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I am Canadian by birth, and as such write using Canadian, not American English. Hence words such as favour or honour appear spelled as such within my text.

Thank you for reading...
In January 2018 I began to revise this text. In the twelve years since this book was first completed (2005) I had come across some new information that I felt had to be shared. Most chapters were left as they were originally, but a few such as the chapter on Pyramids have had much revised.

In one sense I could have revised so much more in the book. When I wrote it, while I considered there to be a legacy of an much more ancient culture- I still felt that Old Kingdom Egypt did much of the spectacular building that is found at the Northern Pyramid sites, and retained much of the amazing knowledge. I am not so sure of that anymore. Of course they were more advanced than us today in the understanding of how to interact with nature, and with the energetic world around us. But further research is now indicating to me that the most tremendous things still seen on the sites were set in place in the far ancient past. These include not only almost all of the large pyramids, but also including amazing cut, carved and laid giant blocks on the sites. When I compare it with what is clearly Old Kingdom Egyptian building, the two types of techniques do not match. One is perfect and may not be able to be done today even with advanced lasers, while the other is basically just pile and support. This is also found with statues, temples and the like. It is forcing me to revise everything that I have believed. Some of that has made it into parts of the book- especially the revised Pyramid chapter, but other chapters still have writing of the previous book edition un-edited.

I just write this here to ask you to take with a grain of salt, that some of my great praise of the Old Kingdom Egyptians may in fact be a bit of wishful thinking-but maybe not. Just keep that in mind as you read, and as always, allow yourself to do your own research and make your own conclusions. No one can really know for sure who, how, when these ancient structures were built- or what they really used them for. Like others, this book is a presentation of what can best be called theories- and all theories, either from mystics or archaeologists or physicists or geologists...are all but theories. We ourselves are the ones that have to decide which theory- while maybe not true on its own, is more pointing in that direction.
ODE TO TEHUTI

Of the event it is tough to talk,
When you appeared upon the rock.
I had meditated long and hard,
Your appearance caught me way off guard.
What words to speak, yell or sing,
When I first caught glimpse of your outstretched wings.
You looked at me, I was in awe,
The one who invented the sacred law.
I felt my limbs go quickly numb,
Would you impart your divine wisdom.
But you simply looked at me for a time,
Then turned quickly on a dime.
Within my eyes welled up a tear,
Overcome with joy of an event so dear.
Initiation, what can I do,
Sacred ibis, I will always follow you.

HM July 1999
Exit from Valley Temple to Khafre causeway next to the Sphinx
THE POWER OF THEN

Volume 1: Egyptian Secrets
“I have written (this book) not for my own pleasure, but for your advantage, that by pointing to the foundation of truth I might lead you back from the pathless wilderness onto the right way.” — The Golden Tract

“Making friends with Set, we cause the clothing of his face to fall down and reveal the hidden things.” — Ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead, Chapter 125
This book has taken me twelve years to complete. It contains elements of Hermeticism, Qi Gong, Alchemy, Shamanism, Yoga, archaeological fieldwork done at ancient sites and the study of ancient texts. This is a book developed from personal experience. I have written it with the hope that you too will decide to re-examine what our ancient ancestors had to say about the reality we experience. The current truths that are so greatly defended by archaeologists, historians, scientists and religious organizations are now open to question. The answers that are coming back is that the current truths are not truths at all.

“This is a journey of knowledge. Speed towards this knowledge...”

Hermetic Wisdom

Looking for where we are, and who we are, was the main focus of the Ancient Egyptian mystery temples. Since this wisdom existed all over the world, it will be explored in more locations than just Egypt. To exclude one religion or philosophy in favour of another will always lead to ignorance. Egypt was the center of the earth circle where this wisdom was dispersed and became the inspiration for other wisdom systems such as Hindu, Taoist, Maya or Greek. Yet few understand that the source was Ancient Egypt. This book will unlock some of the hidden symbols “created” in order to pass on wisdom. Once understood, the Hermetic Wisdom can be found in ancient sites and religious texts all over the world.

“If anyone wishes to apply himself to the various branches of divine knowledge,
or to the examination of metaphysics, he will find that the whole world owes this kind of learning to Egypt.”

Ammianus Marcellinus, Roman Historian

A point of view is not really the truth, rather it is a conglomerate of beliefs, opinions and ideas that have been conditioned upon us by the rest of the world. It started with our parents and teachers, then from our friends, and finally from books, TV and society. When a majority of people share the same point of view it becomes a “great truth” and no other points of view are considered. This includes not only what clothes we should wear, but what our beliefs of history should be. Just because everyone else believes something does not make it the truth. The first thing that I challenge all of my readers to do is to think. It is easy to just follow along with the crowd, yet where does that lead you? The slaughterhouse if you are a cow! Most humans have allowed themselves to become ordinary, because of ordinary thinking. Historians have now found that Washington’s winter at Valley Forge was not that difficult, he just lied to Congress to get more money for the army. The pyramid fields at Giza have been shown not to be tombs, but magnificent places of realization. Other historical sites have been found to push civilization back 50,000 years. Yet such things are either ridiculed or covered up to keep the present “truths.” None finds its way into school and university texts, which continue the standard points of view. Thankfully, many people are waking up to the fact that just because a book or scholar tells them something, they do not have to believe it. As Gandhi said, “even in a minority of one, the truth is still the truth.”

Few today would dare say that the people of the ancient past had more wisdom and knowledge than we do today. Even though they could build pyramids or raise 400-ton blocks of stone (things impossible today) they are still considered inferior to us. The problem is that we have been taught that humans have progressed. Each year humans become more evolved and civilized. The proof is the technological inventions that “we” have. We are more advanced than people in the 4th century because we have washing machines, cars, cd players and telephones. We also have nuclear weapons, genetic food, pollution, and polluted air and water but no one mentions these to show “our” evolution. Our modern belief of civilization is rooted in self-importance and arrogance (look how good I am compared to those idiots from the past). Those who do claim great ancient wisdom existed, usually look for proof from technology. Whether an ancient civilization had light bulbs, magnifying glasses or even airplanes is not really a sign of advancement. It is only a sign to those who follow the point of view that technology is the sign of evolved humanity. A truly advanced society may have invented hairspray, but realized its offshoots would damage the ozone layer. Instead of finding new
ways to kill people, they may have tried to find more ways to love people. If a culture did not need eyeglasses because they could heal any eye problems are they more or less advanced because glasses are not discovered at their sites?

The ancient world was a world of harmony with the earth, realizing that she is our mother and without her we would all die. There was no reason to invent anything, no matter how helpful to humans, if it caused damage to the plants, animals, water or the air. We in our so-called advancement have been able to invent technological conveniences, but at the price of the co-existence of the planet. What good is a car or oven or TV if there is no fresh water to drink? The ancients did have a powerful technology, wisdom. This wisdom was the understanding of the secrets of Creation, and of the illusion of this reality, so each one of us could have the power to gain the knowledge of exactly who we are, why we are here, what life really is. It was a way of learning that how to live was more important than possessions and self-importance. Recently many are beginning to believe that perhaps the ancients did live in a better way, and that the past is not just a benchmark to measure how great we are now, but perhaps the very way that we need to return to.

2: Hypostyle Hall, Temple of Khonsu, Karnak
Everything the Egyptians did was part of a whole. Nothing should be viewed separately, the opposite of world thinking today. They understood that everything was in some way reflective of Creation. They had little need to write books about what they thought about Creation or the universe. Every piece of artwork, every temple, every hieroglyph is designed to offer instant information about the whole. Everything from the system of measure, to the way the myths were organized - had a grand purpose. They were the originators of what became the Platonic idea of body, mind, and spirit acting as a whole. They saw everything in this way. They understood that all of our cells make up a whole called our body. If a group of cells are sick, we as a whole are sick. Science today teaches us all this, but that is where science stops. Our world sees only how things are connected to us, not how we are connected to the rest.

We are not taught that all humans are a part of humanity (as each cell is a part of us), humanity part of the earth, earth part of the solar system, solar system part of the galaxy etc. Thus the ancients took the time to understand things on a grander scale. How would each individual’s actions affect humanity, earth and the solar system? Few think that their seemingly insignificant actions could affect the entire galaxy. But they can. Your anklebone has a key function for your whole being, if it didn’t work properly or is injured, you can’t walk. Yet how many wonder what the earth’s function is for our solar system. If the earth does not function right, the solar system will get sick. If all humanity is not doing its function, the earth will be sick. We don’t ask our anklebone to smell, but few ponder what the human role is to maintaining the harmony of the whole. That is what the priests of Egypt undertook. Understanding the whole, and everything’s place in it, then to teach it to the rest of the world. The transformation of all of human society one individual at a time. Many of the illnesses that modern humans are experiencing is a direct correlation to the fact that we are causing the universe to be out of balance.

“Words (books) lead us to the doorway of truth, but only by contemplating their meaning can we pass through.”

Hermetic Wisdom

The best way to learn and grow is through personal experience. Books and texts are only information understood by the conscious mind. It must be lived to become part of the heart, the way to inner knowing. Please do not take my words as the truth. Read with an inquiring mind, look up my sources, and ask questions. Let personal experience be your proof. Try to put your preconceived ideas aside while you read and see where you are led. Let my words be the facilitation to inspiring your inner knowing; but also do not trust them unquestioningly.
This is a special time. Ancient wisdom texts like the Tao Te Ching, Bhagavad-Gita, or New Testament are available in virtually every language in the world. Just one hundred years ago this was not the case. As such no one really looked to connect ancient religious teachings to what was found in Egyptian tombs. The heart of any mystical path was to help the initiate find answers. They show that there is no real need for churches or places of worship, because you are all that is truly needed. You have everything you need, and the place you now find yourself is as good as any other. You need only the deep commitment to know. And not stop until you do.

The last chapter is on the upcoming world age. I have written it as a warning to all of my readers. Great changes are coming, and those changes will be affected and influenced by the way each one of us is living our lives. I write it as a call to action that the changes are not that far away. Work on yourself must begin immediately. The ancient traditions and knowledge have become available to the average person in a depth unknown in modern human history. I urge you to take full advantage of it. Learning the Ancient Egyptian Wisdom will help to unlock an entirely new world. There is no one right path, but several, however they are interconnected and similar. I can only hope that this book will be a small tool to help you on your quest.

“We will not seek to follow in the footsteps of masters of old, we will seek what they sought.”

Matsuo-Basho

Each volume of this text is designed to move one step deeper into the three-fold Hermetic wisdom. Volume 1 is foundation of the symbolic nature of Hermetic writing, artwork, temple design and spiritual beliefs. The second volume is the Hermetic gateways presented in ancient mythology, fairy tales and structures as teachings of personal practice of looking within and without. The third volume might be classified as unspiritual, with the presentation of Absolute Reality, no-self, a parasite mind, and control of perception in an artificial holographic dreamworld. So I offer this work as a challenge to my readers, who wish to walk through each volume to a deeper part of Ancient Egyptian mystery teachings.

It is important to realize that what anyone has to say about Ancient Civilization is a theory. That includes me, other writers and the archaeologists. We were not there to see it with our own eyes first hand, and must piece together the past from small fragments of temples, pyramids, statues, books and whatnot that remain. My entire book might be seen as a possible look at the past, but as I already said, certain facts (stones are Abu Sir or Giza seem to be machine drilled) are there for all to see who goes- what it means is up for
interpretation from each individual point of view. Look, read, think and come up with your own conclusions about all of this.

Remember the wisdom is not out there, or even in this book. The wisdom is within you. Let this book be a method of self-discovery to unlock the secrets of the universe which lie inside you, unused and forgotten. Some will want to travel on the path farther than others. It is all about the effort you put in, and the way you put the teachings into practice in your life. This book will provide a background on Egyptian mythology and religion that may help you to unlock Egypt's hidden Hermetic truths.

Good luck, and blessings all around.

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