

Student Essay on Matritorial Society and Religions in Egypt

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Essay

From the beginning of their civilization the Egyptians believed in numerous gods. They worshiped these different gods for numerous things. In the matriarchal society women were being worshiped and thought to be symbolic. In the matriarchal society women were considered to be great, controlling.

In the matriarchal society, the Great Goddess personified Mother Earth and was the supreme deity. She also functioned in 3 associated forms: Goddess of the Under World, Goddess of the Earth and Goddess of the Sky. It was thought to be that the Great Goddess was the source of all human life as well as all food. Societies worshiped her so they can be able to be given those blessings. The queen always personified the spirit of the Great Goddess, and she used political, economic, social, and religious power to rule. All the other women in her kingdom were considered to be the daughters of the Great Goddess. Thus, making all women highly important and extremely valued. In the matriarchal society women were head of their families, and inherited what ever was left to them by their mother. Yearly, the queen choose a man to be her husband, called the sacred king. Each spring, the sacred king would be sacrificed as a part of a religious ceremony, after, she would choose another sacred king and the cycle began again. All over, the matriarchal society was practiced and all over women were considered great.

The Egyptians worshiped hundreds of different gods and goddesses. The Egyptians believed that animals were superior to humans. They thought animal forms were stronger and swifter than the human forms; therefore they worshiped zoomorphic forms before human form. Many of the gods were represented by animals. Each god had its own representation and stood for something different that was to be worshiped.

Both ancient civilizations believed in the worshiping of gods and goddess. They both believed that if they worship these gods they will be rewarded with blessings. Both civilizations held several different religious ceremonies towards their gods.