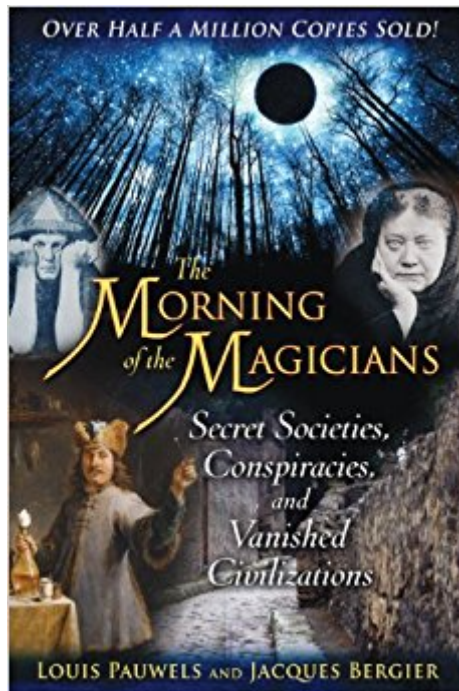


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# The Morning Of The Magicians: Secret Societies, Conspiracies, And Vanished Civilizations



## Synopsis

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This groundbreaking, international bestseller, first published in 1960, couples profound insights into the hidden history of humanity and our perceptions of reality with the scientific evidence that supports the existence of paranormal activity, telepathy, and extraterrestrial communications. The first book to explore in depth the Nazi fascination with the occult, Pauwels and Bergier also broke new ground with their study of pyramidology, alchemy and its close kinship with atomic energy, and the possibility of a widespread mutation of humanity that would herald the dawn of a new age for the earth. Their study of secret societies, starting with the Rosicrucians, suggests that such changes are actively being pursued in the present day by a "conspiracy" of the most spiritually and intellectually advanced members of the human race. The Morning of the Magicians also explores the anomalous events collected by Charles Fort, the work of Gurdjieff, and the history of the mysterious Fulcanelli, who was widely believed to have manufactured the philosopher's stone--which provided the Nazis the motive for mounting an intensive search for him during their occupation of Paris. Much more than a collection of strange facts defying conventional wisdom, this book remains a sophisticated philosophical exploration of repressed phenomena and hidden histories that asks its readers to look at reality with ever "awakened eyes."

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[This review is based on the original French.] Quite an unusual book, and superbly written, *Morning of the Magicians* is around 600 pages about topics as varied as Nazi occultism, alchemy, ancient astronaut theory, and unknown human capacities. Published first in 1960, the authors propose "fantastic realism" as a new paradigm. Fantastic realism is all about the idea that actual reality is far more fantastic than what we limit it to. To demonstrate this, the authors begin by showing how, at the end of the 19th century, scientists were under the pressure that their job was mostly done, and sciences like biology or physics were closed cases. Definitely not something I would have guessed on my own, but definitely what the late 1900's had in mind. The book goes on to show how some famous inventions had been discovered centuries ago, such as gas lamps, which could have emerged in the 17th century (or earlier, I forget the exact date), if only scientists had paid more attention to ancient books. The authors complain that ancient books are almost exclusively read by literature and history scholars, and not by engineers. Had they read some of these ancient books, some technologies would have (re)seen the light of day 200 years earlier than they did. Another part of the book deals with alchemy, showing the parallels between this ancient science and the process of nuclear production. The underlying idea is that, perhaps, alchemists were the owners of an ancient and somewhat incomplete knowledge. A very interesting part of the book, especially if you know next to nothing about alchemy. Following this is a whole part about vanished civilisations, Atlantis and the likes. And following this is my favourite part of the book: Nazi occultism.

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