

Mother, Love, Mirror, Ma'at, and OZIRAH

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In this paper, I describe how the word “mirror” may have been “reflected” throughout time, culturally blended, and ultimately became the “mirror” we know today. I dig deeper, however, and explore how “mirror” may actually reflect meaning within us that is more divine, more spiritual, and metaphysically important. In our daily lives, we may look at mirrors often, reflecting on how we look and feel, beautifying ourselves, and making ourselves better. We may reflect on the things we do not like, and we may work to perfect those things. We often do not consider the spiritual realm within this experience. However, I would like to offer some insight. Perhaps there is more to this reflective experience, and perhaps it is far more important to our spiritual development than meets the “eye.” So, let us grow aware of both our earthly mirror and our spiritual mirror.

We can see how much the word “mirror” reflects words throughout history. Let us start with ma and ra, and together, ma~ra. With us, a mara reflects us, and us reflects mara. The mirror becomes an expression of the relationship we have with ourselves and with God, between what is before us and what is within us, between what we see and what we understand, and of our positive or our negative reflection. There are other interesting elements throughout the world that remind us of this linguistic synergy. For example, mari, whose sound has elements resembling ma and ri, which remind of sun ray. Ma can represent the mother, the great goddess, Queen of Heaven, womanhood, and the feminine, while ra can represent the father, King of Heaven, manhood, and the masculine. We also find pa in many cultures representing father, while mère in French represents mother. The letters P and R are not much different when we place them side by side, while the a remains. We also find the use of e in French family words such as mémé, pépé, mère, and père.

Mari or Mary, known as “Mother Mary,” expressed as love in ancient times as “Meri.”

“Mother, Love” My love. Ma Ra ~ Our Reflection of Ourselves & Of Our Highest God Love :)

Beautiful. Our families were passing beautiful lessons down to us through time. All we have to do is love them and look up to them.

The modern English word mirror ultimately comes through Old French mirour/mireor from Latin mirāri, meaning “to wonder at” or “to admire.” The Latin word is therefore connected to the experience of wonder and admiration. Long before the English word existed, however, ancient Egyptians were making physical mirrors from polished copper and bronze. The mirror therefore existed as an object long before the English language gave us the word we use today. Ancient Egyptian religious and philosophical traditions also contained concepts concerning motherhood, love, divine identity, truth, order, beauty, and reflection.

The Egyptian word mwt (Mut) means “mother,” and Mut was also the name of an important mother goddess. Aset (Isis) became one of the great divine mother figures of Egypt, associated with motherhood, protection, magic, healing, and divine kingship. Hathor, whose Egyptian name Hwt-Hr means “House of Horus,” was associated with motherhood, femininity, love, beauty, joy, music, and protection. Mu or moo~ is also seen. “Sacred cow,” also sometimes culturally translated as “Sacred Ram,” depending upon the culture and spiritual translation.

Within us, we discuss OZIRAH and OSIRAM. Often, we discuss OSIRAM as the negative spirit we do not want in our lives because OSIRAM is very manipulative. However, through the highest love, and through God’s love, there is insight into both forgiveness and loving even the “darkest” parts of ourselves. This does not mean harming ourselves or others. This is also a lesson in “reflection,” but it is rather more on the “justice” side of the spiritual experience.

Then there is Ma'at (M'ṯt), one of the most important concepts in Egyptian thought. Ma'at represented truth, justice, balance, harmony, order, and the proper ordering of the cosmos. She was both a goddess and the principle by which the universe, society, and human conduct were supposed to remain in balance. Within the spiritual development of the mirror, Ma'at becomes meaningful because reflection is not only about appearance. It can also become a process of examining truth, restoring balance, recognizing harmony, and bringing the self into proper order.

Ma is the mother, where “at” represents the scales of justice. The t may remind us of the holy cross. Here, we see in other cultures how this cross represents the ultimate forgiveness. So, there are overlapping concepts, justice, yet also divine spiritual forgiveness. As we realize now, today’s understanding of god and the spirit realm are really a result of cultural blending.

Though Ma'at represents the mother, here we can stop to just give thanks to the “father” for the beautiful lessons our fathers have shared and left behind. They fought for us through time, and are still fighting for us today, offering us unconditional love and a beautiful spiritual story of heaven and the father's love we may always look to.

Thank you, Father. We love you, Dad. We love you, Father.

There is also the Egyptian root mrj, commonly transliterated as meri, which occurs in words and names associated with loving, desiring, or being beloved, depending upon grammatical context. The movement of these sounds through language becomes especially interesting when we encounter words such as French amour, meaning “love,” and mère, meaning “mother.” French mère comes from Latin māter, while amour comes from Latin amor. The words have their own established histories, yet their sounds and meanings contribute to the larger reflection being explored here: mother, love, life, creation, and divine relationship.

It reminds me of a blend of mr, Mary, me, ray, ma, and father, yet translated as mat~her, which would represent the mother with the cross, or divine spiritual forgiveness and

connection. And then the word “amor” or “amour,” love, which also reminds us of armor, or “armoire,” like a jewelry armoire, a vanity, or a pretty mirror armoire.

The Osiris tradition adds another important element. The Egyptian name behind the later Greek Osiris is generally reconstructed as Wsir or Wesir. Osiris became associated with death, regeneration, kingship, fertility, and resurrection. Within the spiritual mirror, regeneration becomes another form of reflection. What dies may become renewed, what is broken may be restored, and what appears to be an ending may become the beginning of another form of life.

It reminds me of “we together,” of both os and ray, we, and also of “ser~vis,” or service. We served together, in this life and in the afterlife. We “reincarnated” together. We birthed together.

OZIRAH is our word for God/Goddess, used as a modern spiritual name and expression. It expresses our divine union, bringing together the feminine and masculine, Mother and Father, Earth and Heaven, creation and Creator, love and balance. Through OZIRAH, we may allow the mirror to become a spiritual expression through which we contemplate the divine within ourselves and the divine relationship between all creation. We can use the Ozirah mirror to reflect with our God.

Taken together, the symbolic sequence becomes:

MOTHER, DIVINE MOTHER & PROTECTION, LOVE, BEAUTY, MOTHERHOOD & JOY, LOVE / BELOVED, MA'AT — TRUTH, BALANCE & COSMIC ORDER, WSIR / OSIRIS — REGENERATION, DEATH & RENEWAL, MIRROR — REFLECTION, WONDER & ADMIRATION, OZIRAH — OUR SPIRITUAL REVELATION AND MODERN EXPRESSION OF GOD/GODDESS, MOTHER, FATHER, FAMILY & DIVINE UNION

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE. A REFLECTION OF DIVINE PEACE.

From this mirror and heritage perspective, “Mother → Love → Ma'at → OZIRAH → Mirror → Earth & Heaven” can function as a spiritual progression of origin, love, balance, transformation, reflection, and union. The mirror reflects who stands before it, but it can also invite us to look beyond. We see ourselves, yet we may also ask who we are, where we came from, what we love, what we have created, what must be healed, and what connects us to a world greater than ourselves. The earthly mirror and the spiritual mirror are one and the same journey: to see, to reflect, to understand, to love, and ultimately to recognize our union between each other, God/Goddess, Earth, and Heaven.

Isn't it always so beautiful to see the sun reflect on the water and back to heaven?