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# **Goddess Anuket**

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Anuket known as Anuket, Anqet, Anjet, Anukis.

Goddess of the Nile, Mother of the King, Lady of Elephantine, Lady of Life, Lady of Heaven,
Princess / Mistress of the Gods, Mistress of Nubia, Goddess of the overflow



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anuket

Anuket is the Egyptian Goddess of the Nile cataracts, the personification of the flooding of the Nile river, nourisher of the fields, goddess of hunting and a protective deity during childbirth.

She is the Goddess of the overflow. She is worshipped as an agricultural Goddess who nourishes the fields and grains, bringing life and prosperity to the land of Egypt.

Anuket is a daughter of the God Khnum. In some sources, it was mentioned that she was self-begotten and self-produced therefore God Khnum was her husband. Goddess Satet was her sister. As the Goddess of the hunt, her sacred animal was the Gazelle.



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Sometimes she is pictured as having four arms, representing the union of male and female principles and because of this quality, she also represents family values. Her name means "embrace" and it may have referred to the embrace of the waters of the inundation of the Nile River. She was known as "Mistress of Nubia, she who embraces, Mistress or Princess of the Gods." Anuket was also worshipped by the sailors for safe passage and safe return on the Nile river. As a patroness of the poor, she supplies those in need with wealth and fertility. She is often depicted as a full breasted woman with a reed or Ostrich feather headdress, suckling the pharaoh during the new kingdom, holding a sceptre and the ankh symbols.



Image: <a href="http://www.artehistoria.com/v2/escuelas/gal117-1.htm">http://www.artehistoria.com/v2/escuelas/gal117-1.htm</a>

In Greece, she was considered equivalent to Hestia or Vesta. Her name became Anookis or Anukis. (source Wikipedia, accessed June 2016). By the 13<sup>th</sup> Dynasty Pharaoh Sobekhotep III dedicated a temple to Aunket on the island of Seheil. Later on during the 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty, Amenhotep II dedicated a chapel to the goddess. Her main cult centre was at Elephantine (source: www.thewhitegoddess.co.uk).



(Source: http://labalancedes2terres.info/spip.php?article153)

Some sources reference her as the daughter of Ra, and she has been associated with Satet since ancient times. Both Anuket and Satet were linked to the Uraeus (the royal cobra on the Pharaoh's crown). During the New Kingdom, Anuket was placed in the Abu triad with Khnum and Satet. In later times, she was identified with Nephthys at the temple "Per-Mer", because of the Satet link with the Goddess Isis and the Khnum link with Osiris. Both Satet and Aunket are closely linked to Isis, who eventually took on the attributes of the fertile waters of the Nile as well as being a form of the Star Sirius. (source: <a href="https://www.ancientegyptonline.co.uk">www.ancientegyptonline.co.uk</a>)



The festival of Anuket was held in the annual flooding of the Nile which happens from June to September. Some sources also correspond the month of May with Anuket. Ceremonially, when the Nile started its annual flood, the Festival of Anuket began. People threw coins, gold, jewellery and precious gifts into the river, in thanks for the life-giving water and returning benefits derived from the wealth provided by her fertility to the goddess. The taboo, held in several parts of Egypt, against eating certain fish which were considered sacred, was lifted during this time, suggesting that a fish species of the Nile was a totem for Anuket and that they were consumed as part of the ritual of her major religious festival. (source: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anuket">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anuket</a>)



Anuket was also worshipped by sailors for safe passage and safe return on the Nile River.

Anuket in the <u>Louvre</u> museum. Image source from: <a href="http://www.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Anuket">http://www.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Anuket</a>

## Sacred to Her

Animal: Gazelle

Colour: Blue, turquoise, Ocean Green, Silver, White, Indigo, dark brown

and black.

Day: Saturday

Festival of Anuket (Some say 25<sup>th</sup> July coinciding with the rising of the

Nile)

Month: May

Symbols: Cowrie Shells, water jugs (clay pots), the yoni, coins and fish,

headdress made of feathers or reeds.

Herbs: Basil, clove and patchouli

Crystal: Citrine and leopardskin jasper

Bird: red parrot ) Element: Water

Incense, See breeze, Jasmine

Archangel: Gabriel

Jewelleries: made of Cowrie Shell

Clothes: Feather hat Perfume: Lotus, Jasmine

(sources: www.egyptian-witchcraft.com

The White Goddess )

## Ritual

For balance, material needs, prosperity, wealth and prosperity.

#### **Items needed:**

Candle: Blue candle or indigo and brown to represent the earth.

Incense: Sea Breeze. Lotus or Jasmine

Symbols: Cowrie shells, water jug(s), headdress made of feathers

Optional (coins, gold, silver and jewellery)

A bowl of water with Jasmine or Lotus petals.

Intention/wish: For an overflow of abundance, blessings and success in life.

Optional: crayons, paper to draw, necklace, bracelet or earrings made of Cowrie shell.

#### **Outline:**

- Purify
- Light candles, lit the incense
- Cast circle
- Invoke/acknowledge the four cardinal points starting in the East. East say, "I call upon keepers of Air, spirits of east, please give strength and protection for this ritual."
- South say, "I call upon keepers of Fire, spirits of south, please give strength and protection for this ritual."
- West say, "I call upon keepers of Water, spirit of west, please give strength and protection for this ritual."
- Earth say, "I call up on keepers of Earth, spirit of north, please give strength and protection for this ritual."
- Raise the bowl of water with Jasmine or Lotus petals
- Invoke or say, "Anuket, Anuket, Anuket I call upon you. Nourisher of the fields, Goddess of the Nile please give power and strength to my prayer for an overflow of abundance, blessings and success in life. I know you can do this for me. I receive gratefully. Thank you, thank you, thank you."
- Put the bowl of water on the alter table, anoint or touch your crown with the water, then third eye, throat, heart, solar plexus, sacral chakra, root chakra and the palm of both hands and say,

"Embrace me mother, Quench my thirst Let me live in fullness Blessed with your everlasting abundance,"

- Sit in a meditative state (optional: if you wish this is the time to dedicate the cowrie shells jewellery or other objects to honor and charge with the energy of Anuket.)
- Say, "I dedicate this jewellery or object (name the object) to my connection to you, Goddess Anuket. May this item be charged with your blessings and connect me to you always. Thank you."
   (optional pass the object over the candles flames and dip briefly in the bowl of water).
- Sit in a meditative state, or, using crayon and paper, you can also draw, write, sketch what comes to mind as part of your interaction with Goddess Anuket.
- When you feel ready, thank Anuket and dismiss the four elements connection by saying;

"Anuket, thank you for your blessings."

"Keepers of earth, spirit of north the ritual is complete. Thank you and farewell."

"Keepers of water, spirit of west, the ritual is complete. Thank you and farewell."

"Keepers of fire, spirit of south, the ritual is complete. Thank you and farewell."

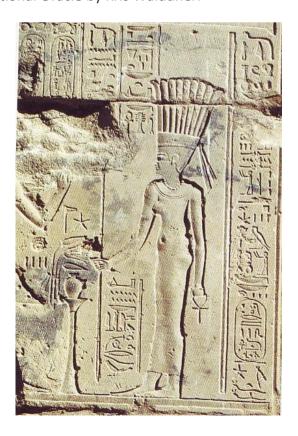
"Keepers of air, spirit of east, the ritual is complete. Thank you and farewell."

Now have faith that you have initiated and have made a connection with the powerful energy of Goddess Anuket. Allow your life to overflow with blessings.

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- Goddess Inspirational Oracle by Kris Walddherr



# **Handmade Items**





Anuket Headdress made of pheasant feathers





Cowrie shells



Cowrie shells necklace

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