

POLAR SYMBOLISM

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Below are 27 books I came across while researching information related to the world axis, polar symbolism, the primordial tradition, the north star, ursa major, etc. I own most of these books, have read through many of them, and am eager to dive into the rest. Some of these books focus on specific areas of interest, but they all, in one way or another, provide valuable insights and context related to northern symbolism. Above all, I would like to recommend the work of René Guénon. I regard his books as some of the most informative sources available when it comes to explaining the symbolic and metaphysical implications of the polar dynamic.

1885 - Paradise Found by William F. Warren
1893 - The Night of The Gods (Vol. I & II) by John O'Neill
1903 - The Arctic Home in The Vedas by Lokmanya Tilak
1915 - The Arcana of Freemasonry by Albert Churchward
1920 - The Religion of the Aryo-Germanic Folk by Guido Von List
1927 - Celestial Ship of The North by E. Valentia Straiton
1927 - The Lord of The World by René Guénon
1934 - Revolt Against The Modern World by Julius Evola
1946 - The Great Triad by René Guénon
1962 - Fundamental Symbolism by René Guénon
1969 - Hamlet's Mill by Santillana & Von Dechend
1971 - The Man of Light in Iranian Sufism by Henry Corbin
1991 - Dawn Behind The Dawn by Geoffrey Ashe
1992 - Arktos by Joscelyn Godwin

1994 - At the Center of The World by John Michell
1997 - Polaria, the Gift of the White Stone by W. H. Muller
1997 - The Gates of The Necronomicon by Simon
1998 - The Arctic Sky by John MacDonald
1998 - The Door in The Sky by Ananda K. Coomaraswamy
2002 - Galactic Alignment by John Major Jenkins
2004 - The Isis Thesis by Judy Kay King
2008 - Stairway to Heaven by Peter Levenda
2013 - The Dark Lord by Peter Levenda
2014 - North by Gyrus
2019 - Beyond The North Wind by Christopher McIntosh
2019 - The Bock Saga by Carl Borgen
2020 - Humanity & The Big Dipper by Robert A. James

POLAR RELATED QUOTES

"The recurrence of certain themes - the north, the Pole Star, the number seven, the axis mundi, ascent and descent to and from the north is certainly suggestive of a baseline idea concerning the relationship between humanity and divinity." - Peter Levenda

"It goes without saying that these two symbolisms, polar and solar, must never be confused and that, as we have often indicated, polar symbolism is far more fundamental and in fact truly primordial." - René Guénon

"This supra sensory, mystical Orient, the place of The Origin and of The Return, object of The Eternal Quest, is at the heavenly pole; it is the pole, at the extreme north, so far off that it is the threshold of the dimension 'beyond' The Orient sought by the mystic, The Orient that cannot be located on our maps, is in the direction of the north, beyond the north. Only an ascensional progress can lead toward this cosmic north chosen as a point of orientation." - Henry Corbin

"This is The Garden of Eden, the north pole itself, the north that was called Sacred, the home of the constellation of the Great Bear, 'The Genitrix', whose seven stars were The Sailors, who watched over and ever will watch over the celestial sea." - Emma Straiton

"If solar symbolism has an obvious relationship with day, polar symbolism for its part has a certain relationship with night: and it is significant in this respect that the 'midnight sun' should have, in order of sensory phenomena, its literal representation in the Hyperborean regions, that is, the very place of origin of the Primordial Tradition." - René Guénon

"Ancient Vedic lore knows of these stars as the 'Seven Rishis,' otherwise known as the 'septa risksha' that are spinning around the Axis Mundi, the actual Pole Star. In Indo-European Mongolia the same star group is called the 'Seven Tengris.' In Greek they are the 'Twice-Seven Stars'. The 'Seven Rishis' can also be called the 'Seven Sages,' being conceptually identical with the 'Seven Apkallu' in Akkadian-Babylonian tradition. Those are the Bringers of Divine Truth throughout the ages of man." - W.H. Muller