



THE EARLIEST EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE BEEN DRINKING ALCOHOL IS A PICTOGRAM ON SEAL DATING FROM 4TH MILLENNIUM BC.

IT WAS FOUND IN TEPE GAWRA (IN MODERN IRAQ), A SETTLEMENT IN ANCIENT MESOPOTE-MIA.



ALCOHOL





BABYLONIA TABLET INSCRIBED WITH THE DIRECTION FOR BREWING BEER (3 100 BC.)





IMPRESSION OF A SUMERIAN CYLINDER SEAL FROM THE EARLY DYNASTIC ILLA PERIOD (CA. 2600 BC.)

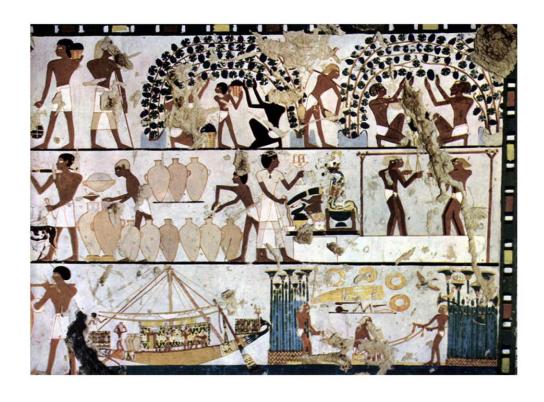
PERSON DRINKING BEER ARE DEPICTED IN THE UPPER ROW. THE HABIT OF DRINKING BEER TOGETHER FROM A LARGE VESSEL USING LONG STALKS WENT OUT OF FASHION AFTER THE DECLINE OF SUMERIAN CULTURE IN 2ND MILLENIUM BC.





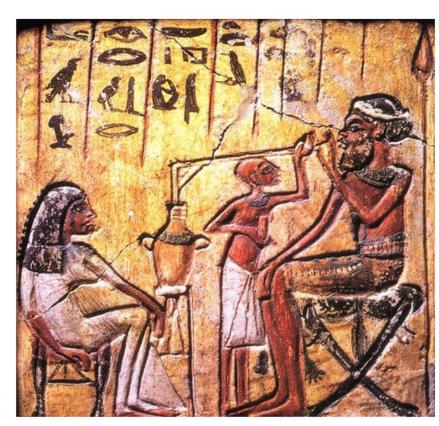
TERRACOTTA PLAQUE WITH AN EROTIC SCENE FROM OLA BABYLON, AROUND 1800 BC.





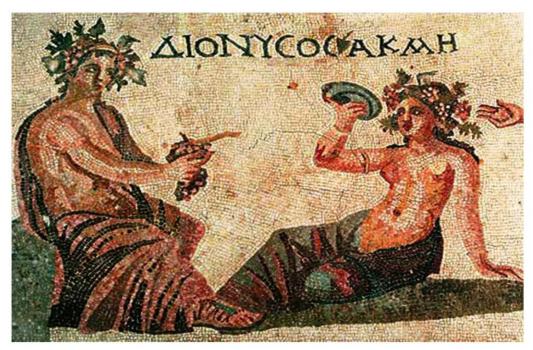
GRAPE CULTIVATED IN ANCIENT EGYPT (CA 1500 BC.)





BEER DRINKER FROM ARMANA (CA. 1350 BC.)





A MOSIAC FROM HOUSE OF DIONYSUS IN PAPHOS, CYPRUS, DATING FROM 2ND A.D.

DIONYSUS WAS AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE GREEK GOD OF WINE AND GRAPE.





"WELL GENTLEMAN, HOW CAN WE ARRANGE TO DRINK LESS TO-NIGHT? TO BE HONEST, I STILL HAVE A TERRIBLE HANGOVER YESTER-DAY, AND I COULD REALLY USE A BREAK. I DARE SAY MOST OF YOU COULD, TOO, SINCE YOU WERE ALSO PART OF THE CELEBRATION. SO LET'S TRY NOT TO OVERDO IT."

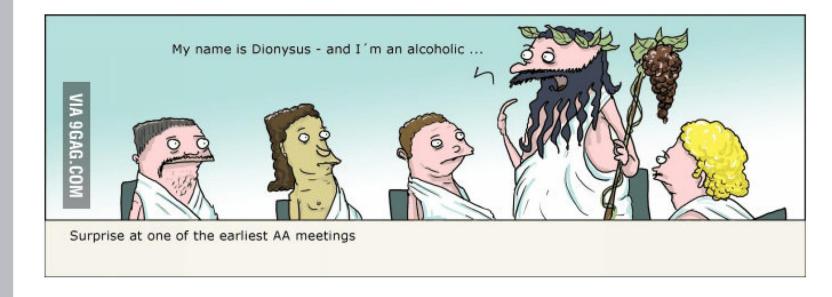
PLATO (427-347 BC.), SYMPOSIUM



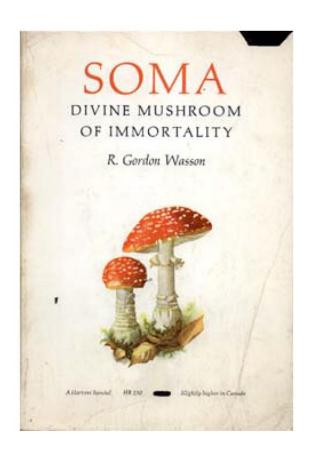


"GREEK WINE" BY LAWRENCE ALMA-TANEDA, 1873









SAMAVEDA SAMHISA IS NOT MEANT TO BE READ AS A TEXT, IT IS LIKE A MUSICAL SCORE SHEET THAT MUST BE HEARD.





AMANITA MUSCARIA



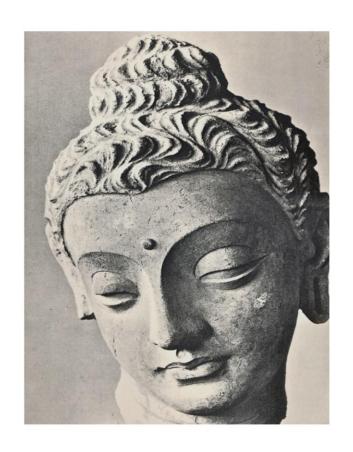
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CHURNING OF THE OCEAN OF MILK PUNJAB HILL, CA. 1780-1790 AD.





"SRAMANA" IS A PERSON WHO DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE VEDA.





MONK TASTING WINE FROM THE BARREL DATING FROM THE LATE MIDDLE AGES (CA. 1300-1500 A.D.)



HISTORICAL EVIDENCES IN SIAM



KING PRASAT-THONG (REIGNED 1629-1656 A.D.) CALLED ALCOHOL TAXATION FOR THE FIRST TIME

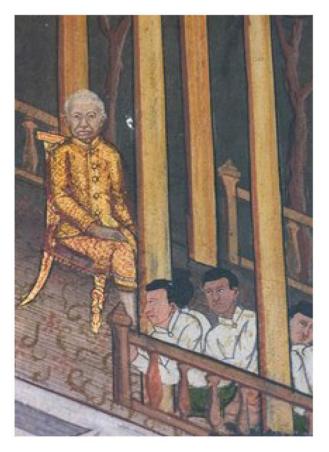
KING NARAI (REIGNED 1656-1688) CALLED ALCOHOL TAXATION FOR ONE DISTILLERY AT ONE BAHT PER YEAR

SOME DOCUMENTS HAVE INDICATED THAT AYUD-DHAYA REVENUE FROM LIQUOR TAXES 200,000 BAHTS PER YEAR

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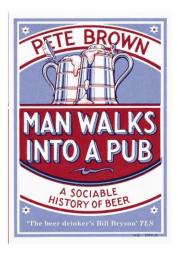
KING RAMA I (REIGNED 1782-1809 A.D.) FOUNDED BANG YI-KHAN DISTILLERY, AND BANNED A PRODUCTION OF ILLIGAL LIQUERS.

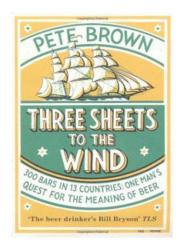
JOHN CRAWFURD CAME TO SIAM IN 1821 A.D. (ON THE REIGN OF KING RAMA II). HIS REPORT STATED THAT SIAM ALCOHOL TAXATION HAS AN ANNUAL AVERAGE 460,000 BAHT PER YEAR.

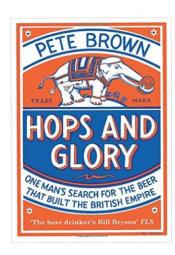
SOME ANNOUNCEMENT OF KING RAMA IV (REIGNED 1851-1868 A.D.) FROM 1858 A.D., REVEALED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ALCOHOL AND SIAMESE'S NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.

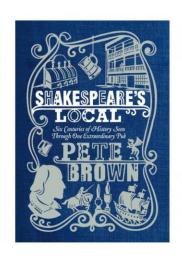


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