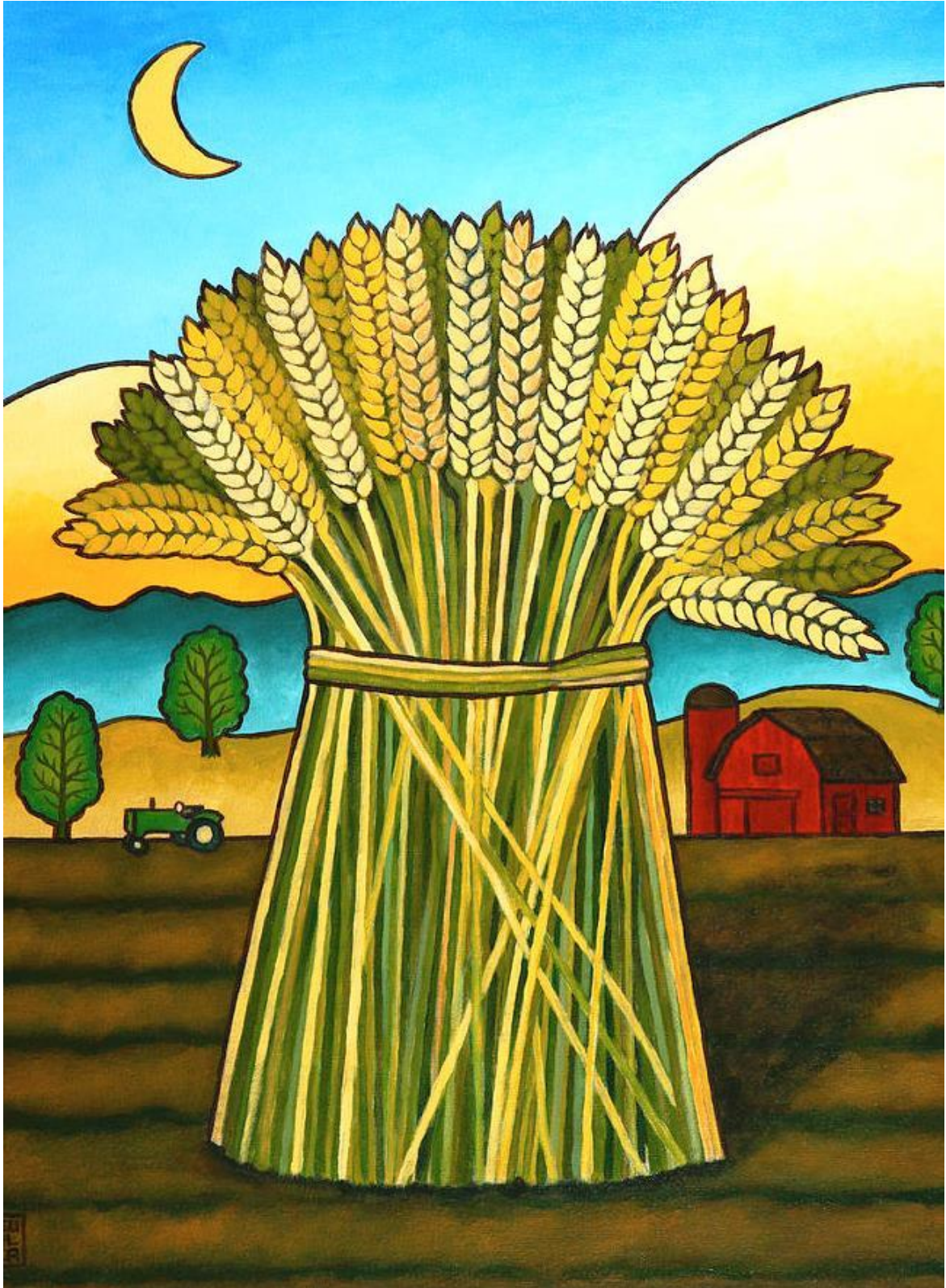


Wheat is not of the earth



From *The Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 373-75.

As said in the *Commentaries*:

Fruits and grain, unknown to Earth to that day, were brought by the 'Lords of Wisdom' for the benefit of those they ruled — front other lokas [spheres].

Now:

The earliest inventions [?] of mankind are the most wonderful that the race has ever made. . . . The *first use of fire*, and the discovery of the methods by which it can be kindled; the domestication of wild animals; and, above all, *the processes by which the various Cereals were first developed* out of some wild Grasses [?] — these are all *discoveries with which, in ingenuity and in importance, no subsequent discoveries may compare*. They are all unknown to History — all lost in the light of an EFFULGENT DAWN.¹

This will be doubted and denied in our proud generation. But if it is asserted that there are no grains and fruits *unknown to earth*, then we may remind the reader *that wheat has never been found in the wild state: it is not a product of the earth*. All the other cereals have been traced to their primogenital forms in various species of wild grasses, but wheat has hitherto defied the efforts of botanists to trace it to its origin. And let us bear in mind, in this connection, how sacred was that cereal with the Egyptian priests; wheat being placed even with their mummies, and found thousands of years later in their coffins. Remember how the servants of Horus glean the wheat in the field of Aaru, wheat *seven cubits high*.²

¹ The Duke of Argyll (George Campbell), *The Unity of Nature*, 1884, pp. 521-22

² *Book of the Dead*, xcix, 33; and clvi, 4. The reader is referred to Stanza VII, śloka 3, in Volume I, wherein this verse is explained in another of its meanings, and also to the *Book of the Dead*, cix, lines 4 and 5.

This is a direct reference to the esoteric division of man's principles symbolised by the divine wheat. The legend which inscribes the third Registrar of the papyrus (*Book of the Dead*, ch. cx) states:

This is the region of the *Manes* [disembodied men] *seven cubits high*

— to wit: those just translated and supposed to be still sevenfold with all their principles, even the body represented *astrally* in the *Kāma-loka* or *Hadēs*, before their separation;

. . . and there is wheat *three cubits high* for mummies in a *state of perfection*

— *i.e.*, those already separated, whose *three* higher principles are in Devachan, “who are permitted to glean it.” This region (Devachan) is called “the land of the re-birth of gods,” and shown to be inhabited by Shu, Tefnut, and Keb. The “region for the manes seven cubits high,” (for the yet imperfect mummies), and the region for those “*in a state of perfection*” who “glean wheat *three cubits high*,” is as clear as possible. The Egyptians had the same esoteric philosophy which is now taught by the cis-Himālayan adepts, who, when buried, have corn and wheat placed over them.

Says the Egyptian Isis:

I am the Queen of these regions; I was the first to reveal to mortals the mysteries of wheat and corn. . . . I am she who rises in the constellation of the Dog. . . . Rejoice, O Egypt! thou who wert my nurse.¹

Sirius was called the *dog*-star. It was the star of Mercury or Budha, called the great instructor of mankind, before other Buddhas.

The book of the Chinese *I-Ching*, attributes the discovery of agriculture to “the instruction given to men by celestial genii.”

Woe, woe to the men who know nought, observe nought, nor will they see. . . . They are all blind² since they remain ignorant how much the world is full of various and invisible creatures which crowd even in the most sacred places.³

The “Sons of God” *have* existed and *do* exist. From the Hindu *Brahmāputras* and *Mānasaputras* (Sons of Brahmā and Mind-born sons) down to the *Bnēy ha-Elōhīm* of the Jewish Bible, the faith of the centuries and *universal* tradition force reason to yield to such evidence. Of what value is *independent criticism* so called, or “internal evidence” (based usually on the respective hobbies of the critics), in the face of the universal testimony, which never varied throughout the historical cycles? Read esoterically the sixth chapter of *Genesis*, which repeats the statements of *The Secret Doctrine*, only changing slightly its form, and drawing a different conclusion which clashes even with the *Zohar*.



¹ Diodorus, *Bibliotheca*, Book I, § 27. There are Egyptologists who have tried to identify Osiris with Menes, which is quite erroneous. Bunsen assigns to Menes an antiquity of 5867 years B.C., and is denounced for it by Christians. But “Isis-Osiris” reigned in Egypt before the Dendera Zodiac was painted on the ceiling of that temple, and that is over 75,000 years ago!

² In the text, “corked up” or “screwed up.”

³ *Zohar*, Part I, col. 177