

SINAI

Sinai is a holy mountain in all three monotheistic religions.

In the south of the peninsula, between the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba, reaching for the Red Sea, grows this mountain out of multi-coloured and multi-formed deserts, through which Moses led the children of Israel to the promised land. On the top of the mountain Moses received God's Commandments.

At the Sinai I gained ten EARTHS.

One of them I excavated with the benevolence of the monks at the foot of the mountain in the monastery of St. Catherine. In the middle of the monastery still grows the thorn bush where God spoke to Moses.

Another one I took from the top of the Gebel Musa.

I found eight more EARTHS in the dry stone desert only with the help and on the trails of the Gebelia-Bedouins in the canyons, gardens and wells of the mountain.

I avoided to dig for EARTHS at places which can be connected to descriptions in the Bible. My goal was to honour the superior principle of the religions and not to disturb the peace reigning for more than 1700 years between the Muslim sons of the desert, the Greek-orthodox monks and the Jewish visitors.