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1. THIRD LOGOS

- Parrot: chastity, sex and the Third Logos.
- Ibis: Third Logos.
- Swan: Third Logos over the waters of life.
- Flamingo and heron: Third Logos.



2. SECOND LOGOS

- Condor or eagle: Christ, the Second Logos.
- White elephant: symbol of the Logos.



3. SYMBOLS OF DEATH

- Raven: black or putrefied waters and death.
- Barn owl, owl or tecolote: death.
- Vulture, gallinazo, chulo or zopilote: death.



4. OTHER MEANINGS

- Turkey: vanity and pride.
- Double-headed eagle: sulfur and mercury.



Each symbol must be understood through reflection and deep meditation.

Source: The Fifth Gospel.