

Deities of Ancient Egypt : Thoth

Thoth was often portrayed as a man with the head of a sacred ibis. He was thought to be the heart and tongue of the sun god Ra and also translated Ra's will into human speech. Thoth was later associated with the development of writing, arbitration, and science.



Deities of Ancient Egypt : Horus

Horus was the falcon-headed patron god of ancient Egypt. He was often shown wearing the Pschent, the red and white double crown of Upper and Lower Egypt. Horus was said to be the son of Osiris and the god of the sky, with the sun as his right eye and the moon as his left eye.



Deities of Ancient Egypt : Hathor

The ancient Egyptian goddess Hathor is sometimes depicted with a human female head, and other times with the head of a cow, often with horns and a sun disk. She was equivalent to Aphrodite or Venus and was broadly associated with childbirth, motherhood, fertility, love, beauty, and music.



Deities of Ancient Egypt : Anubis

Anubis was the jackal-headed god of the dead. The lead embalmer, usually a high priest, wore a costume resembling Anubis during the process, and Anubis was the god who weighed the hearts of the dead to determine if they had lived a good enough life to live with Osiris in the Land of the Dead.



Deities of Ancient Egypt : Ra or Re

Ra, also called Re, was a major god of the ancient Egyptians - their Sun God. He was thought of as the creator of all forms of life, and the Egyptians were the Cattle of Ra, made from his tears and his sweat! Ra was later called Atum or Aton and was declared the one true god by Pharaoh Akhematon.



Deities of Ancient Egypt : Osiris

Osiris was the brother and husband of the goddess Isis, and the father of Horus. He was thought to have been raised back to life from the dead and was therefore associated with mummies, the afterlife, and rebirth after death. Osiris also brought civilization to the ancient Egyptians.



Deities of Ancient Egypt : Sekhmet

Sekhmet was originally the warrior goddess from Upper Egypt. Depicted as a lioness, she protected and even led pharaohs in battle. It was said that her breath created the great desert. Later traditions tell a story of the sun god Ra creating Sekhmet from the fiery eye of Hathor.

