



MILUSA

HAT TI

URARTU

EDISSA

Catalhöyük

HALDU

ASSYRIA

MANNAI

AMURRU

AKKAD

MEDIA

Sumer

ELAM

ZAGROS MOUNTAINS

PARSIA

KEMET

MAGAN

WAWAT

KUSH

TRU



Assur

ASSYRIA  
MESOPOTAMIA

ZAGROS MOUNTAINS

Khalaje

Agade  
Babylon  
Kish

Tigris River

BABYLONIA

Susa

Nippur

Isin

Umma

SUMER

Euphrates River

Uruk

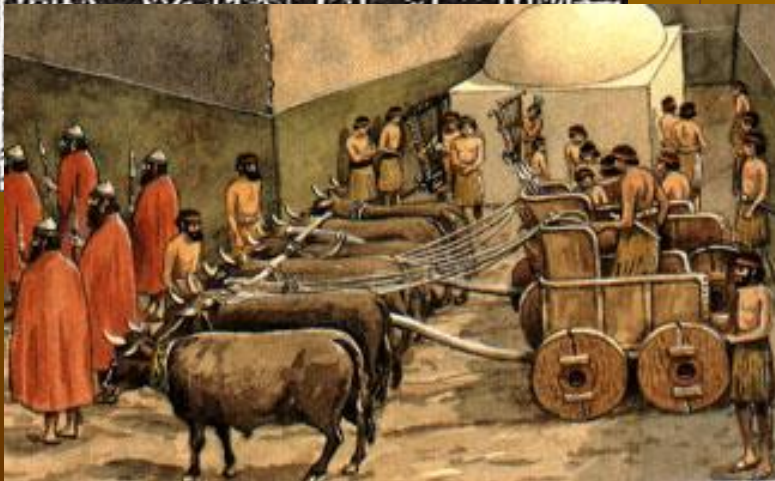
Larsa

Lagash

ELAM

Ur  
Endu

Persian Gulf



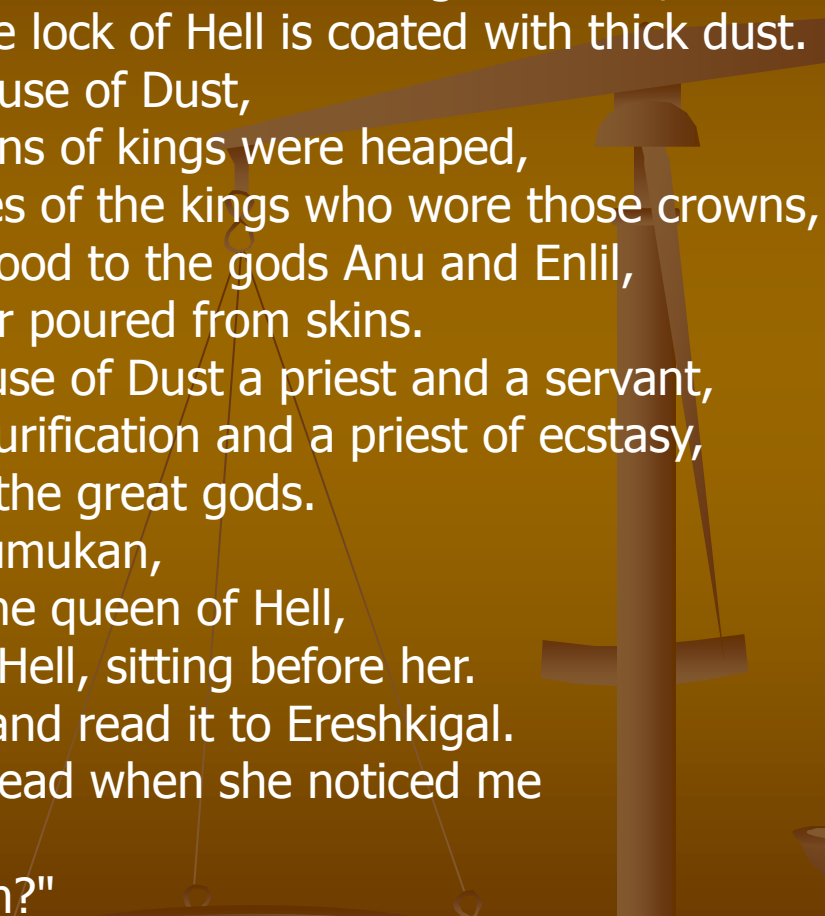
## Hammurabi's Code



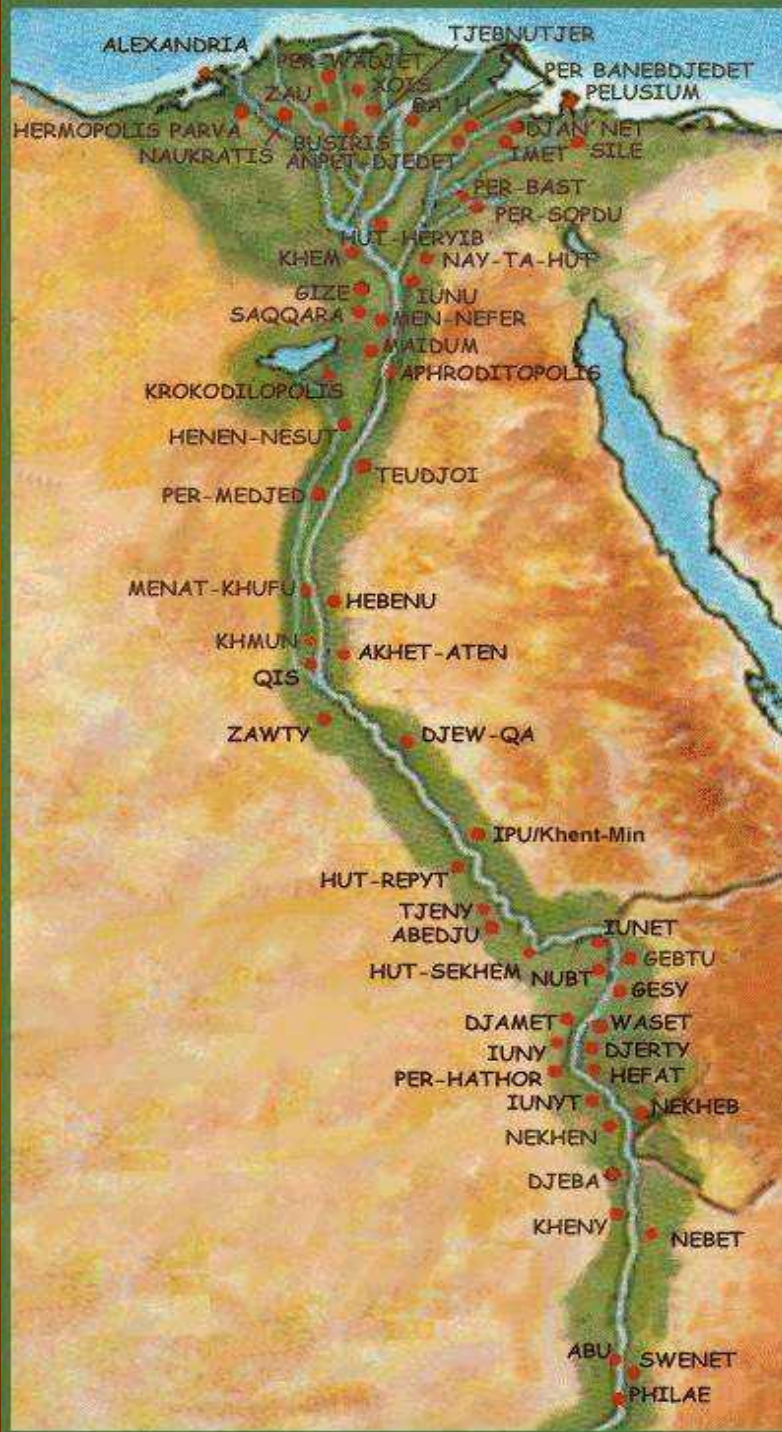
## THE EPIC OF GILGAMESH



Father, let me have the Bull of Heaven  
To kill Gilgamesh and his city.  
For if you do not grant me the Bull of Heaven,  
I will pull down the Gates of Hell itself,  
Crush the doorposts and flatten the door,  
And I will let the dead leave  
And let the dead roam the earth  
And they shall eat the living.  
The dead will overwhelm all the living!



The house where the dead dwell in total darkness,  
Where they drink dirt and eat stone,  
Where they wear feathers like birds,  
Where no light ever invades their everlasting darkness,  
Where the door and the lock of Hell is coated with thick dust.  
When I entered the House of Dust,  
On every side the crowns of kings were heaped,  
On every side the voices of the kings who wore those crowns,  
Who now only served food to the gods Anu and Enlil,  
Candy, meat, and water poured from skins.  
I saw sitting in this House of Dust a priest and a servant,  
I also saw a priest of purification and a priest of ecstasy,  
I saw all the priests of the great gods.  
There sat Etana and Sumukan,  
There sat Ereshkigal, the queen of Hell,  
Beletseri, the scribe of Hell, sitting before her.  
Beletseri held a tablet and read it to Ereshkigal.  
She slowly raised her head when she noticed me  
She pointed at me:  
"Who has sent this man?"





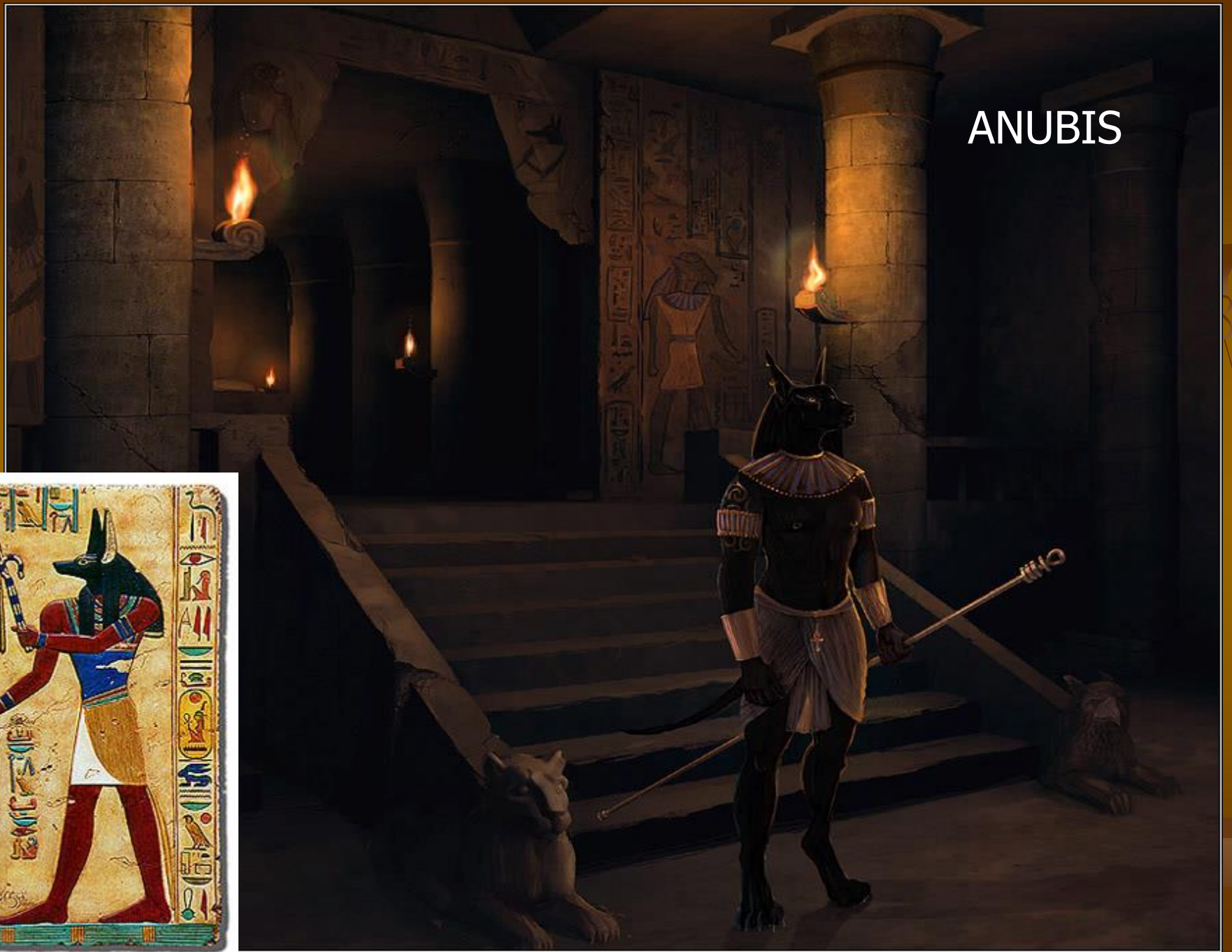
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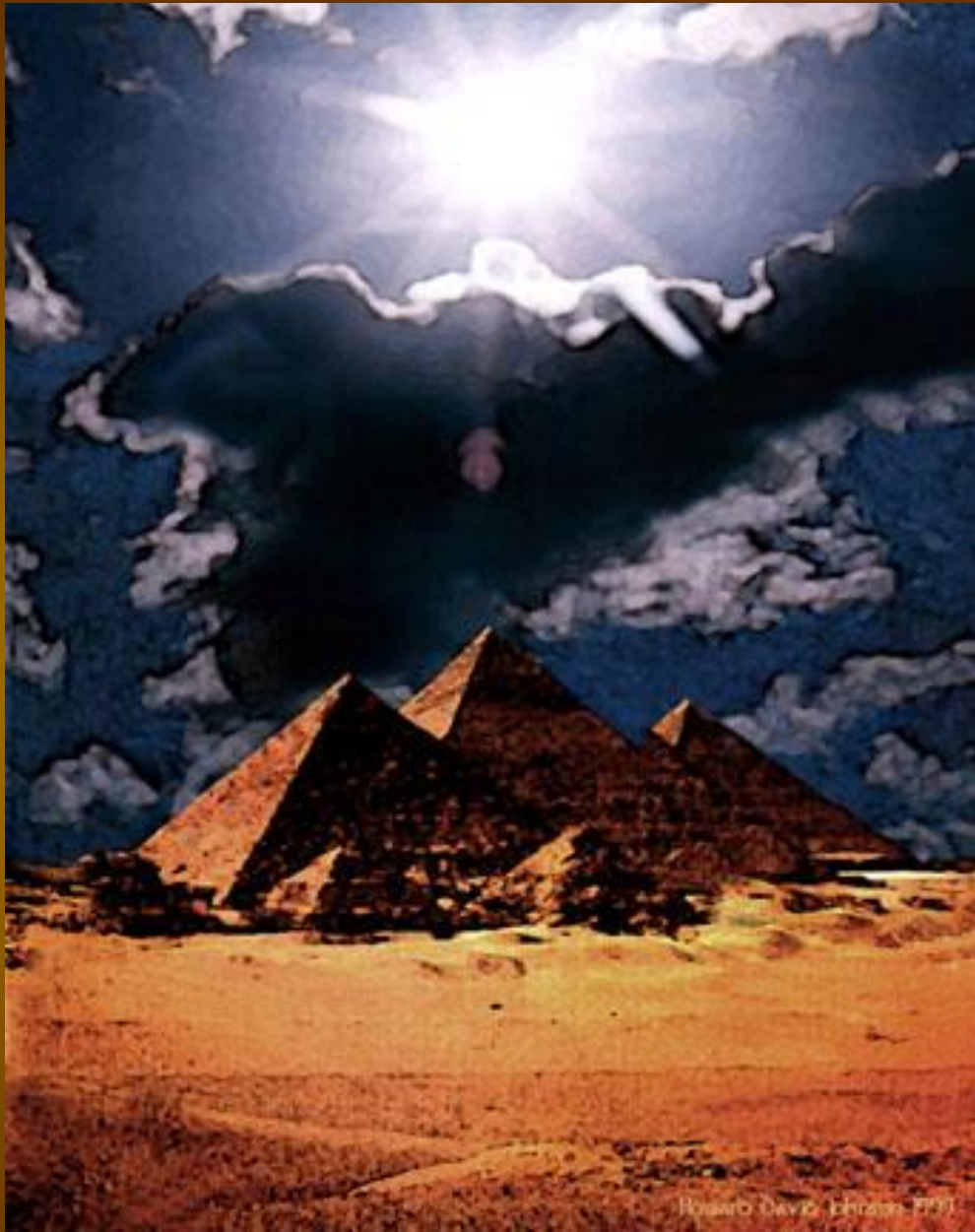






# ANUBIS





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Mohenjo-Daro  
*Indus*

Taxila

Harappā

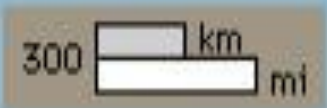
Rūpar

Kalibangan

Lothal

*Arabian  
Sea*

*Bay of  
Bengal*

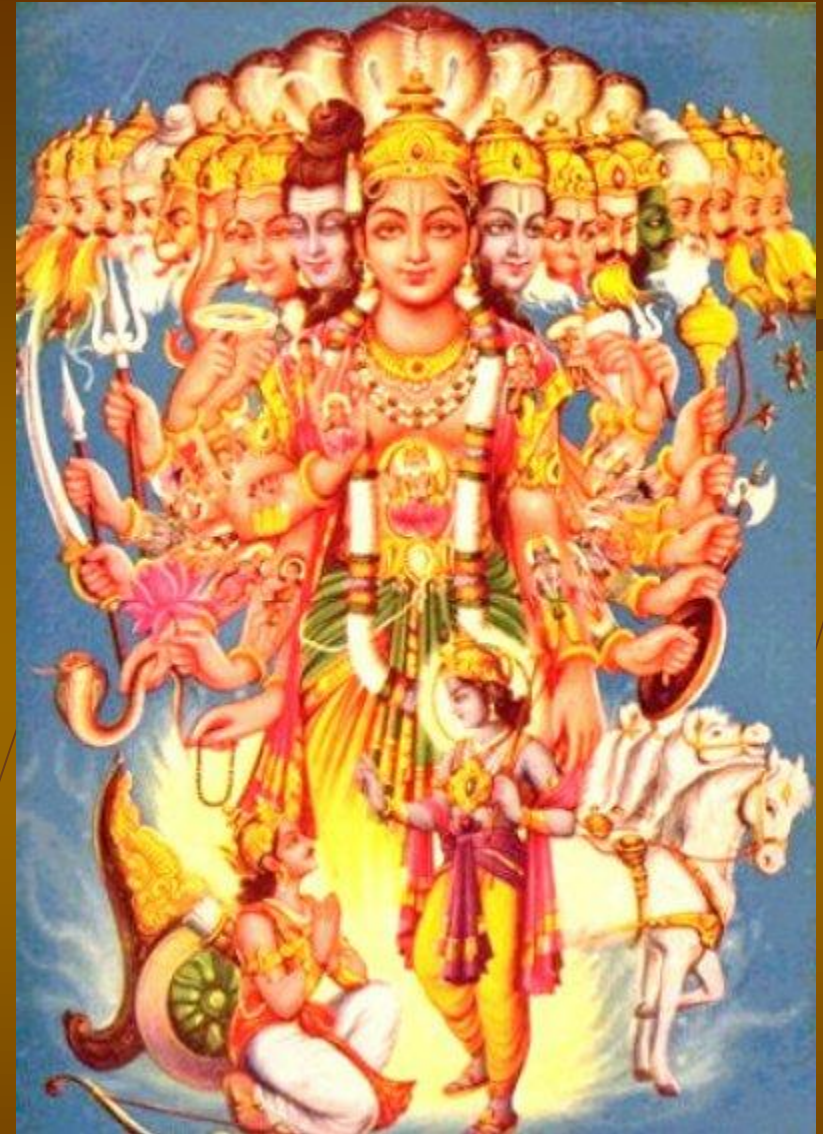


Indus Valley





BRAHMA the  
Creator

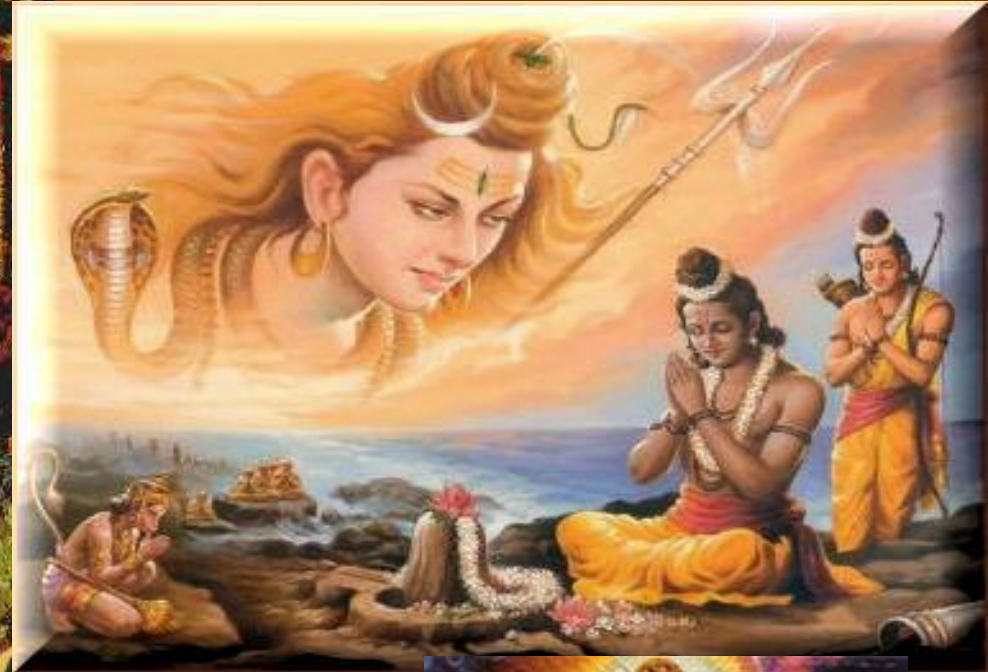
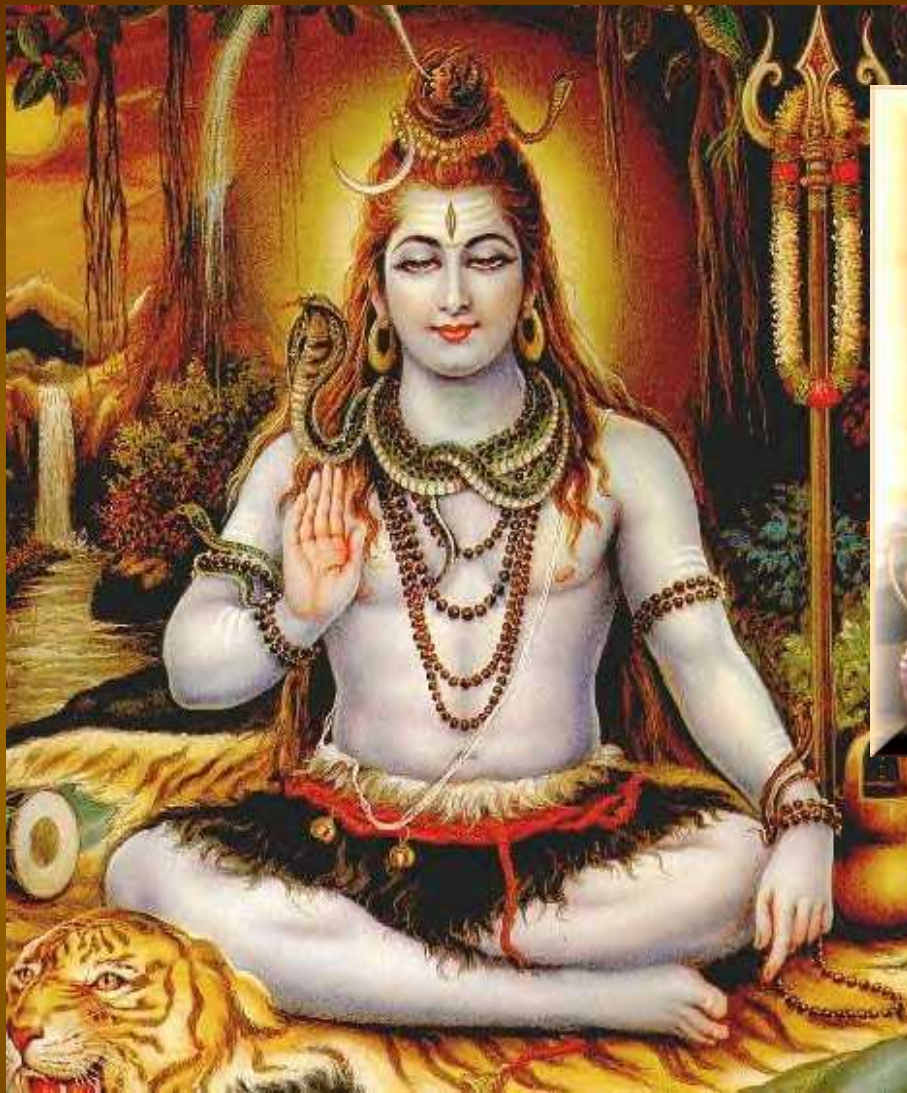


Though One, Brahman is the cause of the many.  
Brahman is the unborn (aja) in whom all existing things abide. The One manifests as the many, the formless putting on forms. (**Rig Veda**)



VISHNU, sustainer of Life





Shiva the Destroyer





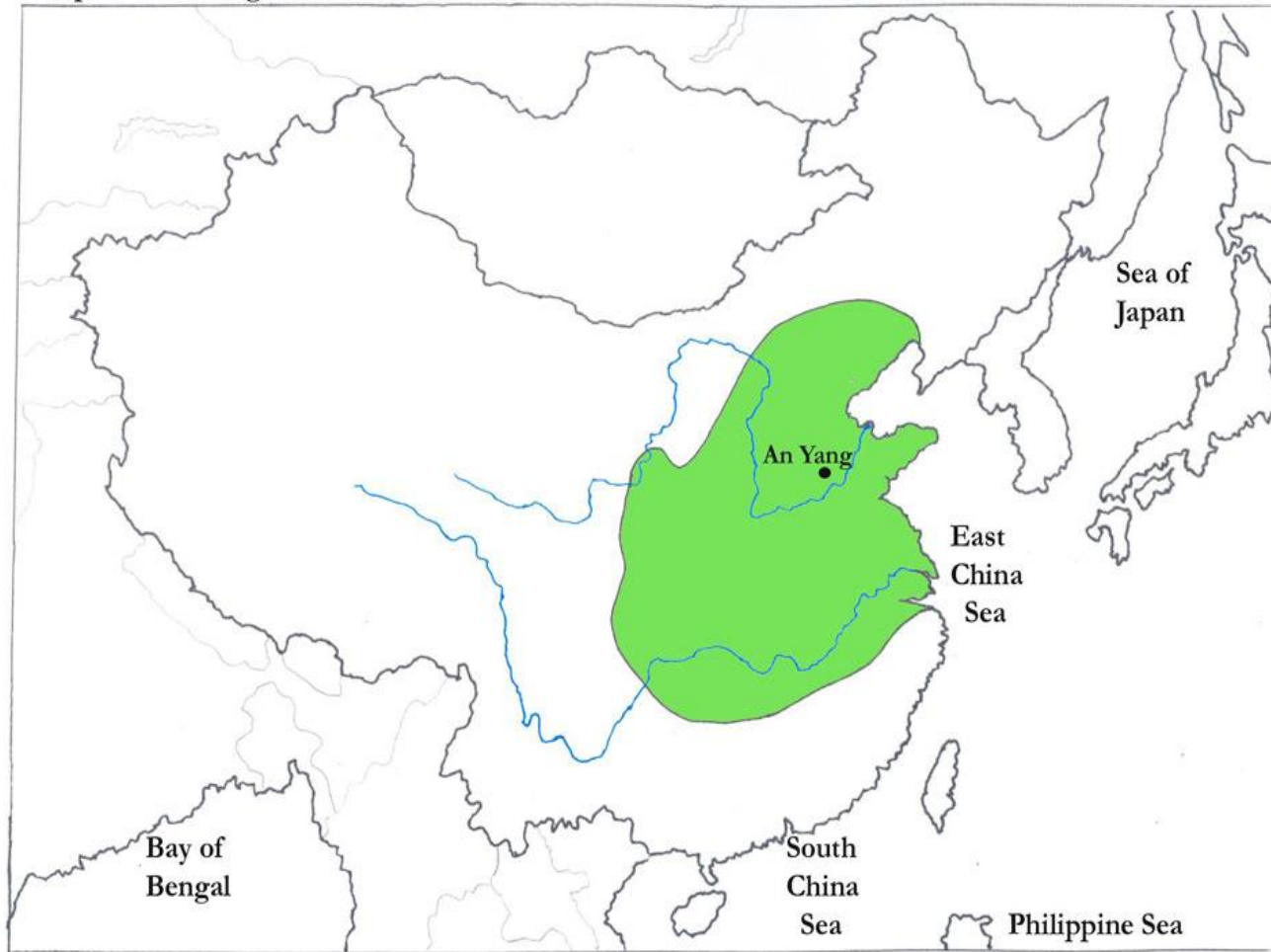


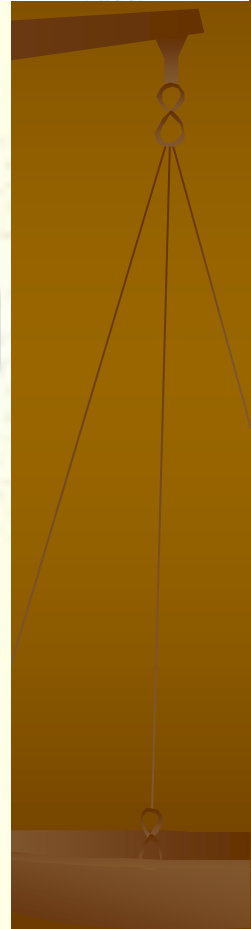


Irony of the Caste system: Dalits, "Untouchables", and a Brahma Bull

# Shang Dynasty (1765-1112 BCE)

Capital : An Yang







# LAO TZU AND THE WAY: TAO

*There is a thing, formless yet complete. Before heaven and earth it existed. Without sound, without substance, it stands alone and unchanging. It is all-pervading and unfailing. We do not know its name, but we call it Tao. .. Being one with nature, the sage is in accord with the Tao.*  
(Lao Tzu)

Dào Dé Jīng Chapter 1					
Tao	k'ò	tao,	fei	ch'ang	tao.
道	可	道。	非	常	道
Way	can	speak,	not	constant	way.
Dào	kě	dào,	fēi	cháng	dào.
Ming	k'ò	ming,	fei	ch'ang	ming.
名	可	名。	非	常	名
Name	can	name,	not	constant	name.
Míng	kě	míng,	fēi	cháng	míng.





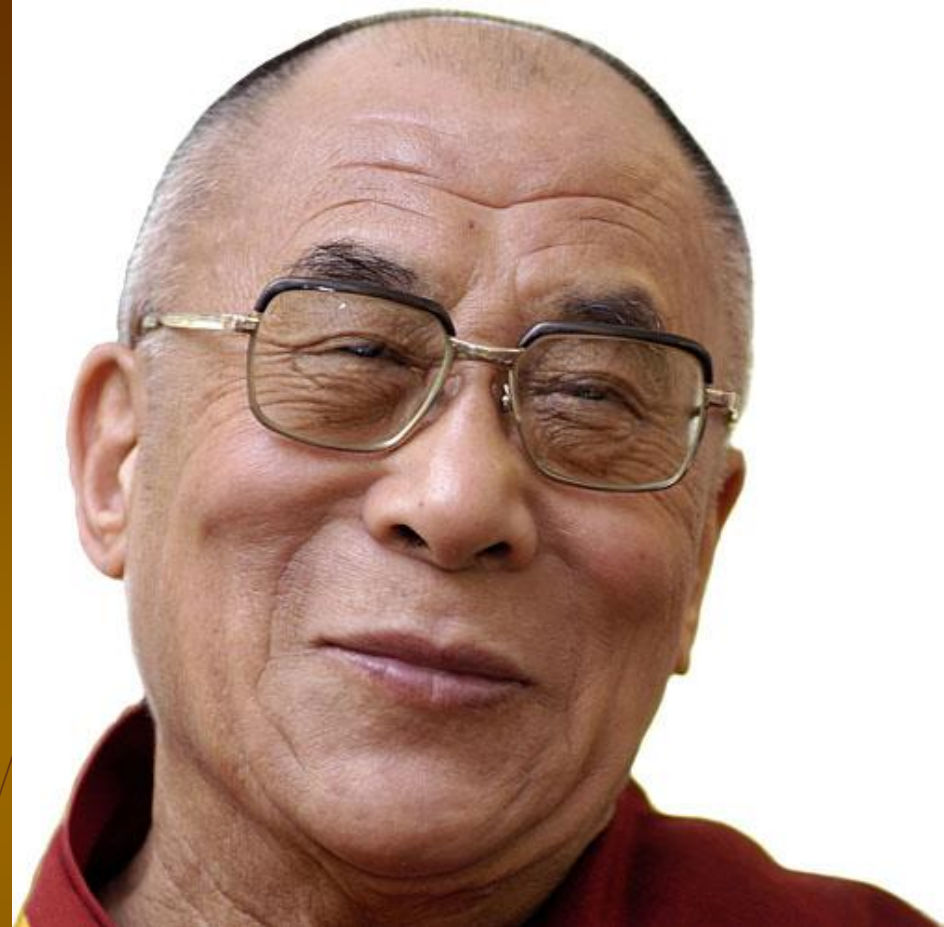
**SIMPLICITY: Life is suffering**

Siddhartha Guatama was the  
Enlightened One, The Buddha

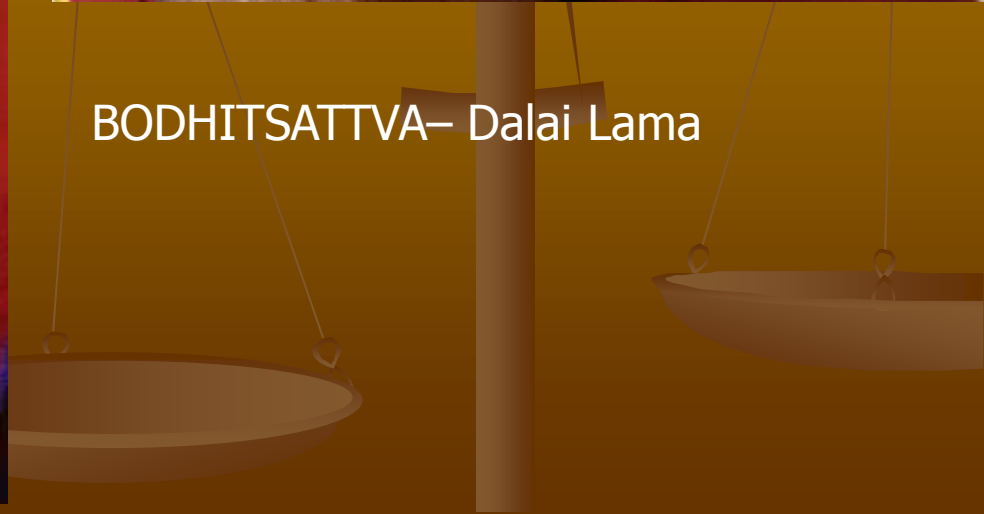




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BODHITSATTVA– Dalai Lama



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**MASTER KUNG FU 'TSE SAYS:  
WHEN THE WIND BLOWS THE  
GRASS CANNOT BUT BEND**

**IF I HOLD UP ONE CORNER  
AND MY STUDENT DOES NOT  
BRING ME THE OTHER  
THREE...I DO NOT CONTINUE  
THE LESSON!**

