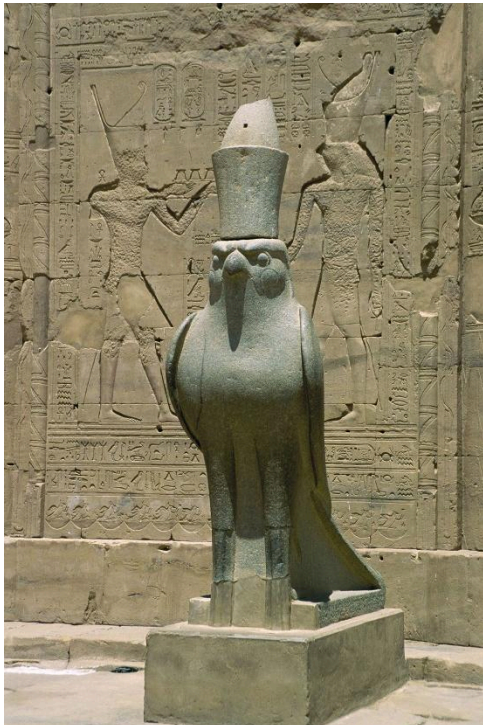


Horus/Marduk Vision and Destiny

Marduk and Horus are two very important heroes in ancient creation myths—Marduk for the Babylonians and Horus for the Egyptians. Both are deeply connected to vision and the future, but in very different ways. Marduk becomes king of the gods by defeating Tiamat and taking the Tablets of Destiny, which give him power to shape fate and bring order to chaos. These tablets symbolize control over the future, showing that Marduk's idea of a fulfilling life is tied to dominance and leadership. Horus, on the other hand, fights Set to avenge his father Osiris and loses one of his eyes in the process. Instead of keeping it, he gives the eye to Osiris, which brings him back to life and allows him to rule the underworld. This act shows that Horus's vision is more about sacrifice and keeping balance between life and death. Even though they're different, both Marduk and Horus show that living a meaningful life comes from rising above yourself, whether it's through controlling destiny or preserving harmony.



I have many goals in life, both in work and in my personal life, that I would like maybe work at MarketStar, own some property one day, and have a big family with lots of kids running around. But just like Marduk and Horus, I know those things don't happen without effort, sacrifice, and a clear vision for the future. The saying "you can do whatever you want with your life if you work hard enough" has a lot of truth in it, even though it's not completely true—you can't turn copper into gold no matter how hard you try. Still, when it comes to building a good life with a job I enjoy and strong relationships, the real key is taking responsibility for myself. Like Marduk bringing order to chaos and Horus giving up something important for the greater good, I believe that real happiness comes from self-discipline, growth, and making hard choices now that lead to a

better future later. That means regularly checking in with myself, admitting where I've gone wrong, and doing the work to make things right. What would make me happiest is knowing I've built something meaningful, something I can be proud of, and that gives back to others, especially the people I love. For me, that's what a fulfilling life would truly look like.

When looking at my goals, both past and present, I relate much more to Horus. I've never really had to defeat a great enemy like Marduk did, but there are still small elements of that in my life. Like Horus, I strongly believe in the importance of sacrifice and taking responsibility for myself, but also doing things for the people I care about.

There's a phrase I really like that my friend used to say: "Do your future self a favor by doing something hard right now." I think that really emphasizes how sacrifice, whether it's comfort, time, or even pride, will set me up for a better future and help those I love have a higher quality of life in the long run. At the same time, like Marduk, I know I need to bring structure and take charge of my life, because I won't reach the future I want unless I actively go after it. The stories of these two heroes remind me that creating a fulfilling life means combining strength and wisdom, and stepping up, especially when things get hard.

