

FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE

Instructor: Frank Albo

The Course runs from August 15 – September 1
Monday and Thursday nights from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Room 3M63, Manitoba Hall, University of Winnipeg
Note – this course is not for University credit

Course Synopsis

Since the runaway success of Dan Brown's latest best-seller, *The Lost Symbol*, the public has become increasingly captivated with the impenetrable symbols of secret societies. Have Freemasons encoded the structures of the world with a language of mystical symbolism? Do the Rosicrucians really possess the keys to supernatural power? Is Illuminati a sinister cabal plotting to take over the world? If you have ever wondered about the truth behind any of these claims, then this course is for you. **Forbidden Knowledge** puts into proper context the shadowy world of occult philosophy and embarks on a fascinating journey through five centuries of mystical traditions from Renaissance sorcery to modern ceremonial magic. In an edifying feast of religious mythology, occult history, and code-breaking symbolism, **Forbidden Knowledge** offers the perfect non-fiction follow up to Dan Brown mania and presents real answers to the mysteries of secret societies and their enigmatic lore.

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A minimum enrolment of 20 students is required.

Costs

\$550.00 + GST / person – for BOTH Forbidden Knowledge AND Mystical Architecture courses AND one signed copy of the Hermetic Code

OR

\$300.00 + GST / person – Includes six 3-hour classes of your choice from either the Forbidden Knowledge OR the Mystical Architecture

Students and seniors receive a 20% discount on all course offerings – a valid student ID is required at the time of booking. Payment methods include Visa, MasterCard, or cash; spots are non-refundable

Course Schedule and Information

Monday August 15 – Hermeticism

Is the cosmos permeated by spiritual forces alive and full of untapped power? Is everything a veiled sign waiting to be deciphered? What are the mystical revelations for attaining true knowledge of God, the world, and the human condition? Learn about the world of Hermeticism, a world of divine mysteries and ecstatic visions ascribed to the wisest philosopher of the ancient world, the legendary mystagogue Hermes Trismegistus.

Thursday August 18 – Alchemy

For over two millennia, alchemy aroused the cupidity of kings, the blind fear of mobs, and the occult aspirations of countless secret societies. Its obscure origins are concerned with the transmutation of base metals into gold and the mystical art of spiritual transformation. How did this seemingly irrational fool's errand attract some of the greatest minds of Western thought from Isaac Newton to Swiss psychologist C.G. Jung?

Monday August 22 – Kabbalah

Is the Old Testament really a cosmic recipe book? Do Hebrew letters represent the primordial sounds presiding over all of creation? Kabbalah is a Jewish system of mystical speculation concerning God and the creation of the universe. Not only has it profoundly influenced the history of biblical speculation, but it has also become the fastest growing religion of Hollywood, attracting celebrities like Madonna and Demi Moore.

Thursday August 25 – Rosicrucianism

Does a clandestine Rosicrucianism Brotherhood possess the lost keys of ancient alchemical knowledge? For nearly four centuries this mysterious sect has been the subject of endless fascination, speculation, and intrigue. Its cryptic manifestos proclaimed the discovery of a universal science which would bring about a new age of spiritual transformation. Learn more about one of the most enduring tales of magic, heresy, and esoteric wisdom.

Monday August 29 – Freemasonry

Are freemasons the descendents of the builders of Solomon's Temple? Are its symbols really the iconic images of the American empire? Despite spawning countless conspiracy theories and the wildest denunciations, Freemasonry emerged to become a worldwide institution attracting kings, emperors, Presidents, and Prime Ministers. Discover the truth behind its peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

Thursday September 1 – Illuminati

They are accused of orchestrating the most diabolic plots in human history. Their esoteric rituals and political aspirations have influenced the most important figures of the American establishment. But are the Illuminati really a corporate elite bidding for world domination? For over two hundred years this legendary secret society have intrigued, fascinated, and enraged public opinion. This class separates fact from fiction.

MYSTICAL ARCHITECTURE

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**The course runs from September 7 – September 26,
Monday and Thursday nights from 6-9pm in 3M63
Manitoba Hall, University of Winnipeg
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Course Synopsis:

Concealed in the stones and dimensions of the most celebrated works of architecture are hidden messages and symbolic codes. Are the mysteries of heaven encoded in the measurements of King Solomon's Temple? Are Gothic cathedrals architectural talismans based on biblical numerology? Are the Freemasons responsible for the city-planning of Washington D.C.?

Mystical Architecture probes into the mysteries of Western esotericism as it relates to the built environment. It traces the development of esoteric conceptions of architecture from the stone temples of ancient Egypt to Hitler's grandiose plans for rebuilding Berlin. Mystical Architecture reveals an underground stream of occult design principles permeating the construction of our buildings, churches, gardens, and cities.

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Schedule and Information:

Sept 8- Secrets of Solomon's Temple

For three thousand years Solomon's Temple has been interpreted as an encyclopedia of sacred knowledge, a hieroglyph of the cosmos, and a metaphysical model of world salvation. The configuration of the Temple paralleled the ascending levels of the divine mystery and marked stages of mystical progress, which have been assimilated into the designs of synagogues, cathedrals, Mormon temples, and Masonic lodges. Through a re-examination of biblical stories, magical writings, and esoteric lore, this class peers into the blueprint of God's first and only architectural project.

Sept 12- Classical Architecture Unveiled

Does the language of Greek sacred architecture derive from rituals of bloody sacrifice? Do the dimensions of the human body correspond to the plan of Roman temples? This class explores these provocative questions and recovers the hidden meaning of Classical architecture. It explores the underlying musical harmonies and proportional schemes that inform the design of the great temples of the ancient Mediterranean and will show why pagan mythology and iconography continues to ornament our government monuments, courthouses, and public buildings.

Sept 15 - Decoding Gothic Cathedrals

Crafted from a hundred million pounds of intractable stone and soaring to colossal heights of carved masonry, Gothic cathedrals are masterworks of aesthetic genius and mathematical wonder. How did the master builders of the middle ages execute such monumental feats of architecture with little more than simple hand tools? This class unveils the ritualism, symbolism, and geometric codes which inform medieval craftsmanship. Find out how the great cathedrals of Europe used mystical theories of numbers and geometry to guide, direct, and motivate our interaction with the Divine.

Sept 19 - Architectural Magic, Utopian Cities, and Gardens of Enlightenment

In the Renaissance, God was conceived as an architectural magus who orchestrated creation through a mystical application of numbers, proportions, and musical harmonies. These ideas influenced the utopian cities promoted by Andreae, Campanella, and Francis Bacon, whose vision of a perfect metropolis would later seed the discovery of the New World. In Europe, gardens of enlightenment soon arose to reflect the divine order and were designed to constitute esoteric journeys into secret knowledge. Discover how this occult revolution of city-planning, architecture, and garden design would inspire the Founding Fathers and Nazi architect, Albert Speer.

Sept 22 - Washington DC and the Heavenly Jerusalem

Why are mysterious symbols embedded in the most iconic images of the American empire? Is there an “earthly triangle” formed by the U.S. Capitol Building, the White House, and the Washington Monument that parallels a triangle of stars in the constellation Virgo? This class provides the secret history of the original American Dream and a little-known Masonic obsession with rebuilding Heavenly Jerusalem in the heart of America. Discover a Rosetta Stone of mystical architecture permeating the designs of the most powerful city in the world.

Sept 26 - Hermetic Code Tour

Is it possible that Manitoba’s house of parliament is really a conduit of magical power? Is the building’s location in the centre of North America a site for numerous earth energies? Join Frank Albo as he takes you along step-by-step to reveal the Manitoba Legislative Building as a pattern of coded messages designed to speak to your mind and move your soul. Uncover a trail of occult clues concealed in the building’s architecture that are so intelligently masked they have escaped historians and visitors for nearly a hundred years.

**Forbidden Knowledge and Mystical Architecture
2011 Course Registration Form**

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