

# Symbols of the Great USA Seal

Excerpt From Manly P Hall's Book *The Secret Destiny of America*. Published in 1944.

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*"Is the American Eagle actually a Phoenix? Selection of the fabulous bird of the ancients seems to have been the intention of the designer of our nation's Great Seal. The Phoenix is the symbol of the Reborn in Wisdom. ... The design on the reverse of the Great Seal is even more definitely related to the 'Order of the Quest'. The pyramid and the All-Seeing Eye represent the Universal House surmounted by the Radiant Emblem of the Great Architect of the Universe .... These three symbols in combination is more than chance or coincidence.*

*"When the time came to select an appropriate emblem for the Great Seal of the United States of America, several designs were submitted. These are described by Gaillard Hunt, in 'The History of the Seal of the United States', published in Washington, D.C., in 1909. Most of the designs originally submitted had the Phoenix bird on its nest of flames as the central motif. One of the designs now familiar to us was finally selected, and Benjamin Franklin was asked for his opinion of the choice.*

*"Franklin gave his immediate approval, observing naively that it was very appropriate to select the wild turkey as the symbol of the new country. The turkey was a bird of admirable quality, hardworking and industrious, and of good moral character, and a fowl also with a marked aversion for the colour red, at that time unpopular among the colonists.*

*"When it was explained to Franklin that the bird on the Seal was intended to represent an Eagle, he was bitterly disappointed; and he insisted that the drawing did not look like an Eagle to him, and furthermore, an Eagle was a bird of prey with few of the respectable qualities of the Wild Turkey.*

*"It has been said that the Designer had drawn a Phoenix. Its selection would of course have been appropriate. Among the ancients a fabulous bird called the Phoenix is described by early writers such as Clement, Herodotus, and Pliny; in size and shape it resembled the Eagle, but with certain differences. The body of the Phoenix is one covered with glossy purple feathers, and the plumes in its tail are alternately blue and red. The head of the bird is light in colour, and about its neck is a circlet of golden plumage. At the back of its head the Phoenix has a crest of feathers of brilliant colour. Only one of these birds was supposed to live at a time, with its home in the distant parts of Arabia, in a nest of frankincense and myrrh. The Phoenix, it was said, lives for 500 years, and at its death its body opens, and the newborn Phoenix emerges. Because of this symbolism, the Phoenix is generally regarded as representing Immortality and Resurrection.*

*All symbols have their origin in something tangible, and the Phoenix is one Sign of the Secret Orders of the Ancient World and of the Initiate of those Orders, for it was common to refer to one who had been accepted into the Temples as a man or woman twice-born, or re-born. Wisdom confers a New Life, and those who become Wise are Born Again". End Excerpt*

One is invited to look at such opportunities and potentials available at this time, to be better informed through the willingness to investigate such aspects of Eagle versus Phoenix; a matter of Evolution and Involution, Intervention and Aspiration, offer potential substance to expand the conscious minds of humanity. This new awareness may indeed ask those in positions of becoming the New World Ambassadors, Diplomats, Guardians and Administrators, etc. To Evolve an outgrown work to a New League of Democratic Global Commonwealth Nations, or, as the New True Constitution defines it, as a New 'I AM' One World Nation, which must be explored in Truth by each individual and group! And to do that, old Symbolisms that have served their



functions and purposes must be replaced with the New that will enhance and compliment Greater Interventions and Aspirations for a New Generation of Humanity with New Opportunities to Embrace more fervently by All and more Elevated and Illumined Patriotic Egalitarian Expanded Visions for the future of the New Humanity and Its New Life in Liberty, Divine Justice, and the Greater Pursuit of Happiness.

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