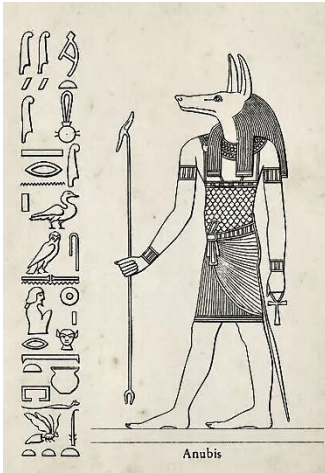


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Anubis

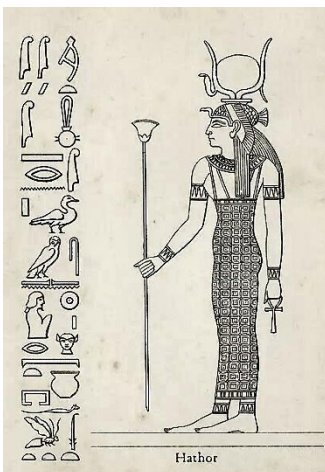
Anpu

Lord of the Sacred Land. Protector of graves, guide to the underworld. Succeeds Osiris as Lord of the Underworld. Commonly depicted in black, symbolic of regeneration, with a canine form. Birthed from Nephthys; adoptive child of Isis. Anubis, along with Thoth, helped Isis collect the dismembered remains of Osiris. Jackal lord of the rites of sepulture. [Hades-Hermes]



Geb

A chthonic deity, god of the earth, father of snakes. Personification of the fertile earth that gives rise to crops. Earthquakes are the result of Geb's laughter. Husband of Nut. Associated with a divine goose who laid the cosmic egg. Shu and Tefnut give birth to Geb and Nut, who give birth to Osiris, Isis, Seth, and Nephthys. These eight with Atum, Bull of the Ennead, comprise of the Heliopolitan Ennead (Pesdjete), or company of nine gods. Also serves a judiciary role. [Cronus]



Hathor

Hwt-hr

The Golden One. Lady of Contentment. Mother goddess, joy, love, beauty, and sexuality. A deity of the skies. Brought music and dance. Expressive of idealized femininity. Often depicted as a cow. Can manifest as the Seven Hathors. Patron goddess of queens. Also associated with foreign lands and trade.

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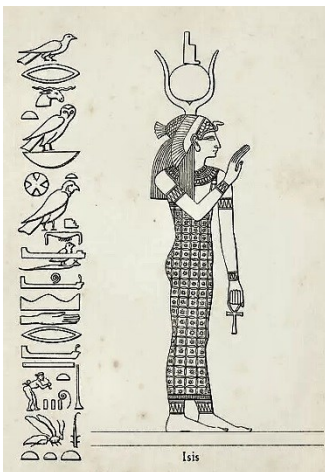
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Horus

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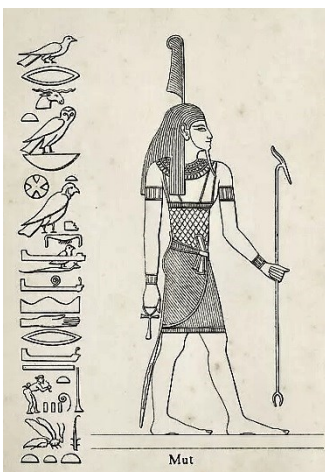
Kingship, healing, protection. A sky god whose right eye is the sun and left eye the moon. Depicted as a man with a falcon head. Son of Isis. Establishes the royal line of Egyptian pharaohs. His four children become the four pillars that support the sky. [Apollo]



Isis

Ēse

The Giver of Life. Magic, spells; venerated as a powerful mother goddess. Widely venerated across Egypt and Nubia. Later syncretized into the Hellenistic pantheon. Often depicted with a crown featuring the hieroglyph for throne. Also known by the epithets Mistress of the Word of God, Mistress of Heaven, and Lady of Bread. Honored as Isis the Great and Isis of the Innumerable Names. [Herodotus associated Egyptian Isis with Hellenic Demeter]



Mut

Mata

Mother goddess of primordial waters, venerated in both Egypt and the ancient Kingdom of Kush in present day Sudan. Mother of All. Gave birth to the lunar child god Khonsu. At the Temple of Karnak, venerated as part of the Theban Triad along with Amun-Ra and her son Khonsu. Depicted with a double crown to represent the power she wields over all the lands. Can be depicted as a woman with the wings of a vulture.

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Nut

Nwt, Nuit

She Who Protects. She Who Holds a Thousand Souls. Coverer of the Sky. One of the oldest deities in the Egyptian pantheon. Goddess of stars, cosmos, astronomy, universe. Depicted with a water pot *nw* on her crown, or as a personification of the night sky. Daughter of Tefnut. Wife of Geb. Likened to the Mesopotamian goddess Ninhursag, Lady of Heaven. The ladder or *maqet* is a talismanic symbol of Nut's protection. She is the firmament or barrier separating chaos from cosmic order. [Ouranos]



Osiris

Wsjr

God of fertility, agriculture, afterlife, resurrection. Lord of Silence. Associated with the cycles of nature, of new life after death; hope. Wields the crook and flail; often depicted as a pharaoh with green skin, symbolic of rebirth, or black, symbolic of regeneration and fertility. Husband to Isis; father of Horus.



Serket

Goddess of healing. Associated with the scorpion. Powerful protector from evil and venom. Physicians and medics were known as Followers of Serket. Healers are those who wield the power of the goddess Serket. When traversing upon dangerous pathways, call upon Serket for protection and aid. Can also be depicted as armed with knives.

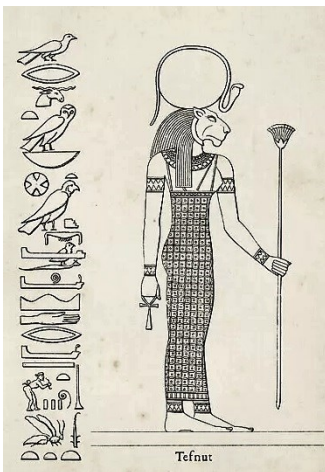
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Seshat

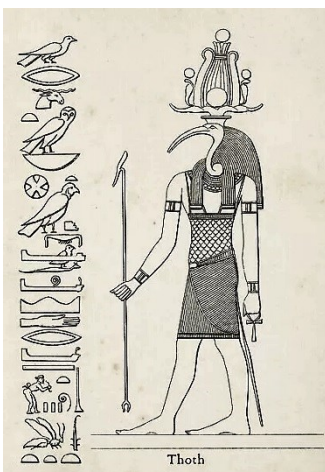
Goddess of writing, wisdom, knowledge; female scribe; record keeper; accounting, architecture, astronomy, astrology, building, mathematics, surveying (daughter of Thoth and Maat); Mistress of the House of Books. Associated with the library. Emblem can be a seven-pointed star or rosette at the crown of her head.



Tefnut

Tfnt

Primeval goddess of moisture, dew, and rain. Daughter of Ra; mother to Geb and Nut. Divine personification of life fluids. Depicted as a woman with a lioness head crowned with the solar disk. Had a wrathful aspect to her. In one myth, she quarreled with her father, the sun god Ra, and went to dwell in Nubia. Thoth was sent as mediator to coax her return.



Thoth

Dḥwtj

God of wisdom, knowledge, writing, hieroglyphs, science, magic, art, and judgment. Generally symbolic of all scientific and literary achievements. Also the god of the moon. Depicted as a man with the head of an ibis. Leader of the Ogdoad (the eight principle deities of the Egyptian pantheon). Arbiter of disputes between the gods; also, scribe of the gods. Master of Law. One of Thoth's epithets was the Thrice Great. [Hermes]