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# Religion of the Ancient Egyptians

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# Worship of sacred animals and plants

Religious beliefs originated with the Egyptians in primitive times. Life then depended on successful hunting and gathering, which is why the Egyptians worshiped animals and endowed plants with supernatural powers. These beliefs persisted throughout the history of ancient Egypt.



**SEBEC - GOD OF  
WATER**



# Worship of sacred animals and plants

Along with them, the Egyptians had a belief in powerful gods, who were often depicted with the body of a man and the head of a beast, bird or snake.

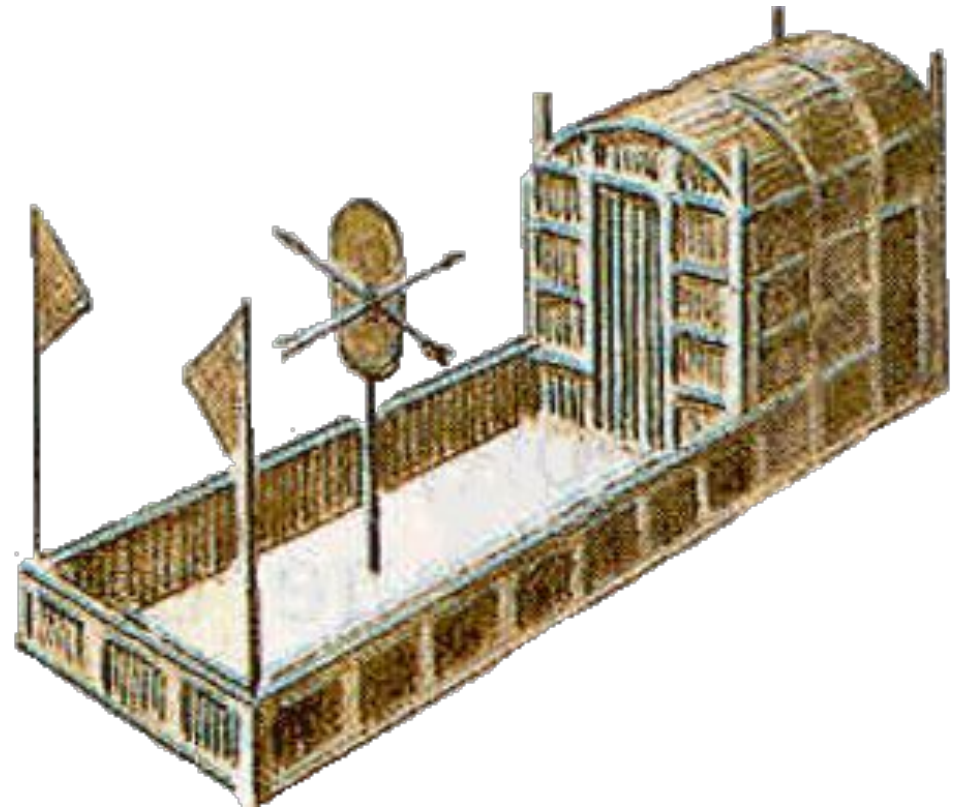
An ancient Egyptian figurine of a god named Thoth has the head of an ibis bird, a scarf is striped on his head. The Egyptians revered Thoth as the god of wisdom, a fair trial, the inventor of writing.



# Gods and priests

The Egyptians believed that dwellings were needed not only by people, but also by the gods. In ancient times, temples - “dwellings of the gods” were built from reed and clay. These temples have not been preserved.

One of the oldest temples could have looked like this - the temple of the goddess of war and hunting Nute. In the courtyard in front of the temple is depicted the sign of this goddess - a shield with two crossed arrows.

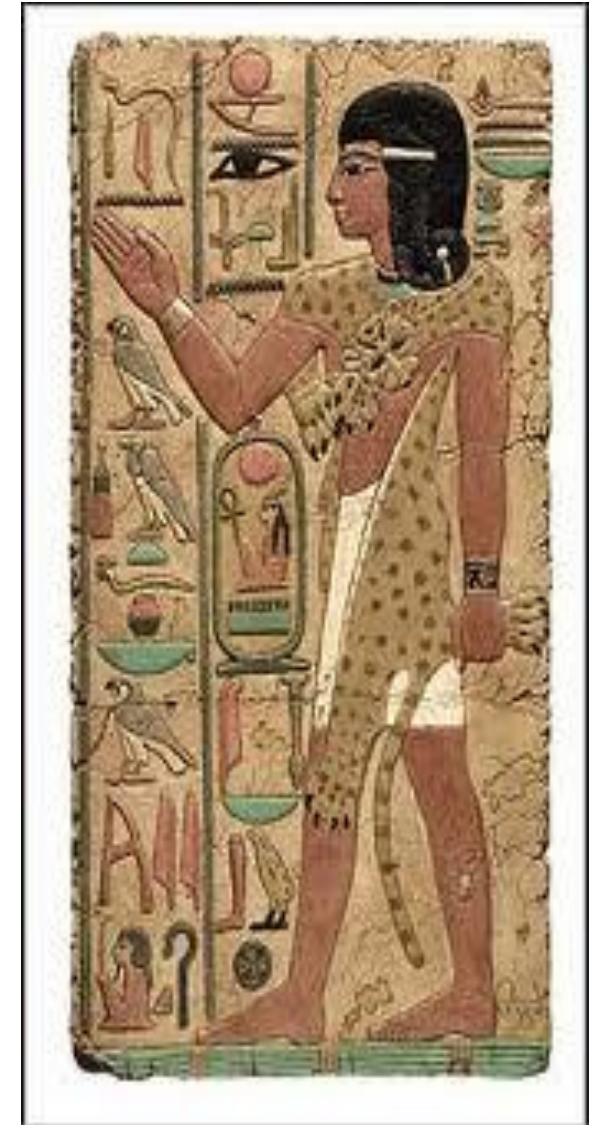


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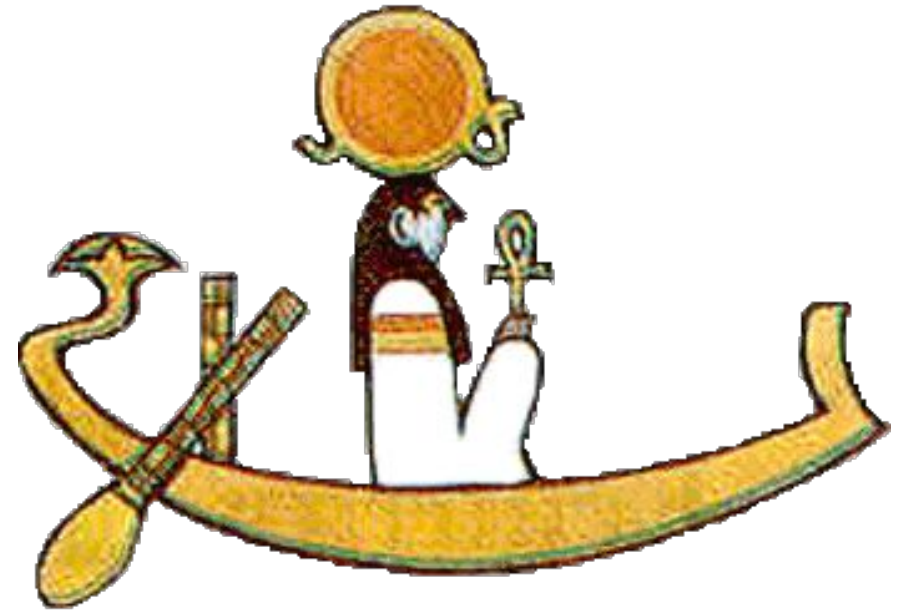
At the temples were priests -  
SERVERS OF GODS.

It was believed that it was the  
priest who knows the best way  
to speak with God. Pharaohs  
gave temples fertile lands,  
cattle, slaves, gold and silver.  
Gifts were given to the gods,  
but priests disposed of them.



# What the Egyptians told about their gods

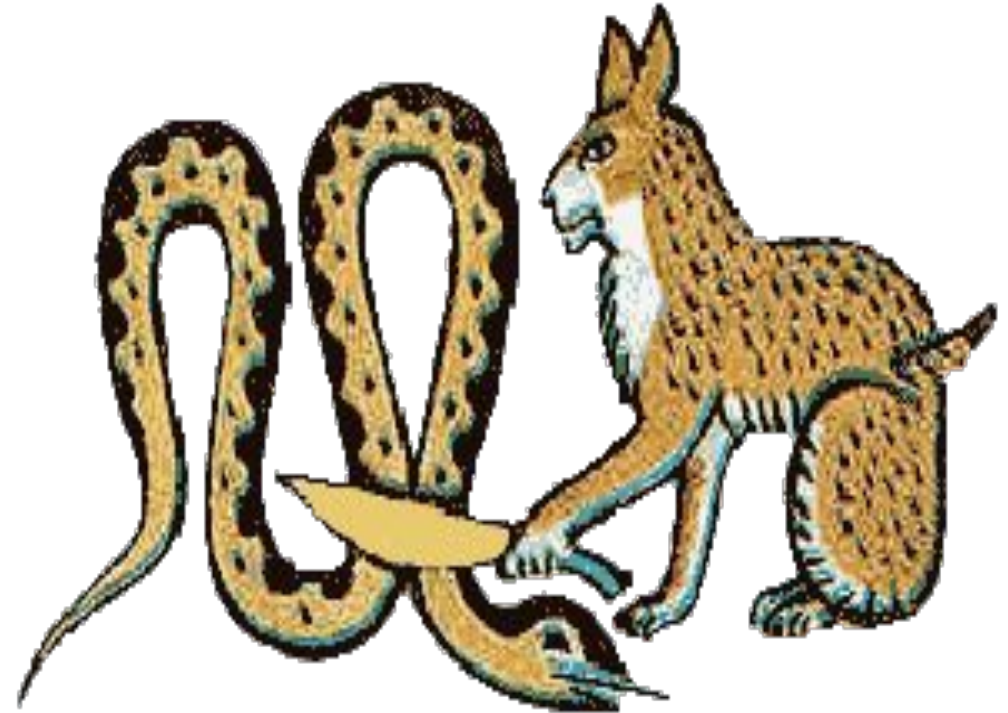
The Egyptians considered the sun to be the most important god. The sun god was called Ra, Amon, or Amon-Ra. Every morning he appears in the east. While the day lasts, he slowly floats in the sky. But now the day is heading towards evening, because the boat of Amon-Ra descends from heaven. At the western edge of the sky, she swims into the gates of the underworld.



**God of the Sun -Amon-Ra**

# What the Egyptians told about their gods

Here the god of light enters into a mortal battle with the god of darkness, a ferocious serpent, whose name is Apop. The battle lasts all night. When the serpent is defeated, the crown of the solar god shines again, returning the onset of a new day.

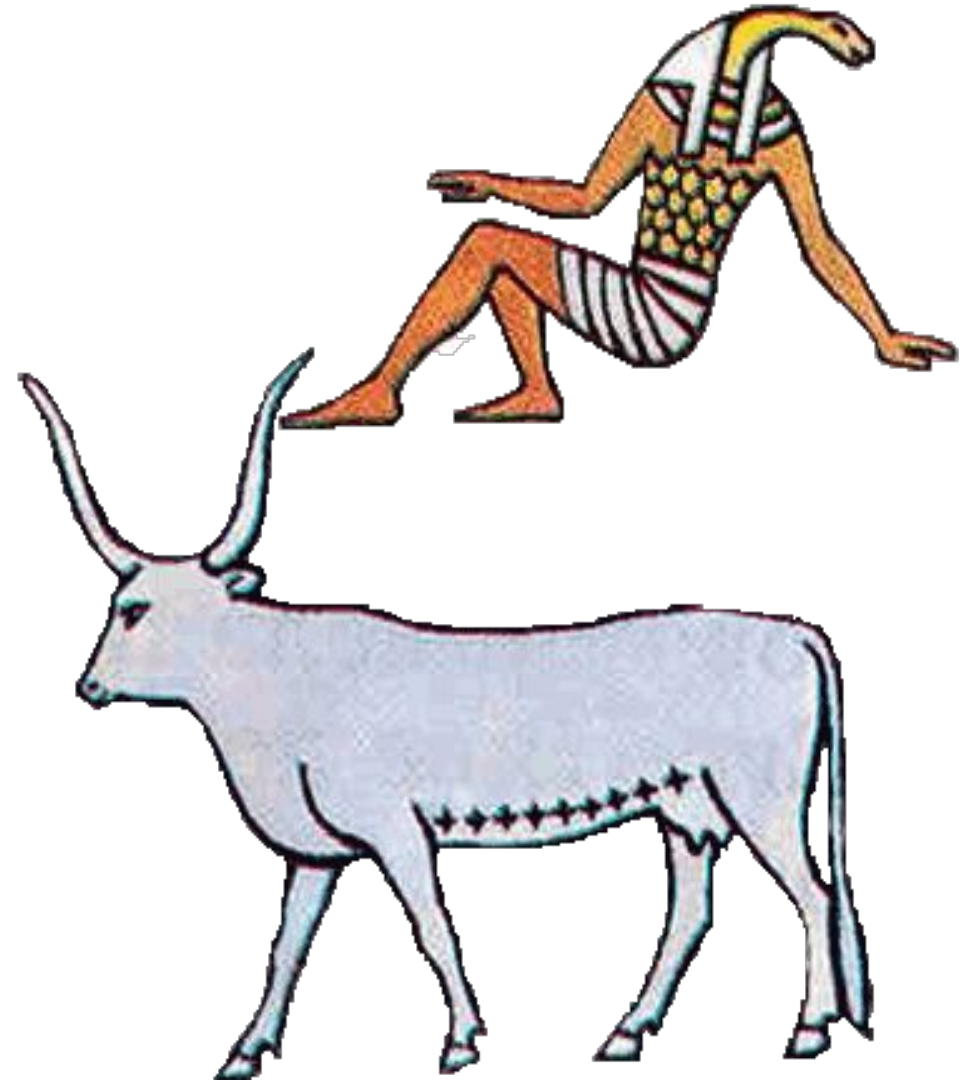


**The god Amon-Ra in the guise of a cat enters into a battle with the god of darkness Apop**

# What the Egyptians told about their gods

People live on earth, and a huge tent of heaven is spread over them. The Egyptians depicted a god of the earth named Geb in the form of a man with the head of a snake, as the most "earthly" animal.

The sky goddess Nut was represented by a huge cow; her dark body is strewn with stars.





# What the Egyptians told about their gods



Goddess Bastet is a flexible black cat -  
the patroness of women and their beauty.



Goddess of Truth Maat

# What the Egyptians told about their gods

The Egyptians believed that the ritual running of the Apis bull fertilizes the fields. The cow that gave birth to Apis was also revered and kept in a special building. At one of the temples they kept a black bull with a white mark on his forehead. The whole country was plunged into sadness when this bull was dying. The priests then looked for a new Apis.



Apis

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