

The Mysteries of Enoch

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Mysteries of Enoch: Overview

❖ **Four sessions**

- ◆ *Tuesday*: Ancient Israelite Era
- ◆ *Wednesday*: 1 Enoch; Intertestamental and New Testament Era
- ◆ *Thursday*: Early Christians and Rabbinic Judaism
- ◆ *Friday*: **Modern interpretations of Enoch**

Resources

- ❖ Slide notes and Bibliography are available at:
 - ◆ **Mormon Scripture Explorations**
 - <http://mormonscriptureexplorations.org/>

The Mysteries of Enoch 4: Enoch in Modern Times

Four Topics

- ❖ 4.1- Enoch and the Muslims
- ❖ 4.2- Enoch and the Magicians
- ❖ 4.3- Enoch and the Freemasons
- ❖ 4.4- Enoch and the New Age

4.1- Enoch and Idris among the Muslims

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❖ Idrīs in the Qur'ān

- ◆ Non-biblical prophets in the Qur'ān
- ◆ mentioned twice in the Qur'ān
- ◆ “And mention in the Book (Qur'ān) **Idris**; he was a true man, a **Prophet**. **We raised him up to a high place**. (19:56-57) (+ brief allusion in 21:85-86)
 - = “**high place**” = ascent to heaven?

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❖ The problem of name conflation

- ◆ Examples of people with two names (titles)
 - Jesus (name) = Christ (title)
 - Shem (name) = Melchizedek (title)
 - ❖ Targum Neophyti Gen. 14:18; Seder Olam 21; Ephraem, *Comm. on Gen.* 11:2; Jerome, *Ques. on Gen.* 14:18; Abot de R. Natan (A) 2;
 - Enoch (name) = Metatron (title) (3 Enoch)
 - Idris = Enoch = Hermes (Muslims)

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❖ The problem of name conflation and Syncretism

- ◆ Religious Syncretism
 - gods in different countries are the same god with different names
 - Zeus = Jupiter = Baal = Ammon = Marduk = **Yahweh**
 - Jesus as “Savior” and “Redeemer”
 - ❖ pagan gods have the same titles
 - Catholic Saints and pagan gods (Bridget in Ireland)

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❖ Idrīs = Enoch in Muslim traditions

- ◆ Prophet
- ◆ ascended into heaven
- ◆ wrote scripture
- ❖ Wheeler, *Prophets in the Quran*, (Continuum, 2002), 45-46

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❖ Idrīs/Enoch and Hermes Trismegistus

- ◆ “Many scholars ... call him Thrice Great Hermes” (Hermes Trismegistus) (Wheeler, 46)
- ◆ Background on **Hermes Trismegistus**
 - Hermes’ Platonic ascent to the Mind (*nous*)
 - Enoch was the “prophet of the philosophers” (Ibn ‘Arabī)

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❖ Bibliography on Hermes Trismegistus

- ◆ G. Fowden, *The Egyptian Hermes: A Historical Approach to the Late Pagan Mind*, (Princeton, 1993)
- ◆ K. van Bladel, *The Arabic Hermes: From Pagan Sage to Prophet of Science*, (Oxford, 2009)

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❖ *Mi‘rāj* (Muḥammad’s Ascent)

- ◆ Muhammad meets **Enoch** during Muhammad’s ascent into heaven
 - 1- Adam; 2- Jesus; 3- Joseph of Egypt; 4- **Idris/ Enoch**; 5- Aaron; 6- Moses; 7- Abraham
- ◆ Enoch as celestial guide for mystical ascents

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❖ **Enoch and the Ṣūfīs**

- ◆ Mystical ascent among Muslim Mystics
 - Enoch as figure in the ascent
 - ✦ Muhammad replaces Enoch as prototype
- ◆ Ibn ‘Arabī, *Fusūs al-Hikām* (Bezels [gemstones] of Wisdom)
 - Enoch as teacher of mystical knowledge

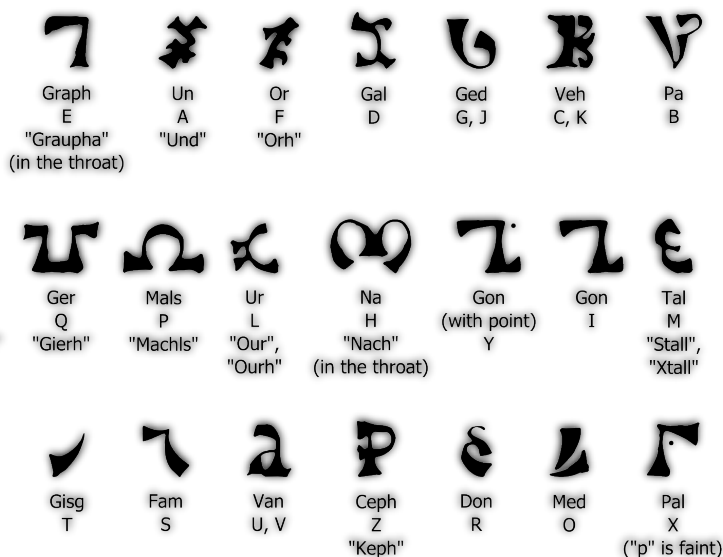
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- ❖ John Dee (d. 1608) and Edward Kelly (d. 1597)
 - ◆ search for angelic manifestations and knowledge
 - scrying with Aztec Obsidian Mirror
 - ◆ Many detailed books filled with rituals and revelations
 - ◆ Ceremonial Magic

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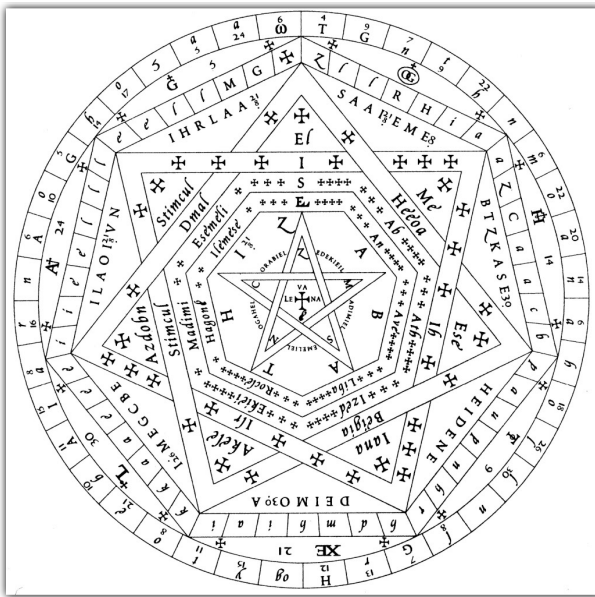
- ❖ Enochian language
 - ◆ language and mysteries of angelic revelation
 - ◆ Primordial language of Adam
 - = Adamic = "language ... was pure and undefiled" (M 6:6)



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❖ Enochian Magic

- ◆ rituals revealed by angels
- ◆ performed in Enochian language to invoke Enochian angels
- ◆ magic squares, angelic keys, Enochian glyphs, invocations, tables
- ◆ very complex



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❖ Enochian magic among modern Magicians

- ◆ Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn
- ◆ Aleister Crowley
- ◆ Modern Hermetic magicians

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- ◆ Peterson, J., ed. *John Dee's Five Books of Mystery: Original Sourcebook of Enochian Magic*, (Weiser, 2003)
- ◆ DeSalvo, J. *Decoding the Enochian Secrets* (2010)
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❖ Royal Arch of Enoch

- ◆ Three degrees and Higher degrees of Freemasonry
- ◆ Thirteenth Grade of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite = Royal Arch of Enoch
- ◆ Ritual and Mythos

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❖ **The Masonic Legend of Enoch**

- ◆ Secret Mysteries and the Secret Name of God revealed to Enoch
- ◆ Great underground temple (in Jerusalem) built to preserve secrets from the Flood
- ◆ Nine arched gates under ground

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❖ **The Masonic Legend of Enoch**

- ◆ Central shrine has an altar and a triangular gold plate inscribed with the Secret Name of God = YHWH
- ◆ Enoch makes two pillars of brass and clay to preserve sacred knowledge (and Freemasonry)
- ◆ Later discovered by Solomon in excavations to build temple

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❖ Enoch and ancient astronauts

- ◆ Scott Roberts, *The Rise and Fall of the Nephilim: The Untold Story of Fallen Angels, Giants on the Earth, and Their Extraterrestrial Origins*, (2012)
- ◆ Zecharia Sitchin
 - Enoch's Fallen Angels (= Sumerian *annunaki*) are space aliens

4.4- Enoch and the New Age

❖ New Age Interpretation of Enochian lore

- ◆ Ellen G. White
 - Seventh Day Adventist
 - *Living the Life of Enoch* (1996)
- ◆ Elizabeth Clare Prophet
 - Church Universal and Triumphant
 - *Forbidden Mysteries of Enoch* (1983) = *Fallen Angels and the Origins of Evil*

❖ **Africanist Enoch**

- ◆ Ethiopian connection
- ◆ Kush, I. *Enoch the Ethiopian: The Lost Prophet of the Bible* (2002)