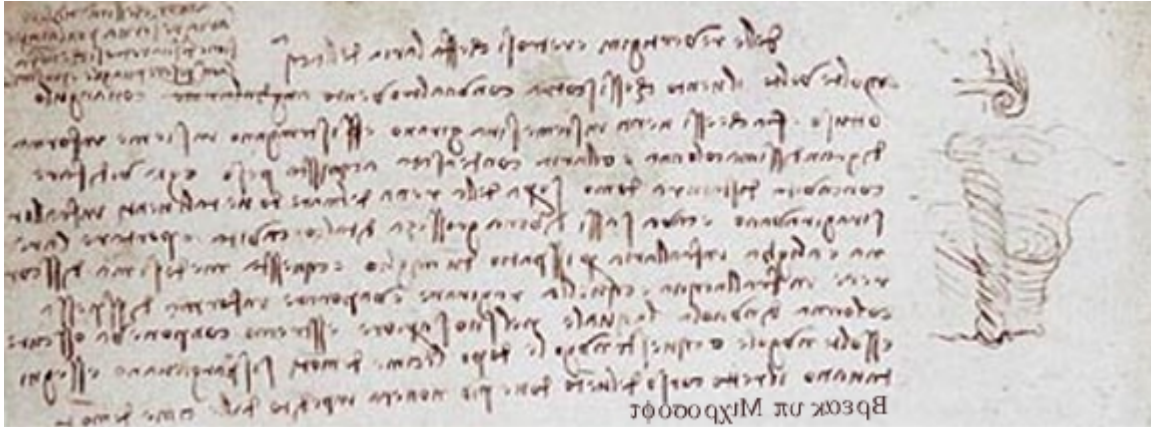


Recipes from the Secret Book of Artephius

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.

Results

We conducted research through many means, including gossip, chicanery, wiretapping, breaking and entering, diligent reading of the newspaper, hiring of paparazzi, and analysis of historical records. Neuro-genetic-fuzzy-bayesian-variational methods were used to verify all results and identify trends in the data. Our results indicate that the recipes of The Secret Book of Artephius are being used by a resident of the city of Seattle. Persistent investigation has revealed scant information about this individual, although

the following surveillance photograph may prove useful:



Future Work

Our research also indicates that associates of this person are rumored to have hidden clues throughout Seattle that we believe will help us recover the recipes. Our research team possess a unique set of skills which we believe will enable us to solve these puzzles and unlock the mystery of the past.

The Research Team

Our team consists of highly skilled and experienced researchers who have successfully completed projects in the San Francisco Bay Area, New York, and Los Angeles. Major accomplishments include twice finding extraterrestrials, locating dragons, discovering and deciphering the mystery of the khalistrat, tracking down the elusive Leland Islander kidnapper, saving the Wonka Factory, successfully debugging Doors 2000, and saving the world from terrorists and others more times than we can count. We have also hosted several seminars of our own, including introducing a new generation to our techniques, uniting the colors against a greater evil, assembling the Knights of the Round Table to save the world, and saving the city of Zion.

John Owens (Principal Investigator)



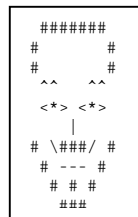
Mr. Owens is a Ph.D. researcher at Stanford University. Despite his discovery of the letter 'L' and invention of the superconducting condom, he aims to set the record for most number of years taken to write a dissertation.

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 a PhD researcher at UC Berkeley, "on sabbatical" from the Bellevue Hospital in New York. His other personalities include a founder of a software company, Austin Powers, a "Matrix" figure named Pivot, and, oddly, the front half of Scooby Doo.

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.