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From royal and suppressed archives comes documented proof of the heritage of Jesus in the West and the long awaited discovery of the Holy Grail. In fulfilling this time-honored quest, penetrating new light is cast upon the Grail Code of Service and the venerated feminine element, upheld in chivalry but forsaken by the Church in order to forge a male dominated society. This unique work offers revelatory insight concerning the descendant heirs of Jesus and his brother James while, in documenting a hidden legacy of the Messiah, it unveils hitherto guarded facts about characters such as Mary Magdalene and Joseph of Arimathea. Tracing the sacred lineage through centuries of persecution and Inquisition, *Bloodline of the Holy Grail* reveals a systematic suppression of authentic records and a strategic manipulation of the New Testament Gospels.

Featuring all the charm and adventure of Arthurial romance, coupled with enthralling Rosicrucian and Templar disclosures, this extraordinary work has a cutting edge of intrigue that removes the established blanket of enigma to expose one of the greatest conspiracies ever told.

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John Steele says

This book proved useful to me with the amount of unknown facts it contained. Certainly a thought provoking read.

Catriona333 says

I read this about 1999 & it was my introduction to the Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene theory. That Christ, King David, King Arthur were all truly related according to this British Royal genealogist got my attention & my daughter's. I haven't read Holy Blood, Holy Grail the book that introduced most folk to the idea of Jesus & Mary with a child.

Kevin says

This is a decisive and compelling geneological study of the man known as Jesus, his ancestors, and his decsendants. Offers a great perspective of the attitudes and concerns of people in the region back around the year zero.

I could never understand christians who would rather know less about their god than more. Sure, a book like this can denounce the Ressurection and many other central christian precepts, but shouldn't one seek out the truth rather than be afraid of it? Whether or not the statements here are true, the violent reaction against books such as these are excessive, to say the least.

Tami says

I loved this book and I will be using it in my research for many years to come.

RumBelle says

This was an interesting book, that had the slight air of someone uncovering a conspiracy theory. Thankfully, that aspect was not has heavy handed as some of these types of books can be, so it was still enjoyable. It had all the elements you could expect, however some new tidbits of information cropped up as well. A fair amount of discussion on James took place, as well as a fascinating Rosicrucian angle of inquiry. All in all, an enjoyable escapist historical read.

David Dom says

I found this a very interesting book to read and would recommend it to others. It tells so much more then just the Jesus lineage, because you also learn in which surroundings Christianity was born, and how to interpret the Bible's fantastic stories with every-day Jewish tradition and symbolism. You learn how the apostles Paul and Peter abused the teachings of Christ just to draw more power themselves and create the power-hungry Catholic Church of Rome which contradicts all the basic teachings of Jesus but still prevails to this day. Sometimes I do wonder where the author does get his evidence from, from time to time it's obscure, and sometimes its based on theories that are generally not considered valid, but until they are proven to be invalid they should never be dismissed out of hand (as happens too often by historians nowadays). All in all, the book gives you something worth thinking about, and I do recommend it to anyone interested in the subject!

Amanda Mcdonald says

This book was not an easy read. There where a lot of facts and names thrown at you that made it hard to keep everyone straight. I found my self skipping a lot of sections because they where very dry and tedious to read. I felt that the beginning was interesting and then became very dull, only picking up in the section of King Arthur and toward the end. I did start keeping notes as there are several facts that I wished to check out. While I do not wish to dismiss everything this author was trying to say, he did seem to have quite a lot of sources that clearly shows a lot of research, the fact that he promoted the claims of Michael James Alexander Stewart, 7th Duke of Albany as the legitimate Jacobite claiment makes me sceptical about everything else in the book, as "Michael, Duke of Albany" as been discovered to be a complete fraud and is actually Michel Roger Lafosse.

Even though I didn't really like this book all that much I probably will give this author's other books a shot.

Tina says

So much historical history here. Too bad we didn't learn it in our history classes...

Joe Wisniewski says

I liked the first quart of the book. I gained some insights that I wasn't aware of in terms of the early days in the lives of the apostles, the political landscape of the Jewish society/culture.

However, it became clear that the author was going to take an approach as tunnel-visioned as Bible literalists; in this case, NOTHING in the Bible was to be taken literally. I can understand the concept of symbolism and can even appreciate that in some cases, "symbolic" or hidden messages were embedded within the gospels. The author goes quite overboard in this regard in terms of looking for hidden messages everywhere (and without much meaningful documentation.)

I could have tolerated that until it was clear that this was going down the old route of the "Jesus didn't really die" story thus denying the only real issue that defines the "Christ"; that being the Atonement. Without that,

this is entirely academic and barely interesting geneology story.

Steve Werner says

It might be a bit unfair for me to give this only three stars. The depth of research here is incredible, and I found parts of it incredibly fascinating and illuminating. However, I was baffled by the complete lack of information on the life of Jesus post-crucifixion. The author seems to agree with many of the theories presented in Holy Blood Holy Grail. He goes into great detail on the adult life of Jesus, along with the symbology of the Essenes and their rituals, and the culture of the messianic lines.

The book goes into very granular detail regarding the royal bloodlines of Europe. The research is outstanding, but personally I found a lot of this to be a slog. I was hoping for more of a big picture view that would give insight into the nature of Jesus's teachings and heritage, but the second half of the book had more to do with simply tracing lineages of houses and families.

Pat says

From what I can see, this book is as close to accurate one can get concerning ancient history. Beginning near the time of King David of Israel/Judah and continuing to near the present. Very interesting genealogical history of the line of Jesus and brother James. Well worth reading. You will not see the kings and queens of Europe quite the same.

Ann444 says

Very interesting, held my attention, but Sir Laurence would like us to believe that European royalty descended from Jesus and Mary Magdalene. What's the point? Even if they did, what examples of people who didn't live up to their heritage.

Debbi says

Bloodline of the Holy Grail has something in common with a really good mystery: its true purpose is revealed only in the last few pages, even though a very clear clue appears at the beginning. Bloodline features a glowing forward written by one "HRH Prince Michael of Albany Head of the Royal House of Stewart." It describes the book as having "incredible insight," and as "a remarkable achievement in the field of genealogical research." The forward admits that "rare is the historian acquainted with such compelling facts as are gathered in this work." Six pages from the end of the book, Laurence Gardner reveals that "foremost" in the living descendants of the Bloodline of Jesus of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene is the "present 7th count of Albany: Prince Michael James Alexander Stewart, Duc d'Aquitaine, Comte de Blois,

Head of the Sacred Kindred of St. Columba, Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Patron Grand officer of the International Society of Commission Officers for the Commonwealth and President of the European Council of Princes." This book is by way of being an apology for the claims of Michael of Albany as the true heir to the throne of England, at the very least, and perhaps France and much of Europe as well. Maybe even to the House of Israel.

Like any good conspiracy theorist, Gardner claims to have certain knowledge unavailable to the general public, alludes to documents that have been hidden by the authorities, and promises that these truths and documents will be brought out when the time is right. Much like Dana Fuller Ross, who wrote a series of books wherein her fictional family and its descendant lines experienced every major event in American history through the turn of the 20th century and had dealings with every prominent politician and celebrity as a means of weaving an epic historical fiction; Laurence Gardner weaves both historic events and documented genealogies with myth, legend, and outright fiction to produce connections for virtually everything that ever happened in Europe and Britain between 4BC and 1996AD. He has created an imaginative set of offices, titles and rites within the Judaic temple and political cultures to explain away the events portrayed in the New Testament Gospels; given even more credence to the idea of manipulation of creed, doctrine, politics and religion by the Catholic church than even the early Protestants did. While the super-natural and extranatural events described in the New Testament may be difficult for many to accept, they pale in imaginative creativity to Gardner's theories.

I have never had a problem with the idea of Jesus having been married, and if he was, Mary of Magdala is as good a candidate for his spouse as anyone. I have no problem with the idea that he could have fathered a child, or even that Mary and that child could have escaped Roman persecution by fleeing to France. There is, after all, no verifiable documentation either way: that it did or did not happen. It makes for interesting speculation and thought. Being a husband and father would in no way have prevented nor precluded Jesus from being the Son of God and atoning for the sins of mankind, offering them a way to reconcile with and return to the Father. However the point is there is NO verifiable documentation.

Genealogical and historical research are about verifiable documentation. Not about what can be "read into" or "surmised from" writings that are either presented as being in "code" (as Gardner claims the New Testament to be) or purported to be hidden or previously destroyed by a malicious political or religious entity (as Gardner accuses both the Catholic Church and the British government of doing.)

The beginning of the book provided me with a number of "laugh out loud" moments as I read through Gardner's elaborate "explanations" of the Grail Code hidden in the language of the New Testament. The middle of the book required a few second readings of various passages to convince myself he really had made such leaps of genealogical and historical fancy. The last pages were simply sad as I realized that poor Micheal of Albany is never going to realize his dreams of recognition--particularly not based on the "evidence" presented here.

Deborah says

a wonderful read.examaine the gnostic gospels,the dead sea scrolls,the lost gospels of mary magdelgne,and st. thomas. found in 1947.also examines the different papal papers,and toran doctrine dated back to before the first christian movement.from king david to mary and joesph of arametha.explains with great detail,and royal doctrines,the pedegree of mary magedelgne and jesus,explains the jewish marriage laws.and lends great credence to the possiblity that the roman church was formed on ommisions,and obloviated truths,it

shows even the deciples mathew,mark, luke and john,peter and paul coulnd't agree on their beliefs to christ divinity,to their eye witness acountings, and intrepretations of jejus's gospels.it also argues why the church would want to hide the bloodline.forcing both marys to seek protections from royal houses.how the first christian churchs were formed.and details linage trees that outline the bloodline.from jesus time to the 1800's secret masonic society.and was great help in verifing and clarifing my pedegree and lineage to the blood line.which also checked out thru ancestry.com world genelogy data bank.if you are still seeking answers to the mystery of christ, and his teachings, and the different church doctrines, the coruption o the papal seats of early roman church and popes.it traces the linage and the fisher kings, and the gurdians of the bloodline the knights templars thru the crusades. thru the caroligian, and frankish eras of rule, thru the first rulers of wales, ireland, england, scottland, thruoghout europe, this will rock your world.a must read.written by englands and frances main historical author of the royal families. this is a book you will read again over and over from time to time, and learn something new each time.i came away with the belief that it mattered not to me if or if not jesus was the trinity, devine, if he was god, or gods vessel to speak thru.it did not matter to me the arguuement of his assention, it was about his teachings and his message. allowing me to not only keep my faith but to have strengthened my faith in our savior, and the lord.

Julie says

The theme of Jesus' lineage has been a hot topic during the last decade, and Gardner only offers a few original morsels. I found Chapters 3-8 the most enjoyable, as they deal with Jesus' birth, life and ministry. Gardener references many obscure texts to justify his interpretation of the events which creates an interesting alternate theory. Later in the book, the pages were often bogged down with genealogical language that made me feel as if I was reading the "begats" in the Bible. There was a lot of superfluous embellishment of the Arthurian legend that seemed disconnected. I did enjoy the history of Roman Catholicism, but the final third of the book was tedious. While I love a good conspiracy theory, this particular book didn't keep me engaged throughout.