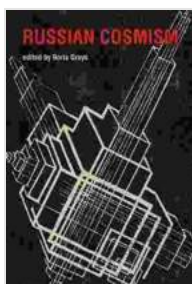


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Kawamura begins her book by examining the work of Nikolai Fedorov, a 19th-century Russian philosopher who argued that humanity's ultimate goal should be to achieve immortality and resurrect the dead. Fedorov's ideas had a profound influence on the development of Russian cosmism, and his followers believed that space exploration was essential for achieving humanity's cosmic destiny.

Kawamura then discusses the work of Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, a Russian engineer and space theorist who is considered the father of Soviet space exploration. Tsiolkovsky was a strong advocate for the use of rockets to

travel to space, and he developed many of the theoretical concepts that were later used in the Soviet space program.

Kawamura also examines the work of Vladimir Vernadsky, a Russian scientist who is considered the father of geochemistry. Vernadsky believed that the Earth's biosphere was a self-organizing system that was constantly evolving. He argued that humanity's role in the biosphere was to help it evolve towards a more perfect state.

Kawamura concludes her book by discussing the work of Alexander Bogdanov, a Russian philosopher and revolutionary who was one of the founders of the Soviet Union. Bogdanov believed that humanity was on the cusp of a new era of social and technological progress. He argued that the Soviet Union should use its space program to help bring about this new era.

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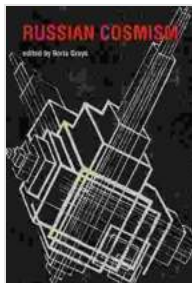
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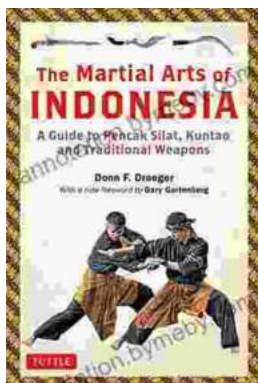
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