



An Illustrated Dictionary of the Gods and Symbols of Ancient Egypt

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The Djed is an ancient Egyptian symbol for stability Known as "The Backbone of Osiris" This symbol was Osirian in nature and was primarily associated with themes of rebirth and regeneration.

3- Wadjet Eye (Eye of Horus) .
Uraeus The Greek word is an important symbol associated with the Gods, Goddesses, and Pharaohs of ancient Egypt Discover the history, mythology, and beliefs surrounding the "Uraeus" the rearing cobra symbol of Ancient Egypt The cobra represents the goddess Wadjet, a very ancient goddess who is associated with royalty. The Uraeus cobra symbol was a fetish, an object that was believed to embody magical powers and offer magical protection According to legend, the Cobra was given to the pharaohs as a sign of kingship by the God Geb.

10-KA symbol. AN ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY Gods, Demons and Symbols of Ancient Mesopotamia JEREMY BLACK AND ANTHONY GREEN Illustrations by Tessa Rickards Gods, Demons and Symbols of Ancient Mesopotamia An Illustrated Dictionary Jeremy Black and Anthony Green Illustrations by Tessa Rickards THE BRITISH MUSEUM PRESS Jeremy Black The late Dr Black, formerly Director of the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, was a Fellow of Wolfson. Moreover, although the potential productivity and prosperity of the region was the impetus for extensive and prolonged immigration, the area has no real geographical unity, nor any obvious or permanent capital, so that it is in marked contrast to civilizations of greater uniformity, such as Egypt.

Ancient Egyptians believed that Kek and Kaukek would bring the primordial darkness to the world once more. Those were the eight gods from the Ogdoad. The following are other important Egyptian gods.
Hathor played a variety of roles in Ancient Egypt. She was a sky deity and a consort to Ra and Horus. She was considered the mother of the Pharaohs. She also acted as the Eye of Ra and protected him from his enemies. At one point when she was acting as the eye of Ra she threatened to destroy man, but she was pacified with red tinted beer that she believed was the blood of mankind. She demonstrated the concept of Egyptian femininity by showing both a vengeful side and a benevolent side. She was a consort to many gods. Hathor also helped souls in the afterlife.

An Illustrated Dictionary of the Gods and Symbols of Ancient Egypt. London: Thames and Hudson, 1980. Much like George Hart's Dictionary (see above), it is a mini encyclopedia describing the gods and symbols of Egypt. It is very good, although Hart's work is preferred.

Mertz, Barbara. Temples, Tombs, and Hieroglyphs: A Popular History of Ancient Egypt. A small book about the pioneers who explored Egypt and made some of the most fabulous discoveries. Great for those interested in the history of Egyptology. Wilkinson, Richard H. Reading Egyptian Art: A Hieroglyphic Guide to Ancient Egyptian Painting and Sculpture. London: Thames and Hudson, 1992. Another personal favorite. It intimately ties the symbols of ancient Egypt to actual cases of their use in art. Symbols were used in Ancient Egypt to convey important cultural values and relay historical information about gods and kings.
Egyptian symbols are popular due to their ornate detail and symbolic meaning. Each symbol below also contains the meaning of the symbol.

Eye of Horus Symbol. The Eye of Horus is the ancient Egyptian symbol for the sun. The Eye of Horus represents the all-seeing eye so named after Horus, the God of the Sky, who lost an eye during battle. The Eye of Horus represents protection, royal power and good health.

Ankh Symbol. The ankh is a cross with a loop on the top. The ankh is the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic character that symbolized eternal life.