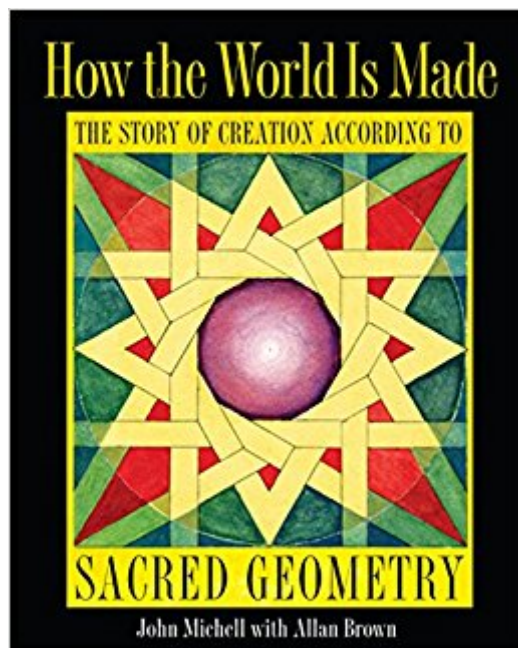




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This beautifully crafted book is a fitting tribute to the lifetime authorship of John Michell (1933-2009). The books of John Michell were something I grew up with. My father's library contained all of Michell's works that were in print at the time. Later in adulthood I continued to follow his writings as they emerged. He has certainly left a legacy of some intelligent insights. This final volume deals with the arcane subject of sacred geometry, something that was more or less invested in all of his writings. Here you will find the underlying principles that informed much of his writing and thought over the years. Lavishly illustrated with his geometric art and text, I am sure this will be a book I will return to for reference for many years to come.

My association with John Michell's work goes back about 40 years. I developed an interest in sacred geometry in my teens, and very slowly developed an understanding of sorts. Avoiding most of numerology and its association with superstition and witchcraft left pretty slim picking in the literature of the day. I discovered John Michell in 1972 with the publication of *"City of Revelation"*, and it was like someone turned the lights on. Much of what I had learned on my own was easily referenced with his much more complete presentation. That same year (1972) I came across *"The View Over Atlantis"*, and reaffirmed certain life-changes I had recently made. Sacred Geometry had become real to me in a way I could not have imagined. This last volume is a fine accompaniment to the ever-growing collection of my own geometrical schemes, lending affirmation and justification to my efforts, and the path upon which I tread. I am profoundly grateful for John Michell's life's work.

Just when I thought I couldn't be surprised by strange and wonderful things any more, I discovered

this and Michell other books. This one has driven me to buy expensive compasses and lots of colored pencils. The meaning and implications of the geometric facts are astounding. In addition, the reader is invited to practice and participate in these profundities by spending time creating.

This book is fabulous. Sacred geometry has always been tricky for me to wrap my mind around and this book succeeds in presenting it in a way I can understand. It is also a beautiful book, with many illustrations that are both relevant and beautiful!

This is a very thorough book on sacred geometry. I was amazed at the detail. I was a bit overwhelmed by it, but I am sure if I reread it, I would be able to digest more of the content. I highly recommend it if you are interested in sacred geometry.

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