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Editorial Review

From the Author

Since 1977 I have written fifteen books on various topics, most on art history, since that was my Ph.D. major at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London. It surprised everybody but my friends, when after 27 years of research and writing, the first edition of *The Dynasty of the Holy Grail* (2006) came out. *The question why I spent so much time, effort, political capital, and money doing something so far outside my scholarly field behooved many. Unlike so many others who were inspired by Lincoln, Baignent, and Leigh's Holy Blood Holy Grail book, my interest had began a decade before their effort.*

*As a deeply believing Christian and member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), I had access to information that non-believing spiritualists and secularists just didn't have. In the mid-nineteenth century Mormon Prophets taught that Jesus Christ came to perform all the necessary ordinances given by God to man. These included baptism, communion, and marriage. Yes, he was married and had children! Now my bias is known. By 1970 information from LDS and inklings from non-LDS sources began to be published on the hieros gamos of our Lord with Mary Magdalene. For LDS the implications of this sacred marriage were clear and had been published in various typescript formats, until Ogden Kraut wrote his book, *Jesus Was Married*.*

*I began collecting information and documents beyond what Kraut had and to look for implications in the broader intellectual community. I was surprised that before 1940 there was almost nothing in Western literature on the topic and what there was, was tepid. The Mormons in farflung Utah had it seemed cornered the treasures on this incredibly significant truth! Once *Holy Blood Holy Grail* came out the theme exploded with hundreds of sensational books on Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland, Renne-le-Chateau in south-west France, and Glastonbury in Somerset, England. Hundreds of places, relics, and avenues of thought were pursued, each one with more hidden secrets, more devastating discoveries to Christianity, and with more new and exciting 'truths' than previous authors had revealed.*

Yes, those were "heady" times between 1984 and 2009; a quarter of a century of disingenuousness. I too, like the miner with "gold fever" trudged off to visit each new location. Mind you, the trudging wasn't altogether a waste of time nor was it without its rewards. I visited places I would have never seen, each with their particular 'magic.' With friends and family we traveled throughout Europe--- often to remote and forelorn locations. The most exciting place was Seborga, a ultra-tiny principality on a hill-top in the Flower Reviere of Italy. The secrets I discovered there are fully discussed in my book and will have future apocalyptic meanings.

One thing happened to me because I took so long to publish; the enthusiasms that I took from each of the hundreds of books I read began to marinate in my mind and soul. I began to see the circular reasons, downright lies, and mutual impossibilities being forwarded. Lawrence Gardiner was perhaps the most disingenuous. Most authors were anti-Christian, but even believers like Margaret Starbird would quote other recent books as authorities for the truth of their speculations. As they quoted each other and imaginatively added new details, I could see, unlike those who have false memory syndrome, a house of cards with very little contemporary documentation.

The word Hoax comes to play here, for falsehoods abounded all around the Holy Grail theory and marriage of Christ as perpetrated by the unscholarly upon the gullible. Einstein once said, "I am not so intelligent, it

just that I stay with the problem longer." That aphorism fit me to a tee, I spent nearly 30 years sifting through mounds of material from a broad spectrum of writers. Then I reread and revisited (Glastonbury seven times, Rosslyn six, etc.) what I thought I knew. Then came the inevitable "backlash" of other writers who like-wise began to see faults of logic, research and partisanship in the numerous authors concerned with the topic of a married Christ.

I have presented many new ideas for consideration, and helped to expose the fraud surrounding many of the efforts of Grail Enthusiasts. With about forty pages of bibliography and thousands of footnotes, I hope you can feel like you trust the book's scholarship. With regard to it's biases, that there is an existing bloodline of Judah and Ephraim, they are obvious and I hope transparent.

*My first effort, *Dynasty of the Holy Grail* was published in 2006 near the tail-end of the "Grail frenzy." Now, in 2013 my revised and enlarged second edition has come out with corrections and additions to the proposition I made seven years before. Over 450 people contributed to the improvements of the second edition of the book. Remarkably, only two letters or communications were negative and they were both from two atheists! Most wanted to contribute something that I had missed, or that was incorrect in some way. None opposed the general thesis of the book.*

One remarkable thing happened after the publication of the *Dynasty of the Holy Grail*. A DNA laboratory in Dublin were able to isolate on the Y-chromosome of a Dark Age (AD c.350) High King of Tara, Niell of the Nine Hostages. He had a certain haplotype marker that was quite rare and had its origins in Ireland, the lowlands of Scotlands and western England. Researchers at the Sorenson Microbiological Laboratories in Salt Lake City were able to find the exact same marker with the Prophet Joseph Smith Jr. the founder of the Mormon Church. My first book had theorized that Joseph needed, in some distant time, to come out of the Tara Hills region of Ireland, but now, for the first time we have some corroborating scientific proof.

You can imagine how I felt, having pieced together a tenuous historical record and logical inference. Yes, I felt vindicated, knowing however that there is never enough evidence to satisfy everyone. There are literally hundreds of new ideas and documents in the 2013 revised and expanded edition. If the book doesn't say "Revised and Expanded Edition" near the title it is probably the old 2006 edition. Please be careful and acquire the new 2013 book. You will be happy that you did. I apologize that the book is more expensive than the old edition, but that was the publishers call not mine. I think when you examine the new edition you'll agree that it is significantly better. Also there are two most interesting new illustrations in the new edition.

Thank you for your interest in my book.

Vern G. Swanson

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