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THE ASSASSINS - BERNARD LEWIS 2008-08-05

FROM A MASTER HISTORIAN, THE DEFINITIVE ACCOUNT OF HISTORY'S FIRST TERRORISTS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE ISMAILI SHI'ITE SECT OF ISLAM, THE ASSASSINS WERE THE FIRST GROUP TO MAKE SYSTEMATIC USE OF MURDER AS A POLITICAL WEAPON. ESTABLISHED IN IRAN AND SYRIA IN THE ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH CENTURIES, THEY AIMED TO OVERTHROW THE EXISTING SUNNI ORDER IN ISLAM AND REPLACE IT WITH THEIR OWN. THEY TERRORIZED THEIR FOES WITH A SERIES OF DRAMATIC MURDERS OF ISLAMIC LEADERS, AS WELL AS OF SOME OF THE CRUSADERS, WHO BROUGHT THEIR NAME AND FAME BACK TO EUROPE. PROFESSOR LEWIS TRACES THE HISTORY OF THIS RADICAL GROUP, STUDYING ITS TEACHINGS AND ITS INFLUENCE ON MUSLIM THOUGHT. PARTICULARLY INSIGHTFUL IN LIGHT OF THE RISE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE U.S. AND IN ISRAEL, THIS ACCOUNT OF THE ASSASSINS--WHOSE NAME IS NOW SYNONYMOUS WITH POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MURDERERS--PLACES RECENT EVENTS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AND SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON THE FANATIC MIND.

THE PORTUGUESE COLUMBUS - MAXCARENHAS BARRETO 1992-04-13

TRANSHUMANISM - DAVID LIVINGSTONE 2015-09-02
TRANSHUMANISM IS A RECENT MOVEMENT THAT EXTOLS MAN'S RIGHT TO SHAPE HIS OWN EVOLUTION, BY MAXIMIZING THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES, TO ENHANCE HUMAN PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL POTENTIAL. WHILE THE NAME IS NEW, THE IDEA HAS LONG BEEN A POPULAR THEME OF SCIENCE FICTION, FEATURED IN SUCH FILMS AS 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY, BLADE RUNNER, THE TERMINATOR SERIES, AND MORE RECENTLY, THE MATRIX, LIMITLESS, HER AND TRANSCENDENCE. HOWEVER, AS ITS ADHERENTS HINT AT IN THEIR OWN PUBLICATIONS, TRANSHUMANISM IS AN OCCULT PROJECT, ROOTED IN ROSICRUCIANISM AND FREEMASONRY, AND DERIVED FROM THE KABBALAH, WHICH ASSERTS THAT HUMANITY IS EVOLVING INTELLECTUALLY, TOWARDS A POINT IN TIME WHEN MAN WILL BECOME GOD. MODELED ON THE MEDIEVAL LEGEND OF THE GOLEM AND FRANKENSTEIN, THEY BELIEVE MAN WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE LIFE ITSELF, IN THE FORM OF LIVING MACHINES, OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. SPEARHEADED BY THE CYBERNETICS GROUP, THE PROJECT

RESULTED IN BOTH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN COMPUTER AND MK-ULTRA, THE CIA'S "MIND-CONTROL" PROGRAM. MK-ULTRA PROMOTED THE "MIND-EXPANDING" POTENTIAL OF PSYCHEDELIC DRUGS, TO SHAPE THE COUNTERCULTURE OF THE 1960S, BASED ON THE NOTION THAT THE SHAMANS OF ANCIENT TIMES USED PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES, EQUATED WITH THE "APPLE" OF THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE. AND, AS REVEALED IN THE MOVIE LUCY, THROUGH THE USE OF "SMART DRUGS," AND WHAT TRANSHUMANISTS CALL "MIND UPLOADING," MAN WILL BE ABLE TO MERGE WITH THE INTERNET, WHICH IS ENVISIONED AS THE END-POINT OF KABBALISTIC EVOLUTION, THE FORMATION OF A COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS, OR GLOBAL BRAIN. THAT AWAITED MOMENT IS WHAT RAY KURZWEIL, A DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AT GOOGLE, REFERS TO AS THE SINGULARLY. BY ACCUMULATING THE TOTAL OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO EVERY ASPECT OF HUMAN ACTIVITY, THE INTERNET WILL SUPPOSEDLY ACHIEVE OMNISCIENCE, BECOMING THE "GOD" OF OCCULTISM, OR THE MASONIC ALL-SEEING EYE OF THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR BILL.

THE WESTERN ESOTERIC TRADITIONS - NICHOLAS GOODRICK-CLARKE 2008-10-14

WESTERN ESOTERICISM HAS NOW EMERGED AS AN ACADEMIC STUDY IN ITS OWN RIGHT, COMBINING SPIRITUALITY WITH AN EMPIRICAL OBSERVATION OF THE NATURAL WORLD WHILE ALSO RELATING THE HUMANITY TO THE UNIVERSE THROUGH A HARMONIOUS CELESTIAL ORDER. THIS INTRODUCTION TO THE WESTERN ESOTERIC TRADITIONS OFFERS A CONCISE OVERVIEW OF THEIR HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT. NICHOLAS GOODRICK-CLARKE EXPLORES THESE TRADITIONS, FROM THEIR ROOTS IN HERMETICISM, NEO-PLATONISM, AND GNOSTICISM IN THE EARLY CHRISTIAN ERA UP TO THEIR REVERBERATIONS IN TODAY'S SCIENTIFIC PARADIGMS. WHILE THE STUDY OF WESTERN ESOTERICISM IS USUALLY CONFINED TO THE HISTORY OF IDEAS, GOODRICK-CLARKE EXAMINES THE PHENOMENON MUCH MORE BROADLY. HE DEMONSTRATES THAT, FAR FROM BEING A STRICTLY INTELLECTUAL MOVEMENT, THE SPREAD OF ESOTERICISM OWES A GREAT DEAL TO GEOPOLITICS AND GLOBALIZATION. IN HELLENISTIC CULTURE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE EMPIRE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT, WHICH STRETCHED ACROSS EGYPT AND WESTERN ASIA TO

PROVINCES IN INDIA, FACILITATED A MIXING OF EASTERN AND WESTERN CULTURES. AS THE GREEKS ABSORBED IDEAS FROM EGYPT, BABYLON, ASSYRIA, AND PERSIA, THEY GAVE RISE TO THE FIRST ESOTERIC MOVEMENTS. FROM THE LATE SIXTEENTH TO THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURIES, POST-REFORMATION SPIRITUALITY FOUND EXPRESSION IN THEOSOLOGY, ROSICRUCIANISM AND FREEMASONRY. SIMILARLY, IN THE MODERN ERA, DISSATISFACTION WITH THE HEGEMONY OF SCIENCE IN WESTERN CULTURE AND A LACK OF FAITH IN TRADITIONAL CHRISTIANITY LED THINKERS LIKE MADAME BLAVATSKY TO LOOK EAST FOR SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION. GOODRICK-CLARKE FURTHER EXAMINES MODERN ESOTERIC THOUGHT IN THE LIGHT OF NEW SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL PARADIGMS ALONG WITH THE ANALYTICAL PSYCHOLOGY OF CARL GUSTAV JUNG. THIS BOOK TRACES THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF THESE MOVEMENTS AND IS THE DEFINITIVE ACCOUNT OF WESTERN ESOTERICISM.

SECRET SOCIETIES: GARDINER'S FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE - PHILIP GARDINER 2008-08-22

SECRET SOCIETIES - PHILIP GARDINER 2007-06-15

WITH HIS RECENT BEST-SELLING BOOKS AND HUNDREDS OF ARTICLES, AS WELL AS RADIO AND TV APPEARANCES, PHILIP GARDINER HAS STARTED A CRUSADE FOR UNCOVERING THE TRUTH, AND NOTHING COULD BE MORE INDICATIVE OF THAT SEARCH THAN HIS LATEST FORAY INTO THE DARK AND OFTEN SINISTER WORLD OF SECRET SOCIETIES. YET AGAIN, GARDINER FINDS HIMSELF ON A JOURNEY ACROSS THE WORLD TO UNCOVER THE ANCIENT SECRETS OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL MEN. IN ONE DRAMATIC EPISODE HE FINDS HIMSELF DRIVEN OUT OF BERLIN IN A BLACK MERCEDES BY A SECRET ORGANIZATION THAT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND EVENTUALLY ARRIVES IN A MODERN NAZI WATERING HOLE. GARDINER, HOWEVER, SURVIVES THIS INCREDIBLE JOURNEY AND BRINGS US THE SECRETS OF THE ORDER HELD SACRED FOR SO LONG. GARDINER DELVES INTO A WORLD THAT IS OFTEN HIDDEN FROM OUR EYES AND FINDS HIMSELF IN SITUATIONS THAT SEEM TO MIRROR THE FICTIONAL WORLD OF THE DA VINCI CODE. THROUGHOUT SECRET SOCIETIES, GARDINER: —UNCOVERS AN ANCIENT SECRET SOCIETY THOUGHT TO HAVE DIED OUT MANY YEARS AGO. —GETS TO THE CORE OF THE SECRET SOCIETIES' BELIEF SYSTEMS. —EXPLORES THE SECRET ORIGINS OF FREEMASONRY AND THE LINKS TO SECRET SERPENT CULTS. —INVESTIGATES THE SECRET HIDDEN MEANING OF KING ARTHUR AND ROBIN HOOD. —EXAMINES THE CLAIMANTS TO THE NAME OF ILLUMINATI, AND ANALYZES THE HISTORY OF THE GROUP IN EUROPE AND AMERICA. —REVEALS THE SECRET LINKS WITHIN THE VATICAN AND THE NAZI PARTY. —LOOKS IN-DEPTH AT THE WHITE-POWDERED GOLD THEORY SUPPOSEDLY KEPT SECRET BY ORDERS THROUGHOUT TIME AND RADICALLY REAPPRAISES IT. —SHOWS THE LINK BETWEEN THE SO-CALLED ENLIGHTENMENT EXPERIENCE AND THE CONTROL OF OUR MINDS. NOBODY IN THE GENRE INVOLVES THEMSELVES IN THE TALE IN THE SAME WAY THAT GARDINER DOES, AND HERE HE SHOWS THAT THE SEARCH FOR ULTIMATE TRUTH CAN OFTEN BE A TERRIFYING ONE.

THE NINE UNKNOWN - TALBOT MUNDY 2021-07-28
THE "NINE UNKNOWN MEN" ARE A FICTIONAL SECRET SOCIETY

FOUNDED BY THE MAURYAN EMPEROR ASOKA AROUND 270 BC TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO HUMANITY IF IT FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS. THE NINE MEN ARE EMBODIMENT OF GOOD AND FACE UP AGAINST NINE KALI WORSHIPPERS, WHO SOW CONFUSION AND MASQUERADE AS THE TRUE SAGES. THE STORY SURROUNDS A PRIEST CALLED FATHER CYPRIAN WHO IS IN POSSESSION OF THE BOOKS BUT WHO WANTS TO DESTROY THEM OUT OF CHRISTIAN PIETY, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER CHARACTERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THEIR CONTENTS. THE NINE BOOKS ENTRUSTED TO THE NINE UNKNOWN CONTAIN INFORMATION ON (1) PROPAGANDA AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, (2) PHYSIOLOGY, INCLUDING SECRETS CONCERNING THE "TOUCH OF DEATH", (3) MICROBIOLOGY, (4) ALCHEMY, (5) COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING COMMUNICATION WITH EXTRATERRESTRIALS, (6) GRAVITY, AND ANTI-GRAVITY DEVICES (VIMANAS, MYTHOLOGICAL FLYING MACHINES OF ANCIENT INDIA), (7) COSMOLOGY, INCLUDING HYPERSPACE AND TIME-TRAVEL, (8) LIGHT, AND A TECHNOLOGY CAPABLE OF MODIFYING THE SPEED OF LIGHT AND (9) SOCIOLOGY, INCLUDING RULES PREDICTING THE RISE AND FALL OF EMPIRES.

FREEMASON'S BOOK OF THE ROYAL ARCH - BERNARD E. JONES

THE NEW KNIGHTHOOD - MALCOLM BARBER 2012-03-26

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE WAS FOUNDED IN 1119 WITH THE LIMITED AIM OF PROTECTING PILGRIMS AROUND JERUSALEM. IT DEVELOPED INTO ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL CORPORATIONS IN THE MEDIEVAL WORLD WHICH LASTED FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES UNTIL ITS SUPPRESSION IN 1312. DESPITE THE LOSS OF ITS CENTRAL ARCHIVE IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, THE ORDER LEFT MANY RECORDS OF ITS EXISTENCE AS THE SPEARHEAD OF CRUSADING ACTIVITY IN PALESTINE AND SYRIA, AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF A GREAT NETWORK OF PRECEPTORIES AND LANDS IN THE LATIN WEST, AND AS A BANKER AND SHIP-OWNER. BECAUSE OF THE DRAMATIC NATURE OF ITS ABOLITION, IT HAS RETAINED ITS GRIP ON THE IMAGINATION AND CONSEQUENTLY THERE HAS DEVELOPED AN ENTIRELY FICTIONAL 'AFTER-HISTORY' IN WHICH ITS SECRET PRESENCE HAS BEEN EVOKED TO EXPLAIN MYSTERIES WHICH RANGE FROM MASONIC CONSPIRACY TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE TURIN SHROUD. THIS BOOK OFFERS A CONCISE AND UP-TO-DATE INTRODUCTION TO THE REALITY AND THE MYTH OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY INSTITUTION.

THE TEMPLARS - RICHARD GINE PERNOD 2009-01-01

FOR CENTURIES, HISTORIANS AND NOVELISTS HAVE PORTRAYED THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AS AVARICIOUS AND POWER-HUNGRY VILLAINS. INDIGNANT AT THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN FACT AND FANTASY, PERNOD DRAWS A DIFFERENT PORTRAIT OF THESE CHRISTIAN WARRIORS.

BORN IN BLOOD - JOHN J. ROBINSON 2009

ITS MYSTERIOUS SYMBOLS AND RITUALS HAD BEEN USED IN SECRET FOR CENTURIES BEFORE FREEMASONRY REVEALED ITSELF IN 1717. BUT WHERE HAD THIS POWERFUL ORGANIZATION COME FROM AND WHY HAD FREEMASONRY BEEN ATTACKED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH? ROBINSON ANSWERS THOSE QUESTIONS AND MORE.

THE TEMPLARS - GEORDIE TORR 2020-04-03

SHROUDED IN MYTH AND CONSPIRACY, THE HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IS LITTLE UNDERSTOOD. GEORDIE TORR

PULLS FACT FROM FICTION, REVEALING THE ASTONISHING TALE OF THIS MILITARY-RELIGIOUS ORDER THAT DOMINATED THE POLITICS OF THE MEDIEVAL MIDDLE EAST. INITIALLY CREATED TO PROTECT CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS TO THE HOLY LAND IN THE WAKE OF THE FIRST CRUSADE, THE TEMPLARS SOON BECAME AN INSTITUTION OF INCREDIBLE POWER, POSSESSING WEALTH AND INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT THE COURTS OF EUROPE. YET JUST TWO CENTURIES LATER THEY DRAMATICALLY FELL AS ITS MEMBERS WERE ACCUSED OF HERESY AND BURNED AT THE STAKE. SET AGAINST THE DRAMATIC BACKDROP OF THE WARS BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS, THIS ILLUSTRATED BOOK BRINGS TO LIFE THE LEGACY OF THIS SECRETIVE ORDER AND THE CHARACTERS WHO DEFINED THE ERA.

THE SECRET TEACHINGS OF ALL AGES - MANLY P. HALL
2021-01-01

NUMEROUS VOLUMES HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AS COMMENTARIES UPON THE SECRET SYSTEMS OF PHILOSOPHY EXISTING IN THE ANCIENT WORLD, BUT THE AGELESS TRUTHS OF LIFE, LIKE MANY OF THE EARTH'S GREATEST THINKERS, HAVE USUALLY BEEN CLOTHED IN SHABBY GARMENTS. THE PRESENT WORK IS AN ATTEMPT TO SUPPLY A TOME WORTHY OF THOSE SEERS AND SAGES WHOSE THOUGHTS ARE THE SUBSTANCE OF ITS PAGES. TO BRING ABOUT THIS COALESCENCE OF BEAUTY AND TRUTH HAS PROVED MOST COSTLY, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THE RESULT WILL PRODUCE AN EFFECT UPON THE MIND OF THE READER WHICH WILL MORE THAN JUSTIFY THE EXPENDITURE.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - HELEN NICHOLSON 2021-06-30
BELLIGERENT WARMONGERS OR SAINTLY MONKS? THIS BOOK SURVEYS THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, EXPLORING THE CONTROVERSIES THAT STILL SURROUND THIS FAMOUS MEDIEVAL INSTITUTION.

GOD'S BATTALIONS - RODNEY STARK 2009-09-29
IN GOD'S BATTALIONS, AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR RODNEY STARK TAKES ON THE LONG-HELD VIEW THAT THE CRUSADES WERE THE FIRST ROUND OF EUROPEAN COLONIALISM, CONDUCTED FOR LAND, LOOT, AND CONVERTS BY BARBARIAN CHRISTIANS WHO VICTIMIZED THE CULTIVATED MUSLIMS. TO THE CONTRARY, STARK ARGUES THAT THE CRUSADES WERE THE FIRST MILITARY RESPONSE TO UNWARRANTED MUSLIM TERRORIST AGGRESSION. STARK REVIEWS THE HISTORY OF THE SEVEN MAJOR CRUSADES FROM 1095 TO 1291, DEMONSTRATING THAT THE CRUSADES WERE PRECIPITATED BY ISLAMIC PROVOCATIONS, CENTURIES OF BLOODY ATTEMPTS TO COLONIZE THE WEST, AND SUDDEN ATTACKS ON CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS AND HOLY PLACES. ALTHOUGH THE CRUSADES WERE INITIATED BY A PLEA FROM THE POPE, STARK ARGUES THAT THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY ELABORATE DESIGN OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD TO CONVERT ALL MUSLIMS TO CHRISTIANITY BY FORCE OF ARMS. GIVEN CURRENT TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TERRORIST ATTACKS AROUND THE WORLD, STARK'S VIEWS ARE A THOUGHT-PROVOKING CONTRIBUTION TO OUR UNDERSTANDING AND ARE SURE TO SPARK DEBATE.

HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGION AND SCIENCE - JOHN WILLIAM DRAPER 2022-10-19

REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL.

LOVE, WAR, AND THE GRAIL - HELEN NICHOLSON 2001
INCLUDES GENEALOGICAL CHARTS OF KINGS AND NOBLEMEN

ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEARCH FOR THE GRAIL.

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WORLD RELIGIONS - ROBERT S. ELLWOOD 2008

CONTAINS NEARLY 600 BRIEF ENTRIES ON THE WORLD'S RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS.

THE HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, THE TEMPLE CHURCH, AND THE TEMPLE - CHARLES GREENSTREET ADDISON
1852

FINGER-RING LORE - WILLIAM F. S. A. JONES
2016-08-26

THIS WORK HAS BEEN SELECTED BY SCHOLARS AS BEING CULTURALLY IMPORTANT, AND IS PART OF THE KNOWLEDGE BASE OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT. THIS WORK WAS REPRODUCED FROM THE ORIGINAL ARTIFACT, AND REMAINS AS TRUE TO THE ORIGINAL WORK AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, YOU WILL SEE THE ORIGINAL COPYRIGHT REFERENCES, LIBRARY STAMPS (AS MOST OF THESE WORKS HAVE BEEN HOUSED IN OUR MOST IMPORTANT LIBRARIES AROUND THE WORLD), AND OTHER NOTATIONS IN THE WORK. THIS WORK IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND POSSIBLY OTHER NATIONS. WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, YOU MAY FREELY COPY AND DISTRIBUTE THIS WORK, AS NO ENTITY (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE) HAS A COPYRIGHT ON THE BODY OF THE WORK. AS A REPRODUCTION OF A HISTORICAL ARTIFACT, THIS WORK MAY CONTAIN MISSING OR BLURRED PAGES, POOR PICTURES, ERRANT MARKS, ETC. SCHOLARS BELIEVE, AND WE CONCUR, THAT THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE PRESERVED, REPRODUCED, AND MADE GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION PROCESS, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING AN IMPORTANT PART OF KEEPING THIS KNOWLEDGE ALIVE AND RELEVANT.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - SUSIE HODGE 2006

AN ILLUSTRATED CHRONICLE WITH MORE THAN 200 FINE ART IMAGES.

THE TEMPLAR PAPERS - ODDVAR OLSEN 2006-01-01

THE TEMPLAR PAPERS, AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN ODDVAR OLSEN HAS ASSEMBLED A VERITABLE WHO'S WHO OF EXPERTS TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY.

THE TEMPLAR CODE FOR DUMMIES - CHRISTOPHER HODAPP
2011-02-14

A CAPTIVATING LOOK INTO THE SOCIETY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE AUTHOR OF FREEMASONS FOR DUMMIES, THE TEMPLAR CODE IS MORE THAN AN INTRIGUING CIPHER OR A MYSTERIOUS SYMBOL - IT IS THE CODE BY WHICH THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR LIVED AND DIED, THE CODE THAT BOUND THEM TOGETHER IN SECRECY, AND THE CODE THAT INSPIRED THEM TO NEARLY SUPERHUMAN FEATS OF COURAGE AND ENDURANCE. THE TEMPLAR CODE FOR DUMMIES REVEALS THE MEANING BEHIND THE CRYPTIC CODES AND SECRET RITUALS OF THE MEDIEVAL BROTHERHOOD OF WARRIOR MONKS KNOWN AS THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. THIS INTRIGUING GUIDE WILL COVER SUCH TOPICS AS WHO THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WERE, HOW THEY ROSE SO HIGH AND FELL SO FAR, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WHY THERE IS SO MUCH INTEREST IN THEM TODAY. THE TEMPLAR CODE FOR DUMMIES WILL EXPLORE MYTHS AND THEORIES OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY THAT APPEAR IN THE DA VINCI CODE SUCH AS THE QUEST FOR THE HOLY

GRAIL, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S RELATIONSHIP WITH WOMEN THAT ARE HOTLY DEBATED NOW WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE TEMPLAR CONNECTION. IT ALSO EXPLORES THE SURPRISING PART THE TEMPLARS HAVE PLAYED IN SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HISTORIC EVENTS OF THESE PAST SEVEN CENTURIES, INCLUDING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, THE BIRTH OF GROUPS SUCH AS THE FREEMASONS, AND EVEN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.

THE GRAIL - ROGER SHERMAN LOOMIS 2018-06-05

THE MEDIEVAL LEGEND OF THE GRAIL, A TALE ABOUT THE SEARCH FOR SUPREME MYSTICAL EXPERIENCE, HAS NEVER CEASED TO INTRIGUE WRITERS AND SCHOLARS BY ITS WILDLY VARIEGATED FORMS: THE SETTINGS HAVE RANGED FROM BRITAIN TO THE PUNJAB TO THE TEMPLE OF ZEUS AT DODONA; THE GRAIL ITSELF HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE CHALICE USED BY CHRIST AT THE LAST SUPPER, A STONE WITH MIRACULOUS YOUTH-PRESERVING VIRTUES, A VESSEL CONTAINING A MAN'S HEAD SWIMMING IN BLOOD; THE GRAIL HAS BEEN KEPT IN A CASTLE BY A BEAUTIFUL DAMSEL, SEEN FLOATING THROUGH THE AIR IN ARTHUR'S PALACE, AND USED AS A TALISMAN IN THE EAST TO DISTINGUISH THE CHASTE FROM THE UNCHASTE. IN HIS CLASSIC EXPLORATION OF THE OBSCURITIES AND CONTRADICTIONS IN THE MAJOR VERSIONS OF THIS LEGEND, ROGER SHERMAN LOOMIS SHOWS HOW THE GRAIL, ONCE A CELTIC VESSEL OF PLENTY, EVOLVED INTO THE CHRISTIAN GRAIL WITH MIRACULOUS POWERS. LOOMIS BASES HIS ARGUMENT ON HISTORICAL EXAMPLES INVOLVING THE MAJOR MOTIFS AND CHARACTERS IN THE LEGENDS, BEGINNING WITH THE ARTHURIAN LEGEND RECOUNTED IN THE 1180 FRENCH POEM BY CHRTIEN DE TROYES. THE PRINCIPAL TEXTS FALL INTO TWO CLASSES: THOSE THAT RELATE THE ADVENTURES OF THE KNIGHTS IN KING ARTHUR'S TIME AND THOSE THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE GRAIL'S REMOVAL FROM THE HOLY LAND TO BRITAIN. WRITTEN WITH VERVE AND WIT, LOOMIS'S BOOK BUILDS SUSPENSE AS HE PROCEEDS FROM ONE PUZZLE TO THE NEXT IN REVEALING THE MEANING BEHIND THE GRAIL AND ITS LEGENDS.

INTRODUCING ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION - JACK DAVID ELLER 2007-08-07

THIS LIVELY AND READABLE SURVEY INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO KEY AREAS OF THE FIELD AND SHOWS HOW TO APPLY AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL APPROACH TO THE STUDY OF CONTEMPORARY WORLD RELIGIONS. WRITTEN BY AN EXPERIENCED TEACHER, IT COVERS ALL OF THE TRADITIONAL TOPICS OF ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION, INCLUDING DEFINITIONS AND THEORIES, BELIEFS, SYMBOLS AND LANGUAGE, AND RITUAL AND MYTH, AND COMBINES ANALYTIC AND CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION WITH UP-TO-DATE ETHNOGRAPHY AND THEORY. ELLER INCLUDES COPIOUS EXAMPLES FROM RELIGIONS AROUND THE WORLD - BOTH FAMILIAR AND UNFAMILIAR - AND TWO MINI-CASE STUDIES IN EACH CHAPTER. HE ALSO EXPLORES CLASSIC AND CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO IMPORTANT BUT OFTEN OVERLOOKED ISSUES SUCH AS VIOLENCE AND FUNDAMENTALISM, MORALITY, SECULARIZATION, RELIGION IN AMERICA, AND NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS. INTRODUCING ANTHROPOLOGY OF RELIGION DEMONSTRATES THAT ANTHROPOLOGY IS BOTH RELEVANT AND ESSENTIAL FOR UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD WE INHABIT TODAY.

DEBT - DAVID GRAEBER 2012

ECONOMIC HISTORY STATES THAT MONEY REPLACED A BARTERING SYSTEM, YET THERE ISN'T ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS AXIOM. ANTHROPOLOGIST GRAEBER PRESENTS A STUNNING REVERSAL OF THIS CONVENTIONAL WISDOM. FOR MORE THAN 5000 YEARS, HUMANS HAVE USED ELABORATE CREDIT SYSTEMS TO BUY AND SELL GOODS. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE AGRARIAN EMPIRES, HUMANS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS. THROUGH TIME, VIRTUAL CREDIT MONEY WAS REPLACED BY GOLD AND THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE WENT INTO DECLINE. THIS FASCINATING HISTORY IS TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

SEVEN MYTHS OF THE CRUSADES - ALFRED J. ANDREA 2015-08-21

"SEVEN MYTHS OF THE CRUSADES' REBUTTAL OF THE PERSISTENT AND MULTIFARIOUS MISCONCEPTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPICS INCLUDING THE FIRST CRUSADE, ANTI-JUDAISM AND THE CRUSADES, THE CRUSADER STATES, THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE, THE TEMPLARS AND PAST AND PRESENT ISLAMIC-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS PROVES, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THAT REAL HISTORY IS FAR MORE FASCINATING THAN CONSPIRACY THEORIES, PSEUDO-HISTORY AND MYTH-MONGERING. THIS BOOK IS A POWERFUL WITNESS TO THE DANGERS OF THE MISAPPROPRIATION AND MISINTERPRETATION OF THE PAST AND THE FALSE PARALLELS SO OFTEN DRAWN BETWEEN THE CRUSADES AND LATER HISTORICAL EVENTS RANGING FROM NINETEENTH-CENTURY COLONIALISM TO THE PROTEST MOVEMENTS OF THE 1960S TO THE EVENTS OF 9/11. THIS VOLUME'S AUTHORS HAVE VENERABLE TRACK RECORDS IN TEACHING AND RESEARCHING THE CRUSADING MOVEMENT, AND ANYONE CURIOUS ABOUT THE CRUSADES WOULD DO WELL TO START HERE." —JESSALYNN BIRD, DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY, CO-EDITOR OF CRUSADE AND CHRISTENDOM

THE ROSSLYN HOAX? - ROBERT L.D. COOPER 2007

MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN OVER THE YEARS ABOUT ROSSLYN CHAPEL AND ITS CONNECTION WITH SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY, AS WELL THE ST. CLAIR FAMILY, THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND A VARIETY OF 'LOST TREASURES'. THE AUTHOR LOOKS IN DEPTH AT THE VALIDITY OF THE PUBLISHED MATERIAL AND THE LEGENDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROSSLYN CHAPEL EXPOSING MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SCOTTISH FREEMASONS' VIEW OF THEIR HISTORY AND HERITAGE AND THAT DESCRIBED BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT FREEMASONS.

MEDITATIONS ON THE TAROT - 2005-08-25

NOW IN A FULLY CORRECTED EDITION, ONE OF THE TRUE SPIRITUAL CLASSICS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH AN INDEX AND CARDINAL HANS URS VON BALTHASAR'S AFTERWORD, THIS NEW ENGLISH PUBLICATION OF MEDITATIONS ON THE TAROT IS THE LANDMARK EDITION OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WORKS OF ESOTERIC CHRISTIANITY. WRITTEN ANONYMOUSLY AND PUBLISHED POSTHUMOUSLY, AS WAS THE AUTHOR'S WISH, THE INTENTION OF THIS WORK IS FOR THE READER TO FIND A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AUTHOR IN THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS OF EXISTENCE. THE AUTHOR WANTED NOT TO BE THOUGHT OF AS A PERSONALITY WHO LIVED FROM 1900 TO 1973, BUT AS A FRIEND WHO IS COMMUNICATING WITH US FROM BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF ORDINARY LIFE. USING THE 22 MAJOR ARCANA OF THE TAROT DECK AS A MEANS TO

EXPLORE SOME OF HUMANITY'S MOST PENETRATING SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS, MEDITATIONS ON THE TAROT HAS ATTRACTED AN UNPRECEDENTED RANGE OF PRAISE FROM ACROSS THE SPIRITUAL SPECTRUM.

SWORN IN SECRET - SANFORD HOLST 2012-04

"THIS REMARKABLE EXPLORATION OF INTRIGUING PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN FREEMASONRY SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON HOW THIS BROTHERHOOD'S PRACTICES, SYMBOLS AND RITUALS TOOK SHAPE. AN EXTRAORDINARY WEALTH OF DOCUMENTS IS FOUND IN THIS PURSUIT, INCLUDING PARCHMENT MANUSCRIPTS DATING TO THE 1300s. THE ROOTS OF FREEMASONRY ARE TRACED TO THE BUILDING OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE, THE RISE OF CHRISTIANITY, AND THE CRUSADES IN EUROPE. MASONRY'S CONTROVERSIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND VATICAN ALSO TAKES ON NEW AND SIGNIFICANT MEANING. THE EMERGENCE OF THIS SECRETIVE SOCIETY IN BRITAIN HAD A STRONG INFLUENCE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND OTHER MASONS WHO HELPED CREATE A NEW COUNTRY IN AMERICA. ALL THOSE STRUGGLES ARE SEEN THROUGH THE EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED THROUGH THESE EVENTS--OFTEN TOLD IN THEIR OWN WORDS AND DRAWN FROM REMARKABLE COLLECTIONS OF RECORDS DATING FROM THOSE TIMES. THEY REVEAL FREEMASONRY TO BE WELL-GROUNDED IN RECOGNIZABLE EVENTS, AND SHOW HOW ITS MEMBERS INFLUENCED THE WORLD AROUND THEM. THOSE INFLUENCES ARE STILL FELT IN OUR LIVES TODAY. FORTY-FIVE ILLUSTRATIONS HELP BRING TO LIFE THIS MEMORABLE JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY."-- PUBLISHER DESCRIPTION.

CUSTODIANS OF TRUTH - TIM WALLACE-MURPHY 2005-05-15

A CURIOUS THING HAPPENED TO TIM WALLACE-MURPHY AND MARILYN HOPKINS WHEN THEY PUBLISHED *REX DEUS*, THEIR FIRST BOOK ON THE BLOODLINE OF CHRIST: THEY WERE CONTACTED BY A MAN FROM THE VERY LINEAGE THEY WERE STUDYING. AND INSTEAD OF DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF THE BLOODLINE OR BERATING THEM FOR REVEALING SECRETS, HE ACTUALLY CONFIRMED THAT THE *REX DEUS* LINEAGE EXISTS AND EVEN DISCLOSED SOME OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL SECRETS. THE STORY OF THE *REX DEUS* FAMILIES, DIRECT DESCENDENTS OF CHRIST--WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED THE CRUCIFIXION?--TURNS OUT TO BE MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE THAN THE AUTHORS FIRST THOUGHT. INSTEAD OF BEGINNING DURING THE TIME OF JESUS, IT STRETCHES FAR BACK INTO ANTIQUITY, TO THE EGYPTIAN MYSTERY SCHOOLS. INSTEAD OF BEING ONLY A PROPAGATION OF THE HOLY BLOODLINE, THE *REX DEUS* FAMILIES ARE ALSO CARRIERS OF THE SECRET TEACHINGS OF JESUS. *CUSTODIANS OF TRUTH* REVEALS THE PURPOSE AND SECRETS OF THE *REX DEUS* LINEAGE. JESUS WAS NOT ONLY A HOLY MAN, BUT AN ADEPT OF ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE, WHICH INFORMED HIS OWN TEACHINGS. THIS SECRET KNOWLEDGE WAS SUPPRESSED BY THE CHURCH IN THEIR VORACIOUS QUEST FOR POWER AND INFLUENCE IN THE SECULAR WORLD. THESE TEACHINGS HAVE MANIFESTED THROUGHOUT HISTORY IN DIFFERENT FORMS--GNOSTIC PHILOSOPHY AROUND THE TIME OF JESUS, THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, FREEMASONS, AND THE CURRENT RESURGENCE OF INTEREST IN NEW AGE THOUGHT. FINALLY, THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR THE HIDDEN MESSAGE OF JESUS TO BE

REVEALED--A MESSAGE OF TOLERANCE, BROTHERHOOD, AND RESPECT FOR NATURE. THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THE LEGEND OF THE HOLY GRAIL AND THE BLOODLINE OF CHRIST--FROM THE BEST-SELLING AUTHORS OF ROSSLYN.

PARZIVAL: A KNIGHTLY EPIC (COMPLETE) - WOLFRAM VON ESCHENBACH 1961-12-01

IN PRESENTING, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO ENGLISH READERS THE GREATEST WORK OF GERMANY'S GREATEST MEDIUM VAL POET, A FEW WORDS OF INTRODUCTION, ALIKE FOR POEM AND WRITER, MAY NOT BE OUT OF PLACE. THE LAPSE OF NEARLY SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS, AND THE CHANGES WHICH THE CENTURIES HAVE WORKED, ALIKE IN LANGUAGE AND IN THOUGHT, WOULD HAVE NATURALLY OPERATED TO RENDER ANY WORK UNFAMILIAR, STILL MORE SO WHEN THAT WORK WAS COMPOSED IN A FOREIGN TONGUE; BUT, INDEED, IT IS ONLY WITHIN THE PRESENT CENTURY THAT THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE PARZIVAL HAS BEEN COLLATED FROM THE MSS. AND MADE ACCESSIBLE, EVEN IN ITS OWN LAND, TO THE GENERAL READER. BUT THE INTEREST WHICH IS NOW FELT BY MANY IN THE ARTHURIAN ROMANCES, QUICKENED INTO LIFE DOUBTLESS BY THE GENIUS OF THE LATE POET LAUREATE, AND THE FACT THAT THE GREATEST COMPOSER OF OUR TIME, RICHARD WAGNER, HAS SELECTED THIS POEM AS THE GROUNDWORK OF THAT WONDERFUL DRAMA, WHICH A GROWING CONSENSUS OF OPINION HAS HAILED AS THE GRANDEST ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS CENTURY, SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE TIME HAS COME WHEN THE WORK OF WOLFRAM VON ESCHENBACH MAY HOPE TO RECEIVE, FROM A WIDER PUBLIC THAN THAT OF HIS OWN DAY, THE RECOGNITION WHICH IT SO WELL DESERVES. OF THE POET HIMSELF WE KNOW BUT LITTLE, SAVE FROM THE PERSONAL ALLUSIONS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT HIS WORKS; THE DATES OF HIS BIRTH AND DEATH ARE ALIKE UNRECORDED, BUT THE FREQUENT NOTICES OF CONTEMPORARY EVENTS TO BE FOUND IN HIS POEMS ENABLE US TO FIX WITH TOLERABLE CERTAINTY THE PERIOD OF HIS LITERARY ACTIVITY, AND TO JUDGE APPROXIMATELY THE OUTLINE OF HIS LIFE. WOLFRAM'S GREATEST WORK, THE PARZIVAL, WAS APPARENTLY WRITTEN WITHIN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY; HE MAKES CONSTANT ALLUSIONS TO EVENTS HAPPENING, AND TO WORKS PRODUCED, WITHIN THE FIRST DECADE OF THAT PERIOD; AND AS HIS LATEST WORK, THE WILLEHALM, LEFT UNFINISHED, MENTIONS AS RECENT THE DEATH OF THE LANDGRAVE HERMAN OF THURINGIA, WHICH OCCURRED IN 1216, THE PROBABILITY SEEMS TO BE THAT THE PARZIVAL WAS WRITTEN WITHIN THE FIRST FIFTEEN YEARS OF THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY. INASMUCH, TOO, AS THIS WORK BEARS NO TRACES OF IMMATURITY IN THOUGHT OR STYLE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE DATE OF THE POET'S BIRTH CANNOT BE PLACED MUCH LATER THAN 1170.

THE CURSE OF OAK ISLAND - RANDALL SULLIVAN 2018-12-11

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF A CANADIAN ISLAND RUMORED TO HOLD BURIED TREASURE AND OF CENTURIES OF FAILED ATTEMPTS TO CLAIM THE RICHES. UPDATED WITH NEW MATERIAL FROM THE AUTHOR IN 1795, A TEENAGER DISCOVERED A MYSTERIOUS CIRCULAR DEPRESSION IN THE GROUND ON OAK ISLAND, IN NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA, AND IGNITED RUMORS OF BURIED TREASURE. EARLY EXCAVATORS UNCOVERED A CLAY-LINED SHAFT CONTAINING LAYERS OF

SOIL INTERSPERSED WITH WOODEN PLATFORMS, BUT WHEN THEY REACHED A DEPTH OF NINETY FEET, WATER POURED INTO THE SHAFT AND MADE FURTHER DIGGING IMPOSSIBLE. SINCE THEN, THE MYSTERY OF OAK ISLAND'S "MONEY PIT" HAS ENTHRALLED GENERATIONS OF TREASURE HUNTERS, INCLUDING A BOSTON INSURANCE SALESMAN WHOSE OBSESSION RUINED HIM; A YOUNG FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT; AND FILM STAR ERROL FLYNN. PERPLEXING DISCOVERIES HAVE IGNITED EXPLORERS' IMAGINATIONS: A FLAT STONE INSCRIBED IN CODE; A FLOOD TUNNEL DRAINING FROM A MAN-MADE BEACH; A TORN SCRAP OF PARCHMENT; STONE MARKERS FORMING A HUGE CROSS. SWATHS OF THE ISLAND WERE BULLDOZED LOOKING FOR ANSWERS; EXCAVATION ATTEMPTS HAVE CLAIMED TWO LIVES. THEORIES ABOUT AS TO WHAT'S HIDDEN ON OAK ISLAND—PIRATES' TREASURE, MARIE ANTOINETTE'S LOST JEWELS, THE HOLY GRAIL, PROOF THAT SIR FRANCIS BACON WAS THE TRUE AUTHOR OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS—YET TO THIS DAY, THE MONEY PIT REMAINS AN ENIGMA. THE CURSE OF OAK ISLAND IS A FASCINATING ACCOUNT OF THE STRANGE, RICH HISTORY OF THE ISLAND AND THE INTREPID TREASURE HUNTERS WHO HAVE DRIVEN THEMSELVES TO FINANCIAL RUIN, PSYCHOTIC BREAKDOWNS, AND EVEN DEATH IN PURSUIT OF ANSWERS. AND AS MICHIGAN BROTHERS MARTY AND RICK LAGINA BECOME THE LATEST TO ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY, AS DOCUMENTED ON THE HISTORY CHANNEL'S TELEVISION SHOW *THE CURSE OF OAK ISLAND*, SULLIVAN TAKES READERS ALONG TO FOLLOW THEIR QUEST FIRSTHAND. PRAISE FOR *THE CURSE OF OAK ISLAND* "SULLIVAN WRITES WITH OPEN-MINDED BALANCE, RENDERING THE OAK ISLAND STORY INTO A WEIRDLY FASCINATING MYSTERY."

—BOOKLIST "A DEFINITIVE READ FOR FANS OF THE HISTORY CHANNEL TELEVISION SHOW. SULLIVAN DELVES DEEPER INTO THE HISTORY, PERSONALITIES, AND THEORIES PRESENTED ONLY BRIEFLY ON THE SHOW. . . . THE BOOK IS INCREDIBLY WELL RESEARCHED AND THE PRESENTATION . . . IS VERY READABLE. IF YOU'VE WATCHED *THE CURSE OF OAK ISLAND* AND WERE FRUSTRATED THAT SNIPPETS AND POSSIBILITIES WERE LEFT TANTALIZINGLY UNEXPLORED, THIS IS THE BOOK FOR YOU."

—HEATHER COVER, HOMEWOOD LIBRARY (BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA) "SULLIVAN ISN'T WRITING ABOUT OAK ISLAND THE TV SHOW; HIS SUBJECT IS OAK ISLAND THE PLACE, LARGELY AS SEEN AND IMAGINED BY THE SHOW'S VIEWERS. SO, IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN MORE ENTRANCED BY THE SHOW'S LONG TRIPS INTO HISTORY AND THEORETICAL ISLAND ENCOUNTERS ACROSS HISTORY, SULLIVAN'S BOOK PROBABLY NEEDS TO BE ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST."

—STARCASM

HANDBOOK OF FREEMASONRY - 2014-06-12

THE BRILL HANDBOOK OF FREEMASONRY IS A PIONEERING WORK THAT BRINGS TOGETHER, FOR THE FIRST TIME, LEADING SCHOLARS ON FREEMASONRY—THE LARGEST, OLDEST, AND MOST INFLUENTIAL SECRET SOCIETY IN THE WORLD.

TEMPLARS AND ROSICRUCIANS. THE INNER AND SECRET PART OF THE TEMPLE ORDER. THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE OLD ROSE+CROIX - DOMIZIO CIPRIANI 2019

THE HOLY BLOOD AND THE HOLY GRAIL - HENRY LINCOLN 2013-04-30

A NINETEENTH CENTURY FRENCH PRIEST DISCOVERS SOMETHING IN HIS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE AT THE FOOT OF THE PYRENEES WHICH ENABLES HIM TO AMASS AND SPEND A FORTUNE OF MILLIONS OF POUNDS. THE TALE SEEMS TO BEGIN WITH BURIED TREASURE AND THEN TURNS INTO AN UNPRECEDENTED HISTORICAL DETECTIVE STORY - A MODERN GRAIL QUEST LEADING BACK THROUGH CRYPTICALLY CODED PARCHMENTS, SECRET SOCIETIES, THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, THE CATHAR HERETICS OF THE TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH CENTURIES AND A DYNASTY OF OBSCURE FRENCH KINGS DEPOSED MORE THAN 1,300 YEARS AGO. THE AUTHOR'S CONCLUSIONS ARE PERSUASIVE: AT THE CORE IS NOT MATERIAL RICHES BUT A SECRET - A SECRET OF EXPLOSIVE AND CONTROVERSIAL PROPORTIONS, WHICH RADIATES OUT FROM THE LITTLE PYRENEES VILLAGE ALL THE WAY TO CONTEMPORARY POLITICS AND THE ENTIRE EDIFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. IT INVOLVES NOTHING LESS THAN... THE HOLY GRAIL.

MUSLIMS OF MEDIEVAL LATIN CHRISTENDOM, c. 1050-1614 - BRIAN A. CATLOS 2014-03-20

THROUGH CRUSADES AND EXPULSIONS, MUSLIM COMMUNITIES SURVIVED FOR OVER 500 YEARS, THRIVING IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE. THIS COMPREHENSIVE STUDY EXPLORES HOW THE PRESENCE OF ISLAMIC MINORITIES TRANSFORMED EUROPE IN EVERYTHING FROM ARCHITECTURE TO COOKING, LITERATURE TO SCIENCE, AND SERVED AS A STIMULUS FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIETY TO DEFINE ITSELF. COMBINING A SERIES OF REGIONAL STUDIES, CATLOS COMPARES THE VARIED EXPERIENCES OF MUSLIMS ACROSS IBERIA, SOUTHERN ITALY, THE CRUSADER KINGDOMS AND HUNGARY TO EXAMINE THOSE IDEOLOGIES THAT INFORMED THEIR EXPERIENCES, THEIR PLACE IN SOCIETY AND THEIR SENSE OF THEMSELVES AS MUSLIMS. THIS IS A PIONEERING NEW NARRATIVE OF THE HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN EUROPE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ISLAMIC MINORITIES; ONE WHICH IS NOT, AS WE MIGHT FIRST ASSUME, DRIVEN BY IDEOLOGY, ISOLATION AND DECLINE, BUT ~~INSTEAD ONE ON WHICH THE SUCCESS OF COMMUNITIES~~ PERSISTED BECAUSE THEY REMAINED ACTIVELY INTEGRATED WITHIN THE LARGER CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH SOCIETIES IN WHICH THEY LIVED.

- GRAHAM

~~THE FREEMASONRY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SECRET SOCIETIES: THE EXPLORATION OF THE ROLE ASSUMED BY ATARAS IN THE ORTHODOX AND ORTHODOX DEMOCRACY~~ THROUGHOUT EASTERN EUROPE AND BEYOND.

- JOHN MICHAEL

GREER 2010-06-10

DISCOVER EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SECRET SOCIETIES LIKE THE FREEMASONS, THE HISTORICAL MYSTERY OF ATLANTIS, WHY KING ARTHUR, LEONARDO DA VINCI AND HITLER ARE KEY FIGURES, PLUS CONSPIRACY THEORIES, FORGOTTEN SCIENCES AND ANCIENT WISDOM.

A BOOK OF SCOUNDRELS - CHARLES WHIBLEY 1897