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Editorial Review

From the Author

In order to do justice to 'When the Gods Came Down', one must disclose the revelations which propel the book towards its astonishing climax. But to disclose these revelations would be to spoil the surprise for the uninitiated. We have therefore presented this synopsis of the book in deliberately obscure and cryptic terms!

Eridu Books, April 2000

PREFACE

CHAPTER 1: WHAT'S THE SECRET?

We begin with a cuneiform tablet from the lost city of Assur; its secret writing and cryptic comments lead us to consider the purpose of the ancient 'mystery schools' and the meaning of the ancient Mysteries.

Why was a divine child born in the underworld?

Why did a bright light penetrate the darkness of the underworld?

What mystery was hidden since the creation of the world?

Did Christianity begin as a mystery school; do we really understand the parables in the gospels?

Why was mankind created by the gods; who were these gods?

CHAPTER 2: LOVE ON THE MOUNTAIN

The biblical legend of the Nephilim. What is its meaning, and what connection does it have with the Greek legend of the birth of the Titans?

An introduction to the Sumerians. Why were they so obsessed with religion?

A review of the Sumerian gods - their battles, love-making and acts of creation. Were the gods really ancient astronauts or mundane weather-gods, or has the general public been totally misled?

Did the gods come down from Heaven to Earth as meteorites?

Did the creation of mankind take place in the womb of Mother Earth?

CHAPTER 3: THE DIVINE CHILD

De Iside et Osiride. Did Plutarch reveal all that he knew about the Egyptian Mysteries? Did he transmit 'dumbed down' versions of the original legends?

A fresh look at the Egyptian texts. What kind of catastrophe brought to an end the Golden Age of 'the First Time'? Why did Osiris come down from the Sky? Why were Egyptian priests and kings united in their quest to turn back time?

The importance of meteorites in ancient Egypt, and the use of meteoric iron in the cult of the afterlife.

Might there be a secret labyrinth beneath the Temple of the Benben at Heliopolis - a labyrinth which still contains a sacred meteorite?

Egyptology. Did Wallis Budge deliberately conceal the secrets of the pharaohs by feigning ignorance?

The mysterious birth of Horus. The celestial secret revealed.

Nut, Osiris and Re. Were they all aspects of an exploded celestial body?

CHAPTER 4: PARADISE REGAINED

A trip back in time to the wondrous temples of ancient Egypt and Sumer.

An explanation of the Bond between Heaven and Earth.

The sanctity of the meteorite - recapturing the ancient way of thinking.

From meteorite to exploded planet cult - the logical steps.

The mystery of 'the Sky-in-the-middle'. What is the connection to freemasonry and the 'sons of light'?

As above, so below - new insights on the meaning of this Hermetic saying.
'The Epic of Creation' decoded. Why was Apsu put to sleep? Who was Marduk?
A unified explanation of Sun, Moon, star and meteorite cults.
Applying our newly found knowledge to the temples of Egypt and Sumer.

CHAPTER 5: A SECRET OF THE GODS

'The Epic of Gilgamesh' decoded.
Why did Gilgamesh and his friend Enkidu have giant-like statures?
Why did Enkidu ravage a prostitute?
How did Gilgamesh reach the abode of the immortals? Where was 'the Cedar Forest'? Where was 'the Land of the Cut-down Cedar Trees'? What were the 'Stone Things' which Gilgamesh used to cross the Sea?
The meeting between Gilgamesh and Utnapishtim - a secret of the gods disclosed.
The tale of 'Gilgamesh and Agga' decoded.
Why was it not possible for Gilgamesh to be granted eternal life?

CHAPTER 6: THE CITY BEYOND THE RIVER

The secret of 'ancient Shuruppak'. Why did an ante-diluvial city exist more than 43,000 years before Gilgamesh's city, Uruk, was built?
Sacred geography of ancient Egypt. Revealing the secrets of Heliopolis, Abydos, Elephantine and the River Nile.
On the trail of Utnapishtim. The mysteries of Dilmun and Aratta decoded.
The Sumerian Kings List. Were pre-diluvial 'cities' dropped out of the Sky?
The secret of the gods. Did Utnapishtim journey to Earth from a heavenly 'city'?

CHAPTER 7: LIFE ON THE ARK

A review of Flood legends from Mesopotamia.
Why did Ea announce the Flood by speaking to a 'wall' and a 'reed-hut'?
The crucial anomaly in the 'Atra-Hasis Epic'. Might the story be an adaptation?
The Flood according to Utnapishtim, and the fiery birth of the Anunnaki.
The sacrifice after the Flood. Why did the gods crowd around 'like flies'?
Utnapishtim's ship. Was it really a ship and did it really land on a mountain?

CHAPTER 8: THE BLACK-HEADED ONES

The creation of man. Why was he created in the image of the gods?
The Anunnaki. Why did they reside in the underworld?
The secret of the black-headed ones. "Let god and man be mixed together in clay. Let us hear the drum-beat forever after."
Etana - why is his story so important?
The Assyrian legend of the 'two little ones'. Might this couple be equivalent to Adam and Eve?

CHAPTER 9: GENESIS REVISITED

A new perspective on the Hebrew Old Testament. Is it a series of half-truths?
What is the Big Secret which is omitted from Genesis 1?
How and why did the Hebrew priests conceal the real beginning of Genesis?
Why did God create 'the Light' twice, both on Day 1 and on Day 4? What is the secret of 'the Light'?
Was Adam really a 'man'? Was Eve really a 'woman'? Where exactly was the Garden of Eden?
What was the nature of the biblical Flood? Was Noah really a man? Was his Ark really a ship?

CHAPTER 10: PARTING THE WATERS

The Exodus story - another example of occultation, half-truths and deception by the Hebrew priests. The mystery of Moses. What secrets lie behind his birth, his encounter with God at the Burning Bush, and his return to Egypt? Parting the waters. How did the Israelites cross the Red Sea? The Mountain of God. Where is the true Mount Sinai?

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