

Are our roots in Sirius?

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Sirius a brilliant white star in the constellation of Canis Major, some eight light years away from Earth, the brightest star in the heavens, in fact. The children's wishing rhyme springs to mind "star bright, star bright, the first star I have seen tonight and there must be many an earthling whose wish would be to know more both scientifically and esoterically about this enigmatic luminary, for it has fascinated man since the dawn of history. The ancient Egyptians, for example, featured it both in their religion and calendar, the Dog Days being reckoned from its heliacal rising. They called it Sothis and linked it with their goddess Isis and the zodiacal sign of Virgo!

Prior to embarking upon a journey of investigation into the beliefs of the ancient Egyptians and their origins let us observe Sirius in the light of modern knowledge. About the middle of the last century an astronomer was studying this star over a period of time and observed a perturbation in its movements indicative of the presence of another body within a proximity proportionally close enough to effect a gravitational pull of some kind; yet his searches revealed no traces of a mass large enough to affect a star the size of Sirius. He found instead a very small body orbiting its bright companion every fifty years and this second star became known as Sirius B. Since those days man has learned more about the heavenly bodies and their nature, including the existence of 'white dwarfs', bodies that don't give out much light but exert an enormous gravitational pull on account of their atomic structure. A white dwarf is a star that has "collapsed", which means that the atoms of which it is composed are so densely packed that the nature of its substance hardly equates at all with matter as we know it. When atoms are pressed tightly together so as to allow no space between them weight is increased and the resulting mass becomes so heavy that, to give an example, a cubic foot of the matter of Sirius B would weigh 2,000 tons and a match box full from the star's core approximately 50 tons. It is 65,000 times denser than water.

Some astronomers even declare there to be a third star in the Sirius System. A man named Fox claimed to see it in 1920 and in 1926, 1928 and 1929 it was supposedly seen by van den Bos, Finsen and others at the Union Observatory. Then suddenly it seemed to make itself invisible. More recently Irving W. Lindenblad of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington D.C. probed the Sirius System but failed to come up with a third star, although he gleaned much information about Sirius B in the process.

In 1976 Robert KG Temple brought out his controversial and thought-provoking book *The Sirius Mystery*, in which he postulates that beings from the Sirius System visited Earth many thousands of years ago and were partly (if not entirely) responsible for the leap from primitive life to the high standard of culture and civilization achieved by the early Egyptians between the years 4,500 BC and 3,400 BC. Students of matters occult have been putting forward theories about this for centuries and we have had Atlantis, Lemuria and similar mythical civilizations suggested, with spacemen from our own solar system bringing up the rear in recent years: but as science has slowly dissolved many of these ideas in the acid of logic so has the human psyche reached even further a field in its search for cosmic roots.

Temple's hypothesis is based on the knowledge of the Sirius System possessed by an African tribe called the Dogon, who live in Mali in the former French Sudan. These people, he believes, are the direct descendants of those pre-dynastic Egyptians who

could have witnessed the arrival here on Earth of aliens from the Sirius System; their information dates back to those early days when their ancestors received it direct from their galactic visitors. In what other way, he questions, could they have gained knowledge of the existence of the invisible Sirius B, or of the other details concerning this distant System that they apparently appear to possess?

Temple's theories naturally caused a lot of re-shuffling amongst the hierarchy of the scientific "establishment", with certain professors who were formerly sympathetic to 'space' ideas leaping neatly onto the other side in fear either for their jobs or reputations. There is a saying: 'when the world adopts the fool's beliefs he's no longer the fool'; having seen this borne out in recent years where the borderline sciences, ESP and the like are concerned one wonders for how long these "experts" will indulge in their game of musical chairs before it is finally considered respectable to look further a field for human origins.

Let us return to the knowledge which the Dogon possessed concerning the Sirius System. They believed the most important star in the sky to be Sirius B, although they couldn't actually see it. Sirius A, which is clearly visible, was simply a companion to the essentially "male" dwarf; its orbit is shown by them as being elliptical and their elders produce a clear and accurate diagram showing Sirius A, Sirius B, a third as yet undiscovered star we shall refer to as Sirius C and a single planet! Bearing in mind that the Dogon had no access to the theories of Kepler regarding ellipses this struck Mr Temple as fascinating to say the least. The Dogon record the orbiting period of Sirius B around Sirius A, as fifty years, a time period found to be accurate by modern scientists. To complicate matters even further they were well aware of the massive weight of the dwarf long before physicists had conceived the idea of a collapsed star! The third star, or Sirius C. which the Dogon tell us is accompanied by a small planet or satellite is, they say, the star of women!

The complete Dogon religion and accompanying rites are built around this little plan of the Sirius System; their tradition also tells them that from the solitary planet came a group of amphibians who founded their culture and gave them all this information. Of course there is lot's more to Mr. Temple's book and its research and presentation far removes it from the hysterical approach so often adopted by bandwagon sci-fi style writers who do little to advance the cause of genuine cosmic research. We can, however, conclude that there is a thread of evidence, tenuous though it be, for supposing that Sirius is in some way connected with the evolutionary pattern and development of this planet and those who feel the need to dissect the detail may refer to Mr. Temple's excellent work.

Using astrology as a stepping stone between scientific fact and the domains of Madame Esoterica leads us to a consideration of the influences assigned to Sirius by those who use the fixed stars in their astrological observations and assessments. Its nature, we are told, is a combination of Mars and Jupiter and when ascending with Mars it can be dangerous! If on the MC and in good aspect to Mars and Jupiter it makes for a healthy bank balance; if it pops up in the 8th house there will be honours beyond the grave. In conjunction with the Sun it is the mark of fame! This poses a few problems to the occultist as we shall see, for traditionally Sirius is associated with the goddess Isis, a kindly deity; but had she a touch of Jupiter/Mars in her make up, or is there more to the old myth than would appear at first glance?

The ancient Egyptians appeared to worship many gods. Some of these can be dated back to pre-dynastic times while others come suddenly on the scene, like Isis and her family who, according to legend, popped in when Thoth (Tehuti) won a game of

draughts with the Moon and thus secured the five intercalary days during which they were born. This little Isian group consisted of the Goddess herself, Osiris, Horus, Nephthys, Set, Thoth who emerges in an avuncular role, Hathor/Sekhmet wife of Horus, and Anubis, son of Nephthys by Osiris after her split with Set. As the Egyptian civilization extended over such a long period in the history of mankind the gods tended to become confused, especially during periods of invasion by other races such as the Hyksos whose deities inevitably merged with those of the people they conquered, just as the pagan deities did with Christian saints in later times. But if one makes a careful study of the archetypes involved it is possible to sort the wheat from the chaff and end up with seven basic principles. That brings us back to our fiery friend, Sirius. Isis and Sirius have always been closely linked and modern scholars have linked Sirius B with her and Osiris who was according to the legend, overthrown by his brother Set. Now the Germans equate Sirius with Loki, who in Norse and Teutonic myth was the mischief maker and equivalent to the Egyptian Set. Could, then, the Isis / Osiris legend relate to a series of actual events which took place in the Sirius System prior to the collapse of the Osirian (Sirius B) star and how does the third star feature in this saga? Sirius C is sometimes linked with Nephthys, the hidden one, or with Anubis her son; a theory popular on the continent suggests that when Set usurped the Osirian throne he banished Isis and her baby son Horus to the wilderness or desert, which really meant another planet of harsh environment; for example, Earth many thousands of years BC. Such considerations might have the effect of causing one to gyrate in small circles sorry, ellipses which lead precisely nowhere; better, perhaps, to consider the whole Isis/Osiris episode as relating to some cosmological drama, recorded by a race from the dim and distant past that enjoyed a high standard of culture and science, carried down as folk memory from generation to generation in the Dogon tribe and the Egyptian schools of magic. It is well to remember that when the Heliopolitan Recension of the Book of the Dead, the earliest recorded part, was copied by scribes about 3,500 BC it was then so old as to be unreadable in parts, so perhaps we should start looking for origins other than those presented by fashionable text-books.

Certain occult teachings instruct us that beings referred to as the Gods, the Old Ones etc. originally hailed from the Sirius System and were a race of devas or archangels responsible for the formation and seeding of our own solar system. We may assign to these beings what names we wish, Aset and Asar (Isis and Osiris), Zeus and Hera, or the nomenclatures of any other purported celestial beings or godlings; but in truth names matter not, it is principles that are important. The Sirius teaching has existed in the mystery schools since the time of ancient Egypt and its association with Isis or a Mother Goddess is fairly universal. She may well partake of the qualities of Mars and Jupiter, as does the dual Hathor/Sekhmet; according to legend Isis herself was no milksop but a wise and firm ruler, patroness of marriage and gifted with perseverance and strength in spite of her famous tears”.

The significance of Sirius was made known to me in my early days of occult study although it was not until some years later that I started to connect it with a fragment of memory. If we are to believe the age old adage “as above, so below” it is not inconceivable that a race of beings might have existed on the planet which orbited Sirius C and that prior to or after the collapse of Sirius B these people, having achieved a high standard of technical development, were able to set forth on a star journey that brought them to Earth either by error or design. The Dogon tell us that the people who originally came from the Sirius planet were amphibians, fish-like creatures after the fashion of the Sumerian god Oannes; but would not a silvery material, of metallic component perhaps, appear scaly or fishlike to primitives unused to the textiles of an advanced technology?

Over the years I have encountered more than one person with Sirius memories” and from what I have been told there is one thread that links them all, that of creatures nearer in design to the animal kingdoms than to homo sapiens but highly intelligent, understanding and compassionate. My own snippet of memory involves two race types with the cat family featuring strongly; everyone I have ever spoken to who claims Sirius affinities would seem to be drawn to felines, as also were the ancient Egyptians. Cats were sacred to Isis and Herodotus tells us that the Cat Goddess Bast was actually the daughter of Isis and Osiris and twin sister of Horus. In fact a love for and understanding of the animal kingdoms would appear to be a pre-requisite for Sirius roots!

But to the terrestrially bound astrologer all this must present a prize waltz to the tune of fantasy, in spite of history’s tendency to support the fact that many of yesterday’s fantasies have become today’s realities. Of course there is no proof, just as the Dogon had no proof of the existence of Sirius B until man’s technical advancements enabled him to confirm their age old belief, the Magician of the Tarot once more being obliged to give way to the Fool!

Sirius remains a mystery and its association with Isis and her kin a romp for the esoterically inclined and a free ride for the ego-tripper. Yet if we examine the universe purely through the eyes of science we will find a suggestion in the Unified Field Theory of the existence of some organized Cosmic Force, so it is not inconceivable that an Order of Intelligences from the Sirius System could have been responsible for creating the evolutionary blueprint that has brought us earthlings to the year 2008. Did one of their number, Loki, Set, or whoever cause the plan to misfire somewhere along the line so that we find ourselves in a strife-ridden environment thwart with cruelties and insecurities? Or maybe it was a stray spaceship from the Sirius planet that dropped in and accounted for that enigmatical missing link”. I have even heard talk of “Sirius genes” that have survived in the human race from antiquity, missing a few generations here and there but inevitably surfacing and endowing their carriers with a deep feeling for the animal kingdoms in particular and the cosmos as a whole; but in truth it is anybody’s guess, although it might pay us to meditate on Einstein’s famous statement: ‘Imagination is greater than knowledge’...