

RABS

Unit 11

Moses

Offered by Liu, Xiaoxia
School of Foreign Languages
Peking University



Upper Left	Upper Middle	Upper Right
Middle Left	Middle	Middle Right
Lower Left	Lower Middle	Lower Right



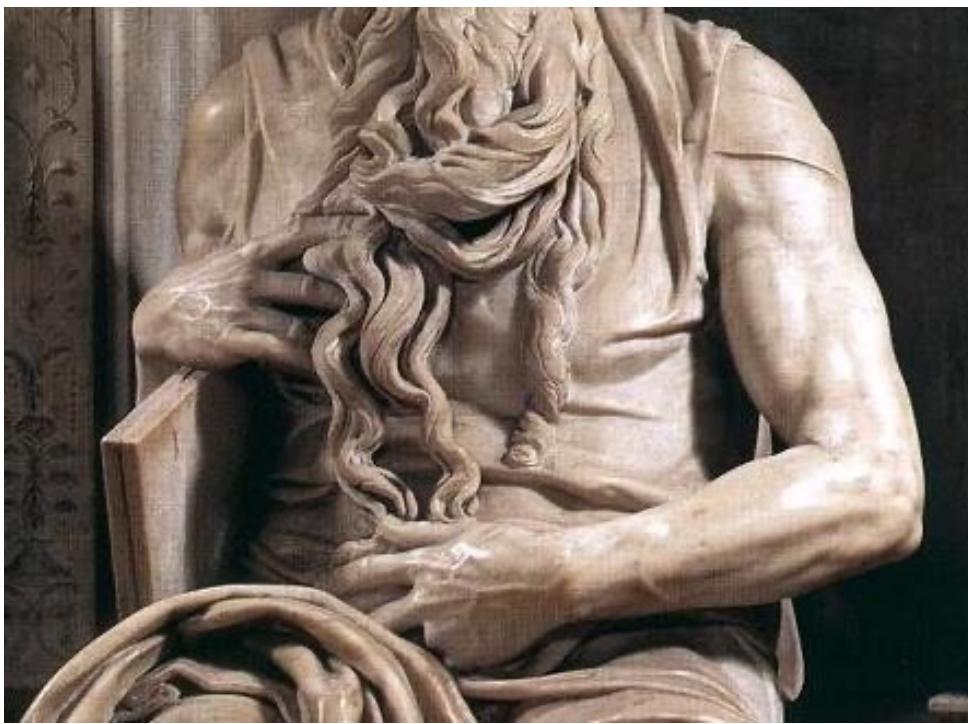
Top Left	Top Center	Top Right
Center Left	Center	Center Right
Bottom Left	Bottom Center	Bottom Right

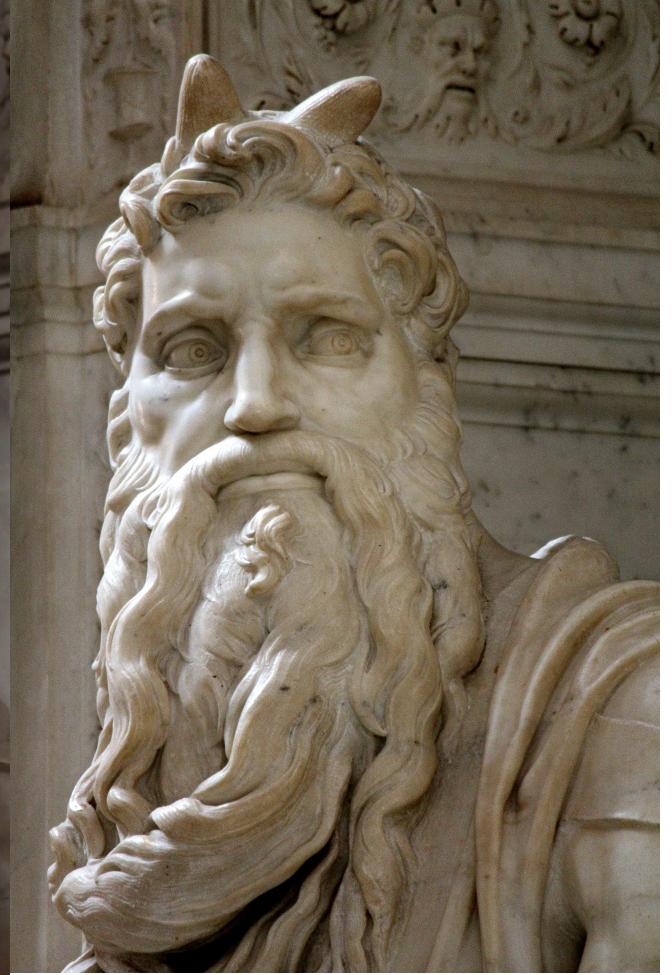
Personality traits

- tempestuous (emotional, fiery, passionate)
- difficult
- divinely-inspired (creative, exceptional)
- ambitious (determined, stubborn)
- diligent(hard-working, painstaking)
- devout (pious, committed)



- Moses
- Michelangelo, 1513-15
Carrara marble, 254 cm high,
tomb of Julius II





- Exodus 34: 29
- When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was **radiant** because he had spoken with the Lord.

Popular hypothesis about horns: a mistranslation

- Moses' face as "cornuta" ("horned") in the Latin Vulgate by St Jerome in the late 4th century AD, a translation of “qaran” meaning “to shine” which he confused with the Hebrew “qeren” meaning “horn”
- Depictions of Moses with horns were popular in middle ages (date from c.1050)

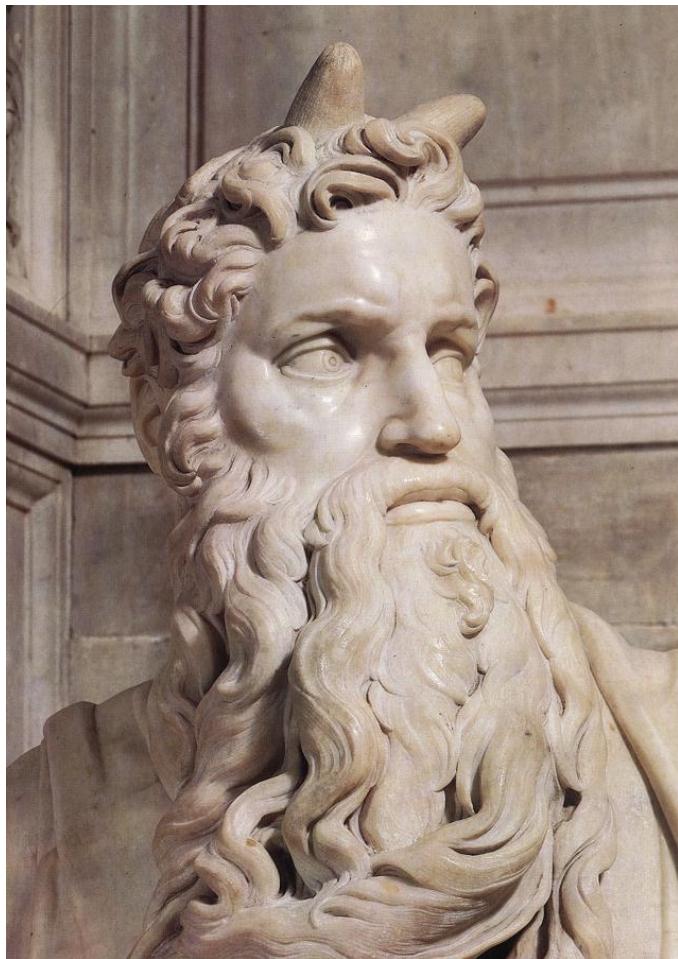
Popular hypothesis: conception of man as microcosm

- elements in allegorical guise:
 - the flowing beard: water
 - the wildly twisting hair: fire
 - the heavy drape: earth



Well of Moses

Claus Sluter
1395-1406



- **An eye for an eye**
- Exodus 21:26 New International Version (NIV)
- ²⁶ “An owner who hits a male or female slave in the eye and destroys it must let the slave go free to compensate for the eye.
- *lex talionis* (同态复仇法)

- An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.
- ---- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, India (1869- 1948)

- Punishment by restitution

- Exodus **22: 1**
- Whoever steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

- Ark of Covenant

- **Exodus 25 : 10****10** “Have them make an ark[b] of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.[c] **11** Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it. **12** Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. **13** Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. **14** Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it. **15** The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. **16** Then put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law, which I will give you.

Joshua 6

- ²Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”



- the tabernacle

- Exodus



Model of the tabernacle in Timna Valley Park, Israel

- horns of the altar

- Exodus 27 : 1-2

“Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits[a] high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide.[b] **2** Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the **horns** and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze.



- **Exodus 29:12**
- **12** Take some of the bull's blood and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar.

- City of refuge

9 Then the LORD said to Moses: **10** “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you cross the Jordan into Canaan, **11** select some towns to be your cities of refuge, to which a person who has killed someone accidentally may flee. **12** They will be places of refuge from the avenger, so that anyone accused of murder may not die before they stand trial before the assembly. **13** These six towns you give will be your cities of refuge. **14** Give three on this side of the Jordan and three in Canaan as cities of refuge. **15** These six towns will be a place of refuge for Israelites and for foreigners residing among them, so that anyone who has killed another accidentally can flee there.

- incense

- **Exodus 30 : 7**
- Aaron must burn fragrant incense on the altar every morning when he tends the lamps. **8** He must burn incense again when he lights the lamps at twilight so incense will burn regularly before the Lord for the generations to come.

- Anointing oil

- **Exodus 30:22-29**

- Then the Lord said to Moses, **23** “Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels[d] of liquid **myrrh**, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant **cinnamon**, 250 shekels[e] of fragrant **calamus**, **24** 500 shekels of **cassia**—all according to the sanctuary shekel—and a hin[f] of **olive oil**. **25** Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be the sacred anointing oil. **26** Then use it to anoint the tent of meeting, the ark of the covenant law, **27** the table and all its articles, the lampstand and its accessories, the altar of incense, **28** the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the basin with its stand. **29** You shall consecrate them so they will be most holy, and whatever touches them will be holy.

Myrrh |mər| 没药



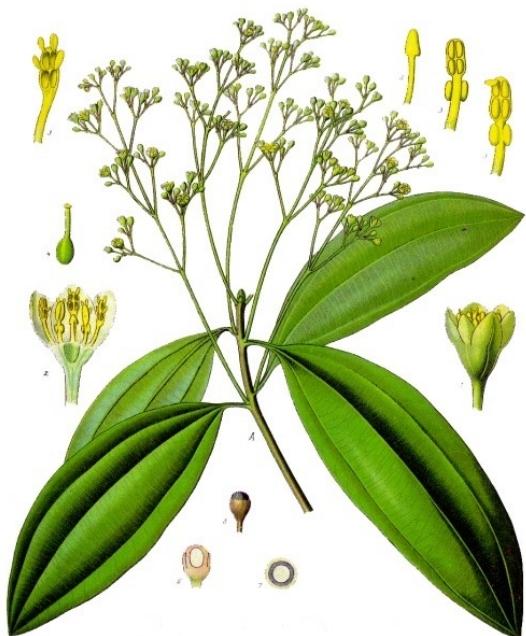
Cinnamon | 'sinəmən | 肉桂



calamus | 'kaləməs | 薏蒲

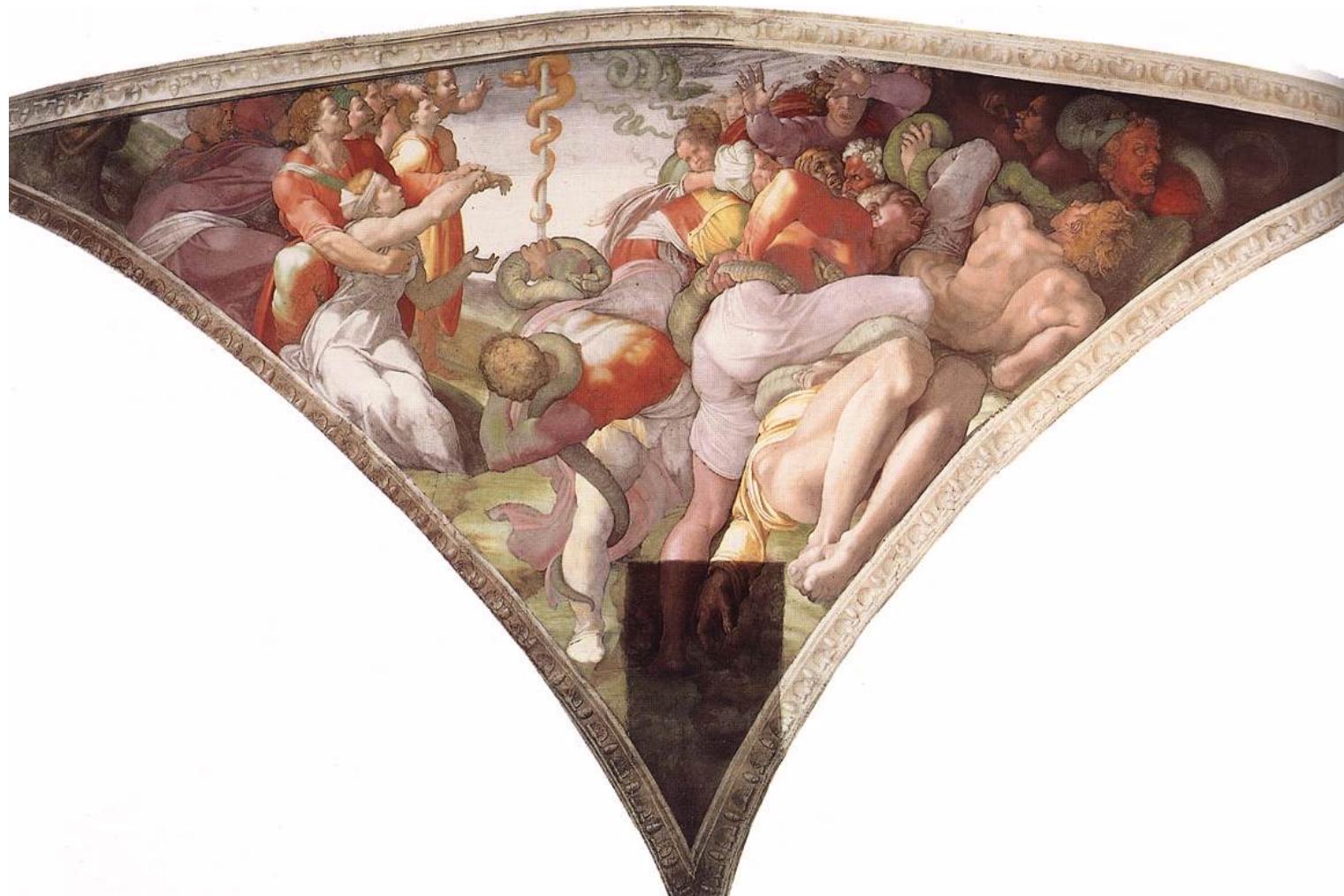


Cassia | 'kaSHə| 桂皮



Mose's sin

- Numbers 20:12
- But the lord said to Moses and Aaron: “because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them”.



The Brazen Serpent—**MICHELANGELO** 1511