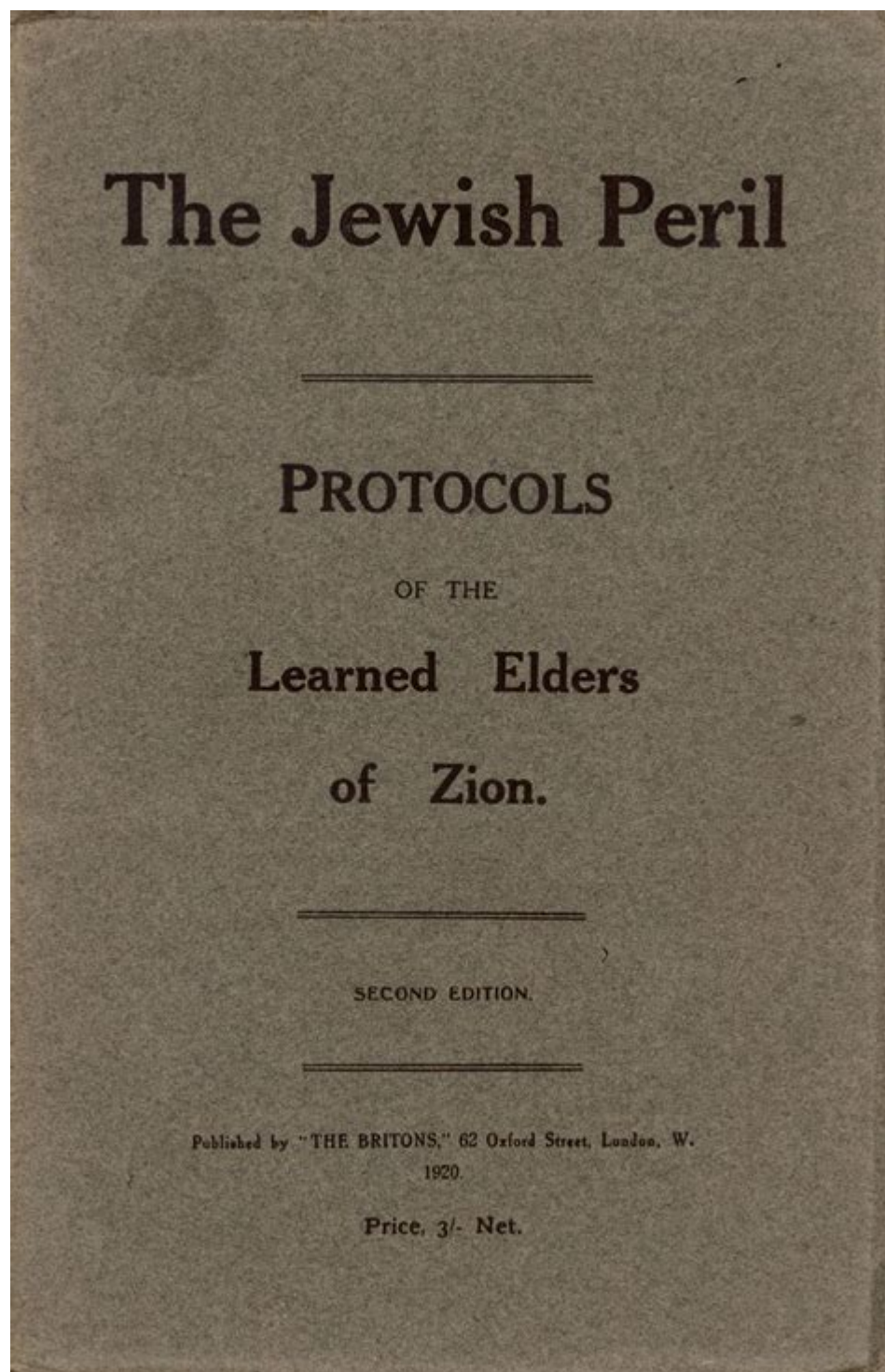


## Elders Of Zion



## **The Elders of Zion: Unpacking the Infamous Protocol**

The phrase "Elders of Zion" conjures images of shadowy figures manipulating world events, a potent symbol frequently deployed in antisemitic conspiracy theories. This blog post delves into the history, impact, and enduring legacy of this infamous text, separating fact from fiction and exploring its

continued relevance in contemporary discussions of antisemitism and misinformation. We'll examine its origins, its propagandistic techniques, and its lasting influence on global narratives. Understanding the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" is crucial for combating hate speech and promoting accurate historical understanding.

## **The Origins and Authorship of the "Protocols"**

The "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" is a fabricated text purporting to reveal a secret plan by Jewish leaders to achieve global domination. Its origins are murky, with evidence suggesting it was likely plagiarized and adapted from various sources, including a French satirical novel, "Dialogue aux enfers entre Machiavel et Montesquieu" (Dialogue in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu), and other antisemitic pamphlets circulating in late 19th and early 20th century Europe.

## **Early Dissemination and Impact**

Initially circulated in Russia around the turn of the 20th century, the "Protocols" quickly gained traction amongst antisemitic circles. Its carefully crafted narrative, depicting a systematic conspiracy for world control, resonated with existing prejudices and anxieties. The text's seemingly detailed plan, complete with strategic steps towards global dominance, fueled conspiracy theories and contributed significantly to the escalation of anti-Jewish sentiment.

### **#### The Role of Tsarist Russia**

The timing of the "Protocols" emergence within Tsarist Russia is significant. The autocratic regime actively promoted antisemitic narratives to deflect from its own failures and consolidate power. The publication and dissemination of the "Protocols" were actively facilitated by the state apparatus, further amplifying its reach and impact.

## **The "Protocols" and the Rise of Antisemitism**

The "Protocols" were not merely a literary curiosity; they served as a powerful tool for propagating antisemitism. Its impact extended far beyond Russia's borders, influencing antisemitic movements across Europe and beyond. It provided a seemingly "documented" justification for existing prejudices, feeding into the rhetoric of various far-right and extremist groups.

## **The Text's Propagandistic Techniques**

The "Protocols" employed several effective propagandistic techniques to enhance its persuasive power:

**Conspiracy Narrative:** The central narrative of a secret cabal plotting global domination tapped into deep-seated anxieties about power and control.

**Detailed Plan:** The seemingly detailed nature of the "plan" added to its credibility, even though it was entirely fabricated.

**Appeal to Fear:** The text exploited existing fears of social and political upheaval to create a sense of impending doom.

**Attribution of Blame:** By blaming Jewish people for these anxieties, the "Protocols" provided a scapegoat for complex societal problems.

#### #### The Lasting Legacy of Disinformation

The enduring legacy of the "Protocols" lies in its demonstration of the potency of disinformation and the ease with which fabricated narratives can gain traction. Its impact continues to be felt today, with variations of the conspiracy theory appearing online and influencing extremist groups.

## Debunking the "Protocols" and Combating Antisemitism

The "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" has been repeatedly and conclusively exposed as a forgery. Numerous historical analyses have demonstrated its fabricated nature, its plagiarism, and its blatant antisemitic purpose. Despite this, the "Protocols" continues to circulate, highlighting the persistent challenge of combating misinformation and antisemitic narratives.

## The Importance of Critical Thinking

Combating the influence of the "Protocols" requires critical thinking and media literacy. Individuals need to be equipped to identify misinformation, evaluate sources, and understand the historical context surrounding such fabricated texts.

#### #### Promoting Education and Awareness

Education plays a vital role in countering antisemitism. Understanding the historical context of the "Protocols," its propagandistic techniques, and its impact is crucial for preventing its resurgence. Open dialogue and education about the dangers of antisemitism and the harm caused by misinformation are essential.

# Conclusion

The "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" remains a potent symbol of antisemitic conspiracy theories. Understanding its history, its techniques, and its lasting impact is crucial for combating misinformation and promoting tolerance. By promoting critical thinking and education, we can work towards a future where such hateful ideologies are rejected and marginalized.

## FAQs

1. Are there any legitimate academic studies that support the claims in the "Protocols"? No. Extensive historical research has completely debunked the "Protocols" as a fabricated text with no basis in reality.
2. Where can I find reliable information about the "Protocols" and its history? Reputable historical archives, academic journals focusing on antisemitism, and fact-checking websites offer reliable information.
3. How is the "Protocols" still relevant today? The "Protocols" serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of misinformation and its ability to fuel hatred and violence. Variations of the conspiracy theory continue to circulate online.
4. What can individuals do to combat the spread of the "Protocols"? Promoting critical thinking, media literacy, and reporting instances of the "Protocols" being circulated are all effective actions.
5. What organizations are dedicated to fighting antisemitism and misinformation? Numerous organizations, such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), actively combat antisemitism and misinformation.

**elders of zion:** *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* Sergei Nilus, Victor Emile Marsden, 2019-02-26 The Protocols of the Elders of Zion is almost certainly fiction, but its impact was not. Originating in Russia, it landed in the English-speaking world where it caused great consternation. Much is made of German anti-semitism, but there was fertile soil for The Protocols across Europe and even in America, thanks to Henry Ford and others.

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**elders of zion: The Paranoid Apocalypse** Richard Landes, Steven T. Katz, 2012 This text re-examines 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion's' popularity, investigating why it has persisted, as well as larger questions about the success of conspiracy theories even in the face of claims that they are blatantly counterfactual and irrational.

**elders of zion: The Global Impact of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion** Esther Webman, 2012-03-29 The Protocols of the Elders of Zion has attracted the interest of politicians and academicians, and generated extensive research, since the tract first appeared in the early twentieth century. Despite having repeatedly been discredited as a historical document, and in spite of the fact that it served as an inspiration for Hitler's antisemitism and the Holocaust, it continues, even in our

time, to be influential. Exploring the Protocols' successful dissemination and impact around the world, this volume attempts to understand their continuing popularity, one hundred years after their first appearance, in so many diverse societies and cultures. With contributions from leading scholars in the field, the book covers themes such as: Why have the Protocols survived to the present day and what are the sources from which they draw their strength? What significance do the Protocols have today in mainstream worldviews? Are they gaining in importance? Are they still today a warrant for genocide or merely a reflection of xenophobic nationalism? Can they be fought by logical argumentation? This comprehensive volume which, for the first time, dwells also on the attraction of the Protocols in Arab and Muslim countries, will be of interest to specialists, teachers, and students working in the fields of antisemitism, the far right, Jewish studies, and modern history.

**elders of zion: The Dialogue in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu** Maurice Joly, 2003 Joly's (1831-78) *Dialogue aux enfers entre Machiavel et Montesquieu* is the major source of one of the world's most infamous and damaging forgeries, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. That, however, was concocted some two decades after he died, and American political scientist Waggoner points to Joly's own text for evidence that he was not anti-semitic and was an intransigent enemy of the kind of tyranny the forgery served during the 1930s. He translates the text and discusses Joly's intentions in writing it and his contribution to the understanding of modern politics. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR.

**elders of zion: The Perennial Conspiracy Theory** Michael Hagemeister, 2021-11-22 *The Perennial Conspiracy Theory* is a collection of essays on *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a fake document which has created a pernicious antisemitic conspiracy theory. The author analyses the murky origins of this notorious forgery and the contested claims of authorship. He explores the impact of the Protocols on various countries during the interwar years including Soviet Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Nazi Germany, and the United States. He also profiles figures closely associated with the dissemination of antisemitic conspiracy theories, such as Sergei Nilus and Leslie Fry, as well as examining the controversies arising from the famous Bern trial related to the Protocols. The book concludes with an assessment of the ongoing influence of the Protocols in post-Soviet Russia. This volume will be of interest to researchers and students working in the fields of antisemitism, conspiracy theories, the far right, Jewish studies, and modern history.

**elders of zion: The Jewish Peril** Sergi[e]ĩ Nilus, 2009 REPRINT. Originally published in 1920 by Eyre & Spottiswoode. Paperback. 95 p. *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is a tract alleging a Jewish and Masonic plot to achieve world domination. Purportedly written by a secret group of Jews known as the Elders of Zion, the document underlies 24 protocols that are supposedly followed by the Jewish people. The Protocols has been proven to be a forgery. The forgery contains numerous elements typical of what is known in literature as a False Document a document that is deliberately written to fool the reader into believing that what is written is truthful and accurate even though, in actuality, it is not. It is also one of the best-known and most-discussed examples of literary forgery, with analysis and proof of its fraudulent origin going as far back as 1921. The forgery is also an early example of Conspiracy Theory literature. Written in the first person singular, the text embodies generalizations, truisms and platitudes on how to take over the world: take control of the media and the financial institutions, change the traditional social order, etc. It does not contain specifics

**elders of zion: A Lie and a Libel** Benjamin W. Segel, 1996-10-01 A strange and repugnant mystery of the twentieth century is the durability of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a clumsy forgery purporting to be evidence of the supposed Jewish plot to rule the world. Though it has been exposed as a forgery, some apprentice brownshirt is always rediscovering it, the latest in a line of gullibility that includes, most famously, Henry Ford. Recently it has been translated into Japanese and circulates once again with renewed virulence in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In 1924 in Germany the Jewish author and journalist Benjamin Segel wrote a major historical exposé of the fraud and later edited his work into a shorter form, published as *Welt-Krieg, Welt-Revolution, Welf-Verschwörung, Welt-Oberregierung* (Berlin 1926). Translator Richard S. Levy, a specialist on the history of anti-semitism, provides an extensive introduction on the circumstances of Segel's work

and the story of the Protocols up to the 1990s, including an explanation of its continuing psychological appeal and political function.

**elders of zion:** The Russian Protocols of Zion in Japan Jacob Kovalio, 2009 Before World War I, Japan did not have an antisemitic tradition of its own. Although influences of Western antisemitism reached the country in the late 19th century, it was only during Japan's participation in the Siberian Intervention of 1918-22 that the Protocols of the Elders of Zion made their way to Japan. The dissemination of this work promoted conspiracy and scapegoating antisemitism in the country. In 1920-21, several Japanese translations of the Protocols appeared, and the topics of Jewish omnipotence and the Jewish peril (Yudayaka in Japanese) became widespread in the mass media and in literature. One of the themes discussed was the Jewish character of the Bolshevik Revolution. Discusses writings by Eiju Oniwa, Tsuyanoske Higuchi (aka Baiseiki Kitagami), Seika Ariga, Minetaro Yamanaka, Tokio Imai, etc., as well as the writings of those who criticized the conception of the Jewish world conspiracy and rejected the Yudayaka and the veracity of the Protocols: Sakuzo Yoshino, Tokusaburo Hatta, Kametaro Mitsukawa, Masao Kinoshita, and others. In 1929 a roundtable on the Jewish problem was organized by the magazine Heibon.

**elders of zion:** The Lie that Wouldn't Die Hadassa Ben-Itto, 2005 Of all the libels that have served as a means of incitement of hate against Jews, and as intellectual justification of anti-Semitism, the myth of the so-called 'Jewish Conspiracy' to gain domination of the whole world, as embodied in the forged Protocols of the Elders of Zion, is probably the most devious and the most dangerous. Previously only analyzed in academic, footnoted studies, the history of the Protocols is presented here by Judge Hadassa Ben-Itto in an eminently readable, fascinating account, telling the stories of the numerous people involved over the hundred years that the forgery has existed. Above all, this is the story of a judge who follows the Protocols into lawyers' chambers and into courtrooms in Switzerland, in South Africa, in Germany, in the United States and in Russia, and presents the reader with a detailed critical analysis of legal proceedings which culminated in fascinating courtroom drama. The truth is revealed again and again, but the lie wouldn't die.

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**elders of zion:** The Prague Cemetery Umberto Eco, 2011-11-03 Nineteenth-century Europe abounds with conspiracy both ghastly and mysterious. Jesuits plot against Freemasons. Italian priests are strangled with their own intestines. French criminals plan bombings by day and celebrate black masses by night. Every nation has its own secret service, perpetrating forgeries, plots, and massacres. But what if, behind all of these conspiracies, lies just one man?

**elders of zion:** A Rumor about the Jews Stephen Eric Bronner, 2018-08-30 In its portrayal of Judaism as a worldwide conspiracy dedicated to the destruction of Christian civilization, the

Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion remains one of the most infamous documents ever written. Despite being proven a crude forgery, the pamphlet managed to pervade twentieth-century thinking, often being twisted to suit its handlers' purposes, and to justify the most extreme persecution of the Jews. In *A Rumor About the Jews*, Stephen Eric Bronner provides a history of this notorious fabrication—one which has renewed salience in a “post truth” society dominated by “fake news—and explores its influence on right-wing movements throughout the twentieth century and the ongoing appeal of bigotry. This new edition of Bronner's 2000 classic (described by Kirkus as the best short book on anti-Semitism) expands the arguments of the first edition, bringing the work up to date in a new political context.

**elders of zion:** Protocols of the Meetings of the Learned Elders of Zion , 1934

**elders of zion: Nexus** William Collins Donahue, Martha B. Helfer, 2014 Second volume of the biennial publication of the Duke German Jewish Studies Workshop, making available important new research and considering the definition and development of the field of German Jewish Studies. Nexus is the official publication of the biennial German Jewish Studies Workshop at Duke University, the first ongoing forum in North America for German Jewish studies. It publishes innovative research in German Jewish Studies and serves as a venue for introducing new directions in the field, analyzing the development and definition of the field itself, and considering the place of German Jewish Studies within the disciplines of both German Studies and Jewish Studies. Additionally, it examines issues of pedagogy and programming at the undergraduate, graduate, and community levels. The second volume of Nexus presents a special forum section on the controversial German Jewish religious historian Hans-Joachim Schoeps (1909-80), including contributions by Julius H. Schoeps, Hans J. Hillerbrand, Eric M. Meyers, Laura Lieber, Noah B. Strote, and Paul Reitter, as well as cutting-edge essays that highlight important new developments in the field of German Jewish Studies. Contributors: Nick Block, Abigail Gillman, Anton Hieke, Hans J. Hillerbrand, Martin Kagel, Richard S. Levy, Laura Lieber, Eric M. Meyers, Andrea Reiter, Paul Reitter, Julius H. Schoeps, Noah B. Strote, Karina von Tippelskirch. William C. Donahue is Bishop-MacDermott Family Professor of Germanic Languages & Literature, and Professor, Program in Literature and Jewish Studies, Duke University. Martha B. Helfer is Professor of German and an affiliate member of the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

**elders of zion:** *The Emergence of Iranian Nationalism* Reza Zia-Ebrahimi, 2016-03-15 Reza Zia-Ebrahimi revisits the work of Fath?ali Akhundzadeh and Mirza Aqa Khan Kermani, two Qajar-era intellectuals who founded modern Iranian nationalism. In their efforts to make sense of a difficult historical situation, these thinkers advanced an appealing ideology Zia-Ebrahimi calls dislocative nationalism, in which pre-Islamic Iran is cast as a golden age, Islam is reinterpreted as an alien religion, and Arabs become implacable others. Dislodging Iran from its empirical reality and tying it to Europe and the Aryan race, this ideology remains the most politically potent form of identity in Iran. Akhundzadeh and Kermani's nationalist reading of Iranian history has been drilled into the minds of Iranians since its adoption by the Pahlavi state in the early twentieth century. Spread through mass schooling, historical narratives, and official statements of support, their ideological perspective has come to define Iranian culture and domestic and foreign policy. Zia-Ebrahimi follows the development of dislocative nationalism through a range of cultural and historical materials, and he captures its incorporation of European ideas about Iranian history, the Aryan race, and a primordial nation. His work emphasizes the agency of Iranian intellectuals in translating European ideas for Iranian audiences, impressing Western conceptions of race onto Iranian identity.

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A Rumor About the Jews, Stephen Eric Bronner systematically debunks the antisemitic assertions made in the Protocols. He also explores its history, its influence on right-wing movements throughout the twentieth century, and the ongoing appeal of bigotry. A work of intellectual history, A Rumor About the Jews takes the reader on a historical journey that provides a new and deeper understanding of an insidious ideology and its broader implications. Bronner's sharp and penetrating analysis offers new insights into the nature of antisemitism, along with a warning against underestimating the power of this hateful tract.

**elders of zion:** *The International Jew: The World's Foremost Problem* Henry Ford, 1919? Why discuss the Jewish Question? Because it is here, and because its emergence into American thought should contribute to its solution, and not to a continuance of those bad conditions which surround the Question in other countries. The Jewish Question has existed in the United States for a long time. Jews themselves have known this, even if Gentiles have not. There have been periods in our own country when it has broken forth with a sullen sort of strength which presaged darker things to come. Many signs portend that it is approaching an acute stage. Not only does the Jewish Question touch those matters that are of common knowledge, such as financial and commercial control, usurpation of political power, monopoly of necessities, and autocratic direction of the very news that the American people read; but it reaches into cultural regions and so touches the very heart of American life. This question reaches down into South America and threatens to become an important factor in Pan-American relations. It is interwoven with much of the menace of organized and calculated disorder which troubles the nations today. It is not of recent growth, but its roots go deep, and the long Past of this Problem is counterbalanced by prophetic hopes and programs which involve a very deliberate and creative view of the Future. This little book is the partial record of an investigation of the Jewish Question. It is printed to enable interested readers to inform themselves on the data published in The Dearborn Independent prior to Oct. 1, 1920. The demand for back copies of the paper was so great that the supply was exhausted early, as was also a large edition of a booklet containing the first nine articles of the series. The investigation still proceeds, and the articles will continue to appear as heretofore until the work is done. The motive of this work is simply a desire to make facts known to the people. Other motives have, of course, been ascribed to it. But the motive of prejudice or any form of antagonism is hardly strong enough to support such an investigation as this. Moreover, had an unworthy motive existed, some sign of it would inevitably appear in the work itself. We confidently call the reader to witness that the tone of these articles is all that it should be. The International Jew and his satellites, as the conscious enemies of all that Anglo-Saxons mean by civilization, are not spared, nor is that unthinking mass which defends anything that a Jew does, simply because it has been taught to believe that what Jewish leaders do is Jewish. Neither do these articles proceed upon a false emotion of brotherhood and apology, as if this stream of doubtful tendency in the world were only accidentally Jewish. We give the facts as we find them; that of itself is sufficient protection against prejudice or passion.

**elders of zion: License to Murder** Alex Grobman, 2011 In our world today, several people, groups and minorities are singled-out for persecution. Yet there is one group that overwhelmingly has faced a more sustained, vicious, and relentless hatred: the Jews. Many people have negative perceptions about Jewish people and the state of Israel. The question is, why? The why is a bit elusive. But we know some of the sources, and sadly, the legacy of the notorious forgery, The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion has created widespread fear and hatred of the Jewish people. Purported to be a strategic document for taking over the world, the Protocols is actually a product of the Czarist police in Russia, not long before the Communist Revolution. Now, in License to Murder, esteemed scholar Alex Grobman has written a brilliant examination of this famous document, and his historical grasp is important to understand, if we are going to effectively battle persecution in our world today.

**elders of zion: Fakes, Lies, and Forgeries** Sheridan Libraries, Neil Weijer, Walter Stephens, Janet E. Gomez, John Hoffmann, 2014 In addition to providing a checklist of 70 treasures from the Arthur and Janet Freeman Bibliotheca Fictiva Collection, this beautifully-illustrated volume includes



five essays that explore the phenomenon of forgery as a creative literary form and provide an interesting and informative sense of the broader collection. With nearly 1,700 individual items, the Bibliotheca Fictiva Collection is the largest and most comprehensive collection of books and manuscripts of forgery in the world. Highlights include editions of Jesus' posthumous Letter from Heaven, eyewitness accounts of the Fall of Troy, annotated books from Shakespeare's personal library, Alpine inscriptions recording Noah's settlement of Vienna after the Flood, and a first-hand account of the discovery of Homer's tomb. The collection was assembled over a 50-year period and acquired by the Sheridan Libraries of Johns Hopkins University in 2011. Exhibition: Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts, Baltimore, USA (05.10.2014 - 01.02.2015).

**elders of zion:** *From the Protocols of the Elders of Zion to Holocaust Denial Trials* Debra R. Kaufman, 2007 In reaction to the Irving v. Penguin/Lipstadt (winter, 2000) trial, the editors of this volume sought to provide a text that moves away from the Holocaust itself to ask broader questions about the stubborn persistence of anti-Semitic invective and historical distortion despite legal verdicts to the contrary, historical correctives and media reportage. In these essays the authors explore the assumptions and methods of their disciplines that limit or enhance the ability of any single approach (historical, legal, or journalistic) to challenge the racism and/or anti-Semitism which underlie the persistence of such forgeries as The protocols of the elders of Zion and the fallacies of Holocaust denial. Teachers of college and graduate courses on the Holocaust are increasingly faced with proliferating print and web based assertions and re-assertions of premises whose veracity have been long since disproved. This text encourages students and professionals to explore through three trial contexts (Protocols of Zion, Eichmann/Nuremberg, and Holocaust denial) the way in which claims related to the fate of Jews in the twentieth century have been made, struggled over, and fixed in the law, in historical canon and in the popular imagination. The Protocols are a forgery and crimes against humanity and genocide against the Jewish people did happen. This volume marks the ways in which we present and re-present the historical facts, the journalism, and the legal proofs that support the truth of those assertions in the face of invective and denial.

**elders of zion:** *Protocols of the Meetings of the Learned Elders of Zion* , 1945

**elders of zion: The Hitler Conspiracies** Richard J. Evans, 2020-10-01 'Brilliant, a 5 out of 5 masterpiece' Evening Standard The renowned historian of the Third Reich takes on the conspiracy theories surrounding Adolf Hitler and the Nazis, in a vital history book for the 'post-truth' age The idea that nothing happens by chance in history, that nothing is quite what it seems to be at first sight, that everything that occurs is the result of the secret machinations of malign groups of people manipulating everything from behind the scenes is as old as history itself. But conspiracy theories are becoming more popular and more widespread in the twenty-first century. Nowhere have they become more obvious than in revisionist accounts of the history of the Third Reich. Long-discredited conspiracy theories have taken on a new lease of life, given credence by claims of freshly discovered evidence and novel angles of investigation. This book takes five widely discussed claims involving Hitler and the Nazis and subjects them to forensic scrutiny: that the Jews were conspiring to undermine civilization, as outlined in 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion'; that the German army was 'stabbed in the back' by socialists and Jews in 1918; that the Nazis burned down the Reichstag in order to seize power; that Rudolf Hess' flight to the UK in 1941 was sanctioned by Hitler and conveyed peace terms suppressed by Churchill; and that Hitler escaped the bunker in 1945 and fled to South America. In doing so, it teases out some surprising features these, and other conspiracy theories, have in common. This is a history book, but it is a history book for the age of 'post-truth' and 'alternative facts': a book for our own troubled times.

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Times revealed The Protocols to be a fraud, showing it to be based on a French satire aimed at Napoleon III. Professor Nilus was a priest in the Orthodox Church in Russia. He published the first Russian language edition in 1905. In 1920 Henry Ford bought The Dearborn Independent, a virile and very independent journal published in his home town. He used it to publish the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and a series of articles about the book, as part of his series of 81 articles (between 1920 and 1922) on the Jewish Question in America, which he called the world's foremost problem. The Dearborn Independent was distributed nationwide to Ford dealer showrooms and was offered free of charge to the general public. The relevant articles are collected here so that the whole can be studied at one time. This book is an important document in the history of anti-Semitism, and has been used as required reading in many university anti-Semitism courses.

**elders of zion:** *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* , 1970

**elders of zion:** *The Plot: The Secret Story of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* Will Eisner, 2006-05-17 A work more disturbing than fiction from the father of graphic novels (New York Times). The ultimate illustration of how absurdly comical and cancerous The Protocols has been to mankind.—Thane Rosenbaum, Los Angeles Times Book Review The Plot, which examines the astonishing conspiracy and the fabrication of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, has become a worldwide phenomenon since its hardcover publication, taught in classrooms around the globe. Purported to be the actual blueprints by Jewish leaders to take over the world, the Protocols, first published in 1902, have become gospel truth to international millions. Presenting a pageant of historical figures from nineteenth-century Russia to today's ideologues, including Tsar Nicholas II, Henry Ford, and Adolf Hitler, Will Eisner unravels and dispels one of the most devastating hoaxes of the twentieth century.

**elders of zion: Masters of Discourse** Israel Shamir, 2008 Welcome to the new world order, where mass media, a fully integrated public-opinion-forming machine of mind control had rendered the Left and Right obsolete and subservient to Zionism. Who are the people who own and operate this machine? Are they actually the Jewish Lobby? No, says Shamir. The formidable Jewish Lobby is just the visible tip of the iceberg, while below there are miles and miles of solid ice: media lords, chief editors, their favourite university pundits - in short, the Masters of Discourse. In this third volume of his writing, Israel Shamir travels around the world to find the reason for their captive hold over our thinking.

**elders of zion:** *Revelation* , 1999-01-01 The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the Beast will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

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