

The Idol of Pompos





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What is the Idol of Pomos?

- The Idol of Pomos is a prehistoric sculpture made from picrolite.
- It takes its name after the village of Pomos, where it was found.
- The idol dates back to the Chalcolithic Period, near the 30th century B.C.
- It resembles a person standing with their arms extended to the sides, forming the shape of a cross. For that reason, they are often referred to as "Cross-shaped Idols " in Greek (stavrosxima idolia).





What Does the Idol of Pompos Symbolize?

- It is a symbol, not a real person.
 - Fertility and motherhood - because it shows a female body which is connected to birth.
 - Life and renewal - it represents the cycle of life and growth.
 - Protection - the open arms may show protection or care, like a mother protecting her family.
 - Religious - the idol was probably used in prayers or ceremonies in prehistoric times.
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POMOS VILLAGE



- Pomos is a coastal village in northwestern Cyprus, known for its clear seas, fishing tradition and natural beauty.
- The figurine was discovered in the area of the village, which is how it got its name.
- It is the official symbol of the community, highlighting Pomos' deep ancient history.
- The Pomos Figurine reflects the cultural and spiritual expressions of the ancient inhabitants, illustrating their relationship with the natural and maritime environment.

The Importance of Cypriot History

- Its location between Europe, Asia, and Africa, was efficient in cultural exchange from prehistoric times until today.
- Although many civilizations influenced Cyprus, it preserved its unique identity.
- Cyprus was not just a place people passed through, but a place where its own traditions were created.
- Its history links the ancient world to the modern era and highlights its important cultural role in Europe.

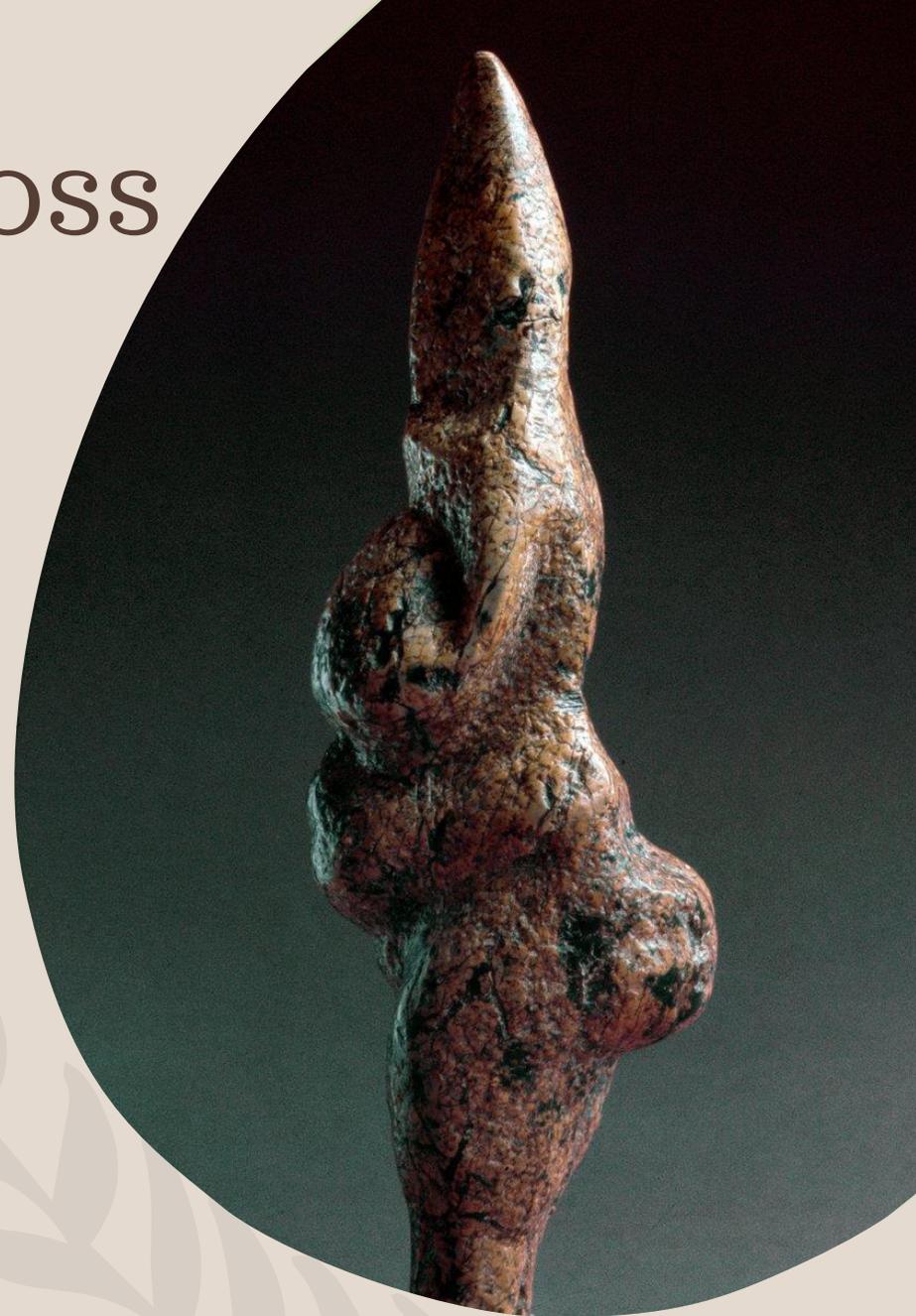




A Shared Story Across the World

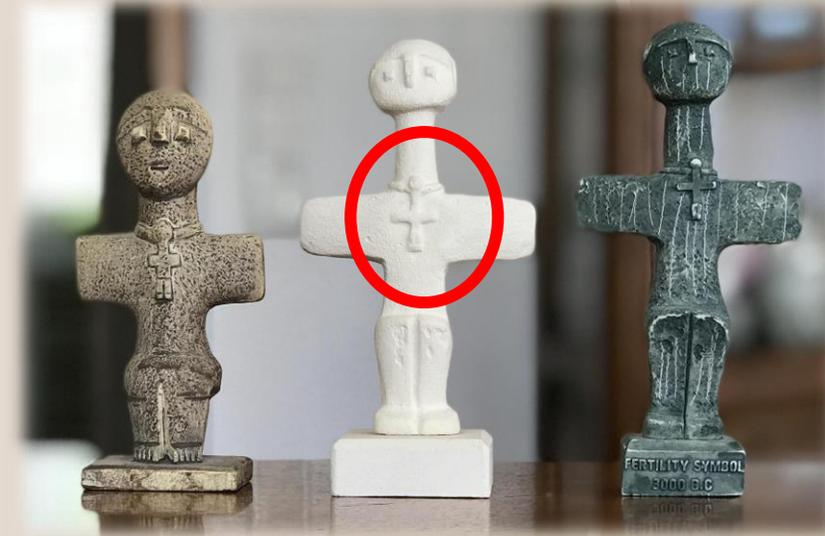
- Similar figurines appear across Europe and the Mediterranean.
- Different cultures shared similar human concerns. Life, fertility and protection connected people before writing.
- This goes to show that prehistoric Europe spoke a common symbolic language.
- This shared symbolism connects different cultures today.

A local object with a global meaning...



Where Do We See the Idol of Pomos Today? & Fun Facts

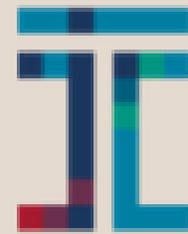
- Displayed at the Cyprus museum, Nicosia
- Adopted as a national cultural symbol
- Featured on the €1 and €2 Cyprus coins
- A small version of the idol hangs from its neck, possibly symbolizing protection.



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