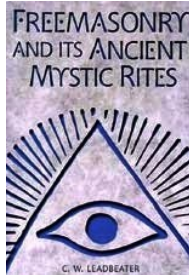


FREEMASONRY and its ANCIENT MYSTIC RITES

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C. W. Leadbeater has written numerous books on esoteric topics - This book, originally written in 1926, is an in-depth study of the rites of the Mystery schools of ancient Egypt, Greece and Judea from the middle ages to the 20th century - and shows how these ancient rites have since emerged in this century as part of Freemasonry.



Based on his vast knowledge of the esoteric and almost every Masonic record available to the historian at the time, Leadbeater relates little known facts about the Mystery schools and their practices and beliefs - the origins of these schools are now for the most part "lost in the mists of antiquity".

Contents include:

The Origins of Masonry: Authentic School; Anthropo-

logical School; Mystical School; Occult School; Sacramental Power; etc.

The Egyptian Mysteries; The Cretan Mysteries; The Jewish Mysteries (including the Essenes and the Christ, and Kabbalism); The Greek Mysteries (including the Eleusinian Mysteries, and the School of Pythagoras); The Mithraic Mysteries (including Zarathustra & Mithraism); Craft Masonry in Medieval Times; Operative Masonry in the Middle Ages; Transition from Operative to Speculative; Other Lines of Masonic Tradition; The Scottish Rite; The Co-Masonic Order.

This is an interesting history from a slightly different perspective, and provides many thought-provoking items.