

The Easter Bunny evolved from a number of traditions, some dating back thousands of years.

The earliest humans noticed the link between the cycles of women that were linked with the birth of children and the cycles of the moon. In the oldest records from civilizations in Asia, the hare was the symbol of the moon.

So it followed that the moon and the rabbit both became the symbol of rebirth or life after death. Today, Easter is celebrated around the time of the Paschal Moon in Spring.

In ancient Egypt, the rabbit was also recognized as a symbol of fertility and renewal. This belief spread to the Greeks and then to the Romans who shared it with the rest of Europe.

Later, the Celts and other early European groups celebrated the festival of Eastre, a goddess of the dawn associated with springtime. Her symbol was the rabbit, the most fertile animal and a symbol of new life. Many people think that the modern feast of Easter developed from springtime feasts to honor Eastre.

When German people came to the United States, they brought their customs with them and soon everyone was waiting for the Easter Bunny to arrive with colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and jelly beans! Children's shoes were not big enough to hold all of the goodies, so Easter baskets became the popular place to hide holiday treats.

However you and your family celebrate Easter, Quincy Buzz wishes you a great holiday. Enjoy your Easter dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, and family time!