

Module 6/18.

The Sacred Serpent mystery school.

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Part 1:

The sacred serpent mystery initiation video.

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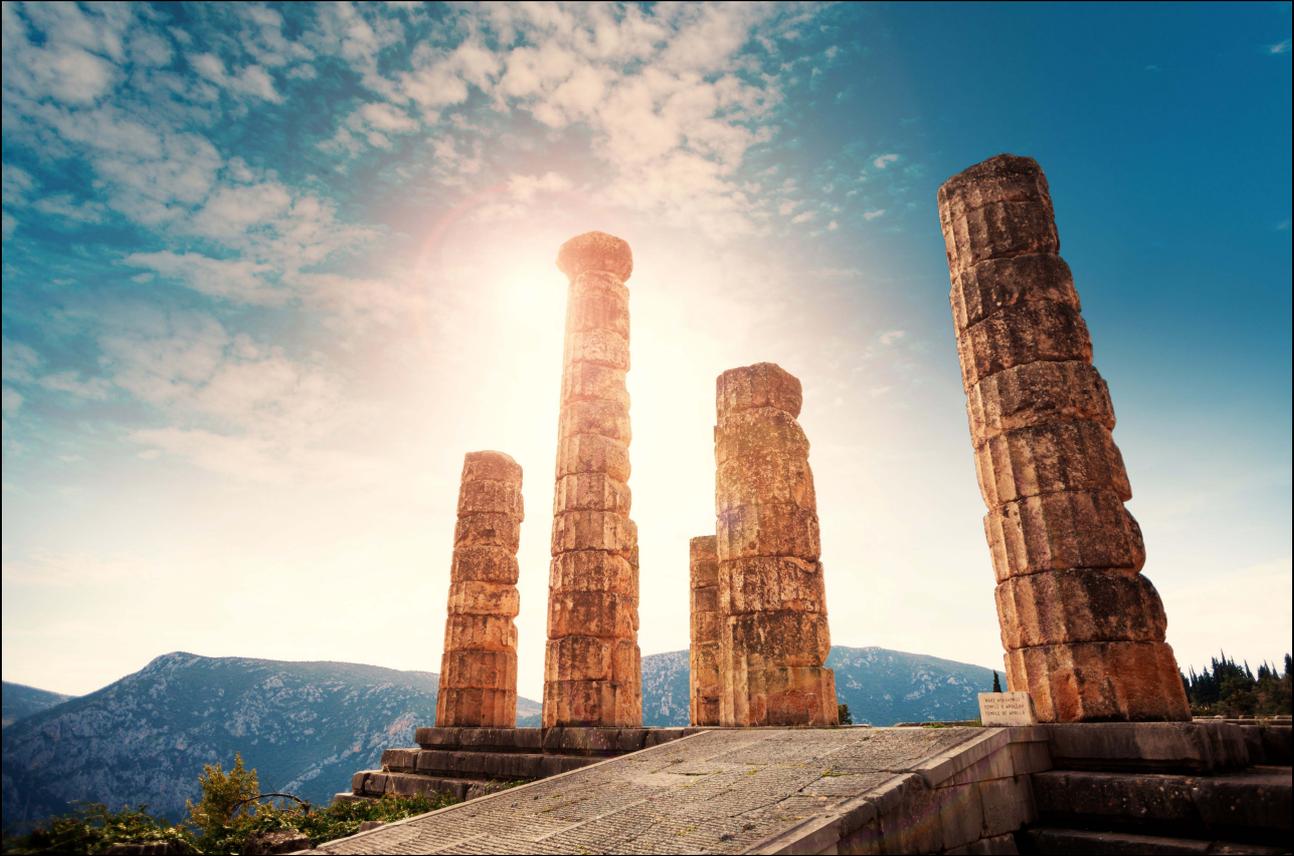
Part 2:

The Delphic mysteries

Read the short text below about the Delphic mysteries.

The Delphic mysteries

The deep honouring of the serpent wisdom.



Located 160 kilometers from Athens, the sacred site of Delphi is recognised as one of the primary and most important mystery schools of Ancient Greece.

It has reportedly been used for ceremonies and resurrection rituals since prehistoric times and has served many civilisations across time. More recently, people like Socrates, Plato, and Confucious were known to be initiates to the Delphic mysteries, visiting the site in search of wisdom and guidance.

The temple was initially built as a shrine to Gaia, the goddess of Earth, and originally bore the name of the "temples of Pytho". Pytho referred to the serpent Python, who was the child of Gaia who had apparently emerged from muddy waters following the Great Deluge. Python's job was to guard the site of the Goddess of the Earth.

The temple was later overtaken by the God Apollo, when Zeus, Apollo's father, who was known as the God of all Gods, decreed the Delphic site as the centre of the Earth.

There are many legends about how that was decided:

In one of the legends, Zeus would have asked the heavens above to tell him where the center of the Earth was, and a meteorite would then be launched to land right at Delphi.

In another legend, he would have set two birds free, one on either side of the Earth. Wherever the two would meet would be the centre of the Earth.

The birds met at Delphi.

It is said that upon recognising the site as the centre of the Earth, Zeus sent his son Apollo to overtake the oracle, requiring him to conquer and kill the serpent Pytho.

Many interpretations across Greek mythology attempt to explain how the site later came to be referred to as Delphi:

In one of them, the site was said to be named after Delphyne which was one of the names of the sacred python serpent, the child of Gaia.

It is also said that Delphi refers to Delfini, which is the Greek word for dolphin.

Apollo, after slaying the serpent, would have realised he had done Gaia wrong, and headed to the island of Crete to purify himself. He then turned himself into a dolphin to lure sailors and high priests to follow him back to Delphi and help him rebuild the site with the knowledge and wisdom he had now encountered.

Both of these interpretations, while different, are quite significant because they speak of honouring the serpent after initially attempting to destroy it.

These sites are therefore known for honoring the serpent's wisdom, rather than seeing it as purely a dangerous and deadly force, celebrating it as a wise voice of guidance, protection, and support.

The Delphic Oracle.

Delphi famously became known as the leading oracle site of the Mediterranean.

How does a site actually become an Oracle?

It is helpful to refer back to how the ancient Greeks came about creating sacred sites in the first place. The process behind the creation of a sacred site always had the same steps.

First, they would ask to be shown where a sacred site should be built. Once they reached the land, they would ask to be shown confirmation that this land was meant to be home to a sacred site. Once they had established a site was indeed sacred, they would ask to be shown which God or deity this land was meant to honour or represent. Upon connecting to the land, they would be shown specific qualities and attributes, and based on these, they would decide which God or Deity best represented these attributes. The site would therefore be dedicated to this God. They would then build a monument or shrine to the God using specifically chosen design elements. These monuments would allow an initiate or student to connect deeply to the site. Upon visiting the site, one would find themselves awakening and embodying the very qualities and attributes represented by this chosen God. The initiates' path would be to visit all of the sacred sites he/she would need to awaken the fullness of who they were.

The site of the Delphic mysteries was a mystery school site which, like most others, was built on a sacred energy power spot. Delphi's energy power spot is located on an energy channel that connects various sacred sites from Ireland to Israel, moving through France, Italy, and Greece. Not only was this a powerful stand-alone site, but it was also linked to a network, a chain, of sites bearing high intensity.

Structures were then created on the site, using powerful stones and patterns of sacred geometry, including the temple of Apollo, which was created in a circular shape to represent the navel of the Earth and the meteorite rock that had landed there.

Therefore, this circular structure represents the Earth's navel, a place allowing us to connect to higher wisdom via a connection to Gaia.

The circular nature of the site also related to people gathering together in ceremony, in circles, to collectively share the energy of the site. As they harnessed it, it would expand and be radiated and shared beyond the site, to spread far and wide and impact the greater collective.

The connection to Gaia is significant in the relationship between Delphi and the sacred feminine. In fact, the site was recognised for attracting many priestesses and female mediums. As women were recognised as having a stronger connection to deep intuitive knowing, they would gather at the site to hold ceremonies and rituals during which the knowledge of the oracle would be accessed. After a purification process, they would engage in ceremonies and reach ecstatic trance states during which they channeled knowledge that was downloaded through prayers and chants.

These were then translated by men into poetry and fables, shared with a broader audience who would visit the site.

It was later found that the ecstatic effects would be reached partially because of sweet gas emissions that would cause these numinous effects. A study conducted in 1990 found that there are indeed ethylene vapors emanating from the land due to the movement of tectonic plates causing friction in the limestone under the site.

While studies have shown that large quantities of ethylene can cause a person to completely pass out, it can help us achieve a numinous effect in smaller amounts, allowing us to access visions and higher information.

The site became dedicated to Apollo in 1000BC and gained most of its fame around 700BC because of the oracle sessions which famously happened there.

Figures like Pythagoras, Plato, Socrates, and Confucius had famously visited for pilgrimages, seeking knowledge, guidance and wisdom.

The last Oracle was held in 362 AD. The site was ordered to be destroyed in 393 AD when a Christian emperor decided it was time for our society to evolve from polytheist thinking to monotheist philosophies.

As they let go of this mysticism, the temple was left to fall into ruins.

However, it was reported that until the 1860s, local Greeks were still known for using the site for rituals and ceremonies to access deeper information.

The symbolism of the site is significant for many reasons.

Apollo fighting the snake, which was the protector of Gaia, was symbolic of the masculine overtaking the feminine. As the site was then rebuilt to honour the snake, it symbolised returning to worshipping the sacred feminine abandoned long ago.

The serpent also represented the energy currents of the Earth, meaning the story represented man attempting to control the energy of the Earth and then surrendering to it.

Caves and a freshwater spring can still be found at the site which would have been used for purification as well as practices of live resurrection, which, as we know, were a central part of the mystery practices.

The honouring of the serpent, which is intrinsic to the site, was also a significant symbol regarding the mystery rites and live resurrection which happened at the site.

The visual of the serpent emerging from the muddy waters following the Great Deluge refers to the wisdom that emerged following the collapse of Atlantis which would apparently have brought about mystery practices in the first place.

The Serpent was, of course, an important symbol of death/birth, often found at the mystery sites: for instance the ouroboros, the snake eating its tail, or the two serpents intertwined representing the serpent of life and then serpent of death.

The live resurrection process often involved snake handling, which involved the initiate being bitten by a snake so the venom could overtake their body. The initiate would either fight against it, in which case they would often die, or they would surrender to it and move with it, in which case they would “resurrect” and reach a place of self-actualisation.

Those who didn't survive would return in a future incarnation to attempt the process again.
Those who survived thrived.
They lived a life guided by the greater wisdom of the serpent they now embodied.

Life became effortless, inspired by wisdom, and guided by the greater knowledge.
These men and women became guides and demonstrators, effortlessly guiding others on a process of deep transformation.

As these practices were shut down by our society, the processes now find other ways to reach the humans who are meant to experience them...