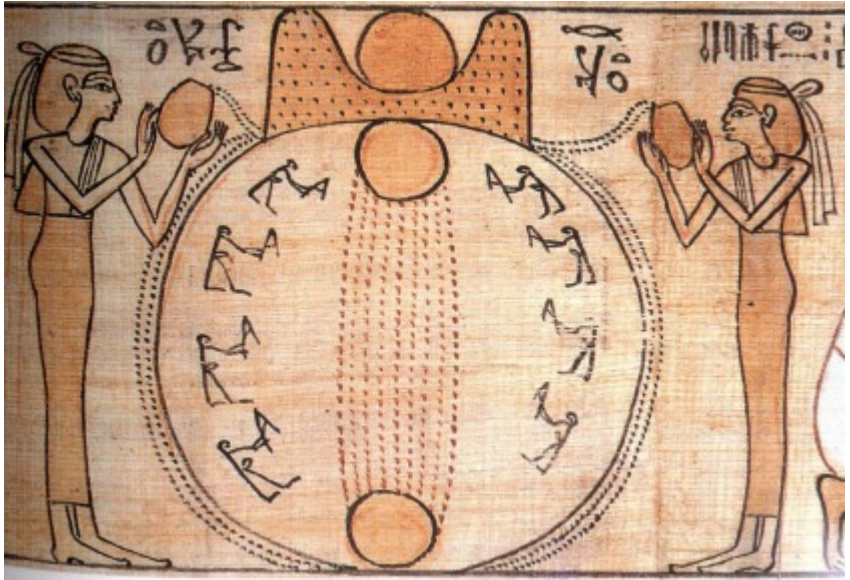




evolution, Night before the Day (SD II:59)" — night representing the state of repose, undifferentiation, timelessness, hence *The Secret Doctrine's* *pralaya* as in the Hindu texts. Of such a state before creation, which the Stanzas of DZYAN describe negatively in terms of what is no longer, the Egyptians also had an inkling, for anything that exists must have a beginning and therefore an end. The creation is referred to as the "first time" implying the first event in a series. Outside "existence" is a state of "non-existence," limitless, timeless, unchanging which enfolds the limited, but ordered existence, a state which was described as "*when ... had, not yet,*" similar to the Babylonian *Enuma Ellis*: "When the heights of heaven and the earth beneath had not been named, when Apsu, their Father and Tiamat, their Mother, still mingled their waters when no field or marsh was formed and no gods had been called into being. ..."

For the Egyptians also there was a time when Earth and sky had not yet come into being and "there was not announced the name of anything," etc. (Papyrus Berlin 3055), a view in full agreement with the first Stanza of Dzryan. Differences are perceptible when it comes to detailed analysis. For example,