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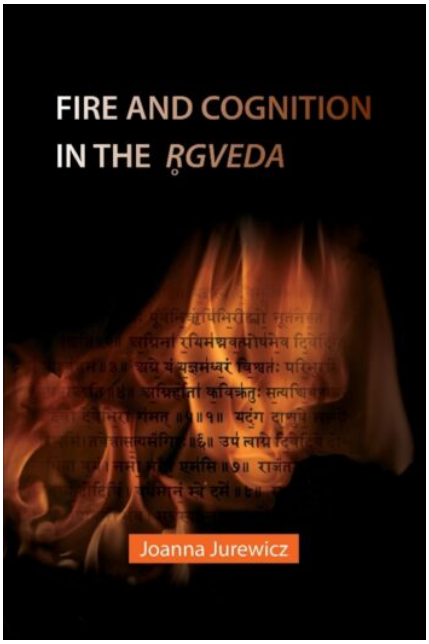

About the Book

This book reconstruct the efforts of ancient Indian thinkers to understand the world and themselves as expressed in the ?gveda (c. 13th century BC). It analyses how they created a consistent philosophical system and began to formulate abstract ideas. The first issue has led to the reconstruction of the metaphysical theory of which the central concept was Agni, the fire. The second has shown that the ?gveda can be regarded as one of the sources of philosophical thinking seen as a universal human endeavour.

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