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Talking With God *Talking Points (By Subject)*

The Ark of the Testimony

1. How did God communicate through the Ark?
2. Why did God use the Ark rather than prayer?
3. Why was communicating with God dangerous?
4. Why couldn't everybody use the Ark?
5. Why would someone die when touching the Ark or when trying to stop the Ark from falling?
6. How did the design of the Ark and the tabernacle facilitate communication with God?
7. Why did God need an Ark to talk to the Israelites?
8. How did the Ark shift from technological to mystical?

Priests

9. How were the priests trained?
10. What were the occupational hazards of operating and maintaining the Ark?
11. What were the responsibilities and accountabilities?
12. Why did God require the priest to wear a safety suit?
13. How did the priest's work mitigate the danger of the third and fourth generation?

Shared Religious Icons and Words across Cultures and Time

14. How does a technical device become a sacred icon across cultures and time?
15. Does the winged disc/Tree of Life, which shows up in multiple cultures such as Egypt, Persia, Palestine, Turkey, and Mesopotamia, connect to the Ark antenna (cherubim)?
16. What do ancient languages like Hittite, Ugaritic, and Assyrian, as well as hieroglyphs tell us about ancient Hebrew and the Bible?
17. How did the cherubim change over time and across cultures from antennae to spirits?