Recipes from the Secret Book of Artephius
Gold Team
San Francisco Bay Area, California

The Codex Leicester

Introduction

We seek the recipes contained in The Secret Book of Artephius, a text first referenced in the 12th century, but likely much older. The last known whereabouts of The Secret Book of Artephius is the Vatican, where it was brought during the medieval crusades. It remained in Rome, where only the pope himself was allowed access to the text, until its mysterious destruction in the late 15th century.

While in the possession of the Vatican, the recipes contained in the text were sold twice during the reign of Pope Leo X. Through meticulous research, we have identified one of the purchasers as a German man named Georg Helmstetter. While Helmstetter left no written records of the recipes, the second purchaser has provided an opportunity for us to recover them. We have discovered that in 1515, Prince Giuliano the Magnificent, brother of Pope Leo X became the second to purchase the recipes contained in The Secret Book of Artephius. The famous artist and scholar Leonardo Da Vinci was also in Rome at the time, and was under the patronage of Prince Giuliano. We have learned that Giuliano imparted the secret recipes to Da Vinci who, as a true scholar, desired to record them in writing. Such information was not only property of the Vatican, but the purpose of the recipes themselves was considered heretical and posed a significant risk of persecution should Da Vinci publish them. In an effort to record the recipes, yet keep them well hidden, Da Vinci wrote them using invisible ink in a set of his papers which he had already finished writing. The papers, originally written from 1506 – 1510, are known as the Codex Leicester.

Proposed Research

We have reason to believe that the recipes of The Secret Book of Artephius are being used by a resident of the city of Seattle. Diligent investigation has revealed scant information
about this individual, but the following historical photograph may prove useful:

Associates of this person have hidden clues throughout this city which we may help us to recover the recipes. Our team will be the first to solve these puzzles and unlock this mystery of the past.

The Research Team

Our team consists of highly skilled and very experienced researchers who have successfully completed projects in the San Francisco Bay Area, New York, and Los Angeles.

John Owens (Principal Investigator)

Mr. Owens is a Ph.D. researcher at Stanford University. Despite his discovery of the letter ‘L’ and invention of the superconducting condom, he aims to set the record for most number of years taken to write a dissertation.

Scott C.-H. Pegg, Ph.D.

Dr. Pegg is a researcher at the University of California, San Francisco. His research has proven that the print of certain Aloha shirts can make humans nauseous, cause brain damage in lower primates, and death to certain types of hairless rats.

David Andre

Mr. Andre is currently “on leave” from Bellevue Hospital in New York.

Martin Reinfried

Having co-founded Excite.com, Martin sunk his money into narcotics trafficking and prostitution, which have proved a more stable industry than online business. He sleeps in a large house, on top of a pile of money, with many beautiful women.

Brent Holman

Brent’s real name is Lazlo Hollyfeld. He currently lives in the closet of Mr. Owens.