

Papus

Gérard Anacleto Vincent Encausse, whose esoteric pseudonym was Papus, was the Spanish-born French physician, hypnotist, and popularizer of occultism, who founded the modern Martinist Order. **Martinism** is a form of [Christian mysticism](#) and [esoteric Christianity](#), concerned with the fall of the first man, and the process of his return or illumination

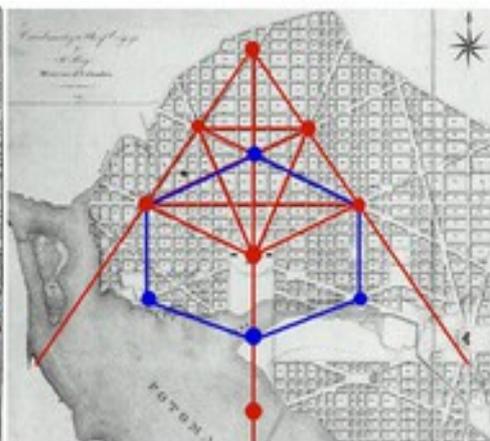
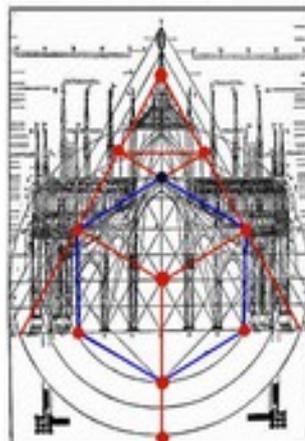
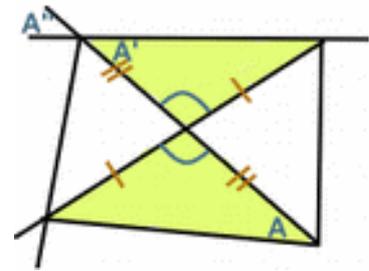
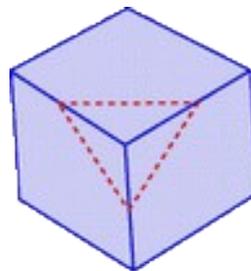
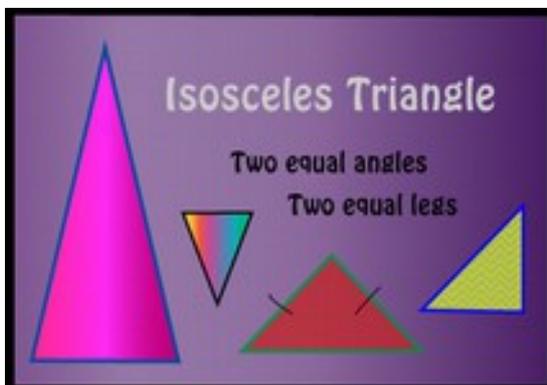
The Widow's Sons

In Ancient Craft Masonry, the title applied to Hiram, the architect of the Temple, because he is said, in the first Book of Kings (vu, 14) to have been "a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali."

"The Freemasons call themselves the widow's sons, because, after the death of our respectable Master, the Freemasons took care of his mother, whose children they called themselves, because Adonhiram had always considered them as his Brethren. But the French Freemasons subsequently changed the myth and called themselves Sons of the Widow, and for this reason.

Order of the Rite of Zinnendorf is a Swedish Branch of Freemasonry

HPB Glossary: Ragon was a French Mason and distinguished writer, who tried to bring Masonry back to its pristine purity. It is said, that he was the possessor of a number of papers given to him by the Count de St. Germain, from which he had his remarkable knowledge.



Haeckel's Scientific Thought

Haeckel was a German [biologist](#), [naturalist](#), philosopher, physician, professor, and artist who discovered, described and named thousands of new [species](#). He was strongly influenced by the German Philosopher and Poet Goethe as well as Hegel, who stressed the importance of the spirit as a creative, organizing force, in progressive perfection of both the universal plan of creation and the recapitulation of that plan in the growth of the embryo.

After reading Darwin's "Origin of Species" Haeckel became one of the more prolific supporters of evolution, but was less supportive of natural selection as the mechanism by which evolution occurred. Haeckel was certainly an evolutionist but less so a Darwinian.

An extremely common misperception is, that natural selection and evolution are the same thing. In fact, Haeckel is one of many thinkers who believed that all species were historical entities (lineages) but **did not share Darwin's enthusiasm for natural selection as the main mechanism for generating the diversity of the biological world**. Haeckel instead believed that the environment acted directly on organisms, producing new races. The survival of the races did depend on their interaction with the environment.

Haeckel's mechanism of change required, that formation of new characters of new species occurred through progressive addition to their developmental.

Elias Ashmole (23 May 1617 – 18 May 1692) was a celebrated English [antiquary](#), with a strong leaning towards the study of nature, he was also a politician, [officer of arms](#), astrologer and student of [alchemy](#).

Although he was one of the founding [Fellows](#) of the [Royal Society](#), a key institution in the development of experimental science, his interests were antiquarian and mystical as well as scientific. He was an early [freemason](#), although the extent of his involvement and commitment is unclear.

Nicholas Stone (1586/87– 24 August 1647) was an [English sculptor](#) and [architect](#). In 1619 he was appointed master-mason to [James I](#), and in 1626 to [Charles I](#).

Like the name suggests, **Amritsar** is a holy city for not only Sikhs, but for all of humanity with the incredible amount of history attached to it. Amritsar is the most fascinating and intriguing holy location in North [India](#), situated in Punjab state in the north western part of India. The city was previously know by name Ramdaspur and conversationally as Ambarsar. Amritsar has got its name from the **divine water pool surrounding the Golden Temple** called the 'Amrit Sarovar'. Amritsar also holds great religious importance for the Hindu population.

