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When viewed at TeV energies the universe appears fundamentally different then when observed in the visible range. Thermal sources are non-existent and one sees only the most extreme objects: black holes from a few solar masses to billions of solar masses, neutron stars, and supernova remnants. These objects (and others) are capable of accelerating electrons and hadrons to energies well beyond a TeV. In addition to understanding these cosmic sources, one can use these sources to probe fundamental physics at scales not accessible to earth-bound accelerators. In this talk I will present an overview of ground-based gamma-ray astronomy, discuss the different techniques used to detect energetic gamma rays, and present recent results in fundamental physics and astrophysics.

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