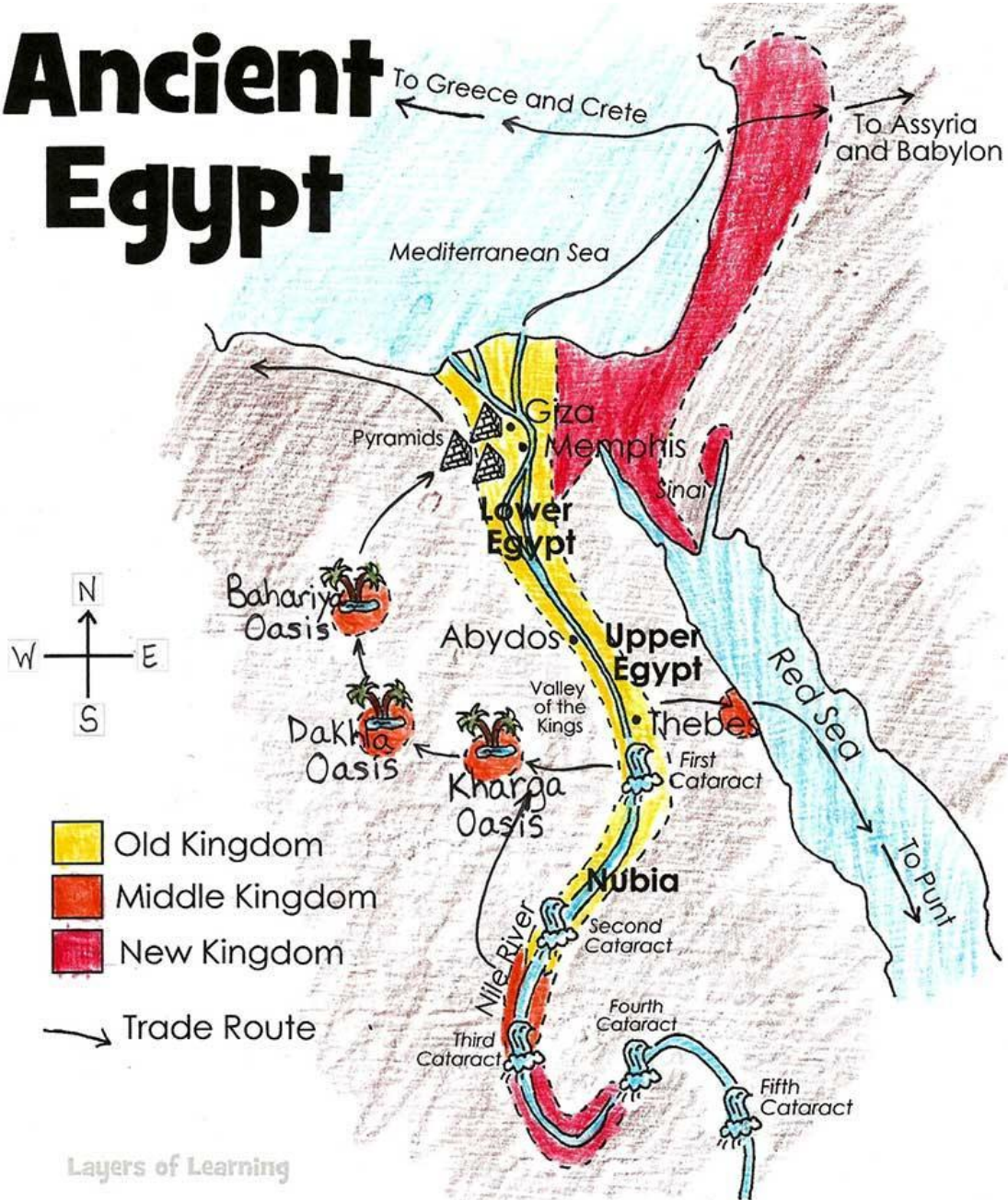


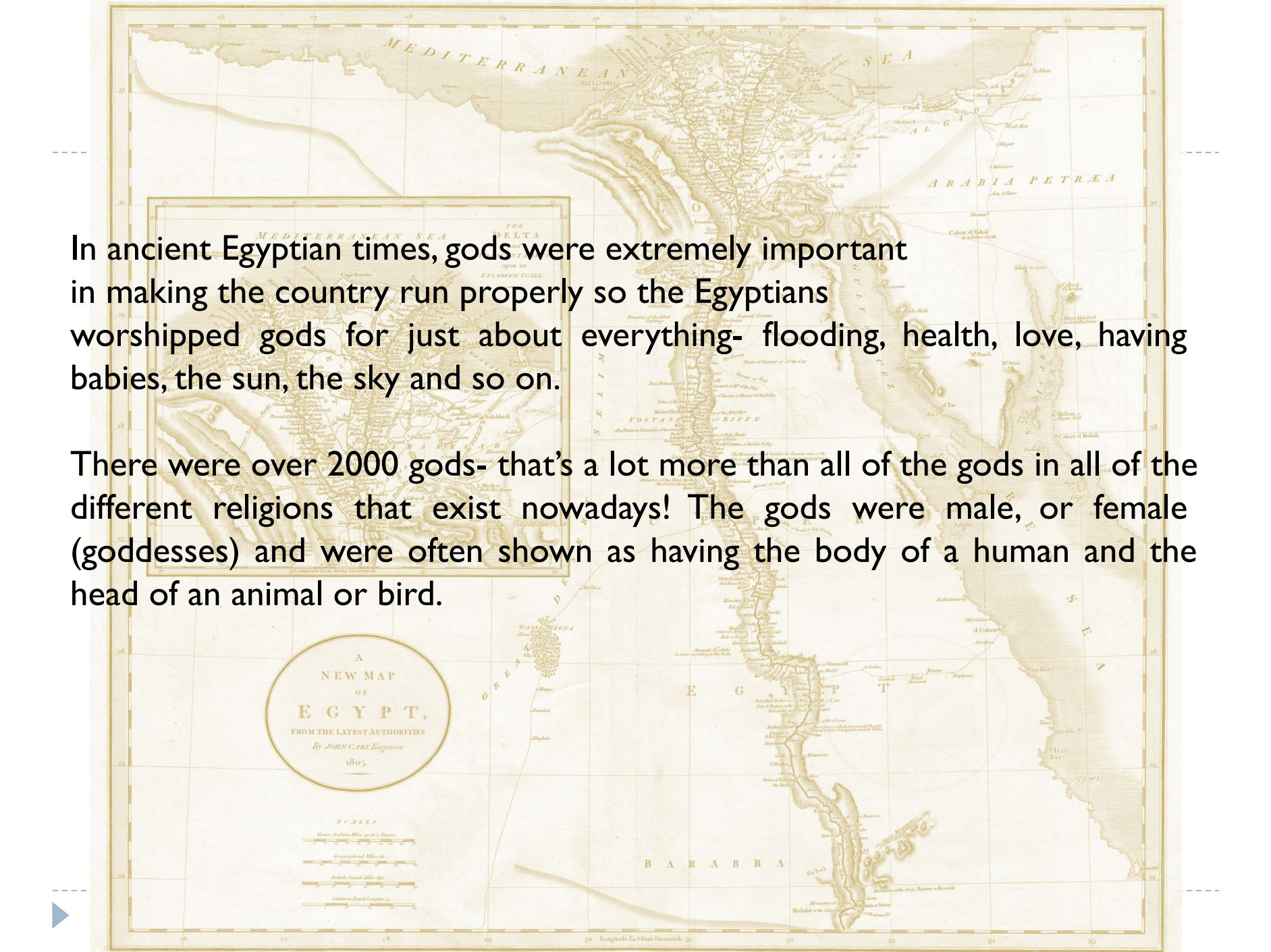
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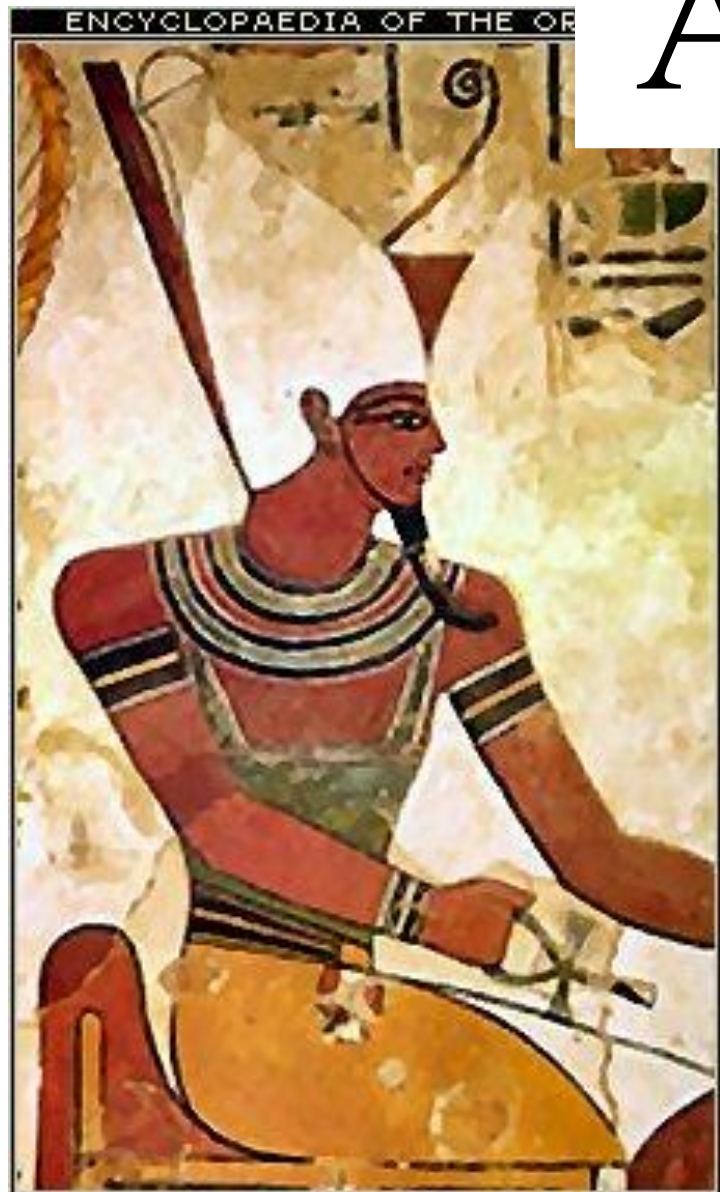
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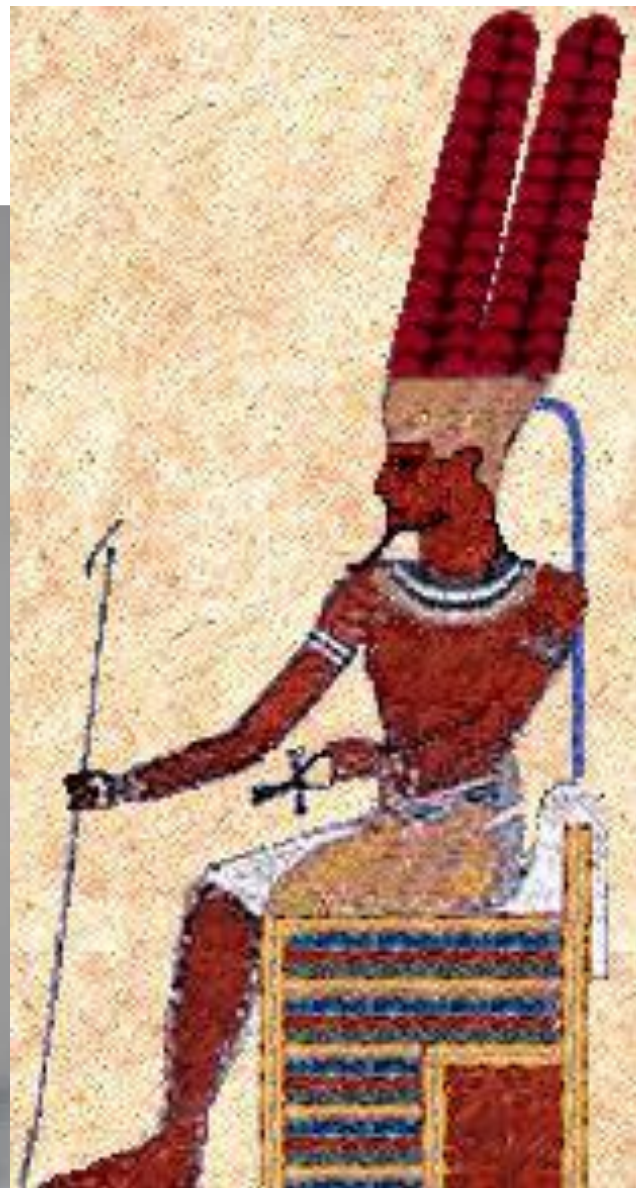
In ancient Egyptian times, gods were extremely important in making the country run properly so the Egyptians worshipped gods for just about everything- flooding, health, love, having babies, the sun, the sky and so on.

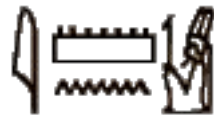
There were over 2000 gods- that's a lot more than all of the gods in all of the different religions that exist nowadays! The gods were male, or female (goddesses) and were often shown as having the body of a human and the head of an animal or bird.

Amun



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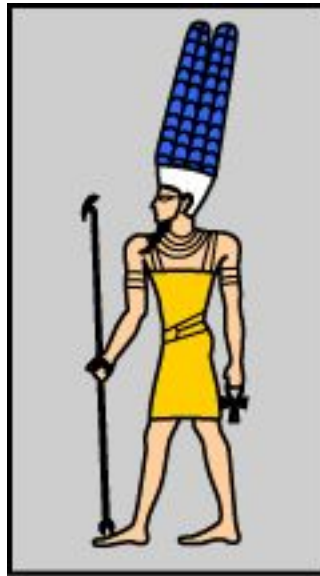




Amun

Was one of the most important gods in ancient Egyptian history. He was known as the 'King of the Gods'

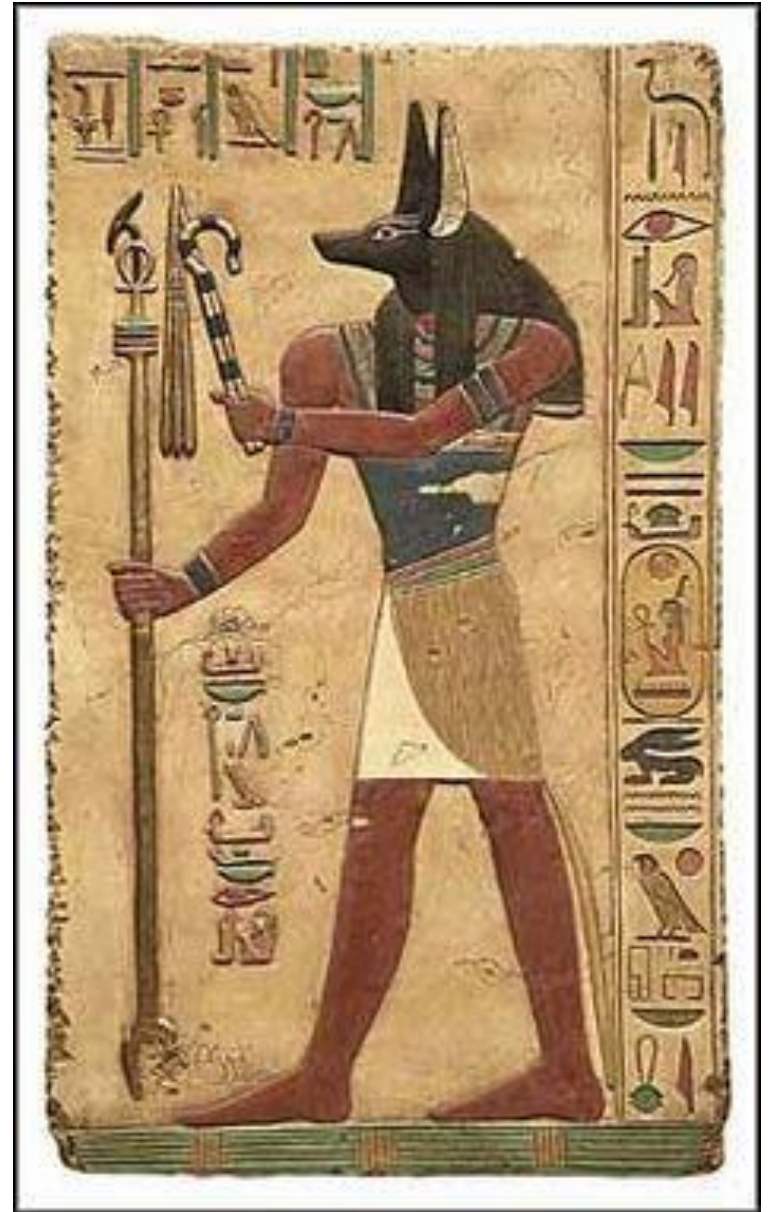
Amun was depicted in two different ways, in one, he had the head of a ram, in the other, he had a headdress made of ostrich feathers.



At some point during the Egyptian times, Amun became even more powerful when he combined with the sun god, Ra. He then became Amun-Ra.



Anubis

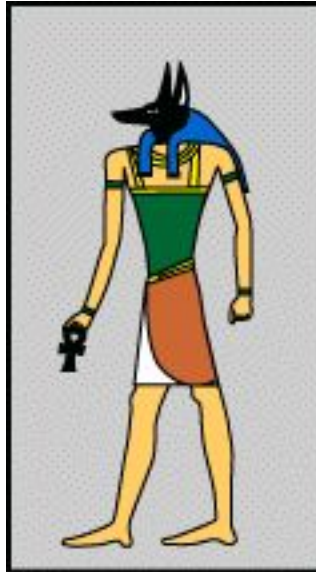


Anubis



Was the god of embalming (wrapping dead bodies in linin) and the dead.

Anubis was depicted in with a jackal head. The ancient Egyptians believed that Anubis watched over the dead because jackals were often seen in cemeteries.



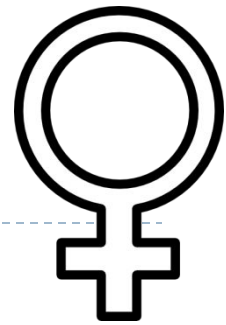
Anubis watched over all of the mummification that took place in ancient Egyptian times. He helped to embalm Osiris after he was killed by Seth.

Priests often wore a mask of Anubis during the embalming process.



Bastet





Bastet

Was a protective goddess.

Bastet, also known as Bast, had the head of a cat. However, at times of battle, she was depicted with a lioness' head to protect the King, or pharaoh.



Bastet was usually a gentle goddess, and many ancient Egyptians had statues of cats to protect them.

A great temple was built in her honour at Bubastis in the Delta.





Horus

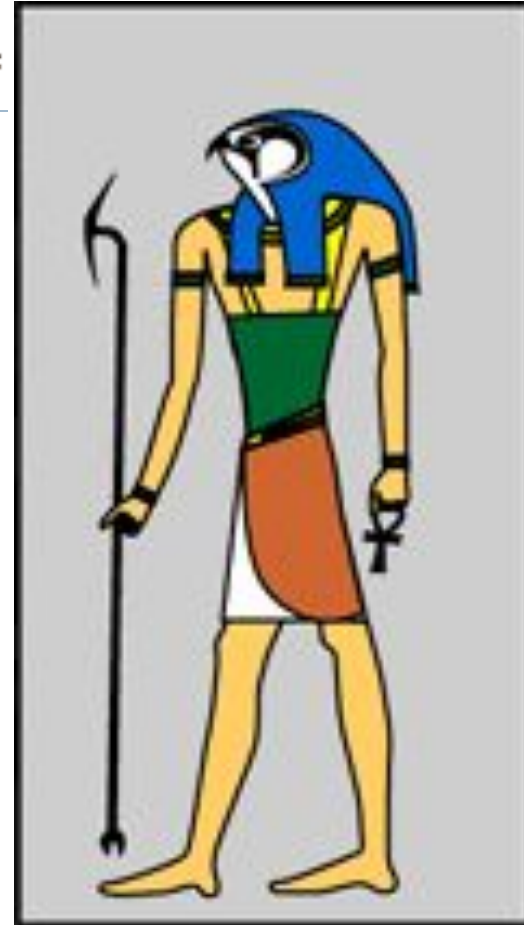




Horus

Was the god of the sky.

Horus had the head of a hawk and was believed to be living within the pharaohs. He was the main protector of the king or queen of ancient Egypt.

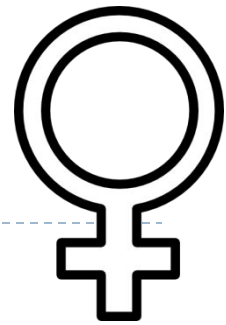


One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt today was dedicated to Horus. It is located in Upper Egypt at a town called Edfu



Isis





Isis

Was a protective goddess who used spells to protect.

Isis was depicted in two ways, having a throne shaped headdress, and having cows horns with a sun between them. She used powerful magic spells to help people in need.

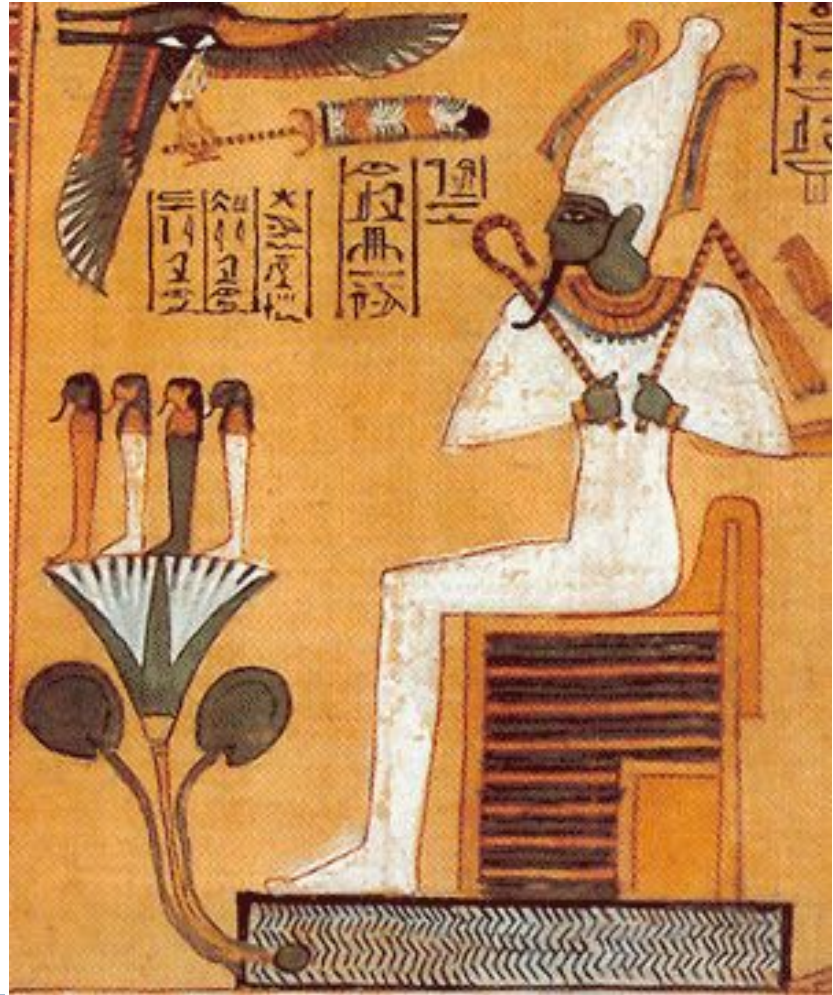


Since each pharaoh was considered the 'living Horus', Isis was very important. Isis is associated with thrones because her lap was the first 'throne' that Horus sat upon.

A temple was built to honour Isis at Philae. It is still standing today.



Osiris

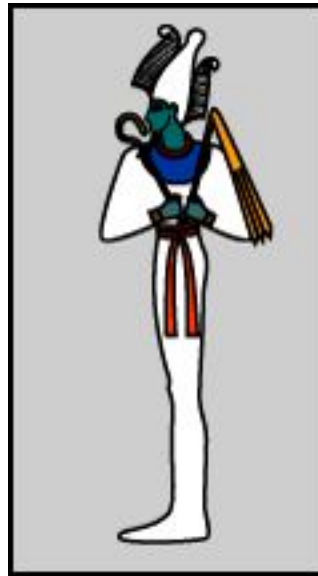




Osiris

Was the god of the dead and ruler of the underworld.

Osiris was shown to be a human who was mummified and wore a cone-like headdress with feathers. Osiris was also the god of resurrection and fertility.



The ancient Egyptians believed that Osiris gave them the gift of barley, one of their most important crops.

A large temple was built to honour Osiris at Abydos.





Ra





Ra

Was the sun god, and the most important of the ancient Egyptians.

Ra had the head of a hawk and wore a headdress which was formed of a ring of sun. Ra was believed to be swallowed up by the sky goddess, Nut each night and reborn each morning.



The ancient Egyptians also believed that he travelled through the underworld at night. In the underworld, Ra appeared as a man with the head of a ram.

There are a number of temples in Thebes and Luxor which are dedicated to Amun Ra, but none just for Ra.

- Ancient Egyptians believed in life after death, which others should ensure the preservation of the body and soul of the deceased, composed of several parts. The pyramids, tombs were constructed to store these components.

