

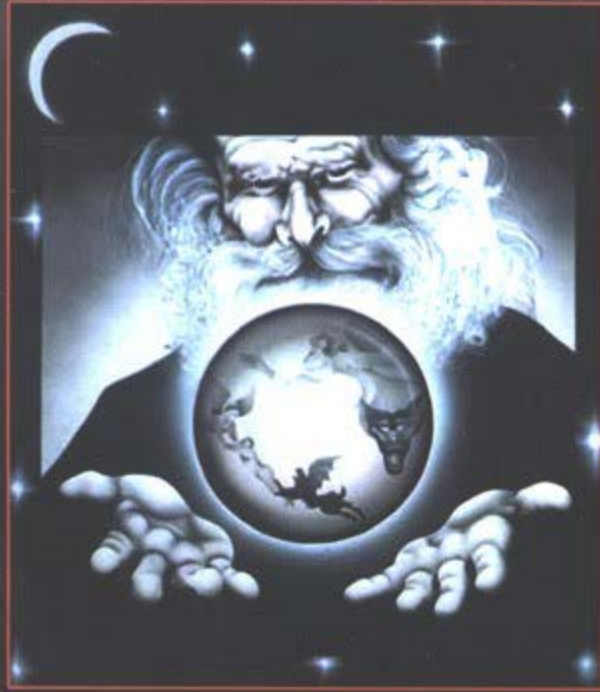
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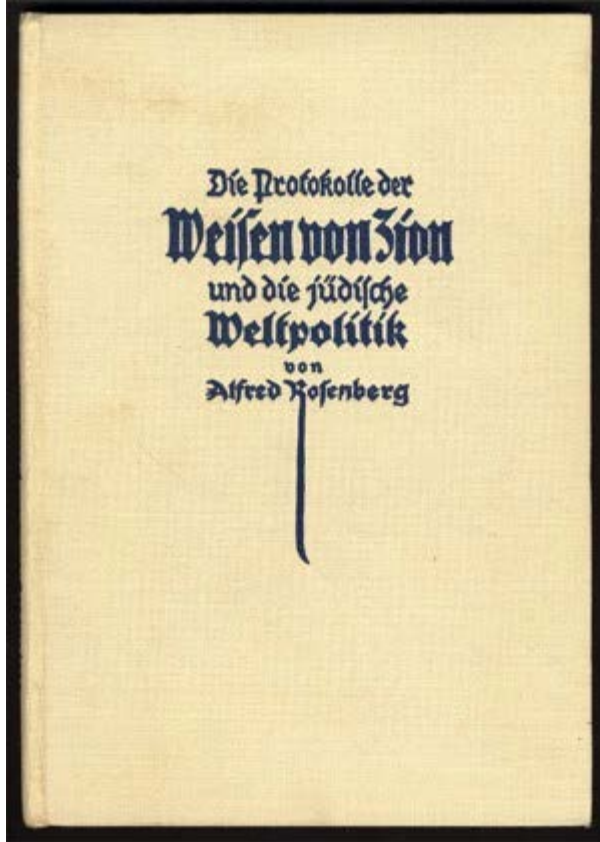
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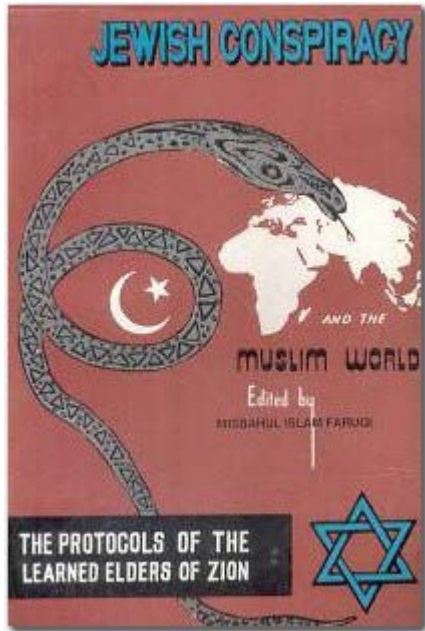
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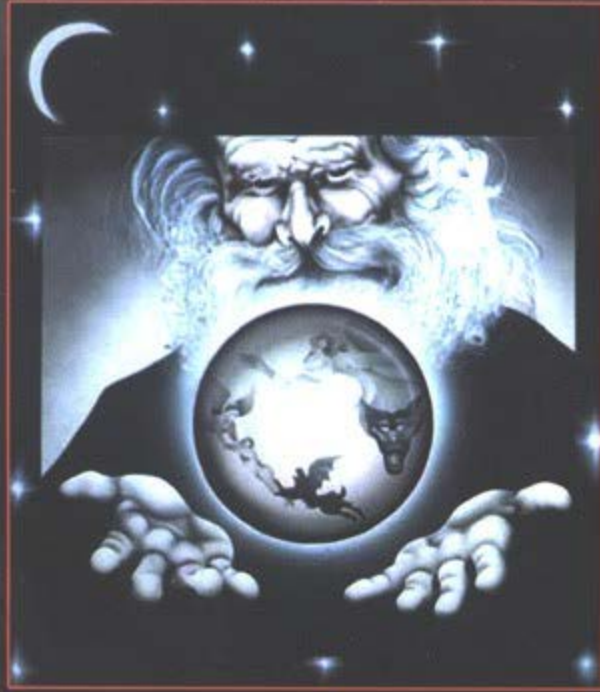
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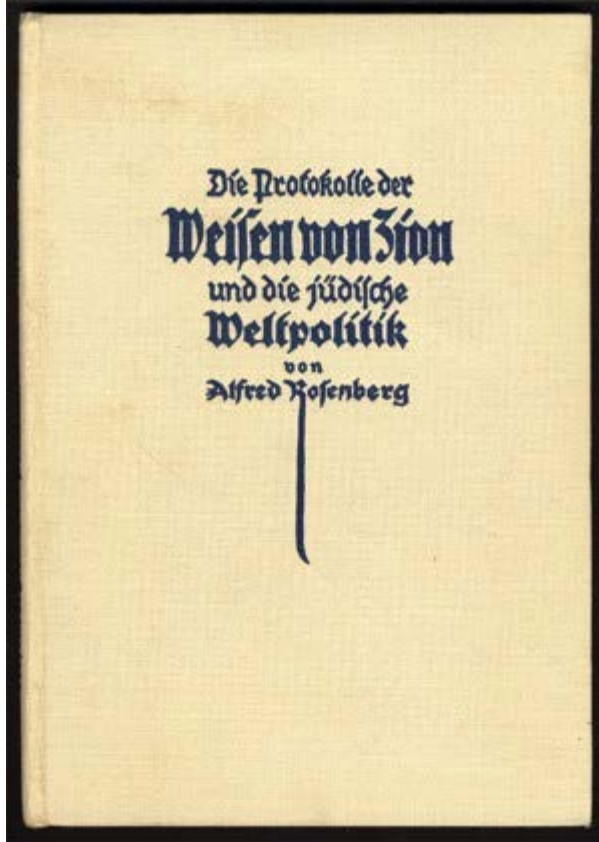
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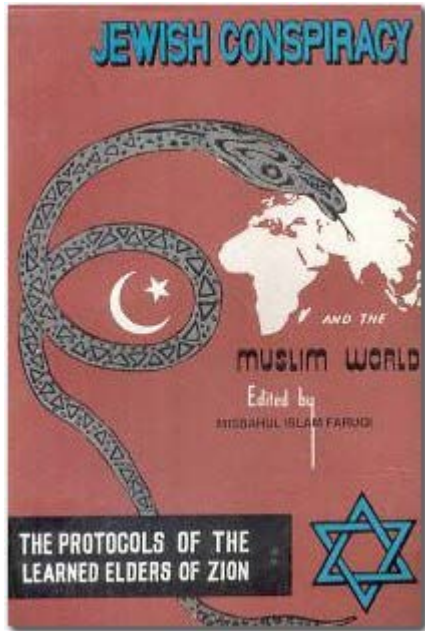
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Although the exact origin of the *Protocols* is unknown, its intent was to portray Jews as conspirators against the state. In 24 chapters, or protocols, allegedly minutes from meetings of Jewish leaders, the *Protocols* "describes" the "secret plans" of Jews to rule the world by manipulating the economy, controlling the media, and fostering religious conflict.

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During the 1920s and 1930s, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* played an important part in the Nazis' [propaganda](#) arsenal. The Nazi party published at least 23 editions of the *Protocols* between 1919 and 1939. Following the Nazis' [seizure of power](#) in 1933, some schools used the *Protocols* to [indoctrinate students](#).

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## The *Protocols* Today [Click here to copy a link to this section](#)

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In the United States and Europe, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and [Holocaust deniers](#) endorse and circulate the *Protocols*. Books based on the *Protocols* are available worldwide, even in countries with hardly any Jews such as Japan.

Many school textbooks throughout the Arab and Islamic world teach the *Protocols* as fact. Countless political speeches, editorials, and even children's cartoons are

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The Internet has dramatically increased access to the *Protocols*. Even though many websites expose the *Protocols* as a fraud, the Internet has made it easy to use the *Protocols* to spread hatred of Jews. Today, a typical Internet search yields several hundred thousand sites that disseminate, sell, or debate the *Protocols* or expose them as a fraud.

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