

Sandra: I have a line drawing from a book to add to this article which goes in The section on Ancient Knowledge and Indigenous Wisdom.

The Sirius Mystery

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Known as the Dog or Jackal Star, Sirius is the brightest star and among our closest neighbors. It is nearly 25 times brighter than our sun. In history and mythology the dolphins are most often associated with Sirius. Aristotle claimed, for example, that the dolphins disappear for thirty days at the time of the Dog Star.

Robert. Temple, an English astronomer, discovered that the Dogon, a remote African tribe in Mali, had detailed knowledge about Sirius B, a dwarf star that orbits Sirius 4600 years before it was discovered by astronomy in the early 1970s.

Two French anthropologists, Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen, lived with and studied the Dogon during the 1930s and were the first outsiders to whom the sacred knowledge of the Dogon was revealed. Their book, entitled *Le Renard Pale*, describes in detail the origin of the Dogon's knowledge of the binary star system.

The sacred teachings of the Dogon explain that their tribe was host to an extraterrestrial mission from Sirius, and that dolphin-like beings known as the "Nommo" instructed the Dogon about cosmology.

The Dogon's knowledge is not restricted to the Sirius system. They knew, for example, that the planets rotate and revolve around the sun, and they knew about the moons of Jupiter which cannot be seen with the naked eye from earth. A respected scholar and scientist, Temple's inquiries led him to conclude that the Sumerian and Egyptian cultures also may have experienced similar extraterrestrial visitation..

According to the Dogon the amphibious beings known as the Nommo arrived in great bird or ark, from which a 3-legged bird or pod descended to earth. The Dogon refer to the visitors as 'masters of the water,' the "instructors," or the monitors." According to the Dogon, the Nommo communicated that they come from the third planet out from Sirius, like the earth but with more water..

They say that the Nommo consider our sun and the earth in particular as part of the Sirian

system. The Nommo also taught the Dogon that humans are one of their races, which they identified as trouble-makers or disrupters. Known as “Ogo the Fox,” humans rebelled against the Creator and introduced chaos in the universe. Which resembles the story of the Luceferic rebellion in the Bible.

The “Nommo of the Pond” are the Nommo who arrived in the giant bird and who may have an association with dolphins on earth. According to the French anthropologists, the prophesy of the Nommo, and thus the Dogon, is that the Nommo will sacrifice themselves for “purification and reorganization of the universe,” meaning the Nommo will sacrifice themselves for the humans.

The prophesy continues that the Nommo will rise in human form and descend on earth in an ark, with the ancestors of men, and then will take on their original form and rule from the waters and give birth to many descendants.

The Dogon drawings of the Nommo indicate delphinic features including air-breathing, as shown in the position of the waterline, flukelike tails horizontal to the body, unlike fish the tails of which are vertical, and what appears in many drawings to be a blowhole. Is there a relationship between earthly dolphins and the Nommo? The knowledge of several ancient civilizations suggests just such a possibility, as we’ll explore in future issues.

While all this seems like far-fetched science fiction, what cannot be denied is that the Dogon mythology about the Sirius star system has been corroborated by science so perhaps their story about the Nommo deserves attention.

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The history of science is replete with examples of mythology being verified over time. One of the best known examples is the Homeric story about Troy, long thought to be fictitious but now known to be factual. The Hindus knew about the Van Allen belts and that the earth revolved around the sun thousands of years before “discovered” by Copernicus. I remember reading an article in *Science* in the mid-1970s which ridiculed Immanuel Velikovsky’s book, *Worlds in Collision*. A psychiatrist who studied mythology, Velikovsky proposed that the universal existence of myths about cosmic collisions with earth has a basis in actual events. In case you haven’t been watching the History or Nat Geo channels, now Velikovsky’s theory is widely accepted by scientists, though he has not been given credit.

One might well ask why ever would universal myths about collisions with earth exist without a basis in fact? Dismissing them as mass hallucination just doesn't fly.

The same question could be asked about the widespread belief of numerous Native American tribes in "star" people, meaning people from the stars. The well known Lakota myth of the White Buffalo Calf Woman is about an ET who introduced them and other cultures to the tradition of the sacred pipe, a ritual about peace. Wherever I have lived in Asia, Africa or Latin America I have encountered indigenous knowledge of ETs. The Mayans consider the ancient site of Tulum to be a cosmic aeropuerto. When I visited a rancho near Chichen Itza I asked the Mayan foreman if he had seen any UFOs lately. He paused for a moment and said he had seen one a few days ago just before dawn. I then asked him what the Mayans say about UFOs, and much to my surprise he said they say nothing. So I asked him why? "We see them so often that nobody ever talks about them."

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The Sumerian tablets tell the story of ETs known as the Anunaki who colonized earth to mine gold for the atmosphere of their home planet, Nibiru, which was captured by our system. The story goes on that the Anunaki rebelled against the labor of mining gold so their chief scientist, Enki, who was a master geneticist and who supposedly domesticated many plants and animals, set to work on creating an intelligent slave race.

The tablets go on to say that the project took 50,000 years, and that the ancestors of modern humans were genetically modified to produce the contemporary human. The first man and woman were borne by an Anunaki woman 250,000 years ago, a remarkable correlation with the scientific story of Eve.

But the correlations between science and the Sumerian tablets do not end there. According to the tablets, the home planet of the Anunaki is four times the mass of earth and it revolves around the sun every 3600 years. Navy astronomers who set out to account for a number of anomalies in our solar system such as the tilt of one of Neptune's moons, finally concluded that there must be an additional planet in our Solar system – now get this – that is four times the size of earth and which revolves around the sun every 3600 years! (See Sitchin's DVD, "We Are Not Alone," which interviews the Navy astronomers.)

I contacted ten leading evolutionary biologists, scientists I studied under or knew, and told them about the convergence between the Sumerian tablets and the Story of Eve as well as the Navy's astronomical study that corroborates the Sumerian myth. I thought I was communicating revolutionary insights, but only two responded. My

former professor explained that the topic of ETs is taboo so I was wasting my time, and another scientist simply thanked me and said the letter was interesting.

If our scientific culture suffers from anything it is arrogance and closed-mindedness. (See the interview of Rupert Sheldrake in this issue regarding Cartesian philosophy and its far-reaching influence on science and our culture.)

Robert Temple's book, *The Sirius Mystery*, about the Dogon and other cultures' cosmic knowledge which could only have had an extraterrestrial origin, has gone largely ignored by "serious" scientists including those who study dolphins and whales. And that is where we find ourselves today, stuck in dogmatic, scientific doctrine refusing to look outside the box at a time when we require great courage, vision and imagination. Thus the importance of intrepid scientists like Robert Temple and Rupert Sheldrake, unrestrained by fear of loss of professional status.

We forget that Darwin was an amateur and so was Einstein during the great creative period of his youth. The word "amateur" means lover.