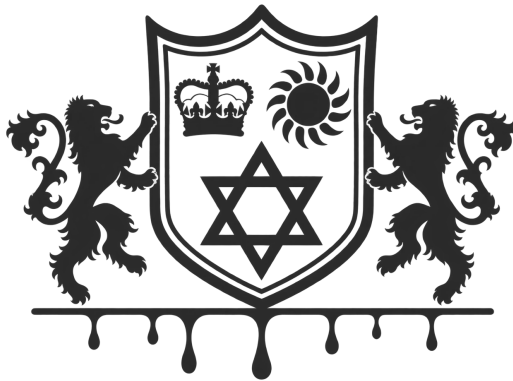


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A Historical Investigation

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Every claim in this book is weighed and labelled:
ESTABLISHED • PLAUSIBLE • POSSIBLE • LEGEND • FABRICATION

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PREFACE

HOW TO READ THIS INVESTIGATION

EVERY few generations a question escapes the libraries and walks out into the street. It is asked in kitchens and on buses, in sermons and in bestsellers, and it refuses to go back on the shelf. This book is about one of those questions:

Did Jesus of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene have children, and did their line survive?

For some readers the question is an outrage. For others it is the secret they have always suspected. For the historian it is something else: a case. A case has witnesses, documents, motives, gaps, and forgeries. It can be investigated. And it deserves to be investigated honestly, because whatever the answer is, millions of people have already made up their minds without seeing the evidence.

This is not a book of faith. It does not ask you to believe anything. It asks you to look.

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THE VERDICT OF THIS CHAPTER

CLAIM	LABEL
Saunière became suddenly wealthy and built lavishly	ESTABLISHED
His wealth came mainly from trafficking in Mass stipends	ESTABLISHED in its main lines, from his papers and his Church trial
His spending equalled "several million pounds"	not supported ; several hundred thousand francs
He found parchments in a hollow pillar	not supported ; first claimed by Corbu in 1956, with no document produced
The parchments with the Dagobert and Sion codes	FABRICATION , admitted by Philippe de Chérisey
His trip to Paris and his affair with Emma Calvé	LEGEND
Poussin painted a real tomb near Arques	false ; the tomb was built in the twentieth century
His church decoration encodes a secret	not supported ; catalogue art and traditional symbols
He had a deep devotion to Mary Magdalene	ESTABLISHED ; ordinary for his place and time

Rennes-le-Château is a real place with a real mystery: how a country priest raised and spent so much money. That mystery was solved by the documents decades ago. What is not real is the second mystery laid on top of the first in the 1950s and 1960s: a treasure, a code, a lost king, and a secret society.

It is important to see what this means for our question. *The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail* did not begin with the Gospels, or the Desposyni, or the medieval sources. It began here, with a story that turns out to have been built by a restaurant owner and two men who later admitted making up its documents. Everything the authors found afterwards, they found while following a trail laid by those documents.

That does not, by itself, make every idea in their book false. A true conclusion can be reached by a bad road. But it means that the book's

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