Wittgenstein questioned whether his words would be understood in 'the darkness of our times'. In this collection, deriving from the Royal Institute of Philosophy's lecture series marking Wittgenstein's centenary, fourteen contributors examine the relevance of Wittgenstein's words and work to contemporary thought. In what way do they lead to a deeper understanding of mathematics, language, religion, psychology, psycho-analysis, and the social sciences in general? What contribution can they make to current political thinking? Is Wittgenstein aptly described as a 'philosopher's philosopher' rather than a philosopher of ordinary people? Wideranging in its scope and approach, the volume provides fresh insights and also opens fresh areas of enquiry in Wittgensteinian studies.

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