

Emerald Bench

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Andrew Mason — 19 Sep 2010, 17:54

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Jeff Wilson — 19 Sep 2010, 19:17 · in reply to Andrew Mason

On 9/19/2010 12:54 PM, Andrew Mason wrote:

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emerald_Tablet

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Lee Berman — 20 Sep 2010, 11:15 · follows Jeff Wilson

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Okay! good work you guys.

Wikipedia- The Emerald Tablet, also known as Smaragdine Table, Tabula Smaragdina, or The Secret of Hermes, is a text purporting to reveal the secret of the primordial substance and its transmutations. It claims to be the work of Hermes Trismegistus ("Hermes the Thrice-Greatest"), a legendary Hellenistic[1] combination of the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptian god Thoth.

I like the part about sometimes baboon-headed Thoth.