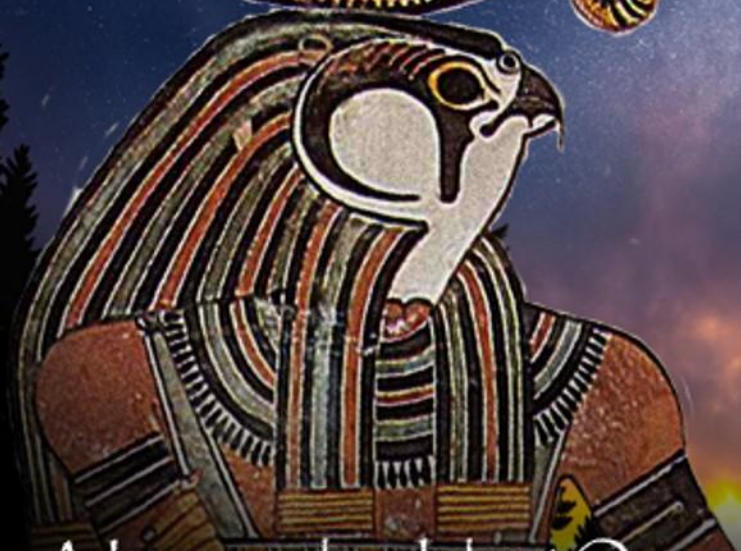


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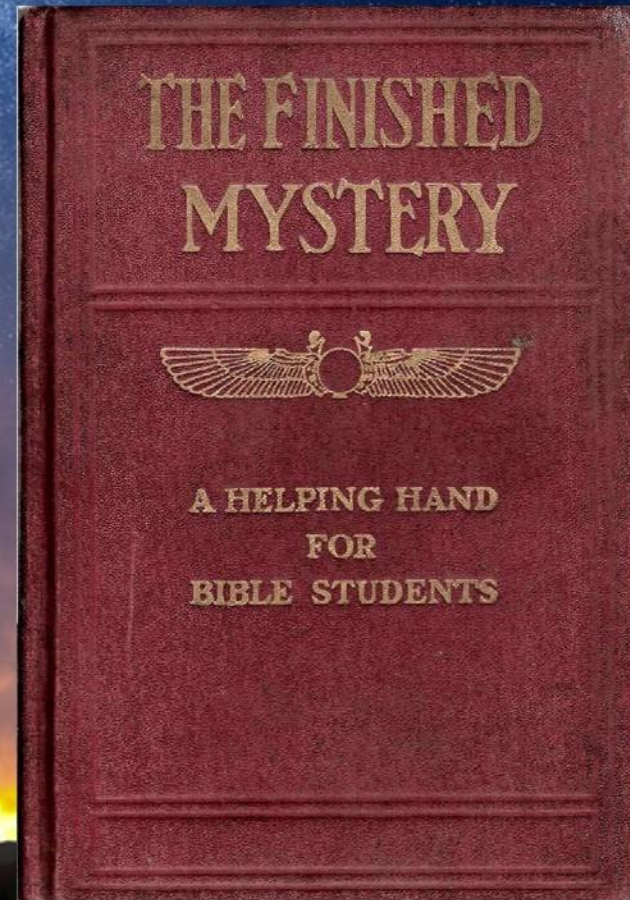
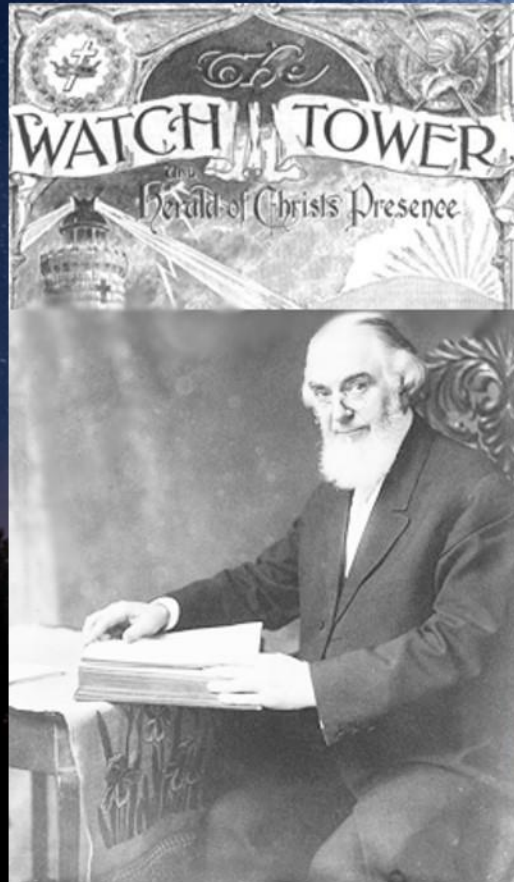


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Prologue: The Curious Issue of Kemetic Symbols in Modern Cemeteries



Modern Church Leaders and Pre-Christian Spiritual Symbols



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The Roman Catholic Church



With regard to the use of
“Pagan” temples for Christian
Worship:

“If those temples are well built, it is
requisite that they be converted
from the worship of devils to the
service of the true God”

- Pope Saint Gregory (540-604 CE)

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Pope Benedict XVI on the dangers of “Neo-Paganism”:

“Paul reminds the Ephesians that before their encounter with Christ they were “without hope and without God in the world” (Eph 2:12). Of course he knew they had had gods, he knew they had had a religion, but their gods had proved questionable, and no hope emerged from their contradictory myths. Notwithstanding their gods, they were “without God” ... And in the 20th century, in the darkest period of German and European history, an insane racist ideology, born of neo-paganism, gave rise to the attempt, planned and systematically carried out by the regime, to exterminate European Jewry.”

“...it is contrary to authentic development to view nature as something more important than the human person. This position leads to attitudes of neo-paganism or a new pantheism — human salvation cannot come from nature alone, understood in a purely naturalistic sense...”



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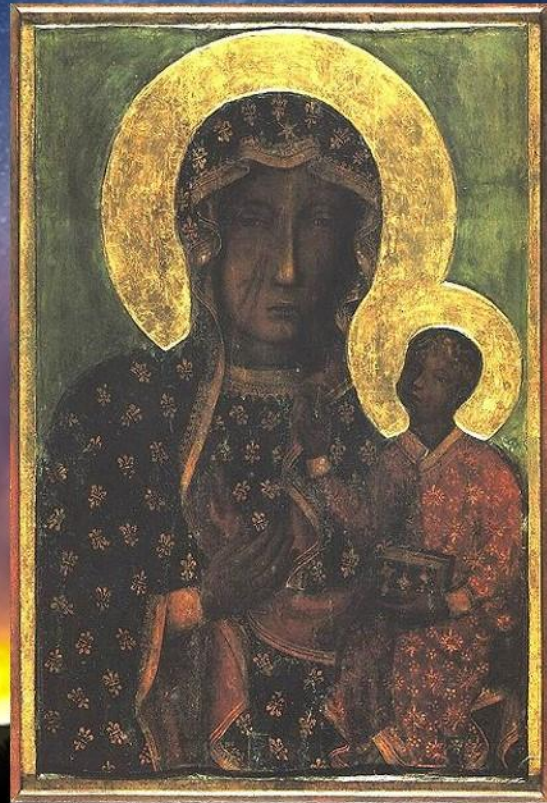
Pope Benedict XVI paying homage to the Black Madonna of the Chapel of Mercy
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Uncovering the African Origins of Christianity ... Our Agreement

Major Arguments:

- Ancient Kemet was the earliest source of the concept of resurrection and the Afterlife
- The spiritual philosophies of Ancient Kemet were diffused throughout the mystery systems of the Mediterranean region
- Christianity is based on Ancient Kemetic spirituality and the mystery traditions (including major characters, myths, places, ceremonies, etc.)

Your Responsibilities:

- Keep an open mind
- Respectful discussion and debate is WELCOMED
- This interactive presentation will serve as a clarion call ... ACTION WILL BE NECESSARY
- Share this story with family, friends, and groups



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1. Daily preparation must be made in order to be awarded a grand afterlife.



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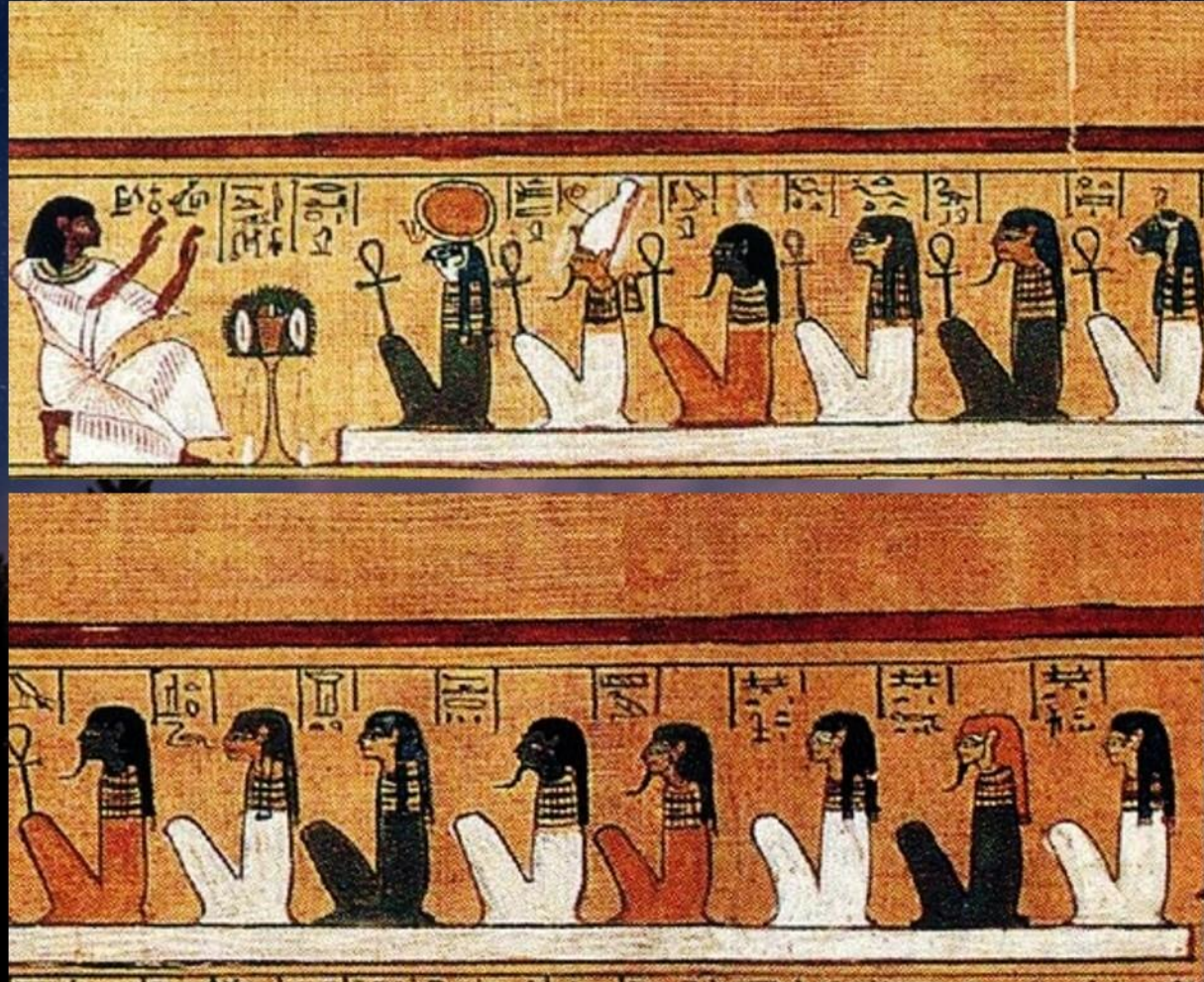
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3. We are all divine vessels imbued with all the powers and responsibilities of the creator (NTR).



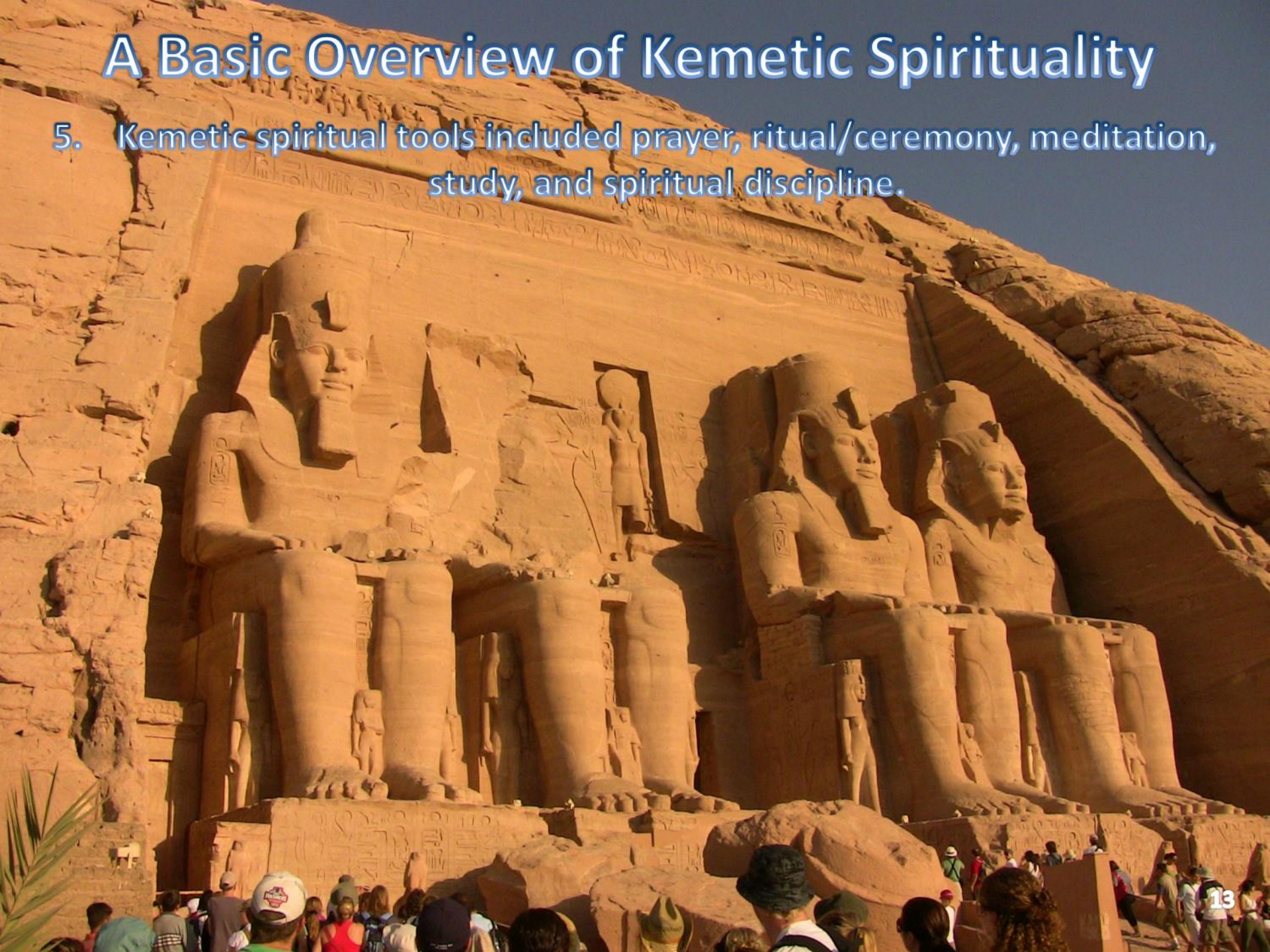
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4. The One in the Many



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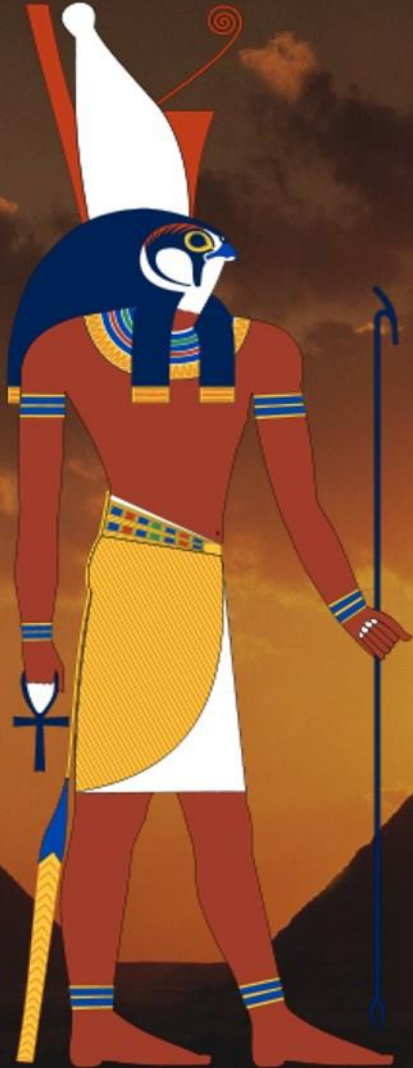
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The Myth of Heru, Ausar, and Ast



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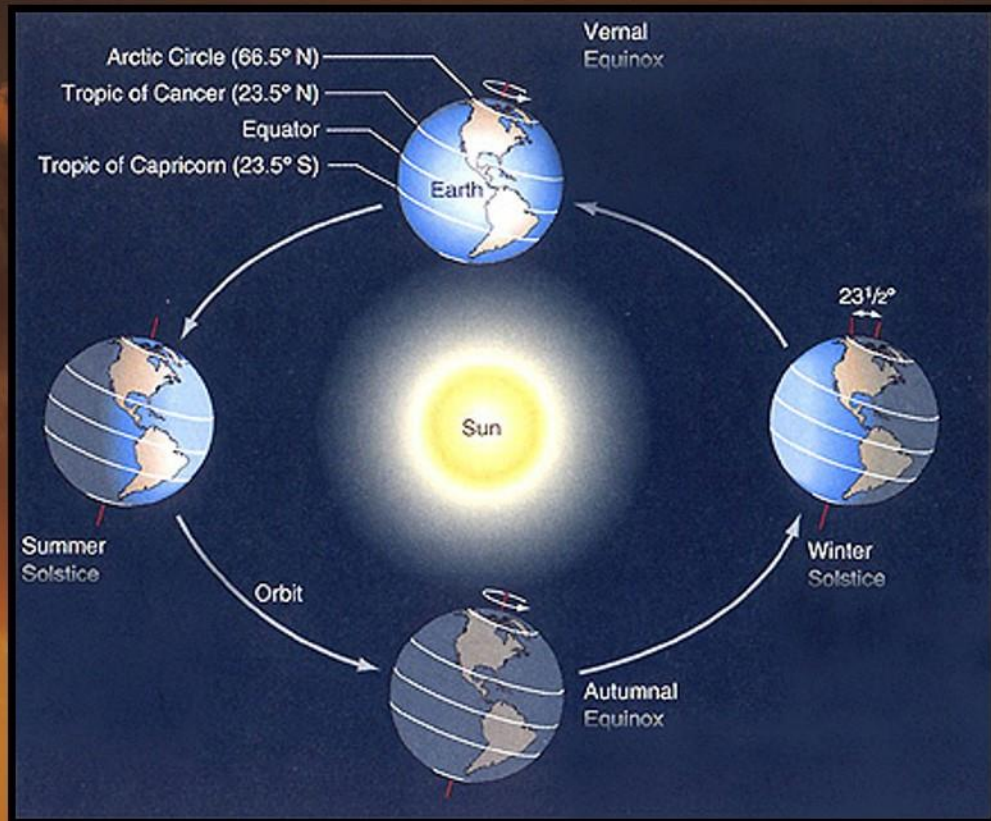
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 - St. Francis of Assisi credited w/ creating 1st Christian nativity scene in 1223 CE

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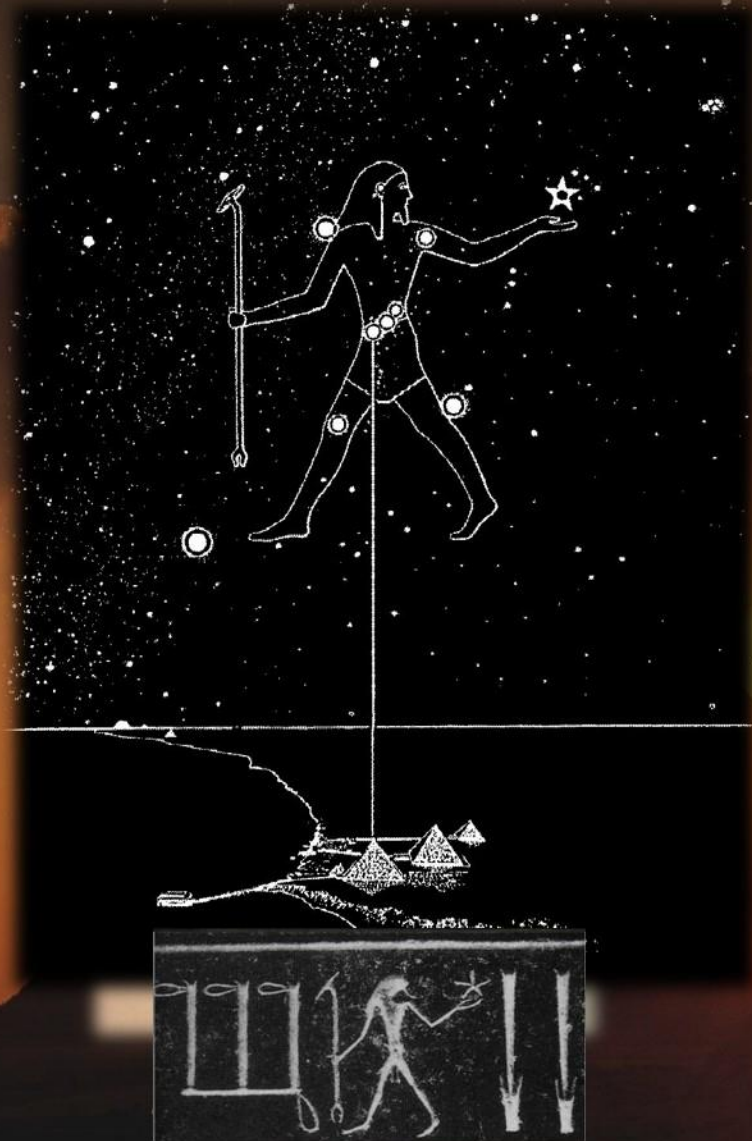


“ ... every year the temples of Horus presented to worshipers, in mid-winter (or about Dec. 25th), a scenic model of the birth of Horus. The Roman writer Macrobius ... adds that the young god was a symbol of the rebirth of the sun at that date. ... The whole world by the year 1 AD was familiar with the Egyptian statues of pictures of Isis with the divine babe Horus in her arms.

- Joseph McCabe, *The Story of Religious Controversy* (p. 169)

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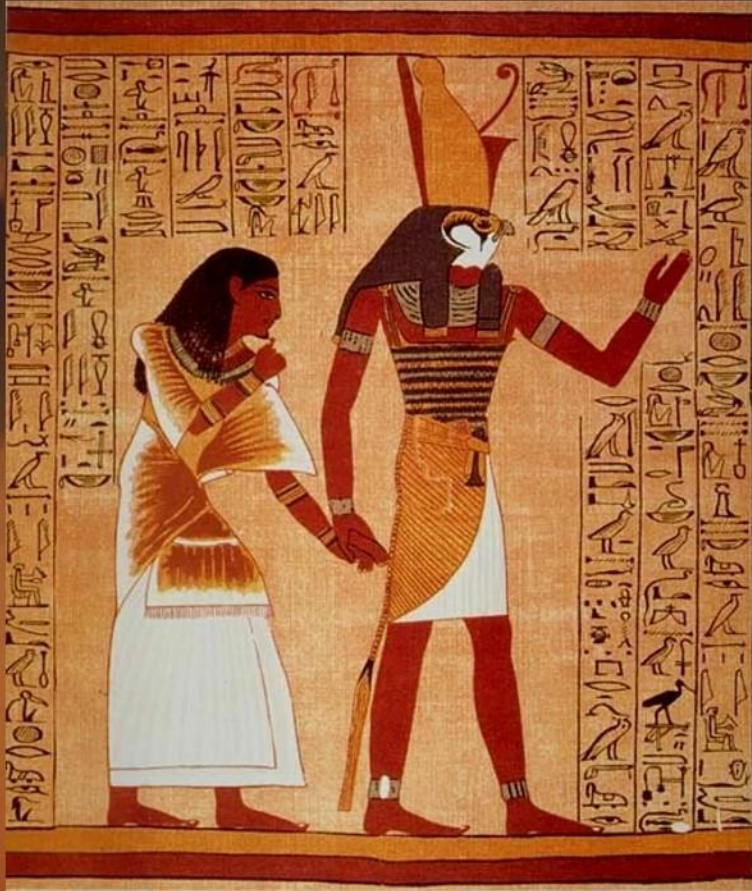
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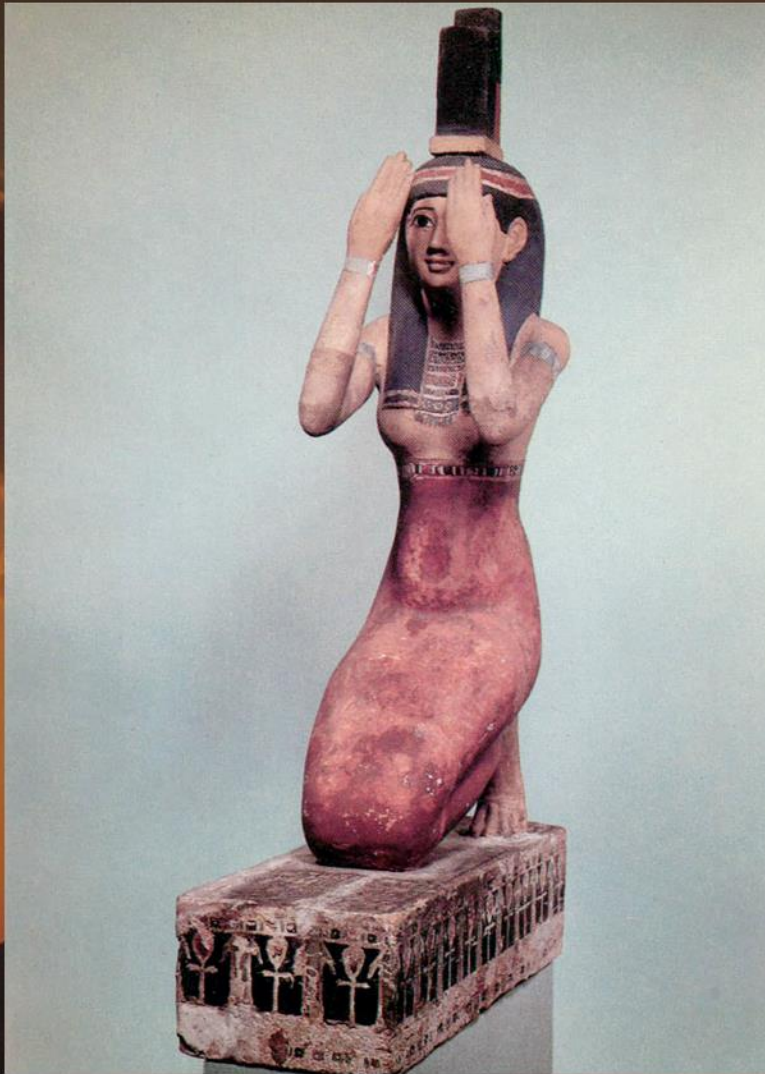
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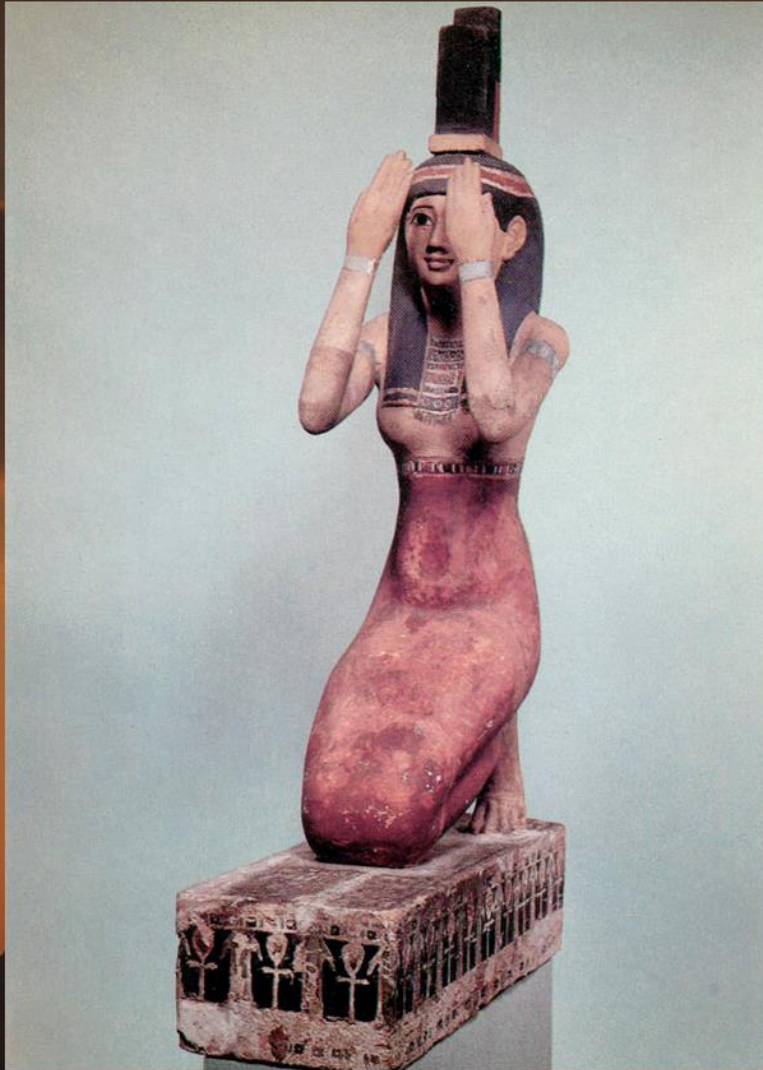
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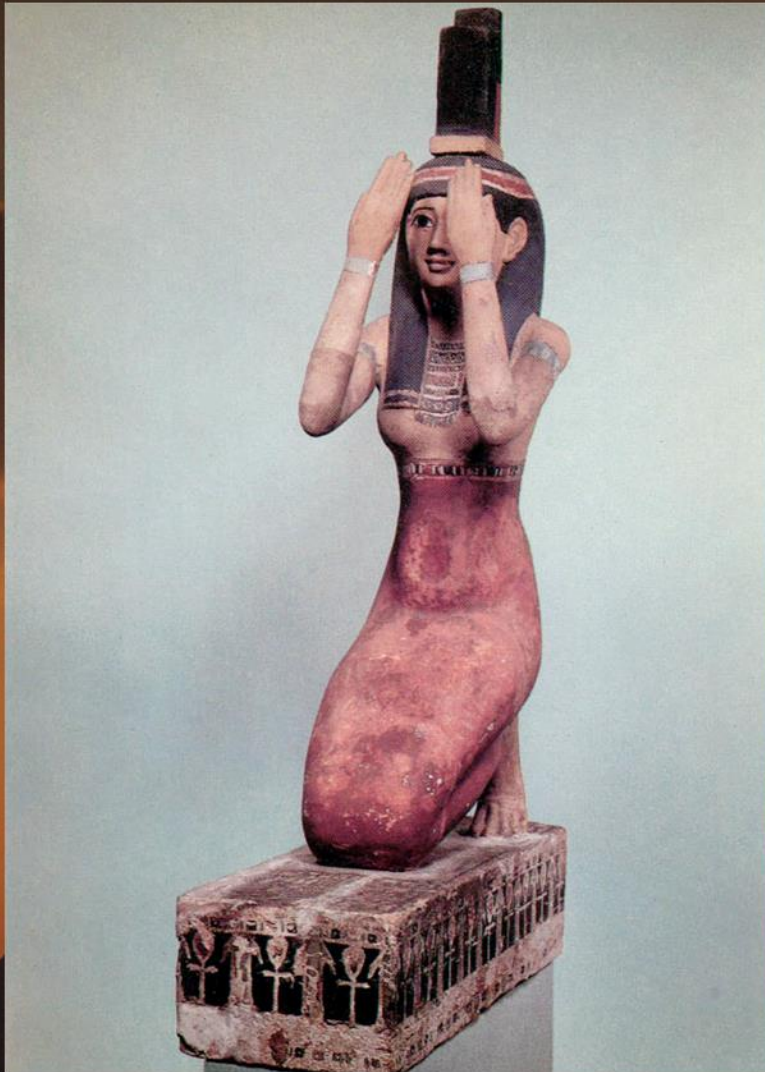
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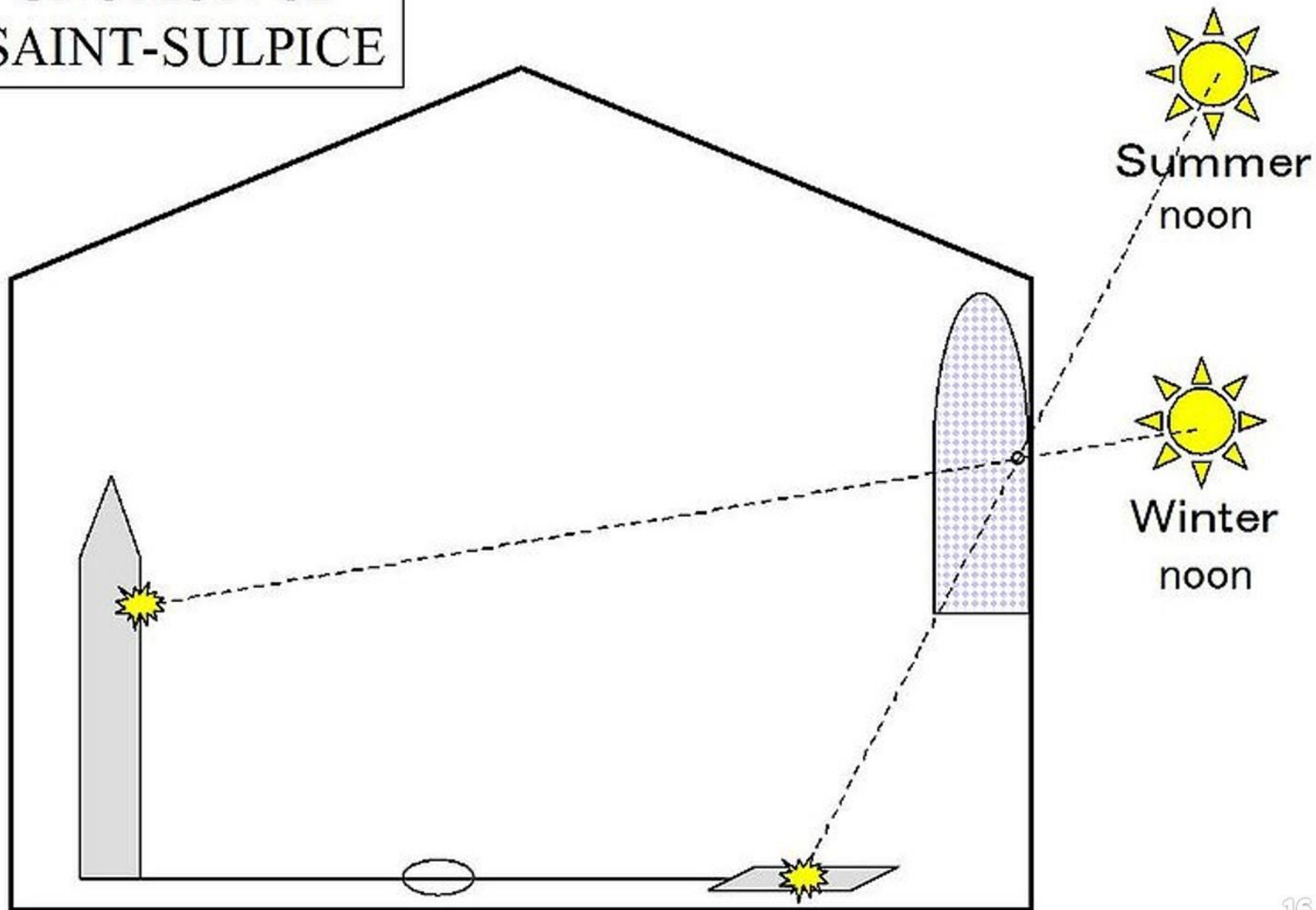
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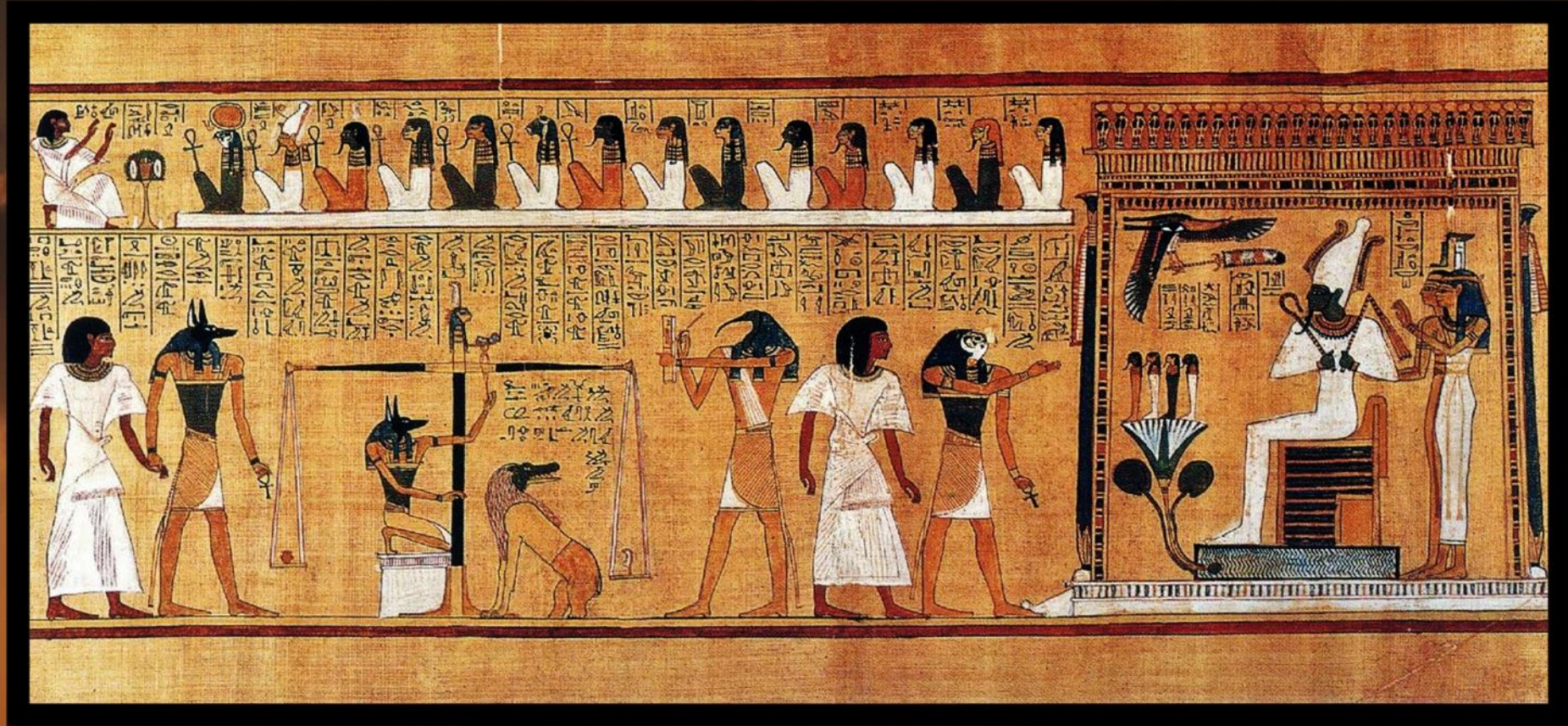
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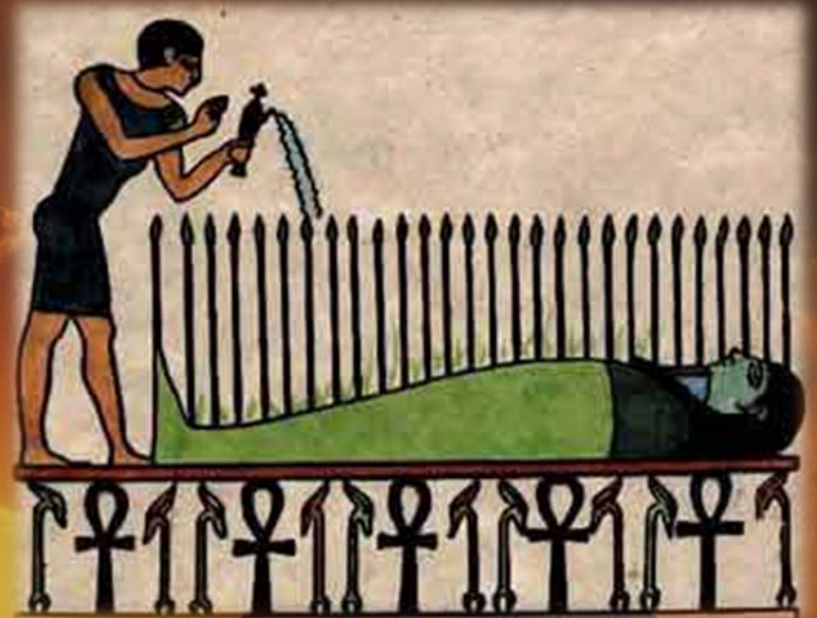
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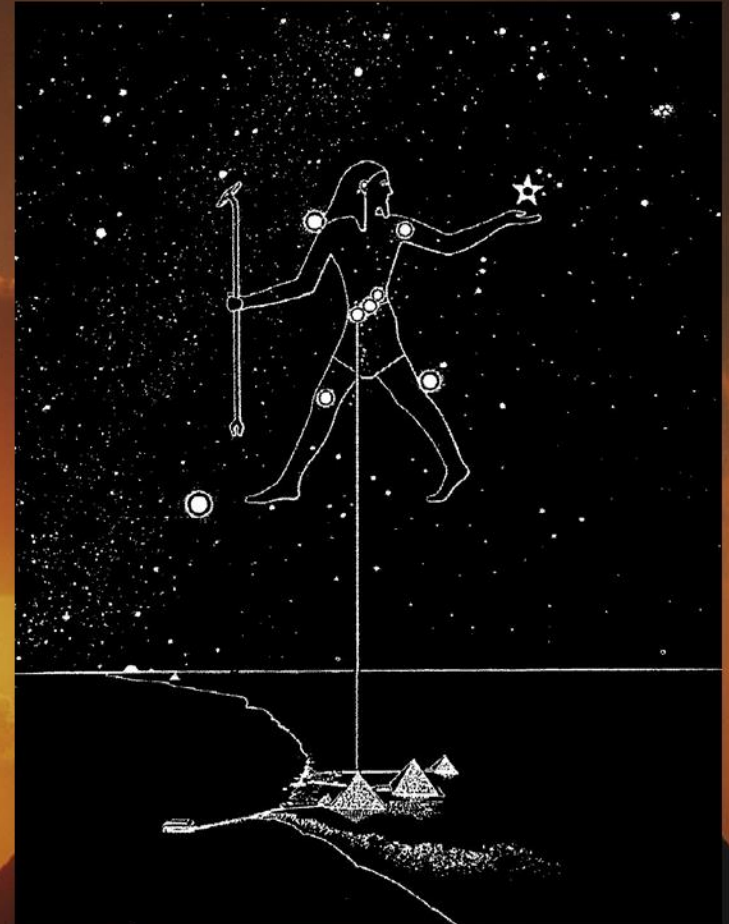
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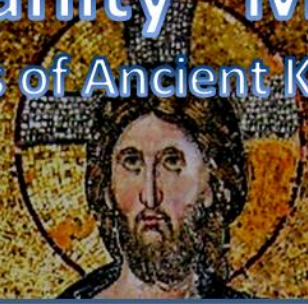
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 - “Jesus is the morning star” Rev. 22:16
 - Sopedet Star sometimes called “seed” of Ausar which created Heru

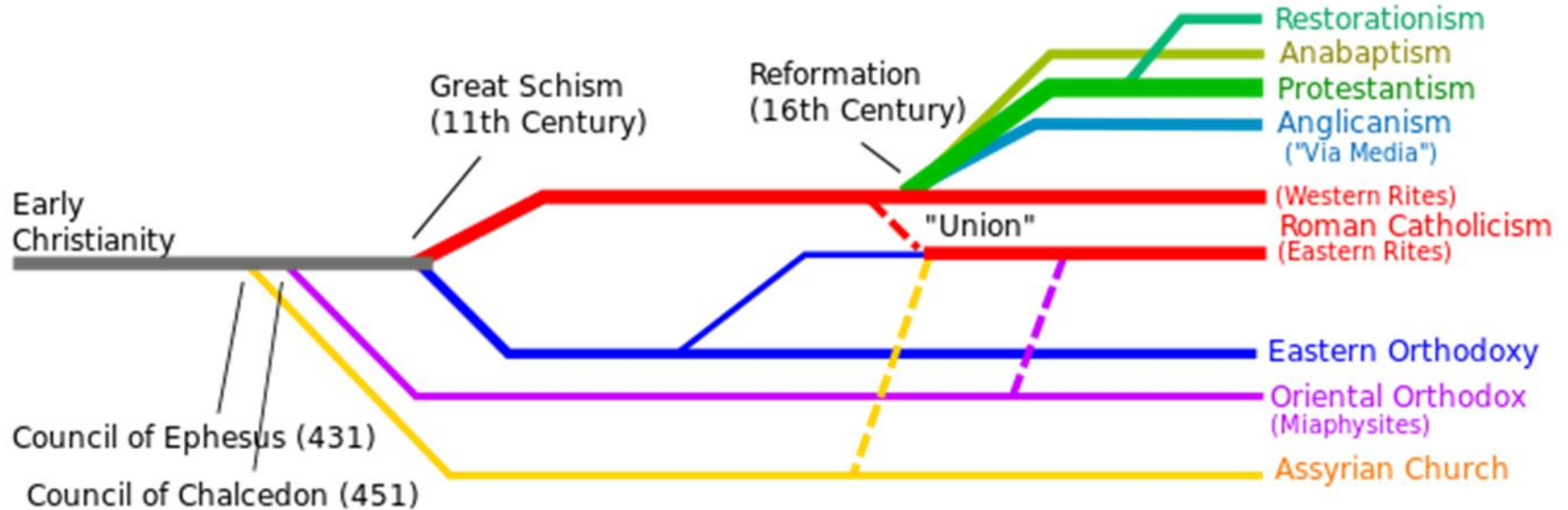


Christianity "Matures"

The Shared Roots of Ancient Kemetic Philosophy



Major branches within Christianity



The Dispersion of Kemetic Spirituality

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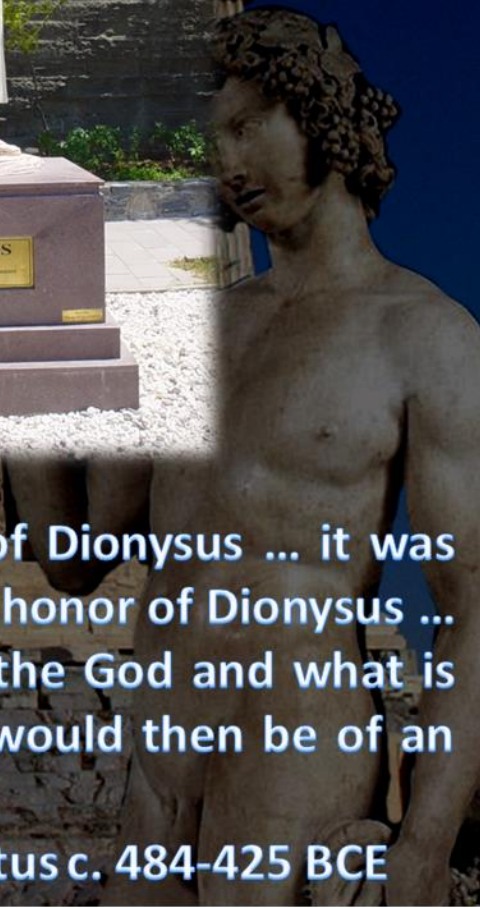
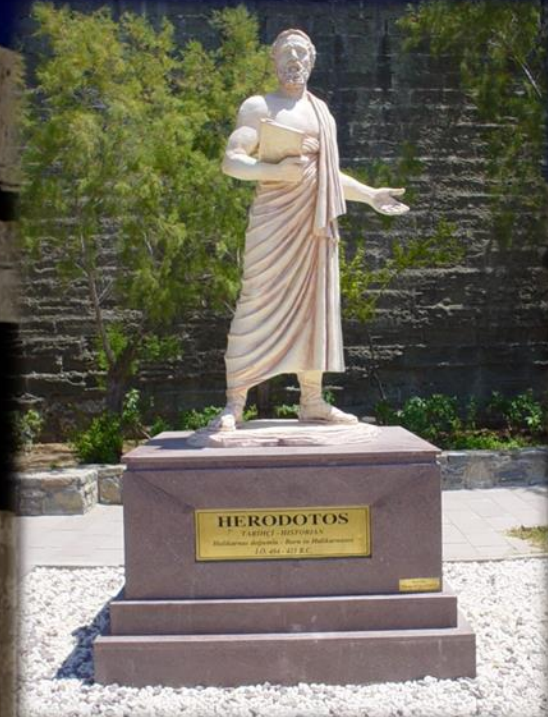
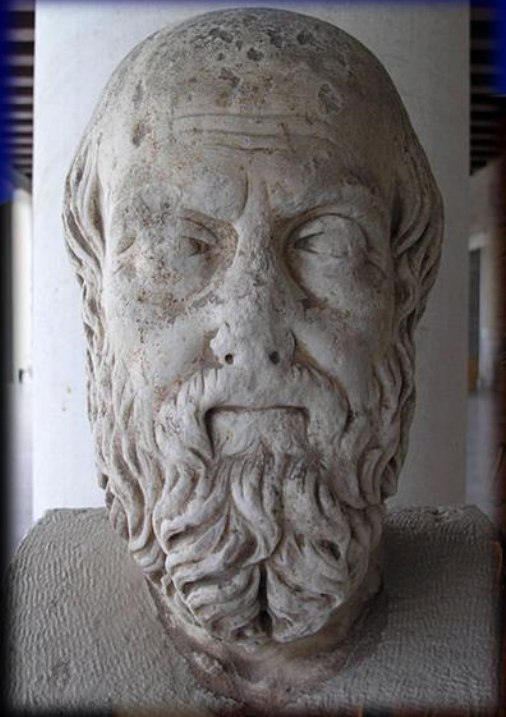
The Mystery Traditions

- As Kemet remains one of the most powerful nations in the known world for several millennia its spiritual cosmology serves as a major influence for many of the nations in its region
- Additionally the Mystery System tradition becomes ubiquitous throughout the Mediterranean



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The Mystery Traditions ... Origins Revealed



- "Melampus was the one who taught the Greeks the name of Dionysus ... it was from him that the Greeks learned to bear the phallus along in honor of Dionysus ... I will not say that what is done in Egypt in connection with the God and what is done among the Greeks originated independently: for they would then be of an Hellenic character and not recently introduced."

Herodotus c. 484-425 BCE

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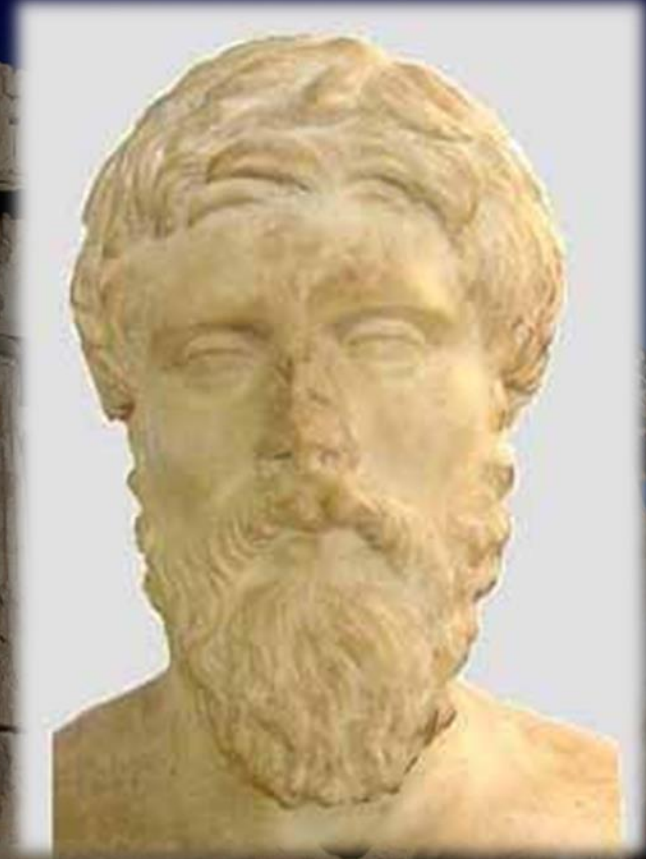
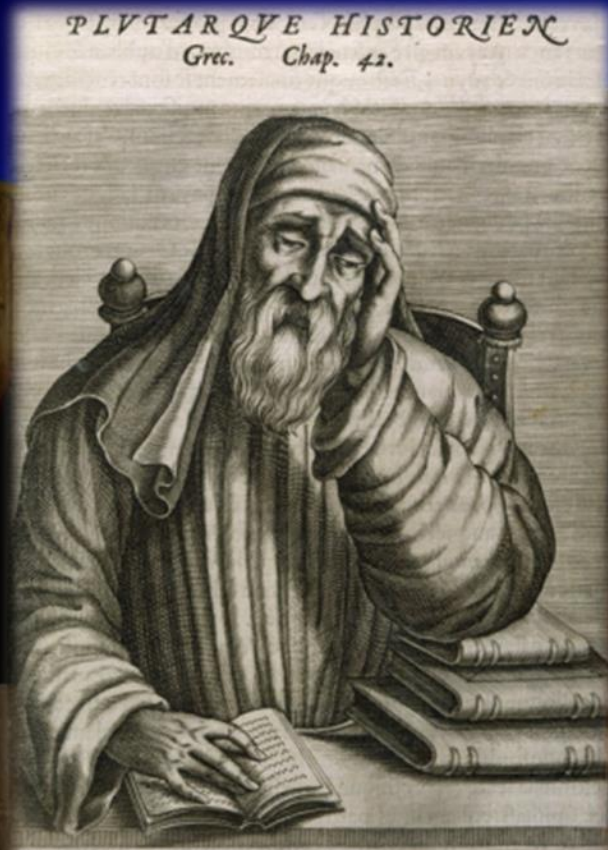


- "There is only the difference in names between the festivals of Bacchus and those of Osiris, between the Mysteries of Isis and those of Demeter."

Diodorus Siculus, *The Library of History* (c. 90-30 BCE)

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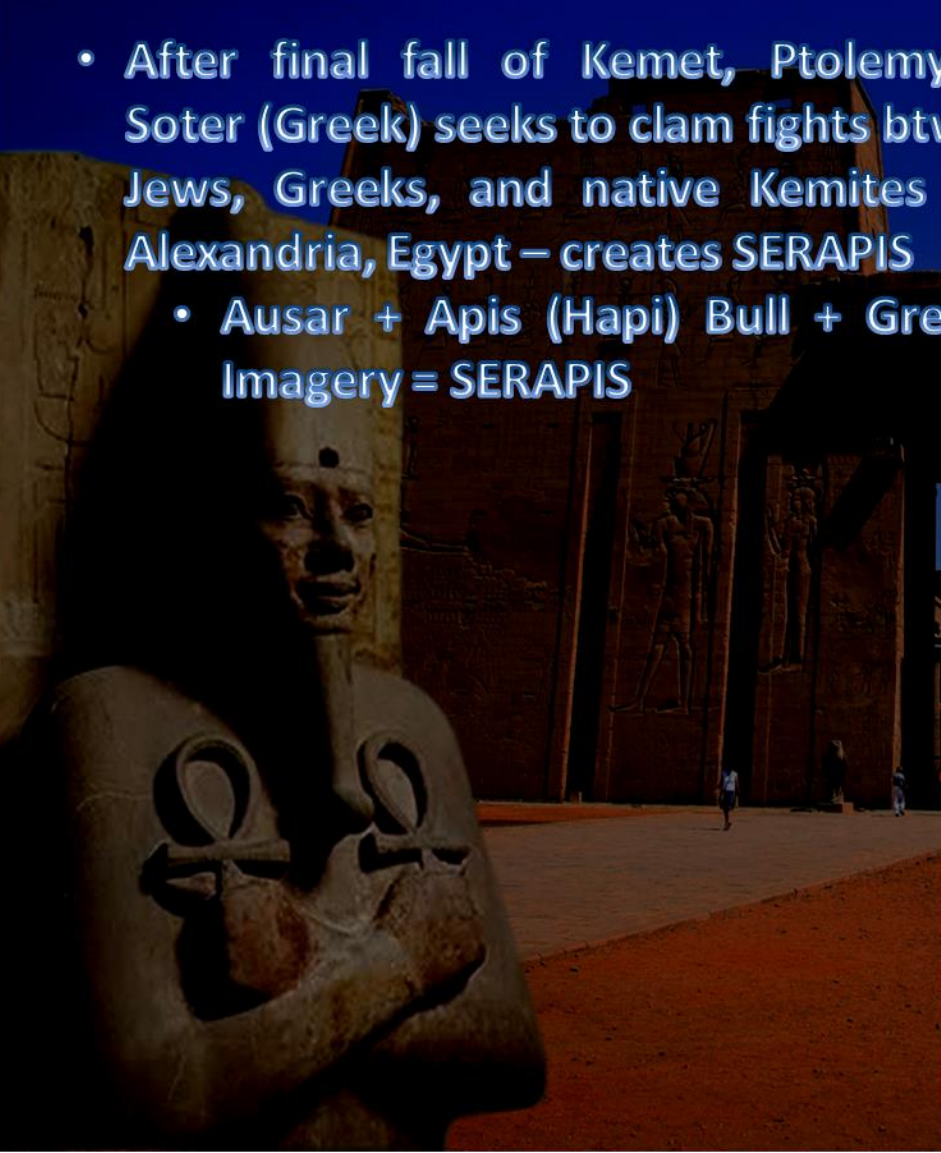
- "It is proper to identify Osiris with Dionysus."

Plutarch, *On Isis and Osiris* (46 – 120 CE)

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 - “Those, who worship Serapis, are Christians, and those who call themselves the bishops of Christ.” Roman Emperor Hadrian, ruled 76-138 CE (quote: Christ in Egypt, p 279)



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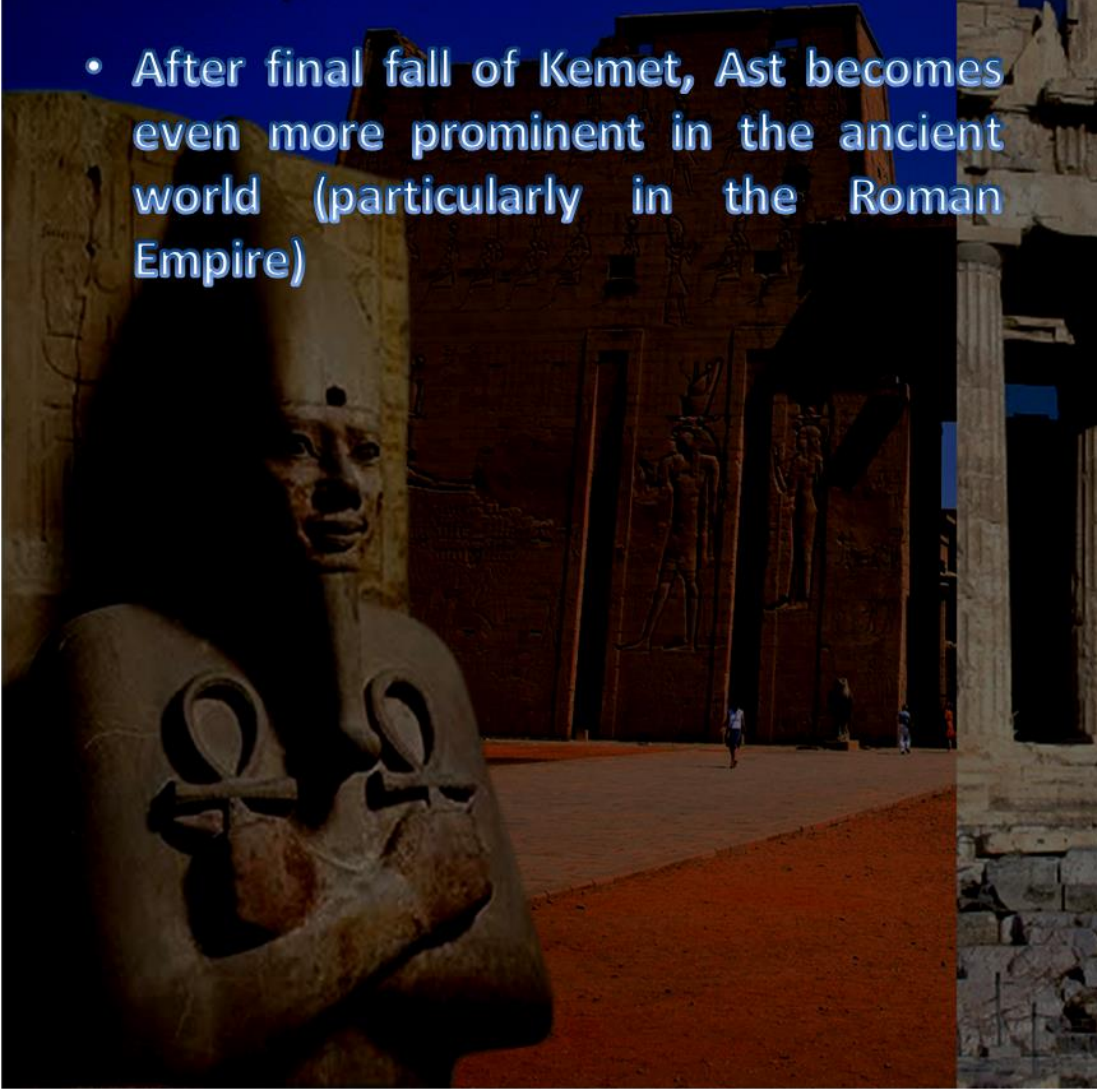
- Serapis:
 - Called “The Good Sheppard”
 - Known as the “Sacrificial Bull” and Jesus is known as the “Sacrificial Lamb”
 - Symbolically sacrificed for our sins annually
 - Temple of Serapis is called the Serapeum
 - The destruction of Serapeum in 391 by Theophilus of Alexandria is seen by ancient writers as the final victory of the Christians over “paganism”



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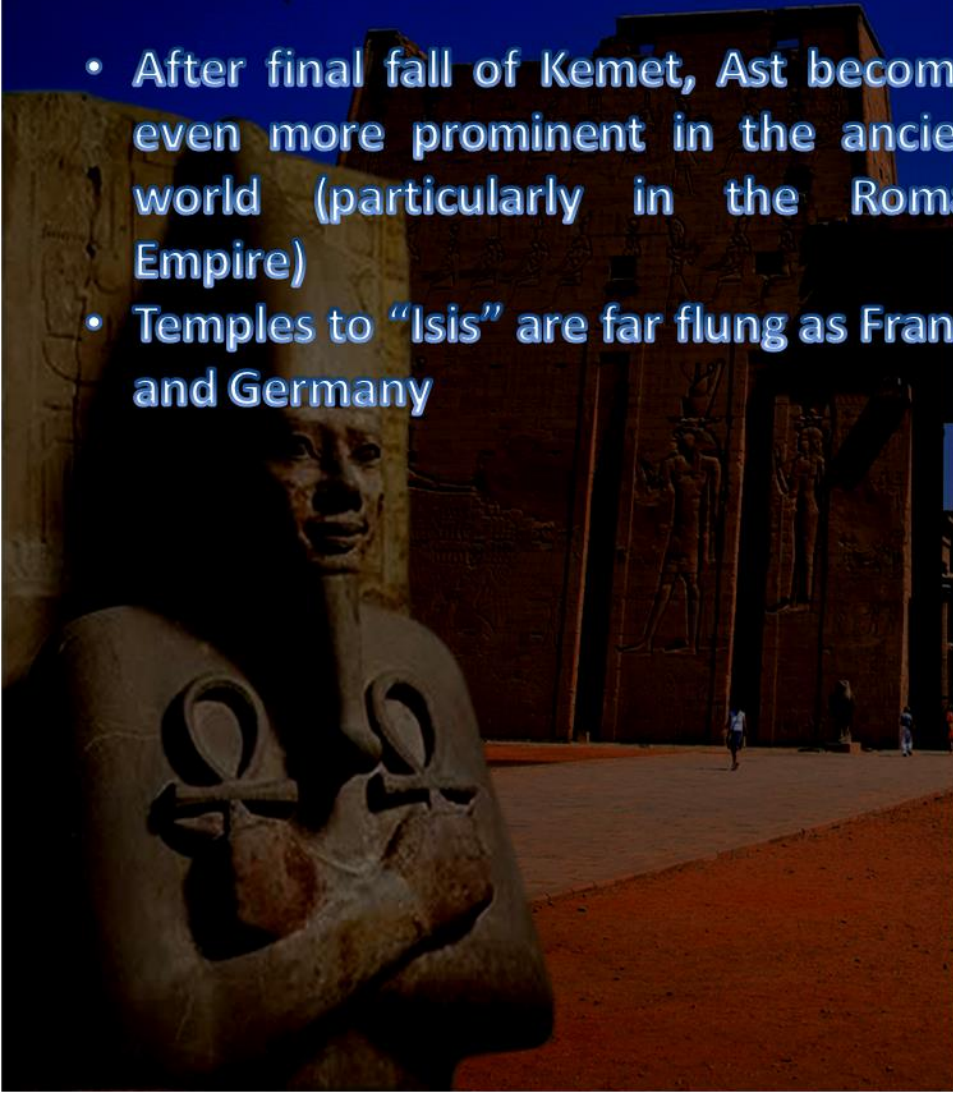
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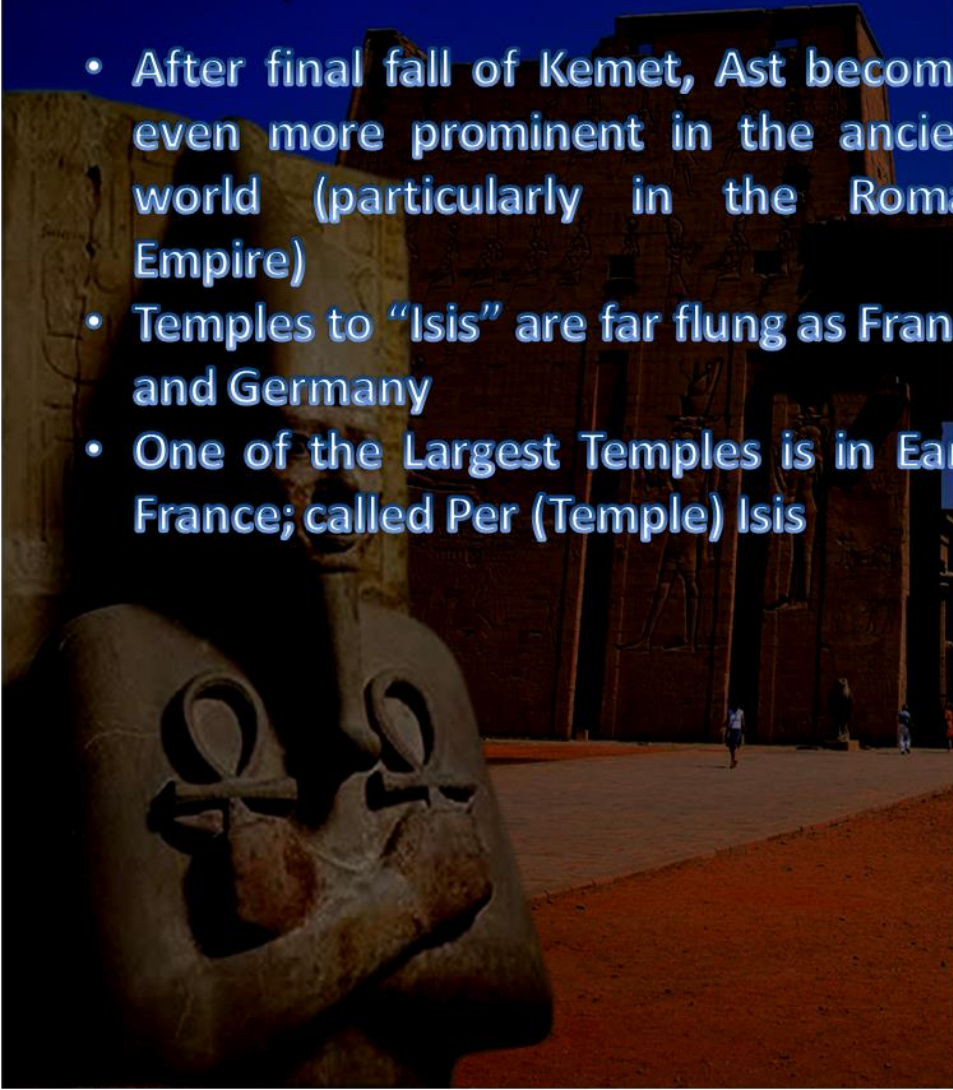
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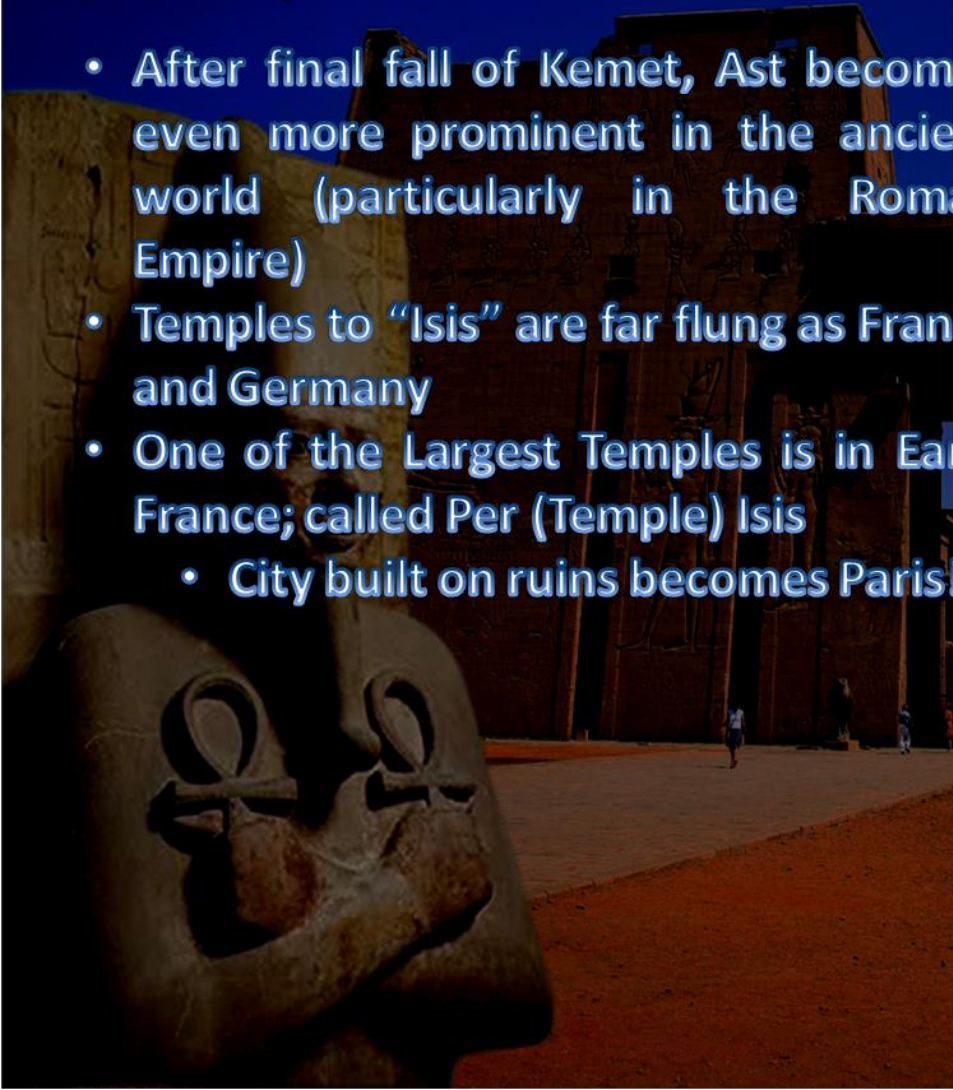
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- After final fall of Kemet, Ast becomes even more prominent in the ancient world (particularly in the Roman Empire)
- Temples to “Isis” are far flung as France and Germany
- One of the Largest Temples is in Early France; called Per (Temple) Isis
 - City built on ruins becomes Paris!



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The Mystery Traditions Also Influence The Jesus Story



Dionysus



Mithra



Attis

Born of a Virgin in December

Crucified

Performed Miracles

12 Disciples

Atones for Our Sins with Death

Early Christianity

The Early Christian Fathers Struggle with the Obvious Contradictions



"That which is known as the Christian religion existed among the ancients, and never did not exist; from the beginning of the human race until the time when Christ came in the flesh, at which time the true religion, which already existed began to be called Christianity"

Saint Augustine c. 354-430

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"When we say that Jesus Christ was produced without sexual union, was crucified and died, and rose again, and ascended to heaven, we propound nothing new or different from what you believe regarding those whom you call the sons of Jupiter."

"For when they say that Dionysus arose again and ascended to heaven, is it not evidence the devil has imitated the prophecy?"

Justin Martyr c.165



Towards a New Understanding

Restoring Ancient Traditions *and/or* Restoring Ancient Christianity

“Myth is not that which is not true, but that which is ALWAYS TRUE ...History is that which was once true.”

Tom Harpur, *The Pagan Christ*



- Quest of this presentation is not to dismantle Christianity, but rather to re-contextualize and re-mythologize
- Create respect for nature/celestial traditions
- Restore Africa's proper historical dominance
- Forge paths towards true acceptance of ancient traditions
- Focus on similarities more than differences