

# The Egyptian Mysteries

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## Invocation:

May the peace of the eternal love be with us. May we be still within our souls, and aspire to the realms of light and truth. Thou who art our Father God, we wait before the altar; we give, according to our understanding, the light within us, we pour forth our love. So may Thy light shine forth, illumining our souls, clearing our vision, so that we may, in this earthly consciousness, receive deeper wisdom and understanding of the worlds above, of the spheres of life, of that one eternal Light in the heavens. We thank God for our creation, and for the slow but sure revelation of the eternal life.

Amen.

We greet you, dear ones. In studying the Egyptian mysteries, it is possible to become confused by writings, statements made by students on the outer plane of study. It is not possible to express in the written word those secret and inner mysteries of the temples of the past. Certain outer evidences in Egypt lead students to certain conclusions; these we are not concerned with tonight: we deal with our subject solely from the inner aspect and ask you not to try to correlate our words with outer evidences, with resulting confusion. Truth lies within every soul. Each man's\* vision varies according to his evolution. Bear this in mind, and remember also that to the inner soul of every man will be revealed the holy of holies—truth.

*[\*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction]*

All the mysteries of past races are based upon one foundation. Different presentations there may be, different schools varying according to the image or personality set up by that particular race for worship. For man in his human aspect has even chosen a being, a personality, one who is as himself on the outer or physical plane, but who has within the wisdom of the eternal. By this alone you will recognise that man has always known in his spiritual or God self of the possibility of progression towards the Christ man, known throughout the mysteries under various names—the Christ man, the Son of God.

In the visions of Hermes, the Egyptian Thoth, we see mirrored the whole of creation; we glimpse the Holy Trinity, the Father God, the Mother God (who also is the Daughter) and the Son. We note the seven worlds or spheres of life above this physical life and see the coming of the Light to man.

The origin of the Egyptian teachings or mysteries is to be found in the lost continents, such as Atlantis, Lemuria and Mu\*. Most of you are familiar with these names, but as to details you are uncertain. I make no dogmatic statements; we are in no position to do this, but we can give you perhaps some light, and open up channels of thought to you. Remember also not to be dogmatic, for eternal truths are never to be cut and dried. Possibly the continent of Mu was one part of Atlantis, which may serve to answer certain questions in your minds. From inner knowledge, it would seem that the mystery teachings found throughout Egypt, Persia, Arabia and other Eastern countries, together with the mysteries of the early American and Maya peoples, originated from initiates sent forth from Atlantis. When it was known that the continent was doomed on account of the apparent getting out of hand of the negative or evil

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force, the initiates and wise ones, being prepared, set forth to carry the secrets to other countries, those eternal secrets so necessary for man when he becomes ready to learn and to assimilate.

*[\*See Inner Teaching T 047 for further information about these continents.]*

Therefore we find pyramids in central America, in Mexico and in Egypt; these pyramids, as instanced by those of Egypt, remain a mystery. Many have sought to unlock the secret contained in the great Pyramid of Giza. It is thought to be a tomb of the Pharaohs, and a place which contains the secret measurements so precise and exact as to enable students to understand many things relating to history and the structure of the earth. May we suggest that the great Pyramid contains not only the secrets of the earth, but of man's eternal life; in these temples men were initiated and taught, or their own souls revealed—as a result of certain forms and ceremonies—the purpose of their creation. They learnt therein from whence they came, for what they were then living, and whither they went. The lesser mysteries were revealed to the younger souls, the greater mysteries only to those who could pass through the great portal of initiation, between the two great pillars, which have so many interpretations. Perhaps they support the great arch of life; through these and the great arch the initiates were led to understanding of the mysteries of their creation.

Let us refer again to the Trinity: God the Father, God the Mother, the Son—these three, symbolised through every religion and in every mystery school; the Son, the archetype, the perfect being, held in the Father's mind before the creation of the world, the man-God, the Christ man. Bear always in mind the sacredness of your own obligation to God, for in you is the seed of this Christ man, the perfect Son. Throughout the ages this Christ man comes forth as a leader, a teacher, a revealer to his lesser brethren of eternal truth—Father, Mother, Son: the sacred Trinity.

The quest of man not only through one incarnation but throughout the experiences of earth life is symbolised in that ancient quest of the Holy Grail. Interpret that quest mystically, and ever remember there are countless holy grails, and each man will eventually find his own.

All this is linked with the Egyptian mysteries. Man therein learnt first and foremost that he was a son of God; that within him was the Light of the Son. All Atlantean white magical religion and practice was based on one truth—the Light. The light it was which gave man life and birth, and being introduced from Atlantis, the Egyptian mysteries also were based upon the Light.

That which led the candidate to the Holy Grail or to the light, was first to open the light or love or kindness in his own heart to his fellow man, and then and then only the light from above found entrance into the secret chamber and guided him in his quest. You have heard us before say that in freemasonry you have the fundamental principles. Alas, so often in your modern world, the shell alone is valued today and the kernel, the pure truth is not seen. But the ancient truths will again come to this present race, and they will receive again the divine Light.

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Now the temple of Amen-Ra was built by a perfect and pure brotherhood, those who were initiated into the lesser mysteries (as apart from those initiated into the greater); even they were working to give light to the whole human race. Their particular work it was to seek for the light in their fellow and to help it to grow. This can only be done, as they learnt, by first giving forth the light from your own soul. On this basis rested the lesser mysteries in Egypt. In the worship of the great Amen-Ra we find music and colour played an important part.

To return again to freemasonry\*; brother masons present will recognise the wearing of the masonic apron by studying pictures or drawings of the Egyptian priests; you will recognise also the masonic signs and symbols. In the temple of Isis, the great Mother, were practices of a similar nature to those of your own healing and development groups. In such schools the student was taught how to open his centres. Study the pictures and the statuary of the Egyptians and you will recognise they had knowledge of the chakras. The three principle chakras they learnt to use in service. Again you see depicted the Trinity, the sacred triangle. Again, certain head-dresses worn symbolised the auric emanations of initiates and officiate in the Egyptian rites.

*[\*White Eagle refers to masonry as a form of universal truth or teaching, with no specific reference to the freemasonry of today.]*

I leave you with this simple thought: the Egyptian mysteries came from the ancients of the lost continents and portrayed the wisdom of creation and the path which man must follow on his return journey to God, his Father.

In your Bible is a restatement of the same truth: the story of the prodigal son, who coming forth from the Father must pass through a process of experience and evolution before he could return again with his hands filled with experience and wisdom gained from his journey.

Q.How is it so easy for masons to keep their secrets?

A.That is an interesting question. It is because when initiated the candidate's soul is linked to certain invisible centres of power. Your pledge is given actually to those on the invisible planes, forming a soul link so sacred that you have no desire to reveal. Even on the outer plane, there is an eternal something within the man which he cannot defy nor break faith with.

Q.Is it fair to assume that the worship of Osiris was the first worship in Egypt?

A.Do not cling to the personality of any great one. As a channel, certain physical bodies, certain personalities have been used to reveal to humanity a central truth. Therefore conceive Osiris as being the Light, even as was Christ—maybe 'Christ' is but another word for the same. The Light of Osiris, or Christ, manifests through all men. If you will interpret thus, Osiris is *the* presentation to man of the first and only religion.

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Q.What of Isis?

A.I can only see Isis as that aspect of life which is the human body, is the earth. You are thinking of Isis as an actual person or being. Isis may have been personified, but Isis as a principle portrayed the Mother of all living things. She represents a certain aspect of creation. Every mother is Isis.

We beg you to understand the importance of not being too definite in the realm of mysticism, else you may divert others from truth. Be very comprehensive. White Eagle believes in everything, because he knows there is truth in everything lying beneath the clothing with which man likes to dress it up.

Q.Why did the Egyptians mummify their dead?

A.Not all were mummified. These were they who were initiates. When mummified they were supposed to have passed through an initiation into the greater mysteries and acquired so much that they would not need to reincarnate. It was thought that whilst the physical body was preserved, the soul need not return in another physical body.

Q.Is that why it is so bad to open the graves?

A.You know it is a violation. The mummified body had been preserved with much ritual and ceremony, and guarded by elemental spirits. A magic ring guarded that tomb, and the elementals are going to cause trouble to he who violates it.

Q.Would you then say that none of the initiates who were mummified are reincarnated?

A.No, I dare not. I give you an idea which was prevalent in Egypt, but I do not say that it actually is so. Beliefs change as a soul evolves. The path of life continues in a spiral; truth is the same yesterday, today and forever, but the presentation and the understanding of divine wisdom evolves as man evolves upwards and onwards on the spiral.

Q.If they had a link with the physical body they must have been earthbound?

A.Each has a link on a certain plane of consciousness with every one of his bodies of the past. On a certain plane is a 'wardrobe' and in that wardrobe you will find perhaps a Greek, perhaps an Egyptian, perhaps an early French dress—and so forth. I occasionally go to my 'wardrobe' and put on a certain dress. In that sense my soul is linked to all my bodies. You must get above the limitations of the personal to understand these things.

## Benediction:

And to the one and only true Father God, we humbly give our hearts in worship, and in thanksgiving. May we grow in virtue, and wisdom and love. O God, help us.

Amen.

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