

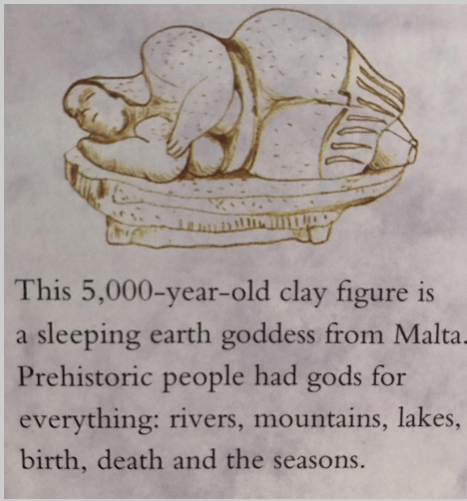
THE SECRETS OF STONEHENGE

Gods and Goddesses 5000 Years Ago!

THIS IS A JUMBLED UP SENTENCE TAKEN FROM THE TEXT.

USING ALL OF THE WORDS, PUT THE SENTENCE TOGETHER SO THAT IT
MAKES SENSE.

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This 5,000-year-old clay figure is a sleeping earth goddess from Malta. Prehistoric people had gods for everything: rivers, mountains, lakes, birth, death and the seasons.

LET'S READ THE TEXT TOGETHER - HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS THAT YOU ARE NOT SURE OF!

Gods and Goddesses

ABOUT 5,000 YEARS AGO

Neolithic people continued to believe in many gods, both male and female: sun gods, moon gods, earth gods. They believed in ghosts and ancestor spirits too, holding magical ceremonies and maybe even making sacrifices to the gods at important times in the farming seasons: planting-time, piglet-time, harvest-time . . . In these rituals people asked the gods for a good harvest and healthy livestock. It was during this period that people made the first monument at Stonehenge.

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Frey, a god of farming and fertility, has origins in these long-forgotten prehistoric gods. He rode a magic boar named 'Golden Bristles' who filled the sky with light.



Many ancient cultures explained the sun and moon's journey as a god or goddess pulled by horses. This Sun Wagon from Trundholm in Denmark is at least 3,500 years old and was used in seasonal ceremonies that had their roots in Neolithic times.

LET'S FIND THE DEFINITIONS AND DISPLAY THEM.

Example -

Ancestor spirits: an ancestor is someone from your family before you and could be a long time ago and a spirit can be the soul of someone/something that is no longer alive.

QUESTION TIME - RE-READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS!

- 1) What was the name of the God of Farming and Fertility?
- 2) How did ancient cultures believe the sun and moon moved?
- 3) How do we know that the Gods and Goddesses were important to the Neolithic people?

IF YOU WERE A GOD OR GODDESS DURING THE STONE AGE, WHAT
WOULD YOUR NAME BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU BE A GOD OR
GODDESS OF?

I would be Deenar, God Of Wind