



Paranormal Phenomenon: Ghosts, Spirits & Hauntings

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Episode 1:



Introduction & Historical Backdrop

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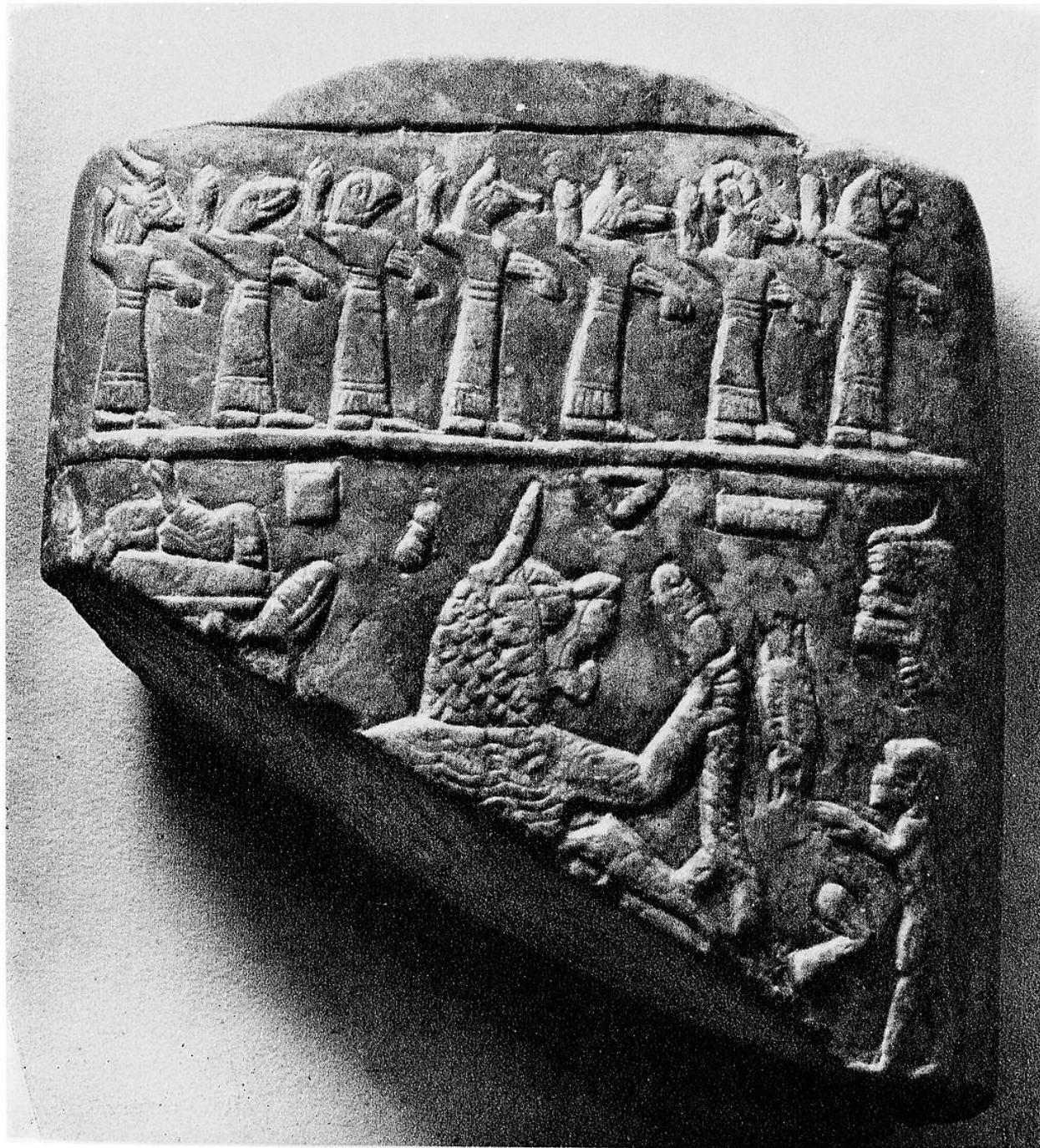
As this area of study, the **paranormal**, relates to ghosts, spirits and hauntings, (*and much more, in fact*), we must first **ponder** the very nature of life itself and our existence or place in the cosmos .



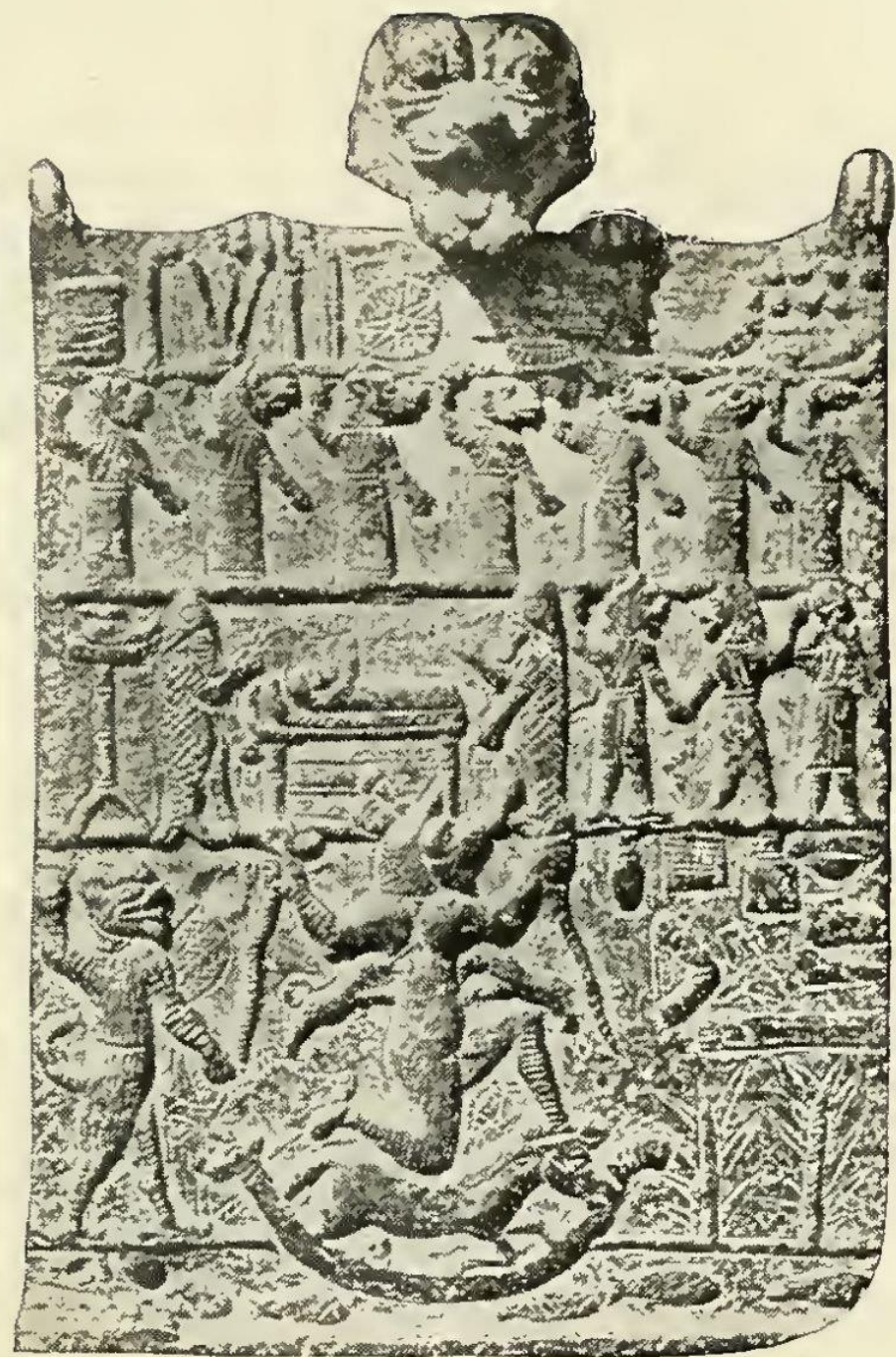
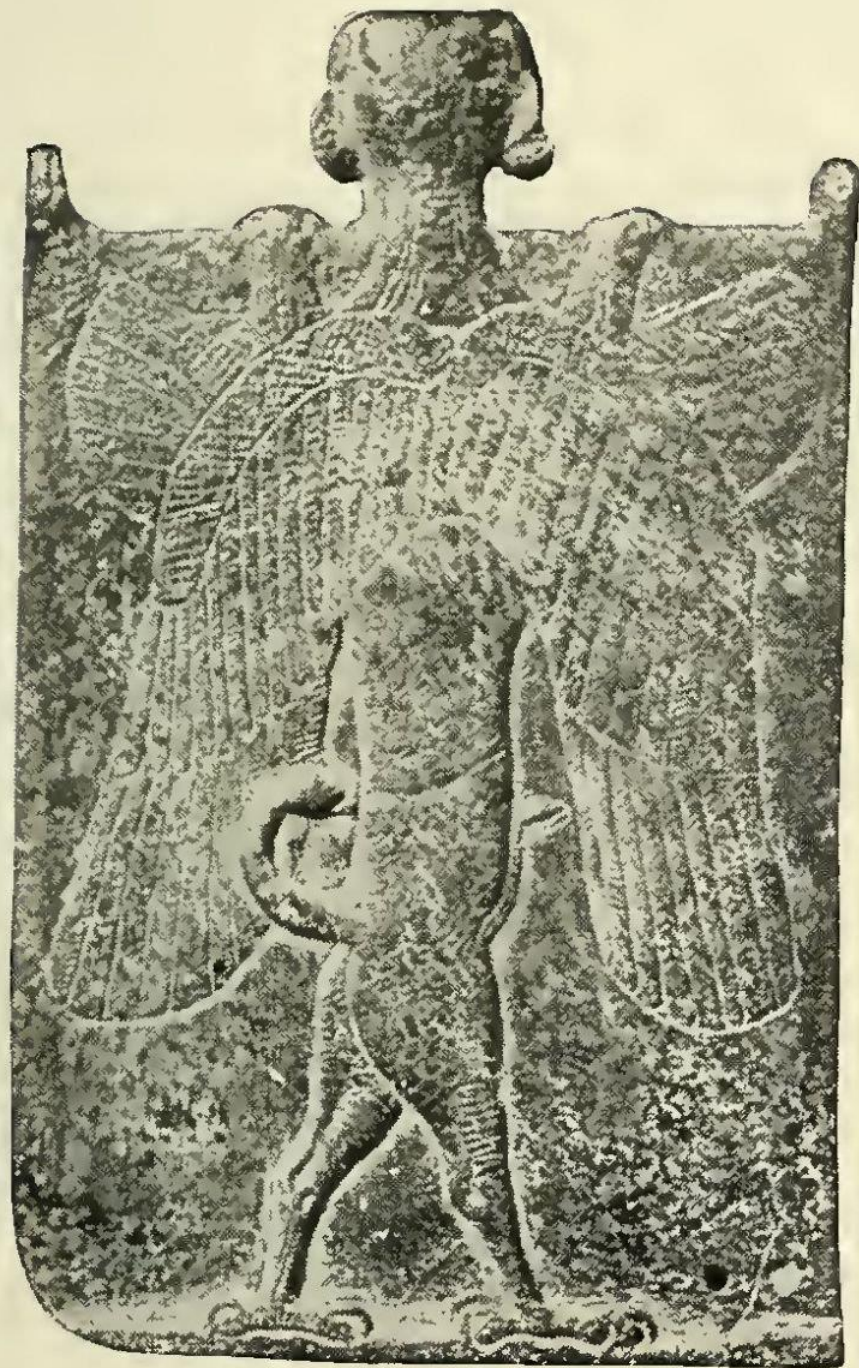
As far back as in the earliest civilizations –
such as with the Mesopotamians
(Babylonians & Assyrians) – humans have
recorded not only the existence of ghosts
and spirits, but also how to properly deal
with them...

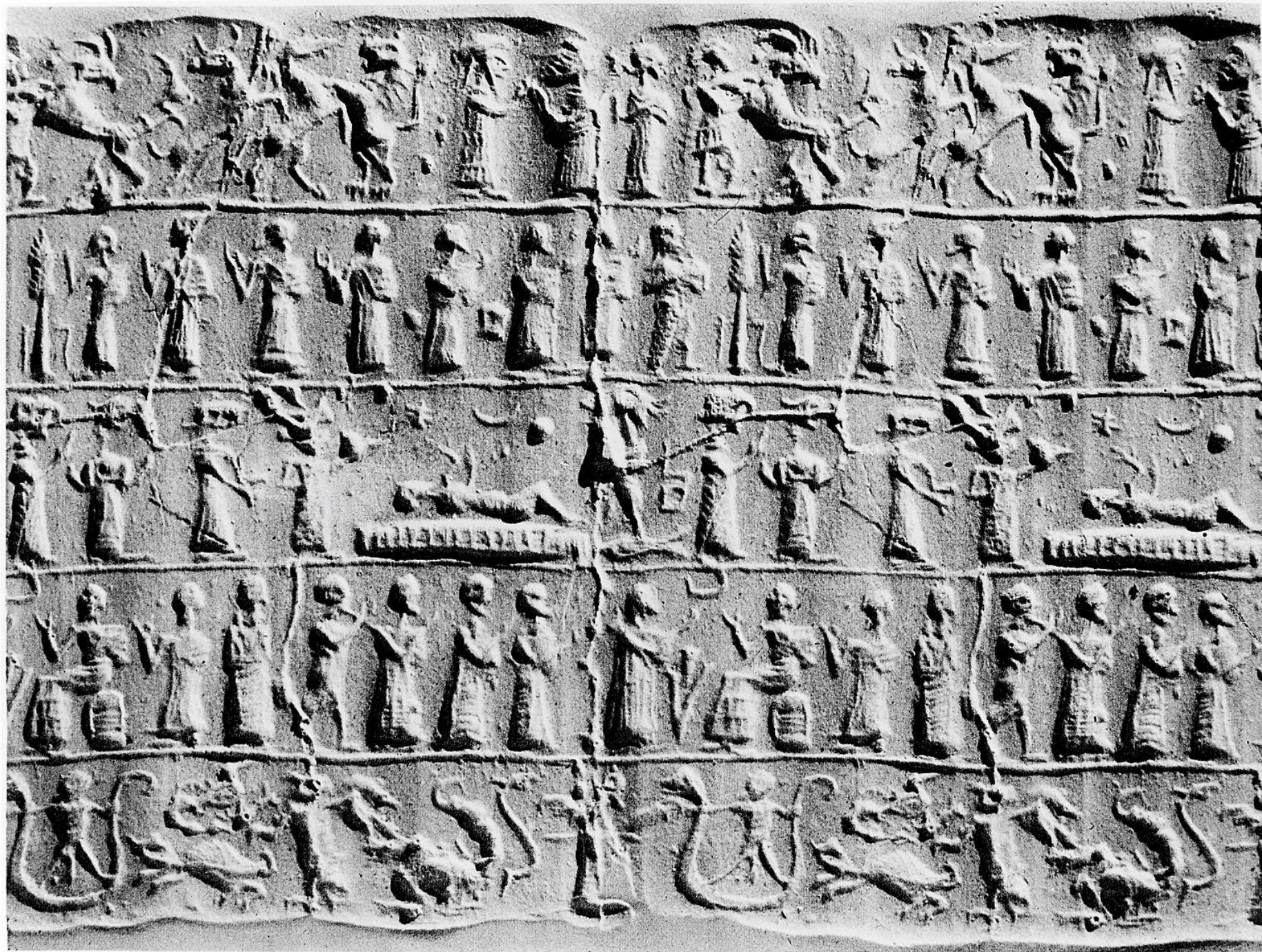






...including performing
exorcism rituals when needed.





Inhuman spirits (demons) were also quite feared and believed to be the cause of various ailment and afflictions.



Great care was taken to properly bury the dead; if they were grossly mistreated, they could return to settle unfinished business and haunt those who have maltreated them.



Practically all ancient civilizations held
similar beliefs.

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A register of hieroglyphs, likely representing the deceased's children. The hieroglyphs are arranged in a single row and include various symbols such as birds, lotus flowers, and other objects.





Even long before major religions such as Buddhism, Judaism, and Christianity emerged, **Wicca (witchcraft)** was practiced for various ends such as fostering **bountiful harvests**, improving **fertility**, and to effectuate **healing**.













Wicca is often called the 'Old religion'
and its practitioners tap into the
gifts of Mother Nature
and even those of the **supernatural**,
or unseen world.



From ancient times to today,
the subject of the paranormal has never
ceased to both fascinate
and drive humans in their quest
for answers about such mysteries
and life beyond the last heartbeat.