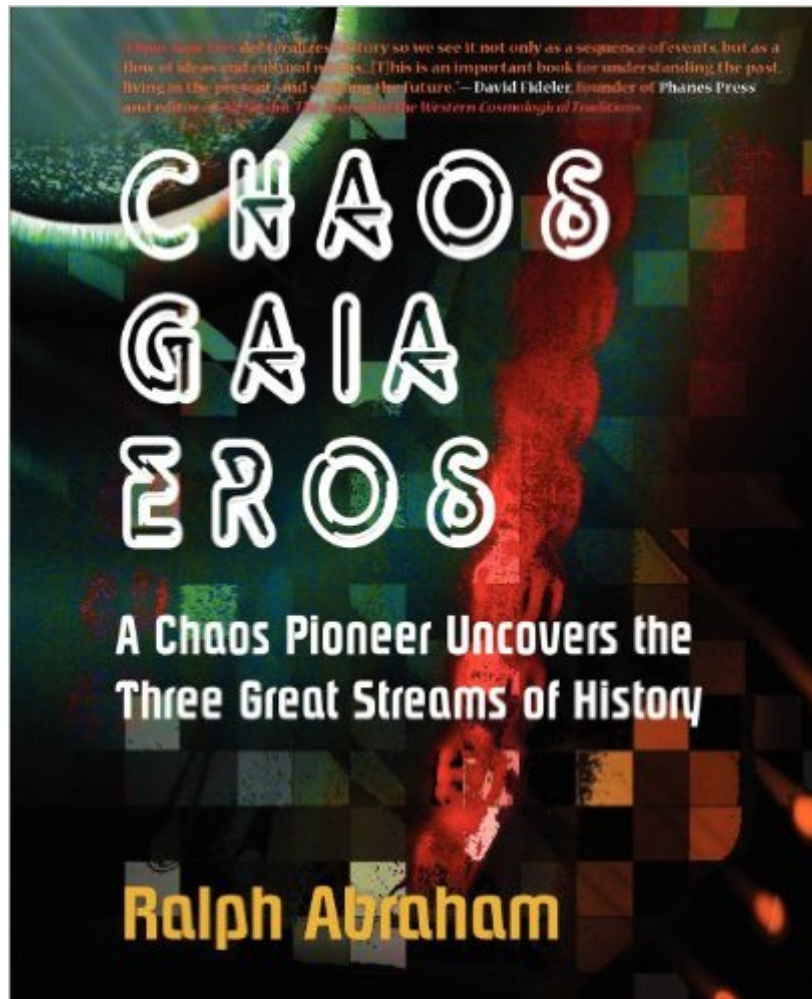


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# Chaos, Gaia, Eros: A Chaos Pioneer Uncovers The Three Great Streams Of History



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