

## SPECIAL SECTION

A Festschrift to William Stoddart on the Occasion of his 90th Birthday



William Stoddart with Frithjof Schuon

n honor of his 90th birthday on June 25, 2015, *Sacred Web* is pleased to present to Dr. William Stoddart a Festschrift: this special section of the journal is devoted to appreciating Dr. Stoddart's many important contributions to the *sophia perennis*, as a 'continuator' of the Tradition through his writings, translations, teachings, and personal example.

Following in the footsteps of his mentor, Frithjof Schuon, Dr. Stoddart has worked tirelessly to act as a beacon of light in a dark world. The best

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of his writings are crystalline, distilled and lucid. They reflect an adamantine commitment to objectivity and to exposing error. His intellectual rigor is complemented by a gentleness and humor, as those who have been privileged to meet him would readily attest. His reluctance to seek the limelight has in no way detracted from his many accomplishments.

On a personal note, the Editor of this journal, being one of Dr. Stoddart's correspondents for many years, would like to publicly express his gratitude to Dr. Stoddart for acting as a sounding-board for the journal, and for his invaluable guidance and warm friendship.