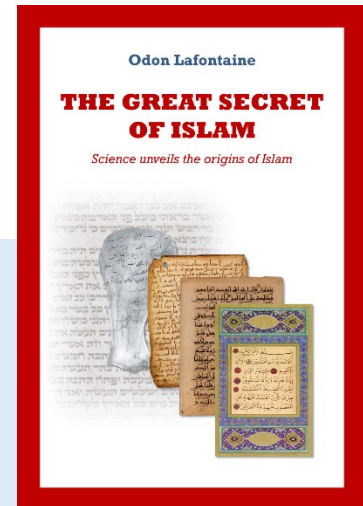


THE GREAT SECRET OF ISLAM

Science unveils the origins of Islam

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Islam did not arise solely from Muhammad's preaching; rather, it evolved through **a lengthy and intricate process of historical revision**. Deeply rooted in Jewish and Christian apocalyptic beliefs, early Islam was reshaped by Arab rulers and Caliphs to legitimize their power "in the name of God" and to establish a "reign of God" that paralleled their political rule.

This significant discovery remains **largely unknown to the public even today**. Over the past forty years, however, new research has continued to emerge, primarily through confidential publications and discussions among experts at discrete conferences. A silent revolution is taking place within the fields of history, archaeology, numismatics, epigraphy, codicology, exegesis, linguistics, and more.

The Great Secret of Islam seeks to offer the general public new insights into Islam through **a global perspective**, detailing and explaining its origins based on scientific and scholarly research.

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