



Our next meeting is Sunday April 29, 2018 Luncheon at 2 pm, lecture at 3 pm

Ancient Magic and Medicine - Determining Guilt or Innocence in the Bible

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Many ancient Near Eastern cultures invoked magical powers and medical arts to



conjure the guilt or innocence of accused parties. Surviving texts and illustrations bear witness that the Hittites, Mari, Mesopotamians and Babylonians all relied on these occult practices to find the truth.

Israelites may also have practiced these magical rites, as revealed in the Jealousy Ordeal in Numbers 5:11-31.

In these passages, a husband who suspects his wife of adultery is instructed to bring her to a priest who will preside over a series of ritual acts in order to determine her guilt or innocence.

The significance of the Jealousy Ordeal is still being debated, despite decades of scholarship. This presentation will explore how ancient Near Eastern magic and medicine impacted biblical interpretation.

Event Location:

Duangrat's Thai Restaurant 5878 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041

Travel Hints: (Please obtain complete directions via GPS or MapQuest)
Duangrat's Thai Restaurant is on Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) near Baileys Crossroads and Columbia Pike. Convenient to I-66, Route 50 and I-395. Free parking.

Upstairs - not handicapped accessible!

Standard Costs: Members	Meal \$24.00	Lecture \$7.00 <i>per person</i>
Non-members	Meal \$24.00	Lecture \$10.00 <i>per person</i>

We welcome those only interested in attending the lecture, which will begin approximately 3 pm.

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