



The Secret History Of The World

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Book review by Rob Lund

This book is an esoteric and anthroposophic work of major proportions. It is an Opus Magnum.

It deals with the history of the world from a non-materialistic or “mind before matter” point of view. In many questions regarding life and death, Science does not have all the answers. Based on the secret lore and teachings of various esoteric groups, it describes the major happenings, through the ages, from a spiritual aspect.

Starting from the beginning of time (“once upon a time there was no time all”), through the creation of the universe and solar system, early man, and major historical events through the ages, the author describes the spiritual view and the changes in consciousness associated with those events. He shows that each significant historical figure was connected to one or more secret societies, and that these people changed the world and human consciousness prevailing at the time. There is not enough space here to list all these people and events, but a few are biblical figures, Plato, Alexander the Great, Columbus, Shakespeare and Bacon, Dante, Da Vinci, Newton, Robespierre, Napoleon, Swedenborg, Wagner, Washington.

Black deals with major religions and their effects, as well as groups like the Templars, Rosicrucians, Illuminati, and Freemasons. He describes the regression of these effects, due to today’s materialistic society and fact-driven thought.

His final point, though seemingly insignificant, is profound: the power of thought, which is what propelled all significant events, is driven by wonder. Imagination is key to spiritual progress.

While I don’t necessarily subscribe to all the contents, I highly recommend this book to all those seeking a spiritual path.