

## All in the Family

Nun was the oldest of the ancient Egyptian gods. His name means "primeval waters." Primeval means the earliest ages of history. Nun was the only living thing on earth before there was land. He lived in darkness. He was the water of disorder. From this water came all creation. At first, only frogs and snakes lived in this disorder. They swam in Nun's waters. Nun was called the Father of the Gods. He was dark. He was stormy. He was mysterious. He was boundless. Boundless means without limits. He did whatever he wanted. He had no control. In some stories, Nun caused the Nile River's floods. Nun was a bearded man. Sometimes, he had a frog's head. He had blue and green skin. He wore large leaves from a palm tree. He didn't have any centers of worship. But there were sacred lakes and underground streams in his honor. Sacred means godly.



Hapi wore symbols on his headdress. Headdresses are fancy head coverings like crowns.

curled up. Pharaohs wore a straight beard. When they died, they wore Hapi's curled beard.

The Nile River had two parts. There was the Upper Nile. There was the Lower Nile. Hapi represented both parts. This is because the river flowed through both parts.