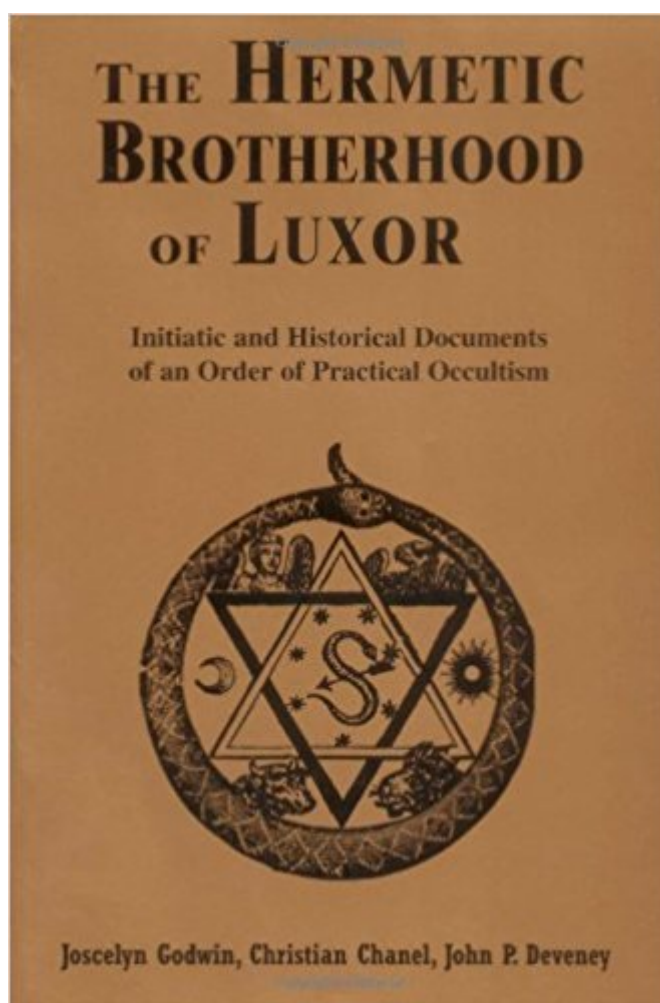


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I was surprised by the rigor of this study, it's a valuable source book providing interested students of history with a background to the HBoL, it's movers and shakers, and the general occult demimonde milieu they occupied. Students of 19th century esoteric history will find it valuable. I recommend Rene Guenon's history of Theosophy along with it. While Guenon's intent was polemical, he assembled a good body of facts and observations that overlap heavily with the materials Godwin assembled here. This book is well recommended.

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