

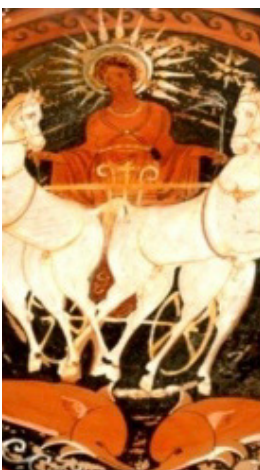
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

One of my sculptures is called Aurora.
For me, it is about new beginnings, sunrise, rejuvenation (indicated by the title) and also a guardian/watcher/keeper figure who looks out for you and protects you.

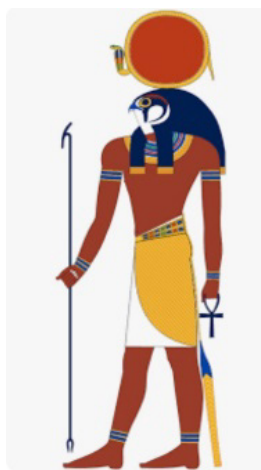
Aurora means 'dawn' in Latin, ie the first light of day, the beautiful moment of sunrise coming up over the horizon. We can think of new beginnings and of hope.



Aurora was the ancient Roman goddess of Dawn, sister of the moon and sun gods. She heralded the start of each new day. There are sun gods in many different cultures:



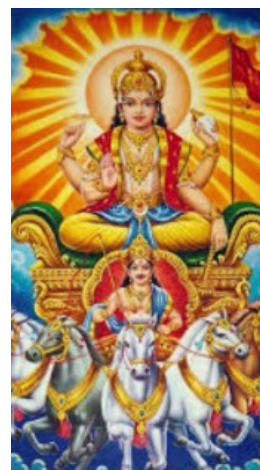
In Greek
he is Helios



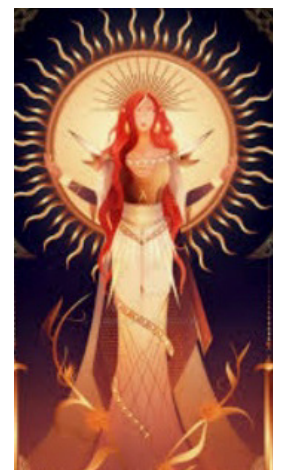
In Egyptian
he is Ra



In Inca
he is Inti



In Indian
he is Surya



In Norse
she is Sol



Aurora is the name of the princess who sleeps for 100 years in Sleeping Beauty in some of the versions of this folk tale (Tchaikovsky's ballet version and the Disney version).

The name suggests the magical moment of her re-awakening with the prince's kiss.

The 'Aurora Borealis' is the name of the northern lights, an awe-inspiring display of celestial lights found in the northern countries.



Decide which of these different versions of Aurora you would like to create – a colourful picture of sunrise, a magical display of lights like fireworks high in the sky, or perhaps a goddess welcoming the start of the new day?



"Sunrise"



"The Sky Alight"



"The Goddess Awakens"