

Title: Refinement of the Ergot-Influence Hypothesis

Content:

While sustained ergot exposure sufficient to directly author the Voynich Manuscript over an extended period is physiologically implausible, the manuscript may still plausibly reflect ergot-related phenomena.

Possible scenarios include:

1. Intermittent experiential output by an individual during altered states.
2. Observations of ergot-influenced phenomena by others, documented in monastic or scholarly settings.
3. Deliberate preservation as an artifact, situated at the intersection of medieval medicine, spirituality, and perception.

This refinement preserves the value of the original work as systematic observation and hypothesis formation, even if the original mechanistic claim cannot be fully supported.