



Vintrasian Carmelite Succession Line (Eglise Gnostique Apostolique)

"I want the man bearing the cross to be its only victim" - Eugene Vintras.

Vintraism and the Church of Carmel was a French occult church founded by Pierre-Michel Eugène Vintras, a psychic medium and prophet. In 1839 Vintras founded the "Work of Mercy" (l'Oeuvre de la Miséricorde) and proclaimed visionary communications from the Archangel Michael, the Holy Ghost, Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. He had been informed in the visions that he was the reincarnation of prophet Elijah, and that a man named Charles Naundorf was the true king of France. Vintras used upsidedown crosses, sexual magic in prayers and performed miracles with bloodstained hostie, some of which is described in the works of Eliphas Levi.



Eugene Vintras

Vintras died in 1875 and the notorious and infamous Abbé de Boullan (Joseph-Antoine Boullan) assumed control of the Church of Carmel. Accusations of Satanism against Boullan were made by Stanislas de Guatia and Oswald Wirth, among others. Boullan was the rolemodel of Dr. Johannes in J.K. Huysmann's book *La Bas*.

Boullan's and Vintras' teaching was based on a sex-magick which were called *celéstification* and consisted of two different forms: a) sexual intercourse with the higher spiritworld and chosen human individuals through unions de *sagesse*, or b) sexual intercourse with the lower and elemental spiritworld and ordinary human individuals through unions de *charité*. (Carl Kohl, 1904).

This Succession Line, from Jean Bricaud and forward, is sometimes refered to as *Eglise Gnostique Apostolique*.

1. Pierre-Michel Eugène Vintras (1807 - 1875) - head of the Church of Carmel. He consecrated:

2. Marius Breton (dead 1908) The last Pontiff of the Carmel Eliaque, who had been appointed by Vintras himself. Breton and Edouard Souleilon consecrated:



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3. Jean Bricaud (February 11th, 1881 - February 24th, 1934). Famous French occultist and esoteric student, head of the Ordre Martiniste from 1916. Bricaud, also known as Tau Jean II, was a spiritual heir of Jules Doinel (Valentinus II) and was the Patriarch of the Gnostic Church. Bricaud consecrated:
4. Victor Blanchard who was consecrated into the Episcopate by Bricaud on May 5th, 1918. He consecrated:
5. Roger Menard who was consecrated by Blanchard on January 7th, 1945. Menard consecrated:
6. Robert Amberlain who was consecrated by Menard on June 10th, 1946. Amberlain consecrated:
7. Roger Pommery who was consecrated by Amberlain on May 26th, 1958. Pommery consecrated:
8. Willer Vital-Herne who was consecrated by Pommery on September 16th, 1967. Vital-Herne consecrated:
9. Roger Victor-Herard who was consecrated by Vital-Herne on September 7th, 1970. Victor-Herard consecrated:
10. Jorge Rodriguez who was consecrated by Victor-Herard on January 6th, 1985. Rodriguez consecrated:
11. Michael P. Bertiaux who was consecrated by Rodriguez on November 14th, 1985. Bertiaux consecrated:
12. I. M. Berg and B. S. Pedersen who was consecrated by Bertiaux on July 3rd, 2001.



Jean (Joanny) Bricaud