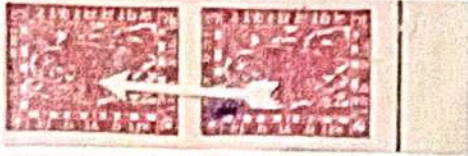


A Bite of Knowledge: Snakes on Stamps

I am a creature that evokes a unique paradox in humans: I am loathed, and feared, yet also revered.
In all religions we play a role.

Hinduism respects us.



Pashupati (Siva) with a snake around his neck.
Nepal 1907 imperf pair.

Greece – Zeus
abhorring snake
carrying a fruit in
mouth.



In
Christianity
we are
infamous as
Satan
assumed
our form to
seduce
Adam and
Eve to eat
the
forbidden
fruit.

In all mythologies we play a role.
Monaco's Red Cross stamp shows Hercules
taming the snake that guarded golden apple
tree.



We appear in Insignias & Coat of arms

Strongly shifted horizontal
indentation and perforation moved
vertically in Italy 60€ showing a
snake dragon.



Luxembourg 1977 -
Medusa, with
snakes for hair from
Greek mythology.

As of 2022,
there are 3,971
known snake
species with
around 600
venomous
species in the
world.

Afghanistan stamp
shows – venomous
Cape cobra.



We play a key role in maintaining the balance in ecosystem. We consume rats, frogs
etc., and we are preyed by birds of prey and mammals

Secretary
bird with a snake



Mongoose feeding
snake



Black snake a non-
venomous shown
on St. Vincent 5\$
Specimen.

