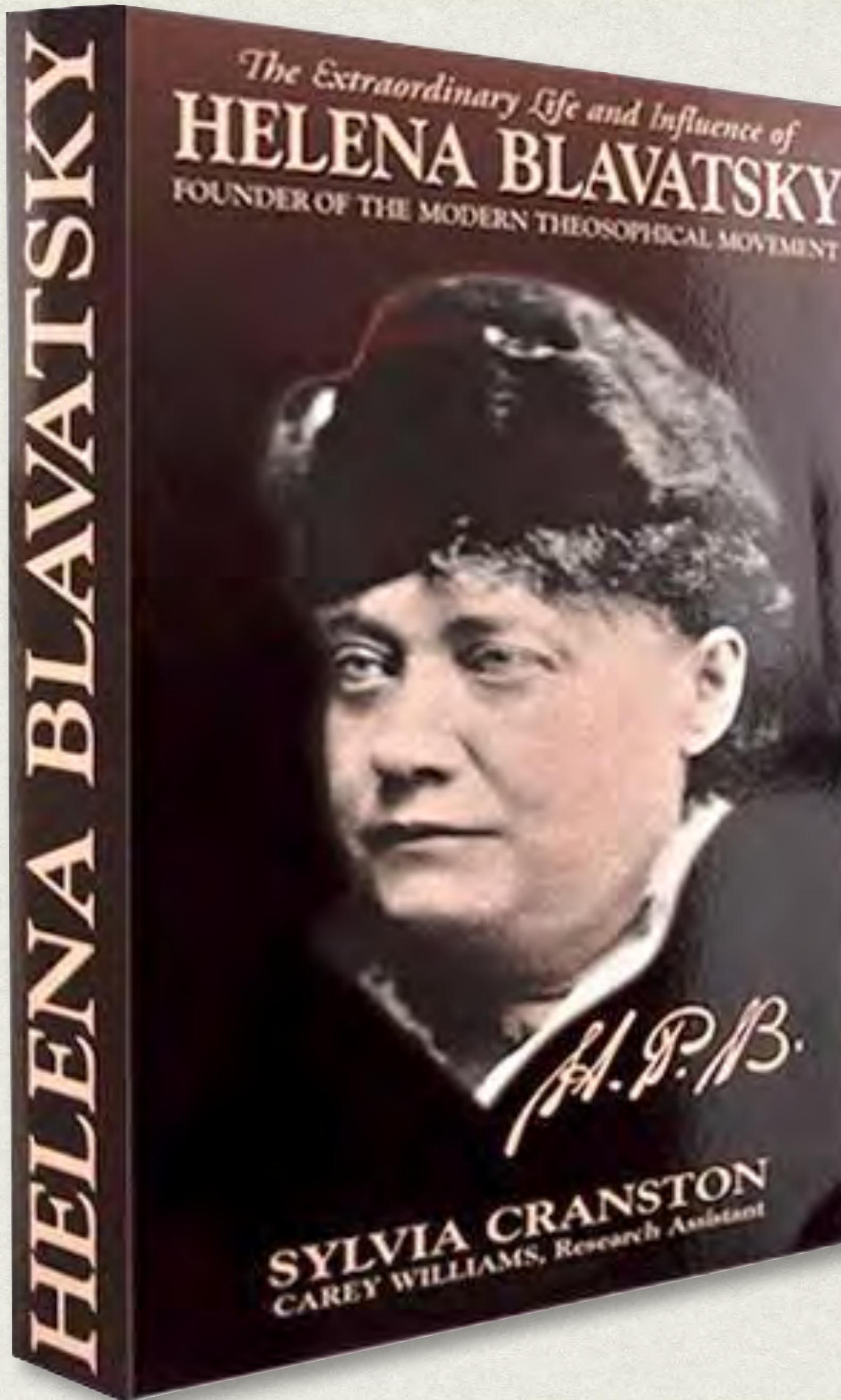




HPB in 1889
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I well remember when stretched at full length on the ground, her chin reclining on her two palms, and, her two elbows buried deep in the soft sand, she used to dream aloud, and tell us of her visions, evidently clear, vivid, and as palpable as life to her! How lovely the description she gave us of the submarine life of all those beings, the mangled remains of which were now crumbling to dust around us. How vividly she described their past fights and battles on the spot where she lay, assuring us she saw it all; and how minutely she drew on the sand with her finger the fantastic forms of the long dead sea monsters, and made us almost see the very colors of the fauna and flora of those dead regions. Helena spoke of reincarnation even in those early days.



HPB as a young woman

It was her delight to gather around herself a party of us younger children at twilight, and, after taking us into the large dark museum [of her grandmother's house] to hold us there spellbound with her weird stories. Each of the stuffed animals in the museum had taken her in turn into its confidence, had divulged to her the history of its life in previous incarnations or existences. Where had she heard of reincarnation, or who could have taught her anything of the superstitious mysteries of metempsychosis in a Christian family? Yet, she would stretch herself on her favorite animal, a gigantic stuffed seal, and caressing its silvery, soft white skin, she would repeat to us his adventures as told to her by *himself*, in such glowing colors and eloquent style, that even grown up persons found themselves involuntarily interested in her narratives. –H.P.B.: The Extraordinary Life and Influence of Helena Blavatsky:26-7

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Buddhi – Spiritual soul

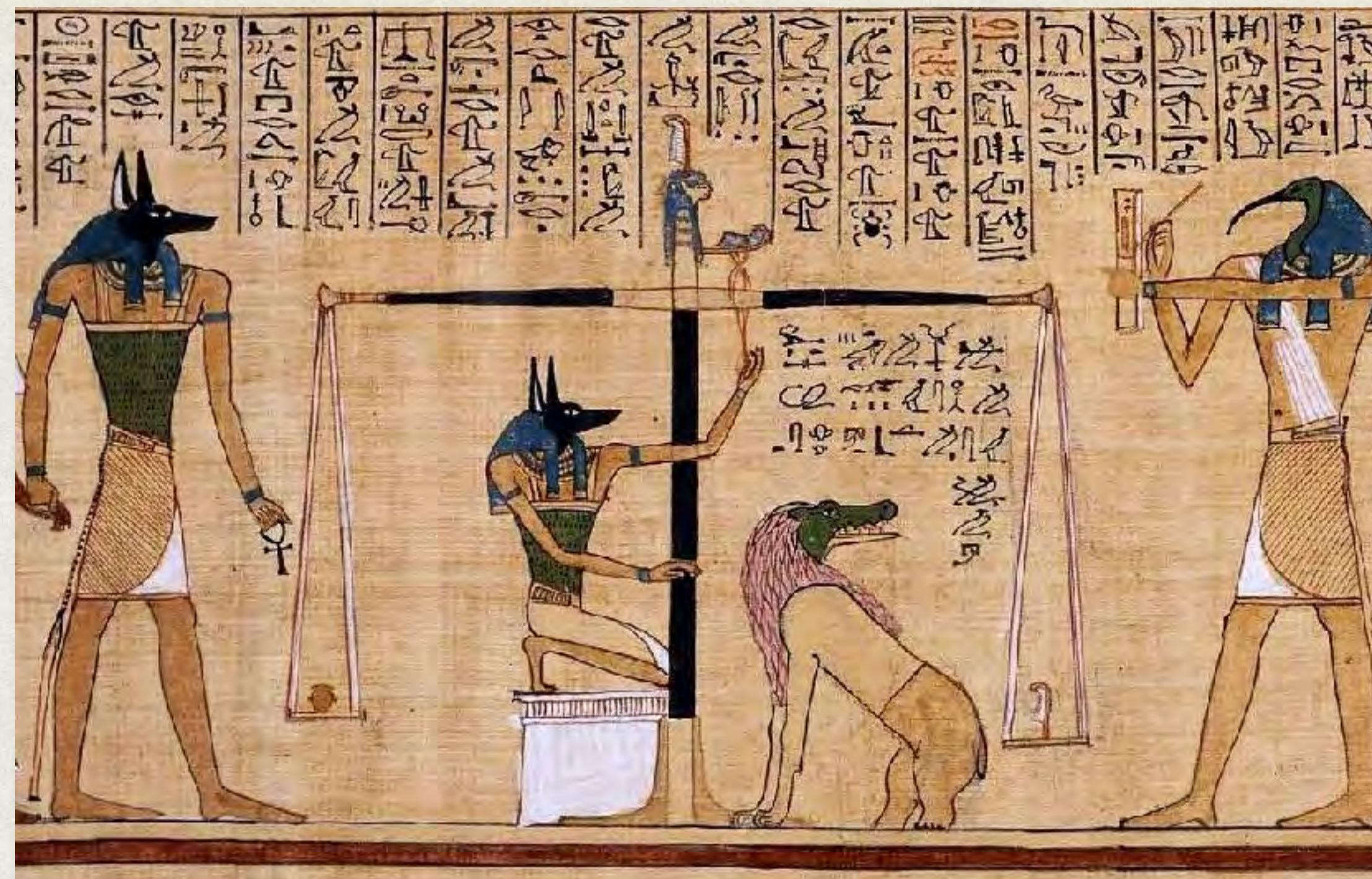
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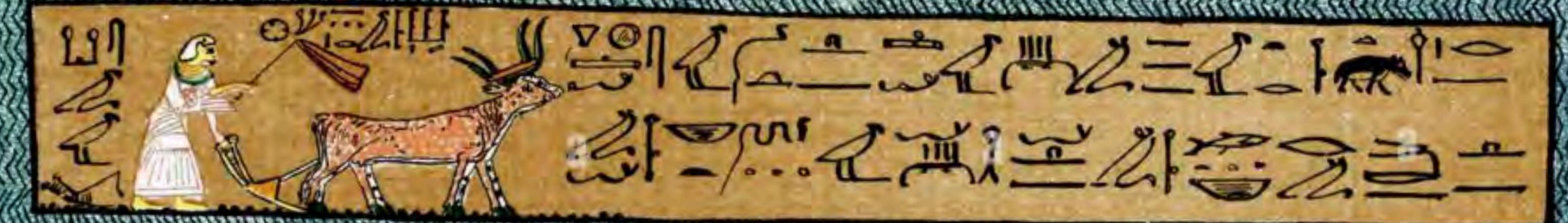
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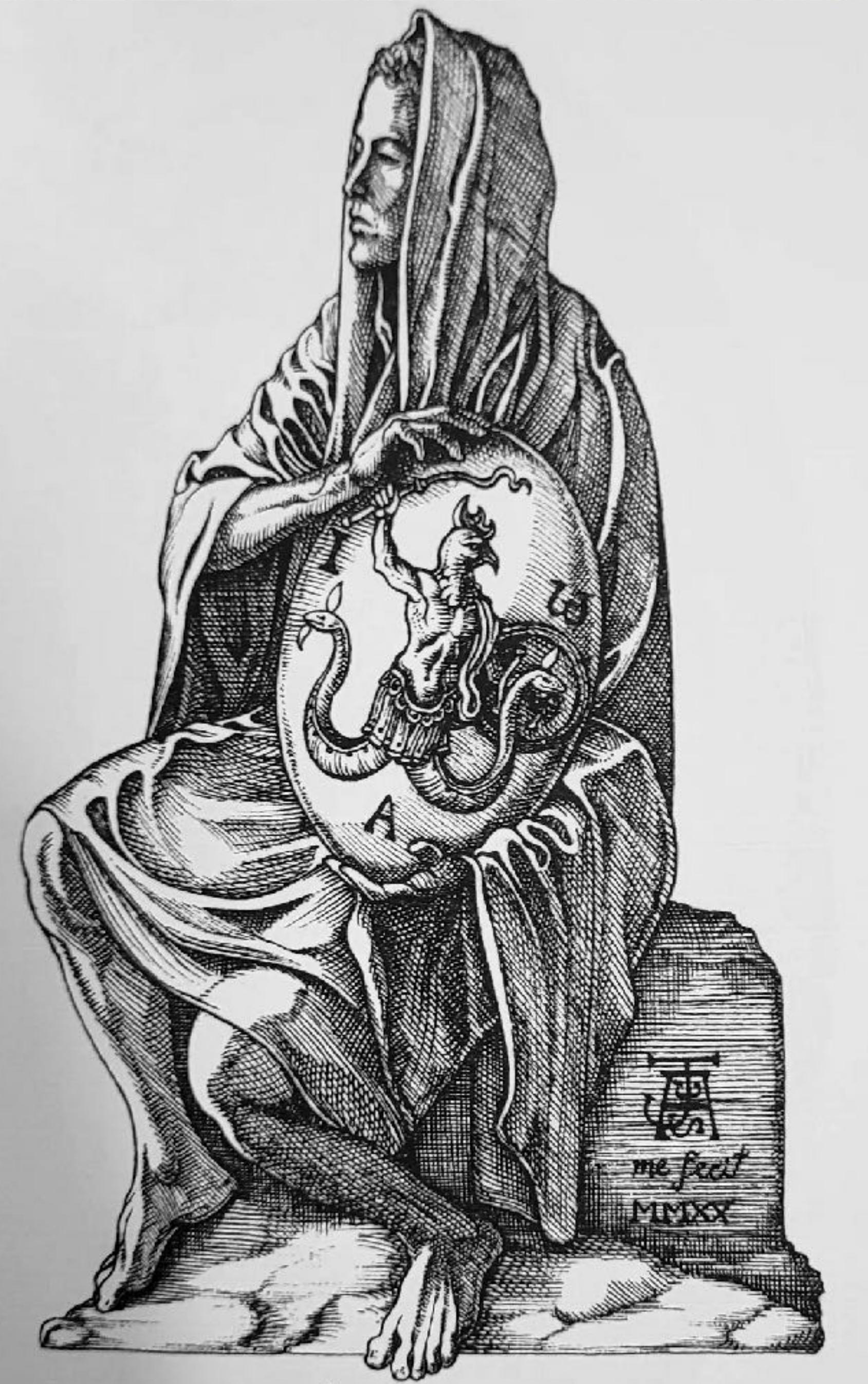
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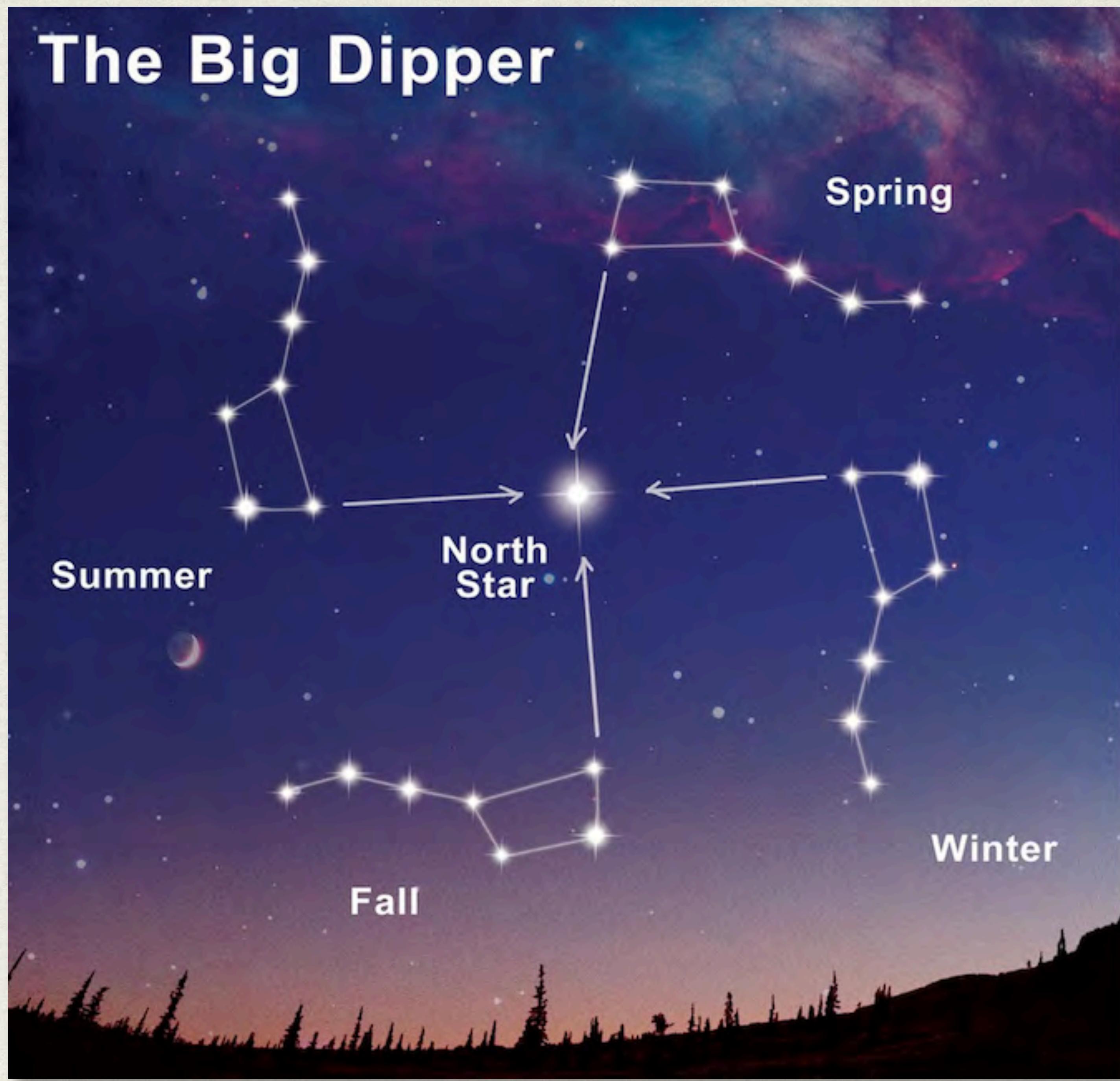
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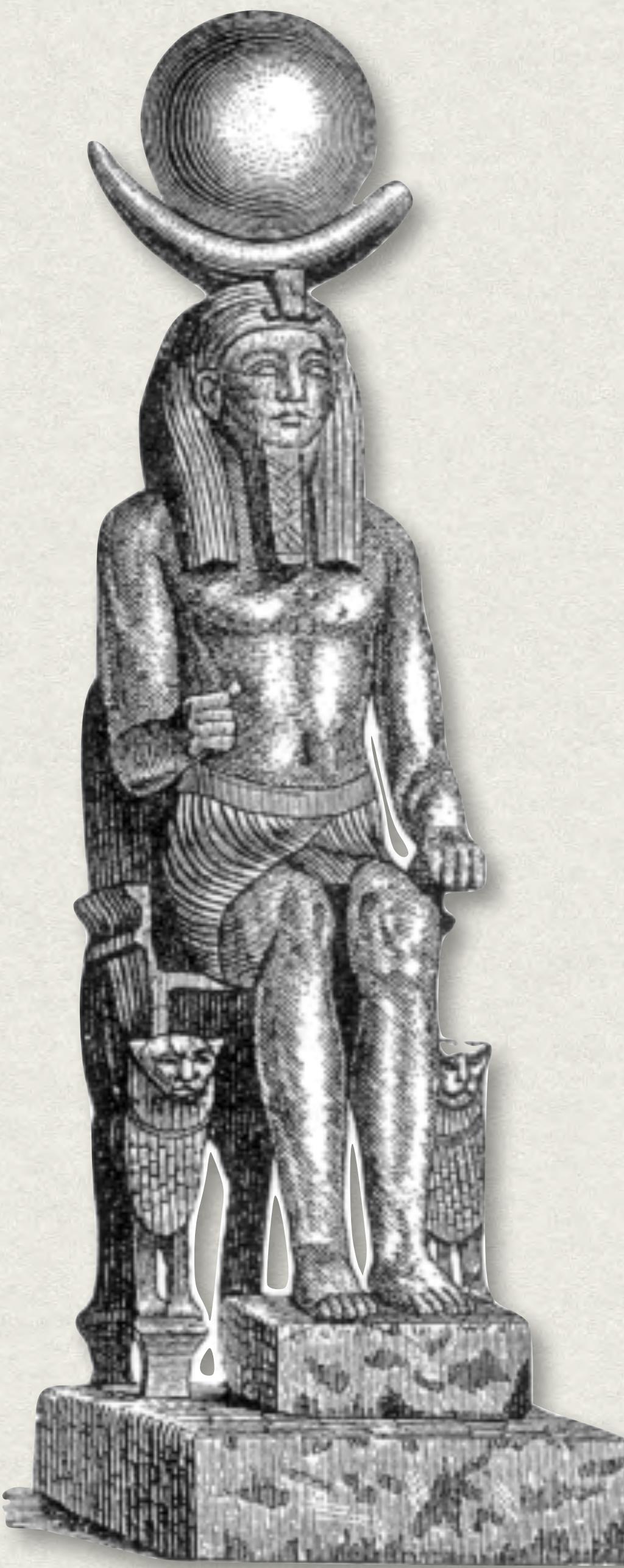
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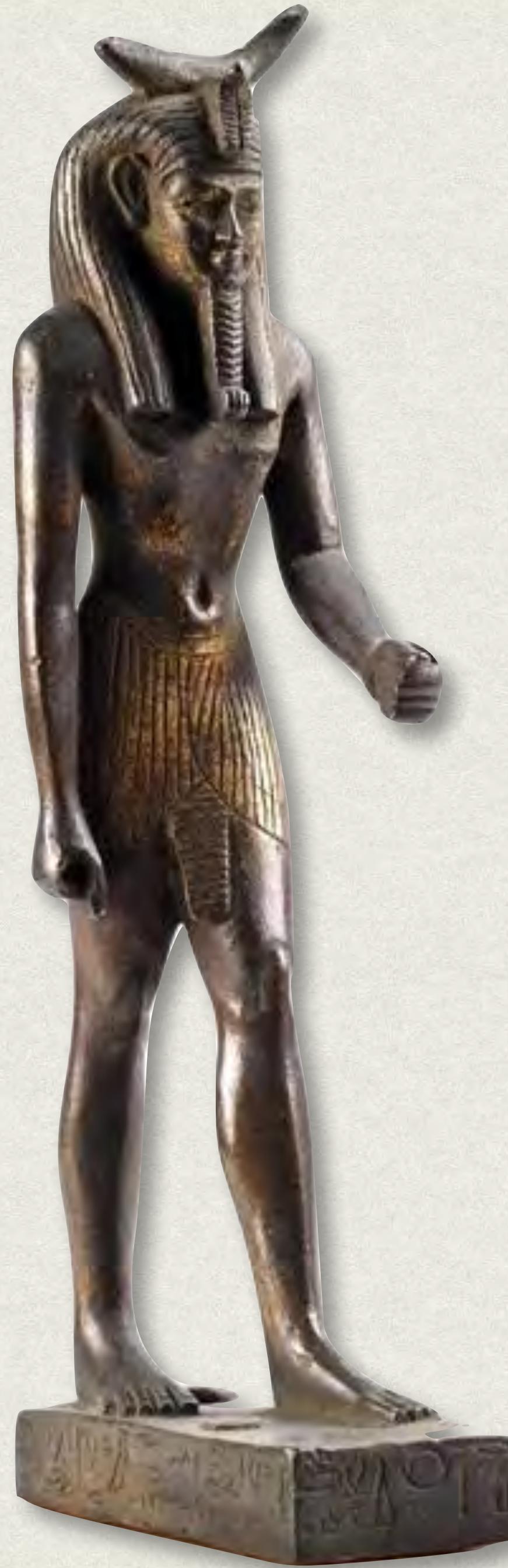
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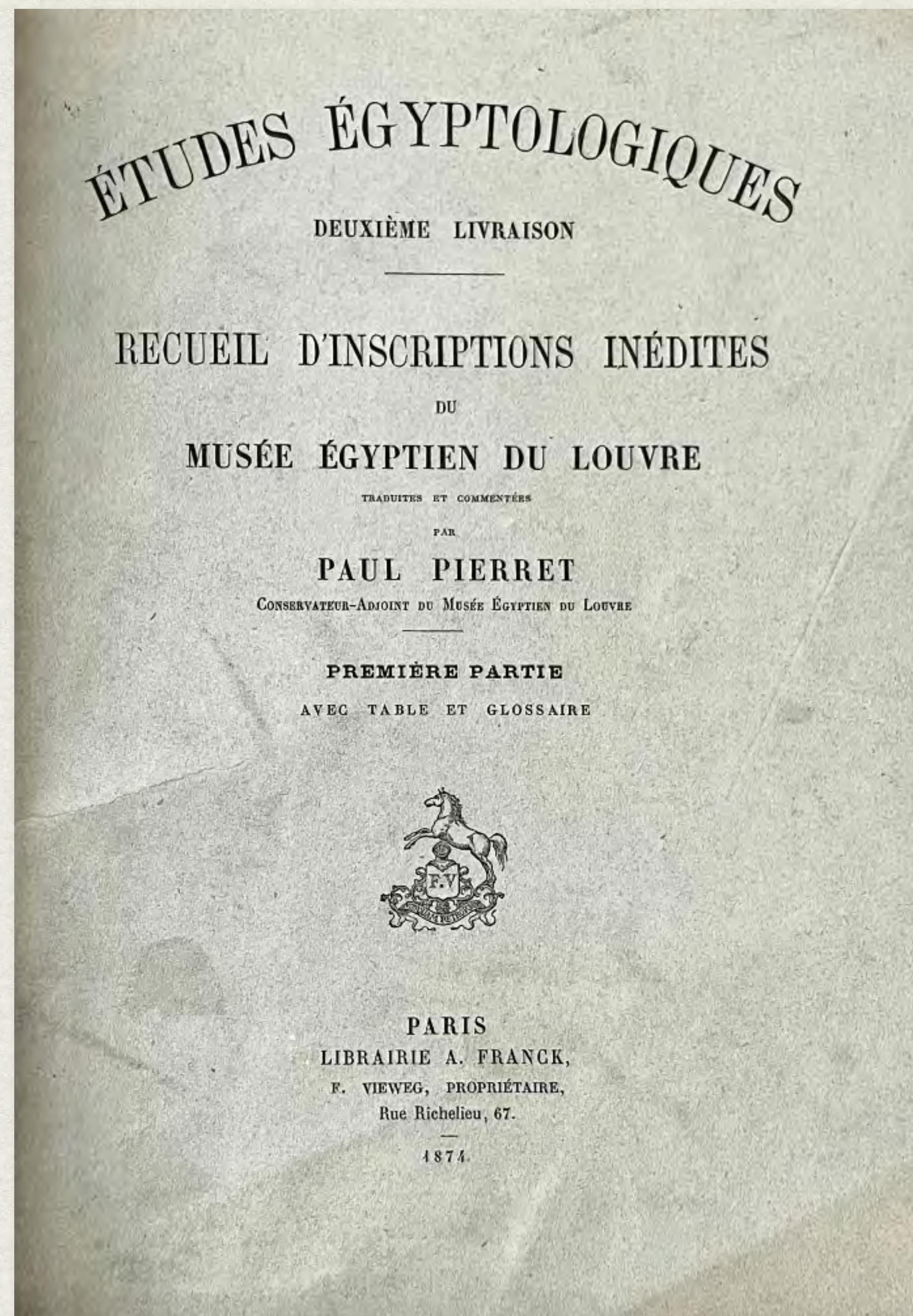
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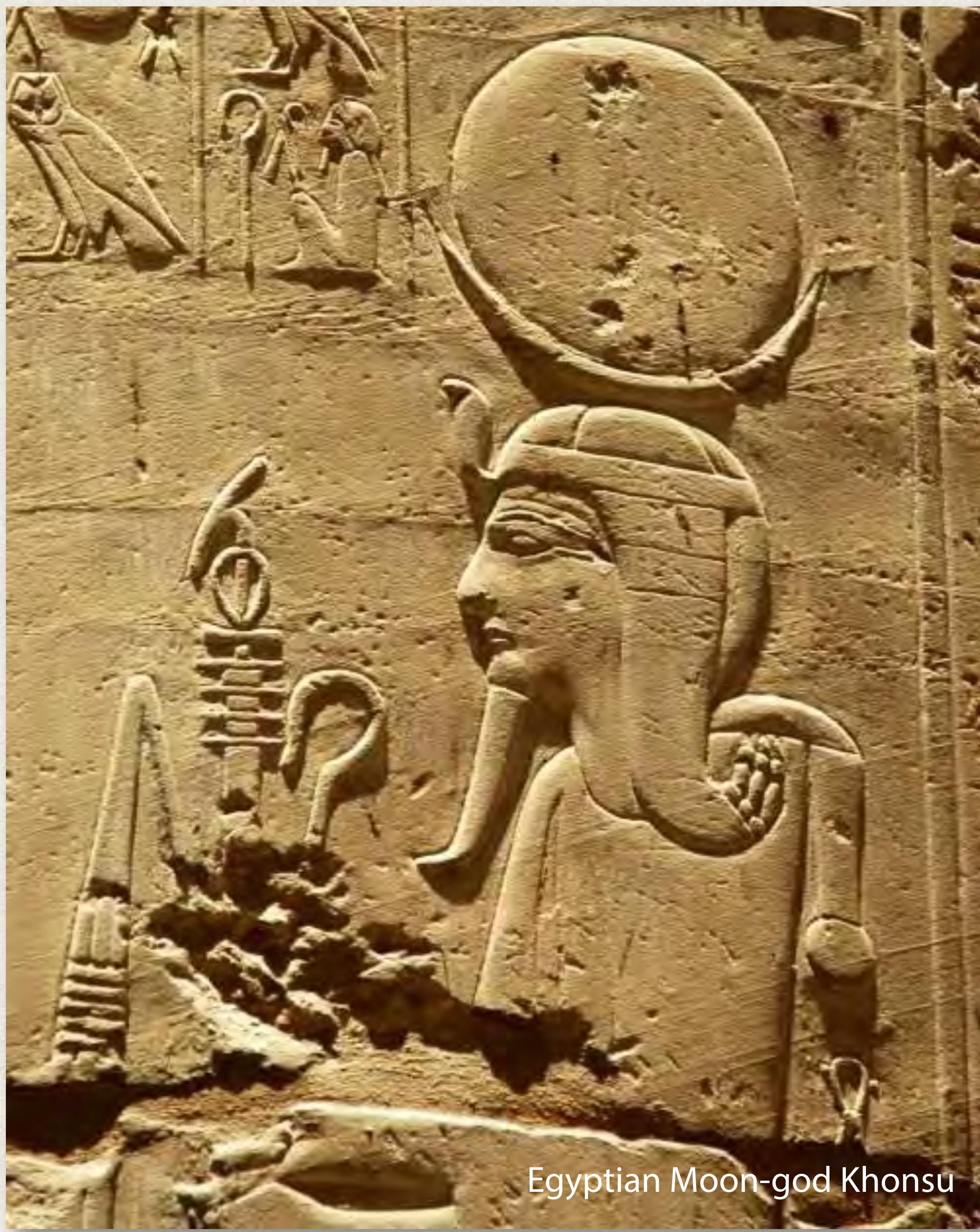
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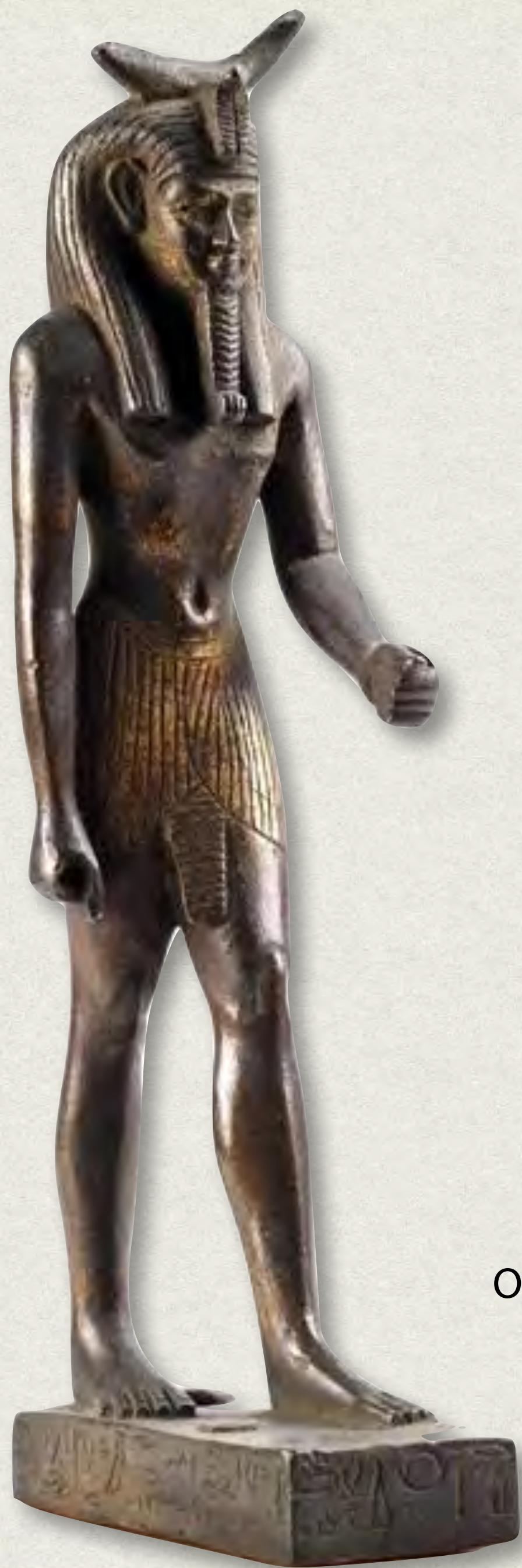
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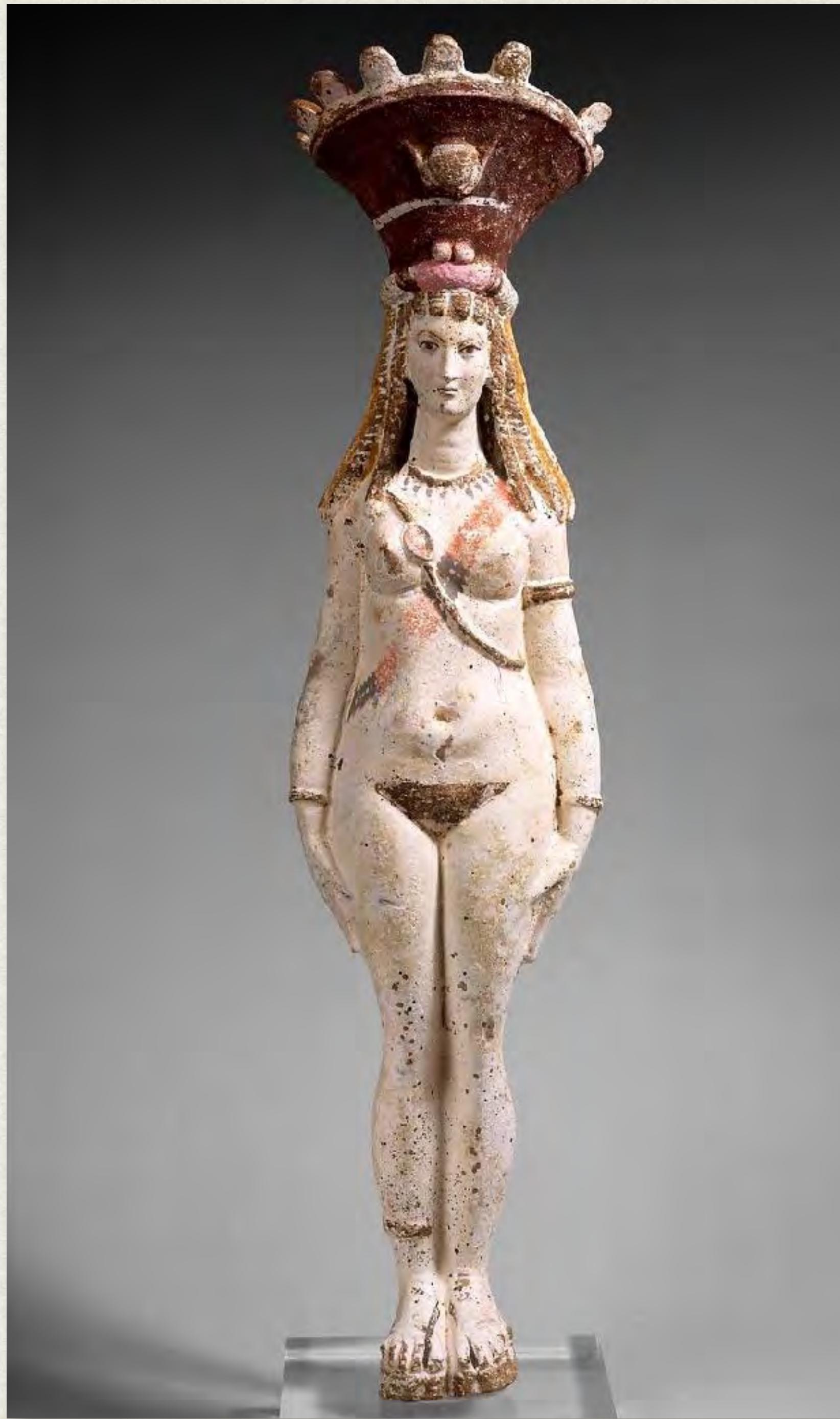
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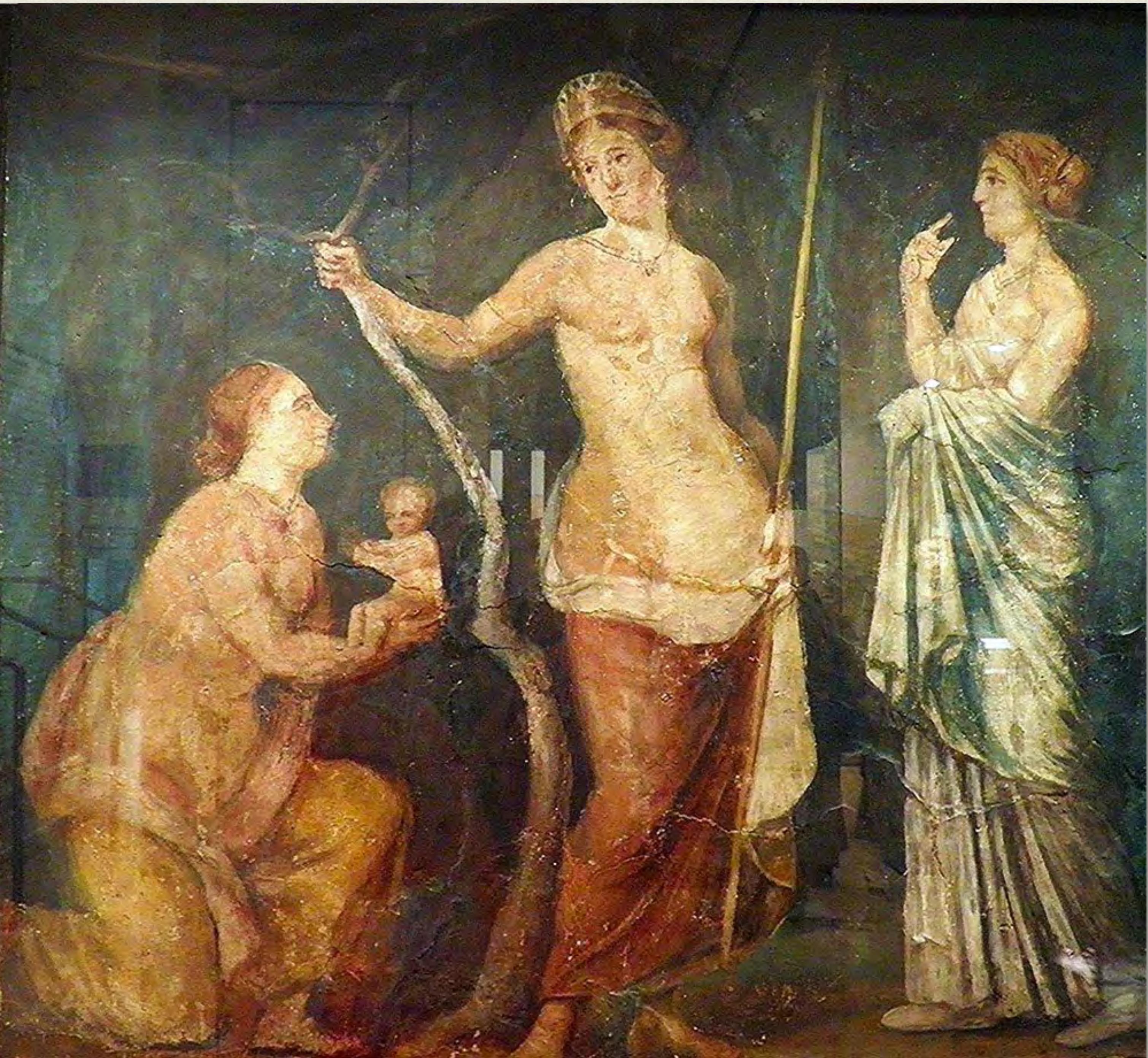
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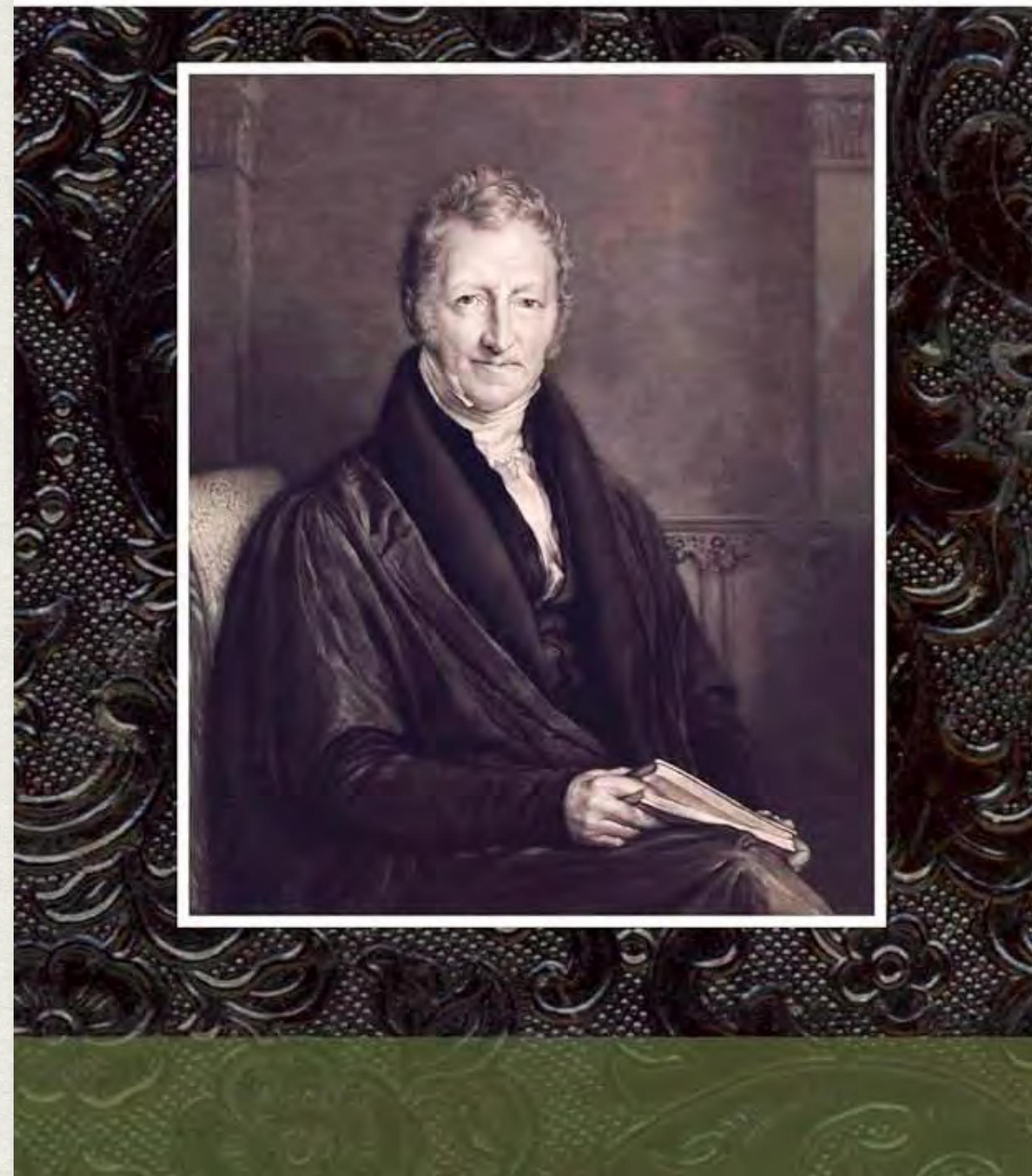
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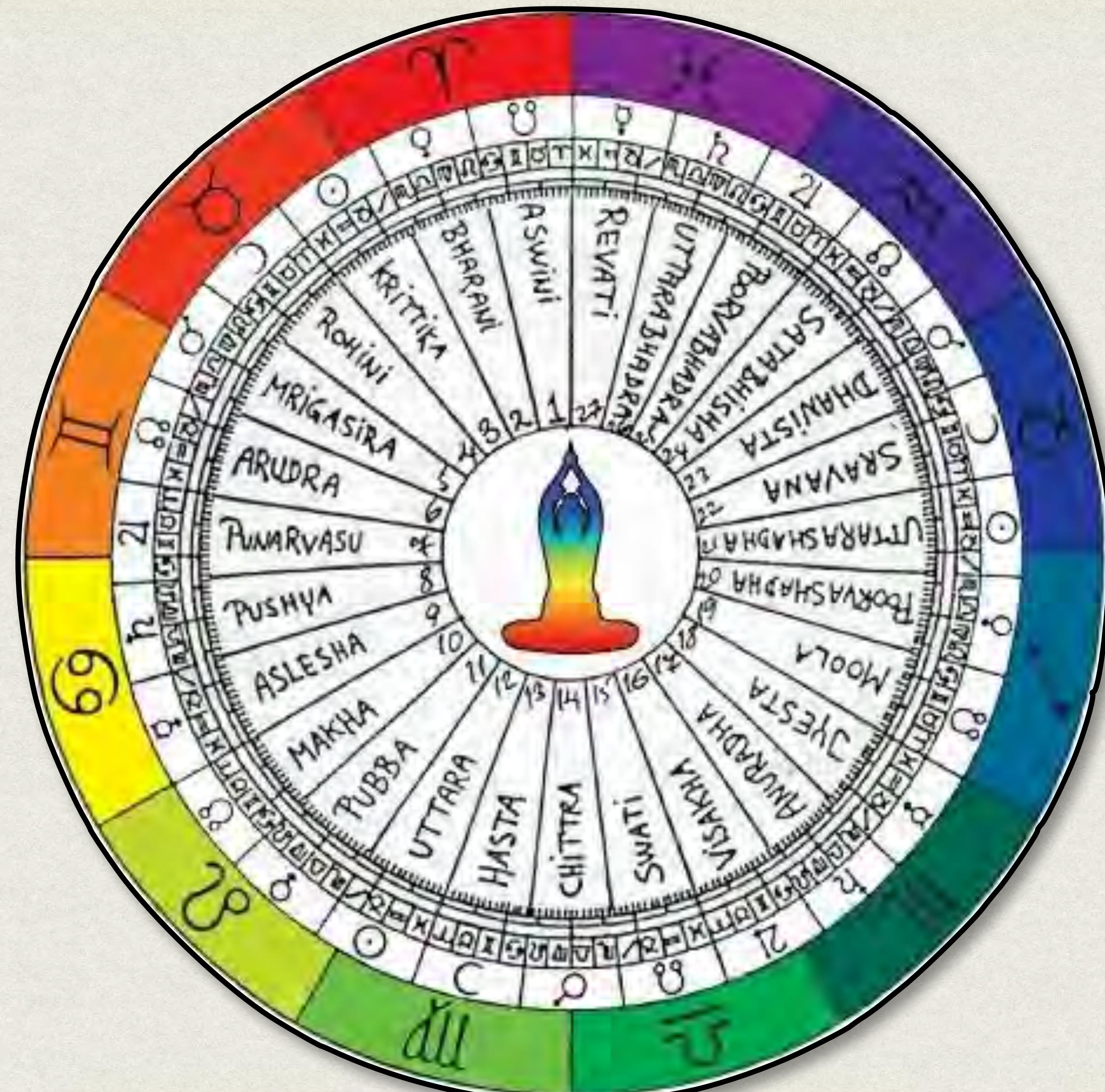
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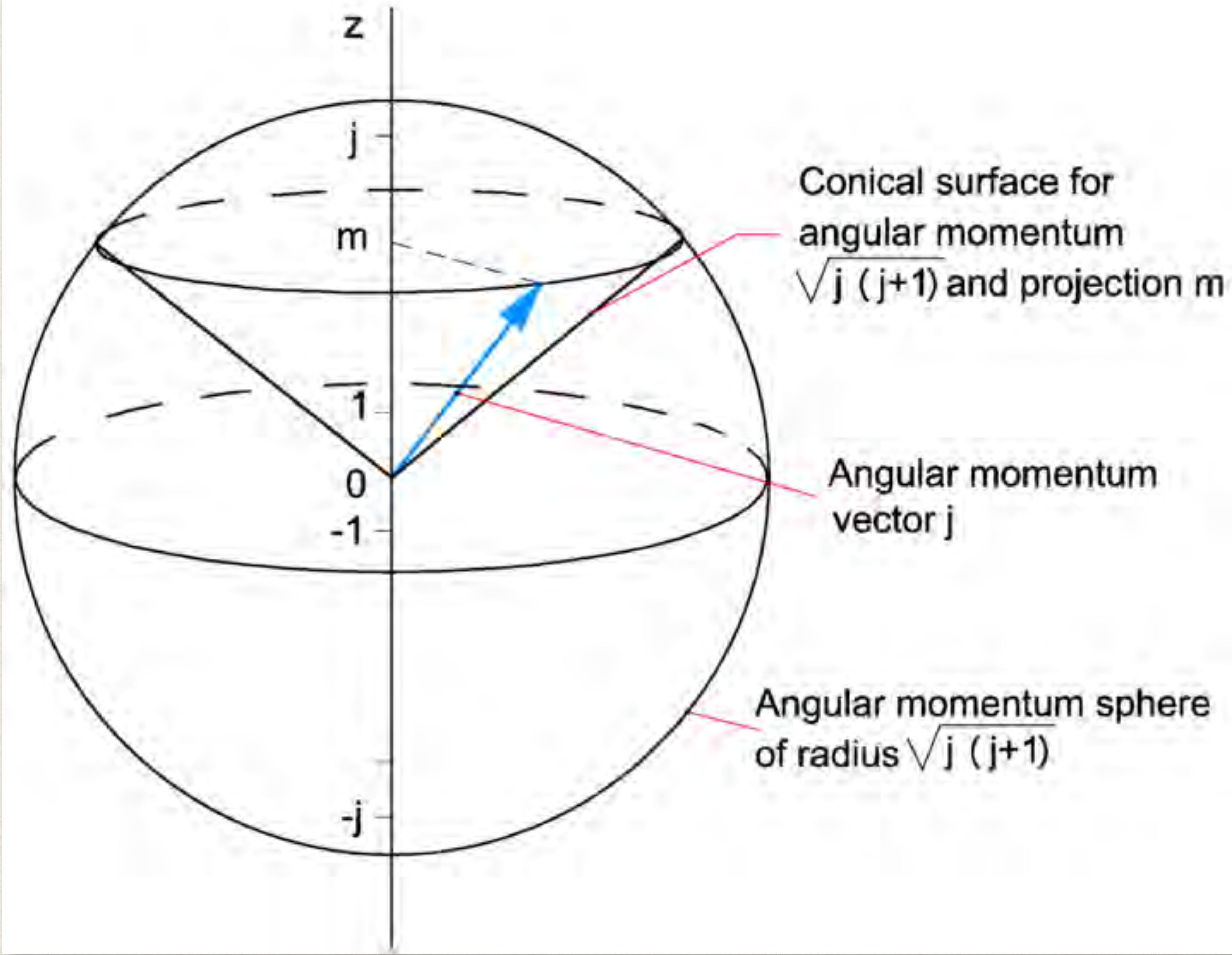
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Thot-Hermes is a generic name, as is Enoch (Enichion, the “inner, spiritual eye”), Nebo, the prophet and seer, etc. It is not the proper name of any one living man, but a generic title of many adepts. –SD2:211

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