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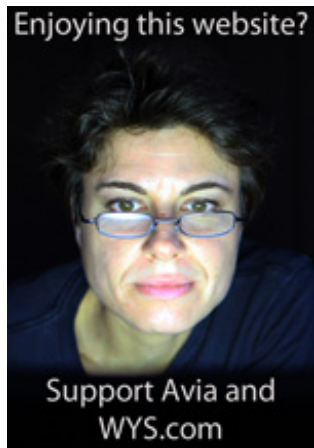
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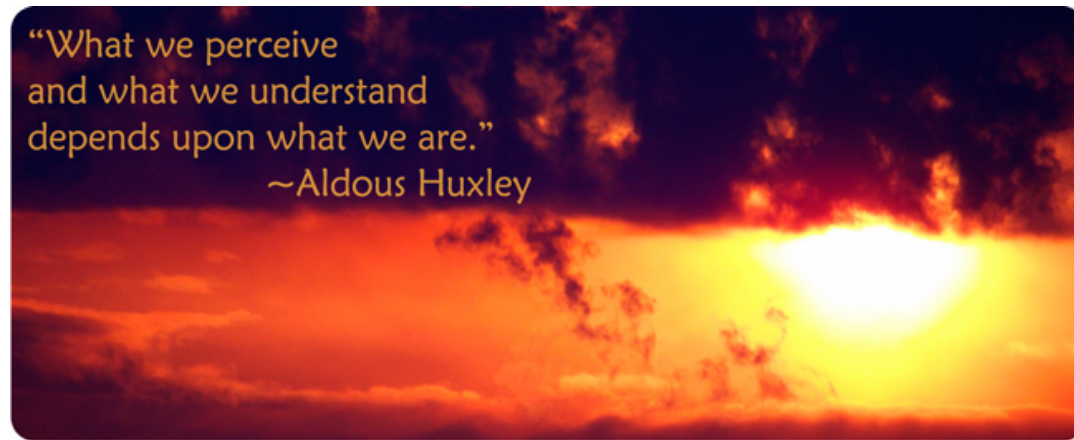
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ultimate [Yang](#). These symbolically appreciative [people also](#) personified the sun as a [cosmic eye](#) viewing out upon its dominion during the day.

[Alchemically](#), the sun is *so!* and is esoterically **symbolic of the mind** or intellect. [Gold](#) is considered the material of the sun in outwardly symbolic practices of [alchemy](#).

Exploring Sun Symbolism

The sun [symbol](#) is found in all cultures throughout history.

Considered by most peoples as a **cosmic power**, it's not surprising we see the sun emblazed upon countless artifacts and writings.

[Ancient Chinese](#) culture recognized the sun as the Great Male Principle – the



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Some Elements Considered to be Sun Symbols

Bronze

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Ruby

Topaz

The [planetary sign](#) of the sun (a circle with a dot in the center) is also an [alchemical symbol](#) of origin signifying completion of the Great Work. Furthermore, this sun symbol represents the Self in its relation to the **cosmic whole**.

This is also the [case in astrology](#) where the sun is symbolic of the Self that is expressed outwardly – the self that shines openly to our friends, family, co-workers, etc. The sun position at our time of birth gives special illumination as to our characteristics. It's as if the sun **shines upon our symbolic selves** and makes us most visible to the world ([see your astro sun sign here](#)).

Quick List of Symbolic Sun Meanings

Life

Power

Strength

Energy

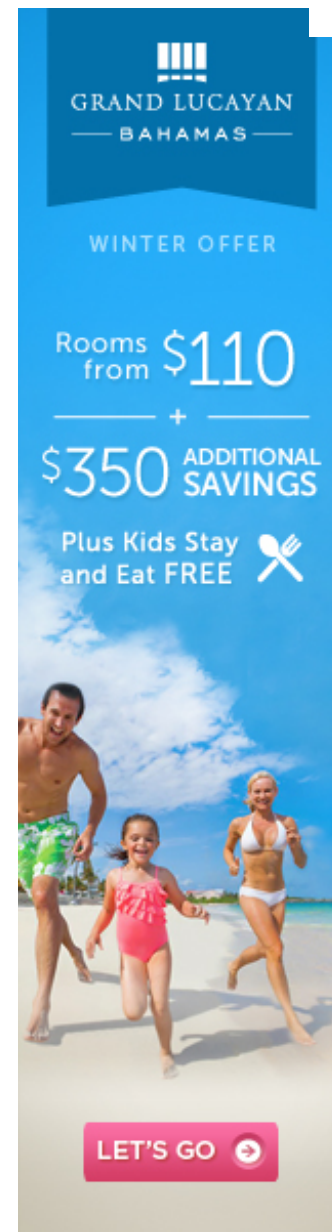
Force

Clarity

Self

In Christianity the sun is [the house](#) of Archangel Michael (Gabriel lives within [the moon](#)), and is also a symbol of the Christ, or Christ-like attributes.

In ancient Egypt the sun is associated with the Horus, Ra and Osiris. Horus represents the rising sun, Osiris the setting sun, and Ra represents the sun's zenith.





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Again we see the sun symbolism in [association with eyes](#) or vision as the sun is the eye of [Zeus in Greek](#) mythology.

Likewise, in Hindu mythology the sun is the eye of Varuna, and is also considered the "divine rejuvenator."

The sun resonates with male energy in most cultures. However, [Celtic perspective](#) places **feminine power** within the sun's rays. Likewise, ancient African, Japanese, Germanic, and some [Native American](#) tribes all hold the sun as a feminine energy.

[Animals](#) can also be considered as sun symbols. For example, the [eagle](#) was a symbol of the sun **rising in its glory** and power over their cities. [The tiger](#) is the sun in its setting aspect

A Few [Solar Animals](#) Considered Sun Symbols Myth and Lore

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A [flower](#) may also be considered a sun symbol. Here are a few [flowers that](#)

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[radiate](#) with sun energy, and are considered symbolic of the sun:

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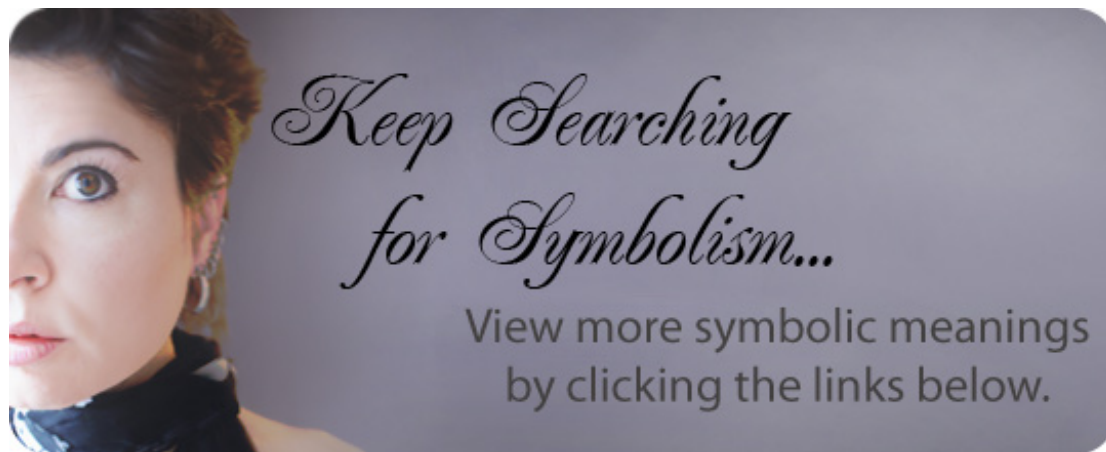
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Our ancestors have long considered the sun as the **center of humankind's existence**. Modern mankind tends to overlook this priority, and perhaps takes for granted the life-affirming essence the sun exemplifies.

I hope this post encourages you to reconsider some of your symbolic ideas about the sun, and perhaps even adopt a sun symbol for yourself. These symbols can provide immensely **enlightening in meditations**, and focus/affirmation practices.

You may also want to visit my Tarot site and review [Sun Tarot Card Meanings](#)

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