**Captions for Photographs of Gods and Goddesses of Learning and Books**

**Note: sometimes there will be more than one photo of the same person. I purposely included them because the photos are different or different sizes, etc.**

1. **Apollo** is the Greek god of knowledge, past, present, and to come. <http://www.classicsunveiled.com/mythnet/html/pics01.html>

2. **Apollo**

<http://atheism.about.com/library/FAQs/religion/blgrk_apollo.htm>

3. **Apollo**

<http://www.dobbscapital.com/poetry/images/Apollo1.jpg>

4. **Apollo and the Muses** -- The other gods of education and knowledge were Apollo and the Muses. The Muses were daughters of Memory and goddesses of the arts and libraries. Our word Museum comes from the Greek word Mouseion, a temple of the Muses. The most famous Mouseion was the Great Library of Alexandria, a great centre of learning, dedicated to the nine goddesses.

<http://www.allposters.com/-sp/The-Dance-of-Apollo-with-the-Muses-Posters_i1592529_.htm>

5. **Athena** (Minerva) was the goddess of wisdom, good advice and clever counsel. She was also a goddess of the crafts, and the patron goddess of invention. Athena is the Greek Goddess of Learning, Teaching, and Careers.

<http://www.donaldsensing.com/2003_08_01_archive.html>

6. **Athena**

<http://blog.360.yahoo.com/blog-mLP20tA_fqWxOxXZO.8qZ1ltnfFPoi7mlFLKNzU-?cq=1&tag=minerva>

7. **Athena**

<http://katewombat.blogspot.com/2007/03/which-goddess-are-you.html>

8. **Buddha Manjushri**, the god of learning. <http://www.pbase.com/kosongkosong/image/79776423>

9. **Buddha Manjushri**

<http://www.tharpa.com/us/art-Buddha.Manjushri-665.html>

10. **Carmenta** was a Roman Goddess of writing and the alphabet.

<http://everydaysaholiday.wordpress.com/2008/01/11/carmenta-goddess-of-womens-lib/>

11. **Danu** was the Celtic god of knowledge.

[http://api.ning.com/files/57eloaC8PTj93\*MCZjcDt9AfLOvySNstZ1yd19pUsWmO7WHxTfxAySGIrS-AyaeafvLhC5t72gpZGJJvMwACqKKR3448\*TGs/MyfavoriteCelticpic.jpg](http://api.ning.com/files/57eloaC8PTj93%2AMCZjcDt9AfLOvySNstZ1yd19pUsWmO7WHxTfxAySGIrS-AyaeafvLhC5t72gpZGJJvMwACqKKR3448%2ATGs/MyfavoriteCelticpic.jpg)

12. **Ganesha** (Ganpati) was a Hindu god of knowledge and learning. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Ganesha\_Basohli\_miniature\_circa\_1730\_Dubost\_p73.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image%3AGanesha_Basohli_miniature_circa_1730_Dubost_p73.jpg)

13. **Hayagriva** was the Hindu God of learning and wisdom.

<http://iidb.infidels.org/vbb/showthread.php?p=5563982>

14. **Hermes** (Mercury) was the Greek god of knowledge and invention. The Greeks identified him with Thoth, the Egyptian god of knowledge. He was one of the gods of Greek education. The famous school of Athens, the Lyceum, where Plato taught was a shrine of Hermes. Hermes was also the god of writing and messenger to the other gods. <http://stangandbroom.com/catalog/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=25_59>

15. **Hermes**

<http://mercuryretrograde.wordpress.com/2007/10/20/the-myth-of-mercuryhermes-i/>

16. **Hermes**

<http://hubpages.com/hub/Greek-God-Hermes>

17. **Lono** is the Hawaiian god of learning and intellect.

<http://www.royaltiki.com/Articles/Tiki-Gods>

18. **Minerva** (Athena) was the Roman goddess of wisdom, learning, art crafts and industry. Her symbol was the owl.

<http://atheism.about.com/library/FAQs/religion/blgrk_athena01.htm>

19. **The Muses**

<http://www.andrewstoddart.org.uk/ASSGlass5.htm>

20. **The Muses**

<http://www.nmwa-uk.org/preevents3.html>

21. **The Muses** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/spl/hi/pop_ups/07/uk_enl_1180518645/html/1.stm>

22. **Nabu** is the Babylonian god of writing and wisdom. [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Nabu-Lawrie-Highsmith.jpeg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image%3ANabu-Lawrie-Highsmith.jpeg)

23. **Nabu**

<http://www.mallorcaweb.net/masm/mitmer1.htm>

24. **Nisaba** or Nidaba is the goddess of writing, the learned one and scribe of the Sumerian heaven. She was known as the goddess of writing and accounts, and was patron deity of the palace archives.

<http://www.dekanat-voitsberg.at/dekanat/patrone/michael.php>

25. **Ogma** is the Irish god of writing, eloquence and poetry. [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Ogma-Lawrie-Highsmith.jpeg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image%3AOgma-Lawrie-Highsmith.jpeg)

26. **Quetzalcoatl** is the Aztec god of learning and creation. <http://www.answers.com/topic/quetzalcoatl>

27. **Quetzalcoatl**

<http://weber.ucsd.edu/~anthclub/quetzalcoatl/image.htm>

28. **Quetzalcoatl**

<http://www.mexicolore.co.uk/index.php?one=azt&two=aaa&id=271&typ=reg>

29. **Sarasvati** was known asgoddess of books, learning, and knowledge. She was wife of Brahma, the creator of the world.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vagdevi>

30. **Sarasvati**

<http://soulspiirit.wordpress.com/2007/06/14/jaya-ganesha/>

31. **Sarasvati**

<http://www.stanford.edu/~keyarp/my%20spiritual%20side.html>

32. **Sarasvati**

<http://collectionsonline.lacma.org/mweb/about/ssea_about.asp>

33. **Saturnus** was the Roman god of learning.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn\_(mythology)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturn_%28mythology%29)

34. **Seshat** (Sashet, Sesheta, Safekh), meaning 'female scribe', was seen as the Egyptian goddess of writing, historical records, accounting and mathematics, measurement and architecture to the ancient Egyptians. Seshat was the goddess of libraries, knowledge, and geomancy. The goddess was mistress of the house of books, the secretary, and the mistress of the house of architects. The female equivalent and wife of Thoth, this goddess was the record-keeper of the gods. She was goddess of writing, letters, archives, measurement, calculation, record-keeping, hieroglyphics, time, stars, history, books, learning, and inventions.

<http://www.archbase.com/fayum/>

35. **Seshat**

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seshat>

36. **Seshat**

<http://www.geocities.com/jennycarrington/seshat.html>

37. **Kitano** **Tenjin** is the Japanese God of learning, language and calligraphy. He taught humans to write.

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/ukiyo-e/early.html>

38. **Thoth** was one of the earlier Egyptian gods, thought to be scribe to the gods, who kept a great library of scrolls, over which one of his wives, Seshat (the goddess of writing) was thought to be mistress. Thoth was the oldest and greatest of Egyptian librarians. Thoth, the Moon god, was Hermes to the Greeks, Mercury to the Romans, and Nabu to the Babylonians. It is true that Seshat, the wife of Thoth, is hardly less old and is expressly called the "Lady of Libraries", but if Seshat is Mistress of the Hall of Books on the base of one door of the library of the Ramesseum, Thoth, is called Lord of the Hall of Books on the other. Thoth was the inventor of writing and acted as scribe to the gods. He was the Egyptian god of literacy. <http://kbennett3.elfwood.com/thoth.jpg.html>

39. **Thoth**

<http://www.holisticwebs.com/sound/index6.html>

40. **Thoth**

<http://www.catchpenny.org/thoth/who.html>

41. **Thoth**

<http://www.philipcoppens.com/egypt_grail.html>

42. **Thoth**

<http://far-away-scriptwriter.blogspot.com/2007/12/thoth.html>

43. **Thoth and Seshat**

<http://www.geocities.com/jennycarrington/AEnew.html>

44. **Thoth and Seshat**

<http://www.egyptpyramidhistory.com/egyptian_cults/hermopolis.htm>

45. **Vagdevi** is the Hindu goddess of learning.

<http://lotus-sculpture.stores.yahoo.net/hindugoddesssaraswati.html>

46. **Vidya Lakshmi** is the Hindu goddess of learning and rational thinking. <http://www.saimahalakshmi.com/mahalakshmi-goddess/>

47. **Wei T'O** was the ancient Chinese god of libraries and books.

<http://flickr.com/photos/the-doctor/2346708697/>

48. **Bridget** or Brigit or Brighid or Brigid is the Celtic goddess of writing, poetry, and learning. She is the goddess of all things perceived to be of relatively high dimensions such as high-rising flames, highlands, hill-forts and upland areas; and of activities and states conceived as psychologically lofty and elevated, such as wisdom, excellence, perfection, high intelligence, poetic eloquence, craftsmanship (especially blacksmithing), healing ability, druidic knowledge and skill in warfare.

<http://sognodargento.blogspot.com/2007_02_01_archive.html>