

Born in heaven, made on earth - the making of the cult image in the ancient Near East

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With reference to the cult statue, this merging of human and divine space was achieved through mouth-cleansing mis pi and mouth-opening pit pi rituals which were performed on the statue to make it into an image that properly represented the deity.

Cult image

In the ancient Near East, calendars were set to the phases of the moon, with the new moon starting the month. In order to be a proper dwelling for God, their impurities, their sins must be removed and they must be resurrected, God once again breathing the spirit of life into their nostrils. Each study explains how the religion at hand confronted the problem of turning lifeless material into a living divine body, fit for worship.

Bronze Age cult complex discovered in Judean foothills may have been dedicated to Baal

This supports the theory that the Amorite founders of Babylon, even though they hailed from the city sacred to Marduk, considered the moon-god, Sîn, their patron. This is the food of Ma'at that sustains the cosmic order and allows the mortal world to exist, and at its core is the ritually awakened image of the netjer, the cult image that keeps a portion of the divine essence here at work in our world. In reading carefully, what one discovers is that the new god is patently nothing more than the god-hood of the new king.

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But Yahweh-Elohim of Scripture does not go through a thought sequence. I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say ... Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? Yahweh YHVH is the self-existent God, always has been and always will be.

hermeneutical approaches

The following article discusses the two creations which form part of the New Year Festival liturgy, and how the double nature of the creation

points to the presence of such a conception an undifferentiated 'plenum' containing all possible things as potencies. The enemies cast the images out into a razed field outside the temple walls and left them to rot within the earth.

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Seraphs stood in attendance on Him

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My icon panels are not merely offerings to the Gods though they can and do embody this aspect of devotion also , but are, in the tradition of cult images, embodiments of a netjer's ba or visible power 15.

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