



EGYPTIAN GODS

The ancient Egyptians believed in many different gods and goddesses. Each one with their own role to play in maintaining peace and harmony across the land.

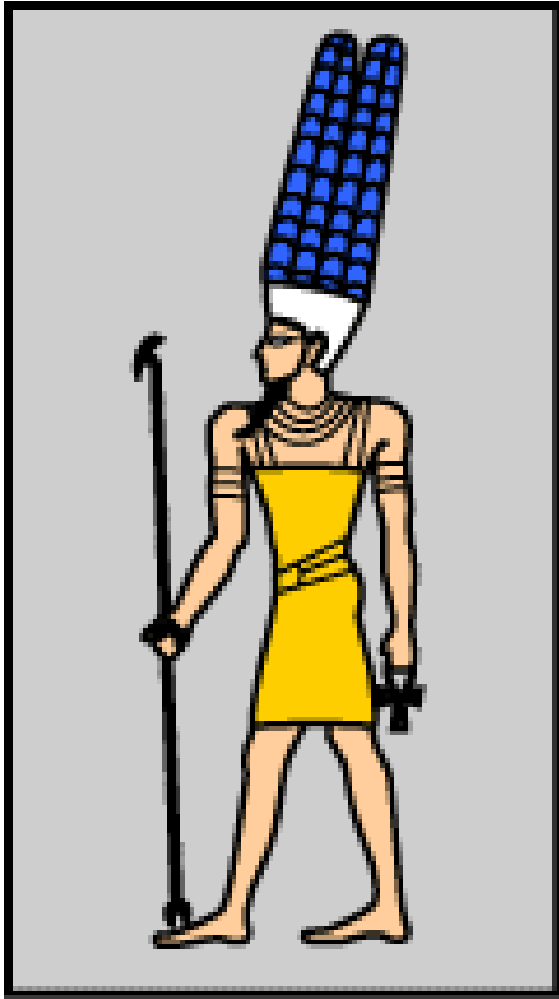
Amun

- **Appearance:**

- · Man with a ram-head
- · A ram
- · Man wearing an ostrich plumed hat
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Amun was one of the most powerful gods in ancient Egypt.

- He was called the 'King of the Gods'.
- Amun was important throughout the history of ancient Egypt. However, when Amun was combined with the sun god Ra he was even more powerful. He was then called Amun-Ra.
- A large and important temple was built at Thebes to honour Amun.



Anubis

- **Appearance:**
- Man with a jackal head
- A jackal
- Anubis was the god of embalming and the dead.
- Since jackals were often seen in cemeteries, the ancient Egyptians believed that Anubis watched over the dead.
- Anubis was the god who helped to embalm Osiris after he was killed by Seth. Thus, Anubis was the god who watched over the process of mummifying people when they died.
- Priests often wore a mask of Anubis during mummification ceremonies.

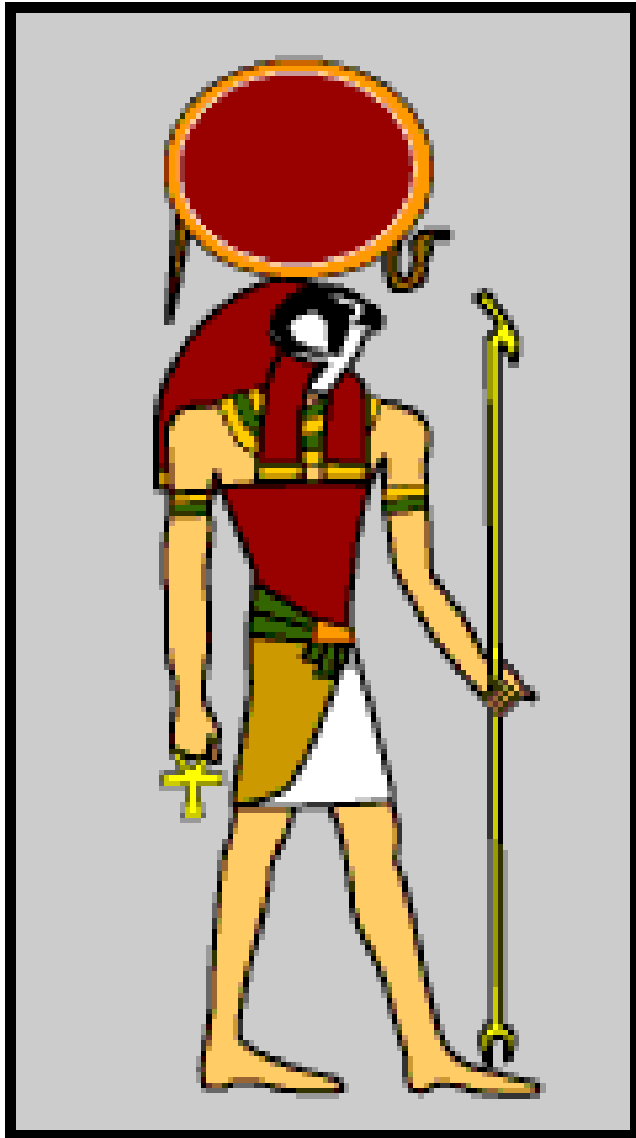


Ra

'Sun'

Appearance:

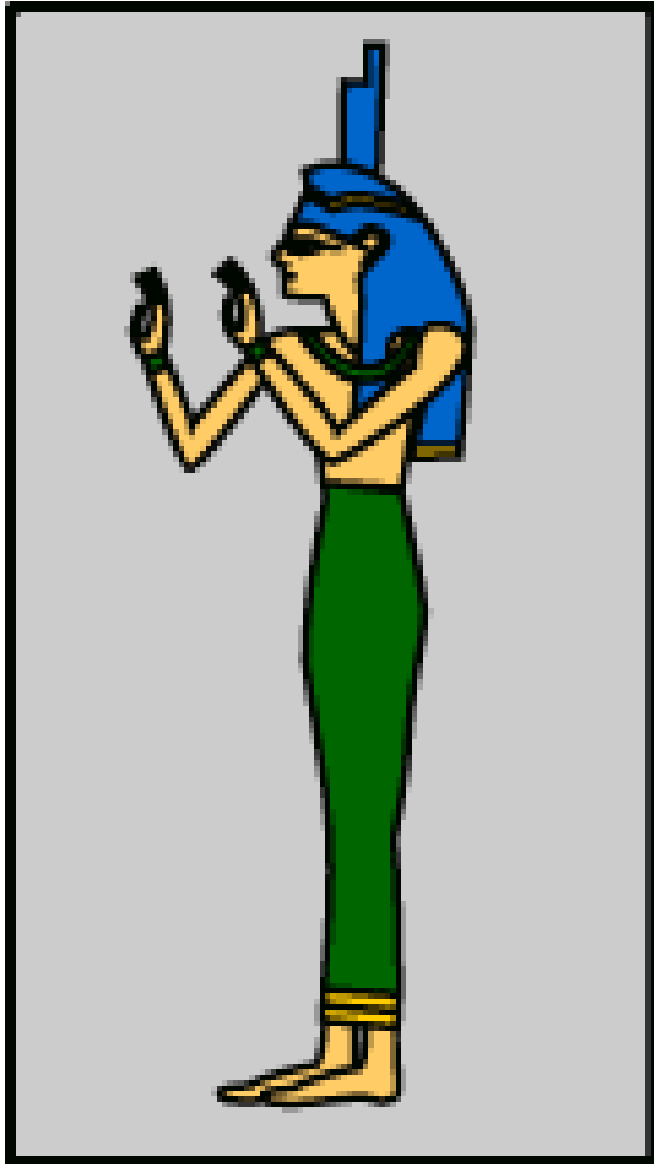
- Man with hawk head and headdress with a sun disk.
- Ra was the sun god. He was the most important god of the ancient Egyptians.
- The ancient Egyptians believed that Ra was swallowed every night by the sky goddess Nut, and was reborn every morning.
- The ancient Egyptians also believed that he travelled through the underworld at night. In the underworld, Ra appeared as a man with the head of a ram.



Isis

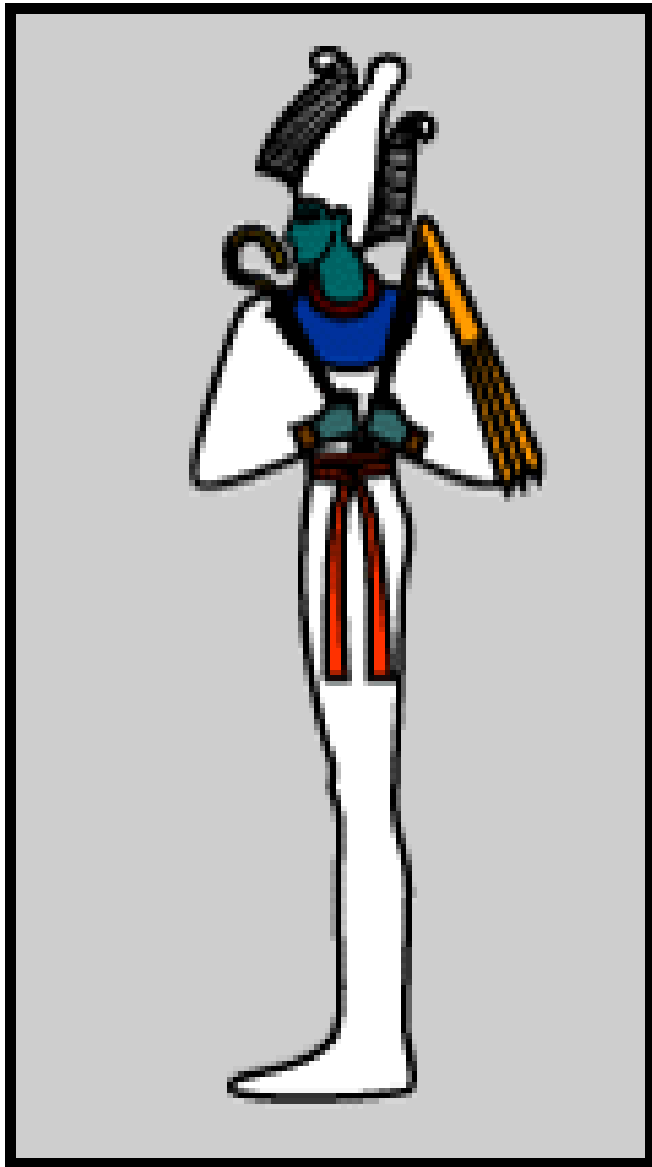
Appearance

- Woman with headdress in the shape of a throne
- A pair of cow horns with a sun disk
- Isis was a protective goddess. She used powerful magic spells to help people in need. Isis was the wife of Osiris and the mother of Horus.
- Since each pharaoh was considered the 'living Horus', Isis was very important. Isis is often shown holding Horus on her lap. Isis is associated with thrones because her lap was the first 'throne' that Horus sat upon.



Osiris

- **Appearance:**
- A mummified man wearing a white cone-like headdress with feathers
- Osiris was the god of the dead, and ruler of the underworld.
- Osiris was the brother/husband of Isis, and the brother of Nephtys and Seth. He was also the father of Horus. As well as being a god of the dead, Osiris was a god of resurrection and fertility. In fact, 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.



Nephthys

- Lady of the Mansion'

Appearance:

- Woman with headdress showing her name in hieroglyphics.
- Nephthys was a protective goddess of the dead.
- Nephthys was the sister of Isis and Osiris, and the sister/wife of Seth.
- Nephthys was also the mother of Anubis.
- She is often shown on coffins, or in funerary scenes.



