

07 The Secret Letter System

We want to understand how the Hebrews developed their own alphabet based on what they learned in Egypt. They wanted it to be their own creative invention, but also they wanted to quietly acknowledge what they had learned from the Egyptians.

There were many Semitic peoples living in Egypt, some just for travel, others were settled down and living there, still others were going there on business. They discovered that Egyptian civilization had two characteristics that were very important.

So they encoded them as two graphic images. The first was the Egyptian reverence for the Sun. They understood that all of their livelihood derived from the sun's energy. Even the life-giving waters of the Nile came from the seasonal rains in Ethiopia, and those rains came from clouds built up by the sun's heat evaporating ocean waters and then dropping the water on the mountains from where it ran northward into Egypt. They believed that each aspect of life came from the sun's energy in the form of heat and light.

The second symbol was a human structure that was a wonder of the world and for thousands of years has drawn tourists to marvel at its remarkable engineering and symbolic significance. Scholars believe it was built during the 4th dynasty under the direction of Pharaoh Khufu. Others believe that the Egyptians at that time did not have the technology to build such a structure, so it must have been a legacy from a lost earlier civilization. The other pyramids were attempts to replicate the Great Pyramid, but never attained its level of excellence. Still others believe that the whole Giza Plateau was meticulously planned by early pharaohs.

Be that as it may, we now know that the two symbolic boats buried next to the Great Pyramid represent the morning and evening meditation boats of the Sun God on the horizon, so whatever uses the Pyramid had, it was definitely to remind people of the importance of meditation for living a balance life. Our interest is to look at these two symbols.

For the sun they chose a circle. The Egyptian sign for the sun was just a circle, but they often put a dot in its middle. The circle was a most simple and perfect form in geometry.

The Egyptian sign for a pyramid was a triangle, and the Hebrews adopted that sign. However, they gave both these signs different sounds in their Semitic language, thereby disguising that the signs were really the same. But there was a subtle link between the two letter systems. In Hebrew O meant “eye”, and for Egyptians the sun was a giant eye in the sky full of wisdom and creativity. In Hebrew Δ meant a door. This could be a tent flap, but really represented the woman’s Door to Life, the space where male sperm entered the womb and later a baby came out the same door. The royal mother of Egypt was Isis, because she gave birth to Horus, the Son of the Sun and traditional role model for all future pharaohs. And the pyramid was the Egyptian symbol for Isis and her never ending love of life and humanity. The womb was a Temple of Life, and she was the Doorway to True Life.

The circle and triangle were the most elementary closed shapes in geometry. In Hebrew O plus D spells eternity, the great primary purpose of Egyptian civilization. D plus O spelled knowing. So together the two letters conveyed the message of Knowing Eternity. The technology was how to preserve this knowledge and pass it on generation after generation to eternity even over millions and billions of years. In a deeper sense the “D” is love. Love is the doorway to eternity. So this is the great secret of the Qabbalah that the Hebrews put into their design of an alphabet.

I hope readers will take time to do the little exercise I made that expands the finding of Guido von List to include the whole Futhark Rune alphabet embedded in the ancient mathematical form of the Tree of Life. Pay attention to what happens to the Fruit of Kingdom when you go from the traditional “Tree of Life” to the perfect mathematical “Tree”. Jesus said “The Kingdom of Heaven is within you.” The Qabbalah shows how that is a deep Truth. You will notice that the mathematical Tree is made completely of repeated triangular signs for love and for Isis all perfectly tiled together. It also forms hexagonal spaces like a honey comb, and the bee was a royal symbol of the Delta of Egypt.

Some people say the Phoenicians were the first to invent a pure alphabet, and I believe there is good evidence that they played an important role, but that evidence is subtle and must wait until we understand the new alphabet better.

Another major principle of Egyptian civilization was that all is a unified wholeness. They appeared to worship many gods and goddesses, but all of these deities came from the same source. Like the Runic system, all letters emerged from a single image (sun over the pyramid) when viewed from different angles. It is important to study the chart of how the letters emerge from a singular source. This is a fundamental principle of enlightenment.

You must use the ancient letters and not the modern ones, because the letters have changed in major ways as the original system was lost and forgotten. Discover how each of the 22 letters comes from the interaction of Ra and Isis, sun and pyramid.

All alphabet systems in the world came directly or indirectly from this system and this secret esoteric combination of mathematics, geometry wisdom and the life experience of ancient civilizations.

So our alphabets were not randomly generated, but devised from a wisdom tradition that gave birth to a secret collaboration of ancient Egyptians passing on their wisdom to the rest of the world using the bridge of Hebrew and Phoenician travelers to transmit their secret teachings to the whole world as they faced the gradual loss of their own sovereignty under the pressure of rising new empires.

Next we will see how these letters merged with Egyptian traditions and then later Hebrew and Christian traditions to evolve into the Trump cards of the Tarot.

07 Study Questions

- * What was the basic part of human physiology associated with the circular symbol for the sun?

- * What was the basic part of human physiology associated with the triangular symbol for a “door”?

- * What Egyptian deity was associated with the circle sign for the sun?
- * What Egyptian deity was associated with the triangular sign for a “door”?
- * These two deities have a special relationship in Egyptian mythology. Pay attention to that relationship as we explore the history and culture of the Senet Tarot.
- * What message did these two basic symbols express in Hebrew?
- * What animal was a symbol for the Delta in the North of Egypt, and how does this relate to the triangle symbol?
- * What universal principle is encoded in the system for generating Runic letters and Hebrew letters?
- * Why do we use the ancient form of Hebrew letters to study the Tarot rather than the letter forms used in later centuries and today?
- * Why is it very likely that some ancient Egyptians cooperated with their Hebrew/Phoenician visitors in the design of their new alphabet?
- * How does the material in this article relate to the Series Overview?