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The Pleiades Codex: The Seven Light Sisters



Lost Star

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When the creation was new and all the stars shone in their first splendor, the gods held their assembly in the sky and sang `Oh, the picture of perfection! The joy unalloyed!'

But one cried of a sudden --- `It seems that somewhere there is a break in the chain of light and one of the stars has been lost.' The golden string of their harp snapped, their song stopped, and they cried in dismay --- `Yes, that lost star was the best, she was the glory of all heavens!'

From that day the search is unceasing for her, and the cry goes on from one to the other that in her the world has lost its one joy!

Only in the deepest silence of night the stars smile and whisper among themselves ----`Vain is this seeking! Unbroken perfection is over all!'

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The Pleiades (M45) is an open star cluster of seven stars located northeast of the Orion's Constellation; which is visible to the naked eye in the neck of constellation Taurus. Taurus constellation is the prime location where we can find the biggest emblematic star symbols: The Hyades and the Pleiades. Nonetheless, modern telescopes have shown that there are up to 500 stars in the cluster. This Constellation is more or less 415 light-years away from our Earth. They are seven magnificent Cosmic light beings.

The Pleiades have been referred to by many names, such as the Seven Sisters, Krittika, Kimah, Flock of Doves, Hens, Virgins of Spring, Sailor's Stars and the seven Atlantic Sisters. 'The Pleiades were known as Seven Sisters by indigenous people in North America, Siberia and Australia and this common heritage means they were described more than 40,000 years ago.

In ancient times the Pleiades were called "The Guardians of the Sky", and they had the mystical task to have the account for the Keeping of Time. "The Pleiades were at one time the Atlantides and connected with Atlantis and its seven races."1 They are also believed to be the home of the many Spiritual schools of learning whose influence awakens and transforms the rational mind into becoming a clear vehicle that can receive and translate into simple words what consciousness experiences and lives. The cluster consists of 7 small stars: Electra, Celaeno, Taygeta, Maia, Merope, Asterope and Alcyone; with Alcyone being the central star and known as the Star of the Weeping Sisters. "The number seven is closely connected with the occult significance of the Pleiades, the six present and the 7th

hidden."²

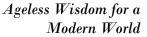
It was said according to medieval traditions that anyone influenced by the 29th degree of Taurus (0



Gemini now) will at some point in their life, suffer "a fate to weep about". It also bestows strong will, sincerity and honesty. The Pleiades were so important and their influence so lively that during the month of November, the Pleiades month, many primitive people began their year; and on the day of the midnight culmination of the Pleiades, November 17, no one was allowed to present non-relevant petitions to the ancient Kings of Persia.

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¹ H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. II, 811 ² H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. II, 654





The Ancient Greeks saw the seven stars in the cluster, and named them after the Pleiades. The Pleiades, from the Greek Πλειάδες, were companions of Artemis, and they were the seven daughters of the titan Atlas³ and the sea-nymph Pleione born on Mount Cyllene. They are the sisters of Calypso, Hyas, the Hyades, and the Hesperides. The Pleiades were nymphs in the train of Artemis and, together with the seven Hyades, were called the Atlantides, Dodonides, or Nysiades; and were the nursemaids and teachers to the infant Bacchus.

One of the most memorable myths involving the Pleiades is the story of how these sisters literally became stars, their *catasterism*. According to some versions of the tale, all seven sisters committed suicide because they were so saddened by either the fate of their father, Atlas, or the loss of their siblings, the Hyades. In turn Zeus, the ruler of the Greek gods, immortalized the sisters by placing them in the sky. There these seven stars formed the constellation known thereafter as the Pleiades. "The Pleiades are to the solar system the source of electrical energy and, just as our sun is the embodiment of the heart or love aspect of the Logos (Who is Himself the heart of the One about Whom Naught may be Said) so the Pleiades are the feminine opposite of Brahma (the third aspect)."4

Other versions made them the attendants of Artemis, goddess of wildlife and of hunting, who were pursued by the giant hunter Orion, but were rescued by the gods and changed into doves⁵. After their death, or metamorphosis, they were transformed into stars, but even in Heavens, they are still pursued across the sky by the constellation Orion.

"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." ~ Micah 4:8



As stated before, the Pleiades were most frequently represented as a flock of doves before they were transformed in stars on their constellation.

The Pleiades have been a source of wonder for thousands of years and are connected to the agricultural seasons. They have inspired poets and guided sailors, and

³ In the myth, Atlas sided with his brothers, the Titans, in the Titans' unsuccessful war against the Olympians and as a result was told by Zeus to stand at the edge of the Earth and hold up the sky.

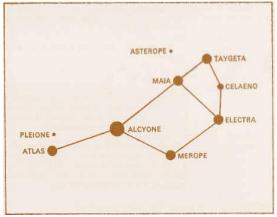
⁴ H.P. Blavatsky, *A Treatise On Cosmic Fire*, 156

⁵ After Atlas was forced to carry the world on his shoulders, Orion began to pursue all of the Pleiades, and Zeus transformed them first into doves, and then into stars to comfort their father.



many ancient buildings were aligned to collect light from the star cluster including the Parthenon and Mayan temples. More recently they have inspired students of conscious ascension who view the Pleiadean system as a Stargate of multi-dimensional information.

There is some debate as to the origin of the name Pleiades. Previously, it was accepted the name is derived from the name of their mother, Pleione. However, the name Pleiades is more likely to come from $\pi\lambda\epsilon\tilde{v}$ (meaning, to sail), because the Pleiades star cluster is visible in the Mediterranean at night during the summer, from the middle of May until the beginning of November, which coincided with the sailing season in antiquity.



Several of the most prominent male Olympian gods, including Zeus, Poseidon, and Ares, engaged in affairs with the seven heavenly sisters. These relationships resulted in the birth of semi-Divine children.

1. Maia, eldest of the seven Pleiades, was mother of Hermes by Zeus.

- 2. Electra was mother of Dardanus and Iasion by Zeus.
- 3. Taygete was mother of <u>Lacedaemon</u>, also by Zeus.
- 4. Alcyone was mother of Hyrieus by Poseidon.
- 5. <u>Celaeno</u> was mother of Lycus and Eurypylus by Poseidon.
- 6. Sterope (also Asterope) was mother of Oenomaus by Ares.

Merope, youngest of the seven Pleiades, was wooed by Orion. In other mythic contexts, she married Sisyphus and, becoming mortal, faded away. She bore to Sisyphus several sons. All of the Pleiades, except Merope, had affairs with gods.

In the Pleiades_star_cluster only six of the stars shine brightly, the seventh, Merope, shines dully because she is shamed for eternity for having an affair with a mortal. Some myths also say that the star that doesn't shine is Electra; she is said to have left her place so that she will not have to look down upon the ruin of Troy, because the city was founded by her son Dardanus.

There have many calendar systems that utilize the positions of the Pleiades, for both agricultural and sacred reasons. The pyramid and temple complex of Teotihuacan, near Mexico City, is oriented to where the Pleiades set along the horizon.

Temples in Greece and Ancient Egypt were oriented to these stars. The Great Pyramid at Giza had been built in alignment with the Pleiades. Temples, stone circles

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And other rock formations in Polynesia and many other places on the planet show Pleiadian alignments. Every 52 years in the Mayan civilization the Pleiades would pass directly overhead of major ceremonial centers, such as Tikal and Palenque. Chichén Itzá was "reactivated" by the Quetzalcoatl. At that time, Pleiades passed directly over this site, and the star called Maia, was directly over the zenith of Chichén Itzá. Egyptian texts allude to Pleiades' archaic significance as Krittitas, judges of men, assigning them also to seven planetary spheres as the seven Hathors. The dead had to speak the names of these Goddesses to pass their 'critical' examination and enter paradise.'

The influence of the Pleiades is the most heightened in May and November every year. This is when Pleiadian consciousness is most accessible to humanity.

The yearly cycle of the Pleiades begins around the middle of May, when the Sun is aligned between the Earth and the stars of the Pleiades. Due to the close proximity to the Sun, the stars of the Pleiades are not visible at any time of the night. Pleiades are visible and can be seen rising at dawn around June and this is called the heliacal rising of the Pleiades. This is regarded as very sacred.



When the Earth is aligned between the Sun and the Pleiades during November, the stars of the Pleiades can be seen in the sky for nearly the entire duration of the darkness of night. The esoteric messages that take place in May come to fruition during the month of November. This is when the energy of the Pleiades is most directly available.



Some of the Oriental Scriptures affirm that our connection to the Pleiades is made through sound and vibration. In Alice

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Bailey' work, it is suggested that perhaps the Pleiades are the source of the atomic life of our Logos, the active intelligent aspect, that one, which was first developed, and which we might call electrical matter. Hence it concerns the astral and etheric aspects of electric matter.

Maia, in Greek mythology, the eldest of the seven Pleiades, the children of Atlas and Pleione, was one of Zeus' lovers, the ruler of the Olympian gods; it is said that Maia gave birth to Hermes. In ancient Rome, she was often confused with the obscure cult deity



Maia, from whom the month named Maius (May) is derived. The Pleiades are cited many times in the Bible, First on the Book of Job 38; 31 then in Micah 4:8 and afterward, the wonder of one of its Central sun: Alcyone is stated in Revelations 21, 23, 27. Alcyone is believed to be the Principal Sun of the Pleiades and it has 7 other suns rotating around it, including the sun from our solar system. It has been recorded in the Babylonian Talmud that the flood of Biblical Noah was the result of two stars falling from Khima (the Pleiades) towards Earth. This may correspond with the legend of the lost Pleiades.

Then there is the relationship of the Pleiades with the Great Bear. There is much that is said about them in Oriental writings. The seven sisters are said to be the seven wives of the seven sages of the Great Bear. So the Pleiades are the feminine complement of the Logos. "A bright star dropped from the Heart of eternity; the beacon of hope on whose Seven Rays hangs the Seven Worlds of Being."

The Pleiades have a remarkable power on our consciousness, and contact creates a sacred "void" in seekers to allow them to integrate with a higher and more subtle level of the Divine and Abstract Mind. The void is a "mental energy" that transforms intuition into consciousness. The high vibrational energy from the Pleiades' sun unites the consciousness and the concrete mind, so the seeker can perceive the Spiritual aspects of his existence more clearly. Moreover, such sacred receipt of Divine Wisdom also resonates in the selfconsciousness of these seekers, which helps them to harmonize their mental and intellectual faculties with those of the Pleiades. This in turn helps them to become powerful "transmitting stations" that broadcast, albeit on a lower level, their own understanding and interpretation of what they have received.

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The Pleiades, therefore, open a higher level of consciousness in seekers, unfolding within them the potentials and gifts that are inherent and manifest on the higher planes of being. Thus, the Pleiades have the power to manifest and energize the qualities that are inherent in the seed ideas of seekers by enhancing their intuitive and mental faculties, or the intelligence of the heart.

The seven planets of the Pleiades thus represent a "school" of learning whose influence awakens and transforms the rational mind into becoming a clear vehicle that can receive and translate into simple words what consciousness experiences and lives. The Pleiades opens up the intuitional intelligence of the Seeker to the high level at which consciousness and knowledge help the Seeker grow to be consciously aware of Divine Knowledge and Wisdom, which is why their etheric, astral and mental bodies must be purified before being able to integrate with the spiritual realm. The Pleiades represent a spiritual "station" where the Perfect Model within Seekers is energized and comes alive on earth.



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