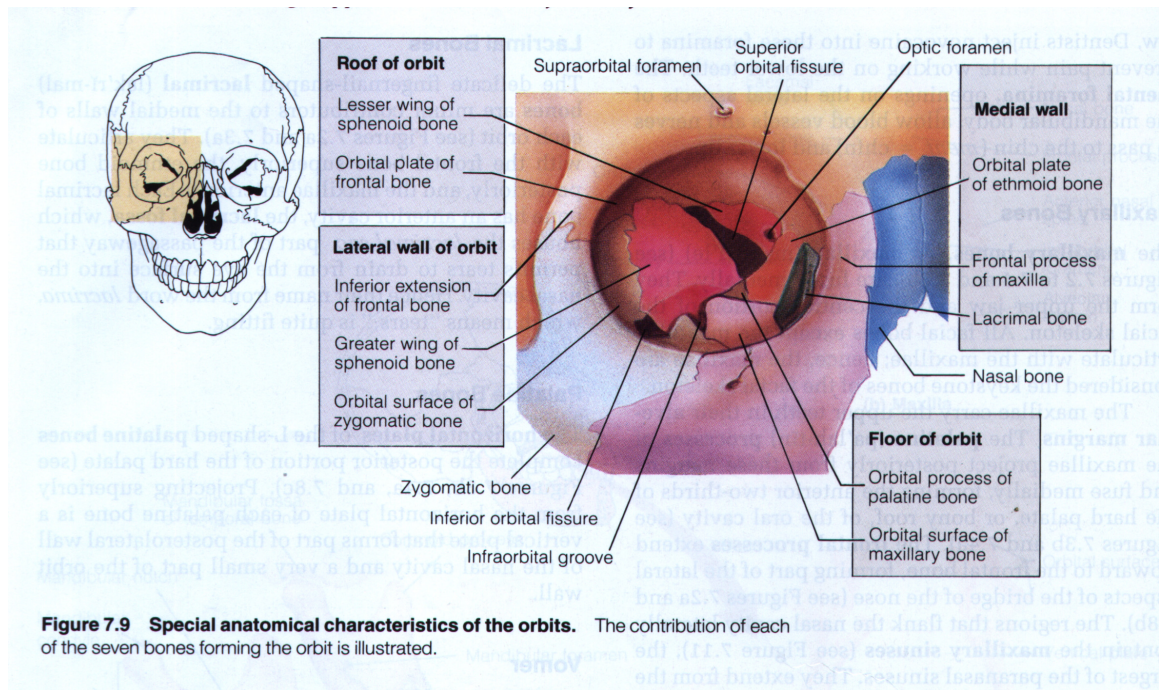


The Orbit of the Eye

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The orbits are bony cavities within which the eyes are firmly encased and cushioned by fatty tissue. The muscles of eye movement and the tear producing lacrimal glands are also housed within the orbits. The walls of each orbit are formed by parts of seven bones; the Frontal, Sphenoid, Zygomatic, Maxillae, Palantine, Lacrimal and Ethmoid bones. (Diagram from Human Anatomy and Physiology, Elaine N. Marieb)



The eye is represented by the candlestick in the Tabernacle (see eye study). As you read Exodus 25:31-39 and Exodus 37:17-24 you will get a picture, in your mind, as to what the candlestick looked like. I will just expound on a few of the characteristics of the candlestick, as they relate to the structure of the orbit of the eye, which is relevant to this study.

It was the job of the candlestick to provide light in the Tabernacle.

Exodus 25:37; *'And thou shalt make seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.*'

In the Scriptures it also states that the light of the body is the eye;

Luke 11:34; *'The light of the body is the eye...'*

The candlestick was made of gold. Gold in the Scriptures represents 'Divine Nature'. As we have learned, bones represent the Laws and Principles of YaHWaH which, in essence, define His character/His Divine nature (gold in the candlestick).

Exodus 25:31; *'And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold...'*

The candlestick had six branches out of a central stem, therefore a total of seven lamps.

Exodus 25:31-32, 37; *'... of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches... And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side;... And thou shalt make seven lamps thereof...'*

The orbit of the eye, from which emanates the light of our being, is made up of the parts of seven bones. Thus, the bones forming the orbit represents the central stem and branches of the candlestick which hold the lamps producing light.

The candlestick had six branches out of one central stem, making seven in all. Seven is the number of Spiritual perfection. Six is the number of imperfection; the human number; the number of man as destitute of YaHWaH, without YaHWaH, without Yahshua. The numbers of the candlestick, 6+1, shows that the light is the light of YaHWaH's people in the world, but that its source is divine.

On the branches and the central stem of the candlestick there can be found a total of 22 almonds.

Exodus 25:33-34; *'Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch... so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.*

Almonds in the Scripture picture 'to watch or awaken'. This is because it is the almond tree which is one of the first trees to awaken after the winter sleep. The number 22 signifies 'light'. There are also 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet. Therefore, 22 is associated with the Word, or the Light of His Word. The almonds therefore signify the watchmen over the Word which is YaHWaH's light to the world.

Is it not also true that YaHWaH's Word, or His laws and principles (as represented by our bones), are the light unto our path?

Psalm 119:105; *'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.'*

Here we see clearly the intimate relationship between the light (eye) and the Law (bone of the orbit of the eye).

So, as we have seen, the seven branches of the candlestick represent the seven different bones which form the orbit of the eye. Spiritually, the eye represents 'understanding', therefore these bones must represent the 'laws and principles' we require to develop and

gain understanding of the Word of YaHWaH and thus be a light to the world.

1. Frontal Bone - the seal of YaHWaH

This bone represents the seal of YaHWaH's character, which will be unveiled within us as we are shown His sovereignty.

Revelation 7:2-3; 'And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Elohim; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and sea, Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our Elohim in their foreheads.'

Revelation 3:12; '...I will write upon him the name of my Elohim, and the name of the city of my Elohim, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my Elohim: and I will write upon him my new name.'

We can only know and understand the Word of YaHWaH when we are completely surrendered to His will and belong to Him fully and not relying on our own ways. It is also only when we are fully surrendered to Father, resulting in the death of the flesh, that His Spirit can flow freely through us and that we can emanate His light for others to see.

2. Sphenoid Bone - The Ark of the Covenant

This bone represents the final blotting out of sin and the 'At-one-ment' with YaHWaH, as the blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant for the remission of sins.

Leviticus 16:15; 'Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat.'

It is also at the Mercy Seat that YaHWaH communes with us.

Exodus 25:22; 'And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.'

It is only by the sacrifice of Yahshua, the final blotting out of sin, that we can be granted salvation and true communion with YaHWaH. If we cannot have communion with Father we can't gain understanding, as we will not learn of Him through His commandments and, as a result, we can't dwell in, and shine forth, His true light.

3. Zygomatic Bone - Truth

The Scriptures show us that light and truth are intimately connected.

Psalm 43:3; *'O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.'*

The zygomatic bone has to form part of the orbit of the eye because, as seen in the above Psalm, it is the light and the truth that leads us and brings us to YaHWaH's tabernacles. Why do we go to YaHWaH's tabernacles? For no other reason than to learn of Him and therefore to grow in understanding of His way!

Isaiah 2:3; *'And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of YaHWaH, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of YaHWaH from Jerusalem.'*

Ephesians 4:17-29 also has some interesting things to say about light and truth. Here we see that the truth is in Yahshua and if we walk by this, our understanding will not be darkened. As we are renewed in the spirit of our mind (that is we are led by the truth/Yahshua and not by the vanity of our flesh mind) we speak truth to our neighbour and do that which is good for the edifying of others. By edifying others we bring light to their world as 'edify' means - enlighten: to improve the morals or knowledge of somebody.

Ephesians 4:17-25, 29; *'This I say therefore, and testify in YaHWaH, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of Elohim through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Messiah; If so be that ye have heard him, as the truth is in Yahshua: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be ye renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after Elohim is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speaking every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another... Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.'*

So in summary, the zygomatic bone of truth is that which leads us to greater understanding of our Heavenly Father and the result of being led by this truth and growing in understanding is that we become an enlightenment to others!

1 John 1:6-7; *'If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth : But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yahshua Messiah His Son cleanseth us from all sin.'*

4. Ethmoid Bone - The Altar of Incense/Prayer

This bone has to be part of the orbit of our eye as we need to ask for understanding through prayer.

Matthew 21:22; *'And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.'*

Understanding comes from Father, it is not something that we can figure out for ourselves.

Luke 24:45; *'Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.'*

In Proverbs it tells us that wisdom is the principle thing. It admonishes us to get wisdom and in all our getting, get understanding. So wisdom comes before understanding.

Proverbs 4:7; *'Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.'*

If we lack wisdom, we can ask Father for this and He will give.

James 1:5; *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of Elohim, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.'*

So here we have seen that to grow in understanding of spiritual things, we must ask of Father. In not asking, we will continue to walk in darkness and not shine forth the true light which emanates from our Creator.

5. Maxillae - The presence of the Holy Spirit

As stated in the Scriptures, it is the Holy Spirit that is promised to us, which guides us into all truth and will show us things to come, thereby giving us understanding of the plan of YaHWaH.

John 16:13; *'Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.'*

We see also in 1 Corinthians that it is only through the Holy Spirit of YaHWaH that one can gain understanding of heavenly things, even the deep things of YaHWaH. This as opposed to the spirit of man which only leads us in the ways of this world, or the flesh.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16; *But Elohim hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of Elohim. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of Elohim knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Elohim. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Elohim; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Elohim. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth*

not the things of the Spirit of Elohim: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of YaHWaH, that he might instruct him, But we have the mind of Messiah.

It is interesting to note that in Romans 8 we learn that it is the Spirit that delivers us from the power of the flesh so that we may be glorified and dwell in the light with Father. It will be good to read the whole of this chapter, I will just outline five verses.

Romans 8:5-6, 13, 16-17; 'For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are of the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace... For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live... The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of Elohim; And if children, then heirs; heirs of Elohim, and joint-heirs with Messiah; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.'

So the maxillae has to form part of the orbit of the eye as it is through the anointing of the Holy Spirit that we can come to an understanding of heavenly things. Also, it is the working of the Spirit within us that delivers us from the power of flesh/darkness so that we may be glorified and dwell in the light with YaHWaH!

6. Lacrimal Bone - Repentance

If we are to understand the things of YaHWaH and shine as lights in this world, we need repentance, because it is sin and iniquity that separates us from YaHWaH and when we are separated from Him we cannot commune with Him and learn of His way.

Isaiah 59:2; 'But your iniquities have separated between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.'

If we are separated from YaHWaH (who is light) we have left His covering over us and thus we are ruled by the lusts of our own flesh, which causes us to enter a vicious circle leading to sin and drawing us ever further away from our Heavenly Father and into the darkness. When we cast off these works of darkness, through true repentance, we are once again covered with YaHWaH's armour of light and thus we can shine forth His light in this world and come to a full understanding of His Word as we dwell with Him.

Romans 13:12-14; 'The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof.'

It is vital to call to remembrance that, as with all things, true repentance is beyond the reach of our own power to accomplish. In Acts it states that it is Yahshua who gives us

repentance.

Acts 5:31; *'Him hath Elohim exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sin.*'

Thus, through true repentance we are led to dwell under the covering of His light and receive not the inheritance of sin, which is death, but rather the inheritance of the spirit, which is life eternal - a dwelling in the light. It is therefore only by repentance that we can truly dwell with YaHWaH and gain understanding of His way.

7. Palantine Bones - Love

In the Scriptures we read that one of the character traits of YaHWaH is Love, and in order to know YaHWaH we need also to love. To 'know' means to have a thorough understanding of something through experience or study.

1 John 4:8; *'He that loveth not knoweth not Elohim; for Elohim is love.'*

So in order to understand YaHWaH and His ways, we need to experience the love that He has and is, through His dealings with us so that we, in turn, may help others with the understanding of the Word that YaHWaH has given each of us, in true love and not judgement.

1 Corinthians 13:1-2; *'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and have all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am as nothing.*'

Thus, we cannot understand YaHWaH and His way without love, as He is love. Also we cannot be a light and help to our fellow man if we do not exercise the gift of understanding that YaHWaH gives us with love, as without love, our speech will be as '*sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal*', which is, as harsh judgement.

Conclusion

So now we have studied all the bones which form the orbit of the eye and we have seen that all the bones (principles and laws) are needed and work together for us to gain an understanding of YaHWaH's Word and to let His Light shine through us.

These principles do not work separately from each other, they all interconnect to form the whole. Just as the candlestick, formed of seven branches, is all in one piece and gives off the divine light, so too the orbit forms the 7 principles (branches of the candlestick), which when fused together permit the divine light to go forth, and leads man to understanding .

If only one of these bones (principles and laws) is absent (the law or principle not

practiced) the eye cannot function optimally, and as a result the understanding and light will be compromised.

When we really think about the word 'understanding', we realise that understanding is a true picture of the light (which is the Word of YaHWaH). This is why the eye represents understanding as it is through the eye that light enters the body, and through the structures of the eye that images are processed and then these impulses sent, through the optic nerve, to the brain for interpretation. The clarity of our vision (or understanding) depends on the functioning of the different structures of the eye, including the orbit which encases and protects the eye.