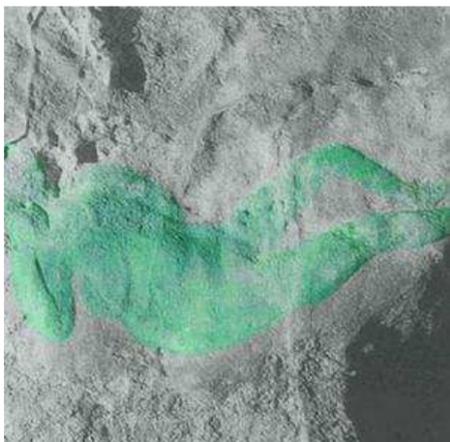


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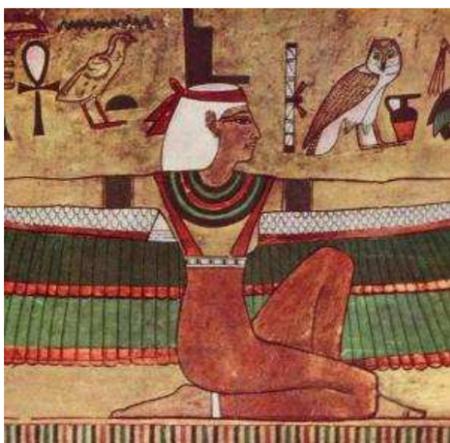
Venus of Willendorf. 275th century BCE



Venus of Madeleine. 130th century BCE



Mother goddess. 60th century BCE



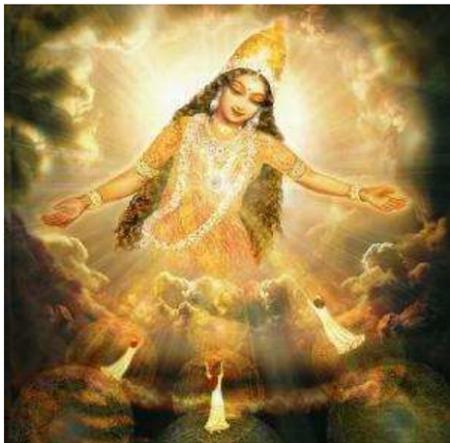
Isis. 14th century BCE



Ceres. 1st century



Lakshmi. 19th century



Adi Shakti. 21 century

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Ἐἷς Γῆν Μητέρα Πάντων

To Earth the Mother of All

English Translation by
Hugh Gerard Evelyn-White

γαῖαν παμμήτειραν ἀείσομαι

I will sing of well-founded Earth,
mother of all, eldest of all beings.
She feeds all creatures
that are in the world,
all that go upon the goodly land,
and all that are in the paths
of the seas, and all that fly:
all these are fed of her store.

ἔκ σέο δ' εὐπαιδές τε καὶ εὐκαρποι

Through you, o Queen,
men are blessed in their children
and blessed in their harvests,
and to you it belongs to give
means of life to mortal men
and to take it away.
Happy is the man whom
you delight to honor!
He has all things abundantly:

βρίθει μὲν σφιν ἄρουρα φερέσβιος

His fruitful land is laden with corn,
his pastures are covered with cattle,
and his house is
filled with good things.
Such men rule orderly
in their cities of fair women:
great riches and wealth follow them:

παῖδες δ' εὐφροσύνη νεοθηλεί κυδιόωσι

Their sons exult with ever-fresh delight,
and their daughters in flower-laden bands
play and skip merrily over
the soft flowers of the field.
Thus is it with those whom you honor
O holy goddess, bountiful spirit.

χαῖρε, θεῶν μήτηρ

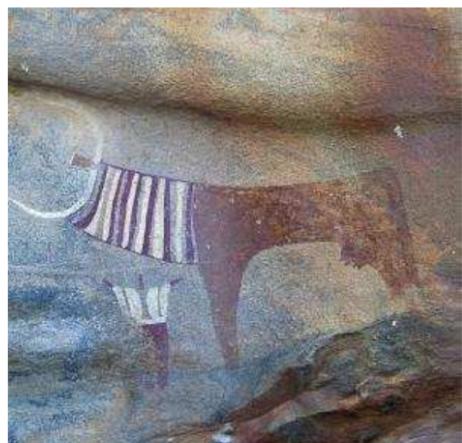
Hail, Mother of the gods,
wife of starry Heaven;
freely bestow upon
me for this my song
substance that cheers the heart!
And now I will remember
you and another song also.



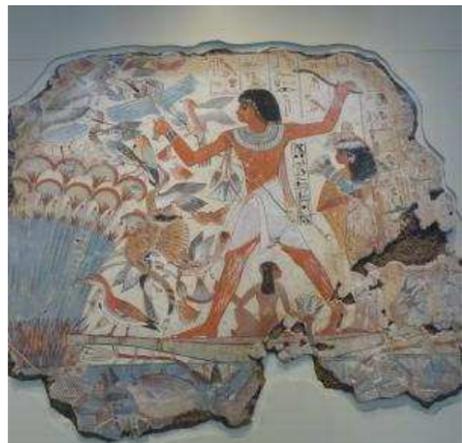
Chauvet Cave. Aurignacian



Cave of Altamira. Magdalenian



Laas Geel. Neolithic



Hunting in reeds. New Kingdom



Villa of Livia. Principate



Shakuntala by Ravi Varma



Earth April 1, 2015