

## Chapter 7

### Harry (3)

Genesis 3:4:

The serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* Chapter 2:

Harry sat up and gasped; the glass front of the boa constrictor's tank had vanished. The great snake was uncoiling itself rapidly, slithering out on to the floor - people throughout the reptile house screamed and started running for the exits. As the snake slid swiftly past him, Harry could have sworn a low, hissing voice said, "Brazil, here I come... Thanksss, amigo."

All of us own a "tree." The spinal column with the spinal cord and the two strings of the sympathetic nervous system is called "the tree of life." The force that runs along these 3 channels, esotericists call the "serpent fire". The crown of the tree is the brain, and what lives in the brain? That is the human intellect! That is the serpent that tempted Adam and Eve to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil.

In my theory that *Harry Potter* is the oft repeated universal message of liberation, I have told you that Harry is the new soul-force that is born in the heart of the seeker. This force enters the bloodstream and thence spreads throughout the body.

James personifies the heart's longing for liberation. When Harry is born, and has reached a certain stage of maturity, the new force in the blood begins to affect the head. The intellect is set free as it were. When a person has a "Lily" that is totally enclosed within its petals, it is very hard for him/her to understand the message of liberation. The mind is focused on earthly things. If you explain the teachings of liberation to a person like that you might just as well explain it in Swahili or Double Dutch, because they won't understand it. Their "serpent" is imprisoned in an earthbound cage, as it were. But once the new soul is born and its force begins to enter the head it will set the intellect free. The mind can then soar to great spiritual heights. It will easily understand spiritual teachings and will become a great ally of the soul in its long, arduous quest for liberation.