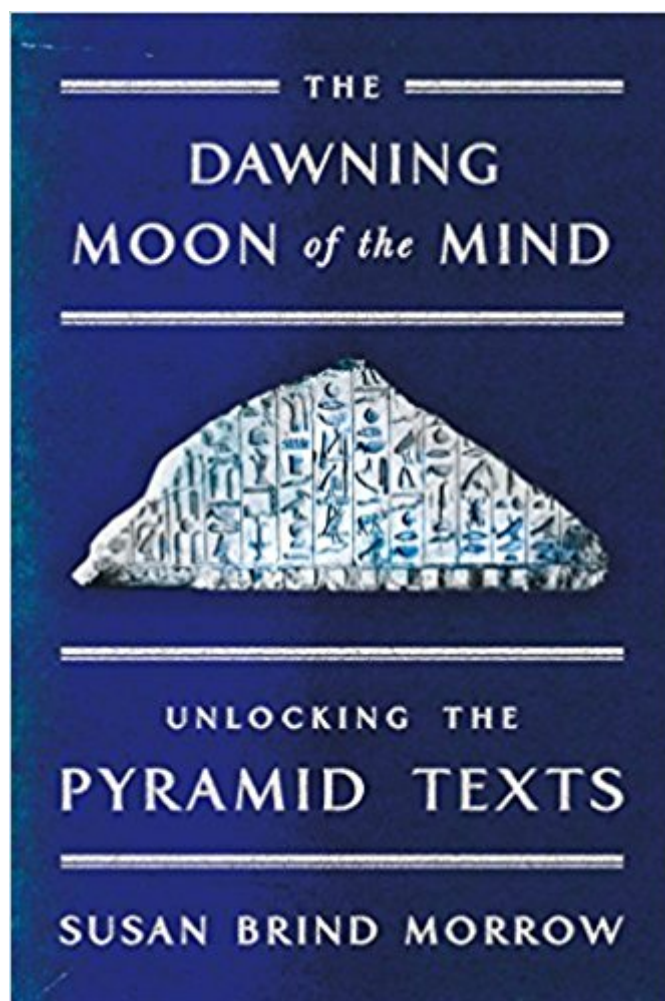


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Way to go Susan Brind Morrow, this is one of the masterpieces of spiritual literature. Exceptionally

well done! In keeping with the multi-meanings possible with hieroglyphs as a symbolique, I entitled this review *The Crack* because Susan Brind Morrow's nearly flawless *Dawning Moon of the Mind* deserves such a layered, and in-depth meaning. That is, *The Crack* here has multiple meanings: First, I believe Susan Brind Morrow has (nearly) cracked the code of the Pyramid Texts [more on this below]. Anyone that has ever traveled to Egypt and spent time in the ancient monuments comes away with one overriding thought: This was a culture that did not do anything without consciousness. Intention is writ large everywhere. Ancient Egypt is, in my opinion, the closest a people has come to living harmoniously, with humanity, and with profound meaning. Yet, to read the normal Egyptological work you would think these were a most primitive people that were ignorant and foolhardy. I think this is mostly because the depth of ancient Egyptian culture simply escapes reviewers who are not fully qualified to understand and appreciate just how much depth is present before them. This is especially true for the great spiritual works of this majestic culture, where the interpreters of these traditions could scarcely be called initiated, yet alone enlightened. Because they lack a well trod shamanic path, they cannot hear or see the transcendent depth of meaning in the masterful spiritual works. Yet, Brind Morrow has restored most of the brilliance and the voice of this lost culture. BRAVO! THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Second, Brind-Morrow's writing itself is inspired. So the next version of "The Crack" is the sound of a lightning strike signaling great and brilliant insight; an a-ha, a eureka!

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