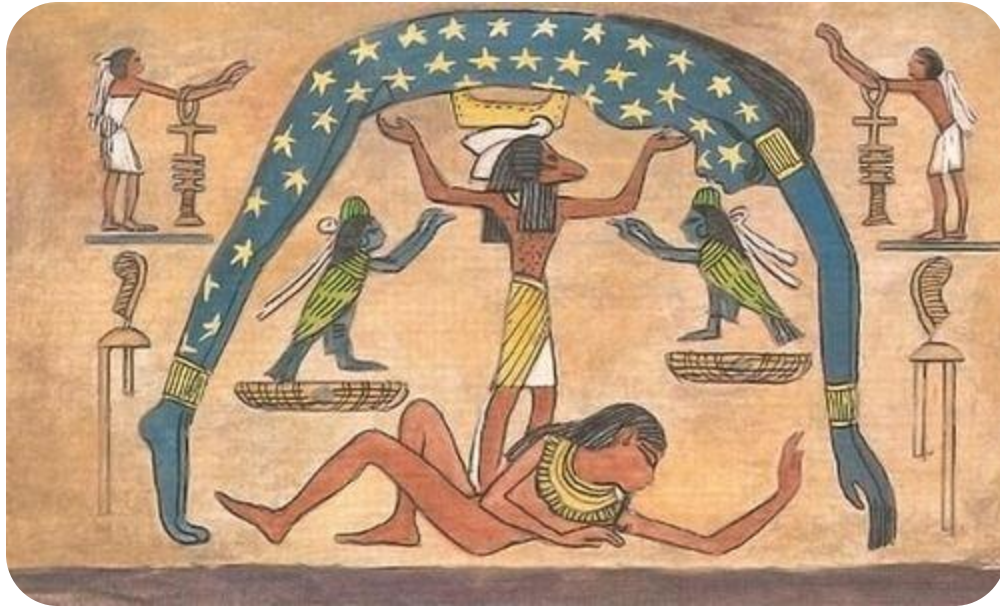


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The Beginning and the End



Book List:

1. The Egyptian Book of the Dead
2. The Red Pyramid Series by Rick Riordan
3. Treasury of Egyptian Mythology by, Donna Jo Napoli
4. Brooklyn House Magician's Manual; Your Guide to Egyptian Gods... by, Rick Riordan
5. Tomb Quest Series by Michael Northrop

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<https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/bitstream/1807/15201/1/MQ54154.pdf> (thesis on the what ancient Egyptians believed about end of the world)

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The Beginning



In the beginning, there was only water, called Nun. From the middle of that water came a thump of a heart, and a spark of thought. The god Ra sprang to life from the thump and spark. Ra wanted to create, he felt he was “born” to create. With his words (Tehuti/ Thoth) he created the first firmament. With the air from his lungs, another entity, Shu. With the moisture from his mouth formed a goddess, Tefnut.

Shu and Tefnut roamed through creation and got lost. When they were finally found, Ra cried and from his tears came more life; humans.

Geb and Nut were the children of Shu and Tefnut. They didn't want to physically separate after their parents created them. Shu stood between them and forced them apart. He lifted Nut high, and she became the sky, while Geb lay still as the earth.

Nut and Geb had five children, Usir (Osiris), Aset (Isis), Set (Seth), Nebet Hut (Nephthys), and Heru Wer (Horus the Elder). It is these five gods that most of the Egyptian myths are about.

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The End

The Prophecy of Nefertiti is a text preserved on papyrus that discusses the end times. It was written as political propaganda by Amenemhat I.

" I show you the land in turmoil. what should not be has come to pass. Men will seize weapons of warfare, the land will live in uproar. Men will make arrows of copper, will crave blood for bread, will laugh aloud at distress. None will weep over death, none will wake fasting for death, each man's heart is for himself. Mourning is not done today, hearts have quite abandoned it. A man sits with his back turned. while one slays another. I show you the son as enemy, the brother as foe, a man slaying his father."

In chapter 175 of The Book of the Dead, you can find more talk about the end times.

" (The deceased asks Atum) : "What will be the duration of my life" - so said he Atum: "You shall be for millions on millions of years, a lifetime of millions of years. I will dispatch the Elders and destroy all that I have made; the earth shall return to the Abyss, to the surging flood, as in its original state. But I will remain with Osiris, I will transform myself into something else, namely a serpent, without men knowing or the gods seeing. (68) "



Osiris and Atum painting in the tomb of Nefertiti

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Discussion Questions

1. Based on what you've researched, who are the gods depicted in the statue to the right?
2. The first nine gods were called the Pesedjet. Name the gods and what they're in charge of.
3. How was the Sky and Earth made?
4. According to the Ancient Egyptians, what can we expect in the end times?

Activities

1. Write an interesting fiction on how the earth was made, or how humans were made. Be creative.
2. Make a painting in the Egyptian style.
3. Research Ma'at and the Duat. Write a report.
4. Watch this Youtube video about the Egyptian creation myths:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHdg8yENKJk>
5. Watch the movie, Gods of Egypt (be advised – it's rated PG-13)





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