

The Gods

The ancient Egyptians lived long, long ago;
three thousand years counting or more.

With farm land to tend and vast crops to grow,
and pharaohs to give their lives for.

The Nile gave new life and the sun's rays beat down,
over deserts all covered in sand.

The great kings – they reigned with a throne and a crown,
but all men knew gods owned the land.

Sobek was fierce with a crocodile's head;
with deadly teeth just used for biting.

His sweat formed the Nile that flows out to the Med -
he was also a god who loved fighting.

God of the Earth, whose laughter caused quakes:

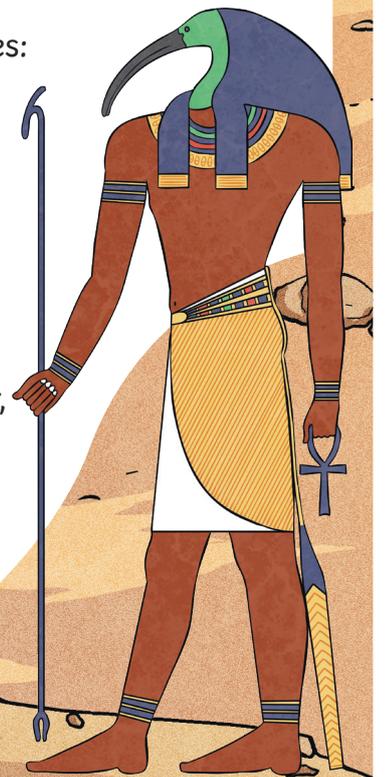
Geb with his sea-filling tears.

A lumbering giant, the father of snakes,
grew crops through his seasons and years.

Thoth was the moon-god; the cosmos-creator,

He balanced o'er evil and good.

A writing-inventor, a world-educator;
a god of baboon brotherhood.



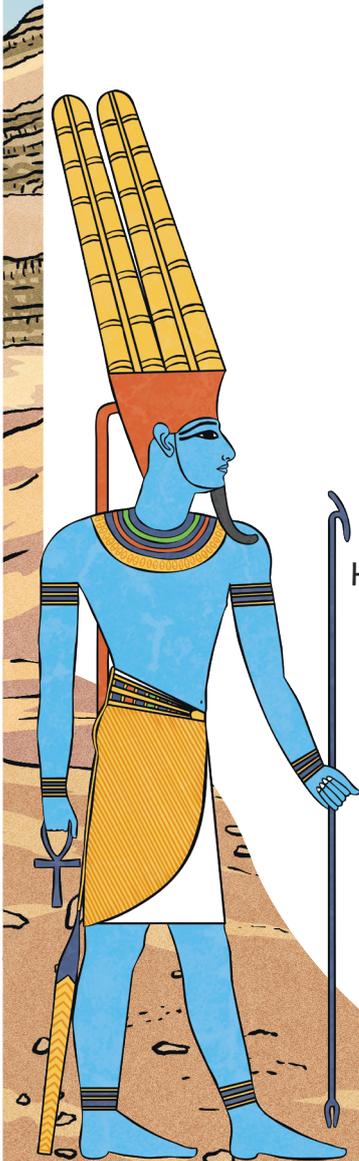
Set loved disorder, violence, delusion;
o'er deserts and great storms he ruled.
Slew his brother, **Osiris** and, in the confusion,
vengeance and war he had fuelled.

Isis was goddess of marriage and magic,
wisdom and motherhood, too.
Mourning her husband (Osiris – so tragic),
she gave life to a privileged few.

With the head of a falcon, the god of the sky,
Horus's dad was Osiris.
He defeated his uncle, though losing an eye,
so the hieroglyphs say on papyrus.

The embalming god with a black jackal's face,
was **Anubis** – the god of the dead.
He weighed sinful hearts in an underworld place;
to the afterlife, good souls he led.

The defining god of Egyptian belief,
was **Ra**, the god of the sun.
He joined up to work with another big chief;
the mysterious, hidden **Amun**.



Together becoming the ultimate being;
the formidable **Amun-Ra**:
the 'King of the Gods'; immense; all seeing;
the maker of sun and all stars.

These are the gods of the ancient Egyptians;
prayed-to, beloved, adored.

Their powers, traditions and every depiction
worshipped and never ignored.

