

DEEP ROOTS:
MYTHOLOGY AND US





Your Instructor

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- 76 years young
- Economist:
 - Human nature is predictable
 - Self interest, profit, control as human motivators
 - Sociology, human psychology, behavior

References

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- Willis, Roy. *World Mythology: The Illustrated Guide* (2006). Oxford University Press.

GILGAMESH: A New English Version by Stephen Mitchell

- ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-6169-2 Paperback, Free Press US. \$15.00. Very readable, superb translation.
- Other material from the Internet, primarily Wikipedia.
- Various other references that I will mention via slides.

- ANCIENT ROOTS

THE ORIGINS OF MYTHOLOGY

- DEFINITIONS AND DIFFERENCES: MYTHOLOGY, RELIGION, FABLES AND LEGENDS

WEEK TWO

- CREATION – THE ORGINS OF THE WORLD
- COSMIC ARITECTURE – STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE

Week Three

- HUMANITY – CAUSES OF LIFE AND DEATH
- SUPERNATURAL BEINGS – GODS, SPIRITS AND DEMONS

Week Four

- Dibs and Dabs
 - Cosmic Disasters and the End of the World
 - Heroes and Tricksters
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WEEK FIVE

- GILGAMESH –
 - The oldest story in the world, a thousand years older than the Iliad of Homer or the Bible.
 - As relevant today as it was 4000 years ago.
 - Gives voice to grief, death, love, vulnerability the quest for wisdom, fundamentalism and jihad against what is perceived as an evil enemy.

BODY AND SOUL

WEEK SIX

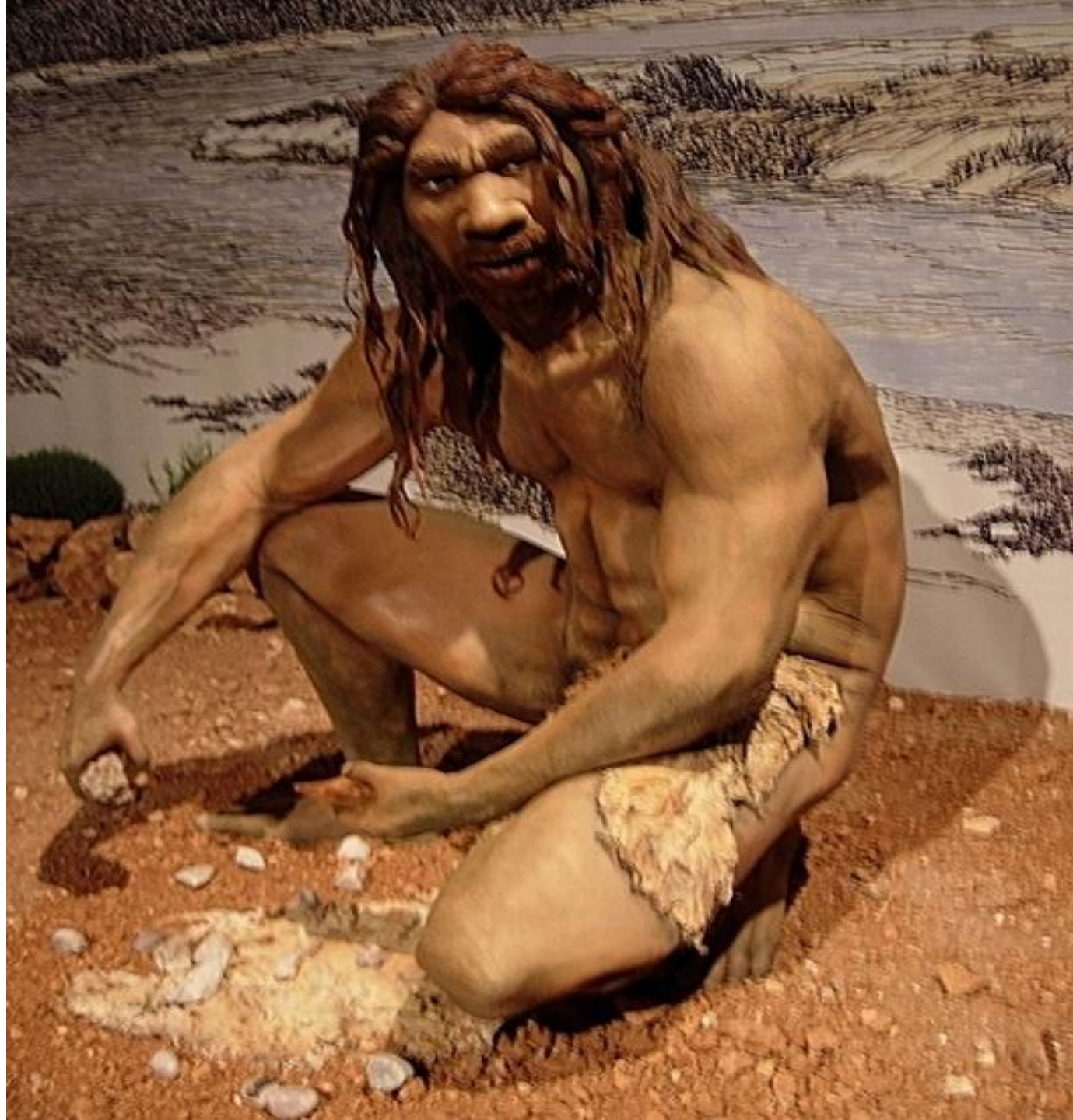
WEEK SEVEN

- MYTHOLOGY DEVELOPS
- PAGANISM
- POLYTHESIM, MONOTHESIM
- MEDIEVAL TIMES

WEEK EIGHT

- MYTHOLOGY AND US
- WICCANS
- CULTS
- HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

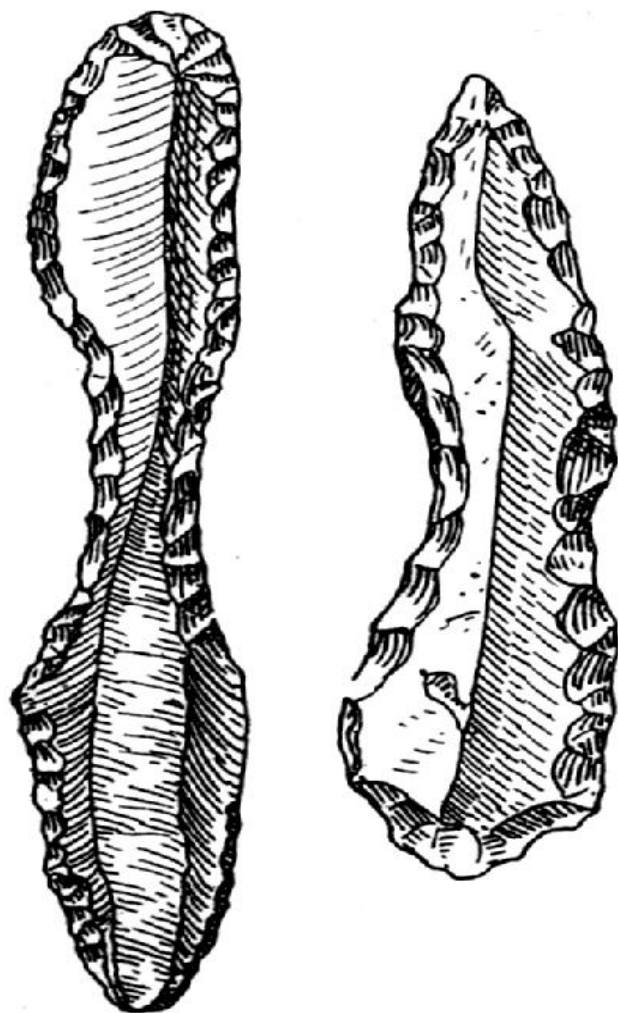




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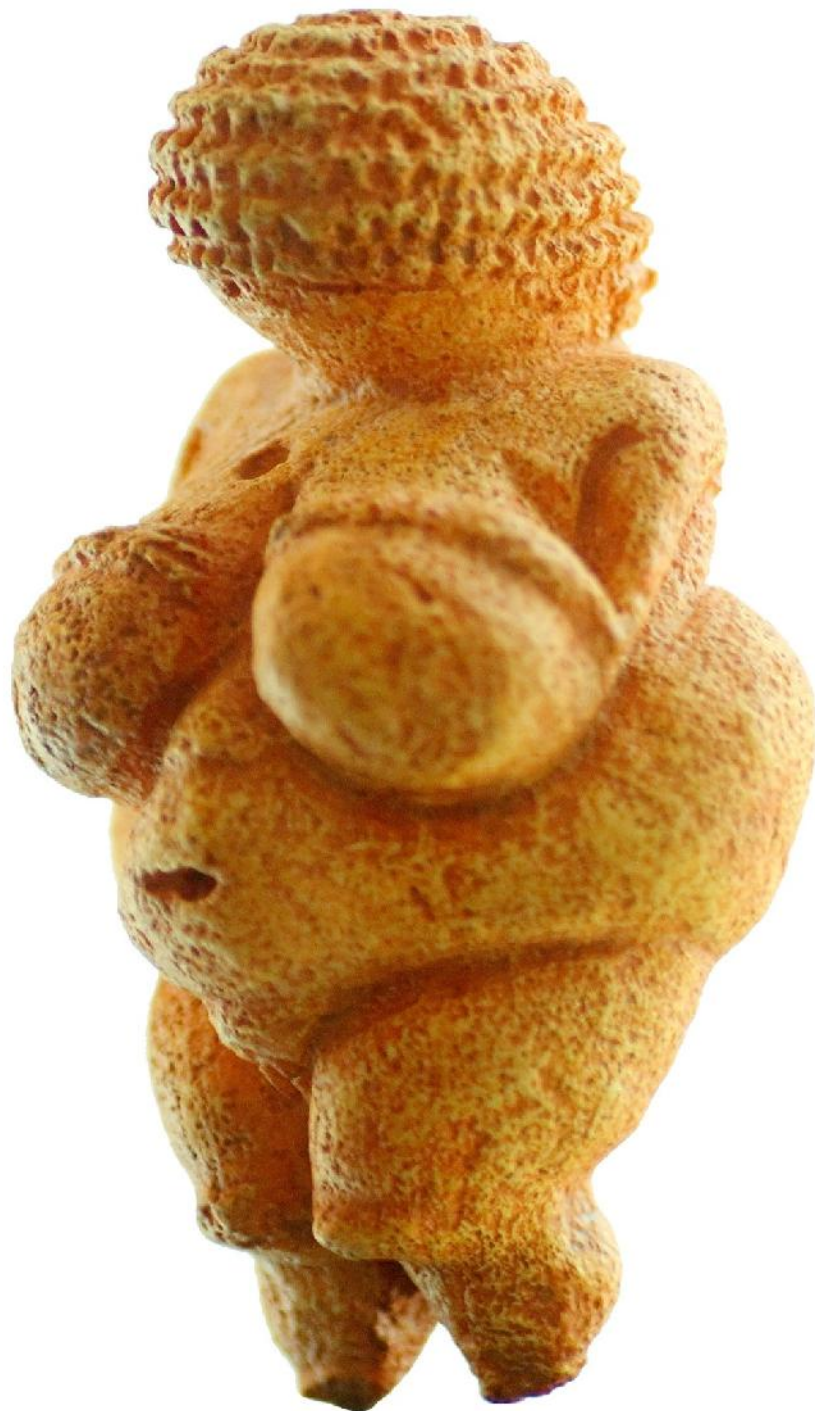




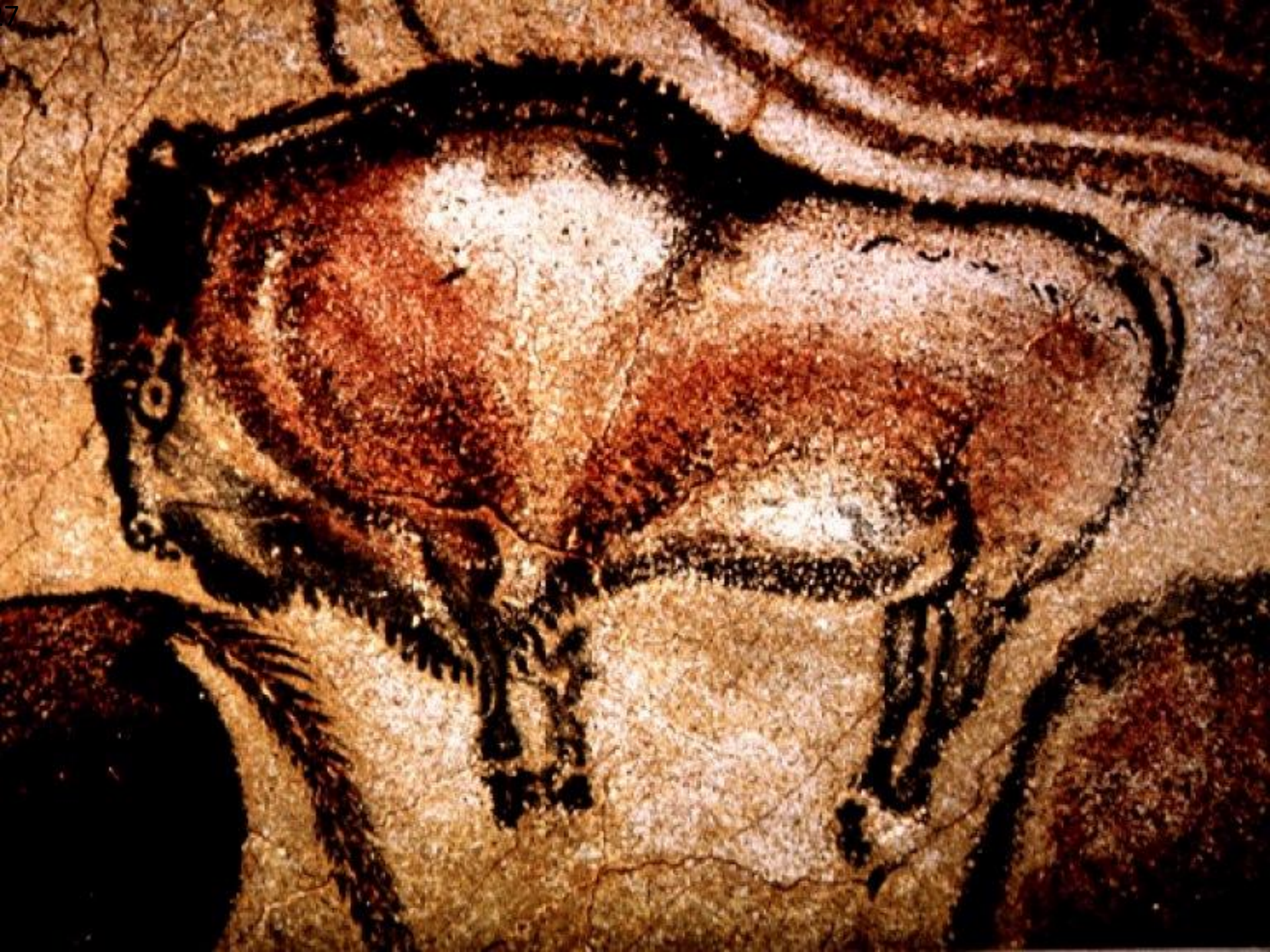












Ancient Roots: The Last Step

- We have gone from the formation of the Universe to mankind on the edge of agriculture.



Mythology and Religion

- A look at mythology, religion, logos and mythos from a secular perspective.







Logos

- Reason: in ancient Greek philosophy.
- The controlling principle in the universe.
- The “word of truth,” logical, pragmatic and scientific.
- Essentially practical and rational. It allows us to invent new technology and define mathematics; one plus one equals two.

MYTHOS: FIVE MINUTE QUIZ

Please note your answers

- Where did we come from?
- Who am I?
- What must I do in order to survive?
- What must I do to be good?
- How do I live my life under any circumstances?
- Where are we going?
- What happens when I die?
- Is mythology an inferior mode of thought?

