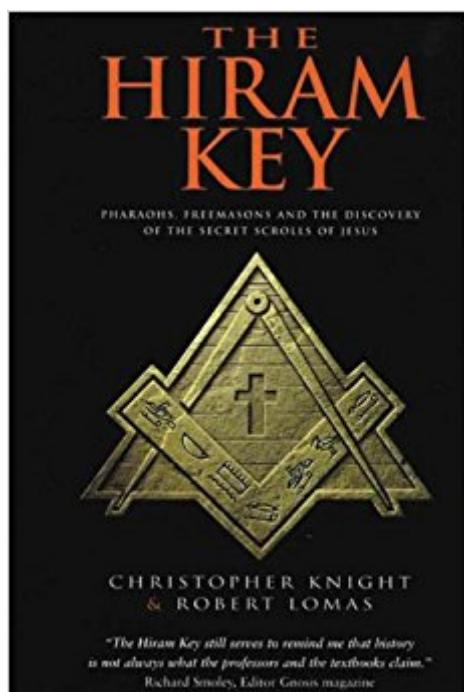


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The Hiram Key: Pharaohs, Freemasons And The Discovery Of The Secret Scrolls Of Jesus



Synopsis

The Hiram Key is a book that will shake the Christian world to its very roots. When Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas, both Masons, set out to find the origins of Freemasonry they had no idea that they would find themselves unraveling the true story of Jesus and the original Jerusalem Church. As a radically new picture of Jesus started to emerge, the authors came to the startling conclusion that the key rituals of modern Freemasonry were practiced by the early followers of Jesus as a means of initiation into their community.

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Introduction: Henry Ford once declared that "all history is bunk"; It may have sounded a little abrupt but when it comes to the "facts" of the past which most Westerners are taught in school, it turns out that Mr. Ford was right. Our starting point was a private piece of research to find the origins of Freemasonry "the world's largest society that today has almost five million male members in regular Lodges and has in the past included many great men amongst its number, from Mozart to Henry Ford. As Freemasons, our goal was to try to understand a little about the meaning of Masonic ritual: those strange, secret ceremonies carried out by mainly middle-class, middle-aged men from Huddersfield to Houston. At the center of Masonic lore is a

character called Hiram Abif who, according to a story told to every Freemason, was murdered almost three thousand years ago at the building of King Solomon's Temple. This man is a total enigma. His role as the builder of King Solomon's Temple and the circumstances of his horrible death are clearly described in Masonic history, yet he is not mentioned in the Old Testament. For four of the six years we spent working on this research, we believed that Hiram Abif was a symbolic creation. But then he materialized out of the mists of time to prove himself very real indeed. Once Hiram Abif emerged from the distant past, he provided nothing less than a new key to Western history. The intellectual contortions and labored conclusions that have previously formed Western society's collective view of the past gave way to simple and logical order. Our researches led us first to reconstructing the ancient Egyptian kingmaking ritual of four thousand years ago; that in turn led us to uncover an assassination that took place around 1570 BC, which gave rise to a resurrection ceremony that is the direct antecedent of modern Freemasonry. As we tracked the development of this secret ritual from Thebes to Jerusalem, we uncovered its role in the building of the Hebrew nation and in the evolution of Jewish theology. In startling contrast to what is currently held to be fact, the Western world actually developed according to a very ancient philosophy encoded into a secret system that has come to the surface at three key moments over the last three thousand years. The final proof of our findings may well turn out to be the archaeological find of the century. We have located the secret scrolls of Jesus and his followers.

This book is the one that completely opened up my eyes and helped to change my perspective. If you are looking into the Freemasons, the ancient mystery schools, or just looking for one way things fit together, this book will not disappoint. I don't know that I believe 100% of his hypotheses, but when read in context with other study it is quite illuminating. You will not be disappointed in this one.

Fantastic book, the top of my collection !!!!

I picked up this book after reading "Holy Blood Holy Grail", which turned out to be a fraud but was the inspiration for the "Da Vinci Code" which I also couldn't put down. The Hiram Key gives an in-depth history of the Freemasons and Knights Templar from the insiders viewpoint of rogue Freemasons. It is a well written narrative which is also thought provoking. One of the best books I've read.

Very Good Book! Losses some points as the author stretches a little in the beginning to make

connections but gets much better toward the middle and then more so at the end. This book really pushes you to ask some deep questions on faith and challenges what's passed off to us as history (a.k.a. "His Story"). A must for any new 3rd degree mason but not really suggested for those thinking of joining masonry as it alludes to ritual work, which could ruin the experience for newbs. Also, save some yourself some money and buy used. You will likely rip through it and move on to other good books on the subjects within it. This one is just a stepping stone to further light.

Interesting; gift; recipient enjoyed reading the book

I found this book quite astounding. My father was a Mason and I never knew what on earth he was doing, but I knew they did good work but it was all very secret. This book was a real eye-opener to me and I found it very interesting, especially the research that was done on biblical events. I also read Uriel's Machine, by the same authors, which I found very absorbing and most educational.

Great book, a lot of info

Good book to add to your Masonic collection, just don't take this as gospel.

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