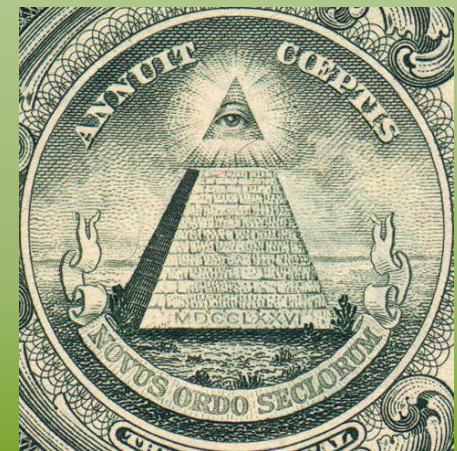




Tracking the Ancient Mysteries from Egypt to the Founding of America

Lecture 2: Egypt

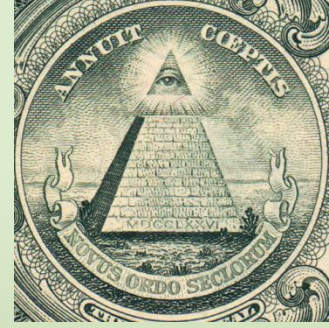


Outline



- **Lectures 1 – 5:** Conceptual foundations, Egypt, Greece, The Temple Legend, Vanishing of the Mysteries
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3 Key Insights Tonight

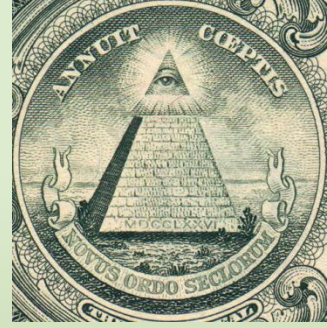


1. Story of Osiris and Isis – What it means
2. Initiate's experience of ancestry and evolution
3. Hermes Trismegistus; father of Alchemy



● Andrew Linnell





Review: Process of Initiation

- High priests could “see” who were candidates
- Selection typically from bloodline
- Because of dangers, elects must fully trust their Guru
- Within the Holy of the Holies, the Temple Sleep
 - 3.5 days elect lay as if dead
- An initiate led the elect through the spiritual world
- Hierophant called the elect back – new name
- Certainty of Spiritual world
- Pyramid structure high priests to elects

Theme of Egyptian Initiation



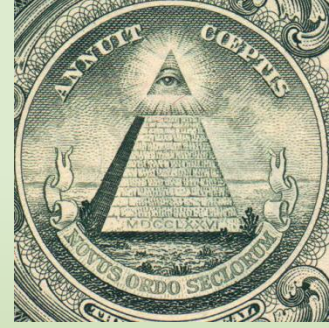
“When released from the body you ascend to the free aether, you will become an immortal god, escaping death.”

-- Empedocles

- **Book of the Dead**
- *Book Of Emerging Forth Into The Light*
- Magic spells intended to assist a person's journey through the Duat, or underworld, and into the afterlife
- Osiris & 42 Judges



Details: Process of Initiation



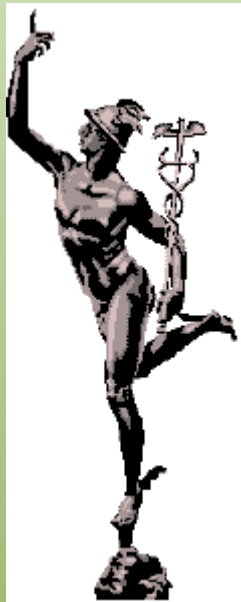
- Awaken the Osiris, the eternal, within oneself
- Soul connected to transitory, but gives birth to Eternal
- Elect passes through various Planetary Conditions:
- Venus Condition: Initial Condition
 - Suppress all impulses of egoism and self-love
 - Cultivate selflessness – become a being who feels love and sympathy, not for his fellow-men only, but for all existence
- Mercury Condition: Learning of life before birth
 - Priest led the candidate for Initiation back as far as the ancestor who still possessed characteristics which had been transmitted, through heredity, to the pupil himself

Details: Process of Initiation

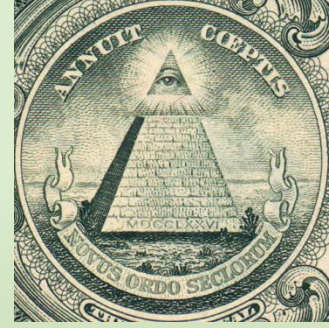


- Mercury Condition: Guided by a Hermes-priest

- Strict submission to every demand of the teacher
- Resolved to eliminate his own Ego completely, to submit to no impulses of his own, and to carry out meticulously what the Hermes-priest instructed him to do; submit to this domination
- Obedience to the teacher through many years was necessary to descend without danger into a deeper level of his own inner being
- No possessions, nothing – die to the transitory world



Details: Process of Initiation



- Mercury Condition:

- Then candidate comes to his previous etheric body – image of snake biting tail
- Reincarnation cycle explorations continue back to one's first incarnation
 - Human body very different back then
- Lemurian time: Moon separated from Earth
- Conditions of Earth very different – mineral just becoming – condensing from life e.g. coal
- Gods (angels) descended as human-animals



Path (Degrees) of Initiation



Start: Tree of Knowledge – an ego is sufficient

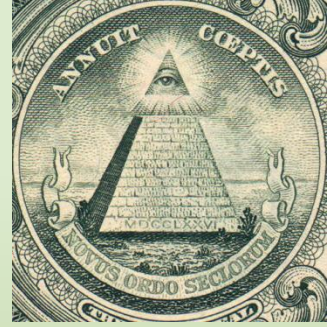
1. **Raven:** the messenger from outer world to the temple - intermediaries between the emperor under a spell in the mountain and the outer world e.g. Ravens of Wotan, the Ravens of Elijah, and in the German Barbarossa saga
2. **Occultist/Disciple:** A meditant in the Temple - made the interests of his community his own
3. **Warrior:** Proclaimed the Truth he had experienced
4. **Lion:** Consciousness has reached the Tribe, firmly grounded in himself; he not only had the Word, but he possessed also the magical forces; Judah

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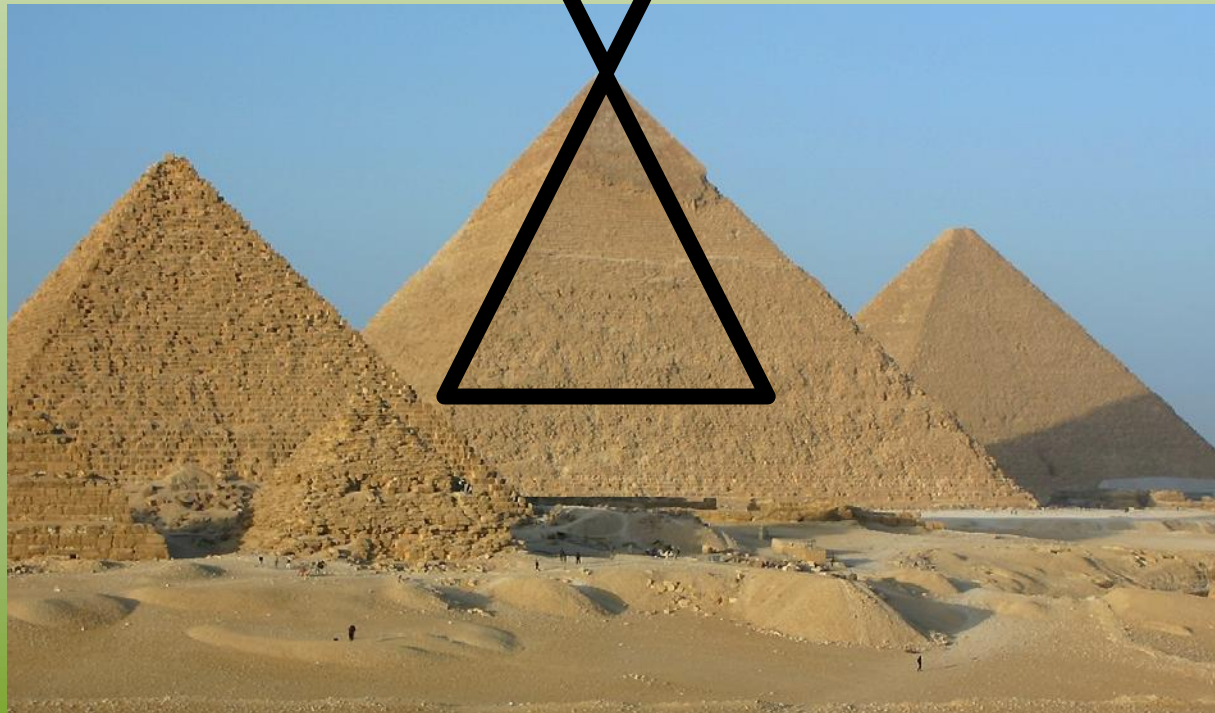


5. **True** (nation): e.g. “Persian” or “True Israelite” (John 1:46-49): “Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile!” he had seen him under the fig tree, refer to a special process in initiation, thus Nathanael was an initiate of the fifth degree; Tree of Life
6. **Sun Hero**: had to be so permeated by lawfulness of the good and the wise like the sun that it was impossible for him to stray from the path
7. **Father**: connected with the future development of mankind

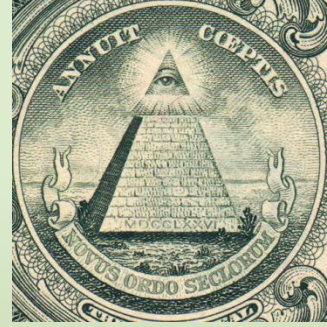
Why the Pyramid?



Gold leafing on the peak
Caused reflection of the sun



Indian



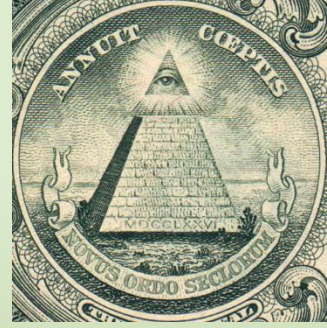
- **Oneness**, Brahman
- As in the expulsion from Eden, they felt Gods pushed them; thus prove worthiness to rejoin, ascend, religion
- 7 Holy Rishiis
- Vedas come later

Persian



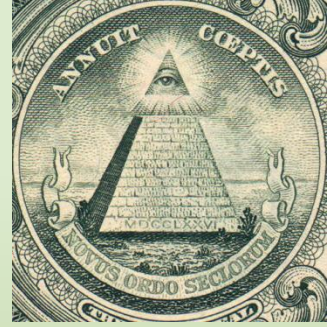
- **Duality:** Powers of Light versus Powers of Darkness
- Sun-aura, Ahura Mazdao (or Ormuzd), versus the principle of darkness, Angramainyush (or Ahriman)
- Zarathustra
 - Transform what comes from Ahriman (physical world)
 - Unite with the good gods, and overcome Ahriman
- Work on the earth to transform it, to redeem it
 - Glorify Ahura Mazdao by redeeming the earth
- Feet planted firmly on the ground

Egyptian - Chaldean



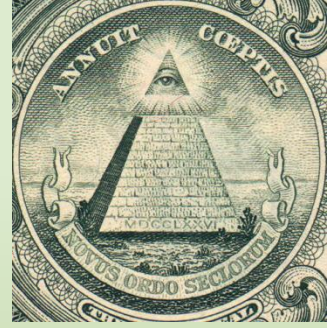
- **Trinity:** Powers Sun, Moon, and Earth
- Search for time when Sun, Moon, and Earth were united
- Reincarnation – Book of the Dead
 - “Weighing” the soul
- Empedocles on Egyptian Mysteries teachings: “When released from the body you ascend to the free aether, you will become an immortal god, escaping death.”
- Hermes Trismegistus
 - Alchemy
 - Magic

Greek Cultural Age



- **Four-fold** Human Being shown in the Sphinx at Gaza
 - Bull
 - Lion
 - Eagle/Vulture
 - Human
- Compare to vision of Ezekiel, signs of the Gospels
- Historical significance

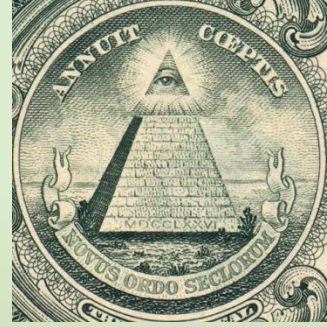
Egyptian Pyramid Texts



- Pyramid Texts: collection of ancient Egyptian religious texts from the time of the Old Kingdom, 2400 BC
- Possibly the oldest known religious texts in the world
- Written in Old Egyptian
- Carved on the walls and sarcophagi of the pyramids at Saqqara, 5th and 6th Dynasties
- Reserved only for the pharaoh
- Not illustrated
- Mention Osiris

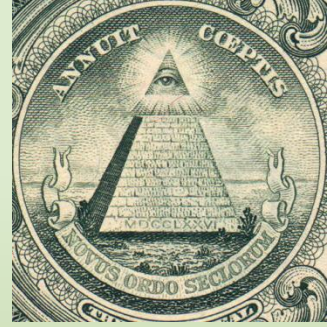


Story of Osiris, Isis, and Horus



22 Dynasty, 870 BC
Louvre

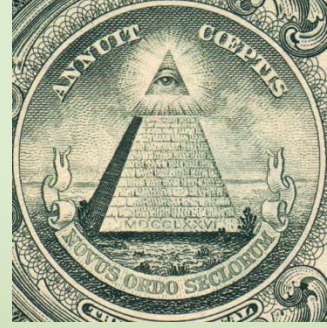
Story of Osiris and Isis



Sun-god Ged had son and daughter Isis
Primal unity of the son splits into Osiris and Set
Osiris marries Isis and rules over Egypt (and Earth)
Set desires Osiris' throne, builds chest exactly to fit Osiris
At a banquet the chest is presented – Osiris gets in it
Set closes the chest and throws it into the sea
When Isis hears the news, she wanders in despair
Eventually she finds the chest but Set takes it again
Now Set splits it into 14 pieces and places these in
scattered tombs



Story of Osiris and Isis



Isis finds and joins the fragmented pieces of Osiris, but one body part missing was the phallus

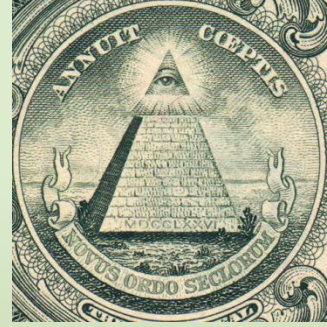
Isis fashions a golden phallus, and briefly brings Osiris back to life by use of a spell that she learned from their father Ged

This spell gives her time to become pregnant by a sun ray from Osiris before he dies again

Isis later gives birth to Horus



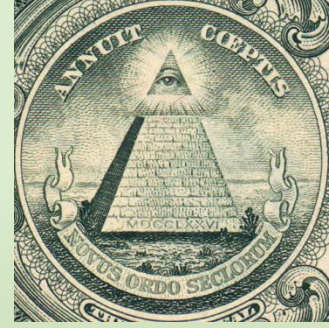
Cult of Osiris and Isis



- Festival of **Osiris** was celebrated on January 6th
- Told in the Book of the Dead
- The cult of Isis and Osiris continued up until the 6th century CE on the island of Philae in Upper Nile. The Theodosian decree (in about 380 CE) to destroy all pagan temples was not enforced there until the time of Justinian who sent Narses to destroy the sanctuaries, arrest the priests, and transport the divine images to Constantinople. Philae was the last of the ancient Egyptian temples to be closed.



Meaning of Osiris and Isis



- Osiris = influence of the sun upon the earth in olden times
 - Mists and vapors then – no air as we know it
- What was Set?
 - Unity of Osiris-Set split apart
 - Typhon separated himself from the light of the sun, while Osiris worked only as the light of the sun
 - Set or Typhon caused the breath to enter into us
 - Moment when birth & death entered into our being



Evolution

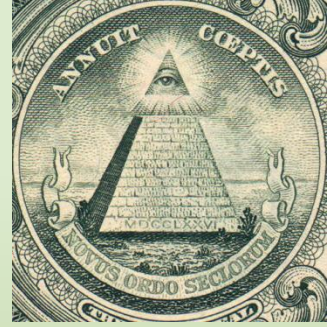
Cosmological

- Old Saturn System
- Old Sun System
- Old Moon System
- Earth (Current)
- Jupiter System
- Venus System
- Vulcan System

Cultural Epochs of Earth

- Polarian
 - Hyper-Borean
 - Lemurian
 - Atlantean
 - Current: (Post-Atlantean)
 - Indian
 - Persian
 - **Egyptian**
 - Greek/Roman
 - Current Age
- Recapitulate:
Old Saturn
Old Sun
Old Moon

Meaning of Osiris and Isis



- Describes Ancestry, Evolution

- With sun forces withdrawing, mankind dived down into lower nature, becoming conscious of self for the 1st time
- Osiris contained the force of the sunlight in such a way that, when the moon later departs, he accompanies it and receives the task of reflecting the sunlight from the moon to the earth
- Osiris = ancient influence of the sun upon the earth – moves to moon
- Isis = love within the soul
- Horus = inner activity to become an eternal being
- Yahweh remains with earth until the moon splits off

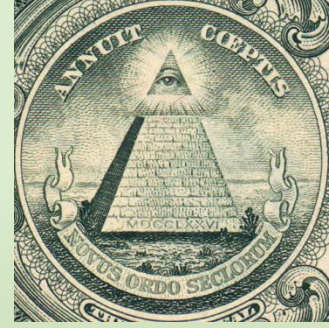


Osiris and Isis in the Human



- Reflected light of the sun is in a different form every day
- Osiris takes on 14 forms to guide the sun's light to us
- 14 waxing (Osiris) & 14 (Isis) waning phases of moon
 - Only when this phenomenon was fully established in the heavens was man able to breathe
 - 28 attachments of nerves to spinal cord
- Egyptian Mythology: Osiris ruled the earth in past times
 - Then arose Typhon, the wind (this is the time when the waters sink so far that the air appears, through which man becomes an air-breather)
 - Typhon overcame the Osiris-consciousness, killed Osiris, laid him in a chest, and placed him in the sea

Horus and the Human



- Isis, human love, gathered his parts, cherished them – a ray of sunlight falls on her and she conceives Horus
- Horus takes over the *earthly* tasks from Osiris – becomes 2nd Osiris
- Horus is imperfect but progressing – the new Man – to become the Eternal
- Osiris is in the human soul w/Isis – the transitory will give birth to the Eternal
- The human body is the tomb of Osiris
- Typhon is our lower nature



Madonna + Isis

- Raphael's Sistine Madonna
- Look closely at the clouds
- Where does this child come from?
- Compare to Isis



The Cult of Isis



- Isis “tricked” Ra into telling her his "secret name" by causing a snake to bite him, the antidote to whose venom only Isis possessed
- Knowing his secret name thus gave her power over him
- Use of secret names was central to late Egyptian magic spells
- After the occupations by the Greeks and the Romans, Isis became the most important and most powerful deity of the Egyptian pantheon because of her magical skills
- Isis had a central role in Egyptian magic spells and ritual, especially those of protection and healing
- In many spells her powers are merged with those of her son Horus
- Isis has to flee with Horus to escape the wrath of Set
- Young Horus faced many dangers including a lethal scorpion sting healed by Isis
- In Egyptian history the image of a wounded Horus became a standard feature of Isis's healing spells, which typically invoked the curative powers of Isis' milk

Osiris and Isis Summary



- Sun-god Osiris reigns. No duality of sexes.
- Set cuts Osiris into 14 pieces and buries him in 14 graves
- Cosmic Event: Osiris is driven out with the moon
- Moon is the chest that is pushed out into the ocean of cosmic space
- Thereafter Osiris is in cosmic space; mankind is divided into sexes
- Isis uses her magical skills to restore him to life
- When Isis re-members Osiris, he arises again in cosmic space, appearing in 14 successive forms
- The complete Osiris is the whole moon-disk
- The 14 aspects of the moon = the dismembered Osiris

After Atlantis

- **Cultural Epochs**

- Indian
- Persian
- Egyptian, Chaldean, Babylonian, Assyrian
- Greek, Roman
- Current (5th)
- 2 more to go

- **Ages**

- Golden, Krita or Satya Yuga
- Silver, Treta Yuga
- Bronze, Dvapara Yuga
- Dark, Kali Yuga
- **Noah** (Hebrew)
- India: Manu
- Egypt: Menes
- Crete: Minos
- America: Manitu

Hermes Trismegistus

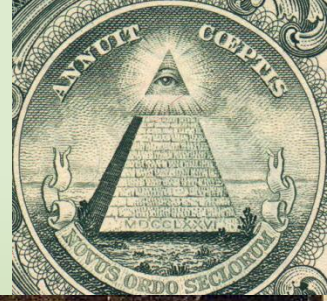
Floor mosaic in the
Cathedral of Siena.



Plato's *Timaeus* and *Critias* state that in the temple of Neith at Sais, there were secret halls containing historical records which had been kept for 9,000 years

Clement of Alexandria claimed the Egyptians had 42 sacred writings by Hermes, encapsulating all the training of Egyptian priests

Prisca Theologia



- Hermes Trismegistus: a prophet who foresaw the coming of Christianity [Christian writers: Lactantius, Augustine, Giordano Bruno, Marsilio Ficino, and Campanella]
- *Prisca Theologia*: a single, true theology exists that threads through all religions, given by God to man in antiquity, and passed through a series of prophets including Zoroaster and Plato
- In their account Hermes Trismegistus was a contemporary of Moses



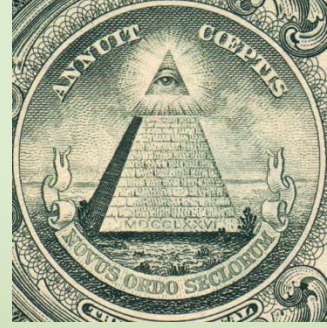
Hermes Trismegistus



- During the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, the writings attributed to Hermes Trismegistus known as Hermetica enjoyed great credit and were popular among alchemists. The "hermetic tradition" therefore refers to ***alchemy, magic, astrology*** and related subjects.
- The texts are usually distinguished in two categories the "philosophical" and "technical" hermetica. The former deals mainly with issues of ***philosophy***, and the latter with ***magic***, potions and ***alchemy***. Among other things there are spells to magically protect objects; hence the origin of the term "Hermetically sealed".
- Islamic traditions say he "was a "civilizing hero," an Initiator into the mysteries of the ***divine science and the wisdom that animates*** the world; he carved the principles of this sacred science in hieroglyphs, was the ***Initiator of Pythagoras***, and was the first teacher of alchemy.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermes_Trismegistus

Tonight's Summary



1. Story of Osiris and Isis
2. Initiate experiences ancestry, Evolution
3. Hermes Trismegistus; father of Alchemy

Questions?

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Signs and Symbols

