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Moses and the Gnostic Rod of Aaron

"Thou shalt take this rod and wherewith thou shalt do signs."



Of all the Old Testament miracles, those performed by Moses and the Rod of Aaron are by far the most remarkable.

The plagues descend on Egypt when the Prophet stretches forth this wonder-working rod. And with it he divides the Red Sea for the people to pass over on dry ground.

In the wilderness, he smites the rock with the same rod, causing water to gush forth abundantly and save a multitude of men from a horrible death.

It is this instrument of divine power that actually sets Moses apart as the Man of God, chosen to lead the Children of Israel up out of the land of bondage.

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The Rod and Kundalini

The real significance of the Rod of Aaron cannot be fully appreciated unless Exodus is seen as one of the most enigmatic of all the Scriptures.

Clement of Alexandria, who claimed to be a Christian Gnostic, explains the difficulty. "All who have treated of divine matters," he says, "have always hid the principle of things and have delivered the truth enigmatically, by signs and symbols, allegories and metaphors."

In Moses, then, we have the great Initiate, a teacher of the Ageless Wisdom. And in the serpent-rod, we have the symbol of Knowledge, both of good and evil.

From times immemorial, the ubiquitous serpent has symbolized Kundalini, the evolutionary energy in man. It is the same serpent that tempted Eve.

The Sacred Word

Kundalini is a Sanskrit word that means "coiled," like a spring with the potential to expand. It denotes a power reservoir of psychic energy located at the base of the spine.

When this normally dormant center awakens, an unmistakable indication is the sudden development of extraordinary gifts of eloquence, intuition and literary talent.

The phenomenon is called *Vaikhari*, meaning "the spontaneous flow of words, full of wisdom and worth."

In the Vedas, Kundalini is addressed as a goddess. She is *Vak*, the deity of speech. And in Egyptian, *Messi* (messiah) is the name of a serpent designated the "Sacred Word" (Logos).

As the Hieroglyphic "Tet" sign, the serpent also means speech, language, to declare.

The Metamorphosis

So in Exodus when the rod is first changed into a serpent, the idea expressed figuratively is that Moses has awakened Kundalini. The Lord desires that he become his spokesman.

Doubting that others will believe that he has really heard the Voice of God, Moses says, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent. I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue."

He is asked what he is holding in his hand. And he said, "a Rod." Then the Lord said, "Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent." (Ex. vii, 1-16)

There can be little doubt that a metamorphosis has occurred, for the Lord is made to say, "Now therefore go, and I will be thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt speak."

Evolutionary Perfection

Referring to the Life of Moses, the poet-scholar Edmond Fleg observes, "Beneath the sacred words they read and reread, our Sages discovered many secrets not for the eyes of fools."

The secret of secrets in all the sacred writings revolves around the incredible fact that psychic abilities, genius and religious experience can be cultivated.

There is a silent region in the brain that is affected by spiritual striving. Mystical ecstasy, clairvoyant states and certain trance conditions, in which mediumistic or psychokinetic feats become possible, can be induced by occult disciplines.

Such phenomena are manifestations of an evolutionary perfection towards which the whole race is

slowly moving, according to Gopi Krishna, though the biological changes may be imperceptible.

The Pharaoh's Magicians

Chapter Seven of Exodus definitely connects psychic occurrences with the Serpent-Power.

And the Lord said to Moses, "When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a miracle; then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent."

Pharaoh responds by calling up his wise men and sorcerers -the magicians of Egypt- and "they did the same with their enchantments."

"For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents." But the Power working in Moses was greater, "and Aaron's Rod swallowed up their rods."

The 'Rosetta Stone'

Kundalini is the Rosetta Stone that can decipher many seemingly inexplicable passages in sacred literature. This is because the secret clue to mythology is physiological.

This is also what Josephus means when he says, "Moses, our Master, physiologized."

On the arousal of Kundalini, a new source of psychic energy springs into action. It rises up the spinal cord and begins to circulate throughout the nervous system and the brain.

"Egypt" is the Human Body

The process is biological as well as spiritual.

"Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers ... that they may become blood," says the Lord. "In this thou shalt know that I am the Lord ... And there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt." (Ex. vii, 17-21)

Metaphorically, "Egypt" is the human body, and "streams and rivers" symbolize the cerebrospinal system. The "Blood" is *prana* or bioplasma, a luminous organic essence.

To indicate the seven major nerve plexuses or *chakras*, energized by this highly volatile Life-Energy, the Bible says, "And seven days were fulfilled, after the Lord had smitten the river." (Ex. vii, 25)

The Mystical Christ

We now can understand what is meant by Paul when he asserts that the rock struck by Moses in the desert was "a spiritual rock, and that rock was Christ."

His imagery is that of the alchemist and the Philosopher's Stone. As an initiate in the Mysteries, Paul knew very well that release from "the land of bondage" waits upon the reversal and transmutation of the reproductive energy.

Then an "immortal stimulant" irradiates the brain, giving birth to the Mystical Christ of the Gnosis.

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