

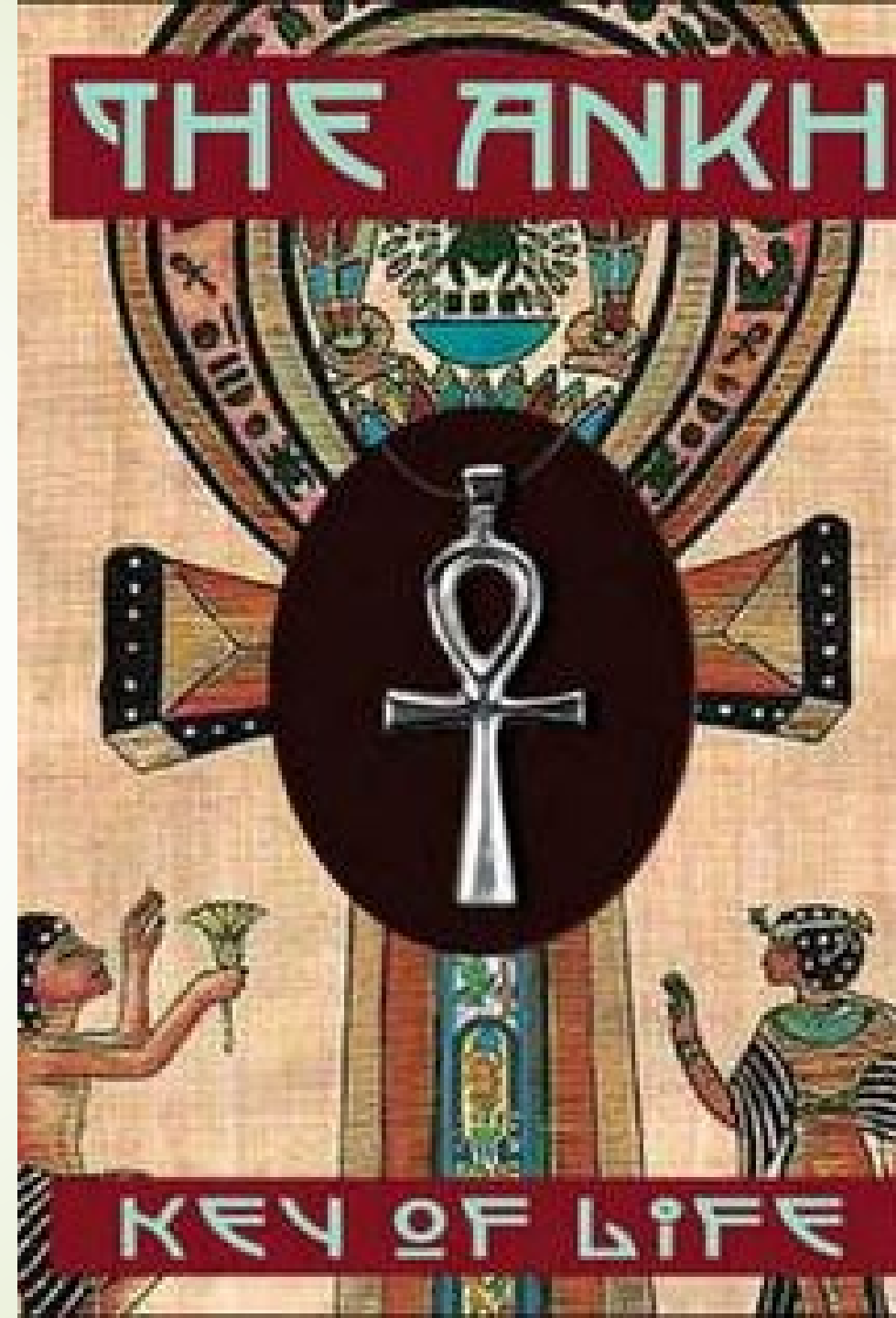
The Ankh

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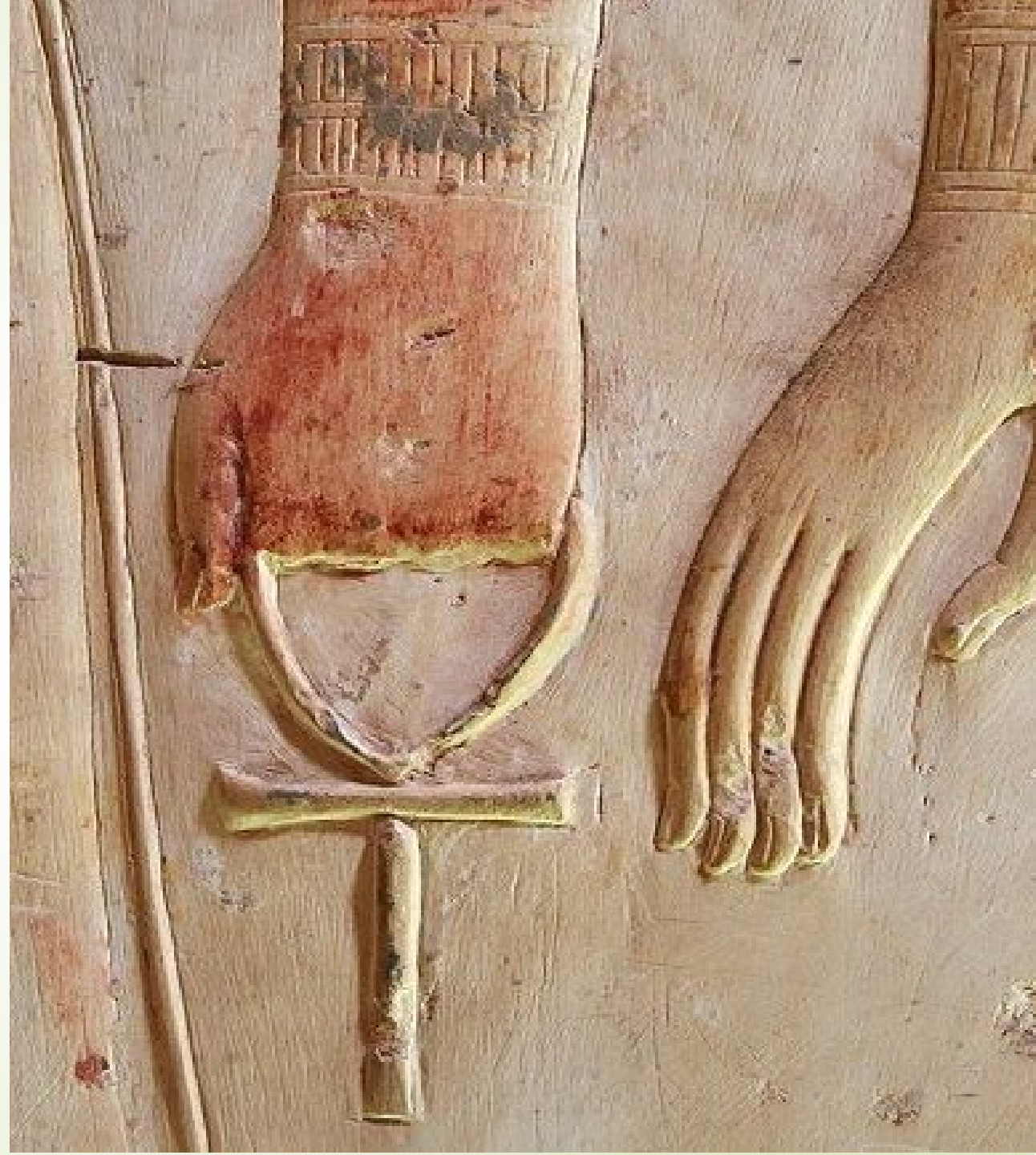


The key of

life

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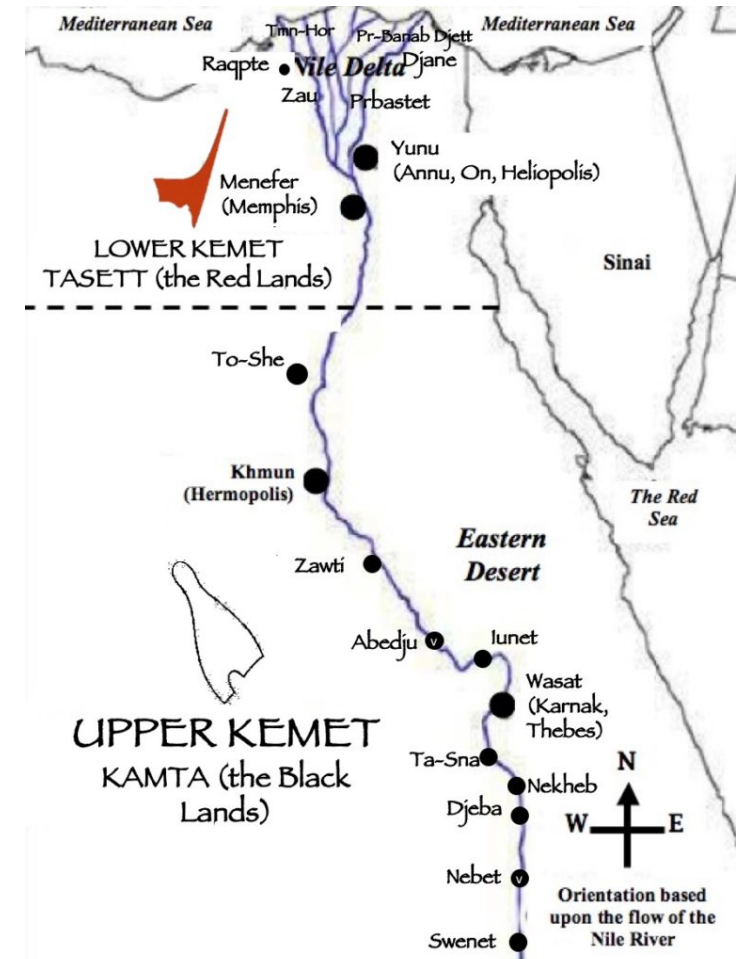
Where did it come from?

Kemet

- ❖ A unified kingdom founded c. 3150 BCE by King Menes (Narmer)
- ❖ Kem means black in Ancient Egyptian. Egyptians termed the land Kemet, literally "Black Land."
- ❖ Its name derived from the color of the fertile, abundant soil due to the Nile's annual accumulation.
- ❖ A society cultivated along the Nile.

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Desheret the “Red land” name given to the deserts opposite of the Nile due to the color of the sand *discoveringhistory*

Pharoah Narmer

- ▶ Pharoah "Narmer Menes"
- ▶ The first (1st) Per-aa of Kemet, Unified Kemet
- ▶ Narmer found the capital of Memphis and united the lands under one per-aa

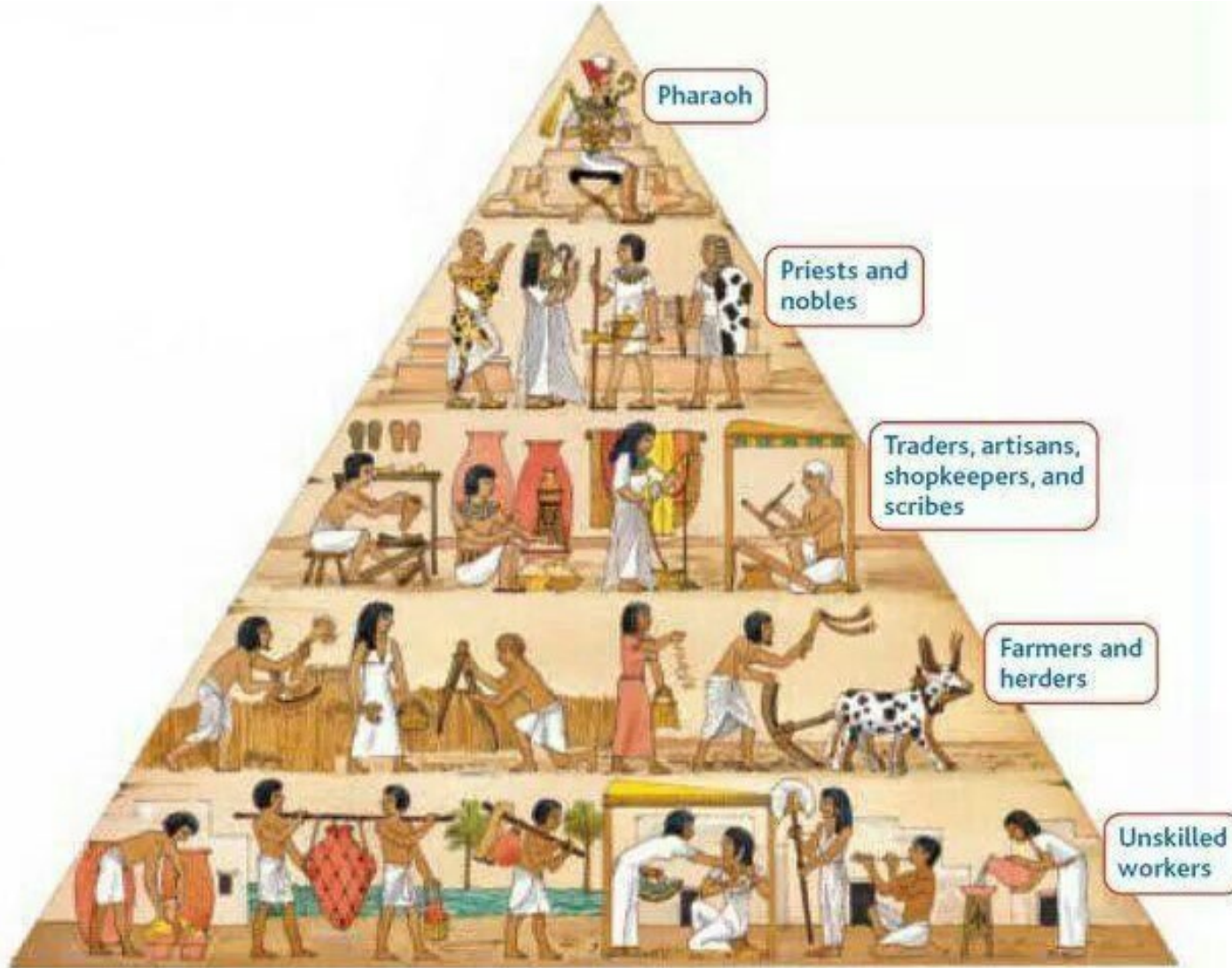
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Originated from Kemet

- Scholars
- Barter or exchange System, trade among different communities
- The Nilometer- possessed an eight (8) ft or larger Staircase in the interior used to create the Kemetic calendar, to record seasons based on the fluctuation of the Nile River, used for agricultural purposes
- A New year started with the helical rising of the Sirius star. (which was considered a god)
- Peraa Djer (3rd Pharaoh of the first dynasty) designed the solar calendar after associating the connection among the heliacal rising and the commencing of the year.

Government



- ▶ Manetho defined Kemetic history in addition to the king's lineage
- ▶ Distinguished Three Female Pharaohs – Sobeknefru, Hatshepsut, Cleopatra
- ▶ Rames II, (Karnak & Luxor Temple)
- ▶ Akhenaten & Nefatari (Creator of Monotheism, one God)
- ▶ Thutmose III, he attempted to eradicate Hatshepsut's history
- ▶ The term Pharaoh was first incorporated during Thutmose III rule (Regin ca.1479-1425 B.C)

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Deities of Kemet

- ▶ Nut – goddess of the sky, she swallowed the sun in the afternoon and delivered it again in the morning
- ▶ Re, spelled Ra or Pra, the god of deities and father of creation, god of the sun and creator god
- ▶ Nephthys,(Nu) the goddess of rivers, the dead (death)and mourning and the night
- ▶ Osiris, the god of the dead /afterlife, initially he was the god of water and vegetation
- ▶ Isis, Osiris's wife, one of the central deities concerned with the rites of the dead
- ▶ Horus often illustrated as a falcon or a man in possession of a falcon's head, the sky god linked with war and hunting
- ▶ Seth the god of chaos and violence, deserts, and storms (he assassinated Osiris).
- ▶ Ptah head of a triad of gods worshipped at Memphis, Triads last two members are Ptah's wife, Sekhmet, the lion-headed goddess and god Nefertem possibly their son

The Gods

➤ Osiris

➤ Nut

➤ Horus

➤ Ra



Egyptian gods



Isis



Osiris



Ra



Horus



Anubis



Sobek



Thoth



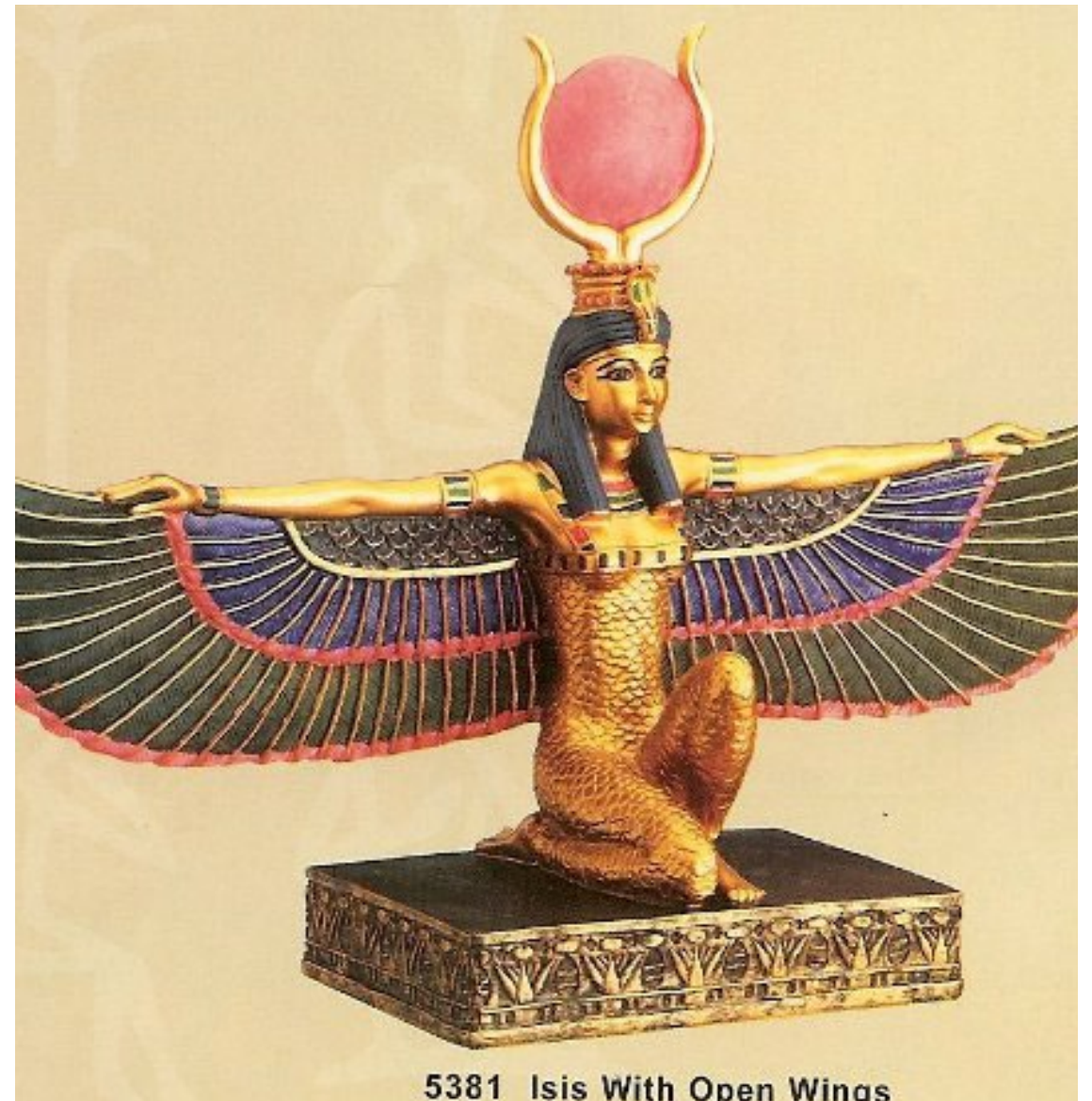
Hathor



Amon



Seth



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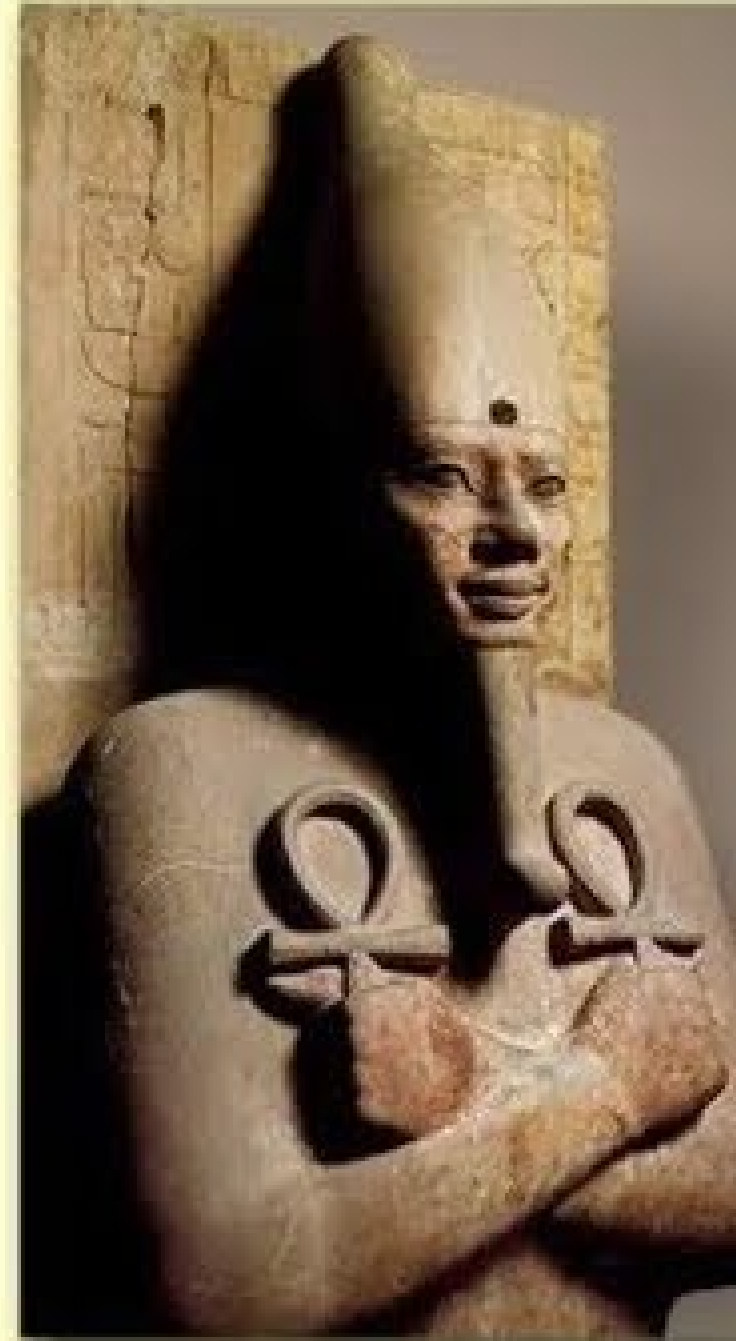
Religion


- The central religion was Maat Kemet
- Monotheistic religion (1 god) was created under Pharaoh
- Aten was created by Akhenaten
- “Great of Hymn of Aten” equated to Psalms 104
- 10 Commandments stems successively from the 42 Negative Confessions
- The Ankh

What is the Ankh

- ▶ The symbol of the Ankh is heavily encoded.
- ▶ Encoding not only the meaning of life but the creation of life itself
- ▶ the Ankh is the most recognizable ancient Egyptian emblem. The Ankh is mentioned as "the key of life" or the "cross of life."

- ▶ *depositphotos*



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- Used in the abstract concept- the meaning of Life in ancient Kemet
 - Its origin speculated Ankh is related to two other signs of uncertain origin that often appear alongside them was the sceptre, representing "power" or "dominion," and the Djed pillar, representing "stability."
 - Visual images are used in Hieroglyphic writing; for example, a house could be relayed in sounds p-r, found in the Egyptian word for "house." A practice known as the Rebus principle allowed them to write words for what could not be pictured, abstract concepts. Used in the abstract concept- the meaning of Life in ancient Kemet. Represented by the symbols ('n= Ankh).

► *Ancientegyptmag.com*



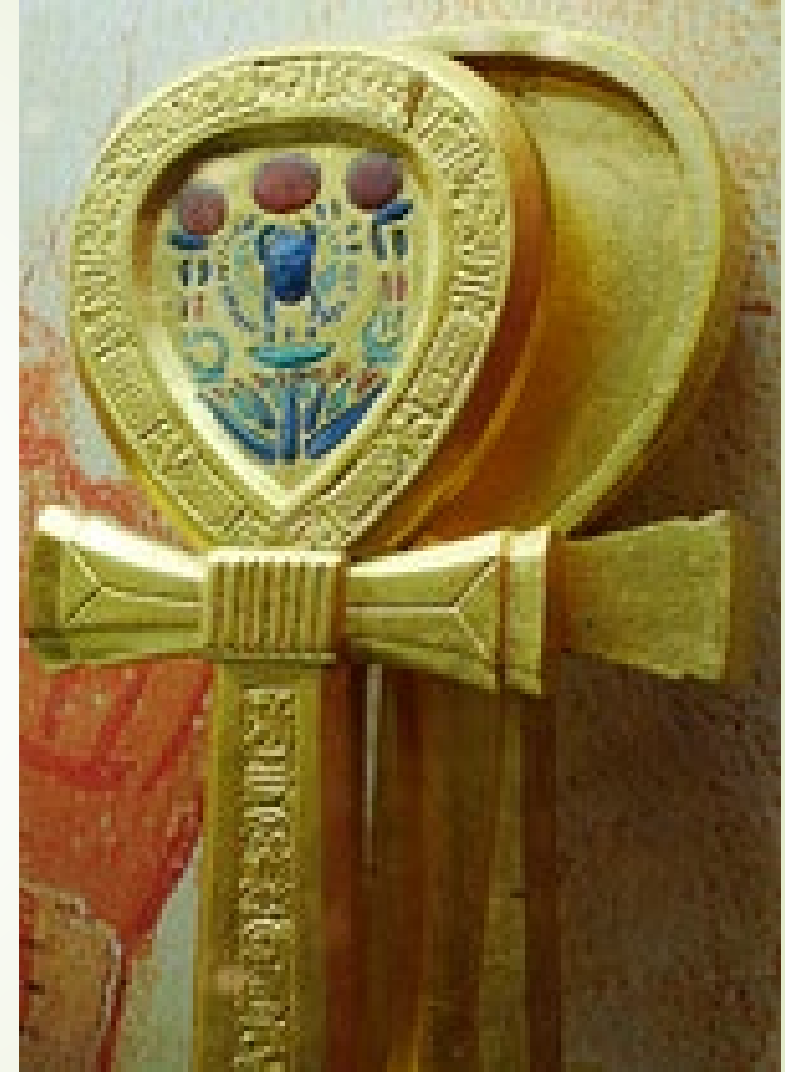
What is the spiritual meaning of the Ankh?

- An Egyptian symbol life or breath of Life or the key of the Nile ('nh=ankh) as they believed one earthly journey is one part of eternal life. A symbol of both mortal existence and the afterlife
- Represented water, air, and the sun



The power of the Ankh

- Possibly a physical meaning representing the elements of life- water, air and the sun all meant to provide and preserve life in ancient Egyptian culture.
- They were seen as powerful bringers of wealth and good fortune—a powerful tool used in magical ceremonies, healing practices, and secret initiations.
- Symbol deriving from a sandal strap. Ancient Egyptian hieroglyph signifying "life," a cross surmounted by a loop; as a talisman, the Ankh is often held or offered by gods and pharaohs.
- frequently in the hands of deities, or given by them to the pharaoh, a representation of their supremacy to endure life and recover the souls of human in the afterlife



Religion and Art custom

- ▶ The Egyptian's believed Life was a force circulated throughout the world; living things humans included were manifestations of this powerful force and fundamentally tied to it
- ▶ Life came present at the creation of the world
- ▶ Cyclical events such as the rising and the sun's setting existed as reenactments of the original events of creation, which maintained/renewed Life in the heavens
- ▶ Nourishing Life was the central function of the deities who governed these natural cycles
- ▶ The Ankh frequently was depicted being held in gods' hands, a representation of their life-giving power
- ▶ Egyptians believed that their individual lives could be restored in the same manner as life in general when they died

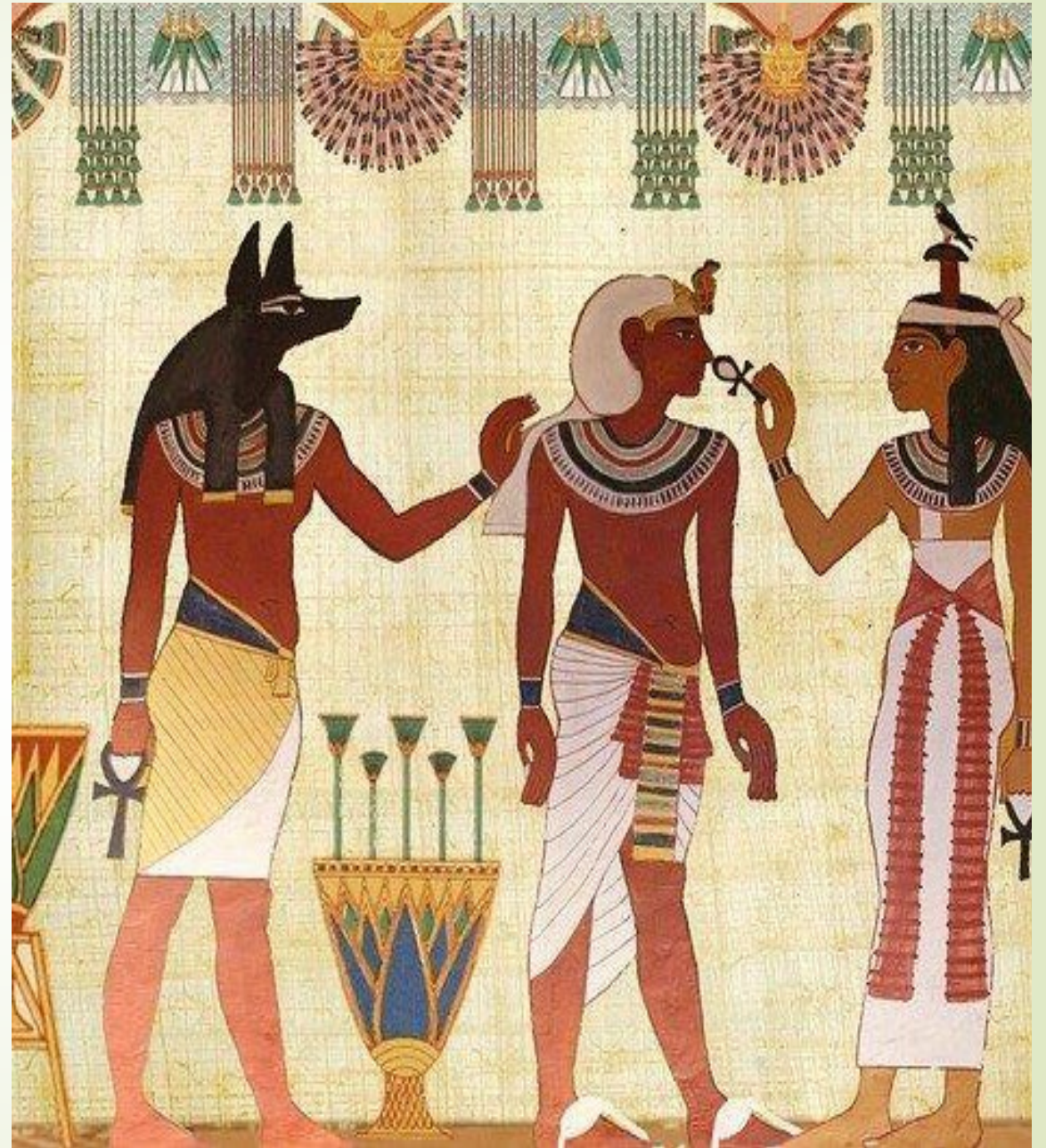
Religion and Art custom cont'd

- ▶ As the Ankh represents the power to bestow life, it is rare to see humans other than the pharaoh receiving or holding the Ankh before the end of the Middle Kingdom, although the convention weakened after that
- ▶ Thus, gods often depicted in tombs giving ankh signs to humans, usually the pharaoh
- ▶ The pharaoh, believed to represent Egypt as a whole; the gods granted the entire realm life by bestowing him the sign. The Ankh could signify air or water, an extension of this concept.
- ▶ Artworks depict gods positioning the Ankh up to the king's nose: offering him the Breath of Life.

The secret of the Ankh

- ▶ Records have shown our Ancestors believed that prior to creation, the Ankh existed, during creation, and life, during the time of transition, and the afterlife
- ▶ Equally, Salient Kemet's religion, history, spirituality, and philosophy rested on the cosmological interpretation of the Ankh
- ▶ The Ogdoad, or the Eight, the Hehu, the Infinities, and Chaos Gods are all aspects of the Kemetic cosmology established on the philosophy of the Ankh

- ▶ *kemetravels*



The secret of the Ankh cont'd

- ▶ The Ankh appears after creation, which the Life of the creator god as Ptah, or as Amen becomes whole.
- ▶ The symbol appears after the creator deity is born in Nun, or the Ogdoad combines with The Nun. the Ankh symbol is the Kemet representation of the "God Particle" or the "Higgs Particle"
- ▶ It is believed Ptah created the gods from visualization from his heart, breathing life into them with his voice.
- ▶ Created other creatures through metal, stone and wood, bringing forth towns and religious shrines establishing ceremonies for worship

Quotation on the Temple walls of Hibis

- ▶ "You are Amun; you are Atum, you are Khepri, you are Re. Sole one who made himself into millions, Tatenen who came about in the beginning. You are the one who built his body with his own hands, in every form of his desire. You are the great winged-scarab within Nut, who protected heaven and earth in their entirety while rising from Nun within the primeval mound.
- ▶ The Ogdoad rises [for him] in jubilation when he appears, they seeing utilizing his [his first] manifestation as Horus-who-illuminates, whose entire circuit is in the spit-fire and [torch-fire] of his eyes, having illumined the circuit of heaven with his great double-plumes



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