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In Symbols of Sacred Science, Guénon, a master of precise, even 'mathematical' metaphysical exposition, reveals himself as a consummate exegete of myth and symbolism as well, superior in many ways to Mircea Eliade, and comparable perhaps only to his respected friend Ananda K. Coomaraswamy. This extraordinary text unveils the cosmological meanings of root symbols organized under such general headings as: The Center of the World, Cyclic Manifestation, Symbolic Weapons, Axial Symbolism and the Symbolsim of Passage, The Symbolism of Building, and The Symbolism of the Heart. Far more than a simple catalogue of myths and symbols from many traditions, Symbols of the Sacred Science lays the foundation for a universal esoteric symbology. In this work, Gunon demonstrates the fundamental unity-across all cultures and ages-of the images with which the Absolute clothes itself in its cosmic self-revelation.

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Excellent work from an author that walks the path of tradition with a deeply erudite yet objective eye. An extremely accurate and articulate essay on the symbols of an ageless wisdom explained with In a plain and clear language not affected by the sophistication often encountered in many others authors on the subject. It will inform, educate and enlighten the reader on a complex subject that touches many layers of human history and life. Excellent

Magus Turris says

Una raccolta di saggi illuminanti: un testo base per smontare l'inganno della modernità ideologica

A. says

A posthumous collection of Guénon's in-depth synthetic view concerning various sacred symbols throughout the world. It is of an immense value, I highly recommend it for anyone interested.

I personally read the French original version, but to the English readers, 'caveat lector'... Martin Lings, the editor of the first English translation (1995), deleted some parts of some articles (Chapter 6 and complete deletion of Chap 71). However, I am not sure if the current available edition has the same... "problem". In all cases, one should always do his best to avoid translations, if possible.
