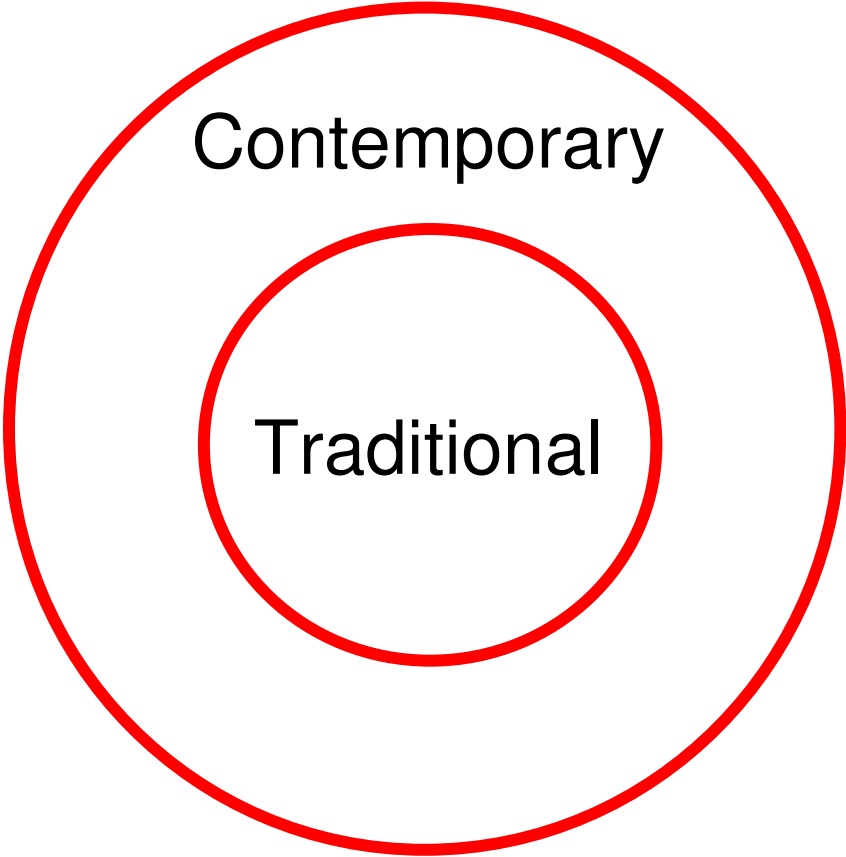


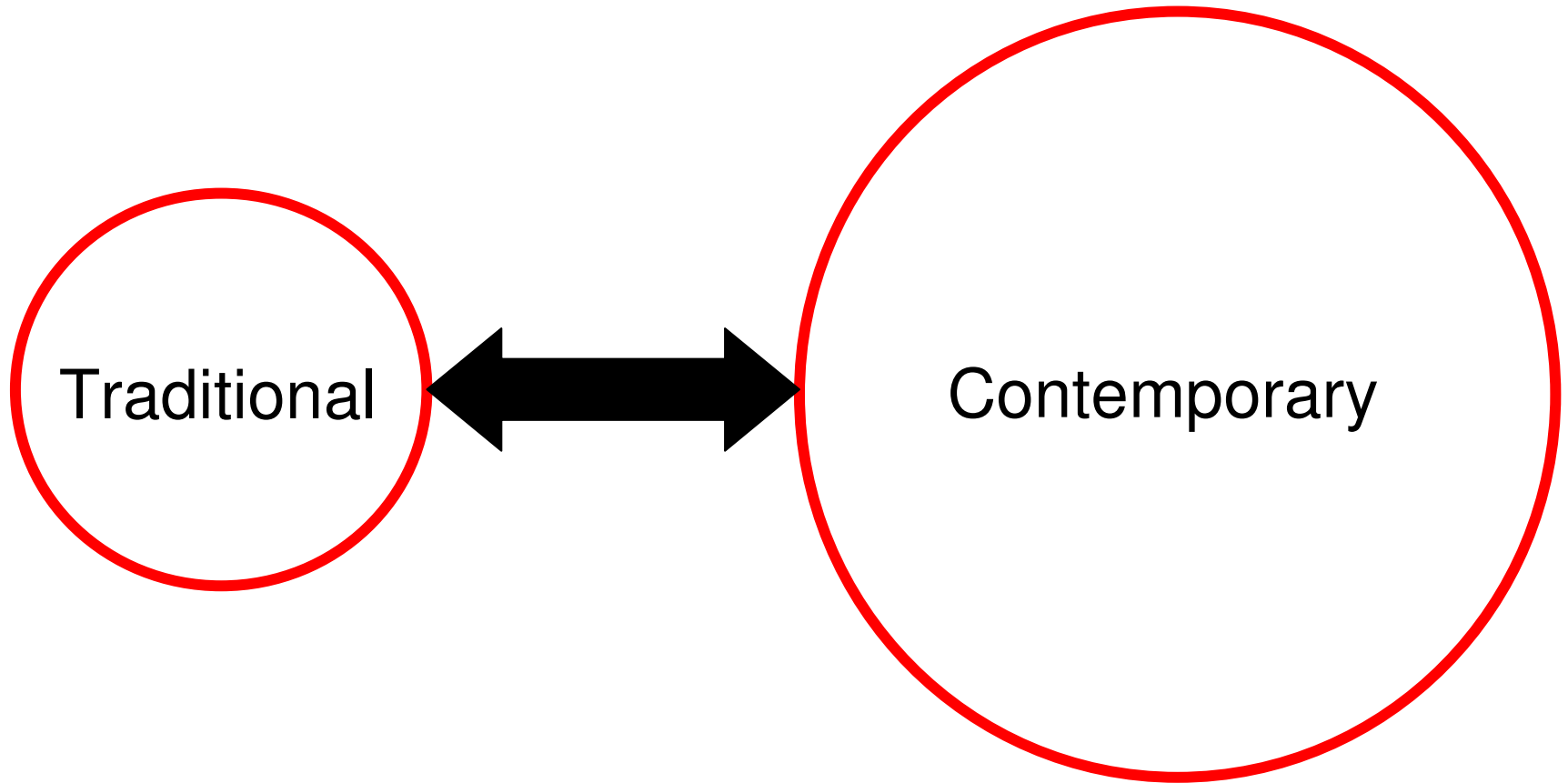
THE KING IS DEAD

LONG LIVE THE KING!

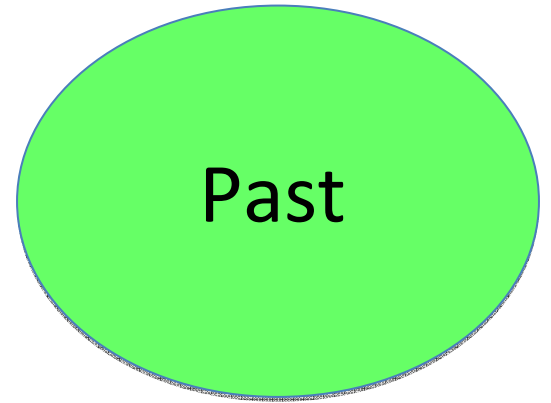
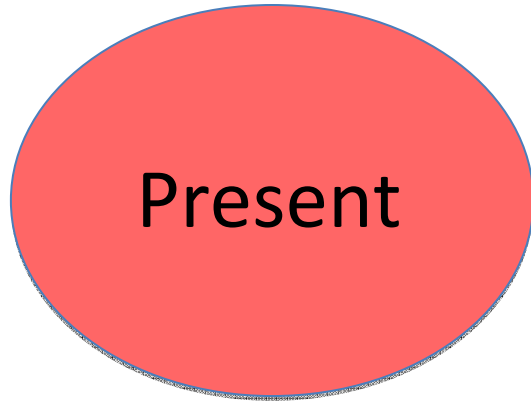
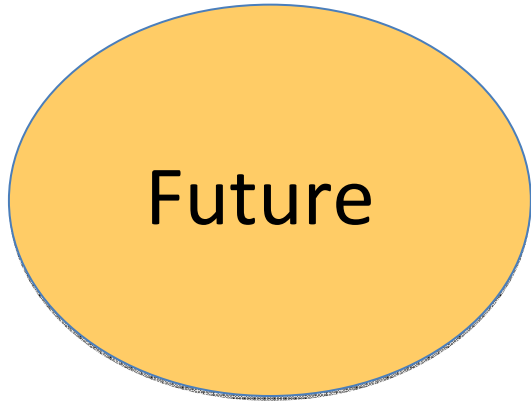


Contemporary

Traditional



- 1) The God-King
- 2) How long will these people reject me?
- 3) A scepter shall rise out of Israel
- 4) Ruling in the fear of God
- 5) Long live the King!



Exodus 3:13-14

13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

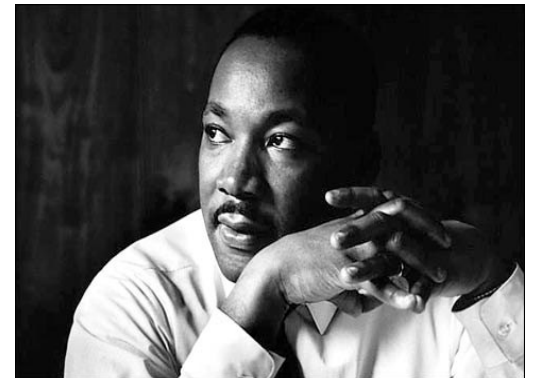
14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Martin Luther King

“Measure of a man”

“although there is a widespread agreement in asking the question, there is a fantastic disagreement in answering it.

There are those that believe man is little more than an animal and those who would lift man almost to the position of a god”



Kingship

‘King’

lit. “leader of the people”

‘Majesty’

lit. “greatness, glory”

from French "grandeur, nobility”

‘Royal Highness’

One who is elevated on high



Types of Ruler

MAGICAL

One who possessed a high degree of powers

DIVINE

One who was filled with a divine spirit

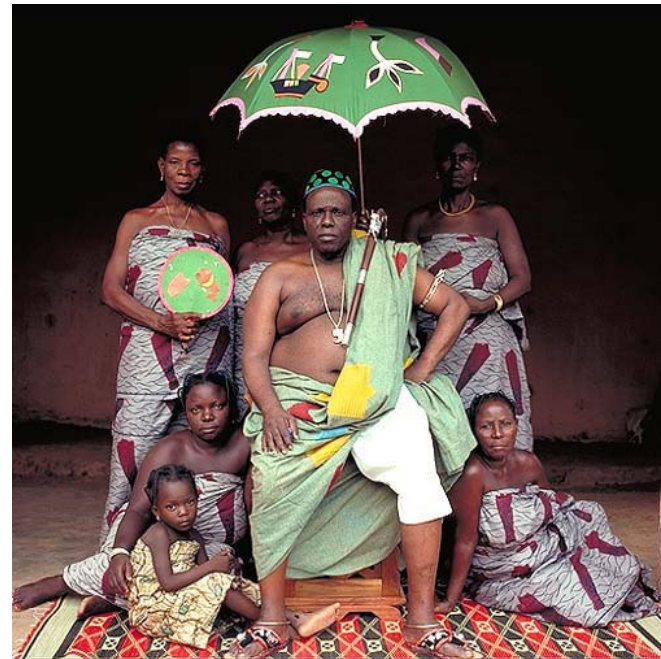
The Magician King



The Magician King

- Distinctive clothing and robes
- Valuable regalia
- Rattle or Wand
- Head-dress or Crown
- Staff or Scepter

The Magician King



The Magician

‘kashaph’ - ‘to use enchantment, magical songs, mutter incantations’.

Lexicon - used of the worship of idols:

- Exodus 7:11 – Pharaoh’s sorcerers
- Exodus 22:18 - witch
- Deuteronomy 18:10 – witch
- Jeremiah 27:9 – gentile sorcerers
- Daniel 2:2 – gentile sorcerers
- Malachi 3:5 – gentile sorcerers

The Magician



The Magician

- 'Parat' – 'to chant' - Lit. 'scatter words'
- 'Ashshaph' – 'astrologer' - 'conjurer, enchanter'
- 'Chartom' – Aramaic - 'magician'
- 'Gezar' – 'soothsayer' - 'cut' 'determine'
ie - the 'determiners' or the 'deciders'.

Daniel 2:31-34,45



31 “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. **32** This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, **33** its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. **34** You watched while **a stone was cut out without hands**, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Daniel 2:31-34,45

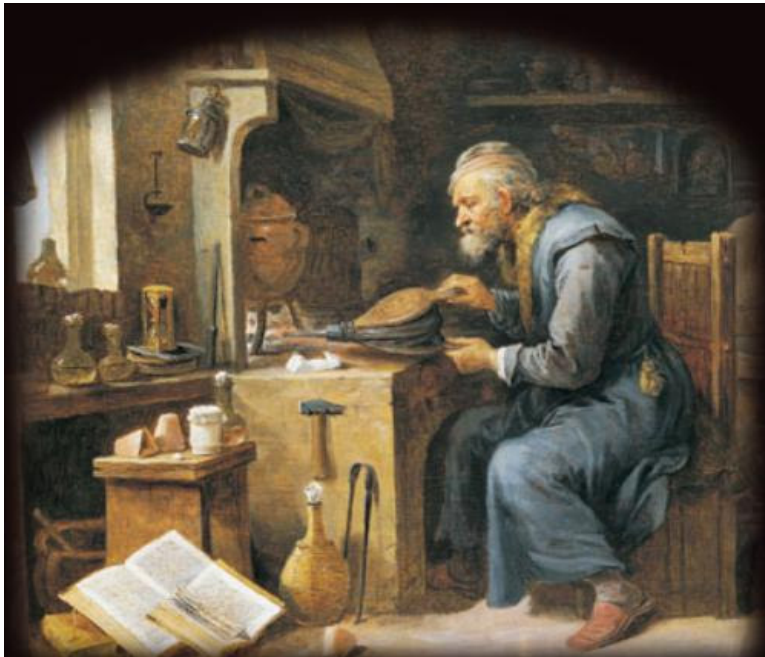
*45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was **cut out of the mountain without hands**, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”*



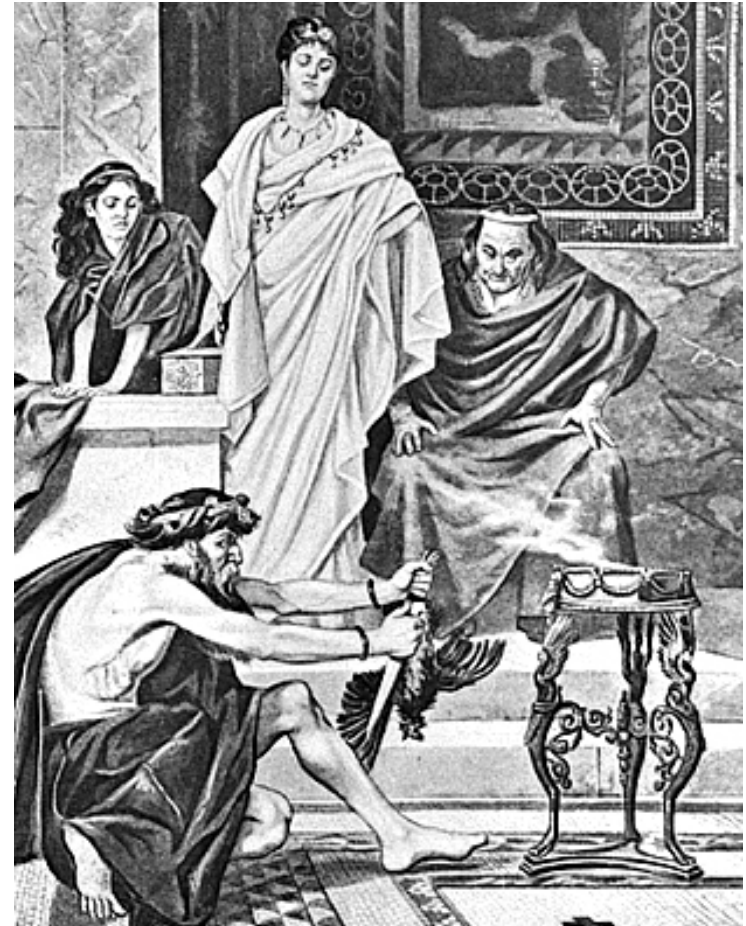
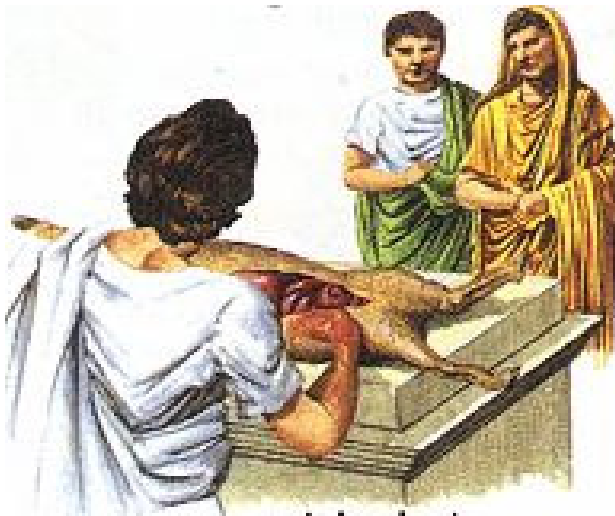
The Magician

‘pharmakeus’ – ‘Sorcerer’

Lexicon – ‘one who prepares magical remedies’



The Auspex



Superstitions

- 731AD - Holy water can heal.
- 1000AD - the wine protects you from the devil
- 1050AD - the sign of the cross protects you
- 1600AD - the Bible protects women and children
- 1700AD – the wine heals whooping cough.
- 1800AD – butter from cows that feed in the church-yard is clean of witchcraft

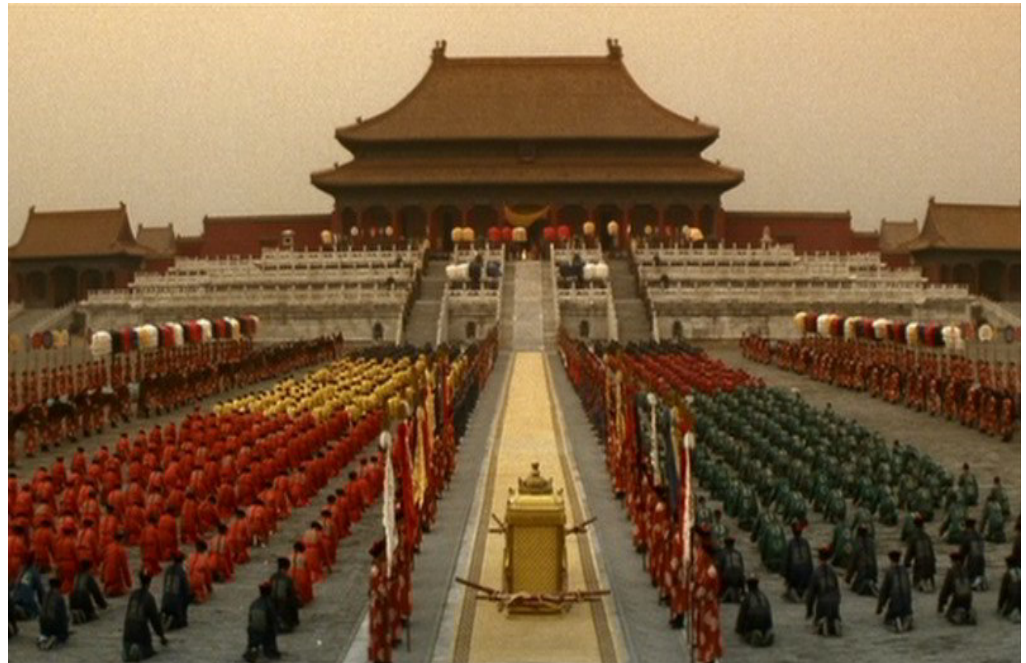
Superstitions



The Divine Ruler

- The incarnation, or manifestation of a god
- Regarded as a god
- Revered as a god
- Worshipped as a god
- The AGENT OF god.

The God-King



The God-King

To carry out the work of God on earth:

- Judge
- Lawgiver
- Warlord
- Shepherd
- Priest
- Saviour over cosmic 'chaos'

The God-King

Strict regulations to preserve purity and power

- Separated from the people
- Not allowed to eat or drink certain things
- Couldn't be touched
- Often carried



The God-King

EGYPTIAN god-king

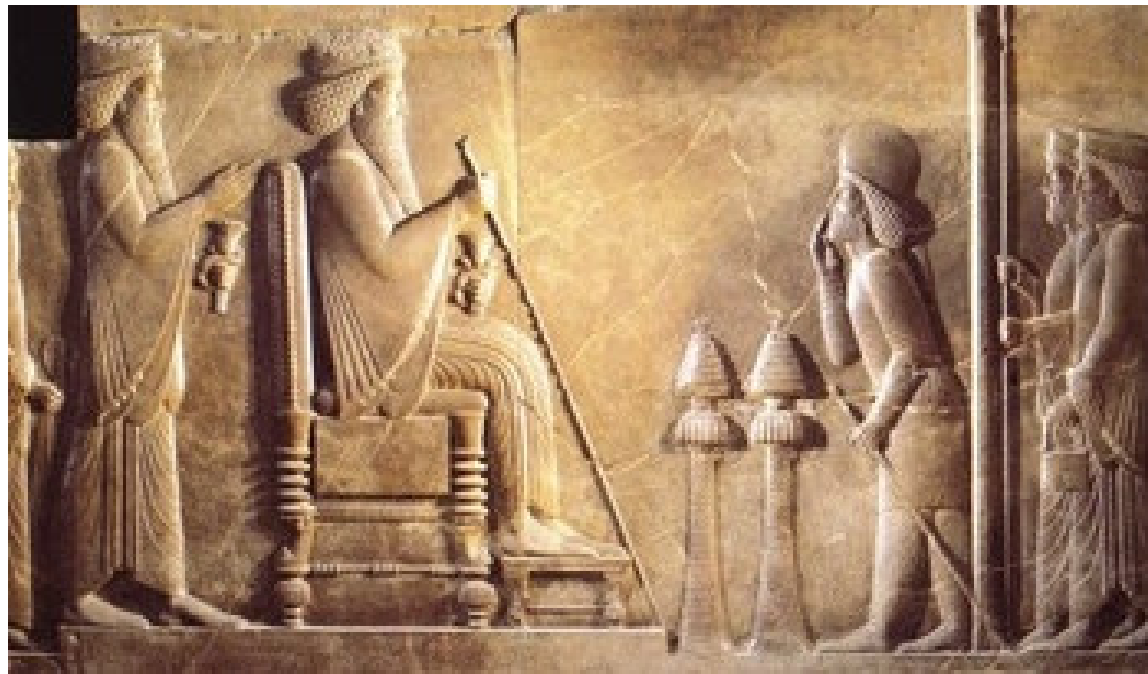
- God's "living image on earth".
- Permitted to carry the ankh "sign of life"
- 'at one' with their human bodies but not immortal



The God-King

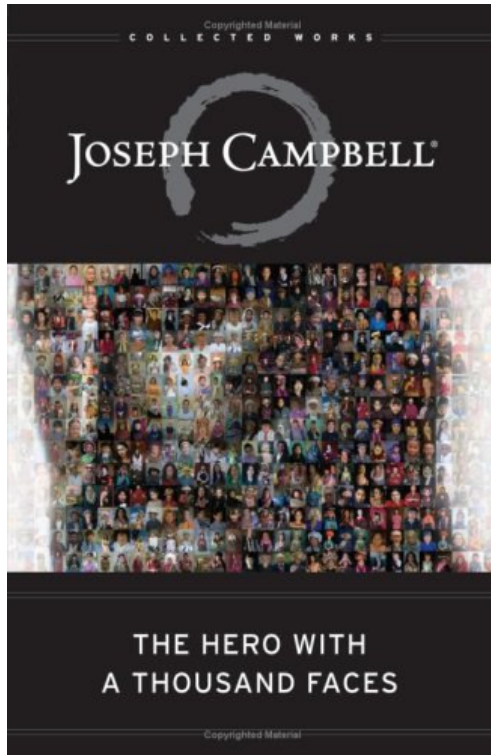
MESOPOTAMIAN god-king

- The king possessed divine powers but remained subservient to the god
- A mediator position between the gods and men

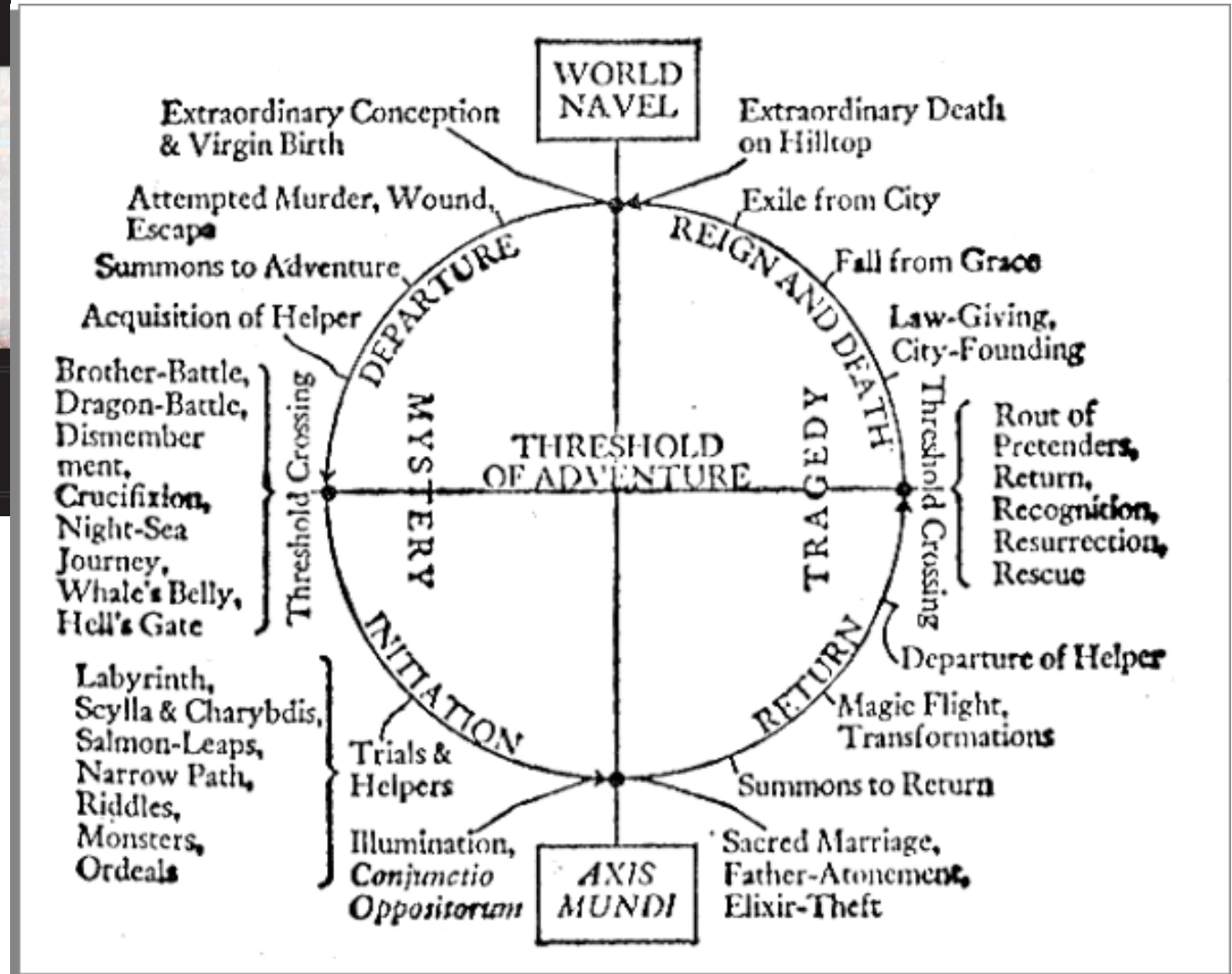


The God-King





The Monomyth



The Monomyth

Stage 1 - The Hero flees

Stage 2 – The trial or battle and ultimate victory

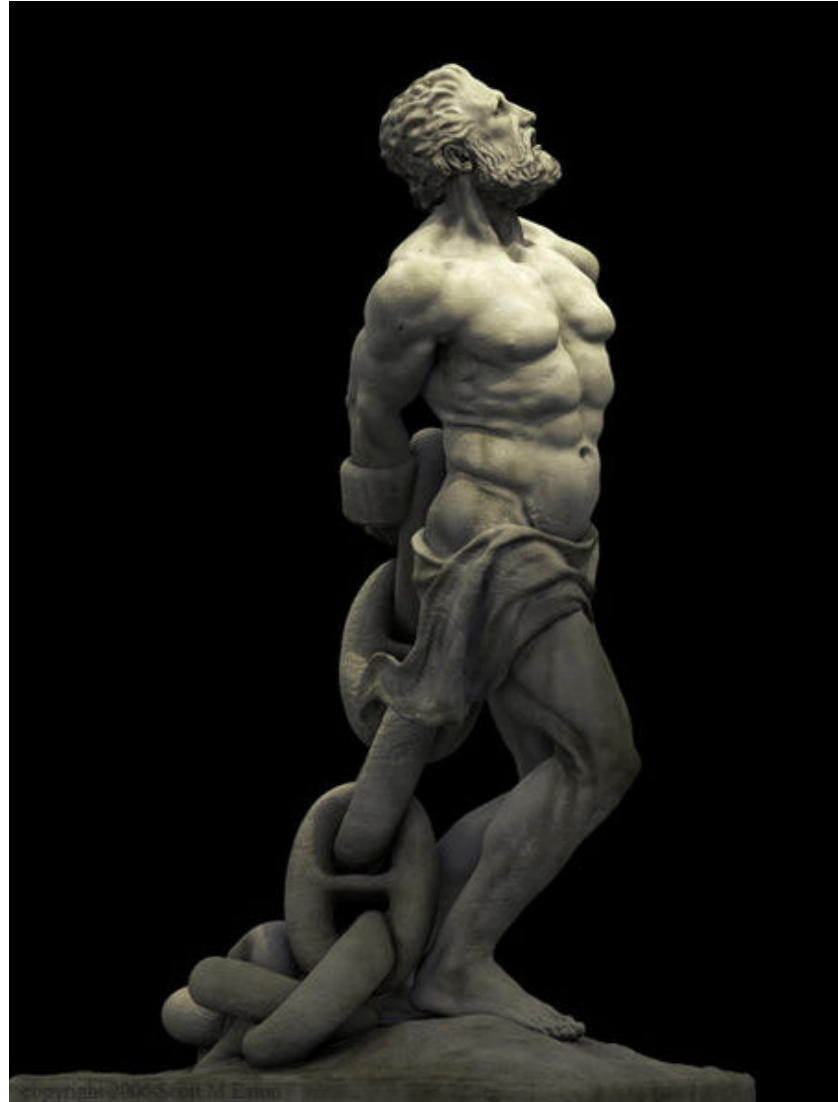
Two variants:

- the hero goes TO the power
- the power rises AGAINST the hero

Stage 3 – The Hero returns with the prize

Stage 4 – The prize benefits all mankind

Prometheus



Jason



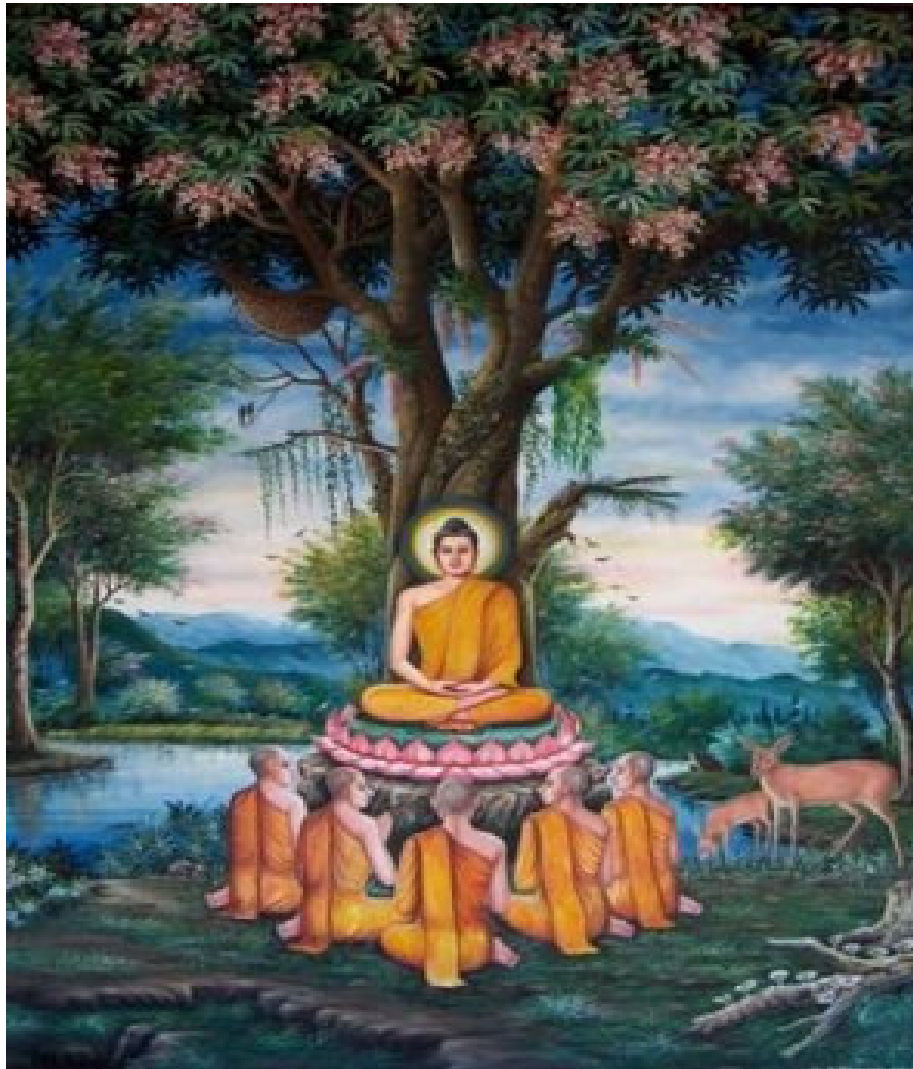
Aeneas

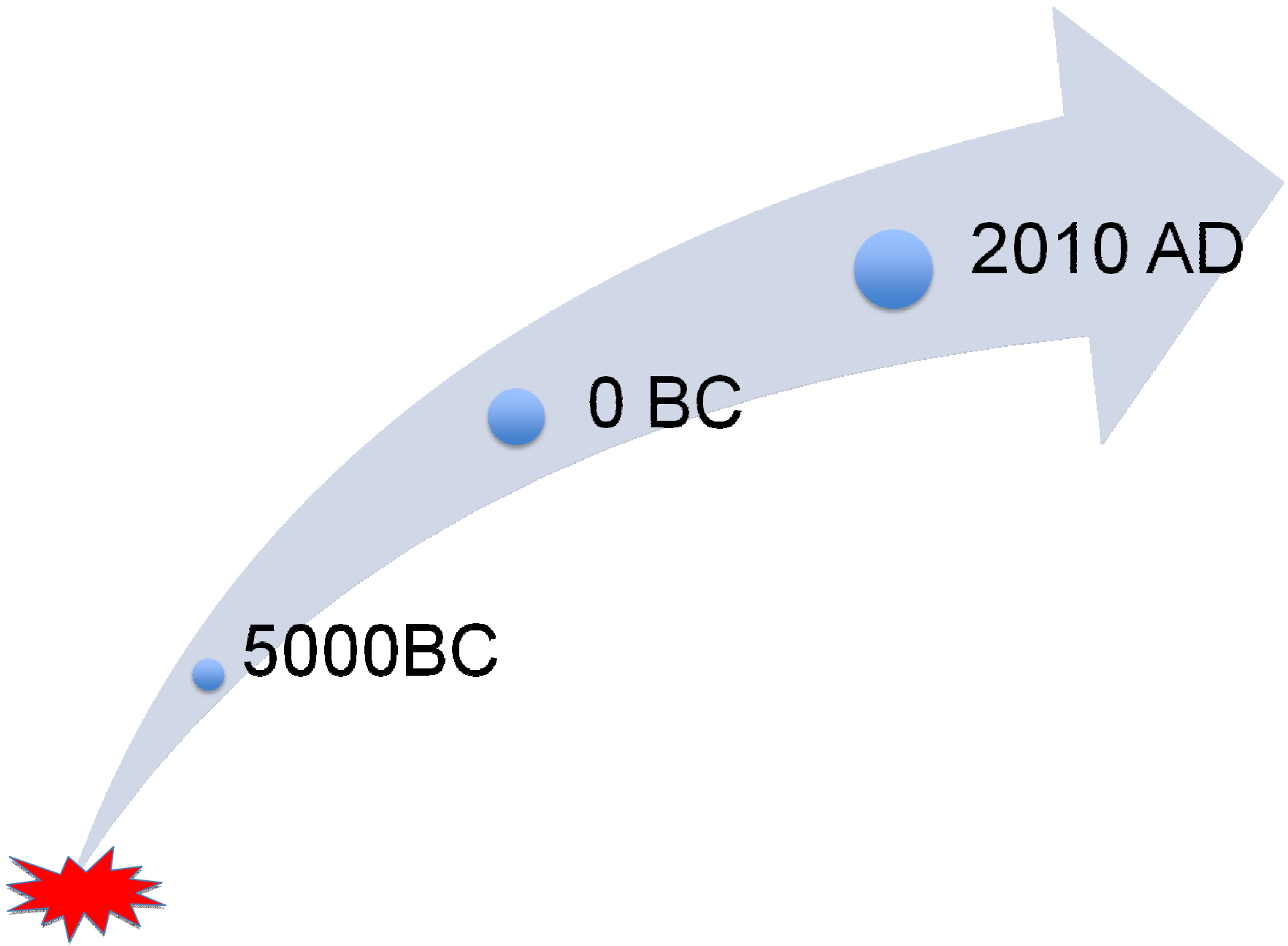


Gilgamesh



Prince Gautama





King Sargon of Akkad: 2335BC

“King of the four corners of the world”



King Shulgi: 2094BC

“I the king, from the time I was in the maternal womb I was hero... I am the king of the four regions, I am a shepherd”

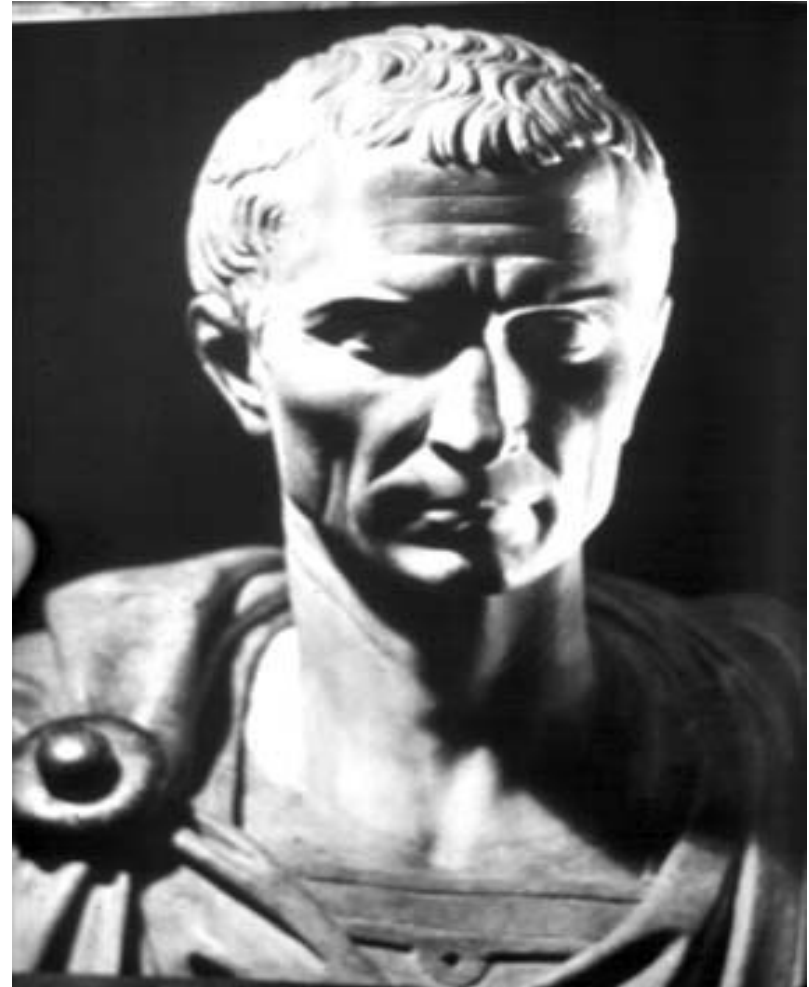


Hammurabi: 1792BC

“I am Hammurabi, the perfect king....”



The Emperor Cult



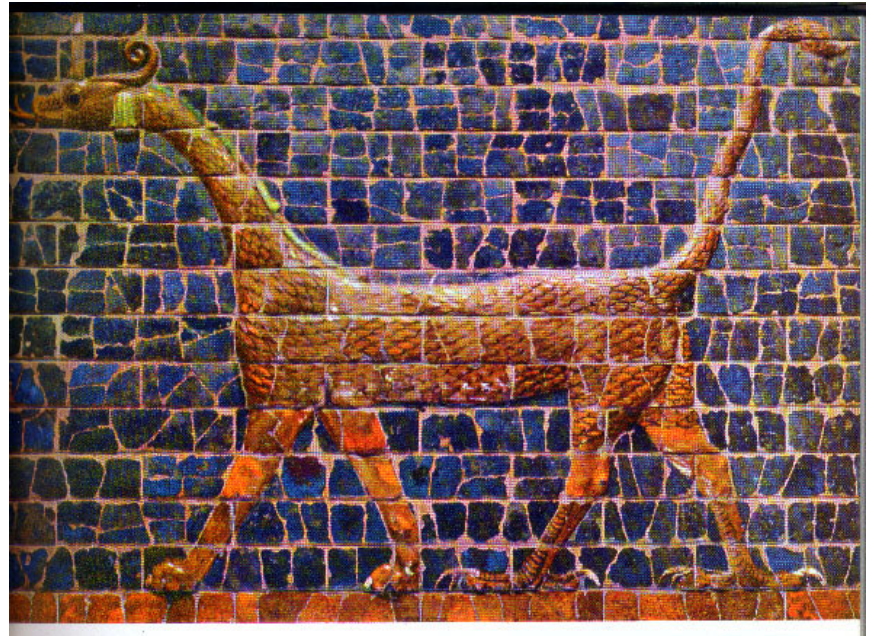
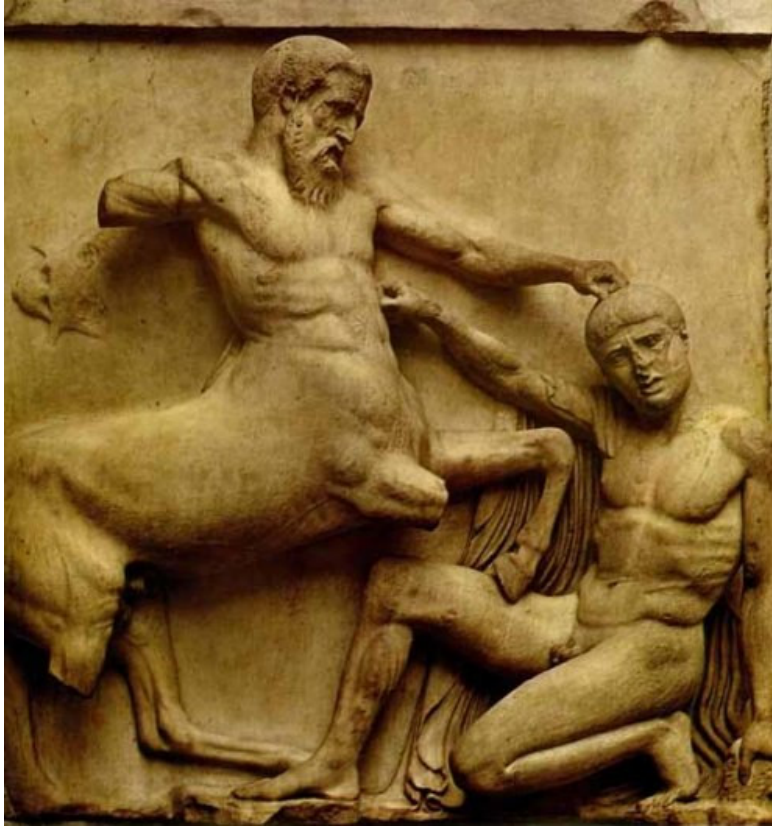
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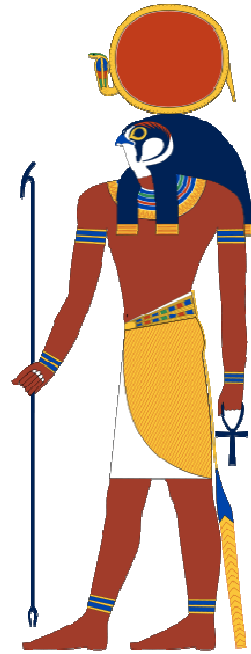
- Acts 18

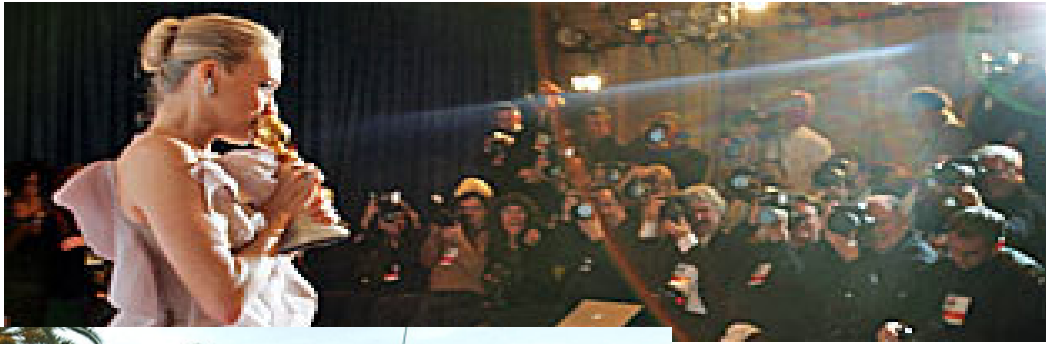
1 After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. **2** And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.

The Emperor Cult

- FUSE together religious and non-religious practices
- Establish the DIVINE AUTHORITY of the RULER
- A ruler who would be:
 - CROWNED
 - WORSHIPPED as 'divine'
 - God's representative on earth
 - "Holy Father"







Somerset Maugham

“It is dangerous to let the public behind the scenes. They are easily disillusioned and then are angry with you, for it was the illusion they loved”



Acts 12:21-24

21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. **22** And the people kept shouting, “The voice of a god and not of a man!” **23** And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.