



Labyrinths in the Nordic Countries – Art, History, and Culture

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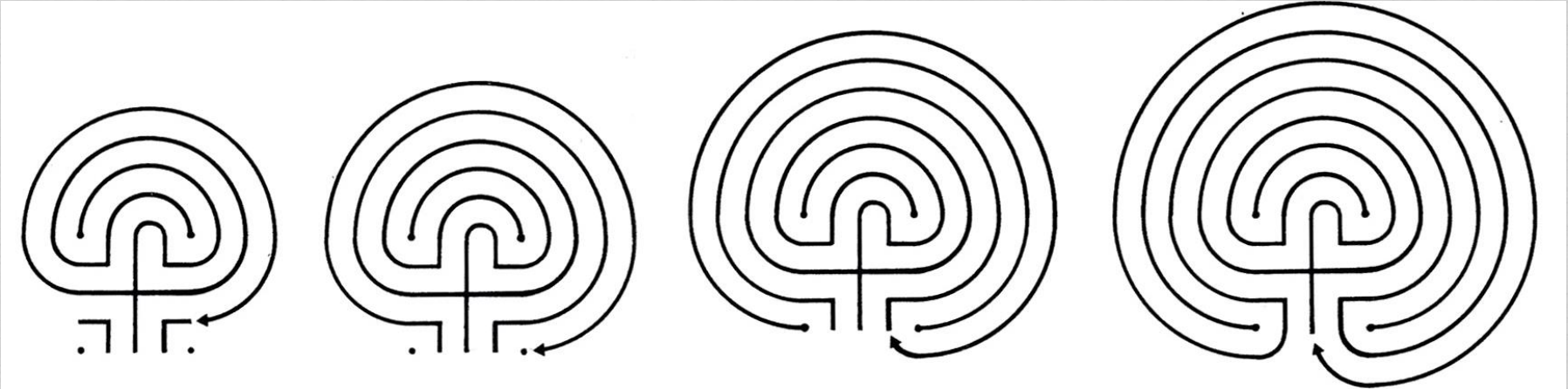
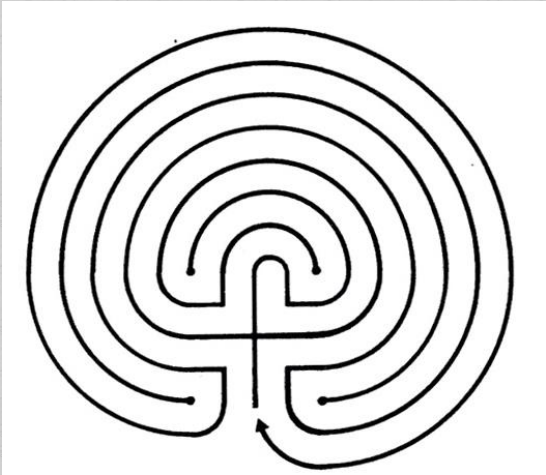
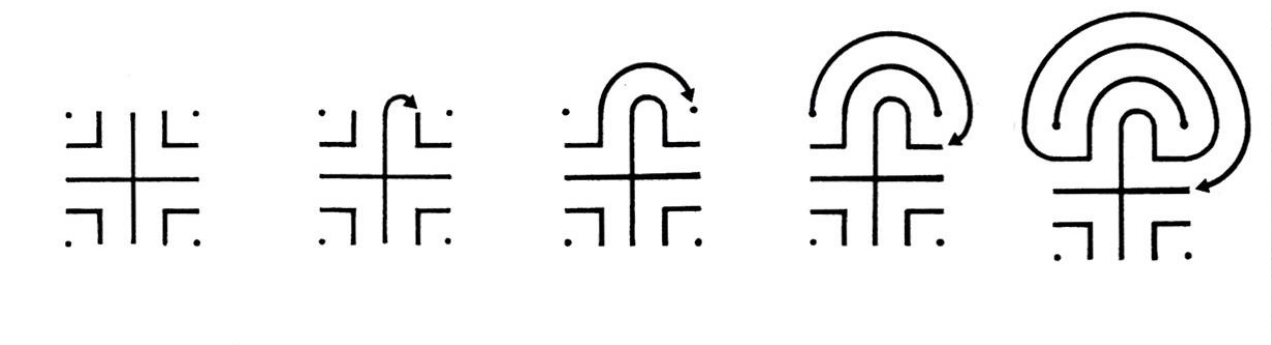


Stone labyrinth in Mikkelinsaari,
Vaasa (Finland)



Painted labyrinth in Sipoo church,
around 1450s









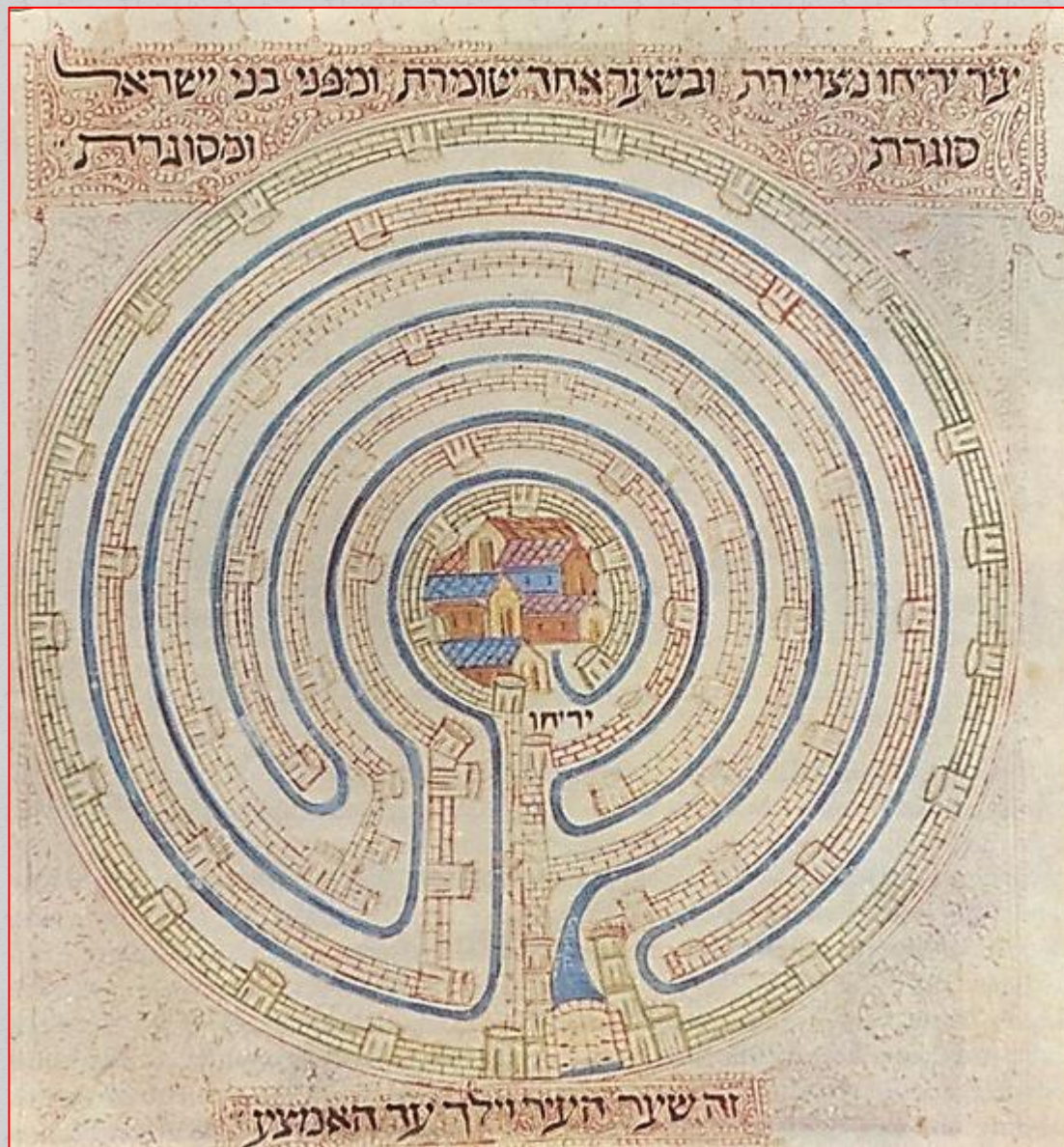
JATULINTARHA

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A circular arrangement of red, stylized letters forming a ring around the central text. The letters are arranged in a circular pattern, with some letters appearing to be part of a larger word or phrase, though they are not fully legible. The letters are red with a white outline and a slight shadow, giving them a 3D appearance. The central text is in a bold, black serif font.

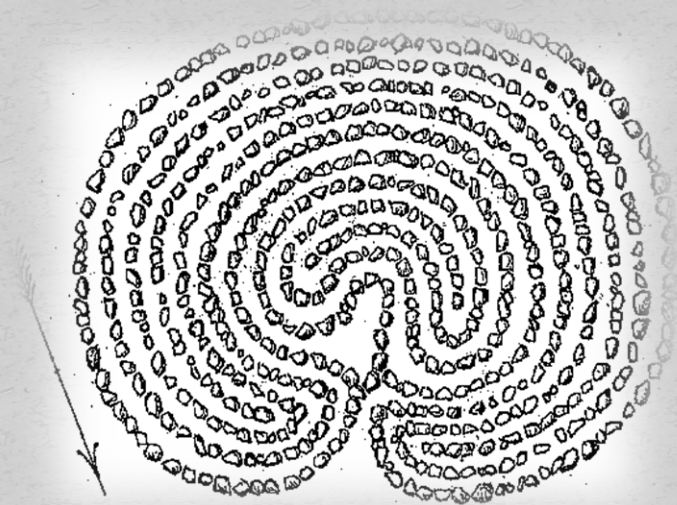
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14th century map of Jericho, *Farhi Bible*

FUNCTIONS OF STONE LABYRINTHS

- ❖ navigation system
- ❖ rituals aiming at providing good fortune in fishing and seafaring
- ❖ property rights to a certain area
- ❖ magical uses
- ❖ uses in various rituals
- ❖ association with burials



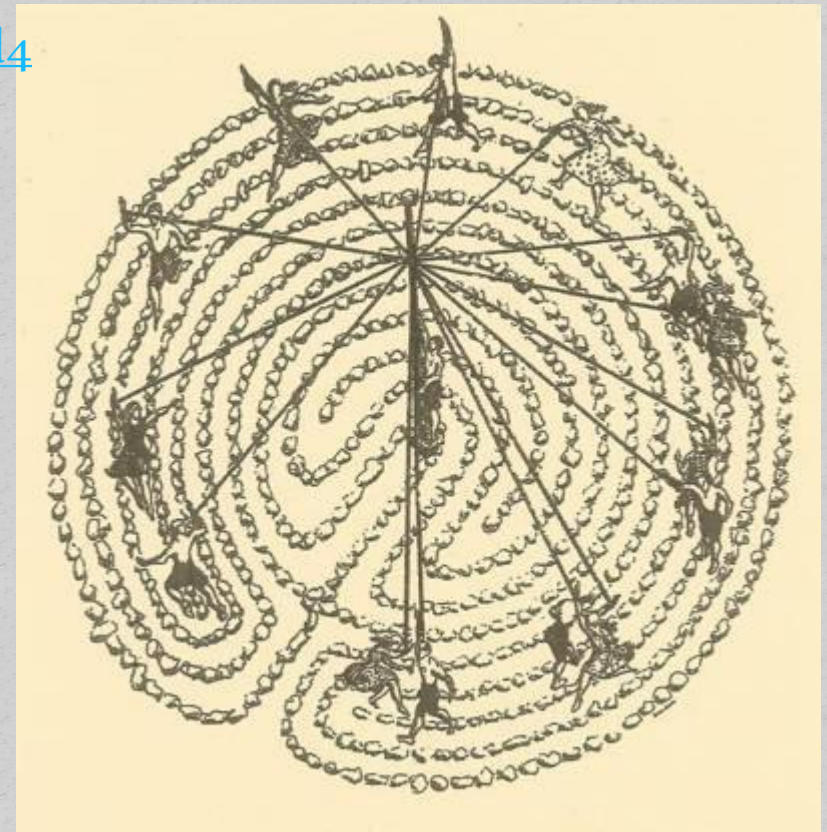


Wall painting depicting a dance in Ørslev church, Denmark

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHgTloM3id4>

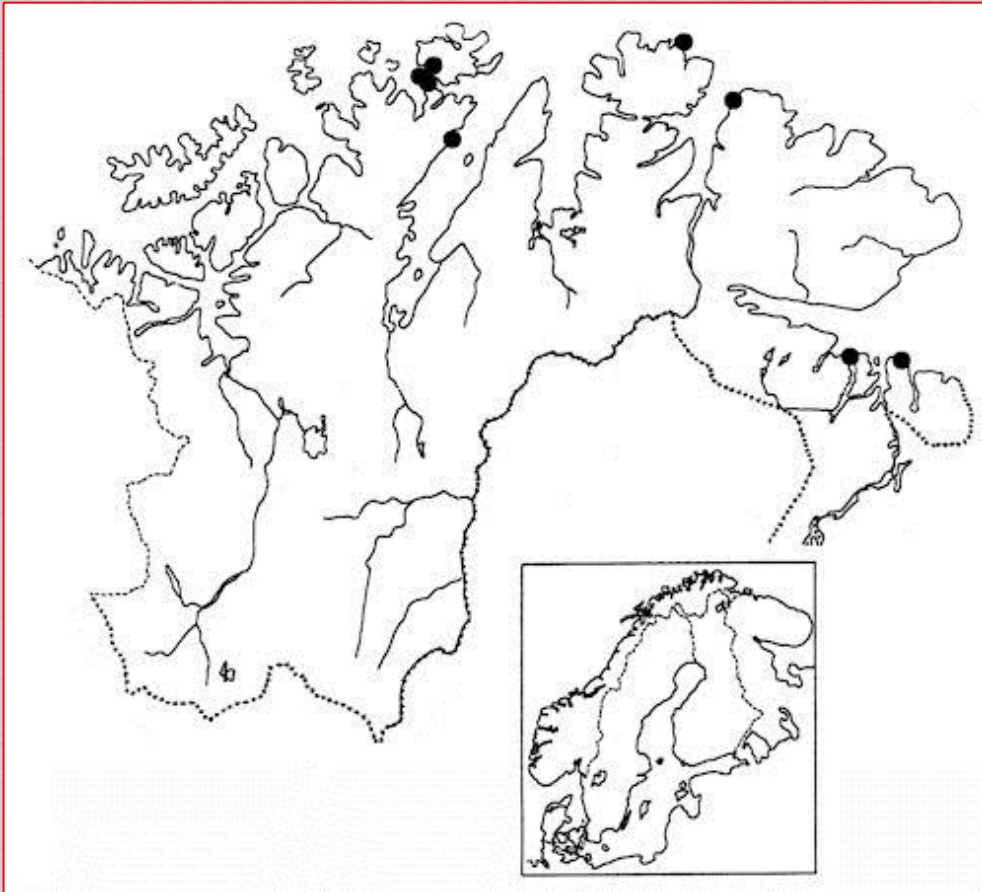


Walking the labyrinth in Rosala Viking centre

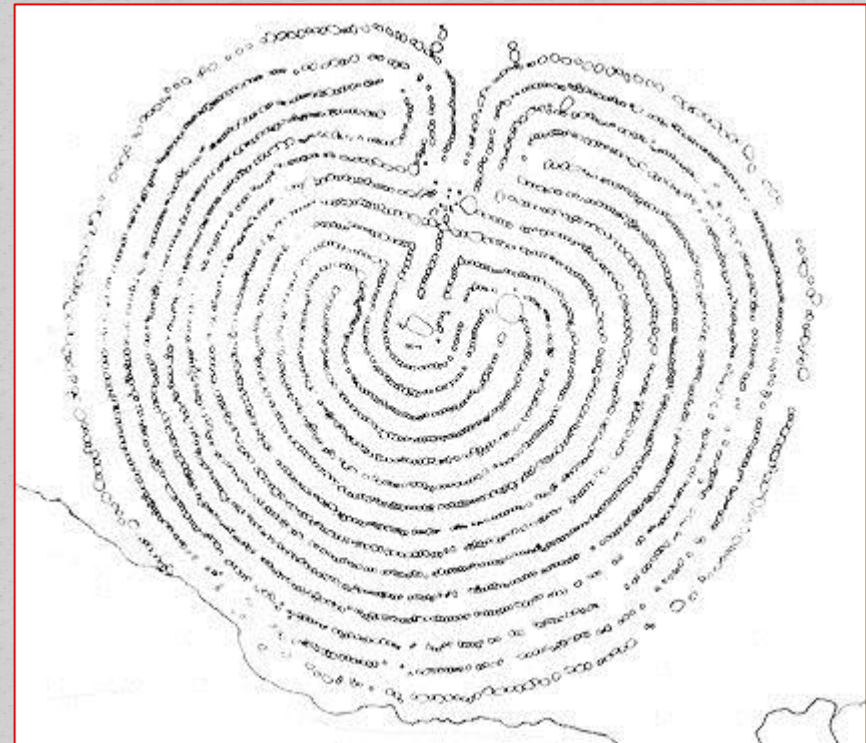


Maypole labyrinth dance by Lars-Ivar Ringhom (1938)

Labyrinths connected to burial sites

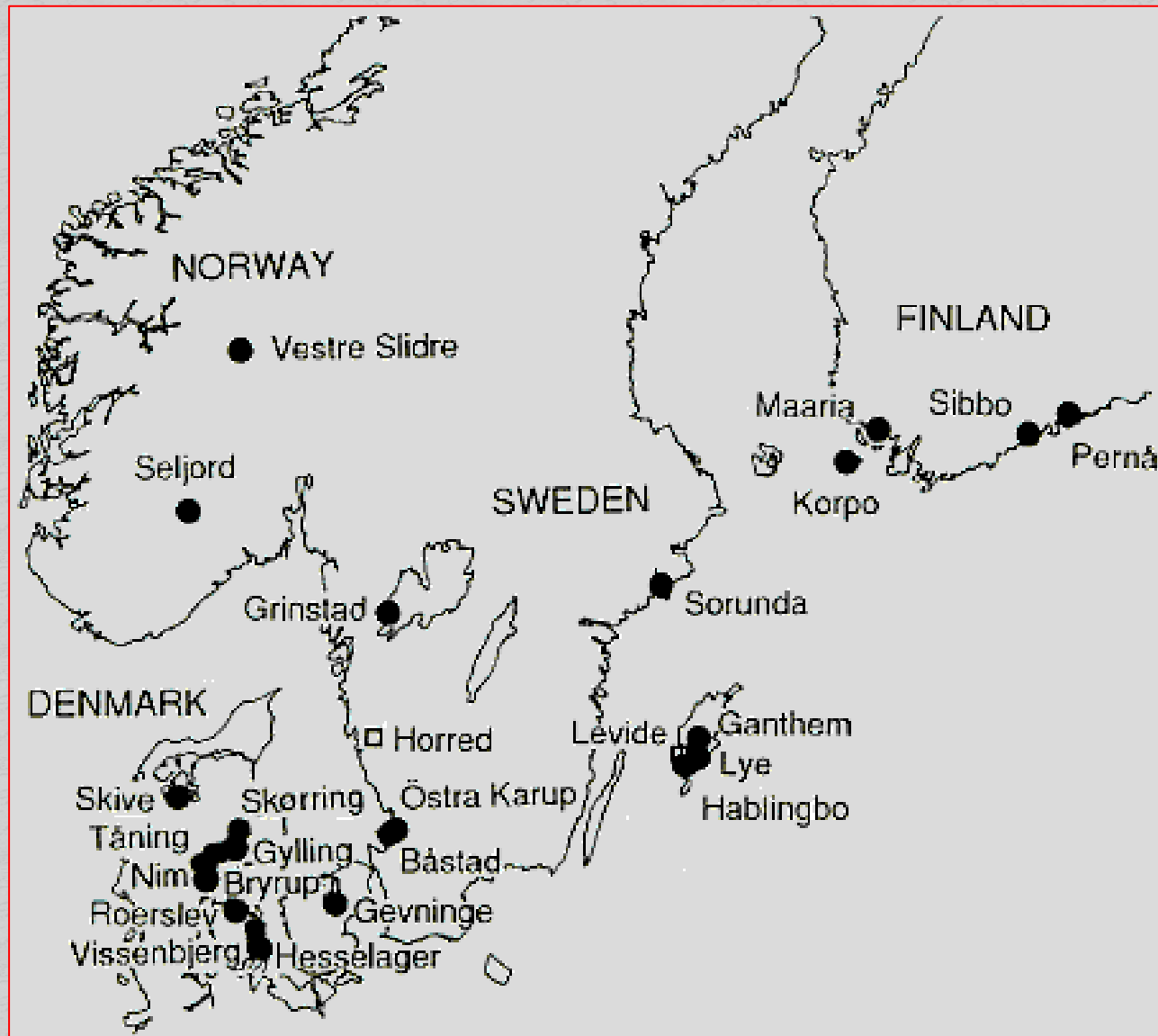


Finnmark, Norway



**The labyrinth at Tibble,
Badelunda parish**

Labyrinths in medieval churches



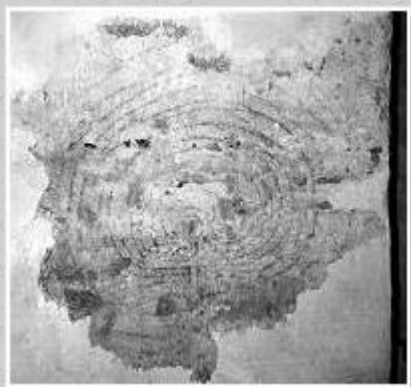
DENMARK



Hesslager Church, Fyn



Roerslev Church, Fyn



Bryrup Church, Jylland



Gevninge Church, Sjælland.



Skive Old Church, Jylland



Vissenbjerg Church, Fyn



Taaning Church, Jylland



Skørring Church, Jylland

SWEDEN



Grinstad Church, Dalsland



Horred Church, Västergötland



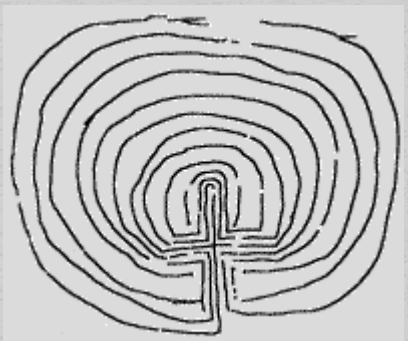
Östra Karup Church, Halland



Hablingbo Church, Gotland



Båstad Church, Skåne



Ganthem Church, Gotland



Sorunda Church, Södermanland



Lye Church, Gotland

NORWAY



Vestre Slidre Church, Valdres



Seljord Church, Telemark

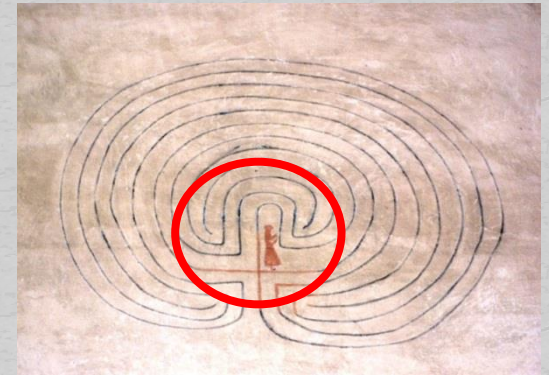
Maaria Church



FINLAND



Korppoo Church



Sipoo Church



Pernaja Church



Grinstad



Chartres

FUNCTIONS OF MEDIEVAL CHURCH LABYRINTHS

- ❖ Coastal connection
- ❖ Protective function?
- ❖ The idea of journeying or pilgrimage?
- ❖ Masons' marks, social network?
- ❖ Association with the Virgin Mary?





Abigdon manuscript, 11th century

Hesselager Church, Denmark



Sipoo Church, Denmark

Skive Old Church



Maaria Church





The Shining, 1980, directed by Stanley Kubrick



The Labyrinth, 1986, directed by Jim Henson



Pan's Labyrinth, 2006 (*El laberinto del fauno*),
directed by Guillermo del Toro

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI49m3iobYU>

<http://www.labyrinthmaze.com/>

http://www.labyrinthmaze.com/flash_games/maze_girl.htm

http://www.labyrinthmaze.com/flash_games/3d_maze_survival.htm



Motoi Yamamoto: Labyrinth
salt
5 x 14m
Making Mends / Bellevue Arts Museum



Jeppe Hein's installation "The Spiral Labyrinth" presented at the 4th Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art - Rewriting Worlds.



The labyrinth at the University of Kent (UK)

Labyrinths in the universities

- a creative project for design and construction (art, architecture, agriculture, landscape design, creative writing, etc.)
- a personal and clinical resource for students and staff
- lectures, workshops and labyrinth walks within a range of programmes for the community
- religious studies: using a labyrinth to explore symbology and history; to deepen spiritual practice; to build experience of meditation
- pedagogy
- mathematics
- health, sports science and wellbeing: events led by an academic department, or by other teams with a focus on well-being
- a place for networks and forums
- a place for retreats and conferences

Find more: <http://labyrinthociety.org/labyrinths-in-places>