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***The Chariot of the Sun-God in the Near Eastern Sources:
The Mesopotamian and Anatolian Evidence***

The Sun-god's chariot in the ancient Near Eastern texts has received little and occasional attention. The aim of our papers is to discuss the Bronze Age cuneiform sources from Mesopotamia and Anatolia where the motif occurs. The texts show the antiquity of some features, such as the horses of the team and the topos of their feeding and harnessing. They also clarify the close connection of the motif with important early morning religious practices, when the Sun-god emerges from his dangerous nocturnal underworld journey.



Bertoldo di Giovanni, *Fregio di Poggio a Caiano* (Firenze), end of the XV century

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