



Visnu lies within the causal ocean in mystic slumber and from his navel sprouts a lotus upon which is born the engineer of this universe known as 'Brahma' and within the centre of this lotus there is what is known as a pericarp as can be seen within the picture above.

The pericarp of this lotus is described within the ancient Vedas of India as 'Mount Meru' a cosmic axial mountain which is the abode of the gods and which Krsna spoke of some 5000 years ago in the following verse "Of all the Rudras I am Lord Siva, of the Yaksas and Raksasas I am the Lord of wealth, Kuvera, of the Vasus I am fire, Agni, and of mountains I am Meru." Gita 10.23.

'Meru' was once famous throughout the world and known by different names in different cultures such as the Norse and 'Asgarde' such as the Greeks and 'Olympus' and even today we find that the name of Meru can be seen throughout many places of the world.



Tanzania possesses the fourth highest mountain within Africa known as 'Meru' which is undoubtedly related to the Meru of the Vedas and we find that Kenya, the neighbours of Tanzania have the township of Meru whose inhabitants are known as the people of Meru which branches into groups such as 'Meru' 'Ameru' 'Mumeru' 'Kimeru' 'Mero' 'Ameroe' and 'Meroe'.

At the confluence of the Himalayas and the Hindu kush is the roof of the world known as the Pamir mountain range. Pa is a Sanskrit prefix meaning protector, ruler, guardian and mir is simply a corruption of Meru. In Arabic mir means high, exalted, honourable and comes from the Egyptian MR which is their way of writing Meru.

The golden mountains of Altai stretch across Russia, Mongolia, China and Kazhakstan and its highest peak is within Siberia and known as 'Belukha' a mystical mountain whose original name

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was 'Uch Sumer' said by the native people to be named after a great cosmic mountain named 'Sumer' which in Sanskrit means great (su) mountain (meru).



Egypt has a creation story which is pretty much the same as that of the Vedas where they have the primal waters from which appears a 'mound' and upon this mound a lotus flower emerges upon which appears the Sun god 'Ra' and it seems this mound is not only the Mount Meru of Egypt but the inspiration behind their pyramids.

The 'Venus Blueprint' is a book by Richard Merrick who writes "the ancient name for Egypt was 'tomera' and the written name for the great pyramid was 'MR' the root for 'meru' 'myrrh' 'mihr' and 'mithra' and in this way the Meru archetype was the mountain symbol behind Egyptian cosmology" . Wallis Budge was an English Egyptologist who wrote that 'Meru means 'mountain' in Egyptian language while 'Tomera' is the land Mera (Egypt) and 'Tomerau' is the people of the land (Egyptians).

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We also have the ancient city of 'Meroe' which was situated along the Nile and once a flourishing Kingdom and so we have the Egyptian name for mountain which is 'Meru' the Egyptian name for the pyramids which was 'Mer' the land of the Egyptians was 'Tomera' and the people of Egypt were known as 'Tomerau' hence there is a case for the Mount Meru of the Vedas being the centrepiece of Egyptian culture.



Within the lands of Indonesia we find the island of Java where over 1000 years ago a famous temple was built known as 'Borodobur' and although its Buddhist iconography expresses the souls journey to Nirvana, it also symbolises the highest point within this universe 'Sumeru'.

Originally planned and built by Vedic and Hindu builders this amazing architectural wonder depicts the Buddhist universe as it centres around the universal axis of Mount Sumeru and when seen from above (pictured above) it forms an amazing Sri Yantra reflecting the sacred geometry of this universe.

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Sumeru is the abode of the gods where Brahma resides within 'Brahmapuri' and the king of heaven 'Indra' resides within his kingdom of 'Amaravati' and throughout are the abodes of Agni and Kuvera and Vayu and Yama and others such as Varuna who protect the eight directions.



Mount Sumeru and its glories are lavishly and grandly displayed within the jungles of Cambodia and the great wonder of the world known as 'Angkor Wat' which was built over one thousand years ago by King Suryavarman in honour of the Supreme God who is known as 'Visnu'.

Throughout the spiritual complex of Angkor Wat we find a book of astronomy and cosmology which the ancients have written in stone as its central towers represent Mount Sumeru the central axis of this universe which is then surrounded upon all four sides by a moat which represents the mandala islands which spread throughout the universe.

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Angkor Wat was built by the Khmer dynasty who ruled over a vast domain from Cambodia to Vietnam to China to the Bay of Bengal and their beautiful temples can be seen throughout the lands of Thailand where we find the 'Prasat Preah Vihear' whose meaning is 'the castle of the celestial abode' the symbolic representation of Mount Meru.



“Note the great Hamite-Cushite race from the East was the first to settle Egypt and Babylon; that this bible race can be traced to the Mount Meru, on the high table lands of Central Asia; that the races emigrating from that region can be traced from thence, to the four quarters of the earth, and that however widely separated, they can be retraced to their common home - the Eden of Genesis” - The Mountain of the Assembly” written in 1891 by Orlando Dana Miller and Stephen Munson Whipple.

“In those primitive days, the central seat of Ethiopia was not the Meroe of our day, which is very ancient, but a kingdom that preceeded it by many ages; that was called Meru. Lenormant spoke of the first men of the ancient world as 'Men of Meru.' Sanskrit writers called Indra, chief god of the Hindu, king of Meru. He was deified and became the chief representative of the supreme being.” - Druscilla Dunjee Houston.

"That the same name Merops is connected with that of Æthiopia, a country particularly mentioned by Moses in his geographical description of Eden, this being of course the Asiatic and not the African Æthiopia. Finally, the name Cos given to the island ruled by Merops can be no other than Cush, by which the Cushite race was so generally known. Merops is, then, only another name of the first man, applied to the primeval abode of humanity under the form Meru, like Asgard from Askur, among the Scandinavians, and As-kar 'propitious summit' among the inhabitants of the Euphrates valley." - The Mountain of the Assembly written in 1891 by Orlando Dana Miller and Stephen Munson Whipple.