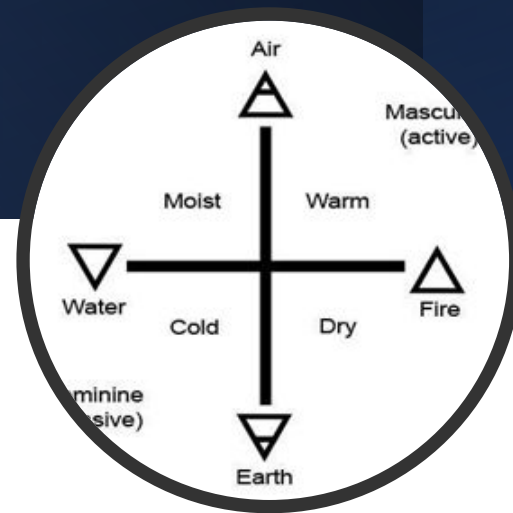




THE WATER AND ITS SYMBOLS IN BULGARIAN FOLKLORE PSYCHOLOGY

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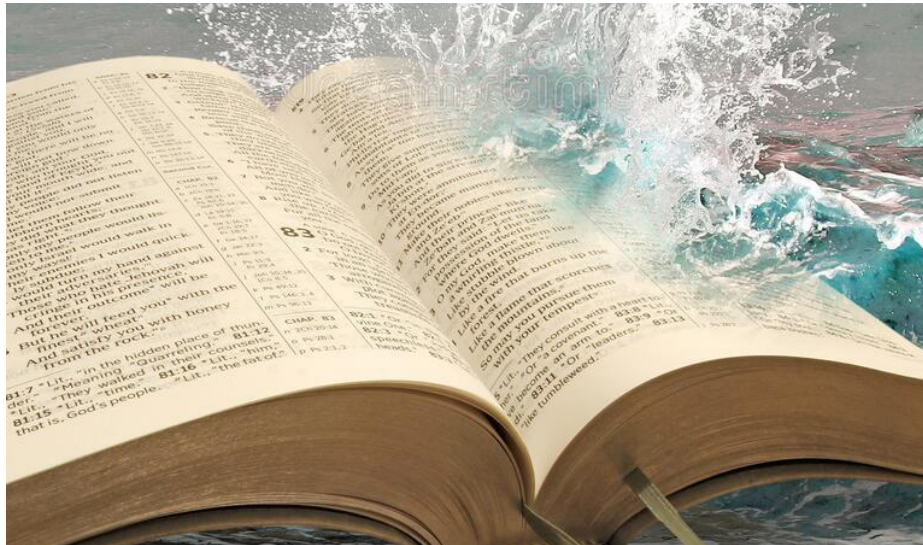
THE SYMBOLS OF WATER



WHAT DOES WATER MEAN IN CHRISTIAN RELIGION?

- ❑ Water is a source of life, a means of purification, as well as a center for renewal, and in opposition to this - it is the hidden evil, foretells danger and death.
- ❑ Water is an indivisible mass, which suggests its infinite possibilities.
- ❑ It is a source of energy - to immerse a person in water, returning to the spring to gain strength, is associated with Christian baptism.
- ❑ The wide application of holy water in the sphere of the Catholic Church is known. Important for religious customs is the holy water not yet mixed with oil, as well as the water (aqua benedicta) blessed on certain holidays, which the believers take home to pour in the small sacred tubs near the doorstep. It is used for crossing with wet fingers, during which the room should be sprayed with a few drops of holy water.





WATER IN THE BIBLE

□ In biblical symbolism, the meaning of water is diverse. It is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, through whom God helps people. Through water baptism, people's souls are cleansed of their sins. At the same time, the deep waters are a metaphor for the innermost, and in the modern sense - for the subconscious. God's wrath against sinners is expressed through turbulent waters, in contrast to which holy water removes evil and sin. In the sense of dialectical contradictions and the dualistic conception of the world, it turns out that water can also bring death. The Flood of the Old Testament points to the trials and tribulations that mankind has gone through to purify the world.

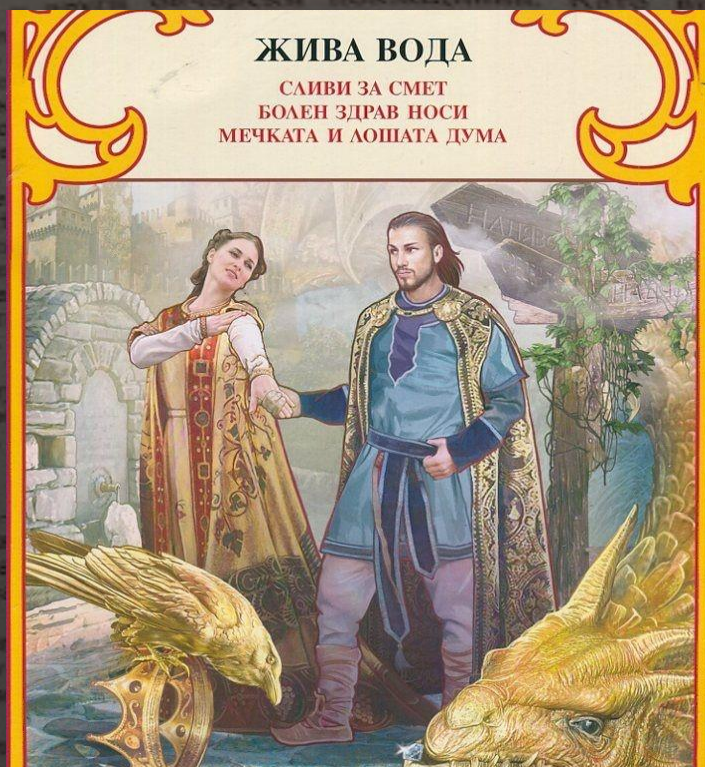


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THE WATER LIKE A SYMBOL IN FAIRY TALE OF “ALIVE WATER”



“Whoever of you bring
s me living water will
sit in my place!”

“Който ми донесе живата
вода, ще заеме мястото ми
на трона!”

•The fairytale of "Alive water" begins with a story in which a king has three sons, the king is already old and must give the kingdom to his sons. His command is that he will give his kingdom to the one who finds the source of living water: “If anyone washes himself with this water, if he is young, he does not grow old; if he is old, he will rejuvenate; if he is sick, he will recover.” All three brothers set out in search of the living water. However, living water is not easy to find, the way to it is was difficult and dangerous. This fairytale shows us the power of living water.



WATER AND ITS EXISTENCE IN MYTHOLOGY

- The Water has a strong presence in ancient Greek mythology. There it is imagined as an infinitely changing surface. In the image of the many-faced sea, whose God is Poseidon with his trident, which is a symbol of its power.



- □ In ancient philosophies and mythologies, water was perceived as one of the basic substances from which the world is built. It is the primary matter because it is loaded with information from the existence of the world. In Eastern philosophies it is opposed to fire, personified by the cold and the north. At the same time, water is a source of fertility. As such, in terms of the material, it is associated with life, as land destroys and creates deserts, and water preserves life. In mythology and folklore, it is presented as "living water", water of life charged with magical powers has the properties to rejuvenate, purifies and heals. And many legends about the "source of life" prove that water is a symbol of eternity.

THE SYMBOLISM OF RAIN AND SEA WATER

□ Another expression of dualism is the contrast rainwater - seawater. The first is pure and is a symbol of life and creation, and the second is salty and carries a curse. Another expression of the dualistic concept is the belief that in addition to being the grace of life, they can shelter monsters, and therefore can be a place of evil and disorder.



FORM OF WATER

□The forms of water also have their symbolism. The ice reveals the lack of warmth, hints at its complete stagnation and is synonymous with a dead soul. While water as a mirror reveals the romantic plan of existence. The underwater world, ie deep water, is an expression of the unconscious. Many sailors sailed heroically on the surface of the water, but this surface also hid many dangers. The mud and swamp show us stagnation, the water has lost its purifying power, it also suggests stench, disease, death



SOLID



LIQUID



GAS

FINAL WORDS

- Apparently water touches everything. It is matter and spirit. It reflects the diversity of life - good, evil. It can be creation and poisonous destruction. It reveals the idea of eternity, and the main concept is that water is a memory of life - past, present and the future.
- Every little cell needs of water .All life processes in the human body are related to water. Without it, life on Earth would not be possible at all.
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