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About the Author

R. A. Schwaller de Lubicz (1897-1961) was one of the most important esoteric philosophers of this century. His elucidation of the temple at Luxor and his presentation of the Egyptian understanding of a special quality of consciousness--the innate intelligence of the heart--form a bridge that links the sacred science of the ancients to the possibility of rediscovering that science in our own time. His other books include *The Egyptian Miracle, Esoterism and Symbol, Nature Word, Sacred Science, A Study of Numbers, Symbol and the Symbolic, The Temple in Man*, and his classic two-volume masterwork *The Temple of Man*.

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