



# The Sod Hypothesis: Phenomenological, Semiotic, Cognitive, and Noetic-Literary Recovery of the Pentateuchs Embedded Inner-Core Mystical I

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book is a facsimile reissue, as a single-volume paperback, of the

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The apparent absence of secrecy (or Sd in Hebrew) in Israelite

religion in early antiquity, in contrast with the Greek mystery

schools and the pervasive, structural secrecy of Egypt is the

dissertations opening problem. The study posits that the First

Temple priests crafted a disaster-proof transmission of their

initiatory lore to future generations. This intentional act

originating from *mysterium tremendum* encounters with a

supernatural agent, YHWH, is shown to result in an intensional

text of singular complexity (the Pentateuch plus the book of

Joshua). The J and E strands, previously seen in scholarship as

purely literary and/or semi-historical, are now seen as

constituting priestly esoteric matter par excellence, while the

traditional priestly sections, in contrast, as exoteric. Engaging (1)

Husserl's noetic-noematic-hyletic phenomenological framework;

(2) semiotic signifier-signified-referent aspects; (3) Jakobson's

functions of literary texts; and (4) Habermas's

communicative actions, the study proposes (i) manifold

discursive planes; (ii) multiple contexts, grounds, semantic fields;

(iii) inferential continuums, domains guiding textual data

derivation...

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