

# Insects and People

## Entomology 101

### Insects in Religion and Mythology

#### 1. Egyptian Civilization

-unity of Upper and Lower Egypt in 3100 BC by Menes

##### a. Hieroglyphics and symbols

-bee (net or bat)

-fly (af)

-grasshopper (senehem)

-scorpion (serq)

##### b. The Sacred Scarab of Egypt

-the sun gods Ra (Re) and Keper

-rolling the sun across the sky

-scarabs as symbols of the afterlife

-heart scarabs

#### 2. Insects and the Bible

##### a. 120 or so references to “insects” in the Bible

-insects used to symbolize:

-destruction and evil

-add color or to make a point

-to point to a moral

-insects as food

##### b. The Wrath of God

The Insect Plagues

-lice

-flies

-locusts

#### 3. Insects in Greek Society

##### a. Psyche - “The Soul” - a butterfly

##### b. cicadas

##### c. flies

#### 4. Miscellaneous Items

##### a. Australian Aboriginal Peoples

##### b. African Bushman

##### c. Ancient Mesopotamia

##### d. Philistines

##### e. Irish Tradition

f. The Mormon Cricket

5. Insects in Everyday Expressions