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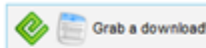


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The Laws of Hammurabi, King of Babylonia^{*} (1903) by *H. Otto Sommer*, translating the ancient Akkadian work of Hammurabi, sixth king of Babylonia.



This is the first translation of the Hammurabi's code made into English, and only the third to be made following the its discovery by modern archaeologists. Prior to Sommer's translation it only existed in French and German among modern languages. The Laws of Hammurabi were written circa 1772 BC, in the Middle Bronze Age. They are one of the oldest deciphered writings of significant length in the world and the longest from the Old Babylonian period. The entire legal code is made up of 282 enumerated laws, here rendered into legal terminology by attorney William Earl Ambrose, almost half of which concerns contract law and a third concerns family law. It contains very early examples of familiar legal concepts, such as the presumption of innocence and both parties presenting evidence. This translation is accompanied by detailed photographs of the entire original Akkadian text of the laws for those who can read cuneiform.

The ruins of Susa now being excavated by the distinguished explorer M. de Morgan have already yielded important results. He was led to undertake the excavation of ancient Susa from

NEW TEXTS

Reminiscences of Leo Nicolayevitch Tolstoi (1920)

by Maxim Gor'ky

Memoirs of Henry Villard (1904)

by Henry Villard

Our big guns (1886)

by Frederik Joseph Bramwell

Christian Science (1907)

by Mark Twain

History of England, Volume 5 (1893)

by James Anthony Froude

The Fuck Brief (2006)

by Marc John Randazza

Project Longshot: An Unmanned Probe to Alpha Centauri (1987-1988)

by Keith A. Beals, et al; NASA & Universities Space Research Association

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