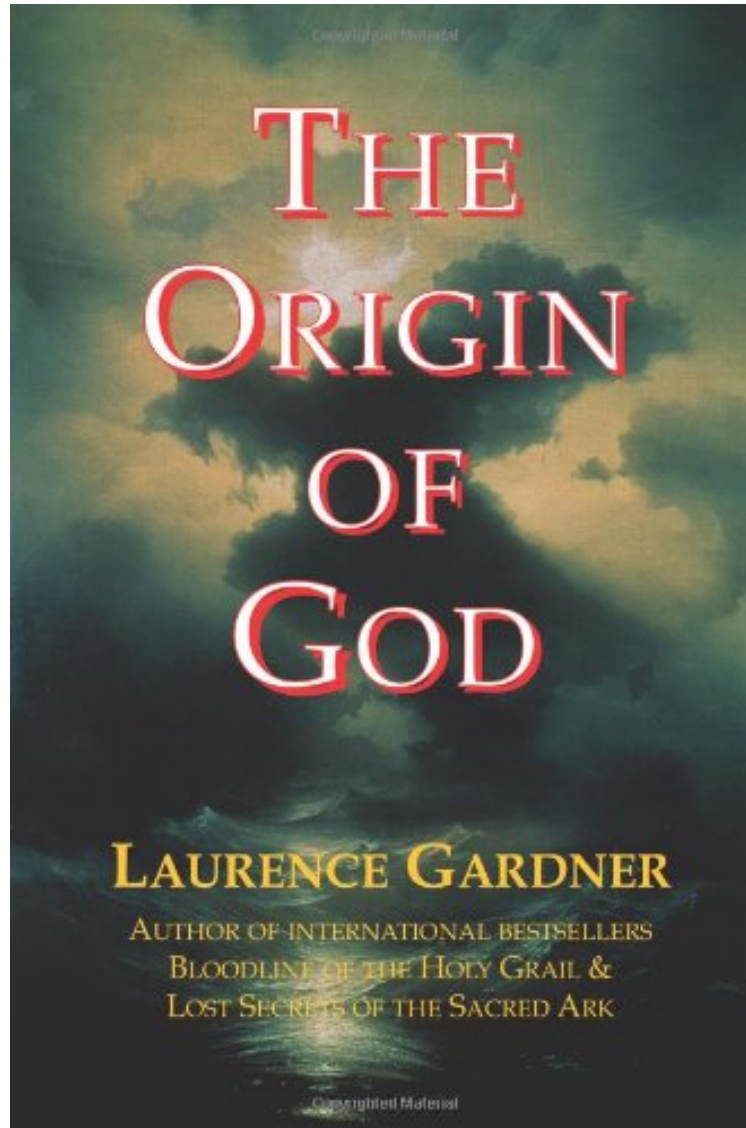


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56 of 59 people found the following review helpful. Highlighting Every PageBy Dan Sewell WardAs a voracious reader, I have a strong tendency to highlight passages in books, taking special note of new insights, important facts, and particularly well written passages which seem to contain all of the above. My difficulty in reading Laurence Gardner's new book, *The Origin of God*, is that virtually every page ended up with highlights, often two or three to a page. Yellow highlighting and post-it flags everywhere... even an occasional underline. In point of fact, Laurence Gardner provides a treasure trove of recent discoveries, lesser known facts, critical detail, unbiased analysis, and genuinely thoughtful understanding on the nature of the Biblical God. His latest book is an extraordinary, well-researched and well-organized treatise on a quest to find evidence that supports (or denies) the "long-standing and widespread notion of God's existence." *The Origin of God* subsequently considers a wide variety of sources, their credibility, how they agree or conflict with each other, and how the sum total of the resulting knowledge can lead each of us to a better understanding of God. Despite the controversial nature of the subject, the author is able to provide an unbiased, persuasive picture of the various ways that ancient peoples perceived their deity (or deities). In the process, *The Origin of God* provides the reader with the raw material to reach their own conclusions. Both scholarly and academically correct, the book is also highly accessible to the lay reader. The fact Mr. Gardner also writes well, clearly, and in a manner easy to understand, is just icing on the cake.

Belief in the One male God of Judaism, Christianity and Islm can be traced back for something over 2,500 years to the time when the Hebrew scripture of Genesis was compiled in the 6th century BC. The narrative content of Genesis was clearly derived from older traditions but, on the face of it, we have no documentary evidence from any other source of a monotheistic culture in respect of this particular God from before that date. In *The Origin of God*, written but not published before his untimely death in August 2010, Laurence Gardner, author of the international bestsellers *Bloodline of the Holy Grail*, *Genesis of the Grail Kings* and *Lost Secrets of the Sacred Ark*, undertakes a biographical exploration of the deiform character variously known as Yahweh, Allh, or simply The Lord. He seeks to uncover and evaluate His original identity, as against His eventual religiously motivated portrayals. Beginning with documents that pre-date the Bible, Laurence Gardner's final quest was to discover from all available sources what evidence there is, if any, to support the long-standing and widespread notion of God's existence, posing the question: If the Bible had never been written, would we know about God from any more original source?