

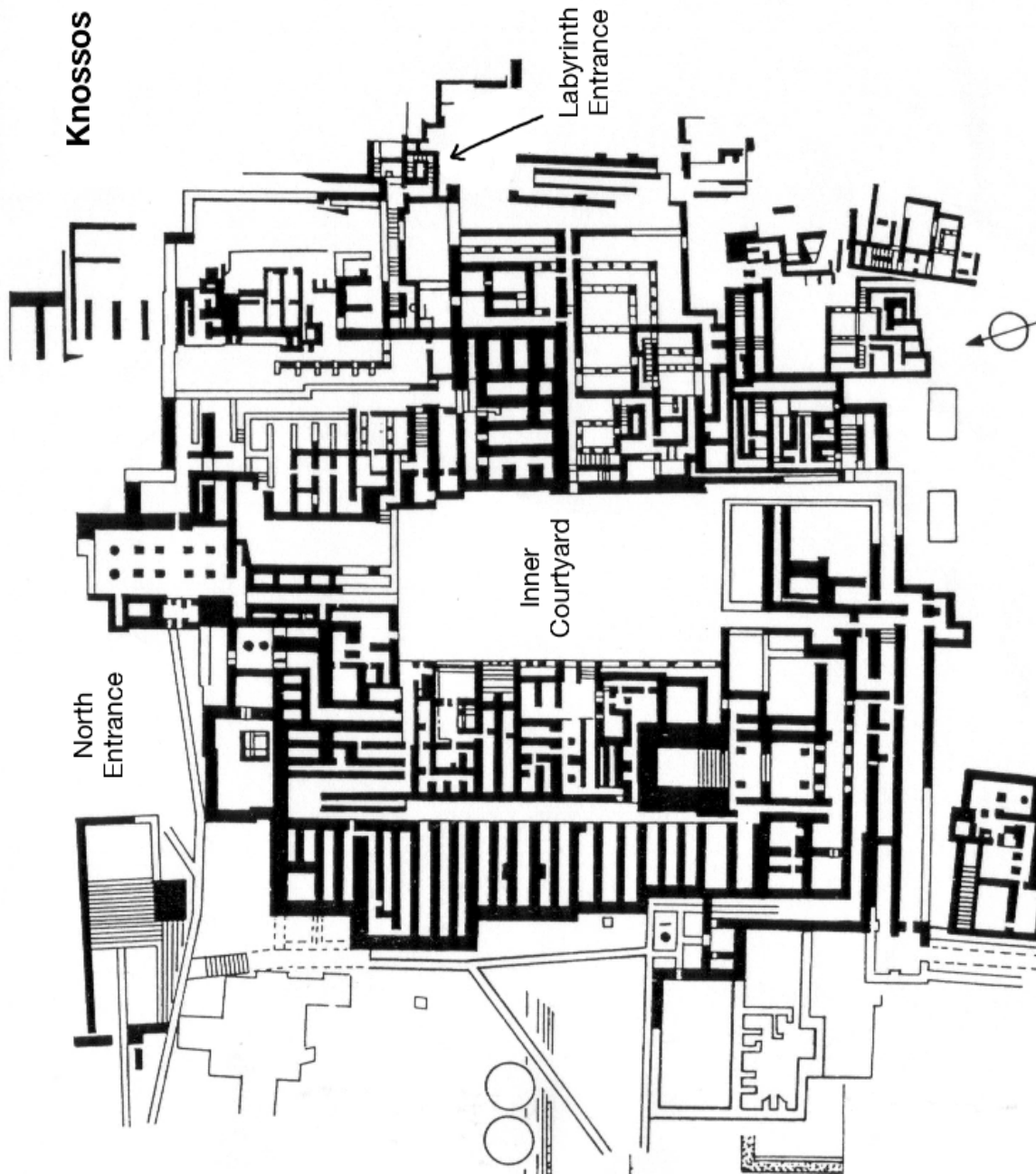
# The Secret of Knossos Handouts

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The Disk of Aiglos



## Handout 1 – Report of the loyal Abbot Sikta Popoulos, anno Domini 1758.

So did the Men of the villages travel to the cove of Epasclarys, and so did they arm themselves well, and nor did they fear.

Their priest Papa Ioannes went himself with them and boldly carried the Cross at the fore against the pagan idolators and the Lord God was with them, for they fell upon the village of the Fire-worshippers like a surging tide and only a few there were who could flee to their unholy Caverns, but there the Brave men did not dare to tread.

Many alas of our men were struck down when the Servants of fire called down upon them a rain of fire, and one of the first to fall was Papa Ioannes, but verily Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.

So did the brave men withdraw, for full Half of them had fallen, but the merest few survived of the idolators.

and the old Man of the idol-worshippers whom they revered as like unto a Saint was slain, but before he was consigned to Hell, he uttered many imprecations and threatened us with a Fate not only like unto that of Losy Atlantis but like unto that of the ancient King Minos.

So did it come to pass in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight.

Report I must of the pomps and works of Satan here in our land.

and a work of Satan it was verily that kindled into wrath the fishermen of the south Coast and made them rise up in Judgment upon the idolators who have lived at the bight of Epasclarys for the one hundred years since they came to this land.

Idolators they are rightly called, for they reverence fire and not the Lord who instructeth us thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

But the idol-worshippers venerate not only the fire that the most infamous among them call forth between themselves, they also worship Demons of old with Unutterable Names such that I will not set them down here.

and they sacrifice great Numbers of beasts in their grottoes near Gortys and I dare say worse, for it came to pass that time and again Babels have disappeared from the surrounding villages. It is also said that the idolators crawl through age-old ruins and dig there in the sands as if seeking the relics of the Pagan ancients.

## Handout 2 – The Legend of Theseus

## The Legend of Theseus

Zeus kidnapped Europa and brought her to Crete. There she bore Minos, who inherited a love of bulls from her. Minos, King of Crete, wanted a symbol for his power, and so Poseidon, god of the oceans, sent him a white bull from the sea to sacrifice.

But the king found the bull too wonderful to slaughter. Poseidon conducted his revenge through Pasiphae, Minos's wife. Poseidon inflamed an unnatural passion for the bull in Pasiphae. With the help of Daedalus, an architect and alchemist, the queen arranged to mate with the bull.

Daedalus built a white cow of leather, in which Pasiphae concealed herself. Sewn into the white cow, she mated with the bull. Months later, she bore a son with a bull's head, the "Minotaur." Daedalus built a subterranean labyrinth in which the royal son was kept prisoner. Over the years, the Minotaur grew large and strong.

Every year, he was nourished by seven beautiful youths and seven beautiful virgins who were sent into the labyrinth to be hunted and devoured.

Theseus, son of the King of Athens, heard about this injustice and wanted to bring an end to the business. With the help of Ariadne, daughter of Minos, he smuggled himself in with the sacrificial youths. She gave him a sword and a ball of twine along the way.

With the sword, he was to kill the Minotaur, and with the thread, one end tied to the entrance, he was to find his way back out of the labyrinth. At the end of the maze, he found the Minotaur and drew his sword without hesitation. A terrible battle ensued.

Finally, Theseus slew him by grabbing the Minotaur's head from behind and cutting off its head with a single stroke. With the help of the thread, Theseus emerged unharmed from the labyrinth, and thus was the horrific reign of the Minotaur brought to an end.



Appendix C – Map of the Labyrinth

