

Christian symbolism and the Roman Mithraic cosmology

Mythological parallels based on the interpretation of the astronomical phenomena

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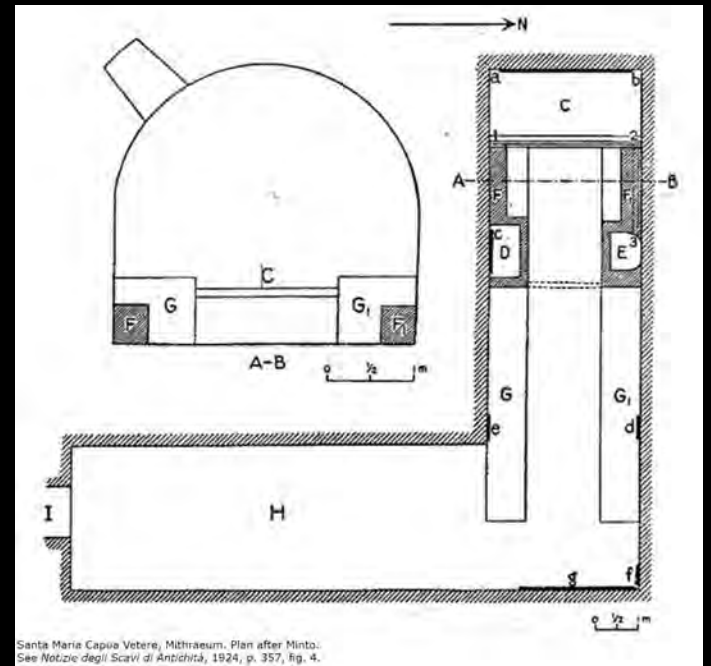
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Tauroctony, Museum of London



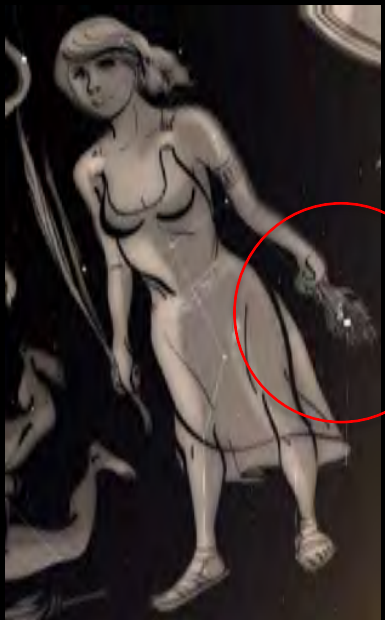
Mitreo di Santa Maria Capua Vetere



Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Mitraeum. Plan after Minto.
See *Notizie degli Scavi di Antichità*, 1924, p. 357, fig. 4.



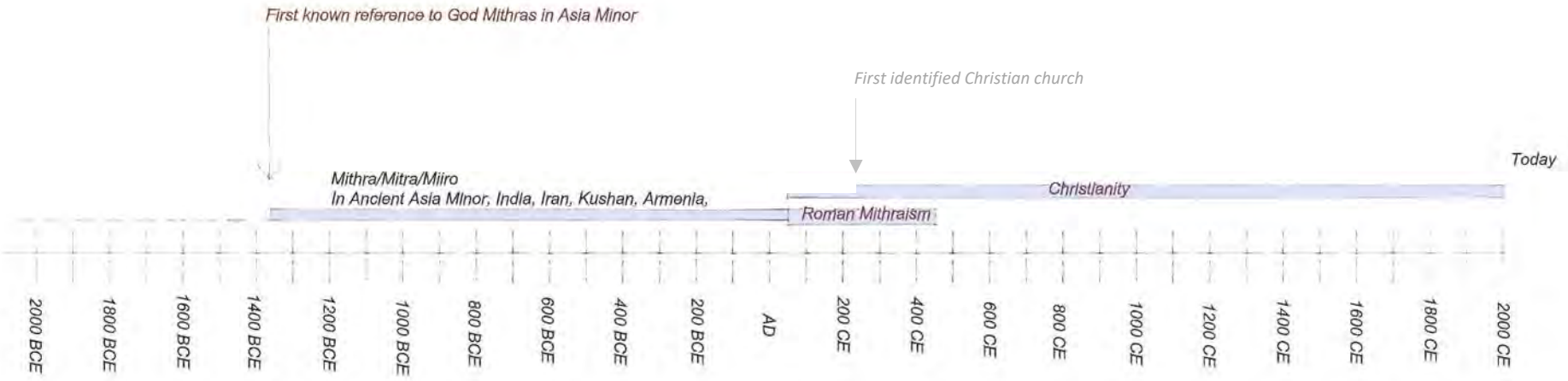




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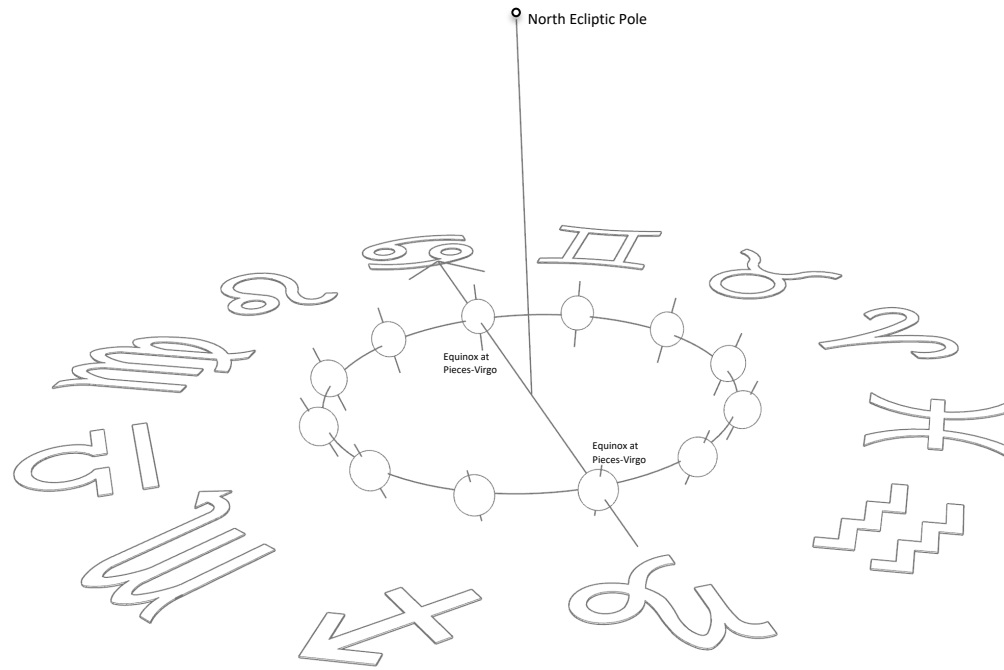


CIMRM 641: Tauroctony scene on side A of a two-sided Roman bas-relief. 2nd or 3rd century

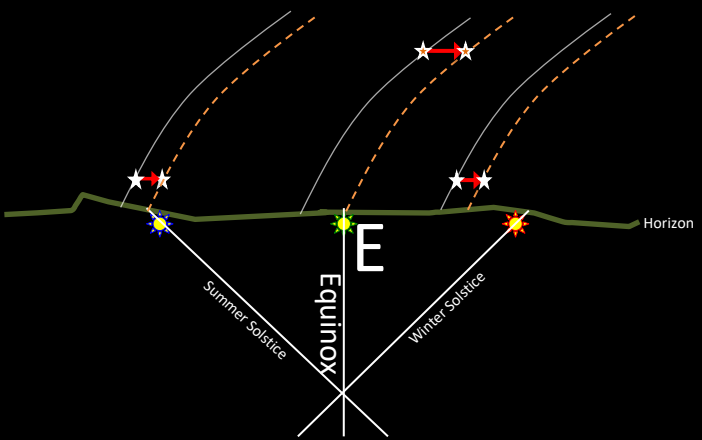


Zurvan





½ Precession = ~12,000 years







Greek Pyxis , 8th century BC



Etruscan Biconical cinerary urn, 9th–8th century BC, from Monterozzi



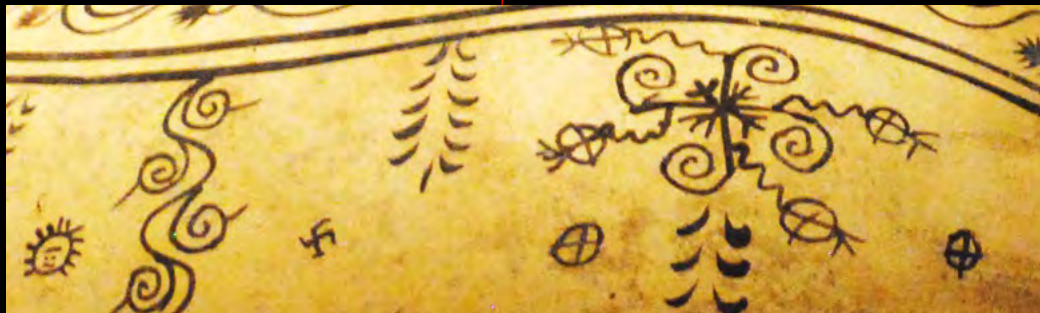
Etruscan pendant from Bolsena, Italy, 7th century BC



askoi from Canosa, Italy, 4th century BCE
Royal Ontario Museum



askoi from Canosa, Italy, 4th century BCE
British Museum



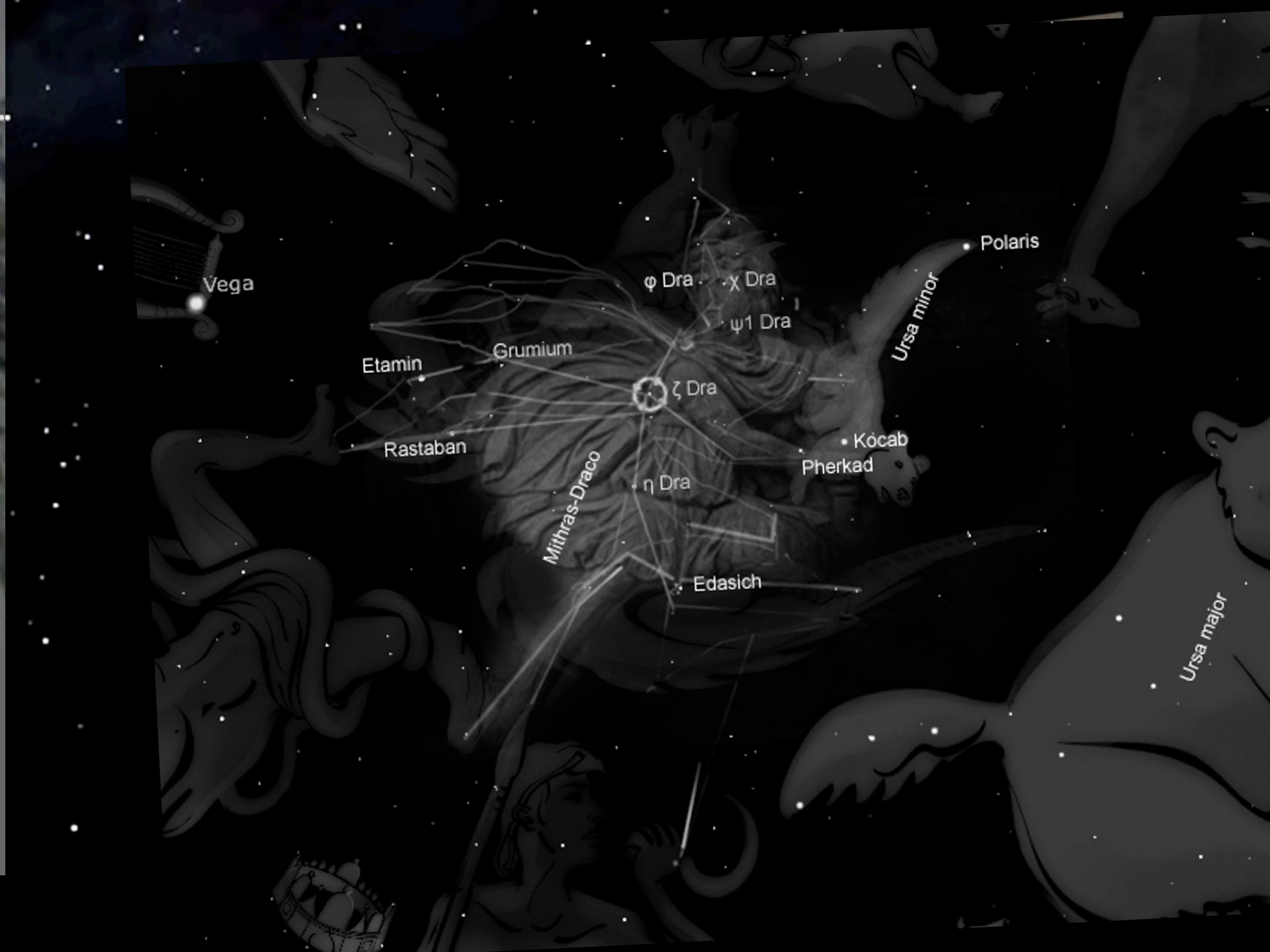


TAURUS

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Vega

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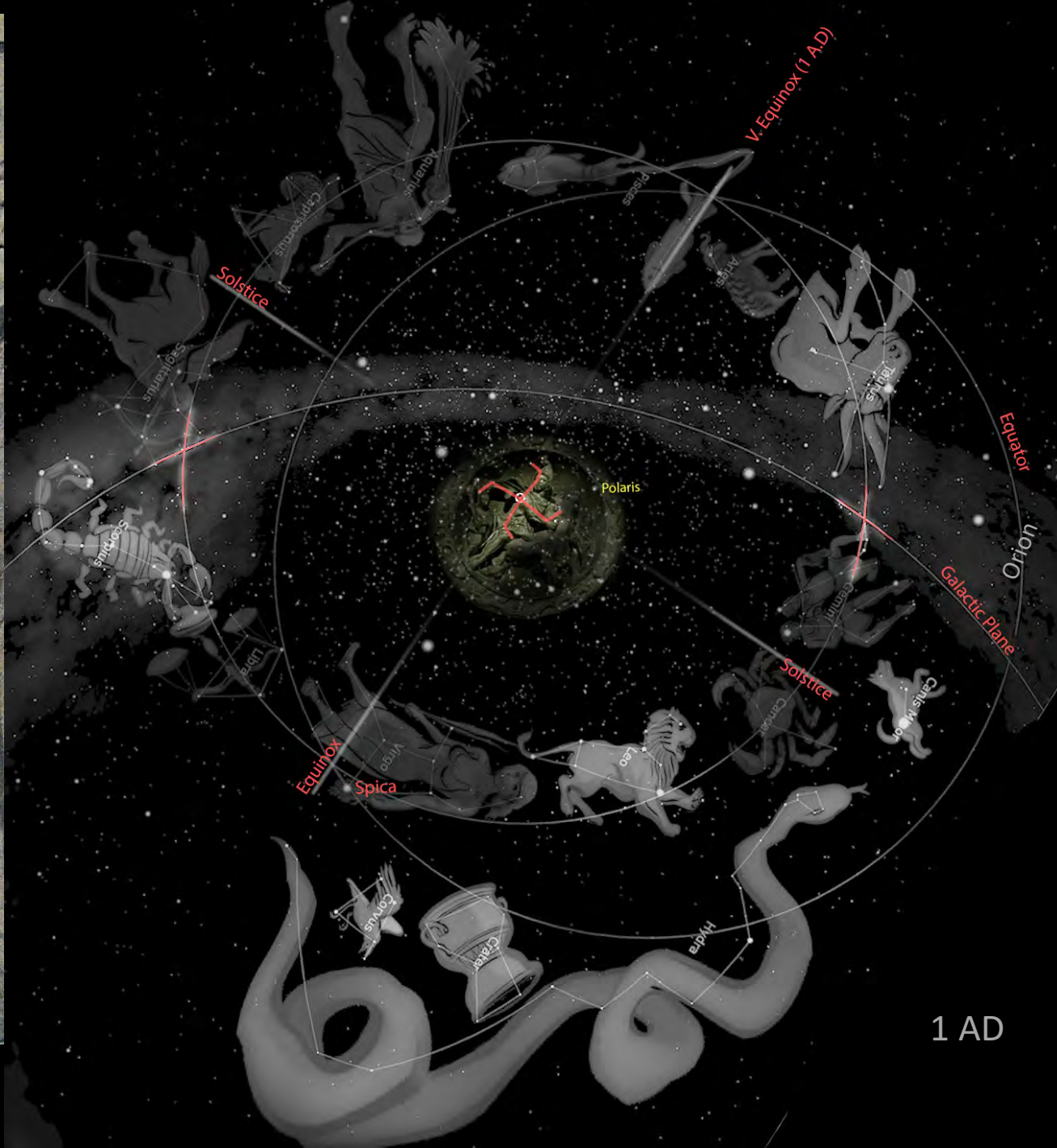
Köcab
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Mithras-Draco

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Ursa major



1 AD



Equator

Pisces

★ Spica

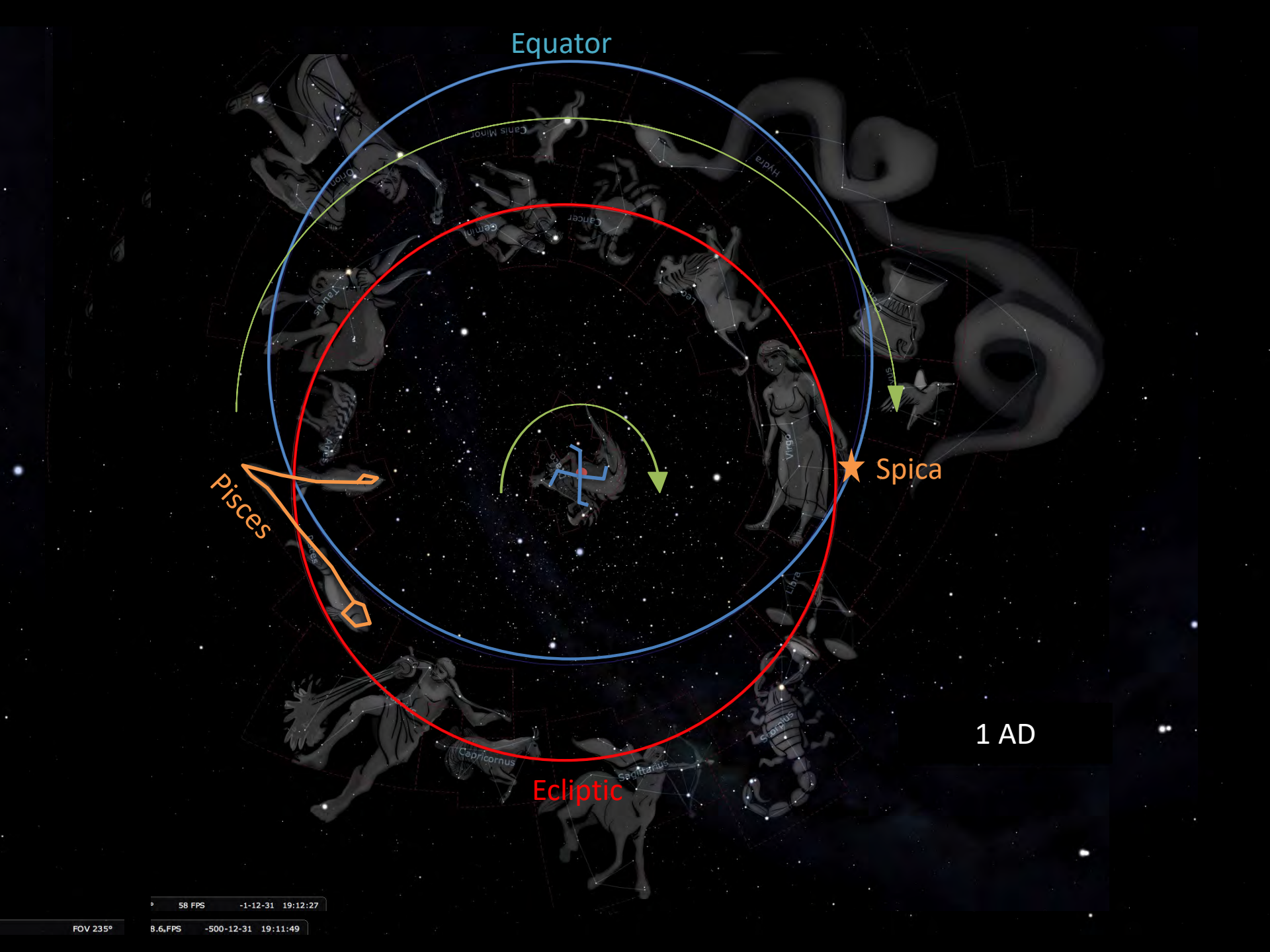
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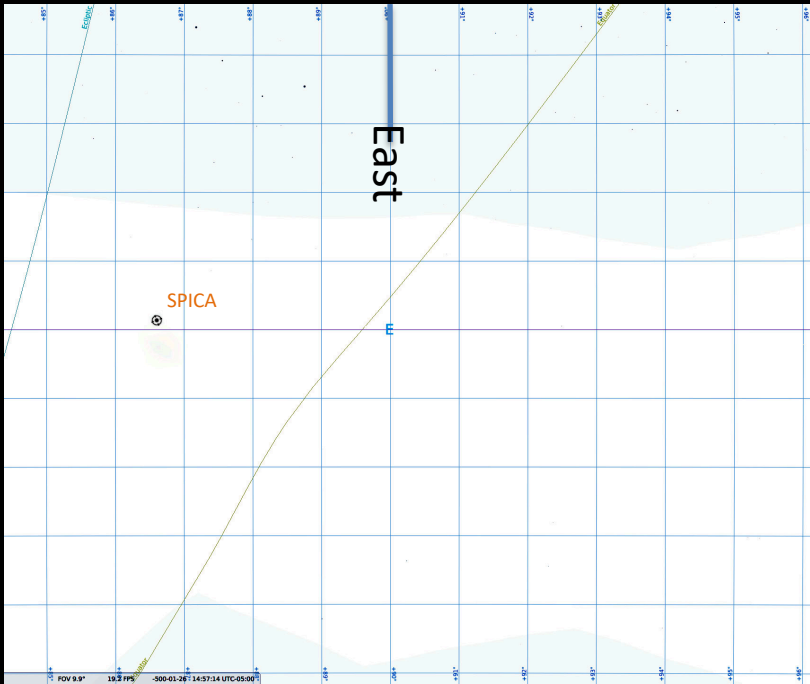
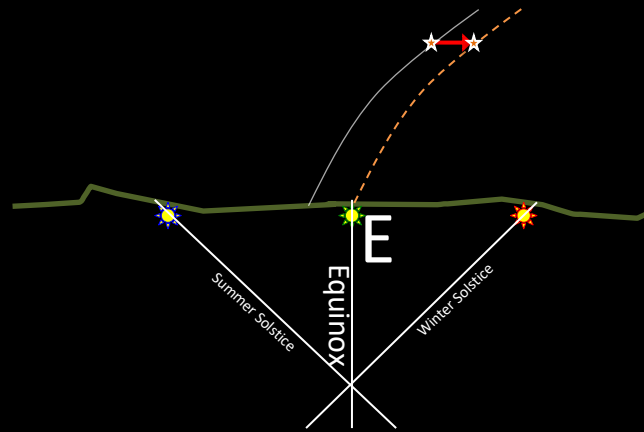
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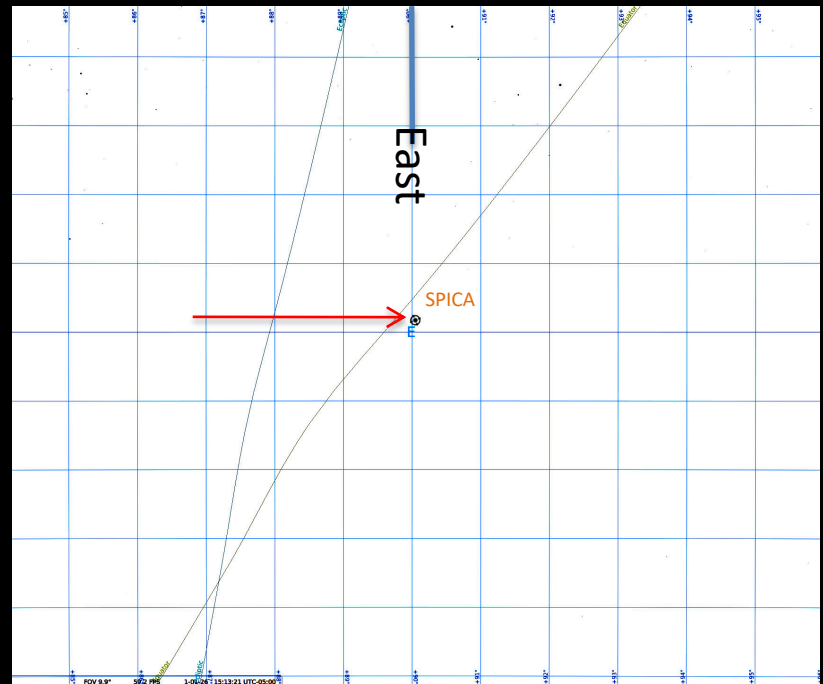
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Apparent Rising point of Spica, 500 BC

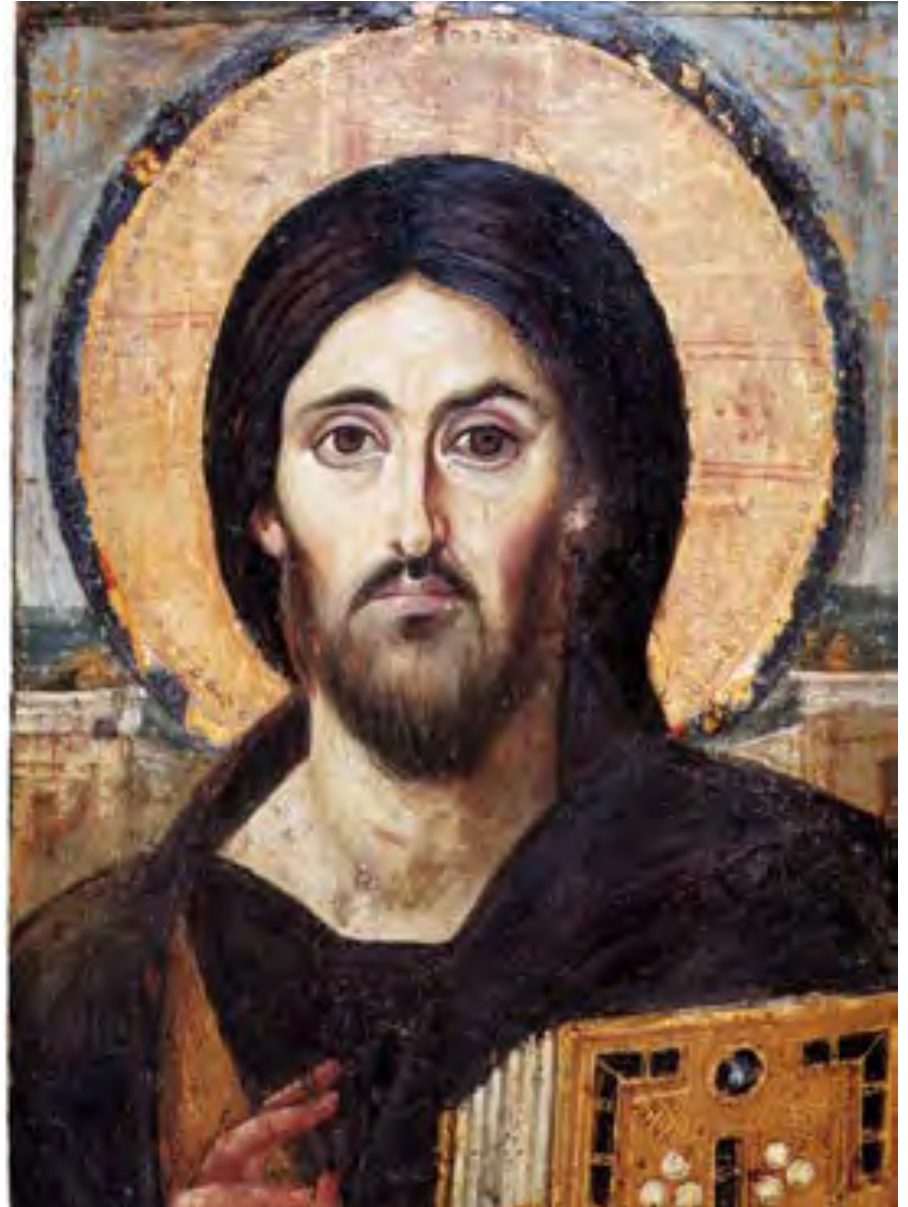


Apparent Rising point of Spica, 1 AD

Mithras



Jesus



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Jesus



Byzantine art, ca. 565



Vatican Museum, 3rd Century

Mithras



Jesus



Mithras



Jesus



Mithras

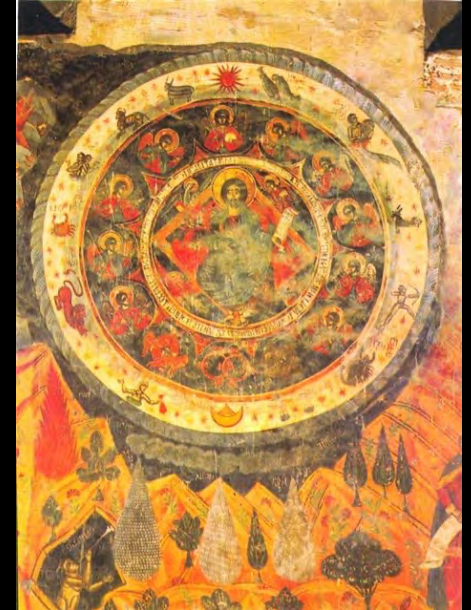


3rd Century, London

Jesus



11th century, Italy



17th century, Georgia

Mithras

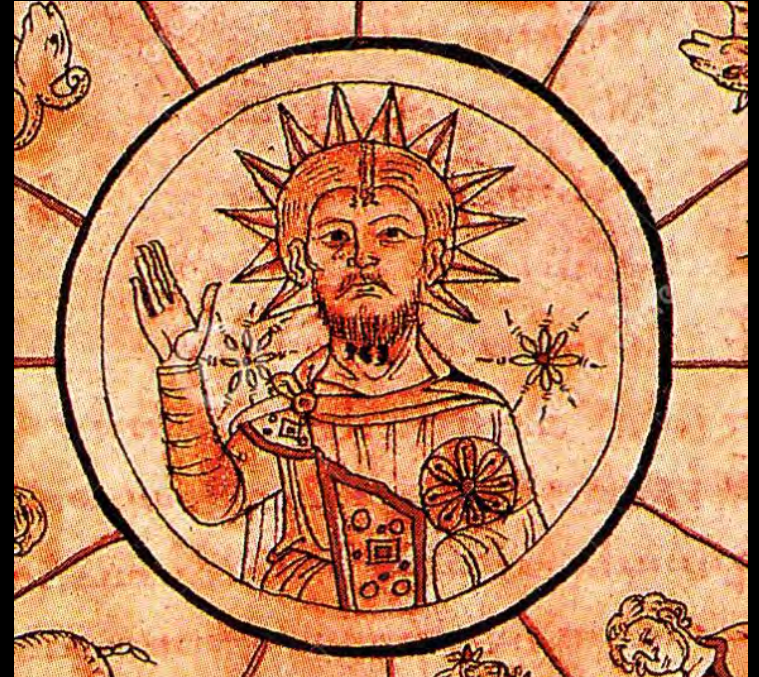


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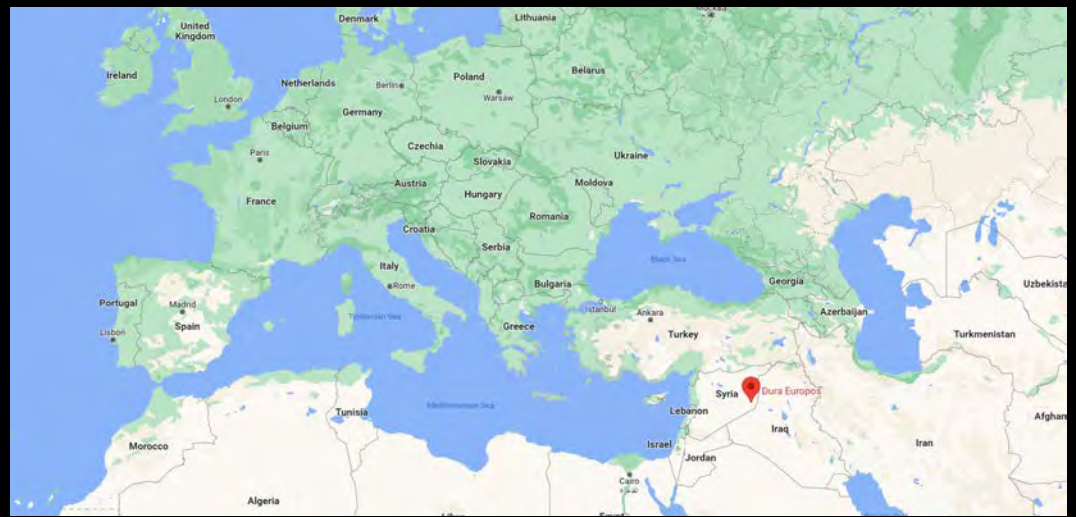


6th-century, Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai.



11th century, Italy

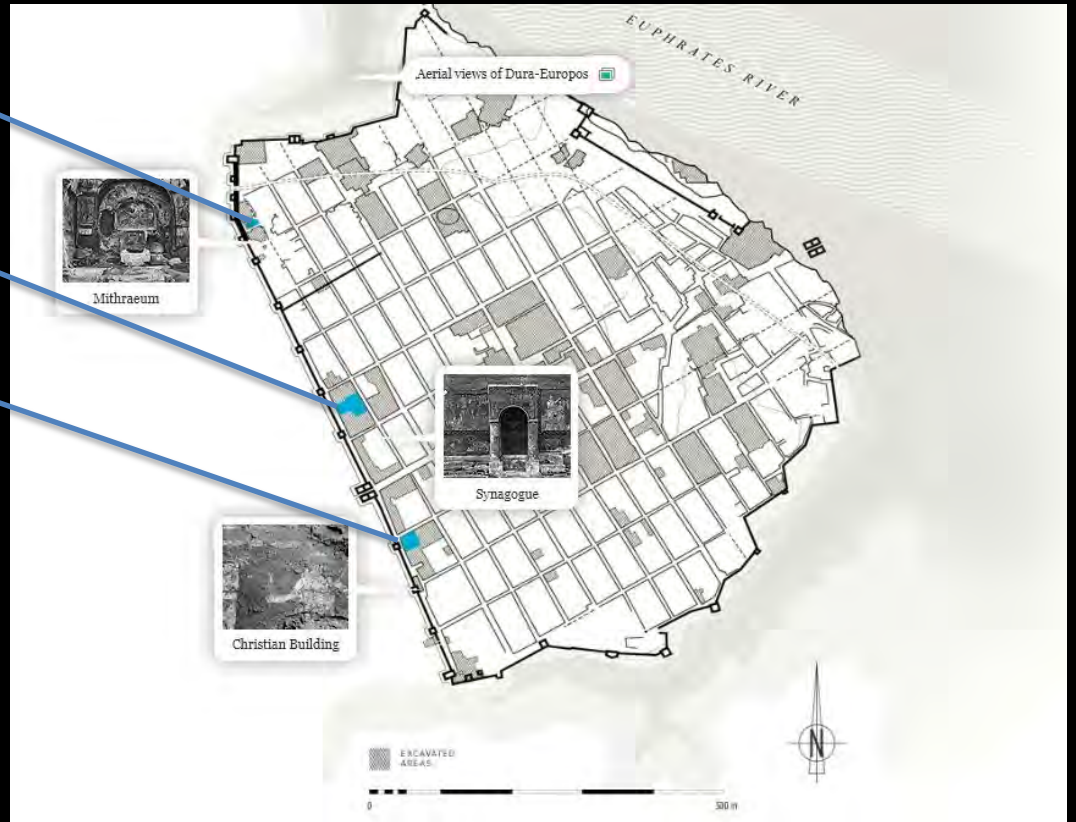
City of Dura-Europos in Syria



Mithraeum

Synagogue

The earliest identified Christian Church



Mithras

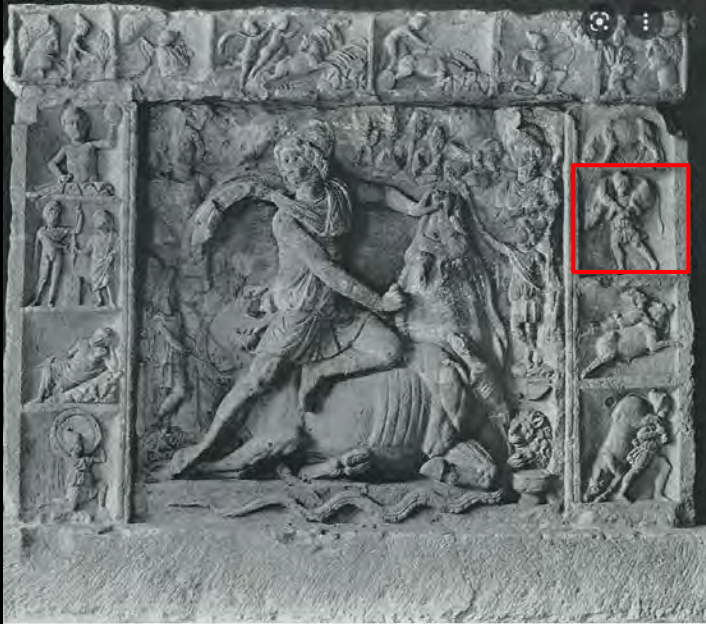


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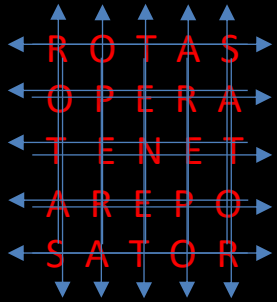
Jesus





SATOR square form Pompeii

SATOR square form Dura-Europos, Yale University excavations

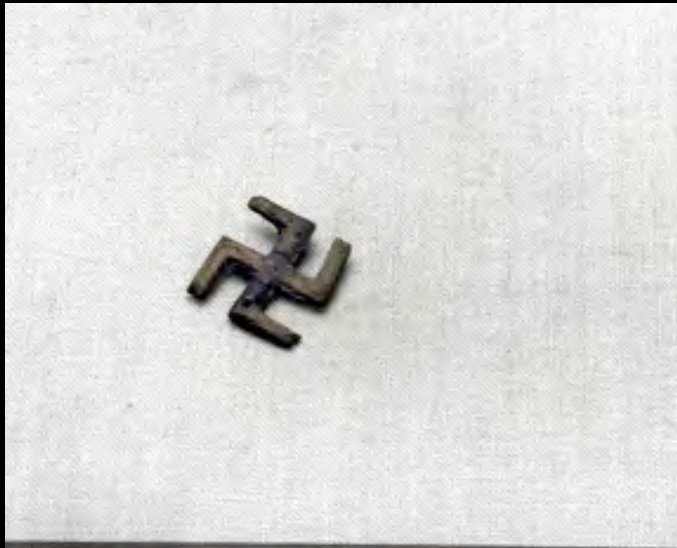


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Roman Brooch from Dura-Europos Excavation,
Yale university 1934.65



Bread stamp from Dura-Europos Excavation
Yale University 1929.364



4th century Roman Mosaic, Villa Romana del Casale, Sicily



Moses in Crossing the Red Sea
4th century Christian painting.
Catacombs in the Via Latina, Rome



