

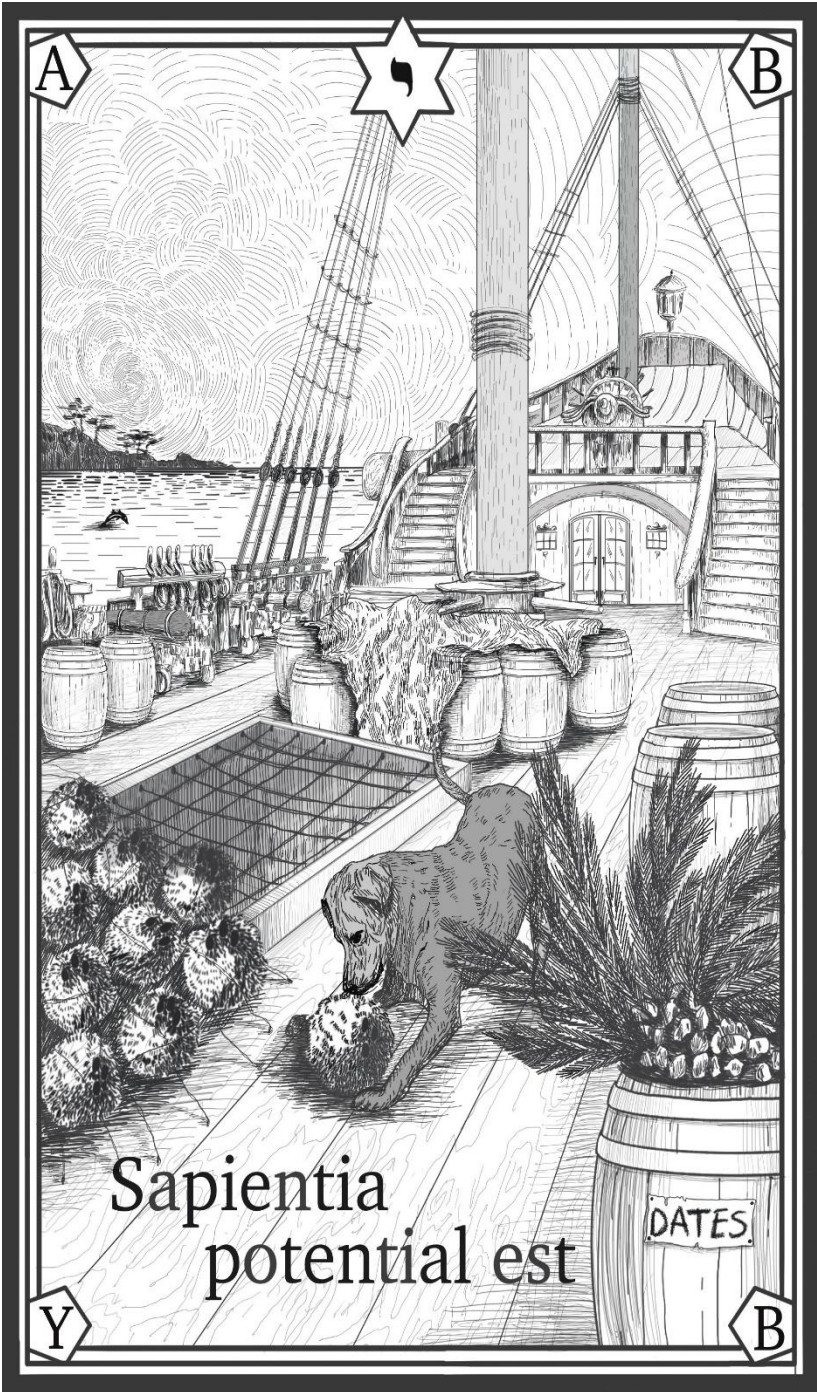
Our Poker-Playing Poetry Provider...



Joe Urbanski

Joe Urbanski spent 35 years being a banker before deciding that enough was enough. He is currently the sole support for 10 aging poker players who meet once a month to describe their maladies and bluff each other silly. He sometimes writes doggerel for family and friends.

Thank you Joe for your sharing a jovial jaunt of prophetic poetry on our addictions to this treasured tale. You've made it all palatable.



Chapter Ten

FIBERS FOR THE FINAL TIME

Our mission has come to its completion as the forensic answers to those early nineteen questions listed in Volume One have now been fully vetted, answered and documented.

Some may believe we were motivated by an agenda as our findings dovetailed into the popular *Templar* and *Baconian* theories of Oak Island. Not at all. Perhaps, the trail traveled to those findings could have been more professionally told; I accept that wholeheartedly. Regardless, these answers and the pursuit of the truth are clearly what drove this process. Twice, we made significant changes in the direction of our research. This demonstrates our examination followed the evidence and not a preset goal.

It should have been obvious to all the theorists and researchers regarding the Oak Island Treasure saga, that coconut fiber... or more accurately, date palm fiber, was a big clue which should not have been ignored. This, the largest artifact found on Oak Island and the only item found which proves early underground constructs did in fact exist, was ignored and too easily dismissed by myth and gossip. Now other authors have cracked the historical façade and made major inroads to understanding what the true history has to say about Oak Island. Their research and examination revolving those pet theories, did have a positive impact in both our forensic proof in identifying date palm fiber, and the presented *Thesis* of “why.”

This effort was never advertised as the “only” way, or even the “best” way to unwrap this conundrum. Nor was that our goal. The goal was to understand what and why mystery fiber was in Oak Island. We hope you agree this presentation has met that challenge.

Before summarizing what has been determined with this research, I’d like to personally thank our co-authors, Christopher L. Boze, Robert W. Cook and Brent Sallans for participating in this overall endeavor.

They brought and offered what they have independently researched and examined and these volumes are better for their findings and contributions. I think it is quite valid to say Christopher L. Boze's dogged effort in identifying lot owners and key players in this enigmatic treasure hunt has put together the best "Go To" source for readers interested in learning about those once involved. I would also like to thank our Poker-Playing Poetic Provider – Joe Urbanski, for offering his way with words. If only I had the writing skills he starts each chapter of this book with, we may not have ended with a 500+ page tome.

One thing I hope readers take away from this three-volume research journey is that we cited every factual reference and we referenced hundreds of scientific papers, historical documents and examined every rabbit hole encountered. Perhaps our own contribution was simply assembling the written evidence from various sources into a presentation which speaks the truth to those mystery fibers. We invite readers and naysayers to visit several websites which host these volumes and other related material if your mind is still clouded with assumptions about topics covered within.

www.OakIslandMysteryFibers.com OR www.OakIslandMysteryTrees.com



Much of any review of subject matter covered in this Volume or the other volumes the reader is wanting to validate, is provided in Appendix A, "*Forensic Scientific Method*," following this chapter.

In a twisted way, this Volume provides a connected path linking two new books about Oak Island; "*The Jerusalem Files, The Secret Journey of the Menorah to Oak Island*," by Corjan Mol & Christopher Morford, and "*Oak Island, Knights Templar, and the Holy Grail: Secrets of 'The Underground Project' Revealed*," by Scott F. Wolter and Donald A. Ruh. Both books break critical news and amazing assessment of the Oak Island Treasure saga and both have

been referenced throughout this book. Though it is not a new book, Jacob Roberts, *“The Holy Trinity Decryption, The Hidden Autobiography of Sir Francis Bacon,”* could very well be the third ‘book’ of the emblematic **Three Palm Trees** found in Francis Bacon’s alias self-portrait, *“Defeating the Iroquois at Lake Champlain.”* Whether those out-of-place-and-time trio of palm trees represent three entrances into Oak Island, the three Brothers Stuart or the three books overwhelming mine... the point is, such research into different rabbit holes will finally lead to identifying who the rabbit is.

Many collaborators thought I had started smoking palm fiber when I became so giddy with the secrets revealed in Roberts book. Just Recently, Jacob Roberts again came to my rescue with his latest ‘*shock and awe*’ in his just released book, *“The Keys of the Rosi Crosse and the Ghosts of Bacon.”* Here he proves I am not hallucinating nor hysterical, and our forensic facts and our proffered *Thesis* is more likely, right on the money. Though Roberts work is centered around convincingly proving the hidden existence of the Brotherhood of the three Stuart Kings - Francis, Walter and James, his eye-opening finds add confirmation of what was then secretly known about Templar activity of an earlier time. The “connecting-the-dots” by Roberts of Bacon’s involvement actually *ON* Oak Island, was a surprise and required our verification that neither Francis Bacon, Francis Drake nor Raleigh would have been able to acquire and place palm fiber in the underground Oak Island constructs where it was found almost two hundred years later. The demise of the Judean Date Palm, and almost all of the commercial date palms within in the Levant by early 1400s, would indicate acquisition of two metric tons of mesh/sheath trunk fiber – or coir fiber, by Raleigh, Drake or affiliates, was not a realistic endeavor. I say... *no way!*

Be that as it may, mystery fiber is tertiary to the determinations made by these three other books. However, the palm fiber does become a solid artifact proving the propensity of the evidence pointing to Templar acquisition of fiber along with a valid reason for bringing it to Nova Scotia. The latter is a key element uncovered in Mol & Morford’s book.

Bacon's role, thanks to Roberts, isn't just his squealing like a pork belly his ego manifested, but was letting you know, he knew. *He knew it all.*

This Volume still has two weaknesses, or perhaps better said, a pair of dips in the comfort found in having volume of verifiable and validated documentation useful for proving key elements of our *Thesis* –

- 1) Adoption by Templars (specifically) of any palm symbology, outside the *Tree of Life*, which shows they held the date palm tree or its related deification, in high esteem, *and/or*
- 2) Use of date palm fiber as a wick material in Jerusalem's Holy Temple environment from King David through King Solomon era.

Writing a book and researching for material to be used in a book are two completely different tasks. With the first, you more or less know all about your subject matter, and work to craft a readable story around that subject. In the latter, you are not restrained in research by the story (thesis) which is being told, but it does help to know the theory when contemplating which rabbit hole one should investigate first. With this volume, the foremost task was to simply let the fully researched evidence on the fiber play itself out to whatever end that may be. Yet now, with the addition of a thesis, and for it to be of any valuable addition to the forensic facts in this book, the researcher attempts to tailor the thesis as clearly and succinctly as possible, so that the reader – for themselves, can connect the dots. Any worthy thesis needs to have a strong foundation on verifiable and validated evidence. Still, a 'thesis' implies you are not fully there yet, in my opinion!

As for those two "dips" described above, Number One is tremendously vague and Number Two is quite specific, when it comes to researchable tasks. Because our efforts to answer these aspects of our *Thesis* were not as fruitful as we had hoped, we relied more heavily on the facts and reportage stated within the four books mentioned in this chapter. Those well-written books are given almost "select source" status when trying to answer and augment those dips in our *Thesis*. And we thank them for issuing their books in such a timely manner, for your benefit.

As more a researcher than a writer, I would have been happier with finding a faded and tattered handwritten receipt for 2 metric tons of date palm fiber issued by a Templar Baillie from a commandery at Maldoim, as notated in a ledger in a bursar's office of an Italian 'Speziali' in Florance (circa AD 1205), which at the time, imported exotic fruits and plants. *Such is what researchers dream of.*

Fibers for the Final Review

For this effort, the first critical question to answer was... "***What is the mystery fiber?***" One could chime in and whine that we may have saved work on the first two Volumes had we known it was date palm fiber. That would have dismissed all the work on the lot owner history; the tall, lanky canopy tree identification; the construction review of the Money Pit and surrounding lore; and so much more. More importantly, these Volumes had to prove WHY coconut fiber could not have been the fiber on the island to finally put this thinking to bed!

The Volumes investigate where the coconut fiber could have come from and the botanical facts quickly revealed it would not come from those "usual suspects" of the Caribbean nor Atlantic. Those Volumes reviewed and examined the history and migration of the coconut palm and further limited possible sources, within the projected time period, to a single location. This narrow option meant coconut fiber from the *Cocos nucifera* was extremely problematic at being the mystery fiber. With past experts being guarded in identifying the fiber, it was decided a scientific determination had to be made to further research why it was on Oak Island. Responses from palm experts around the world did not disagree with the determination made by one of the scientists in a lab setting. Now with knowing what the fiber was, the question changed to, "***What function would Date palm fiber be used for to have been brought to Oak Island?***"

Since both coconut husk coir fiber and date palm mesh/sheath fiber are almost identical as mentioned earlier, the research on the functional usage of coconut fiber was very helpful when examining palm fiber. The only differences in their application were specific ancestral use of date palm cordage for domestication in an oasis and desert biome.

The date palm fiber was not a contender to superior plant fibers found throughout the general region, specifically as it relates to maritime use, so there was inadequate literature available. Only through paleoethnobotanical and archaeobotanical evidence uncovered at various archaeological digs in the Red Sea, Persian Gulf and in Egypt was light shed on date palm fiber. Those findings illustrated date palm fibers lackluster importance during antiquity. Unlike the efforts to ret coconut husk into fibers and turn them into a valuable commodity in the Indian Ocean basin, date palm fiber never rose to the same level of functional importance as a commodity, as had its famous fruit. Overall, like coir fiber, no historical usage nor pragmatic application of date palm fiber would justify its retting, collection and transportation to such a distant island. This was made even more apparent when you consider where the fiber was found within the islands underground constructs.

If no functional or pragmatic application can be found for bringing so much fiber from the Levant all the way to Nova Scotia, the third question remains, ***“What symbolic or specialized use could date palm fiber benefit those ancient voyagers?”***

This is where the *Thesis* takes over, and where the books mentioned in this chapter help to identify the puzzle pieces to the answer as to why date palm fiber was found within Oak Island.

Sifting through paleoethnobotanical and archaeobotanical research, along with the radiocarbon dating of the mystery fiber, quickly narrowed the combined historical record of potential options. More impactful was acquiring information on a botanical experiment in resurrecting a date palm cultivar through germinated 2000 year old seeds. The anniversary of the first grown seed into a full palm, offered a current photograph of that date palm cultivar, which closely matched the illustration mentioned in Jacob Roberts book on Bacon. The timeframe and the geographic location were tantalizingly similar. Further research into date palms, specifically the cultivar reborn from ancient seeds – the Judean Date Palm tree, gave us specific locations where this cultivar was uniquely plantation-grown and its impressive 2660 year history as a deity.

Unbelievably, the discovery Knights Templar operated sugarcane processing mills, at the time and in the center of the unique geographic area where these plantation-grown Judean date palms grew, provided the connecting link of Templars to the fiber. Though this association is flushed out in the book, it also marks the end of the factual forensic trail proving Templars had access to massive volumes of date palm fiber – *should they have wanted it*.

Along the research trail discussed above, evolved a heretofore unconsidered historical look at the date palm tree back through antiquity. This effort was to understand and document the relationship between the date palm and the *Tree of Life*, searching for any connection whatsoever, with Knights Templar. The examination started with pagan mythology in predynastic Egypt. Unbeknownst to this author, such tree (date palm tree) worshipping was widespread throughout the Fertile Crescent and its practice evolved through many different social and cultural renditions, becoming a sacred symbol in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

Understanding the religious doctrinal evolution of thought, or the ontological centering into early Monotheistic Dualism by the Knights Templar, became the Mother of all Rabbit Holes - searching for a palm leaf or trail of fiber. Eventually, and with the help of these other books, an understanding developed of why date palm fiber would be important to Templar future plans.

Our *Thesis* narrates the contention the volume of Judean Date Palm fiber was gathered and transported by Knights Templar or their associates, to be used for symbolic reasons in sanctifying the underground storage of the Temple Menorah on Oak Island, as well as acquire a needed commodity to further their plans establishing a New Jerusalem, complete with a new Solomonic Temple and Tabernacle complex in the New World. That commodity would be sanctified wick material for the Menorah and other lampstands.

We hope you made the connection and found this series both informative and fascinating! Thank you for indulging.

