

## Rex Mundi Bibliography

Baigent, Michael, Leigh, Richard, and Lincoln, Henry. Holy Blood, Holy Grail. Dell Publishing: New York, 1983.

Balstan, Hayim. Webster's New World Hebrew/English English/Hebrew Dictionary. Wiley Publishing, Inc.: Cleveland, Ohio. 1992.

*If you don't know Hebrew, this is a good dictionary to get. Very accessible to the lay person.*

Bernstein, Henrietta. Cabalah Primer: Introduction to Hebrew/English Cabalah.

DeVorss Publications: Marina Del Ray, California. 1984.

*New-agey, graphics are awful. Skip it.*

Blake, Peter, and Blezard, Paul S. The Arcadian Cipher. Pan Books: London, 2001.

*This book starts out strong but rapidly decays into one of the most incoherent Grail conspiracy theories to have suffered exegesis. There's not much to see here. Move along.*

Caroll, Robert and Prickett, Stephen, eds. The Bible: Authorized King James Version.

Oxford University Press: New York, 1998.

*The notes in this edition are really good.*

Douzet, André. Saunière's Model and the Secret of Rennes-le-Château. Translated from the original French by Gay Roberts and Philip Coppens. Frontier Publishing: Enkhuizen, The Netherlands, 2001

De Sède, Gérard. The Accursed Treasure of Rennes-le-Château. Translated from the original French by Bill Kersey. DEK Publishing: Surrey, United Kingdom, 2001.

Fanthorpe, Lionel and Patricia. Secrets of Rennes-le-Château. Samuel Weiser, Inc.: York Beach, Maine, 2002.

Gardner, Laurence. Bloodline of the Holy Grail: The Hidden Lineage of Jesus Revealed. Element Books: Dorset, United Kingdom, 1996.

*Truly nutty. I wonder if this author is even sane: he makes bizarre claims to titles like "Prior of the Celtic Church's Sacred Kindred of St. Columba." The Celtic Church hasn't existed since the mid-700s. Still a fun read.*

Kaplan, Aryeh. Sefer Yetzirah: The Book of Creation in Theory and Practice. Samuel Weiser, Inc.: York Beach, Maine, 1997.

*The longest version of the Sefer Yetzirah is only 2500 words total. Kaplan is a rabbi, and this book is very thorough and scholarly. He also discusses the profound implications of certain passages in the bible and the Sefer Yetzirah.*

Knight, Christopher and Lomas, Robert. The Hiram Key : Pharaohs, Freemasons and the Discovery of the Secret Scrolls of Jesus. Element Books: Dorset, England. 2001.

*This is another nutty conspiracy book from Element Books which combines questionable scholarship with bad writing. The authors (who are Masons) claim to reveal the secret origin of Freemasonry, but (surprise) all of their assumptions and conclusions are highly suspect. Still, the authors do raise some interesting questions about the influence of ancient Egyptian occultism on Judaism.*

Krase, Andreas. Eugene Atget. Benedickt Taschen Verlag GmbH: Cologne, 2000.

*A beautifully produced, oversized edition of Atget photographs. The quality of the reproductions is superb. In every Atget biography there's a line "he never once took a picture of the Eiffel Tower." Atget was a photographer, but he was only interested in documenting the old, dirty, decaying medieval Paris that was quickly being replaced with a "newer, better" city.*

Laidler, Keith. The Head of God. Orion Books Ltd., London. 1998.

*Another wacky Holy Blood Holy Grail-inspired conspiracy theory book. Buried in the fanciful conjecture are some interesting ideas. Worth reading.*

Lamb, Harold. The Crusades: Iron Men and Saints. Doubleday: Garden City, New York, 1930.

*This book is very much the product of its time. A glorified, sensationalized account of the Crusades.*

Layton, Bentley. The Gnostic Scriptures: Ancient Wisdom for the New Age. Anchor Bible Reference Library, Doubleday: New York, 1987.

*The complete Gnostic writings—at least the ones that survived—with notes by a very well-respected scholar. Don't let the new-agey title or cover fool you. Very erudite, recommended.*

Lincoln, Henry. Key to the Sacred Pattern: The Untold Story of Rennes les Château. St. Martin's Press: New York, 1998.

*Henry Lincoln is one of the authors of Holy Blood, Holy Grail. This book is an account his quest for the mystery of Rennes le Château. Lincoln had a real-life Indiana Jones adventure, and he recounts it vividly in this book. Every bit as much fun as Holy Blood, Holy Grail. The second part of this book is devoted to proving Lincoln's interesting-but-complicated geometric theory about Rennes les Château and its environs. It's compelling, but it falls apart upon close examination. And it's presented in very dry language that's nearly impossible to read.*

Lincoln, Henry. The Holy Place: Discovering the Eighth Wonder of the World. Arcade Publishing: New York, 1991.

*Another book by Lincoln. Lincoln took his investigation much further than the other co-authors of HBHG, and The Holy Place is the result. At the end of the book you'll be convinced something very strange indeed happened—or is happening—in southwestern France. As with "Key to the Sacred Pattern," the second part of this book is devoted to proving Lincoln's geometric theory about Rennes-le-Château and its environs. The theory is compelling, but very dry and this part of the book is difficult to read.*

Mann, William F. The Knights Templar in the New World. Destiny Books: Rochester, Vermont, 2004.

Markus, Georg. Crime at Mayerling: The Life and Death of Mary Vetsera. Translated by Carl de Bussy. Ariadne Press: Riverside, California, 1993.

*The suicide of Crown Prince Rudolph at Mayerling is the Austrian version of the Kennedy assassination. This book is a fascinating history of the subject, albeit sensationalist at times, and an examination of how Mayerling still touches the Austrian volksgeist today.*

Pagels, Elaine. The Gnostic Gospels. Vintage Books: New York, 1989.

*Not a complete translation. A very intelligent, scholarly and interesting overview of Gnosticism. A good place to start.*

Palmer, Alan, Twilight of the Hapsburgs: The Life and Times of Emperor Francis Joseph. Atlantic Monthly Press: New York, 1994.

*While more scholarly than Crime at Mayerling, this biography of Emperor Franz Josef is hopelessly pedantic and monotonous. Skip it.*

Partner, Peter. The Knights Templar and Their Myth. Destiny Books: Rochester, Vermont, 1990.

*The best history of the Templars I have read. Partner, unlike Reid (below), Partner understands one can't write a history of the Templars without seriously considering the occult hysteria the order inspired following their destruction. Highly recommended.*

Picknett, Lynn and Prince, Clive. The Templar Revelation: Secret Guardians of the True Identity of Christ. Touchstone: New York, 1998.

Picknett, Lynn and Prince, Clive. The Sion Revelation: The Truth About the Guardians of Christ's Sacred Bloodline. Touchstone: New York, 2006.

Putnam, Bill and Wood, John Edwin. The Treasures of Rennes-le-Chateau: A Mystery Solved. Sutton Publishing: Stroud, United Kingdom, 2003.

*This is a fantastic book. It debunks all of the nonsense the legions of semi-retarded "Grail researchers" have spewed over the years. Putnam and Wood write with a wonderfully dry and derisive tone. Reading this book is as much fun as reading a review of a bad movie by a good writer.*

Reid, Piers-Paul. The Templars. St. Martin's Press: New York, 1999.

*An insipid and laborious history. This is more a history of the Crusades than a history of the Templars. Reads like a long list of dates and places. Skip it.*

Robinson, James M., ed. The Nag Hammadi Library. Harper Collins: San Francisco, 1997.

*Haven't really looked through this book, but the notes seem very thorough and interesting. Basically the same thing as Bently Layton's book (above).*

Runciman, Steven. A History of the Crusades Volume I: The First Crusade and the Foundation of the Kingdom of Jerusalem. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1951.

*This is the best history of the First Crusade I have read to-date. It's considered one of the best histories ever written. Read it and you'll see why.*

Sora, Steven. The Lost Treasure of the Knights Templar: Solving the Oak Island Mystery. Destiny Books: Rochester, Vermont, 1999.

*This book is in the vein of a delightful sub-genre of Grail conspiracy literature: the Templars and the New World. The Templars fled Philip IV's persecution in a fleet of treasure galleons to Nova Scotia, where they buried their treasure... somewhere. Or so the theory goes. Oak Island has aroused the interest of a lot of would-be swashbucklers as a possible location of the treasure, including Steven Sora. And – what a surprise – neither he nor anyone else has found that Templar gold. But they're still looking. Sora's book is execrable. Badly written, highly conjectural. But as always there are a few grains of interest to be mined.*

Twyman, Tracy. The Merovingian Mythos and the Mystery of Rennes-le-Chateau. Dragon Key Press: Portland, United States, 2004.

Vermes, Geza. The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English. Penguin Books: New York, 1997.

Pedantic but very thorough.

Von Eschenbach, Wolfram. Parzival. Translated by Helen M. Mustard and Charles E. Passage. Vintage Books: Random House, New York, 1961

*It irks me when translators use contemporary slang and colloquialisms to translate old material. Mustard and Passage are guilty on multiple counts. Still, the beauty and psychological resonance of the story cannot be diminished.*

Wiegand, Wilfred. Eugène Atget: Paris. Te Neues Publishing: Munich. 1988.

*A small-sized collection of Atget photographs. High quality.*