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AN A-Z OF THEMES, LEGENDS AND HEROES

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INTRODUCTION

W hat is a myth? The Greeks knew and, as usual, had a word for it; the word *mythos* which means word, story, talk, etc. So, for that matter, did the tribes of North America – for the Chinook *iklanam*; for the Kwakiutl *nayam*; for the Thompson tribe *spektakl*; for the Tsimshian *adaox*, while in Alaska it was *adaork*. And so, of course, did many other cultures – and they had not only the word but the stories to go with it. To most of them it was a story passed orally from one person to another, from generation to generation, telling of some hero, some god, some formulation of an abstract idea such as creation. Some of these became written records and so survived for us to know them and such is their power that, despite the disappearance of the cultures that gave rise to them, modern literature abounds with allusions and direct references to these marvellous tales, many of which are still endlessly retold – as they are in this book.

Although they probably represent the most well-known body of mythological material, myths did not start with the Greeks. Many of the myths included here predate the Greeks by many centuries and there can be little doubt that men have constructed accounts to answer such questions as ‘What causes thunder?’ or ‘Where did we come from?’ ever since they were capable of thought. This implies that myths go back not centuries but millions of years but, since those early people could think and formulate the questions to which they had no real answers but could not write either the questions or the answers, we have no way of knowing what myths they constructed. One thing, however, is abundantly clear from the records that are available to us; the urge – the need even – to create myths seems to be inherent in all cultures. Although it can be argued that each culture took over and elaborated the stories of earlier cultures (as the Romans did, taking over virtually the whole of the Greek pantheon and their myths), it is just as valid to suggest that the many similarities between the major myths have no such connections since they appear in cultures so widely separated by both distance and time that no contact between them seems possible. Stories of creation, of floods, of the mating of gods with mortals, of heroes who
brought fire – these and many others crop up in the myths of numerous cultures throughout recorded time.

One can regard these ancient tales as simple tales of derring-do – the work of a bygone Archer, Forsyth or Shute – or one can attribute to them the deeper significance that almost certainly prompted their creation. Some maintain that the similarities between many of the basic myths postulate a common origin, others that these similarities prove only that similar questions, similar phenomena, evoke similar answers in each culture. This book brings together under such headings as creation, first humans, flood, etc many of these similar stories but the significance of the similarities and the interpretation of individual myths is left to those whose interests lie in those fields and to the reader who is free to add his own interpretation – or none.

Scholars divide stories of the imagination into categories such as myth, legend, fairy-tales, folklore, marchen and so on but, given that the stories relate to postulated entities such as gods, real characters such as Charlemagne, completely imaginary characters such as Ali Baba and characters such as King Arthur who live in that shadowland between fact and fiction, it is hard to see how one can slot all of them neatly into classes. Add to this the fact that huge swathes of what passes in the study of the world’s faiths as religion appear again in world mythologies and it is wise, in my view, to take a much more relaxed view of what constitutes mythology. As a result, this book contains entries that purists might well reject as being outside the realms of true myth but it seems to me that, if a demon such as Ravana in Hindu myth or the oni of Japanese stories are eligible for inclusion, there is no good reason to exclude the whole host of demons which inhabit the grimoires and demonologies of the western world.

Another feature of this book is that it attempts to encompass as wide a coverage of the world’s mythologies as is reasonably possible within one set of covers. If it opens a wider field to those whose reading has previously been confined to the well-known mythologies of the Greeks, the Romans and the Norsemen, it will have served the purpose for which it was conceived.
It is a common feature of language that meanings and spellings change over time and distance and it is, therefore, no surprise to find that the names of many of the gods and heroes occur in many forms. Marduk, for example, is said to have 50 names, Ra 75, Allah 99 (or 400), Odin over 200 and Shiva over 1000. I have included all the different versions I have encountered, cross-referenced as appropriate. These alternative names and spellings appear in square brackets after the headword and the entries here also include some favourite epithets and attributes together with equivalents in other cultures. In the case of Chinese entries, there are often significant differences in spelling depending on which of the several transcription systems is used (Wade-Giles and Pinyin are the most frequently used). In this book, all Chinese entries are Wade-Giles. The majority of the entries also carry a label in italics giving an indication of origins. These labels are not intended to indicate nationalities so much as the mythology in which they are featured. Priam for example, though a Trojan, has a Greek label since he appears in the stories of Greek mythology and Lancelot, although French, appears with a British label since he is a hero of the Arthurian saga.

Indexing in this book is based on word order rather than on a strict letter-by-letter order. Some languages have unfamiliar letter groups that cause problems in this field. Many Tibetan entries begin with such combinations as dMu, sMan, bDud and so on and some African words begin with uG. One normally finds the Tibetan words indexed under the second (capital) letter but the African words under the first (lower case) letter. Since the normal English practice is to index by initial letter, not sound – we don’t index phonetic under ‘f’ nor psalm under ‘s’ – the word, however pronounced, is indexed here under the first letter, whether capital or lower case.

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Aa  Central American
   a Mayan deity of uncertain identity
   referred to as god A; perhaps the
   god of death, Ah Puch.
   This deity is depicted with exposed
   spine and skull-like features, wearing
   a snail on his head and a pair of cross-
   bones.
A  Mesopotamian
   [Aa.Ai]  the Sumerian moon-god
A-a  Mesopotamian
   a Babylonian sun-goddess wife
   of Samas.
   mother of Giru, Kittu, Meshasu
   and Nusku.
AA  Mesopotamian
   a Chaldaean god of life
A'a  Pacific Islands
   a Polynesian god
Aa  (see A')
A  (see Aa)
Aa  (see Ea)
Aac  Central American
   a turtle: a Mayan prince
   son of Kan.
   brother of Cay, Coh, Moo and Niete.
   He wanted to marry Moo but she
   rejected him in favour of his brother
   Coh. Their argument turned into war
   and Aac killed his brother, renewing
   his suit for Moo. Rejected for a second
   time, Aac made war on Moo who, when
   her forces were defeated, escaped and
   left the country.
Aager  Norse
   lover of Else
   He is said to have spoken to Else from
   his coffin, asking her to smile.
Aah  (see Ah)
Aah-te-Huti  (see Ah)
Aalardin  British
   a knight
   husband of Guigenor
   He was a magician who provided a
   magic gold boss for Guimer when she
   lost one breast in removing the serpent
   that was wrapped round the arm of her
   husband, Caradoc.
Aalu  Egyptian
   [Aaru]  the paradise of Osiris, far to the
   West.
   To reach this land, the soul had to pass
   through many gates (versions of the
   story differ between fifteen or twenty-
   one) each guarded by demons.
Aam  (see Amon)
Aani  Egyptian
   an ape-headed god
Aapep  (see Apep)
aart  Egyptian
   a symbol of Ra.
   When washed in a sacred lake, it
   became the crocodile god, Sebek.
Aaru  (see Aalu)
Aarvak  (see Arvakur)
A'as  Mesopotamian
   a Hurrian god of wisdom
   keeper of the tablets of destiny
Ab  Egyptian
   the symbolic heart, as distinguished
   from the corporeal heart Hati,
   judged at death
Ab  Mesopotamian
   the Sumerian lord of wisdom
   father of Abzu
Ab  (see Sahar)
Ab Kin Xox  Central American
   [Psz Hiu Tec]
   a Mayan god of poetry
Aba

the supreme god of the Choctaws

Abaanai

a culture hero of the Guaraye tribe

Ababil

(see camel bird)

Ababinili

North American

[Great Holy Fire Above. Look-Ishto-
hoola-Ab. Sitting Above]

the supreme god of the Chickasaw

He is a sun-god, god of fire, regarded as the creator of all living things.

Abac

Irish

[Abbac]

the Irish version of the Addanc

Abaddon

a demon of evil, the angel of the abyss

Abaeus

(see Apollo)

Abailard

Abakhan Khan

Siberian

a rain-god

Aba (see Apollo)

Aban

African

Abajo

[Abajo mocu Corbmait]

son of Cormac and Milla

When he expressed a wish to become a priest, his parents put him in chains, which miraculously fell off. As a boy, he restored to life a calf that had been killed by a wolf. When his uncle, Inbhar, took ship to Rome without him he walked on the waves to catch his newly born brother, when he made a foolish jest about her own son, Jachus.

Abas (see Apollo)

Aban

Irish

Aban Mango

Persian

a priest of Apollo

He visited the flocks.

Abadoxuel

Abas2

an armour-bearer for Heracles

He helped Heracles on his eighth

Abad

African

Abada

[Abada]

a demon: one of the seraphim in

Milton's 'Paradise Lost'

Abdulrahman

Persian

a leader of the Saracen invasion of France

He was killed at the Battle of Tours in 732.

Abdallah the Fisherman

Persian

a character in The Arabian Nights

He visited Abdallah the Merman under the sea and killed a sea-monster merely by shouting at it.

Abdalrahman

(see Abd-el-Rahman)

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Abdul

Arab

a man who saw the fabulous city of Iram

Abdul

the fabulous city of Iram

Abe Antak

Pacific Islands

an Indonesian creator-god

Abe Mango

South American

daughter of Page Abe

She came down from the home of the gods to teach the Turkano American Indians the arts of weaving, pottery, etc.

Abe no Miushi

Japanese

a noble

He was one of the suitors for the hand of Kaguya and undertook to get for her a robe made from the fur of a flameproof rat. He bought a robe from a merchant and gave it to Kaguya who...
threw it on the fire and, when it proved not to be flameproof, she rejected his suit.

Abelim [Canaanite]
a city of the moon

Abellemus (see Abellemus)
Abelio [Celtic]
a Gallic god

Abdonna (see Abdonna)
a goddess of children and revellers

Abereva [African]
a primordial woman in the lore of the Akan

When she pounded maize in her mortar, the pestle bumped the sky, annoying the god Nyame who soon moved further away. Abereva collected many mortars and piled them one on top of another, trying to reach Nyame. The pole was too short and when she persuaded a child to remove a mortar from the bottom of the pile so that she could put it on top, the whole edifice collapsed.

(see also Abuk)

Aberffraw [Welsh]
the home of the kings of Gwynedd on Anglesey where Branwen was married

Abgal1 [Arabian]
a god of the desert

Abgal2 [Mesopotamian]
spirits attending the major gods

These spirits were said to live in Abzu.

Abbac (see Abac)

Abhiann Dea (see Avon Dia)
Abhapisacha [Hindu]
a name of Rahu as ‘demon in the sky’

Abharthach (see Gilla Dacar)

Abhasvara [Hindu]
one of a group of minor deities, a type of Gana

Abhayakara [Buddhist]
a patriarch in Bengal

He is said miraculously to have brought into being a huge serpent, which so terrified an evil king that he released all his prisoners.

Abhicara (see maya6)

Abhidhama Pitaka (see Abhidharma-Pitaka)

Abhidharma Pitaka [Abhidhamma-Pitaka]
a collection of writings on the subject of dharma: part of the Tripitaka

Abhidharmakosa [Buddhist]
a collection of texts translated by Hsüan Tsang and used by the Kosa sect of Chinese Buddhists

Abhijit [Hindu]
a goddess of fortune
daughter of Daksa
wife of Candrā

Abhijananaskuntala [Indian]
a Sanskrit story of Shakuntala and Dushyanta

Abhijinaraja [Tibetan]
a Buddhist physician-god

Abhimani [Hindu]
a name for Agni as ‘the proud one’

Abhimanyu [Hindu]
[Suhkhadra]
son of Arjuna by Subhadra
husband of Uttara
father of Parikshit

He fought in the battle with the Kauravas and killed Lakshmana but was himself killed later in the conflict.

Abhimukhi [Buddhist]
a minor goddess
one of 12 bhūmis

She is depicted holding a staff and a book.

Abhinava Gupta (see Gupta)

Abhirit1 [Buddhist]
the Eastern paradise

Abhirit2 [Hindu]
a mother-goddess
wife of Panchika
mother of Priyamkara

She was said to have borne some 500 children. She is depicted with a pomegranate and accompanied by a mongoose.

Abhisheka [Hindu]
a form of initiation or baptism used in Tantrism

abhyasini [Hindu]
yogin.sadhaka: fem=abhyasini

abhyasin [male=abhyasin]

a male practitioner of Tantrism

abhyasini [male=abhyasini]
a female practitioner of Tantrism

abhiyoga [Jain]
minor gods

Abiasa [East Indian]
[Kresna] Dwipayana.Raden Abiasa

the Javanese equivalent of Vysa son of Palasara and Durgandini

He slept with Ambika and Ambahini (Ambilika) to become the ancestor of the Kauravas (Kauravas) and the Pandavas.

Abibaal [Phoenician]
a god of Byblos

Abies [British]
brother of the Irish king, Cildadan

He was killed by Amadis and when his brother sought to avenge his death, the Irish forces were routed by the British led by Amadis.

Abigor [Eligor]
a demon said to foretell the future

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is depicted as a soldier on horseback, armed with a lance.

Abiku [African]
in Dahomey, the spirit born with each child, which tries to take the child to its forest home

To prevent a child from being taken, some parents put them in chains while others disfigure the child's face so that the spirit will reject or fail to recognise the child. These spirits are said not to like bells so some parents fix bells to a child harbouring an abiku or rub pepper into cuts in the child's skin, hoping the pain will drive the spirit away. In some accounts these demons ext children.

Abila (see Abyla)

Abili [Shaitan]
Egyptian

Abimilki [Milkilu=Canaanite Athar]
a god of irrigation

Abira [South American]
a creator-god in Colombia

Abjaja (see Brahma.Vishnu)

Abjar (see Abjer)

Abjayoni (see Brahma.Vishnu)

Abjer [Arabian]
the marvellous horse of Antar

Abla [Arabian]
a princess
wife of Antar

Ablach [Irish]
=Welsh Ynys Avallach

an Irish name for Avalon

(see also Emain Ablach)

Ablamor [Ablamor of the Marsh]
a knight

When Gaheris and Gawain killed his white deer, he killed two of their hounds. In the fight that ensued, Ablamor's wife threw herself between Ablamor and Gawain and was killed.

Abmerira (see Akhthoes)

Abnob [Celtic]
=Roman Diana

a German goddess of the hunt, trees and rivers

Abode of Truth (see Satya-Loka)

Abog [Pacific Islands]
a god of the hunt in the Philippines

Abokas [Pacific Islands]
the home of the dead in the New Hebrides

(see also Banoi)
Abominable Snowman

Tibetan  
[kang-mi.ladni.moti.mi-go.mirka.  
shukpa.sogzu.temu.yeti.fem=ladni]

a mythical monster of the Himalayas  
The monster is said to resemble a human being covered with long hair and with feet pointing to the rear.
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a name of Nyame as ‘he who consoles’
Abosam  
african

an evil spirit  
This spirit could be driven off by making a great noise.
Abora  
Canary Islands
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a tribe said to have originated in Greece who founded Rome
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the gods of the Ashanti
Abou  
(see Abu)
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Persian  
a rich merchant

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a demon  
He is depicted with the head of a cock wearing a crown, serpents for legs and holding a shield and a whip.
Abraxas2  
Greek

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one of the horses of Aurora
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a name or attribute of Buddha transcendental reality
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Mesopotamian

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a Sumerian harlot goddess
Abyrtytus2  
(see Apsyrtus)
Abtu  
Egyptian

a fish, one of a pair with Anet,
swimming in front of Ra’s boat to give warning of any danger
Abu  
Mesopotamian

[Abou]

a god of vegetation  
In some accounts he was said to have been born from the head of Enki. In others, he was one of the eight deities born to Ninhursaga to heal the eight afflictions of Enki after he had eaten eight plants produced by Uttu.
Abuha  
Mesopotamian

an Akkadian being helping Marduk in his struggle with Tiamat
Abuda  
Buddhist  
in Japan, the 8 cold hells

(see also To-Kwatsu)
Abuddha  
(see apratibuddha)
Abuk  
african  
a primaevan woman of the Dinka

consort of Garang  
She and her husband originally lived in a small pot on one grain of corn per day, but they grew bigger when the pot was opened. She annoyed the god Deng when she struck the sky with her pestle as she was grinding corn and he made the work harder than ever.
\(\text{(see also Aberewa)}\)

Abundant Pearl Prince  
(see Otohime)
Abundantia  
Roman

[German Abundia:=Norse Fulla]  
a fertility-goddess, goddess of plenty
Abundia  
[Danme Habonde:=Norse Fulla:=Roman Abundant]  
the goddess of plenty

Abydos  
Egyptian

the source of the spring of youth  
This site was said to be in the entrance to the underworld.
Abyla  
Greek

[Abila.Ape’s Hill.Jebel M(o)usa]  
one of the Pillars of Hercules: the cliff opposite the Rock of Gibraltar, now Mount Hache  
(see also Calpe)
Abyrqa  
Mongolian  
a sea-monster  
This monster lives in a lake full of milk near the foot of the world-tree and is attacked by the bird Garîde, which lives in the top of the tree.
Abys  
(see Abzu.hell)
Abzu  
Mesopotamian

an underground cavern of sweet water  
a Sumerian god of these waters  
offspring of Sige  
son of Ab, some say  
consort of Tiamat  
father of An, some say  
father of all the gods  
The mixing of these waters with the salt water, Tiamat, produced the early gods Lahmu and Lahamu. When Mummu, the mist over the waters, plotted with Tiamat and Abzu to overthrow their descendants, Abzu was either put into a long, deep sleep or killed by these gods.
Some accounts distinguish between Abzu and Apsu, calling the former the primaevan void, the source of the waters and the home of Ab, using Apsu for the sweet waters themselves.
\(\text{(see also Apason)}\)
Ac Yanto  
Central American

a Mayan god of the white races, brother of Hachayum

Acacallis  
Greek  
daughter of Minos and Pasiphae  
mother of Amphithemis

mother of Miletus by Apollo, some say

acacila  
(achacila)
Acacitis  
Central American

one of the leaders of the Aztecs when they left their homeland, Aztlán

Academus  
Greek  
a Greek youth  
It was he who told Castor and Polydeuces where to find their sister, Helen, who had been abducted by Theseus.

Acadine  
Roman

a magic fountain in Sicily

Acail  
Celtic

a sacred book

Acala  
Buddhist

[Acara]  
a minor goddess  
one of the 12 bhumis

Acala  
Buddhist

a tutelary god  
lord of the 3 worlds  
one of the Krodhadevatas

He is responsible for guarding the north-east quarter.

He is depicted with four faces and eight arms, one foot on Parvati’s bosom, the other on Maheshvara’s head.

Acala-Vajrapani  
(see Vajrapani)

Acallam na Sonorec  
(see Colloqy of the Old Men)

Acamas  
Greek

a Cyclops

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son of Theseus and Phaedra  
brother of Demophon

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Egyptian

a fish, one of a pair with Anet,
husband of Phyllis, some say
father of Mynechus by Laodice
He and his brother were with the
Greeks at Troy and Acamas fell in
love with Laodice, one of Prim’s
daughters, on whom he fathered
Munychus. They were both members
of the party inside the Wooden Horse
and, when the city fell to the Greeks,
freed Aethra who had raised the infant
Munychus. He (or in some versions his
brother) married Phyllis but left her
saying he would return. She presented
him with a box that he was enjoined
to open. He did open it and
whatever was in it so frightened him
that he galloped off on his horse, dying
when he fell off and on to his sword.

Acastus

He was the leader of the Dardanians
fighting alongside the Trojans against
the invading Greeks.

Acan1

[Great Serpent]
a Chaldaean deity, a wine god,
some say

Acan2

a Mayan god of wine

Acanum

a name for any one of the 4 Bacabs

Acanum

(see Ah Cancum)

Acaran

Greek
son of Alcmeneon and Callirrhoe
brother of Amphoterus
He and his brother are said to have
grown to manhood in one day to
avenge the murder of their father,
killed by Phegeus and his sons.

Acala

(see Acala)

Acalpan

(see Vajrapani)

Accastus

Greek
king of Iolcus
son of Pelias and Anaxibia
husband of Hippolyta or Astydamia
father of Laodamia
He was one of the Argonauts and also
took part in the hunt for the huge
Calydonian boar. After the return of
the Argo to Iolcus, Medea induced
the daughters of Pelias to kill him.
For this crime, Acastus, the new king,
banned Medea and Jason. His wife
Hippolyta accused Peleus, who had
come to his court to be purified, of
rape. Acastas abandoned his guest,
unarmed, on Mount Pelion, hoping
that the wild animals would kill him.
Peleus was saved by Chiron and
attacked Iolcus with a band of former
Argonauts, killing Hippolyta and,
some say, Acastus.

Acat1

Central American
the thirteenth of the 20 days in the
Aztec month

Acatl1

a fertility dance of the Otomi tribe
In this ceremony a snake is held over
the head of a young girl known as
the Maringuilla.

Acaviser

Roman

an Etruscan deity, one of the Lasae

Acca Larentia

(see Acca Larentia)

Aceso

Irish
one of Partholan’s men
He is said to have built the first inn in
Ireland.

Achinta

Jain
a goddess of knowledge and learning
one of 16 vidyadevi

accidental god

Balts
the first object seen by a Lapp when
he emerges from his tent in the
morning is worshipped as a god

Accius Naevius

Roman
an augur
He is said to have cut through a
whetstone with a razor.

Acelas

South American
[Chosen Woman]
Inca devotees serving the god Inti
as priestesses

Accolon of Gaul

British
[Accolon]
a treacherous knight
lover of Morgan le Fay
When the king executed one of
Morgan’s lovers, she stole the sword
Excilibur and gave it Accolon,
another lover.

Accolon was hunting with King
Arthur and Urien, Morgan’s husband,
when a ship on a lake came in to the
shore. They boarded it and were
bewitched by Morgan. Urien was
transported back to his home, but
Arthur, duped by Morgan, fought
Accolon who was expected to kill
the king. Morgan then planned to kill
Urien, marry Accolon and rule as
queen at his side. Instead, although he
sustained severe wounds, Arthur, with
the help of the magic of the Lady of
the Lake, recovered Excalibur and
killed Accolon. (see also Damas)

Accolon

(see Accolon)

Accin

Irish
[Ocean]
the black horse of the Dagda
In some accounts, Accin was a poor
specimen of a cow. When the Dagda
was displaced by Angus Og he was
employed by Bres to dig ditches and
build a castle. All he asked in payment
was this cow, which Bres was quite
happy to part with. When the Dagda
led his prize away, the rest of Bres’
herd followed.

Aceldama

Hebrew
the field of blood, or the potter’s field

Acelin

European
a Norseman
When he led a rebellion against King
Louis, Guillaume of Orange came to
the aid of the king and suppressed
the rebels.

Accasbel

(see Acca Larentia)

Aceso

Greek

see also

Acestes

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Dionysus was imprisoned by the crew and he refused to be a party to the proposal to sell the god as a slave in Egypt.

**Acetes** (see Actes)

**Ach-chazu** Mesopotamian

[Abhara]
a Semitic monster causing death and disease

Aeglayael European

the Dutch name for Agloval

achacila South American

[aacacila.aachacilia] in the lore of the Aymara, spirits controlling the weather

They are said to live underground and sometimes appear as old men.

**achacila** South American

[aacacila.aachacilia] a sacred object among the Aymara

achachila (see achacila)

Achaea Greek

[Achaia]
a priestess of Gaia

Achaeus Greek

son of Xuthus and Creusa brother of Ion

Some say that he was the son of Poseidon, others that he and Ion were the natural sons of Xuthus and Creusa.

**Achaemenes** Greek

a patriarch

He was reputed to have been abandoned as a child and rescued by an eagle.

**Achaemenides** Greek

a seaman with Odysseus

He had been left behind in Sicily when Odysseus sailed without him and he spent his time trying to avoid the Cyclopes on the island. He was able to warn Aeneas and his men when they called there in time to escape when the Cyclopes came running to the attack; he went with Aeneas to Italy.

Achaila (see Achaea)

Achaiva Greek

a name of Demeter as ‘spinner’

Achala Buddhist

[-Tibetan Mi-gyo-ba] a Buddhist god

Achaman Canary Islands

the supreme god of Tenerife

Acharon a demon said to take possession of humans

Acharyt (see Drona)

Achates Greek

armourer and faithful friend of Aeneas

He is said to have killed Protesilaus, the first Greek to land when they invaded Troy. He accompanied Aeneas on his wanderings after the fall of Troy.

**Achelour** British

in some accounts, a sister of King Arthur and mother of Percival wife of Biocadrans

She reared Percival, after the death of his father, in the solitude of the Waste Forest, hoping to keep him from knightly pursuits.

When she believed that Percival had been killed, the thought drove her mad. Percival found her living in the woods and took her home.

**Acheleids** Greek

nymphs of the River Achelous

Achelous Greek

[Akelos.Akheloos] a river-god son of Oceanus and Gaea or of Helius and Tethys father of Callirhoe, Castalia and the Sirens

He was able to assume the shape of a serpent or bull or a bull-headed man. He fought Heracles for the hand of Deianeira and was defeated, losing one of his horns in the struggle. He replaced it with a horn of the goat which had suckled the infant Zeus.

**Achemedai** (see Asmodeus)

Achemon (see Acmo)

Acherbas Greek

[Acberas] uncle and husband of Dido, in some accounts (see also Sychaeus)

Acheri North American

the ghost of an American Indian girl This spirit is said to come by night bringing illness to children. The sound of her voice portends death.

**Acheron** Greek

[ Akkeron] one of the rivers of Hades son of Demeter with no father

He was condemned to the underworld by Zeus for helping the Titans in their struggle against the gods and was turned into a river. This was the River of Woe over which Charon ferried the souls of the dead, provided that they had the required fare of one obol. The word sometimes refers to the underworld itself.

**Acheron** (see Achren)

Acherontian Books (see Twelve Books)

Acherusa Greek

[Acherusia] the site of one of the entrances to the underworld

Hercules used this entrance when he captured Cerberus and dragged him from Hades as his twelfth labour.

**Acherusia** (see Acherusa)

Achikar Mesopotamian

a counsellor to Sennacherib, king of Assyria

He went into hiding to escape being punished for execution for a crime he did not commit and reappeared in time to help the king by building a castle in the air to win a wager with the pharaoh of Egypt.

**Achilles** Roman

an unfinished poem by Statius about the life of Achilles

**Achilles** Greek


At his birth, Thetis held the child by his ankle over the fire but Peleus snatched him from her in time to save him from being completely consumed.

Like many famous Greeks he was a pupil of the wise Centaur Chiron and of Phoenix.

Thetis sent him to the court of Lycomedes where, dressed as a girl, he hoped to escape service with the army at Troy. Odysseus, in the guise of a pedlar, saw through the disguise when Achilles chose weapons rather than trinkets from the wares on offer and persuaded the younger man to join the expedition to rescue Helen from the Trojans.

En route to Troy, the Greeks came ashore at Mysia and were repelled by the inhabitants. In the fighting Achilles wounded Telephus but later cured him with rust from the spear that had caused the wound.

He fought at Troy, leading his band of Myrmidons but fell out with Agamemnon over a girl, Briseis, awarded to him as a prize and refused to fight any more.

When the Greeks were on the verge of defeat, his best friend, Patroclus, put on Achilles' armour and led a renewed attack but was killed in single combat with Hector, who took over the armour.
Achilles of Lombardy

Achilles of Lombardy European

Achilles of the North (see Roland)

Achilles of the West (see Roland)

Achilles' spear Greek

magic spear said to have the power to heal wounds

Achimí African

bull-god of the Kabyle

He was the son of Itherther and Thamauz, who drove off his father, mating with his mother and sister.

Achialatopa North American

[Acchiyalatopa]
a monster in the lore of the Zuni

This beast was envisaged as having feathers made of sharp flints.

Achialatopa (see Acchiyalatopa)

Achilahayr

da demon

Achmon (see Acmon)

Achor

[God of the Flies]
a god of the Cyreneans guarding against insect pests

Achren1

[Acheron.Echren]
a name for Annwn, the Welsh Otherworld

Achren2

Welsh

a woman fighting on the side of Amaethon at the Battle of Godeu

In some accounts, the conflict is called the Battle of Achren for this reason.

Achytan Irish

daughter of Olc Acha

mother of Cormac mac Airt

Art slept with her when he stayed overnight at her father's house on his way to battle with Lugalaid mac Con. He left his ring, robe and sword with her in trust for their son.

When their baby was due she set out for the house of Fiachna Casn, where he was to be fostered, but the baby arrived en route. While she slept, the child was taken by a wolf which suckled the boy. The child was rescued by a trapper, called Luighne, and returned to his mother who put him in to fosterage with Fiachna Casn.

In some versions her name is given as Etain.

Achland Irish

daughter of Daol Dearmaid

wife of Conitia

Her three brothers had been carried off by the warrior Eochaid Glas. When Cuchulainn came to her island in search of the boys, she led him to where they were being held and he killed Eochaid, freeing his captives.

Achvistr

(see Acavisir)

Achynuta Hindu

a name of Vishnu as 'unfallen'

Acis Greek

[Akís]
a shepherd-prince of Sicily son of Pan and Simaethis

He was loved by Galatea but was killed by the Cyclops Polyphemus, who wanted Galatea himself. Galatea turned the blood from his corpse in to a stream, the river Acis.

Aclacuna South American

[Selected Ones]
young girls taken from their parents and prepared as sacrificial victims to the Inca gods

Acolmiztli

[Acolmiztli]
a Meno Chanel of the Zuni

He changed his lovers into monsters, writing a declaration on an apple (or a quince) that he dropped as he passed her.

Acontius Greek

[Accontius]
husband of Cydippe

He declared his love for Cydippe by writing a declaration on an apple (or a quince) that he dropped as he passed her.

Aconzenti Central American

an Aztec god of the underworld an aspect of Mictlanteuctli

Aconlahuacatl Central American

[Acconlahuacatl] an Aztec god of the underworld an aspect of Mictlanteuctli

Aconlahuacatl (see Acconlahuacatl)

acon West Indian

a rattle used in voodoo ceremonies

aconite Greek

[monkshood,wolfbane] a poisonous plant

The plant sprang from the foam dripping from the mouth of the dog Cerberus when Hercules seized it and carried it off from Hades.

Acontius

[Accontius]
a friend of Perseus

During the fight that ensued when Agenor (or Phineus) and his followers interrupted the wedding of Perseus and Andromeda, Acontius was inadvertently turned to stone when Perseus displayed the head of Medusa to petrify the intruders.

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Aconzenti Central American

the tree of life, in Mexico

Acoran Canary Islands

a supreme god in Gran Canaria

Acrasia British

an enchantress in The Faerie Queene

She lived in the Bower of Bliss and changed her lovers into monsters, keeping them in prison. Sir Guyon rescued them all and sent Acrasia as a captive to the Queene of Faerie.
### Acrasia

Acrasia - Greek
- intertemporae personified

### Acrates

Acrates - British
- incontinence personified in *The Faerie Queene*

### Acrea

Acrea - (see Rhea)

### Acrisius

Acrisius - Greek
- king of Argos
- son of Abas and Agala
- twin brother of Proetus
- husband of Aganippe
- father of Danae

He and his brother quarrelled over the kingdom when their father died and he expelled Proetus. When Proetus returned with an army they agreed to share, Proetus taking Tyrins.

Warned that he would be killed by a son his daughter would bear, Acrisius shut Danae in a cell made of bronze. This did not solve the problem: Zeus came to her as a shower of gold and she became the mother of Perseus. He cast Danae and her baby adrift in a cask but they survived and Perseus did eventually kill Acrisius when his discus accidentally struck his grandfather.

In some accounts his wife is referred to as Eurydice.

### Acrisius

(see Arcius)

### Acron

Acron - Roman
- a king

He led the first attack on Rome in an effort to recover the Sabine women taken captive by Romulus.

### Acrus

Acrus - South American
- inca spirit controlling the growth of potatoes

### Actaeon

Actaeon - Greek
- [Aktaion]
- son of Aristaeus and Autonoe
- pupil of Chiron

A hunter who was changed into a stag by Artemis who caught him watching her as she bathed. In another version, he approached the goddess when he was wearing the skin of a stag, or she threw a goat-skin over him. He was torn to pieces by his own hounds.

Other versions say that he suffered this fate for boasting that he was a greater hunter than Artemis herself or because he was a competitor of Zeus for the love of Semele.

### Actaeon

Actaeon - Greek
- one of the horses drawing the chariot of Helios

### Actaeus

Actaeus - Greek
- a king of Athens, in some accounts
- father of Aglaaurus

### Acteror

A demon

### Actian Games

Actian Games - Greek
- a festival in honour of Apollo

### Actor

Actor - Greek
- a king
- father of Antigone, Eurydamus and Eurytion

Peleus came to his court to be purified of the murder of Phocus and married the king's daughter Antigone. He gave part of his kingdom to Peleus as a wedding present.

### Acto

Acto - Greek
- one of the Argonauts
- son of Deion and Diomede
- brother of Aeneus, Asteropeia, Cephalus and Phylacus
- father of Icheles, Irus and Menoebius

### Actor

Actor - Greek
- brother of Augeas
- husband of Molione
- father of Eurytus and Cleatus

### Actor

Actor - Greek
- a Theban warrior who fought with Parthenopeus at the Borrohaean Gate

### Actus

Actus - Menopotamian
- [Agu=Babylonian Nanna.Sin]
- an Akkadian moon-god

### Aceuceyool

Aceuceyool - South American
- waves personified
- an aspect of Chalchiutiicue

### Acvins

Acvins - (see Aswins)

### Acyata

Acyata - Hindu
- an aspect of Shiva or Vishnu

### Ada

Ada - Pacific Islands
- a magic word uttered to avert bad luck

### Adab

Adab - Pacific Islands
- one of the Five Virtues – civilisation

### Adachiagara

Adachiagara - Japanese
- a female demon that kills and eats children

### Adad

Adad - Mesopotamian

### Adam

Adam - British
- in some accounts, a son of Joseph of Arimathea

### Adama

Adama - African
- husband of Hawa

He fathered forty children but hid twenty of them from god. When god discovered these children he kept them for himself, building a wall between them and their parents.

### Adamantine Sow

Adamantine Sow - Buddhist
- a name for Vajravarahi

### Adamas

Adamas - (see Hades)

### Adamastor

Adamastor - African
- a hideous spirit of the Cape of Good Hope

### Adammn

Adammn - (see Adaman)

### Adamnan

Adamnan - Irish
- [Adamnan.Adamhiman.Eanam]
- an abbot on Iona
- biographer of St Columba

### Adad

Adad - Mesopotamian
- a Babylonian storm-god, a form of Marduk
- son of Anu
- son of El, some say
- husband of Salas
- husband of Anat, in some accounts

In some early accounts Adad was created from Chaos. After usurping the power of his father, Prince Sea, he challenged Mot who invited him to the underworld. There he ate the food of the dead and died. He was rescued by Anat who dragged Mot out of the underworld and chopped him up, so restoring Adad to life.

He is depicted as wearing a horned headdress and wearing a robe decorated with stars, etc. He may also be shown holding thunderbolts.

Adam-Ea - Mesopotamian
- [Greek Charon]
- the ferryman in the Babylonian underworld

### Adaheli

Adaheli - South American
- the sun personified

Some Carib peoples say that, in the beginning, Adaheli descended from the sky and mated with the cayman to produce the first tribes.

### Adalinda

Adalinda - European
- in some accounts, one of the 9 wives of Charlemagne

### Adam

Adam - British
- in some accounts, a son of Joseph of Arimathea

### Adam

Adam - Pacific Islands
- a deity in the Philippines
- son of Kadakian and Agmem
- brother of Balujen

### Adam of China

Adam of China - (see Fu-hsi')

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Adam's Bridge

He was said to have secured the release of sixty prisoners held by the Saxons by performing a miracle that held the sea back to allow his ship to land.

In another story, monks looking through the keyhole of his cell saw the baby Jesus sitting on the abbot's knee. He was killed by Llongod.

Adar to both.

Adar the heavens seems to be common of the Apkallu, but the story of the visit to the heavens no longer blew

When he was summoned to heaven to

speech. He broke the wings of Shutu, while the Hindus regard the footprint as the site of the sacred footprint of the Buddha, and the wise man, one of the Apkallu

the south wind, when it buffeted him. These beings are envisaged as half man, half fish, riding on waterspouts and rainbows.

In the Solomon Islands they are said to shoot men with flying fish. In some versions, the soul has two parts — the aunga (good) which dies and the adaro (bad) which remains as a ghost.

The Buddhists regard it as the site of the sacred footprint of the Buddha, while the Hindus regard the footprint as that of Shiva and say that the mountain itself is the home of Sumana. In Christian tradition, the footprint is that of St Thomas.

The construction of this bridge from India to Ceylon allowed Rama to attack the fortress of Ravana, who had captured Rama's wife Sita. It was originally made of floating stones but

the gods later fixed them in position to

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captured Rama's wife Sita. It was

by performing a miracle that held the

sea back to allow his ship to land. After a battle he ran three times round

the underworld

the first man in the lore of

the Akkadians

one of the Apkallu

son and priest of Ea

He is credited with the invention of speech. He broke the wings of Shutu, the south wind, when it buffeted him. When he was summoned to heaven to explain why the wind no longer blew he refused the food and drink that was offered to him by An, not realising that it would have made him immortal.

In some accounts, there are two separate beings called Adapa — the deity, son of Ea, and the wise man, one of the Apkallu, but the story of the visit to the heavens seems to be common to both.

Adar a Babylonian sun-god to whom children were sacrificed

Adar in the Philippines, a magical bird that could cure illness

Adaro a spirit of the sea

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Adat traditional rites and practices

Adawulcan North American

in the lore of the tribes of the North-West, in a servant of Nascakiyet, (see also Tlewatuwadjiigican)

Adda

Adda-Nari

[=Egyptian Isis]

a goddess of religion and truth

Addad

(see Adad)

Addan

[Addanc of the Lake.Afanc.Avanc: =Thompson spetake]

a dwarf or monster living in a lake

He killed the sons of the King of Suffering each day. He lived in a cave and hid behind a pillar, killing all who entered with his poisoned spear. Peredur, protected by a magic stone given to him in some accounts by the Empress of Constantinople, saw where he was hidden, killed him and cut off his head.

In an alternative story, he was the cause of the Flood and was killed when he was dragged from his underwater lair by Hu Gardarn's oxen after being lulled to sleep on the bosom of a maiden.

Addanz British

one of the ancestors of Percival

Addaon Welsh

son of Taliesin

In the dream of Rhonabwy, he was the leader of the black and white troop. He was killed by Llongod.

Addephagia Roman

a goddess of good cheer

adder bead (see adderstone)

adder gem (see adderstone)

adderstone

[adder bead,adder gem,druid stone, serpent stone]
Adi-Buddha  
[Adibuddha.Vajradhara~Tibetan Vajrabhairava,Vasudhvajra]  
the primeval source of the 5, 6 or 8 Dhyanibuddhas  
He is regarded as the original Buddha of which all later Buddhas are emanations.  
In some accounts Manjushri is referred to as the Adi-Buddha.  

Adi-Daivata  
Hindu  
a supreme spirit; lord of the gods  
(see also Adhyatman)  

Adi-Mailagu  
Pacific Islands  
a Fijian sky-goddess  
It is said that she came to earth, taking the form of a rat, living in a tree, but she could also appear as an old crone or a beautiful maiden.  

Adiccia  
British  
wife of Soldan  
In Spenser's Faerie Queene she was turned into a tigress.  

Adi-Buddha  
(see Adi-Buddha)  

Adidharma  
Buddhist  
[adidharma]  
sacred writings on metaphysics  

Aditya  
Hindu  
a child of Aditi  
(see also Adityas)  

Aditya-Bandhu  
(see Buddha)  

Aditya-Raja  
(see Athityarat)  

Adityas  
Hindu  
[Celestial Deities]  
a group of early gods, sons of Aditi or of Dyaus and Pritivi  

Adim  
Egyptian  
an ancient king  
son of Budasheer  
Budasheer died but his spirit still lived on in an underground palace and so Adim was able to go to him for advice.  

Adinatha  
Hindu  
[Primal Lord]  
a teacher in the Kaula or Natha sect  
He is identified as Shiva.  

Adipati  
(see Yama')  

Adibri  
East Indian  
the Papuan land of the dead  
Originally the cheerless home of Adiri and his daughter Dirivo. When Dirivo married Sido, the first man to die, Adiri became a more cheerful place.  

Adiri  
East Indian  
father of Dirivo  

Adiseschen  
(see Ananta')  

Adisesa  
(see Ananta')  

Aditi  
Hindu  
[Deva-matri.Devaki.'free'. 'infinity']  
daughter of Brahma or Daksha  
wife of Kashyapa  
mother of Vishnu and the Adityas  
In some stories Daksha is her son, in others her father; some say she was the consort of Vishnu, others that she was his mother in his fifth incarnation, as a dwarf. In some versions she is depicted as a cow and, in early myths, was identified with Diti.  

Aditingga  
Pacific Islands  
an Indonesian volcano-god  

Aditya  
Hindu  
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(see also Adityas)  

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Irish  
a warrior of the Red Branch  
a chief poet  
father of Neide  

Adnachiel  
[Advachiel]  
the ruling spirit of the constellation Sagittarius  
(see also Saritiel)  

Adno-artina  
Australian  
an ancestral lizard  
He fought and killed the ancestral dog Marindi during the Dreamtime.  

Ado  
African  
the supreme god of the Lugbara  

Adolf, Bishop  
(see Bishop Adolf)  

Adon1  
Mesopotamian  
a Canaanite fertility-god  
brother, son or husband of Astarte  
He later appeared as the Greek Adonis.  

Adlivun  
Inuit  
home of the wicked dead  
This underworld is ruled by Sedna and her father Anguta. Murderers are kept forever in this grim place but others can progress to the lower level, Adliparmiut. Those who stay in Adlivun, the tupilag, sometimes return as spirits carrying illness and disease.  

Admeta  
(see Admete)  

Admete  
Greek  
[Admeta]  
dughter of Eurytheus  
As his ninth Labour, Heracles was required to get the girdle of Hippolyta as a gift for Admete.  

Admetus  
Greek  
king of Pherae  
son of Pheres and Peridyene  
brother of Lycurgus  
husband of Alcestis  
father of Eumelus, Hippasus and Perimele  
He was one of the Argonautes and took part in the hunt for the Calydonian Boar.  

When Apollo killed the Cyclops, Zeus ordered him to serve as a slave to Admetus for one year. With the help of Apollo he won the hand of Alcestis by driving a chariot drawn by a boar and a lion. He forgot to make a sacrifice to Artemis when he got married and the goddess filled his bed with snakes.  

Artemis promised that he should escape death if one of his family offered to die in his place. Alcestis poisoned herself to save him but was rescued from Tartarus either by Hercules, who wrestled with Thanatos, or by the mercy of Persephone.  

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Adonis

(see Aten)
Adonis (Syrian God:=Babylonian
Tammuz:=Etruscan
Atnis:=Phrygian Atis)
god of rebirth, vegetation, etc.
son of Myrrha by her own father,
King Cinyras
son of Phoenix and Alphesiboea,
some say
The king's wife upset Aphrodite by
saying that Myrrha (Smyrna in some
stories) was more beautiful than the
goddess, who thereupon caused
Myrrha to fall in love with her own
father who slept with her when he was
drank. Her father is variously referred
to as Belus, Cinyras or Theias. The
result of this union was Adonis who
was saved from Cinyras' sword by
Aphrodite. The crimson flower of the
anemone grew where his blood stained
the earth. Alternatively, his blood
sprang from Adonis' blood.
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a name for Nemesis as a goddess
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king of Argos
one of the Seven against Thebes
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Others say that he and his son
immolated themselves.
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son of Gordius
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brother of Thersander and Timeas
Adriel

a moon demon
Adrija

Hindu
a name of Parvati as ‘mountain
born’ (see also Girija)
Adrika

Hindu
a nymph in the form of a mermaid
mother of Satyavati

Adon1

Mesopotamian
a Canaanite tyrant
He had the habit of cutting off the
thumbs and big toes of defeated
enemies. He was given the same
treatment when he was defeated by
others.

Adonia

Greek
an eight-day festival in honour
of Adonis, held in July

Adonides

a demon said to take possession of humans

Adonis

Greek
[Adon.Syrian God:=Babylonian
Tammuz:=Etruscan
Atnis:=Phrygian Atis]
god of rebirth, vegetation, etc.
son of Myrrha by her own father,
King Cinyras
son of Phoenix and Alphesiboea,
some say
The king's wife upset Aphrodite by
saying that Myrrha (Smyrna in some
stories) was more beautiful than the
goddess, who thereupon caused
Myrrha to fall in love with her own
father who slept with her when he was
drank. Her father is variously referred
to as Belus, Cinyras or Theias. The
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Ardisyanta

Hindu wife of Kalamsapada

mother of Parashara

Adro

African an aspect of Adroa as bad
He is depicted as half-bodied with one leg, arm, etc and is said to live mainly in rivers.

Adroa

[Aadro] creator-god and sky-god of the Lughara

Adroanzi

the children of Adro

They have the habit of following humans and killing those who look back at them. Other accounts describe them as having the form of water-snakes, which drown and eat humans.

Adroullata

Celtic a Continental river-goddess

Adu Ogyniae

African the leader of the first group of humans
The Ashanti say that these people came up out of the earth and Adu Ogyniae was killed when a tree fell on him.

Advachiel

(see Adnachiel) Adventures of Nera

(see Eachtra Nerai)

Adventures of the Sons of Mugmedon, The

Irish the story of the exploits of Niall and his brothers
This story, found in both the Book of Ballymote and the Yellow Book of Lecan, tells the story of Niall’s encounter with the Loathly Lady.

Niall and his four stepbrothers were out hunting and needed water for cooking their supper. Fergus went to a nearby well and found it guarded by an extremely ugly woman who demanded a kiss as the price of the water. Fergus refused but the murderer escaped in a ship.

The Fianna pursued Aedh when he fled, She had appealed to Finn for help and Aedh had been forced to become betrothed to Bebo, king of the Faylinn, who later went to the king’s court with his wife Bebo.

Aedh Aedh

Irish a dwarf poet
He entertained at the court of Fergus mac Leda and once visited Iubdan, king of the Faylinn, who later went to the king’s court with his wife Bebo.

Aedh

Irish the real name of Goll mac Morna

Aedh son of Liath by his first wife, Aebh (see Children of Liath)

Aedh

Irish a name for the Dagda as an underworld god

Aedh son of Mochaen brother of Conn and Corca
He, his father and his two brothers were killed by the sons of Turenn when the latter attacked Mochaen’s hill and raised a shout to satisfy part of the penalty imposed on them for the murder of Clay.

Aedh

Irish a giant
He killed the giantess Bebhionn who had been forced to become betrothed to him but finally refused to marry him.

Aedh Aedh

Irish a poet at the court of Conor mac Nessa
He had an affair with Muighain, the king’s wife, and was condemned to death by drowning. By reciting verses, he caused each lake he was taken to dry up except the lake near the house of Laoghaire Buadhach. Laoghaire saved him by killing the men charged with drowning the poet.

Aedh Aedh

Irish a name for the Devil, Satan

Aedh Aedh

Irish a name for Abriman

adykh

Siberian an animal dedicated to a deity or to an ongon

Animals as varied as horses and fish, and even birds, can be used in this way, being purified with the smoke of burning juniper and decorated with coloured ribbons. Once so dedicated, the animal is never again ridden or put to work.

Adyok (see Ajok)

Ac North American the first woman in the lore of the Californian American Indian tribes wife of Ejon

She and her husband were made from soil by Nocuma and they mated to produce descendants who became the tribes of California.

Aeacides Aeacides

Greek descendants of Aeacus

Aeacides (see Achilles)

Aeacos (see Aeacus)

Aeacus Greek

[Aeacosa.Aiakos] king of Aegina

son of Zeus by Aegina or Europa

husband of Endei

father of Telamon and Peleus

In some accounts, he fathered Phocus on the Nereid, Psamathe, who was killed by Peleus and Telamon.

Hera, jealous as usual of her husband’s affairs with others, avenged herself on Aegina by sending a plague which decimated the population of the island kingdom. Aeacus prayed to Zeus who re-populated the island by producing the Myrmidons from a colony of ants.

He helped Apollo and Poseidon build the walls of Troy.

After his death he was made one of the three judges in the underworld.

Aeaca the island of Circe

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a name for Circe taken from the island on which she lived

Aeb (see Aobh)

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Aed (see Aedh)

Aed Slane (see Aedh Slane)

Aeda (see Aedh)

Aedan (see Aodh)

Aedd (see Aedh)

Ardisyanta

See also Lit Merveile

Adventurous Bed

British a bed in Castle Carbonek

In some accounts, Galahad slept here and was wounded by a fiery lance, while others say that this was where Lancelot spent an uncomfortable night.

(see also Lit Merveile)
meeting St Patrick, was converted to Christianity.

Aedh11

Irish


a king of Ireland

Aedh mac Ruadh


king of Ireland

father of Macha

He ruled alternately with his brothers, Kimbay and Dithorba, or, in some versions, they were due to rule alternately on his death.

In some accounts, Macha was the sister of Dithorba and Kimbay.

Aedh Ruadh

Irish


a king of Ireland

He ruled as a tyrant and was defeated by the forces of nature. When bathing in the sea one day, to escape the burning heat of the sun, a storm blew up and he was drowned.

Aedh Slaine


a high-king of Ireland

son of Diarmaid mac Cearbhall

husband of Maireann and Mughan

He was said to have cried out while still in his mother's womb, foretelling the death of Suibhne.

As a man, he killed his cousin, Suibhne mac Colmain, and was himself killed by Suibhne's son, Conall.

Aedon1

Greek

[‘singer’]

daughter of Pandareus and Hermothoe

sister of Cleotheia and Merope

wife of Zethus

mother of Itylus and Neis

She tried to kill the eldest son of Niobe, her sister-in-law, but killed her own son Itylus by mistake. Zeus changed her into a nightingale. In some accounts, Thebe takes the place of Aedon.

Aedon1

(see Aodan.Maodhog)

Aeetes

(see Aeetes)

Aega

Greek

the human form of Amalthea

In some accounts she is identified with Libya.

Aegaeon

(see Briaraeus)

Aegealea

(see Aegialia)

Aegealia

(see Aegialia)

Aegeon

(see Briaraeus)

Aegeria

(see Egeria)

Aegestes

(see Acestes)

Aegeus

Greek

[Aigeus]

king of Athens

son of Pandion and Pylia

son of Scytius, some say

brother of Lyceus, Nisus and Pallas

father of Theseus by Aethra
His father had been driven from the throne of Athens by the sons of Metion, but Aeges, with the help of his brothers, regained the kingdom.

He seduced, or some say married, Aethra of Troezen and went off to Athens, where he expelled Lycus, leaving his sword and sandals hidden behind a huge rock to be reclaimed by any son of their union. That son was Theseus and, in some stories, it was Poseidon who fathered the child which was accepted by Aeges as his own.

He had no children by his first wife, Melite, nor his second, Chalciope, daughter of Rhesonor, but his third wife, Medea, produced a son called Medus. He recognised Theseus as his son just in time to prevent Medea from poisoning him at a banquet.

On his return from Crete after killing the Minotaur, Theseus forgot to hoist the white sail that would signal to Troy, and had an affair with Kari when he was fighting with the Greeks at Troy, and she was unfaithful to Diomedes, dying when he fell from a rock to be reclaimed by Aegeus as his own.

When he was killed at Thebes his brother, Orestes, the son of Agamemnon, avenged his father's death by killing not only Aegisthus but also Clytemnestra and the girl Helen. He further avenged himself by seducing Clytemnestra who had become the wife of Atreus' son, Agamemnon. Together they killed Agamemnon when he returned from Troy, with Cassandra and the twins she had borne to Agamemnon. With Clytemnestra, he ruled Mycenae for seven years and they had three children, Aletes, Ergone and Helen. Orestes, the son of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, avenged his father's death by killing not only Aegisthus but also Clytemnestra and the girl Helen.

It was originally said to be a breastplate made by Hephaestus and was later depicted as a goatskin with the Medusa mask in the centre.

Aegis' (see Helmet of Invisibility²)

Aegisdrekkja

Aegidus

Aegile

Aegile (see Aegileia)

Aegilea (see Aegileia)

Aegileia

Aegile

daughter of Panopus

Aegile

daughter of Asopus and Metope

wife of Actor

mother of Aeaeanus

mother of Aeaeanus by Zeus

She was abducted by Zeus and taken to an island, Oenone, later known as Aegina. Sisyphus observed the abduction and told Asopus. When her father pursued them, Zeus hurled one of his thunderbolts at him and gave up the chase. Sisyphus was punished by Zeus who condemned him to Hades.

Aegipan

Aegipan

a monster, part goat, part fish

son of Amphithea

Some stories say that he was the son of Zeus by Aex, others that he was a foster-brother of Zeus.

He (or Cadmus or Pan) helped Hermes to retrieve the sinews of Zeus, which had been cut out by 'Typhon. Zeus put him in the heavens as god of the deep seas and Capricorn so that he escaped the vengeance of Typhon.

Aegir

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god of the deep seas

son of Ymir

brother of Kari and Loki

brother and husband of Ran

god of Gymir, Mimir and the Wave-Maidens

He was one of an early trinity of gods with Kari and Loki and he wrecked ships and dragged them down to the ocean depths. His servants were Elde and Funfeng. At the feast he gave for the other gods, Loki turned up uninvited and killed Funfeng.

(aegis) the breastplate or shield of Zeus, carried by Athena
Aegle

Greek

a nymph said to be one of the 7 Hesperides

Aeglus

A demon of lightning

Aegyptus

Greek

[Aigyptos.Egyptus]

ruler of Arabia and Egypt

son of Belus and Archinoe or of Agenor and Telephassa
twin brother of Danaus

He was the father of fifty sons, including Chaetus, who wed the fifty daughters of his brother Danaus. All the sons, with the exception of Lynceus, were murdered by their wives on their wedding night.

Aeife (see Aoife)

Aelens (see Aeles)

Aeles

British

[Aelles]
a king of Iceland

father of Escol

He submitted to the sovereignty of King Arthur and gave him his son in service.

Aelf-Ric (see Alberich.Andvari)

Aelfrich (see Alberich.Andvari)

Aelis (see Elissent)

Aelte

British

[Bretwalda]
a Saxon king

father of Cissa, Cymen and Wlencing

In some accounts he was the leader of the Saxon forces defeated by King Arthur at Mount Badon.

Aello

Greek

['squall']

one of the Harpies

Aello

Greek

one of Actaeon’s dogs

When Artemis discovered Actaeon watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Aello, tore him to pieces.

Aellopus (see Harpies)

auluranthropy (see ailuranthrophy)

Aemilia

Roman

a vestal virgin

Aemilia Pudentilla

Roman

[Pudentialla]

wife of Apuleius

Apuleius was charged with having acquired this rich widow as his wife by the use of magic but was acquitted.

Aeneas

Greek

[Aeneus.Aineius.Indiges]
a Trojan hero

son of Anchises and Aphrodite

husband of Creusa

father of Ascanius

He was said to have been raised by the nymphs of Mount Ida and, in some accounts, was regarded as an ancestor of King Arthur.

At the siege of Troy he was wounded by Diomedes, but Apollo carried him off to safety at Pergamos where his wounds were treated by Artemis. When the city fell, his mother Aphrodite ensured his safety and he was able to escape with his father Anchises and his young son Ascanius but not his wife, who became separated from the others and died.

Another version says that he betrayed Troy to the Greeks and was rewarded by being given safe conduct when the city fell; another version that he was captured by Neoptolemus.

After many adventures (see Aeneid) he settled in Italy and married Lavinia, daughter of the king of the Latins, so founding the Roman race. In some accounts, he had a daughter, Rhome, who murdered Latius and bore Romulus and Remus.

On his death, in a later battle with the Rutulians, he became one of the gods with the title Indiges.

Aeneas Silvius

Roman

king of Alba Longa

a descendant of Aeneas

Aeneid

Roman

Virgil’s account (in 12 volumes) of the adventures of Aeneas after the fall of Troy

Aeneas sailed from Troy looking for a new place to settle and dreamed that he should go to Hesperia (the land to the west, Italy) and find a home on the west coast. His ship was driven off course by the Harpies. When they next made land in Epirus they found that the rulers were Helenus the Trojan seer and Andromache, formerly the wife of Hector who had been killed at Troy. Helenus advised him to look for a white sow with thirty piglets. Other accounts say that Aeneas was given this advice, some time after he arrived in Italy, by the god of the River Tiber.

Their next stop was in Sicily where only the warning given them by a starving sailor, Achaemenides, who had been left behind when Odysseus and his crew escaped from the cave of Polyphemus, saved Aeneas and his crew from the clutches of the Cyclopes who still inhabited that part of the island. Anchises, his old father, died soon afterwards.

A storm contrived by the gods blew the ship to the north coast of Africa where they were feted by Dido, Queen of Carthage, who fell in love with Aeneas. He knew that his destiny lay in Italy and eventually forced himself and his crew to give up their life of luxury and set sail once more, heading north. Dido was distraught at the loss and killed herself.

Arriving in Italy, Aeneas was advised by the Sybyl of Cumae to arm himself with a golden bough and seek advice from his father in the underworld who was able to tell him of the problems that lay ahead.

The inhabitants of the area where they finally landed were the Latins, under King Latinus, and the Rutulians, under King Turnus. When Ascanius, the son of Aeneas, inadvertently killed a highly acclaimed pet stag, the Latins were greatly angered. Latinus had been told that his daughter, Lavinia, would marry a stranger from another country and he accepted Aeneas in that role, but Turnus married Lavinia and was only too ready to help the Latins against the Trojans when they went to war.

Aeneas, on the advice of the river god of the Tiber, consulted Evander, king of an impoverished state, who told him to seek help from the Etruscans who had been oppressed by the tyrant Mezentius who was now fighting with the Rutulians against the Trojans. They readily provided an army which, after much fighting, defeated the Latins and Rutulians. Aeneas was wounded by an arrow and when the physician Iapis could not heal him, Aphrodite intervened with a magic herb and he was soon back in action. Evander’s son Pallas was killed in the battle by Turnus. The warrior queen Camilla also died. Aeneas himself killed Turnus in single combat and also Lausus and Mezentius.

On one occasion, Cybele intervened to prevent Turnus from setting fire to the Trojan ships, which turned into swans and swam away.

The white sow and her litter, referred to in the prophecy of Helenus, were found on the site of what was later to be the city of Alba Longa.
intervened and killed Theano’s sons. The brothers returned to the shepherds and Poseidon told them that their real mother, who had been blinded by her father Aeolus when they were born, had been imprisoned by her father. They killed their grandfather and freed Melanippe, who married Metapontus after Theano killed herself.

In some accounts, Arne takes the place of Melanippe and Aeolus becomes the God of Winds on the floating island of Lipara.

Aeon

aeon

the power emanating from a deity in the creation of a universe: an eternal being

aeon

an age of the universe

In some accounts, there have been 365 such ages though others say only thirty.

Aeon

an eternal being or god an age personified

Aeon

(see Zurvan)

Aeonus Kamui

(see Pon Okikurvin)

Aepythus

king of Arcadia

son of Cresphontes and Merope father of Hippotheus

He and his mother killed Polyphontes, who had usurped his father’s throne and he took over as king of Messenia.

In some accounts he is a sun-god.

Aepythus

son of Euxinus and Laodice brother of Cyllen, Peres and Symplemus

He raised Eudane, daughter of Poseidon and Pitane. She gave birth to Iamus, fathered by Apollo, and he too was raised by Aepythus.

Aequetas

Roman

the god of equity

Aer

Phoenician

Air:Ner

a primaeval creator-deity: the spiritual force of the universe

He appears in various creation legends as the son of Omichel and Pothos who fathered Otos on his sister Aura; the consort of Chaos with whom he produced Kolpia and Pothis; or as consort of Ether with whom he produced Oulomus.

Some accounts say that he was the offspring of Uranus. (see also Aura)
Aesculapius

an eagle dropped a tortoise on his head.

Persians and The Suppliant Women.

Bound, Seven Against Thebes, The
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Bearers)

seven survive. These are the trilogy

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He was in dispute with his half
brother, Pelias, over the throne of

Iolcus and, to avoid being killed by
him, committed suicide by drinking
bull’s blood.

In another story, Pelias imprisoned
him and took over the throne. He was
an old man when Jason returned with
the Golden Fleece but the sorceress
Medea restored his youth and vigour.

Aescylus

Greek

(525–456 BC)
a dramatist and poet

He wrote some ninety plays of which
seven survive. These are the trilogy
Agamemnon, Choephorae (The Libation
Bearers) and Eumenides known as
Oresteia, together with Prometheus
Bound, Seven Against Thebes, The
Persians and The Suppliant Women.

He was said to have been killed when
an eagle dropped a tortoise on his head.

Aesculapius

Roman

the Roman version of Asclepius

Aesha

Persian

a demon of violence opposing Sraosha
or Vohu Manah

Aesir

Norse

[Air.Elder Godssing=Aes(A).As]
the 12 early sky-deities of the Norse
pantheon

They were originally at war with the
later gods, the Vanir, but made peace
with them and exchanged hostages.
Some versions say that they came later
than the Vanir.

At one time or another any of
the following might have been regarded
as one of the Aesir: Balder, Baugi, Bragi,
Forseti, Frey, Frigg, Heimdall, Hermod,
Hoder, Hoenir, Iduna, Ing, Loki,
Mimir, Nanna, Odin, Sif, Thor,
Tyr, Uller, Vali, Ve and Vidar.

Aesma

(see Aesha)

Aeson

Greek

[Aison]
king of Iolcus
son of Cretheus and Tyro
husband of Alcimeide
father of Jason and Promachus

He was in dispute with his half
brother, Pelias, over the throne of

Aethnici

(see Aethnici)

Aethnicus

[plus-Aethnici]
a fire demon

These demons are envisaged in a form
like a salamander.

Aethon1

Greek
one of the horses of Helius

Aethon1

(see Erysichthon)

Aethra1

Greek
[a princess of Troezen
daughter of Pittheus
mother of Theseus

She was seduced by Aegeus or, some
say, by Poseidon who fathered
Theseus on her, but Aegeus accepted
the boy as his own son. In other
stories, she was married to Aegeus.

In some versions she looked after the
young Helen when she was abducted
by Theseus. When Helen's brothers,
Castor and Polydeuces, rescued their
sister, they took Aethra as a slave and
she went to Troy with Helen. There
she raised Munychus, the illegitimate
son of Acamas and Laodice. She was
freed by Acamas and Demophon when
the city fell to the Greeks.

Aethra2

Greek
[aether

[Acetes.Aeetes.Aietes]
king of Colchis and, when Phrixus
was carried off on a golden-fleeced
ram. He was finally given shelter by
King Aetes and, when Phrixus
sacrificed the ram to the gods, he gave
the golden fleece to the king who hung
it on a tree guarded by a dragon. He
was still ruling in Colchis when Jason
came to demand the golden fleece be
returned to Iolcus.

In some accounts he killed Phrixus.
He was deposed by his brother, Perseus,
but later restored to the throne by
Medea.

Aethalia

(see Thalia)

Aethalides

Greek
a herald for the Argonauts

Aether1

[=Aether.Light]
the god of light
son of Erebus and Nyx

In some accounts, he is the father of
Uranus.

Aether2

(see Zeus)

Aethiope

Greek
one of the poems in the epic cycle
by Apollo

Aethiopians

[see Ethiopians]

Aethel

Welsh

a hound

This animal, one of a pair with Aned,
was one of the things that Ysbaddaden
required Culiwhc to get in the hunt
for Twrch Trwyth. It followed the boar
when it was driven into the sea off
Cornwall by King Arthur's men.

Aethlius

Greek
father of Endymion by Calyce

Aethusb

daughter of Poseidon by Alcyone
mother of the Hyades, Pleiades and,
some say, the Hesperides by Atlas

(see also Pleione)

Aetolus

Greek
[a king of Troezen

Aetolus

[Aitolos]
a king of Elis
son of Endymion
brother of Epeius and Palon
husband of Pronoe
father of Calydon and Pleron
He accidentally killed Apis in a
chariot race and was banished from
Elis. He fought for and won a new
kingdom, Aetolia.

Aetum

Greek
one of the horses of Pluto

Aetynosi

Welsh
son of Paternus
father of Cunedda
Aex

Greek

a nymph

In some accounts she is the mother of Aegipan by Zeus.

Af

(see Aaf)

Af-Ra

(see Aaf)

Afa

Pacific Islands

a Samoan storm-god

Afagdu

(see Afgaddu)

Afellach

(see Afavulc)

Afallon

(see Ynys Avalach)

Afanc

(see Addanc)

Afand

(see Anwfn)

Affwys

(see Anwfn)

Afagdu

(see Afgaddu)

Afod

a false god; an effigy

Af1

European

a storm god in the Caucasus

Af2

Norse

husband of Amma

Afifi

African

a mythical tribe of pygmies

Afriti

(see Afrir)

Afrisiyab

Persian

[Frangrasayan.Frasiyav]

doing of draught

brother of Kerestavzahd

He took over Persia after driving out the demon Zainigav, but was himself defeated by Rustem, Kay Khusraw or Uzava Tumsapan. He is said to have killed the young Siyawush when the latter fled from his father’s court.

Afreed

(see Afrir)

African

(see Tehenut)

African Sisters

(see Hesperides)

Africus

Roman

[=Greek Lips]

a wind from the south-west quarter

Afrikete

African

a sea goddess of the Fon
daughter of Agbe and Naete

She was regarded as a trickster and a gossip.

Afrit

Arabian

[afrir,efreet,efrit,ifirit=Swahili afiriti]

ifiriti:female=afrita

an evil demon

type of jinnee

These beings sometimes take human form and may even marry mortals.

They are said to live in the ground from whence they may appear as clouds of smoke. They can appear in different sizes varying from giant size to miniature beings small enough to enter a bottle. They are said to be enormously strong, capable of lifting and flying off with a complete city, flying at lightning speed on their bat-like wings.

Afrit

Egyptian

a spirit of the desert

This spirit was manifest in the whirlwind and could be called up by Set.

Arita

(see Afrit)

Afrti

African

[afriti,ifriti=Arab afrit]

an evil demon

(see also Afrir)

Aftab

Persian

[=Babylonian Samas]

a sun deity

Aftbul Ardi

Malay

a sea king

father of Muhtabul Bahri

afterbirth

the placenta, in some cultures, is regarded as having mystic powers, ruling the life of the person concerned or acting as guardian or twin; should it be eaten by an animal, the child will grow up with the characteristics of that beast

African

The Baganda are among those who regard the afterbirth as the twin of the child. They put the afterbirth in a pot which is then buried under a tree. Here it becomes a spirit, which enters the tree. If the tree is damaged or if someone outside the tribe should eat the fruit of that tree, the spirit leaves, whereupon the twin is forced to follow and will die.

In the case of a king, the so-called twin is housed in a specially built small temple where it is guarded by an official known as the kimbugwe. Part of his duties is to expose the placenta to the light of the moon once in each month and, after anointing it with melted butter, return it to its resting place.

Australasian

Some of the Aboriginal tribes believe that part of the soul, known as the choi-i, is to be found in the placenta, which is buried in a spot marked by a small mound of twigs.

This enables the fertility spirit, Anjea, to locate the afterbirth which she can use, they say, to make another baby.

Chinese

The Chinese had a practice, like that of the Hebrews, of making medicines from the afterbirth.

East Indian

(1) In Java the afterbirth is cast adrift in a small boat decorated with fruit, flowers, etc. to be eaten by the crocodiles who, it is said, are the products of afterbirths or are ancestors of the tribes.

(2) In Sumatra, some tribes say that the afterbirth holds a tutelary spirit that will guide the person concerned during his or her lifetime. Others say that one such guardian exists in the afterbirth while a second exists in the embryo. Some bury the afterbirth under the house, others keep it after preserving it in salt.

Finn-Ugric

In countries occupied by various branches of the Finno-Ugric peoples, the placenta is hung on the branch of a tree in the forest and sacrifices are offered to it in recognition of its role in nourishing the child.

Hebrew

An ancient custom involved burning the placenta and mixing the ashes with flowers or milk as an antidote to disease or a charm to protect the user from witchcraft.

New Zealand

The Maoris plant a tree when a baby is born and bury the placenta under it so that both the child and the tree will develop together.

North American

(1) The Hupa tribe place the afterbirth in a tree that has been split open to receive it and then bind the split; if the tree thrives, so will the child, and vice versa.

(2) The Kwakiutl treat the afterbirth differently according to the sex of the child. That of a boy is put out to be eaten by the ravens in the belief that this will endow the child with the power to read the future; that of a girl is buried on the shore to ensure that she will become expert at digging up clams, a useful accomplishment in the coastal area of British Columbia.
Aftermath

(3) Other tribes, including the Cherokee, Creek and Pawnee, say that a real living twin can emerge from the afterbirth.

Siberian
The Yukahi people tie the afterbirth inside a reindeer skin together with miniature hunting weapons for a boy and sewing implements for a girl so that they will acquire the skills appropriate to their sex.

South American
The Aymara bury the afterbirth alongside tools for a boy and cooking utensils for a girl. In some cases the afterbirth is burned so that the ashes can be used to make medicines.

Afterworld (see Golden Bough)
Although the underworld (see underworld) Agacella
a monster in the form of a tiger-like animal with horns and hoofs
Agagaz (see Tutu')
Agadah (see Haggada)
Agadzogodza
in Nigerian lore, the worm that brought a message from the god Hyel
Agag Canaanite
a sacred king
Agaku Mesopotamian
a name of Marduk as 'love', etc
Agaliarept
a demon of hell
Agallamh na Seanorach (see Colloquy of the Old Men)

Agamede Greek
a sorceress
daughter of Augeas
sister of Agasthenes and Phyleus

Agamedes Greek
son of Erginus
step-brother of Trophonius
father of Cercyon, some say
He and his brother built a temple to Apollo and, after six days of merry-making, died in their sleep.

In another account, they built a treasury for the king, Hyrieus, leaving a secret access so that they could steal the contents. The king set a trap which caught Agamedes and Trophonius cut off his brother's head so that he could not betray their secret.

A similar story is told of King Rhapsinius.

Agamemnon Greek
[King of Men]
king of Mycenae (or Argos)
son of Atreus and Aerope
brother of Anaxibia and Menelaus
husband of Clytemnestra
father of Chrysothemis, Electra, Iphigenia and Orestes by Clytemnestra, twins by Cassandra and at least one other illegitimate son, Halesus
As an infant he was saved with his brother Menelaus when Aegisthus killed his father Atreus and fled to Sparta. Later, helped by Tyndareus the king of Sparta, he regained his father's throne.

He killed Tantalus, king of Pisa, and married his widow Clytemnestra. When the Greek forces were assembled at Aulis ready to invade Troy to recover the beautiful Helen, adverse winds kept them shore bound. To propitiate the gods, Agamemnon sacrificed his daughter Iphigenia, so ensuring favourable winds for the voyage.

In the fighting at Troy he was given the girl Chryseis as a prize and refused to release her when her father came to plead for her. The father was a priest of Apollo and the god intervened in the dispute, bringing much sickness to the Greek forces. To avoid further trouble, Agamemnon released the girl but, in compensation, demanded the girl Briseis, who had been given to Achilles whereupon Achilles swore vengeance and refused to fight any more.

When Troy fell, Agamemnon returned to Mycenae with Cassandra who had borne him twin boys to find that his wife, Clytemnestra, had taken Aegisthus as a lover while he was away. These two plotted Agamemnon's death and killed him with Cassandra and her two children.

Agamemnon Greek
the first play in the trilogy Oresteia by Aeschylus

Agamemnon Greek
his daughter and his future wife

Agamemnon Greek
in the story of the Iliad

Agamemnon Greek
his daughter and his future wife

Mount Helicon
dughter of Permessus

Aganippe Greek
wife of Acrisius
mother of Danae

Aganippides (see Muses)

Aganju African
a god of the Yoruba
son of Oduwua
brother and consort of Yemoja
father of Ogun, Oka, Olokun, Orunjan, Shango, Shankpanna and others

Agaone (see Damballah Wedo)

Agaou Tonné (see Damballah Wedo)

Agaou Wedo (see Damballah Wedo)

Agape British
a fairy in Spenser's The Faerie Queene
mother of Diamond, Piamond and Triamond

Agapenor Greek
king of Nemea or Tegea
father of Laodice
He led the Arcadian forces at Troy. When Arsinoe was abandoned by Alcmaeon she was sent (or sold) to Agapenor as a slave.

Agaus [Agaros.Agaures]
a demon, duke of hell
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to have taught languages and is depicted as a human riding a crocodile.

agric
a mushroom-type fungus
The poisonous fungus, fly agaric, is regarded by the Koryaks of Siberia as being inhabited by the wapaq. Anyone eating it will find himself thereafter instructed by the wapaq, who may even tell him to die.

Another variety, highly inflammable, was used in Celtic rituals such as lighting the fires at Beltane.

Agaros (see Agares)

Agarou (see Damballah Wedo)

Agartha Hindu
the underground realm of the King of the World

Agas Persian
a demon causing illness

Agas Xenas Xena North American
in the lore of the Chinook, the deity of the evening star

Agassou African
a panther god of the Fon

Agasthenes Greek
king of Elis
son of Augeas
brother of Agamedes and Phyleus
father of Polyxenus
Heracles cleansed the filthy stables of Augeas who then reneged on his promise to give Heracles a tenth of his herds. When Heracles later returned to exact vengeance, some say that he installed Agasthenes on the throne of Elis; others say that his brother, Phyleus, was made king.

Agasthenes
greek
a suitor for the hand of Helen
Agasti
(see Agastyga)
Agastyga
Hindu
[Agasti.Kalasi-sutra=TNam Akatiyar]
a sage, one of the writers of the Vedas
son of both Mithra (or Surya)
and Varuna
husband of Lopamudra
He is regarded as the ruler of the star Canopus, and was born from semen of the two gods, produced as they watched Urvashi dancing.

He once drank all the water in the seas to expose the demons, the Dityas, who were conspiring against the gods.

His other famous feat was to stop the growth of the mountain Vindya which, in trying to become higher than Mount Meru, threatened to block out the light of the sun. The sage merely asked Vindya to pause in its growth until he came back – which he never did.

agate
a semi-precious stone, a variety of chalcedony
This stone is said to have special properties in many cultures.

Some say that it can relieve thirst and cure a snake bite or fever, while others say that it is capable of turning a sword against its bearer.

Some Arabs use it as a charm or amulet and, in Hebrew lore, it is said to prevent the wearer from falling over or off his horse.

Agathe Tyche
(see Tyche)
Agathon
a demon or witch’s familiar
that may live in metal rings or in bottles

Agathodaimon
(see Agathos Daimon)
Agathos Daimon
Greek
[Agathodaimon=Egyptian Sh(h)ay]
a god of good fortune
husband of Tyche
He is depicted as a snake or a shepherd.

Agathysrus
Greek
son of Heracles
brother of Gelenus and Scythes
On his way back to Greece after seizing Geryon’s cattle, Heracles had his horses stolen by a snake-tailed woman (Echidna, some say) who returned his horses only after he had made love to her. She bore him three sons.

Agaue
(see Agave)
Agaures
(see Agares)
agati
Hindu
rebirth

Agave
Greek
daughter of Cadmus and Harmonia
sister of Autonoe, Ino, Semele
wife of Echion and Lycotheros
mother of Pentheus by Echion

She joined the revels of Dionysus and, inflamed to madness, led the Mênads in pulling her own son, Pentheus, to pieces. After this, she fled to Illyria and married the king, Lycotheros, who she later murdered. Some say that she gave the throne to Cadmus.

agave
Mexian
a shrub: the tree of life
Agbe
African
the palm tree
In the lore of the Yoruba, this was the first living thing to be created by Olorun.

Aglistes
British
a god in The Faerie Queene, ruler of the Bower of Bliss

Aglistis
Phrygian
a hermaphrodite deity
offspring of Papas or of Cybele raped by Zeus

In some versions, Aglistis is Cybele who interrupted the wedding of Attis, with whom he/she was in love, causing the bride to die of self-inflicted wounds and Attis to castrate himself.

In other versions, Aglistis is the father of Attis. The god Dionysus made him drunk and tied his genitals to a tree so that when he jumped up he castrated himself. An almond tree grew from the spot where his blood fell on the earth. When Nana, daughter of Sangarios, picked some of the fruit and dropped it in her lap she found herself pregnant and her baby was Attis.

(see also Cybele)
ages

periods distinguished by major changes in lifestyle, environment, etc. Many cultures regard time as being divided into distinct ages:

**Aztec**
- (1) Age of Conistal
- (2) Age of Conezuquite
- (3) Red Age
- (4) Age of Black Hair

During the Age of Conistal, man lived on maize. The end of this period came in the form of a flood. The next age, known also as the Golden Age, saw man living on the fruits of the forest. This age ended with violent wind storms and men were changed into trees. The third (Red) age, when men lived on the fruit of the tree of life, ended in fire. The final period, the Age of Black Hair, was characterised by great wickedness, earthquakes and famine, resulting in the destruction of many people. It is said that Tetzcatlipoca will usher in the next age, which will bring eternal light.

**Babylonian**
The Babylonians refer to four ages; at the end of each, humans were destroyed respectively by flood, wild animals, famine and pestilence.

**Greek**
- (1) gold
- (2) silver
- (3) bronze
- (4) iron

In the Golden Age men lived in the Garden of Eden, free from care and provided with all they needed without working for it. This led to the Silver Age when men had become licentious and, refusing to worship the gods, were destroyed by them. The subsequent Bronze Age was a period of internal warfare leading to the Iron Age when the rule of law had broken down and all was anarchy.

Some accounts postulate a Heroic Age between the Bronze and Iron Ages in which survivors attempted to return to their previous state of grace but failed.

**Hindu**
- (1) white (silver) (Krita)
- (2) red (bronze) (Treta)
- (3) yellow (gold) (Dvapara)
- (4) black (iron) (Kali)

**Norse**
- (1) Axe Age
- (2) Sword Age
- (3) Wind Age
- (4) Wolf Age

**North American**
- (1) The Navaho refer to four ages: the first was when their progenitors ascended from the underworld; the next was the age of heroes, when the world was set in order and light appeared; then came the age of the gods who destroyed all the monsters, while the fourth age saw the growth of the Navaho nation.
- (2) The Tsiutali people of Oregon also tell of four ages; at the end of each, humans were respectively turned into stars, stones and fish or just disappeared.

**Roman**
- (1) gold
- (2) silver
- (3) copper
- (4) iron

No evil existed in the Golden Age, ruled by Saturn; during the Silver Age, ruled by Jupiter, agriculture started and evil first appeared; under Mars, in the Copper Age, war came into the world; Pluto ruled the Iron Age, which was characterised by man’s decadence.

**ages of man**

periods in the life of the individual

**Central American**
The Maya envisaged the ages of man as twenty in parallel with the twenty days of creation and their twenty-day month.

- (1) Imix, start of life’s journey
- (2) Ik, spirit given to the embryo
- (3) Akbal, birth
- (4) Kan, realization of evil
- (5) Chicchan, collection of life’s experiences
- (6) Cimi, death
- (7) Man-Ik, entry to the afterlife
- (8) Lamat, descent to the nether regions
- (9) Muluc, judgement
- (10) Oc, conversion to base matter
- (11) Cheun, burning
- (12) Eb, start of ascent
- (13) Ben, continuation of ascent
- (14) Is, absolution of sins
- (15) Men, perfection achieved
- (16) Cib, enlightenment achieved
- (17) Ch’ab’an, removal of all traces of burning
- (18) Edznah, confirmation of perfection

**Mesopotamian**
- (19) Cauac, divine nature achieved
- (20) Ahau, entry to heaven

**Hindu**
The ideal life of the Brahmin involves four stages (ashrama).

- (1) brahmacarya, the stage of a student studying under a guru.
- (2) gurustiya, the period of married life during which one raises a family.
- (3) vanaprastha, when one retreats to the forest as a hermit, leaving the eldest son in charge of the family.
- (4) samnyasa, the stage of detachment from the pains and pleasures of this world, when the Brahmin becomes a mendicant teacher until, finally, he is absorbed into the divine spirit.

**Agga** king of Kish

He challenged Gilgamesh to fight and was defeated.

**Aghora**
a name of Shiva as ‘the horrible one’

one of the 5 aspects of Shiva known as the Pancabrahma

**AghorPanthi**
an extreme sadhu

**Agiel**
one of the Seven Intelligences

tuler of the planet Saturn

**Agilma**
a name of Marduk as ‘creativity’

**Agilolphus**
bishop of Cologne

He undertook the building of Cologne cathedral in Germany, where Rinaldo worked as a labourer until he was killed by jealous workmates.

**Agimon**
one of the cardinal demons, in some accounts

**Aglar**
a magic word used to drive the Devil away

**Aglaiad**
wife of Zeus and Eurynome

wife of Hephaestus, some say one of the 3 Graces – splendour

In some accounts, she is referred to as Charis or Pasithea. (see also Charis)

**Aglaiad**
wife of Abas, king of Argolis

mother of twins, Acrisius and Proetus, and of Idomene

**Aglonice**
a sorceress

She claimed to have the power to draw the moon from the sky.

**Aglaophone** (see Aglaophone)
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<td>Later, Geirrod succeeded to the throne, and when Odin visited his court in disguise to test his hospitality, he had the god tied to a stake between two fires. During the eight days of this ordeal Odin received no food or drink except a draught of ale brought to him by Agnar. When Odin revealed himself as a god, Geirrod tripped over and impaled himself on his sword and Agnar was elevated to the throne by the grateful Odin.</td>
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<td>He helped Amadis and his brothers to restore Briolania to the throne of Firm Island by overthrowing the tyrant who had usurped it. He was one of the hundred knights fighting for Lisuarte against a hundred knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.</td>
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<td>His father had been killed in battle with Charlemagne and he planned an invasion of France to exact revenge. The king of the Garamantes, on his death bed, advised that the venture would succeed only with the help of the knight, Rogero, and he could be freed from the clutches of his foster father, the magician Atlantes, only with the magic ring of Angelica. During his battles in France, he heard that his capital, Biserta, was besieged by Abyssiannians led by Astolpho and he withdrew his forces. On the return voyage he met Gradasso, who had left France earlier to return to his own country and he offered to help Agramant. The two of them, with Sòbrino, challenged Florismarit, Oliver and Roland to fight to settle their differences. Agramant was killed in this fight. (see also Angulandus)</td>
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| a god of twins in Finland; a turnip-god |
| Agrasanndhari           | Hindu                            |
| a book of judgement: the register of an individual’s deeds |
| This book, which records all one's life on earth, is kept by Chitragupta, the registrar of the dead, in the realm of Yama. |
| Agraulos                | Greek                            |
| a name for Athena as a goddess of agriculture |
| Agraulus                | (see Aglaurus)                   |
| Agraulust               | (see Aglaurus)                   |
| Agravadin               | British                          |
| a cuckold              |                                  |
| His wife had an affair with King Ban and bore him a son, Ector de Maris. |
| Agravain               | [Agr(a)ivain.Agrawain]           |
| a Knight of the Round Table |
| son of Lot and Morgause |
| brother of Gaheris, Gareth, Gawain and Mordred |
| husband of Laurel       |                                  |
| Agré                   | Greek                            |
| one of Actaeon's dogs   |                                  |
| When Artemis discovered Actaeon the hunter watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Agraive, tore him to pieces. |
| Agréskovi              | (see Areskovi)                   |
| Agrestes               | British                          |
| an early ruler of Camelot |
| He was driven mad by God for persecuting Christians. |
| Agrestizia             | British                          |
| [Dindrane]             |                                  |
| the name given to Percival's sister in the Italian story of the Round Table, Tavola Ritonda |
| Agrionome              | Greek                            |
| daughter of Poseidon   |                                  |
| wife of Hodoedocus     |                                  |
| mother of Oileus       |                                  |
| Agricano               | European                         |
| king of Tartary        |                                  |
| father of Mandricardo  |                                  |
He was a suitor for the hand of Angelica and his forces besieged the city of Albracca but, when they finally took the city, Angelica locked herself in a tower. She escaped with the aid of her magic ring and released Roland and the other knights imprisoned in the Castle of Oblivion. They routed Agrican's army and the Tartar king was killed by Roland after a tremendous fight. He converted to Christianity on his death bed.

**Agricola**  
*British*  
a 5th c king of Dyfed  
Some say that he commanded some of King Arthur's forces. (*see also* Agrisant)

**Agriodus**  
*Greek*  
one of Actaeon's dogs  
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**Agronia**  
*Greek*  
[Anthesterion]  
a spring festival in honour of Dionysus

**Agrios**  
*Greek*  
a book of spells

**Agrippa**  
wife of Germanicus  
Agrippina Sibyl

**Agrippina**  
*Roman*  
mother of Nero  
sister of Caligula and Drusilla  
daughter of Germanicus and Agrippina  
wife of Germanicus  
a mediaeval prophetess

**Agrisant**  
*British*  
a king of Dyfed  
Some say that he was the commander of part of King Arthur's forces. (*see also* Agricola)

**Agriskoue**  
*Greek*  
[Agrios.'untamable']  
one of the Earthborn Giants  
son of Uranus and Gaea  
He was killed by the Fates during the battle with the gods.

**Agrius**  
*Greek*  
one of the Cyclopes  
He was killed by Heracles during his pursuit of the Erymanthian boar.

**Agrius**  
*Greek*  
a Centaur

**Agrius**  
*Greek*  
son of Odysseus and Circe  
brother of Latius and Telegonus  
father of Thersites

**Agrivain**  
*see Agravain*

**Agrona**  
*Celtic*  
a goddess of slaughter

**Agrotera**  
*Greek*  
a name for Artemis as protectress of the young

**Agroteras Thusia**  
*Greek*  
a festival in honour of Artemis celebrating victory over the Persians at Marathon

**Agu**  
*see Acu*

**Aguasu**  
*see Adja*

**Agué**  
*see Agwé*

**Agué Woyo**  
*see Agwé*

**Aguerus**  
*Greek*  
a name of Apollo as guardian of doors, open spaces, etc.

**Agu'gux**  
*see Agwé*

**Agué Woyo**  
*see Agwé*

**Agueta**  
*see Agweto*

**Aguetana**  
a goddess of healing  
one of the 6 sisters of Shitala  
(see Shitala)

**Aguwani**  
a supreme god in Nigeria; the sun

**Aguwé**  
*West Indian*  
daughter of Agwé  
sister of Agweto  
son of Agwé  
brother of Agweto

**Agyiues**  
*see Agweto*

**Ah**  
*Egyptian*  
[Aah(-te-Huti)]  
a moon-god  
son of Apet  
He was later assimilated into Khons.

**Ah Bolom Tzacab**  
(see Ah Bolon Dz’acab)

**Ah Bolon Dz’acab**  
*Central American*  
a Mayan fertility-god  
Some identify him as the leaf-nosed deity, God K.

**Ah Cancum**  
*Central American*  
[Acanum]  
Mayan god of hunting

**Ah Chun Can**  
*Central American*  
[Ah Cun Cun]  
a war-god, god of the city of Merida

**Ah Chuy Kak**  
*Central American*  
a Mayan war-god and fire-god

**Ah Cun Cun**  
*Central American*  
a serpent charmer: a war-god

**Ah Ciz**  
*Central American*  
the Mayan god of eclipses  
He was thought to swallow the sun when it disappeared during an eclipse.

**Ah Cuxtal**  
*Central American*  
the Mayan god of birth

**Ah holpopoh**  
*Central American*  
a low social caste in Mayan society

**Ah Hoya**  
*Central American*  
a name for Chac as ‘urinatör’

**Ah Hulneb**  
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a Mayan war-god

**Ah Kin**  
*Central American*  
a Mayan sun-god

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Ah Uincir Kopot (see Ah Uincir Dz’acab)
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Ah Puch
Ah Uincir Dz’acab
Ah Uincir Kopot
Ah Uuc Ticab

He was carried back every night through the underworld by Sucunyum ready to start his journey through the sky the following day. He was regarded as the source of cures for illness.

In some accounts, he is equated with Quetzalcoatl or Itzamna.

He is depicted as having a third eye, square in shape, and teeth filed into the shape of the letter T.

Ah Kin Xoc
Ahau Kin
Ahau Chamahez
Ahau3
Ahau2
Ahau1

Ah Kin Xociltun (see Ah Kin Xoc)
Ah Kiuic
Ah Kin Xocbiltun
Ah Kiuic

Ah Peku
Central American

a Mayan maize-god

Ah Puch
Central American

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Mictlantecuhtli]

the Mayan god of death: chief demon

He is depicted as a decaying corpse or as a skeleton wearing bells. In some accounts, he is equated with Cizin.

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Ah Uincir Kopot
Ah Uuc Ticab

Aha1
Aha2
Aha3

a demon sometimes identified with Bes

a river-god of the Yukut

the Mayan god of the hunt

He is sometimes depicted as a humming-bird.

Ah Kin Xochiltun
(see Ah Kin Xoc)

Ah Kiuic
(see Ah Kin)

Ah Kin Xocbiltun
(see Ah Kin Xoc)

Ah Kiuic
(see Ek Chuah)

Ah Kumix Uinicob
Central American

Mayan water-gods

Ah Patnar Uinicob
Central American

Mayan water-gods

These four deities assume the duties of their larger counterparts, Ah Patnar Uinicob, when there is less work to do in the dry part of the year.

Ah Mun
Central American

a Mayan maize-god

Ah Muzencab
Central American

Mayan bee-gods

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[Ah Uincir Kopot]

the Mayan androgynous god of healing

Ah Uincir Kopot
(see Ah Uincir Dz’acab)

Ah Uuc Ticab
Central American

a Mayan fertility-god
Ahulane

a Mayan war-god depicted as an archer

Ahura Mazda

Persian


the supreme god of the Mochica tribe

Ai Apaec

South American

[Apaec]
accompanied by a dog or a lizard.

**Ai-hua**  
Chinese

a dragon said to delight in killing

**Ai Kanaka**  
Pacific Islands

a mortal who married a goddess

He married the moon-goddess, Lona, who took him to her own realm, the White Kingdom. In some accounts his wife was known as Mahina and in this version they had two sons, Hema and Puna.

**Ai-Tojon**  
(see Ajy-Tangara)

**Ai Tupuai**  
Pacific Islands

[‘head-eater’]

a goddess of Tahiti
dughter of Oro
sister of Hoa-Tapu, Maha-Fatu Rau
and Toi-Mata

She and her sisters accompanied their father in battle.

**Aiakos**  
(see Aeaicus)

**Aiapae**  
(see Ai Apeac)

**Aias**  
(see Ajax)

**Aiawh**  
(see Chalchihuitlicue)

**Aibell**  
(see Aiobheall)

**Aichleach**  
Irish

son of Uigreann

He is one of the five sons of Uigreann who killed Finn after Finn killed their father. In one version he killed Finn when the Fianna staged a rebellion.

**Aida**  
(see Gro Mama)

**Aida-Wédo**  
West Indian

wife of Damballo Wédo

(see also Ayida)

**Aide**  
Irish

a woman drowned by Dubh when she had an affair with Dubh’s husband, Enna

In some accounts both Aide and Dubh were wives of Enna.

**Aioned Chlainne Lir**  
Irish

the story of the Children of Lir

**Aioned Chlainne Tuireann**  
Irish

the story of the Sons of Turenn

**Aideon**  
(see Aidin)

**Aides**  
Greek

[‘unseen’]

the original name of Hades

**Aidin**  
Irish

wife of Oscar

When her husband was killed in the Battle of Gathra, she died of grief.

**Aide**  
Irish

a Milesian

He is said to have created fire by rubbing his hands together.

**Aido Hwedó**  
(see Dan Ayido Hwedó)

**Aido Wedó**  
West Indian

[Dan Ayido Hwedó]

the name for Aido Hwedó in Haiti

**Aidoneus**  
Roman

a name for Hades

**Aidos**  
Greek

reverence or modesty personified

**Aiel**  
Irish

an angel, ruler of the sign Aries

**Aietes**  
(see Aetes)

**Aifa**  
Irish

[‘Princess’ Aoife]

a warrior maid
daughter of Ard-Greimne

sister of Skatha

mother of Conla by Cuchulainn

She was defeated in single combat by Cuchulainn during his training under Skatha. He carried her off to Skatha’s camp, forcing the two to make peace, and she became his lover.

Alternative versions say that it was Uathach, daughter of Skatha, who became Cuchulainn’s mistress. Whichever it was, she became the mother of Cuchulainn’s son, Conla, on whom a laird laid a geis to tell nobody his name. In some versions, Aifa was Skatha’s daughter.

**Aigamuchab**  
(see Aigamuxa)

**Aigamuxa**  
African

[Aigamuxoa:sing=Aigamuchab.Aigamuxab]

man-eating monsters of the Hottentot Mountain. When he found two maidens weeping at the loss of their lovers he reunited them for a year, at the end of which the girls had to return to their tribe, but not before they had been given the secret of reviving the dead by rubbing salmon flesh on their lips.

**Ailbe**  
Irish

[‘Ailbe’]

daughter of Cormac mac Airt and Eithne

When she answered a set of riddles posed by Finn mac Cool, he fell in love with her and she lived with him for some time.

In other accounts she was taken off by Manannan but later returned to her family.

**Ailbea**  
Irish

[‘Ailbe’]

son of Ollehu

He was exposed as a baby but suckled by a she-wolf and reared by British slaves.

**Ailbe**  
(see Ossar)

**Ailbea**  
(see Ailbe)

**Ailell**  
(see Aillill)

**Ailghesach**  
(see Airhine)

**Ailill**  
Irish

[‘Ailell]  

a king of Ulster

father of Etain Echraide

**Ailill2**  
Irish

[‘Ailell]

son of Eochaid Muigil and Mongfhinn brother of Brian, Fergus and Fiachna step brother of Niall Noigiallach

**Ailill Agach**  
Irish

[‘Ailell Ochair Agha]

father of Maeldun

He raped a nun, fathering Maeldun.

He was killed by invaders from Leix.

**Ailill Aine**  
Irish

[‘Ailell]

king of Leinster

son of Laoghaire

father of Labraid

When he and his father visited his father’s brother, Covac, who was feigning illness, they were both killed.

Labraid was forced by Covac to eat part of his father’s and his grandfather’s hearts, as a result of which the boy lost the power of speech and was thereafter known as Maon.

**Ailill Alom**  
(see Ailill Olom)
Ailill Anghubha

Irish

brother of Eoghan Beal

He nearly died from longing for Etain, his brother's wife.

Ailill Anglonnach (see Ailill Anghubha)

Ailill Aulom (see Ailill Anghubha)

Ailill Dubh-dedach

He was immune to harm from weapons but was killed by Art who found his own weak spot.

Ailill Fionn

a sub-king husband of Flodhas

His wife fell in love with Fergus mac Roth and they planned the death of Ailill. Fergus attacked his rival's castle, killed Ailill and took Flodhas as his own wife.

In other accounts Ailill is referred to as Donal Dualbhui and Flodhas becomes Mainchinn, but others say that Donal was Ailill's father.

Ailill Flann Beag

a leader of the Munster Fianna

When his wife eloped with Fothadh Canaimne, Ailill pursued them and in the ensuing battle Fothadh was killed.

Ailill Iombhanna

a king of Connaught brother of Eoghan Beal

In some accounts, he succeeded to the throne when his brother died instead of Eoghan's eldest son, Ceallach. Others say that it was Guaire who took the throne when his brother died.

Ailill mac Dunlaing

a king of Leinster

The saint Feichin caused an earthquake which made the shackles fall from the prisoners held in Ailill's castle. It also killed Ailill, but he was restored to life by Feichin.

Ailill mac Mata

king of Connaught brother of Find File, some say husband of Maev father of Findbhair, the Maini and Orlam

When his wife wanted the Brown Bull of Cooley to add to her large herds he led an army into Ulster to seize it. He was killed by Conall Cearnach to avenge the death of Fergus mac Roth or at the behest of Maev who was jealous of her husband's affair with another woman.

Ailill mac Matach (see Ailill mac Mata)

Ailill Molt

son of Diathi

He tried to collect the boramha tribute from the Leinstermen but was defeated.

Ailill Ochair Agha (see Ailill Agach)

Ailill of Aran

father of Alva, Aobh and Aoife

He offered all three of his daughters, who were fostered with Bodh Dearg, as wives to Lir. Some say that these girls were the daughters of Bodh himself.

Ailill Olom

a king of Munster husband of Saba

He was said to have raped the goddess Aine who pulled off his ears in revenge or, in some accounts, killed him.

He defeated Lugaid mac Con but was himself defeated when Lugaid returned from Scotland with a large army, won the Battle of Mu Ramha and took the throne.

In using his poisoned spear to straighten a tooth, the tooth itself became infected with the poison and he passed the infection on to Lugaid by kissing him when his former foe came to renew an earlier friendship.

Ailinn

a princess of Leinster

He fell in love with Baile, son of the king of Ulster, traditional enemies of Leinster. They arranged to meet but when Baile arrived at the meeting-place a stranger told him that Ailinn was dead, whereupon Baile died of grief. The same stranger then told Ailinn that her lover was dead and she died broken-hearted. Their story was carved into branches of the yew tree and apple tree that grew on their graves and their branches, when placed together, became inseparable.

Ailuros

a sun-goddess

Aimend

a creator-god of the Arawak tribe father of Siy

He is said to have set the world on fire and followed that with a flood.

Aimoun

(see Amon Kondi)

Ain

a fire-god and god of magic husband of Ea-Anu

Ain Shams

an Egyptian goddess of jealousy

son of Midhna

Aire

a creature from the Otherworld

Every year he emerged from his cave and, putting the garrison to sleep with his music, burned down the king's palace at Tara with his fiery breath. Finn killed him and cut off his head.

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Aillinn

(see Ailenn)

Ailinn2

son of Eoghan, in some accounts brother of Aine

Aillinnh

the ability to turn oneself into a cat

Ailuros

(see Bast)

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Aine

Aine1: Irish daughter of the Dagda
Aine2: Irish a sun-goddess, goddess of love and fertility
daughter of Eoghabal or Manannan
wife of Echdai or Manannan, some say mother of Owel
In some stories she is equated with Morrigan, the goddess of war; in others she is the moon-goddess of Munster who was raped by Ailill Olom who, some say, she killed. Some say that she was killed by Ailill who drove a spear through her chest when she pulled his ears off.

Some accounts equate her with Ana, the beneficent version of Danu, while in some stories she is a fairy queen in Limerick. She was sometimes seen in the form of a mermaid, bathing in a lake, while in other versions she became a banshee living in a palace inside a hill where she wore sunbeams into cloth of gold.

In some accounts, she fell in love with Manannan and her brother gave her to the sea god in exchange for Manannan’s wife, Uchdealb.

In a much later story, Maurice stole her cloak while she was bathing in a lake and seduced her, fathering a son, Gearoid Earla. She was said to have been killed by Ailill who drove his spear through her chest.

Aine3: Irish a Scottish princess
Aine4: Irish daughter of Culann
sister of Miluca
Both sisters wanted Finn mac Cool as a husband and were jealous of each other. When Miluca turned Finn into an old man, his followers dug into Culann’s fairy mound and Aine gave Finn a drink that restored his youth but left his hair permanently grey.

Another version says that Aine would not marry a grey-haired man so Miluca changed herself into a hind and let Finn chase her. She led him into a lake, which she herself had created, which turned his hair grey. Aine then rejected him but he, in turn, rejected Miluca.

Aine1 Airlanga

Ainer: Irish a god of time in some accounts
Air: some cultures believe that air contains an evil spirit which can cause illness and death if inhaled
Air Spirit (see Sila)
Airabata (see Airavata)
Airavata (see Airavata)
Airavata Hindu
[Airavata,Airavana] the white elephant of Indra

This animal was the eleventh thing to be created at the Churning of the Ocean. Some say that it was created from shavings from the sun (see Vishvakarma), others that it was created by Brahma. This animal is sometimes depicted with three heads or four tusks. (see also elephant2)

Airi: Irish an impenetrable magic hedge
It was said that druids could conjure up such a hedge round opposing armies.

Airem: Irish son of Milesius and Seang
He was one of those drowned during the Milesian invasion of Ireland.

Aireskovy: Irish sister of Li Ban, was drowned when Lough Neagh flooded their home.

Airgetlamh: Irish a name of Nuada referring to his silver hand

Airgetlam (see Airgetlamh)
Airgethach: Irish [The White House] an island paradise
This was one of the many islands visited by Bran in the course of his famous voyage.

Airi Hindu: a mountain spirit, the ghost of a dead hunter
It is said that a human who catches sight of one of these spirits may die but, if he survives the shock, the spirit may lead him to hidden treasure. Their saliva is said to be poisonous to humans.

Airi2: Irish daughter of Eochaid mac Maireadhad
sister of Li Ban
She, with the rest of her family except Li Ban, was drowned when Lough Neagh flooded their home.

Airlanga East Indian: [Erlanga] a king who was regarded as the prince Arjuna in the Javanese version of the Mahabharata
Aislinge meic Conglinne
Irish

Aislinge Oenguso
[Dream of Angus]
Irish

Aithirne
Irish

Aithuia
Greek

Aitvaras
Baltic

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Airsekui
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Airy Horse
(see Vayuarvat)

Airy Vaejo
Persian

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[Dream of Angus]

the story of Angus Og and his quest
for Cær I bore meath

Aisneach, Hill of
[see Hill of Aisneach]

Aison
[see Aeson]

Aisoyimstan
North American

a god of the American Indian tribes
in Montana

He is said to be the bringer of frost
and snow.

Aithreatha
Irish

a sub-king

He tried to kill Maelodran who had
married his daughter but she was killed
instead. To avenge her death he had
Maelodran blinded with hot ashes.

Aither
(see Aether)

Aitherne
(see Athirne)

Aithirne
Irish
Dibheach]
a poet and satirist
son of fer Chedne

He spoke verse, while still in the womb,
breaking open all the barrells at a feast.

As a man he was noted for his
meanness and he took the remaining
eye of Eochaid mac Luchta as a gift
and refused food to starving warriors.

On another occasion, he demanded
the wife of Mesgora mac Da Tho and
when this request was refused he
persuaded Conor mac Nessa to make
war on Leinster, a war in which Mac
Da Tho was killed.

He was killed when his house was
fired by Ulstermen angered by his
in treatment of Luaine which had caused
her death.

Aithra
(see Aethra)

Aithuia
Greek

a name for Athena in the form of a
diving bird

Aitulos
(see Aetolus)

Aitu
Pacific Islands

[Maui]
a group of Polynesian demigods

Artvaras
[Eastonian Ai-Finnish Ajata]
a Lithuanian house spirit

This spirit was variously described as a
cockerel or as a flying dragon with the
head of a snake and a fiery tail. Such a
bird can be obtained in exchange for
giving one's soul to the Devil or it can
be reared from an egg laid by a seven-
year-old cockerel. Fed on omelettes,
the bird can increase its owner's wealth
by stealing food and money.

(see also puksy)

Aius Locutius
Roman

a personification of the voice said to
have warned the Romans of the
coming of the Gauls

Aiwass
a spirit said to have dictated a book
of magic

Aiwal
[Aviu](Longar)
a Gandharva who had been cursed by
a holy man was turned into an
elephant but was released from this
curse when Aja killed the elephant.

The god gave Aja some magic arrows,
which always hit the target, and with
these Aja won an archery contest for
the hand of Indumati.

Aja Ekpada
Hindu

a god of lightning

Ajagava
Hindu

the bow of Shiva

[Aja ib al-Makhliqat
Persian
[Wonders of Creation]
the story of the various wonders
of the world then existing

Ajala
African

in the lore of the Yoruba, a man
who works in heaven making faces
from clay

Ajalamo
African

a Yoruba god of unborn children

Ajalpal
[Ajalpala]

a king

son of Anomatan and Manikesara
father of Dasha-ratha

Ajalpala
(see Ajapal)

Ajamila
Hindu

a Brahmin
father of Narayama

Aiyanaar
Indian

a Tamil god
consort of Puranai

Aiza
African

a guardian spirit in Dahomey

These beings protect various groups:
the a'aira protects the local marketplace;
the shi aiza, the family group;
the to'aiza the local area; and the
ix'w'aiza, the village compound.

The establishment of an aiza
involved the sacrifice of humans, the
number varying according to the type
of aiza.

Aizen-myoo
Japanese

[Aizen Myo-o(Raga Vidyaraja)]
a Shinto (later Buddhist) god, the
personification of love

He is depicted seated, with two,
four or six arms and sometimes two heads.

He often wears a lion's mask
on his head and carries a five-
pointed thunderbolt.

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(see Ajapal)

Ajamila
Hindu

a Brahmin
father of Narayama
Among the many sins he committed was that of living with a woman of the shudra caste. Dying, he called on his son to save him, with the result that Vishnu, who has Narayama as one of his many names, told Yama to let Ajamila live.

Ajarijoan Japanese
a priest
He was turned into a demon for the sin of loving a maiden. In later years he was restored and spent the rest of his life in prayer, continuing to utter prayers even after his death.

Ajara Baltic
[Ajarat:Ajattara:=Estonian Ai:=Lithuanian Aitvara] a malevolent female wood spirit
in Finland
These beings are said to suckle snakes and to cause illness.

Ajatar (see Ajata) Ajatasatru Buddhist
a king
son of Bimbisara and Vaidehi
He and Devadatta got the elephant Nalagiri drunk and turned it loose, hoping that it would kill the Buddha as it rampaged through the streets.

Ajattara (see Ajata) Ajax Greek
[Als.Ajax Telemonius.Ajax the Greater. 'earthman']
a warrior hero
king of Salamis
son of Telamon and Periboea
half brother of Feuer
father of Euryaces by Tecmessa
In some accounts his mother was Hesione, in others Teucer's second wife, Periboea.

During the Trojan war, he attacked Teuthrania, killed the king, Teuthras, and seized his daughter Tecmessa. He also killed Glaucon in battle.

When Achilles was killed at Troy the chieftains had to decide whether Ajax or Odysseus should have the wonderful arms made for Achilles by Hephaestus. When the choice fell on Odysseus, Ajax decided to kill both Agamemnon and Menelaus since they had, he thought, swayed the decision against him, but Athena intervened to strike him with temporary madness, causing him to kill the Greek flocks, thinking they were soldiers. When he came to his senses and realised what he had done he killed himself with his own sword, one given to him by Hector when they fought an inconclusive duel. It was said that the hyacinth sprang up where his blood stained the ground (see also Hyacinthus).

In other versions Odysseus killed Ajax or Paris killed him with an arrow or the Trojans captured him and buried him alive.

Ajax Greek
[Als.Ajax Oileus.Ajax the Less. 'earthman']
son of Oileus
brother of Medon
At the fall of Troy he raped Cassandra who had taken refuge in the temple of Athena. For this sacrilege the gods caused a storm to disperse the homeward-bound Greek fleet and he was drowned. Others say he was killed by a thunderbolt hurled by Poseidon when Ajax boasted that he would escape the sea despite the gods.

Ajax a play by Sophocles
Ajax Oileus (see Ajax)
Ajax Telemonius (see Ajax)
Ajax the Greater (see Ajax)
Ajax the Less (see Ajax)
Ajaya Buddhist
[Als.Ajax Telemonius.Ajax the Greater. 'earthman']
a minor goddess
Aje African
[=Roman Moneta]
a Yoruba goddess of wealth
She is said to appear in the form of a hen.

aje African
Yoruba sorcerers who can leave their bodies at night and become birds of prey

Aji Saka East Indian
a Javanese scholar
He is said to have given the islanders the art of writing.

Aji-shi-ki Japanese
(see Aji-Shika-Taka-Hiko-Ne)
Aji-Shiki-Taka-Hiko-Ne Japanese
[Aji-shi-ki: Ajsakatakakihon] a Shinto rain-god or thunder-god
son or father of Takatsuhiko
As a child he made so much noise that he was placed in a boat which sails for ever round the islands of Japan.

Ajsukatakakihon (see Aji-Shiki-Taka-Hiko-Ne)
Ajita Buddhist
in some accounts, another name for Asita

Ajok African
[Adyok.Najok] the supreme god of the Lotuko
He created the human race but the baby born to the first couple died. To please the mother, Ajok restored it to life but the father killed both the baby and his wife because he had not been consulted in the matter. Since then, humans have been mortal rather than immortal.

Ajokit African
[Als-Ajok.Kotomon.] in the lore of Uganda, the spirit of a sick person that talks to the medicine man

Ajy-Khoton (see Ajysyt) Ajy-Tangara Siberian
[Als-Tojon] a creator-god of the Yakuts
He is envisaged as an eagle, which perches on the world tree.

Ajysit (see Ajysyt) Ajysyt Siberian
the mother goddess of the Yakuts
She brings the soul from heaven at the birth of a baby and records each one in the Golden Book of Fate.

Aka-Kanet (see Akakanet) Aka Manah (see Akah Manah) aka-oni Japanese
demons of the underworld with red bodies

Akaf African
king of Kordofan
brother of Sali
The custom was that each king was killed at a time decreed by the priests, who read the stars. Akaf proposed to take the story teller, Far-li-mas, and his own sister Sali with him when his time came. She induced Far-li-mas to recite such marvellous stories that the priests forgot the stars and no date was ever fixed for the king's death.

Akah Manah Persian
[Aka Manah] a demon of evil thought opposing Vohu Manah

Akaiyan North American
an Algonquian youth
brother of Nopatsis
The evil wife of Nopatsis accused Akaiyan of rape and Nopatsis abandoned him on an island when they were hunting together. Akaiyan survived with the help of the beavers. When Nopatsis came to the island the following year expecting to see his brother's bones, Akaiyan jumped on to the raft and left Nopatsis stranded.
Next year, Akaiyan found his brother’s bones when he went back to the island to visit the beavers.

He taught his people the art of medicine, which he had learned from the beavers.

Akajata (see Ekajata)

Akakanet South American

[aka-Kanet.Alge]
a vegetation deity of the Araucanian tribe

This deity, who lives in the Plciades, is said to provide flowers and fruit for the use of the tribe. In some accounts he is the benevolent aspect of an evil spirit Guecubu, while others say they are brothers.

Akalho Pacific Islands

a benevolent spirit of the Solomon Islands
Every person who dies becomes an akalo; if the person concerned was a chief, a priest or a warrior he would become a li’oa. Such spirits can be caught and kept in the container used to store relics of the dead.

(see also li’oa)

Akambou West Indian

a Caribbean beneficient spirit, one of a pair with Yris

Akanodi Japanese

da demon killed by Momotaro

Akano Jewel Japanese

a god of famine

Akatheru (see Akather)

Akara (see Zurvan)

akasa (see akasha)

Akasaragha Tibetan

[Akasha.Khashagarha=Japanese Kokuzo]
a Buddhist sky-god
the twelfth bodhisattva

akasha#1 Buddhist

[akasa]
the spiritual essence of space: primordial matter

Akasha#2 (see Akasaragha)

Akashic records Buddhist

[Book of Life]
the cosmic record in which every action of the individual is recorded

Akasi tatwa Hindu

essence of ether, one of the 5 forms of Parabrahma

Akatuire Pacific Islands

a co-king of Mangaia Island
brother of Rangi
husband of Ruange

Akattiyar Hindu

the Tamil version of Agastya

Akawi-ko Japanese

a faithful woman

The emperor Yu-Riyaku fell in love with this humble girl and told her to marry no-one until he sent for her. After eighty years she reminded him of his promise, but by then she was too old and ugly and he sent her away.

Akbal#1 Central American

Mayan lore, the third of the 20 ages of man - birth

(see also Thirteen Akbal)

Akbal#2 (see Huecomitl)

Ake Pacific Islands

a Polynesian water-deity

Together with Oakeu, Ake was responsible for the deluge in which he caused the waters to rise while Oakeu caused the rain to fall. Rongo inter-vened to put a stop to their activities and the flood subsided.

Akelos (see Achelous)

Aken (see Aker)

Akephalos Greek

a headless demon

These beings are the ghosts of those beheaded for criminal offences.

Aker Egyptian

[Akar Akeru.Aken]
a god of the underworld
He guards the gate into the underworld and ensures the safe passage of the boat carrying the sun-god back through the underworld, Aker’s body, each night. It is said he annulled the cause of death for each person as they passed.

He is depicted in the form of a pair of heads facing in opposite directions.

In other accounts he is regarded as an earth-god and is depicted as a lion or a two-headed sphinx.

Akerbelt European

a god of animals

He is depicted as a black goat.

Akercock

a demon attendant on Belphegor

Akestes (see Acestes)

Akektor (see Thor)

akh Egyptian

one of the 5 elements said to comprise the complete individual

This is the form that the dead assume in the underworld.

Akeloos (see Achelous)

Akheron (see Acheron)

Akhi North American

the Obijji name for Mother Earth

Akhiileus (see Achilles)

Akhtar Persian

the 12 constellations of the Zodiac

These are envisaged as the leaders of Ahura Mazda’s army.

Akthoes Egyptian

[Almerira.Kheti]

a legendary king
He was said to have gone mad and was eaten by crocodiles.

Akhtya Persian

the chief of the Yatis, the Zoroastrian sorcerers

In some accounts a demon who was killed when he failed to answer three riddles posed by Yoishita.

Aki-Yama Japanese

a mountain-god representing autumn brother of Haru-Yama

When he failed to give his brother a wedding gift, his mother placed a curse on him and he withered away.

Akbeel

one of the 7 Ischin who taught man the meaning of signs

Akieros (see Axierus)

Akiko Japanese

a maiden betrothed to Takahama

She died just before she was to be married to Takahama and in the form of a white butterfly visited him when after years of tending her grave, he lay dying.

Aenis (see Acris)

Akutu Mesopotamian

an Akkadian festival in honour of Marduk or Nanna, held at New Year

Akki#1 Mesopotamian

a water demon

Akki#2 Mesopotamian

a man who found the infant Sargon and reared him

Akkruva Baltic

[Avafruva.Havfru=Danish Havfrue]
a fish-goddess in Finland

Ako Japanese

husband of Aya, in some accounts

Other versions say that Aya married the second (unnamed) son of the Lord Ako.

Ako-Mana (see Akoman)

Akoman Persian

[Ako Mana]
a evil spirit that takes possession of liars

Akonadi African

a West African goddess of justice guardian of women

Akonda African

a charm worn by the Fon

This amulet, made of raffia and ram’s hair, is said to give the wearer strength in work or battle. It is one of the many charms known as gbo.

Akonko African

a creator-god of the Ngombe people

He found the people whom he had created to be so noisy that he left them
and went to live in the sky. Others say that at first they all lived in the sky, but Akongo sent the humans to earth to be rid of them.

akpou  
African
 
a charm carried by travellers in Dahomey

This charm, another of the many gbos, takes the form of a metal rod with a small cup at one end and a skirt concealing a special leaf at the other. The cup can be filled with strong spirit to excite the charm into action. If a traveller points the akpou at a ghost, he will not be harmed by it.

Akontios  
(see Acontiuss)

akra¹  
African

[aka]  
the soul in the lore of the Ashanti

akra²  
(see simurgh)

Akrabh  
Hebrew

[=Akkanid Girtab]  
the constellation Scorpio

Akras  
(see Egres)

Akria  
(see Athena)

Akrura  
Hindu

a messenger of Kansa

He was sent to invite Balarama and Krishna to a feast. He warned them that Kansa was planning to kill them but they still accepted the invitation.

Aksak  
South American

a Chaco creator deity in the form of a beetle

This being created the first humans.

Aksayajnana-Karmanda  
Buddhist

one of 12 dharanis: literature

Aksobhya  
Buddhist

Rakta-Yamari.Theimperturbable.
Vighnmataka.Yamantaka]  
Hindu

a devil: a demon of lies: Satan

Akuma  
Japanese

[ma.toori-akuma]  
an evil spirit

Envisaged as a terrifying flying monster with fiery head and eyes, carrying a sword.

Akupera  
Hindu

the tortoise that supports the earth

Akupara  
(see Akupera)

Al¹  
Afghan

a monster

This version of the Persian Al takes the form of a young woman with long nails and teeth and with feet pointing to the rear. It is said that she feeds on the bodies of the dead.

Al²  
Persian

[=Babylonian Alu]  
a monster, half human, half animal

This monster is said to have fiery eyes and a single tusk. It causes birth problems, blinds unborn children and steals babies.

Al Ait  
Phoenician

a fire-god

Ak Alkar  
Arabian

[Al Dubh]  
the Arab name for the Great Bear constellation

Al Babadur  
Arabian

a name for the constellation Orion as ‘the strong’

Al Fanik  
(see Aldebaran)

Al Hamal  
Arabian

[Al Kabah al-Alif=Chinese Pai Yang]  
a later name for the constellation Aries

Al Iskandar  
Arabian

[Eskeandar.Iskander.Iskender]  
the Arab name for Alexander the Great  
(see also Zul-Qarnain)

Al jann  
Arabian

a name for Eblis as ‘father of the jinn’

Al Kabah al-Alif  
Arabian

[Al Hamal=Chinese Pai Yang]  
an early name for the constellation Aries

Al Kassab  
Arabian

a devil: a demon of lies: Satan

(see Xezbeth)

Al Mundzir  
Arabian

son of Hilal father of Jabir and Jubaay

Al Shuja  
Arabian

a name for the constellation Orion as ‘the snake’

Ala¹  
African

[Al.Ana.Ani]  
earth-goddess and fertility-goddess of the Ibo

goddess of the underworld wife or daughter of Chuku

Ala²  
Mesopotamian

one of a type of bisexual demon

Alaaye  
African

a name of Olodumare as ‘he who lives’

Alacita  
South American

[Alacita]  
an annual festival in honour of Ekkeko

Alad  
(see Nergal)

Alad Udug Lama  
Mesopotamian

Babylonian guardian spirits, later demons

Aladdin  
Arabian

the owner of a magic lamp in The Arabian Nights

son of Mustafa

He could conjure up a jinnch that would obey his orders merely by rubbing the lamp. With its help he won the hand of a beautiful princess, Badr al-Budur. He later killed the magician who tried to take the lamp from him. On the death of his father-in-law, he became emperor of China.

Alaghom Naom  (see Alaghom Naum)

Alaghom Naum  Central American

[Alaghom Naom.Elat IX.Mother of Mind]  
a Mayan mother-goddess wife of Patol

Alain le Gros  (see Alan)

Alaisiagae  
Celtic

4 minor goddesses of the Roman period

Originally Germanic deities, these
beings were associated with war and their names are given as Baudihillie, Bede, Finnlenle and Friagabi.

**Alajeru**
African
wife of Oroko
mother of Ifa

**Alaka**
Hindu
a mythological kingdom in the Himalayas, ruled by Kubera

**alake**
African
da dead king
His successor is given his predecessor's head and is required to eat some part of the corpse such as the tongue.

**Alako**
Norwegian
the god of the gypsies
He was known as Dunda, son of the supreme god, and was sent to earth to instruct the gypsies in the secret lore.

**Alalcomeneus**
Greek
[Alalkomeneus.Cithaeron] the first man to emerge from the primordial waters
founder of the Great Daedala

**Alalkomeneus** (see Alalcomeneus)

**Alalu**
Mesopotamian
a fabulous bird in the Babylonian story of Gilgamesh

**Alalu**
Mesopotamian
[Alalus] a Hurrian god, the king of heaven
He was overthrown by Anu and sent to the underworld.

**Alalus** (see Alalu)

**Alan**
British
[Alain le Gros.Aleyn]
son of Hebron and Enygeus
brother of Joshua
In some accounts he was the son of Pellimore and father of Percival. He took over as keeper of the Holy Grail after Josephus.

In other accounts he is the Fisher King.

**alan1**
Pacific Islands
benevolent spirits of the Philippines
These beings are said to be half human, half bird, and live in the forest where they hang from the branches like bats. Some say that their toes are at the back of their feet and their fingers point to the rear. Some regard them as wind demons.

**Alandine**
European
king of Jerusalem at the time of its capture by the forces led by Godfrey

**Alane**
European
sister of Bertrane and Guillaume

**Alannus**
Roman
[Alaenio.Alan-nus=Roman Mercury] a Celtic messenger god in Gaul

**Alard** (see Alardo)

**Alardi**
Greek
[Alatanga]
brother of Camber and Locrin
son of Brutus
In some accounts he is equated with a Lycian killed by Odysseus

**Alardo**
Greek
[Alardo]
son of Aymon and Beatrice
brother of Bradamante, Guichard, Ricardo, Ricciardetto and Rinaldo
In some accounts, he was killed by Charlot who, in a fit of passion, struck him on the head with a chess-board when Alardo won the game.

(see also Baldwin1.Bertelai)

**Alaron**
British
wife of Bladud

**Alasita** (see Alacita)

**Alasnam**
Arabian
owner of 8 precious statues in The Arabian Nights
He filled a ninth empty pedestal with his wife, the most beautiful woman in the land. He also owned a magic mirror that could tell him whether a maiden was faithful.

**Alastor1**
a demon acting as executioner in hell
In some accounts he is equated with Raim and is the Commissioner for Public Works in black magic.

**Alastor2**
Greek
an evil house spirit: an avenging demon

**Alastor3**
Gaelic
[‘avenger’]
son of Neleus
brother of Nestor
husband of Harpaluce
The personification of familial feuds, he married Harpaluce but her father Clymenor, who wanted her for his own gratification, seized her as she was leaving with him. Alastor was killed by Heracles when he attacked Pylus.

**Alastor4**
Greek
a name for Zeus as ‘avenger’

**Alastor5**
Greek
a Lycian killed by Odysseus

**Alatanga** (see Alatanaganaga)

**Alateivia**
Slav
a minor deity

**Alatiur**
Slav
a magic stone or a stone that stood near to Christ's cross
Originally a boulder at the source of a healing river, later a marker for a crossroads.

**Alau** (see Alp)
Albania
an early name for Scotland

**Albadanzor**
Irish
an Irish chieftain
He was one of 100 warriors fighting for King Cildadan against 100 knights of the British king, Lisuarte.

**Albanact1**
British
[Albanactus]
king of Scotland
son of Brutus
brother of Camber and Loerin
On the death of his father, Albanact and his two brothers shared the kingdom. He was killed in battle when the German king, Humbert, invaded Britain.

**Albanact2**
British
[Albanactus]
a captain of the guard in the opera King Arthur, probably based on Albanact, king of Scotland

**Albanact3**
British
[Albanactus]
a knight at King Arthur's court

**Albania** (see Alba)

**Albanio**
British
a name for Scotland

**Albain** (see Alba)

**Albact1**
British
[Albanactus]
king of Scotland
son of Brutus
brother of Camber and Loerin

**Albano**
British
a knight at King Arthur's court

**Albany** (see Alba)

**Albasta**
Siberian
a Tartar spirit
This being is sometime envisaged as male, killing people by suffocation, sometimes as female with pendulous breasts and long nails.
Alberich
- German
- [Alberich, Alberich, Alberich, Alpher, Alphric. Elberich, European Oberon, Norse Alberich, Andvari] a king of the dwarfs
- brother of Mime

In one story he was the father of Ortnit and gave him a magical suit of armour and the sword Rosen. He helped Ortnit when he led the siege to the fortress of Muntabure.

In the Wagnerian version, he stole the Rhinegold from the Rhine daughters and his brother, Mime, made from it the Helmet of Invisibility and the Ring of Power.

In some accounts he was the father of Hagen by Krimhild.

Albina
- (see Alphito)
- Albino (see Albina')
- [Albino, Albine, White (Sow) Goddess]

She had the gift of prophecy and some of her pronouncements were recorded in the Sibylline Books.

Albunea
- (see Diana')

Albuz
- (see Mount Alburz)

Alcaeus
- Greek grandfather of Heracles
- son of Perseus and Andromeda
- brother of Electryon, Mentor and Sthenelus
- husband of Astydamia
- father of Amphitryon and Anaxo

Alcaeus'
- Greek son of Heracles by Malis
- brother of Cleodacus

Alcaeus
- Greek son of Androgeus
- brother of Sthenelus

He and his brother served as slaves to Heracles, on his ninth Labour, to atone for the murder of two of Heracles' crew.

Heracles made them rulers of Thasos.

Alcaeus'
- (see Heracles)

Alcaides
- (see Alcaids)

Alcaids
- [Alcaides]
- the sons of Heracles by Megara

Alcan Chob
- [Ah Kin]

Alcaro
- British
- [Lantris]
- a squire
- brother of Isolde

He was a friend of Tristram who was killed in an attempt to rescue Isolde from the hands of King Mark. He is called Lantris in some accounts.

Alcathea
- Greek
- [Alkathos]
- a festival in honour of Alcathus

Alcaxious
- Greek
- son of Pelops and Hippodamia
- brother of Atreus, Chrysippus and Thyestes
- father of Automedusa, Ischopolis and Periboea

In some stories it was Alcathus, not Heracles, who killed the Cithaeronian Lion and was rewarded with the hand of Euachine, daughter of the king of Megara. He later succeeded to the throne.

When Callepolis told Alcathus that his son Ischopolis had been killed in the hunt for the Calydonian boar, Alcathus struck him with a piece of firewood and killed him.

Alcaxious
- Greek
- son of Portheus and Euryte
- brother of Agrius, Melas and Oeneus
In some accounts he was killed by his nephew Tydeus.

Alcestis (see Alcestis)
daughter of Pelias and Anaxibia
wife of Admetus
mother of Eumelus, Hippasus
and Perimede

She refused to take any part when her two sisters, Evadne and Amphimone, killed and dismembered their father when they were bewitched by Medea. Admetus won her hand when, with the help of Apollo, he drove a chariot to which were yoked a boar and a lion. She poisoned herself to save her husband's life and was rescued from Hades by Heracles, who wrestled with Death himself and made him give her up. Another version says she was saved by the mercy of Persephone.

Alcestis  
[Alcestis.Alkestis]  
daughter of Pelias and Anaxibia  
wife of Admetus  
mother of Eumelus, Hippasus  
and Perimede

She was seduced by Zeus in the guise of a beautiful girl and her husband Admetus killed himself rather than be slain by Pelias. In some accounts, she is referred to as Polymede or Polymele.

Alcimede  
[Alcimede.Polymede.Polymele]  
daughter of Phylacus and Clymene,  
some say  
wife of Aeson  
mother of Jason and Promachus

When Pelias dethroned her husband and took over the throne of Iolcus, she killed herself rather than be slain by Pelias. When she was raped by Halirrhothius, her father killed him. In some accounts she is also the mother of Daedalus.

Alcis  
[twin sky-gods in East Germany]

Alcithoe 
[see Arcyppa and Leucippe]  
daughter of Minyas  
sister of Arcyppa and Leucippe

With her sisters Arcyppa and Leucippe she tore apart and ate Leucippe's young son Hippasus in a fit of madness induced by Dionysus who was upset when they refused to join his revels. Hermes changed all three sisters into bats (or birds).

Alcmeneaeon  
[Alcumeon.Alcmaeon.Alkmmeon]  
son of Amphiclochus  
husband of Arsinoe and later Callirhoe  
father of Arcaen and Amphotherus

By Callirhoe His mother, bribed by Polyneices with the gift of Harmonia's fabulous necklace, persuaded his father to join the Seven against Thebes, and Amphiarous ordered his two sons to kill her if he failed to return. He fought with the victorious Epigon at Thebes only because he was persuaded by his mother who had again been bribed, this time by Thersander who gave her Harmonia's wedding veil. He killed his own mother and was driven mad by the Furies. He was purified by King Phegeus and married Arsinoe, or Alphesiboea, the king's daughter, abandoning her when still pursued by the Furies. He married Callirhoe but was killed by Phegeus and his sons when they discovered his treachery. In some accounts he married Manté and they had two children.

Alcmena  
[Alcmene.Alcmene.Alcmena]  
daughter of Electryao and Anaxio  
wife of Amphitryon  
mother of Heracles by Zeus  
mother of Iphicles by Amphitryon

She was seduced by Zeus in the guise of his husband who was away fighting the Teleboans and Taphians who had killed Alcmena's eight brothers. When Heracles was born she abandoned him
in a field, fearing the jealous Hera. On the death of Amphitryon, she married Rhadamantus; in some accounts this marriage took place in Tartarus after her death, when she was carried to the Elysian Fields by Hermes on the instructions of Zeus.

Alcmeon (see Alcmene)

a minor god
father of Lara

Alcon

father of Phalerus
Alcon was a famous archer and a companion of the young Heracles. He was said to have shot the snake that had seized his child without harm to the infant.

Alcuin

(734–804)

an Englishman, adviser to Charlemagne
He protested against the practice of wearing relics of saints as a form of protection. As one of Charlemagne’s Plead, he used the name Horace.

Alcmele

(see Alcimede)

Alcumena

(see Alcmena)

Alcyone

Greek

[Alkione.Alkuone.Halcyone]

daughter of Aetolus
wife of Ceyx
She was distraught when her husband was shipwrecked and drowned in a storm at sea. Morpheus visited her in her sleep and convinced her that Ceyx was dead, whereupon she determined to kill herself by jumping from the headland. There she saw the lifeless body of her husband floating in the sea to join him. Both were changed towards the shore and plunged into the stomach of a cockerel, doomed to kill itself by jumping from the headland. There she saw the lifeless body of her husband floating in the sea to join him. Both were changed towards the shore and plunged into the stomach of a cockerel, doomed to kill itself by jumping from the headland.

Alcyone

Greek

Alcyone

(see Cleopatra)

Aleyoneus

Greek

[Alcion. 'brayer']
one of the Earthborn Giants
son of Uranus and Gaea
He was one of the leaders of the revolt of the giants against the gods. He was killed by Heracles during this battle or when he attacked Heracles during his tenth Labour in an attempt to steal the cattle that Heracles had taken from Geryon. He threw a rock at Heracles, which rebounded and killed him.

Aldabella

European

wife of Roland in Orlando Furioso

Aldan

British

the mother of Merlin, in Welsh accounts

Aldebaran

North American

[Broad Star]
a reddish star in the constellation Taurus

In other cultures this star is known as Bull’s Eye or Eye of the Bull while the Arabs refer to it as Al Fanik (stallion camel) or Al Muhdij (female camel).

elder

da deciduous tree growing in temperate climates which appears in the mythologies of many cultures:

Greek
In some accounts, elder is the tree of resurrection.

Irish
Represented in the ancient tree alphabet by F, this tree was held in such reverence that those who felled it were put to death.

 Norse
The first woman, Embla, is generally held to have been made from an elm tree but others say it was an elder.

 North America
In Newfoundland it is said that the buds of the elder (from the bark of which the natives made medicines) act as homes for breeding mosquitoes.

Webb
In the story of the Battle of the Trees, it is said that Gwydion was able to recognise Bran from the fact that he carried a bunch of elder twigs.

Alderley Edge

British

a site in Cheshire where King Arthur and his knights are said to be sleeping

Other suggested sites are at Cadbury, Craig-y-Dinas, Mount Etna, Ogof Lanciau Eryri, Ogo’r Dinas, Richmond Castle and Sewingshields.

Aldhelm

author of Book of Monsters

Aldina

da demon causing storms and earthquakes

Aldonzia

(see Dulcinea)

Aldrian

German

son of Hagen

Ale

Norse

da divine fluid

Ale

(see Al)

Ale of Goibhniu

Irish

a drink which conferred immortality on those who drank it

Ale

Greek

a name for Athena as 'goddess of light and warmth'

Aleelpong

South American

ancestral stones worshipped in Peru

Alecto

Greek

[Allecto. 'relentless'] one of the 3 Furies

Alector

Greek

da king of Argos
son of Anaxagoras
father of Iphis

Alectorian stone

Greek

a magic stone said to be found in the stomach of a cockerel

alectromancy

(see alectryomancy)

alectryomancy

[alectromancy]
divination from the actions of a cockerel eating grain placed beside letters written round a circle

Alecrtyon

Greek

an attendant on Ares
He was guarding the door when Ares was in bed with Aphrodite, but fell asleep so that they were discovered and trapped in a net by Hephaestus. Ares turned him into a cockerel, doomed always to wake at dawn.

Aleine

British

in some accounts, niece of Gawain

Aelian Plain

Greek

a plain in the sky where Bellerophon roamed and eventually died

Aleion Baal

Mesopotamian

god of storms and spring
son of Baal
He was in conflict with Mot and in some stories was the victor, in others the loser. In one version his sister Anthath asked the underworld gods to restore her brother to life and, when they refused, cut his body in half with a sickle.

AletisGreek
He was said to have become king of Aletes of Corinth.

When Floriant rid her kingdom of a beast that had devastated the countryside, she offered to marry him but he, loving Florete, declined the offer.

AlemiusBritish
son of Histion
In some accounts he is regarded as the ancestor of the Germans.

AlemonaRoman
a goddess of childbirth and passage

Aleph-taueternity: beginning and end; author of the universe

AleriaEgyptian
an Amazon
wife of Guido the Wild
She was one of the ten wives whom Guido was forced to marry when he was captured by the Amazons. When he escaped, he took only Aleria with him.

AletesGreek
son of Hippotas
He was told by the oracle at Dodona that he would acquire the throne of Corinth if he were given a lump of earth. In the guise of a beggar, he asked for bread at a festival and was given earth. He later took the throne of Corinth.

AletesGreek
son of Aegeitus and Clytemnestra
He was said to have become king of Mycenae but was killed by Orestes.

AlethaiPhoenician
devotees of the fire-god, Al Ait

AletisGreek
a name for Ergione, daughter of Eteocles, as ‘wanderer’

aleuromancy
divination from burning flour or from messages concealed in balls of dough

Aleuromantes(see Apollo)

AleusGreek
a god of night (see also Alesus)

AleusGreek
king of Tegea
husband of Nera

The name under which Cassandra was worshipped in some places

AlexanderBritish
an emperor of Byzantium
husband of Tantalus
father of Alexander and Alis

AlexanderBritish
a prince of Byzantium
son of Alexander and Tantalus
husband of Soredamor
father of Cligés

AlexanderGreek
husband of Belisent
father of Orson and Valentine

AlexanderGreek
(Alexander the Great/Son of Ammon.
Two-horned=Arab Al-Iskandar.
 Eskandar/Iskandar/Iskender. =Malay Iskandar/Swahili Sikandari)
3rd c Macedonian general
son of Philip and Olympias

Although like Charlemagne, Alexander was a real life character, many mythological tales are told about him. Some say that his father was a snake, others that it was the god Zeus Ammon. Alexander himself claimed Hercules as an ancestor. Another story says that the exiled Egyptian magician-king, Nictanebus, in the guise of Zeus Ammon, seduced Olympias, fathering Alexander.

He cut the Gordian knot that nobody had been able to unfasten and is said to have ridden under the Sahara looking for the Well of Life. He was said to have had aspirations to be regarded as a god.

Some say that he could make himself small and ride on an eagle or on two smaller birds which he guided by holding in front of them a piece of liver impaled on a spear. In this way, he was able to explore the heavens. Others maintain that he explored the heavens in a machine drawn by griffins. He is also said to have explored the depths of the oceans in a glass bell.

In one story, his cook, Khadir, achieved immortality by drinking the water from a pool (The Well of Life). Alexander was angry when he was prevented from doing the same when the well disappeared and he tried, unsuccessfully, to kill Khadir. He finally threw the cook into the sea, weighted with stones, but to no avail – Khadir became a sea-god, still immortal.

In some accounts, Alexander is described as an ancestor of King Arthur arising out of an affair with Sehille.

AlexanderBritish
(see Crop-ears Dog)
AlexanderBritish
(see Paris’)
Alexander of Abonuteichos
(see Alexander the Paphlagonian)
Alexander the Great(see Alexander)
Alexander the PaphlagonianGreek
[Alexander of Abonuteichos]
a charlatan
He set up an oracle using a snake called Glycon that, he claimed, was a reincarnation of Asclepius, and used it to deceive the gullible.

AlexanderGreek
the name under which Cassandra was worshipped in some places

Alexandros(see Paris’)
Alexandruss(see Paris)
AlexanorGreek
a physician
son of Machaon and Anticleia
brother of Gorgasus and Nicomachus

AlexiaresGreek
son of Heracles and Hebe

AlexirrhoeGreek
mother of Aesacus by Priam

AlexisEuropean
a lover of Angela
When Angela was abducted by the giant Angouaffre, Alexis appealed for help to Huon who killed the giant, took his magic ring and rescued Angela.

AlexisGreek
a beautiful youth loved by Corydon

Alexius(see Alis)

Aleyan(see Aleyon)

AleynGreek
[Corydon-Alis]
a name of Baal as ‘mighty’

Aleyn(see Alan)

AlfNorse
a sacrifice to the elves

AlfadarNorse
[Alfadar,Alfadur,All-father,All-seer]
a name of Odin as ‘father of the gods’

Alfadir(see Alfador)

Alfador(see Alfador)

AlfanaEuropean
a horse of Gradasso

Alfar(see Elves)

AlfaseinBritish
the name taken by Kalafes when he became a Christian

Alfasein(see Alfasein)
Alfonso hastily recalled El Cid who when the Moors broke out of Toledo, capture, and attacked Castile, but, which Alfonso was attempting to restore him to favour when he had a hand of Dolfos, he dismissed El Cid involved in the death of Sancho at the battle of zamora, he was made king and, angry at being forced during the siege of Zamora, he was sent an army under El Cid to help Urraca. He was captured in the battle of Leon. When his brother Garcia was killed during the siege of Zamora, he was made king and, angry at being forced to state on oath that he was not involved in the death of Sancho at the hand of Dolphos, he dismissed El Cid from his service.

He later recalled El Cid and restored him to favour when he had a number of successes in fighting the Moors. Later they quarrelled again and El Cid left the siege of Toledo, which Alfonso was attempting to capture, and attacked Castile, but, when the Moors broke out of Toledo, Alfonso hastily recalled El Cid who soon captured the city for him.

Alfrid, a dwarf, one of the Livar

Alfreiker (see Andvari) Alfrigg (see Alfrik) Alfrigga (see Alfrik) Alfrid [Alfrigga(al)] a dwarf

He was one of the four dwarfs with whom Freya slept to get possession of the necklace Brisingamen, which they had made. In the Thidrekksga he owned the sword Naglring until it was taken from him by Thidrek (see Alberich. Andvari) Alfrigga (see Alfrigg) Alfsol [Norse] a princess

The aged Sigurd Ring fell in love with her but her parents refused to sanction the marriage. When Sigurd tried to take her by force, her father poisoned her. The grief-stricken Sigurd killed himself and died on her funeral pyre with his beloved.

Algarifice [British] son of Cambuscan and Efeta brother of Canace and Cambalo

Algea [Greek] pain personified a descendant of Eris, goddess of mischief

Algia (see Algea)

Algil [Demon (Star):=Arab Demon's Head. Ras al Ghul=Hebrew Demon's Head. Rosh ha Satan=Satan's Head] a bright star in the constellation Perseus

This star is regarded as the head of the Gorgon, Medusa, suspended from the belt of Perseus, her slayer.

Algon [North American] a Chippewa hunter

He found a fairy ring on the prairie and watched as twelve star maidens descended from the sky in a basket and danced round the ring. He tried several times to catch the youngest star maiden, without success, and finally turned himself into a mouse. When she tried to kill him, he returned to his normal form and carried her off. They married and had one son. Some years later she made another wicker basket and, taking the child with her, ascended to her home in the sky.

When the boy was grown up he asked to see his father so they came back to earth in the basket. Algon returned to the skies with them, taking parts of all the animals and birds with him. The star people each took one of the fragments and became the animal or bird whose part they had chosen. Algon, his wife and son all became falcons.

Alguie (see Akakanet)

Alboniel a moon demon

Ali\1 [Sheik Ali] a king

He was said to have three regiments of fighting animals – elephants, horses and lions.

Ali\2 (see Vali) the hero of a story in The Arabian Nights

brother of Cassim Baba

He discovered the password (Sesame or Simsim) to the robbers’ cave and stole their treasure. His slave, Morgiana, killed the robbers when they hid in large jars by pouring boiling oil over them and later killed their leader. As a reward Ali gave her her freedom and allowed her to marry his son or nephew.

Alibadiri (see Ahl Al-Badr) Alice duchess of Bordeaux wife of Sevinus mother of Girard and Huon

Alice la Beale Pellerin [British] [(Alice the) Beautiful Pilgrim] daughter of Anisrur wife of Alisander mother of Bellengerus

It was said that she always wore a veil covering her face.

She rescued Alisander when he was held captive by Morgan le Fay.

Alice Marr [North American] a phantom ship

This vessel enters the harbour at Gloucester, Massachusetts, but disappears when halfway across.

Alice the Beautiful Pilgrim (see Alice la Beale Pellerin) Alichino [European] a demon in Dante’s Inferno

Aliduke [British] a Knight of the Round Table

He was one of the many knights captured and imprisoned by Tarquin, who hated all Arthur’s knights, until rescued by Lancelot.

Alif\1 [Arabian] a title of the supreme spirit
African

four-sided stone idol.

The Mingoes and the remnants were besieged by Alfonso, passed into the hands of his son, Yahia. When Hugon died, the city, which was sprinkled with the blood of a cockerel. When Alif was seduced by the courtier Milon, Hugon locked her in a dungeon where she stayed for seven years until rescued by her son, Londres. Her brother Charles (Charlemagne) restored her to her proper position and had Milon incarcerated in the same dungeon. When Alif was seduced by the courtier Milon, Hugon locked her in a dungeon in which he had been incarcerated by Hugon le Fay and became her husband.

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North American

a heroine of the Oneida tribe. Her tribe had been overwhelmed by the Mingoes and the remnants were hiding on a mountain. Aliquipiso, pretending to help the Mingoes, led them to the foot of a cliff and signalled to her people, who then ran down boulders which killed many of the enemy. She herself died in the ambush. When Alif was seduced by the courtier Milon, Hugon locked her in a dungeon in which he had been incarcerated by Hugon le Fay and became her husband. When Alif was seduced by the courtier Milon, Hugon locked her in a dungeon in which he had been incarcerated by Hugon le Fay and became her husband. Aliquipiso

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night answering questions about the gods and creation. He kept the questions going until the sun came up and its rays turned the dwarf into stone. A similar story is told of the dwarf (Alvis), Thor and his daughter Thrud. (see also Alvis)

Alladhan  
Irish
[Feart Caille] a madman
He met the Irish madman Suibhne Geilt when the latter came to Britain and was with him for some time, but finally killed himself by drowning.

Allatu  
Carthaginian
[Allat2]  
Mesopotamian
a goddess of the underworld (see also Sa’dan)

Allatou  
Babylonian
[Allatou]  
Semitic
a goddess of the underworld
wife of Nergal
In some accounts she is equated with Asherah.

Allatum  
Semitic
[Allatum]  
Mesopotamian
a goddess of the underworld

Allato  
Mesopotamian
a bird loved by Ishtar who broke his wings and abandoned him

Allatide  
British
a Cornish name for the festival of Samhain

Allatu  
Mesopotamian
[Allatu]  
Egyptian
Sakhmet: =Semitic Allatum

Allatu  
Semitic
Aloadai
sons of Aloeus by Iphimedea or Canace
their nominal father was Aloeus but they were really sons of Poseidon.

Almaris  
Persian
a Saracen warrior
He was killed by Roland who then took his sword, Urindana.

Almu  
Irish
[Almu]  
Irish (of the White Walls)
the home of Finn mac Cool

Almus  
Greek
son of Sisyphus and Merope
brother of Glauclus, Orytion and Thersander

Alnaschar  
Persian
brother of the barber in The Arabian Nights

He frustrated all his ambitions to become rich when he kicked over the basket of glassware that he had bought to sell at a profit.

Alon  
Irish
[Alon]
a demon, a duke of hell
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

Alloen  
(see Allocer)

Alloien  
(see Allocer)

Alliterative Morte Arthure  
British
a 15th c poem of over 4,000 lines about the life and death of King Arthur

Allower  
Irish
a sea-god
In some accounts he is regarded as the father of Manannan.

Allotism  
Mesopotamian
the worship of strange gods

Allulu  
Mesopotamian
a birdman whose wing was broken by Ishtar whom he loved

Alvaldi  
Norse
a Giant
father of Thiassi

Alma  
British
mistress of the House of Temperance in The Faerie Queene

Alma  
Arabic
soul personified

Almaqah  
Arabian
a sky-god of the Saba tribe

Almaris  
European
a Saracen king
He was the leader of the Saracen forces at Roncesvalles.

Almenhenob  
Central American
a Mayan caste
To qualify as a member of this caste one needed to know the sacred language, Zayua.

Almhu  
European
[Almu]
son of Uranus and Gaea
husband of Iphimeida and Erboea
He was the nominal father of the twin giants Otus and Ephialtes whose real father was Poseidon.

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- a Knight of the Round Table
- a young relative of King Arthur

Alphoes  
- a physician and astrologer in Charlemagne’s camp
- He was killed in his sleep by Cloridan who penetrated the Frankish camp by night, intent on revenge for the death of his leader, Dardinel.

Alphonse  
- a dove spirit

Alphonse’s  
- a river-god of Arcadia

Alphonse’s son  
- of Oceanus and Thetis

Alphonse’s daughter  
- mother of Hippothous by Poseidon

Alphonse’s future wife  
- a woman who had killed her husbands, for which crime they had been banished.

Althamenes  
- a household-god

Althamenes’  
- a father of King Arthur
- a young relative of King Arthur
- a Knight of the Round Table

Althamenes’  
- daughter of Cercyon, mother of Hippothous by Poseidon
- When she gave birth to Hippothous, she abandoned the infant who was foun dof by shepherds. They took him to her father who killed her and then abandoned the child again. It was found by the same shepherds who kept the boy and reared him.

Althamenes’ Greek version  
- the Greek version of Alulim

Althamenes’  
- a standard bearer in Charlemagne’s army
- He proved to be a coward in his first battle so Ogier took the oriflamme from him and carried it back into the fray.

Althamenes’ African  
- Vodun:=Y oruban Orisha

Althamenes’ Italian  
- Hebrew

Althamenes’ Hebrew  
- a guardian of fruit trees

Althamenes’ Greek  
- the goddess of barley

Althamenes’ Greek’s  
- she disguised herself as a bird or an animal to destroy children. In one account, as Albina, she arrived in Britain at the head of a group of fifty women who had killed their husbands, for which crime they had been banished.

Althamenes’ Greek’s  
- a monster with knotted tail

Althamenes’ Greek’s Hebrew  
- a guardian of fruit trees

Althamenes’ Greek’s Hebrew’s  
- a demon: a succubus

Althamenes’ Greek’s Hebrew’s  
- a demon causing shipwrecks, sometimes seen in the form of an old woman

Althamenes’ Greek’s Hebrew’s  
- a household-god

Althamenes’ Greek’s Hebrew’s  
- This being was said to be about twelve inches tall and was housed in a cupboard. Milk and biscuits were provided to sustain the Arlune.

Althamenes’ Greek’s Hebrew’s  
- a horse drawing the chariot of the moon-god

Althamenes’ Greek’s Hebrew’s  
- a castle where Rinaldo was saved from a monster by the help of Angelica

Althamenes’ Greek’s Central American  
- an Aztec god
- This deity, envisaged as blue with yellow hair and purple face, is the male version of Chalchihtlicue.

Althamenes’ Greek’s Central American’s  
- a name of Eurynome as ‘she who causes growth’

Althamenes’ Greek’s Central American’s  
- daughter of Thestius and Eurythemis
- sister of Plexippus and Toxeus
- mother of Deianeira, Gorge, Melanippus, Meleager and Tydeus
- Her daughter Deianeira (later to be the wife of Heracles) was said to be the daughter of Dionysus, and Meleager was said to be the son of Ares. When Meleager was born, the Fates decreed that he would die when a piece of wood they threw on the fire was completely burnt away. Althaia doused the flames and hid the brand, but when Meleager killed her brothers after a quarrel arising out of the hunt for the Calydonian boar, she threw it back on the fire and as it burnt away Meleager died. She hanged herself in remorse.
- Some of her daughters were changed into guinea fowl by Artemis.
- In some accounts she was the mother of Atarbyrus.

Althaia  
- (see Althamenes)

Althaia’s  
- a household-goddess

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son of Catreus
brother of Aerope, Apemynes and Clymena

Hoping to frustrate an oracle that decreed that Catreus would be killed by his own child, Alathamenes went from Crete to Rhodes with his sister, Apemones. When she became pregnant as a result of rape by Hermes, he kicked her to death. When Catreus came to Rhodes to offer his son the throne of Crete, Alathamenes mistook his father’s ship for a pirate vessel and killed his own father.

Althea (see Althea)
Althjofr Norse
one of the dwarfs

Aluis Greek
the sacred precinct of Zeus at Olympia

Altijira Australian
[Altijira] creator-god and sky-god of the Aborigines

He was one of the ancestral deities of the Dreamtime, but when the others returned to their underground sleep he ascended into the highest heaven. He is depicted as having the feet of a swan maiden and the head of a swan. When he tried for the hand of Thrud, Thor, her father, kept him answering questions until the sun rose. The daylight turned the dwarf, accustomed only to the darkness of his underground home, into stone.

Alulim Mesopotamian
[=Greek Aloros-Persian Al]
a Sumerian deity: the first man
He is said to have descended from heaven and ruled on earth for 28,000 (or 67,200) years.

Aluluei Pacific Islands
a god of navigation

When his brothers killed him, his father brought him back to life. The stars are regarded as his many thousand eyes.

Alum
a transparent mineral, sulphate of aluminium

(1) In Egypt this mineral is regarded as protecting from the evil eye. A lump of alum placed in the fire will, it is said, take on the shape of one’s enemy provided that verses from the Koran are recited to the fire. When it has cooled the alum is ground to a powder that is mixed with food and fed to the dogs.

(2) In the southern states of North America it is said that a lump of alum held in the mouth protects against witchcraft.

Alun Dyfed Welsh
a Welsh huntsman

Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get the help of this famous huntsman in the quest to capture Twrch Trwyth.

Aluqa (see Alukah)

Alutanga Nuku Pacific Islands
a chieftain for whom the hero Atonga built a magical canoe

Alv (see Alfi)
Irish

Alva1[Arsha]
daughter of Ailill of Aran
sister of Aobh and Aoife
foster daughter of Bodb Dearg
daughter of Bodb Dearg, in some accounts

Alva2 (see Maahiseth)

Alv-myror (see Maahiseth)

Alvarez Britisch

[Alvrez]
a king of Ireland
father of Kamelin and Miroet

Alvasta (see Ovda)

Alvis Norse

[Alvis]
a dwarf

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Alvis-Mal Norse
[=Alvis, Amma, Amma]
[see Alvris, Alvis]

[Lay of Alvis]
a poem in the Elder Edda telling the story of Alvis and his quest for the hand of Thrud

Alviss Norse

[Alvis]
a swan maiden
wife of Volund

[see Alvis]

Alvit Norse

[Alviss]
a Sumerian virgin mother-goddess
[see Alvisa, Alvisa, Alv-Myror]

Am-Heh Egyptian

da dog-headed god of the underworld

ama1
Japanese
[see Amma, Amma, Eire]

heaven

Ama2
Mesopotamian

[Ma]
a Sumerian virgin mother-goddess

Ama2
[see Amma2, Eire]

Amarth Norwegian

[Amart-Ara-arhus, Arad-Ama-arhus, Great Mother, Mama]
a Babylonian fertility-goddess

a poem in the Lay of Alvis

[see also Mami]

Ama-inu Japanese

a celestial dog that drives away demons

Ama-no-Hashidate Japanese

[see Ama-no-i-Hashidate]
a stairway linking heaven and earth.
Ama-no-ho

[Japanese]
A divine messenger

He was the first of three envoys sent to prepare the way for the arrival on earth of Ninigi.

Ama-no-iba-fune

(see Ama-no-Hashidate)

Ama-no-iwato

[Japanese]
the cave in which Amaterasu hid

Ama-no-Kama

[Japanese]
[see Ama-no-yas-en-kawa,Ama-no-yasu-kawa]
a river in heaven; the Milky Way

Ama-no-Minaka-nushi

(see Minaka-nushi)

Ama-no-Oshiho-mimi

[Japanese]
son of Amaterasu

His mother asked him to take over as ruler of the earth, but, having taken a look at the earth from the celestial bridge he refused.

Ama-no-uki-hashi

(see Ama-no-Hashidate)

Ama-no-yas-en-kawa

(see Ama-no-Kama)

Ama-no-yasu-kawa

(see Ama-no-Kama)

Ama-no-yasen-no-gawa

(see Tenga)

Ama-Teru

(see Amaterasu)

Ama-Tsu-Kami

[Japanese]
gods of heaven as opposed to Kuni-Tsu-Kami

Ama-Tsu-Mara

[Japanese]
the Shinto smith-god

He made the mirror that was used to persuade Amaterasu to come out of her cave. The mould for the mirror was made by Ishi-Kore-Tome.

He is depicted as having only one eye.

Ama-Tsu-mika-hoshi

[Japanese]
an evil star-god

Ama-Usum-Gal-ana

(see Amaushumgalananna)

Amadan

[Irish]
[fool.Stroke Lad]
a male fairy that can paralyse a human merely by its touch

Amadan Mor

[Irish]
[Great Fool]
the chief Stroke Lad of the fairies

Amadan na bruidne

[Irish]
the fool of the fairy palaces of the sidhe

Amadi-Oha

[African]
an Igbo storm-god

Amadis

[Spanish]
a love-god

Amadis of Gaul

[European]
a knight errant son of Perion and Elizena husband of Oriana father of Esplandian

Amadis of Gaul

Amaian

[European]

As a baby he was set adrift in a boat but was saved from the sea by Gandles who reared him alongside his own son, Gandalin. Both were taken to the court of the Scottish king, Languines, and became firm friends of his son, Agraeis. He was in love with Oriana, daughter of the king of Britain who, when he went to the aid of the princess Briolania, thought he had deserted her and wrote a letter terminating their relationship.

He went to Firm island where he and Agraeis, his cousin, were able to pass through the Arch of True Love while Galaor and Florestan refused to try. All four tried to enter the Forbidden Chamber but only Amadis succeeded, the others being thrown back by unseen forces. He was acclaimed as ruler of the island but, when he received Oriana’s letter, he left his companions and went off alone, seeking death as a release from his sorrow.

He met the monk Andalod, who called him Beltenbros when Amadis refused to give his real name, and together they went to a hermitage on Poor Rock Island. Here he was found by the Damsel of Denmark who gave him a second letter from Oriana in which she begged his forgiveness, whereupon he returned joyfully to Britain.

He met a wagon-train of captured knights and maidens, led by the giant Famoqnomad and Basagante, his son. Among the many captives was Leonorretta, sister of his beloved Oriana. He killed both the giants and freed their prisoners.

When the Irish king, Cildadan, challenged Lisuarte for the kingdom, Amadis led 100 British knights in a contest, with a like number on the Irish side. Amadis rescued Lisuarte, who had been captured by the giant Mandanfabul, and killed the giant, after which they routed the enemy who fled to their ships. Amadis received the gratitude of Lisuarte and the hand of Oriana.

He was said to be the original owner of the horse Bayard.

Amadis of Gaul

Amaite Aidgill

[European]
a 16th c Spanish story of the exploits of Amadis

Later additions increased this story to fourteen volumes.

Amadis of Greece

[European]
great grandson of Amadis of Gaul grandson of Lisuarte son of Esplandian

Amadlozis

[African]
the ancestors of some South African tribes

These beings are said to live in the centre of the earth and can convey instructions from the gods to their descendants. It is the amadlozis who select and compel a person to become a sangoma, using illness as a means of forcing the chosen ones to obey. It is said that the spirits of these ancestors reside in cockerels.

Amaethon

[Welsh]
[Amath(son)]
a Welsh god of agriculture son of Bel and Don brother of Govannon and Gwydion

In the story of Culhwch and Olwen, only Amaethon was capable of the ploughing task that Ysbaddaden imposed on Culhwch and he was required to force the giant to plough the land using the ploughshare of Govannon and the four giants who had been turned into oxen.

He is said to have visited the underworld and returned with a dog, a lapwing and a young buck belonging to Arawn, the lord of the underworld.

Amapat

[Siberian]
a spirit that advises a shaman

Amahasia

(see Arrahasis)

Amaiuna

[West Indian]
a cave

Human beings were originally confined to this cave and another, called Cacibagiaqua.

Amaimon

Maymon]
a mediaeval devil, ruler of the eastern part of hell one of the cardinal demons one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

Amairgen

(see Amergin)

Amaite Aidgill

[Irish]
[Hags of Doon]
evil spirits on the side of the Danaans in their battles with the Fir Bolg
Amaitê-Rangi
Pacific Islands
a demon of the Mangaia Islanders
He was said to lower baskets from the sky and devour any mortals he might catch in them. He was overcome by the culture hero, Ngaru.

Amaka
Siberian
one of the 2 aspects of the supreme being of the Evenk tribe
In this aspect the creator looks after the interests of human beings; in his other aspect, as Ekseri, he is the guardian of animals and forests.

Amakandu
(see Sakkan)
Amala
North American
[smoke hole]. Very Dirty
a culture hero
According to a number of tribes, the world was originally supported by an old man who took the weight on a pole balanced on his chest. Amala was the youngest of several brothers, dirty and lazy but phenomenally strong. When the old man was dying, he sent for Amala who then took over the job of supporting the world-pole on his chest.

Amalivaca
South American
a culture-hero of the American Indian tribes of the Orinoco basin
He instructed his people in the arts of agriculture.

Amalteâ
Greek
[Aega-Amaltheia]
a goat
She is variously referred to as the goat nymph or a she goat that suckled the infant Zeus. Zeus is said to have broken off one horn and decreed that it should always be full of food and drink (cornu copiae, horn of plenty).

In some accounts Zeus placed the horn in the heavens as the constellation Capricornius. (see also Aega)

Amalthea
[Amaltheia]
a goat skin worn by Zeus, later made into Athena’s shield

Amalteâ
(see Sibyl of Cumae)
Amaltheia
(see Amalteâ)
Amalung
Norse
son of Hornbogi

Aman1
Egyptian
a demon who devoured the dead

Aman2
(see Amen)
Amana
South American
a creator-goddess of the Calina tribe
She lived in the Milky Way attended by the creatures of the sea. She first created the sun, and when it tried to scorch the earth she trapped it in the sea, creating two other beings, Tamulu and Tamusi, to guard it.

amani
African
monsters of the Abaluyia

Amanda
European
the name taken by Clarimunda when she became a Christian

Amangons
British
a king of Granland
He was said to be a cruel king who, with his followers, raped the maidens guarding the wells and stole their golden vessels, driving them off to live in the forests. For 100 years, the country was a wasteland. Then King Arthur found some of the descendants of the maidens and heard the story from one of them, Blihos-Blieris, and ordered a search of the country for the court of the Fisher King, which led to the restoration of the country.

Amanungu
African
in the lore of the Ovandonga, the first man father of Kanzi and Nangombe

Amanki
Mesopotamian
a Babylonian water-god

Amanominakanushi
(see Minaka-Nushi)
Amanoro
Armenian
a spring-goddess

Amanotokotachi
(see Tokotachi)
Aman
British
a knight at King Mark’s court
He set out with Mark and Bersules to kill Tristram but refused to be party to the murder. When Mark killed Bersules, who had also refused to help, Amant charged Mark with murder at King Arthur’s court. He fought Mark on the issue and was killed.

Amaomee
African
a name of Nyame as ‘he who gives sufficiency’

amara-varuni
(see amrita)
Amaradu
Mesopotamian
[Amarduk]
a Sumerian name for Marduk

Amaradevi
Buddhist
a virtuous woman
When four men pestered her with their attentions, she shut them up in a basket and left them there all night.

Amaraduk
(see Amaradu)
Amaranit
British
an Ethiopian giant killed by Guy of Warwick

Amaravati
Hindu
[Devapura=-Norse Valhalla]
the chief city of Svaraga, Indra’s heaven, built on Mount Meru: land of bliss

This city, home of the blessed and fallen warriors, is said to be encrusted with jewels and has 1,000 gates.

Amarga
Mesopotamian
a Babylonian divine calf, offspring of the sun

Amargen
(see Amarga)
Amarok
Inuit
[Great Wolf]
an Inuit deity: a wolf-like monster

Amarun
South American
a demon in the lore of the Quecha, envisaged as a water snake

Amarynceus
Greek
son of Pytius father of Diore
He led the forces of Augaeas when Hercules returned to exact vengeance for being cheated out of the promised reward for cleansing the stables of Augaeas.

Amarynthus
Greek
da dog of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon the hunter watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Amarynthus, tore him to pieces.

Amasarac
a demon

Amasis1
Mesopotamian
[Masis]
in Babylonian stories, the site (Mount Ararat), where Noah landed his ark

Amasis2
Greek
a king of Egypt
He advised Polycrates to discard something he valued to avert possible ill fortune. Polycrates threw a valuable ring into the sea but found it a few days later in the stomach of a fish.

Amasuhiko
Japanese
son of Fire Fade and Toyo-tama husband of Tama-yori father of Jimmu-tenno and Itsu-se
His mother abandoned him, resumed her form as a sea dragon and returned to her underwater home when his father, disobeying orders, witnessed the birth. His mother’s younger sister Tama-Yoni reared the boy and later married him.

Amata
Roman
wife of Latinus mother of Lavinia
She wanted her daughter to marry Turnus, not Aeneas. She was driven mad by one of the Furies at the behest of Warwick.

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of Hera and she hid herself and Lavinia in the woods. When Turnus was killed she hanged herself.

**Amat-Ara-arhus** (see Ama-arhus)

**Amaterasu**

*Japanese*


a Shinto sun-goddess

an aspect of Kunikotokachi
daughter of Izanagi and Izanami
sister of Susanowa, Tsuki-yomo and Watka-hiru-me

She was said to have been produced from the eye (right or left according to which story is read) of Izanagi when he washed his face. When she was born, her parents sent her up the Ladder of Heaven to take her place as the sun-goddess. Susanowa challenged her to a contest in an attempt to take over her kingdom of heaven. She chewed up his sword and spat out three female deities, and he swallowed her five-sword and spat out five female deities. He then claimed her realm, which story is read) of Izanagi when he washed his face. When she was born, her parents sent her up the Ladder of Heaven to take her place as the sun-goddess.

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**Amathas**

*Egyptian*

[Amathas = Sumerian Ashiama]

a sea-goddess of the Aegean
daughter of Ares and Artemis, some say

in some accounts their mother was Aphrodite or Otrere. They came from Asia Minor or Scythia and made a practice of breaking the arms and legs of all male infants to keep them subservient. They cut off one breast to make it easier to use a bow or spear. There were three tribes, each with its own city and ruled by one of three queens.

Some say that they killed and ate any man who landed on their shores. They were defeated in battle by Theseus leading the Athenians. In Arthurian lore, they appear as a subject race under Lucius. In one story they were engaged in battle by Gaiwan, and the Crop-eared Dog is said to have killed their queen. Spenser called them accounts their queen Radigund. In Arabian lore, each had one male, one female breast or one breast in the centre. Some say men and women lived on opposite sides of the river in West Africa, and met only in the dry season when the river could be forded. Others say the women lived without men, conceiving by bathing in a certain pool, perhaps inhabited by a jinnie who mated with them.

**Amazonas**

*Greek*

Amazonomachy

the war between the Athenians under Theseus and the Amazons which the Athenians won

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infection when the pipe is passed from one to another.

Ambi'
Hindu
[Ambika]
a moon-goddess
wife of Agni

Ambi'
(see Kali.Parvati.Uma)
Ambicatus
British
a fictitious king of Britain

Ambika
Hindu
wife of Vishvavirya
mother of Dhritarashtra by Vyasa

Her husband died before fathering any children so his half-brother, Bhisma, was prepared to do his duty to the widow in this respect. The hermit Vyasa anticipated him and Ambalika's son, Dhritarashtra, was born blind of poison and when Aurelius fell ill, Ambron appeared in the guise of a

of Vortigern's son Paschent.

king's illness.

physician and administered the poison,

of poison and when Aurelius fell ill,

Ambipa
Hindu
[Lord of the Waters]
a water-god

Ambuscias
(see Ambucias)
a demon, duke of hell
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

Ambucias
[see Ambucias]
a demon, for Delphi or Parvati as 'mother'
(see also Ambi'.Kali.Mahadevi. Parvati.Sati.Uma)

Ambika
Hindu
a goddess of food
a manifestation of Lakshmi

a name for Devi or Parvati as 'mother'
(see also Ambi'.Kali.Mahadevi. Parvati.Sati.Uma)

Ambisagrus
Roman
a Celtic god in Gaul

Amblogera
Greek
a name for Aphrodite as 'postponer of old age'

Ambers
Celtic
[=Roman Jupiter]
a sun-god

Ambreus
British
son of Bedivere

a page at King Arthur's court

Ambriel
a demon, ruler of the sign of Gemini

Ambros
British
a servant of Renwein

Aurelius had killed Vortigern and reclaimed his throne but Renwein, Vortigern's wife, avenged his death through Ambros. She gave him a phial of poison and when Aurelius fell ill, Ambros appeared in the guise of a physician and administered the poison, claiming it was a cure for the king's illness.

Another story says that Eopa administered the poison at the behest of Vortigern's son Paschent.

ambrosia
Greek
the food of the gods conferring everlasting youth

oil used for anointing and healing

Ambrosia
Greek
one of the Hyades, in some accounts

Ambrosius
(see Merlin)

Ambrosius Aurelianus
(see Aurelius)

Ambroso
Celtic
a knight mentioned in Merlin

Ambu Dewi
East Indian

Ambru
Celtic

Ameino-Tachi-no-kami
Japanese
a primordial female deity: the female principle

Ame-no-Uzume-no-mikato
(see Uzume)

Amei Awi
East Indian
his son, the fire-god Kazu-T suchi.

Izanagi used this weapon to decapitate his son, the fire-god Kazu-Tsuchi.

Ame-iha-kina
Japanese
the throne of God

Ame-no-ibuto
(see Ama-no-ibuto)

Ame-no-inako-

Ame-no-iwato
(see Ama-no-iwato)

Ame-no-minaka-nushi
(see Minaka-Nushi.Toyo-uke-hime. Zoka no sanshin)

Ame-no-Toko-Tachi-no-kami
Japanese

Amen1
Egyptian

[see Amun]

Amen2
Egyptian


Amen3
Egyptian

Hammon.Min.Greek Zeus.Libyan


Jupiter

supreme creator-god, god of fertility and life

god of Thebes

one of the 3 Lords of Destiny

husband of Ament

father of Khons

Some say that he was born from the voice of Thoth.

As a god of the primitive waters he represented, together with Amaunet, the unknowableness of the waters.

In one account, he engendered Athor and Kneph who were the parents of Osiris and Isis.

In Greek mythology, his cult existed at the oasis of Siwah.

His bird is the goose and he is depicted variously as a man with a human head or that of a frog, a ram or a serpent, or as an ape or a lion, and sometimes wearing a cap with two long feathers.

Amen1
Welsh

[see Ogyrva]

Amen-Khum
Egyptian

[see Amen-Khum]

Amelch
German

a name used by Hagen

This name persuaded a ferryman to take Hagen into his boat, but when he realised that he had been tricked he fought with Hagen and was killed.

Amele
(see Amelch)

grandfather of Dietrich von Bern, in some accounts

father of Dieter, Dietmar and Ermenrich

Amen
(see Amele)

Amena
(see Amen)

Amen
Egyptian


Amen-Khum
Egyptian

[see Amen-Khum]

Amen
Central American
shamans said to control elemental forces

Amen-Khum
Egyptian

[see Amen-Khum]

Amen-Khum
Egyptian

[see Amen-Khum]

Amen
Central American

[see Amen]

Amen
a demon of the West

He was one of the party captured by Ermenrich.
Amene

British

a queen
wife of Lar
mother of Larie

When her kingdom was invaded by Roaz, she asked King Arthur for help. He sent Wigalois to help her and he defeated Roaz and married the queen’s daughter Larie.

Amenophis

Egyptian

[=Greek Memnon]
god of Thebes
son of Ahmes-Nefertari
husband of Tiya

He is depicted as being a black-skinned version of Amenhotep III.

Amenophet

Egyptian

the god of healing

He was originally a mortal pharaoh, later deified.

Ament

Egyptian

a serpent-headed or cat-headed
mother-goddess
wife of Amon

Originally she was a Libyan goddess. In Thebes she is Mut.

Amenti

(see Amenadia)

Amentet

Egyptian

a goddess of the West

She is regarded as a goddess of the underworld who receives the dead.

Amentet

(see Amenti)

Amethes

(see Amenti)

Amenia

(see Ameinius)

Amenti

a region of the underworld

Ra, as Auf, passed back through this valley in the sky at the end of each day, ready to start his journey across the sky at dawn. (see also Yaaru)

Amenti

(see Sons of Horus)

Amerant

British

giant killed by Guy of Warwick

Ameretat

Persian

[=A]-Mertat.A.-Murdad
goddess of water and vegetation
one of the Amesha Spentas
an aspect of Ahura Mazda
as ‘immortality’
daughter of Ahura Mazda

This being is in charge of plants and is opposed by the demon Taurvi.

Amergin

Irish

[=A]-org. Anhairghin. Amorg(a)in.

Amorfein

son of Milesius and Scota
brother of Eber Finn and Eremon
husband of Scena

He was the first of the sons of Milesius to set foot in Ireland and he killed one of the Danaan kings, Mac Greine, and arbitrated when Eber Finn and Eremon disputed the sovereignty of Ireland, awarding the throne to Eremon. He was killed by Eremon at the Battle of Bile Teaneadh when the brothers quarrelled.

Amergin

Irish

[=A]-org. Anhairghin mac Eigit Saliagh. Amorg(a)in. Amorfein

a druid and poet to Conor mac Nessa
son of Eigit Saliagh
husband of Finchoom
father of Conall Cearnach

When Aithirne, jealous of the boy’s powers, went to kill him, his father made a clay statue which Aithirne struck with an axe.

He killed a three-headed monster that was ravaging the countryside. Some say that this is the monster, Allen, slain by Finn mac Cool while others maintain that it was a bird which lived in the Cave of Cruachan.

In a battle with Fergus, they threw stones at each other but the stones met in the air and so they called a truce.

He was involved in the fight at the hostel of Da Coga and was one of only three survivors.

Amergin

Irish

[=A]-org. Anhairghin mac Amhalghaith. Amorg(a)in. Amorfein

a poet at the court of Dearmadh mac Cearbhaill

Amer

one of the 7 angels, the Ischin
His function was to teach men how to solve problems in magic.

Amesemi

African

a Sudanese goddess

Amesha Spentas

Persian

7 aspects of Ahura Mazda

Seven abstract qualities, known as the Hextad, they were personified as children of the god protecting mankind from evil and were listed as Ameretat, Armaiti, Asha Vahista, Haurvatat, Khshathra Varya, Spenta Mainya and Vohu Manah. In some accounts, there are only six (Spenta Mainya being omitted) while other lists include Atar, Gosurvan or Sraosha to make lists of up to nine.

Amesha Spentas

(see Amesha Spentas)

Ametha

Greek

one of the horses drawing the chariot of Helios

Amethyst

a violet-coloured quartz used as a gemstone

This stone is variously said to prevent disease or drunkenness, protect from theft, cure nervous diseases and induce pleasant dreams.

In Egypt it was used as a talisman to protect warriors from harm.

Amfortas

British


son of Frimutel
son of Titurel, in some accounts
brother of Herzeloyde, Josiane, Reparse and Trevrezent

In the Wagnerian story, he took over the guardianship of the Holy Grail when his father became too weak. Relying on the power of the Sacred Spear, he set out to destroy Klingsor, the evil magician who had built a garden of delight to seduce those knights seeking admission to the Temple of the Grail, but he himself was seduced into losing the spear to Klingsor who wounded him in the side with it. Nothing would heal this wound but the touch of this spear and he suffered great pain for many years until Parsifal regained the spear and cured him.

An alternative version says that, forgetting his vows of purity, he looked lustfully on a maiden, whereupon the Holy Spear wounded him of its own accord. Other accounts say that he sustained a wound in the scrotum in a jousting match.

He appears as Peredur’s uncle in the Castle of Wonders and shows him the Grail and the Holy Lance.

(see also Fisher King. Pelles. Rich Fisher)

Amhairghin

(see Amergin)

Amhar

British

an illegitimate son of King Arthur

He acted as squire to his father who killed him.
Armilous, a Scandinavian warrior. He was sent by Doireann, daughter of the king of Scandinavia, to kill Conall Gulban when he failed to return her love, but Conall defeated Armilous and later helped him in his search for Eithne.

Amhlaibh, a king of Scandinavia and father of Beitha.

Amhnach, (see Aithirne).

Amhren, (see Aithirne).

Amiles killed his own children and used their blood to cure Amis. The children were later restored to life.

Amhren, (see Aithirne). son of Bedivere, brother of Eneuvag. One of King Arthur's chamberlains.


Amijn, (see Aymon).

Amiles, European. [Amelis. Amiloun. Amyles. Amlion]. a knight of Charlemagne. He and his friend Amis found favour at Charlemagne's court but the jealous courtier, Arderik, accused Amiles of being the lover of the king's daughter, Belisent, requiring Amiles to fight in single combat to prove his innocence. Amis took his friend's place and killed Arderik but was afflicted with leprosy as a punishment for his deception. Amis killed his own children and used their blood to cure Amis. The children were later restored to life.

Amilias, Norse. brother of Volund. He died when he was struck by a sword made by his brother. The cut was so fine that he was not aware that he had been hurt until the two halves of his body fell apart. A similar story is told of Socht's sword.

Amilous, (see Amiles).
In some accounts Amma was the primordial egg from which sprang the Nummo who created the earth and everything on it.

Amma² ₹ Hindu
[Mar(i)amma:plur=Amma navaru]
a village goddess
Each village has its own deity, some of whom are feared as bringers of smallpox, etc., while others are revered as guardians.

Amma¹ ₹ Indian
[Mar(i)amma:plur=Amma navaru: Hindu Mata]
a guardian god of the Tamils

Amma³ ₹ Norse
[Amna]
wife of Afi
She bore a son, Karl, to Heimdall when he visited earth as Riger.

Amma-ana-ki ₹ Mesopotamian
a name for Ea as ‘lord of heaven’

Amma-Serou ₹ African
in the lore of the Dogon, the first man, made by Amma

Amma
He stole fire from the smithy of the Nummo and brought it to earth, landing badly as he slid down the rainbow. He broke his arms and his legs, which is why men have jointed limbs.

Amma navaru (see Amma¹)
Ammas (see Ma²)
Ammanavaru ₹ Indian
an early mother-goddess
She created the cosmic egg floating in the sea of milk from which the later Hindu gods were born.

Amminan ₹ West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Ammit (see Ammut)

Ammon (see Amon)

Ammon-Ra (see Amon-Ra)

Ammon-Re (see Amon-Re)

ammonite [snake-stone]
a fossil in the form of a coiled shell
In some accounts ammonites were thought of as coiled snakes that had been turned to stone.

Ammonium (see Amnomium)

Ammut ₹ Egyptian
[Amnat.Ammir,Anemait]
a goddess of the underworld
She sat with the forty-two judges of souls in the Hall of the ‘Two Truths’ and ate the hearts of condemned souls.

She is depicted as a female monster, part crocodile, part hippopotamus, part lioness.

Amnach (see Aithirne)

Ammedial a moon demon

ammomancy divination using the caul of a newborn child
The condition of the caul was said to indicate the health of the child in later years.

Amnixiel a moon demon

Amoghapasa Buddha
[=Tibetan Don-yo-sha-pa,Don-yod-shags-pa]
a name of Avalokiteshvara
In this aspect he is depicted with a number of hands, varying from six to twenty.

Amoghadasahi ₹ Tibetan
an adaptation of the Indian Buddha as a tutelary god of Lamaism
In this form he is depicted with a prayer wheel.

Amon ₹ Greek
[Amnon]
the Greek and Roman version of the Egyptian god, Amen

Amonò (see Amon)
a demonised version of the god Amon
One of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
In some versions, this being is a serpent-tailed wolf, while earlier versions may show the head of an owl.

Amon (see Aymon)

Amon-Kematref Egyptian
Amon as a creator god in the form of a snake

Amon-Ra Egyptian
[Amnon-Ra,Ammon-Re,Amun-Re,Amun-Re: African Shango]
an assimilation of Amon with the sun god Ra
god of Thebes
consort of Mut, father of Khensu
He is depicted as having the head of a snake.

Amon-Re (see Amon-Ra)

Amona Aramaic
[‘mother’]
a goddess
wife of Abba

Amonium Greek
[Ammonium, Siwa(h)]
an oasis in Libya, site of an oracle of Amon and, later, of Zeus

Amor (see Amurrru, Cupid)

Amoret British
daughter of Chrysozogone; sister of Belphoebe
female loveliness personified in The Faerie Queene

Amoretti Roman
[=Greek Erotes]
minor love gods

Amorini Roman
small love gods

Amorgain (see Amergin)

Amorokin (see Amergin)

Amorini (see Amergin)

Amorin Anglo-Irish
a king of Ireland
In the Italian story of the Knights of the Round Table, ‘Távola Ritonda’, he is said to be the son of Morholt and brother of Golistant. He fought a war with Alois and was killed by Lancelot.

Amosu ₹ African
a name of Nyame as ‘rain-giver’

Amotken North American
the creator-god of the Selish American Indians
He created five goddesses from hairs from his own head and arranged for them to rule in succession. The present age is ruled by the goddess of evil. He is envisaged as a wise old man, living alone.

Amoun (see Amen³)

Amowia ₹ African
a name of Nyame as ‘light-giver’

Amoxaoque Central American
an Aztec sage

Amynos ₹ (see Amaimon)

Amphius Greek
a youth loved by Dionysus
He was killed by a wild bull and Dionysus turned him into a vine.
Amphiarus  Greek
a prophet
son of Oicles and Hypermenestra
husband of Eriphyle
father of Alcmæon, Amphilocthus
and Demonassa
He was one of the Seven against Thebes, a member of the party that hunted down the Calydonian boar and an Argonaut. He was reluctant to join the Seven Against Thebes but was persuaded by his wife who had been bribed by Polyneices with the fabulous necklace of Harmonia.

In the battle at Thebes, Melanippus and Tydeus had each dealt each other a mortal blow. Amphiarus decapitated the dying (or dead) Melanippus and gave the head to Tydeus who split it open and ate the brains before dying himself. After the battle with the Thebans, where he had faced Lasthenes at the Homoloid Gate, he was saved from death only by the intervention of Zeus who opened up a chasm beneath his fleeing chariot, so sending him straight to Tartarus where he ruled among the dead. A sanctuary with an oracle, the Amphiarion, was built on this spot.

He had earlier told his sons to kill their mother, who had persuaded him to join the Seven, if he failed to return.

In some accounts, he is regarded as a god.

Amphiictyon  Greek
son of Deucalion and Pyrrha
brother of Hellen, Idomeneus
and Molus
husband of Cranae
father of Citonymus
He deposed his wife's father Granaus, and took over the throne of Athens.

Amphiictyonis  (see Demeter)
Amphidromus1  Greek
son of Busiris
father of Naupiaidame
He was killed by Heracles when his father tried to kill Heracles as a sacrifice to avert drought.

Amphidromus2  Greek
son of Aleus and Neaero
brother of Auge, Cepheus
and Lycurgus
He was one of the Argonauts.

Amphidocus  Greek
son of Astrea
brother of Ismarus, Leades
and Melanippus
He and his brothers helped to defend Thebes against the attacking Seven.

Amphidromia  Greek
a festival to celebrate the birth of a child, held 5 days after the birth

Amphilocthus1  Greek
a seer
son of Amphiarus and Eriphyle
brother of Alcmæon
one of the Epigoni
His mother persuaded his father to join the Seven against Thebes and Amphiarus instructed his sons to kill her if he failed to return. They did so and Alcmæon was hounded by the Furies in punishment. Amphilocthus escaped punishment but fought at Troy and was killed.

Amphiloctus2  Greek
a nephew of Amphilocthus
son of Alcmæon and Manto
He quarrelled with his half-brother Mopsus, and each killed the other when they met in single combat.

Amphimaceai  Greek
a descendant of Eris, goddess of mischief  (see also Androktasai)

Amphiylutos  Greek
an Athenian prophet

Amphinomas  Greek
doughter of Pelias
Bewitched by Medea, she and her sister Evadne killed and dismembered their father avenging the death of Jason's parents and young brother. She was banished by her brother, Acastus, who succeeded to the throne of Iolcus.

Amphinomos  Greek
one of the unwanted suitors
of Penelope
He treated the 'beggar' (Odysseus in disguise) rather more courteously than the others but he nevertheless died when Odysseus slewed all of them except Phemus.

Amphion1  Greek
king of Thebes
son of Lyceus or Zeus by Antiope, wife of Lyceus
son of Auge, Cepheus
and Lycurgus
He and his brother were abandoned as babies but they were found and reared by herdsmen. He was a famed musician and, with Zethus, he built the walls of Thebes, moving the stones by the music of his lyre, given to him by Hermes.

He and Zethus avenged the ill-treatment of their mother Antiope by her husband Lycus who had put her aside in favour of Dirce. They tied Dirce to the tail of a bull and she was dragged to her death. They also killed Lycus, and Amphion took over the throne.

He was the father of seven sons and seven daughters (or twelve children, in some accounts) all of whom were destroyed by Apollo and Artemis when Niobe boasted that she was greater than Leto. Niobe was turned to stone and he committed suicide or, in some accounts, was killed by Apollo.

In a different version, Amphion was the son of Iasus and king of Orchomenus. One of his daughters, Chloris, escaped when the gods killed Niobe's children and lived to marry Neleus, king of Pylus.

Amphion2  Greek
the Theban version of Polydeuces

Amphius  British
a poem by Tennyson

Amphimaders  Greek
a monster, a two-headed snake or a bird/snake with a second head on the end of its tail

Amphissus  Greek
son of Apollo by Dryope
Apollo fathered this child on Dryope by appearing in the form of a tortoise.

Amphilochos  Greek
wife of Adrastus
mother of Aegiali, Aegialius, Argia
Cyanippus abd Deiphyla

Amphimachus  Greek
wife of Autolycus

Amphimachus  Greek
wife of Lycus or Zeus by Antiope
son of Lyceus or Zeus by Antiope

Amphimass  Greek
a festival to celebrate the birth of a child, held 5 days after the birth

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Jealous of her husband's interest in the lovely Scylla, she changed her into an ugly monster by putting herbs into the water where she bathed. She is depicted as crowned with seaweed in a pearl-shell chariot drawn by sea-horses and dolphins.

Amphitruo (see Amphitryon)
Amphitryon Greek
[Amphitriton.Amphitruo]
king of Tyris
son of Alcaeus and Astydamia,
Hippomene or Lysidice
husband of ALCMENE
father of Iphicles
He inadvertently killed his father-in-law Electryon when a club he had thrown rebounded off the horn of a cow and struck him. He fled to Thebes where he was purified by Creon for whom he undertook to rid the kingdom of the Cadmeian Vixen. He used the marvellous dog Laelaps, owned by Cephalus, but both dog and vixen were turned into stone by Zeus.

He led an army to the land of the Taphians to exact revenge for the killing of Electryon's sons, Comoetho, daughter of the king, Pterelaus, cut off the single golden hair on her father's head so that he became vulnerable and died. Amphitryon rejected her love and killed her, giving the kingdom to Pterelaus, daughter of the king, killing of Electryon's sons.

Amphitruo amulet

Ampycides Greek
a name for Mopsus as son of Ampyx
Ampyx (see Ampyx)

Ampyx
[a supporter of Agenor]

Amphoterus Greek
son of Alcaeus and Astydamia,
Hippomene or Lysidice
husband of ALCMENE
father of Iphicles
He was killed in a battle between the Thebans and the Minyans.

Amphitryonides (see Heracles)
Amphius Greek
a Trojan
son of Merops
brother of ADRASTUS
He was warned by his father not to fight at Troy but he ignored the warning and was killed by Diomedes.

Amphoterus Greek
son of Alcaeus and Callirhoe
brother of Arcan

He and his brother Arcan were said to have grown to manhood in one day so that they could avenge the death of their father who had been killed by Phegeus and his sons.

Amphryssian Prophetess
(see Sibyl of Cumae)
Amulion, Walter d’

European

Amulius

Roman

a demi-god

a king of Alba Longa

son of Proca

brother of Numitor

He deposed his brother Numitor, and forced his sister Rhea Silvia to become a vestal virgin so that she should not have children who might threaten his position. She nevertheless bore Romulus and Remus to Ares, and Amulius killed her and abandoned the twins in the Tiber. They survived and when they grew up they killed Amulius.

Amurru-Ramman

(see Marduk)

Amustant

British

a chaplain to Guinevere

Amutiel

a moon demon

Amy

a demon in hell

Amyus

(see Amyles)

Amylion

(see Amyles)

Amymone

(see Amyles)

Amynone

(see Amylus)

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This being can appear as a beautiful woman and is said to be a teacher of astrology.

Amyris

Greek

a Sybarite

Amyris was one of the Danaids, the fifty daughters of Danaus shipped by their father to Greece to escape the murderous intentions of his brother Aegyptus.

In some accounts she was one of three daughters who did not kill their husbands on their wedding night. The others were Berhyce and Hypermenestra.

She was sent to find water and was attacked by a satyr. Poseidon chased the satyr off and lay with Amymone himself, after which he was happy to provide a water supply, which he did by striking the ground with his trident, so producing three streams.

Amyntor

Greek

son of Ormenus

husband of Cleobule

father of Astydama (or Deidama) and Phoenix

His father took a mistress and when Phoenix slept with her in an attempt to break the liaison his father cursed him to make him childless.

In another version the concubine falsely accused Phoenix of sleeping with her, and his father blinded him.

He was killed by Heracles when he denied Heracles the right to pass through his kingdom or for refusing to let him marry his daughter.

Amys

(see Amis)

Amytans

British

a sage mentioned in Lancelot of the Lake

Amythaon

Greek

son of Cretheus and Tyro

husband of Idomene

father of Bias and Melampus

In some accounts his wife was the nymph Melanippa.

Amythaonius

Greek

a name for Melampus as the son of Amythaon

An

Egyptian

a name for Osiris as a sun-god

A

Mesopotamian

[An=]Babylonian Anu

Sumerian creator-god, god of heaven, father of gods

son of Nammu

husband of Ki

father of Ea, Enlil, Gatundug and Ninhursaga

father of Enki by Nammu

He was the son of Ansar and Kisar, or of Abzu and Tamat, while others say he was generated by Nammu.

He was killed and flayed by Marduk and is usually depicted as a bull.

An

Norse

one of the dwarfs

An

Chinese

An Chi’i

tutelary spirit

His function is to guide mortals to the paradise, P’eng-lai.

In some accounts he imparts knowledge of the transmutation of base metals into gold.

an-nar

Arabian

[‘fire’]

a name for hell

An Scal

Irish

a name of Lugh as ‘the phantom’

An Teng

Chinese

a princess

mother of Shen Nung

Ana

Irish

[Anan.Anna.Anu] a benevolent aspect of Dana
Ana' Ćan

a goddess of war
an aspect of Morrigan or Nain
She was one of a trinity of names (Ana, Badb and Macha) known as the Fate Trinity and regarded as an aspect of Morrigan.

Ana' Mesopotamian
[Anu]
a Babylonian spirit of heaven

Ana' Siberian
[Ha'na]
a mother-goddess
sister of Qaitakalni

Ana-hid (see Ala.An)
Ana-hita (see Anahita)
anachitis
a stone said to have the power to conjure up water spirits
anachithidus
a stone said to have the power to conjure up demons and ghosts

Anacletra (see Agelasta)
Anadyomene (see Aphrodite)
Anael a demon of the hours of the day
inght of astral light
Anael (see Aniel)
anagamin Buddhist
one who, progressing towards Nirvana, is in his last life on earth

Anagke (see Ananke)
Anago West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Anagthia (see Angitia)
Anahit Armenian
[=Canaanite Anatis.Anat=Greek Aphrodite=Persian Anahita]
a fertility-goddess
daughter of Aramazd
wife of Vahagn (see also Arusyak.Astlik)

Anahita Persian

She purified the original primitive waters. Her female temple slaves acted as religious prostitutes. Her own lover was Apam Napat.

In some accounts, she was regarded as a war-goddess who drove a chariot drawn by four white horses.

She is depicted as a tall handsome woman in a cloak embroidered with gold thread and ornamented with otter skins. She is identified with the planet Venus.

Anahuac Central American
a sacred place of the Toltecs

Anait (see Anaitis')

Anaitis' Greek
[Anait.Anta] the Greek name for Anahita

In some accounts she is equated with Ma.

Anaitis' Mesopotamian
[Anait.Great Mother=Armenian Anahit=Greek Aphrodite=Persian Anahita] a Canaanite fertility-goddess

In some accounts she is equated with Antath.

Anaitis' Persian
one of the yazatas assisting women at childbirth

Anak' Hebrew
a giant
son of Arba
He was the only giant to survive the flood and is regarded as the progenitor of the Anakim.

Anak a demon
He and Og are described as rulers of prisons.

Anakes Greek
a name for the twins Castor and Polydeuces (see also Ax)

Anakhai Mongolian
a spirit of the dead, said to haunt its former home

Anakim Hebrew
[Anaqim.Rephaim] a race of giants descended from Anak

Anala Hindu
a god of fire
one of India's 8 attendant gods

In some accounts Anala is female, daughter of Surabhi and progenitress of the palm and date trees, etc.

Analectts (see Lun Yü) anamqaqiu North American evil spirits of the Algonquian under-world

Anamelech' Mesopotamian
[Anamelech] an Assyrian demon said to appear as a quail

In some accounts Anamelech is a moon-god.
(see also A熏amelech.Anframelech)

Anamelech' (see Anu)

Anammelech (see Anamelech)
Anan' Japanese

the Japanese version of Ananda

Anan' South American an evil spirit of the Guarani

Anan' (see Ana' Dana.Sire)

Ananatesa (see Shiva)

Ananda' Buddhist
[=bliss].Nan=Japanese Anan] half brother or cousin of the Buddha

He was torn between the pleasures of this world and the life of the spirit, but when the Buddha showed him the beauty of heaven and the torments of hell, he gave up his young wife and devoted his life to contemplation. In some versions he is due to appear in a later age just as the Buddha.

Ananda' Buddhist
[=bliss].Harit] a guardian goddess of children

She was originally a goddess of smallpox who seized and devoured children, but when the Buddha hid her own son, Pingala, she realised the error of her ways and was converted.

Ananda' Hindu
[Ananga. 'bodiless'] a name of Kama
Kama was charred to a cinder by the fierceness of Shiva’s third eye for shooting one of his arrows at the god, and was thereafter referred to as Ananda.

Ananda' Hindu
bliss, a quality of Brahman

Anand a demon

Ananga (see Ananda'.Kama.Rukmini)

Anangopa Tibetan
a Lamaist sorcerer

Ananizapta [Anayasuta] a magical phrase used to repel demons

Anarke Greek
[Anagke=Roman Necessitas] a goddess of destiny
mother of the Moirae, some say (see also Themis)

Anansesem African
[=South American Anansi-toro] spider stories that Anansi bought from the sky-gods

Anansi African

father of Ntikuma
He was originally a creator-god but was changed into a spider when a king kicked him for killing his huge ram, which had eaten Anansi’s crops. Others say that he was defeated in a shape-changing contest by the chameleon and came down to earth on a rope. He now appears both as a spider and a man.

He begged a single cob of corn from God, promising to provide him with 100 slaves. By pretending the cob had been stolen, he tricked a chief into giving him a basketful of cobs to keep him quiet. He swapped the cobs for a hen, the hen for some sheep and the sheep for a corpse. Pretending that this was a son of God who had been killed by the sons of a chief, he persuaded the chief to give him 100 young men whom he presented to God as slaves.

To prove that he was as clever as God himself, he captured the sun, the moon and darkness in a bag. When he produced the sun from the bag some people were blinded.

On one occasion he got stuck to the Gum Girl, on another an antelope carried him to safety from a bush fire. To repay this kindness he wove a web around the antelope’s baby, so hiding it from the hunters.

When he asked the sky-gods to sell him some stories he was told that the price would be a fairy, a hornet, a leopard and a python. The gods were so impressed when Anansi produced all these items that they gave him all their stories, which they called Ananseem.

In one story he owned a pot that was always full of food, and when his children broke the pot he punished them with a whip. The inquisitive children examined the whip, which then started to beat them and would not stop.

On another occasion he boasted that he could ride a tiger but the king asked the tiger, who said that this was a lie and tried to get Anansi to retract in the king’s presence. By pretending to be ill the spider induced the tiger to carry him on his back and, of course, he needed a bridle, a saddle and a whip. When the king saw the spider riding the tiger, he welcomed him to the royal palace.

**Anansi Kokroko**

African

a name of Nyame as ‘wise spider’, a name of Omyankopon

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**Anansi-toro**

South American

[African Ananseem]

some African tribes call their version of the spider stories by this name

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**Ananta**

Hindu

[Adisesa,Adishechen,Charaka,Endless One.
 Sees(b)anaga, Vasuki. World Serpent.
 =Buddhist Muchalinda
 =serpent with 1,000 (or 7) heads
 =king of the Nagas
 =son of Kasyapa and Kadru, some say brother of Manasa

In some accounts Ananta is identified with Vasuki; in others they are separate and Vasuki is Ananta’s son.

He is the ruler of Patala and lives in a palace, Mani-Mandapa. The world is said to rest on his heads. The world is destroyed at the end of each kalpa by the fiery breath of Ananta. Vishnu sleeps on the coils of the serpent, floating on the primordial waters, in the intervals between cosmic cycles.

He or Vasuki was used as a rope, coiled round Mount Mandara and pulled by the gods and demons to cause the Churning of the Ocean. Either Ananta or Vasuki tried to poison the amrita that emerged at the Churning of the Ocean but Shiva sucked up all the snake’s venom and held it in his throat to save the lives of the other gods.

Some say that Balarama is an incarnation of Ananta, others that Ananta came out of his mouth just before Balarama died.

**Ananta**

[Hindu]

[‘infinite’]

an epithet applied to the major Hindu deities such as Devi and Vishnu

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**Ananta Nakhon**

Thai

a city, home of Sison

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**Ananta Thewi**

Thai

[=Sanskrit Ananda]

godess of a good luck consort of Phra Sao

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**Anantaboga**

East Indian

in Javanease lore, King of the Underworld Dragons

father and husband of Nagagini

father of Anantara and Nagaginiti

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**Anantamukhi**

Buddhist

one of the 12 dharanis – literature

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**Anantaraja**

East Indian

son of Anantaboga and Nagagini

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**Anantasayana**

[see Anantashayana]

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**Anantashayana**

Hindu

[Anantasayana]

a name for Vishnu as ‘he who sleeps on Ananta’

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**Ananteshas**

Hindu

an aspect of Shiva as ‘lord of knowledge’

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**Ananyachata**

(see Ananizapta)

anapel

Siberian

a ‘naming’ stone

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**Anapsit**

Mesopotamian

[Anata,Anatis,Anath,Anu,Anthath.
 Ashirateh-Ashthoreth,Ashtoroth-Astarat.
 Astarte,Atthar(Atthar),Attart-Hanatu.
 Queen of Heaven,Syria Dea.Yabamat
 Limmim-=Babylonian
 Ishatar-=Egyptian.Anthathri.Antiic
 =Phoenician Anteus,Anthyl-=Phrygian
 Cybele-=Sumerian Inanna]

deviled with the spider stories by this name

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**Aqhat**

Hindu

wife of Anu

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Mesopotamian

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a Canaanite goddess of the heavens, fertility, mountains, springs and war daughter of El and Asherah

sister and wife of Baal or Anu

wife of Reshef, in some accounts mother of Baal, in some accounts

She offered Aqhat immortality for his marvellous bow and when he rejected the offer she had him killed by Yatpan. As a result darkness ruled the earth, and plants and animals started to die. With the help of El, Anat rescued Aqhat from the underworld and restored the bow to its rightful owner, whereupon things returned to normal.

As Athirat, wife of El, she is said by some to have slain the demon Lotan.

When Baal died she went to the
underworld to plead for his release. Mot refused so she killed him and ground him under a millstone.

She is often depicted with a lance and a shield, and in some accounts is equated with Atargatis or Allat.

In Egypt she was regarded as the daughter of Ra. (see also Baalat)

Anata (Anat.Antu)

Anath Baetyl

Anata

North American

(Anatu)

Anaxo

Greek

daughter of Alcaeus and Hippomene, some say

sister of Amphirion

e niece of Electryon

mother of Alcmene

Her eight sons were killed by cattle raiders.

Anaye

North American

monsters of the Navaho

These beings, which took various forms, were said to be the offspring of women who indulged in unnatural practices. They were exterminated by Nayenzgani and Toidziv; the only four to survive were cold, hunger, old age and poverty.

Anayicoyondi

North American

[Anayicoyondi]

a bodiless female deity of the Pericue

wife of Niparaya

mother of Quayyap

Anbay

Arabian

god of justice

attendant on Amm

Anbessa

European

ea Saracen

governor of Spain

He invaded France and was killed in battle.

Ancaeus

Greek

[Ankaioi]

son of Lycuragus

father of Agepenor

He was one of the Argonauts and a member of the party hunting the Calydonian boar, which killed him. (see also Ancaeus)

Ancaeus

Greek

[Ankaioi]

son of Poseidon or Zeus by Astydamia

king of the Leleges

He was one of the Argonauts and took over as helmsman on the death of Typhus. Warned by a seer that he would not live to drink the product of his grapes, he was killed by a boar that was ravaging his vineyards.

Some say that he is the same as Ancaeus the son of Lycuragus.

In some accounts, his mother is referred to as Astypalaea.

Ancamna

Celtic

da water-goddess in Gaul

Ancestor Lo

(see Lo-tsu Ta-hsien)

Ancestor of Thunder

(see Lei Tsu)

ancestor worship

an ancient religion revering one’s ancestors

(1) In some temples in China ancestral tablets are erected and are regarded as sacred. Some say that the tablets house the spirits of their ancestors.

(2) In Japan, similar tablets, inscribed with names and dates, have offerings made to them at the Bon festival (Festival of the Dead). The tablet is known as an ihai.

anchanch (see anchanchu)

anchanchu

South American

[anchanch]

a demon of the Aymara people that is said to cause disease

Anchiale

Greek

a nymph

In some accounts she was the mother of the Dactyls whom she created from handfuls of soil. Others gave the credit to Rhea.

Anchialus

Greek

father of Mentes

Anchimallen

South American

in the lore of the Araucanian tribe, a moon-woman wife of the sun

Anchin

Japanese

a monk

He hid under a large bell in a temple to escape the advances of Kiyohime. When the bell fell over him, and trapped him, she became a fire-breathing monster, but in melting the bell with her breath she killed both the monk and herself.

Anchinoe

Greek

daughter of Nilus

wife of King Belus

mother of Cepheus, Phineus and the twins Aegeus and Danaus

Anchises

Greek

[Ankises]

a Trojan herdsman

son of Capys by Themiste

father of Aeneas by Aphrodite

Zeus caused Aphrodite to fall in love with Anchises; their son was Aeneas. His punishment for union with a goddess was, in some stories, lameness and in others, blindness caused by bee stings. In some stories he was killed by Aphrodite using a thunderbolt for disclosing his affair with a goddess, in others he survived and, after the fall of Troy, sailed for Italy with Aeneas but died during the voyage.

Other versions have him marrying Venus Erycina and being killed by lightning.

anchunga

South American

a spirit in Brazil

Many of these demons were destroyed by Ware.

Ancient-Bodied

(see Eagentci)

Ancient of the South Pole

(see Shou Shen)
Ancient Old Man (see Knukamotch)

Ancient One
a title for God

Ancient Spider (see Areop-Enap)

Ancile [plur-ancilia] the shield of Mars

Andate 1
form of a bear.

This deity sometimes appeared in the form of a bear.

Andarta
[=British Andrasta] a Gaulish fertility-goddess and war-goddess.

This deity sometimes appeared in the form of a bear.

Andate 2 (see Andrasta)

Andhaka Hindu
a demon with 1,000 arms and heads
son of Kasyapa and Diti

He was killed by Shiva when he tried to take the tree of paradise from heaven.

Andhakamisra Hindu
one of the 7 realms of the hell, Naraka

Andhrimnir Norse
a cook preparing the meals for the slain in Valhalla

Andjeti (see Andjety)

Andjety Egyptian

[Andjeti, Anjety] an underworld-god

His responsibility was for the rebirth of souls in the afterlife.

Andoid Irish
one of the 4 who survived the biblical flood outside the Ark

Andraemon 1
Greek
son of Ocylus, some say husband of Dryope
father of Haemon

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Greek
king of Calydon husband of Gorgo father of Thoas

Andramelech Mesopotamian
an Assyrian sun demon

(see also Adrammelech, Anamelech)

Andras
a demon, a marquis of hell
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is depicted as a bird-headed angel with wings, riding a black wolf and holding a sword.

Andrasta British
[Adraste, Andate, Andraste = Gaulish Andarta]
a war-goddess

Andraste (see Andrasta)

Andre British
son of King Mark

He attacked Tristan during the assembly for the trial of Isolde for adultery, but was unhorsed and broke his arm.

Andreaphus
a demon, a marquis of hell
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is depicted as a peacock and has the power to teach mathematics and to change humans into birds.

Andre British

[Andret] a knight at King Mark's court

He spied on Tristan and Isolde and caught them in bed together. Tristan was captured and imprisoned but he escaped after seizing Andre's sword and killing him and ten other knights.

Other stories say that Andre killed Tristan and was himself killed by Bellengerus.

Andret (see Andre)

Andreas Greek
a king of Orchomenus
son of Peneus husband of Euphe father of Eteocles

Andri European

son of Pepin I by Aliste brother of Remfre

His mother had been substituted for Pepin's intended bride, Bertha, and produced two sons before the deception was exposed.

Andriamahilala African
the first woman in Madagascar

She later became the moon.

Andriamanitra African
da goddess in Madagascar wife of Zanahary

In some accounts Andriamanitra is another name for Zanahary.

Andriambahomanana African
the first man in Madagascar

He later became a banana plant.

Andrias Serbian
son of Youkashin and Yevrossima brother of Marko

Andrive British
daughter of Cador wife of Kay

Her uncle Ayglin tried to force her into an unsuitable marriage when her father died but she made her own choice and married Kay. Ayglin usurped her father's throne but his subjects rebelled and Andrive regained her inheritance.

Androcles Roman
[Androclus] a runaway slave

He removed the thorn from a lion's foot. When he was recaptured and thrown into a cage of lions, he found that the one he had befriended protected him from the others and he was given his freedom.

Androclus British
[Androclus]
son of Lud brother of Tenuantuis

He treacherously helped the Romans against his uncle, Cassivellaunus, and returned with them to Rome.
Andromacus² Greek
[Androgos]
- a king of Paros
- son of Minos and Pasiphae
- father of Alcaeus and Sthenelus
On a visit to Athens he was killed when sent on an expedition to kill the Marathonian bull, or by the young Athenians who were jealous of his abilities. His father invaded Athens and exacted a tribute of seven youths and seven maidens to be sent every year (or every six or nine years) to be fed to the Minotaur.

Andromacus² Greek
[Androgos]
- a leader of the Greeks who was killed at Troy

Androcles\(^{(1)}\) Greek
descendants of the goddess Eris
(see also Amphilocei)

Andromache¹ Greek
[Andromakhe]
- daughter of Eetion
- wife of Hector
- mother of Astyanax by Hector
- mother of Molussus, Pielus and Pergamus by Pyrrhus
At the fall of Troy she was captured by the Greeks and given as a prize to Pyrrhus, the son of Achilles, who abandoned her after fathering three sons on her.

Andromache² Greek
[Andromakhe]
- a demon
- one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

Andromauce² French
- a play by Euripides

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Andromalus Greek
-a demon
-one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

Andromedes Greek
-a fisherman

He caught Britomartis in his nets when she threw herself from the cliffs to escape Minos, and he took her to Aegina.

Andronicus Greek
- mother of Evander and Thestius by Ares, in some accounts

Androphonos Greek
-Aphrodite as 'mankiller'

Androsphinx Greek
-a sphinx in which the human part is male

Anduruna Mesopotamian
- heaven, the playground of the gods

In Babylonian lore, Anduruna was the underworld

Andvarenaut Norse
- king of the dwarfs
- He was a dwarf who lived in a gem- studded palace underground and owned, in addition to a fabulous hoard of treasure, a magic ring, a magic belt that could increase his strength and a wonderful sword.

In different countries he had different names. As Alberich he was said to own the red cap, Tarnkappe, which allowed him to appear in daylight without being turned to stone.

As Elbegast, he gave Dietrich von Bern the marvelous sword Nagelring.

Loki had killed Otter, son of Hreimdr, and demanded that Andvari should hand over his treasures to satisfy Hreimdr's craving for gold and to secure the release of Odin and Hoenir, who had been imprisoned with Loki for the murder. Andvari handed over the gold and the Helmet of Invisibility, but when Loki also snatched his magic ring, Andvarinaut, he put a curse on the treasure.

In some accounts he is equated with Oberon. Some describe him as a fish or fish shaped. (see also Alberich)

Andvari Force Norse
(see Andvari Foss)

Andvari Foss Norse
[Andvari Force]
-a waterfall

In those versions which have Andvari as a fish, this is the place where he lived, in the form of a pike.

Andvari Foss² Norse
[Andvari Foss²]
-the magic ring owned by Andvari and stolen by Loki

In some versions this magic ring was Draupnir, Odin's ring, in others it was the ring given by Sigurd to Brunhild.

(see also Draupnir².Ring of Power)

Andzti Egyptian
-a god of the Nile delta
He was depicted as a man bearing a crook and a whip.

Aneirin²	Welsh
-a hound in Welsh stories

Ysbaddaden required Callwch to get this dog, one of a pair with Aethlem, which could be controlled only by Cyledyr, in the hunt for Twrch Twyth. The dog followed the boar when it was driven into the sea off Cornwall by King Arthur's men.

Aneka-Warna Pacific Islands
-a garden of the gods
anemone
-the flower of Adonis

Anera mac Conglinne Irish
[Conor]
-a young scholar

He was badly treated by Abbot Mainchin, and would have been executed for an alleged insult to the Church but was spared when he recited a poem that traced the abbot's descent from Adam.

He was entertained by Piochan, a noble threatened with impoverishment by the gluttony of the king, Cathal. At Cathal's castle, Anera chained the king to the wall and tempted the Hunger-Beast, which was the cause of the king's insatiable appetite, with tasty morsels until, finally, it left the king's stomach and was banished.

In some accounts, Anera is referred to as Conor.

Anet Egyptian
-a sacred fish

This fish, one of a pair with Abtu, swam in front of Ra's barge to warn him of possible danger.

Aneirin Welsh
[Anneirin]
-a 13th c Welsh poet, author of The Book of Aneirin, which contains the poem Y Gododdin

Aneirin² British
-a bard

He was on the boat that conveyed King Arthur to Avalon. He was killed with a hatchet, by Heidyn.

Aneirin² (see Aneirin)
### Angerbode

- **Celtic**
- a tribal god and sun-god in Britain and Gaul

#### Anfere

- **British**
- the realm of Laudame

#### Anfortas

- **German**
- the name for Amfortas used in *Parzival*

#### Angada

- **Hindu**
- son of Lakshmana and Urmita
- brother of Chandraketu

#### Angaja

- (see Angida)
- angakok (see angakoq)
- angakoq

- [angakoq][plur=angakut]
- a medicine man: a shaman

- (see also ilisitsaq)

#### Angakut

- **European**
- ominousness of a meeting

- Some say that an encounter with a man on a horse will bring good fortune, one with an old woman or a priest will be unlucky.

#### Angantyr

- **Norse**
- [Jarl Angantyr]
- a friend of Thorsten and Belé
- He accompanied them on many sea raids and was given the Orkneys as his kingdom, paying a yearly tribute to Belé.

#### Angantyr

- **Norse**
- a man with whom Ottar disputed the ownership of some land
- The dispute was settled by a contest to see who could recite the longest list of ancestors. Ottar, with the help of Freya and the sorceress Hyndla, won the contest.

#### Angantyr

- **Norse**
- Father of Hervor
- The dwarfs made the sword Tyrfing, which could fight of its own accord, and gave it to Angantyr. When he died the sword was buried with him but his daughter Hervor used magic to force him to rise from the grave and hand over the sword to her.

- (see also Heithrek)

#### Angarad

- **British**
- [Anghar(h)ad]
- a lady of King Arthur’s court
- Peredur fell in love with her and, when she scorned him, vowed never to speak again until she came to love him. When he returned, a seasoned warrior, she relented and declared she loved him.

#### Angarua

- **Pacific Islands**
- wife of Mokoio in the lore of the Mangaia Islanders

#### Angbodi

- (see Angerbode)

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- **German**
- wife of Mokoiro in the lore of the Faeroe Islands

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#### Angels of the Twelve Signs

- **European**
- the angels said to rule the 4 basic elements

These are listed as Gabriel (water), Michael (fire), Raphael (air) and Uriel (earth). Other versions have Ariel (earth), Cherub (air), Seraph (fire) and Tharsis (water).

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- wife of Mokoiro in the lore of the Faeroe Islands

### Angerboda

- **German**
- an ugly giantess
- mother of Fenris, Hel and lormungandhr
- mother of Gerða by Gymir
She was said to have been the second wife of Loki, whom she married in secret.

In one story she took the form of a maiden by the name of Liod and became a maidservant of Frigga.

In some accounts she is the same as Gollweig. (see also Gna.Hyrokkin)

**Angerona** Roman
[Divia Angerona]
an Etruscan goddess
She was the guardian of the secret name of the city and is depicted wearing a gog or with her finger to her lips.

**Angeronalia** Roman
[Divala]
the festival in honour of Angerona, 21 December

**Anggun Nan Tungga** East Indian
[Sijolang]
a Sumatran voyager hero
husband of Dandomi
He sailed to heaven where he learned the arts of magic and then returned to earth where he married Dandomi, leaving her after she had borne a son after only three days gestation.

On his later voyages he had many affairs and his beloved, Gondoriah, upset by the tales, told by a parrot, of Nan Tungga's many mistresses, disappeared. Her coat became a monkey but she was never found and Nan Tungga drowned himself in the sea, becoming a dolphin.

**Anghar** (see Annwnf)
**Angharad** (see Angarad)
**Angharhad** (see Angarad)
**Anghiera** (see Martyr)
**Anghlonnach** (see Ailill Anghbuha)
**Angida** Buddhist
[Angja=Chinese Yin-chich-co] one of the Eighteen Lohan Angida is regarded as an incarnation of Maitreya. He is depicted as an old man with a book and a staff.

**Angilbert** European
an adviser to Charlemagne

**Angiras** Hindu
[Lord of the Sacrifice.Prajapati] a priest and astronomer one of the 7 Rishis son of Agni father of Agni, Bharaspati and Utathaya i

**Angirases** Hindu
fire-gods the Luminous Race descendants of Agni

**Angis** (see Anglis)
**Angitia** Roman
[Angitia] a goddess of healing

In some accounts there are several such deities, the Angitiæ. Others identify her with Fauna.

**Angildis** British
wife of Baldwin mother of Aisander

**Anglis** British
[Angis] one of Lancelot's squires

**Anglitora** British
daughter of Prester John wife of Tom a'Lincoln mother of the Black Knight
She eloped with Tom but left him when she found out that he was a bastard. When he followed her, she killed him and was herself killed by her son, the Black Knight, in revenge.

**Anglonnach** (see Ailill Anghbuha)
**Angoi** East Indian
a god in Borneo
He was killed by another god who cut the body into pieces, from which sprang the various species of animals.

**Angoulafre** (see Angoulaffre)
**Angoulaffre** European
[Angoulafre.Orgueilleux] a giant

He abducted Angela whose lover Alexis went to Hoon for help. Hoon killed the giant and rescued Angela.

**Anpetu** North American
a sun-god of the Dakotas

**Angra Mainiu** (see Angra Mainyu)
**Angra Mainya** Persian

**Angra Mainyu** (see also Ahriman)
**Angrboda** (see Angerbode)
**Angrobotha** (see Angerbode)
**Angru Mainyu** (see Agra Mainyu)
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**Angrubodi** (see Angerbode)
**Angrupede** a name for Abraxas as 'snake-footed'

**Anguisel** (see Anguish.Augusel)
**Anguish** Irish
He sent his huge brother-in-law Morholt to demand tribute from Mark, king of Cornwall, but the giant was wounded (or killed) by Tristram.

In the story of Tristram and Ysouad he is known as Argius and Tristram saved the king's life when he was attacked by an ogre.

In another account he was one of the leaders fighting against Arthur at the Battle of Bedgrayne.

**Anguiselh** (see Anguish)
**Angur-boda** (see Angerbode)
**Angurboch** (see Angerbode)
**Angurbode** (see Angerbode)

**Angurvdal** Norse
the weapon of Frithiof
This weapon, forged by the dwarfs, had a blade marked with runes; in battle it became flaming red. It was given to Viking by his father.

**Angus Bolg** Irish
[Aeng(h)us.Aong(h)us.Oeng(h)us] a chief of the Desi tribe an ancestor of the Firbolg
He killed Cellach, who had abducted a Desi girl, and knocked out the eye of Cellach's father, Cormac mac Airt.

**Angus mac Airt** Irish
[Aeng(h)us.Aong(h)us.Oeng(h)us] one of Finn mac Cool's men carried off by Gilla Dacar

**Angus mac Aedh** Irish
[Aeng(h)us.Aong(h)us.Oeng(h)us] son of Aedh Ahrat brother of Fand and Li Ban

**Angus mac Lamh** Irish
[Aeng(h)us.Aong(h)us.Oeng(h)us] an Ulster warrior
Cet had cut off the hand of Angus' father and Angus challenged him to a fight to avenge the injury.

**Angus mac Nadfraioch** Irish
[Aeng(h)us.Aong(h)us.Oeng(h)us] a king of Munster
When he was despoied by Eoghan Mor, he enlisted the help of the high-king, Conn, but they were defeated in battle by Eoghan, forcing Conn to divide Ireland into two halves, the more southerly of which was ruled by Eoghan.

**Angus of Newgrange** (see Angus Og)

**Angus Og** Irish
He was born when the Dagda seduced Boann (or in some accounts, Ethne)
having sent her husband Elcmar (or Nuada) away for nine months. He was raised by Midir and when he reached manhood he lived in the palace of Brugh after displacing his nominal father, Elcmar, or, some say, the Dagda as king of the Danaans. He carried off Etain, wife of Midir, and intervened to save Dermot and Grania when they were pursued by Finn.

It was said that four swans always hovered round his head. He owned a huge horse, which he loaned to Eochaid mac Maireadha when he eloped with Eibhlithi, and a dun cow given to him by Manannan.

He helped Dermot in battle by making each enemy soldier appear in the likeness of Dermot, so that they were all killed by their fellow soldiers. When Dermot was killed by the boar, Angus kept his body in his palace and by breathing life into the corpse, could talk to Dermot whenever he wanted.

Another story says that he pined for the love of a girl until his parents discovered that she was Caer Ibormeith, daughter of the king of Connaught, who lived as a swan on a lake with 150 other swans. He was able to identify her and she went to live with him in his palace. In some versions, Angus changed himself into a swan.

**Angus Tuirmheach**  
*Irish*  
father of Fiachu Fear Mara  
father of Sedna  

It is said that he got drunk and slept with his own daughter, fathering Fiach. He dressed the baby in kingly clothes and cast him adrift in a small boat.  

**Anguta**  
*Inuit*  
creator of earth, sea and sky

When Sedna fell or was thrown into the sea and clung to the side of his boat, he chopped off her fingers so that she sank to the bottom. He also had some fingers missing and had but one eye.

**Anguysiance**  
*(see Anguish)*  
**Angwisance**  
*(see Anguish)*  
**Angwish**  
*(see Anguish)*

*a demon in Brazil, said to steal children*

Originally this being was no more than an imp who played tricks on humans.

**Anher**  
*(see Anhur)*

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**Anhouri** *(see Anhur)*

On(o)uris-Greek Ares-Roman Mars  
sun-god and war-god at Abydos  
son of Hathor  
consort of Mekhit  
He sought out and killed the enemies of Ra. He rescued Sakhet when she was carried off by a gazelle; she became his consort, as Mekhit.  
He became identified with Shu and is depicted as bearded and bearing a rope or a lance or a sceptre.

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*Greek*  
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It is said that when his grave was being dug, Loch Einnell was formed.

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**Anirani** *(Persian)*

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Anishinabeg  

North American  
a primordial race of beings, ancestors of the human race

Anit  

Egyptian  
a goddess sometimes equated with Hathor

Anita  

Mesopotamian  
a cup bearer to Lida

Anith  

Pacific Islands  
gods and spirits of the Philippines

It is believed that anito are the souls of the dead and hence worthy of worship and sacrifice.

Anitsutsa  

North American  
[=Huron Huiti Watsi Ya]  
star spirits of the Cherokee

Anius  

Greek  
a priest at Delos  
son of Apollo and Rhoeo  
husband of Dorippa

His three daughters (the Oenotropoe, Elais, Oeno and Spermo) had been given by Dionysus the power to produce corn, oil and wine at will, and so he was easily able to provide food for the Greek fleet assembled at Aulis for the assault on Troy, and later during the siege of that city.

In some accounts his wife was Dryope.

Anjana1  

Chinese  
[Anisakya]  
a king of Koti  
father of Maya

Anjana2  

Hindu  
one of the apsaras  
consort of Yavu

She was said to appear in the form of a monkey and produce a son, the monkey god Hanuman, as the result either of eating a cake dropped by a kite or from being raped by Yavu as Pavana.

Anjana3  

Hindu  
Varuna as one of the Dikpalas or his elephant

Anjea  

Australian  
a fertility spirit of the Aborigines

She is said to place babies made of mud in the wombs of women. When the baby is born, the placenta is buried and marked with a little mound of twigs. This enables Anjea to find the placenta, from which she can make another baby. (see also cho-i)

Anjety  

Egyptian  
an early god

He is depicted as a human head on a pole. (see also Anjety)

Anjina  

(see vata')

Anjing ajak  

East Indian  
in Javanese lore, a werewolf

Anjinmar  

Pacific Islands  
[Nonich-Hawaiian Menehune;  
>Melanesian Masi-Ponape Tsoke]  
the 'little people' of the Marshall Islands

Anka  

(see anqa)

Ankaios  

(see Anceaus)

Ankalaman  

Hindu  
a guardian-goddess of the Tamil an aspect of Kali

Ankas  

Hindu  
a god, one of the weapons of Durga

Ankeu  

(see Ankou)

Ankh  

(ankh)  
symbol of life worn by the gods and royal personages

This was one of the three symbols (tet and was were the others) carried by Ptah. (see also sahen)

Ankh-Neteru  

Egyptian  
aserpent in the underworld
Ra's boat is drawn through the serpent's body by twelve gods every night. (see also Apop)

Ankhises  

(see Anchises)

Ankhoes  

Egyptian  
the Greek name for Horus

Ankou  

French  
[Ankeu]  
the god of death in Brittany
In some accounts, Ankou is the driver of the death cart. He appears either as a skeleton or as a ghostly figure with long white hair, and is the last person to die in that year. The arrival of the cart indicates a death in the house at which it stops.

Anky-Kele  

Siberian  
a sea-god of the Chukchee people

Anlawd  

(see Anlawdd)

Anlawdd  

Welsh  
[Anlawdd(Anlawd)]  
a Welsh prince  
husband of Gwen  
father of Igraine  
father of Goleuddydd and Yshadadden, some say
In some accounts he is said to be the father of Custennin and Yshadadden.

Anluan  

Irish  
[Hanlon]  
a Connaught warrior  
brother of Cet  
son of Maga
He fought on the side of Maev in the Cattle Raid of Cooley. Conall killed him and threw his severed head at Cet during a challenge at Mac Da Tho's feast.

Anna1  

British  
[Ann.Ermine]  
daughter of Uther and Igraine  
sister of Arthur  
wife of Lot or Budiclus  
mother of Denw by Lot  
mother of Hoel by Budiclus some say
Some accounts say that she was born to Arthur's parents some time after the birth of Arthur. In some accounts she is referred to as Ermine.

Anna2  

Celtic  
[=Gaulish Anoniredi=Irish Ana]  
a mother-goddess

Anna3  

Greek  
 [=Roman Anna Perenna]  
a goddess

Some versions make her the sister of Belus, in others she is identified with Io, Minerva or Themis.

Anna4  

Greek  
[Anna Perenna]  
daughter of Mutto  
sister of Dido
She fled to Libya with Dido after Sychaeus was killed by Pygmalion, helping establish the city of Carthage.

In some accounts it was she, not Dido, who killed herself at the loss of Aeneas; others say that after Dido's death she went to Malta and thence to Italy, meeting Aeneas who was now king. Her dead sister warned Anna of the jealousy of Lavinia, wife of Aeneas, and she drowned herself. In some accounts she appeared as the nymph, Anna Perenna.

Anna Kuari  

Indian  
a goddess of vegetation

Anna Larentia  

Roman  
an obscure deity

Anna-Nin  

(see Nana3)

Anna of the Angles  

(see Yngona)

Anna Perenna  

Roman  
[Mother Perna=Greek Anna]  
an ancient protective goddess  
patroness of the year
She saved the plebeians from starvation in their struggle with the patricians.

She is said to have acted as go-between when Mars wished to marry Minerva and told the god that Minerva was willing. When Mars raised his bride's veil, he found that his new wife was in fact the ancient Anna. (see also Anna4)
Anna-Purna  Hindu
[Annapurna,Annapurna] a food-goddess
an aspect of Kali or Parvati
When Shiva complained of hunger, the sage Narada told him to blame his wife Parvati; he then told her to blame her husband. Parvati begged for food and was able to feed Shiva, who in gratitude became unified with her as a single entity, depicted in art as Ardhanari.

Anantes Cambriacae Welsh series of Welsh tales
These tales, written in the 10th c., relate, among other things, the stories of King Arthur’s battles at Badon and Camlan.

Annales Toldeanos Spanish stories that include some references to Arthurian lore, including the Battle of Camlann, dated 541

Annalia tu-Bari African princess of Ghana wife of Samba

Annancey (see Anansi)

Annals of Tigernmas Irish stories which include some references to Arthurian lore, including the Battle of Camlann which is dated to the year 541

Annapurna (see Anna-Purna)

Annamarty Hindu an aspect of Vishnu as ‘god of the kitchen’

Annar Norse [Ann. Onair] second husband of Nott father of Jord

Anne (see Anna.Morgause)

Anneberg German a spirit of the mines in the form of a horse

Annedotus Greek a Chaldean man-fish

Anncency West Indian [Nansi.Ti Malice] the name given to Anansi in the West Indies

In many tales he tricks the character known as (Uncle) Bouki.

Annis (see Black Annis)

Annona (see Anona)

Annonowre British a sorceress

She once trapped King Arthur, and when he rejected her advances would have killed him but for a timely intervention by Lancelot, who killed the witch.

A similar story is told of Camille.

Annona  Meopotamian 50 Sumerian great gods fathered by Enki on his mother Nammu

Anununaki Meopotamian [Anunaki. Ennuki.] earth-gods created by Marduk

These beings are regarded as spirits, appearing in the form of stars below the horizon. In some accounts they are equated with, or confused with, the Igigi who appear above the horizon.


In Welsh lore this realm is described variously as a group of islands or a revolving castle set in the sea, or as being anywhere on, over or under the sea, but is always a land of pleasure where neither disease nor death are known.

Other stories locate Annwnf in Wales, adjoining the kingdom ruled by Pwyll, or in Scotland or somewhere in the far North. (see also Dyfed)

Annwn (see Annwnf)

Annwyfn Welsh (see Annwnf)

Anoniredi Celtic [-British Anna.-Irish Ana] a mother-goddess

Anona Roman [Anona] the goddess of crops

Anos Meopotamian son of Assoros and Kissare an alternative version of Anu

Anosia Greek Aphrodite as ‘the unholy one’

Anotche (see Anochi)

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Anoukis (see Anukis)

Anpao North American a dawn-goddess of the Dakotas

Anpu Egyptian the Greek name for Anubis

In some accounts the same as Anpu, brother of Bata.

Anpu2 Egyptian brother of Bata

When Anpu’s wife accused Bata, the younger brother who lived with them and did most of the work, of rape, Anpu would have killed him but the gods intervened and Bata escaped. In later years Bata became king and when he died, Anpu took the throne. (see also Bata)

Anqa Arabian [Anqa-Persian Simurgh] a huge fabulous bird

Anquet (see Anuket)

Anra Mainyu (see Angra Mainya)

Ansa (see Anisa)


corset of Manikesara father of Antu, Anu and Ea

In some accounts he is equated with Anu and Ea.

Anseis European a duke fighting for Charlemagne

He was one of the first to be killed when the second army of Saracens descended on Roland’s force at Roncesvalles.

Anselm, Count European head of the house of Maganza father of Pinabel

Anshar (see Ansar)

Anshumat Hindu grandson of Sagara

His 60,000 uncles had all been killed
by the sage Kapila when they accused him of stealing Sagara’s horse. Anshumat recovered the horse and returned it to his grandfather.

**Ansirus**  
British  
father of Alice la Beale Pellerin

**Antisif**  
one of the 17 demons said to have taken possession of nuns

**Answerer, The**  
(see Freagarthach)

**Ant-lion**  
a beast like a lion with the rear part like a huge ant  
This beast, it was said, could eat neither flesh nor plants.

**Anta**  
(see Anaitis, Anat)

**Anta kusuma**  
Pacific Islands  
a magic jewel owned by the rice-goddess Dewi Sri

**Antaboga**  
Pacific Islands  
a primaeval cosmic serpent

He meditated to produce Bedawang, the turtle which supports the earth.

**Antaea**  
(see Anteia)

**Antaeus**  
(see Anteia)

**Antaeus**  
(a giant, king of Libya)  
son of Poseidon and Gaea  
brother of Busiris

He ate lions and had the ability to draw fresh strength from contact with the earth. In some stories he was the protector of a race of pygmies. In this role, he challenged Heracles to a wrestling match when he passed through their country on his way to perform his eleventh labour. Heracles lifted him clear of the ground and crushed him.

**Antaeus**  
a war-goddess

She is sometimes equated with Anat.

**Antaio**  
(see Antaeus)

**Antaka**  
Hindu

a demon of death

**Antang**  
East Indian

in the lore of the Dayaks, the falcon owned by Mahatala

**Antar**  
Arab  
[Antara, Antari]

a warrior poet  
son of Shaddad and Zabiba

He had an impenetrable skin. At the age of fifteen he killed a lion with his bare hands. He rode a horse called Abijer and carried a magic sword, Djamy. He fell in love with Abla and performed many feats of arms, conquering most of Africa, to become worthy of her.

In one story he passed through the trunk of a large tree and found himself in a fabulous palace in the sky; in another he discovered the land of the Amazons.

Some say that he married a princess and had a son, Jufran.

**Antara**  
(see Antar)

**Antari**  
(see Antar)

**Antariksha**  
Hindu

(‘sky’)

one of the 8 Vasus

**Antea**  
(see Anteia)

**Anteia**  
Greek

[Ant(a)ea, Antia, Sthenoea, Sthenoeia]

dughter of lobates  
wife of Proetus  
mother of Galatias, Iphinoe  
and Megapenthes

She fell in love with Bellerophon when he came to her husband’s court to be purified of the murder of Deliades or Bellerus. She accused him of violating her when he rejected her advances

**Antenor**  
European

the second zone of the ninth circle of Dante’s hell, reserved for those who betrayed their country

**Antenor**  
European

a king of Spain  
He was helped by Vivien, brother of the magician Maugis, in his quest for the hand of Oriande.

**Antenor**  
Greek  
a Trojan priest  
husband of Theano  
father of Adamas, Agenor, Archelochus and Helicaon

He was regarded as the wisest of the Trojans and tried to avoid war with the Greeks by advising Priam that Helen should be returned to her husband. Later, after quarrelling with Deiphobus, he conspired with the Greeks to bring about the fall of Troy. He survived the battle and sailed off with his wife to settle in Africa or Gaul or, some say, to found Padua or Venice.

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**Antero Vipunen**  
Baltic

A Finnish giant who lived below ground  
This giant was said to have trees growing from his head, shoulders, chin and teeth.

Vainamoinen consulted the giant when he forgot the magic words he needed to complete the building of his ship. The giant swallowed him but Vainamoinen forged an anvil and hammer and beat so fiercely on the giant’s heart that he released him and told him the magic words.

**Anteros**  
Greek

the god of passion, avenger of slighted love  
son of Ares or Hephaestus and Aphrodite, some say  
brother and attendant of Eros

**Anthat**  
Mesopotamian

[Anhurush, Anat]

the name of Anat in Egypt where she was regarded as the daughter of Ra

**Antheas**  
Greek

son of Eumeus

He was killed when he tried to drive the chariot of his father’s friend, Niptolemus, which was drawn by flying serpents.

**Anthedon**  
Greek

father of Glaucus by Alcyone, some say

**Anthemoessa**  
Greek

the island home of the Sirens

**Anthesteria**  
(see Anthesterion)

**Anthesterion**  
Greek

[Agriaonia, Anthesteria]

a 3-day spring festival in honour of Dionysus: the month of February to March

The first day of the festival was the opening of casks (Pithoigia); the second was the feast of beakers (Chutroi); and the last was the feast of pots, the festival of the dead (Chuto).
Antigone hanged herself.

alive or sealed in a cave, where she refused to change his mind and Haemon, boy and ordered that he be killed. He was about to marry Sterope, her daughter, and Antigone hanged herself.

Antigone Greek daughter of Laomedon

She was so beautiful that the ever-jalous Hera turned Antigone’s hair into snakes. She was later turned into a stork.

Antigone Greek

a play by Sophocles

The story of the aftermath of the defeat of the Seven Against Thebes, one of the Three Theban Plays.

Antikleia (see Anticleia)

Antikleia Greek

a blessed land

This realm was envisaged as an island paradise situated to the west of Atlantis.

Antileon Greek

one of the men inside the Wooden Horse at Troy

Some say that he was killed by Odysseus to prevent him from crying out and so betraying their presence inside the horse.

Antiloctus Greek

son of Nestor

He was killed by Memnon at the siege of Troy while trying to protect his father.

Antimachus Greek

a Trojan sage

father of Deiphontes

He was opposed to the suggestion that Helen should be handed back to the Greeks and even went so far as to propose that the Greek envoys, Menelaus and Odysseus, be killed.

Antinous Greek

a handsome slave

He became a favourite of the emperor Hadrian. When Antinous drowned Hadrian declared him a god.

Antiochus Greek

son of Heracles by the daughter of King Phylas

Antion Greek

father of Ixion, some say

Antiope Greek

queen of the Amazons

In some stories she is identified as Melanippe, in others as Hippolyta or as Hippolyta’s sister.

As Hippolyta’s sister, she was the wife of Theseus who captured her when he joined the expedition to seize the love-girdle in Heracles’ ninth labour. When Theseus married Phaidra, her people invaded in an attempt to recover Antiope but she was killed in battle by Theseus.

Antiope Greek

[Nyteis]

a princess of Thebes

daughter of Nycteus

wife of Lyceus

mother of Amphiion and Zethus

by Zeus

Antiope left the Infants Amphiion and Zethus on a mountain where they were found and reared by shepherds. Her husband Lyceus, then king of Thebes, put Antiope in prison and took Dirce in her place. When she was later reunited with her two sons, they, with a group of friends, killed both Lyceus and Dirce, tying the latter to a bull by which she was dragged to her death.

Dionysus made her mad as punishment but she was cured by Phocus who married her.

Another story says she was a widow, mother of Labdacus, and was abducted by Epopeus. Nycteus pursued them and was killed but Lyceus, brother of Nycteus, killed Epopeus and rescued Antiope who gave birth to the twins Amphiion and Zethus, who were abandoned. Lyceus and his wife Dirce ill-treated Antiope and when they grew to manhood, both were killed by Amphiion and Zethus.
Antiphates

Greek

king of the Lestyrones at the time
Odysseus landed in their country

Antipi

a stone said to have the power to defend the owner from witches

Antiphus

Greek

son of Priam and Hecuba
He was once captured by Achilles and sold back to Priam for a ransom. He and his half-brother Isus were killed by Agamemnon during the siege of Troy.

Antit

(see Anthat)

Antoine

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit adopted from a Catholic saint

Antoku Tenno

Japanese

a child emperor
He was killed in a sea battle between his own people, the Taïra, and the Minamoto clan. Niidono took him to the land of happiness under the sea.

Antony

British

an Irish bishop
In some accounts he acted as Merlin’s secretary.

Antor

British

in some accounts, the foster-father of King Arthur (see also Ector³)

Antu

Mesopotamian

[Anata,Anatu(m):Antum,Anunitum:
=sumerian Ki]
a Babylonian goddess
daughter of Ansar and Kisar
consort of Anu
mother of Ishtar

Antum

(see Anu)

antyeshti

Hindu

the ceremonies at death designed to ensure that the soul acquires a new body

Antynome

Greek

one of the 50 daughters of Danaus
In some accounts she was one of the three daughters who did not kill their husbands on their wedding night. The others were Berhyce and Hypermnestra.

Anu

Hindu

son of Yayati and Sarmishtha
brother of Puru and Turvaso
half-brother of Yadu

Anu³

Mesopotamian

[Anamelec,Anos,Anum,Anus:
=sumerian An]
the supreme Hurrian god
son of Ansar and Kisar
consort of Antu or Anat
father of Kumbari
He usurped the throne of Alalu but was emasculated by his son Kumbari who took over his father’s throne.

In some accounts he is equated with Ea and regarded as a manifestation of Anasar.

Anu³ (see Ana³, Eirc)

Anunaua

Pacific Islands

the rainbow that was made from the canoes of Oro

Anubis

Egyptian

[Anpu,Imiut,Imy-ut,Inpu,Khenti-imentiu.
Khenty-seh-netjer.Neb-ta-djeser.Tepy-
Hermes]
the dog-headed or jackal-headed god of embalming and the dead son of Osiris, Ra or Set by Isis or Nephtys.
He weighed the hearts of the dead in the Hall of Judgement.

Nephtys had no children by Seth so she seduced Osiris into fathering Anubis. To keep the child safe from Seth she hid him in the reeds where he was found and reared by Isis.

He is depicted as a black dog or a jackal lying down or as a jackal-headed human. (see also Wapwawet)

Anuelap

(see Anualap)

Anuket

Egyptian

[Anq(u)et,An(o)ukis,Anuk(i)t,Anuqet.
Khenti-seh-netjer.Neb-ta-djeser.Tepy-
Hermes]
a dark-skinned goddess of birth and the first cataract
daughter of Ra
second wife of Khnum

In some versions Anuket is Isis as the goddess of fertile waters while others distinguish between Anquet (Isis) and Anuket the African goddess.

Anukis

Greek

[Anousis]
the Greek name for Anuket

Anukit

(see Anuket)

Anuket

(see Anuket)

Anualap

Pacific Islands

[Anualap.Enualap,Onualap,
=cowichian Queenah,Anualap.
A sky-god in the Gilbert Islands
father or brother of Ligoupup
brother of Inemes

This being is described as a giant who needed a servant to lift his eyelids or lips when he wished to see or eat.

In some accounts he is the father of Lugeilan and Olofat.

Anum

(see Anu³)

Anuman

Hindu

a moon-goddess

Anunaki

(see Annunaki)

Anunit

(see Anunitum)

Anunitu

(see Anunitum)

Anunitum

Mesopotamian

[Anunit(u)]

- a Babylonian war-goddess
- a name for Ishtar as the morning star (see also Anu³)

Anunna

a collective name for a group of local Sumerian gods

Anunnak

Mesopotamian

minor Akkadian gods

Anuquet

(see Anuket)

Anuradha

Hindu

[Ardra]
a goddess of fortune
daughter of Daksa
wife of Candra

Anuris

(see Anhur)

Anus

(see Anu²)

Anush

Armenian

mother of dragons
wife of Azdahak

Anushayina

Hindu

da deity later known as Sri

Anut

Pacific Islands

a creator-god of Bilibili

Anvar-ar-Sabali

Persian

the modern Persian version of the Panchatantra

Any-Any-Any-Ah

North American

[=Cowichian Queenah]
an evil deity of the Haida

anya-kut

Siberian

the father soul, one of the 3 parts of the soul (kut) in the lore of the Yakuts

Anyi-mawu-wo

African

earth-gods of the Hua people

Anyigba

African

earth-god of the Ewe people
one of the trowo

Anytus

Greek

a Titan

Anzyety

(see Anjety)

Anzius

German

an emperor of Constantinople
father of Hugdietrich
On his deathbed he gave his infant son into the care of Berchther.

Anzu

(see Zu)

Ao

Chinese

a sea dragon

Ao³

Pacific Islands

[=Ao Toto, ‘light’]
god of the clouds
offspring of Ilu and Mamo
This deity united with Po to produce Rangiona and Rangiuri and create the world.

Ao³ (see Ao³)

Ao Ch’in

Chinese

[=Kuang-li]
the Dragon King of the South
(=Four Dragon Kings)
Ao Jun  
[Chinese]
the Dragon King of the West
(see Four Dragon Kings)

Ao-Kahiwiha  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao-Kanapana  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao Kuang  
[Chinese]
[Kuang-she]
son of Ao Kuang
a sea dragon

Ao-Nui  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

ao-oni  
[Japanese]
demons of the underworld with green bodies

Ao-Pakakina  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao-Pakarea  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao Ping  
[Chinese]
son of Ao Kuang

Ao-Porango  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao-Pouri  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao Roa  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao Shun  
[Chinese]
the Dragon King of the North
(see Four Dragon Kings)

Ao-Takawe  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri

Ao-Toto  
[Pacific Islands]
a culture hero or god

Ao-tu-roa  
(see also Ao7)

Ao-au  
[Pacific Islands]
a Polynesian deity of light offspring of Ao-Marama

Ao-Whewharia  
[Pacific Islands]
a child of Tawhiri: the realm of darkness

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Aoibh  
[Japanese]
daughter of Ailill of Aran

Ao Jun Aoife1  
[Irish]
A child of Tawhiri

Aoede  
[Greek]
[Aoide, ‘song’]
a name for one of the Muses when there were said to be only 3 or 4 of them

Aoig  
[Irish]
a daughter of Finn mac Cool

Aoig mac Ollamhain (see Ao1)

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Aoibheall  
[Irish]
[Alibell, Aoibhull, Aoibhull]
a woman of the Otherworld

sister of Cliona, some say
She owned a magic harp and those who heard it died.

In some accounts both she and Cliona were in love with O Casimir.
He married Cliona, but when he discovered that she had turned Aoibheall, whom he loved, into a cat, he left her.

She was said to have appeared to Brian Boru before the Battle of Clontarf and told him that he would be killed.

Aoibhull (see Aoibheall)

Aoibe (see Aoide)

Aoife2  
[Irish]
daughter of Ailill of Aran

sister of Alva and Aoife
foster-daughter of Bodb Dearg
first wife of Lir
mother of Manannán

She had four children by Lir, the twins Aod and Fionula and the twins Conn and Fiachra. When she died in childbirth, Lir married his sister Aoife who turned the children into swans.

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Ao (see Aedh)

Aoan1  
[Irish]
a follower of St Feichin

When he was imprisoned by Diarmaid, the high-king, Feichin came to his rescue, killing his jailer and restoring him to life to persuade him to release Aodan.

Aoan2  
[Irish]
a warrior at the court of Ronan mac Colmain

He killed the king’s son, Mael Fothartaig, on the orders of his father, Ronan, who believed that Mael had raped the king’s second wife. He then killed Conghal, Mael’s friend, and his jester, Mac Glas.

Aoan3  
(see Maodhog)

Aodan mac Gabrain  
[Irish]
Aodan Aodan mac Gabrain
king of Dalriada
uncle of Gartnam
father of Arthur

His real father was Eochu but he was a twin exchanged at birth for a girl, twin daughter of Gabrain, the king of Scotland, and raised as his son. His real mother Feidhilm recognised him when, as a man, he attacked Leinster.

He was an enemy of Gartnam, dating from the time when they had vied for the throne of Scotland and Aodan had lost. He led an uprising in which Gartnam was killed, and Aedan found the barrel of gold that Gartnam had hidden on the seashore.

He and Fiacna fought the Saxons in Scotland and defeated them with the help of his friend Mongan or, some say, Manannán.

In some accounts his son Arthur was the same as King Arthur.

Aodh (see Aedh, Maodhog)

Aodhfhinn  
[Irish]
wife of Conall Dearg
mother of Erda

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father of Arthur

His real father was Eochu but he was a twin exchanged at birth for a girl, twin daughter of Gabrain, the king of Scotland, and raised as his son. His real mother Feidhilm recognised him when, as a man, he attacked Leinster.

He was an enemy of Gartnam, dating from the time when they had vied for the throne of Scotland and Aodan had lost. He led an uprising in which Gartnam was killed, and Aedan found the barrel of gold that Gartnam had hidden on the seashore.

He and Fiacna fought the Saxons in Scotland and defeated them with the help of his friend Mongan or, some say, Manannán.

In some accounts his son Arthur was the same as King Arthur.

Aodh (see Aedh, Maodhog)

Aodhfhinn  
[Irish]
wife of Conall Dearg
mother of Erda

Aodi  
[Irish]
son of Ao Kuang

a sea dragon

Aodi2  
[Irish]
uncle of Gartnam

Aodi3  
[Irish]
king of Dalriada
father of Arthur

She and Fiachna were in love with O Caoimh.

when, as a man, he attacked Leinster.

Aoede  
[Greek]
[aone, ‘song’]
a name for one of the Muses when there were said to be only 3 or 4 of them

Aoig  
[Irish]
a daughter of Finn mac Cool

Aoi mac Ollamhain (see Ao1)

Aoi mac Ollamhan (see Ao1)

Aoibheall  
[Irish]
[Alibell, Aoibhull, Aoibhull]
a woman of the Otherworld

sister of Cliona, some say
She owned a magic harp and those who heard it died.

In some accounts both she and Cliona were in love with O Casimir.
He married Cliona, but when he discovered that she had turned Aoibheall, whom he loved, into a cat, he left her.

She was said to have appeared to Brian Boru before the Battle of Clontarf and told him that he would be killed.

Aoibhull (see Aoibheall)

Aoibe (see Aoide)

Aoife2  
[Irish]
daughter of Ailill of Aran

sister of Alva and Aoife
foster-daughter of Bodb Dearg
second wife of Lir

She married Lir on the death of his first wife, her sister, Aodh, and turned her four step-children into swans condemned to spend three periods, each of 300 years on a lake, the passage between Ireland and Scotland and the Atlantic. Lir turned them back to human form but they had become old and wrinkled. For her wickedness, Aoife was turned into a demon by Bodb Dearg.

In some accounts she is the daughter of Bodb Dearg.

Aoife2  
[Irish]
lover of Librec

She was changed into a crane. When she was killed her skin was made into a money bag (The Crane Bag) for the Fianna.

Aoife3  
[Irish]
sister of Cliona and Etain

She eloped from the Otherworld with her two sisters and Gabhan, Eolus and Lodan. Manannan sent a huge wave after their boat, which drowned all the
occupants or, some say, swept the three girls back to the Otherworld.

Aoi' (see Aifa)

Aokeu  Pacific Islands

a Polynesian water deity
Together with Ake, Aokeu was responsible for the deluge. He caused the rain to fall while Ake caused the waters to rise. Rongo intervened to put a stop to their activities and the water subsided.

Aonach (see Eire)

Aonbarr (see Aonbarr)

Aonbharr  Irish

A horse of Manannan that could travel over the waves
This animal was later given to Lugh.

Aoncos  Irish

an island in the Otherworld
This was one of the places visited by Maeldun and was said to be supported on a column of silver.

Aondo  African

the creator god of Nigeria

Aonghus  (see Angus)

Aonian fount  (see Aganippe)

Aonna  Irish

a monk acting as confessor to Guaire

Aos  Mesopotamian

an alternative version of Ea

Aosnara  Persian

a sage

It is said that Aosnara imparted great wisdom while still in his mother's womb. He became an adviser to King Kay Kaus, who killed the sage when he became weary of his wisdom.

Aotea-ro  (see Hawaiki)

Ap  (see Apa)

ap thmop  Cambodian

a sorcerer
He is said to be able to cause illness by prickling a wax model in the spot where he wishes his victim to feel pain.

Ap-ut  (see Wepwawet)

Apa  Hindu

[Ap.Asap]' one of Indra's 8 attendant
gods (water)
one of the 5 forms of Parabrahma

Apa-hau  Pacific Islands

a Polynesian storm demon

Apabharanis  (see Bharani)

Apacita  (see Apachita)

Apacita2  South American

an Inca guardian spirit of travellers

Apachita2  South American

stone cairns that were revered by the Incas as the home of spirits

Apaharvarman  Hindu

a legendary hero
He was admired for robbing the rich to help the poor and for helping lovers who were separated.

Apakura  Pacific Islands

[Apekua]
a heroine of the Philippines
She sought out and killed Hateamotua, who had killed her son who had tried to win Hateamotua's daughter for a wife.

Apala  Hindu

a woman seduced by Indra

After the love making, Indra granted her three wishes: restoring her father's lost virility, making his fields productive and helping her skin disease. 'To cure the disease he pulled her three times through the hole in the centre of one of his chariot wheels. The three layers of skin that were stripped off became a hedgehog, a crocodile and a chameleon.

Apalala  Buddhist

a water monster that was converted by Buddha

Apam Napal  (see Apam Napat)

Apam Napat  Hindu

[Apam Napal]
god of fresh water: cloud personified

Apam Napat'  Persian

[Apam Napal]
god of fresh water

son of Vourukasha
lover of Anahita

Apas  Persia

a demon of drought
In the form of a black stallion, he fought the rain god Tistrya, who took the form of a white stallion.

Apar'  African

a creator-god of the Teso

Aparpi  (see Apep)

Apapi  (see Apep)

Aparpus  Egyptian

a giant demon of drought

Aparajita  Buddha

an aspect of Ratnasambhava

Aparajita'  Buddha

a goddess

She is depicted as yellow and standing on Ganesh.

Aparajita'  Hindu

an aspect of Rudra
one of the Khrodadevatas

Aparajita'  Hindu

a goddess, an aspect of Durga

Aparas  Mesopotamian

a Hittite god

Aparcias  (see Boreas)

Apas  (see Apa)

Apason  Mesopotamian

an alternative version of Abzu

consort of Tauth father of Lache, Lachos and Mymys

Apate  Greek

da deity: deceit personified

Apaturia  Greek

an Ionian festival, held in October/November, involving animal sacrifice

Apaturia  Greek

[Phraatria]
a name for Athena as patron-goddess of the Athenaias

Apauk-kyit-hok  Burmese

[Apuukyiit]
a man who was the cause of death

In the days when men were immortal, he had already lived nine lifetimes and had been rejuvenated. One day he hid himself and the others in the tribe who thought he was dead and conducted a funeral ceremony. When the sun-god discovered the old man's deception he was angry and thereby allowed men to die.

Apaukkiyt  (see Apauk-kyit-hok)

Apaya  Buddhist

the 4 lower worlds
These are given as the animal world, the demon world, the world of ghosts, and hell.

ape  this animal is featured in a number of mythologies

In Egypt the ape is an aspect of Thoth. European tradition has the ape in the role of Satan. Hindu symbolism regards the ape as a rain cloud. In the Philippines the ape is a trickster hero who always seems to escape punishment for his escapades.

Apedemak  Egyptian

a Sudanese war-god
He is depicted as having a lion's head on a human body.

Apekua  (see Apakura)

Apeliotes  (see Apheliones)

Apellai Dorian  Greek

an Ionian festival
Apepi, Aper (Aphaea), Greek, abducted by Theseus and Peirithous. He cared for Helen when she was abducted by Theseus and Peirithous. He married his half-sister Arene and later with Athena. At Aphaea, she was revered as Dictynna. Later she fled to Aegina where she was revered as the mother-goddess of Aegina. Originally the Cretan goddess who jumped into the sea to escape the attentions of Minos. Caught in the nets of local fishermen, she became known as Dictynna. Later she fled to Aegina where she was revered at Aphaea. She was sometimes identified with Artemis and later with Athena.

Aphrodisia, Greek festivals held in honour of Aphrodite. Aphrodisias, [Greek Aphrodite], a fertility-goddess. Aphrodite, [Greek Aphrodite] or Aphrodite, a goddess of beauty and love, one of the Olympians, patron of prostitutes. daughter of Uranus and Hemera, some say wife of Hephaestus. There are conflicting versions of her birth. In one, she was the daughter of Zeus and Dione; in another she was born from the foam where the phallus of Uranus was thrown into the sea by Cronus who had cut it off; other stories thought she developed inside a coxcomb or regard her as one of the Fates. It was she who gave the golden apples to Melianion enabling him to win the foot-race against Atalanta. She saved Butes from the sea when he was seduced by the song of the Sirens and jumped overboard from the Argo. She made him her lover. She seems to have had many other lovers and a number of children including: Aeneas by Anchises; Anteros by Ares, some say; Eros by Ares, Hermes or Zeus; Deimos, Harmonia and Phobus by Ares; Eros by Ares, some say; Hermaphroditus by Hermes; Herophilus and Rhodis by Poseidon; and Priapus by Dionysus, Hermes, Pan or Zeus. In one such affair she was caught in flagrante with Ares by Hephaestus, who trapped them both in a fine-meshed net of metal for all to see. She had an affair with Achilus and protected their son Aeneas during the battle of Troy. She also fell in love with Adonis and her tears when he was killed by a wild boar turned into anemones. At the wedding feast of Peleus and Thetis she was a contender, with Athena and Hera, for the golden apple tossed into the assembly by Eris. She won by bribing Paris, who was asked to be the judge, by promising him access to Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world. As a result she supported the Trojans against the Greeks during the Trojan War. In some versions she appears as an androgynous deity with a beard, a combination of Hermes and Aphrodite (hermaphrodite).

Aphrodite Pandemos, Greek goddess of peace and harmony. Aphroditus, [see Hermaphroditus], a version of Aphrodite as goddess of a bull-god: the sacred bull son of Isis, conceived by lightning or a sunbeam. At Memphis he was worshipped in the form of a bull, an animal that was said to become Osiris or Ptah on its death. The bull was sacrificed when it was twenty-five years old and a new bull was installed. It was required to have the proper markings: a white triangle on the forehead, the shape of an eagle on the back and a lump shaped like a scarab under the tongue.

In some accounts he is the same as Happy, god of the Nile. He is depicted as a black bull with wings, bearing the solar disc and the uraeus between the horns. (see also Epaphus, Serapis)

Apis, son of Phoroneus and Teledice. He was killed by Aetolus in a chariot race. Apis, a bee-god. Apisaon, son of Phausius. He was killed by Eurypylus during the siege of Troy. Apis, a morning star deity of the Blackfoot Indians, in some accounts son of Natos and Kokomekeis.

Aphelios, [Greek Aphelius] or Aphelieus, [see Aphelioes]. Aphelios, [Roman Solarus] the east wind (Eurus) or a wind from the north-east quarter. Aphidnus, [Greek Aphidnus] a friend of Theseus. He cared for Helen when he was abducted by Theseus and Peirithous.
Apo1

who tried to enter.

Chamber to test the purity of lovers

of Greece, he left behind the Arch of

wife. When he left to become emperor

He built a marvellous palace on Firm

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Guachimines. Instructed by Ataguchu,

restored her to life and killed the

South American

Apo-tampu

Central American

Apo-Inti

Persian

a Zoroastrian spirit of sweet waters

one of the Yazatas

Apo2

an Inca mountain-god

apo3

[=Aymara mallcu]

gods and spirits of the Quecha

Apo-Inti

Central American

an aspect of Inti as ‘lord sun’

Apo-Katawan

Pacific Islands

a god of a Negrito tribe in the Philippines

Apo-tampu

(see Pacari)

Apopanelotl

Central American

an Aztec water deity

Apopatequill

South American

an Inca chief-priest to the moon-god

a god of evil in some accounts

son of Guamanuri

twin brother of Piguaerao

His father had seduced the sister of the

Guachimines so they killed

Guamanuri, and after the birth of the

twins, their sister also. Apopatequill

restored her to life and killed the

Guachimines. Instructed by Ataguchu,

the brothers were able to escape from

the Cave of Refuge where they had

been sheltering.

In another version Apopatequill was

the father of twins who were hatched

from eggs and later became cultural

heroes of the tribe.

In some stories Apopatequill and his

brother dug up the earth to release the

progenitors of the Incas from their

subterranean home.

Apochquiahuayan (see Mictlan)

Apollidon

European

a magician

emperor of Greece

husband of Grimanesa

He built a marvellous palace on Firm

Island where he lived happily with his

wife. When he left to become emperor

of Greece, he left behind the Arch of

True Lovers and the Forbidden

Chamber to test the purity of lovers

who tried to enter.

Apollo2

a king of Lyonesse

son of Sador and Chelinde

husband of Gloriande

father of Canaces

Sador left Chelinde and her son,

Apollo, and returned many years later.

Apollo, not recognising his father,
killed him.

In some accounts his father is given

as Lucius and Apollo is said

inadvertently to have married his own

mother.

Apollo2

Greek

[Alaeus, Aiaios, Agiues, Avgiues.

Aleuromantes, Apollon, Apolloon.

Apotropaean, Archer God, Ateopamarus.

Carneios, Catharsius, Cynthis, Delian.

Delius, Delphinus, Eulalon, Hecatos, Helius.

Karr(es), Loxias, Lyce(a)eus, Lykaios.

Lyce(a)ius, Lycean, Musagetes. Nomius.

Paean, Pae(a)un. Paion, Pasturer, Phoebus

Apollo, Pytheus, Pythian, Pyth(ia)us.

Rat-killer, Sminthius, Smintheus.

Sminthius, Sol, Tortor, Tyrsus, British

Maponus, Etruscan. Aplu, Veiovis, Gaulish

Ateopamarus = Roman Apollon]

mouse-god and god of archery, beauty,
doors, embarkation, light, medicine,
music, poetry, prophecy, public places,
roads, shepherds, truth, wolves: one
of the Olympians

in the Roman pantheon, the god of

light, sun

son of Zeus by Leto

son of Hefeactus by Athena, some say

twin brother of Artemis

brother of Lychnis, some say

He was born on the island of Delos and reared by Themis. While still an

infant he killed the serpent Python at Delphi.

He fought with Idas for the hand of

Marpesia, who chose to marry Idas.

He loved the youth Hyacinthus.

Grieving at his death, caused by a
discus thrown by Apollo but

deliberately diverted by the West

Wind, made the hyacinth flower

spring up where the boy’s blood

stained the earth. He also loved

Cassandra and gave her the power of

prophecy, but when she rejected his

love, he decreed that her prophecies

should never be believed. In similar

fashion he granted the Sibyl of Cumae

the power of prophecy and as many

years as she held grains of sand, but

withheld the gift of youth when she

rejected his advances, so that she grew

old and shrivelled and asked to die.

Another lover, the young hunter

Cyzariscus, died of grief when he

accidentally killed the god’s pet stag.

He was changed by Apollo into a
cypress tree.

Apollo fell in love with the nymph

Daphne, who ran away at his

approach. Before he could overtake

her, her father, the river-god Peneus,
turned her into a laurel tree, which

became a tree sacred to Apollo.

He fell in love with Coronis and seduced

her. When his bird, the

raven, told him that she was having an

affair with Ischyis, he killed her but

rescued his unborn son, Asclepius.

He turned the raven, until then a

white bird, black.

In some stories he fathered

Asclepius on Arsinoe rather than

Coronis and in some the black bird

involved is the crow.

He had many other affairs and

fathered a number of children

including: Amphithemis on Pasiphae;

Anius on Rhoea; Aristaeus on Cyrene;

Asclepius on Coronis or, some say,

on Arsinoe; Cyenus on Hyrie; Hygeius on

Aethusa; Hyperenor on Aethusa;

Iamus on Evadne; Idmon on Cyrene;

Ion on Creusa; Linus on Psamathae or

Urania; Mileus on Areia or Pasiphae;

Mopous on Manto, some say; Orpheus

on Calliope, some say.

He changed one of his sons,

Cycnus, into a swan.

When Zeus slew Asclepius for

attempting to raise the dead

Hippolytus, Apollo avenged his

death by killing the Cyclopes Arges,

Brontes and Steropes. For this he was

punished by Zeus who condemned

him to serve as a slave. In some

versions he served King Laomedon,

helping Poseidon to build the walls

of Troy, in others King Admetus of

Thessaly. Some say he served the two

kings in separate punishments.

With the help of Artemis he killed

the giant Tityus who was attempting
to rape Leto. He and Artemis killed all

fourteen children of Niobe for a slight

to the goddess.

He engaged in a musical contest

with Pan and when Midas adjudged

the latter to have won, awarded him

the ears of an ass. In a similar contest

with the satyr Marsyas, Apollo won

and flayed the loser alive. His music

helped him when he and Poseidon

built the walls of Troy as he was able to

charm the stones into position merely

by playing his lyre.

He turned the Lemnian serpent to
stone. When Orion showed signs of having designs on Artemis, Apollo arranged with Mother Earth to have him harried by a huge scorpion, but set him and his lyre in the heavens when he died.

At the siege of Troy he helped the Trojans against the Greeks and guided the arrow that killed Achilles.

He is credited with the invention of the lute and the cithara and was given the lyre by Hermes.

His animal was the dolphin and his bird was the crow (or raven).

He is usually depicted with a bow and arrows and accompanied by lions.

His chariot was drawn by griffins.

**Apollo Agyieus**

Greek

a name for Apollo as a street-god: a stone column placed at the entrance of houses in Athens

**Apollo Agyieus apsaras**

Pacific Islands

[Iti-Iti]

She was a beautiful Philippine maiden who was carried up to the heavens by a vine that coiled itself round her, and there she married Aponitolau, the sun.

Her son was born when she scratched an itchy spot on her finger.

**Apollo Aponitolau**

Pacific Islands

[Ini-Init]

The sun

husband of Aponibolinayen

father of Kanag

**Apop**

(see Apep)

**apophatic**

description of deity by listing what is not

**Apol**

Greek

the Greek name for Apep

**apophrades**

Greek
days held to be unlucky

These included the days in Anthesteria when the dead were said to visit their old homes.

**Apostrophia**

Greek

a name of Aphrodite as ‘she who turns away’

**apophrades**

Greek

a magic ritual to divert evil

This ceremony varies from one culture to another. In Europe, for example, naked women pulling a plough by night are said to be able to ward off disease, whereas, in other cases, a single horseshoe over a door will suffice. In Japan the ritual involves the sacrifice of some animal, such as a pig, to save the crops. Many plants are said to be efficacious and are used in these rituals.

**Apop Tachi**

North American

[All-Covering Father Sky. Apoyan Tachi] sky-god of the Zuni: god of the North

father by Awitelin Tsta of the first man, Poshaiyankayo

He was formed from the splitting of the early hermaphrodite god, Awonawilona, into two separate sexes, Awitelin Tsta and Apoyan Tachi.

Some say that he was created by Awonawilona from sea foam.

**Apop Tachi**

(see Apoyan Tachi)

**Appar**

Baltic

Lapp forest spirits

These beings are said to be the souls of children who have been killed. They control the grass and the trees.

**appr**

a spirit appearance of a ghost: a supernatural vision

**Appia**

Greek

5 goddesses of peace

These deities, represented on horseback, were Concordia, Pallas, Peace, Venus and Vesta.

**Apple Island**

(see Avalon)

**Apple of Discord**

Greek

the golden apple tossed by Eris into the wedding feast of Peleus and Thetis

This apple, said to be inscribed ‘For the fairest’, caused argument between Aphrodite, Athena and Hera; Paris was appointed to adjudicate. His decision to award the prize to Aphrodite, who promised him Helen as a reward, led to the Trojan War.

The apple was one of the Apples of the Hesperides, stolen by Eris.

**Apples of Iduna**

Norse

[Apples of Youth]

the apples produced from the magic basket owned by Iduna

Iduna gave these apples to the gods to maintain their state of eternal youthfulness. Some of them were once stolen by Thiiass and recovered by Loki.

**Apples of Pyban**

Greek

fruit that sustained the pygmies by smell alone

**Apples of Samarkand**

Arabian

apples that, in The Arabian Nights, could cure any illness

**Apples of Stakhar**

mythical apples, sweet on one side, bitter on the other

**Apples of the Hesperides**

Greek

golden apples that grew on the tree given to Hera at her wedding

This tree was guarded by the Hesperides, the daughters of Atlas, and its apples were the object of the eleventh labour of Hercules.

The apples themselves were the colour of gold and tasted like honey. Used as missiles, they always struck whatever they were aimed at and returned to the thrower’s hand. They also had the power of healing.

**Apples of Youth**

(see Apples of Iduna)

**Appuleius**

(see Apuleius)

**Apratibuddha**

Buddhist

[abuddha]

the transcendental self

**Aprilists**

worshippers of the Bull

**Aprodita**

Roman

[=Greek Aphrodite]

the Italic goddess of love

**apsara**

(see apsaras)

**apsaras**

Hindu

[apsara:plur=apsarases:=Persian peri]

a goddess of fertility

a water spirit: a nymph of heaven

These nymphs are the dancers said to provide entertainment with the singers, the Gandharvas, in...
Svarga, Indra's heaven, or in Sukhavati.
Some say these beings, numbering many millions, were created at the Churning of the Ocean and appear as birds, clouds, butterflies, etc.

In some accounts they were capable of causing madness, and some say they lived in fig trees.

**apsaras**
local deities

**apsaras**
(see apsaras)
a female apsasu

**apsasu**
Local deities

[Apsasatu=Apsatu=Apsas=Ahosu]

Apsu-Rushtu
Mesopotamian

Apu-Ko-Hai
Mesopotamian

Jason waiting in ambush.
to come ashore where he was killed by
the other story she induced Apsyrtus
which stopped to collect the pieces. In
overboard to delay the following ships,
and threw pieces of his body
depending on who is telling the story.

**Apulunus**
Mesopotamian

a Hittite god of gates

**Apurimac**
South American

mountain spirits of Peru

When Roal killed all the people with
the heat of the sun, the Apus created
Collari and Inkari who became the
ancestors of a new population.

**Apu**
a monster
This beast was said to have no
hind legs.

**Aqhat**
Canaanite

son of King Daniel and Danatiya

Aquila

a bowman made by
Kostar, which Anat coveted. When
he refused her offer of immortality in
exchange for the bow, she had him
killed by Yatpan. His body was
eaten by Samal. As a result, darkness
descended on the earth, and plants and
animals began to die. With the help of
El, Anat rescued Aqhat from the
underworld and restored the bow to its
rightful owner, whereupon things
returned to normal.

In one story Aqhat's body was eaten
by vultures (including Samal). Daniel
prayed to Baal who broke the vultures'
wings so that they fell to the ground
where Daniel ripped open their
gizzards and rescued the pieces of his
son, which he then buried with
due ceremony.

**Aqht**
(see Aqhat)

Aqhab
Arabian

the Zodiacal sign Scorpio

Aqua
South American

a bird woman in the lore of the Incas
sister of Torito

Two brothers who escaped the flood
came back to their hut one day to find
food and drink already prepared. The
elder brother watched and discovered
that Aqua and Torito were responsible,
but were frightened when they saw
him and failed to return for some time.
When they did come back, the
younger brother trapped one of the
bird-women and she lived with him for
a long time, bearing a number of
children who became the ancestors of
the Canaris tribe.

**Aquacelle**
a blue gemstone

This stone is said by some to prevent
quarrels, improve intellect, cure a
number of ailments, help those
searching for hidden objects and
protect against poison.

**Aquarius**
[=Arab Dahu=Mesopotamian Gia]
the eleventh sign of the Zodiac,
the water-carrier

Aquaticus
(see David)

Aquil
[=Sargat]
a demon that can be called up
on Sundays

**Aquila**
(see Ch’ien Niu.Hikoboshi)

Aquilant
European

son of Oliver
brother of Griffon

**Aquiline**
[=Sargat]
the horse of Raymond, a Christian
knight

Raymond fought at the capture of
Jerusalem and killed the king, Aladine.

**Aquilo**
Roman

[=Aquilon.Sepertrio=Greek Borreas]
the north wind

**Aquilon**
(see Aquilo)

**Aquitain**
(see Melot)

**Aquitaine**
(see Melot)

**Aquosus**
Greek

a Latin name for Orion as ‘bringer
of rain’

**Aququim**
Phoenician

[=okhm]
fabulous horned beings, like Baal
himself, used by El in his fight
with Baal

**Ar-soghotch**
Siberian

the first man, in the lore of the Yakut
son of Ar-tojon and Kybair-Khotun

He is regarded as the progenitor of the
human race and lives in paradise nourished by the Zambu tree.

**Ar-tojon**  
Siberian  
a supreme god of the Yukut  
consort of Kybai-Khotun  
father of Ar-soghotch

**Ar Zori** *(see Palesmurt)*  
Arabian  
a Lydian weaver

**Ara**  
East Indian  
in the lore of the Iban of Borneo,  
a primaeval creator  
Ara and Irik flew, in the form of birds,  
over the primordial ocean. They drew  
two eggs from the waters and from  
them they made earth and sky. They  
then made men from soil and gave  
them life.

**Ara’**  
Greek  
a goddess of retribution and destruction  
This name was also used for the  
destructive sisters, the Furies.

**Ara’ mitama**  
Japanese  
a violent spirit

**Ara Tiatia** *(see Ara Tiotio)*  
**Ara Tiotio** *(Pacific Islands)*  
[Ara Tiatia=Australian Awhiowhio]  
a Polynesian god of whirlwinds  
*(see also Aratiaiata)*

**Arabic bird**  
Greek  
a Greek name for the phoenix

**Arabian Nights’ Entertainments** *(Arabian)*  
[The Thousand Nights and a Night]  
The story of Shahriyar who married a  
new wife every day and executed her  
next morning. Scheherazade saved her  
life by telling him fascinating stories,  
including the seven epic voyages of  
Sinbad, *Ali Baba And the Forty Thieves*,  
*Aladdin’s Lamp* and other stories, for  
a thousand and one nights, until he was  
over his madness.

**Arabu kami**  
Japanese  
an evil spirit

**Arachne** *(‘spider’)*  
Greek  
a Lydian weaver  
dughter of Idmon  
She challenged Athena at weaving.  
When her work turned out to be the  
equal of that of the goddess, Athena  
beat her severely, whereupon Arachne  
hanged herself. The remorseful  
Athena changed her into a spider so  
that she could continue spinning  
and weaving.  
In some versions she is described as  
the goddess of weaving.

**Arad-Ama-arhus** *(see Ama-arhus)*

**Arad Ea** *(Mesopotamian)*  
[Ardi-Ea=Greek Charon]  
a Babylonian ferryman who carried the  
dead across the River of Death or the  
River of Death, Khubur  
a descendant of Utnapishtim

He carried Gilgamesh or Izdubar to  
see Utnapishtim in the Island of  
the Blessed.

**Arada** *(West Indian)*  
a Haitian voodoo spirit

**Aradia** *(see Gospel of the Witches)*  
Arac  *(see Ara’)*

**Arahan** *(see arhat.Eighteen Lohan)*  
**Arahant** *(see arhat.Eighteen Lohan)*  
[Arahun]  
a Vedic goddess, devotion personified

**Ar affection** *(see Ar allu)*

**Aranzakh** *(Armenian)*  
[=Georgian Armaz:=Persian Ahura Mazda]  
a supreme god  
father of Anahit, Mihr and Nane

**Arana** *(see Erana)*

**Aranchul** *(Korean)*  
a minister in the service of Tan’gun

**Arannan** *(Irish)*  
son of Milesius

On the voyage from Spain to Ireland  
he fell, from the top of the ship’s mast,  
into the sea and drowned.

**Aranhod** *(Webb)*  
[Arian(h)od.Arionrod.Silver Circle]  
goddess of the dawn in Welsh lore  
moon-goddess  
footholder to King Math  
daughter of Beli and Don  
sister of Gilfaethwy and Gwydion  
mother of Nwyvre by Gwydion  
She applied for the job of footholder  
to King Math after Goewen’s  
departure, but when the king tested  
her for virginity with his magic wand,  
she produced a baby, Dylan, who  
immEDIATELY took to the sea. In some  
versions the birth was accompanied by  
a drop of blood, which Gwydion  
collected in a handkerchief. This  
developed into another child, Llew,  
who was raised by Gwydion but who  
could be cursed by Aranhod so that  
he could never marry a mortal woman.

Other versions say that Dylan and  
Llew were born together; others that  
there were three children, Dylan, Llew  
and Nwyvre; others that Llew was the  
son of Goewen by Gilfaethwy who had  
raped her in the king’s absence, when  
he was engaged in battle with Pryderi.  
The more general view is that the  
children were the sons of Gwydion.

In some accounts she is equated  
with Argante.

**Aranunna** *(Mesopotamian)*  
a name of Marduk as ‘counsellor’

**Aravanaz** *(Persian)*  
one of the wives of Azti Dahak

Thraetona fathered three sons, Eraj,  
Salm and Tur, with Aravanaz and  
Ahaharnaz.

**Aranyaka** *(Hindu)*  
sacred writings of the forest hermits

**Aranyani** *(Hindu)*  
a woodland-goddess

**Aranzakh** *(Persian)*  
a river-god, the Tigris personified  
He was one of the three gods spat out  
by Kumari or, in some accounts,  
produced from the earth. The other
two gods were Tasmisu and Teshub.

**Arapacana**

- **Buddhist**
- a bodhisattva
- a name for the 5 Buddhas as a group

**Arara**

- **Central American**
- the firebird or sunbird with whom the god Ah Kin, as Kinich Kakmo, was identified

**Ararciel**

- a guardian spirit of the waters

**Araru**

- (see Aralu)

**Aras**

- **Greek**
- father of Elatus

**arase**

- **African**
- a name for the unicorn in the Kadofan area of the Sudan

**Arathaso**

- **Burmese**
- malevolent tree spirits

**Arattia**

- **New Zealand**
- Maori land of spirits in the sky

**Aratyon**

- an astral spirit governing the planet Saturn
- one of the Olympic Spirits
- This being can turn base minerals such as coal into precious minerals. It teaches the arts of the alchemist.

**Aratis**

- **Hindu**
- a Vedic evil spirit

**Aravia**

- **British**
- [Aravius]
- the mountain in Wales where Retho lived, now called Snowdon

**Aravius**

- (see Aravia)

**Arawa**

- **African**
- a moon-goddess of East Africa
- daughter of Tororut and Seta

**Arbellus**

- **Welsh**
- [Arbeth.Narbe(orth)]
- the court of Pwyll, chief of Dyfed
- The site had an enchanted mound, Gorsedd Arberth, Wales, where those who sat might see marvels or be made to suffer wounds. Pwyll sat there where he saw Rhiannon and it was here that Manawydan tried to hang the mouse that turned out to be Llywd's wife.

**Arberth**

- (see Arberth)

**Arbuda**

- **Hindu**
- a Vedic serpent demon, keeper of rain
- He was overcome by Indra, releasing rain for the benefit of mankind.

**Arca Dubh**

- **Irish**
- [Black Aracn.Black Arky]
- a servant of Cumaill
- There are several versions of the death of Cumaill. In one he was killed in battle by Goll mac Morna. Others say he was killed by Arca Dubh using Cumaill's own sword while he was sleeping or with a spear when he was swimming.
- In some stories, Cumaill's son Finn mac Cool later slew Arcan Dubh, so avenging his father's death.

**Arcabone**

- **European**
- an enchantress
- sister of Archalus
- mother of Argantes, Furion and Matroco
- She and her kin held the old king Lusarate captive in their castle on the Forbidden Mountain. Esplandian, the king's grandson, came to the rescue and killed her brother and her three sons. Overcome with grief, she threw herself to her death from the castle walls.

**Arcadia**

- **Greek**
- [Arcady.Arkadia]
- a bright, happy land in the East, the land of Pan

**Arcadian**

- **Greek**
- a name for Artemis as a goddess of the hunt

**Arcadian Hind**

- (see Ceryneian Hind)

**Arcady**

- (see Arcadia)

**Arcalus**

- (see Archalus)

**Arecan**

- a demon king

**Arcas**

- **Greek**
- son of Callisto by Zeus
- husband of Erito
- In some accounts Arcas shot a bear that turned out to be his father. Hera changed Callisto and Arcas into bears and Zeus had them placed in the heavens as the Great Bear and the Little Bear.
- Another account says that his grandfather, Lycaon, killed Arcas and served his flesh to Zeus, who restored Arcas and turned Lycaon into a wolf. A similar story is told of Nyctimus, son of Lycaon.

**Arcasia**

- **British**
- intemperance personified in *The Faerie Queene*
- She was defeated by the knight Guyon.

**Arcelius**

- (see Arcias)

**Arch-demon**

- (see Ahriman)

**arch-magic**

- powerful magic such as that required to restore the dead to life

**Arch of the Queen**

- (see Utingo)

**Arch of True Lovers**

- **European**
- an arch on Firm Island
- This structure was erected by Apolloidian to test the purity of lovers who tried to pass through it. Many had tried and failed but some had been successful. When Amadis and his friends came to Firm Island, he and Agries passed through unharmed but both Galaro and Florestan refused to try.

**Archaes**

- (see Are)

**Aray**

- (see Augul)

**Arax**

- **Armenian**
- a war-god

**Arazu**

- **Mesopotamian**
- a Babylonian artisan god

**Arban**

- **European**
- a knight

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He was captured by the wife of the giant Famongomadan, who had been killed by Amadis, to avenge her husband's death.

**Arbha**

- (see Alva)

**Arbelleus**

- (see Arbellenus)

**Arbellenus**

- **British**
- [Abelleus]
- a treacherous knight
- When Torre arrived at Arbellenus' pavilion and seized the white bitch that he had been ordered by King Arthur to find, Arbellenus rode after him to get the animal back. They fought and Torre toppled Arbellenus. A damsel rode up and demanded his head because, she said, he had killed her brother. Arbellenus ran off but Torre overtook him and killed him, carrying his body and the white bitch back to Arthur's court.

**Arberth**

- (see Arberth)

**Arbusa**

- **Hindu**
- a demon

**Arcada**

- (see Arcadia)

**Archalus**

- (see Archalus)

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**Arawn1**

- European
- Mesopotamian
- a god of the underworld, Annwn
- He was hunting one day when Pwyll drove off his hounds and set his own pack on to the stag Arawn had been pursuing. To make recompense, Pwyll took Arawn's place as king of the Underworld for one year while Arawn ruled Dyfed for Pwyll.
- King Arthur raided his realm to seize Arawn's magic cauldron.
- (see also Gwyn. Spoils of Annwn)

**Arawn2**

- (see Augustel)

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**Arca**

- **Iranian**
- a name for the 5 Buddhas as a group

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**Archagathius**

- **Roman**
- [Vulcanarius]
- a legendary physician renowned for his cruel methods of surgery

**Archalus**

- (see Archalus)

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**Archaeus**

- **Greek**
- a spirit investing all living things

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**Archalous**

- European
- a demon king
brother of Arcabone
uncle of Argantes, Furion and Matroc
He was held in prison by Amadis but his wife, in disguise, extracted a promise of help from Amadis. When she claimed the release of her husband, Amadis was bound to keep his promise.

To obtain revenge, Archalus captured Lisuarte, father of Oriana the wife of Amadis, and imprisoned him in the castle on Forbidden Mountain. Esplandian, Lisuarte’s grandson, helped by Urganda, killed Archalus, together with his sister Arcabone and her three sons, and rescued his grandfather.

Archalous (see Archalus)

Archamp (see Battle of Archamp)

Archarya (see Drona)

Archbishop Turpin (see Turpin)

Arche [Greek]

one of the Muses in those accounts
that say that there were 4 Muses

Archelaus [Greek]

son of Temenus

brother of Creius, Hynetho and Periccas

His sister, Hynetho, married Deiphontes. When Temenus showed that he preferred his son-in-law to his own sons, they killed him.

Archelochus [Greek]

son of Antenor and Theano

brother of Acamas

He and his brother led the Dardanians fighting for Troy against the Greeks.

Archemorus [Greek]

[Arkhemorus]
a later name of Opheltes

Archensfield [British]

the site of Amhar’s death at the hand of his father, King Arthur, and of his burial mound, Lcat Anir

Archer (see Sagittarius)

archer god
[bowsyer god]
a god armed with bow and arrows, such as the Greek Eros or the Roman Cupid (see also Apollo)

Archeus (see Archeus)

Archier [British]

the name taken by Gurgurant when he became a Christian

archimage

a chief magician

Archimago [British]

the chief magician in The Faerie Queene

Architeles [Greek]

father of Eunomus

Archophoros [Greek]

a dog of Orion

Arcile [British]

a companion of Morgan le Fay (see also Alcina)

Arcippe [Greek]
daughter of Minyas

With her sisters Alcithoë and Leucippe she tore to pieces Leucippe’s son, Hipppasus, and put him in a fit of madness induced by Dionysus, who was upset when they refused to join his revels.

Hermes changed all three sisters into birds.

Arcius [Greek]

[Arcciusi.Acrisius]
father of Laertes in some accounts

Some say his mother was a bear.

Arcismati [Buddhist]

one of 12 deified spiritual spheres

Arcite [Greek]
a knight of Thebes

cousin of Palamon

He and Palamon, both captives of Theseus, fell in love with his daughter (or sister), Emily. She was promised as a prize in a tournament, which Arcite won. On his way to claim his prize, he was thrown from his horse and killed. Emily later married Palamon.

Arcitogenus [Mesopotamian]
a Babylonian version of the centaur, with 2 heads

Arcitus [Greek]

[Arktonos]
a 6th c BC poet

He wrote the Aethiopis, the story of the events following the Trojan War, and The Sack of Troy.

Arcophonus [Greek]
a dog of Orion

Arcur [Baltic]
in Finnish lore, a celestial archer

It is said that the world will come to an end when he shoots down the star Bcahje-naste.

Arcus (see Hermes)

Ard-Greimne [Irish]

[‘high power’]

lord of Lethra

father of Princess Aifa and Skatha

Ard-mheac-Leiin [Irish]
in some accounts, the Otherworld

Ard Ri (see Ard Righ)

Ard Righ [Irish]

[Ard Ri,Ardi]

the title of the high-king of Ireland

Arda Viraz [Persian]
a man who visited the underworld

It is said that he drank poison so that he could go to the underworld to see what happened to the just and the sinners. He spent seven days and nights in a coma induced by the haoma draught and then recovered and was able to relate what he had seen.

Ardabadisht [see Asha Vahishta]

Ardad [Persian]
a demon who misdirects travellers

Ardan [British]
a uncle of King Arthur

father of Helis

Ardan [Irish]
one of the 12 champions of the Red Branch

son of Elva and Usna

brother of Ainlé and Naisi

He was killed by Eoghan mac Durthacht, at the behest of Conor, when he and Ainlé arrived back at Macha after escorting Deidre and Naisi back from Scotland under safe conduct.

Ardanari (see Ardhanari)

Ardanata [British]
wife of Degrabel

Ardashir [Persian]
a hero

son of Babak

Ardet Lile [see Lilith1]

Ardet Lili [see Lilith2]

Ardod [Widb]

[‘the dark one’]
a Welsh name for Satan

Arddu, Black Stone of [see Black Stone of Arddu]

Ardent Emperor (see Shen Nung)

Ardericus [see Arderik]

Ardkir [European]
[Ardericus]
a courtier at Charlemagne’s court

He became jealous of Amilies and Amis when they found favour at the court and denounced Amilies as the lover of the king’s daughter, Belisent, requiring Amilies to meet him in single combat to prove his innocence. Amis took his friend’s place and killed Arderik but was afflicted with leprosy as punishment for the deception.

Arderyd [Widb]
[Arderish]
the Welsh name for Arthuret

Ardesial

a moon demon

Ardhanari [Hindu]
[Arddana. ‘half-woman’]
a god of eunuchs

the combination, in a statue, of Shiva and his consort, Parvati or Durga
**Arddan-Ishvara**

This combination of deities is depicted with the right side as male, the left side as female and sometimes with three heads. (see also Anna-Purna, Ardhanari-Ishvara)

**Ardhanari-Ishvara** *Hindu* the deity Shiva, merged with Devi when Brahma needed females at creation (see also Ardhanari)

**Ardanash** *Persian* [Greek 'Tyche'] a goddess of good fortune

**Ardra** *Greek* a creator-god of the Bambuti

**Aredvi** *Persian* a mythical river, one of the 4 flowing from the lake on the holy mountain, Mount Alburz

**Aredvi Sura Anahita** *Persian* a lake on Mount Alburz

This lake, full of milk and overrun by the haoma tree, is the source of four rivers, which flow to the cardinal points of the earth. (see also Urvis)

**Aricia** *Greek* [Aria] mother of Miletus by Apollo

**Aricia** *Greek* [Aria] an armed goddess: a name of Aphrodite or Athena as a war goddess

**Arematianios** *see Arimanatos*

**Arene** *Greek* half-sister and wife of Apharesus mother of Idas and Lyceus

**Arensnp** *Egyptian* [Ari-hes-nefer] a minor Sudanese god, attendant on Isis

**Areoi** *Pacific Islands* a religious order in the Society Islands

It is claimed that this organisation was established by Oro-Tetefa and his brother Uru-Tetefa, two gods who came down from heaven. Others say that they are descended from Rongo or Tangaloa.

Initiates are tattooed on entry and the patterns of their tattoos become more complex as they advance in the order. Their main function is in the celebration of festivals.

**Areop** *see Arion*

**Areop-Enap** *Pacific Islands* a primaeval spider

**Areopat-Enap** *Pacific Islands* a creator deity in Nauru Island

**Arete** *Greek* a young spider

He was born from a boil on the body of the tortoise Dabage and is said to have brought the gift of fire to mankind.

**Areopagus** *Greek* the site in Athens of the tribunal before which Ares was tried for killing Haliarhthiubus

**Ares** *British* father of Do

**Ares** *Greek* [Enyalius.Kandaon=Egyptian Anhur: =Etruscan Maris=Roman Gravidus.Mars] god of war, one of the Olympians son of Zeus and Hera son of Enyo, some say brother of Eris, Hebe and Hephæastus He was the father of Alcippe by Aglaus, the Amazons, Cynus, Oenomaus, Tereus, and of Deinus, Phobus and Harmonia by Aphrodite, Dionedaes by Cyrene and also, in some accounts, of the god Eros.

He was caught in bed with Aphrodite by her husband Hephaestus who trapped them both in a fine metal net.

When his daughter Alcippe was raped and abducted by Halirrhothius, he pursued them and killed the abductor. He was tried for murder and acquitted.

The young giants, Ephialtes and Otus, once imprisoned him in a bronze jar where he stayed for over a year until released by Hermes.

In the Trojan War he was on the side of the Trojans but was wounded by Diomedes. On another occasion he was wounded in a fight with Heracles. In the form of a boar, he killed Adonis. His animal was the dog, his bird the vulture and his symbol a spear.

**AresMahrem** *Ethiopian* the name for Ares in Ethiopia


**Arethusa** *Greek* the goatherd who found the abandoned baby Asclepius

**Areta** *see Arete*

**Aret** *Greek* [Areta] daughter of Rhexanor wife of Alcinous mother of Nausicaa

She and her husband made Odysses welcome when he was cast ashore in their kingdom during his wanderings.

In some accounts, she is the same as Arete, guide of Heracles.

**Arete** *Greek* goddess of virtue She guided Heracles in all his exploits. (see also Arete')

**Arethusa** *Greek* (see Arethusa)

**Arethusa** *Greek* a goddess of springs one of the Nereids She was a huntress. When she was bathing in a river after a chase, the river-god Alpheus tried to seduce her and pursued her when she ran off. To save her, Artemis turned her into a spring, which runs under the sea from...
Greece to Sicily. Alpheus found her after a long search and they were united, their waters flowing together to form one stream.

In one version of the story of Demeter and Core, it was this nymph whose voice, in the burbling of the stream, told Demeter where her lost daughter could be found. She had seen Core in the underworld as she passed through en route to Sicily. An alternative story is told about the nymph Cyane.

**Argantes**

- **Greek**
- one of the Hesperides

**Argalia**

- **European**
- son of Galafron
- brother of Angelica

He and his sister attended the great tournament arranged by Charlemagne, where, using his magic lance, he was able to defeat all-comers whom he fought on the condition that if they lost they would become his prisoners.

**Argadnel**

- **Irish**
- [Silver Cloud]
- an island paradise

One of the many islands visited by Bran during his famous voyage.

**Arga**

- **European**
- [Uberto]
- son of Galafron
- brother of Angelica

**Argali**

- **Italian**
- a giant

**Argante**

- **British**
- an elf or fairy

In some accounts she was queen of Avalon and equated with Morgan le Fay, others suggest that she was a form of Arainrhod. (see Morgan le Fay)

**Argantes**

- **British**
- a giantess, lust personified, in *The Faerie Queene*

**Argantes**

- **European**
- a Circassian prince

He was sent as an ambassador from Egypt to Spain and was killed by Rinaldo.

**Argantes**

- **European**
- a giant
- son of Arcabone
- brother of Archalaus

He was guarding the entrance to the castle of Archalaus when Esplandian arrived to rescue Lysate and was killed when he tried to prevent the young man from entering.

**Argantoe**

- **Greek**
- wife of Rhesus

She married Rhesus who was en route to help the Trojans in their war against the Greeks. He was killed, soon after he arrived, when Diomedes and Odysseus made a night raid on the city. Argantoe went to Troy where she died of grief.

**Argasill**

- **Asgard**
- a monster in the form of an antelope

**Arga**

- **Greek**
- [Hyperoche]
- a Hyperborean virgin

**Argia**

- **Greek**
- a nymph

**Argiope**

- **Greek**
- daughter of Teuthras

**Argiopha**

- **Greek**
- wife of Telephus

**Argistes**

- **Greek**
- a man who was burned, hanged and drowned

Merlin prophesied that Argistes would die in such a fashion so Argistes set fire to Merlin's house. When his own house caught fire, he ran to the well for water, became entangled with the chain about his neck, fell into the water and burned to death when the blazing timbers of the house were tossed into the well.

**Argius**

- **Greek**
- [Argo Navis]
- the ship of Jason

This 50-oared ship (some say 54-oared) was built by Argus for Jason and his men for their quest for the Golden Fleece. The prow, made from one of the talking oaks from Dodona and provided by Athena, acted as an oracle on the voyage. After the voyage, the ship was beached at Corinth where, years later, the rotting prow fell on the aged Jason and killed him. The rest of the hull was placed in the heavens by Poseidon.

An entirely different version says that this was the ship used by Danaus to transport his fifty daughters when they fled from Egypt to escape from Aegyptus. This story says that they went to Rhodes; the original story says that they went to Argos where Danaus became king. Possibly there was confusion here between the ship and its destination.

**Argo Navis**

- **Greek**
- a book by Apollonius dealing with the voyage of the Argonauts

**Argonautica**

In some versions she helped Antigone to bury Polyneices.
They recruited Autolycus, Deoleon and Phlogius at Sinope and were attacked by bronze birds – those of the Symphorian birds that had escaped in the sixth Labour of Hercules – when Oileus was wounded. Later they picked up four castaways, Argeus, Cytissos, Melanion and Phrontis, sons of Phrixus and Chalciope.

At Colchis, Jason asked Aetes to hand over the fleece, which he agreed to do if Jason could yoke his fire-breathing bulls, plough the Field of Ares and sow the serpents’ teeth remaining from those sown by Cadmus at Thebes. At the behest of Aphrodite, Eros caused Medea to fall in love with Jason and she provided him with a potion that protected him from the scorching breath of the bulls so that he was able to carry out the appointed task. When the armed men sprang from the soil, he provoked them to fight amongst themselves until none survived. Aetes reneged on his undertaking and threatened to kill the Argonauts so Medea led Jason and a few of his men to the place where the fleece was guarded by the immortal dragon which she lulled to sleep while Jason took the fleece. They all ran back to the Argo, escaping the ships of the Colchian fleet with just a few wounded and one, Iphitus, killed.

At the entrance to the Danube the Colchian ships overtook Argo. What happened next is the subject of different accounts. In one version Medea killed her half-brother, Apsyrtus, flinging pieces of his body overboard to delay the pursuers, who stopped to collect the pieces for burial. In another, Apsyrtus was in one of the following ships and agreed to a truce with Jason whereby Medea temporarily should be put in charge of a priestess and the king of the Brygians would decide whether she and the fleece should stay with Jason or be returned to Colchis. Medea, however, led Apsyrtus to believe that Jason had abducted her and induced him to come ashore, where Jason killed him from ambush. Without their leader the Colchian ships were easily routed and the Argonauts escaped, passing safely between the monster Scylla and the whirlpool Charybdis.

Jason and Medea were purified of the murder of Apsyrtus by Circe the sorceress and then married.

On the final leg of their return journey the Argo was forced by a strong wind to the shores of Libya where a huge wave carried the ship miles inland, leaving it high and dry in the desert. They managed to drag the ship to Lake Tritonis but could find no outlet to the sea. Two of the crew died during this period; Canthus was killed by the shepherd Caphaurus when he tried to steal some of his flock and Mopsus died from a snake bite. In the end, Triton himself dragged the ship overland to the Mediterranean and they sailed for Crete where the bronze guardian, Talos, attacked them with rocks. Medea quietened him with a sleeping draught and then pulled out the pin from his ankle, allowing the vital fluid to drain from his single vein, so killing him. An alternative story says that she prayed to Hades who caused Talos to graze his ankle on a rock, with the same fatal result.

Arriving back at Iolcus, Jason found that his parents, Aeson and Alcimede, had killed themselves to escape death at the hands of Pelias who had then killed their infant son, Promachus. To avenge these deaths, Medea deceived the daughters of Pelias into believing that she had divine powers and then ordered them to kill and dismember their father. Acestis refused but Evadne and Amphimome complied. A torch signal from the roof brought the Argonauts from hiding and they took Iolcus unopposed. Jason handed the throne to Acatus, son of Pelias, who had been one of the Argonauts and he promptly banished Evadne and Amphimome to Arcadia. Others say that Jason was banished by the Iolcans who were appalled at the killing of Pelias.

From Iolcus, Jason sailed to Orchomenos, where he placed the Golden Fleece in the temple of Zeus, and then on to Corinth where he finally beached the Argo. Here Medea successfully claimed the throne of Corinth, which rightfully belonged to her father, and, with Jason as her king, ruled for ten years. When he found out that she had poisoned the previous ruler, Corinthus, he set about getting a divorce so that he could marry Glauce, in some stories Creusa, daughter of King Creon of Thebes. Medea stopped that by killing with fire not only Glauce and her father but all the

Argonauts

Greek

[Minyae, Minyans]

the crew of the ship Argo who sailed with Jason to recover the Golden Fleece

Jason had undertaken to bring back to Iolcus the ghost of Phrixus and the fleece of the golden ram on which he had fled from Iolcus to escape death. Assembling a crew from all parts of Greece, Jason set sail for Colchis where the fleece was hanging on a tree guarded by a serpent that never slept.

At Lemnos, the crew fathered many sons of the women who had earlier killed every man on the island except King Thoas. Jason slept with Hypsipyle, the daughter who had helped Thoas to escape, fathering twin sons, Euneus and TThoas (Nebrophonus), and the winged brothers Calais and Zetes drod them off.

Escaping the clashing rocks of the Symplegades they landed on Arcton, Bear Island, where they were entertained by the king. A group of six-armed giants, the Gegeneis, entertained by the king. A group of six-armed giants, the Gegeneis, were acting as armour-bearer to King Phineus harried by the Harpies and Polyphemus searched but failed to find water. Heracles then resumed his Labours, following ships and agreed to a truce with Jason whereby Medea tempted Apsyrtus to graze his ankle on a rock, with the same fatal result.

At the entrance to the Danube the Colchian ships overtook Argo. What happened next is the subject of different accounts. In one version Medea killed her half-brother, Apsyrtus, flinging pieces of his body overboard to delay the pursuers, who stopped to collect the pieces for burial. In another, Apsyrtus was in one of the following ships and agreed to a truce with Jason whereby Medea temporarily should be put in charge of a priestess and the king of the Brygians would decide whether she and the fleece should stay with Jason or be returned to Colchis. Medea, however, led Apsyrtus to believe that Jason had abducted her and induced him to come ashore, where Jason killed him from ambush. Without their leader the Colchian ships were easily routed and the Argonauts escaped, passing safely between the monster Scylla and the whirlpool Charybdis.

Jason and Medea were purified of the murder of Apsyrtus by Circe the sorceress and then married.
guests except Jason, although some say that he too died in the flames. By putting aside Medea, Jason had broken a promise, made in the name of the gods, never to desert her and he was thereafter an outcast. Late in life, sitting by the remains of Argo, he was killed when the prow or, in some accounts the stern-post, fell on him. In another version, Jason took his own life.

argopeleter  
North American  
a fabulous animal  
This beast is said to throw logs at passers-by.

Argos  
(see Argus4)  
Argula  
Australian  
a trickster in the lore of the Aborigines

Argus1  
British  
in some accounts, a son of Elaine, brother of Galahad

Argus2  
British  
an African king  
He bought the young Rainburn from the Russians, who had kidnapped him, and eventually made him head of his army.

Argus3  
Greek  
a dog of Odysseus  
He recognised his master when Odysseus finally returned after his wandering and then died.

Argus4  
[Argos]  
the builder of the Argo

Argus5  
[Argos.(Argus) Panoptes-Hundred Eyes]  
a giant watchman with 100 eyes  
son of Inachus  
In some accounts he had only three eyes (one in the back of his head) or four; others say that he had 1,000 eyes.

When Zeus turned Io into a heifer she was handed over to be guarded by Argus. He was killed by Hermes who released Io on the orders of Zeus. His eyes were placed in the peacock’s tail by Hera.

Argus6  
Greek  
son of Zeus by Niobe  
father of Peiras

Argus7  
(see Argus6)  
Argus Panoptes  
(see Argus’)

Argouth  
British  
an ancestor of Lot

Argynnis  
Greek  
a title for Aphrodite as ‘the gleaming one’

Argynnon  
Greek  
one of the Telchines, a silversmith

Argyra  
Greek  
a nymph, one of the Nereids  
The shepherd Seleneus was in love with her and almost died of grief when she deserted him.

arhan  
(see arhat)  
arhat  
(see arhat)  
arhat  
Buddhist  
[arhan.arahat.arhan(t):=Chinese lohan:  
«Sanskrit: shavita]  
a monk who has attained supreme knowledge: one liberated from the cycle of death and re-birth: a saint

In some accounts, the Buddha is said to have had fifty (or 500 or more) arhats. They are destined to become bodhisattvas.

(see also Eighteen Lohan)

Ari-hes-nefer  
(see Arensnuphis)

Aria  
(see Areia)

Ariadne  
Greek  
[Alpheta.Mistress of the Labyrinth:  
«Cretan Ariadna]  
a minor goddess of vegetation  
daughter of Minos and Pasiphae  
sister of Phaedra

When she saw Theseus, who had come to Crete as one of the seven youths to be sacrificed to the Minotaur, she fell in love with him and gave him the ball of magic twine that enabled him to escape from the Labyrinth after he had killed the Minotaur. She left Crete with him but he left her on Naxos, either deliberately or, in some stories, inadvertently. There she was found by Dionysus who married her and fathered her children, Euanthes, Latronis, Oenopion, Staphylus, Tauropolus and Theas.

Other versions say that Theseus killed her on Naxos or that she died there in childbirth. When she died, Dionysus threw the crown she had worn at their wedding into the sky where it became the constellation Corona. She was later restored to Dionysus by Zeus.

Arianrhod  
(see Aramnrohd)

Arianrod  
(see Aramnrohd)

Aribadale  
British  
daughter of Percival and Condwiramur  
sister of Kardiez and Lohengergrain  
She became the bearer of the Holy Grail after Repanse.

Ariconte  
South American  
[Arikute]  
twin brother of Tamendonar

The twins were born to one mother by two fathers – the god Mairé and the mortal Sargroys – but neither knew which was immortal. Tests such as jumping between the clashing boulder Ithra-Irapy and stealing from the demon Agnen failed to settle the matter. One twin was killed by the boulder, the other by Agnen but, in each case, the other brother revived his dead sibling so they never found out who was the son of a god.

In another version the brothers are the survivors of the flood, which they, or in some stories, Irin Mage, used to put out the blaze sent by the creator god Monan to destroy the world; in another version Ariconte, as god of the night, is in conflict with his brother, god of the day. Another version says that the twins were Ariconte and Arikute.

Aridela  
Greek  
the name for Ariadne in Crete

Ariel  
British  
a rebel angel in Milton’s Paradise Lost

Arielle  
British  
a spirit of the air; a water spirit

Aries  
[Aray]  
a cowherd

He raised Pellinore’s son, Torre. In some accounts he was described as a king and said to be Torre’s father.

Arikate  
(see Ariconte)

Arimanes  
Greek  
[Areimianous]  
the Greek name for Ahriman

Arimanias  
Roman  
the Roman name for Ahriman

Arimaspea  
Greek  
a poem said to have been written by Aristes, telling the story of the Arimaspis

Arimaspeans  
(see Arimaspi)

Arimaspi  
Greek  
[Arimaspean.Arimaspians.Arimaspoi]  
one-eyed horsemen: Scythians  
These inhabitants of the North were said to be permanently at war with the
African

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Arkadia  (see Arcadia)
Arkaoños  South American
[Arkaoya]
a sorcerer
When the evil Valedjad caused a flood, Arkaoños stuck his eyes and fingers together to prevent any more magic and had him carried off to the mountains by a huge bird.
Arkaoya  (see Arkaoños)
Arkhemoros  (see Archemoros)
Arktinos  (see Arctinus)
arkti|ri Greek maidens, ‘bear virgins’, attendant on Artemis
Arlecchino  (see Harlequin)
Arlecchio  (see Harlequin)
Arles  (see Jaralez)
Arlo|to of Soria  European
a Saracen knight
He was the first man to die at the Battle of Roncesvalles, killed by Astolfo.
Armba|ra|na  Mesopotamian
[=Hurrian Kush]
a Hittite moon-god, predecessor of Kasku
Arme|dial  a demon of secret messages
Arma|geddon  Persian
[=Har-Magedon=Norse Ragnarok] the final battle
In this struggle, Ahura Mazda will defeat Ahriman and thereafter the world will be at peace and all people will once again speak the same language.
Arm|a|is  Armenian
a god
father of Shara
Arma|i|tai  Persian
This being rules the land and is opposed by the demon Naonhathya. To the Armenians, she was a goddess of the underworld.
Arm|a|ny  European
in Hungary, the personification of the fate of the world
Arm|a|t  see Erkir
Armaz  Russian
[=Armenian Aramadd] the supreme god of the Georgians
Armeci  a demon
Amenak  Armenian
son of Hayk
consort of Nvard
father of Ara (Er)
Armenia  (see Ermenia.Parmenien)
Armenie  (see Ermenia.Parmenien)
Armes Prydein  Welsh
[Prophecy of Britain] a 10th c Welsh poem
This poem includes the first reference to the wizard Merlin.
Armida  European
a sorceress
She was sent by the king of Damascus to weak them under Godfrey, which were attacking Jerusalem.
Rinaldo fell in love with her and stayed with her for some time. When he left her, to help the army at Jerusalem, she burned down her own palace and fled to Egypt.
In some accounts she was killed in battle, in others she survived and, forgiving Rinaldo for leaving her, resumed her affair with him.
Arnilus  a demon, spirit of envy and greed
Arnilistem  Roman  a festival in honour of Mars, held in October
armomancy  divination from the shoulders of beasts
Armon  an astral spirit of fruitfulness
Armorica  Celtic an old name for Brittany
Armstrong, Anne  British
a Northumbrian witch
Arna|a  Greek
the name given to Penelope when she was hidden from her father Icarius
Arn|a|naksgak  (see Sedna)
Arnaku’gsak  (see Sedna)
Arnagauquagsgaq  (see Sedna)
Arnarkususagsgak  (see Sedna)
Arne  Greek
a Thracian woman
She was turned into a jackdaw for betraying the island of Siphnos to Mimos.
Arne  Greek
a nurse of Poseidon
Arne  (see Melanippe)
Armenetia  British
a water-goddess
Armeos  Greek
a giant beggar killed by Odysseus
Arnive  British
mother of King Arthur, in some accounts
She was rescued from the hands of Klingsor by Gawain.
Arn goagssag  (see Sedna)
Aro  East Indian
daughter of Marupi
sister of Pora
wife of Piri Korovu
Aro|ei|ris  (see Harver)
Arog  Pacific Islands
a giant
When Aloya, the girl he loved, died, he wept and his tears became the 1,776 conical hills on the island of Bohol.
Aro|h|i|ro|hi  (see Arohirohi)
Arohirohi  New Zealand
[=Arohi-rohi. ‘mirage’] a Maori creator-godress wife of Raa
aron  a goddess of contracts
aron  British
one of the Twenty-Four Knights of King Arthur’s court
Aron|d|iel  British
the horse of Fergus
Aron|dig|ht  British
Lancelot’s sword
Arto|c|h  South American
one of the primordial beings known as the Vama-pod, in the lore of the Tupari of Brazil
He and Tovapod lived in a tent. When humans, who at that time lived under the earth, stole some food, the two beings dug down after them; in so doing they made openings through which some of the people were able to reach the upper world.
Arotu|re  Pacific Islands
a moon-goddess of the Cook Islands daughter of Tinrai un and Ina sister of Koro
Arou|er|is  (see Harwer)
Arpanaca|na  Buddhist
Arran  (see Isle of Arran)
arret  West Indian
a Haitian magic charm
This type of charm is said to protect the wearer from specific types of evil, as opposed to the wanga, which brings ill-fortune.
Other protective charms are the drogue and the garde.
Arridano  European
the guardian of the bridge at the entrance to Morgan’s castle
He could breathe under water and, when he was unable to defeat a traveller in fair combat, he would seize him round the waist and jump over the parapet into the river. He then imprisoned his victim in the new world below the water and returned to the surface with the prisoner's arms and armour which he displayed as a trophy. He did this successfully with Rinaldo but was killed by Rogero.

The use of the bow and arrow dates from the early Stone Age period and the arrow itself has great significance in many mythologies:

1. The Bushmen use arrows as sacrifice to their ancestors who live in the rivers. Other stories include the worldwide tale of the arrows shot one after the other to form a bridge to heaven up which the archer, a culture-hero, ascends.
2. In Arabia, arrows are used as charms to keep the blood in good order.
3. The Assyrians associated arrows with the deities Ashur and Ishtar.
4. In Buddhism an arrow in five colours is used in demon-worship. In Tibet, this arrow is called dar-dar.
5. In Greek myths, arrows feature in stories of the hunter deities Apollo and Artemis and the love-god Eros as well as in the tale of Chiron, the Centaur, who was wounded by one of the poisoned arrows of Heracles. Achilles was killed by an arrow, shot by Paris, which struck his only vulnerable spot – his ankle.

A sunbeam is called the Arrow of Apollo and the Arrow of Artemis is a moonbeam.

6. Hindu myths associate arrows with both the love-god Kama and the war-god Karttikeya. Siva killed the demon Tripura with an arrow and they tell of a magic arrow (the sabdabhedi arrow) which can seek out and strike the origin of a sound.
7. In Ireland, an arrow might be carried as an amulet to ward off the arrows fired by the elves, while water drunk after being poured over an arrowhead was said to be effective as a remedy for croup.
8. Italian stories allege that an amulet in the form of an arrow would ward off the jettatura, the evil eye. As a weapon, the arrow was an attribute of the Etruscan god Usil.

(9) In Japanese myths, the god Susanowano had a bow and arrows and a magic whistling arrow.

(10) North American Indian tribes have many stories involving arrows. The Cheyenne have a set of four arrows, used in religious ceremonies, which, they say, have been in the possession of the tribe from time immemorial. They are used in rites which cleanse any man who has killed one of his own tribe.

A Kwakiutl woman will place an arrow under her bed to ensure that any child she conceives will be male.

The Ojibway, fearing that the sun extinguished during an eclipse may never return, fired burning arrows to re-ignite it.

The Nez Percé have a story in which the trickster-god, Coyote, turns himself into an arrow.

The chain-of-arrows story is common to many tribes. One such story has it that when a man was killed and decapitated by a man from the sky, the dead man's brother shot such a chain and climbed up it to the heavens where he rescued his brother's head. When this was joined to the still bleeding torso, it became the red-headed woodpecker.

(11) In Mexico, arrows are associated with both the gods Mixcoatl and Quetzcoatl.

(12) In the Pacific, the Philippine god Abog is placated with offerings of arrows while in Melanesia Qat went to heaven via an arrow-chain to retrieve his wife.

(13) In Siberia, the Buriats relate how Ten Geris, a thunder-god, used flaming arrows as his weapons when fighting demons while the Koryaks have the story of Eme'mqut who opened the road to the underworld to retrieve his wife by throwing an arrow into the fire. They also tell a slightly different chain-arrow story; in their version, just one arrow is fired but it carves out a road to the heavens.

(14) Some South American tribes, like the Ojibways of North America, fire flaming arrows into the sky to restart the sun after an eclipse.
Arsile (see Arcile)

Arsinoe  Greek
[Alphesiboea] daughter of Phegeus wife of Alcmæon
When Alcmæon deceived and abandoned her, Arsinoe’s brothers killed him. She blamed her father so he locked her in a chest and sent her off as a slave to Agapenor, king of Nemea or Tegea.

In some stories she, rather than Coronis, is the mother of Asclepius by Apollo; in other versions, Arsinoe becomes Alphesiboea.

(see also Alphesiboea)

Arsippe  Greek
daughter of Minyas sister of Alcinoë and Leucippe
With her sisters Alcinoë and Leucippe, she tore apart and ate Leucippe’s young son Hippasus in a fit of madness induced by Dionysus, who was upset when they refused to join his revels.

Hermes changed all three sisters into bats or birds.

Arsippus  Greek
father of Asclepius by Arsinoe, some say Arsenuphis  Egyptian
the Greek name for Dedwen

Arson-Duolai  Siberian
the ruler of the Abasy, in the lore of the Yakuts

Arsu  Arabian
[Ruda (=Syrian Monominos)] an androgynous deity, the defied evening star brother of Azizos

Art Aoinfhear  Irish
[Art Aoinfhear] a high-king of Ireland son of Conn Ceadchathach brother of Conla, Crianna and Saba husband of Delbchaem and Eeachtach father of Cormac mac Airt by Achtan
In some accounts Art was protected by two angels that always hovered over him.

His father, Conn, took the goddess Béculma to live with him and she put a spell on Art. He rescued Delbchaem from the tower in the Land of Wonder where she had been imprisoned by her parents, took her home to Ireland and married her. He then expelled Béculma from Tara having beaten her in a game of chess to decide which of them should leave.

On his way to battle with Lugaid mac Con, he stayed with Ole Acha and slept with his daughter, Achtan.

He left his ring, robes and sword with her to keep in trust for their son. He was killed in the ensuing Battle of Magh Murcrama.

In some accounts his wife is Maev and in others he is regarded as the son of King Arthur.

An alternative story has his wife as Eachtach and Cormac mac Airt was their legitimate son.

Art Enfer  (see Art Aoinfhear)

Arta  Persian
a sage who visited the Otherworld and returned safely

Artaios (see Artaios)

Artaios  Celtic
[Artaios = Roman Mercury] a pastoral-god and bear-god in Gaul

Artavazd  Armenian
an evil man son of Artaxias

He was cursed by his dead father and died shortly afterwards. It is said that he lies chained under a mountain and will destroy the world if he escapes.

Artaxias  Armenian
a king father of Artavazd

He cursed his son from the grave because he had complained at the lavishness of his father’s funeral. As a result, Artavazd died shortly afterwards.

Artegal (see Artghallo)

Artegall (see Artghallo)

Artemedos  Greek
a saint, the Christian version of Artemis

Artemis Ephesia

Artemis the huntress on earth, where she carried a silver bow made by the Cyclopes.

During the battle of the Giants with the gods, she killed the giant Gration.

As Selene she fell in love with the shepherd Endymion, but, as a virgin-goddess, she could not yield to his passion and contented herself with hiding him in a cave on Mount Matmus where she alone could visit him every night and kiss his eternally sleeping lips.

She changed Actaeon to a stag when she caught him watching her as she bathed, but another version says that Actaeon was dressed in the skin of a stag when he approached the goddess.

In one version, Actaeon was torn to pieces by his own hounds. She changed Callisto into a bear when the nymph was seduced by Zeus.

She avenged the death of Ameinius by causing Narcissus to fall in love with his own reflection.


As a child she chased and captured four golden-horned stags and harnessed them to her chariot. A fifth animal escaped and featured in later stories as the Cerynean Hind.

She could be Selene in the sky, Hecate in the underworld and Artemis Ephesia (= Roman Diana of Ephesus)
an aspect of Artemis as an orgiastic-goddess
This was the Artemis encountered by St Paul at Ephesus.

Artemis Meleagua Greek
a name for Artemis as a goddess of disease, especially leprosy

Artemis Orthia Greek
the Dorian goddess Orthia identified with Artemis

Artemis Tauria Greek
Artemis as the goddess to whom were sacrificed all sailors cast ashore in Tauris

She rescued Iphigenia, who was about to be sacrificed by Agamemnon, and carried her off to Tauris where she became a priestess of Aphrodite and carried out the same rites of sacrificing strangers.

Artemisia Greek
a name for Belinus as Arthegall (Cador who married Britomart.
Warwick and a Knight of the Round

A name for Belinus as Arthegall (Cador who married Britomart.

Arthur1

Arthur became king at the age of fifteen but the barons took advantage of Uther's death and Arthur's youth to carve up the kingdom amongst themselves. When he was older, he tried to subdue the barons but lacked the necessary forces. He sent Ulfius and Brastias to the Continent where they enlisted the help of King Boris of Gaul and King Ban of Benwick (Bayonne) who brought an army of 10,000 to reinforce Arthur's 20,000 men and together they defeated the 50,000 men of the North in the bloody Battle of Bedgrayne. Arthur became a great warrior, reputedly killing 470 (or 960) Saxons at the Battle of Mount Badon. He took his army to help King Leodegrance. He killed the giant Retho in single combat on Mount Snowdon. Retho had sewn the beards of all those he had killed into his cloak; Arthur used Retho's beard to make his own cloak. In a joust with Pellimore, Arthur was defeated and his life was saved only by the intervention of Merlin, who put Pellimore into a trance. Arthur's sword was broken in this encounter and it was then, in some stories, that Merlin provided Excalibur as a replacement. They rowed into the middle of a lake where a hand, clutching the sword Excalibur, rose out of the water. While Arthur wore the scabbard he could never lose blood, no matter how badly he was wounded. The sword itself was said to be capable of remarkable feats.

Having defeated the Saxons, Scots and Picts, he conquered Ireland, Iceland, Norway and Denmark. When the Roman emperor demanded taxes, he led an army into Britain. Here he killed the giant of Mont St Michel who had carried off Helen, daughter of his friend Hoel, king of Brittany. He then marched on Rome, defeated their army and killed their leader, Lucius. In some accounts he returned to Britain and was not troubled further by the Romans. In other accounts he conquered Rome itself, killed Frollo in single combat, forced Leo to abdicate and was himself crowned as emperor.

He left Kay in charge of Anjou and Bedivere in charge of Normandy. He dug up the buried head of Bran, relying on his own ability to protect the kingdom rather than on the superstitious belief in the power of a long-dead king. He was said also to have dug up the head of Adam near Jerusalem.

He once made a journey to Annwfn, the underworld, to get a magic cauldron. This story is told by Taliesin in the poem The Spoils of Annwfn.

He was once entrapped by the sorceress Annowre, and only the timely intervention of Lancelot saved him from death at her hands. A similar story is told of Camille. In some Spanish accounts he was imprisoned by the king of Constantinople, who released him when Arthur's sister, Uraganda, intervened.

Merlin told Arthur that a child born on May Day would cause his death, so Arthur ordered that all the children born on that day should be put into a boat and cast adrift. The ship was wrecked in a storm and the only one to survive was Mordred, the boy fathered by Arthur with his sister, Morgause.

He married Guinevere but she loved Lancelot and was unfaithful to her husband, although they were later
reconciled. At his wedding feast, the proceedings were interrupted by a white stag, which was chased into the hall by a white bitch and a pack of black hounds. One of his knights seized the bitch and rode away with it. A lady rode in and complained that she had stolen her bitch and a knight then rode in and dragged the woman away. Arthur sent Gawain to find the stag, Torre to find the knight who had taken the bitch and Pellimore to find the lady and the knight who had taken her off.

Once when he was hunting with Urnir and Accol, they saw a ship on a lake come into the shore and they went aboard. They were bewitched by Morgan le Fay; Urnir found himself back with his wife, Accol on the edge of a deep void and Arthur in prison. He was duped into fighting with Accol who was using the sword Excalibur, which had been stolen by Morgan and given to Accol as part of his plan to destroy Arthur, kill Urnir and marry Accol who would take over the king's throne. After a great fight, Arthur felled Accol, reclaimed his own sword and forgave his opponent, who died of his wounds a few days later (see also Ontzlake). Shortly after his return to Camelot, a damsel arrived with a jewelled mantle, a gift to Arthur from Morgan. On the advice of Nimue Arthur told the girl to try it on. She did so reluctantly and dropped dead, shrivelled to a cinder. While the king was recovering from his wounds, Morgan tried once again to steal Excalibur but got away only with the sword and carry it down into the depths. Bedivere then carried Arthur to the edge of the lake and placed him in the boat that was waiting to receive the sword and carry it down into the depths. Bedivere then carried Arthur to the edge of the lake and placed him in the boat that was waiting to receive the sword and carry him to Avalon. The king sailed off, attended by Morgan le Fay, the Queen of Northgales, the Queen of the Waste Land and, in some stories, Nimue. Some say that he still lives, believed them only when they could produce proof. Mordred caught the two lovers together in her room and told the king who condemned Guinevere to the stake, ordering Gawain to carry out the execution. Gawain refused but his younger brothers, Gaheris and Gareth, obeyed. They were both killed by Lancelot when he rode in and rescued the queen, carrying her off to Joyous Gard. Arthur raised an army to assault the castle and a fierce battle ended only when the Pope intervened to order that Guinevere be handed back to her husband. Lancelot returned to his home in Brittany, taking many of his followers, but Arthur’s army of 60,000 men invaded France and laid siege to Bordeaux where Lancelot had his court. The king would have accepted a truce with Lancelot but Gawain, who hated Lancelot because he had killed his two brothers when rescuing Guinevere, pressed Arthur to continue the war. News that Mordred, who had been left in charge of the country during the king's absence, had usurped the throne caused Arthur to break off the engagement and hurry back to Britain.

After several battles in which many thousands were killed on each side, Arthur met Mordred in single combat during the Battle of Camlan and killed him but was himself badly wounded in the fight. Lucan and Bedivere moved him to a nearby chapel but Lucan died from his wounds soon after. The king ordered Bedivere to throw Excalibur into the lake, which he did only after twice disobeying the king's orders. A hand came out of the water to receive the sword and carry it down into the depths. Bedivere then carried Arthur to the edge of the lake and placed him in the boat that was waiting to receive the king and carry him to Avalon. The king sailed off, attended by Morgan le Fay, the Queen of Northgales, the Queen of the Waste Land and, in some stories, Nimue. Some say that he still lives, renewing his youth by visiting the Holy Grail; some say he is sleeping on a mountain Y-Wyddea or in a cave awaiting recall when Britain is in need of him. The site of the cave is variously given as Alderley Edge, Cadbury, Craig-y-Dinas, Mount Etna, Ogof Lanciau Eryri, Ogof'r Dinas, Richmond Castle and Sewingshields. A dolmen in Trebuiren in Brittany is said to be the king's tomb. Others maintain that he was turned into a bird such as a raven. His soul is said to be housed in a glass castle or, in some stories, embodied in the chough, the puffin or the raven.

In the Welsh version, Arthur was killed by arrows in Snowdonia while pursuing the forces he had defeated at the Battle of Tregalen. His killer was said to be Eda Elyn Mawr.

In Continental lore, Arthur went to Fairyland after his death. When Oberon handed the kingdom to Huon, Arthur, who had expected to receive the throne, objected. Oberon threatened to turn him into a werewolf, whereupon Arthur accepted the position. Other stories say that Arthur was in love with Oberon's daughter, Gloriana. In some accounts he is equated with Charlemagne.

Arthur a son of King Arthur, son of King Arthur.

Arthur and Gorgalon. In some accounts he is regarded as the son of King Aodan of Dalriada.

Arthur and King Cornwall. A 16th c poem about the king and the sorcerer Arthur of Brittany. A hero who sued for the hand of Florence. He was said to be descended from Lancelot.

Arthur of Dalriada. Son of King Aodan of Dalriada. In some accounts he is regarded as the original King Arthur.

Arthur the Little. A son of King Arthur. One of the illegitimate sons of the king and one of the knights involved in the Grail Quest.

Arthuret (see Battle of Arthuret.)
Arthuriad
the corpus of literature devoted to
Arthurian legends

Arthuriad
items relating to King Arthur and the
legends that surround him

Arthur's Bosom
the Otherworld as a place of rest for
dead heroes

Arthur's Cave
a cave on the island of Anglesey
The king was said to have hidden
some of his treasure, guarded by a
monster, in this cave, during his war
with Ireland.

Arthur's Men
a force of soldiers loyal to King Arthur

Arthur's O'n
a small Roman temple near Falkirk said
to have been used by King Arthur

Arthur's Quoit¹
a cromlech in Wales incorporating a
stone or quoit said to have been
thrown by King Arthur

Arthur's Quoit²
a cromlech in Anglesey incorporating a
stone or quoit said to have been
thrown by King Arthur

Arthur's Stone¹
a megalith in Wales
This stone is said to have appeared
when King Arthur, en route to the
Battle of Camlan, found a pebble in his
boot and threw it out. Some say
that the ghostly figure of the king emerges
from under this stone when the moon
is full.

Arthur's Stone²
a boulder in Hertfordshire
Some say that this was the stone from
which the young Arthur drew the
sword that established his right to the
throne. Others say that it marks the
site of the grave of a king; some say of
King Arthur himself.

Arthur's Table¹
a rock in Wales
This rock bears depressions said to
represent the twenty-four knights of
King Arthur's court.

Arthur's Table²
a barrow in Wales

Arthur's Tor
a fortification in Durham
This earthwork, like Arthur's Cave, is
said to contain some of the king's
treasure, guarded in this case by the
ghosts of some of his knights.
Asbjornsen, Peter Christen

Arvar

(see Arvakur)

Arvernum

Celtic

a Gallic tribal god: king of the Arverni

Arviragus

British

a king of Britain

son of Cymbeline

brother of Guiderius

husband of Genvissa

father of Marius

He took the throne when his brother was killed. In some accounts he gave to Joseph of Arimathea the land on which he settled when he came to Britain.

Some identify him with King Arthur or Caractacus.

Arwily

British

a warrior at Arthur’s court son of Gwyddawg

He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Arya

(see Devi.Durga)

Arya-Achal Natha

(see Fudo-myoo)

Arya-Tara

Buddhist

[Tara.Vasya-Tara]

a goddess, a form of Tara

consort of Amoghasiddhi

Aryangulitara

Buddhist

a form of White Tara

Aryaman

Hindu

[Aryman. 'comrade']

one of the yaman

an early sun-god

one of the 3 Adityas

brother of Mitra and Varuna

He was later assimilated with Surya.

Aryanaka

Hindu

a treatise discussing the nature of the gods

Aryaman

(see Aryaman)

Arzang

Persian

[Arzand]

da demon

Arzang captured the King Kay Kaus and blinded him. Rustem rescued the king, restored his eyesight with a medicine made from the heart he had cut out of another demon and killed Arzang.

In some accounts this demon was female, Diw-e-Safid, the White Demon.

Arzend

(see Arzang)

As1

Egyptian

a fertility-god of the deserts

As2

(see Asar)

As-im-babbar

(see Nanna')

Asa1

[Arunlu]

supreme god of the Akamba

Asa2

(see Asar.Odin)

Asa-ase

[Arunlu]

[=Dahomey Saghata=South America

Gros Mama=Yoruba Obaluwaye]

an Ashanti earth deity

(see also Asase Efua.Asase Yaa)

Asa-bridge

(see Bifrost)

Asabru

Norse

[Asbru]

the rainbow

(see also Bifrost)

Asad

Arabian

the Zodiacal sign Leo

Asag

Mesopotamian

[Asarluhi=Akkadian Asakku]

a Sumerian demon causing illness

This demon was overcome by Ninurta.

Asagao

Japanese

a blind maiden

She fell in love with Komagawa and when her parents tried to make her marry a man she did not love, she ran away. She looked for Komagawa and, failing to find him, cried so much that she became blind. She earned a living by singing in a tea-house and here Komagawa found her again. The owner of the tea-house committed suicide so that his liver could be used to cure Asagao's blindness. With her sight restored, Asagao searched again for Komagawa. She finally found him and they were married.

Asagive

West Indian

da dance saluting the gods of voodoo

Asal I

(see Asag)

Asakku

Mesopotamian

[As-Sumerian Asag]

the Dayak god of pioneers

He can chop down trees with his sharp shins.

Asai

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god

a name of Marduk connecting him with irrigation

brother of Negun

(see also Asaru)

Asakku

Mesopotamian

[=Sumerian Asag]

a primaeval dragon

One of Tiamat's Eleven Mighty Helpers

Asal

Irish

son of Conn, the high-king

In the version of the story of Eochaid Yellowmouth, which describes Eochaid as Conn's uncle, it was Asal who killed Yellowmouth, which describes Eochaid

Asal I

(see Easal)

Asalluha

Mesopotamian

[Asarluhi]

a Sumerian messenger-god son of Enki

Asama

Japanese

a sacred mountain, Mount Fuji

(see also Sengen)

Asama

(see Sengen)

Asamanfo

African

[sing=Osaman]

the Akan spirits of the dead

Asamang

African

the Akan land of the dead

Asan-sangan-Tengeri

Mongolian

a thunder-god

Asani

Hindu

[‘lightning’]

one of 8 forms of Agni

Asaph

Persian

a mythical keeper of the forests

Asapura

(see Asapurna)

Asapuri

Hindu

[Asapura.Asapuri]

an earth-goddess

Asar

Arabian

[Asiri]

an equestrian-god

Asar

Egyptian

[Asa. Asir]

an early name for Osiris

Asar

(see Asaru)

Asar-Hap

(see Serapis)

Asar-Hapi

(see Serapis)

Asaradel

an angel, one of the 7 Ishin who taught men the motions of the moon

Asari

Mesopotamian

[Asariuluim]

a name of Osiris as 'he who is swathed'

Asaru

Mesopotamian

[Asarululuim]

a name of Marduk connecting him with irrigation

(see also Asari)

Asarululuim

(see Asaru)

Asarululuim

Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk connecting him with magic

Asase

(see Mama)

Asase Efua

African

[Asaase=Asanti Asase Yaa]

a fertility-goddess of the Fanti goddess of the dead

Asase Yaa

African

[Asaase=Asante Asase Yaa]

a fertility-goddess of the Akan goddess of the dead

In some accounts this is Earth Thursday, a day sacred to the goddess, on which no work on the land is permitted.

Asbjornsen, Peter Christen

(1812–1885)

Norwegian

an author who wrote on folklore and comparative mythology
Ascalon
Greek
a dog of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon the hunter watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Ascalon, tore him to pieces.

Ascalum
Greek
Ascalabus
British
Ascapart

He was said to be nine metres (30ft) tall but was defeated by Bevis and became that knight's servant. Others say that he was killed by Bevis.

Ascaroth
a demon of informers and spies

Aschi
British
a king of Denmark

He is said to have fought at Camlan, some say for King Arthur, others for Mordred.

Ascleiapia
Greek
Asclepiad
Greek

the descendants of Asclepius

These constituted a caste of priests who pass down their medical knowledge through the generations.

Asclepiodotus
British
a king of Britain

He was overthrown by Coel who died soon afterwards.

Asclepios
(see Asclepius)

Asclepius
Greek
Asklepios
Greek

A god of healing

one of the Argonauts

son of Apollo and Arsinoe or Coronis

or of Arisippus and Arsinoe

husband of Epione

father of Aceso, Hygeia, Isae, Machnaon, Ocyrrhoe, Panacea and Podaleirius

Apollo had seduced Coronis but she preferred a mortal lover, so Apollo killed her but saved her unborn child, Ischys, and gave him to Chiron to be reared. In other accounts the child was abandoned on Mount Myrrium, found by a shepherd, Aristhamas, who called him Aiglaer, and suckled by goats. He tried to bring Hippolytus (in some versions, Glauclus) back to life in Hades but Zeus killed him with a thunderbolt. Some say that when Apollo then killed the Cyclopes who made the thunderbolts for Zeus, the god relented and restored Asclepius to life.

Some say that he was able to bring the dead back to life by using blood from the right side of the Medusa slain by Hercules; blood from her left side killed those to whom it was administered.

His animal is the snake and he appears in the heavens as Ophiuchus.

Asculon
(see Ascalon)

Asddeh
Persian
a white dragon defeated by Rustem

Asgeir
Norse
12 wise elders of the Frisians

Askelapieus
Greek
Asklepios
Greek

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Asdard
Persian
a demon said to take possession of humans

Asertu
Mesopotamian

Asger
Norse
city of the gods in Godheim

home of the gods, the Aesir heaven the site of Valhalla

In some accounts Asgard comprised twelve separate regions, each ruled by one of the twelve original gods, the Aesir.

Asgardhr
(see Asgard)

Asgard
Norse
city of the gods in Godheim

home of the gods, the Aesir heaven the site of Valhalla

the Norse version of the Wild Hunt, led by Frigga or Odin

Asgarth
(see Asgard)

Asgaya Gigagei
North American
an androgynous thunder-god and healing spirit of the Cherokee

Ash
Egyptian
god of the Land of Tehenu

a deity with the heads of a lion, a snake and a vulture

Asli
(see also Ask)

ASH
Fraxina,Fraxinella
a tree once believed to have magical powers

This tree was said to have the power to avert evil spirits and disease.
Ash Boys

In Norse mythology, this tree was the source of the first man. The huge tree known as Yggdrasil, which was believed to support the earth, was an ash tree.

In Greek stories, the ash was said to have sprung from the blood of Uranus when he was castrated by Cronus.

Ash Boys North American spirits of the Pueblo tribes (see also Ashes Man)
Ash-im-babbar (see Nanna1)
Ash-pate (see Assipattle)
Asha (see Asha Vahishta)

Asha Vahishta Persian
(Ardahahisht.Ars.Asha.'best truth'.
one of the Amedha Spentas
one of the Yazzatas
an aspect of Ahura Mazda, 'truth'
This being was in control of fire and was opposed to the demon Indra.

Ashanmer (see Ashushu-Namir)
Ashdar (see Ishtar)

Asherah1 Canaanite
Asherat.Ashira(s).Elat.Bat.Lady of
Byblos.Queen of the Sea=Pheenician
Ashtarte]
a Canaanite mother-goddess and
sea-goddess
mother of the gods
wife of El
mother of Ashtar and Shachar
In some accounts she is Anat as 'Lady
of the Sea'.

Some accounts distinguish between Asherah, a Ugaritic mother-goddess who was the mother and wife of Baal, and Asherah, a Canaanite mother-goddess. Others regard Ashira as a separate deity.

Asherah2 Syrian
goddess of Amuru
Asherat (see Asherah1)
Asheratian (see Asherah1)
Ashes Man North American
a spirit of the Pueblo tribes
(see also Ash Boys)

Ashet (see Amenti)
Ashi1 Persian
a beneficent deity
daughter of Amaitis
Ashi2 Roman
goddess of recompense and, later,
of morality
Ashi-nadzuchi
an earth-god
husband of Te-nadzuchi
father of Inada-hime

Ashiakle African
goddess of wealth of the Gan tribe
daughter of Nai

Ashiku (see Ashuku)
Ashila [Ishila]
a supreme god of the Kambari people
of Nigeria

Ashima1 Mesopotamian
a Sumerian version of the sea
goddess Amathounta

Ashima2 Mesopotamian
god of the people of Hamath

Ashimbabbar (see Nanna1)
ashipu
Mesopotamian
class of Babylonian priests
Their function was to protect people
from witches.

Ashira Japanese
guardian deity
one of the 28 Nijuhaichi-Bushi

Ashiwan North American
rain priests of the Zuni
This group is made up of fourteen rain
priests (Ashiwi) and two others, plus
one priestess.

(see also Shiwanna.Shiwanni)

Ashiwi3 North American
the 14 rain priests of the Zuni

Ashiwi4 North American
the primitive ancestors of the Zuni
These people, web-fingered and web-toed, with long tails and covered with moss, emerged from beneath the earth. The gods removed their non-human features and they became the ancestors of the tribe.

Ashmadai (see Asmodaeus)
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Ashmodel
demon; destroyer of God

Ashmun (see Eshmun)
Ashman Mesopotamian
a Sumerian goddess of the harvest
daughter of Enil

Asho-Zusha Persian
the owl
This bird is said to drive away demons
by reciting from the Avesta.

Ashoka Buddha
[Asoka]
(270–230 BC)
an emperor of India who became
a Buddhist
father of Mahendra, Mahinda
and Sanghamita

He was regarded as the reincarnation
of a poor boy who, having no possessions,
offered a pile of dust to the Buddha,
which was accepted. He became a
prolific builder of shrines to the
Buddha and a proselytiser of the
new religion.

Ashrappa (see dakinis2)
Ashtar (see Athar2)

Ashitareh (see Anat.Ashereth.
Astarte)

Ashitareth European
a spirit
In the Charlemagne stories, he was
summoned by the magician Malagigi
to bring the paladins Ricciardetto
and Rinaldo to the pass at Roncesvalles.
He and his servant, Foul-mouth,
entered the horses of the two paladins,
who were then in Egypt, and flew with
their riders to Spain, putting them
down in the midst of the Battle
of Roncesvalles.

Ashitareth a Mesopotamian
the plural form of Ashitareth
This name is used as a collective name
for minor Canaanite goddesses.

Ashitareh1 a demon of sloth: in black magic, one
of the Ministers of the Treasury

Ashitareh2 one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

Ashtar Mesopotamian
Ashitareh=Assyrian Ashur=Egyptian
Hathor=Greek Astarte=Pheenician
Ashtar]
a Semitic love-goddess
In some accounts she is envisaged as a
horned goddess.

Ashiku Japanese
[Ashiku.Tenkurasion=Buddhist Akshobhya,
=Hindu Vishnu=Indo-Iranian Divya-dunda]
one of the 5 Dhyanibuddhas
one of the 5 bodhisattvas of
Mahayana Buddhism, in
some accounts

Ashur Mesopotamian
Ashur.As(s)ur.Nisroch.S(h)ar=.
Asshur.As(s)ur.Bel=Assyrian Ashur.
Asshur.Bel=Assyrian Marduk]
the Assyrian supreme god, god of war
consort of Ashuritu and Ishtar

He was envisaged with the head and
wings of an eagle or with the faces of a
bull, an eagle, a lion and a man.

Ashura1 Japanese
god of the land of punishment, Ashura

Ashura2 Japanese
the land of punishment ruled
by Ashura
Ashuritu

Ashuraku

Ashvins of Brahma. It was given first to Rudra in the protection of the gods by the sacrifice of Ishtar from the underworld goddess Allatu (Ereshkigal). She put a curse on Ashuritu when the gods demanded the release of her consort Ashur alumno (Ashur namir) a sexless creature, the eunuch Asnamir)

Ashurachu

Ashuraku

Ashuritum

[Beluru] a consort of Ashur

Ashushu-Namir

[Ashyen, Ashushumunir, Ashushumni, ASU-su-namir, Uddushu-namir] a messenger of the gods

This being (two bisexual beings or a sexless creature, the eunuch Ashur alumno) was created by El to act as a messenger when the gods demanded the release of Ishtar from the underworld goddess Allatu (Ereshkigal). She put a curse on him, causing him to live in darkness forever.

Ashura3

Ashura3 Asland

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Ashvins

Ashvapati

Ashvamukhi

In some cases, horses were sacrificed in it, including Dhrishtadyumna.

Ashvathaman

Ashvapati

Ashvapati

Ashvamukhi

His father, a general of the Kauravas, was very much alive, set out to fight Shiva. He immolated himself to save him and his daughter from a punishment of heretics.

Ashvathaman

ashvamedha

horse sacrifice

In some cases, horses were sacrificed to ensure the birth of a son.

Ashvamukhi

a form of yakshi with the body of a woman and the head of a horse

Ashavpati

a king

father of Savitri

Ashvathaman

son of Drona and Kripa

His father, a general of the Kauravas, died at the hand of the Pandava leader, Dhrishtadymna, when he was told that Asvatthaman was dead. His son, very much alive, set out to avenge his father and found himself fighting Shiva. He immolated himself but, inspired by the god, attacked the Pandava camp, killing every soldier in it, including Dhrishtadymna.

Ashvatthaman

He killed Uttara’s son, Parikshit, while he was still in utero so that he was born dead. Krishna restored the boy to life and cursed Ashvathaman who fled but was captured by Arjuna.

Ashvathaman

Ashwin (see Aswins)

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Asi Hindu

a sword

This weapon was created for the protection of the gods by the sacrifice of Brahma. It was given first to Rudra but later passed to Vishnu, Marice, and Vasava and finally to Maru.

Asi

[Asia Busu]

an earth-goddess in Guinea

mother of Pan

Asi

a goddess of weather

Asi

a nymph, one of the Oceanids

mother of Atlas, Epimetheus and Prometheus by lapetus

In some accounts, Clymene appears in place of Asia.

Asia Busu (see Asia)

Asi

[Asi, Wusuns]

a legendary race living in central Asia

Asiel

[Asiriel]

a spirit, ruler of Aquarius

In other versions, the ruler of Aquarius is Gambiel.

Asii

Asima

da demon said to take possession of humans

Asimabbar (see Nanna)

Asin

[South American]
a culture hero of the Chaco tribe

He is said to have created bees and palm trees and is described as a bald warrior with a fat stomach.

Asinari

as worshippers

Asinor

ruler of one of the 7 supposed firmaments

Asipala

[Hair,

gods of the underworld

These beings torture the wicked dead, slashing them with knives.

Asipatra

Hindu

a bird of Yamapura

These birds have knife-sharp claws and wings like swords.

Asipatavana

Hindu

one of the realms of hell

This realm is reserved for the punishment of heretics.

Asir

(see Asier, Asir1)

Asir

[Arabian]
a local god

Asiras

Hindu

a mythical race of headless beings

Asiriel (see Asiel)

Asis1

[South American]
a sun-god of the Pokot

brother of Tororut

Asis1

[African]

the creator-god of the Nandi tribe

Asisi

East Indian

[Asisi]

in Papuan lore, an immaterial entity

This entity is regarded as a kind of reflection or substitute for a human or an animal, separate from the soul.

Asisia

African

a supreme god of the Dorobo people of Kenya

Asita

Buddhist

[Asita=Chinese A-shih-to A-tzu-ta Mi-lo-loFo Mi-lo Fo etc. (see Mi-lo-lofo)=Tibetan Ma-p’am-pa M-phem-pa] one of the Eighteen Lohan

In some accounts he is regarded as an incarnation of Maitreya. Some say that he was the uncle of Naradatta.

He is depicted with long eyebrows, sitting on a rock and elapsing one knee.

Asius1

[Greek]

son of Digmas

brother of Hecuba

He was a Trojan soldier at the siege of Troy where he was killed by Idomenus.

Asius2

[Greek]

a king of Percote

son of Hyrtacus and Arisba

He fought for the Trojans against the Greeks and was killed at the battle of Troy.

Ask

Norse

[Ash Ask]

the first man, made by Odin from an ash tree

husband of Embla

Askalophos (see Ascalaphus)

Askalon

[Ascalon, Asculon]

the sword of St George

Askanos (see Ascanius)

Askefruel

British

forest nymphs said to be able to cure disease

Askher (see Aescere)

Asklepia (see Asklepia)

Asklepiades (see Asklepiades)

Asklepios (see Asklepius)

Aslan

British

a lion representing the principle of good in the works of C. S. Lewis

Askr

(see Ask)

Asland

Scottish

a Scottish king

He refused to allow Estmere to marry his daughter but, when the young hero saved him and his daughter from a Spanish prince, he relented and sanctioned the marriage.
Aslaug  Norse
[Aslog. ‘crow’. Krake]
a queen of Denmark
daughter of Sigurd and Brunhild
wife of Ragnar Lodbrok
mother of Bjorn, Hvitsek, Ivar, Rogenwald and Sigurd
One version of the story of Sigurd and Brunhild says that they married and had a daughter called Aslaug who was reared by Brunhild’s father. When he was exiled, the father took the child with him to Norway hidden inside a harp, which was broken open by a peasant couple who killed the old man. They made a slave of the girl, who they called Krake.

Ragnar Lodbrok, king of the Danes, came ashore near the hut where they lived and proposed to marry her. She agreed but deferred the wedding for a year to test his love. At the end of that time they were married and they had four children, Bjorn, Hvitsek, Ivar and Rogenwald. When Ragnar was advised to put her aside in favour of a princess, Aslaug produced proof that she herself was high-born. She later gave birth to Sigurd the Snake-Eyed.

Heimer)

Ash  Norse
and when Asvitus died, Asmund was buried alive with him. When the grave was opened, Amund appeared – he had been attacked by his friend’s spirit.

Asmund  Norse
a eunuch
In one version of the story of Ishtar’s visit to the underworld, this being was created by Ea to rescue her.

Asnam  Mesopotamian
an early goddess of vegetation
daughter of Enki

Aso  Egyptian
a queen of Ethiopia
She was one of the people who conspired with Set to kill Osiris.

Asogwe  African
a rattle used by the chief priests of Dahomey to call up the gods

Asoka  (see Ashoka)

Asokakanta  Buddhist
a form of Marici

Asmul  Persian
a sky-god assisting Khathra Varya

Asmara  East Indian
a cycle of plays based on the legends of Java

Asmari Dewa  Malay
[Yatim Mustafa, Yatim Nustapa]
a prince
His step-brother sent him into exile and he met the king of the cobras who gave him a magic jewel that he used to cure Indra Puspa, the daughter of a neighbouring king, who was dying from snake bite. He married the princess and, when he succeeded to her father’s throne, he took an army to recover his own kingdom.

Asmeday  (see Asmodeus)
Asmegir  Norse
spirits in Hel

Asmodaeus  (see Asmodeus)

Asmodai  (see Asmodeus)

Asmodeus  (see Asmodai)

Asmodaues, Asmodai, Asmoday. Demon.
Prince. Devil. On Two Sticks. Limping
an evil spirit, the spirit of lust or vengeance
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

Asmuthus  Norse
a friend of Asvitus
The two friends vowed to die together and when Asvitus died, Asmund was buried alive with him. When the grave was opened, Amund appeared – he had been attacked by his friend’s spirit.

Asnami  Mesopotamian
an astral spirit of the constellation Taurus

Asphodel  Greek
a title of Poseidon as ‘preventer of earthquakes’
asphodel  Greek
a plant associated with the dead, said to grow in Hades

Asphodel Fields  Greek
(Asphodel Meadows)
the home in Tartarus of those departed who are neither good nor bad

Asphodel Meadows  (see Asphodel Fields)
aspidomancy  a form of divination calling up demons

Aspirates  minor deities

Asrian  European
[Osborn]
a giant
He was one of the party that accompanied Berchther and Rother to Constantinople.

Asrat  Mesopotamian
[Asratun]
a Canaanite fertility-goddess

Asratum  (see Asrat)

Ass  Egyptian
a form of Ra eaten by a huge serpent

Ass  (see Aesir)

Ass god  Roman
a deity connected with the feast of Saturnalia

Ass of Silenus  Greek
the animal carrying the drink that conferred eternal youth on those who drank it

Assa  Irish
the original name of Nessa

Assaluha  (see Marduk)

Assara Mazas  Mesopotamian
[=Persian Ahura Mazda = Hindu Rudra, Varuna]
an Assyrian sun-god

Assarac  Mesopotamian
an Assyrian deity

Assaracus  Greek
a king of Dardania
son of Tros and Callirrhoe
brother of Ganymede and Ilus
father of Capys
He helped Brutus when he was captured by Pandarus and led the Trojan exiles out of Greece to settle in Britain.
### Asselm

- **European**
  - A provost of Coblenz
  - He betrayed the details of the departure of Elias and Beatrice for their new home in Bouillon so that the Saxons were able to lay an ambush in which Galien, leader of the escort, was killed.

### Assez Media

- **West Indian**
  - A Haitian voodoo spirit

### Asshur

- **(see Ashur)**

### Assipattle

- **Scottish**
  - The seventh son of a seventh son
  - He was an idle daydreamer who made good his promise of great deeds.

When the Stoorworm was ravaging the country, he went out in his little boat to fight it. When the monster swallowed him, Assipattle cut open its liver and pushed in the burning peats that he had brought with him. The beast regurgitated Assipattle and its teeth fell out and became the Orkney Islands and its dead body formed Iceland. For his valour, Assipattle received the hand of the Princess Gemdelovely.

### Asslake

- **British**
  - Son of Heroud
  - His father had been away for a long time, searching for Rainburn who had been reunited with Heroud. Rainburn who was on his way home, allcomers, seeking information. In pass in the Alps and challenged for his father. He took up position in a African king, so Asslake set out to look time, searching for Rainburn who had His father had been away for a long good his promise of great deeds.

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### Associated Gods

- **North American**
  - [Companion Gods]
    - 4 gods of the Sioux
      - These four are given as Falling Star, Moon, Great Thunderbird and Wind. All are aspects of Wakan Tanka.

### Assoros

- **Mesopotamian**
  - An alternative version of Ansar
  - Consort of Kissare
  - Father of Anos, Aos and Illilos

### Assoros

- **(see Assoros)**

### Assur

- **(see Ashur)**

### Assura

- **(see Asura)**

### Assurne

- **British**
  - A river said to divide Logres from Surlse

### Assyba

- **British**
  - In Scandinavian lore, the island on which King Arthur died
  - (see also Avalon)

### Ast

- **(see Isis)**

### Astabhujya-Kurnkulla

- A form of Kurnkulla shown as red with Sarus

### Astabi

- **Mesopotamian**
  - A Hittite war-god

### Astacene

- **Greek**
  - A Theban
  - Father of Amphidouchus, Asmarus, Leades and Melanippus

### Astakarna

- **(see Brahna)**

### Astamatares

- **(see Matrikas)**

### Astamore

- **British**
  - A Knight of the Round Table
  - He was one of the twelve knights who helped Agravan and Mordred when they attempted to seize Lancelot after finding him in bed with Guinevere. All except Mordred were killed by Lancelot.

### Astane

- **African**
  - A sky-god or sky-goddess of Ethiopia

### Astar1

- **(see Athar. Ishtar)**

### Astarar

- **(see Astarte)**

### Astaron

- **(see Ashtaroth. Astarte)**

### Astaroth

- **(see Ashtaroth)**

### Astaroth

- **(see Astarte)**

### Astarte1

- **Phoenician**
  - A goddess of shepherds
  - The Greek name for Ashtaroth
  - Consort of E1 consort and mother of Baal
  - She was adopted by the Egyptians as the daughter of Ptah or Ra and became a consort of Seth. In this role she is depicted naked on horseback.
  - In Arabia, Astarte became the god Athar and the goddess Sams.
  - She is sometimes depicted as a cow or as a woman with a cow’s head, or identified with Ilat or Ishtar.

### Asterion

- **Greek**
  - A giant
  - Son of Anax

### Asterion

- **Greek**
  - A name for the Minotaur, in some accounts (see also Asterion3)

### Asterion

- **Greek**
  - A Theban
  - Father of Amphidouchus, Asmarus, Leades and Melanippus
  - Son of Heroud, Aos and Illilos.
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### Asterion

- **Greek**
  - One of the Argonauts

### Asterius

- **Greek**
  - King of Crete
  - Son of Tectanus
  - Husband of Europa
  - Father of Crete
  - Europa had been carried off by Zeus, in the form of a bull. Her three children from that union, Minos, Rhadamantys and Sarpedon, were adopted by Asterius when he married their mother. As a reward, Zeus gave him the huge bronze figure, Talos, made by Hephaestus, which acted as guardian of Crete.

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- **Greek**
  - Son of Minos
  - He was killed by Theseus when he went to Crete to kill the Minotaur.

### Asterodes

- **Greek**
  - Wife of Aetes
Sacripant. He was later caught in the capture by the relieving forces of besieging Tartars but was then taken prisoner. He refused the drink offered by the lady-love, Flordelis. Astolpho spared Florismart, who was travelling with his tournament and defeated the knight Ferrau and with it defeated all-comers. He was the first knight to fight with Argalia at the great tournament organised by Charlemagne and was given a huge army with which to help the king’s blindness. As a reward he was given a plant with which he cured the senses of Roland, which he had lost in the battle. He landed in Abyssinia and was entertained by the blind king Senapus, driving off the Harpies that were harrying the king and sealing them into the cave in which they took refuge. In some accounts this incident involved Prester John, king of Nubia. Astolpho rode the hippogriff to the top of a mountain and found the earthly paradise, meeting Elijah, Enoch and St John who took him to heaven where he was given the bottle that contained the missing senses of Roland, which he had lost in his period of madness. As a reward he was given a plant with which he cured the king’s blindness. As a reward he was given a huge army with which to help Charlemagne in his battles with the Saracens. Capturing the desert wind in a bag so that they could cross the desert in safety, he made horses for his troops from fragments of rock. Finally they reached Biserta where they laid siege to Agramant’s forces in that city. They were joined by some of the knights taken prisoner by Rodomont and sent to Africa. Roland then appeared, still in his period of madness. He was restrained and Astolpho restored him to sanity with the bottle given to him by St John. Astolpho restored him to sanity with the bottle given to him by St John.

After the submission of the Africans following the combat between Agramant, Gradasso and Sobrino on one side and Florismart, Oliver and Roland on the other, Astolpho flew on the hippogriff to Marseilles where he turned the flying horse loose. He rejoined Rinaldo, Roland and the others who had arrived there after their visit to the hermit, who cured the wounds of Oliver and Sobrino.

After the end of the war, Astolpho went with Oliver and Roland to collect the tribute exacted by Charlemagne from the Spanish King Marsiliius. He was the first to charge when the Spaniards trapped their small force in the pass at Roncesvalles, killing Arlotto of Soria. Astolpho was killed later in the battle.

Astraeus

Greek

a Titan

son of Crius by Eurybia

brother of Pallas and Perses

husband of Eos, some say

In some stories he was the father, by Eos, of the four winds, Argestes, Boreas, Notus and Zephyr.

astragalomancy

divination by the casting of knucklebones

astral body

the spirit body, opposite of the physical body

astral spirits

the spirits of the stars

astral world

in some accounts, the second lowest of 7 worlds

This is the realm to which the astral body is said to go after it leaves the physical body.

Astraea

Greek

= [Greek Eros]

a goddess of equity, justice, purity

daughter of Zeus by Themis

She became the constellation Virgo and in some accounts was equated with Dike.

(Asteria,Astrea)

Astoreth

(see Ashtoreth)

Astraea

Greek

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see also Astera

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Astraea

(see Astraea)

Astrid

Norse

a woman of Njál’s household

She was trapped when Flosi’s men surrounded the house but, with the other women and children, was given safe passage before the house was burnt to the ground.

Astrid

Norse

[=Greek Eros]

a god of love

astrology

divination from the planets or

the Zodiac

astromancy

divination from the stars
Astyanax1 (see Astyanax)

Astronoe Mesopotamian

a Canaanite goddess of love
She is said to have emasculated Esdnun.

Astuanax (see Astyanax)

Astvat-Ereta (see Saoshyant)

Astvat-Eveta (see Saoshyant)

Astyages1 Greek

a supporter of Agenor
He was one of those who interrupted the wedding of Perseus and Andromeda. He was turned to stone by sight of the Medusa mask.

Astydamia2 Persian

A king of Media
It was prophesied that he would die at the hand of a descendant; this prophecy was fulfilled when he was killed by his grandson, Cyrus.

Astyanax Greek

[Asunax:Scamandrius:Scamandrius]
son of Hector and Andromache
He was thrown to his death from the walls of Troy by Pyrrhus, or killed by Odysseus when the city was overrun by the Greeks. Others say he was taken prisoner by the Greeks and later returned to Troy.

In the Charlemagne stories, Astyanax was said to have survived and founded the state of Messina in Sicily.

Astydama1 Greek

[Asidianteia]
dughter of Cretheus or Pelops
In some stories she is the mother of Telephorus by Heracles. Others say that she was the wife of Acacus and mother of Laodamia, Sterope and Sthene. In this latter role, she accused Peleus, who had come to her husband’s court to be purified of murder, of rape. In the ensuing fight, Peleus killed Astydama and, some say, Acatus.

Astydamia2 (see also Astyoche)

Astydama1 Greek

[Asidianteia]
dughter of Pelops and Hippodamia wife of Alcaeus
mother of Amphitrion and Anaxo

Astypalaea Greek

dughter of Agenor or Phoenix
In some accounts she was the mother of Anacaus and Euryppus by Poseidon.

Asu-su-Namir (see Ashushu-Namir)

Asuung Pacific Islands

in the Philippines, a demon said to attack pregnant women at the moment of delivery, swallowing the new-born child

Asuha-No-Kami Japanese

a Shinto god of courtyards

Asuman (see suman)

Asuniti Hindu

da goddess of longevity

Asur Hindu

[Asura:Indra:Indra]
demon: titan

Originally supreme deities, Asuras were later demon spirits opposing the minor gods (the Suras) and living on Mount Sumeru in four towns known as Deep, Golden, Shining and Star Tassel. In some accounts they live in a magnificent house, Patala.

In some accounts they were born from the groin of Brahma while others say that they were the sons of Kasypa. Alternatively, the Asuras were early Indian tribes who were overcome by the invading Aryans, regarded in some accounts as giants who fought the gods. Some versions say that the Asuras include the Daityas, Danavas, Das, Raskshasas and Svarbhanu.

Asurakumara Jain

a weather-god
one of the 10 Bhavanavasi

Asuraloka Hindu

the realm of the demi-gods

Asuri Hindu

da disciple of Kapila

Astronoe Mesopotamian

a Canaanite goddess of love
She is said to have emasculated Esdnun.

Asvinau (see Aswins)

Asvii Hindu

Asvins (see Aswins)

Asvinya Hindu

(see Asvinya)
Asvitus

Asvitus, a friend of Asmund. The two friends vowed to die together and when Asvitus died, Asmund was buried alive with him. When the grave was opened, Asmund emerged bleeding – he had been attacked by the spirit of the dead Asvitus.

asvatha (see asvath) 
aswamedha (see asvamedha) 
Aswatama East Indian

son of Durna and Wilotama

Aswiculapa Hindu

a deity who restores health and life

He is regarded as the leader of all horses.

Aswins [Asvins, Ashvins, Ashwins, Ashvin, Ashvins, Ashvin]

Divine Physicians; «Greek Dioscuri»

the twins Dasra and Nasatya messengers of the dawn
twin sons of Dyaus and Prithivi, Shiva and Sanjna or Vivasvat and Saranyu

They were born when their parents mated in the form of horses and were noted horsemen, riding in front of the dawn chariot of Aruna or Ushas.

In some accounts they are equated with the Ribhus.

(see also Harits, Naonghaithya)

Asynge (see Asynjur)

Asynja [Asynja]

Asynjur [Asynjur, Asynja]

Asynjur Norse

the 24 early goddesses of Asgard

The list might have included all or any of the following: Bida, Bil, Eir, Erda, Finila, Fiongry, Freya, Frigga, Frimmel, Fulla, Gefjon, Gerda, Gna, Hnoss, Nanna, Saga, Sif, Sigyn and Skadi.

In some versions they are attendants of Freya and Frigga.

Asyril a demon

Asz Baltic

a Lithuanian sky-god

Ata1 Japanese

a legendary warrior-maid

She was said to command the left wing of her husband’s army in a rebellion.

Ata1 (see Ata1)

Ata2 Naa Nyongmo African

[Naongmo]
a creator-god of the Gan

Atabei (see Attabei)

Atabey (see Attabei)

Atabrytus1 Greek

a shape-changing god

son of Eurynome

son of Athamas, some say

The Greek version of the god worshipped in the form of a golden calf by the Israelites.

Atacrou West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Ataecina Spanish

[«Roman Proserpina】
an underworld-goddess

Ataecnic North American

[Ataecnic, Athenic, Sky Woman: «Seneca Eagentci»]

the first woman in the lore of the Iroquois

sky-goddess and earth-goddess

mother of the twins Hahgwehdaetgah and Hahgwehdiyu, the Doyadano mother of a daughter, Breath of Wind

She is said to have fallen from heaven and her body was used by her sons to build the world.

In some accounts the twins were the children of Breath of Wind and it was her body that they used to build the world.

A different story says that when she was ill, her father dug up a tree. A young man, angry at the loss of the tree, pushed her into the hole from which it had been dug and she fell through to earth. Her fall was broken by the birds, which formed a type of firefighter’s blanket to save her. Some birds dived into the primaeval waters and brought up mud, which, plastered on the back of a turtle, formed dry land on which Ataecnic could live. She produced a daughter who, in time, bore twins known as Djuskaha and Othagwenda.

Ataecnic (see Ataecnic)

Atago-gongen Japanese

[Atago-sam] a Buddhist god of fire

In some accounts he is equated with Kazu-tsuchi or with Susanowa.

Atago-sama (see Atago-gongen)

Ataguchu South American

[Atagucu] an Inca creator-god

He told Apocatrequil and Piguerao how to escape from the Cave of Refuge.

Ataguju (see Ataguchu)

Atahocan North American

a creator-god of the Montagnais tribes

Atai African

[‘fate’] a goddess of the Efik wife of Abassi

Ataintjina Australian

a rain-maker god of the Aborigines

He is said to make rain by throwing a young man into the sea, where he is swallowed by a huge snake. Two days later the man is disgorged and, carrying some of the snake’s scales, ascends into the sky where he hangs head down, his hair forming rain. The scales are thrown to earth as thunder and lightning; Ataintjina joins the man in the sky, as the rainbow. The rain stops and, after a period of drought, Ataintjina starts the whole cycle again.

Atak Canaanite

a god

son of El

He was killed by Anat.

Atal1 East Indian

a supreme deity in Borneo

Atal1 African

one of the 7 realms of Patala

Atalanga East Indian

a creator being of the Efer

He eloped with the daughter of Sa and they had seven boys and seven girls, some black, some white, who spoke different languages.

Atalanta Greek

[Atalante] daughter of Iasius by Clymene wife of Meleager mother of Parthenopaeus by Ares or Meleager, some say

Abandoned by her parents when she was born, Atalanta was raised by a she-bear and grew up as a very fleet-footed maiden.

She joined the hunt for the Calydonian boar and shot and killed the centaurs Hylaes and Rhoeous when they tried to rape her. She wounded the boar so that Meleager was able to get close and kill it. Meleager insisted that she be given the pelt of the boar, a gesture which brought much trouble on his own head.

She would marry only the man who could beat her in a foot-race, killing all who tried and failed. Melanion eventually beat her by dropping golden apples, given to him by Aphrodite, in her path, which delayed her as she stopped to pick them up.

Some say that she sailed with the Argonauts, the only woman in the crew.

She and her husband were changed into lions or leopards by Zeus for defiling his precinct or, in some versions, by Aphrodite for failing to
give thanks to the goddess.

Some say that after giving birth to Parthenope, her son by Artes, she was taken up to Olympus.

In the Boeotian version, Hippomenes takes the place of Melanion.

Atalanta

[Atalanter]

daughter of Schoeneus

wife of Hippomenes

This is the Boeotian (rather than the Arcadian) girl, of whom the same story of a contest involving golden apples is told.

Atalante (see Atalanta)

Atalid

a moon demon

At'am

a Mordvin thunder-god

Atamalqualiztli

Central American

an Aztec festival in honour of the gods

During the ceremony, held once every eight years, all the people dressed as animals or birds and imitated their ways. At the end of the ceremony, all jumped into a lake filled with snakes and frogs, attempting to catch one of the reptiles in their mouths and eating them alive.

Atanua

Pacific Islands

[=Tahitian Fa'ahotu]
a goddess of the dawn in the Marquesas

wife of Atea

She and her husband created many other deities.

Atoekolinonna

African

son of Ndiannedanhay

In the lore of Madagascar, he was said to have descended from the sky by his father to see if the earth was suitable for a home for man. Unable to bear the heat, he burrowed into the ground and has not been seen since.

Atar

Persian

[=Adar,Adhur,Atarsh,Atesh.]
a fire-god

son of Ahura Mazda

one of the Yazatas

His father sent him to stop the dragon Azhi Dahak from persecuting mankind. After a long struggle, Atar chained the dragon to a mountain where he will remain until the final renewal of the world.

In some accounts he is one of the Amesha Spentas.

(see also Thraetona,Verethragna)

Atar (see Atargatis)

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was his first wife and mother of Helle,
father of Learchus and Melicertes by
They had three children, Helle,
He married Nephele, the woman Zeus
created in the likeness of Hera
from cloud material to deceive Izion.
They had three children, Helle, Leucon and Phrixus. He was also the
father of Learchus and Melicertes by
Ino, whom he seduced and then
married. Others say that Ino was his
first wife. In other accounts Themisto
was his first wife and mother of Helle,
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He was preparing to sacrifice his
son Phrixus to lift the scourge of
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carried off on the golden-fleeced
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Learchus, with an arrow, mistaking
him for a stag. His wife, Ino, and his
other son, Melicertes, escaped his
sword only by jumping into the sea.
He was banished from his kingdom.
After much wandering, he founded a
new city and started a new life
with Themisto.
In one version Ino was also driven
mad by Hera and wandered the
countryside, but returned after
Athamas had married Themisto, who
was then sent away. She plotted to kill
Themisto's children but her own
children were killed instead. It was the
death of her sons that sent Athamas
mad and caused him to kill Learchus.

Athana (see Athena)
Athena
a leader of the demons of the East
Athar³ [Arabian]
in some accounts, a name for Astarte
as a male deity
In this version Astarte became the
male deity Athar and the female Sams.

Athar² [Mesopotamian]
[Ash]tar[Ahe]t[ar]r[ar]-[Egyptian]
Abimilki-Semitic Ahtar
t a Canaanite god of irrigation
son of El and Asherah
son of Ate, some say
He was appointed to Baal's throne
when Baal was killed by Mot but
deposed when Baal was restored to life
by Anat. Athar later ruled in the under-
world.

Atharate (see Atargatis)
Atharna [Iris]
a king
When his son was murdered, he
pronounced a curse on the killers; as a
result, all the crops and cattle in
Leinster died.

Atharva Veda (see Atharvaveda)

Atharvan¹ [Hindu]
one of the 7 Rishis
father of Dadhicha
He is said to be the author of one of
the Vedas.

Atharvan² [Persian]
a fire priest

Atharvaveda [Hindu]
[Atharva Veda]
one of the 4 Vedas, a collection of
some 6,000 spells and rites of exorcism

Atieh (see Ateh²)

Athena [Greek]
Chalimitis.Chalkioikes.Curotophros
Nike(pherous Athena).Ophthalmitis.
Opitileis Oxydorces.Pallas (Athena).
Tritogeneia.-Egyptian Isis.West.Sais.
Thoueris.-Etruscan Memra.Menrva:
<Hindu Ushas>-Persian Anahita.-Roman
Appiades.Minerva
virgin-goddess of agriculture, cities,
handicrafts, war and wisdom
one of the Olympians
daughter of Zeus, Pallas, Hephaestus
or Poseidon

mother of Apollo and Lychnus by
Hephaestus, some say
Zeus had seduced Metis and
swallowed her and her unborn child.
When he later developed a headache,
Hephaestus, or in some versions
Prometheus, split his skull open with
an axe and out sprang Athena, fully
developed and armed.
Another version says that she was
the daughter of Poseidon, born in
Lake Tritonis in Libya, or of the giant
Pallas, whom she killed when he tried
to rape her.
She became patron of Athens by
winning a competition against
Poseidon. Whereas he produced only
salt water (or the horse), she invented
the more useful olive tree.
During the battle of the Giants with
the gods she fought alongside the male
deities and killed the giants Enceladus
and Pallas.
It was Athena who gave Perseus the
bright shield that he used when killing
the Medusa.
When Paris awarded the golden apple
to Aphrodite at the wedding of Peleus
and Thetis, she and Hera, the other
losing contestant, became her enemies
and supported the Greeks against
the Trojans during the Trojan War.
She is said to have invented the
flute, the bridle and several tools. Her
own flute, which later was acquired by
Marsyas, was said to play itself.
When Teiresias saw her bathing, she
struck him blind but gave him inner
sight in compensation.
She is depicted wearing a helmet
and carrying a shield and spear. Her
birds were the cock and the owl (or
crane), her tree the olive and her
animal the serpent.

Athena Acria [Greek]
[‘topmost’] (see Athena Coryphasia)

Athena Boarmania [Greek]
[‘ox-yoker’]
a name for Athena in Boeotia

Athena Chalicoeucus [Greek]
[‘Godess of the Brazen House’]
a name for Athena in Sparta

Athena Coryphasia [Greek]
[‘Athena Acria. “head’]
a name for Athena referring to her
birth from the head of Zeus

Athena Chalinitis [Greek]
[‘bridler’]
a name for Athena as a goddess of
war-horses (see also Athena
Damasippus.Athena Hippia)
Athena Damasippus

Greek
[horse-tamer]
a name for Athena as a goddess of war-horses
(see also Athena Chalinitis. Athena Hippia)

Athena Hippia

Greek
a name for Athena as a goddess of war-horses
(see also Athena Chalinitis. Athena Damasippus)

Athena Hygeia

Greek
a name for Athena as a goddess of health
(see also Hygeia)

Athena Mechanitis

Greek
a name for Athena as the inventor of mechanical devices

Athena Parthenos

Greek
a name for Athena as a virgin-goddess

Athena Polias

Greek
a name for Athena as a goddess of the state

Athena Promachus

Greek
a name for Athena as the goddess who leads in battle

Athena Pronaia

Greek
[see also Athena Pronaia]
a name for Athena at Delphi

Athena Pronaia

Greek
[see Athena Pronaia]
Athena Tritogenis

Greek
a name for Athena as the nymph of Lake Trotonis

Athenaeum

Greek
a temple of Athena

Athena1

Greek
[Athena] a name for Athena as patron of the city of Athens
(see also Polias)

Athena2

Greek
festivals in honour of Athena

Athena3

Greek
[see Athena] a name for Athena as patron of the city of Athens
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Athena4

Greek
[see also Athena] a name for Athena as a goddess of war-horses

Athena5

Greek
[see Athena] a name for Athena as patron of the city of Athens

Athena6

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Athena20

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Athor

Egyptian

an early goddess
In some accounts she and Khepri were engendered by the supreme god Amon and were the parents of Isis and Osiris.
In some accounts she is the same as Hathor.

Athras

(see Aethra)

A thyris

British

a king of Glenvissig
son of Meurig
In some accounts he is equated with King Arthur.

Athtar

(see Athar)

Athtarat

(see Anat. Astarde)

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Athvar

(see Hathor)

Athwa

Persian

a primaeval hero
He is said to be the second man to make haoma.

Ati

New Zealand

a Maori chief
It is said that he married the spirit he caught in his fishing net.

Ati Dangne

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Aticandika

Hindu

one of 9 forms of Durga

Atira1

North American

[Haruru, 'mother']
a Pawnee earth-goddess: the earth wife of Atius Tirawa
mother of Hativa

Atirat

Mayan

[Canaanite Asera]
a Syrian goddess of lasciviousness
(see also Asherah)

Atisa

Buddhist

[Jojo-Atisa]
an 11th c disciple who brought Buddhism to Tibet, later defied atiti
(see asisi)

Atius

(see Shakuru)

Atius-Tirawa

North American

[Great Spirit. Heavenly Arch. Tirawa(-Atius)]
the creator-god of the Pawnee husband of Atira
father of Hativa
He is said to have made the sun and the moon and sent storm spirits to Bright Star. These spirits raised a storm and when it ceased the earth was covered with water, wiping out the race of giants. The four guardian-gods struck the water and the earth rose out of the depths. Tirawa then caused Bright Star to mate with Great Star to produce offspring who later produced the first human, Closed Man, whose welfare was watched over by Tirawa. Tirawa placed a buffalo to hold up the earth. This animal loses one of its hairs every year and it is said that the world will come to an end when the last hair falls.

Ativahika

Hindu

the body that migrates after death:
the universal body of the single reality

Atl1

Central American

[Atotonil Chalchiutonatiuh] a creator-god of the Aztecs
He represents the fourth of the five ages of the world, each of which lasts for 105,456 years. At the end of this period came the flood and all humans were turned into fish.
In another version, the first age of the Aztec creation cycle was called Atotonil.

Atl2

Central American

the ninth of the 20 days of the Aztec month
Symbolising East and water, the day was governed by Xiuhcuetlhu.

Atl3

Central American

a creator-god of the Aztecs

Atlacamani

Central American

an Aztec deity causing storms at sea
a version of Chalchihtuhlicue

Atlahua

Central American

an Aztec god of fishermen and lakes

Atlantes

Greek

a race of people said to know the
secrets of nature

Atlan
ean

European

a magician
foster-father of Rogero
He was convinced that Rogero would be killed if he entered the outside world, so he did all he could to keep him in seclusion. When Rogero joined the invasion of France under Agramant, Atlantes intervened several times to keep him safe. On one occasion, he built a castle in the Pyrenees, carrying off Rogero with many other knights and damsels for company, keeping them in luxury in the castle. At other times he entrapped Rogero and his friends in other enchanted palaces.
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(see also Etzel)

**Atli**

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a name of Thor as ‘grandfather’

**Atma**

(see Atman)

**Atman**

Buddhist

[Atma=Palì Atta]

ultimate reality: the divine element in man’s make-up: the soul

**Atmu**

(see Atum)

**Atmatu**

Australian

a self-created god of the Aborigines

He expelled his sons from his home in the sky when they became disobedient and sent them to earth with two bullroarers, which became men. He then created the alchera.

**Atman**

Buddhist

a monster in the form of a fish

When Kalinago was killed by his sons, his spirit entered this monster which chased the killers who became the ancestors of the people in the various islands to which they fled.

**Atma**

Pali

see also Ziusudra

**Atmal**

a mountain home of the rain spirits

**Atmen**

French

a supposed lost continent

Refugees from this continent, which was said to have disappeared beneath the sea, are reputed to have settled in Spain. Some say it was situated to the west of the entrance to the Mediterranean. Other suggested sites are in South America and the Pacific Ocean. Some say that this island was originally the realm of the Titan, Atlas, others that it was the original home of Igraine, mother of Arthur, and Merlin.

(see also Mu')

**Atlas**

[bearer-Hyas-Hurrian Upelluri]

a Titan

son of Lapetus and Clymene or Asia

son of Uranus and Gaea, some say brother of Epimetheus, Meneoetius and Prometheus

husband of Pleione

father of Calypso, Dione, the Hesperides, the Hyades, Hyas and the Pleiades by Aethra

He was the leader of the Titans in their war with the gods and when they lost he was condemned by Zeus forever to carry the sky (or, in some accounts, the world) on his shoulders.

He helped Heracles in his fourth labour, to get the golden apples from Hera’s garden.

He was turned to stone when Perseus displayed the severed head of Medusa when Atlas refused him hospitality on his flight back from his attack on the Gorgons.

Some accounts have Atlas as the ruler of Atlantis, which was inundated by the sea when the gods became alarmed at the degenerate behaviour of the island’s inhabitants.

**Atlatoran**

Central American

an Aztec goddess
wife of Tezcatlipoca

**Atlatua**

Central American

an Aztec water-god

**Atlé**

Norse

a Berserker

the descendants of Atlas including Hermes and the Pleiades

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-European

the Basque story of the creation

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the French name for Atlantis

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**Atthalis**

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**Attharan**

Mesopotamian

[Atman=Attharas=Attonasis=Atthara-

Attharais=Attharan]=Atthara-

Atthara=Athara=Atthara-Athara-

Superwises=Atthara=Atthara-

U(a)napishtim=Utharapitsim=U

a king of Shurupak

the Babylonian Noah

son of Ubar-Tutu, some say

Warned by Enki, he survived the flood sent by Enil in his ship Preserver of Life, saving also his wife, animals, plants and seeds. He was granted immortality by Ea or Enil.

Some accounts refer to two people of this name – one, the survivor of the Sumerian flood, the other said to be the father of Utnapishtim, the survivor of the Babylonian version.

(see also Ziusudra)

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(see Atthalis)

**Attharimen**

West Indian

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**Attharam**

(see Atthalis)
Atreidae (see Atridae)

Atreus

Greek

king of Mycenae
son of Pelops and Hippodamia
brother of Thystes
husband of Arope, Cleolla and Pelopia
father of Agamemnon, Menelaus
and Pleisthenes

In some accounts his first wife was Cleolla by whom he was the father of Pleisthenes. In that version Arope was first married to Pleisthenes and later married Atreus. Others say that Cleolla was the wife of Pleisthenes.

Atreus was involved in a dispute with Thystes over the throne of Mycenae. He had stuffered the fleece of a golden-horned lamb made by Goat-Pan or Hermes, which became acknowledged as a symbol of the right to the throne. He was tricked by Thystes into killing his own son, Pleisthenes. His second wife Arope was infatuated with Thystes and gave him the lamb. He assumed the throne but soon abdicated when Zeus reversed the motions of the sun as a warning. Atreus took over again as King and banished Thystes. When he discovered his wife's treachery he imprisoned, but Thystes disarmed seven years old Atreus ordered him to recovered by Atreus who thought he was his own son. When Agisthus was seven years old Atreus ordered him to kill Thystes, whom he had imprisoned, but Thystes disarmed the boy and, recognising the sword he held, knew that the boy was his own son. Thystes then reversed the order and this time there was no mistake; the boy killed Atreus and Thystes was left in control of Mycenae.

Atri

Hindu

[Atar, 'the eater']
one of the Seven Rishis
husband of Anasuya
father of Durvasas

father of Soma, some say
His function was to ensure that the sun did not fall from the sky

Atridae

Greek

the brothers Agamemnon
and Menelaus
sons of Atreus

Atrid

Norse

a name of Odin as 'rider in the sky'

Atrixswamitra

Hindu

[=Etruscan Culsu-Roman Morta]
the 7 rishis

Atrapos

Greek

one of the 3 Fates, the one who cuts the thread of life

Atse Estsan

North American

[Atseestsan]
the first woman in the lore of the Navaho
consort of Atse Hastin

The first man and his wife were created by the gods from two corn seeds. When the couple taught the rudimentary beings existing at that time how to form communities, the water-monster Tieholtsodi caused a flood and drowned these people. The two humans escaped through a hole in the sky made by a hawk and came into the fifth world. Here they created the present world, when it was completed, they both vanished. The five pairs of twins that they produced mated with the Kisani to populate the earth. (see also Naestan)

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(see Estsan)

Atseachestan

(see Estsan)

Attehastin

(see Hastin)

Atta1

Buddhist

the Pali version of the Sanskrit Atman

Atta2

(see Ate)

Attabear

West Indian

[Atabe,Atabey,Guacarapatia,Guimazea.
Iella.Mamona,Mother of Waters]
the supreme goddess and water goddess of the Taino tribe
mother of Guamaonco

Attaconi

a race of people said to live beyond the Himalayas

Attahen

(see Attajen)

Attajen

North American

[Attahen]
a semi-divine being: the first man

In the lore of some of the Californian tribes, he was the first man created by Chinhaichinich, while others say that it was he who appeared after the death of Ouiot and gave his children the powers of medicine men.

Attar1

Mesopotamian

[Dhu-Samani=Cananean Athar]
a Semitic god of the morning star and rain-god (see also Attar)

Attar2

(see Atargatis)

Attart

(see Atat)

Atter

Mesopotamian

a Semitic war-god (see also Attar)

Atthis

Greek

an aspect of Athena
daughter of Cranes and Pedias
sister of Cranae
mother of Erinthes by Hephaestus, some say

Her father, the king of Athens, called his kingdom Attica in her honour.

Attic Boy

(see Cephalus)

Attic Hercules

(see Cephalus)

Attai

a name for Theseus

Atila

Norse

[Atzilo, Ezzila]
leader of the Huns
husband of Ildico

He found the magic sword of Cheru and used it to conquer much of the known world. He finally married Ildico, whose father he had killed, and she used the sword to kill Attila, so avenging her father.

In Thidreksaga, his wife is known as Erka; in the story of Walther she is Osphrin. (see also Atli, Ezzel)

Attis

Phrygian

[Atys, Bagairos (Zeus), Pappas=Greek Adonis, Sumerian Tammuz]
a Phrygian god of shepherds and vegetation
son of Agdistis or Calaus, in some accounts

In some stories he is the son of Cybele, in others her lover. Some say he is the son of Nana.
In another version he is the son (or the male half) of Agdistis, whose blood, when he was castrated, produced a tree from which a young girl, Nana, picked the fruit. When she dropped the fruit into her lap she became pregnant, producing Attis. The infant was abandoned and reared by a goat. When he grew up, Cybele (or, in some accounts, Agdistis) fell in love with him. When he deserted her for a nymph, Sagartis, the goddess drove him mad so that he castrated himself and died, but was restored to life and reunited with Cybele. In some accounts she turned Attis into a pine tree.

Some say that Attis fathered a child on Cybele and her father killed both Attis and the baby. Cybele restored Attis to life. Another version has Agdistis breaking in on the wedding celebrations of Attis and Sagartis with the result that Attis castrated himself and his bride died from self-inflicted wounds.

Some say that the castration was not self-inflicted but resulted from an attack by a wild boar. He was associated with the planet Jupiter.

Atu Pacific Islands

He was either a son of Nun or a self-created god who brought light to the primordial universe and, as Iusau, a bisexual being, created his son Shu and his daughter Tefnut. Others say that he appeared out of the primordial chaos as a serpent, created by the four frogs and four snakes that existed in the primordial waters.

He was later assimilated with Ra as Ra-Atum and is depicted as a black bull, Mnevis, or as a snake.

(see also Khepra, Ra, Ra-Atum)

Atum-Ra (see Ra-Atum)

Atumu (see Atum)

Atunis Roman

the Etruscan version of Adonis

Atutaui (see Autahi)

Atys Greek

son of Croesus

He was accidentally killed by Adrastus during a hunt. Adrastus killed himself in grief.

Atys Greek

a king of Lydia

father of Tyrrhenus

Atys (see Attis)

Au-Aa Semitic

da deity

Au Co Vietnamese

wife of a Chinese warlord

Her husband conquered Vietnam but Lac Long Quan came out of the sea and captured her, forcing the invaders to leave.

Auahi-Turoa Australian

culture hero of the Aborigines

He is said to have given fire to mankind. (see also Auahi-Turoa)

Auahi-Turoa Pacific Islands

a Polynesian fire-god

son of Tama Nui-Te-Ra

father of Tefnut and Mapere

and Mepare

His father sent him to earth to bring fire to mankind. He married Mahuika, who bore him five sons.

(see also Auahi-Turoa)

Aube British

a forest

On the edge of this forest, Percival and Galahad temporarily parted company in their quest for the Holy Grail.

Auberin European

[Huberoin of Mondiser; Aubry]

Aubry's dog

[Dog of Montargis; Dragon] 
a dog named Dragon who exposed his master's murderer

Richard of Macaire killed Aubry of Montdidier in 1371 and the dog snarled at him and attacked him whenever it saw him. It finally killed Richard who, dying, confessed to the murder. (see also Aubry)

Auchimalgen South American

a sun-goddess in Chile

Auchthon Phoenician

[Epigeus; = Greek Uranus]
a sky-god

an early name for Ouranos

Aud Nurse

son of Naglfari and Nott

Auda Nurse

da feminine form of Aud

Aude European

daughter of Regnier

sister of Oliver

She was betrothed to Roland who had to leave to fight in Spain before they could get married. When he was killed at Roncesvalles, she died of grief.

A similar story is told of Hildegarde. (see Aldabella; Heldegunde')

Audhumbra Norse

[Aud(h)umbla, Audhulma; 'nourisher']

the primeval cow

This cow, whose milk nourished the giant Ymir, was formed from vapour condensing into frost. As she licked the salt in the ice, Buri emerged, fully formed. He was the progenitor of Bor, the father of Odin.

Audhuma (see Audhumbra)

Audoir German

a king of Lombardy

father of Alboin
She was one of the nine wave-maidens said to have given birth simultaneously to Heimdall, fathered by Odin.

**Augemias** (see Augeas)

**Augelmir** (see Ymir)

**augerine** North American

**a fabulous animal**

This animal is said to live in irrigation ditches and bores holes in the sides to let the water out.

**Augeja** (see Augeia)

**Augia** (see Auge)

**Augias** (see Augeas)

**Augne-Baugauven** Persian

**a god of fire**

one who made prophecies from the flight of birds

**augury** (auspice.auspicy)

**divination from the flight of birds**

(see also ornithomancy)

**Augusel** British

[Arw[n.Auguselus]

a king of Scotland

brother of Urien, some say

When King Arthur defeated the Saxons he restored to Augusel the lands the invaders had taken from him. Augusel fought with Arthur on his expeditions against the Romans on the Continent, but was later killed by Mordred.

In some accounts he is regarded as the mortal form of the underworld god Arawn.

**Auguselas** (see Augusel)

**August Female** (see Izanami)

**August Male** (see Izanagi)

**August of Jade** (see Yü Huang)

**August Personage of Jade** (see Yü Huang)

**Augusta** Roman

A name for the goddess Epona, used by the Romans.

**Augusta** European

an adviser to Charlemagne

This was the name taken by one member of the Pleiad.

**Auharmazd** (see Ahura Mazda)

**auki** South American

a mountain spirit in Peru

These spirits can be invoked by a bruj o or a sorcerer to heal the sick. They are said to live in secret houses in the heart of the mountains. Their servants are the condor and the vicuna; the cat Ccoa is their more fearsome servant.
at him) chewed through the creeper and the monster crashed to the ground and was killed. Some say that lizards and alligators grew from parts of the demon’s dead body.

**aura**
- an emanation of the human body
- Those claiming supernatural power say that this material can be seen in the right circumstances. Some say that it assumes various colours, each of which is related to a specific quality or feeling.

**Aura**
- Greek
- a nymph of the air

**Aurra**
- Phoenician
- daughter of Omichle and Pothos
- the primaeval physical force of the universe
- sister of Aer
She mated with Aer to produce Otos.

**Auraka**
- Pacific Islands
- a Polynesian god of death

**Auramazda**
- (see Ahura Mazda)

**Aurboda**
- (see Angrbode)

**aurea virga**
- Roman
- a rod, the caduceus given by Mercury to Apollo

**Aurelius Ambrosius**
- British
- [Ambrosius Aurelianus=Welsh Emrys]
- a king of Britain
- son of Constantine
- brother of Constant and Uther
When his brother, King Constant, was killed by Vortigern’s soldiers, he and his brother, Uther, fled to the court of King Boudiccius of Britain to escape from Vortigern, but returned later to kill him by burning him in his castle. In another story they reappeared as the dragons buried on Mount Erith by Saxon soldier, Fopa, tricked his way into the presence of Aurelius, who was ill in bed, and poisoned him.

In some accounts Aurelius was the son of Constant and was also called Uther. His brothers in that version were Moines and Pendragon. Others equate him with King Arthur.

**Aurentil**
- (see Orvandil)

**Aurgiafa**
- Norse
- [Eyrigma] a giantess
She was one of the nine wave-maidens said simultaneously to have given birth to Heimdall, fathered by Odin.

**Auriaria**
- Pacific Islands
- a giant chieftain of the Gilbert Islands
husband of the goddess Nei Titubine

**Aurora**
- Roman
- [Mater Matuta=Greek Eos] a goddess of the dawn

**Auroria Borealis**
- [Northern Lights]
- coloured lights appearing in the sky in high northern latitudes

- Baltic
- (1) In Estonian tales, the lights occur when a celestial wedding is taking place and are caused by light reflected from the sumptuous trappings of the sleighs and the horses that draw them.
- (2) Finnish lore attributes the lights to the souls of the dead.
- (3) Lappish lore attributes the lights to the spirits of those killed in war or murdered.

- Greece and Rome
- In classical times, the lights were generally regarded as natural phenomena but some said that they portended some fateful event.

- Norse
- The lights were said to be sunlight reflected from the shields of the Valkyries.

- North America
- (1) The Inuit say that the lights are the dance of the dead.
- (2) In the lore of the Iroquois, the supreme spirit made the maiden Awenhai pregnant, but she came to believe that she had been seduced by Fire Dragon or Aurora Borealis so he pushed all three of them out through the hole in the sky that appeared when he tore up the Onodja Tree.
- (3) The Kwakiutl also say that the lights are the spirits of the dead, but add that they can portend death in the family of the deceased.
- (4) In the lore of the Makan, the lights are the fires of a small race in the sky cooking their meat.
- (5) The Manadan say that the lights occur when medicine men boil their enemies in big pots.
- (6) The Tlingit say that the lights are the spirits of the dead playing together in the sky.

**Ausrine**
- a Lithuanian goddess of the dawn

**Auskelis**
- (see Auskelis)

**Aus**
- Mesopotamian
- an early Babylonian god
- father of Bel by Dauce

**Auseklis**
- (see Auskelis)

**Ausera**
- Baltic
- a Lithuanian goddess of the dawn

**Ausiul**
- an angel, ruler of the sign Aquarius

**Auskelis**
- Baltic
- [Auskelis=Lithuanian Ausrine]
- a Latvian fertility-god, attendant on the sky-god

**Auson**
- Greek
- son of Odysseus by Calypso or Circe, or of Artas by Calypso

**Ausones**
- Greek
- descendants of Auson

**Aussinia**
- Greek
- an early name for Italy

**auspec**
- (see augur)

**auspice**
- (see augury)

**auspicy**
- (see augury)

**Ausrine**
- Baltic
- [=Latvian Auskelis]
- a Lithuanian fertility-god

In some accounts, Ausrine was the Morning Star with whom the moon god Meness had an affair.
Aust

Austatikeo-Pauligaur  
Persian a group of 8 demons guarding the world

Auster  
Roman [-Greek Notus] the south west wind personified

Austri  
Norse one of the 4 dwarfs supporting the sky (East)

Autahi  
Pacific Islands the star Canopus as god of the heavens

Autak  
Persian [Udai-Vata] a half-human demon mother of Azhi Dahak

Auteb  
Egyptian [Auteb] the personification of joy (female)

Autesion  
Greek a king of Thebes son of Tisamenus father of Anticleia

Autolycus1  

Atheist  
Greek a thief who could change the animals he stole into new forms. He stole some cattle from Sisyphus, who seduced his daughter Anticleia in revenge.

Autolycus2  
Greek [Autolukos.Autolykos] a follower of Heracles son of Deimachus brother of Deileon and Phlogius

He and his brothers helped Heracles on his ninth Labour and later joined the Argonauts.

Autolykos  
(see Autolyces) automatic writing writing written without the conscious participation of the writer

Such writing is often produced during a spiritualist seance and is said to be the work of a guiding spirit who wishes to convey a message to the living.

Automedon  
Greek a charioteer of Achilles son of Diros

He killed the Trojan Aretus to avenge the death of Patroclus and, after the death of Achilles, followed his son Pyrrhus.

Autonoe  
Greek daughter of Cadmus and Harmonia sister of Agave and Ino wife of Aristaeus mother of Acteon and Macris

Driven mad by Dionysus, she and her sisters pulled Pentheus to pieces.

Autonomous  
Greek (see also Agave) a hero of Delphi He and Phylacus helped to save the city from the invading Persians.

Autrampus  
European a Prussian sea-god

Autumn-snap charm (see chiu-she) a tutelary spirit of the Mordvins

Auteb  
Greek Aborigi nation spirits These beings are described as thin and hairy with tails and bones hanging from various parts of their bodies.

auwa  
Australian sacred places of the Aborigines

Auwyn  
Welsh father of Pwyll

Auxe  
Greek [Auxo. 'grower'] in some accounts, she is one of the Graces, in others, one of the Horae

Auxeis  
Greek a minor fertility-goddess

Auyo  
(see Auxe)

Auzar  
North American in some accounts, wife of Tacu and mother of Chingichinich

Ava  
Russian [mother:=Cherenis awa] a tutelary spirit of the Mordvins These spirits have their own sphere of influence – Kov-awa protects the moon; mastor-ava, the earth; kud-ava the home; tol-ava, fire; varm-ava, wind; ved-ava, water; vir-ava, the woodlands.

Avadana  
Buddhist collections of tales about various Buddhist heroes

Avagddu  

He was very ugly, so Ceridwen prepared a magic brew to make him very wise as compensation. In the event, her plans went astray and it was the boy Gwion who became the wise man Taliesin.

In some accounts Avagddu is merely a nickname for Morran.

Avagdu  
(see Avagdu) 

Avaiyo  
North American a spirit of the Tewa tribe

This being is said to cause floods.

Avaiki  
(see Hawaiik) 

Aval  
Buddhist a Chinese goddess of mercy

Avalambana  
(see Festival of the Hungry Ghosts)

Avali  
(see omuli)

Avalach  
(see Yns Avallach.Avallloc)

Avallo  
(see Avalon)

Avalloc1  

In Welsh lore he was the father of Modron. In other accounts he was Evelake.

Avalloc2  
(see Yns Avalach)

Avalloch  
(see Yns.Avalach.Avalloc)

Avallon  
(see Avalloc)

Avalokita  
(see Avalokiteshvara)

Avalokiteshvara  

He is regarded as a bodhisattva who is reincarnated in each new Dalai Lama.

In Tibet, he is the supreme national god and can assume any form, such as a cloud, a figure with 1,000 arms and eleven heads, and various animals. To help his charitable works he was given 1,000 hands. He produced a monkey, which mated with an ogress to produce a race of hairy beings. These mated with the forest monkeys and when Avalokiteshvara gave them food they lost their hair and tails and became human beings.

He delayed his own release from the cycle of death and rebirth to help others achieve enlightenment. Having brought release to all, he set off to return to paradise. When he chanced to look back and saw that men had reverted to their former sinful ways, he broke into a million pieces from which arose the version with eleven heads and 1,000 arms. The goddess Tara was born from the tears he shed.

He is regarded as a manifestation of Amitabha who generated him from a
beam of light issuing from his own eye. As Padmapani, he created the world and Brahma, Indra, Lakshmi and Sarasvatī, from various parts of his own body. He is represented as a handsome youth holding in his left hand a lotus blossom. He was later identified with the Chinese goddess of mercy Kuan Yin.

In some accounts he is identified with Śiva, in others he occupies one of the two thrones in Amitabha’s heaven (Mahasthama has the other).

**Avalokitesvara** (see Avalokiteshvara)

*Avalon* [British]

[Apple Island, Avallo, Avahun, Avalon.]

Fortunate Isle, Island of Apples, Island of Blessed Souls, Isle of Glass, Isle of Souls. 

Ovendon—Irish Abhach—Swedish Assylda—Welsh Ynysh Avelach

the spirit world: an earthly paradise

This was the home of Morgan le Fay and the site of the forge operated by fairies, in which Excalibur is said to have been made.

On his death, King Arthur was placed on a boat and taken to Avalon where, some say, he was healed of his wounds and survives to this day, awaiting some future call to save Britain.

Another story makes this an island in the far West, concealed from view by a wall of spray, where the giants kept the golden apples that they had stolen from the gods. Some say it was ruled by Morgan le Fay, leader of nine fairy queens. (see also Assiya.)

**Avalon**[3]  
European

in Carolingian legend, this was the island home of Morgan le Fay.

In the story of Ogier the Dane, he was transported to Avalon where he still sleeps. Some accounts say that both Oberon and Ogier held their courts in Avalon.

**Avalun** (see Avalon)

**Avalux**  
Central American

a god of the Quiche Indians

**Avanc**  
(see Addanc)

**Avaon**  
Welsh

a name used for Gadeon, in some Welsh accounts

**avatar** [Buddhist]

[avatara, awatar(a), ‘descent’]

the highest grade of Buddhist monk in Tibet

**avatara** [Hindu]

[avatara, awatar(a), ‘descent’]

an incarnation of a god: supreme glorification

**avatara** (see avatar)

**Avatea** (see Areta)

**Ave** (see Awe)

**Ave-aītu**  
Pacific Islands

the Tahitian sorcerer-god

The leader of the forces of the war-god, he was depicted as a meteor, the ‘tailed god’.

**Avenable**  
British

a maiden who disguised herself as a youth

Calling herself Grisandole, she introduced Merlin to the court of Julius Caesar and was said to have married the emperor.

**Avenger** (see Marduk)

**Avenger’s Sword**  
European

a Danish story of a sword that can operate alone

This weapon is said to be able to kill its owner’s enemies of its own accord, but may turn on its owner.

Several swords fall within this category including Týrfing, the sword of Angantyr in Norse myth and the sword of Tēthra in Irish myth.

**Aventinus**  
Roman

a son of Heracles and Rhea

He fought with Turnus against Aeneas.

**Avernal**  
Roman

a fiend: inhabitant of the underworld

**Averner** (see Avernus'')

**Avernus**[3]  
Celtic

a tribal god in Gaul

**Avernus**[2]  
Roman

[Averne, Lake Avernus]

hell or the entrance to it

**Averruncus**  
Roman

a minor god whose function was to avert evil

a version of Robigus

**Avesta**  
Persian

[Serd-(Avesta)]

sacred writings: the Zarōastrian bible

These writings are in three parts: the Vendidad (myths and laws), the Visperad (litanies) and the Yasna (liturgies). In some accounts, there are four parts, the fourth one being the Yashts (hymns to the angels and heroes).

There were originally twenty-one books in each group: the dēkat, the gatha and the hātab-mansuri. The Zend is a commentary on the Avesta.

**Aveta**  
Celtic

a Gallic goddess of birth

**Avezhua**  
Romanian

da demoness

Averruva  
(see Akkrva)

Avichey  
(see Avichi)

Avichi  
Cambodian

[Avichey—Buddhist Avici]

the Cambodian version of Avi

Avichimar  
Hindu

one of the realms of hell

This region is reserved for the punishment of liars who are continually thrown down from a great height.

Avici  
Buddhist

the lowest of the 7 realms of hell, reserved for those who mock the Buddha

Avidiya  
Hindu

the primal cause of all things

Avilion  
(see Avalloc’’Avalon)

Avilix  
South American

a Mayan deity who was turned to stone by the light of the sun

Avino  
European

a knight of Charlemagne

He fought with Oliver and Roland at Roncesvales.

Avon  
(see Orvandil)

Avo Akore  
East Indian

the third person in the lore of the Eéléma people of Papua

This person, born from a turtle’s egg, turned into a coconut palm.

Avolio  
European

a knight of Charlemagne

He fought with Oliver and Roland at Roncesvales.

Avon Dia  
Irish

a length of the River Dee

When Cuchulainn and Ferdia fought one another in the river, this length held back the water on each side so as not to interfere with the duel.

Avrikiti  
African

the god of fishermen of the Fon

Avritra  
Hindu

the serpent of drought

Avya  
South American

the sun and moon, in the lore of the Cube tribe in Colombia

Avya is the man who, as the sun, walks across the sky giving light, by which the people can work by day, and less light when he becomes the moon, to allow people to sleep. When he dies, during an eclipse, his demise is blamed on an evil shaman who, if he can be identified, is put to death.

awa[1]  
mother: Mordvin ava

a tutelary spirit of the Cherenis

These spirits have their own sphere of
influence: kelse-awa protects the sun; mardez-awa, the wind; melande-awa, the earth; teleze-awa, the moon; tulawa, fire; and wut-awa, water.

Awa (see Awagi)

Awabi (see Great Awabi)

Awagi

[Awagi=Great Awabi=Great Awabi=Awabi=Pacific Islands Hawaii]

an island, home of souls

This was the second of the islands of Japan created when Izanagi and Izanami dipped a spear into the primordial ocean.

Awanaisa (see Gro Mama)

son of Eblis

Awatara (see Awatara)

awkara (see avatar)

Awe

British

the chief god: the sun

Awenhais (see Awenhai)

an Irquois maiden

The deity who made her pregnant thought she had been seduced by somebody else and threw her down from the sky. She was saved from drowning in the primordial ocean by somebody else and threw her down from the sky. She was saved from drowning in the primordial ocean by Great Turtle and lived on land newly formed by the muskrat. Her daughter made mankind by throwing pieces of her skin into the primordial ocean.

Other versions say that he made animals and men in four huge caves. One of the men, Poshaiyangkyo, crawled out and persuaded the god to allow all the others to follow.

In some accounts he became the sun.

Awul Elbow

North American

awul-elbow witches North American witches with awls or knives set in their elbows, in the lore of some Algonquian tribes

Awo Man (see Awo Man)

North American
tutelary spirit of the Pueblo, theawl personified

Awonawilona (see Awinawilona)

[All-Container]

creator-god of the Zuni people

This primaeval deity was conceived as combining both sexes, splitting to form the goddess Awitelin Tsta and the god Apoyan Tachi.

He spread a layer of green scum on the waters remaining after the flood and from this the land developed. He made mankind by throwing pieces of his skin into the primordial ocean.

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In some accounts he became the sun.

Awin (see Awin)

Awinawilona (see Awinawilona)

Awinawilona into two separate sexes, combining both sexes, splitting to form the goddess Awitelin Tsta and the god Apoyan Tachi.

Awo Man North American
tutelary spirit of the Pueblo, theawl personified

Axon2 Greek

son of Phegeus

brother of Arsinoe and Temenus

His sister, Arsinoe, married Alcmaeon. When Alcmaeon abandoned her, Axion, his brother and father, killed him.

Axion1 Greek

son of Priam and Hecuba

He was killed by Euryphylus at the siege of Troy.

Axe tree

divination from the motions of agate on a hot axe

Axius (see Axine)

Axiocercus

Greek

one of the 2 female Cabeiri daughter of Axiocercus

Axiokersa

Greek

Axiokersos

Greek

Alexer

Greek

a nymph

Ayo

North American

tune of destruction

Aymon's wife

Aymon's son

Aymon's father

Aya1 European

sister of Charlemagne

wife of Aymon

mother of Alardo, Bradamante, Ricciardetto, Riccardo and Rinaldo

In some accounts Aymon's wife is Beatrice.

Aya2 Japanese

[Princess Aya]
a princess who fell in love with the spirit of the peony

Aya was due to marry the son of Lord Ako but fell in love with a mysterious samurai and pined away for love of him. Her father set a trap for this handsome stranger and had Magi Hiogo wait in the peony bushes at night. The retainer captured the samurai but was overcome by a mysterious scent and fainted. When he came to, he found that he was grasping a peony. The princess placed this bloom in a vase by her bedside and immediately she became better but, when she married Lord Ako's son, the peony died.
Aya\textsuperscript{3} (see Aa\textsuperscript{3})

Aya\textsuperscript{4} African
goddess of the earth among the Fon sister of Loko

Ayacua South American
in the lore of the Lule tribes, a grub
This mountain grub was said to wield a bow that fired stone-tipped arrows, which caused illness.

Ayagba African
a Nigerian tribal chief father of Eneka
When Ayagba’s tribe was being defeated in battle, Eneka allowed herself to be buried alive, a sacrifice that saved her people.

Ayakasikone Japanese
[‘terrible face’]
a Shinto goddess consort of Omodur
These two deities were produced from one of the branches of the primordial god Umasiashikabihikoji.

Ayame Japanese
a lady at the imperial court
She was given as wife to Yorimasa when he killed the sky monster that had been harassing the emperor.

Ayamur Mesopotamian
[Driver]
a mace of Baal
This weapon was one of the two maces (the other was Yagrush) made by Kothar for Baal for his fight with Yam.

ayana African
[awulaha]
guardian spirits in Ethiopia

Ayanagotsha Hindu
husband of Radha

Ayar Auca (see Ayar Ayca)

Ayar Ayca South American
[AYAR AUCA.AYAR SAUCO] an Inca ancestral hero son of Inti
He became a field-god when sent by Inti, with his brothers and sisters, to settle on earth.

(see also Children of the Sun)

Ayar Cachi South American
[AYAR CACHI ASAUCA.TOPA AYAR CACHI] an Inca ancestral hero son of Inti
He was sealed in a cave by his jealous brothers when sent by Inti, with his brothers and sisters, to settle on earth.

(see also Children of the Sun)

Ayar Cachi Asauca (see Ayar Cachi)

Ayar Manco South American
[MANCO CAPAC] an Inca ancestral hero son of Inti
He is regarded as the founder of the Incas. Looking for a place where they might settle, he and his brothers and sisters explored the area near Cuzco. When Ayar Oco turned to stone or was pushed over a precipice by Ayar Manco, Ayar Cachi was sealed into a cave and Ayar Ayca became a field-god. He seized the city and married his sister Mama Oclo, starting the Inca dynasty.

In another version, only Ayar Manco and Mama Oclo were involved, sent by Inti to establish civilization. They were carrying a staff or a wedge of gold and settled where it sank into the ground.

In some versions Ayar Manco became a stone, which was revered by the Incas. (see also Children of the Sun. Manco Capac)

Ayar Oco South American
[AYAR UCHO.HUANA CAURI] son of Inti
He turned into stone when sent by Inti, with his brothers and sisters, to settle on earth.

Other versions say that his brother, Ayar Manco, killed him by pushing him over a precipice. In some versions he is called Huana Cauri.

(see also Children of the Sun. Pinahua)

Ayar Saucu (see Ayar Ayca)

Ayar Ucho (see Ayar Oco)

Ayglin British
an uncle of Andrivete
He seized the throne of Andrivete’s father and tried to force her into marriage with an unacceptable husband, so she ran off and married Kay. Ayglin’s subjects soon rebelled and Andrivete regained her rightful inheritance.

Ayida African
wife of Dan Hwedo (see also Aida)

Ayin (see Ain)

Ayil a demon of Sagittarius

Ayiyana Hindu
[AYIYAN] god of fields and woods in Ceylon

Ayilu South America
in the lore of the Incas, the souls of the descendants of the pacarina

Aym (see Aini)

Aymeri European
son of Hernant father of Guillaume

Aymeric European
the eldest son of Rinaldo

Aymon European
[Amnon=Dutch Anijin]
a duke
son of Duolin
husband of Aya or Beatrice
father of Alardo, Bradamante, Guichard, Ricciardetto, Ricardo and Rinaldo

He went to war with Charlemagne who had killed his relative, Hug, and, with the help of his steed, Bayard, defeated the Emperor’s forces but later made peace and married Charlemagne’s sister, Aya.

In Orlando Furioso, Aymon’s wife is Constantia and their son is Guido.

aymuray South American
a Chechua harvest song

Aypeos (see Ipos)

Ayperos (see Ipos)

Ayporus (see Ipos)

Ayres (see Azic\textsuperscript{2})

Ayu Hindu
son of Pururavas and Urvashi

ayudha-purusha Hindu
a person used by a demon or a deity as a weapon in battle: a weapon regarded as having its own spiritual being

Ayuvrasita Buddhist
one of the 12 Paramita goddesses

Ayus Hindu
father of Nahusha

Aywell British
a Celtic guardian-god of the north of England

Ayyanar Hindu
a local god

He was said to control the veeran.

Ayyappan Hindu
a god of growth

Az\textsuperscript{3} Persian
the female principle of greed
At the final battle, this demon will be defeated and confined eternally to hell.

Az\textsuperscript{2} a Manichaean female demon

Azaca Si (see Azacca)

Azacca West Indian
[Azaca Si.Azaca.Mambo Zacca] a Haitian god of agriculture brother of Gheede

Azadeh Persian
a slave girl
On a hunting trip with Bahram, she challenged him to demonstrate his skill as an archer, which he did by shooting a pellet, grazing the ear of an antelope. When the animal raised a hoof to scratch the ear, Bahram fired an arrow...
pinning the hoof to the ear. Azedah then accused the archer of being Ahriman himself whereupon he knocked her to the ground and trampled her to death under his camel's hoofs.

**Azag Bau** Mesopotamian wife of Sargon

**Azaka** (see Azacca)

**Azaradel** a demon

This being is said to have come to earth and explained the motions of the moon.

**Azariel** a moon demon

**Azazel** British a standard-bearer for Satan in Milton's *Paradise Lost*

**Azdahah** Mesopotamian a dragon of darkness husband of Tigranuki

When Azdahah set out to kill her wife's brother, Tigranes, Tigranuki warned Tigranes. Azdahah killed her wife for her treachery and Tigranes killed Azdahah in revenge.

**Aze** Japanese wife of Nase

This couple were said to be so devoted to each other that when threatened with separation, they chose instead to become pine trees.

**Azeman** South American a blood-sucking demon appearing as a bat by night, a woman by day

Such a being can be frustrated by placing a broom across the doorway or by scattering seeds or grain on the floor. In the latter case, the azeman feels compelled to collect and cart away every single grain. If she cannot finish the job before daylight returns, she leaves empty-handed or is perhaps caught in the act of counting the grains and can be killed.

**Azeruel** a moon demon

**Azeph** a demon

**Azhdak** (see Azhi Dahak) Persian

(Azhdak.Azhi Dahaka,Bevarash.
Dahak(i).Dahhal,Dhaki,Ezhdeha.
Vishap(a).Zah(h)ak.Zahak)

a 3-headed demon of destruction

son of Angra Mainyu and Autak

consort of Urj

A demon created by Ahriman, in one story, he was overcome, by Atar and chained to Mountain Demavand. In another story it was Thraetona who first stabbed him, allowing frogs and lizards to pour out of his chest, and then chained him.

In one story he replaced Yima as king and ruled for 1,000 years.

It is said that at the end of the world, he will break loose and kill much of mankind before being killed by the resuscitated Keresaspa. (see also Zahak)

**Azhi Dahaka** (see Azhi Dahak)

**Azibeel** a demon

**Azi** Persian a demon preying on beautiful women

**Azidahaka** (see Azhi Dahak)

**Aziel** a moon demon

**Azima** African a Swahili charm or incantation

**Azimu** African king of Ethiopia brother of Hakim

**Azizan** African [=Ashanti mmoatia=Brazilian saco:->Nigerian ijimere=Surinam apuku]

benevolent forest spirits in Dahomey

**Azizos** Arabian [Azuzu] the deified morning star in Syria brother of Arsu (see also Monomininos)

**Aztlan** Central American [Craneland,Place of the Reeds] the original home of the Aztecs

**Azume** Japanese a Shinto goddess of the damned

**Azure Dragon** (see Ch'ing Lung)

**Azuzu** (see Azizos)

**Azillo** (see Attila)
B

a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god B; perhaps Kukulcan or the rain-god, Chac. This deity is depicted with a nose somewhat like that of a tapir. He can walk on water and wields a fiery torch. Rather than Chac, some say he represents Kukulcan or Quetzalcoatl.

Ba'1

[a god manifest in the form of a pharaoh

Ba2

[the soul, one of the 5 elements comprising the complete person

The ba is depicted as a bird with a human head that flies between this life and the afterlife.

Ba3

[see Khnum)

Ba-bird

[the representation of the ba in the form of a human-headed bird

Ba-Du'e Chua

[see Duc Ba)

Ba Ja

[a general who became an official in the heavenly bureaucracy

Ba-Maguje

[a Hausa spirit which causes thirst leading to drunkenness

Ba Neb Djedet

[see Banadet)

Ba Neb Tettu

[see Banadet)

Ba-Pef

[an underworld god

Ba-Toye

[an Hausa spirit causing destructive fires

Baal

[a demon

Baal

[a fertility-god, god of storms son of Dagan or El twin brother of Mot husband and brother of Anat husband of Arisyaa, Baalat, Padriya and Taliiya, some say father of the Baalim, Pidray, the Sasuratum and Talay

He fought a battle with Yam for control of the earth and killed the serpent Lotan. He lived in a huge palace called Sapan, which had a hole in the floor through which he watered the earth. When he died, Anat fought and killed Mot, god of the underworld, and ground him under a millstone. Baal was later restored to life and the throne. In some accounts he is equated with Moloch.

He is depicted as a warrior wearing a horned helmet and standing on a wave top.

Baal

[a false god: a generic name for a god

In black magic, one of the Ministers, commander of the infernal armies.

Baal-Addir

[the god of Byblos

a name of Baal as ‘powerful’

Baal-Berith1

[Balberith]

[a demon of blasphemy, secretary in hell

Baal-Berith2

[see also Berith)

Baal-Berith3

[see Berith)

Baal-Biq'ah

[a weather-god

Baal-Brathy

[see Baal)

Baal-Eret Maharlet

[see Baal)

Baal-Gad

[a goat-king

Dionysus as the ancestor of the tribe of Gad

Baal-Hadad

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Baal-Hadhek

[see Baal-Hadhek)
Baal-Hammon  Phoenician  
[a=Roman Frugiter]  
Baal as a fertility-god at Carthage
(see also Beelbahammon)

Baal-Hermon  Phoenician  
a mountain-god

Baal-Karmelos  Canaanite  
an oracular god of Mount Carmel

Baal-Lebanon  Semitic  
a storm-god

Baal-Malage  Phoenician  
a local god

Baal-Marqod  Mesopotamian  
[a=Greek Balmarcodes=Phoenician Balmarcodes]  
a Syrian god of healing

Baal-Melkart  Phoenician  
a god of Tyre and later of Carthage

Baal-Peor  Mesopotamian  
[Beelepoor.(Bel-)Poeor.Belphegor]  
a Moabite god or demon
(see also Balphegor.Belphegor)

Baal-Qarnain  Phoenician  
a name for Baal-Hammon as a horned god

Baal-Rammon  Mesopotamian  
a name of Baal-Hadad as ‘thunderer’

Baal-Samen  (see Baal-Samin)

Baal-Samin  Phoenician  
[Baal-Samen.Baal-Sham(a)in.Baal-Shamayim=Greek Zeus=Roman Caeus]  
a god of rain, ships and storms

Baal-Tamar  Phoenician  
[a generic name for a goddess]

Baalat'  Canaanite  
a fertility-goddess  
wife of Baal

Baal assumed her duties as Baal-Hadad.

Baalath  (see Baalat.Ninlil)  
a fertility-goddess  
wife of Baal

Baalim  Phoenician  
a group of 7 storm-gods  
sons or aspects of Baal

Baalism  worship of Baal

Baalite  worship of Baal

Baalphego  (see Baal-Peor.Belphegor)

Baalshamme  (see Balshamme)

Baalts Zapune  Canaanite  
a mother-goddess

Baalzebub  (see Beelzebub)

Baatsi  African  
[a name for Baal-Hadad as ‘thunderer’]

Baat  African  
a first man in the lore of the Efe
‘To please his wife he picked the forbidden tahu fruit and God punished them by decreeing that all future generations should die.

Bau  Phoenician  
a goddess  
wife of Koliap  
mother of Aion and Protagonos

In some accounts she was worshipped as a heifer.  
(see also Niritu)

Bab-ed-Din  Persian  
‘the Gate of Righteousness’, a name of Mirza Ali Mohammed

Babanene  [Babbar=Mesopotamian]  
an Akkadian sun-god

Babbar'  (see Nanna')  
a huge ox  
This animal was the companion of Paul Bunyan, hero of a modern American myth. It was white at birth but turned blue during a particular winter when blue snow fell.

Babe  North American  
a huge ox  
Babe could eat bales of hay, including the baling wire, and was said to be very fond of hot-cakes. He was so heavy that his hooves sank into solid rock and lakes formed in his hoofprints. He was reputed to have pulled a river (or a road) straight, scooped out Puget Sound by hauling a glacier and pulled dry oil wells out of the ground.

Babe caused his own death by swallowing a batch of hot-cakes – including the stove. Some say that the Black Hills were piled up over his grave.

Babel  an angel of the second heaven, controlling the South and Wednesday

Babhru-Vahana  Hindu  
son of Arjuna and Chitrangada

He inadvertently killed his father, Arjuna, and would have committed suicide if his stepmother, Ulupi, had not given the young man a magic gemstone which restored his father to life.

Babi  Egyptian  
a violent god of sexual prowess
It is said that his penis acted in some cases as the bolt on the door of heaven and in others as the mast of the ferry boat of the underworld.

He is depicted as a baboon with an erect penis.

**Babican**

a prince or king of Hyrcania

He was attacked by a lion that killed his horse as he was travelling to the court of the sultan, Gaudisso, to marry the princess Clarimunda. Huon rescued him by killing the lion, but Babican repaid him by stealing his horse to continue his journey. Huon followed him to the court and decapitated him.

**Babieca**

Spanish

[Bauco] the horse of El Cid

**Babinga**

African

king of the Mandwa tribe

second husband of Nyavirezi

father of Ryanombe

**Bavo** (see Baubo)

**Babo** (see night witches)

**Bacab**

a rain-god

son of Itzamna and Ix Chel

He was killed at birth and rose three days later into the sky where he became a rain-god.

**Bacabab**

(see Bacabs)

**Bacabs**

Central American

[Bacaboba=Aztec Tlaloct] 4 giant Mayan deities sons of Itzamna and Ix Chel

These four brothers supported the world, one at each corner, and controlled the winds. They are listed as Kan Tzicnal (north, white), Hobnil (east, red), Hozanek (south, yellow), and Zac Cimi (west, black).

Another list gives Mulac (north, white), Kan (east, yellow), Cauac (south, red) and Ix (west, black), while others give Kan (south, yellow), Chac (east, red), Zac (north, white) and Ed (west, black).

In some accounts, they are the same as the Balam. (see also Acantum. Balam'.Pauhun)

**Bacam**

Central American

[Pacaw] a Mayan sorcerer

He and Xulu arranged for the resurrection of Hunapu and Ixbalanque in Xibalba after they had been killed on a pyre.

**Bacax**

Roman

a local god in North Africa

**Bacchae**

(see bacchantes)

**Bacchae, Tbe**

Greek

a play by Euripides

The play tells the story of Pentheus, torn to pieces by the frenzied followers of Dionysus.

**baccanal**

Roman

a follower of Bacchus

a priest(ess) of Bacchus

a song, etc. dedicated to Bacchus (see also bacchant)

**Bacchanalia**

[Rbacchanals]

orgiastic festivals in honour of Bacchus

**bacchant**

Roman

[plur-bacchoi]

a devotee of Bacchus

a priest of Bacchus

**bacchantes**

Roman

[bacchae.bacchanals.cholodones.Lenae: <Greek Bassarese, Bassarid(s).mennadi(e)s. manades.Mimallones.Thiaides] wild female devotees of Bacchus priestesses of Bacchus

The male equivalents are the Corybantes.

**baccharis**

a herb used in magic rites

**Bacche**

Greek

a nymph of Mount Nysa She helped to rear the infant Dionysus and was placed in the sky as one of the Hyades by a grateful Zeus.

**Bacchoi**

(see bacchant)

**Bacchus**

(see bacchant)

**Bacchus1**

Greek

an evil spirit in The Lusiads

**Bacchus2**

Roman


In one story, Bacchus allowed his lions to attack a maiden simply because he was upset when she failed to offer him the worship to which he thought he was entitled. He immediately regretted his action and turned the girl into pure snake, produced a baby son, and then they both resumed their shape as snakes and returned to the lake.

**Bachiel**

(see Barchiel)

**bacchae**

Greek

a class of inspired prophets

**Bacis1**

Persian

a spirit known as a bachlach

**Bacis2**

Buchi

wild female devotees of Bacchus a play by Euripides

**Bachdach**

a poet of Leinster

**Bachiel**

Irish

a poet of Leinster

**Badb Catha**

Irish

a phantom

One of the most famous bacchals is the one involved in the hebeading contest at Bricicu’s feast.

**Bachue**

South American

A mother-goddess and fertility-goddess of the Chibcha Indians

She emerged from Lake Iguague as a snake, produced a baby son, mated with her son to produce the human race and then they both resumed their shape as snakes and returned to the lake.

**Bachrach**

Irish

a poet of Leinster

**Bad Dog Village**

Buddhist

a part of hell

Here the good are allowed to pass, while the evil ones are torn to pieces by dogs.

**badang**

Malay

a ghost of the forest

**Badarayana**

Hindu

a sage

He wrote the Brahma Sutras.

**Badb**

Irish


an aspect of Morrigan or Nemain daughter of Ernmas wife or granddaughter of Neit

She was one of a trinity of names (Ana, Badb and Macha) known as the Fate Trinity and regarded as aspects of Morrigan. The list is sometimes Badb, Macha, Nemain. She often appeared in the form of a crow or raven.

**Badb1**

Irish


**Baddb**

Irish

[badlbh(b)] a local name for a banshee

**Badb Catha**

Irish

a name of Badb in the form of a crow
Badé

West Indian

[Baghdé] a Haitian voodoo spirit (see also Ghadé)

Bademagus

(see Bagdemagus)

badger¹ Japanese

this animal is said to be a man-eater and to possess supernatural powers

Badger Prey God

North American

one of the 6 Prey Gods guarding the home of Poshayangkyo

He is responsible for the area to the south.

Badhamair

Irish

a woman captured by Finn mac Cool

She was beheaded by the warrior Cuireach Life who was then killed and decapitated by Finn.

Badhb

(see Badh)

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(see Badh)

badi³ Malay

an evil spirit said to have sprung from the blood of Adam

Some say that these spirits live in cats, but can insert themselves into corpses, which then become terrifying ghosts.

Badi³ Norse

[Vadi.Wada=:Anglo-Saxon Wadæ] a giant

son of Vicinus by Watchilt father of Egil, Slætfinn and Volund

badi³ East Indian

[=Thai khwan] in Indonesia, the soul which, they say, can leave the body and return

Badi Mata

Hindu

a mother-goddess

One of seven goddesses who came to be thought of as attacking young children.

Badiat-Coldare

(see Desert of Monsters)

Badiatealgim

(see Desert of Demons)

Badimo

African

in the lore of the Tswana, the only ones able to communicate with the god Modimo

Badiol

a demon

Badiu Zamar

Malay

son of Amir Hamza

He accompanied his father on many of his remarkable adventures.

Badjak

Serbian

an oak tree burned as part of a Šlava ceremony

badjang

(see bajang)

badjan

West Indian

an assistant to a hougan

Badon

(see Battle of Mount Badon)

Badoura

(see Badr al-Budur)

Badr al-Budur

Arabian

[Badoura.Bear-el-Budur.Buddur al-Buddur]

a sultan’s daughter or Chinese princess wife of Aladdin

Baduh

Mesopotamian

a Semitic messenger spirit

Baduhenna

German

a storm-goddess

Bael

(see Baal)

Baeldaez

(see Baldaeg)

Baell

(see Baal)

Baëthi

Egyptian

the Egyptian name for Baalat

baëtylus

(see baetylus)

Bag

Korean

a police marshal

He followed a young girl back to her house and, when he entered, found her and all her family dead. He dug a large grave and buried all the bodies together. Later, the spirit of the girl came to him with information that enabled him to arrest a thief. Thereafter, she came frequently, giving him information, and he quickly acquired a great reputation as a policeman, eventually becoming a marshal of police.

Bag-Mashtu

Persian

[Bag-Mazda=:Urartian Khaldau] a sky-god, predecessor of Ahura Mazda

Baga

Persian

a name for god

Bagadjimibiri

Australian

creator-gods of the Aborigines

These two brothers came up out of the earth in the form of dingos, mated a toadstool with a fungus to produce humans and gave the gift of reproduction to the first people. The brothers grew into giants as high as the sky, but were killed in a dispute with the cat-man, Ngariman, and his tribe. The earth-goddess, Dilga, drowned the killers with a flood of milk from her breasts, restoring the brothers to life at the same time. When they finally died they turned into water snakes.

Bagala

Hindu

goddess

a sakti of Shiva

Bagarios

(see Attis)

Bagaspati

Pacific Islands

[=Hindu Brhaspati]

a woodland-god of Bali

Bagba

African

a spirit controlling rain and winds

Bagdemagus

British

[Ba(u)demagu(s).Bra(g)demagus]

a Knight of the Round Table

a king of Gore brother of Tarsan father of Metiaguant

He resented it when Torre, a younger knight, was elected to the Round Table in preference to himself and rode away from Camelot in search of adventure. He found Merlin imprisoned in the rock by Nimue but could do nothing to help him.

When his son abducted Guinevere, he intervened to save her from rape.

He was later made a member of the Round Table and set out from Camelot with the other knights on the Grail Quest. He found a white shield beside an altar in a chapel and took it although it carried a warning that it was intended for the True Prince, an epithet for Galahad. He was challenged by a knight in white armour and found that he could not lift the shield to defend himself. He was unhorsed and badly wounded in the thigh. As a result he had to give up the quest and returned to Camelot with Owain who tended to him.

He was later killed by Gwain.

Baghist

(see Baghist)

Bagini

Australian

a female monster, half human, half animal

These beings are said to rape their male victims.

Baghist

Afghan

[Baghist.Opkulu] the Kafir-god of floods and prosperity son of Disani

He was born in the river when his mother was raped by a demon in the form of a ram. He was decapitated by his mother.
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| one of whom, Azadeh, went hunting with him. When she asked him to demonstrate his skill as an archer, he fired a pellet which grazed the ear of an antelope. When the animal raised a hoof to scratch its ear, Bahram fired an arrow that pinned the hoof to the animal’s ear. Azadeh then accused him of being Ahriman himself, whereupon he knocked her to the ground and trampled her to death beneath his camel’s hooves. |

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This bird’s feathers were used to repel demons. Zoroasterbrushed his body with them to make himself invulnerable. |

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He fell in love with Aillinn, a daughter of the king of Leinster, a traditional enemy of Ulster. They arranged to meet but when Baile arrived at the meeting place a stranger told him that Aillinn was dead, whereupon Baile died of grief. The same stranger then told Aillinn that her lover was dead, and she died broken-hearted. Their story was carved into branches of the yew tree and apple tree that grew on their graves, and these branches, when placed together, became inseparable. |

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When he found a poem written by a maiden he prayed to Benten to help him find her. As he left the shrine he met the maiden and married her. Later he was invited to meet a man who said that, in a dream, Benten had described Baishu to him and said that he should marry the man’s daughter who, it turned out, was the same as the woman he had already married, except that she was the soul of his new wife. |

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She is said to have been able to turn herself into a bee, a cat, a greyhound or a hare. |

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Baiyuhibi  Pacific Islands
an Indonesian deity of clouds and fog
He caused rain to fall for thirty days and used the water to form mountains and valleys.

bajang  Malay
[badjang] an evil spirit appearing in the form of a polecat
This spirit can be evoked when the proper incantations are recited over the spot where a still-born child has been buried. If the bajang mews, another child will die.
Some say that the bajang takes the form of a polecat and can be kept as a sort of family pet, fed on milk and eggs, and can be sent to bring illness and disaster to others.

Bajano  (see Bayard)
baka  West Indian
in Haitian voodoo lore, a zombie turned into an animal

Bakasura  Hindu
one of the demons, in the form of a huge raven, sent by Kansa to kill the infant Krishna

bakemono  Japanese
evil spirits with long hair but no feet
Included in this term are the Kappa, Mono-no-ke, Oni, Tengu and Yama-uba

Bakchos  (see Bacchus)
Bake  Pacific Islands
[Inangi-l-Bake] an Indonesian ogress

Bake-Jizo  Japanese
a statue of Jizo placed at crossroads

Balk  (see Buchis)
Balka  (see Buchis)
Balkhe  (see Buchis)
Balkhos  (see Bacchus,Dionysus)
Balkhu  (see Baku)
Balko  Pacific Islands
a demi-god
an ancestor of the Gilbert Islanders
husband of Nel Nguiriki
father of Taburimai and Teanoi
Their first offspring were the fish.
Their son Taburimai was a man, but Teanoi was a shark.

Bakongo  (see Manikongo)
Bakothal  (see Tucheai,Yokomatis)
Bakou  (see Baku)
bakru  South American
evil little people, made by magic, half flesh and blood, half wooden

baktun  Central American
in Mayan calculations, a period of 144,000 days, about 400 years

Baku  Japanese
[Bakhu,Bakou,Eater of Dreams] a supernatural being
This being was envisaged as a horse with the face of a lion and the feet of a tiger. In some versions it had a trunk like an elephant. It was said that it could be invoked to eat bad dreams, so averting ill fortune for the dreamer.

Bakula1  (see Nakula)
bakula2  (see mukulu)
Bala1  Buddhist
[Alaparamita] one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, power personified
Bala2  Hindu
a mother-goddess
Bala3  Jain
one of 24 messenger-goddesses
Bala-Ram  (see Balarama)
Bala-Rama  (see Balarama)
Bala-Sakti  Indian
a Tamil goddess
Balabhadra  Hindu
a god
brother of Jagannath and Subhadra

Baladeva  Jain
a name for Balarama in Jainism

Baladeva  Pacific Islands
a name for Balarama in the Pacific
brother of Kresna and Subadra

Baladu Nuhasi  (see Copper City)
Balagan  Siberian
a Yakut spirit, guardian of the home

Balaha  Buddhist
the winged white horse of Avalokiteshvara

Baladhara  (see Balarama)
balai  (see night witches)

Balakrishna  Hindu
[Balakrsna]
the god Krishna in the form of a child

Balakrsna  (see Balakrishna)

Balam  Central American
4 Mayan guardian deities
They protect the individual from danger, one standing at each corner of a settlement. Their names are listed under Bacabs. (see also Bacabs)

Balam1  Buddhist
goddess of healing
Balam2  (see Balam)

Balanc2  Central American
[Manikongo]

Balans2  European
a giant Saracen, king of Spain
father of Fierabras and Floripas
He and his son captured Rome and killed the Pope. Charlemagne came to the rescue, but the Saracens, taking with them the holy relics, escaped to the future. In some versions, he is depicted as a bull or as a naked man riding a bear and carrying a hawk.

Balam Agab  Central American
[night jaguar’.Tiger of the Night]
in Mayan lore, one of the first 4 men brother of Balam Quitze, Iqi Balam and Mahucutah
He and his brothers were created from maize flour and broth brewed by Xmucané. Each had his own guardian spirit, Avilux being allocated to Balam Agab. The gods created a woman for each of the brothers and they produced children, who became the ancestors of the tribes when their parents returned to their original home in paradise.

Balam Bacham  Malay
the bridge leading from this world to Belet, the home of the dead

Balam Quitze  Central American
[smiling jaguar’.Tiger with the Sweet Smile]
in Mayan lore, one of the first 4 men brother of Balam Agab, Iqi Balam and Mahucutah
husband of Caha-Paluma

He and his brothers were created from maize-flour and broth brewed by Xmucané. Each had his own guardian spirit, Tohil being allocated to Balam Quitze.

Balan1  British
a Knight of the Round Table brother of Balin

Out of favour with King Arthur, Balan and his brother rode to Castle Terribil, which was besieged by Roys, hoping to kill Roys and regain the king’s favour. They captured Roys and handed him over to the warders at Camelot and subsequently helped the king in his battles with Nero, the brother of Roys.

In a later adventure he was appointed by the lady of a castle to defend an island nearby against all-comers. One of these turned out to be his brother Balin and they fought each other to the death, realizing only when they raised their visors at the end that they had fulfilled the prophecy that the second sword acquired by Balin would be used to kill his best friend. (see also Balan’)

Balan2  European
a giant Saracen, king of Spain father of Fierabras and Floripas

He and his son captured Rome and killed the Pope. Charlemagne came to the rescue, but the Saracens, taking with them the holy relics, escaped to
Spain, hotly pursued by the Franks. Fierabras met Oliver in single combat and when defeated became a Christian. Balan refused to convert and was put to death.

In some accounts, he is the same as Balan, brother of Balin.

Balan¹ a demon, a prince of hell
He is depicted naked astride a bear.

Balance (see Libra)
Balano° Tibetan
one of the Five Lands
This realm was the home of giants who lived for over 500 years, herding cattle.

Balandara (see Balandhara)
Balandhara (see Balandhara)
[Balandara] a princess
mother of Sarvaga by Bhima

Balang Cho (see Balango°)
Balaparamita (see Bala°)
Bal (see Balor)
Balarama Hindu
[Balarama, Balarama] son of Vasudeva and Devaki
half brother of Krishna
consort of Revati
father of Nisatha and Ulmuka
father of Shana, some say
He was said to have been born from a white hair of Vishnu, and his half brother Krishna from a black hair placed in the womb of Devaki and later transferred to the womb of Rohini. As a young man he killed many giants and monsters, including the demon Dhenuka and the huge Ape Dvivida.

In the war between the Pandavas and the Kauravas, Balarama demanded that Duryodhana release Samba, whom he had imprisoned, and backed his demand by demolishing the city walls with his mighty plough.

He helped Krishna in his fight with Kansa, using his favourite weapon, a ploughshare.

Those who hold that Krishna was a god in his own right rather than an avatar of Vishnu say that Balarama was the seventh or eighth incarnation. Others say he was an incarnation of Ananta, the world-serpent, and that he was killed in a drunken brawl. Some say that he was not drunk but full of water that flowed out of his body, leaving just the skin. Some say that Ananta appeared from his mouth and flew away. In some accounts he is an incarnation of Vishnu.

His symbols are a club called Saunanda, the pestle Musala and his plough Hala, the ploughshare of which he used as a weapon.

Balatchko Serbian a warrior with 3 heads
When the tsar and his train were leaving Leyden, having won the hand of the king’s daughter, Roksanda, the king sent this great hero to bring his daughter back. Despite the flames from one of the warrior’s heads and the icy blasts from another, Milosh killed Balatchko and cut off all his heads.

Balay an angel of the first heaven, controlling the north and Monday

Balberith (see Baal-Berith)
Balbuaiddh (see Bhalbuaiddh)
Balbuaiddh (see Bhalbuaiddh)
Balbog (see Bylebog)

Baldeg Anglo-Saxon [Bald(e), Baldeg]
the Anglo-Saxon version of Balder

Balder¹ Norse [Bald(o)r,'lord', Paltar, P(th)ol = Anglo-Saxon Bal(a)daeg = Greek Achilles]
god of day, light, tears
son of Odin and Frigga
brother of Hermod(r), Hoder, Thor
husband of Nanna
father of Forseti

Balder was the best loved of all the gods and when he dreamed of some great danger to himself, his mother extracted an oath from all things that they would never cause him harm. But she had overlooked the humble mistletoe. Loki, always out to cause trouble, persuaded the blind Hoder to throw a branch of mistletoe at his brother, which killed him. Nanna died of grief and their bodies were placed side by side on his funeral pyre. Odin leaned over the dead body of his son and whispered in his ear: ‘Rebirth’, reminding Balder that he was to be reborn into a new world after Ragnarok.

Other versions say that he was killed by the magic sword, Mistelleitinn, when fighting a duel with Hoder for the favours of Nanna.

Hermod rode to Niflheim on Sleipnir to ask for the release of Balder; Hela would have returned him to life if all the world had wept for him, but one giantess, Thok, who some say was Loki in disguise, refused to shed a tear for him and he was kept in the underworld. He sent Odin’s ring, Draupnir, which had been placed on his funeral pyre, back to Odin with Hermod.

In some versions it was Hnoss, the young daughter of Freya, who dreamed of Balder’s death and Odin rode to Niflheim to find out from the prophetess, Volva, whether the dream would come true.

An alternative story makes Balder a harsh character and Hoder the virtuous one. (see also Bildr)

Baldar¹ Norse
in some accounts, Odin’s horse

Balders dream (see Vegtamskvida)

Baldur (see Balder)

Baldurs stein (see Vegtamskvida)

Baldulf British a Saxon leader
brother of Colgrin
He fought alongside his brother in several battles against King Arthur and was killed at the Battle of Mount Badon.

Baldur (see Balder)

Baldwin¹ British
[Boedun] brother of King Mark
husband of Angilidae
father of Alisander
He was murdered by his own brother.

Baldwin² European one of Charlemagne’s paladins
son of Gano
He was with Roland at Roncesvalles and, disclaiming his treacherous father, fought bravely until killed by the Saracens.

Baldwin³ European
[Boedunet] son of Ogier and Belicene
He was presented at Charlemagne’s court at an early age and became a companion to the emperor’s son, Charlot. The latter lost his temper when Baldwin was winning a game of chess and struck the boy over the head with the chess board, killing him outright.

In other accounts, Renaut killed Bertelai and Charlot killed Alardo in this fashion.
Baldwin

European
duke of Bologna
brother of Godfrey of Bouillon
He succeeded his brother as king of Jerusalem in Jerusalem Delivered.

Baldwin

(see Bidwini)

Bale Fe'e

Pacific Islands
an undersea palace, home of Fe'e, the Soloman war-god

Bale Kenchur

East Indian
a mortuary in Java
It is said that the living may receive messages from the dead in such places.

balepa

Pacific Islands
in the lore of New Britain, the body of someone newly dead flying in the air on a mat

Baleygr

Norse
a name of Odin as 'he of the flaming eyes'

Bali

[Haly.Mahabali]
a demon-god, king of Sutala, part of the underworld
one of the Daityas
son of Hranyakashipu, Prahlada or Virochana
husband of Vindhyavali
father of Bana and Putana
He acquired so much power he might have ousted the god Indra. Vishnu, as his fifth avatar, the dwarf Yamana, asked the king for three paces of land.
He then grew so enormous that he covered the world in two leaves, leaving Bali only the underworld, Patala.

Bali

(see Balin)
balian
Indonesian
a medium
Such people claim to be able to communicate with spirits and to protect property by the use of charms.

Balidet

da demon acting as a minister of Amaimon

Balin

[Note: Balin is a character from the Mahabharata and is also known as Balisarda or Belisardo, a knight who guarded the nearby island. He crossed to the island by boat and fought the knight in red armour who rode out to challenge him. They fought so fiercely and each wounded the other so severely that they both died, but, before they expired, Balin discovered that the knight in red armour was his own brother, Balan. The prophecy of the sword had been fulfilled.]

Balin

[See Balin]
son of Indra
half brother of Sugriva
husband of Dara
He was said to have been born from his half brother's hair.
He challenged the demon Ravana to a contest and tied him in the coils of his long hair, parading him round the country to show off the captive demon.
He also challenged his half brother Sugriva for his throne and used his magic power of reducing the strength of any opponent merely by looking at him. Rama was helping Sugriva and he grew stronger as Sugriva grew weaker until he finally burst out of hiding and killed Balin.

Balin of Northumberland

(see Balin)

Balin the Savage

(see Balin)

Balinus

Greek
a scholar
It is said that he excavated under the state of Hirnis in Hermopolis and came upon Hirnis himself sitting holding a tablet on which he had written his great work. Balinus received this tablet and gave it to Aristotle, the great philosopher.

Balios

[Note: Balios is a horse given by Poseidon or Zeus to Peleus. This animal, fathered by Zephyr on Podarge, was later the chariot-horse of Achilles at Troy. (see also Xanthus)]

Balisarda

(see Balisardo)

Balisardo

[See Balisarda.Belisardo]
the sword of Rogerio made by Falerina

Balitok

Pacific Islands
a man who decapitated the god Montini
After the attack, it is said the god's severed head continued to chew betel nut and mocked his assailants.

Baliku

Pacific Islands
a god who controls the human life span
Balius

Balkin

an evil spirit serving the
demon Luridan

Balkis

a queen of Sheba

The Abyssinians claim that Balkis
married King Solomon and they had a
son, Menelik, from whom the royal
family descended.

ball seirc

Irish

the love-spot on Dermot’s forehead

ball-tailed cat

North American

a fabulous animal

Ballad of the High One

(see Havamal)

Ballamora

(see Pellimore)

Ballisagon

an evil demon, patron of thieves

Balma

Irish

wife of Lara

She and her husband, together with
Fintan, were survivors of the flood.

Balmacodes

Phoenician

[-Syrian Hadad]
a deity, lord of the dance

Balmarkos

Greek

the Greek name for Baal-Marqod

Balmik

[Hishi.Balmik.Valmik(i)]

(2nd/3rd BC)
a religious writer, said to be the author
of the Sanskrit Ramayana.

In some accounts, he is equated with
Lal Beg. (see also Tulsai Das)

Balmung

(see Gram)

baloi

African

sorcerers in Zambia

Baloma

East Indian

the spirit of a dead relative in Papua

New Guinea

Balon Zacab

Central American

a Mayan rain-god, a form of Chac

Balpongahoya

(see Palongwhoya)

Baloo

African

an Aboriginal moon-god in New

South Wales

Men were once immortal but when
two of them refused to carry Baloo’s
dogs (or snakes) across a river, he took
away man’s immortality.

Balor

[Balar.Bolur]

the one-eyed Fomoire god of the

underworld

son of Buarainech or Dot

husband of Cethlenn or Dana

father of Ethlinn and Bres

grandfather of Lugh

He lost one eye from poison
administered by the druids when he

saw their secret rituals. His remaining
eye had the power to kill by a mere

glance. It was said that it required four
men to raise his eyelid.

In some accounts he had one eye in
the middle of his forehead. This eye
had seven lids and the heat from the
eye progressively increased as each lid
was raised until, finally, it could set
the countryside on fire. Others said it
could turn animals or men into stone.

A prophecy said that Balor would be
killed by his grandson so he locked his
daughter Ethlinn in a tower, Tur
Blahair, so that she could not be
touched by any man. Cian gained
access to her by disguising himself as a
woman and seduced her. The child of
this union, Lugh, was thrown into the
sea on Balor’s orders, but was rescued
by the sea-god Manannan.

He once stole the magic cow, Glas
Gabnach, from Gobhniu who retrieved
it by subterfuge. Some say that Balor
invaded Ireland to recover the cow and
here Lugh killed Balor with his
 spear or with a magic stone, Tathlum,
that he flung from his sling into his
grandfather’s eye. (see also Bile’)

Balor’s Hill

(see Hill of Aisneach)

Balphegor

Mesopotamian

an Assyrian god (see also Baal-Peor)

Balsamem

(see Balshameme)

Balshameme

-Semitic

a thunder-god

Balsamin

(see Balshameme)

Balshim

(see Balshamine)

Baltazo

a demon said to have taken possession
of a girl in 1566

Balthi

(see Belet-ili)

Balts

Mesopotamian

a local Arabian goddess, the planet

Venus personified

balubaale

African

[balubare]

nature spirits of the Baganda

Balubare

(see balubaale)

Balujen

Pacific Islands

a deity in the Philippines

son of Kadaklan and Agemem

brother of Adam

Balugante

European

a sub-king in Spain

He was in charge of the third of the
three armies hidden in ambush at
Roncesvalles.

Balungwana

African

sky-people to the Baronga

These are said to be tiny people, who
are attendant upon the supreme god,
Mulungu or Tilo.

Baly

(see Bali)

Bamapana

Australian

an Aboriginal trickster hero who
delighted in causing trouble

Bambang Kalingga

East Indian

a prince

husband of Nilawata

father of Sakri

He killed a serpent who was, in reality,
the spirit of the mother of Nilawata
who then married him.

Bambi

(see Nzambi)

Bamboo Princess

Malay

a princess who lived inside a

bamboo cane

She was discovered by Khatib when he
split open a bamboo cane and they
both disappeared. Although they
cannot be seen, they both still live and
their help can be invoked and they will
do anything they are asked to do.

Banum

Australasian

the name of the dreamtime used in

Arnhem Land

The ancestral spirits, known as the

Wongan, lived during this period.

Ban

British

king of Benwick

brother of Bors

husband of Elaine

father of Lancelot

In some accounts, his wife was Sabe
and they had a daughter, Liban. Italian
stories call his wife Constance. He had
an affair with the wife of Agravadain,
fathering Ector de Maris.

He and his brother brought an army
to Britain to help King Arthur in his
battles with the rebellious barons.

In one account, he left his castle in
the hands of his steward and left for
Britain to seek help from King Arthur
in his battles with Claudas, taking his
family with him. He died of grief when
the steward surrendered the castle
without a fight. His brother Bors died
of grief on hearing of Ban’s death.

Ban niheachan

British

[nigheag na h-àth]

the Scottish version of the Grey

Washer by the Ford

Bana

Hindu

[Vairochi]

a storm-demon with 1,000 arms

son of Bali

father of Usha
He captured Aniruddha as a husband for Usha but the boy’s grandfather, Krishna, rescued him and allowed Bana to live after cutting off all his arms.

**Banaded** Egyptian
Binedd=Greek (Ram of) Mendes]
a ram-god, ruler of the sky
consort of Hatmethyt
father of Harpakhrad

This deity was believed to be an incarnation of Osiris. He was part of the Mendean Triad with Harpakhrad and Hatmethyt.

**bananach** Irish
evil spirits accompanying Morrigan
(see also bachlach, bochanach)

**Banaspati** (see kala’)

**Banba** Irish
[Banba]
a fertility-goddess
an aspect of the Triple Goddess
wife of mac Cool

One of three goddesses, with Eire and Fohla, original rulers of Ireland. In some accounts she, not Cessair, led the first invasion of Ireland.

Some say that she married one of the sons of Turenn.

**Banbha** (see Banba)

**Banblai** Irish
father of Buic

**Bandara** Hindu
a group of minor gods in Ceylon

**Bandebdetet** (see Banaded)

**bandicoot** Australian
the Aborigines say that the bandicoot was the owner of fire until it was stolen by the hawk or the pigeon

**Baneb-Ded** (see Banaded)

**Banebdjedet** (see Banaded)

**Banebettu** (see Banaded)

**Banfile** (see Brigit’)

**Banga** African
a water-god of the Ngbandi

He is said to have created the white races.

**Bangar** East Indian
son of Timbehes
brother of Lean and Sisianlik
This family is regarded in New Guinea as the ancestor of the tribes.

**Bangma** Hindu
a bird that proclaimed oracles

**Bangon** British
a king of Avalon, in some accounts

**Bangputis** (see Baggputs)

**Bani** British
a Knight of the Round Table
godson of King Ban

**bankita** (see nkita)

**Banko** Japanese
an admiral of the Chinese fleet
He was entrusted with the task of taking to Japan the three treasures given by the emperor Koso to his wife Kohaku Jo.

**Banks’ Horse** (see Marocco)

**Bannik** Russian
a household spirit, a type of Domovik
Some accounts describe the bannik as an evil spirit in bath houses. He is depicted as an old man with a large head.

**Bano** Pacific Islands
the land of dead in the New Hebrides
(see also Abokas)

**Banon** British
father of Isgawyn

**Banovitch** Serbian
[Banovitch Strahinya]
a hero

His wife was abducted by the Turk Vlah-Ali, but Banovitch killed him after a tremendous fight and rescued her.

**Banshi** Irish
queen of the elves
(see also banshee)

**banshee** Irish
[badh(h).banshie.bansith.bea(n)sidhe).
banshee. si-b(h)ean:=Scottish caoineag:
>Welsh cyhyreath]
a wailing spirit foretelling doom

Banshees are rarely seen, but are said to look like old women with long white hair.

(see also Banschi, si-b(h)ean)

**Banu Hilal** Arabian

a book about the exploits of various heroes, including the warrior Abu Zayd

**Banw** British
a young boar, in Welsh lore, offspring of Twrch Trwyth

**banyan** Hindu
the sacred fig tree

**bao** African
[loho]
a board used by Swahili diviners

**boai** Pacific Islands
in New Caledonia, a stone said to contain the soul of a dead person
Some small animal captured by a priest during a vigil at the side of a corpse is plunged into a river or stream, from which the priest then produces a stone in which the soul is petrified.

(see also panyao)

**Baoisce** Irish
father of Ealtan
An ancestor of Finn mac Cool.

**bapfumu** African
diviner of the Banyarwanda

**Bapho** Greek
a name for Set or Babi

**Baphomet**
the supposed idol of the Knights Templar
a goat revered by witches

**Baptac** (see Baptes)

**Baptes** Greek
[see Baptes]

**priests of Cotytto**

**Baqiya** Arabian
a name for Jirjis as ‘the survivor’

**Baquique** West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

**Bar Lgura** Mesoopotamian
a Semitic demon

**Bara** Mesoopotamian
[Baragulla,] a Babylonian oracular-god
son of Ea

**Baragulla** (see Bara)
son of Ea (see Abu Zayd)
a demon

**Barashnum** Persian
a ceremony to expel demons that lasts for 9 days

**Barastaer** (see Barastar)

**Barastar** Russian
[Barastaer.Berastis]
an Ossetian god of the underworld

**Bararista** (see Barastar)

**Barlat** (see Bharata)

**Baratia** European
an island city in Don Quixote
Sancho Panza was made governor of this city but was allowed to eat nothing.

**Baraton** British
in Arthurian lore, a king of Russia

**Baratra** (see Batarata Guru)

**Baratron** British
an evil demon
He is depicted as a sorcerer in priestly robes.

**Barbariccia** European
[Barbiger]
a demon in Dante’s *Inferno*

**Barbarossa** German
the 12th c emperor Frederick I
He is said to be sleeping in a cave awaiting a recall to save his country. Some say he is seated at a table in the cave, and when his beard, which still grows, is long enough to go three times round the table he will wake up.
Barbarot

an angel of the second heaven, controlling the East and Wednesday

Barbas (see Barbason, Marbas)

Barbason British a demon in Shakespeare In some accounts he is the same as Marbas.

Barbatos

a demon one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon He is depicted as the leader of a band of hunters and can foretell the future.

Barbazel

a demon of the planet Mars

barbegazi European mountain spirits of the Alps They sleep through the summer but emerge in the winter to help climbers.

Barbiel

a demon of the sign Scorpio, the scorpion (see also Sartziel)

Barbiger

a person who has been possessed by a person who has been possessed by a dog-spirit

Bargens

a demon of .harsman (see barsom)

bargaist

[barghaist, bargh(hest, bargu)est, barquest, padfoot, Shrikey, Trash]

a goblin in dog-like or bear-like form

This spectral beast, which makes a splashing sound as it walks, is said to be unable to cross water and is regarded as an omen of death in the north of England. (see also gytrash)

Bargis

a demon

barguest (see bargaist)

barghast (see bargaist)

barghest (see bargaist)

Barginskiel

a demon of the hours of the day

barguest (see bargaist)

Bari (see Buri?)

bariaua Pacific Islands in Melanesia, harmless spirits living in tree trunks

Barieil

a demon of the hours of the day

Barinthus British

[Navigator]

a sea-god

He was the pilot of the boat that carried King Arthur to Avalon.

Baris Mesopotamian the place where, according to the Babylonian story, the Ark landed when the flood subsided

barker

a person who has been possessed by a dog-spirit

bark Egyptian

[barque] the boat of the gods

bark shrine Egyptian

a part of a temple in which models of the gods’ boats were kept

Barkaial (see Barkayal)

Barkayal

[Barkaial] one of the 7 Ischin

He passed on knowledge of astronomy to human beings.

Barku

[Barqu]

a demon who was said to know the secret of the transmutation of base metals into gold

Barley King

a vegetation deity

This deity is ritually castrated and killed at the end of the harvest.

Barma

a demon

He was said to be able to change the form of sorcerers and to transport them wherever they wished to go.

Barman

an evil demon said to take possession of humans

Barmecide’s Feasts Arabian in The Arabian Nights, a meal at which the beggar Schacabac is offered empty plates instead of the promised meal

Barmiel

a demon of surrender in war

Baron

a demon

Baron Cimetière (see Baron Samedi)

Baron la Croix (see Baron Samedi)

Baron Miuisit (see Miuisit)

Baron Piquant (see Baron Samedi)

Baron Samedi West Indian [(Baron) Cimetière. (Baron) la Croix. (Baron) Piquant. (Baron) Saturday]

a god of death and guardian of tombs (see also Ghede)

Baron Saturday (see Baron Samedi)

Barong

a lion king, a good spirit opposed by Rangda

Baroquel

European a farmer He sheltered Sibilla when she fled to escape the clutches of Macherijes and escorted her on her journey to her home in Constantinople.

barozi African sorcerers of the Banyarwanda

Barqu (see Barku)

barque (see bark)

barquest (see bargaist)

Barra Irish

[Baire. Barrfhind. Barry. Finbar. Findbhair(e). Fionnfharra. Loan] a saint, patron saint of Cork son of Amergin His father slept with a slave girl and King Tigrermas ordered their death. The child, still in the womb, spoke to the king who then changed his mind. The child, a boy called Loan, was raised by monks who called him Fionnfharra. He founded many monasteries and schools and was said to have raised the wife of a king from the dead. It was said that during a confession he placed his hand in the hand of God, and thereafter his hand glowed with a holy brilliance. At his death the sun stood still for three days.

Barrfhind (see Barra)

Barri (see Buri?)

Barrow of Death French a white-shrouded wheelbarrow

The Thirteen Treasures of Britain.
The sound of this barrow, led by a skeleton, is said, in Brittany, to portend death.

**Barrow-wight**

Norve

the ghost of a dead person, said to live in a barrow

**Barruc**

(see Berroc)

a magician: an occultist

**Baru**

a sky-god, god of weather

**Barsamin**

Armenian

a sky-god, god of weather

**Barsem**

(see barsom)

**Barasman**

(see barsom)

**Barso**

Persian

This device, used to ward off demons, was originally made of twigs but is now a bundle of metal rods, five to thirty-three in number. It must never be kept in a house where a dog or person has died and must never be pointed towards the north, where demons are said to live.

Others accounts describe barsom as the grasses that are spread on the ground before a sacrifice.

**barstukai**

Baltic

[partstukai]

Lithuanian spirits of the underworld

**barsom**

(see barsom)

**baresman**

(see barsman)

**barsem**

(see barsman.barsem.barseman)

a charm

In some accounts, he is a mischievous wood sprite, faun or forest-god, in others an ogre.

**Basagante**

European

a giant

son of Famomogadan

He and his father captured a number of knights and maidens, including Leonoretta, daughter of the king, Lissarte, but they met Amadis on the road and he killed the giants and freed their prisoners.

**Basajaun**

(see Basa-Jaun)

**Basalus**

Greek

son of Oceanus and Thea

twin brother of Acmon

He and Acmon were known as the Cercopes, deceitful gnomes who could assume many shapes. They stole weapons from Heracles who later captured them both and carried them over his shoulder, tied head down to his large club.

In his brother were said to have been changed into monkeys by Zeus.

**Basamum**

Arabian

day of healing

**Basanti**

Hindu

day of healing

one of the 6 sisters of Shitala

**Faras**

(see Shitala)

**Basarids**

(see Bassarids)

**Bascna**

Irish

leader of one of the clans in the Fianna under Finn mac Cool

**Bash Thchelik**

Serbian

a warrior

He abducted the wife of a prince who, after many adventures, found her. She had discovered that Bash Thchelik's tremendous strength lay in a bird living in the heart of a fox. With the help of the dragon, the eagle and the falcon who had married his three sisters, the prince killed the fox and the bird in its heart so that Bash Thchelik died and the prince was able to recover his wife.

**Basilus**

(see Zeus)

**basi**

European

a fabulous monster, part cockatrice, part dragon, which could kill with its eyes or its breath

In some accounts the basilisk is equated with the cockatrice; others refer to it as the king of the serpents.

Some say that it was hatched from an egg laid by a cockerel and incubated by a toad.

It is depicted as about a foot long with a white mark or golden cross on its head and with its tail in its mouth.

**Basin**

European

a thief

In some accounts, it was Basin with whom Charlemagne, as Magnus, went out to steal.

**basir**

East Indian

a Dayak priest and sorcerer

These men often dress in the clothes of women.

**basitondo**

(see sitondo)

**Basmu**

Mesopotamian

a chaos-viper, one of the Eleven Mighty Helpers of Tiamat

**Bassarca**

(see Bassarids)

**Bassarca**

Greek

a name of Dionysus reflecting the wearing of a fox skin (bassaris)

**Bassaride**

(see Bassarids)

**Bassarids**

Greek

[Passalos]

a name for bacchantes reflecting the wearing of a fox skin (bassaris)

**Basso-Jaun**

(see Basa-Jaun)

**Bassensennin**

Japanese

a guardian deity

one of the 28 Nijuhachi-bushu

**Basu**

Egyptian

[Ailuros.Bast.Bubastis.LittleCat.Ma(a)u.


Ubasti=Greek Artemis]

a cat-headed or lion-headed fertility-goddess and fire-goddess

consort of Ra

mother of Mihos

mother of Pubastis, some say

In some versions she is the daughter of Ra, in others she is merged with the lion-headed goddess Sakhmet or with Isis. In some accounts she is Pubastis after the city that was the centre of her influence, in others Pubastis was her son.

In her cat-headed form she was known as Pasht. (see abo Atet)

**Bastet**

(see Bast)

**Basudewa**

Pacific Islands

the name for Vasudeva in the Pacific

**Basuki**

Pacific Islands

[ses(h)a(naga)=Hindu Vasuki]

in the lore of Bali, a serpent of the underworld: the serpent on which Wisnu rests

**Bat**

Egyptian

[Bata]

a cow-goddess, goddess of fertility

This being is sometimes depicted as a bull.

**Bat**

North American

[Old Woman Bat]
An old man (or woman) in American Indian lore

In some tales Bat, although old and very small, rescues a deity or human hero stranded on some high summit, often using a basket suspended from one thread of a spider’s web.

Bat Horin (see Bat Chorin)

Bata

Egyptian

a shepherd

brother of Anpu

He lived with his elder brother and his wife and served both of them almost as a servant. When his sister-in-law tried to seduce him he rejected her advances, whereupon she accused him of rape. Anpu would have killed his brother but, warned by an ox, Bata fled, with his brother in hot pursuit. The gods caused a river full of crocodiles to appear between them and Bata made good his escape to the land of the acacias where his soul lived in the blossom of an acacia tree. Here the gods gave him a beautiful wife who, when the king heard of her beauty and sent her gifts, proved unfaithful, leaving Bata and going to Egypt to live in luxury. At the woman’s request the king had the acacia tree cut down and Bata died, but his brother collected some of the seed, steeped it in water and Bata was reborn, becoming a bull. Again, to please the woman, the king had the bull slaughtered and when two drops of its blood fell near the city entrance gates, two huge trees sprang up overnight. Again Bata was alive in a tree and once more she tried to get rid of him by persuading the king to fell the tree. Here the gods gave him a beautiful wife and served both of them almost as a servant.

Batia

Greek

doughter of Teucer

second wife of Dardanus

mother of Eriechthonius and Iulus

Batara Guru

Malay

Guru.Indera. Venerable Teacher;Worshipful
Master=Pacific Islands Indera]
a sky-god and creator-god

a name for Indra or Shiva in Java, Malaya, etc.

father of Boru Deak Parudjar

In Sumatra he is a creator-god whose daughter, Boru Deak, jumped into the primordial waters. Her father sent a bird with some soil to form the land and then a hero who defeated the underworld serpent, Naga Pahoda. This hero married Boru Deak and they produced the first mortal.

In Sulawesi he is regarded as the son of Guru ri Seleng who married his cousin Nyilitimo, and they became the ancestors of the tribes.

In some accounts, Boru Deak was the daughter of Ompu Tuhan, in others, Batara Guru is identified with Si Raya or with Mambang Tali Harus.

Bataraka

a creator-god and god of the underworld, in the lore of Bali

He was said to rule jointly with the goddess Satesuyara.

Batari

Pacific Islands

a name applied to Bairawi, Durga and Kali

Batea

Greek

Bat(e)ia

[Bate(ia)]
daughter of Teucer

mother of Hippocoon and Ictarius by Oebalus, some say

Bateia

Greek

mother of Hippocoon and Ictarius by

Bateia

Greek

a nymph, one of the Naiads

Bat(e)ia

see Bat(e)ia

Bath Horin

see Bat Horin

a nocturnal evil spirit that brought diseases

Bathala

a name for Shiva in the Philippines

(see also Batara Guru.Mahacabatara)

Batillus

Greek

a boy beloved of Polycrates

Bathin

(see Bathym)

Bathym

(see Bathym)

Bathym [Bathin.Ma(r)thim]
a demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is depicted as a serpent-tailed man riding a horse and is said to be wise in the lore of herbs.

Batia

(see Bat(e)ia)

Bato

Japanese

[Bato-Kwannon]
a name of Kwannon as ‘horse-headed’ and guardian of horses

The reference is not to the head of the goddess but to the horse’s head set into her tiara.

Bato-Kwannon (see Bato)

Batraal

a demon

Batraaz (see Batrodz)

Batrodz

Russian

[Batrads]
a Sarmatian hero

The story of his death and the return of his sword to a lake closely follows the Arthurian legend which may have been its origin.

Battle-maidens (see Valkyries)

Battle of Achill

Irish

a battle in which Tuathall overthrew the usurper Eliu and gained the throne of Ireland formerly held by his father, Fiacch.

Battle of Achren

(see Battle of godeu)

Battle of Archamp

European

a battle between the Franks, led by Tiébart de Bourges, and the Saracens, led by King Deramed.

Battle of Archen

(see Battle of godeu)

Battle of Ardyerlyd

(see Battle of Arthuret)

Battle of Arfderydd

Irish

(see Battle of Arthuret)

Battle of Arturet

British

[Battle of Art(h)uryd] a battle between Gwenddolau and his cousins Gwrgi and Peredur

This battle, the cause of which is not entirely clear, resulted in the death of Gwenddolau at the hand of Rhydderch. It was at this battle that Merlin was driven mad by a vision.

Battle of Atl Cro

Irish

a battle in which Conan Gulban and his brothers led an army that defeated the forces of Ulster.

Battle of Bealach Eile

Irish

a battle in which Cathal was defeated by the forces of Leinster.

Battle of Bedewayne

British

[Battle of Bedegraime. Battle of Bedgrayne] the battle in which King Arthur, assisted by the armies brought from France by Ban and Bors, defeated the rebellious barons.

Battle of Bile Teineadh

Irish

the conflict between the sons of Milesius, over the distribution of land, in which Amergin was killed.

Battle of Bronanburh

British

the final battle between the Celts and the Anglo-Saxons where the Celts were defeated.

Battle of Caledon Wood

British

a battle in which King Arthur, helped by his friend Hoel, defeated the Saxons.
Battle of Camlan

[Battle of Camlan]

the battle between King Arthur and Mordred; the final battle

In this battle, said to have been fought at Slaughterbridge on Bodmin Moor in AD580, Arthur killed Mordred, running him through with his spear, but the dying man inflicted a fatal wound on the king with his sword. Only Arthur, Bedivere and Lucan survived the battle. The dying king was carried off to Avalon and Lucan died of his wounds. Others say that Morvrann, Sandida, St Derfel and St Petroc also survived.

Battle of Carn Chonaill

[a battle in which the high-king, Dairmaid, defeated Guaire, king of Connaught, who had initiated many cattle-cries]

Battle of Cean Abhradh

[a battle in which Eoghan defeated Lugaid mac Con who then fled to Scotland]

Other stories say that it was fought between Neimheadh and the three sons of Conaire and that Ailill (Eoghan's father) and Lugaid supported opposing armies. In this version, Neimheadh had killed Conaire and married his widow. The three sons, all named Cairebh, attacked Munster and defeated Neimheadh who was killed by one of the three, Cairebh Muc.

Battle of Cean Bugha

[a battle in which Raghallach defeated and killed Colman and took over the throne of Connaught]

Battle of Clontarf

[Battle of Cluain Tairbh]

the battle in which the Irish, under Brian Boru, finally defeated the Norsemen

Battle of Cluain Tairbh

(see Battle of Clontarf)

Battle of Cnuucha

(see Battle of Knock)

Battle of Comar

[a battle in which Finn Eamhna, the 3 sons of the king, Eochaid Feidheleach, rebelled against their father's rule but were defeated and killed]

Battle of Crioanna

[a battle in which the high-king, Cormac mac Airt, helped by Tadhg, defeated Ulster]

Battle of Cul Dreimhne

[Cale Drebehe]

a battle in which the high-king, Diarmad mac Cearbhaill, was defeated by the forces of Connaught

Battle of Cule Drebene

(see Battle of Cul Dreimhe)

Battle of Dun Bolg

[Irish]

a battle in which Brandubh defeated the Uis Nell Clan when Aedh mac Ainmhirceach tried to collect the boromha

Battle of Elen

[a battle in which High-king Fergal was defeated by the forces of Leinster under their king, Muchad mac Brain]

Battle of Fionn's Strand

[Irish]

[Battle of Ventry.Cath Fionntra(ga)]

the battle in which Finn mac Cool defeated Daire Donn.

Daire Donn, King of the World, led an invasion fleet to Ireland at the instigation of a member of the Fianna who betrayed the trust placed in him by Finn mac Cool. The invaders were engaged by Conchuir, who was guarding the beach. He sent Taistealach to warn Finn who led the Fianna in a fierce fight that ended when all the invaders were defeated. Daire himself was killed and decapitated by Finn, and Daire's son Conmhaol was killed by Goll mac Morna. This battle took place at Ventry in the south-west of Ireland.

A similar story is told of the battle that took place at the ford below the Quicken Trees Hostel on the River Shannon. In this case, the King of the World was Sinsar and the heroic defenders were Innsa and Fiachna. Here too the invaders were all killed, Sinsar falling to Oscar, Finn's grandson.

An earlier version had Art and Eoghan as sentries on the shore and they led a small force against a large invading army led by the two Norse kings, Conus and Connmaol. When Finn arrived with reinforcements, he found both Art and Eoghan wounded but alive – all the rest were dead.

Battle of Fochaidh

[Irish]

a battle in which Cormac mac Airt regained the throne from which he had been expelled by Fiachu Araidhe

Battle of Gabhra

[a battle between the high-king Conn, and Cathaoir Mor, king of Leinster, who was defeated and killed]

Battle of Gabhra

[see Battle of Glotha]

see 's rule

Battle of Godeu

[Irish]


a battle fought by forces led by Amaethon and Gwydion against the forces of Arawn, in Welsh lore

The battle was fought to recover the lapwing, the whelp and the white roebuck that Amaethon had stolen from Arawn's kingdom. It was won by the forces of Amaethon when Gwydion correctly guessed the name of Bran, who fought on the side of Arawn.

In this battle, Gwydion used his magic to turn the grasses and trees into warriors to take on the monsters and serpents fighting on behalf on Arawn.

Battle of Gwora

(see Battle of Gabhra)

Battle of Knock

[Irish]

[Battle of Cnucha]

the battle in which Cumail (Cool), Finn's father, fought Conn Ceadchathach and was killed by Goll mac Morna just a few hours after Finn was born

Battle of Leitir Ruibhe

[Irish]

a battle in which Eochaid Feidheleach defeated the king, Fachtna Fathach, and took the throne of Ireland, losing two of his sons in the fighting

Battle of Magh Agha

[Irish]

a battle between the high-king Conn, and Cathaoir Mor, king of Leinster, who was defeated and killed

Battle of Magh an Chairech

[Irish]

a battle in which Daithi defeated Fearadhach Fionn and conquered Scotland

Battle of Magh Muiramha

[Irish]

the battle in which Lugaid mac Con defeated Ailill Olom and Art and took the throne of Ireland

Battle of Magh niotha

[Irish]

the battle in which Partholan and his followers defeated the Fomoire when they settled in Ireland

Battle of Magh Rath

[Irish]

a battle in which the forces of Congall Coach and Domhnall Breac were
Battle of Maighe Lena

(see Battle of Moylena)

Battle of Mount Badon British
(c. 490–517)
a great victory by King Arthur over
the Saxons
The king was reputed to have killed
over 900 Saxons in this battle.

Battle of Moylena Irish
[Battle of Maighe Lena.Cath Maighe Lena]
a battle in which High-king Conn
defeated Eoghan Mor

Battle of Paris British
a battle in which King Arthur,
supported by Hoel, defeated the
Romans under Frollo

Battle of Richborough British
a battle between the forces of
King Arthur and those of Mordred
This was the first of three battles
with Mordred and it took place on
Arthur’s return from his campaigns
on the Continent.

Battle of Roncevalles European
(778)
a battle between the Franks and
the Moors
The rearguard of Charlemagne’s army,
withdrawing from Spain after an
expedition to punish the king,
Marsilius, who had earlier invaded
France, was ambushed in the pass at
Roncevalles. Roland, in charge of
the force, put up a desperate struggle
against overwhelming odds, refusing
to sound his horn to summon help
until the very last moment. The main
force under Charlemagne arrived too
too late to save Roland and his little
band, but the sun stopped its journey
across the heavens to allow the
Franks to avenge their comrades,
routing the Moors.

In an alternative version, Charle-
magne had exacted an annual tribute
from Marsilius as his price for
withdrawing from Spain and the force
under Roland was sent to collect the
tribute, only to be ambushed by three
armies as they left Spain.

Some 100,000 Moors and 20,000
Franks were killed in the battle which
resulted from the treachery of Gano
who, out of jealousy of Roland,
betrayed the emperor to Marsilius.

Battle of Taillinn Irish
[Battle of Taillinn]
a battle between the Milesians and
the Danaans
It is said that the three kings and
queens of the Danaans died in this
battle, which resulted in the defeat of
the Danaans.

Battle of Tailtiu
(see Battle of Taillinn)

Battle of Ten Thousand Spirits Chinese
a celestial battle
This conflict, in which many deities
and immortals were killed, was the
celestial equivalent of the terrestrial
Battle of Mu.

Battle of the Trees (see Battle of Goddeu)

Battle of Tregalen British
a site in Wales said to be the site of
King Arthur’s last battle
In this Welsh version of the king’s
death he was shot with arrows while
pursuing his defeated enemy.

Battle of Ventry
(see Battle of Fionn’s Strand)

Battles of Damhchluain Irish
battles between the brothers Brian and
Fiacna for supremacy in Connaught
The first battle was won by Brian, the
second by Daithi who rallied his
father’s army and rescued him from
Brian.

Battles of Mag Tuired (see Battles of Moytura)

Battles of Magh Tuireadh (see Battles of Moytura)

Battles of Maighe Tuired (see Battles of Moytura)

Battles of Moytura Irish
the battles in which the Danaans gained
supremacy in Ireland, defeating the Fir
Bolg and the Fomoire
The first of these battles took place when
the Danaans arrived in Ireland
and defeated the Fir Bolg, the second
when Brian raised an army of Fomoire
and attacked the Danaans and was
defeated.

Other accounts refer only to battles
between the Danaans and the
Fomoire.

Battus1 Greek
an old man in Arcadia
He betrayed the fact that Hermes had
stolen some of Apollo’s cattle and was
turned into (touch)stone by Hermes.

Battus2 Greek
[Aristoteles]
son of Polymnestus and Phronime
His real name was Aristoteles but he
was called Battus because he
stammered. He went to Delphi with
Grinnus, king of Thera, who was told
by the oracle to build a new city in
Libya. Pleading that he was too old,
Grinnus placed the duty on Battus.
After a number of false starts he built
the city, became its king and, in
shouting at a lion, lost his stammer.

Batu Herem Malay
a stone pillar said to support the sky
It is believed that this pillar passes
through the sky and a separate part,
the Lambong, is balanced on top of
Batu Herem. From the top of the
Lambong a cord, weighted at the
bottom with a stone, runs to each of
the four corners of the earth.

Bau (see Bau.Baba)

Bau Gula Mesopotamian
a name for Ishtar as a creator-goddess

Baubo1 Mesopotamian
[Babo.Iambe]
daughter of Celeus and Metaneira,
some say
In some accounts she was a maid
servant in the house of Celeus.

Baubo amused the sorrowing
Demeter, who was temporarily
employed as wet nurse to the young
son of Celeus, by dancing with her
belly exposed. In this context she is
sometimes referred to as Iambe, but
others make Iambe a separate person.

Some versions describe Baubo as
a female head attached to a pair of legs,
including a vulva, with no intervening
body. (see also Iambe)

Baubo2 Mesopotamian
a Syrian mother-goddess

Baucis Greek
wife of Philemon
She and her husband were the only
ones who showed hospitality to Zeus
and Hermes when they travelled as
poor wayfarers. While their inhosp-
itable neighbours perished in a flood,
they were rewarded by having their
hovel transformed into a magnificent
dwelling, which they kept as a temple
to the gods. In old age they were still
together and the gods changed them
together into a lime tree and an oak tree,
both growing from one trunk.

Baudemagus (see Bagdemagus)

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Baudhílle Celtic
one of the 4 Alaisiagae

Baudouinet (see Baldwin’)

Baudris European
a magician
brother of Oriande
He taught the art of magic to the young Maugris who had been rescued by Oriande when the Saracens attacked the castle of the child’s parents.

**Baudwin**  
*British*  
[a knight of King Arthur’s court a surgeon and constable of Britain]

When Lancelot was wounded in a tournament, Baudwin gave him shelter and nursed him. In later life he became a hermit.

**Bauge**  
*(see Baugi)*

**Baugi**  
*Norse*

a giant brother of Suttung

Suttung had been given the three containers of the magic brew, the Mead of Inspiration, made by the dwarfs Fialar and Galar from the blood of the sage Kvasir, whom they had killed. It was then hidden in the centre of a mountain and guarded by his daughter Gunlod. Odin, disguised as a mortal, Bolwerk, enlisted the aid of Baugi to get the magic brew. He sharpened the scythes of Baugi’s workmen who, quarrelling over possession of his magic whetstone, killed themselves. Odin completed their work of harvest and Baugi discharged his debt to Odin by helping him. Using a magic auger Rati, he discharged his debt to Odin by helping him. When a demon frightened Bayard, he bored a small hole through the side of the mountain through which Odin, in the form of a snake, was able to slide into Gunlod’s cave.

**Baumbur**  
*Norse*

one of the dwarfs

**Bav**  
*(see Badb1.Bave)*

**Bave**  
*Irish*

[Bav]  
daughter of Calatin

In some stories she assumed the guise of Niam, daughter of Celta, in an attempt to lure Cuchulainn to his death.

**Bavieca**  
*(see Babiecac)*

**Bawai**  
*African*

the supreme god of the Chawai people of Nigeria

**Bawdewyn**  
*(see Baudwin)*

**Baxbakulanuchswiace**  
*North American*  
[Baxbakulanuchswiace.Cannibal*]

**Mother**

in the lore of the tribes of the northwest, a guardian spirit

The Aurora Borealis and the Milky Way were regarded as the smoke from this deity’s camp fire in the Arctic. He was regarded as a cannibal, variously described as male or female. *(see also Tsonqua)*

**Baxbakulanuxsiwae**  
*(see Baxbakulanuchswiace)*

**Bayamanaco**  
*West Indian*

[grandfather of Deminan]

When Deminan made his grandfather angry, the old man spat on his back. The spittle became the hallucinogenic drug cohoba, used by shamans.

**Bayard**  
*European*

[Bayardo.Bayardo.Bayart]

the horse of Rinaldo

This horse was originally owned by Amadis of Gaul but later ran wild. When Rinaldo and Isolier tried to capture the horse it killed the Saracen, but was subdued by Rinaldo.

After many adventures the horse came finally into the hands of Gradasso, who fought Rinaldo for possession. The magician Malagigi caused the horse to bolt into the woods but Gradasso recovered it and took it back to his own country. When later Roland killed Gradasso, he took over Bayard who was eventually returned to Rinaldo. When his master fell out of favour with the emperor, the army of Charlemagne besieged Rinaldo’s castle and virtually starved the occupants into submission. As a condition of forgiveness Charlemagne required Rinaldo to give the horse to his son Charlot. This evil prince tried three times to drown the horse; twice it struggled out of the water but, on the third occasion, when he could not see his master, he sank to the bottom and died. Other versions say that Charlot had been killed by Rinaldo, who fled to Montalban and it was Charlemagne who had the horse drowned in the Seine.

In some accounts this horse was called Bayardo (Bajardo) and Bayard (Bayart) was a horse given by Charlemagne to the four sons of Aymon (of whom Rinaldo was one), which could adjust its size to carry up to four riders and which had the power of speech. In this version the horse had passed from Amadis to the magician Malagigi, who gave it to Renault (Rinaldo) who gave it to Charlemagne who, in turn, gave it to Aymon.

Yet another story says that the horse belonged to Aymon who had received it from the magician Malagigi, who had brought it originally from hell. When Satan stole it, Malagigi tricked him and got it back for Aymon who gave it to his son Rinaldo; when he thought he was about to die. Some say that Bayard still lives in the Ardennes.

**Bayart**  
*(see Bayard)*

**Bayard’s Leap**  
*European*

a series of 3 stones about 30 yards apart

When a demon frightened Bayard, who was being ridden by Rinaldo, the horse jumped the huge gaps from one stone to the next and carried his rider to safety.

**Bayard**  
*(see Bayard)*

**Baykok**  
*North American*

an evil spirit of the Chippewa appearing as a fiery-eyed skeleton

**bazimu**  
*African*

spirits of the dead of the Banyarwanda

**Bazo**  
*(see Bossu)*

**Bazon Mainnain**  
*(see Bossu)*

**bCan**  
*(see bTian)*

**bDe-mchog**

the Tibetan version of Samvara

**bDud**  
*Tibetan*

forest-dwelling demons

These beings, armed with axes, were early precursors of the human race. Next came the Srin.

**bDug-spos-ma**  
*(see Dhupa)*

**bDul Nygal**  
*Tibetan*

king of the demons

**Be Chasti**  
*(see Metal Old Man)*

**Be Chuma**  
*(see Becuma)*

**Be Find**  
*(see Befind)*

**Be Neit**  
*Irish*

a name for Morrigan

**Be-je**  
*(see Gobaka)*

**Bead-Spitter**  
*North American*

a character who can spit beads, appearing in many American Indian stories

In one such story, two girls who were seeking Bead-Spitter were deceived by Rabbit who raped one of them and ran off leaving behind some beads that he had stolen. They later met ‘Turkey-Killer’ who tested the girls’ virginity with a sieve and water and married the one who was still a virgin. One day, when Turkey-Killer was away from home, a monster killed his wife, but when Turkey-Killer cut open her abdomen he rescued their unborn child. The placenta, which was thrown into the bushes, grew into a boy, Thrown-Away, who grew up with his brother. They proved to be a great nuisance to
everybody and eventually killed their own father who then became a crow.

Beemot
a demon said to take possession
of humans

Bear6
(see Bec mac De)
Bear5
(see Bec mac De)
Bear4
(see Bec mac De)
Bear3
(see Bec mac De)
Bear2
a warrior of Connacht

He found Conall Cearnach lying wounded, near the ford where he had killed Cet, and took him to his home. He planned to wait until Conall was well and then kill him, so he arranged for his three sons to murder Conall in his bed. Conall forced Bealchu to occupy the bed so that the sons killed their father and Conall killed them.

Bealcu
(see Bealchu)

Beal Isoud
(see Isolde)

Bealphares
a demon, a duke of hell

Bealtaine
(see Beltane)
Bealtuinn
(see Beltane)

Bean North American
daughter of Ethinoina
sister of Onath and Squash

Bean-curd Gods Chinese
the 3 deities of bean-curd makers
and sellers

These beings are given as Chiao Kuan, Huai-nan-tzu and Kuan Ti.

bean nighe (see Washer by the Ford)
bean-si (see hanshee.si-bean)
bean sidhe (see hanshee.si-bean)
Bean Ghulbhann (see Ben Bulben)
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bear European
the animal of Dietrich von Bern
bear Greek
the animal of Artemis
bear Japanese
a mountain-god of the Ainu
bear Norse
the animal of Thor

Bear7 North American
in the lore of the Tlingit, he was killed by Yetl the raven

Bear North American
a Navaho bear spirit

He was involved with Frog, Snake and Turtle in a plan to capture two maidens from an underwater village. The plan went awry: the two girls were killed and Frog and Turtle were lucky to escape with their lives, but Bear and Snake fared better. This pair captured two girls who were overcome by the smoke from the kidnappers’ pipes, which made Bear and Snake appear as braves with whom the girls mated.

Bear7 (see Ya-o-ga)
Bear Goddess (see Artemis)
Bear Prey God North American
one of the 6 Prey Gods guarding the home of Poshaiyangkyo

He is responsible for the area to the west.

Bear, The (see Artos)
Bearach (see Berach)
Bearchan1 (see Fear Da Leithe)

an Irish saint

Although he was born in Ireland he spent much of his time in Scotland. He prophesied the coming of a great leader, who turned out to be Aedh Eangach. He had a vision that he would die in the presence of three kings. When they came to his house, they placed a vat over him for protection but they were lulled to sleep by the music of a cowherd and, when they woke up, they found only the saint’s bones under the vat.

Bearchan1 Irish
[Molbi]
a saint
a mentor of Columba

Bearded Demon, The
a demon said to know the secret of the transmutation of metals

Beare Irish
a Spanish princess, wife of Eoghan Mor
She married Eoghan when he was exiled by Conn.

Bearach Irish
a wife of Finn mac Cool, some say

Bear’s Ear European
a Caucasian hero of superhuman strength

A monster demanded the sacrifice of a young maiden every year, otherwise he held back the flow of a river. When the daughter of the king of the underworld was due to be sacrificed, Bear’s Ear turned up just in time to kill the monster and save her. The grateful king offered Bear’s Ear the hand of his daughter in marriage, but the hero declined the honour, preferring to return to the upper world.

Bearskin Woman North American
an Algonquian maiden
sister of Okinai and Sinopa
She married a bear and when he was killed she temporarily took the form of a bear and killed her parents and relatives. Only her sister Sinopa and her brothers escaped. When the brothers returned from hunting, Bearskin Woman tried to kill them all, but one of them, Okinai, saved them all by shooting arrows into the air, each one carrying one of the orphans into the heavens where they became stars in the Great Bear constellation.

(see also Rhipisunt)

Beast Glatisant (see Questing Beast)
Beast of Canteraine French
a French count who was said to have changed into a werewolf

Beast of Greed (see T’ao-t’iech)
Beast of Havette French
an evil spirit who drowned children

Beatitude
a name of one of the Aeons

Beatrice1 British
wife of Carduino
She was turned into an animal by a wizard but was rescued by Carduino, who killed the sorcerer, restored Beatrice to her human form with a kiss and married her.

Beatrice2 European
sister of Charlemagne
wife of Aymon, some say
mother of Alardo, Guichard, Ricciardetto, Ricardo and Rinaldo.

In some accounts, Aymon’s wife is Aya.

Beatrix1 European
wife of Elia and Oriant
When she gave birth to septuplets her mother-in-law, Matabrune, gave the children to her own servant, Marcon, with orders that they be killed. They survived, but six of them turned into swans when the silver necklets that had been round their necks at birth were removed.

In later years, Oriant, persuaded by Matabrune, ordered that Beatrice be burnt at the stake but she was saved by the seventh child, Elia the Swan Knight, who had Matabrune burnt in her place.

Beatrix2 European
daughter of the duchess of Bouillon
wife of Elias
mother of Oda
She married Elias when he saved her mother from the usurper, Reinier.

**Beaumains** *(see Fair Hands)*

the home of Blancheuffe, mother of Percival

**Beaurepaire** *British*

a maid of Guinevere

She rejected Gawain in favour of his squire, Gliglois.

**Beautiful Pilgrim** *(see Alice la Beale Pellerin)*

**Beautiful Water** *(see Choima)*

the story of Glipsa

**Beaw** *(see Val)*

a fertility-god

**Beawor** *(see Val)*

a fertility-god

**Beawor** *(see Val)*

a fertility-god

**Becleram** *Arabian*

a god of the northern region of Arabia

In some accounts he is the same as Baal-Hammon

**Behbionn** *Irish*

[Vivionn]

a giantess from Maidon's Land daughter of Teon

She was promised in marriage to Aedh, who killed her when she refused to marry him. Finn mac Cool, to whom she had gone for help, chased Aedh but he escaped in a ship.

**Bebo** *Irish*

queen of the fairies wife of Lubdan

She and her husband fell into a bowl of porridge when they went to Ulster and were captured by the king, Fergus mac Leda. She had an affair with the king who released them both only when Lubdan gave Fergus his magic shoes.

**Bebon** *Greek*

an associate of the Egyptian god Set or, some say, Set himself

**Bec** *Irish*

a female warrior

**Bec Fola** *Irish*

[Beagfhola.Becfola]

wife of Diarmuid mac Aodha Slaine

She tried to seduce Criosdmhan, Diarmaid's son, but en route to an assignation with him met a handsome hero who took her off to an island in the Otherworld. He said his name was Flann and he was fighting with relatives for possession of the island. When she returned home, it seemed that no time had passed. A year later Flann appeared again and Bec Fola went with him and was never seen again.

**Bec mac De** *Irish*

[Beag mac De.BecgDe.BecgD. Becc mac De]

d a druid

He foretold the killing of High-king Diarmaid mac Cearbhaill.

**Bec mac De** *(see Bec mac De)*

**Becfola** *(see Bec Fola)*

**Bechard** *Irish*

a demon associated with tempests and Friday

**Bechille** *Irish*

a Danaan witch

She, together with Ai, Criddhinbeal and Lugh Laech, defeated the sons of Carman and captured their mother.

*(see also Becuma)*

**Becuma** *Irish*

[Be Chuma]

an enchantress wife of Labraid

She was banished from the home of the gods on Tir Tairngiri for having an affair with Gaair. She later lived at Tara with Conn Ceadeathach. She found the magic wand of Cu Roi and gave it to Art, Conn's son, and told him to find a girl called Dellochaem. When Art returned with this woman, they expelled Becuma from Tara. She may be the same as Bechille.

**Bed** *Norwegian*

one of the Asynjur *(see also Bede)*

**Bedawang** *Pacific Islands*

a cosmic turtle

This animal, on which the earth rests, was engendered by the serpent Antaboga. On his back are two snakes and the black stone that covers the underworld.

**bedcat** *North American*

a fabulous monster

**Bede** *Irish*

a supposed site of King Arthur's grave in Dyfed

**Bede** *British*

a site on Anglesey, Wales said to be the grave of Branwen, sister of Bran

**Bede Taliesin** *British*

a supposed site of Taliesin's grave in Dyfed, Wales

**Beddgelert** *British*

[Beth Gelert]

a village in Wales, site of the grave of the hound, Gelert

**Bede** *Celtic*

one of the 4 Aliasiagae *(see also Beda)*

**Bedegrain** *(see Battle of Bedwayne)*

**Bedevere** *(see Bedivere)*

**Bedevia** *Serbian*

the horse of a Moorish chieftain killed by Marko

**Bedevia** *Serbian*

a mare given to Milosh by Ivan the dam of Zdral

**Bedevia** *Serbian*

the horse of Bogdan

**Bedevia** *Serbian*

the horse of Balatchko

**Bedgrayne** *(see Battle of Bedwayne)*

**Bedimo** *African*

spirits of the Cameroon ancestors who own all the wild animals

**Bedivere** *British*

grandfather of Bedivere father of Pedrawd

**Bedivere** *British*

a one-handed Knight of the Round Table

a personal attendant on the king son of Pedrawd or of King Arthur brother of Lucan father of Amthen and Ereuwag

In the story of Culhwch and Olwen he was one of the party of Arthur's men helping Culhwch in his quest.

When the king invaded and conquered much of the Continent he helped the king in his fight with the giant of Mont Saint-Michel and, when Arthur returned to Britain, Bedivere was left in charge of Normandy. He and Lucan helped the wounded king into the shelter of a chapel after the final battle with Mordred. Lucan soon died from wounds received in the battle. Arthur instructed Bedivere to throw Excalibur into the lake. Bedivere coveted the sword and twice told the king he had done as instructed when, in fact, he had hidden the sword under a tree. He finally obeyed the king's orders and threw the sword
into the lake, where a hand came out of the water and took the sword beneath the surface. He then carried the king on his back to the edge of the water where a boat waited to carry Arthur to Avalon. He wandered for some time and finally came to a hermitage where the Bishop of Canterbury lived, and there in the chapel saw the tomb of the king. He gave up all his knightly pursuits and lived the rest of his life as a hermit.

In some accounts he was made Duke of Neustria and was killed in King Arthur's campaign against Rome.

**Bedr el-Budur**

(see Badr al-Budur)

**Bedreddin Hassan**

Persian

a prince

In *The Arabian Nights*, he was captured and became a cook.

**Bedver**

(see Bedovere)

**Bedwyre**

(see Bedwyre)

**Bedwayne**

(see Battle of Bedwayne)

**Bedwin**

(see Bidwini)

**Bedwini**

(see Bidwini)

**Bedwen**

(see Bidwini)

**Bedwor**

(see Bedovere)

**Bedwyre**

British

[Bedwyre] the Welsh name of Bedivere

He was a companion of Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

**Bedwy**

Greek

a Thracian river-god

**bee**

an insect living in colonies and producing honey:

1. In Christian tradition, the bee represents the risen Christ.
2. In Egypt, bees (Apis) are said to be the tears shed by Ra.
3. European lore says that plants and animals will suffer if bees are used in barter and some go so far as to invite bees to the funeral of their deceased owner.
4. The Germans regard the bee as a symbol of the sun.
5. In Greece, the priestess at Delphi took the form of a bee.
6. The Hindu god Krishna is sometimes envisaged as a bee hovering over Vishnu's head.

**Bee-hunter** (see Beowulf)

**Bee-l-peer** (see Baal-Peor)

**Bee-lphégor** (see Belphegor'1)

**Beelzeboul** (see Beelzebul)

**Beelzebub**

Mesopotamian

a Philistine deity, the personification of evil *(see also Beelzebul)*

**Beelzebul**

Mesopotamian

[Beelzeboul: God of Heaven]

a Philistine god

This name was corrupted to become Beelzebul, said to mean God of the Dunghill and, hence, Lord of the Flies.

**Beetle**

an insect featured in many mythologies:

1. The Egyptians believed that there was no female of the species and that reproduction occurred when a male beetle rolled a ball of ox dung from east to west and buried it for twenty-eight days. On the 29th day the beetle pushed the ball of dung into water and a new insect emerged.
2. The Finns regard beetles as the soul of the dead and they are consulted by young girls wishing to know their marriage prospects.
3. In Hebrew lore beetles reproduced themselves while walking backwards toward the west.
4. In North America the Hopi carried beetles in battle, saying that they were helpful spirits who could cover their owner's tracks. The Zuni feed a beetle to one struck by lightning as an antidote. They also say that Coyote buried a beetle in the light of the body (the eye) one of the 3 universal principles:

**Befana**

[beffana]

a witch

**Befana**

European

[La Strega: La Vecchia]

a benevolent spirit in Italy

She was said to be too busy to go with the Magi when they travelled to Bethlehem and later got lost when she tried to find her own way there. Every year she looks in vain for the baby Jesus but leaves presents at each house she visits.

An alternative version says that she was too busy to entertain the Magi who were on their way to Jerusalem but would do so on their return. In the event, they went home by a different route and she missed them. She looks out for them every year on Twelfth Night but never finds them.

**Begoe**

North American

the great god of the Navaho American Indians

**Begoe**

Italian

[Bergoia: Beroe: Vecho: Vegoia: = Roman Egeria]

an Etruscan goddess of prophecy
When Ogier was imprisoned by Charlemagne, Beiffror was claimed by the Abbot of St Faron. When the horse bolted and threw the abbot, he gave it to his workmen to pull stones being used in the building of a new chapel.

Beiffror was reunited with his master when Charlemagne released Ogier to take up a challenge from Bruhier, the Sultan of Arabia. A misdirected sword stroke from the Saracen killed Beiffror.

Bel-Merodach (see Bel'
Bel-Peor (see Baal-Peor)
Bela
an Indonesian tree spirit
bela kampung
an animal ceremony to appease the spirits and avert illness and misfortune
Belacane
[Belacane]
a queen of Zazamanc
wife of Gaumuret
mother of Feirefiz
Belagog
[Belagog]
a giant said to have guarded King Arthur's castle
In some accounts Belagog lived in Brittany and was defeated by Tristram, who forced him to build a palace decorated with scenes of Cornwall.
Belah
a demon
Belataiakkis
Mesopotamian
a Hittite deity
Belatucadros
[=Roman Mars]
a war-god
Belaye
German
second wife of Lohengrin
Belaye
(see Belé)
Belbog
Slav
a god of light
Belcan
(see Belacane)
Beldeg
Norse
a king of West Saxony
son of Odin
Belé
[Norwegian]
son of the king of Sogn
son of Skate, some say brother of Ingeborg
father of Halfdan, Helgé and Ingeborg
Jokul conquered the kingdom, killed the king and exiled Belé. Thorsten married Belé's sister, Ingeborg, and found Belé, restoring him to the throne. He joined Thorsten and Angantyr in many sea raids and accompanied Thorsten on the expedition to Bretland when they recovered the magic arnlet made by Volund and stolen by the pirate Soté, who had buried himself alive with the treasure.
When he and Thorsten died they were interred in barrows within sight of each other.
Bele
a demon said to take possession of people
Beleth

Beleth (see Larudian)

Belinos (see Belinus)

Belenus (see Belinus)

Beleobus (see Bleoheris)

Belerong (see Kidul)

Belecent (see Belisent)

Belet (Malay)

the home of the dead

To reach Belet, the soul must cross the bridge Balan Bacham escorted by Mempes. Under the Mapik tree, the previous inhabitants turn the newly arrived soul into a kemoit by breaking its arms and legs and turning its eyes inwards. Thereafter, the soul lives happily on the fruit of the Mapik tree while those who did not qualify to reach Belet watch enviously from afar.

Belina

(see Baalat)

Belet-Ili

Mesopotamian

[Belet-Ili.Makh]

a Babylonian mother-goddess

a name of Nintu as ‘lady of the gods’

In some accounts she was the mother of Nimirta.

Belet-Itani

(see Belet-Ili.Makh)

Belet-Seri

Mesopotamian

[Beletseri.Bel-S(e)ri.=->Sumerian Geshtinanna]

a Babylonian goddess, scribe of the underworld

the Akkadian name for Geshtinanna

daughter of Ea and Damkina

sister of Tamuz

Some say that she is the same as Khidimme-azaga. In some accounts she, not Ishtar, goes to the underworld to rescue Tammuz. Others identify her with Nina.

Beleth

[Bileth.Byleth]

demon king

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is depicted as riding a pale horse and accompanied by musicians.

(see also Bileth1)

Beletseri

(see Belet-Seri)

Beli

British


god of light

a king of Britain

son of Manogan and Ana

husband of Don

father of Aranhod, Amaethon,
Cawallawn, Gilaethwy, Govannon,
Gwydion, Llafy, Lludd, Nymniaw,
Peibaw and Penardun

In some accounts he was the brother of Cuno Belinus and father of Avalloc.

Beli

a Frost Giant

god of storms

son of Kari

son of Ymir, some say

son or brother of Gymer

brother of Gerda, Thiaissi and Thrym

When his sister Gerda married Frey, Beli tried to kill him. Frey had given his sword to Skirnir who had woood Gerda on Frey’s behalf. He used a stag’s horn (or his fist) to defend himself and kill Beli.

In some accounts he abducted Freya hoping to force her to marry one of his three sons, known as Greg, but she refused all of them.

Beli Mawr

(see Beli1)

Belagog

(see Belagog)

Belial

[Bel]:
a demon of sodomy, arrogance

or trickery

a fallen angel

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

The name is also used to refer to the underworld, She’ol, or to the Devil.

In black magic he is regarded as an ambassador to Turkey.

beliam

(see halak)

Beliar

(see Belial)

Beli

[a demon prince]

Beliscene

European

[Belisande]

wife of Ogier the Dane

mother of Baldwin

In some accounts she was the daughter of the governor of a prison in which Ogier was held as hostage for his father’s continued subservience to Charlemagne.

Belide

British

[->Italian Bellicies]

daughter of Faramond

sister of Cloidan

She fell in love with Tristram and died of a broken heart when he failed to return her affection.

Belides

Greek

the descendants of Belus

Belini

Mesopotamian


the Sumerian moon-goddess,

goddess of love, the underworld,
trees, wells and springs

sister and wife of Dumuzi

She helped Dumuzi when he changed into a gazelle in an attempt to escape his fate in the underworld.
Belisama

a British river-goddess or lake-goddess
a Celtic name for Minerva
(see also Belisama.Belisima)

Belisande
(see Belisent1)

Belisardo
(see Belisardo)

Belisent
(see Belisent1)
[Belisent.Bellicent]
wife of Nanters or, some say, of Lot
In some accounts she was the daughter of Hoel and Igraine, sister of Blasine and Hermisent: in others she is the same as Morgause. (see also Morgause)

Belisent
(see Belisent1)
[Belisent.Bellicent]
sister of Pepin the Short
wife of Alexander
mother of Orson and Valentine

Belisamé
(see Belisama)
a priestess of lakes and rivers
consort on earth of Belin
(see also Belisama.Belisima)

Belisima
Irish
a name given to Brigit
(see also Belisama.Belisima)

Belisama
(see Belisama)

Belit
Mesopotamian
[Belitis.Beltu.Bilat]
a name for Baalat or Ninhursaga
as 'ladyship'
a female aspect of Bel
consort of Ashur, Baal, Enlil
or Marduk
(see also Salpanitu)

Belit-ili
(see Belet-ili)

Belit-Seri
(see Belet-Seri)

Belit-Sheri
(see Belet-Seri)

Belitis
(see Belit)

Bell-bird brothers
Australian
culture-heroes of the Aborigines of Central Australia

Bella Pennu
(see Boora Pennu)

Bellangere
(see Bellengerus)

Bellengerus le Beuse
British
[Bellengeres]
a Knight of the Round Table
earl of Launders
son of Aisander and Alice la Beale Pellerin
In some accounts he killed Andred and was killed by King Mark. Some say that he killed Mark as well as Andred.

Bellerophon
Greek
a prince of Corinth
son of Glaucus or Poseidon
and Eurynome
brother of Deiades
husband of Philone or Eurymede
father of Hippolochus, Isander
and Laodamia

Belisande
Irish
Belisima
Belishma
Belisent
same as Morgause. (and Hermisent: in others she is the same as Morgause)

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Belisanda
Belisardo
Belisent
Belisama
British
Belisama Belphegor
Belisent
Belisando
Belit-Seri
Belit-illi

Bellerophon
Greek
a Corinthian giant (Milton)

Bellerus
Greek
a Corinthian noble killed by Bellerophon
In some accounts the man whom Bellerophon killed was Deliades, his own brother. In other stories, Bellerus was a monster, a demon of winter.

Belleus
British
[Bellus]
a Knight of the Round Table
He found Lancelot asleep in his bed and mistook him for his lover.

Lancelot reacted violently and wounded his unwelcome paramour.

A different version says that Lancelot was sleeping with the wife of Belleus who challenged Lancelot to a duel.

Belicent
(see Belisent.Morgause)

Belics
British
the Italian version of Belide

Bellido
(see Dolfos)

Belliueus
(see Bellerus)

Bellin
European

the ram in Reynard the Fox

Bellinus
(see Bellerus)

Belissande
(see Belicene)

Bellola
(see Bellona)

Bellona
Roman
a war-goddess
sister of Mars

This deity, originally the Anatolian war goddess Ma, was brought to Rome from the East. Her black-clad priests mutilated themselves and then drank their own blood. Her festival was originally on 3 June but was later merged with that of the Italic Bellona on 24 March.

Bellovesos
Celtic
a leader of the Celts who invaded Italy and took Rome

Belly Blin
(see Billy Blin)

Bellyn
European

the ram in Reynard the Fox

Belomancy
(see belinomancy)

Beloronc
(see Kidul)

Belos
Mesopotamian

an alternative version of Bel-Marduk
son of Aos and Dauke (see also Bel3)

Belphegor
Mesopotamian
[Balphegor.Belphagore]
a misanthropic demon
This being was originally a Moabite god. He was sent from hell to see if there really was happiness in marriage between humans and came to the conclusion that there was not.

He is said to appear sometimes as an attractive woman, sometimes as a nude devil with horns. (see also Balphegovor)

Belphegor
a demon of inquisitiveness
He is depicted with horns and a hairy skin.

In black magic he is ambassador to France.
Belphégor¹ (see Baal Peor)

Belphoebe  British

a goddess of the hunt in *The Faerie Queene*
dughter of Chrysogone
sister of Amoret

Beliskirnir (see Bilskirnir)

Beltane  (see Beltane)

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Beltane  Celtic

Beltane.Laa Boaldyn.Samradh=.Welsh
Calan Mai

a festival held on 1 May

This feast in honour of Belinus, or in some accounts, Partholan, is said to commemorate the arrival of the Milesians in Ireland. During this festival every wren that could be caught was killed because, it was said, a wicked siren who lured men to death in the sea had taken the form of this little bird.

Beltane cakes  Celtic

round cakes made of barley or oatmeal

These cakes were used for drawing lots and the person who ended up with the black bit (previously marked with charcoal) was the sacrificial victim, the Beltane Carline.

In Scotland pieces of the cake were thrown over the shoulder with pleas to various spirits to protect such things as the owner's cattle. Sometimes the cakes were rolled down a slope; any that broke portended misfortune for the owner.

Beltane Carline  Celtic

the person chosen as the sacrificial victim by receiving the black bit of the Beltane Cake

Beltenbras  (see Beltenbros)

Beltenbras  European

[Beltenbras.Fair Forlorn]

the name given to Amadis by Andalod when Amadis refused to reveal his real name

Beltene¹  Irish

a god of death

Beltene²  (see Beltane)

Belteir  (see Beltane)

Belti  (see Baalat)

Beltia  (see Beltiya)

Beltine  (see Beltane)

Beltis  (see Belt)

Beltiya  Mesopotamian

[Belitia]
a name for Sarpanitu

consort of Marduk

Beltu  (see Ashuritu.Belit)

Belen  Russian

a spirit that guides lost travellers

Belus¹  Greek

son of Poseidon by Libya
twin brother of Agenor
brother of Lelex
husband of Anchinoe
father of the twins Aegyptus and Danaus and of Cepheus and Phineus

In some accounts Belus seduced his own daughter, Myrrha, to beget Adonis. Others say that this was Ciniras or Theias.

Belus²  Greek

a king of Tyre

father of Dido

In some accounts Dido's father is Mutto.

Ben  Central American

the thirteenth of the 20 ages of man

Mayan lore, the continued ascent from the nether world

(see also Three Ben)

Ben Bulben  Irish

[Beann Ghulb(h)an.Benbulben.Bulban. G(h)ulb(h)an]
ap a mountain in Sligo

It was here that Finn mac Cool, on a hunting trip, found his son Oisin and where Dermot met his death, killed by the boar that had been charged to kill him.

In some accounts Ben Bulben is used as the name for the owner of the boar or for the animal itself, but the ‘owner’ is usually regarded as Roc, who turned his dead son into the boar.

(see also Roc)

Ben Dagon  Phoenician

son of Dagan

Ben Edar  Irish

the site of Aidin’s grave: a sacred graveyard of royalty

Ben nefilin  Hebrew

demon causing epilepsy

Ben-Varrey  British

a Manx mermaid

This being is said to lure sailors to their death but sometimes warns them of danger.

Benani  Mesopotamian

husband of Melii

father of 6,000 bird-faced men and bird-bodied warriors

Benben stone  Egyptian

the golden obelisk on which Ra, as the Bennu-bird, perched

Benbulben  (see Ben Bulben)

Bendigedr G  (see Bran)

Bendigedfran  (see Bran)

Bendigert Bran  (see Bran)

Bendis  Greek

[a Thracian mother-goddess, goddess

of the chase

Benedith y Mamau  (see Tywith Teg)

benennemrianni  Hebrew

witches who steal new-born babies

Beng  a gypsy name for the Devil

Bengodi  European

a mythical paradise

Benignant Ones  (see Furies)

Benkei  Japanese

a giant hero

son of a tengu

He was trained as a priest but was a great warrior who challenged all-comers, with a view to collecting 1,000 swords.

When Yoshitsune challenged him, Benkei was, for the first time, defeated when the smaller man avoided all his blows. He became the lifelong friend and servant of Yoshitsune and together they defeated the evil Taira clan. When on a voyage with Yoshitsune, the ghosts of the dead Taira rose from the sea and assailed them, he warded them off with a prayer.

In another story, he stole the bell of Miidera for his own monastery, but every time it was struck it spoke saying that it wanted to go back to Mieder.

Finally, exasperated by the bell's repeated pleas, Benkei returned it to its proper home. Some accounts say that the bell-stealer and the warrior-priest are two separate characters.

Bennien  British

a herdsman of Caradoc

Bennu¹  Mesopotamian

[Benu]
a Babylonian plaque deity

bennu²  (see bennu-bird)

bennu-bird  Egyptian

[ben(n)u.bennu-bird]
a form of Ra-Atum at dawn

In this form the deity was a yellow wagtail or a golden heron-headed hawk, which was regarded as the first living being.

Benoic  (see Benwick)

Benois  (see Benwick)
benshee (see banshee)
Benzaozia a medieval she-devil

(Benzaozia)

Bentei Srei (see also Benzoia)

Cambodian

[=Hindu Shakti]

the name for Shakti, the female aspect of Shiva

Benten

Japanese


a sea-goddess, goddess of music, speech and wealth

one of 7 Shinto deities of good fortune known as the Shichi Fukujin

In one story she descended to earth and married a dragon king, persuading him to give up his wicked habit of eating young children.

Another story tells how she helped the young poet Baishu, who had found a poem written by a maiden and had fallen in love with her without having met her. He prayed to Benten who arranged that he should meet the girl as he left the shrine. It later turned out that this girl was, in fact, the soul of the maiden whom he later met and married.

Some of her statues show her with snakes while others show her as having eight arms, six of which are raised with hands holding various objects, such as a bow and arrow, the other two being folded in prayer. She is sometimes depicted playing a kind of flute known as a biwa.

Benten-san (see Benten)

Benthesicyme Greek daughter of Poseidon and Amphitrite Poseidon gave her the infant Eumolpus to rear when the sea-god rescued him from the sea.

Bentrash

Egyptian

a princess

Her sister had married a king of Egypt, so when Bentrash fell ill her father appealed to the king for help. He sent his chief scribe who found that she was possessed of an evil spirit, which he failed to exorcise. The king then persuaded the god Khons to send an image of himself to visit the princess and this was successful in restoring the girl to health.

Benu (see Benu.Ra-Atum)

Benu-bird (see benu-bird)

Benwick

[Benvic.Benwo.Benwyk]

the supposed home of King Ban and Lancelot in Brittany

Some writers identify the town with Bayonne, Beaune, Bourges or even Saumur.

Benwig

[=Hindu Saraswati]

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In old age he killed a dragon, the Firedrake, which lived beneath a burial mound guarding a hoard of treasure, and which was ravaging the countryside. He was mortally wounded, but before he died he gave his armour and weapons to the youth Wiglaf, the only one of his retainers to have stood with him in the fight with the dragon.

(see also Nagelring)

Beowulf

Anglo-Saxon

an epic poem of over 3,000 lines describing the exploits of Beowulf

Ber

Mesopotamian

a name of Ninib as 'lord of wild boars'

Bera

(see Cailleach Bheur.Scota)

Bera Pennu

Indian

a goddess of vegetation in Bengal

Berach

Irish

an Irish saint

As a boy he was raised by the monk Daigh mac Cairill. He was said to have returned to life a woman and her son who had fallen into a wheat mill; the monster's mother carried off Hrodgar's retainer Aeschere, and when she emerged to avenge Grendel's death Beowulf dived into the lake with the sword Hrunting which proved useless against her. He snatched up a huge sword that the monster had acquired earlier and used it to cut off her head and also that of Grendel.

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(see also Nagelring)
Berbalang

Pacific Islands

a monster in the Philippines

These monsters are human in appearance but are slit-eyed and have wings. They live on human flesh, but can be warded off by carrying a coconut pearl.

Berbis

da demon

Berbyce

Greek

one of the 50 daughters of Danaus

In some accounts she was one of the three daughters who did not kill their husbands on their wedding night. The others were Antymone and Hypermnestra.

Bercelak (see Green Knight')

Berechta (see Bertha')

Bercynthia (see Berecynthia)

Berecynthia

Celtic

a Gaulish goddess

She was regarded as the Continental version of Cybele or Ops.

Berecynthia Hero

Greek

a name of Midas

Berejea

Persian

a guardian spirit

He sends the bird Camrosh to help Iranians attacked by outsiders.

Berenice

Roman

[Berenike.Berenise.Bernice]
a queen of Egypt

She sacrificed her beautiful hair on the altar of the gods to ensure the safe return from the wars of her soldier husband, Ptolemy. The hair disappeared from the shrine but appeared in the sky as a constellation.

Berenike (see Berenice)

Berenise (see Berenice)

Berezisvanh (see Bahram-fire)

Bergbui

Norse

[Bergrisir, 'mountain dwelling']
hill giants (see also Bergrisir)

Bergelmir

Norse

[Bergelmir.Bergelmi.Farbauti]
giant

son of Thrudelmir and progenitor of the race of Frost Giants

He and his wife were the only ones to survive the rush of blood from the body of Ymir when he was killed by Odin and his brothers, and they lived to start a new race of giants. In some stories he is Farbauti, father of Loki by Laufeyia or Nal. In some accounts he was the son of Ymir rather than his grandson.

Berggeist

German

a mountain spirit

Bergjarl

Norse

[Lord of the Mountain]
a hill giant

Bergnisse

Norse

[Bergbui.Bergjarl]
hill giants (see also Bergbui)

bergsmiedlein (see Dwarfs)

Berghthora

[=Irish Bran:=Majorcan Verng]
a Catalan god

Bernlak (see Green Knight')

Bernice

(see Berecynthia)

Berno

Celtic

a moon-goddess

Berno (see Berecynthia)

Beronice

Greek

daughter of Adonis and Aphrodite, some say sister of Golgos and Priapus

Beron and Golgus were said to be mortal while Priapus was immortal.

Bereoc (see Berecynthia)

Beroe (see Berecynthia)

Bernard of Astolat

British

[Beal.Bofi.Bolfry]
a demon of alchemy

a duke at Rother

He was one of the four dwarfs that Freya was said to have slept with to get the necklace Brisingamen.

Berlinghieri

European

a knight of Charlemagne

He was with Roland at Roncesvalles and was killed there.

Bermouthes

British

an enchanted island, said to be the home of devils and witches

Bernardo del Carpio

Spanish

a Spanish hero

He was said to have defeated Roland in single combat at Roncesvalles.

Bergia

(see Beugoe)

Berne

a nurse of Semele

When Semele became the lover of Zeus, Hera appeared in the guise of Beroc and persuaded Semele to demand that he prove that he was who he claimed to be. She did, and died for her temerity.

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Beroe (see Beugoe)

Berouil

French

a 12th c writer, author of The Romance of Tristan

Berouthe

Phoenician

Beouuth

an early mother-goddess

consort of Eloun

mother of Ouranus and Gaia
Berrant le Apres (see Aguyansans)
Berroc  Anglo-Saxon
[Burruc]
the sacred oak tree
Bersa  Irish
husband of Mair
berserkers  Norse
[baresark.berserkir]
inspired warriors
Inspired by Odin to battle frenzy, these warriors, though unarmed and naked, could perform amazing feats of strength and courage. It was said that they could take on the shape of bears or wolves, and in battle were invulnerable to fire and steel.
berserkr  (see berserkers)
Bersules  British
a knight at King Mark's court
He set out with Mark and Amant to kill Tristram but was himself killed by Mark when he refused to be party to murder.
Berte  sister of Elissent
She and her sister, daughters of the Empress of Constantinople, were due to marry Charles Martel and his vassal, Girart de Roussillon. Charles fell in love with Elissent and married her, giving Berte to Girart.
Berte aux Grands Pieds  (see Bertha)
Bertelai  (see Berteloi)
Bertha  European
[Berte aux Grands Pieds.Berthe au Grand Pied]
dughter of Floris and Blanchfleur
wife of Pepin I
mother of Charlemagne
Her old nurse, Margiste, imprisoned Bertha and arranged that her own daughter, Aliste, should take Bertha's place and become Pepin's queen. The warders ordered to kill her allowed Bertha to escape and she took refuge with Symon, Pepin's cowherd, and his wife Constance. When Bertha's mother, Blanchfleur, exposed the false queen years later, Bertha was finally given her rightful position as queen.

The name Berte aux Grands Pieds is said to refer to the fact that she had big feet; in some accounts she was Berthe au Grand Pied because she had a club foot. (see also Bertha)
Bertha  European
sister of Charlemagne
wife of Milon
mother of Roland
She married Milon secretly and he soon abandoned her, leaving her in poverty in a cave to bring up Roland.
She was later pardoned by the emperor for her deceit and was restored to his favour.

Some versions say that Charlemagne fathered Roland on his own sister Bertha, and then married her off to Milon.
Bertha  German
a German name for Frigga or Holda
Bertha1  (see Bertha)
Bertha2  (see Bertha)
Bertha3  (see Bertha)
Berthe au Grand Pied  (see Bertha)
Bertholot  European
[Bertelai.Bertolais]
a name for Charlot, in some accounts
Bertholoi  a friend and accomplice of the False Guinevere
Berthie  (see Green Knight)
Bertholais  (see Bertholot)
Bertoldo  European
husband of Sophia
He and Sophia appear as the parents of Rinaldo in Jerusalem Delivered.
Bertranne  European
sister of Alane and Guillaume
Berth  Bes  Egyptian
[Ab.Asep.Septu]
the god of childbirth, children, dance, family, household, mirth and music
husband of Tauret
He is normally depicted as dwarfish, bandy-legged and ugly, but in his role as Sepl, a god of war, he is given a handsome body and the face of a lion.

Beset  (see Tauret)
Besla  (see Bestla)
Bestaire d'Amour  French
a bestiary written by Richard de Fournival
bestiary  a mediaeval book of animals both real and mythical
Bestla  Norse
[Besla.Bestla]
a giantess
daughter or sister of Balthor
wife of Bor
mother of Hoenir, Odin, Ve and Vili
In some versions she is the daughter of Ymir, twin of Mimir, the wife of Thor and the mother of Odin and Loki.
Betara Guru  (see Batara Guru)
Beth Gelert  (see Beddgelert)
Beth Saggil  Mesopotamian
the Babylonian palace of the gods
Bethage  a demon said to take possession of humans
Bethel  Mesopotamian
a local Phoenician god
Bethides  British
son of Perceforest
husband of Circe
His wife brought the Romans to Britain and, when they conquered the country, his father gave up the throne and retired to the Isle of Life.
Bethor  one of the 7 Olympic Spirits, ruler of the planet Jupiter
Bethesda  a pool or spring in Jerusalem said to have miraculous healing powers
Bethuel  a moon demon
Betis  British
[Perceforest] a king of England
brother of Gaddifer
He was given the throne by Alexander the Great who, some say, had conquered the whole of Britain. He killed the magician Darmart, and was thereafter known as Perceforest.
Betulia  (see Bestla)
betylus  (see baetyl)
Beund  (see Beuno)
Beuno  British
[Beund] a 6th c Welsh abbot and saint
son of Bugi and Preferen
He was said to be descended from Anna, sister of King Arthur.
Beuve  European
brother of Aymon
father of Maugis and Vivien
When Beuve failed to support Charlemagne in his battles with the Saxons, the king sent his son, Lolier, to threaten reprisals. Beuve killed Lolier and the king sent his army to subdue his vassal who then submitted but was treacherously murdered.
Bevarash  (see Azhi Dahak)
Bevis of Southampton  British
a knight of King Arthur's court
son of Guy
husband of Josian
He was reared by his uncle, Saber, when his mother killed his father, remarried and wanted to be rid of the boy. He was later sold as a slave and given to the Armenian king, Ermyn, whose daughter Josian fell in love with
the young Briton. Ermyn gave him a horse, Arundel, and a sword, Mordray. He killed a huge bear and the dragon of Colein and defeated Brandymond of Damascus. When he was captured and held in prison he killed the two huge snakes that were introduced into his cell, and escaped and eloped with Josian who became a Christian and married him. It was said that he killed two lions with a single blow and defeated the giant Ascapart, who became his servant. On his return to Britain, his lands and titles were restored to him.

Beygawa  
Pacific Islands  
wife of Iomwaya

Her husband was so devoted to her that when she died he visited her in Vabusi, home of the spirits of the dead.

Beyggvir  
Norse

[Beyggvir.Beyggvir]  
a barley-god: mill refuse personified  
a servant of Frey

He was envisaged as a miniature being speaking into Frey's ear.

Beyla  
Norse

or a minor goddess, attendant on Frey

manure personified  
wife of Beyggvir

In some accounts she married Frey; in others Beyla is masculine.

BHzoar  
a stony lump sometimes found in the intestines or stomachs of various ruminants and other animals

These stones are supposed to have magical powers or medicinal power as an antidote to poison.

1) In parts of Europe the stone was used as a cure for toothache.

2) The Chinese wear rings incorporating this stone, which when sucked acts as a cure for poison.

3) Some North American tribes grind the stones to powder and use this to strengthen their eyesight.

4) In Mongolia, the stone is used by shamans to bring rain.

5) In the Pacific Islands, it is said to be found in coconuts and, again, is used as an antidote for poison.

Bhachakra  
Indian  
the Indian Zodiac

Bhadra1  
Buddhist

[=Tibetan bZan-po.Zen-po]  
in some accounts, one of the Arhats

Bhadra2  
Hindu

goddess, prosperity personified

daughter of Soma  
wife of Utathey

She was abducted by Varuna but he was forced to return her when, in response to Utathey's plea, the goddess Sarasvati dried up all the rivers.

Bhadra3  
Japanese

the Buddhist concept of divine compassion

Bhadra Vira  
Hindu

a name for Shiva used by the Maratha

In this form he is depicted riding the bull Nandi.  
(see also Virabhadr)

Bhadracharu  
Hindu

son of Krishna and Rukmini

the last of the tirthankaras

Bhadrajini  
Jain

Bhadrakali  
(see Durga.Kali.)

Mahadevi.Parvati)

Bhadrakalpa  
Buddhist

the present era

Bhadrasva  
Hindu

one of the 4 island-continents  
mentioned in the Mahabharata

(see also Dvipa)

Bhaga  
Hindu

[Bhagavantir. 'good luck'; 'wealth']

a sun-god: a god of good fortune

[Bhutasvara.Bhuteswara]

son of Krishna and Rukmini

[Bhutesvara.Bhuteswara]

a form of Surya as the giver of wealth

husband of Siddhi

He was blinded by Shiva as Virabhadra.

Bhagasavitar  
Hindu

exorcists, priests and sorcerers

Bhagavat  
IndoEuropean

a title for a guru regarded as a deity

'Bhagavan'  
Hindu

see also  
Bhairava'

Bhagavan1  
Buddhist

[a name for the Buddha

Bhagavan2  
Hindu


Bhagwan. 'lord']

a name of Avalokiteshvara, Krishna

and other deities as 'exalted one'

a title for a guru regarded as a deity

Bhagavan3  
IndoEuropean


Bhagwan. 'lord']

a creator-god

Bhagavat  
(see Bhagavan)

[Bhagavat]

Bhagavat2  
Buddhist

(see Bhagavan)

Bhagavat3  
(see Bhagavan)

Bhagva[...]
Bhalbhuaidh

Pacific Islands

Bharadwaja

An ascetic saint

He lived the span of three normal lives and became an immortal. He is said to have composed most of the hymns of the Vedas. When Vishnu interrupted him at prayer he threw water over the Vedas. When Vishnu interrupted his devotion to god. As punishment, he was born as a deer in his next incarnation.

Bharat-Guru

He fought his brother for supremacy and lost but was handed the kingdom by Gommatesvara, who went into the forest to do penance. Bharata erected a huge statue to commemorate his brother's feat of standing for one whole year while plants grew over him.

Bharata-Guru

the Kauravas and Pandavas, descendants of Bharata

Bharata6

his next incarnation.

Bhavani

an aspect of Kali or Parvati

In this role she is portrayed as a demon with a necklace of skulls, her tongue hanging down to her chin and pendulous breasts.

Bhavani

life-producing power (see also Bhava1)

Bhavani

in Nepal, a wife of Shiva

In some accounts she is the same as Vajravarahi

Bhavishya

(see Shiva)

Bhechad-jagaru

(see Yakushi)

Bheki

the sun on the horizon

Bheki

a maiden who married a king

She married the king on condition that he would never show her a drop of water as this would cause her death.

Bherava

Pacific Islands

Bhikkhu

an aspect of Buddha or Siwa

Bhikkhu

a mendicant monk

Bhikku

a female bhikku

Bhikshana

a Lamaist sorcerer

Bhikshu

(see bhikkhu)

Bhima

a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala

Bhima

a giant warrior prince, hero of the Mahabharata

Bhima

son of Vayu and Kunti

one of the 5 Pandava brothers

husband of Hidimba

father of Damayanti

father of Ghatotkacha by Hidimba

father of Sarvaga by Balkandhara

A journey to find the magic lotus, which restores health and vigour, he met Hanuman and from him learned the history of the universe. He killed the yakshas which guarded the lotus and drank the healing waters of the lake.

In one account he killed Purochana by setting fire to his house, because he had learned that Purochana planned to burn down the Pandava's palace. He
also killed the demons Hidimba and Vaka and many others.

Two men, Jayadratha and Kichaka, tried to rape Draupadi, and Bhima gave them both a beating, making the former work as a slave of the Pandavas. Bhima later saved Draupadi from death at the stake.

In the Mahabharata he was poisoned and thrown into the river by his cousin, Duryodhana, one of the Kaurava brothers, but the water snakes reviled him and gave him tremendous physical strength, which he used to great effect in the battle with the Kauravas. One of those he killed was Duhasana and he drank the dead man's blood.

In the final episode Duryodhana, the sole surviving Kaurava, fought Bhima in single combat and was defeated. During the fight Bhima used an unfair blow that broke his opponent's thigh. Thereafter, he was called Jhimma-yodhin, the unfair fighter.

Bhima, and all the Pandavas except Yudhishthira, died on the journey to Mount Meru.

Bhima is a name for Rudra or Shiva as 'terrible' consort of Disa.

Bhimadevi is a name for Shakti. She existed on the bottom of the primaeval ocean and was raised to the surface by Brahma to become the lotus.

Bhudevi is a group of 12 deities. These beings represent the spiritual stages through which a bodhisattva must pass.

Bhumi is a goddess of vegetation.

Bhumidevi is an early fertility-god or goddess.

Bhismaka is the capital city of the Nagas.

Bhogavati is a name for Devi, Kali or Uma as ‘bee’.

Bhrigu is a fire-god.

Bhishma is a word said to have been uttered by Prajapati which caused the creation of the earth.

Bhur-Loka is one of the 7 realms of the universe, the earth.

Bhuranyu is a three-eyed-god of demons.

Bhushan is a name for Shiva as ‘lord of the bhutas’.

Bhuta-Naya is a name for Devi, Kali or Uma as ‘leader of demons’.

Bhutanagas are gods devoted to Shiva.

Bhutadama is a three-eyed-god of demons.

Bhutama is a terrible aspect of Parvati.

Bhutesvara is a word said to have been uttered by Prajapati, which caused the creation of the heavenly bodies.

Bhuvan is one of the 10 mahavidyas.

Bhuvanesvari is a word said to have been uttered by Prejapati, which caused the creation of the heavenly bodies.

Bhuvar-Loka is one of the 7 realms of the universe, the home of the sages in the sky.

Bhuvan is a word said to have been uttered by Prajapati, which caused the creation of the heavenly bodies.

Bi-har is a boy with magical powers.

Bi-Hyong was born to Do-Wha as the result of a visit to her in a dream by the dead king, Zin-Zi, and was adopted by the new king, Zin-Pyong. He became leader of the goblins who lived on the
far side of the river and at the king's request had them build a bridge over the river.

**Bia**

- **African**
- a river-god
- son of the supreme god of the
- Akan
- brother of Tano

He was to receive the fertile areas and Tano was to receive the desert lands, but Tano disguised himself as Bia and was given the fertile land.

**Bia**

- **Greek**
- the god of force
- son of Pallas and Styx
- brother of Cratus, Nike and Zelus

He and his brother Cratus were given the task of chaining Prometheus to the rock.

**Biadice**

- **Greek**
- [Biddice]
- wife of Cetheus

She fell in love with her nephew Phrixus and when he rejected her advances she accused him of rape.

**Biame**

- **see Baime**

**Biarki**

- **see Bodvar**

**Bias**

- **Greek**
- son of Amythaon and Idomene
- or Melanipe
- brother of Melampus
- husband of Pero
- father of Talaus by Pero
- father of Anaxibia by Iphianassa

He was in love with Pero and when her father demanded the cattle of Phylacus as the bride-price, his brother Melampus obtained them for him. When she died Bias married Iphianassa, one of the daughters of Proetus, who had been driven to madness by Melampus.

**Bias**

- **Greek**
- father of Areius

He was killed by his nephew, Pylas, king of Megara.

**Bias**

- **Greek**
- a 6th c βασιλείας
- one of the Seven Sages

**Biausdous**

- **British**
- son of Gawain
- husband of Biautei

His prize for being able to remove the sword Honorée from its scabbard was the hand of Biautei. He defeated Ermaleus in combat and sent him to King Arthur as a prisoner.

**Biautei**

- **British**
- a princess
- wife of Biausdous

She was given to Biausdous as his wife when he managed to remove the sword Honorée from its scabbard.

**Biblindi**

- **Norse**
- a name for Odin as ‘drinker’

**bibliomancy**

- divination from random openings of a book: ascertaining guilt by weighing suspected sorcerers against the weight of the Bible

(see also rhapsodomancy:sortes)

**Bibliotheca**

- **Greek**
- a book of myths by Apollodorus

**Bibunia**

- **European**
- a dwarf

He was the protector of the ice-queen, Virginal. When she was seized by the magician, Ortgis, he went to Dietrich for help.

**Bicorn**

- **French**
- [Bicorne.Bicornex]
- a monster in the form of a beast that eats good husbands

**Bicorn**

- **see Bicorn**

**Bida**

- **African**
- the dragon guarding Wagadoo

This new city sprang up in the desert when Prince Lagarre beat the royal drum, Tabele. The dragon gave Lagarre access to the city, of which the young prince became the king, on condition that he delivered a young maiden to the dragon each year. After each such sacrifice Bida flew over the city disgorging gold, which paved all the streets. After many years of such sacrifices Mamadi, the lover of the maiden due to be sacrificed that year, killed Bida and cut off his head, which flew off to the Gold Coast.

**bidarandir**

- **East Indian**
- a Javanese nymph

It is said that these beings sometimes marry mortals. (see also vidyadhari)

**Bidasari**

- **Malay**
- an epic poem telling the story of
- Menginderah

**Bidda**

- **African**
- a Hausa spirit causing stiffness

**Biddice**

- **see Biadice**

**Bidhgoe**

- **see Ea- Anu**

**Bidiel**

- **see Bydiel**

**Biducht**

- **Persian**
- [=Greek Aphrodite]
- a love-goddess

**Bidwini**

- **British**
- [Baldwin.Bedwin(i).Bedwn]

- a bishop at King Arthur's court

**Biega-olmai**

- **Baltic**
- a Lapp wind-god

**Biel**

- **African**
- an Ethiopian spirit

**Bielbog**

- **see Bylebog**

**Bierlam**

- **African**
- a word for god in Cameroun

**Biersal**

- **German**
- a kobold of the cellar

If he is appeased by a daily jug of beer, this spirit of the cellar will clear all the bottles and jugs.

**Bifindr**

- **Norse**
- a name for Odin as ‘one who brandishes a spear’

This name is a reference to his magic spear Gungnir.

**Bifrons**

- a demon
- one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This demon takes the form of a monster that can change shape on command. It is said to impart knowledge of magic herbs and of astrology.

**Bifrost**

- **Norse**

- the rainbow bridge leading from
- Asgard to Midgard

This bridge, built of air, fire and water, was guarded by Heimdall whose palace, Himinbiorg, was built on top of the bridge. Thor was not allowed to use the bridge – his tread was too heavy for its frail construction. It was broken down by the onrushing forces from Muspelheim at Ragnarok.

**Big Dipper**

- **see Great Bear**

**Big Donag MacManus**

- **Irish**
- a man who outwitted Cailleach Bheur

The hag would challenge young men to a reaping contest and killed them when she won – as she invariably did. Big Donag MacManus spotted that her success was due to a chafer in the handle of her reaping hook. By pulling off the handle and releasing the chafer he escaped the fate of so many others.

**Big Eater**

- **North American**
- a man who married a ghost woman

Big Eater found a woman digging clams and persuaded her to come and live with him. After a while she got tired of him and set off in a canoe to find a younger man. Big Eater chased her in his other canoe and eventually overtook her. She thereupon pulled a hair from her head, turned it into a lance and, throwing at her pursuer, killed him.

**Big Grandfather**

- **see Raven**

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Big Hag

Irish

a female water monster slain by Finn mac Cool

Big Owl

North American

a monster of the Apache American Indians who eat human beings

In some accounts, he was a son of the Sun and was killed by his own brother.

Big Raven

(see Quikin’na’qu)

Big Snake

North American

a spirit of the Pueblo tribes

Big Star

(see Sontso)

Big Water Man

North American

a spirit of the Pueblo tribes

Bigfoot

(bijadhari) represents a deity.

This spirit can be invoked to combat disease. He is said to cause landslides when he moves and is envisaged as having yellow eyes and a large mouth in a spiny body.

Bigeth

Egyptian

an island in the Nile where Hapi lived

Bigfoot

North American

[Gilyuk,Omah.Sasquatch,Susquech,Toke-Masss] a supposed monster in the Rocky Mountains

Biggaroo

Australian

in the lore of the Aborigines, a huge snake

Bigirhush

Mesopotamian

[Shuzianna] an Akkadian god of the primitive ocean

Bigirimana

African

a name of Imana as ‘he who owns all things’

Bihar

Tibetan

[Bi-har,Pe-har,Pehar,Pekar,Pelcar,Tin-le-gyal-po] a Buddhist-Lamaist god one of the Mahapancharajas, King of Deeds

He is depicted with six eyes in each of his three heads and with six arms. He rides a white lion or a red tiger.

(bija-mantra)

Hindu

a mantra used in Tantric ritual

Each mantra, which has but one syllable, represents a deity.

bijadhari

Japanese

a form of Daikoku as a priest bearing a sword and a mallet

Bika Daikoku

a counsellor at the Danish court

He accused Broder, son of King Iarmerik, of having seduced Svanhild, the intended bride of his father, the part played by Sibich in the story of Ermenrich.

Bikshu

Buddhist

[Bi[kshu] the 4 ‘apostles’ of Buddhism from the south-west.

Biliku

Hindu

the female counterpart of Bilik

Bilindu

Ceylonese

[Ve[da Yaka] a hunter brother of Kanda Yake

He was killed by his own brother when the latter flew into a rage. The spirits of both men are invoked by hunters.

Biljari

Australian

[a culture hero of the Aborigines Biljari and Wagu laid down rules for marriage to avoid incest. Both became birds as a result of tricks played on each other, Biljari becoming an eagle.

Bildat

North American

a monstrous animal

Biliken

North American

d a god of things as they should be

Billing

Norse

an elf, guardian of the West king of the Ruthenes father of Rinda

Billow-maidens

(see Wave-maidens)

Billy Blin

British

[Be[ly Bln,Billy Blind,Blind Barlow] a household spirit

Billy Blind

(see Billy Blin)

Bilmesschneider

(see Bilwis)

bilocation

[duplication] the ability to appear in 2 different locations at the same time

This alleged power is reported of several saints.

Biloko

African

[sing=Eloko] in Zaire, a race of hairless dwarfs spirits of the dead

These spirits are said to wear leaves on their bodies and they can stretch their mouths so as to admit a human body. They can put a spell on humans by ringing the bell they all carry.

Bilrost

Irish

[=British Belinus=Welsh Beli] a god of death

In some versions he is the husband of Dana, in others the father of Milesius. Some say that he was one of those drowned when the Danaans caused the storm that wrecked many of the ships of the invading Milesians.

He conducts the souls of the dead to the Otherworld. Some say that he is the same as Balor.

bile

Irish

sacred trees

Bile-panny

(see Vodni-panny)

Bilet

(see Bileth’)

Bilet

Irish

[=Bilet] a demon

a minister of Arcan, some say

Bileth

(see Beleth)

Bileya

(see Bilegey)

Bilegey

Irish

a name of Odin as ‘the shifty-eyed one’

Bilik

Indian

[Bufaga.Pulaga, spider] a thunder-god of the Andaman Islands husband or brother of Tarai

This deity is said to control the north-east monsoon while Tarai controls that See also Nach-un.Y on-tan-rgyal-po)
This being is said to devastate crops with a sickle attached to his big toe.

**Bima**  
East Indian  
[Bratasena.Werkudara]  
the Javanese version of Bhima  
husband of Nagagini

**Bimbogami**  
Buddhist  
a king  
husband of Vaidhehi  
father of Ajatasatru  
He offered the Buddha the use of his bamboo park for the accommodation of his disciples.

**Bimbo**  
Japanese  
a peasant  
He found the Thunder Child, Raitaro, and raised him.

**Bimbo-Gami**  
Japanese  
[Binbogami]  
a god of poverty  
It is said that he can be banished from a house if the fire is blown on through a bamboo tube which, when it cracks from the heat, is thrown away.

His presence is announced by the clicking of death-watch beetles which act as his servants.

**Bimbogami**  
(see Bimbo-Gami)

**Bimini**  
British  
[Bieunca]  
a mythical island, site of a fountain of eternal youth  
This island is said to be located in the Bahamas.

**Binatel**  
West Indian  
one of the 2 Zemis  
a primaeval being, precursor of the gods  
(see also Morobo)

**Binyezgani**  
North American  
twin members of the Anaye, in the lore of the Navaho  
These beings, born without limbs, but with lethal glances, were killed by Nayenezgani and his brother.

The twin heroes were protected from the lightning that sprang from the eyes of these monsters by their supernormal status. Nayenezgani threw salt on the fire which caused an explosion which made the monsters blind and helpless, so that the twins were easily able to despach them with their knives, taking their scalps as proof of victory.

**Binbeal**  
Australian  
the rainbow, in the lore of the Aborigines  
son of Pundjel

**Bincigi**  
African  
a seer in Senegal  
father of Marain Jagu

He was killed by the tyrant king Garakhe for daring to speak on behalf of the oppressed people. His son, Marain Jagu, killed the seven sons of Garakhe and, after learning the art of the sorcerer, killed Garakhe as well.

**Bird**  
Serbian  
an Illyrian god

**Binded**  
(see Banaded)

**Bindinoor**  
Australian  
son of Walleyneup and Dorinop  
When he was wounded his father, though the supreme god, could not heal him and he died. As a result his father decreed that man should thereafter lose his immortality.

**Binego**  
African  
an evil spirit  
son of Ryangombe  
father of Raganu  
His father's spirit kingdom, Mandwa, had been seized by Mpumutsi Muchini. He found the usurper playing a board game with his father and told his father the winning moves. Muchini objected to this and Binego killed him. He married a lion-woman and they had a son, Raganu.

**Bingacho**  
(see Gario)

**Binnon Scrou**  
African  
the seventh of the 8 ancestors of the Dogon

He turned himself into a snake to eat Lebe, the eighth ancestor, regurgitating a number of stones that took the shape of a body.

**Bintu**  
African  
a heavenly antelope  
Its skull was fashioned into the first hoe by a smith-god who brought it to earth to teach men the arts of agriculture.

**Binyon, R. L.**  
British  
(1869–1943)  
an English poet, author of *Arthur, Madness of Merlin*, *The Sirens*, et al.

**Binza**  
African  
a Zande witch doctor

**Binzuku**  
Japanese  
[Binzuru Harada.O-binzuru:= Pindola the Bharadvaja:= Chinese Pin-tu-lo]  
one of the 16 Rakans

He was a mortal, the first disciple of the Buddha, who had miraculous healing powers and was deified.

**Binzuru Harada**  
(see Binzuku)  
*Biographies of the Gods*  
Chinese  
[Shen Hsien Chuan]  
a book of ancient legends written by Ko Hung

**Bion**  
Greek  
a 1st c poet  
He wrote *Lament fur Adonis*

**Bion**  
[Byron]  
a friend of Frithiof  
son of Kol  
brother of Harek  
He steered the magic dragon-ship on the voyage to Orkney.

He is said to have had a tooth several feet long, blue in colour, with which he could kill his enemies.

**Bion**  
[Byron]  
son of Ragnar Lodbrok and Aslaug  
brother of Hvitserk, Ivar, Rogenwald and Sigurd

**Biono-Hoder**  
(see Hoder)

**Biort**  
(see Bjort)

**Birthday**  
(see Mer)

**Bir Badr**  
(see Raja Kidar)

**Bird of Doom**  
Hindu  
a bird sent by Yama to warn someone that his time on earth was ended

**Bird of God**  
(see Bird of Paradise)

**Bird of Joy**  
(see magpie)

**Bird of Paradise**  
[Bird of God.Bird of the Nile]  
a mythical bird of the East

This bird was said to have very colourful plumage but had neither feet nor wings. It would hang from the branch of a tree by its tail feathers.

**Bird of the Gods**  
a name for the hummingbird

**Bird of the Nile**  
(see Bird of Paradise)

**birds**  
birds in various forms feature in many mythologies

(1) In Australia the Aborigines regard birds as their original gods.

(2) The Buddhists say that Gāruda, half man, half eagle, is the transport of the gods.

(3) Celtic lore regards birds as the souls of the dead.

(4) In the East Indies, the islanders of New Britain say that a bird and a stone, offspring of the sun and the moon, became the progenitors of the human race when the bird turned into a woman and the stone into a man.

(5) The Finns, like the Celts, regard birds as the souls of the dead.

(6) In Persia birds were regarded as the transmitters of wisdom.

(7) In the Pacific Islands, birds are referred to in stories where they act...
as messengers for the gods, appear as deities who lay eggs from which islands emerge and are sent to locate dry land after the flood.

(8) In Siberia the thunder-god can be a bird and a raven is sent to assess the size of the expanding world. They also talk of the buc, a bird said to help the shaman when he travels the world.

(9) The Sumerians say that the dead in the underworld take the form of birds.

(10) A universal story tells of a bird sitting in the tree of life near a pool in which lives a monster (a fish, serpent, dragon or toad) which holds back the waters. This bird often battles with the monster to release the waters.

Bird’s Way

(see also animals, phoenix, sacred birds, simurgh)

Bird’s Way

Baltic

in Lithuanian lore, the Milky Way, along which the dead are said to travel to Dausos

Birdu

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian goddess of the underworld, husband of Manungal

Birgit

(see Brigit)

Birhuturre

Mesopotamian

a messenger for Gilgamesh

Birkabeen

(see Birkabegn)

Birkabegn

Danish

[Birkabeen]

a king of Denmark, father of Havelock

Birog

Irish

druidess

She accompanied Cian when he dressed as a woman to gain access to the imprisoned Ethlann.

Birgu

(see Mer³)

Birrahgnooooloo

Australian

one of the 2 wives of Baime, in Aboriginal lore

This deity, Baime’s favourite wife, has the power to send floods.

Birral

Australian

an Aboriginal culture hero

In some accounts he is the same as Baime.

Birren

Irish

wife of Bith, mother of Cessair

She was one of the party of fifty women and three men, led by Cessair, who first settled Ireland. She was killed in the Flood, as were most of the original party.
was killed in the flood. Of the three men only Fintan survived.

**Bithia**  
Scythian  
a witch reputed to be able to kill with a look

**Bitol**  
(see E Alom)  
son of Cydippe  
brother of Cleobis

When their mother expressed a wish to see the wonderful statue of Hera, Bitol and his brother yoked themselves to a cart and pulled her all the way to Argos. Tired from the effort, he was given permanent rest by Hera – he was transported to the Elysian Fields.

**Bitru**  
(see Sytry)  
a Zuni musician and jester to the sun-god

When the Corn Maidens disappeared, the twin gods Kowwituma and Watsussi asked Bitru to find them.

**Bittiz**  
North American

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**Bivor**  
Norse

one of the dwarfs

**Biva**  
Japanese
ia lake, home of a dragon-king

**Bjara**  
(see Para)

**Bjarni**  
Norse

a rich landowner  
husband of Rannweig  
son of Helgi

When his head groom, Thord, was killed by Thorstein after an argument about the result of a horse fight, Bjarni sent two of his retainers, Thorhall and Thorvald, to exact vengeance. Thorstein killed both of them and sent them back to Bjarni tied on to a horse. Goaded by his wife, Bjarni set out himself to kill Thorstein but, great fighter though he was, he met his match. They fought each other to a standstill and became friends, with Thorstein becoming Bjarni’s loyal servant.

Another version says that Helgi’s father was killed by his own brother-in-law, Geitir, and Helgi set out to avenge his death, which he did by killing Geitir. Geitir’s son, Thorkell, tried to exact revenge on Bjarni. They fought and both were seriously wounded but they recovered, became reconciled and remained lifelong friends.

**Bjelbog**  
(see Bylebog)

**Bjerks**  
(see Dwarf)

**Bjorn**  
(see Bjorn)

**Bjorn-Hoder**  
(see Hoder)

**Bjort**  
(see Biort)

**Bkha**  
(see Buchis)

**bKur-dmam-rgyalmo**  
Tibetan

c共识奴of bDangpo-rgyabzhin

mother of Dongrub, Donldan and Donyod

**Blanor**  
(see Blanor de Gansis)

**Black Annis**  
British

[Agnés(s).Annis.Cat Anna.The Blue Hag:  
-Danish Yngona-Irish Ana]

a witch of Leicester: a wind hag

She was reputed to eat children and stretch their skins on a tree to dry. Some say that she was descended from the Irish goddess, Dana, others that she was black.

**Black Arcan**  
Irish

in some accounts, the druid Finegas

**Black Arcan**  
(see Arca Dubh)

**Black Arky**  
(see Arca Dubh)

**black art**  
(see magic.necromancy)

**Black Bear**  
North American

a king who was changed into the form of a bull by magic

**Black Bull of Norway**  
British

the home of the Black Knight defeated by Fergus

In this form she was depicted as having the head of a horse and was said to have mated with Poseidon, both in the form of horses.

**Black Dog**  
British

goblin hound

**Black Dragon**  
Japanese

this beast, ruler of the north, is the symbol of courage

**Black Dwarf**  
British

a malignant gnome in Scotland

**Black Elves**  
(see Dwarfs)

**Black God**  
(see Hashje Shohini)

**Black God**  
(see Chernogob)

**Black Hactcin**  
North American

a leader of supernatural beings, in the lore of the Apache

He created animals and man and lives in the underworld. He gave Holy Boy the moon, which he placed in the heavens. He is identified with darkness and the East.

**Black Hand**  
British

a ghostly hand that appeared in the Perilous Chapel

Whenever a knight entered this chapel, the Black Hand appeared from the altar under which Espinogres had buried his mother Queen Brangemore, whom he killed. Any knight struck by the hand was killed and a marble tombstone appeared, bearing his name, in the adjoining Perilous Cemetery. This state of affairs continued until the Black Hand was struck by either Gawain or Percival.

(see also Black Knight)

**Black Knight**  
British

son of Tom aLincoln and Anglitora grandson of King Arthur

Anglitora left Tom when she found out that he was a bastard and, when he followed, she killed him. The Black Knight avenged his father by killing Anglitora. He later joined forces with his half brother, the Faerie Knight, and they both came to Britain.
Black Knight

a knight killed by the Knight of the Lantern

Black Knight a knight defeated by Percival

This knight killed many others near the Perilous Chapel in Cornwall before he was himself killed by Percival. (see also Black Hand)

Black Knight a knight defeated by Fergus

Black Knight (see Knight of the Fountain.Percard)

Black Lord (see Hastscenti)

Black Mahakala (see Kalamahakala)

black magic

goetia.goety

magic involving the Devil

This term embraces such practices as macumba, voodoo, sorcery and witchcraft and generally implies manipulation of the forces of evil.

Black Mass

a sacrilegious rite involving the Devil

Black Misery

Tibetan

a primordial essence

The two things first existing were Black Misery (black light) and Radiance (white light), which combined to form the cosmic egg. Black Misery produced all the evil things in the world, and Radiance produced the good things.

Black of Sainglenn

Irish


a horse of Cuchulainn

This was one of the two horses born at the same time as Cuchulainn. The other was Grey of Macha. Another version says that this horse was born in the Black Lake of Sainglenn and returned there on the death of his master.

Black One, The (see Devi.Kala.Kali')

Black Oppressor, The

British

a black warrior with one eye, in Welsh lore

He lost one eye when fighting the Black Worm of the Barrow in an unsuccessful attempt to seize the magic stone in the worm’s tail. He was killed by Peredur.

Black River

Pacific Islands

a river at the entrance to the underworld, Gimokodan

Souls bathe in this river to eradicate all memories of their earthly life before passing into Gimokodan.

Black Sainglend

(see Black of Sainglenn)

Black Saingliu

(see Black of Sainglenn)

Black Saladin

British

the horse of Guy of Warwick

Black Servant

(see Dubhgiiola)

Black Sow

Norse

death and evil personified

Black Stone

Pacific Islands

the cover of the underworld in the lore of Bali

This stone is carried on the back of Bedawang, the cosmic turtle that supports the world.

Black Stone of Arddu

British

a haunted stone in Snowdenia

It is said that anyone spending a night under this stone will become an inspired poet or will go mad.

Black Swan

North American

wife of a son of Coyote

She was cast out of the camp with her children when Coyote sent her husband into the sky so that he could have Tern, another of his son’s wives. When this son returned and found out how badly Black Swan had been treated, he killed all those in the camp.

Black Tamanous

North American

a cannibal spirit of the tribes of the north-west coastal area

Black Tengu

Mongolian

an aspect of Tengu as a malevolent bringer of disease

Black Tezcatlipoca (see Tlalchuan)

Black Tortoise (see tortoise')

Black Venus

Mesopotamian

a goddess

wife of Samael

Black Virgins

Egyptian

images of Isis taken over by the Christian religion

Black Warrior

(see tortoise')

Black Witch, The

British


dughter of The White Witch, Orwen, in Welsh lore

Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get her blood in his quest for Olwen’s hand. She was killed by King Arthur who threw his knife Carnwennan, cutting her in half. Her blood was collected by Cadrw.

Black Worm of the Barrow

British

a huge worm or serpent living in the Mound of Mourning in Wales

This monster held a stone in its tail which could produce gold for whoever owned it. The mound was protected by 300 knights, each of whom wanted the stone. When the Black Oppressor tried to steal the stone, the worm blinded him in one eye. Peredur killed the worm and gave the stone to his helper, Edylm.

Blackbird of Cilgwri

British

[Ousel of Cilgwri.Ousel of Cilgwri]

a bird of great knowledge, in Welsh lore

This ancient bird was consulted by Caliwhch in his quest for the hand of Olwen. It led him to the Red Stag.

Bladder

North American

one of the 5 (or 8) great spirits created by Earth-maker

Bladder Festival

Inuit

a winter festival of the Inuit of Alaska

The Inuit inflate the bladders of animals they have killed and put them under the ice, so returning their souls for use in future animals.

Bladud

British

[Bladudus]

a king of Britain

son of Hudibras

husband of Alaron

father of Lear

Working as a swineherd, he is believed to have infected the pigs with his own skin disease (said to be leprosy) but he noticed that they were cured after wallowing in a marsh. He cured himself in the same way and constructed baths, or a temple to Sulis, on the site (at Bath, in some accounts) to cure others. He rejected the traditional god and worshipped the underworld witch, Sul. Experimenting with the black arts, he died when he fell from the sky while flying over New Troy on wings of his own invention.

Bladudus

(see Bladud)

Blaes

British

one of the Twenty-Four Knights of King Arthur’s Court

Blai

Irish

a rich noble of Ulster

He had been put under a geis to sleep with any woman who came alone to his house, so he slept with Brigh, wife of Celtchair, who killed him in revenge as Blai sat playing chess with the king, Conor mac Nessa.

Blai Dearg

(see Saba')

Blai Dheirg

Irish

a giant

In an alternative account of the creation of the dwarfs, they were made from the flesh of Blain and Brimir, rather than that of Ymir.
Thel and Clamadeus besieged her castle hoping Blanchefleor ambush at Roncesvalles. one of the three armies hidden in Roland and Oliver as part of the trap advance party carrying gifts to He was sent by Marsilius with an Blanchardin European Blanchard2 fairy Trianor. This horse was given to Launfal by the Blanchardin his life and they became friends. After Blamor in single combat but spared taking up his defence, and defeated repaid the king's earlier kindness by Anguish of killing a relative. Tristram He and his brother accused King brother of Bleoberis He and his brother accused King Anguish of killing a relative. Tristram repaid the king's earlier kindness by taking up his defence, and defeated Blamor in single combat but spared his life and they became friends. After the death of Arthur, he joined Lancelot, Bedivere and other knights in a hermitage. When Lancelot died, Blamor and Bleoberis went off to the Holy Land and fought the Turks.

Blamor de Ganis British [Blanar.Blamore] a Knight of the Round Table a duke of Limousin son of Lancelot, some say brother of Bleoberis

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Blamore (see Blamor) Blanad (see Blanthat) Blanaid (see Blanthat) Blanard British a giantess

Blancardin (see Blanchardin) Blanchard1 British the horse of Launfal This horse was given to Launfal by the fairy Trianor. Blanchard1 a horse of Charlemagne Blanchardin European [Blanchardin] a sub-king in Spain He was sent by Marsilius with an advance party carrying gifts to Roland and Oliver as part of the trap plotted by Gano. He then took over one of the three armies hidden in ambush on Roncesvalles.

Blanchefoor (see Blanchefleur) Blanchefleur1 British [Blancheff(e)or] a mistress of Percival Clamadeus besieged her castle hoping to force her into marriage. Percival killed him in single combat and became her lover. In some accounts, she was the sister of Percival.

Blanchefleur (see also Dindrane) Blanchefleur2 [Blancheff(e)or] a sister of King Mark, some say wife of Meliad, some say She is said to have eloped with Meliad or Rivalin and became the mother of Tristram, dying of heartbreak when her husband died. Others say that she was given to Rivalin as a wife when he helped King Mark in his battles with the Scots. (see also Elizabeth) Blanchefleur European [Blancheff(e)or] wife of Floris mother of Bertha

In one account the Saracen king of Spain captured a group of pilgrims. One of the ladies in the group gave birth to a girl, who was christened Blanchefleur, on the same day that the king's consort gave birth to a boy called Floris. They were raised together but Floris was sent away to school and Blanchefleur was sold to a slave dealer. Floris set out to rescue her and stayed with Darius, a bridgekeeper, in Babylon where Blanchefleur was imprisoned. Floris bribed his way into the prison tower and was reunited with his beloved. When they were discovered in bed together they were both sentenced to death, but their obvious love for each other softened the emir's heart and they were allowed to marry and return to Spain where their daughter Bertha was born. When she grew up, Bertha was due to wed the Frankish king, Pepin I, but her old nurse, Margiste, substituted her own daughter, Aliste, and she became queen. Some years later Blanchefleur travelled to France and exposed the deception and her daughters was then able to resume her rightful place as queen.

Blanchefleur European [Blancheff(e)or] daughter of Thierry She was betrothed to Garin le Loherain when he helped her father in his battles with the Saracens but Pepin, having agreed to the marriage, changed his mind and kept her for himself.

Blanchefleur1 European [Blancheff(e)or]

a wife of Charlemagne in some accounts (see also Sibilla) Blandiman British manservant of Belisent, wife of Nanters Blanid (see Blathnat) Blasine British [Elaine] the daughter of Hoel and Igraine, some say sister of Belisent and Hermisent In some accounts she is the wife of Nanters; in others she is the same as Elaine, half sister of King Arthur. Blasius Russian the later, Christianised, name for Vlas Blatant Beast British a fiendish beast offspring of Cerberus and Chimaera or of Echidna This 100-tongued beast was hunted by Pelleas and captured by Calidore who carried it off to fairyland. It later escaped.

Blathmhaic Irish a joint-king of Ireland brother of Diarmaid mac Aodha Slaine He and his brother sheltered Cano when he came to Ireland to escape from Aodan, who had killed Cano's father, Gartan. In one story he expelled St Mochuda and his followers from their monastery. He contracted gout when a monk, afflicted with the ailment, accidentally touched the king's foot with his own.

In some accounts, he was the father of Conall and Dunchadh.

Blathnaiad (see Blathnat) Blathnad (see Blathnat) Blathnat Irish [Blanaid.Blathine.Blathnad:=Welsh Blodauwed] daughter of Mend wife of King Curoi mother of Lugaid She had been carried off from a raid in Scotland and forcibly married by Curoi, king of Munster. She betrayed the secret of her husband's soul to her lover Cuchulainn. Nobody could find the entrance to the king's castle so she pored milk into a stream to guide Cuchulainn, who killed Curoi and carried her off. One of her husband's servants, the bard Fer Cherdne, seized her as she left, jumping over a cliff and killing both Blathnat and himself.

In some accounts she was a woman of the Otherworld, and the daughter of Midir.
Bleddyn (see Bleiddwn)
Bledhericus (see Bleheris)
Bledlochtana Irish
monsters called up by the Dagda to help the Danaans at the first Battle of Moylura
Bleeding Lance (see Holy Lance)
Bleheris British
[a Welsh bard noted for his knowledge of the story of Tristram and Isolde
Bleiddwn British
[son of Gwydion and Gilfaethwy as wolves, in Welsh lore
For the rape of Goewen, Math condemned the brothers Gwydion and Gilfaethwy to spend a year as wolves. Their offspring was turned into a boy by Math and called Bleiddwn.
(see also Hwychdwn Haydn)
Blemmyae (see Blemmys)
Blemmys (Blemmyae)
a headless race of Ethiopia
Their ‘facial’ features (eyes, nose, etc.) appeared on their chests.
Blenniby Norse
[mother of Tristram in the Icelandic story Tristan and Isold
Her first lover, Plegrus, was killed by Kalegras who became her second lover and father of Tristram.
Bleoberis de Ganis British
[Beleobus]
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Blessed Islands (see Fortunate Islands)
Blessed Land (see Sukhavati)
Blessing Way North American
[a Navaho religious ceremony to cure sickness
Bleys (see Blaise)
Blaint British
[a knight
brother of Selivant
He fought Lancelot when the latter stumbled on his pavilion during his period of madness and was defeated. When he recognised who his opponent was, he took him to his home at Castle Blank and looked after him for over a year.
Blid Nurse
[a handmaiden of Freya
Blihos-Blikeris British
[a maiden
This girl, a descendant of the maidens raped by Amangons and his knights, told King Arthur the story of their ordeal 1,000 years before, which had resulted in the country becoming a wasteland.
Blind Barlow (see Billy Blin)
Blind Old Man (see Tuchapai.Yokomatis)
Bliocadran British
[a knight
husband of Aecheflour
father of Percival in some French stories
He was killed fighting in a tournament.
Blissful Isle North American
[in the lore of some American Indian tribes, the land of the dead
Blocksberg (see Brocken)
Blodelin Norse
[Bloddel
brother of Etzel
When Gunther’s party were being entertained at Etzel’s court, the king’s wife, Krimhild, persuaded Blodelin to murder them.
Blodwenedd (see Blodeueudd)
Bloodueudd British
Flower Face.Flowerface.Twyl
Huan=Irish Blathnat]
a non-human, in Welsh lore
A ‘woman’ created by the magic of Math and Gwydion as a wife for Llew, who had been raised by Gwydion and who was prevented by a curse, placed on him by his mother, from marrying a mortal woman. She had a lover Gronw Pebyr, and they planned to kill Llew. When the plan failed, Gwydion turned Bloodueudd into an owl.
Blodeueudd (see also Olwen)
Blodeueudd British
[Blodel
cup, she was turned into a snake.
When Blue Cloud was killed, she was turned into a snake.
Blue Corn Ear Maiden (see Sengen)
Blower, The (see Ha’)
Bluchbard British
[a bard on the boat that took Arthur to Avalon
Blue Body North American
[a Navaho god
He was one of the four gods encountered by the tribe during their ascent from under the earth into the upper world. He and Black Body, helped by Asen Estan and Asac Hastin, shaped the Navaho territory with seven holy mountains.
Blue Cloud Chinese
the magic sword of Mo-li Ch’ing
Blue Corn Ear Maiden North American
[a Hopi Maiden
She quarrelled with Yellow Corn Ear Maiden and used magic to turn her into a coyote. The animal was captured and taken to a spider-woman who restored her to her former self, giving her a magic cup. When Blue Corn Ear Maiden drank from this cup, she was turned into a snake.
Blue Corn Maiden

Blue Corn Maiden  North American
the eldest of the 10 Zuni Corn Maidens

Blue Dragon1  Japanese
this beast, guardian of the East, is a
symbol of scholarship

Blue Dragon2 (see Ch’ing Lung)

Blue-eyed Brahmin (see Bodhidharma)

Blue-eyed Maiden (see Minerva)

Blue Hag, The (see Black Annis)

Blue Hawk  North American
an Apache warrior
His best friend Red Hawk bet that he
could seduce Blue Hawk’s wife. He
failed but managed to persuade Blue
Hawk that he had succeeded. The
angry husband locked his wife in a
chest and threw it into the river. As a
result, her father, the chief of the tribe,
had him imprisoned in a hole dug in
the earth. Rescued by a fisherman,
Blue Hawk’s wife dressed as a man and
joined a war-party, killing all
the enemy with magic and was then
restored to her husband. Red Hawk
and an old woman who had helped
him were torn apart by wild horses.

Blue Jay1  African
a man of the Ila tribe
In one account he took as a second
wife the daughter of a god who warned
Blue Jay never to let her eat meat from
a large animal. His jealous first wife
gave her some zebra meat and she
died. When the god was told what had
happened, he took both his daughter
and Blue Jay up to heaven. Halfway
there, the god threw Blue Jay to earth
and killed him.

Blue Jay2  North American
a culture hero and trickster-god
brother of Ioi
In the lore of the Mohawk, the bird
who scared off the demon Tawiskaron.
He also separated the Siamese twins
born to Aqua-Xena-Xenas and
his wife.

The Chinook say that he exhumed
the body of the daughter of a chief and
took her to the land of the
Supernatural People where she was
restored to life and married Blue Jay.
When her father demanded Blue Jay’s
hair as compensation, he changed into
a bird and flew off. His wife died a
second death and his sister Ioi was
claimed by the dead. When he found
Ioi she was surrounded by piles of
bones, which then became human
beings again. Blue Jay turned them
back into bones and mixed them all up
so that they all had mismatched parts
when they next materialised.

In another story, Ioi gave him five
buckets of water with which to put out
the prairie fires. He was badly burned
and died.

Another story says that while in the
land of the Supernatural People he
accepted a challenge to a diving
contest and won by the trick of coming
up several times to draw breath under
a mat of reeds while his opponent tried
to outlast him on only one lungful. In
another contest, climbing a pinnacle of
ice, he again cheated and won by using
his wings to fly upwards, but when a
whale-catching contest was arranged
Blue Jay fell into the sea and was
drowned.

Blue Knight1 British
one of the knights defeated by Gareth
when he rode to the assistance of
the lady Lyonsse

Blue Lake (see Chipapunta)

Blue Lotus  East Indian
a sky-goddess in Bali
Her spirit is said to possess the
frenzied temple dancers who then
acquire the power to drive out
sickness and evil.

Blue Mountains  North American
in the lore of the Navaho, southern
celestial montains, origin of
the dawn

Blue Rain Hill (see Mount Fuji)

Blue Tara  Buddhist
[Nila Tara]
a shakti of Akshobya (see also Ekajata)

Blue Tengu  Siberian
an aspect of Tengu as the spirit
of fruitfulness

Blue Tezcatlipoca  Central American
one of the 4 aspects of Tezcatlipoca
In this role, he was Thloc, god of rain,
guardian of the South.
Some say he was Huitzilopochtli.

Blue Throat (see Nilakantha)

Blue Thunderbird (see White Thunderbird)

Blue World  North American
one of the 4 worlds which the Navaho
passed through before emerging into
the upper world
This land was the home of the
Swallow People. The Navaho reached
it as they fled upwards from the Red
World to escape the flood that was
sent to punish their adultery. Here, too,
they committed the same offence
and were compelled to leave the
Blue World.

Bluebottle  East Indian
in the lore of Java, an insect that may
be an ancestor
It is said that bluebottles lead the
spirits of the dead to the underworld.

Blunderboar  (see Blunderbore)

Blunderbore  British
[Blunderbore]
a giant
brother of Cormoran
When he was frustrated in an attempt
to kill Jack the Giant Killer he cut his
own throat and died.

Blutgang  Norse
the sword of Heime
This weapon was given to Heime by
his father, Studas.

Bo-Ym (see Khosher-et-Hasis)

Bne-aleim  (see Ichsin)

Bne Seraphim  (Mae Seraphim)
a demon of the planet Venus

Bo  African
a guardian-god of the Ewe people

Bo Fionn (see Boann)
bo-san  (see bonze)
bo-tree  Buddhist
[bo-thing, bodhidruma]
a form of fig tree; the tree of Buddha
Buddha is said to have received
enlightenment while meditating under
a bo-tree. The original tree was burnt
by King Asoka but it was miraculously
restored. When his queen had it cut
down again, another miracle restored
it once again. The tree is said to shed
its leaves and develop a new set on the
anniversary of the day on which
Buddha attained the state of nirvana.

bo-zu  (see bonze)

Boahje-naste  Baltic
[-=Latvian Bohinavlle=]
In Finland, the North Star regarded
as the axis around which the
heavens rotate.
It is said that the world will come to an
end when the archer Arcturus shoots
down this star.

Boale  African
wife of Likinda
mother of Nsongo
Nsongo was her husband’s mother. On
the day she was born, Boale’s baby was
born. She was Nsongo reborn.

Boaliri  Australian
one of the Wawalag sisters

Boanan (see Boann)

Boand  (see Boann)

Boann  Irish
[Bo Fionn, Boand, Boann(n) Is, Boind, Boinn,
Buan-an, Buana, Buans]
a water-goddess, goddess of the Boyne queen of Ireland mother of Angus mac Og by the Dagda mother of Brian, luchar and lucharba, some say sister of Be Finn
In some stories she was the wife of Eilcmar and was seduced by the Dagda while her husband was away from home. Some say she was the sister of Bodb Dearg or his mother by the Dagda, others that she had an affair with Uaithne, harpist of the Dagda, and they had three sons known as Gentrade, Goltrade and Suantrade.
In other accounts she was the wife of the water-god Nechtan, who owned a magic well of knowledge known as the Well of Segais. She defied the rules by walking round the well, which then flooded over and drowned her. Some say she escaped and the waters ran off to form the river Boyne.
Boannan (see Boann) boaithropy the supposed ability to turn oneself into a cow or a bull
boar a fierce animal of the pig family, featured in many stories worldwide (1) In China the boar is said to carry the sun for part of its journey across the heavens and is regarded as guardian of the north-west quadrant.
(2) Several boars feature in Greek myths, notably the Calydonian boar, which was hunted down and slain by a group of heroes and heroines. The Erymanthian boar is another; it was hunted and captured by Heracles as his fourth labour.
(3) In Hinduism the boar is a source of cosmic power and appeas the Vahara, the third avatar of Vishnu, and as the incarnation of the gods and is called Papsukal or Nin-shach. It became an accursed beast after killing Tammuz.
(8) Norse myths include the story of Ottar who, in the form of a boar, was a lover of Freya who owned and rode a golden boar called Hildswan, and of her husband Frey who owned the golden boar, Gullinbursti, made by the dwarfs.
(9) Persian mythology regards the boar as an incarnation of the god Verethragna and as the animal of Mithra.
(10) In Syria the boar was regarded as a sacred animal.
(11) In Welsh stories the quest of Culhwch involved the pursuit of the huge boar Twrch Trwyth, a king who had been turned into a boar for his sins. He had a litter of young boars, among them Banw, among them Banw, Benwig, Gwy, Llywdawg and Twrch Llawin. Also featuring in Culhwch's quest is the chief boar, Ysgythyrwyn, the tusk of which was required for shaving the giant Yshaddaden.
Boar of the Sky (see Rudra) Boare (see Borre) Boar of Manannan (see Ocean-sweeper) Boat of the Night (see Gag Noz) Boat of the Soul Indian
Bocheha (see Bocheha) bodach British [Irish bocanach] a Scottish goblin This malevolent spirit takes the form of an old man who frightens children at night and steals naughty ones.
bodach gas English a form of Scottish goblin that causes the death of any human who happens to see it
Bofd (see Badh) Bodb Dearg Irish [Bodb the Red.(Bodh) Derg.Bor(ve).Bov Dearg] a Danaan king of Munster son of the Dagda and Boann, some say father of Aedh, Conchenn, Daireann, Mesca, Saba and Urinne foster father of Alva, Aobh and Aiofe Some say he was the brother of Boann and the Dagda and found the identity of the girl Caer Iborn, loved by Angus. He became leader of the Danaans when the Dagda resigned following the defeat by the Milesians. Miller objected to this arrangement and enlisted the Fianna to fight on his side against the new leader.
He had three foster daughters, Alva, Aobh and Aoife. Aobh married Lir and gave him four children but died in childbirth. He then married Aoife who turned her stepchildren into swans. When Bodh Derg learned of this, he turned Aoife into a flying demon. Some say that he was the father of Alva, Aobh and Aoife, rather than their foster father. In some accounts, he is regarded as a rather violent aspect of Donn Dumhach. (see also Children of Lir)

Bodhisattva (see bodhisattva)

Bodhidharma

Bodhmhall

Bodhmall

Bodh Gaya

Bodh Gaya (bodhi tree) few days later.

The throne of Ireland, but was himself

drank it with the power of poetry and

knowledge, from which they brewed

drained the blood of the sage Kvasir,

which the dwarfs Fialar and Galar

This was one of the three vessels into

Bodhmall (see Bodhmhall)

Bodhmhall

Bodhmall

Bodhmall (Irish)

dritch, daughter of Talg mac Nuadhet

sister of Cumaill

wife of Fiachill F

She sheltered Murna, the wife of her brother, and the baby Finn, when Murna's angry father threatened to kill them.

In some accounts she was the sister of Murna.

Bodilis

Bodvar

French

a fountain of virginity in Brittany

(see Boden)

Bodua

Celtic

[=Irish Balb]

a war-goddess

Bodvar

European

[=Irish Balb]

a bear whenever he wished

In a story that parallels that of Beowulf

he kills a monster, which was ravaging

the country of Hrolf Kraki.

Bodvild

Bodvar

Norse

daughter of Nidud

When she took a ring for repair to

Volund, who had been captured and

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she took a ring for repair to Volund, who had been captured and enslaved by her father, he put her into a trance with a drug, and having seduced her and killed her brothers flew off on wings he had made himself.

Boe

Boedromia

Greek

a festival commemorating the victory

of Xuthus over Eumolpus in the

battle between Athens and Eleusis

Boel

Boedromia

Greek

ruler of one of the 7 supposed firmaments

Boecotus

Greek

son of Poseidon by Melanippe

twin brother of Aeolus

He and his brother Aeolus were

abandoned as babies, suckled by cows and sheltered by shepherds who later gave them to Theano. When she had two sons of her own by her husband Metapontus, she incited them to kill the foundlings but Poseidon intervened and killed the other two. The brothers returned to the shepherds who had sheltered them and Poseidon told them that their real mother, who had been blinded by her father, Aeolus, when they were born, had been imprisoned by her father. They killed him, their grandfather, and freed Melanippe who later married Metapontus after Theano killed herself.

Bofi

(see Berith)

Bog

Slav

[=Irish Badb]

a generic name for God

Bogaass

Norse

a name for Uller as a bow-god

Bogatiri

(see bogatyry)

Bogaty

Russian

[=Irish Balb]

a legendary hero or demi-god

In a final battle with the gods the bogatiri were defeated, banished to the mountains and turned to stone.

Bogdan

Serbian

a fierce knight

He attacked Marko, Milosh and Relya as they rode through his vineyards and captured both of Marko's friends. Marko captured all twelve of Bogdan's supporters so they exchanged prisoners and parted on good terms.

Bogdo Lama

Mongolian

the third senior Buddhist monk, leader of the movement in Mongolia

Bogen

German

son of Hugdietrich and Hildburg

brother of Waxmuth and Wolfdietrich

Bogey

Norse

a goblin

Boggard

[=Irish Balb]

a goblin or ghost

Bogart

[=Irish Balb]

a goblin or ghost

Bogdass

(see bogardy)

Bogey

(see bogey)

Bogel

bole

Bogey

[=Irish Balb]

Bogey

Bolinaville

Bolshevik

[Bol.naville:Boahie-naste] the name used in Latvia for the North Star

This star is regarded as the support round which the heavens revolve.

Bohort

(see Bors)

Boi'

Celtic

[=Irish Balb]

a goddess, queen of the fairies

wife of Lugh

It was said that she renewed her youth every time she grew old.
Boigu

East Indian

Japanese

bokusen

Bokor

(see Cailleach Bheur)

Boiardo, Matteo Maria

Italian

(1434–1494)

a Count of Scandia

He was an Italian poet who wrote stories of Charlemagne’s paladins, including the poem Orlando Inamorata.

Boicua

(see Bimini)

Boigu

the land of the dead in the lore of New Guinea

This happy land is said to be an island reached by the soul on an underwater road, calling at Beg en route.

Boilce

Irish

a satirist

wife of Luightheach

mother of Connal Corc

Boind

(see Boann)

Boinn

(see Boann)

Boio

Greek

African

Bois l’en Dingué

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Bokali

African

a spirit which led Ilankaka into Lonkundo’s trap

Bokeró

African

[Kanjikizire Ngwale]

a Tanzanian sorcerer

He distributed a liquid given to him by the snake-god Koleo, and those who drank it were safe from bullets, which would soften to mud before they struck.

Boko

West Indian

a sorcerer

These sorcerers are said to be able to steal the faculties of a living person and turn him or her into a zombie. When the victim, who appears dead, is buried, the boko retrieves the body, restores some of its animation and uses it as a slave. (see also bokonon)

Bokonon

African

[~Toruba babalawo]

priests of the Ifa cult in Dahomey

(bakono)

Bokor

(see boko)

Bokusen

Japanese

divination

Various forms of divination are practised including futomani, which involves reading the cracks that appear in the shoulder blades of deer when heated; o-mikuyi, which involves drawing lots; o-bisha, archery; mi-kayu-ura, using bamboo rods dipped in boiling rice and ahu same, archery on horseback.

bokwus

North American

in the lore of the tribes of the North-West, a spirit of the forest, which pushes unsuspecting fishermen into the river

Bo

(see Bel’)

Boleslav

European

brother of Wenceslas

He killed his brother and had the martyr’s bones interred in Prague.

Boldogasszony

Hungarian

[Kisboldogasszony; Nagyboldogasszony]

the goddess of women and children

Bolfria
tuna

[Lady of Drachenfels]

a widow

wife of Wittich

She and her nine daughters were imprisoned by the giant Grim. Dietrich came to her rescue and killed both Grim and his brother, Fasolt. She later married Wittich.

Bolfry

(see Berith)

Bolghbain

Irish

in some accounts, mother of Connal Corc

Bolla

[Bullar]

an Albanian demon in the form of a serpent

These demons open their eyes once a year and then eat any humans they see. After twelve years they become Kushedras.

Bolożdoró

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Bolon Dzacab

(see Bolon Zacab)

Bolon ’Ti Ku

Central American

[Boleontiku]

one of a group of 9 Mayan deities

In some accounts, this group captured another group, the Oxlahun ’Ti Ku. Others talk of Bolon ’Ti Ku as a god of the underworld.

Bolon Zacab

Central American

[Boleontiku]

a Mayan guardian deity

Bolontiku

(see Bolon ’Ti Ku)

Bolster

British

a giant

His step was said to span six miles. He attempted to rape St Agnes.

Boltor

Norse

[Boilthorn]

a Frost Giant

father or brother of Bestla

father of Mimir, some say

Boltorn

(see Boilthorn)

Bolur

(see Balor)

Bolverk

(see Bolwerk)

Bolverkin

(see Bolwerk)

Bolverk

Norse

[Bolverk(r).Bolverkin. ’deceiver’]

the name used by Odin when he enlisted Baugi’s help to gain access to Gunlod’s cave

Bomala

Pacific Islands

a taboo

Bomazi

African

a deity regarded as the founder hero of the Bushongo

father of Moelo and Woto

He is said to have married an old woman who produced a child, a girl whom he later married.

Bombay Kamayan

Indian

a local goddess of disease

Bommatsuri

(see Festival of the Dead)

Bomoh

(see bomon)

bomor

Malay

[bomon]

a medicine man

This type of sorcerer specialises in curing the sick by exorcising evil spirits. (see also pawang)

Bon1

Tibetan

a form of shamanistic nature worship, the pre-Buddhist religion of Tibet

Bon2

(see Festival of the Dead)

Bon-e

(see Festival of the Dead)

Bob-matsuri

(see Festival of the Dead)

Bom Odori

Japanese

a dance performed at the Festival of the Dead

Bon Po

Tibetan

Buddhists priests still practising shamanistic magic

Bon-Ten-O

Japanese

the god Brahma on whose head stands the Buddha

Bona Capia

Roman

a goddess of plenty

Bona Dea

Roman

[Good Goddess:=Phrygian Cybele] daughter, sister or wife of Faunus

An obscure virgin-goddess worshipped only by women and associated with snakes. In some accounts she is identified with Fauna, Maia or Ops. Her father raped her, taking the form of a serpent. Her festival was held in December.

Bonacon

[Bonnacon]

a monster, part bull, part horse, with long curved horns
It was said that this animal’s excrement was deadly and was used in defence.

**Bonchor**  
_African_  
a creator-god of the Berbers of Tunisia  

**Bondoro**  
_(see Mondoro)_  
an Aboriginal ritual in which a bone pointed at an accused person causes his or her death  

**Boneddyr Arwr**  
_British_  
a Welsh manuscript tracing the genealogy of King Arthur  

**Bonga**  
_Indian_  
a malevolent spirit of place in Bengal  
All people become bongas when they die, except young children and women who die in childbirth. These become bhutas and curins respectively.  

**Bonoham**  
_Pacific Islands_  
a maiden who lives with the bonito  

**Bonmatsuri**  
_(see Festival of the Dead)_  
a collection of spells required to ensure safe passage through the 6 caverns of the underworld, found on some royal tombs  

**Bonmatsuri**  
_(see Bonaccon)_  
a collection of the stories told to St Patrick by Oisin (see Padma-Purana)  

**Bonmatsuri**  
_(see Bonaccon)_  
a collection of 12 heroic stories by the Welsh bard and wizard, Taliesin  

**Bonmatsuri**  
_(see Bonaccon)_  
a 13th c book of legends including the story of Lancelot and Guinevere  

**Bonnaccon**  
_(see Bonacon)_  
a story of Ra  

**Bonze**  
_(see Shaka-pas)_  
a Buddhist priest  

**Boodha**  
_(see Buddha)_  

**Boodh**  
_(see Buddha)_  

**Book of Am Duat**  
_Egyptian_  
the story of Ra’s nightly journey through the underworld  

**Book of Ancient Matters**  
_(see Kojiki)_  
a collection of rites to ward off the snake-god  

**Book of Armagh**  
_Irish_  
a book of Irish myths  

**Book of Arthur**  
_British_  
a 15th c work by Malory, dealing with the story of Lancelot and Guinevere  

**Book of Ballymote**  
_Irish_  
a book of legends including the exploits of Conn of the Hundred Battles and the story of Niall and the ugly woman  

**Book of Caverns**  
_Egyptian_  
pictures and text showing Ra’s journey through the 6 caverns of the underworld, found on some royal tombs  

**Book of Changes**  
_(see Chong Yok.I Ching)_  

**Book of Conquests**  
_(see Book of Invasions)_  

**Book of Counsel**  
_(see Popul Vuh)_  

**Book of Destinies**  
_(see Tablets of Destiny)_  

**Book of Documents**  
_(see Shu Ching)_  

**Book of Durrow**  
_Irish_  
a book of legends  

**Book of Fermyon**  
_Irish_  
a 5th c book of myth and legend  

**Book of Gates**  
_Egyptian_  
a story of Ra’s journey through the underworld including charms and spells required to ensure safe passage through 12 gates guarded by Apophis (see also Book of Am-Duat)  

**Book of Gates**  
_(see also Invasion Myths)_  

**Book of Kings**  
_(see Shah Name)_  

**Book of Lexan**  
_(see Yellow Book)_  

**Book of Leinster**  
_Irish_  
[Lebor Laigen]  
a 13th c book of legends including the Cattle Raid of Cooley and the story of the Sons of Usna  

**Book of Mencius**  
_(see Meng-tzu)_  

**Book of Monsters**  
_a 7th or 8th c book describing, inter alia, the fish woman or mermaid, written by Aldhelm_  

**Book of Mountains and Seas**  
_(see Shan Hai Ching)_  

**Book of Odes**  
_(see Shih Ching)_  

**Book of Poetry**  
_(see Shih Ching)_  

**Book of Rites**  
_(see Li Ching)_  

**Book of Rituals**  
_(see Li Ching)_  

**Book of Shadows**  
_(see Gospel of the Witches)_  

**Book of Sound Counsel**  
_(see Hitopadesha)_  

**Book of Spirits**  
_a 19th c treatise on spiritualism_  

**Book of Spirits**  
_(see Chilam Balam)_  

**Book of Taliesin**  
_British_  
a collection of 12 heroic stories by the Welsh bard and wizard, Taliesin  

**Book of the Calendar**  
_(see Tonalamati)_  

**Book of the Dead**  
_Egyptian_  
[Chapters of Port em Hru. The Coming Forth of the Day]  

**Book of the Dun Cow**  
_Irish_  
[Leabhar na hUidre. Lebor na hUidre]  
a book of legends  

This book includes the stories of Connla and the woman from the Otherworld, Maeldun, Briccius’s Feast, the Cattle Raid of Cooley and Etain Eachraidh.  

**Book of the Golden Lotus**  
_(see Padma-Purana)_  

**Book of the Tiger Priests**  
_(see Chilam Balam)_  

**Book of the Underworld**  
_Egyptian_  
a set of funerary texts describing the various parts of the underworld and Ra’s passage during the night  

**Book of Thel**  
_British_  
an 18th c book, by the English author William Blake, telling the story of Thel, daughter of Mne Seraphim  

**Book of Thoth**  
_Egyptian_  
a manuscript containing the wisdom of Thoth
The manuscript was enclosed in boxes made successively of gold, silver, ivory, ebony, bronze and finally iron. This was thrown into the Nile and the finder would acquire great knowledge.

In some accounts it is equated with the Book of the Dead.

**Book of Written Leaves** *(see Popol Vuh)*

**Books of Tages** *(see Twelve Books of Tages)*

**Boora Pennu** *Indian*

a god of light

He created Tari Pennu as his wife and fathered the other gods on her.

**Boora la** *Australian*

a benevolent creator spirit of the Aborigines

**Bootes** *(see Philomelus)*

**Booyan** *Slav*

the Otherworld

This home of the souls of the dead and of those yet to be born, as well as of plants awaiting spring, is envisaged as an island where all is light and happiness.

**bope** *South American*

evil spirits said to attack the dead

**Bor** *(see Bodh Dearg)*

**Boracius** *(see)*

**Boralim** *Greek*

a name of Zeus as ‘ruler of the north’

**Borcaniel** a spirit of fruitfulness

**boraimhe** *(see boramha)*

**Boralim** a demon of the south

**boramha** *Irish*

[boramhe] an annual tribute of cattle

Eochaid mac Eachach, king of Leinster, married one daughter of Tiuathal, pretended she had died and then married the other. Both of them, Daire and Fithir, died of shame when they found out what had happened. Their father waged war on Eochaid, killed him and exacted an annual tribute, the boramha.

**Boraro** *South American*

forest spirits of the Tukano Indians

These beings are said to have no knee joints and have feet that point to the rear.

**Boras** a demon

**borax** *Roman*

a stone, an antidote to poison, believed to be carried in his head by a toad

**Borba** *Irish*

son of Sinsar

At the Quicken Trees Hostel he led a force trying to cross the ford to reach the hostel after three other attempts had failed. By this time, Dermot had freed Finn and his companions who had been trapped in the hostel, and the men of the Fianna routed Borba’s force. Borba himself was killed by Goll mac Morna.

**Bore Bore** *(see Borbore)*

**Boredae** *(see Boreades)*

**Boreades** *Greek*

[Boredes] the twins Calais and Zetes, the descendants of Boreas

**Boreas** *(see Boreadae)*

[Apocritas.Boreas=Roman Aquilo] god of the north wind

son of Aeolus, Astraus or Strymon by Eos

husband of Oreithyia

father of Chione, Cleopatra, H(a)emus and the twins Calais and Zetes

Failing to get the consent of her father Erechtheus to marry Oreithyia, Boreas carried her off and married her.

It is said that disguised as a stallion he mated with twelve of the mares of Erichthonius (or Poseidon) to produce twelve fillies that could run over the waves.

When Pan fell in love with the nymph Pitis, Boreas became jealous and threw her to her death from a cliff. She was turned into a pine tree.

Boreas is usually depicted with wings and a beard, blowing a conch shell.

**Boreasmoi** *Greek*

Athenian festivals in honour of Boreas

**Borebore** *(see Borbore)*

**Bore bope** *(see Borbore)*

**Bore Bore** *(see Borebore)*

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**Borjigin** *African*

an evil spirit of the Hausa that can take possession of humans: a witches’ society: communal dances by those possessed by spirits

Each spirit is said to be the cause of a particular disease and the witch doctor invokes the appropriate bori to cure the patient.

**Bori** *(see Bori)*

**Borigjin** *(see Chinggis Khan)*

**Bormanus** *(see Bormo)*

**Bormo** *Celtic*

[Bormanus.Borvo] the Gaulish god of warm springs

son of Sirona

consort of Damona

**Bormus** *Greek*

a mortal loved and carried off by a nympha

**boroka** *Pacific Islands*

in the lore of the Philippines, a four-legged, winged witch who eats children

**Boron, Robert de** *French*

a 13th c writer, author of Joseph d’Arimathie

**Bor** *(see Bor)*

**Borre** *(see)*

[Bore] a Knight of the Round Table

son of King Arthur by Lyonsor

In some accounts, he is the same as Loholt. *(see also Llacheu.Loholt)*

**Borrommee** *West Indian*

a Haitian voodoo spirit

It is said that this spirit was originally a Christian saint.

**Bors** *(see)*


brother of Ban

husband of Evaine

father of Bors and Lionel

He and his brother took an army to Britain to help Arthur in his fight with the rebellious barons. He died of grief when he was told of the death of his brother.

**Bors** *(see Bors)*


son of Bors and Evaine

brother of Lionel

nephew of Lancelot

father of Elyan
Bors, Lionel and Lancelot, were raised by the Lady of the Lake.

Bors defeated Lord Bromel who, having been rejected by Elaine who loved Lancelot, was looking for Lancelot to challenge him to a fight.

At the castle of Corbin (Castle Carbonke) he passed a night of strange adventure. A spectral spear pierced his shoulder and arrows flying out of the darkness gave him further wounds. He fought and killed a lion and watched as a leopard fought with a dragon that spat out a hundred small dragons that tore the older one to shreds. An old man sang about the journey of Joseph of Arimathea to Britain. A silver sword hanging over his head blinded him with its radiance, and he was told by a disembodied voice to leave.

Next day he rode to Camelot and told Lancelot what had happened. A similar story is told of both Gawain and Lancelot.

Later, when Lancelot went mad and disappeared from Camelot, he rode out with Ector and Lionel to search for him.

He joined the other knights in the quest for the Holy Grail and came to a tower where the owner, a lovely maiden, daughter of King Love, begged him to help her fight a giant, Priadan. He resisted all her attempts to seduce him and defeated the giant when he arrived next morning. He then encountered two men beating his brother, Lionel, and a girl being attacked by a dwarf.

By the time he had saved the girl and freed himself from her embraces, Lionel was dead. The girl's relatives took him to a castle and freed him. When he again resisted her attempts to seduce him, the tower and all its occupants disappeared. Next day, at Castle Tabelle, he found his brother alive and so angry at being deserted by Bors that he challenged him to a single combat. He was saved from death at his brother's hands by the intervention of Colgrevaunce, and then both Lionel and Colgrevaunce were struck dead by a thunderbolt. Both turned out to be wraiths conjured up by the forces of evil.

Other versions say that Lionel killed Colgrevaunce and would have killed Bors as well but was struck by a thunderbolt before he could do so. Bors then came to an abbey on the shore where a voice told him to go to sea. He boarded a ship covered with white samite, which immediately set off at speed. On board he met Percival and later they were joined by Galahad. They came across an abandoned ship and went aboard. Here they found a marvellous sword, which Galahad retained, and then returned to their own ship which carried them to the Castle of Carteloise. Here a woman lay sick who could be cured only by the blood of a virgin. Percival's sister Dindrane gave blood but died as a result. At her own request Percival placed her dead body in a boat and cast it adrift. Bors rode with Galahad and Percival to the Castle of Carbonke, home of the Maimed King, where they were vouchsafed a sight of the Holy Grail.

They took the Grail and the Holy Lance by ship to Sarras where they found the boat bearing the body of Percival's sister, which they buried. All three were imprisoned by the king, Estorause, but he released them and asked their pardon when he was dying. Galahad became king but died about a year later, and the Grail and the Lance disappeared for ever. Percival entered a hermitage and Bors stayed with him until Percival too died, about a year after Galahad.

After burying Percival alongside his sister and Galahad, Bors returned to Camelot where the story of his adventures was relayed to Lancelot and Arthur who ordered it all to be recorded for posterity. After the death of Arthur, Bors joined Lancelot, Bedivere and other knights in a hermitage and when Lancelot died he went to live in the Holy Land and fought the Turks.

Bors' in some accounts, a name for Emrys, Merlin or Myrdrin as a sun-god
Boruk a Kafir idol
Borus son of Perieris husband of Polydora
Borve (see Bodh Dearth) Borvo (see Borno) Boru Deak Parudjar daughter of Batara Guru

When she jumped from heaven into the primitive waters, her father sent a bird with some soil to make dry land. She married a hero, also sent by her father to kill the underworld serpent Naga Padhoh, and they produced the first mortals.

Borysthenes Greek a king of Tauris, father of Thoas
Bosatsu Japanese a bodhisattva; an epithet applied to Buddhist saints
Bosherton British a village in Wales

The lake here is said to be the one from which Excalibur appeared and from which King Arthur was taken on his final journey to Avalon.

Boshingo British a god of blacksmiths

He and his nine sons are said to have used the North Star as a hitching post for their horses.

Boso a governor of Oxford
He accompanied King Arthur on his Continental campaigns.

Bosssu West Indian [Bazo.Bazon-Mainnain.Bosssu(-Cesse).] a demon, duke or president of hell in Haitian voodoo lore, a leader of demons
Bosssu in some accounts, a name for Emrys, Merlin or Myrdrin as a sun-god
Bosssu-Cessé (see Bossu)

Bota Hi East Indian in Indonesia, a wild woman of the mountains

She was found by Wata Rian who made her drunk and then cut off her body hair to discover that she was a woman. She later married him.

botanomancy divination using plants or their leaves

In some cases prophecies were written on leaves, and those left after the wind had blown the others away were accepted and acted on.

Other versions involved interpreting the crackling of leaves when burnt or when squeezed in the hands.

Bothvar (see Bodvar) Botis Greek a demon, duke or president of hell one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This being may appear as a loathsome serpent or as a human being with horns.
Botoque

South American

culture hero of the Kayapo people

He was adopted by a jaguar who taught him hunting skills, but he killed the jaguar’s wife and stole both fire and the bow and arrow, which he then gave to his people.

botrad

European

a Swedish sacred tree

Usually an elm or a lime, the botrad is planted in front of a dwelling and houses the guardian spirit to whom prayers are addressed. Women expecting a baby embraced the bole of the tree to ensure an easy and safe delivery.

Botrager

African

a monster, a lion with a helmet

bottle-imp

Irish

an imp contained in a bottle

Bottomless Pit

Irish

(see Hell)

Bouchis

Irish

(see Buchis)

Boudic

Irish

(see Budicis)

Boudicëus

Irish

(see Budicis)

Boudin

Irish

(see Baldwin)

Boudouk

West Indian

[Uncle Booki]

a character in Haitian stories, frequently the dupe of the spider, Annenehy

Boulaios

Greek

a name for Zeus as god of assemblies

Bouphonia

Greek

[Buphonia]

an Athenian sacrificial rite in which an ox was killed (see sopatrus)

Bous

Irish

(see Vali)

Bousetta

African

an Algerian prince

He was born with six fingers. He and his brothers were enticed into a castle by female ghouls who carried off his brothers while they slept, but Bousetta was kept awake by his horse and so escaped.

Bouto

(see Edjo.Wadjet)

Bouyan

Slav

[Buyan.Beylun]

an island paradise

This was the home of the king of snakes and of the priestess Zarya. It contained a river with healing waters that sprang from under the sacred stone, Alatuir.

In some versions Bouyan was the undersea home of the dead.

Bov Dearg

(see Bodh Dearg)

Bow of Victory

(see Dhanus)

Bow Priests

North American

in the lore of the Zuni, warriors acting as guardians of the war-gods

Bow Spirit

(see Chang Hsien)

Bowa

Tibetan

demons said to dance round the spirits of the dead

Bowels of Earth

(see Gucumatz)

Bowels of Heaven

(see Gucumatz)

Bower of Bliss

in The Faerie Queene, the home of Acrasia

Bower of Bliss

European

the enchanted garden of Armida

bower god

Irish

(see archer god)

Boy and the Mantle, The

British

a poem telling the story of Caradoc and Guinever

Boy-God

(see Phrom-Kuman)

boyg

Norse

an ogre: animistic force

Boybood Deeds of Fionnn, The

Irish

a 12th c book dealing with the wisdom and exploits of Finn mac Cool as a youth

bozaloshtsh

German

a Wendish messenger of death

This female spirit, a form of banshee, is said to wail outside the house of one about to die.

bozu

Japanese

a priest

B’Rabby

West Indian

the name for Brer Rabbit in the Bahamas

Braciaca

Celtic

a Gaulish goddess of drink

Bacon

Irish

a Danaan warrior

grandfather of Finn mac Cool, some say

Bradamante

European

[Bradmante]

a warrior maid

doughter of Aymon and Beatrice

sister of Alardo, Guichard, Ricardo, Ricciardetto and Rinaldo

wife of Rogero

She found herself in battle with Rodomont when he invaded France, but Rogero separated them. She travelled on with Rogero and they were attacked by a group of knights. They defeated their attackers but she was wounded. When she was challenged by Sacripant she engaged him in single combat, defeated him and rode off leaving him on foot.

She had fallen in love with Rogero and set out to find him. She was persuaded by Pinabel to go to the rescue of his fiancée, who had been abducted by an enchanter on a winged horse. This was Atlantes riding a hippogriff. When Pinabel discovered that Bradamante was a member of a family that had long feud ed with his own, he abandoned her in a cave from which she could not escape. She was taken from there to the tomb of Merlin by the priestess Melissa and was given instructions on how to find her love. She then met the dwarf Brunello and took his magic ring, travelling next to the castle in the Pyrenees where Atlantes was holding Rogero prisoner. Her ring enabled her to overcome the magic of Atlantes and she bound him in chains and freed Rogero and the other prisoners. Rogero tried to ride the hippogriff but could not control it and was carried off.

Bradamante was sent to govern Marseilles and Melissa appeared to tell her that Rogero had once again been captured by Atlantes. She set off to rescue him but, deceived by the magician who conjured up an illusion of Rogero, she too was captured. Astolpho, protected by the book and horn he had been given by Logestilla, rescued her with Rogero and the other captives.

Rogero decided to embrace Christianity so that he could marry Bradamante, but was wounded in a fight with Mandricardo to settle the ownership of the sword Durindana. When he was late in arriving for their planned wedding Bradamante went in search of him. En route she met Florisel who persuaded her to rescue Florisimart from the hands of Rodomont. She met him on the bridge and, with the aid of Astolpho’s magic lance, defeated Rodomont who then gave up his defence of the bridge and released all his prisoners, including Florisimart and Olivier.

At the end of the war between Charlemagne and Agramant, she hoped to marry Rogero, now a Christian, but her parents wanted her to marry Leo, son of the emperor Constantine. She persuaded Charlemagne to decree that she should marry only the man who could defeat her in single combat. Leo, in return for releasing Rogero from prison, had exacted a promise from him that he would fight Bradamante in the guise of Leo. He won the contest and departed in despair, but when Leo heard of his distress he gave up his claim to her hand and Bradamante finally married Rogero.

Brademagus

(see Bagdemagus)
Bradmanspati

father of Agni, in some accounts

Bradmante

(see Bradamante)

Bragn

British

a spirit sometimes seen as a horse
This animal lures people to ride on its back and then tips them off into a pond.

Braga Raedur

Norse

[Conversations of Bragi]
one of the stories in the Younger Edda
In this tale, Bragi tells Aegir many stories of the gods.

Bragafal

Norse

a toast to Bragi

Bragaman

Norse

a skald, honouring Bragi

Bragas

British

an earl of Bealm
father of Winlayne

Bragawoman

Norse

a female skald, honouring Bragi

Bragdemagus

(see Bagdemagus)

Brage

(see Bragi)

Bragi

Norse

[Brage]
god of poetry and music
son of Odin and Gunlod
husband of Idun

Gunlod was guarding the three containers full of the blood of Svasir in a cave in the middle of a mountain. Odin got access to her with the help of Bauri who bored a hole that Odin, in the form of a snake, slipped through. Odin then resumed his god-like form and stayed with Gunlod for several days, fathering Bragi.

At his birth, the dwarfs gave Bragi a golden harp and set him afloat in a boat, which carried him out of the subterranean darkness, whereupon he began to sing and play the harp. Landing, he walked through the woods and met Idun whom he married and they went off to Valhalla where he became the god of poetry and music. He receives fallen heroes in Valhalla and is depicted with long white hair and beard and carries his golden harp.

Bragi’s Apples

Norse

fruit which had the power to cure illness

It was said that as soon as one of these magic apples was eaten another appeared to replace it.

Brahir

(see Bruhier)

brakh

(see brahman)

Brahma

one of the 8 dharmapalas

Brahma

Hindu

[Abjaja, Abjayan. Absolute, Ananta.
Astartakarna, Brahman, Dhatu, Dhati.
Grandfather, hamsa, Hiranyakashipu, Ishvara.
Kala, Kamalasana, Mahadeva, Narayana.
Pada-Nabha, Pitamah, Prajapati.
Purusha, Svayambhuva, Vaivarta, Varaha.
Vishvakarma = Buddhista Janardana.
Vairocana = Cambodian Prab Phrom:
= Japanese Bon-Ten-O, Dainichi:
= Thai Phrom]
a four-headed creator-god
Brahman personified
husband of Sarasvati
father of Adharma, Aditi, Daksha,
Priyavrata, Sandhya and Shatarupa
father of the Prapaptis

Brahma, with Shiva and Vishnu, formed the group known as the Trimurti.

In some stories he was born from Vishnu’s navel, in others he was asleep in the lotus floating on the primitive waters until he awoke and created the universe, while other stories say that he was self-created from the primordial waters or from Hiranya-garba. In the Ramayana he is a boar that lifted the earth on its tusks, while others say that he mated in the form of a stag with Rohita as a doe to produce all the animals.

It is said that Brahma was born with only one head but grew the others so that he could behold the beauty of Sarasvati from all sides. Some say that Sarasvati was born from Brahma’s body and mated with him to produce the first man, Manu. An alternative story credits him with a daughter, Satarupa, on whom he incestuously designed and grew the four heads so that he could admire her. Some versions say that he had five heads, one of which was cut off by Shiva when he was disrespectful. Yet another version asserts that Brahma split himself into two, the male Purusha and the female Satarupa.

In some stories his consort is Vach, although some say that she was the daughter on whom he incestuously fathered the human race. Others say that his consort was Gayatri.

Some say that Brahma will live for 1,000 divine years, at the end of which he will die and the universe will vanish. After a period of 100 divine years Brahma will reappear and a new universe will be created. In this system one divine year equals 3,110,400 million human years.

He is depicted as having four hands, holding an alms bowl, a sceptre, a bow and the Rig Veda. His transport is the swan or goose (hamsa).

Brahma

East Indian

[Bromo]
the Javanese volcano-god
brahman

(see brahman)

Brahma-deva

Hindu

a name for Narada, born again as the son of Brahma by one of Daksha’s daughters

brahma-loka

Hindu

the realm of brahman; perfection: the ideal existence (see also Satya-Loka)

Brahma Prapapti

Hindu

in some accounts a later name for Matsya

Brahma Satras

Hindu

the sacred text of the Vedanta school, written by Badarayana

Brahma-yuga

(see krita-yuga)

Brahmachari

(see brahmin)

brahman

Hindu

[brahm.brahma]
the primordial essence: the absolute: cosmic unity: soul of the universe: the active creative force

Brahman

(see Brahma)

Brahman

(see brahmin)

Brahmana

Hindu

a commentary or gloss on one of the Vedas

Brahmanas

Hindu

ritual texts supplementing the Rig Veda

Brahmanaspati

(see Brhaspati)

Brahmanda

Hindu

the egg of Brahma from which all world history is generated

Brahmani

Hindu

a mother-goddess
one of the 8 matrikas
one of 9 navasakitis

She was opposed to the demon Mada.

Brahmapura

Hindu

the city of Brahma on Mount Meru: heaven

Brahmavati

Buddhist

wife of Brahma
subramanya

mother of Maitreya

The future Buddha, Maitreya, will be born from Brahmacari’s right side after a pregnancy lasting ten months.

Brahmavat

Buddhist

husband of Brahmavati
father of Maitreya, some say

Brahmi

Hindu

a name of Sarasvati as a consort of Brahma
brāhmin

Hindu

[brahman]

a member of the highest caste

A brāhmin may or may not be a priest but studies the teachings of the Vedas, going through four stages of life: Brahmachari, as a student; Grihastha, as a married householder or teacher; Vanaprastha, as a hermit; and Sannyasi, as a religious mendicant.

brain-ball

Irish

the missile that killed Conor mac Nessa

This missile had been made from a mixture of lime and the crushed brains of Mac Da Tho (or in some accounts of Meas Geagbra) by Conall Cearnach. Cet, or in some stories Conall, flung this stone from his sling, striking Conor in the forehead, from where it could not be dislodged. Seven years later it exploded, killing Conor.

Bráitheas

(see Dionysus)

Brádlbhal

Australian

an assistant of Djanggalwul

When Bralgah and Dinewan had a quarrel, Balgah tossed one of the emu’s eggs into the sky where it became the sun.

Brálgah

Australian

a companion of the emu, Dinewan

Brálgah

Irish

a giant-god

king of Ireland, his crazy half-brother Efnisien maimed the Irish king’s horses. Bran gave Matholwch a magic Cauldron of Rebirth, capable of restoring the dead to life, in compensation. Later his sister was made to work as a drudge and she sent him a message with a starring, whereupon Bran invaded Ireland, wading the Irish sea while his army went by ship. The Irish king abdicated without a fight in favour of Gwern, his son. When Efnisien killed Gwern by pushing him into the fire, fighting broke out again and all the Irish, except five pregnant women, and all except seven of the British were killed. Bran was wounded and died soon after. Branwen died of grief at his loss. His head was struck off, as he had instructed, and was taken back to Britain to be buried many years later at the White Mount (the Tower of London) to protect the kingdom. In the years before it was buried the head ate its way into the earth, speaking as it had done when Bran was alive.

The seven survivors of the battle were Ghneu, Grudyne, Beilyn, Manawydan, Pryderi, Talsiesin and Ynawg.

During Bran’s absence from Britain, the country was conquered by Caswallawn. Years later, King Arthur, saying that the kingdom should depend for its defence on him rather than on some buried relic, dug up the head.

The story of Bran’s invasion of Ireland is similar to the story of King Arthur’s expedition to the underworld, Annwfn; here too, there were just seven survivors.

In later years, Bran was known as Uirne.

Bran1

Irish

[Bran mac Feabhail.Brandan]

a hero voyager

son of Fidal

He picked a branch of apple blossom and carried it to his hall where a mysterious woman told him about a marvellous island across the sea. She and carried it to his hall where a mysterious woman told him about a marvellous island across the sea. She and drove her dogs against Finn’s hounds. Finn accidentally struck Bran with a leash and the hound was so upset at this harsh treatment that it ran away and drowned itself in a lake. Other stories say that Finn himself killed the hound to save a fawn that he had run down.

Bran2

Irish

[Bran mac Feabhail.Brandan]

a hero voyager

son of Fidal

He picked a branch of apple blossom and carried it to his hall where a mysterious woman told him about a marvellous island across the sea. She and then took the branch and disappeared. Bran followed with three boats, each with a crew of nine men. Manannan, the sea-god, confirmed the story of the island, Emain Ablach, so they rowed on. At the Island of Joy one of the crewmen stayed behind while Bran and the rest went on to the Island of Women, where they stayed for about a year. One of his crew, Neachtan, became homesick so they returned to Ireland but when the sailor jumped ashore he immediately crumbled to dust – they had been away for centuries and nobody recognised Bran or his men so they put to sea again and no more was heard of them.

Bran1

Irish

a hound of Finn

Finn’s sister (or in other accounts his sister-in-law or aunt) was Urine and she was to be married to Iollann. When she became pregnant Iollann’s jealous mistress, a druidess, put a spell on Urine, turning her into a bitch, with the result that her children, Sceloan and Bran, were born as hounds.

In other accounts Urine was restored to her former self by Lugaid Lagha, whom she married, and the pups were born to them at the same time as human triplets. When Angus Og said the hounds could never kill any of his swine, Finn set both dogs to work and they killed all the herd of 100, including the famous black boar.

In some versions Bran was originally owned by a giant who stole children. When Finn killed the giant and rescued the children he also took the giant’s bitch and her two whelps. Finn kept the brindled one, Bran, and the other, called Sceloan, was left with the father of some of the stolen children who had sought Finn’s help. On one occasion, both Bran and Sceloan were stolen by Arthur, a son of British King Arthur, who had come to Ireland with twenty-eight warriors to seek adventure. Nine Fianna warriors followed them when they continued their journey to Scotland and killed all of them, taking Arthur prisoner and recovering the hounds. Finn accidentally struck Bran with a leash and the hound was so upset at this harsh treatment that it ran away and drowned itself in a lake. Other stories say that Finn himself killed the hound to save a fawn that he had run down.

Bran1

Irish

the dog of Frithiof

Bran1

Irish

[See Brandlees]

Bran Galed

British

[Brangaled.Galed]

the Welsh owner of the drinking horn that provided whichever drink the owner required (see also Gawlgawd)

Bran mac Feabhail

(see Bran1)

Bran of Gore

(see Brante.Brandegore)
Bran of Gower

British

Bran of Gwales

British

Bran the Blessed

British

Branchidae

Greek

[Branchidae.Didyma]
a town in Asia Minor, site of an oracle of Apollo

Branchus

Greek

son of Smircus by the daughter of Patron

Brandamond

British

[Brandamond of Damascus]
a Saracen knight

He was killed by Bevis.

Brandan

[see Bran'.Brendan]

Brandegore

British


king of Stranggore

Bran as the king who brought an army of 5,000 to fight King Arthur in the rebellion of the eleven rulers.

Brandegoris

[see Branges]

Brandegorus

[see Branges]

Brandel

[see Brangwain(e)]

Brandeles

[see Brangwain(e)]

Brandell

[see Brangwain(e)]

Brandiles

British

[Bran(du).Brendan]
a Knight of the Round Table son of Gilbert

He was one of the many knights captured and imprisoned by Tarquin, who hated all Arthur’s knights, until he was released by Lancelot.

In some accounts he is identified with Brian des Iles.

Brandon

[see Branci.

Brandubh1

Irish

a board game

This game features in various stories of gods and heroes.

Branfil

British

a knight brother of Bruneo

He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Liaisante against 100 knights of the Irish king, Caladan.

Brangaene

[see Branwen]

Brangaine

[see Branwen]

Brangaled

[see Bran Galed]

Brangamore

British

in some accounts, a queen of Cornwall mother of Epinogres

She was killed by her own son who buried her body under the altar in the Perilous Chapel, which she had built.

(see also Black Hand)

Brangien

[see Branwen]

Brangiu

Australian

in Aboriginal lore, the island of the dead

Brangwine

[see Branwen]

Branch

[see Branchidae]

Branchidae

[see Branchidae]

Bransstock

Norse

the oak tree growing in the centre of the Volsungs' palace

At the wedding of Siggeir and Sygny, Odin plunged the magic sword Gram into the trunk of the oak, a gift to who ever could pull it out again.

Branwen1

British


Branwen]

an attendant at Isolde

She was sent with Isolde, when Tristram came to Ireland, to escort Isolde to marry Mark of Cornwall and she carried the love potion to ensure a successful marriage. Instead, it was drunk by Isolde and Tristram who fell hopelessly in love.

In some accounts Branwen slept with Mark on the night of his wedding with Isolde, deceiving him into thinking Isolde was still a virgin. Isolde then tried to kill her and keep the secret but failed. Branwen later had an affair with Kaherdin. She was said to have married Gouvernail who became king of Lynnesse.

Branwen, Daughter of Llyr

British

[Bransen ferch Llyr]

the Welsh story of Branwen and her brother Bran in the Mabinogion

Branwen ferch Llyr

[see Branwen, Daughter of Llyr]

Bras-de-fer

British

a chamberlain of the Antichrist

In the battle between the forces of good and evil, King Arthur fought on the side of heaven, Bras-de-fer for hell.

Brastias

British

a knight of King Mark’s court

Ulfias impersonated Brastias when helping Uther to get access to Igraine. He went with Ulfias to the Continent to enlist the help of King Bors and King Ban on behalf of Arthur in his battles with the rebellious barons.
Braselas later became a hermit and gave shelter to Lancelot when he was banished from the court by Guinevere. Brasatas (see Bima) Brasatayuda (see Bharatayuda) Brauronia (see Artemis Brauronia) Brave West Indian a Haitian voodoo spirit Brave Woman (see Makhta) Brazen Horse British the horse of Cambuscan This magic animal had a pin in one ear, which when turned allowed it to accept instructions to carry the rider wherever he wished to go. (see also Wooden Horse)

Brea Irish a servant of Partholan He is said to have introduced cooking into Ireland. (see also Beoil) Breanann (see Brendan) Breaninn (see Brendan) Brasal Irish [Bres] one of the Finn Eamhna son of Eochaid Feidhleach and Cloiththinn brother of Clotha, Lothar, Maev and Nar Brasal (see Bres)

Brasal1 Irish [Bresail] son of Diarmaid mac Cearbhall When a nun accused Brasal of stealing her cow, his father drowned him, but regretting his action sought help from Beagan who restored Brasal to life. Brasal2 Irish [Bresail] son of Fionnachta He and his father, the high-king, were killed by relatives seeking the throne for themselves.

Brasal1 Irish [Bresail] a high-king of Ireland son of Rudraigh Brasal2 Irish [Bresail] a King of the World He lived on the island called Hy-Brasil.

Brasal Bealach Irish a king of Leinster He refused to pay the boramha tribute to the high-king, Cahirre Lifachair, and defeated him when he tried to obtain it by force.

Brasal Beoil Irish [Bresal Beoil] Brasal (see Beasil) Brasal's Island (see Hy-Brasil) Breath of Love [Magic Breath] the ability of demons to make women fall in love with them, merely by uttering the three statements 'Time is', 'Time was' and 'Time's past' before falling and breaking into pieces.

Breath of Set Egyptian a hot south wind from the desert

Breath of Wind North American

[Guists of Wind, Windbreath] daughter of the first woman, Ataesia mother of loskhe and Tawiscara In some accounts the twins loskhe and Tawiscara fought each other while still in the womb, with the result that their mother died in childbirth.

Breathmaker (see Hisigaitaimisi) Breca European [Brea] a friend of Beowulf He and Beowulf swam in full chain mail across the sea from Denmark to Geatland for a dare.

Breche de Roland European a large cleft in the Pyrenees, said to have been made by Roland when he struck the mountain with his sword, Durindana

Brecht (see Bertha) Brechta (see Bertha) Bredbeddle British a knight of King Arthur's court He accompanied King Arthur and Gawain when they went to King Mark's court in Cornwall for the trial of Isolde.

Brede (see Bredi) Breidi Norse [Brede] a hunter Sigi, jealous of Breidi's skill as a hunter, killed him and buried his body under a snowdrift.

Breg (see Bren) Bregan (see Breoghlan) Bregia Irish a giant Bregon (see Breoghlan) Bregouin (see Mount Agned) Breguion (see Mount Agned) Breguion (see Mount Agned) Breguion (see Mount Agned)

Breg (see Breg) one of the 3 names for the Dagda's wife She was alternatively known as Meabel or Meng.
Brennus (see Branwen)
Brennus  
[Brennus=Gaulish Brennus]  
son of Dunwallo Molmutius and Tonwenna  
brother of Belinus  
He was a sub-king under Belinus after the death of their father, but he planned to take over the whole realm so he married the daughter of the king of Norwaj and sailed for Britain with an army. His bride was captured en route by the Danish king, and both were taken by Belinus when their ship was forced ashore in Britain. When Brennus landed he was defeated and fled to Gaul and the princess was taken to Denmark by the Danish king.

He later made another attempt to take the kingdom with an army from Gaul, but at the behest of their mother Tonwenna the brothers finally made peace and together they conquered Gaul and sacked Rome.

He is regarded as a mortal form of the god Bran.

Brennos (see Brennus)
Brennus  
[Celtic]  
[Brennus-British Brennus]  
a Gaulish name for Bran  

Breoghan  
[Irish]  
[Breoghan]  
an ancestor of the Irish father of Bile and Ith  
He led his people from Scythia to conquer Spain. His grandson, Milesius, led them to Ireland.

Brer Fox  
[North American]  
a trickster in many stories of the American Indian tribes  
The Apache say that he stole fire from the fireflies and gave it to the tribes.

Brer Rabbit  
[North American]  
[Bahamas B’Rabby]  
a trickster in American folklore  
This being is said to be derived from the African trickster, Hare, brought to America by slaves.

Bres  
[Irish]  
[Bres]  
a Danaan soldier  
He was an emissary who tried to negotiate a settlement with the Fir Bolg before the first Battle of Moytura. He was unsuccessful, and was killed in that battle.

Bresta Sogur  
[BrE]  
a Scandinavian story that asserts that King Arthur died on Assysla and was buried at Canterbury

Brethren, The  
[East Indian]  
culture heroes of New Guinea

Breton Lay  
[European]  
a form of verse narrative of the exploits of Celtic heroes

Bretnwald  
[British]  
a name of Aelle as ‘ruler of Britain’

Breunis  
[British]  
a knight at King Arthur’s court  
He became an enemy of the king and was killed by Gareth.

Breunor  
[British]  
[Breunor the Black]  
brother of Daniel and Dinadan  
husband of Maladisant  
He insisted on wearing a badly fitting coat until he had avenged his father. He was made lord of Pendragon Castle.

Breuse  
[see Bruce]  

Brahspati  
[Hindu]  
[Braspati]  
a sky-god, chaplain of the gods and lord of prayer  

father of Agni, some say  
In some accounts his parents were Dyau and Prithivi, while others say that he was created by Tvashri. His wife was abducted by Chandra (Soma) and bore a child, Budha. Brahma had to intervene to prevent a war between them and Brahspati reared Budha as his own son.

He is depicted with 100 wings, horns and seven mouths, and carries a bow and an axe. His chariot, drawn by eight horses, is known as Nitighosha.

Some equate him with Vrishapati; others regard them as separate deities.

Brian  
[Irish]  
daughter of Midir  
She died of a broken heart when her father rejected Liath as a suitor for his daughter’s hand.

Brian  
[Brian]  
son of Turenn and Brigit or Dana  
brother of luchar and uchurba  
His family feuded with the family of Cian and Brian, and his brothers luchar and uchurba, killed Cian, the father of Lugh, who had adopted the form of a pig to avoid them. Some say that Lugh killed him, others that he had the brothers condemned by the high-king to carry out seven (or eight) difficult tasks for Lugh.

Brian  
[Irish]  
[Brian]  
brother of Fiacra  
He went to war with his brother but was defeated when Conal Gulban, his nephew, (or Daithi in some accounts) brought an army which subdued the whole of Connaught and installed Daithi as king. Brian was killed in this conflict.

Brian Boru  
[Irish]  
(Bryan Boru)  
(926–1014)  
a high-king of Ireland  
brother of Cinnéide  
brother of Mathghamhain  
husband of Gormlaith  
father of Donnchadh, Murchadh and Saba

One story says that by showing kindness to a starving woman he learned the password of an adjoining Norse fort and was able to gain access with a party of his men and slaughter the garrison. When the Norsemen stationed one soldier in every house,
he organised a simultaneous rising whereby each household killed its unwelcome guest.

Despite being warned of his fate by Aoibheall, Brian led the Irish to victory over the Vikings at the Battle of Clontarf but he was killed there by the Dane, Brodir. His eldest son Murthadh also died in this battle.

Brian des Iles  
[Brian of the Isles]  
a senechal of King Arthur  
Originally an enemy of the king, he was defeated in battle and became the king’s senechal. In some accounts he is identified as Brandiles.

Brian of the Forest  
[Bryan of the Forest]  
brother of Sorlus of the forest  
He fought his brother to decide which of them should chase the white stag that had interrupted Arthur’s wedding feast. Gawain, who had been given this task by the king, stopped the fight and sent them to submit themselves to the king.

Brian Rua  
[Bryan Rua]  
a seer  
He was rewarded with the gift of prophecy for his generosity in paying the rent of a poor widow. He owned a small mirror that reflected things due to happen in the future and that helped him to locate buried treasure.

Brian  
[king of the Red Isle]  
father of Tristoise  
His daughter was born after his death and cast adrift at sea. She survived to marry Ydor.

Briareus  
[Aeg(a)eon.Briareos.Briareus]  
a hurricane-god  
one of the Hundred-handed Ones  
son of Uranus or Pontus and Gaea  
brother of Cottus and Gyges  
husband of Cymopolaea

Briareus1  
[see Briareus]  
a Welsh warrior said to be standing guard over the sleeping Merlin on Bardsey Island

Briareos  
[see Briareus]  
Bricciu  
[Briene.Bricciu (Nemthenga)]  
a storm-god  
a lord of Ulster  
asatirist  
son of Carbad

He was a troublemaker and his most renowned exploit is told in the story of Bricciu’s Feast.

Bricciu’s Feast  
[Irish]  
a feast arranged by the satirist Bricciu  
He put on a feast at which he provoked an argument between Cuchulainn, Conall Cearnach and Loaghaire Buadhach over the carving of the roast. To decide who was the greater champion they were tested by Curoi, in the form of a giant, and by Maev who put wildcats in their room. In each case Cuchulainn was the winner, but the other two refused to accept this verdict. A third test, by Curoi as a banchach or phantom, settled the matter in favour of Cuchulainn. He challenged all three to a bheading match. All three beheaded the banchach, who picked up his severed head and jumped into a lake. Next day, fully restored, he claimed his part of the wager and Cuchulainn put his head on the block awaiting the axe. The banchach spared his life in admiration for his bravery. Some versions say that Muinremuir was also involved in the bheading match.

In some accounts Bricciu, a troublemaker, stirred up trouble and conjured up a demon called The Terrible who was involved in the bheading match. Others tell very much the same story about Dubhthach Daol Uladh and Uath.

Bricciu judged the fight between the Brown Bull of Cooley and Whitehorn and was trampled to death under their hooves.

Brice  
(see Bishop Brice)  
Bricene  
[Irish]  
a monk  
He told the young Maeldun about the men who had murdered Maeldun’s father.

Brickus  
[British]  
son of Mazadan and Terdelaschoye  
father of Uther  
In some accounts he was the grandfather of King Arthur.

Bricne  
(see Bricciu.Bricene)  
Bricriu  
(see Bricciu)  
Brid  
(see Brigit)  
Bride1  
[German]  
a queen of Jerusalem  
wife of Orendal  
Bride2  
(see Brigit)  
Bride of Helgi  
(see Thorgerd)  
Bride of the Sun  
(see Bertha)
Brighu  Hindu
[BrOghu.Prajapati]
a sage
one of the Seven Rishis
son of Brahma or Manu
father of Chyavana by Puloma
father of Lakshmi by Khyati and of Shukra, some say
He seized Puloma, the wife of a demon, fathering Chyavana on her, and, when Agni told the demon who the abductor was, Brighu cursed the god with an insatiable appetite.

In an attempt to ascertain which of the three major deities was most worthy of veneration, Brighu visited each in turn and was less than respectful to all of them. Brmana only scolded him, Shiva would have burnt him to a cinder but he saved himself with an abject apology and Vishnu, whom he kicked to wake him up, merely enquired whether the sage had hurt his foot and massaged it. As a result, Brighu advised people to worship Vishnu.

When Shiva lost his temper at being excluded from a sacrifice by Daksha, he attacked many of those present, including Brighu who had his beard pulled off.

Helped by Matarisvan, Brighu overcame the demon Makha.

He is credited with the discovery of fire in some accounts.

Brighus  Hindu
[Bhargavas.Bhrighus] storm-gods and gods of fire sons of Brighu

These deities controlled the lightning bolts and acted as messengers for the gods. Some say that they were the children of the sage Brighu, others that they were descended from Agni, the god of fire.

In some accounts, these beings were Vedic priests who invented the rite of sacrifice.

Brigid  (see Brigit)
Brigindo  (see Briganda)
Brigint  Irish
[Banfile.Belisima.Brigit.Brid(e).Bridget. Brig(gida).Briegl(b)id.] goddess of cattle, fertility and fire, healing, poetry and smiths daughter of the Dagda and Dana or Boann mother of Ruadan by Bres

In some accounts she was the wife of the Dagda, in others his daughter, while others say that she was the wife of Turenn and mother of his three sons, Brian, Iuchar and Iucharba. Some say she owned two oxen, Fea and Feimhean, and a boar, Treithirne.

In some accounts there were three Brigits, sister-goddesses, who others regard as a single person. In other accounts she was Dana.

Brigit  Irish
[Brigit.Brid(e).Bridget.Brig(gida).Brigill(b)id.] Mary of the Gaels.Mary of the Irish] a saint, the Christian version of the goddess Brigit daughter of Dubhthach and Broicseach in some accounts Broicseach was Dubhthach's slave and the young Brigit was sold to a druid who reared her. In one story she knocked out one of her eyes to make herself unattractive to suitors but later restored her own sight. In another she diverted the attention of soldiers, enabling the Virgin Mary and Jesus to escape capture.

She is said to have turned the horse's ears of Labraid, king ofLeinster back to normal human ears.

Her feast day is 1 February.

Brigie  Irish
one of the 2 pillars (the other is Patrick) said to support the island Brigitte  (see Mama Brigitte)
Brigiladoro  European
Roland's horse

Brighapati  (see Brhaspati)
Brilliant Water  (see Cakixa)

Brimer  Norse
the heavenly hall of the giants in Okolnur

Brimer  (see Brimir)
Brimesent  British
in some accounts, wife of Urien

Brimir  Norse
[Brimer] a giant

In an alternative account of the creation of the dwarfs, they were made from the flesh of Blain and Brimir rather than that of Ymir.

Brimo  Greek
goddess in the priestess officiating at the Eleusinian mysteries of Demeter

Brimos  Greek
a holy child carried by Brimo
Brine  British
an ancestor of King Arthur

Briolania  European
a princess

Her father's realm, Firm Island, had been usurped by a tyrant but Amadis and his brothers rode to her aid and restored her to her rightful position.

Brian  (see Brian)
Briorian Moal  (see Britian)
Brisane  (see Brisen)
Brisaya  Hindu
a moon-goddess

She represented the power of darkness and was overcome by the solar hero Aharya.

Briscida  Greek
a Trojan maiden

In some early versions of the Troilus and Cressida story she is the maiden loved by Troilus. Her father Chalcas defected to the Greeks and when she was escorted by Diomedes to join her father, he fell in love with her.

Brisica  (see also Brisicis)

[Brisesis.Hippodamia] a Trojan maiden daughter of Brises wife of Mynes

She was captured at the siege of Troy and handed to Achilles as a prize. Agamemnon had been given the girl Chrysesiis but was persuaded to release her, demanding Briseis in her place. This precipitated the quarrel between these two Greek heroes.

Briscaida  (see also Brisicida)

Brisen  British
[Briseus.Brisin.Dame Brisen] an attendant on Elaine an enchantress

She put a spell on Lancelot that deluded him into thinking that he was sleeping with his true love, Guinevere, when in fact it was with Elaine. Later, she played the same trick on Lancelot, who was driven mad.

Brises  Greek
[Briseus] a Trojan priest father of Brises

Briseus  (see Brises)
Brisin  (see Brisen)
Brising necklace  (see Brisingamen)

Brisingamen  Norse
[Brisingamen.Brosingamene. Sviagris(s)]
a beautiful necklace made by the dwarfs and given to Freya

In some stories Freya gave herself to four of the dwarfs, Alfrigg, Berling, Dvalin and Grrrr, as payment for the necklace. It was once stolen by Loki in the form of a flea, but he was spotted by Heimdall and was forced to return it after the two of them had fought in

Briso...
many different guises. She lent it to Thor when he dressed as a bride for Thrým in place of Freyja.

In the story of Beowulf, he received this necklace from Wealtheow, Queen of Denmark, as a gift when he killed Grendel and the monster’s mother.

Brit (see Brutus)

Britan | Irish
---|---
[Bríotan Maol] | a chief of the Nemedians
[son of Fergus Leathdhearg] | son of Nemed, in some accounts
After the defeat of the Nemedians by the Fomoire under Morca, the thirty survivors left Ireland and those led by Britan and Fergus Leathdhearg landed in Britain.

Britannia | British
---|---
[Britannia=Roman Minerva] | the tutelary-goddess of Britain

Britannias | (see Britannia)

Britomart¹ | British
---|---
[Knight of the Ebon Spear] | a warrior maiden
dughter of Retho and wife of Thrúgail, in some accounts
Some say that she killed Radigund.

Britomart² | (see Artemis.Britomartis)

Bromartis | Greek
---|---
dughter of Zeus and Carme
Pursued by Minos, she jumped from a cliff into the sea and was rescued by Artemis or, in some versions, turned into a fish. In some versions, she was caught in the nets of the local fishermen and became known as Dictyna. Later she fled to Aegina where she was known as Aphaea.

In other accounts, Britomartis is a name of Artemis used in Crete.

Brittia | British
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a depiction of Britain as a mythical island
This island was divided into two parts by a wall. To the west, the air was too poisonous for men to exist there.

Britto | British
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son of Histion
In some accounts he is regarded as the ancestor of the British race.

(see also Brutus)

Brizo | Greek
---|---
a moon-goddess of Delos
She was regarded as the patron of sailors and was worshipped by women.

Broadb | Irish
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brother of Angus Og

Broaoablínk | (see Breidablík)

Breblár | British
---|---
the realm of Condwiramur

Broicraid mac Broicraid mac Bricc | Irish
[Broiccardine] | father of Aige

Broiccardine | (see Broic raid mac Bricc)

Broceliande | British | a forest in Brittany
This forest is regarded as the home of Merlin and the scene of many Carolingian and Arthurian stories, including Owain’s defeat of the Knight of the Fountain.

It was in this forest that Nimue entangled Merlin in a thorn bush or an oak tree.

Brochmael | British
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[Brochmail.(Prince) Brochwell.(Prince) Brocwell] | a king of Powys, Wales
[son of Eliseg] | father of Cadell
He was so impressed by the relationship that Melangell had established with the animals and birds that he gave her land on which she established a convent.

Brochmail | (see Brochmael)

Brochwell | (see Brochmael)

Brock | Norse | a dwarf
brother of Sindri
He made a wager with Loki that his brother, Sindri, was a better craftsman than Dvalin who was making a replacement for the golden hair of Sif that Loki had stolen, the loser to forfeit his head. Sindri made the golden-bristled boar Gullingsbursti, the magic ring Draupnir and the hammer Mjölnir, while Dvalin made the unerring spear Gungnir, the magic ship Skibladnir and the golden hair for Sif. When the gods declared Brock the winner, instead of decapitating Loki he sewed his lips together.

Brocken | German | [Blocksberg.Brocterus]
the highest peak in the Harz range
This mountain is regarded as the place where witches always foregather on Walpurgis Night.

Brockwell | (see Brochmael)

Brod | Irish | a servant of Conor mac Nessa
He was in the force that his master led to attack Sin at the house of Gearg.

Broder | Norse | a Danish prince
son of Jarmerik
His story is the story of Randwar in a Danish setting.

A counsellor named Bikki accused the young prince of seducing the queen, so Jarmerik had her trampled to death by horses. Broder would have been killed as well, but his father spared him since he was his only heir.

Brodir | Irish | a soldier said to have killed Brian Boru at the Battle of Clontarf

Brogan | Irish | a scribe who recorded the exploits of Finn mac Cool and the Fianna as related to St Patrick by Cailte or Oisin

Broicsceach | Irish | mother of St Brigit by Dubhthach

Broicset | (see Beiffror)

Brok | (see Brock)

Broken War Club | North American | a Metis hunter
brother of Smoking Mountain

Broken War Club and his brother, Smoking Mountain, met a very hairy but very strong person called Little Man and together they went looking for adventure. One day Broken War Club stayed in the lodge they had found to do the cooking and the other pair went hunting. When they returned, Broken War Club was still moaning from a beating he had received from a tiny dwarf. The same thing happened next day to Smoking Mountain. Little Man stayed home the next day and killed the ugly dwarf who came out from a deep hole. They lowered first Broken War Club and then Smoking Mountain into the hole in a kettle on a rope; they were scared by the noises they heard so Little Man went down. He was attacked successively by monsters with two, then three and finally four heads and killed all three of them. He rescued three girls the monsters had kept locked up and sent them up in the kettle together with much plunder from the monsters’ home. When it was Little Man’s turn to go up, Broken War Club cut the rope and they left him to die but he managed to climb out. For helping them to settle an argument, a wasp, a worm and a woodpecker each gave him the power to assume their shape. He soon overtook the fleeing men and killed Broken War Club, sent Smoking Mountain packing and kept the girls and the treasure for himself.
Brontes Greek
He offered to marry Elaine and raise the son she had borne to Lancelot but she preferred to remain true to her lover. He then vowed to kill Lancelot, but Bors challenged him on behalf of a suitor of Elaine. He then vowed to kill Lancelot, and defeated him.

Bromie
He was sent to summon Reynard to the court of the king, Nobiel, but was tricked into looking for honey in a tree trunk and was trapped.

Brown Bull of Cooley Irish
The bear in Reynard the Fox
He killed it, carrying its body back to where it fought with Whitehorn and where Macha, the war-goddess, had put a spell on the warriors of Ulster. Macha, the war-goddess, had put a spell on the warriors of Ulster and only Cuchulainn was able to defend his county. The bull was taken by Ailell’s army and taken to Connacht where it fought with Whitehorn and killed it, carrying its body back to Ulster. In the course of the battle, Bricciu, who had been asked to judge the duel if the Emperor would hand over his son Charlot whom Ogier wished to punish for having killed his son Baldwin, in the fight with Ogier, Bruhier used a magic lotion which healed wounds and restored severed limbs as soon as it was applied but he was, nevertheless, killed by Ogier who took his horse Marchevallée to replace his own, which had been killed.

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Sigurd, this time in the guise of wanted Brunhild as a wife but was killed by Durnart. He became a friend of after a while to seek further usual story says that Sigurd left her had a daughter, Aslaug, but the more advances. When Agramant needed the magic ring of Angelica to free Rogero from the evil influence of his foster father, the magician Atlantes, Brunello went to Albracca when it was under siege by Agrican, slipped into Angelica's room and stole her ring. As reward Agramant made him king of Tingitana.

Bruno [Brunhilda.Brunhilde.Brynild(e).Victory-waifer] chief of the Valkyrie daughter of Budli or, some say, of Odin sister of Atli and Baenkhild mother of Siegfried by Gunther, in some accounts mother of Aslaug by Sigurd, in some accounts

She was the daughter either of Odin or of a mortal king, raised to be a Valkyrie. She was ordered by Odin to ensure that the hunter, some say Hialmgunar, who had abducted Siegmund’s lover won the duel with Siegmund, but she disobeyed his order and Odin had to intervene. He punished her by putting her into a long, deep sleep in a castle surrounded by fire that only the bravest hero would attempt to break through. Some say that she was so punished for rejecting Odin’s amorous advances.

Siegfried’s visit to kill him. Krimhild, and later the young couple visited Gunther and Brunhild at their court where the two ladies had a furious quarrel. Hagen plotted to avenge the insult to Brunhild and induced Gunther to ask for Siegfried's help to repel an alleged invasion. Hagen then took advantage of Siegfried’s visit to kill him. (see also Siegrifa)

Brunhilda (see Brunhild)

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Brunissen [Brunnisend] wife of Jaufré

Bruno le Noir (see Breunor)

Brunor [Bruit] a knight of Uther's court husband of Bagota father of Galahaut

Brunissend (see Brunissen)

Brut [Bruit] a 12th c history, written by Layamon, which includes some Arthurian lore (see also Roman de Brut)

Brut1 (see Brutus)

Brut d’Angleterre (see Roman de Brut)

Brutan (see Varlan)

Brute (see Brutus)

Brute Division [Bruit] one of the 3 sections of the lower half of the Wheel of the Law

Bruto a hero of an Italian story

He came to King Arthur's court and was given a hawk, two hounds and a scroll as a present for his lover.

Bruto di Brettagne [Bruit] an Italian story of Bruto’s visit to King Arthur’s court

Brutus1 [Brit(to).Brut(c)] leader of a band of Trojans king of Britain son of Silvius great-grandson of Aeneas husband of Imogen father of Albanact, Cambre and Locrin

It was prophesied that he would kill both his parents and establish a great kingdom. His mother died after three days in labour when he was born. When Brutus was fifteen he shot and killed his father in a hunting accident and was exiled to Greece.

There he led the Trojan slaves of King Pandrasus in a revolt, capturing the king who gave him his daughter Imogen as a wife, and ships and supplies so that the Trojans could sail west. He then led the Trojans across the sea to Gaul where they met Corineus, a son of Heracles, leader of the descendants of the Trojans who had been led there by Antenor after the fall of Troy. Some of his men stayed in Gaul but Brutus and Corineus led the others north to Britain where they conquered the native race of giants, capturing Gog and Magog, and Brutus became king of Britain.

In some accounts, he is the same as Britto.

Brutus2 [Brit(to).Brut(c)] founder of the Republic son of Tarquinia father of Tiberius and Titus

When consulted by Brutus, Arruns and Titus, the Delphic oracle said that the first to kiss his mother would become ruler of Rome. Brutus pretended to trip over and kissed mother earth. When Lucretia killed herself after being raped by Sextus, Brutus swore to expel the Tarquins and set up a republic. His own sons, Tiberius and Titus, were accused of plotting to restore the deposed Tarquins and were tried and convicted. Brutus watched as they were flogged and executed. When Tarquiniius
Superbus attacked Rome, Arruns and Brutus met in single combat and each killed the other.

**Bruxe**

- European
  - [Xorignaye] Portuguese vampires in the form of bird women
- [Xorignaye] demons who deluded old women into believing that they could fly
  - In some versions Bruxe are the old women themselves, said to be under the spell of the Devil rather than demons.

**Bryant**

- British
  - [Bryant the Faithless]
    - He killed Estonne and was himself killed by Estonne’s son Passeleon.

**Bryn**

- (see Brian)

**Brychan**

- British
  - an early king of Britain
  - father of Nefyn
  - He was said to have fathered about six saints, including St Glwadys.

**Bryn Gwyn**

- British
  - the Welsh name for the White Mount

**Bryndir**

- (see Brunhild)

**Bryan**

- (see Brian)

**Brychun**

- British
  - a god known for his warlike activities
  - He was said to have fathered about sixt horses and use bows and arrows to kill lone travellers.

**Bu-scan**

- Tibetan
  - the king, regarded as the ruler of the bSan

**Bu**

- Pacific Islands
  - in Melanesian lore, the female demon Metakorab

**Bu-maya-mui**

- Australian
  - a deity responsible for making baby boys
  - (see also Bahloo)

**Bua–Taranga**

- Pacific Islands
  - in the lore of Samoa, mother of Maui
  - She was said to have a secret access to the underworld where she kept the oven in which she cooked her food, the first person to do so.

**Buada**

- African
  - [Oila]
  - a wind-god of West Africa

**Bua-la**

- (see Puteri Buala)

**Buan**

- Irish
  - daughter of Samara
  - She fell as she leapt on to the chariot of Cuchulainn, whom she loved, and died as a result of striking her head on a rock.

**Buan-ann**

- (see Boann)

**Buanu**

- Celtic
  - the Gaulish version of Buana

**Buaraineach**

- Irish
  - a cow-faced-god
  - father of Balor, some say

**Bubata**

- Pacific Islands
  - a monster of the New Hebrides
  - This beast, which has the power of speech, is said to resemble a boar and to eat human beings.

**Bubak**

- Bohemian
  - [German Bumann]
  - a goblin

**Bubastis**

- Egyptian
  - a name for the goddess Bast
  - son of Bast, some say
  - (see Bast)

**Bubona**

- Roman
  - goddess of cattle

**Bubuli**

- West Indian
  - a woman who survived the flood
  - A snake captured by her people said that they would all die in a flood.
  - Bubuli fled to another island with her children while all the others, who had scoffed at the snake’s prediction, perished when the sea overwhelmed their island.

**Bubwayaita**

- Pacific Islands
  - a plant which erases all memories
  - This herb is given to the dead in paradise so that they forget their lives on earth.

**Bucaphi**

- a demon of witches

**Bucar**

- European
  - a Spanish king of Morocco
  - He led an attack on El Cid at Valencia but his army fled in terror when the embalmed body of the hero appeared at the head of his forces, riding Babieca and flourishing his sword Tizona.

**Bucca**

- British
  - a wind spirit, spirit of the tin mines
  - in Cornwall
  - (see also knocker)

**Buceton**

- [bull-man]
  - a human-headed bull figure such as the minotaur

**Bucephalus**

- Greek
  - the horse of Alexander the Great
  - It was said that Alexander was able to tame this horse because he, and he alone, realised that the horse was frightened by its own shadow and led the animal towards the sun so that it could no longer see a shadow.

**Buchat**

- Irish
  - a cattleman of Tara
  - husband of Odras

**Buchember**

- Egyptian
  - the burial ground of the Buchis bulls

**Buchis**

- Egyptian
  - a bull-god
  - a manifestation of Menthu
  - The southern counterpart of Apis and regarded as the physical manifestation of Osiris and Ra.

**Buckeye Bush**

- North American
  - a spirit, in the lore of the coastal tribes of the south-west
  - He, together with Fire Drill and Shooting Star, is said to have set fire to the first world created by Olelbi.

**Bucen**

- a demon of hatred

**Bucu**

- Siberian
  - [Koori:=Buriat Khubilgan]
  - in the lore of the Golde tribe, a mythical bird
  - This bird is said to assist a shaman when he journeys to the otherworld.

**Buda**

- Irish
  - a wise man
  - In the story of the testing of Conall Cearnach, Cuchulainn and Loaghaire Buadhach to find the greatest champion, Buda appears in some accounts as one of the judges.

**Budarin**

- a demon

**Budasheer**

- Egyptian
  - an ancient king
  - father of Adim
  - When Budasheer died, his spirit lived on in a magnificent palace where it gave advice to his son, the new king.

**Buddh**

- (see Buddha)

**Buddh Gaya**

- Indian
  - [Bodh Gaya]
  - a sacred site in Bihar
  - This is the place where it is said Buddha received enlightenment.

**Buddha**

- Indian
    - Narayana.Navarayaraj. (Prince)
    - Siddha(c).a. Sammassambuddha.Shaka
    - Muni. S(h)akyas.vi. S(h)akyasinha.
    - Sidda(h).S(h)akya(Sh)akya.Sugata.]}
Shotoku: = Tibetan Sangyas. Tilhangs-pa] (c. 563–479 CE)
a Hindu prince who became known as the Buddha, ‘the enlightened one’
son of King Shuddodhodana and Queen Maya
husband of Yasodhara
father of Rahula
He was said to have been born painlessly from his mother’s right side, already a youth endowed with the gift of speech. His wife, his horse Kanthaka, his charioteer Chandaka, his disciple Ananda and the bo-tree all appeared at the moment of his birth. Lotus plants grew from his every footprint. When he was born he bore thirty-two primary and eighty secondary marks including such things as a circle of hair between his eyebrows and an elephant, lotus, swastika, horse, etc. Some say that he was born eleven times as a deer.

His mother died seven days after his birth and he was raised by an aunt, Mahapajapati. He saw the four signs (a decrepit man, a sick man, a dead man and a monk) that he had been told would manifest themselves when he was to become a Buddha, and troubled by the sight of the suffering in the world, he fled from the luxurious palace his father had built for him and took up the life of a wandering ascetic as his father had built for him and took up the life of a wandering ascetic as a youth endowed with the gift of speech.

He passed his enlightened vision to the nagas, the sacred serpents, because he found that it frightened most humans. After preaching for forty-five years he gave up all desire for life and entered Nirvana. His funeral pyre was self-ignited and the residue of his body was a heap of pearls.

Some say that his soul underwent 550 transmutations.

In Hindu tradition, he was the ninth incarnation of Vishnu and had many other incarnations, including one as a hare who offered his body to Sakka as he had no other food to offer.

In a Japanese account the Buddha found a dragon in a ravine who uttered several of the basic truths of Buddhism and demanded human flesh before revealing the final truth. The Buddha offered his own body and as he jumped into the dragon’s mouth it turned into the sacred lotus.

In some accounts he died as a result of eating boar flesh.

There is more than one Buddha; a fresh one appears on earth whenever some special need arises. In the Mahayana version of Buddhism there are said to be some 300,000,000 Buddhas. (see also Shakyamuni)

Buddha = Hindu

[Buddha-avatara] the ninth incarnation of Vishnu, active in the present age

Buddha’ (see Pusa’)
Buddha-avatara (see Buddha’)
Buddha Day (see Wesak)
Buddha-dharma (Buddhist) the law of Buddha
Buddha Flood (see Hotoke-umi)
Buddha-Kshetra (see Pure Land)
Buddha-land (see Pure Land)
Buddha-locana (see Locana)
Buddha-nature (see Tathagata)
Buddha of Compassion (see Bodhisattva)

Buddha of Infinite Light (see Amida. Amityas)

Buddha-sasana (Buddhist) the Buddha’s message
Buddha-vacana (Buddhist) the word of the Buddha
Buddhabodhiprabhavasita (Buddhist) a goddess, one of the 12 Paramita goddesses
Buddhacarita (Buddhist) a 1st c story of the life of the Buddha written by Asvagosa
Buddhadakini (Buddhist) a female Buddha; an air-goddess
Buddthagosa (Buddhist) a 5th c sage

He is credited with the compilation of the Theravada.

Buddhakapala (Buddhist) an aspect of Akshobhya or Heruka who has Citrasena as sakti

Buddhalocana (see Locana)
Buddhahapada (Buddha’s Foot) [Buddha’s Foot] the realm of Mahadeva in the Otherworld

This realm, reached by the road heading west from the crossroads guarded by Dvarakala, is reserved for the generous.

Buddha’s Foot (see Buddhahapada)
Buddha’s Hand (see Fo Shou)
Buddhasakti (Buddhist) the consort of a Buddha
Buddhas of Contemplation (see Dhyanibuddhas)
Buddhas of Meditation (see Dhyanibuddhas)

budhi’ (Buddhist) [mahan.mahat] the feminine form of buddha; a form of existence from which all other forms derive

Buddhi (Hindu) [‘intelligence’]; a minor goddess
consort of Ganesha as Maha-Ganapati
Buddhi’ a minor goddess

Buddhist cross the swastika
Buddhist Messiah (see Miroku)
Buddir al-Buddoor (see Badr al-Buddur)

Buder a demon
Buddha (Buddhist) a sky-god, personification of Mercury
Buddha’ (Hindu) a sky-god, personification of Mercury son of Chandra and Tara
consort of Ila, in some accounts father of Pururavas

Tara was the wife of Bhrispati carried off by Chandra. The child he fathered on her was Buddha who was reared by Bhrispati as his own. Some say that Bhrispati was Buddha’s real father.

Budic (Buddhism) (see Budicius)
Budicius (British) [Boudic(aus).Budic] a king of Brittany
husband of Anna or Ermine, some say He is said to have raised Ambrosius and Uther when they were sent to his court to escape from Vortigern, who had killed their brother Constans.
Buffalo Girl

North American

She and her husband made bows and arrows and left them near the cottonwood tree under which humans lived. When they emerged, the humans seized the weapons and used them to kill the Buffalo people who then turned into real buffaloes. The descendants of this couple became the Arikara tribe.

Budicius

British

[see Budicius]

a king of Brittany

husband of Anna, sister of King Arthur

father of Hoel

Budiman

Malay

a king

father of Lela Muda and Naga Mas

He had a bird, Indera Bayu, as his prime minister.

Budi

Norse

father of Atli, some say

Buge

Pacific Islands

a demon, wise in the art of medicine

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This being is depicted as having the body of a lion carried on five goat-like legs and feet. Others say that he appears as a starfish.

Bufar

a demon

buffalo

East Indian

the Dayaks regard this animal as their ancestor

buffalo

Hindu

the transport of Chamunda

Buffalo

North American

[Four-legged.

One of the 4 Kindred Gods of the Sioux

Buffalo

North American

in the lore of the American Indian tribes, a race of people with horns

By striking a knot in a cottonwood tree, these people released the humans who lived underground beneath the tree and hunted them like animals, killing them and eating their flesh. Cut-Nose, the first to emerge, managed to escape and returned safely to the tree. Another young man who escaped married Buffalo Girl, one of the Buffalo race. They made bows and arrows and left them by the tree so that, when the Buffalo people next knocked on the tree, the humans emerged and, seizing the weapons, killed their persecutors who then turned into real buffaloes.

The children of Buffalo Girl and her husband became the ancestors of the Arikara. (see also Buffalo Girl)

Buffalo Girl

North American

a maiden of a horned race of cannibals who married a human

Bui

Irish

a warrior of Connaught

son of Banblai

In the raid to seize the Brown Bull of Cooley, it was he, in some versions, who found the bull. Others say it was found by Natchrantal. He was killed by Cuchulainn.

Buchet

Irish

a foster mother to 6 children who had been turned into pigs

(see also Derbrenn)

Buile Suibne

Irish

the 8th c story of the madness of Suibne after he insulted St Ronan

Bui

Irish

Buino the Red

Irish

[see Buino the Red]

son of Fergus mac Roth

brother of Iollan

He betrayed his brother and friends to Conor when they arrived back at Emain Macha after escorting Deidre and Naisa from Scotland. He was given a large tract of land for his treachery but it turned completely barren overnight.

Bujaforte

European

a young knight

He was forced to fight for Marsilius at Roncesvalles and was killed in that battle.

Bujiang

East Indian

the first man

He was a a cultural hero, said to have been born near Mecca, who led the Iban people to Borneo

Bujang Sembelih

Malay

da demon said to cut the throats of human beings

bujangga

Malay

a monster in the form of a huge demon with wings: a very wise spirit

bujangga

Pacific Islands

angels

These beings can take the form of giant mortals and perform feats such as moving mountains.

Bujuruktsi

Russian

a Tartar god of fate

Buk

African

[Daughter of Fireflies. Leopard of the Night]

a river-goddess of the Sudanese

In some accounts, Buk is a god of fishing.

Buchchun

Mongolian

one of the burkhan

Buk

(see Buchis)

Bukit Kaca

Malay

glass mountain reaching to the sky

Bukit Peraja

Malay

the mountain to which Khatib and the Bamboo Princess went when they disappeared.

Bukura e dheut

Balkan

a benevolent fairy

She lives in a castle which is guarded by many wonderful creatures and has contact with the underworld.

Bukuri i qiellit

Balkan

The name for god

This deity was originally one of the three gods of sky, ocean and underworld.

Bula

Australian

a god of the Aborigines
Bulaing

a creator-goddess of the Karadjeri tribe

Bulanda

Australian

sister of Nkongolo
twin sister of Mateba
Her brother King Nkongolo allowed a visiting prince, Mihi Kiliwe, to sleep with both his sisters. Bulanda produced a boy, Kalala Ilunga, who became a culture hero, and Mateba gave birth to twins.

Bulban

(see Ben Bulben)

Bulga

Greek

a name for Athena as goddess of the council of Athens

bull

a male bovine animal typifying strength, fecundity, stupidity, which plays a role in many mythologies

1. In some Asian stories the bull was said to have dug into the primordial earth and brought up water.
2. The Assyrians revered the bull as a beneficent winged protector.
3. In Buddhism Yama is said to stand on a bull.
4. The Caanaanites gave the name ‘bull’ to the gods El and Latipan.
5. In China the ox is regarded as one of the animals that carry the sun through the twelve houses of the Zodiac and as a symbol of spring.
6. In Egypt the bulls Apis, Buchis and Mnevis were revered as gods; the north wind was depicted in the form of a bull.
7. In Greek stories Zeus appeared in the form of a bull to carry off Europa, and he sent the white Cretan Bull to give the islanders a sign that Minos was to be their king. This animal later appeared as the Marathonian Bull captured by Heracles and subsequently killed by Theseus. The bull was also regarded as an incarnation of Dionysus.
8. Hebrew tradition depicts the bull as a source of fruitfulness and also envisages the sun-god in bovine form. It was used as a sacrificial animal.
9. Irish mythology regards bulls as reincarnated deities. One of the finest stories is of the Brown Bull of Cooley and the bull Whitehorn. (10) Japanese lore says that the bull broke the primaeval egg from which all else came. It is the second animal of the Zodiac and a symbol of Zen Buddhism.
10. The Norse regarded the bull as sacred to the supreme god Odin.
11. In Persia the bull represented the rain-god. The primaeval bull, Gerush-Urvan, was killed by Angra Mainya or Mithra while the bull Hadhayosh was said to carry people across the primordial waters.
12. The Romans regarded the bull as sacred to Neptune.
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14. The Tibetan version has the bull standing on a stone (fish or crab) in the ocean and holding up the world on its horns. Should the horns ever break, the world will come to an end.
15. In the Zodiac the bull appears as the second sign, Taurus.

Bull-by-himself

North American

a Blackfoot culture hero

He befriended some beavers, four of whom turned into humans and taught him the secrets of planting and harvesting tobacco.

Bull Feast

(see Tarbhheis)

bull-man

(see bucentaur)

bull marine

a monster, part bull, part fish

Bull-Minos

(see Minotaur)

Bull of Heaven

Mesopotamian

[Great Bull of Heaven]

the manifestation of the destructive power of Nergal or Gugulanna

This fearsome animal was killed by Gilgamesh with the help of Enkidu.

Bull of Meroe

(see Mnevis)

Bull of the Ennead

Egyptian

a name of Atum as a bull

Bullan

(see Bolla)

bullbeggar

a hobgoblin

Bullkater

European

[Tom-Cat]

a Silesian field-spirit

This spirit is said to possess the reapers. (see ao field spirit)

Butolotu

Pacific Islands

paradise, the home of the dead, in the lore of Tonga

Bulu

Pacific Islands

the Fijian land of the dead

Buluc Chaban

Central American

a Mayan war-god

Bulugu-1

(see Buligu-2)

a water-snake man

love of Gulunundoj

Bulugu-2

(see Bilik)

Bulwer-Lytton, Edward

British

(1803–1873)

an English poet

He wrote the epic narrative poem King Arthur.

Bumann

German

[Bogglesmann=Bohemian bubak]

a bogy or goblin

bumba

African

an amulet of the Bushmen

Bumba

(see Ma Bumba, Nzambi)

Bumba-loa

West Indian

group of Haitian voodoo spirits, based on the Bushongo creator-god, Bumba (Nzambi)

Bumugi

Pacific Islands

one of the 8 Spitters (see Spitter)

Bun-Gil

(Micronesia)

a monster of the Philippines

This monster takes the form of a giant of tremendous strength who has a very large upper lip and carries a club. He also eats human beings.

Bunels

a demon

Buninka

Mongolian

a demon

Bunjel

(see Pundjel)

Bunjil

(see Pundjel)

Bunu

East Indian

son of Tunggal Garaing and Puteri Bualu

brother of Sangen and Sangiang

Puteri Bualu is the source of evil in Aboriginal lore

Bunyan, Paul

North American

giant lumberjack

This legendary hero is said to have created the Grand Canyon with his axe. His constant companion was the blue ox, Babe.

bunyip

Australian

a man-eating swamp monster; the source of evil in Aboriginal lore

Buoka

South American

culture hero in Venezuela

brother of Waltar

Wahari cut off his brother's over-long...
He made off with Pulzella Gaia but she was rescued by Lancelot.

**Buting Lands** *(see Phlegra)*

**Burnunta-sa** *Mesopotamian*

a Babylonian god

son of Ea

**Burotu** *Pacific Islands*

the Fijian paradise

**Burr Woman** *North American*

a monster in the form of an old woman

In many stories this hag gets on a hero’s back and cannot be dislodged.

**Burri** *(see Buri)*

**Burriash** *(see Buriash)*

**Buriswara** *East Indian*

* Bushyasta *(see Bushyastas)*

* Bushticks *Baltic*

a Latvian magician

This type uses his magic for benevolent ends, as opposed to the evil burvis.

**Burung Une** *(see Buri)*

* Burtana-sa *Mesopotamian*

This type uses his powers for evil purposes.

**Busiris** *Greek*

king of Egypt

son of Poseidon by Lysianassa

father of Amphidamas

In some accounts he killed all foreigners in sacrifice to Zeus, and he sacrificed his nephew, Phrasius, to avert drought. When he tried to kill Heracles as a further sacrifice, Heracles killed him.

**Busitane** *British*

an enchanter in Spenser’s *The Faerie Queene*

**Buto** *East Indian*

demons in Mindanao

These fearsome, one-eyed beings, long-bodied and flat-nosed, are said to live in trees and to dig up corpses which they eat, tearing the flesh with their two long, pointed teeth. *(see also *Tagamaling: Tigbanua)*

**Bussumarus** *Roman*

[=Roman Jupiter]

a Celtic god known on the Continent

**Buta** *Pacific Islands*

[buta cakil]

an evil demon in Indonesian lore

A version of a buta which has hooked teeth is called a buta cakil.

**Buta cakil** *(see buta)*

**Butator** a demon, expert in calculation

**Butes** *Greek*

one of the Argonauts

son of Pandion, Poseidon or Teleon by Zeuxippe

twin brother of Erechtthus

brother of Philomena and Procne

father of Hippodamia and Eryx

by Aphrodite

He was the only one to jump overboard when the song of the Sirens was heard but he was rescued by Aphrodite who made him her lover.

**Butes** *Greek*

a bee-master

son of Boreas

He was exiled for plotting to overthrow his half-brother, Lycurgus, and became a pirate of Naxos. When he raped Coronis, Dionysus drove Butes mad and he jumped to his death in a well.

**Butifar** *Egyptian*

a vizier

husband of Zuleikha

He married a princess much younger than himself and one of the slaves that he bought for her turned out to be the man she had frequently dreamt about.
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Central American

a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god C: perhaps Ek, Kukulcan or Xanak
In some instances this deity is depicted with a halo of rays and planetary signs, leading some to identify him as a god of the Pole Star.

Ca-peen

North American

a young Pueblo husband of Willow Flower
His wife died young but he later found her in a house outside the town. He stayed with her but recoiled from the stench of her rotting body and ran away. To escape, he allowed a medicine man to shoot him into the sky, where he was still followed by Willow Flower. (see also Deer Hunter)

Caacrinolaas

a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is envisaged as a winged dog and is said to teach science, make humans invisible and initiate murder.

Caan

Irish
(see Kaan)

capi

South American

a drug, said to have supernatural powers, used by shamans

Cab an Dosain

Irish

a man from the Otherworld
He took Conan Maol to his home where he became involved in weird exploits.

Cabal

British

[Cafall.Cavall]

King Arthur’s dog
In some accounts this hound took part in the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth or Ysgithyrwyn.

Cabal's Cairn

British

[Carn Cabal]
in Welsh lore, a pile of stones; one bears a paw-print said to have been made by King Arthur’s dog, Cabal
It is said that, if moved, the imprinted stone returns overnight to its original position.

Cabardiaceensis

Celtic

da goddess of art and industry

Cabriel

da demon

Cabeiri

Greek

[Cabiri.Kab(e)iroi]
mystic blacksmiths, fertility-gods of Lemnos, etc.
Originally Phrygian deities, they were said to number seven (corresponding with the sun, planets, etc.) sons of Kettu and brothers of Eshmun, who survived the flood and were taken into the Greek pantheon where, in some accounts, they appeared as two dwarfs who were descended from Hephaestus and who saved shipwrecked sailors. Some say they were sons of Uranus or Zeus by Calliope; others say they were sons of Proteus.
Other versions say that there were four – Axiocercus and his son Cadmilus, and two females known as Axieros and Axiocerca, while some say that Cadmilus was the son of Cabeiros.
Some stories say that they acted as servants of Persephone, others identified them with the Dioscuri. In the Roman pantheon, they are sometimes identified with the Penates.

Cabeiros

Greek

the chief of the Cabei, some say father of Cadmilus, some say

Cabel

a moon demon

Cabiri

(see Cabeiros)

Cabracan

Central American

[Cabracan.Cabracan(n)]
a Mayan earthquake-god
son of Vucub-Caquix and Chimalmatl brother of Zipacna
He was strong enough to shatter mountains and threatened to overturn the earth, so the twins Hunapu and Ixbalanque killed him by giving him poisoned food.

Cabraca

(see Cabracan)

Cabakra

(see Cabracan)

Cabrakan

(see Cabracan)

cabyll-ushtey

British

the Manx version of the kelpie
(see also glaistyn.tarroo-ushtey)

Caca

Greek

a fire-goddess
daughter of Hephaestus and Medusa sister of Cacus
In some stories it was she who, falling in love with Heracles, told him where to find Cacus and the cattle he had stolen from Heracles.

Cacamwri

[Camewri] a servant of King Arthur
brother of Hygywdd
He was (nearly) drowned in the Severn in the struggle to capture Twrch Twyth.

Cacce-haldde

[Baltic]
[→Finnish Vedenhaltija]
a Lappish water spirit
(see also Cacce-olmai)

Cacce-jielle

(see Cacce-haldde.Kul.)

Cacce-olmai

(Baltic)
a Lapp water spirit: god of fishing
(see also Cacce-haldde)

Cachimana

[South American]
[Cachima]
a supreme deity of the tribes of the
Orinoco basin

Cachime

(see Cachimana)

Cacia

(see Kakia)

Cacicbaghua

[West Indian]
a cave

The men of the Taino were originally
confined to this cave and one other,
called Amaiau.

Cacoch

[Central American]
[Kacoch]
a Mayan creator-god

He created the water lily and from this
sprang all the other deities.

Other accounts have him as a
messenger for Hachacyum.

Cacmewri

(see Cacamwri)

cacodaemon

[≡cacodaemon]
an evil spirit

cacodemom

(see cacodaemon)

Cactus cat

[North American]
a fabulous animal

Cactus Tree Worship

[African]
worship of various forms of cactus

It is believed by some tribes that such
trees have souls and that their ancestors
came from them.

Cacus

[≡Cacaioos]

a fire-breathing three-headed giant
brother of Caca
son of Herphaestus and Medusa
He is said to have stolen some of
Geryon's cattle from Heracles. He
was then killed by Heracles in a
cave on Mount Aventine after his
sister, Caca, had told Heracles where
to find him.

He was said to have a body like a
huge spider, though Dante referred to
him as a centaur.

Cacus

[≡Cacioc.Kakiioos]
a handsome youth and prophet
He was killed by Heracles for some
unknown reason.

Cacus

[≡Roman]
a prophet
He was captured by Caeles Vibenna
and his brother Aulus, who forced him
to reveal his secrets.

Cacy taperere

[South American]
[Soy-perere]
a supernatural dwarf, in the lore of
some Brazilian tribes

This being is depicted with one leg,
fiery eyes and wearing a red cap.

Cad Godeu

[≡Battle of Godeu]
cada

a symbol of Buddhist and Taoist deities
in the form of a club

Cadair

[≡British]
a magical car or chariot

This wonderful means of transport
would carry whoever rode in it
wherever they wished to go. It was
owned by Morgan Mwynfawr, though
some say by Morgan le Fay, and
became one of the Thirteen Treasures
of Britain collected by Merlin.

Cadair Idris

[≡British]
[Cader Idris]
a mountain in Wales, said to be the
home of the giant Idris

Cadbury

[≡British]
a site in Somerset where, some say,
King Arthur and his men lie sleeping
Other suggested sites for the sleeping
king and his men are at Alderley Edge,
Craig-y-Dinas, Mount Etna, Ogo'r
Dinas, Richmond and Sewingshields.
Some suggest that Cadbury was the
site of Camelot.

Cadell

[≡British]
a king of Powys
father of Conenn

Cader Idris

(see Cadair Idris)

Cadmean Vixen

[≡Cadmean Vixen]

[≡Cadmean Teumessian Vixen]
an animal sent to ravage Thebes

This animal, sent by Dionysus or
Hera, could not be caught by any
other animal. When Amphitryon
undertook to catch it he used Laelaps,
the dog of Cephalus, which always
cought any animal it chased. This
impossible position was resolved when
Zeus turned both animals to stone.

Cadmilus

[≡Greek]
[≡Cas milos.Kadmilos]
one of the Cabeiri
son of Axiocercus or Cabeiros

Cadmus

[≡Greek]
a sun-god
king of Thebes
son of Aegeus and Telephassa
brother of Cilix, Europa and Phoenix
husband of Harmonia
father of Agave, Autonoe, Illyrius, Ino,
Polydorus and Senele

He was said to have founded Thebes
and introduced the alphabet.

When his sister Europa was
abducted by Zeus in the form of a
bull, Cadmus spent some time
searching for her but he gave up the
search on the advice of the Delphic
Oracle and built a city, Thebes, on
the site where the cow he was told to
follow stopped for rest.

He killed the serpent guarding the
Castalian spring and sowed its teeth to
produce a crop of Sown Men who
fought amongst themselves till only
five, the Sparri, were left alive and they
became servants of Cadmus, helping
him to build the city of Thebes. He
was condemned by Athena to serve as
a slave to Ares for eight years for
killing the serpent.

In later years he conquered Illyria
and fathered a son whom he called
Illyruss. Some say that he was given
the throne by Agave who had killed
her husband, King Lycotherses.

At the end of his life he was
changed by Ares into a black serpent
and sent to the Islands of the Blessed
together with Harmonia, who was
similarly changed.

Cadoc

[≡Saint Cadoc]
a knight of King Arthur
son of Gwynydd and Gwladys
He sheltered the killers (or killer,
Ligessa) of three of King Arthur's
men and paid the king 100 cattle in
compensation for his crime. The
animals all turned into ferns as they
were crossing a ford.

Cadog

[≡British]
one of the original Twenty-Four
Knights of King Arthur's Court

Cador1

[≡British]
a king of Northumberland
father of Andrivete
Cador

[Cadw(r)]
British

a king of Gwynedd, Wales
son of Cadwallon

[Cadwlladr]

(see Cadwaladr)

[Cadwallo]

(see Cadwallo)

[Cadwallon]

[Cadwllalo, Cawllular]
a king of Gwynedd, Wales
father of Cadwaladr

His people believed that he would return from death to lead them to victory over the Anglo-Saxons.

[Cadgawny]

[Cadwllban]
a soldier of Madawg
son of Idon
father of Heilyn Goch

He was with Rhonabwy at the cottage of Heilyn Goch, in Wales.

[Cadwr]

(see Cador)

[Cadyrleith]

(see Cadyreith)

[Cadyrnyth]

(see Cadynrh)

[Cae Hir]

[Ke Hir]
a lover of Golwg, in Welsh lore

He was born when a spark from the fire flew into his mother's lap, and hence claimed to be the son of Vulcan.

[Caeceus]

a river-god

She was a nymph, Caenis, who, when her husband Lucumo became king of Rome, was called Tanaquil.

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(see Caenus1)

[Caecculus]

Roman
founder of Praeneste

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['Caenas']

a nymph
daughter of Elatus
mother of Coronus

She was a nymph, Caenis, who persuaded Poseidon, who had raped her, to change her into a man, Caenus, and in this form she sailed with the Argonauts and joined the hunt for the Calydonian boar. He was killed in a battle with the Centaurs at the wedding of Perithous and Hippodamia. It was said that he was hammered into the ground by the Centaurs because he was invulnerable to weapons. His soul became a yellow-winged bird, which soared into the heavens or, in some accounts, reached the underworld, where it became female once again.

Caer Aranrhod

British

the home of Aranrhod

In some accounts this palace was in Anglesey, Wales, in others it was submerged by the sea in Carmarthen Bay.

In an alternative reading, the home of lost souls, purgatory, the Corona Borealis.

Caer Bedoin

British

a sacred fire kept continually alight, in Welsh lore

Caer Colur

British

Caer Feddwidd in Wales, as Gloomy Castle

Caer Dathy

British

in Welsh lore, the court of Math, or, some say, the home of Gwyddion

Cadw2

Romæn

a name for Mercury as ‘owner of the caduceus’

[Cadw2]

Roman

the Greek kerykeion

the Latin name for the wand of Mercury (Hermes)

This symbol is in the form of a rod with wings and entwined serpents and has the power of reconciliation. The serpents were originally white ribbons.

The wand was given to Hermes by Apollo in exchange for the seven-stringed lyre that the youth had made himself.

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Caer Feddwid

British

[Caer Colur,Caer Feddawid,Caer Golud,Caer Ochren,Caer Redryvan,Caer Rigor,Caer Sid(i),Caer Vandwy,Caer Vedwyn,Castle Perlous,Kingly Castle.

King's Castle.Revolving Castle.—Irish Sid
glass, Castle of Perfect ones]
in Welsh lore, a name for the

Otherworld envisaged as a
glass castle.

Caer Leon

British

[Caer Llunio,Caerleon,City of the Legion]
the site of King Arthur's court,
in Wales

(see also Carduel)

Caer Llud

British

[Caer Llunio,Caer Llud,Caer Llud's Fort,Lwnderys]
an early Welsh name for London

Caer Llundain

(see Caer Lludd)

Caer Llyw

British

[Caer Loyw]
the prison in Wales, in which Mabon was held

Mabon was required to help Caulch in his quest for the hand of Olwen and was rescued from imprisonment by some of King Arthur's men. In some accounts it equates with the Otherworld.

Caer Llyw, Witches of

(see Witches)

Caer Loyw

(see Caer Llyw)

Caer Llundain

(see Caer Lludd)

Caer Ochren

British

Caer Feddwid in Wales, as 'Castle of Shelving Side'

Caer Pedryvan

British

Caer Feddwid in Wales, as 'Four-crowned Castle'

(see also Castle Carbonel)

Caer Rigor

British

Caer Feddwid, Wales, as 'Kingly Castle'

Caer Siddi

(see Caer Feddwid)

Caer Sidi

(see Caer Feddwid)

Caer Vandwy

British

Caer Feddwid in Wales, as 'Castle-on-High'

Caer Vedwyd

British

Caer Feddwid in Wales, as 'Castle of Revelry' or 'Castle of Perfect Ones'

Caer Wydr

(see Caer Wydyr)

Caer Wydwr

British

[Caer Feddwid,Caer Wydwr,Fortress of Glass, Glass Castle]
in Welsh lore, a name for the

Otherworld envisaged as a
castle.

Caerleon

(see Caer Leon)

Caesarean birth

the delivery of a child by surgical incision

It is said that Julius Caesar was delivered by this procedure and that any child so delivered will be physically strong and will have the power of finding hidden treasure and seeing spirits.

Caesars

South American

a fabled city in Chile

This was said to be a city of gold, which will remain invisible until the end of the world.

Caf

(see Mount Qaf)

Cafall

British

the horse of Syfwlch, in Welsh lore

Cafall

(see Cabal)

cafre

Pacific Islands

[kafar,pugot,pugun]
a monster of the Philippines

This beast is described as black, boar-like and walking on its hind legs. It is capable of appearing as a cat or a dog or even without a head.

Cagliostro, Alexandro di

Italian

(1743–1795)
a Sicilian alchemist

He is said to have practised Satanism and invoked the spirits of the famous dead who took meals with him.

Cagn

(see I Kaggen, Kaang)

Cagnazzo

Italian

[Harrowhound]
a demon in Dante's Inferno

Cahair Mor

Irish

a king

an ancestor of Finn mac Cool

Cahor

da demon of deception

Cahubaba

West Indian

[Blooded Old Woman]

mother of 4 sons who stole

Yaya's gourd

Cai

(see Kai.Kay)

Caibell

Irish

da king of the Otherworld

He and Etar fought a battle with the suitors for the hand of their two beautiful daughters. Caibell and both the suitors were killed.

Caihre

(see Cairebh)

Caicai

South American

a serpent deity of the Araucanians

Caicai caused the flood to wipe out all living things but Tenten raised the mountains and saved some of the people and animals.

In some accounts Caicai was the peak on which the survivors assembled when Guecubo caused a flood, and the mountains were raised by Guenupillan.

Caicais

Greek

[—Roman Volturnus]
a wind from the north-east quarter

Caiher

Irish

a druid who prophesied that the

Mileisians would conquer Ireland

Caier

Irish

da king of Connaught

He adopted Neidhe mac Adhna as his son but the boy later satirised the king, who resigned when blisters appeared on his face. Neidhe took the throne for a while but then repented and offered the throne back to Caier. Caier died on the spot and a fragment of the stone slab on which he stood flew up and killed Neidhe.

Cailideheannq

(see Caladin)

Cailidin

(see Calatin)

Caitlin

(see Calatin)

Caillagh ny Groamagh

British

[Old Gloomy Woman—Irish Caillach Bheur]
a Manx mountain-goddess

She controls changes in the weather and is sometimes seen as a giant bird carrying sticks for the fire.

Caillach

(see Caillach)

Caillach

Celtic

[Caillach,Caillach,Carlin,Granny,Old Wife, Mala Lith]
a wind demon: a hag

In some versions Caillach is a field spirit, embodied in the last sheaf of corn at harvest time.

Caillach Beara

(see Caillach Bheur)

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(see Caillach Beur)

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Celtic

[Bera,Boi,Caillach Beara,Caillach Bui,Caillach Mov,Caillach Bheur, Caillach Bherri,Digidirri,Hag of Beara,Old Woman (of Beara),Old Woman of Dingle=Manx Caillagh ny
Groamagh = Scottish Muilearteach
a mother-goddess

Cailleach Bolus

In Ireland she was envisaged as a triune goddess with Cailleach Bolus and Cailleach Corca Duibhne, but in other accounts is known as Cailleach Bui, wife of Lugh (see also Boi.Scota).

She lived on an island, Inis Boi, where she reared the boy Corc Duibhne and taught him the art of magic. She was the owner of a bull, Tarbh Conraidh, which was turned into a rock by Corc when it swam across a river after a cow.

In one story she challenged all-comers to a reaping contest and when she won, as she always did, she cut off her opponent’s legs with her scythe. It was said that her phenomenal work-rate was due to a chafer in the handle of her reaping hook. Big Donag MacManus saved himself when he pulled off the handle, releasing the chafer which ran away.

In Scotland she was regarded as a creator-goddess, a Hag with only one eye, which was set in the centre of her forehead. She carried a huge basket of the materials needed for making the earth and the hills; the Hebrides are said to be made from rocks which fell from her basket. When her son ran off with a maiden she tried to separate them by raising great storms, but when she raised one that threatened all life on earth, her son hit back and sent her packing. This ability to raise storms was an attribute of the alternative form of Cailleach Bheur as a water spirit (see Muilearteach).

Others say that she was the goddess of winter who was turned to stone at Muilearteach.

Cailleach Beltane, 30 April, and reborn every of winter who was turned to stone at Muilearteach."

In some accounts she was credited with many fabulous feats of running. It was said that he could run faster than the March wind.

He is said to have killed Lugh in battle and also slew Fothadh Aightheach. When Mongan’s wife was forfeit to Forgall, in an argument about the place where Fothadh had been killed, Cailte arrived just in time to prove Mongan right and save his wife’s honour.

He was one of the party of nine, led by Goll mac Murna, which recovered Finn mac Cool’s hounds, Bran and Scoelan, when they were stolen by Artair. When Grania demanded that Finn should get for her a male and female of each of the species of animal in Ireland, it was Cailte who rounded them up and drove them to Tara. In some accounts Cailte later gave these animals to Cormac as ransom for Finn, who was held captive by Cormac.

He was with Finn mac Cool and the party of the Fianna trapped in the Quicken Trees Hostel and later with the party that trapped Dermot and Grania in the Wood of Two Tents.

In another story he is said to have collected sand, from all the shores of Ireland, each day and taken it to the king ‘quicker than a woman can change her mind’.

Some say that when his friend Oisin went off with Niam, Caileach entered a sidhe and was never seen again while others say that he travelled south and met St Patrick, to whom he related the history of the Fianna.

Caimin, a saint
As a result of ill-treatment by Guaire, he fasted against the king. Guaire made amends by a wish that filled the saint’s chapel with treasure, which he distributed to the poor.

Cainneach, the first zone of the ninth circle of Dante’s hell
This zone is reserved for those who have betrayed their own kin.

Cainneach, a Fianna warrior
brother of Raighne
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Cainneach, the Irish form of Cainneach Guaire, son of Raighne.

Coirpre, a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
This demon, which appears in the form of a thrush, can teach any language, including the language of the birds.

Cairen, a saint
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Caintigern, the Irish form of Caintigern.

Caipora, South American
a huge evil spirit of the Amazon American Indian tribes

Cairene, the Irish form of Cairen.

Cairene, a warrior of the Fianna
Foolishly, he slept with a woman who, at that time, was Finn mac Cool’s lover. He killed the jester Domhna, who gave him away to Finn, and was himself killed by Finn.
Cairbre

Cairbre\(^1\)  [Irish]
son of Ailill and Maev
He was one of seven sons all known as Maine.

Cairbre\(^4\)  [Irish]
son of Lugaid Luaiigne
father of Deadhadh and Duach

He provoked a conflict and was killed from Leinster but was defeated by

Breasal and Finn mac Cool.

To avenge a slight by Bres he composed a biting satire that caused
the king’s face to come out in blotches, one of the reasons why he abdicated in
favour of the restored Nuada.

Cairbre Mac Eadoine  [Irish]
bard of the Danans
son of Ogma and Eadain

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Cairpre  [Irish]
father of Morann

He had his son, Morann, thrown into
the sea as a baby but the boy was
rescued and reared by Maon the smith,

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[Cairbre.Caireabh.Caireabh]
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Cairbre Lifeachair  [Irish]
a high-king of Ireland
son of Cormac mac Art and Eithne
brother of Ailbhe and Grania
father of Fiach and Sgeimh Solais

As a child he was given to Manannan
together with his sister and mother,
but all were later returned to Tara.

He tried to collect the boramha
from Leinster but was defeated by
Breasal and Finn mac Cool.

To destroy the power of the Fianna,
he provoked a conflict and was killed
at the Battle of Gabhra by Oscar, their
leader, who was wounded and later
died.

Caistus  [Greek]
son of Achilles by Penthesilea, in

some accounts

Cait Sith  [Brittish]
[-Irish Cat Sith]
a Scottish witch or fairy in the form of

a cat

Caibrein Conghail Clairlingnigh  [Irish]
a story in which it is asserted that
King Arthur was the father of

Art Aoinfheara

Caitlin Og  [Irish]
daughter of a wise woman

When Cliona carried off Sean mac
Semaill, who had fallen dead at their

engagement party, Caitlin recited

poetry outside Cliona’s dwelling and
demanded a large dowry, thereby
securing his release.

Cailte  [Irish]
[see stupa]

Calais  [Central American]
[Brilliant Water.Water of Parrots]
a woman created by the gods as a wife
for Ipi Balam

Cakresa  [Central American]
a goddess of learning, a

message-goddess

Caladcholg  [Irish]
[-Welsh Caledfwlch]
a sword used by various heroes,
including Cuchulainn

Caladcholg  [Irish]
[see also Caladcholg]
the sword of Fergus mac Roth

Caladfwlch  [Irish]
[=Welsh Caledfwlch]
the sword of Fergus mac Roth

Caladin  [Irish]
[(Cruaidin) Cailidcheann]
the sword of Fergus mac Roth

Caladriaus  [Irish]
a white bird said to be able to cure the

sick by taking the illness upon itself

Caladrius  [European]
a Saracen

The maiden Calainos wanted to marry
agreed to his proposal on condition that he brought her the heads of Oliver, Rinaldo and Roland. He was soon defeated by Roland.

Calais

[Kalais]
son of Boreas and Oreithyia
brother of Chione and Cleopatra
twin brother of Zetes
one of the Argonauts

These twins, who had wings, sailed with the Argo called en route to Colchis. It had been decreed that they must catch the Harpies harassing King Phineus when the Argo called en route to Colchis. It had been decreed that they must catch whatever they pursued and, because they failed to catch the Harpies, they died.

Other accounts say that their sister Cleopatra had been imprisoned by her husband, Phineus. Calais and his brother Zetes freed Cleopatra and put her sons on the throne of Salmydessus in place of Phineus.

In some accounts, both the brothers were killed by Heracles because they persuaded the Argonauts to sail on without him while he was searching for Hylas.

Calakomanas

North American
two corn-goddesses of the Pueblo tribes

Calan Awst

[Isy: Awst]
the Welsh version of Lugnasad

Calan Gaef

[Isy: Gaef]=Irish Samain Feis
the Welsh version of Samhain, the Celtic festival of the New Year

Calan Mai

[Isy: Mai]
the Welsh version of Beltane, the Celtic spring festival

Calatin

Irish
[a Fomoire druid]

All the members of his clan had either one hand or one foot, and the women could change their shape.

He was sent by Maev to put a spell on Cuchulainn during the Cattle Raid of Cooley and to harass the forces of Ulster. He sent his twenty-seven sons and a nephew, all looking exactly like Cuchulainn but he, with the help of Fiacha mac Fir Feibhe, killed them all. He sent three one-eyed witch-daughters to harass Cuchulainn in the final battle, and when he was killed Conal Cearnach cut off the heads of all three.

In some accounts he, rather than Lugaid, threw the spear that killed Cuchulainn.

Calatine

(see Calatin)

Calau

Phrygian
father of Attis, some say

Calabrina

European
[Hacklespin]
a demon in Dante's Inferno

Calchas

Greek
[Kalchas, Kalkhas]
a prophet and a priest of Apollo at Aulis
son of Thestor

He decreed that Iphigenia should be sacrificed to ensure favourable winds for the expedition to Troy to recover Helen.

He was with the Greeks at the siege of Troy and afterwards entered into a contest of prophecy with Mopsus. When he lost, he died of grief.

In one version of the story of Troilus and Cressida, the author makes Calchas a Trojan, father of Cressida, who defects to the Greeks.

In other accounts he died of laughter when he was told that he would not live to enjoy the wine from his vineyard.

Cale

Greek
[Kale]
one of the Graces, in some accounts

Caledburn

(see Caledwch)

Caledwch

British
[Caladfecht.Caladfulch.Caledburn]
the Welsh name for King Arthur’s sword, Excalibur

Caleddon Wood

British
the site of one of King Arthur’s battles

This forest area may be in southern Scotland or near Lincoln.

Caledwch

(see Caledwch)

Callihan

British
son of a demon and a witch in Shakespeare’s The Tempest

Caliburn

(see Caledwch)

Caliburnius

(see Caledwch)

Calico Bag Monk

(see Pu Tai Ho-shang)

Calico Bag Zen Master

(see Pu Tai Ho-shang)

Calidore

British
[Callidore]
a knight at King Arthur’s court

In Spenser’s The Faerie Queene, he captured the Blatant Beast and carried it off to fairyland from where it later escaped.

Caligorant

European
an Egyptian giant in Orlando Furioso

Caligula

[Caligula]
emperor of Rome
son of Germanicus and Agrippina
brother of Drusilla

He was said to have had incestuous relations with his sister and deified her when she died.

Calin

British
a Frisian king

Calinin

British
son of Guiron by Bloie

Call

British
the horse of Bwch, in Welsh lore

Callin

Central American
the third of the 20 days in the Aztec month
Symbolising west and the temple, the day was governed by Tepeyollotl.

callicantzari

(see satyr’s)

Callidice

Greek
Queen of Thesprotia

Odysseus travelled to Thesprotia after returning from his wanderings and married Callidice, fathering Polypoetes. When she died, Odysseus returned to Penelope and left his son as king of Thesprotia.

Callidore

(see Calidore)

Callileon

Greek
son of Thystes
brother of Aglaus and Orcomenus

He and his brothers were killed by their uncle, Atreus, cut up, boiled and served up as a meal to their own father.

Calling God

(see Hashje-Oyan)

Calliopè

Greek
[Calliope]
one of the 9 Muses: epic poetry
daughter of Zeus and Mnemosyne
mother of Orpheus by Oeagrus or Apollo
mother of Linus by Apollo

She judged the dispute between Aphrodite and Persephone for the favours of Adonis, allocating each one a third of each year.
Calliope

one of the 9 daughters of Pierus

(see Pierides)

Callipolis

one of the party hunting the

Calydonian boar

He took the news to Alcathous that his

son had been killed in the hunt.

Alcathous struck him with a piece of

firewood and killed him.

Callipyges

(see Kallipyges)

Callirhoe

(see Callirrhoe)

Callirrhoe

[Callirrhoe.Kallir(r)hoe]

a nymph, one of the Oceanids
dughter of Oceanus
wife of Chrysaor
mother of Geryon

Some say Callirrhoe and Chrysaor

were the parents of Echidna.

Callirrhoe

[Callirrhoe. Kallir(r)hoe]

daughter of Achelous

wife of Alcmæon

mother of Acarnan and Amphoterus

When Alcmæon was murdered by

Phegeus and his sons, Zeus answered
her prayers that her sons might

become men in one day. They avenged

her prayers that her sons might

meet their enemies and swear eternal

friendship.

When some of the northern tribes

planned to attack the Delaware tribe,

Came against them to smoke the peace-

pipe, Hobowakan

father of Patrick by Concess, some say

the eponym of Camelot

a soldier at Gunther’s court

He was one of the party sent to kill

Walther and Hildegarde but was

himself killed by Walther.

a prince in the Arabian Nights story of

The Adventures of Prince

Camalotz

(see Camazotz)

Camalotzan

[Camoxotl-Camazotl.Yoamatzl]
a soldier

an Aztec war-god

son of Tonacatecuhtli and

Tonacachiuatl, some say

brother of Huitzilopochtli, Quetzalcoatl
Camayzar

a demon

Camazotz1

[Central American]

[Camalotz, Camulatz, Zotz(itaha Chimalman), Death Bat]

a Mayan bat-god in Xibalba.

He used his claws to cut off the head of Hunapu, but the hero was restored to life by a tortoise and Camazotz was defeated.

Camazotz2

[Central American]

[Camalotz, Camulatz, Zotz(itaha Chimalman)]

a huge bird

In one of their early attempts to create human beings, the Mayan gods Tepu and Guacamatz carved them from wood. When they proved unsuccessful, they sent four huge birds to destroy their creation. The others were known as Citzbalam, Tecumbalam and Xecotcovach.

Cambaeth

(see Kimbay) British

Camelot

the Chaucerian version of Camel

Camhano

[Hindu]

one of the 9 nathas

Camel

[Camalo]

son of Cambuscan and Efeta

brother of Algarsife and Canace

In Spenser's The Faerie Queene, he was the owner of a magic ring that could heal wounds.

Cambenoyt

(see Castle Carbonnek)

Camber

[Camber]

king of Cambria

son of Brutus

brother of Albanact and Locrinus

On the death of their father, he and his brothers Albanact and Locrinus shared the kingdom and ruled peacefully. When Humbert invaded from Germany and killed Albanact, Camber joined forces with Locrinus to defeat the invaders.

Cambron

[Campion]

a child born of a liaison between an incubus or a succubus and a human

Cambria

[Cambridge]

the old name for Wales

Campus Martius

Roman

[Field of Mars]

the training ground, near Rome, for young soldiers, devotees of Mars

Camrosh

Persian

a fabulous bird

This bird collects the seeds that fall from the goakerena tree and takes them to Tistrya, who mixes them with the rain that falls on the earth. If Iranians are attacked by outsiders,
Camosh, sent by Bereja, saves them by picking up the attackers like seed.

Camthann  
Irish
a king of Fresen
He raided Ireland and carried off Li Ban, wife of Tadbh mac Cein, and his two brothers, Armeleach and Eoghan. He was killed by Tadbh who conquered Fresen and rescued his family.

Camu South American
[=Arawak Kamu=Carib]  
[Tamu=Paraguayan Zume]
a culture hero of the Arovac Indians
Camuel  
a benevolent demon, a king of the east

Camulatz  
(see Camozotz)

Camulodunum British
the fort of the war-god Camulos
Some accounts identify the site as Colchester.

Camulos1 British
[Camulus.Cole=Roman Mars]
a war-god
Camulos2 Irish
[=Roman Mars]
a war-god
a king of the Danaans
Some say that he is the same as Cumaill, father of Finn mac Cool and Coel, king of Britain.

Camulus (see Camulos1)
Camunda Hindu
[Chamunda.Ksodari.Yami]
a three-eyed goddess, a form of Durga one of the astamataras one of the saptamataras
She was opposed by the demon Paisunya and killed the demons Camda and Munda. She is depicted as standing on an owl, a lion and a corpse wearing the skin of an elephant.

Camylarde (see Cameliard)
Can (see Kan1,2)
Can Nü (see Ts’an Nü)
Can Tzicnal
(see Kan Tzicnal.Mulac)
can-wakan North American
in the lore of the Sioux, a sacred tree

Canace1 British
daughter of Aeolus and Enarete sister of Macareus
In some stories she is the mother, by Poseidon, of Triopas and the twin giants Ephialtes and Otus; in others she is the mother of Issa by her own brother, Macareus.
Some say that she was killed by her father, others that she died by her own hand as a result of her incest.

Canace2 Greek
dughter of Aeneas and Enarete sister of Macareus

Canace3 Greek
dughter of Aeneas and Enarete sister of Macareus

Canace4 Greek
dughter of Aeneas and Enarete sister of Macareus

Canace5 Greek
dughter of Aeneas and Enarete sister of Macareus

Canace6 Greek
dughter of Aeneas and Enarete sister of Macareus

Canace7 Greek
dughter of Aeneas and Enarete sister of Macareus

Canaces British
a king of Lynesse son of Apollo by Gloriande

Canadali Tibetan
a Buddhist-Lamaist goddess one of 8 gauris

Candamaharosana (see Candarosana)
Candamius Roman
a sky-god in Spain

Candanyika (see Canda1)  
Candaon (see Orion)  
Candarosana Buddhist
[=Candamarosana]  
an unruly god

Canadi  
a form of Akshobhya
He is depicted with tusks set in a wide mouth, and with a squat. He wears a tiger skin and holds a white snake.
Some accounts equate him with Acala.

Canadara (see Canda1)
Canadules Greek
a king of Lydia
When he forced his wife to appear naked in front of Gyges, he was killed by Gyges at the behest of the king's wife, who then married Gyges.

Candavati (see Canda1)
Candelifera Roman
a goddess of birth

Candesvara1 Hindu
an aspect of Shiva

Candesvara2 Hindu
a minor goddess
She is depicted as standing on a corpse.

Candika (see Narasinhri)
Candogra Hindu
a form of Durga one of the 9 navadurgas

Candra1 Buddhist
a moon-god

candra1 Hindu
in Tantric lore, a part of the body that produces the nectar of immortal life
candra2 Hindu
a cup used to contain soma at sacrificial ceremonies

Candra2 (see Chandra.Cunda)  
Candramas (see Chandra)  
Candramus (see Chandra)  
Candrashekara Hindu
a form of Shiva

Canek Central American
a Chichen king
He fell in love with a princess and when she married another led his army against his rival and carried off his loved one. Fearing the greater power
of his rival, he and most of his people left the country.

Canes

Roman

[Canentes.Salacia.Venilia]

a river nymph
dughter of Janus by Venilia

She was betrothed to Picus but lost
him when the nymph Circe fell in love
with him. He rejected Circe’s advances
so she turned him into a woodpecker.
Canes died of grief, only her voice
surviving as in the story of Echo.

In some accounts she is called
Venilia, in others she is the same
as Salacia.

Canentes

(see Canens)

Canephorae

Greek

[Canephorai]
young maidens taking part in the
festival of Panathenaia.

They carried on their heads the sacred
baskets containing materials for
sacrifice. They sometimes appeared in
other festivals.

Canes

(see Caeneus)

Cang

(see Kaang)

Canhastyr

British

[Hundredhands]
in Welsh lore, owner of the dog collar
that Ysbaddaden required Culhwch
to get as part of his quest for
Olwen’s hand.

Canice

(see Caineach)

Canicuba

South American

in Columbian lore, evil personified

Canidia

Roman

a witch who cast spells using wax dolls

Canis Minor

(see Maera)

Cankilikkaruppan

Indian

a local god of the Tamils

Cannabis

Hindu

a plant regarded as sacred since it was
brought by Shiva

Cannnered noz

French

spirits in Brittany, said to wash their
clothes in the rivers at night

Cannibal Mother

North American

a man-eating monster

This demon appears in the lore of
several tribes and is known as
Baxbakualanuchsiwae or T sonqua.

Cannibals

African

shape-changing non-humans who eat
human flesh

It is said that some of these beings have
long thumb-nails with which they cut
off pieces of flesh, others have an extra
mouth on the end of a tail. In some
cases they appear as handsome youths
who lure girls away from their homes
and then eat their victims.

Cano

Irish

a king of Ulster

He was killed by Conall Gulban who,
with his brothers, led a force from
Connacht at the Battle of Ath Cro.

Cano mac Gartman

Irish

son of Gartman, king of Scotland

When his father was killed by Aodan,
Cano escaped to Ireland where he was
sheltered by the joint-kings Diarmaid
and Blathmac, or some say by Marcan,
and became a friend of King Iollann.
He later returned to Ireland with an
army to avenge the death of Iollann
who had been murdered.

He fell in love with Cred, an Irish
princess, the wife of Marcan, and when
he returned to Scotland he left with
her a stone that held his life. Several
attempts to meet Cred were thwarted
by her stepson Colcu; when he
arranged to meet her at a loch he was
late and Cred, in her anxiety, dropped
the stone, which shattered. He died a
day or two later.

Canobie Dick

British

horse dealer

He is reputed to have seen the knights
of King Arthur sleeping in a cave,
awaiting their recall.

canoe gods

Pacific Islands

wooden figures of deities such as
Tara Niu carried in canoes to
bring good luck

Canola

Irish

wife of the man who invented the
Irish harp

She ran away from her husband who
later found her on the shore near the
skeleton of a whale. He used the
whale’s sinews as the strings of the
harp, and he and Canola were
reconciled.

Canopic Jar

(see Canopus)

Canopus

Greek

[Kanopas]

pilot of Menelaus’ ship

He was said to have been worshipped
in the form of a large jar with a swollen
body.

canopy

one of the Eight Precious Things,
representing the lungs of the
Buddha

Canor

British

a king of Cornwall

As a result of a help given by the Irish
king, Gonosor, during the reign of
Canor, Cornwall was required to pay
an annual tribute to Ireland until
Tristram killed Morholt.

Canthus

Greek

one of the Argonauts

During the enforced stay in Libya he
and Eribotes were killed by
Caphaurus, a shepherd, when they
tried to steal some of his flock.

Cantigern

Irish

[Caintigern(a).Caointighearn]
wife of Fiachna mac Lurgan

In some accounts she was the mother
of Mongan by Manannan.

When she was poisoned by one of
her maids, St Congall returned her
to life.

Cantre’r Gwaelod

British

[Gwaedol.Lowland Cantref.Lowland
Hundred.MaesGwynnod:=French Ker-Is]
the Welsh name for a lost island,
perhaps the island of Lyonesse

Canulkiku

Central American

a Mayan deity

Having caused the sky to fall at the
time of the flood, Cantulkiku sent
Kanzibyui down to earth to put it back
in order and make it fit for men to live
in.

Cao-bien

Annamese

a general deified as a guardian-god
after his death

Cao Dai

Vietnamese

the supreme deity

Caoilte

(see Cailte)

Caoimhghin

Irish

[Coemgen.Kevin]
a saint

It was said that, when he was baptised,
twelve angels hovered over his head.
One angel told him to become a priest,
and he lived the life of an ascetic,
starving almost to death. When a cow
licked his feet its milk yield increased
ever and the grateful farmer
gave the saint food and helped him to
build a monastery at Glendalough.
Because the larks roused the workers too early, the saint ordained that they should never sing near Glendalough.

**Caomhghin**
Irish

[Coemgen.Kevin]
husband of Mis

**Caoine**
Irish
son of Finn mac Cool

**Caoinchomhrac**
Irish
a bishop

A stranger told the bishop that the piglet he had just roasted was the stranger’s son who had been a monk. Thereafter, the bishop made many visits to the home of the stranger who lived in an underground monastery.

**caoineag**
British

[=Welsh cyhyreath]
the Scottish version of the Irish banshee

**Caoith**
Irish
an ancient god

**Caointighearn**
(see Cantigern)

**Caol**
Irish
a pupil of Finn mac Cool

The last Norse survivor of the Battle of Fionn’s Strand tried to escape by sea but Caol pursued him and they both drowned as they fought in the water.

**Caol an Iarainn**
Irish
a great runner from overseas

He challenged the Fianna to a race for the control of all Ireland. A clumsy churl persuaded Finn mac Cool that he was the only man capable of defeating Caol. He not only beat him but when Caol threatened him with a sword, knocked off his head and replaced it facing backwards. The churl turned out to be Manannan.

**Caolcharna**
Irish
husband of Lasair
father of St Feichin

**Caomhail**
Irish
wife of Caomhugh
mother of Caomhghin

**Caomhugh**
Irish
husband of Caomhail
father of Caomhghin

**Caon**
Irish
daughter of Finn mac Cool

caraohann
Irish
the rowan or quicken tree, said to have magical properties

**Capa**
Buddhist
a bow used in rites designed to ward off evil spirits (see also sara)

**Capac**
South American
a Peruvian hero or sun-god

Capac was the leader of a force of Chimú that conquered the territory previously ruled by Fempellec.

**Capac Raymi**
South American
a feast in honour of Pachacamac held at the summer solstice

**Capac Situa**
South American
[Coya Raymi.Moon Feast]
a festival held in September to celebrate the onset of the rainy season

**capacocha**
South American
among the Aztecs, a (symbolic) child sacrifice

**Capalu**
French

[Chapalu.Demon Cat of Losanne]
the French name for Puluq’s Cat

In this version it was King Arthur, not the beast, who was killed after fighting in a swamp. It was said that the beast then came to Britain and became king.

**Capes**
Greek

[Kapaneus]
one of the Seven against Thebes
son of Hipponous and Astynome
husband of Evadne
father of Sthenelus

He was the first man to scale the walls of Thebes, but when Polyphonte entered the city and shot him dead by a thunderbolt hurled by Zeus. When Capaneus challenged the god, not even Zeus could prevent him from entering Thebes. His wife flung herself on his funeral pyre and died with him.

In some accounts, he was resurrected by Asclepius.

**Cape Taenarum**
Greek

[Capita.Taanarum]
the site of one entrance to the underworld

**Ca’peen**
(see Ca-peen)

Capella
(see Iku’)

**Capelthwaite**
British
in English lore, a being said to appear in the form of any quadruped, often a large black dog

**Capet, Hugh**
European
a king of France

He was ruling France when Ogier returned after his long stay in Morgana’s palace.

**Capetus**
Roman
a king of Alba Longa
father of Tiberinus, some say

**Caphaurus**
Greek
a shepherd

son of Triton by Amphitremis, brother of Nausamon

When the Argonauts were forced ashore in Libya, Caphaurus caught Canthus and Eribotes trying to steal some of his flock and killed them. The Argonauts killed him to avenge their death.

**Capeira**
Greek
a nymph, one of the Oceanids

**Capita**
(see Minerva)

**Capitol**
Roman
the temple of Jupiter

**Capotilinus**
(see Manlius)

capnomancy
divination from (patterns in) smoke

**Capricorn**
Chaldaean
[Gate of the Gods]
the entrance through which souls were said to reach heaven

(see also Cancer)

**Capricorn**
Greek
a goat

Some say that Amalthea, the goat that suckled Zeus as a child, was placed in the sky as the constellation Capricorn. Others say that Capricorn was Pan.

**Capricorn**
[=Arab Jadri]
the tenth sign of the Zodiac, the goat

**Caprona**
(see Pan)

**Caprina**
(see Juno)

**Capta**
(see Minerva)

**Captiel**
an astral spirit

captromancy
divination using mirrors

**Caput Draconis**
Greek

[Capre.Dragon Head]
son of Assaracus, husband of Themiste, father of Anchises

**Capys**
Greek
a friend of Aeneas

He advised the Trojans not to take the Wooden Horse into the city but to destroy it. He went to Italy with the band of Trojans under Aeneas and is regarded as the founder of Capua.

Capys
Roman
a king of Alba Longa

**Capps, Prophecy of**
(see Prophecy of Capys)

**Car**
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a king of Megara

**Car**
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son of Phoroneus and Cerdo

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Some say he invented the art of augury.
Caradoc revealed himself as his father, Eliaures. At the return match, a year later, the stranger who replaced his head and Caradoc would accept. He decapitated a giant in the story of Don Quixote. Later a witch persuaded Eliaures, causing him to mate with a bitch, a mare and a sow. In revenge, he put a spell on Caradoc. In some accounts, the king had this monster to attach itself to Caradoc’s arm, sucking his blood. His friend Cador saved his life by putting his sister Guimer in a vat of milk and Caradoc in a vat of sour wine. This induced the snake to cross from one vat to the other, giving Cador the chance to kill it with his sword. Caradoc later married Guimer. In some accounts, he was the son of Llyr Marini, husband of Tegau Eurfon and father by her of a son called Meuric.

Caradoc of Llancarfan (see Caradoc) 12th c Welsh writer of legends

Caradoc Vreichvras (see Caradoc Briefbras) a sub-king under King Arthur

Carados 1 (see Caradoc) brother of Turkin

He had captured Gawain, but Lancelot killed Carados and freed his friend. As a result, his brother Turkin came to hate all the Knights of the Round Table.

Caradoc of the Dolorous Tower (see Carados) a Choco culture hero in Colombia

It was said that he was born from Tatzitzete’s spittle. Having made the sun, the moon and the stars and the ancestors of the tribe, he turned some men into animals and returned to the sky. In much of his work he was opposed by Turruica.

He is expected to return after the earth has been destroyed by fire.

Carahue (see Carahue) a king of Mauritania

He overthrew Charlemagne in the battle outside Rome but was himself unhorsed by Ogier. He challenged the young Dane to single combat and his cousin, Sadon, challenged Charlot, Charlemagne’s son. Charlot arrived with a troop of his followers and attacked the other three. Ogier and the two Saracens routed their attackers and became friends.

When Ogier was kept in prison by the renegade Danish king, Dannemont, Carahue, in protest, surrendered himself to Charlemagne. When the Saracens signed a truce, he and Ogier were restored to their respective forces. Later, when he learned that Ogier had been imprisoned by Charlemagne, he raised an army to free him. When he arrived on the scene, Ogier had already been set free to help Charlemagne against the invading forces of Bruhier so Carahue attacked the invaders and routed them. When Guyon arrived later, the two armies united and, together with a French force under Ogier, invaded the Saracen lands.

Carannog (see Carantac) a greyhound owned by Banovitch

Caratoc (see Carantoc) the footprint of a Buddha

Carancho (see Carantac) a hero of the Choco Indians, sometimes identified as a hawk

Carberry satirised the king so severely that his face broke out in boils and he abdicated in favour of Niada. Carbonek 1 (see Castle Carbonek) a monster in Paraguay

Carbonek 2 a form of garnet

This semi-precious stone, red in colour, was said by Arabs to protect warriors in battle.

Greek lore said that the stone could protect children from drowning.
Other stories affirm its potency in protecting the wearer from plague or poison.

**Caricka**

*Caricka*  
*Buddhist*

a goddess

**Cardea**

*Cardea*  
*Roman*

[Cardo]  
a two-headed goddess of door hinges and family life

a huntress, mother of Proca by Janus

In some versions she protects children, in others she adopts the form of a bird or animal to kill them.

She lured Janus into a cave and tried to run away but he saw her with his other face and caught her. She was given the power to repel demons and bore a son, Proca. This story is also told of the nymph *Carna*. Some identify her with *Eurynome*, others with *Artemis*, *Carna*, *Carnea* or *Rhea*.

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*Carduel*  
*(see Carduel)*

cardinal demons  
demons said to rule various quarters of the world

In some cases they are called emperors, kings or princes, sometimes merely rulers, and the list of names varies from one source to another. Some names in these lists are *Amaymon* (east or south), *Caspie* (south), *Corson* (south), *Dimoriel* (north), *Egyn* (north), *Gaap* (west), *Luridan* (north), *Paymon* (west), *Uricus* (east) and *Zinimar* (north).

Other variations are *Agimon*, *Egin*, *Orians* or *Orion*, and *Pagimon*.

**Carduel**  
*(Carduel)*

a castle of King Arthur: Carlisle in some accounts *(see also Caer Leon)*

**Carduino**  
*(British)*

a knight of King Arthur’s court

son of Dondinello  
husband of Beatrice

He was sent by King Arthur to help Beatrice and her subjects, all of whom had been turned into animals by a sorcerer. Carduino killed the sorcerer, restored Beatrice to human form with a kiss and married her.

**Carell**  
*(Irish)*

[Carell]

father of Tuan mac Carell

**Carenn**  
*(Irish)*

[Careann]

the first wife of Eochaid Muigl, mother of Niall

In some accounts she was Eochaid’s concubine and was forced to do menial work for his wife, Mongfhn.

**Caretyn**

a monster in the form of a bull with flames coming out of its mouth

**Cari**  
*(South American)*

a legendary Bolivian leader before the rule of the Incas

**Cariado**  
*(British)*

a knight of King Mark’s court

He was in love with Isolde and it was he who told her of Tristram’s marriage to Isolde White Hands.

**Cariadwen** *(see Ceridwen)*

**Cardwen** *(see Ceridwen)*

**Cariocicus**  
*(European)*

[=Roman Mars]

a Spanish war-god

He was later assimilated by Mars.

**Carl of Carlisle** *(British)*

giant

a Knight of the Round Table

He kept a bear, a boar, a bull and a lion as pets. When Gawain, Kay and Bishop Baldwin were entertained at his castle, he challenged them to throw a spear at him, sleep with his wife and cut off his head. Gawain accepted and when he decapitated Carl the giant was released from an earlier enchantment and was restored to his former size as a normal human, while his pets became ordinary household pets.

**Carl of Carlisle** *(British)*

a 16th c story of Carl and Gawain

**Carle** *(see Charlemagne)*

**Carlin** *(see Charlemagne)*

[=old woman]

a name for the cailleach in Scotland

**Carloman** *(European)*

(d. 574)

son of Charles Martel  
brother of Pepin the Short

**Carlovan** *(European)*

son of Pepin the Short  
brother of Charlesmart

**Carmac** *(Irish)*

an ancestor of Brigit  
son of Caruain  
father of Cis

**Carmalide** *(see Cameliard)*

**Carman** *(Irish)*

a noble lady of the Fir Bolg

She was held as a prisoner when the Danaans defeated her people, as surety that her sons would never return to fight the Danaans.

**Carmanor** *(Greek)*

a king of Crete

**Carme** *(Greek)*

a Cretan woman  
mother of Britomartis

She was taken as a slave and became the nurse of Scylla.

**Carmen** *(Roman)*

[Carmenas,Carmentia,Carmentis]

a water-goddess, goddess of childbirth  
leader of the Camenae

mother of Evander by Hermes

In some accounts she is identified as Artemis Caryatis, in others there are two Carmentas known as Postvera and Prorsa.

Some say that she was an early Italian goddess of prophecy, known in some parts as Nicostrate.

**Carmens** *(see Carmenta)*

**Carmentia** *(see Carmenta)*

**Carmentis** *(see Carmenta)*

**Carmentalia** *(Roman)*

a festival in honour of Carmenta, held in January

**Carnilban** *(Baltic)*

a phantom ship

The legend surrounding this mysterious vessel is similar to the story of *The Flying Dutchman*.

**Carn Arthur** *(British)*

a caern in Dyfed

It is said that the topmost stone of this caern was thrown by King Arthur from several miles away.

**Carn Cabal** *(see Cabal’s Cairn)*

**Carna** *(Roman)*

[Carnea]

a goddess of good health

She was originally an underworld goddess, keeper of the keys.

In some stories Carna takes the place of Cardea in her encounter with Janus.

Her festival is celebrated on 1 June.

**Carnabon** *(Greek)*

a king of Thrace

When he killed one of the serpents that drew the chariot of *Triptolemus*, Demeter intervened to replace the serpent and to place Carnabon in the heavens as the constellation *Ophiuchus*.

**Carnasia** *(see Cranaea)*

**Carnea** *(Greek)*

[Carnea]

a festival in honour of Apollo as the ram-god, held in August/September

The name is said to derive from *Karnos*, an ancient god assimilated by Apollo.

**Carnea** *(see Carna)*
Carnedd Arthur

a cairn under which the Welsh say
King Arthur lies buried
(see also Cist Arthur)

Carnieos
(see Apollo Carnieos)

carmelian
[cornelian,sardius]
red chalcedony, a semi-precious
stone formerly called sardius
(1) This is said by the Arabs to
prevent loose teeth and preserve
the wearer from envy.
(2) In Australia it is used by
the Aborigines as a charm
preventing disease and to ensure good
hunting.
(3) In Egypt it was worn to bring
serenity and maintain dignity.
(4) The Greeks said it would bring
good fortune if worn on the first
day of the week.
(5) In Persia the stone was buried
under which the Welsh say
a harvest-god
one of the Horae, in some accounts
a goddess of fruit and summer
a sacred fish, revered as a symbol of
hunting.
(6) Roman lore said that the stone
could protect the state from natural
disasters.

Carnesiel
a demon of the East

Carnivean
(see Carnivenn)

Carnivenn
[Carneven]
a demon of obscenity

Carnwennan
British
[Carwynen]
King Arthur’s dagger

Carrolaise
British
a city of Cameliard

Carlos Augustus
European
Charlemagne as emperor of
the Romans

Carlos Magnus
(see Charlemagne)

Carrousal, Fort of
(see Caer Feddwid)

Carrousal of Aegir
(see Aegistredrekka)

carp
Japanese
a sacred fish, revered as a symbol of
youth and strength

Carpata
Hindu
one of the 9 nathas

Carpathian Wizard
(see Proteus)

Carpo
[Carpo]
a goddess of fruit and summer
one of the Horae, in some accounts

Carpos
(see Carpus)

Carpre
(see Cairebre)

Carpus
Greek
[Carpos.Karpos]
a harvest-god
son of Zephyrus by Chloris
His function was to assist the fruit
to ripen.

Carras
British
a king of Recess
brother of Claudas

Carreau
a demon, lack of pity personified

Carrefour
West Indian
[Carrefo.Wal't(re) Carrefour]
a Haitian god of the night
brother of Ghede
He operated at night to open the gate
that allowed spirits to take possession
of humans.

Carrefow
(see Carrefour)

Carreg Coetan Arthur
(see Arthur’s Quoit)

Carriwden
(see Cerriwden)

Carrier of Death
Hindu
one of the 5 arrows carried by Kama

Carriu
Irish
an ancestor of Brigt
father of Carmac

Cartadaque
British
an Irish chieftain
He was one of the 100 chieftains
fighting for the Irish king, Cildadan,
against 100 knights of the British
king, Lisurte.

Carthath
Irish
husband of Sochla
father of Molua

Carthath
(see Mochuda)

Cartimanda
British
a queen of the Brigantes, a
northern tribe
She was said to have been pro-Roman
and betrayed Caractacus to the
Romans.

cartomancy
divination from playing cards

Caruniacho
South American
a fire-god

Caruyucha Huayallo
(see Huallallo)

Carvara
Hindu
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a guard at the gates of the Otherworld

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a mythical tree that produces cash and
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a princess of Troy, a prophetess
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a goddess of night
queen of Ethiopia
wife of Cepheus
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Carnesiel
a demon of the East

Carnivean
(see Carnivenn)

Carnivenn
[Carivenn]
a demon of obscenity

Carnwennan
British
[Carwenan]
King Arthur’s dagger

Carrolaise
British
a city of Cameliard

Carlos Augustus
European
Charlemagne as emperor of
the Romans

Carlos Magnus
(see Charlemagne)

Carrousal, Fort of
(see Caer Feddwid)

Carrousal of Aegir
(see Aegistredrekka)

carp
Japanese
a sacred fish, revered as a symbol of
youth and strength

Carpata
Hindu
one of the 9 nathas

Carpathian Wizard
(see Proteus)

Carpo
[Carpo]
a goddess of fruit and summer
one of the Horae, in some accounts

Carpos
(see Carpus)

Carpre
(see Cairebre)

Carpus
Greek
[Carpos.Karpos]
a harvest-god
son of Zephyrus by Chloris
His function was to assist the fruit
to ripen.

Carras
British
a king of Recess
brother of Claudas

Carreau
a demon, lack of pity personified

Carrefour
West Indian
[Carrefo.Wal't(re) Carrefour]
a Haitian god of the night
brother of Ghede
He operated at night to open the gate
that allowed spirits to take possession
of humans.

Carrefow
(see Carrefour)

Carreg Coetan Arthur
(see Arthur’s Quoit)

Carriwden
(see Cerriwden)

Carrier of Death
Hindu
one of the 5 arrows carried by Kama

Carriu
Irish
an ancestor of Brigt
father of Carmac

Cartadaque
British
an Irish chieftain
He was one of the 100 chieftains
fighting for the Irish king, Cildadan,
against 100 knights of the British
king, Lisurte.

Carthath
Irish
husband of Sochla
father of Molua

Carthath
(see Mochuda)

Cartimanda
British
a queen of the Brigantes, a
northern tribe
She was said to have been pro-Roman
and betrayed Caractacus to the
Romans.

cartomancy
divination from playing cards

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a fire-god

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returning with the severed head of Medusa, and he turned Cassiopeia and Cepheus to stone by displaying it. She and her husband were placed in the heavens by Poseidon.

**Cassihelleau**

[Cassihelleau=Welsh Caswallawn] a king of Britain, brother of Lud and Nennius. He succeeded to the throne on the death of his father, or in some stories killed the acting king, Caradoc, and usurped the throne of Britain when Bran was in Ireland rescuing his sister, Branwen, from Matholwch. He later defended the country from the invading Romans.

**Castalia**

[Castaly,Fons Castalius] 1

**Castalia**

[Castaly] 2

**Castaly (see Castalia)**

**Castalides**

[see Muses]

**Castellors**

[see Castellors]

**Castaly.** Greek

a spring at Delphi, sacred to Apollo and the Muses.

**Castaly.** Greek

a nymph daughter of Achelous.

**Castaly**

(see Castalia)

**Castalides**

(see Muses)

**Castellors**

British

son of Aminabad

father of Manael

In some accounts he was an ancestor of King Arthur.

**casting lots**

a form of divination by drawing at random from a set of objects.

**Castle-an-Dinas**

British

cornish hill-fort regarded by some as the site of Camelot.

**Castle Blank**

[White Castle]

the home of Blissant and Seliant.

It was here that Lancelot was sheltered during his period of madness.

**Castle Bluant**

British

the island home given to Lancelot and Elaine by her father, King Pelles.

**Castle Carbonek**

British

[Caer Pedryvan,Cambenoyt,Corbenic. Corbin,Corby,Grail Castle]

the home of King Pelles

This castle, said to be invisible to sinners, was built by Evelake and Josephus when they came to Britain bringing the Holy Grail, which was then housed in the castle.

In some stories Carbonek was in France, in others the castle was in England but called Corbin or Corby. It was here that Lancelot was accorded a sight of the Holy Grail but was struck down and lay unconscious for many days.

**Castle Carcelois**

(see Castle Carceloise).

**Castle Carceloise**

British

castle in Scotland.

Here a lady lay ill with a sickness that could be cured only by the blood of a virgin. Galahad and his companions on the Grail quest arrived there with Percival's sister who died as a result of giving blood to save the lady.

**Castle Case**

British

the castle in which Lancelot was tricked into sleeping with Elaine in the belief that he was sharing Guinevere's bed.

**Castle Chariot**

(see Chateau de la Charette)

**Castle Dameliock**

(see Castle Dore)

**Castle Dangerous**

British

the home of the lady Lyonesse.

**Castle Done**

British

[Castle Dameliock]

the home of King Mark of Cornwall.

**Castle Dunostre**

British

the castle in which the Shield Beautiful was held.

In European stories this was the home of the giant Angoulaffre who was killed by Huon.

**Castle Eden**

British

a village in county Durham.

It is said that this was once the site of one of King Arthur's residences and was later haunted by his knights in the form of hens.

**Castle Key**

British

an earthen fortification in Shropshire.

said to have been constructed by Kay.

**Castle Lidel**

British

the castle where Fergus first met Gaiene.

**Castle Muter**

Norse

the home of Nithger.

Dietrich was imprisoned in this castle until he was rescued by forces led by Hildebrand.

**Castle Nigramous**

British

the home of the sorceress Hellawes.

**Castle of Aranrhod**

British

purgatory, in Welsh lore.

The high-born awaited resurrection in the castle while the rest of the dead wandered through its cheerless grounds.

**Castle of Gort**

British

a castle to which Percival went in his search for Galahad during the quest for the Holy Grail.

**Castle of Hutton**

British

the home of Bercilak, the Green Knight.

**Castle of Light**

African

[Kursuri ya Nuru]

an Eastern paradise reached only by the righteous carried in a ship with a devout captain.

In one story, Habbat-ar-Rumani, who was blind, found seven doves, one of which also was blind. Another dove found a magic herb that restored their sight and they all lived together in the Castle of Light.

**Castle of Light**

Persian

[Koh-i-Noor,Mountain of Light]

the site where the devout may reach the divine presence.

**Castle of Light**

(see Palace of Light)

**Castle of Maidens**

British

[Castle of Mount Agned, Castle of Virgin]

a castle of Duke Lianour.

Seven brothers killed the duke and took over the castle. To frustrate a prophecy that a maiden would cause their downfall, they took prisoner every woman who came near the castle. Galahad routed the brothers and freed the maidens.

In some accounts it was originally known as the Castle of Mount Agned and was founded by Ebracus. Others say that it was one of the homes of Morgan le Fay.

**Castle of Mount Agned**

British

in some accounts the original name of the Castle of Maidens.

**Castle of Oblivion**

European

a castle in which Rogero and other knights were imprisoned.

Travellers reaching the bridge near the castle were offered a drink by a damsel. The drink rendered them bereft of memory.

**Castle of Oeth and Anoeth**

British

a prison in the underworld from which Goreu rescued King Arthur who had been imprisoned by Manawyddan.

**Castle of Pendragon**

British

a prison from which Goreu rescued King Arthur.

**Castle of Perfect Ones**

(see Caer Vedwydd)

**Castle of Pesme Aventure**

British

a castle controlled by two demons.

The demons kept captive some 300 women, forcing them to weave cloth, until Owain arrived on the scene, killed the demons and freed their captives.

**Castle of Revelly**

(see Caer Vedwydd)

**Castle of Riches**

(see Caer Golud)
Castle of Shelving Side

(see Caer Ochrem)

Castle of the Rock

British

the home of the Lady of the Rock

Edward and Hugh had seized all the lady’s property except this castle and would have taken that also had not Ewain intervened, killing Edward and forcing Hugh to restore all her property.

Castle of Tube

British

the site of the fight between Bors and his brother Lionel

Castle of Virgins

(see Castle of Maidenens)

Castle of Wonders

British

[Chastel Marte.Fortress of Marvels] a version of Caer Feddwid, in Welsh lore the home of Peredur’s uncle

It was here that Peredur saw the Holy Grail. It is the equivalent of the Castle of Ysbidinongl Percival.

Castle of the Rock

British

Castle of Ysbidinongl

in Welsh lore, the home of a black man

He was laying waste to the adjoining countryside and was killed by Peredur.

Castle-on-High

(see Caer Vandwy)

Castle Perilous

(see Caer Feddwid)

Castle Rougemont

British

the home of Talac

Castle Rushden

British

[Castle Rushen]

a site on the Isle of Man where the giants killed by Merlin are said to be buried

Castle Rushen

(see Castle Rushden)

Castle Terribil

British

[Dunheved Castle]

in Arthurian lore, a grim castle besieged by Royns

In other accounts this was the castle in which Uther besieged Gorlois when he invaded Cornwall to seduce Igraine.

Castors

a knight at the court of King Pelles

a nephew of Pelles

Castors

Greek

[Kastor:=Polynesian Pipiri]

patron of bards and sailors

son of Leda by Zeus or Tyndareus

brother of Pelles

a knight at the court of King Pelles

He was a member of the party hunting the Calydonian boar, sailed with the Argonauts and taught Heracles fencing and tactics.

When his sister Helen was abducted by Peirithous and Theseus, he and his brother raised an army to invade Aphidnae where she was kept and recovered her.

In a dispute over some stolen cattle or as the result of the abduction of Phoebe and Hilaeria by Castor and his brother, he was waiting in ambush in a hollow tree when he was killed by a spear thrown by Idas. After his death, he and Polydeuces spent alternate periods on Olympus and in Hades so that they could always be together.

He was deified by Zeus and set in the heavens with Polydeuces as the Twins, Castor and Pollux.

Castors

Roman

the Roman name for the Dioscuri

Casiris

British

a king of Wales

His first wife, Herseloyde, later married Galmuret and, in some accounts, bore Percival.

Castor

Italian

the Etruscan version of Castor

brother of Pultuce

Castor and Pollux later merged with the Tindaridae.

Casuoisia

an angel, ruler of the sign Capricorn

Caswallan

(see Caswallawn)

Caswallawn

British

[Caswallaun.Caswallaun.Caswallaun]

the Welsh name for Cassiellauus

son of Beli

brother of Lefelys, Luudd and Nynian

husband of Flfur

He is said to have conquered Britain while Bran was away in Ireland.

Caswallon

(see Caswallawn)

cat1

a small domesticated feline featured in many mythologies

(1) In China (where it is called mae) the cat is said to ward off evil spirits.

(2) In Egypt the cat was sacred to Bast (a cat-goddess) and to Isis. Anybody who killed a cat was condemned to death.

(3) In Europe a black cat is regarded as the familiar of witches and the Devil and was revered by the 13th c. Stadinghien heretics. One story says that a cat can suck the breath from a sleeping child, causing it to die.

(4) In France the cat is regarded as a corn spirit.

(5) Hindu stories have the cat as the steed ridden by the goddess Shastri.

(6) The Japanese regard the cat as an animal with supernatural powers that can control the dead.

(7) The Malaysians say that an evil spirit, which can take possession of humans, lives in the cat.

(8) In Norse mythology, the cat is regarded as a form of the Midgard Serpent, Iormungandr.

cat2

a Pictish ruler

son of Cruithne

When Cruithne divided Scotland between his seven children, Cat was given Caithness.

Cat-an

(see Black Anns)

cat-eye

(see Gwiawn)

cat of Losanne

British

a demon cat killed by King Arthur

cataclothes

Greek

spinsters of fate (see also Moirae)

catai Curoi

(see Teamhair Luachra)

catamitus

Roman

the Latin name for Ganymede

catcypeulz

South American

a sacred mountain of the Aztecs

It was here that Xipe Totec called on the people to repent.

catequil

South American

an Inca thunder-god

It was said that this god could turn himself into a bolt of lightning and, by entering a woman as she made love to her husband, engender twins.

catfish

Japanese

a huge fish said to cause earthquakes

Catb Fionntra

Iris

[Catb Fionntraga] the story of the Battle of Fionn’s Strand

Catb Fionntraga

(see Catb Fionntraga)

Catb Almaine

Irish

a 10th c. story of the battle in which Fergal mac Maolduin was killed

Catb Godeu

(see Battle of Godeu)

Catb Maighe Lena

(see Battle of Moytura)

Catb Maighe Tuireid

Irish

an 11th c. story of the Battles of Moytura

Catb Palug

(see Palug’s Cat)
Cath Sith

[=Scottish Cait Sith] a fairy cat

Catha

Italian

an Etruscan sun deity

Cathair Chon Roi

(see Teamhair Luachra)

Cathair Mor

(see Cathaoir Mor)

Cathal

Irish

son of Rogallach and Muireann

In the story that says that his father was killed by Maolbhrioghe, it was Cathal who slew his father’s killer.

Cathal mac Aodha

Irish

a king of Munster

In some accounts it was he, rather than Cathal mac Fionghuine, who married Mor Mumhan.

Cathal mac Fionghuine

Irish

a king of Ulster

husband of Mor Mumhan, some say

He was in love with Liogach who had a spell put on these gifts until it was tricked into leaving by the scholar Anera.

Cathaoir Mor

Irish

[Cathair Mor] a king of Leinster

father of Criomhthan Cas

In some accounts he was, for some time, king of all Ireland. He was killed by Luaignhe at the Battle of Magh Agha between the forces of Cathaoir and those of Conn Cheadchatagh.

Catharsius

Greek

a name of Apollo in his role as ‘purifier’

Cathba

(see Cathbad)

Cathbad

Irish

[Cathba,Cathhbadh] a warrior druid

husband of Maga

father of Deictera, Eiva and Finchoom

He was said to have killed the twelve tutors of Nessa, wife of Fachtna, and later saw her bathing in a pool. He had an affair with her, fathering a son, Conor mac Nessa, to whom he later acted as personal druid.

In some accounts he told the king some news which so angered him that the brainball lodged in his forehead exploded and killed him.

He was said also to have foretold the troubles of Deirdre and the fame of Cuchulainn to whom he was a tutor.

Cathbadh

(see Cathbad)
Cautoph [Persian]
[See Cautophalae]
He and Caut represent the rising and setting sun.

Cautophalae [see Cautoph]

Cavall [British]
in some accounts a horse of
King Arthur [see also Caibal]

Cave of Cruachan [Irish]
[Cruachan,Gate of Hell]
an entrance to the Otherworld
A bird with three heads lived in this
cave and ravaged Ireland until it was killed by Amergin. He and his
men also killed the red birds that lived here, birds which had also ravaged
the country.

Cave of Refuge [see Pacari]

Cavern of Seven Chambers [see Chicomoztoc]

Cavershall [British]
a Staffordshire castle, one of the
places said to have been the site
of King Arthur’s court

Cavillea [see Cavilla]

Cavillea [South American]

[Cavillea]
a beautiful maiden
She rejected the love of the god
Coniraya who magically produced a son
by her when she ate the fruit of a tree
that sprouted in the god’s footsteps. In
some accounts she is described as a
goddess. She and her son were changed
into rocks.

Caw [British]
[Caw of Caledonia,Kaw]
father of Cwylligig, Gildas and Huel
In one story of the quest of Culhwc
for the hand of Olwen, Caw secured a
tusk of Ysgithyrwn, got by Cadw, that
was used to shave the giant.
Twrch Trwyth was not killed but
escaped into the sea, and it was the
tusk of Ysgithyrwn, got by Cadw, that
was used to shave the giant.

In some accounts he is regarded as a
saint.

Cawder [see Cador]

Cay [Central American]
a Mayan prince
son of Kan
brother of Aac, Coh, Moo and Niete

Cay [Central American]
a Mayan high priest

Caym a ruler of hell
He is depicted as something of a dandy
with the head and wings of a black-bird.

C’balu [see Gwalu]

C.C. light deities, celestial twins
Ccea in the lore of the Quecha, a fearsome
cat, servant of the auks
This beast is envisaged as a grey cat
with a striped body and a large head.
Its eyes are said to glow and hail shoots
from its ears. Some say that it controls
hail and thunder and uses this power
to ruin crops and even to kill human
beings.

Ce a Pict
son of Cruithne
When Cruithne divided the kingdom
between his seven children, Ce was
given Marn and Buchan.

Ce Actl [Central American]
[Ce Actl Topiltzin,Quetzalcoatl]
a creator-god of the Aztec
son of Mixcoatl and Chimalmatl

When his father was murdered, he fled
for his life. He later came back, killed
his father’s murderers and adopted the
name of Quetzalcoatl, the god to
whom he became high priest.

Ce Actl Topiltzin (see Ce Actl)

Ceacinus a god of the river of that name
father of Euthymus

Ceact a goddess of healing

Ceadal a prince who joined the Fianna

Ceartan a sailor
He sailed with Chusach, hoping to
find the end of the sea but lost his
friend when Chusach entered an
underworld realm while trying to free
the anchor from the sea bed.

Cearas [Irish]
[Crom-Eocha,R(u)ad]
a fire-god

Cearball O Dalaigh [Irish]
a poet
While he was tending his master’s
cattle, a bull from heaven mated with
one of the herd and the milk from this
cow gave Cearball magical powers.

In Scotland he fell in love with
Fearbhlaid. When her father, the king,
put him in prison, she helped him to
escape. Her father later arranged for
her to be told that Cearball was dead,
and she died of grief. When Cearball
learned this, he too died.

A similar story is told about
Cearball and Eleanor, who eloped with
him. Some say they went overseas and
when Cearball was killed in an accident
Eleanor died of a broken heart.

Cearmaid [Irish]
a son of the Dagda, in some accounts
He was killed by Lugh when he
attempted to seduce Lugh’s wife. His
father put his body in a boat and set
off to find some means of restoring
him to life. He met three men who
had a magic club and borrowed it. He
killed all three with one end of the
club and restored his son to life with
the other.

In some versions the three sons of
Cearmaid avenged their father by
killing Lugh.

Cearnait [Irish]
daughter of a Pictish king
When she was captured in a raid on
Scotland and brought to Ireland,
Cormac mac Airt fell in love with her
and made her his mistress.

Ceartan [Irish]
a smith
He refused passage in his boat to Ailill
Fionn who was under attack by Fergus
mac Aoth so Ailill killed him with a
slingshot to the head.

In an alternative story, in which
Donall Dualbhui takes the place of
Ailill, Ceartan was a giant and drowned
when Donall’s slingshot holed his
boat.

Ceasg [British]
in Scottish lore, a mermaid who will
grant 3 wishes

Ceat [Irish]
son of Ailill and Maev
He was one of seven sons, all known as
Maim.

Ceat mac Maghach [see Cet]

Ceatch [Irish]
a warrior
The maiden he had seized disappeared
and he found himself fighting with her
three brothers against enemies who
were mysteriously restored to life
each night; then against a king and finally
against a huge cat. This beast killed
Ceatch but was killed in the fight,
whereupon the maiden reappeared and
restored Ceatch to life with the same
magic potion that had restored his
Irish

Cebha Cei

(ceffyn dwr informs him that his time is up.

When a leaf falls to the ground, the angel of death finds the owner and

Each leaf of the tree, each of which is

Cedar of the End

guide to the home of Helios, where

one king of this name.

Metion when Xuthus chose him to

He was expelled by Pandorus and

father of Pandrosos

one of the Harpies

She met the Dagda in single combat
during the second Battle of Moytura

and inflicted a wound from which he
died many years later.

In some accounts she was the mother
of Lycus and Nycteus by Poseidon.

Calaeno

a nymph, one of the Pleiades

In some accounts he was the father
of Echidna and Typhon by Zeus.

Celaeno

a serpent king in the form of a

man-dragon

son of Hephaestus and Gaia, some say

one of the 4 Dragon Kings who

guards the mansions of the gods

In some accounts, he is regarded as
a manifestation of Manannan.

Ceytherne (see Cethern)

Cethinn (see Cethheann)

Cethlenn (see Cethlenn)

[Cethlenn.Cathlienn]

wife of Balor

mother of Ethlinn and Bres

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Cellach

(see Grove of Magicians)

Irish

[Ceallach]
a bishop
king of Connaught
son of Eogan mac Beal
brother of Muireadhach

He was a monk at the time of his father's death but left the monastery to assume the kingship. He was deposed by Guaire and eventually fled to an island with four young monks. Guaire bribed the young clerics to kill Ceallach, and when Muireadhach came to visit him he found his brother's corpse.

Irish

[Cellaith]
son of Maol Cobha

He was present at the Battle of Magh Ratha and killed Conan Rod who had joined forces with Congall Caoch.

British

[Celliwig]
in some Welsh accounts, the site of King Arthur's court

Greek

[Celliwig]
one of the Dactyls, in some accounts

Irish

[Cellchair.Celtchar.Keltchar(i)r]
a hero of Ulster
one of the champions of the Red Branch
son of Ultechair
husband of Brigh
father of Niam

In a battle with Connaught, a spear thrown by Cet pierced his leg and his tetciles, leaving him impotent.

As punishment for killing Blai, who had slept with Celtchair's wife, he was required to rid the country of three scourgers.

The first was a warrior from Munster whose tough skin defied any attempt to kill him with a sword. Celtchair's daughter, Niam, seduced this man, Conganchas, who revealed to her the secret of how he could be killed. Celtchair waited until he was asleep and then killed him by driving nails into his feet and legs.

The second task involved killing the wild dog, known as the Brown Mouse, which he did by thrusting his hand down the animal's throat and tearing its heart out. Three whelps of this animal were taken by Mac Da Tho, Culann and Celtchair. The last of these, called Daolchu, started to ravage the country in Celtchair's absence and his master killed him with a spear thrust, so completing his three tasks. Celtchair was himself killed when a drop of the dog's poisonous blood touched his flesh.

Cellchar (see Celtchair)

Celtina

mother of Celtus by Hercules

Celtus

son of Hercules by Celtina

He is regarded as the progenitor of the Celts.

Celydoine

(see Celidoine)

Celyddon

Irish

A 20-day period in the Aztec calendar

Irish

Cenferchyn

[Kenverchen]
in Welsh lore, the warrior who gave Owain 300 ravens that ensured victory whenever he was in battle

Indian

Cenkalaniyamal

a Tamil goddess of the rice fields

Irish

Cenn Cruiach

[Blood Crescent.Crom Cruiach.Cromm Cruiach.Lord of the Mound]
a deity to whom first born children were sacrificed

He was later known as Cromm Cruiach and his image, made of gold and silver, was worshipped by the Milesians. It was overcome by St Patrick and sank into the earth.

Irish

Cenn Dubh

[Crom(m)Dubh(b)]: a man who gave a bullock to St Patrick

Centzon Huitznahua

Central American

He was converted to Christianity when the saint proved that the note of thanks he had sent for the gift of the bullock weighed more than the animal itself.

In some accounts he was said to have introduced night and day and the seasons of the year. Some say he was the same as Cenn Cruiach.

Irish

Cenn Finn

a harper

He accompanied Eber Finn when he took the southern half of the country.

Central American

A sacred well

Greek

Centaur

[Hippocentaur.Kentaur(os):plur=Kentauroi]
part man, part horse

These beings were fathered by Ixion on Nephele or by his son, Centaurus, on the Magnesian mares or, some say, on Ino or Nephele. Others say that they arose from the sperm spilled by Zeus lusting for Aphrodite.

They were permanently in conflict with the Lapiths, who were known as horse tamers, after the incident when Eurytion tried to rape Hippodamia at her wedding to Peirithous.

They are sometimes depicted pulling the chariot of Dionysus.

Greek

Centaur

(see Sagittarius)

centauro-triton

a triton with the forelegs and hoofs of a horse as well as the usual human body and fish's tail

Greek

Centauromachy

deeply rooted war between the Centaurs and the Lapiths

Greek

Centaurs

son of Ixion or Apollo and Nephele brother of Lapithus

It was he who fathered the Centaurs on the Magnesian mares or Ino or Nephele. Some say that Ixion was the father by Nephele.

Central American

an Aztec maize-goddess

Irish

Centeochuatl

[Centzonhuitznahua.Four Hundred Southerners]

the 400 children of Coatlicue besides Centzon Huitznahua

(pseudo-Aztec)

four hundred

Central American

the 400 children of Coatlicue besides

200
Coyolxauhqui and Huitzilopochtli Coyolxauhqui and the 100 sons planned to kill their mother, but Huitzilopochtli was born fully armed, killed his sister and some of his brothers and routed the remainder.

**Centzon Mixixcoa** Central American

400 Aztec sky-gods

In some accounts these deities are equated with the Centzon Huitznahuaz. **Centzon Totochitl** Central American

a group of Aztec gods of intoxication

The gods of intoxication were worshipped as rabbits, the number of which indicated the degree of drunkenness. Complete drunkenness was represented by 400 rabbits.

Some of these pulque gods were Cuhuatlitzinatl, Ome Tochtli, Papatzac, Patetzal, Quatzapanqui, Teatlahuani, Topetzcatl and Tequechmecauiana.

They were depicted with faces painted in red and black, wearing the yaca-metzli, a crescent-shaped nose ornament, long earrings and carrying a shield.

**Centzon Huitznahuaz**

*see Centzon Huitznahuaz*

**ceo side** *Irish*

a mist caused by the fairies to lead people astray

**ceol side** *Irish*

fairy music that lures people to the Otherworld

**Ceos** *see Coccus*

**Cephalonia**

*[The Lost Island]*

a mysterious island that could be found only by chance even by those who had once been there

**Cephalus** *Greek*

[Attic Boy:Kephalos]

son of Deion and Diomede, brother of Actor, Aenetus, Asterpeia and Phylacus

husband of Clymene and Procris

father of Iphichus by Clymene, some say

He was carried away by Eos but remained faithful to his wife Procris. He helped Hercules in the fight in which they killed Hippocoon and his twelve sons, but Cepheus and seventeen of his twenty sons died in the battle.

**Cepheus** *Greek*

[Keaphes]

king of Ethiopia

son of Belus and Anchinoe

brother of Phineus

husband of Cassiopeia

father of Andromeda

He chained his daughter to a rock in the sea to propitiate the sea monster that was devouring his people and avenging an insult to the gods when his wife boasted that Andromeda was more beautiful than any goddess. When a fight ensued over the hand of Andromeda, Perseus, who had rescued her, produced the head of the Medusa and turned Cepheus and the others present into stone.

He and his wife were placed in the heavens by Poseidon.

**Cepheus2**

*Greek*

king of Tegea

son of Aleus and Neaera

brother of Phineus and Lindus.

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**Cephissus** *(see Cephisus)*

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a river-god in Delphi

father of Narcissus by Leiriopo

**Ceralia** *(see Cerealia)*

Cerastes1 Central American

a sacred snake, the horned viper

Cerastes2 Egyptian

a sacred snake, the horned viper

Cerastes3 Greek

[Keirates]

a name for Zeus as a horned deity

Ceraunnos *(see Cernunnos)*

ceramoscoppy

divination from the sound of thunder

Cerberus1 Greek

[Cerberus.Kerberos.Kereberos]

the dog guarding the gates to Hades

offsprings of Typhon and Echidna

This monster, which had three heads (lion, lynx and sow) and the tail of a dragon, dripped saliva from its jaws and where this fell to the ground the poisonous aconite grew. Earlier stories give him as many as fifty or a hundred heads.

The dead were given a honey cake to give to Cerberus when they arrived at the gates of Hades to ensure that they were allowed to enter unmolested.

Hercules captured the monster and carried it back to Mycenae as his twelfth and final Labour. It was later returned to Hades.

**Cerberus2** *(see Naberius)*

**Cercaphus** Greek

son of Helius and Rhode

Some say that he was the father, rather than the brother, of Camirus, Italysus and Lindus.

**Cercios** Greek

[Kerkios]

a charioteer for Castor and Polydeuces

**Cercopes** Greek

[Kerkopee]

sons of Oceanus by Theia

The twin gnomes Acmon and Passalus who stole weapons from Hercules and were changed into monkeys (or stone) by Zeus.

In some accounts a race of gnomes.

**Cercyon** Greek

[Kerkson]

a king of Eleusis

son of Hephaestus or Poseidon

son of Agamedes, some say

father of Alpe

His daughter bore a son, Hippothous, by Poseidon, and he abandoned the child, who was found by shepherds who brought it to Cercyon. He then killed his daughter and abandoned the child once again, only for her to be found and reared by the same shepherds.

He specialised in killing travellers by crushing them in a bear-hug.
When he tried it on Theseus he was lifted and smashed to the ground and instantly killed.

**Cerdic**

*British*

- a Saxon leader fighting against King Arthur
- father of Cynric

Some say he was one of the British kings who rebelled against Arthur, others that he was the son of the king. In some accounts he was equated with King Carados.

**Cerdo**

*Greek*

- wife of Phoroneus

**Cerealia**

*Roman*

- a festival in honour of Ceres held on 19 April (see also Ludi Cerialis)

**Ceres**

*Ceres Punica*

- goddess of agriculture and corn daughter of Saturn and Ops a consort of Jupiter mother of Proserpina

**Ceres Africana**

*African*

- a goddess of agriculture in North Africa

**Ceres Punica**

*see Ceres Africana*

**Ceridwen**

*British*

- [Ceri(a)dwen,Cerridwen,Ceridwen.
  Keridwen,Keridwinn,Old White Sow. White Sow Goddess]
- goddess-goddess of inspiration
- a lake-dwelling witch
daughter of Ogryvan, some say wife of Tegid Voel
- mother of Avagddu, Creirwy and Morvran

She boiled a magic brew called greal, made from six herbs, for a year and a day, in a magic cauldron called Amen to produce just three drops, which would endow anybody who drank them with supernatural knowledge. This brew was intended for her ugly son, Avagddu, but the drops splashed on to the thumb of Gwion, the boy employed to watch the pot, and, in sucking his thumb, he acquired the wisdom intended for Avagddu. Ceridwen chased Gwion, both taking various forms, until he finally became a grain of corn which she, in the form of a hen, quickly swallowed. When the boy turned back into human form, she found herself pregnant and gave birth to Gwion. She threw him into the sea, whence he was rescued by Elphin who called him Taliesin.

In some accounts Morvran is a handsome youth, in others he is the ugly son and Avagddu is merely his nickname. (see also Hen Wen)

**Ceremon**

*Greek*

- a physician

He found the dead body of Thiassa, wife of Pericles, and restored her to life.

**Cermet**

*Irish*

- a name of Ogmna as ‘honey-mouth’

**Cerno**

*Irish*

- an evil beast

**Cerne Abbas Giant**

*British*

- a huge figure cut into a chalk hillside in Dorset

The giant it represents is said to have been a Danish giant who was killed by the local people when he was asleep. It has also been interpreted as portraying Cernunnos. Others say it represents the Dagda or Hercules.

**Cernobog**

*see Chernobog*

**Cernunnos**

*Celtic*

- [Ceraunus,The Horned One]
- a Gaulish stag-god, a fertility god
- He is depicted as a human with stag’s antlers, sometimes holding a ram-headed snake and a torc.

**ceromancy**

- divination from hot wax dropping into water

**Cerridwen**

*see Ceridwen*

**Cerrig Machogian**

*British*

- [Stones of Arthur’s Knights]
- a group of standing stones in Wales

These stones are said to represent the knights who helped Culliwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

**Cerrig Meibion Arthur**

*British*

- [Ty-newydd]
- 2 standing stones in Wales

These two stones are said to represent the sons of King Arthur who were killed in the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth.

**Cerunitis**

*see Cernynia Hind*

**Cerus**

*Greek*

- a horse of Aegestrus

**Cervantes, Miguel de**

*Spanish*

- (1547–1616)
- author of Don Quixote

**Ceryces**

*see Ceryx*

**Ceryneian Hind**

*see Ceryneian Hind*

**Ceryneian Hind**

*Greek*


This animal, with golden horns and bronze hooves, was the one that escaped when Artemis captured four others to draw her chariot. It was captured by Hercules as his third Labour.

Some say that this beast was the Pleiad, Taygete, in the form of a hind.

**Ceryneian Stag**

*see Ceryneian Hind*

**Ceryx**

*Greek*

- [Cereses]

- son of Eumolpus or Hermes by Herse

**ces noidhen**

*see Deblility*

**ces noidhen**

*see Deblility*

**Cessair**

*see Cessair*

**Cesara**

*see Cessair*

Cessair1

*Irish*

- [Cesair,Cesara,Kesair,Magog]
- leader of the first settlers
  a granddaughter of Noah
daughter of Bith and Birren daughter of Japhet, some say wife of Fintan

She led a group of fifty women and three men (her father, brother and husband) who settled in Ireland just before the Flood to escape the deluge because, it was said, there was no room for them in her grandfather’s ark. The men were Bith, her father and a son of Noah, Fintan and Ladder, the pilot of the ship. She married Fintan and they had a son Lara but she and most of the original party were killed in the flood. Others say that she died of grief when Fintan left, unable to cope with all fifty women when Bith and Ladder died. Fintan survived in the form of a salmon.

When Talhgh mac Cein arrived in the Otherworld on his journey to rescue his family from the hands of Cambnadh, she entertained them for a whole year, which seemed like a single day.

**Cessair2**

*Irish*

- [Cesair,Cesara,Kesair]
- a princess of Gaul
- wife of Ugaine Mor
- mother of Covac and Laoghaire Lorc

**Cessarn**

*Irish*

- a bard at the court of Conn, the high-king

**Cestrinus**

*Greek*

- son of Helenus and Andromache

**Cestus**

*Greek*

- Aphrodite’s magic girdle made by Hephaestus
Cethr
[Ceithearn mac Fiontann. Cethern(e)]
Irish
a warrior of Ulster
one of the 12 champions of the Red Branch
son of Fintan

While Cuchulainn was recovering from the wounds he received in his epic fight with Ferdia, Cethern emulated the wounded hero by single-handed attacks on the forces of Ailill and Maev. After wreaking havoc amongst these forces, he was killed when several regiments attacked him at the same time.

In later accounts he was a tutor of Finn mac Cool and once, accompanied by Finn, went to a fairy mound to woo a maiden of the Otherworld.

Cethlionn
[see Ceithlenn]

Cethor
husband of Eri

His wife had an affair with Elatha who fathered Bres on her.

Cethern
[see Cethern]

Cethrwm
a priest at King Arthur’s court

Ceto
Greek

[Keto]
a female sea monster
dughter of Nereus and Doris or Pontus and Gaia

sister and consort of Phorcus

mother of the Gorgons and the Graiae

some say

Cetsamain
[see Beltane]

Cetsamhan
[see Beltane]

Cetus
Greek

[a male sea monster

This monster was about to devour Andromeda, chained to a rock, but was killed or turned to stone by Perseus.

Ceucy
British

infinity

In Welsh lore, this is conceived as the outermost of the three rings that make up the cosmos.

Cezalcouatl
(see Kukulcan)

Cghene
African

a creator-god of the Isoko tribe of West Africa

Chaabu
Aramaic

a virgin mother-goddess

mother of Dusura

Chaac
(see Chac)

Chahan
Central American

the seventeenth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, when all traces of burning disappear

(see also Seven Chahan)

Chac
Central American


the Mayan god of fertility and rain

Chaac sometimes manifest as one of the Bacabs, four gods, one at each corner of the world.

In later versions there were many Chacs, minor rain-gods under Chac himself. These were later downgraded to little men with beards, living in the sixth heaven, who were said to cause shooting stars when they tossed away their cigarette butts. They are said also to cause rain when they ride on horseback through the heavens, sprinkling water as they go.

Chac is depicted as having large curved fangs and a tapir-like nose.

(see also B)

Chac Mool
Central American

a priest attendant on Chac

In some accounts he is the same as the god Chac.

chac mool
Central American

a carved stone figure of a deity in a reclining posture

Chac-u-Uayebab
Central American

a deity, guardian of the eastern gates

Chac Uayab Xox
Central American

a Mayan fish-god

He is said to eat the bodies of sailors drowned at sea.

Chachapuma
South American

[Lion-man]
a monster in the form of a man with the head of a lion

This being is often depicted holding a club in one hand and a human head in the other.

Chachiuhnenetzin
Central American

a Mexican princess

wife of Nezahualpilli

She earned her title of ‘the queen with 100 lovers’ by sleeping with any young
Chadanta  
Buddhist  
Chadakiel  

visible vine and a white feather. from which turned into pigeons, an 

Feather, the avenger'. The Man of 

and he was destined to become 'White 

His tribe had been killed by six giants 

helped her were all garotted. 

The queen, the three surviving lovers 

were discovered, her husband staged a 

least for a while. When her activities 

made, which she kept in her room, 

hard. Chadanta died when he cut out 

when she heard of his death.  

recognisable by his six tusks. He was 

to find and kill her former mate, 

whom became a human and married a 

This being had two wives, one of 

a demon, ruler of the sign Libra 

a wheel: a sun-symbol: a fiery discus 

Such a being is marked with a moon 

form of a frog, a snake or a river, but 

themselves into fishes.  

flood from which the only humans to 

period and was the originator of a 

referred to as Tlacotehcutli.  

Below the world as we know it lie 

twenty-six heavens. 

Below the world as we know it lie 

sublime happiness personified 

the universe envisaged as a 

circular enclosure.  

the universe envisaged as a 

emperor of the world 

'Older Royal' and the passing of time. It was 

a seat in the underworld 

husband of Asteria 

one of the 50 sons of Aegyptus 

husband of Asteria 

a deity helping the creator 

god Oshirvani  

a Pawnee water spirit  

a seat in the underworld 

Sous newly arrived in the underworld 

were seated in this chair to make them 

forget all about their earlier existence. 

Theseus and Peirithous were 

trapped in the chair and although 

Hercules managed to rescue Theseus, 

Peirithous was doomed forever. 

Chair of Taliesin  
British 

the chair claimed by Taliesin as chief 

bard of Wales  

an ascetic religious reformer  

He was a mortal who was abandoned 

as a baby, later deified as a mendicant 

god and regarded by some as an 

incarnation of Vishnu. 

Chak-dor-den-pa  
Tibetan 

the second of the celestial bodhisattvas 

Chak-dor-ena-ya  
Buddhist 

the Tibetan name for Acarya-Vajrapani 

Chakdor  
Buddhist 

the god of Yiddak, the Tibetan land of 

hunger and thirst  

Chakkenapok  
North American 

brother of Chibiabos, Manabozho 

and Wabasso  

He killed his own mother and was 

himself killed by Manabozho who 

scattered pieces of his body, which 

turned into stones. 

chakra  
Hindu 

[aka = Tibetan k-o-lo]  
a wheel: a sun-symbol: a fiery discus 

This wheel, with six or eight spokes, 

was said to represent the mind of 

the creator and the passing of time. It was 

used as a weapon by Vishnu who 

received it as a gift from Shiva, or by 

Krishna who had it from Agni. It was 

also one of the weapons of Durga. 

Chakravarti  
Hindu 

ruler of the universe 

Such a being is marked with a moon 

that shines from his chest or his 

forehead and is armed with the 

wheel (chakra) of Vishnu. 

Chakrasamvara  
Buddhist  

sublime happiness personified 

Chakravara  
Buddhist 

the universe envisaged as a 

circular enclosure.  

Below the world as we know it lie 

thirteen hells; above it, there are 

twenty-six heavens. 

Chakravartin  
Buddhist  

[Chakra-Varti]  
a name for Maitreya, the future 

Buddha, as ‘emperor of the world’ 

Chakravirti  
Hindu 

[=Chinese Chuan Lun.Chuan-lun Wang] 

the ruler of the underworld 

Chakshusha  
Hindu 

son of Tvashtri  

He was regarded as the sixth incarnation 

of Manu. 

Chakumat  
(see Tuchaipai) 

Chakwena giantess  
North American 

in the lore of the Kores, a monster 

who kept her heart inside a rattle 

made from a gourd 

The sun lord, Ma-sewi, found out 

where this monster kept her heart and 

so was able to kill her. 

Chalceia  
Greek 

a festival in honour of Hephaestus 

In some accounts it is a festival of 

smiths in honour of Athena. 

Chalchihuitl  
Central American 

an Aztec water-goddess 

Chalchihuitlulotonal  
Central American 

an Aztec water-god  

Chalchihuitlicue  
Central American 

Chalchihuitlicue:Emerald Lady.Goddess of 
the Jade Petticoat,Jade Skirt.Lady of the 
Emerald robe.Xisquilpilihu] 

an Aztec water-goddess and goddess 

of marriage 

sister and wife of Tlaloc 

mother or sister of the Tlalocs 

In some accounts, her consort 

is referred to as Tlactocetlutchi. 

She ruled during the Fourth Sun 

period and was the originator of a 

flood from which the only humans to 

escape were those who turned 

themselves into fishes. 

She is said to have invented 

the rainbow as a bridge to heaven. 

She is sometimes depicted in 

the form of a frog, a snake or a river, 

but generally as a woman with a yellow 

face, wearing a blue coronet with 

green feathers, and a necklace of 

precious stones, carrying a water plant 

and vase with a cross on it. 

(see also Altcanals)
Chalchihuïtonatiuh

Chalchihuïtonatoulin [Central American]
the Aztec god of penitence, an aspect of Tezcatlipoca

Chalchiutzi (see Chalchihuïtzi)
Chalchiutliuec (see Chalchihuïtiec)
Chalchiutotolin [see Chalchihuïtotlin]

Chalchihuïtonatouiu (see At'l)
Chalchiutzi [Central American]
a name for Chimalmatl after she was placed in the heavens

Chalcoipe [Greek]
a dawn-goddess, in some accounts
daughter of Aetes and Asteroda or Idyia
sister of Medea and Apsyrtus
wife of Phrixus
mother of Argeus, Cytiorus, Melanion and Phrontis

Chalcoipe [Greek]
dughter of Rhenexen
second wife of Aegeus

Chalclitieuc (see Chalchihuïtiec)
Chalclodon [Greek]
king of the Abantes
son of Abas
father of Elphenor by Imenarete
He was killed by Amphitryon when he attacked Thebes.

Chalcoieus (see Athena)
Chalcomedusa [Greek]
wife of Aroisís
mother of Laertes, in some accounts

Chaleon [Greek]
one of the Telchines, a coppersmith

Chalinitis (see Athena)
Chalkoïses (see Athena)
Chalkydrí [Slav]
filying demons

These huge purple beasts are said to have the head of a crocodile and, some say, twelve wings.

Chalmeceaciiatl [Central American]
a paradise for dead children

A tree growing in this place provided milk to nourish the inhabitants. In some accounts it was the home of Tlaloc and was called Tlalocan.

Chalmeceatchtuli (see Chalmeceatl)
Chalmeceat [Central American]
[Chalmeceatchtuli]
an Aztec god of the underworld

Chamalán [South American]
a chief god of the Cakchiquel tribe, envisaged as a bat

Chaman (see shaman)
Chambara-Ntame (see Kanyarundu)
Chameleo1 [African]
the animal that discovered man

Chameleon found a man and a woman in his fish trap and, not recognising this new species, showed them to the god Mukungu, who decreed that they should be allowed to live and be placed on earth. The people, at that time immortal, multiplied and the gods, who then lived on earth, retreated to the heavens, giving Chameleon a message to take to the people – they would die but return to life. They gave the lizard a different message – men would die and not return. Lizard arrived first with his message and so men became mortal.

Chameleo1 [Greek]
the personification of air

Chamer [Central American]
the Mayan god of death
He is depicted as a white-robed skeleton with a scythe.

Chamihabak [Central American]
in Mayan lore, one of the rulers of Xibalba

Chamiaholom [Central American]
in Mayan lore, one of the rulers of Xibalba

Chamo
a demon said to take possession of humans

Chamos [Mesopotamian]
a Moabite god

Chamos2
a demon of flattery
In black magic he was Chamberlain of the Royal Household.

Champak [Buddhist]
the magnolia tree
This tree is sacred to the Buddha.

Champaka [Tibetan]
a Lamaist sorcerer

Champéyya [Buddhist]
a nagara
an incarnation of Buddha consort of Sumana
He was captured by a Brahmin snake-charmer and made to perform tricks.
Sumana told the story to the king who had her consort freed. Champéyya then entered a flower and emerged as a handsome young man.

Champéyya-Jataka [Buddhist]
the story of Champéyya and Sumana

Chamunda (see Camunda)

Chan1 [Chinese]
a monster in the form of a huge clam

Chan1 [Central American]
a race of serpents in Yucutan, ancestors of human beings

ch'an-ch'u [Chinese]
a three-legged, toad-like creature, said to live on the moon
This animal is regarded as a form of Heng O.

Chan Shao (see White Crane Youth)

Ch' an-shih (see I-hsing)

Chanaan
a follower of Joseph of Arimathea
He killed his twelve brothers. Next day, their swords were found erect like a hedge of steel round their graves.
Lancelot came across the site on his way back to Camelot after giving up the Grail Quest.

Chanakya (see Kauitila)

Chancellor Cloud (see Un-sa)

Chancellor Rain (see U-sa)

Chanchu [South American]
a war-god of the Yuracare tribe

Chand [Hindu]
a merchant father of Lakshmindra
He refused to worship the snake goddess Manasa and she turned herself into a lovely maiden and married him, after which she reverted to her snake form and proceeded to ruin his livelihood, biting six of his sons and killing them. When his other son, Lakshmindra, married Behula, Chand built a steel house to keep them safe from Manasa but she slipped into the house on the wedding night and killed Lakshmindra. She restored him to life only when Chand finally agreed to worship her.

Chanda (see Canda)

Chandaka [Buddhist]
[Chamama.Chandaka]
the Buddha's charioteer, born at the same moment as the Buddha

Chandala [Hindu]
a slave master, a manifestation of Dharma
He bought the pious king Harischandra as a slave and treated him harshly but finally revealed himself as Dharma and released the king.

Chandi [Hindu]
a name for Devi as ‘fierce’

Chandi2 (see Canda1)

Chandika (see Canda1)

Chandiopath (see Devi-Mahatmya)

Chandipattba (see Devi-Mahatmya)

Chando [Hindu]
a bull that guarded the son of Chandragupta.

Chandra [Hindu]
[Candramas.Candra(mus).Indu.Soma]
a four-armed moon-god, the sacred drink Soma personified
one of the Vasus
one of the Dikpalas
king of the Brahmins
brother of Aditya, Agni, Ushas and Vayu
consort of the 27 daughters of Daksha
He was said to have been the fifth thing to emerge at the Churning of the Ocean.
As a Dikpala, he was responsible for guarding the north-eastern region.
In one account he abducted Tara, the wife of Bhraspati, and fathered a son, Budha, on her. The ensuing battle between the gods and the demons led by Chandra was settled when Bhraspati intervened and Bhraspati's wife was restored to him.
His three-wheeled chariot is drawn by ten white horses. His other transport was a white antelope.
(see also Chandra1.Soma2)

Chandra-Kanta
[Indu-Mani]
a moonstone, said to be formed when the light of the moon falls on clear water

Chandra-Kirana
[Golden Moon]
a princess
wife of Panji
She required Panji to prove himself by slaying many giants and demons before she would marry him. She and Panji are regarded as incarnations of Dewi Sri and Siwa.

Chandra-vamsa
descendants of Chandra
These included the Pauravas and the Yadavas.

Chandragni
a legendary child
When his father was killed by a chief, the young boy was placed in a vase to hide him from the killer. The vase was transported was a white antelope.

Chang Shao-p'ing

father of Chien Tan
He is said to have been a mortal, king of Szechuan province, deified after his death at the hands of the Sung emperor.
In some accounts he appeared to the emperor in the form of an archer; in others he was Chang Yuan-hsiao who bought a crossbow that could end epidemics with a man with two pairs of eyes.
Some stories refer to him as the God of Emolument, in place of Lu Hsing; in others he is the same as Chang Kuo-lao.
He is depicted with a white beard, and holding a bow and arrows, accompanied by a small boy.

Chang Ch'ien
Chinese
a 7th–8th c itinerant ascetic
one of the Eight Immortals
He was said to have the power to make himself invisible. He travelled riding backwards on a white mule, which he could fold up and put in his pocket, restoring it to its normal form by sprinkling it with water.
He was called to the emperor's court but dropped dead en route, only to be restored to life.
When his identity as a white bat was disclosed by Fa-shan, the latter dropped dead but was restored to life when Chang Kuo-lao sprinkled the body with water.
In some accounts, he is equated with Chang Hsien.

Chang Lu
Chinese
[Prince Celestial Master]
grandson of Chang Tao-ling

Chang Lung
Chinese
a 7th c magistrate
He became a dragon and, with the help of his nine sons, killed another dragon and took over his temple.

Chang O
(see Heng O)

Chang Shao
Chinese
a man who tried to kill the Old Man of the South Pole
Chang Shao used hot sand, the immortal only his fan, but Chang Shao was defeated and killed by the jade club of the White Crane Youth.

Chang Shao-p'ing
Chinese
the original name of Tung-fang Shuo
Ch'ang-sheng-t'u Ti  
Chinese  
[God of the Place of Long Life]  
a god of the household  
husband of Jui-ch'ing-fu-jen  
He is responsible for the register of births and deaths of the family.

Chang Tao-ling  
Chinese  
[Chang Tien-shih.Chang Tsao-wang;  
Chen-jen.Rice Thief]  
(35–157)  
a Taoist immortal, founder of a  
magical form of Taoism  
a god of the afterlife  
father of Chang Heng  
He is said to have become immortal by  
conquering five poisonous animals  
(centipede, scorpion, snake, spider and  
toad) and drinking the elixir that he  
brewed from their venom when he was  
already over sixty years old, and he  
ascented to heaven at the age of 123.  
He made exorbitant charges for  
advising people how to cure illness  
while immersed in a lake, and he  
became known as the Rice Thief. It  
was said that he could divide himself  
into parts so as to be present in several  
places at the same time. On one  
occasion, he stretched his arms to  
gradually added to over the centuries  
until it numbered over 40,000 lines.  
Chant of Hyndla  
see  
Chantico  
see  
Chanticleer  
see  
Chandaka  
see  
Chanticleer

Chao Kung-ming  
Chinese  
[T'ai Shen (Yeh)]  
brother of the 3 sisters known as the  
Keng San Ku-niang  
He was a 12th c hermit who fought in  
the Battle of Mu where he rode a black  
tiger and killed many of the enemy  
with exploding pearls. He was killed in  
the battle, together with his sisters,  
and was made a god of wealth.  
(see also Pi Kan)

Chao-pao Shih-che  
Chinese  
a minor deity  
assistant to the God of Riches

Chao-pao T'ien-tsun  
Chinese  
a minor deity  
assistant to the God of Riches

Chao San Niang  
Chinese  
goddess of wigmakers  
Originally the wife of a scholar, Chao  
San Niang suffered great hardship  
living on chaff while her husband was  
away from home. When her parents  
died she had to shave her head and sell  
she hair to pay for the funeral. She  
managed to save enough hair to make  
a wig in which she greeted her husband  
on his return, and was later  
immortalised as the goddess of wig-  
makers.

Chao Yen  
Chinese  
a young man whose life was extended  
Chao Yen was due to die before the  
age of twenty but, advised by Kuan Lo,  
he approached two men seated under a  
tree playing draughts and gave them  
chaff and wine. One of them altered  
the date on the young man's official  
document so that the figure nineteen  
became ninety. The men were the  
gods of the North and South Poles.

Chaob  
Central American  
the 4 Mayan wind-gods  
One god controls the winds from each  
of the cardinal points. It is said that  
they will eventually cause storms that  
will destroy the world.

chaomancy  
divination by aerial apparitions  
Chaonia  
(see Dodona)

Chaonian  
a name for the dove as 'bearer of the  
oracles of Dodona'

Chaonian bird  
Greek  
acorns or, some say, beechnut mast

Chao1  
British  
a giant  
When Gawain and his brothers were
en route to King Arthur’s court to be made knights they were attacked by a band of mercenary Saxons and giants, including Chaos and Sanagran, who had just raided London while Arthur was absent at his wedding feast. The brothers routed their attackers and recovered the looted treasure. Chaos was killed by Gawain.

**Chaos**: Greek

- a primordial being

  This being is regarded as the progenitor of the deities Eros, Erebus, Gaea, Nyx and Tartarus.

- **Chaos Goose** (see Nile Goose)

- **Chaos Mother** (see Tiamat)

- **Chapalu** (see Capalufu)

**Chapters of Pert Em Rhu** (see Book of the Dead)

**Chapultepec** Central American

- an Aztec sacred mountain, home of gods

**Charaka** Hindu

- a Vedic scholar

  He recorded all the medical knowledge passed on to him by Agnivesha.

  He is regarded by some as an incarnation of Ananta.

**Charaxus** Greek

- brother of Sappho

  On one of his voyages to Egypt, carrying wine for trade, he ransomed the young slave girl Rhodopsis and carrying wine for trade, he ransomed the young slave girl Rhodopsis and married her.

**Charaya** North American

- [Great Man.Old Man Above.One Above] the supreme deity of the Cahroc tribe

  (see also Gadratrakigwati)

**Chariclo** Greek

- one of the Naiads

- wife of Chiron

**Charico** Greek

- a nymph

  mother of Teiresias by Everes

**Charidotes** Greek

- a name for Hermes as god of fertility, flocks and herds

**Charilus** Greek

- a king of Sparta

  son of Polydectes

  When Polydectes died, he left his wife pregnant. She offered to kill her child when it was born to share the throne with Lycurgus, brother of Polydectes. Lycurgus pretended to agree but, instead, protected the boy, Charilaus, and proclaimed him king.

**Chariot**: a two-wheeled vehicle for personal transport, usually horse-drawn, appearing in many mythologies as the transport of the gods

In Greek and Roman stories, chariots of the gods were drawn by various animals and birds:

- Aides—horses
- Amphitrite—dolphins
- Aphrodite—doves, sparrows or swans
- Apollo—horses
- Ares—horses or wolves
- Artemis—deer
- Athene—owls
- Dionysus—horses
- Hephaestus—lizards, rams or storks
- Cybele—lions
- Demeter—serpents
- Galatea—dolphins
- Helios—horses
- Hefea—horses
- Hestia—peacocks
- Hermes—lizards, rams or storks
- Jupiter (see below Zeus)
- Luna—horses
- Medea—dragons
- Oceanus—whales
- Pan—goats
- Phoebe—horses
- Pluto—horses
- Poseidon—dolphins or sea horses
- Venus (see Aphrodite above)
- Zeus—eagles

In Norse myths, Frey’s chariot was drawn by boars, Freya’s by cocks, that of Thor by goats.

**Chariot of the Soul**: Chinese

- a vehicle used to carry the deceased emperor (see also Boat of the Soul)

**Charis**: Greek

- [plur=Charites]

  goddess of all things gracious

  Originally said to be the consort of Hephaestus, later one of the three Graces (Charites).

  (see also Aglaia’s Graces)

**Charites**: (see Graces)

**Charitesia**: Greek

- a festival in honour of the Charites

**Charities**: (see Graces)

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**Charlemagne**: European

(c. 742–814)


king of the Franks

Emperor of the West

son of Pepin the Short and Bertha brother of Bertha, Carloman and Pepin father of Belisent, Charlot, Louis, Melisenda and Pepin

He was a real-life king, variously said to have been born in 742 or 747, described as eight feet (some say twenty feet) tall, whose exploits form the basis of many legends. He fought over fifty battles against Lombards, Moors (called Saracens in the stories) and Saxons in defence of Christianity. His personal companions were known as paladins or peers.

In some accounts he had nine wives: these were Adalinda, Desiderata, Fastrade, Gersuinde, Hildegarde, Himiltrude, Luitgarde, Maltegarde and Regina. Some say that his second wife was Hermangarde, daughter of Desiderus.

In one story he omitted to confess certain of his sins at mass and a tablet setting out his transgressions appeared in front of the ministrant, whereupon the emperor admitted his fault and was given absolution.

On another occasion he dreamed that an angel instructed him to steal something from one of his ministers. En route, he was challenged by the highwayman Elbegast, and defeated him but spared his life. Elbegast helped the king, as he then was, to enter the minister’s house where he overhead a plot to kill him. Armed with a trinket he had taken from the minister’s bedroom he was able to expose the plotters, but nevertheless forgave them. Elbegast became one of the king’s devoted followers. Charlemagne himself was crowned as Holy Roman Emperor. Soon after his investiture he fathered a son, Roland, on Bertha, his own sister, whom he then married off to Milon who assumed that the baby, born seven months later, was his own.

Another version of this story says that he went on a stealing expedition with a thief called Basin, adopting the name of Magnus, which became a favourite byname of the emperor.

The Saxon king Widukund led a
revolt against the rule of Charlemagne but his army was defeated and the king was killed or, some say, captured, tried and imprisoned, dying soon afterwards in captivity. At about this time, Charlemagne saw a knight being drawn along in a boat on the Rhine by a swan. This man, the Swan Knight, became a member of the emperor’s court and, in some accounts, married his sister.

Charlemagne’s kingdom was attacked by Marsilius, king of Spain and Agramant, Emperor of Africa, but he defeated them with the help of his paladins. When many of these, including his nephew Roland, were killed at the battle of Roncevaux, he hanged not only the Spanish king but also Gano, a member of his own court who had betrayed him.

When he received a request for help from Pope Leo, he took an army into Italy to repel the Saracens besieging Rome or, in some accounts, the rebellious Romans. The invaders were forced to withdraw and the Pope was re-established. In the battle, Charlemagne’s horse was killed and he would have died had not Ogier intervened to save him.

When Charlot killed Ogier’s young son, Baldwin, Ogier, in an attack on Charlot, accidentally knocked a cup of wine into the Emperor’s face. Ogier fled but was later captured and imprisoned. When Bruhier, Sultan of Arabia, attacked Paris and challenged Charlemagne, the emperor agreed to hand over Charlot for punishment if Ogier would take up the challenge of Bruhier. Another story says that Charlemagne had a sister called Alif who was seduced by a courtier, Milon, and imprisoned by her husband, King Hugon, until, after seven years, she was rescued by her son, Landres. Charlemagne restored Alif to her proper position and incarcerated Milon in the same dungeon, which was filled with snakes and toads.

It is said that Charlemagne was 200 years old when he died. He lies asleep, awaiting recall to defend Christendom against the Antichrist although some believe that he returns each year, crossing the Bridge of Gold over the Rhine, to bless the crops.

In some accounts he is equated with King Arthur.

Charlemagne’s Pleiad [Pleiad]

a group of scholars brought together by the emperor, Charlemagne

Each member of this élite circle took the name of some famous figure from history and Charlemagne was known as David.

Among the group were Adelard (known as Augustine), Alcuin (Albinus), Angilbert (Homer) and Riculfe (Damatas).

Charlemain (see Charlemagne)

Charles I (see Charlemagne)

Charles Martel (see Martel)

Charles the Great (see Charlemagne)

Charles’ Wain (see Great Bear)

Charlot [Berthelot,Karlot]

son of Charlemagne brother of Louis and Pepin

He was with his father’s army in Italy, where they had gone at the request of the Pope to repel the Saracen invaders, when he was challenged to combat by Sadon, whose cousin, Carahue, challenged Ogier. He arrived with a troop of his followers and attacked the other three, but Ogier and the two Saracens fought together and routed their attackers.

In an attack of rage he killed Baldwin, son of Ogier the Dane, merely because the youth was beating him in a game of chess. Ogier would have killed him but a servant intervened, with the result that the furious Dane knocked a cup of wine into the Emperor’s face. Ogier fled the court but was later captured and imprisoned. When Charlemagne needed a champion to take up the challenge thrown down by Bruhier, Sultan of Arabia, the Emperor asked Ogier to help. He agreed provided that he could punish Charlot for the murder of his son. When Charlot was led before Ogier, the warrior forced his son’s killer to his knees, raised his sword over his head but then relented and spared Charlot’s life.

He plotted with Amaury to kill the brothers Girard and Huon of Bordeaux so that he could take over their lands and laid an ambush for the two young men when they came to present themselves at Charlemagne’s court. He wounded Girard but was himself killed by Huon.

Another version says that he challenged Alardo to a chess match and struck him with the chessboard when Alardo won. Rinaldo (Renaud) killed Charlot in revenge.

charm (see amulet,talisman)

Charon [Kharon=East Indies Tempon]

Telon=Egyptian Turnface=Etruscan

Charun=Mesopotamian Arad Ea

the ferryman of Hades son of Erebus and Nyx

He conveys the dead over the River Acheron (and/or Styx) to Hades but will carry only those with the fare of one obol placed on their lips. Those without the fare have to wait 100 years, but are then carried across free of charge.

Charon’s toll [Greek ]

the obol placed on the lips of the dead to pay for their ferry journey across the river to Hades

Charops

Greek

father of Oeagrus, in some accounts

He helped the god Dionysus who then passed on details of the rites of his orgies, details which were handed on to Oeagrus and then to Orpheus.

Charos [plus=Charontes]

an ancient god or angel of death

This being is said to arrive on horseback to carry off the dead.

Charontes (see Charos)

Charpati

Tibetan

a Lamaist sorcerer and alchemist

When he taught Nagarjuna the secret of transmutation of base metals into gold, he was rewarded with a pair of magic shoes that gave him the power of flight.

Charumati Hindu

daughter of Krishna and Rukmini

Charun Roman

[=Greek Charon]

an Etruscan god of death

He was said to accompany Mars in battle and to finish off the dying with a blow from his hammer.

Charvi (see Yakshi’

Charvaka Hindu

a rakshasa

He appears in the Mabharata as an impostor who was killed by the Brahmins.

Charybdis Greek

a sea nymph daughter of Poseidon and Gaea

This was a monster under a rock, a whirlpool set opposite the rock Scylla, which swallowed and
regurgitated the sea three times each day.

Some say that she was originally a maiden who was thrown into the sea by Zeus for robbing Hercules.

**Chasca**
*South American*
An Inca goddess of the dawn

**Chasca Coyllur**
*South American*
An Inca god, guardian of young girls

**Chaser**
*(see Yagrush)*

**Chasse Artur**
*Anglo-Saxon*
The Anglo-Saxon version of the Wild Hunt

**Chastel Marte**
*(see Castle of Wonders)*
A sword of King Arthur

**Chatataka**
A mystic bird that drinks only rainwater

**Chateau de la Charette**
*British* ([Castle Chariot])
The home of the queen of Sorestan

Lancelot was once imprisoned in this house and was required to choose, as a lover, one of four fairy queens.

**Chatloup**
A monster, part wolf, cat and goat

**Chattrosnisa**
*Buddhist*
A sky-god

**Chatura**
*(see Khepra)*

**Chaus**
*British*
A squire of King Arthur

Son of Owain the Bastard

He dreamed that he rode to a chapel in a forest and found there the body of a dead knight. He took one of the golden candlesticks from the chapel and left. He then met an armed man who called Chaus a thief and stabbed him in the thigh with his knife. The pain caused Chaus to wake up and he recognised him. The thief, who called Chaus a thief and stabbed him in the side, a golden candlestick in his hand and he died soon afterwards.

**Chautron**
*(see Gudrun)*

**Chayula**
*Buddhist*
One of the six regions shown on the second ring of the Tibetan Wheel of Life, the Sipa Khorlo

This is the celestial region, home of the god and the site of Indra's palace.

**Chayula**
*Malay*
[Moonsnade]
A princess

She was the owner of the magical bird Indera Bayu.

**Cheape**
*(see Cheop)*

**Chebel Yax**
*Central American*
A goddess of weaving

**Chediaetos**
*Greek*
One of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon the hunter watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Chediaetos, tore him to pieces.

**Cherooran**
*Australian*
A monster with the body of a man and the head of a dog

This being, which had arms so long that they trailed on the floor as he walked, hunted and killed humans for food, accompanied by his wife and a pack of six huge dogs. All of them were killed by tribesmen he had preyed on when they sought the help of the Winjarring Brothers.

**Cheirognomy**
*(see cheiromancy)*
Divination from lines on the hands

**Cheleb**
A devil who works evil in the day

*(see also Deber)*

**Chelinde**
*British*
Wife of Sador

Mother of Apollo

When she and her husband became separated she, thinking him dead, remarried. Sador reappeared on the scene in later years and was killed by his son Apollo who did not recognise him.

**Chelone**
*Greek*
A nymph

For ridiculing Zeus and Hera at their wedding, Hermes turned Chelone into a turtle.

**Chembe**
*(see Nzambe)*

**Chemir**
*West Indian*
A Carib sky-god

**Chem-pa**
*(see Byams-pa)*

**Chemor**
*Hindu*
A demon

**Chemos**
*British*
Milton's name for Chemosh

**Chemosh**
*Mesopotamian*
[Chemosh.Kemos(h)=Babylonian Samas]
A Moabite war-god and thunder-god

**Chén**
*Chinese*
The family name of Pi-Hsia Yüan-chun

One of the Eight Diagrams—thunder, dragon

**Ch'en Chi**
*(see Ha)*

**Ch'en Kuang-jui**
*(see Tripitaka)*

**Chen Jen**
*Chinese*
Perfect beings, a title given to both Chang Tao-ling and Hsien Hsiu and to Ma Ku, the female hermit

**Chen-re-zii**
*(see sPyan-ras-gzigs)*

**Chen Shen**
*Chinese*
Son of Tou Shen

Brother of Ma Shen, P'an Shen and Sha Shen

He helps his mother in dealing with cases of smallpox.

**Chen Tsung**
*Chinese*
An emperor

He claimed that a deity, Yü Huang, advised him in dreams. Yü Huang was later incorporated into Shang Ti.

**Ch'eng-huang**
*Chinese*
Administrator and protector of humans god of walls and moats

He protected mankind from Yen-wang, king of the dead, and acted as a preliminary judge on the souls of the dead.

**Cheng-i**
*Chinese*
One of the disciples of Confucius allowed to sacrifice in the Temple of Confucius

**Cheng-lun**
*(see Hang)*

**Ch'eng T'ang**
*Chinese*
[T'ang]
An emperor

A tortoise brought him a message from the gods that he should take the throne after Chieh Kuei, a cruel despot. The hills overflowed with silver during his reign.

**Cheng-tzu**
*Chinese*
A disciple of Confucius one of the Four Saints

**Cheng Wu**
*Chinese*
[Hsuan T'ien Shang-ti.Pei-chi-chen-chun]
Guardian of the north

He is said to have slit open his own body, removing five vital organs which turned into ravaging animals, while the knife turned into a youth and the scabbard into a maiden.

Cheng Wu later changed the wild animals into musical instruments.

Some say that he was a reincarnation of Yüan Shih.

*(see also Cheng-wu Sheng-kun.Huan Ti)*

**Cheng-wu Sheng-kun**
*Chinese*
A name for Huan Ti as a triumphant warrior

*(see also Cheng Wu)*
chenoo  North American
huge stone giants
These giants are constantly fighting amongst themselves but if they are observed by humans they petrify once again.

In some accounts they could be tamed and manipulated by medicine men.

(see also Stone Giants)

Chenresi  (see sPyan-ras-gzigs)
Chensit  (see Khensit)
Chentechtai  Greek
the Greek version of Khentcheti

Chenti-cheti  (see Khenti-cheti)
Chenti-inti  (see Khenti-inti)
Chenti Amentiu  (see Khenti Amentiu)

Chenuke  South American
to the Ona tribe of Tierra del Fuego,
the personification of evil
This spirit was finally defeated by the hero Kwanyp.

Cheop  Egyptian
([Cheape.Chepra])
an early sun-god

Chepe  (see Cheop)
Chepera  (see Cheop.Khepra)
Chepre  (see Khepra)
Chera  Greek
a name for Hera as ‘widow’

Chernava  Russian
daughter of a sea-god
wife of Sadko

Chernobog  Slav
Czernobog.Zernobog.Zernobog] 
the force of evil opposing Bylebog

cherry  Greek
the tree of Apollo

cherry  Japanese
a tree that is believed to have an individual spirit

Cherry Tree Pond  Japanese
the home of Genko when he became a dragon

Cherti  (see Kherty)
Cherus  Norse
[Er.Heru=Saxon Saxnot]
a war-god identified with Heimdall or Ýr

He owned a marvellous sword made by the dwarfs who had made Gungnir, the spear of Odin. When this sword was stolen, the Norns foretold that whoever held it would conquer the world but would be killed by it. It was given to Vitellius, a Roman prefect who was made emperor, but stolen by a soldier who used it to kill Vitellius. In old age he buried the sword, which was found by Attila who conquered the known world and died by the sword at the hands of his wife Ildico, who thus avenged the killing of her father. The sword was said to have passed to the Duke of Alva and finally to the archangel Michael.

cherub  [kerub:plur=cherubim=Arab karubi=
Assyrian kherubu=Hebrew krvub] 
a four-part beast (eagle, lion, man, ox),
the wheel of the gods’ chariot of fire, armed guardians of paradise
A cherub is envisaged as blue or golden, in the form of a man with a four-fold head standing on wheels.

cherubim  (see cherub)

Cherufe  South American
in Araucanian lore, a monster that lives in volcanoes and eats human beings

Chesok  (see Hanullim)

Cheun  Central American
the eleventh of the 20 ages of man
in Mayan lore, the torture of burning
(see also One Cheun)

Chevalier Mal Fet, Le  British
[Sinner Lord]
the name used by Lancelot after his period of madness when he lived with Elaine at Castle Bilant

Chesok  (see Hanullim)

Chevasche  (see cherub)

Chevyne  [ch'i.Chinese Unicorn.dragon-
horse.horse.dragon. kylin.lin.lu.piao.poh=
Japanese kirin.=Tibetan serou]
a monster, part deer, part fox, with a single horn: a unicorn
one of the Four Precious Animals chief of the hairy animals
crowd of the west and autumn
This animal was the symbol of Kao-yao, judge in the underworld. It was said to have appeared out of the Yellow River at the birth of Confucius, but has never been seen since man became corrupt. It is said to display five colours (black, blue, red, white and yellow) and has a voice that sounds like chiming bells. In some accounts it has a scaly body and two backward-curving horns and may live up to 1,000 years.

As a dragon-horse, it is described as a water spirit that can walk on water. Others regard it as a white tiger. The male is ch'i, the female lin.

Chi Lung Wang  Chinese
the dragon king of fire engines
The help of Chi Lung Wang is sought when fire engines are in action.
Ch'i Po

Chiang T'ai Kung

(see Chiang Tzu-ya)

Chiang Tzu-ya

(see Chiang Tzu-ya)

Chang Lu Shang.Chiang T'ai Kung. T'ai Kung Wang]
a general, deified as a god of fishermen

After the Battle of Mu, he visited Yuan-shih in the Jade Palace and received a list of ways to achieve immortality from the Old Man of the South Pole. On his way home he met Shen Kung-pao who pitted his magic against that of Chiang Tzu-ya, hoping to win the list. Shen cut off his own head and made it float in the air and won the contest, but the Old Man of the South Pole sent the White Crane Youth to intervene. He would have carried off the airborne head but Chiang Tzu-ya asked him not to and Shen's head was restored to his body.

Chiang Yuan

mother of Hou-t'u

She became pregnant when she inadvertently stepped on the toe of a god and, when her son was born, tried three times to abandon him. He was rescued each time by animals, birds and woodcutters and Chiang Yuan finally accepted him as her own.

Chi-ch'ao

one of the 3 main types of dragon

This beast is said to live in mountain bogs.

Chi Kuan

an official of the celestial Ministry of Time, responsible for the night hours

He is regarded as one of the three bean-curd gods. The others are Huainan-tzu and Kuan Ti.

Chi-t'ang

a shrine used for ancestor-worship

Chibchacum (see Chibchacum)

Chichanga

(see Itzamna)

Chichemocoeatl

(see Chicomecoatl)

ruler of the underworld.

Chibiliax

(see Itx Chel)

Chibbinda Ilunga

African

a prince of the Luba people

He married Lueji, Queen of the Lunda people, and took her place as ruler. She proved to be infertile and so she gave Chibinda another woman as a wife.

Chibiriias

(see Itx Chel)

Chibiri

Japanese

one of the Michi-no-Kami, 3 guardians of boundaries and roads

Chiccane

(see Chicchan)

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the fifth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, the collecting together of one's experiences

(see also Two Chicchan)

Chichchecum

(see Chibchacum)

Chichak

Pacific Islands

the lizard, said by some to be the spirit of ancestors

Chichen Itza

(see Itzamna)

Chichevache

European

a monster, in the form of a cow, who ate only good women and hence was very thin

Chichic

South American

a huaca placed in a maize field to protect the crop

Chichiguane

African

in the lore of Mozambique, a girl who lived in a fish

When she was trapped in a river, the fish Chipalalafuna took her into its mouth for safety and she lived in his belly until she was old enough to marry. Then she returned to dry land where she was attacked by ogres. The big fish stopped the river long enough for her to cross over its dry bed and then restarted the flow and drowned her attackers. She met a prince who fell in love with her and married her.

Chickaban

South America

a festival in honour of Kukulcan held at the end of October

Chicoc

Irish

son of Goll and Lot

Chicomecoatl

(see Chicomecohual)

(see also White Hare)
Chicomtoc 

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- Central American region
- Aztec god, patron of lizards

**Other Details**
- This tree is said to produce leaves that make immortal all those who eat them.
- Ch'ien (Chinese)
- One of the Eight Diagrams, representing heaven, sky, horse
- Ch'ien-chan (see ch'in)
- A tutor of Pao-kung Ch'an-shih
- Chien Lao (Chinese)
- A Buddhist earth-goddess
- Ch'ien-li Yen (see Kao Ming)
- Ch'ien Niu (Chinese)
- [Aquila, Celestial Cowherd, Niu Lang, Ox Boy, Tung Yung = Japanese Hikoboshi]
- A cowherd, the star Altair
- Husband of Chih Nü
- When these two stars visited earth and married, they became so infatuated with each other that they no longer did any work when they returned to heaven. They were punished by the king of heaven, who caused them to be separated by a river, the Milky Way, allowing to meet only once a year.
- Magpies took pity on their plight and formed themselves into a bridge over which Chih Nü was able to cross.
- In another story, she married Tung Yung who had bound himself to service in return for a loan to pay for his father's funeral. She released him from this obligation by weaving 300 bales of cloth in one month. She then returned to her home in the heavens but sent Tung Yung two baby sons.

### Chinese Mythology

- **Chih Sung-tzu**: Chinese
- A rain-god
- He was an attendant on Shen Nung and watered the earth when it was parched by the wind his master generated. He was made an immortal and became a rain-god but was one of those who helped Feng Po in his rebellion against Huang Ti and was defeated and demoted to the status of water sprinkler.
- **Chih Wen**: Chinese
- A water dragon
- **Chih Yu**: Chinese
- A war-god
- Son of Shen Nung
- He was a monster, half man, half bull, who rebelled against the rule of Huang-ti, helped by Chi Sung-tzu and Feng Po, but was defeated.
- He was said to have seventy-two (or eighty) brothers and all of them had heads made of bronze and ate pebbles or dust.
- He is said to have invented weapons of war when he collected the metal that spewed out when a mountain burst asunder. He is depicted as having the head of an ox made of metal.

### African Mythology

- **Chikanga**: African
- A famous diviner
- He was originally known as Chunda.
- It was claimed that he died and was born again as Chikanga, with a mission to eliminate sorcery. He was said to...
cure sickness and to cleanse the sorcerers who had caused it.

**Chikara**  
*African*

a sky-god of the Korokore tribe
father of Nosenga

**Chikha**  
*Tibetan*

[Chikha Bardo]
a period of after death transition  
*(see also Bardo)*

**Chikinkuh**  
*Central American*

the Mayan god of the West wind, one of the 4 Chaob deities

**Chikisani**  
*Japanese*

an Ainu earth-goddess or goddess of elm trees
mother of Pon Okikurumi
by Okikurumi

**Chikura**  
*Hindu*

a general
He was the leader of the forces of Mahisha in his battle with Mahadevi and was killed by her club.

**Chilam Balam**  
*Central American*

[Book of Spirits. Book of the Tiger Priests.]
Chilan Balam
a book of Mayan religion and philosophy

**Chilan Balam**  
*(see Chilam Balam)*

*chilanes*  
*Central American*

diviners of the Aztec

**Chilchi**  
*North American*

a benevolent spirit of the Zuni
one of the Katchina

**Child-Flower**  
*(see Sengen)*

**Child in the Harvest Basket**  
*(see Liknites)*

**Child Medicine Woman**  
*(see Sand Altar Woman)*

**Child of the River**  
*(see Kappa)*

**Child of the Sea**  
*(see Amadis of Gaul)*

**Child of the Sun**  
*(see Amadis of Gaul)*

**Child of the Water**  
*North American*
a culture hero of the Apache and Navaho tribes
son of Changing Woman
brother of Killer of Enemies
He and his brother killed monsters and all mankind's enemies. He was able to get close enough to monsters to be able to kill them by wearing a cloak of invisibility given to him by Lizard. One of the monsters he killed was a giant, a huge being covered with four layers of rock.

*(see also Monster Slayer)*

**child spirits**  
*Pacific Island*
thespirits of babies
These spirits are said to resemble tiny babies and represent the real child even before it is conceived. They live in the seas and come ashore attached to floating debris. Some girls believe that they can become pregnant by swimming in the waters where the child spirits live.

**Child-stealing Devil**  
*(see Heavenly Dog)*

**Child Water Woman**  
*(see Sand Altar Woman)*

**Childe Roland**  
*British*
a ballad telling the story of Roland and his sister Ellen

**Childe Roland**  
*(see Roland)*

**Children of Calatin**  
*Irish*

children of the Fomoire druid, Calatin
They helped the forces of Maev in her battles with Ulster by conjuring up phantom battalions to harass Cuchulainn and his men.

**Children of Dana**  
*(see Danaans)*

**Children of Domnu**  
*Irish*

descendants of the goddess Domnu
These people are regarded as representing the powers of evil opposing the Children of Dana who represent the powers of goodness.

**Children of Don**  
*(see Danaans)*

**Children of Heracles**  
*(see Heracleidae)*

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**Children of Lir**  
*Irish*

the boys Aedh, Conn and Fiacra, and the girl Fionula
These four were the children of Lir by his first wife, Aobh. After her death he married her sister Aoife who resolved to kill the children and turned them into swans, condemned to spend three successive periods, each of 300 years, on a lake, the seapassage between Ireland and Scotland and the Atlantic Ocean. They survived the ordeal and returned at the end of their sentence to find their father. They were sheltered by a Christian hermit, Mo-Caemoc, until they were seized by Lairignen, king of Connaught, for a present for his bride Deoca. Then their feathers fell off and they appeared as old, wrinkled humans who, after a hurried baptism by the hermit, died and were buried in one grave.

**Children of the Light**  
*(see Danaans)*

**Children of the Sun**  
*South American*
ancestors of the Incas

In the beginning, men were confined to the underworld and emerged from the cave Pacari, which had three exits. The Inca royalty emerged, wonderfully garbed, from the central opening, the common people from the other two.

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*(see also Tahuantin-Suyu-Kapac)*

**Chilon**  
*Greek*
one of the Seven Sages

**Chilube**  
*African*
[Chiriwii.Sikolokobuzuka]
a forest monster
He is said to be made partly of wax and has an animal's leg. Any man who wrestles with him and loses, dies.

In some accounts they are described as half-bodied with one eye, ear, arm and leg.

**chim**  
*Chinese*
[bamboo rods used in divination and communicating with the dead]

**Chimaera**  
*Greek*
[Chimaira.Chimera.Khimaira.'she-goat']
a fire-breathing monster, part lion, part goat, with a serpent's tail offspring of Typhon and Echidna mother of the Nemean Lion and Sphinx, some say This monster was killed by Bellerophon riding Pegasus.

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*(see gorgoneion)*

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Chimborazo

Central American

a sacred volcano in Mexico

Chiminagagué  (see Chimizapagua)

South American

[Chiminagagué]  
a Chibcha deity

In some accounts he is the same as Bocica who some equate with Nemquetcha.

In other stories Chiminagagué is a creator who sent light through the universe on the backs of birds, though some say this name refers to the container in which light came to earth and was distributed by birds, while Chimizapagua was but a messenger for Chiminagagué.

(see also Bocica.Nemquetcha)

Chimmecken

German

one of the kobolds

Chin

Chinese

a Mayan god of lust

Chin Chia

a patron of literature, said to punish wicked scholars

Chin Ch'iao-chi

(see werewolf)

Chin Ching

(see Chinese unicorn)

Chinaweni

(see Sirvausei)

Chinawesi

(see African turtle)

Chin Ching-t'e

a door-god

He was a general who, with his friend Ch'i Hsing-t'e, stayed awake all night to guard the emperor's door from demons.

Chin Ti-ts'ang

(see Ti-ts'ang)

The Chinese version of the Pure Land

Chin-ch'i

Fat and Tan, the sons of Chang

Chin-grelin

a primaeval serpent

mother of Konde and Nawesi

Shrew and sea while her husband ruled the sky.

Chineke

a name of Chuku as creator

Chinese Twins

Fat and Tan, the sons of Chang

Chinese unicorn  (see ch'i-lin)

Ching

a city-god

Chinese

an early Taoist supreme god

Chin Lun

the Buddhist golden Wheel of Victory

Chin-lung  (see Hsich Hsiü)

Chin Lung

one of the Four Dragon Kings

Chin Ma-ho Chia-yeh

(see Ma-ho Chia-yeh)

Chin Men

[Golden Door]

ー the entrance to the palace of Yüan Shih on Jade Mountain

Chin Mu

(see Hsi Wang Mu)

Ch'in-shih Huang-ti

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Chinawezi

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Ching

the inhabitants of the mythical land

Hsiao-jen Kuo

Ching-chih

Chinese

son of Ts'ao Pin

brother of Ts'ao Kuo-chiu

Chinawezi

(see African turtle)

Chinaweni

(see Sirvausei)

Chin-kuang

[Ch'in-kuang Wang]

a. buddhasatta

Chin-kuang

[Ch'in-kuang Wang]

ruler of the first of the 10 Taoist hells

He controls the length of a person's life and punishes according to one's actions on earth.

Ch'in-kuang Wang

(see Chin-kuang)

Chin-kuang Tung

Chinese

a priest

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the Buddhist golden Wheel of Victory

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one of the Four Dragon Kings

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the spirit said to possess a halak during a trance

Chinta-manī
[Divine Jewel.Divya-ratna]
a precious stone, made by Brahma, from which all knowledge could be obtained

Other accounts say that this stone was one of the objects that emerged at the Churning of the Ocean; others say that it was Indra's thunderbolt.

It is variously described as an eight-faceted stone that emits a light brighter than daylight, or as a snake-stone (the jewel in the head of a naga) which can be hidden only by throwing cow dung at it. (see also Kaustubha-manī)

Chinu
a lover of the Maiden of Unai
He and Mubara, who was his identical counterpart, both loved the Maiden of Unai, and when she threw herself into the river because she could not choose between the two, both men jumped in after her and all three perished together. Weapons were placed in Mubara's tomb but none in Chinu's.

Chinu later borrowed the sword of a traveller and killed the spirit of Mubara, claiming the maiden for himself. When she was rash enough to compare her beauty with that of Artemis, the goddess shot and killed her. Her father threw himself from Mount Parnassus in his grief and was transformed into a falcon by Apollo.

Chionides (see Eumolpus)
one of the sages of the Aztec migration
He and Osmomoc, Tlatceuinc and Xochicahuaca were said to have invented the Aztec calendar. (see also Cipactonal)

Chipapunta
a lake
This lake is regarded by some Pueblo tribes as the place from which their ancestors emerged.

Chipalamfíla
in Mozambique, a huge fish said to have stopped the flow of a river (see Chichinguane)

Chipi-Cakulha
an assistant to Hurukan, the wind-god of the Maya

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(see Chibiabós)

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Chinun Way Shun
[Wakiet-wa]
the original nat
a creator of the Kachin

He was said to exist before the world was formed and created the other nats. He then made a pumpkin and called on the newly created nats to add to it. Chiton added legs, Mu gave it eyes and, eventually, they created the first human, Shingwara, who refashioned the earth after the flood.

Chinus is also known as Ka, the spirit of the earth.

Chinvat Bridge
[Bridge of the Decider.Chinvat]
the bridge leading from the top of Mount Alburz into heaven

The souls of the dead had to cross this bridge, which appeared wide for the good but impossibly narrow for the bad.

In earlier times it was regarded as a river that souls had to cross to reach the land of the dead.

Chinvat Peretu (see Chinvat Bridge)
the PaHLavi name for the Chinvat Bridge

Chinvat Puhí
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Chione
[Khione]
daughter of Boreas and Oreithya
sister of Calais, Cleopatra and Zetes

mother of Eumolpus by Poseidon

She threw her son into the sea.

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daughter of Daedalion
mother of Autolyceus by Hermes

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son of Cronus and Philyra

husband of Chariclo

father of Endeus and Euipe

His parentage was different from that of the other Centaurs, as was his disposition. He was physically like them because Cronus had adopted the form of a horse when fathering him on Philyra, but he was a wise Centaur who cared for and tutored a number of Greek heroes including Achilles, Asclepius Heracles and Jason.

He was inadvertently shot by Heracles, whose poisoned arrows were invariably fatal to mortals. An alternative story says that when Pholus entertained Heracles in his cave and they were attacked by other centaurs, one of them, Elatus, was wounded by one of the poisoned arrows fired by Heracles and Chiron was accidentally wounded in the knee when he withdrew this arrow. Chiron, not a mortal, could not die though suffering great agony. Later on Prometheus assumed the burden of immortality to allow Chiron to die, when he was placed in the heavens as Centaurus.

He is sometimes depicted as having human rather than equine forelegs.

Chiron
[European]
keeper of the lake of boiling blood (Dante)

Chiruwi
(see Chilube)

Chitimukul
(African)
the founder-king of the Bemba people
He and his two brothers were responsible for the death of many people when a tower they were building collapsed. They fled from their father's wrath and founded a kingdom of their own.

Chiton
[Burmese]
one of the first nats, created by Chinun Way Shun

Chitra-ratha
(see Chitratha)

Chitragupta
[Hindu]
the recorder of souls in the underworld

Chitalekha
[Hindu]
an artist
He painted a portrait of Aniruddha, the man with whom Usha had fallen in love in a dream.

Chitrangada
[Hindu]
mother of Babhru-Varana by Arjuna

Chitrara
[Hindu]
[Chitra-ratha]
a king of the minor deities known as Gandharvas

Chiu-kung T’ai I (see T’ai I)

Chiu-mo-lo-to
[Chinese]
the Chinese name for Kumarajiva

Ch’iu-shē
[Chinese]
a charm used to drive away illness
This charm takes the form of a coiled snake with a human head, made of paper.

Other such charms for specific diseases are the Spring-snake charm, the Summer-snake charm, the Winter-snake charm and variously numbered coloured-snake charms and headed-snake charms.
Chiu-shou Chinese
one of the immortals
He was a lion who took human form.
Chiu-coat (see Cinto-coat)
Chiu-hua Shan Chinese
a sacred mountain, a site of pilgrimage
Chiuke African
a creator-god and sky-god of the Ibo
Chiu Hebrew
[Kiun.Ro(m)phan]
an early goddess of abundance
Ch’iung Hsiao Chinese
one of the 3 Keng San Ku-niang
sister of Chao Kung-ming and Pi Hsiao
During the Battle of Mu, she threw her golden scissors at Lao-tzu but failed to harm him. She then fought with swords but was killed when Pai-ho Tung-tzu threw a jade club at her.
Chivi Japanese
[Malangi.Mwenco.Wantatakuya]
the supreme-god and rain-god of the Tumbuka
Chivim Central American
one of a serpent race
chiku North American
a ghost, in the lore of the Pawnees
Chiy Japanese
a maiden killed by Shokuco
Shokuco knew that the thunder-god ate navel so he killed Chiy, cut out her navel and flew it on a kite to attract Raiden, whom he had undertaken to catch. Raiden restored the girl’s life and took her into the heavens. She later forgave her murderer.
Chiyodo Japanese
the only child of Heitaro and Higo
chlamys Greek
the cloak of Zeus
chlevnik Russian
[chlevnik]
a spirit inhabiting cowsheds, a type of domovik
Chlodomer British
a king of Orleans
In some accounts he was killed in battle against King Arthur.
Chleo Greek
a name of Demeter as ‘green’
Chleo Greek
a shepherdess in love with Daphnis
Chloia Greek
a spring festival in honour of Demeter as Chloe
Chloris Greek
wife of Ampyx
mother of Mopsus by Ampyx or Apollo
Chloris Greek
-[Japanese Kusumamodini: =Roman Flora]
a nymph of the meadows
daughter of Amphion and Niobe
mother of Carpus
She was pursued by Zephyrus and married him.
Chloris Greek
daughter of Amphion and Niobe
wife of Neleus
mother of Pero
The only daughter of Niobe to survive when Apollo and Artemis killed her other children. She bore twelve sons, including Chromius, Nestor and Periclymenus and one daughter, Pero.
Chlnvik (see Chlevnik)
Chnhas (see Agenor)
Chnemu (see Khnum)
Chnoubis Egyptian
[-Gnostic Chnuphis]
a god in the form of a fabulous animal, part lion, part serpent
Chnomis (see Khnum)
Chnum (see Khnum)
Chnumu (see Khnum)
Chnuphis Gnostic
[-Egyptian Chnoubis]
a fabulous beast in the form of a serpent with the head and mane of a lion and a corona of 7 or 12 rays
cho-i Australian
in the lore of the Queensland tribes, part of a baby’s soul
It is said that the cho-i remains in the placenta, from which Anjea makes another baby.
ch’o-je Tibetan
[ch’o-kyon]
a group of sorcerers regarded as incarnations of fiends
ch’o-kyon (see ch’o-je)
cho-pan Buddhist
[-Tibetan cod-pan]
a form of prayer-flag: good luck
(see also da-cha)
Choeborae (see Libation Bearers)
Choeboroi (see Libation Bearers)
Choe (see Marpessa)
chohile (see mlungu)
Choinma Central American
[Beautiful Water]
a woman created by the gods as a wife for Balam Agab
Chokanipok North American
son of Kabun
brother of Michabo
He was killed by Michabo who scattered the entrails, which became vines.
Chokoro Japanese
a sennin who had a magic horse
Chol (see Col’)
Cholula Central America
an Aztec pyramid
This structure was built so tall that it almost reached the heavens; a precious stone dropped from the sky and destroyed it.
chomchaengi British
[chomjangi]
diviners, in Wales
Chomiel a demon serving Demoriel
chomjangi (see chomchaengi)
Chonchonyi South American
a vampire demon, in the lore of the Araucanian people
This demon was said to consist of a human head with huge fangs, and ears which served as wings.
Chong Yok Korean
[Book of Changes.Zu-Yog]
the Korean version of Yih-King
Chonguuta Pacific Islands
wife of Pedro
When she married the Filipino prince, Pedro, she changed into a beautiful woman.
Ch’onje (see Hanullim)
Chons (see Khons)
Chontamenti (see Khenti Amentiu)
Chonti-amentiu (see Khenti Amentiu)
Chonyid Bardo Tibetan
a 14-day transitional after-death period during which visions occur (see also Bardo Thodol)
Chopstick Korean
son of Taro
husband of Uriko
He was born when his mother, following instructions given to her in a dream, placed a chopstick in a bowl of rice near the fire. Although only about one foot tall, he routed a gang who had kidnapped three maidens, and he married one of them, Uriko. When he prayed to a river-goddess he grew to normal size.
Chque Suso South American
wife of Paricaca
Choreia Greek
an animal maenad
Chormusta Tengri
(see Qormusta Tengri)
Chors Slav
[Chers.Chros.Khors]
a Balkan sun-god
chorten Tibetan
[nch’od-r-t-en]
a funeral monument
Such monuments are erected over the graves of lamas, saints, etc. and models are sold as amulets.
Chos-rgyal Phyis grub

Tibetan

[=Sanskrit Yama]
a god of the dead

Chos-Skyon

Tibetan

[Ch-chung,Cho-chyang. Thun-gyi-gyal-po] one of the 5 Mahapancharajas king of magic

He is depicted with one head and two arms and rides a white elephant or a yellow lion.

(see also hPrin-las-gyi-rgyal-po)

Chosen Women

(see Acclus)

Chosii

Japanese

the home of the dead

Chosrow

(see Kay Khushraw)

Chota Panthaka

Buddhist

[Pantha the Younger=Chinese Chu-ch'a Pan-yo-chin]
one of the Eighteen Lohan brother of Panthaka the Elder

As a young man he was quite backward but became very wise and acquired the ability to fly and to take any shape he wished.

He is depicted holding a fan and leaning on a dead tree.

Chou Hsin1

(see Chou Wang)

Chou Hsin2

Chinese

a god of the city of Hangchow

He was originally a 15th C mandarin.

Chou Hsin Lao Tou Tzu

(see Hua Lin)

Chou I

Chinese

son of Wen Wang, in some accounts

(see also Chu I)

Chou Li

Chinese

part of the Li Chang

Ch'ou Ssu-te'

Chinese

a monk

He claimed to have been taught magic by Wang, the celestial porter.

Chou Teng

Chinese

an official of the celestial Ministry of Time, responsible for overseeing the day

Chou Tsang

Chinese

attendant and sword-bearer to Kuan, god of war

Chou Wang

Chinese

[Chou Hsin]
a god of sodomy father of Yin Chiao and Tai Sui

He was originally an 11th C BC emperor of extraordinary cruelty. He was killed in the Battle of Mu, against Wu Wang, and was deified. His concubine was T'a Chi, an extremely wicked woman.

Chou Yang

Chinese

one of the 6 deities of the celestial Ministry of Fire

He was originally a legendary emperor who, it was said, taught the art of forging metals and making fire.

chough

British

the bird in which King Arthur's soul is said to reside

Other accounts substitute the puffin or the raven.

Chousoros

(see Chousorus)

Chousorus

Phoenixian

[Chousoros] son of Oulomus

He engendered the primaeval egg from which came Ouranos and Gea.

Chramm

British

the leader of a revolt against Clothair in which he was killed

Crétien de Troyes

French

a 12th C writer

He retold the Arthurian legends introducing the idea of courtly love and the story of the Holy Grail.

Some of his works are Cligés, Erc and Enide, Le Chevalier de Charette (the story of Lancelot as Knight of the Cart), Le Chevalier du Lion (about Owin, as Knight of the Lion), Le Conte de Grail (Percival on the Grail Quest) and Perceval.

Chrichinbel

(see Cridhinbheal)

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Chriemhild

(see Krimhild)

chrisoletus

a stone said to have the power to repel demons

(see also chrysolite)

Christian Theseus

(see Roland)

Chrob

Irish

[Maol Chroin] a young monk

When Cellach was deposed by Guaire and fled to an island, Chroin and three other young monks went with him. They later accepted a bribe from Guaire and killed Cellach. The dead man's brother, Muireadhach, found the body, and when he caught the murderers he had them put to death.

Chromia

Greek

[Asterodia] daughter of Itonus wife of Endymion, in some accounts

(see also Selene)

Chromium

Greek

son of Neleus and Chloris brother of Nestor and Pericylmenus

Chronicle of Glastonbury

British

a 14th c history of the town written in Latin by John of Glastonbury

Chronos

Greek

[time'] one of 2 primaeval deities present at the beginning of the world

(see Adrastea, Cronus)

Chros

(see Chors)

Chruinngath

British

a Druidic gathering in the Isle of Man

Chrus

(see Corus)

Chrysanthemum Boy

(see Kiku-jido)

Chrysanthis

Greek

a nymph

Chysaar

Greek

son of Poseidon by Medusa husband of Callirrhoë father of Geryon father of Echidna, some say

He was a warrior who sprang from the corpse of Medusa, when she was decapitated by Perseus, at the same time as the flying horse Pegasus.

Chysaar

British

the sword of Arthgallo

Chryse

Greek

first wife of Dardanus

She was given the Palladium by Athena and she gave it to Dardanus as part of her dowry.

Chryse2

Greek

a nymph

Chryseis

Greek

[Cressida,Khrusis] daughter of Chryses mother of Chryses

When she was captured at Troy, she was given as a prize to Agamemnon. Her father pleaded for her release but Agamemnon refused until a plague descended on the Greek army. He then demanded the girl Briseis, who had been awarded to Achilles, so starting a quarrel that led to Achilles refusing to fight.

In some accounts she bore a son, Chryses, to Agamemnon but said the boy's father was Apollo. (see also Cressida)

Chryses1

Greek

a priest of Apollo at Troy son of Minos father of Chryses

Chryses2

Greek

son of Chryses by Agamemnon

Chryses was given as a prize to Agamemnon at the siege of Troy, but when a plague descended on the Greek forces he returned her to her father, Chryses. She maintained that the son she bore was the son of Apollo.

Chrysippos

(see Chrysippus)

Chrysippus

Greek

[Chrysippos,Khrusippos] son of Pelops and a nymph

He was abducted by Laius, king of...
Chryson

daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra
sister of Electra, Iphigenia, and Orestes

Chrython

an earth-goddess

Chthonophyle

daughter of Sicyon
mother of Polybus by Hermes

Chthonian deities

(see Chthonoi)

Chthonic deities

(see Chthonoi)

Chthonius 1

Greek

one of the five surviving Sown Men
father of Lycus and Nycteus

Chthonius 2

Greek

a name for Hermes as ‘leader of the dead’

Chthonoi

Greek

[Chthonian deities. Chthonic deities]

earth-gods: gods of the underworld

Chthonic deities

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Chthonus 2

Greek

Athena

Greek

the mother of Polybus

Chu

(see Ju-i)

[Chu’s Pan-t-o-ka]

the Chinese version of Chota Panthaka

Chu-ch’a Pan-t’o-ka

(see Chu-ch’a Pan-t’o-chia)

Chu’-ch’i

[Lu Pan]

brother of Huang Ta-hsien

His younger brother, Huang Ta-hsien, disappeared with his flock and it was forty years before he was found, living as a hermit in a cave surrounded by large blocks of white stone, which suddenly reverted to their original form as Huang Ta-hsien’s sheep.

Ch’u-ch’i became a hermit and was known as Lu Pan.

Chu-pao

a magic bowl

This vessel, owned by Yuan-tan, could produce gold as required.

Chu P’ing Chen

a deity

commander of the celestial army

Chu Ten 1

a red sparrow

spirit of the south

Chu Ten 2

the Buddhist gods taken into the Chinese Pantheon from India

Chu-ti Ho-shang

a patron of literature

one of the 4 attendants on Wen Ch’ang Ti Chun

He was a scholar who married a celestial being who took him up to heaven where his function was to help those taking examinations to pass, but he found that he preferred to continue his study of the classics and returned to earth. He is depicted as an old man with a long beard. (see also Chou I)

Chu-jung

a fire-god

father of Kung Kung

He was sent by Huang-ti to kill K’un when he stole some of the magic Swelling Earth and defeated his own son when he tried to depose him.

Chu-ngu

Vietnamese

the spirit of the original owner of land in Annam

These spirits must be propitiated by subsequent owners of the land.

Chu-nha

Vietnamese

a guardian spirit of the house in Annam

This spirit is said to reside in a lime jug.

Chu Pa-chieh

[Chu Sa-chieh. Pig Fairy. Piggy]

a pig-like god

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Vietnamese

the spirit of the original owner of land in Annam

These spirits must be propitiated by subsequent owners of the land.

Chu-nha

Vietnamese

a guardian spirit of the house in Annam

This spirit is said to reside in a lime jug.
Chuan Lun

Chuan Lun (Chinese) [Chuan-lun Wang=Hindu Chakravartiraja] the last of the Ten Yama Kings ruler of the tenth Taoist hell In this hell, those due for reincarnation pass over a bridge and are conducted by the Spirit of the Wind to the Tower of Forgetfulness where they are given a drink which makes them forget their previous life.

Chuan-lun Wang (see Chuan Lun)

Chuang Chou (see Chuang-tzu)

Chuang Kung (Chinese) [Lord of the Bed] a god of the bed husband of Chuang Mu He and his wife keep watch over what happens in bed to protect the interests of children.

Chuang Mu (Chinese) [Chuang P'o.Lady of the Bed] a goddess of the bed wife of Chuang Kung She and her husband keep watch over what happens in bed to protect the interests of children.

Chuang P'o (see Chuang Mu)

Chuang Sheng (see Chuang-tzu)

Chuang-tzu (Chinese) [Chuang Chou.Chuang Sheng] (350–275 BC) a Taoist leader and follower of Lao-tzu it was said that he had been a butterfly in a former existence. After he died, his widow agreed to marry Wang-su who, when they visited her dead husband's grave, turned into Chuang-tzu, who after setting his house on fire, became an itinerant. In the course of his wanderings he met the Phoenix Empress, the Mother of Heaven, Hsian Nü, Hsi Wang Mu and Shang Ti who gave him the planet Jupiter as his home.

Chudo-yudo (Slova) a giant snake-god

Ch'ui-niu (Chinese) a music dragon

Chui Tatic Chites Vaneg (Central American) a Mayan creator-god

Chujo Hime (Japanese) a Buddhist nun, expert in embroidery, regarded as an incarnation of Kwannon

Chuku (African) the supreme god of the Ibo father or husband of Alé

Chukuru (see Chuku)

Chukwu (Hindi) the tortoise supporting the elephant, Maka-padma, which supports the earth

Chukwu (see Chuku)

Chulan (Malay) a king of Siam father of Onang Kiu He was defeated by Sulana who then married Onang Kiu.

Chulavete (Central American) a Mexican deity, the morning star personified

Chumong (Korean) son of Yuhwa He was born from an egg produced by Yuhwa who had been raped by Hemosu, who claimed to be the son of a god. He grew very quickly and became a skilled archer; but his progress aroused envy among others at the king's court, where he had been raised, so he fled with three friends, Hyobbu, Mari and Zoi, to set up his own kingdom. The fishes built a bridge to allow them to cross a river and so escape their pursuers. They were met by three wise men, Muggo, Mugol and Zesa, who helped Chumong set up his new realm. He later took the name Ko.

Ch'un-ch'iu (one of the Five Classics) the fourth of the 9 major works of the Confucian canon, dealing with historical events

Chun (Chinese) [Mother of the Ladle.T'ien Hou.Tou Mu: Buddhist Kuan Yin:=Hindu Maritchi] a goddess of light wife of Tou Fu mother of 9 sons known as Human Kings (Jen Wang) She was said to have been a mortal abess, who had a growth like a pig's ear on her neck.

As a goddess she is envisaged with three faces, one the face of a pig, and eight arms, and is said to live in a palace on the Pole Star. As 'Tou Mu, her nine sons (Jen Wang) were the first mortal rulers. (see also Tou Mu)

Chun T'ou-p'o-han (Chinese) the Chinese version of Kun Dadhana a goddess a manifestation of Kwannon She is depicted with a smiling face and four or sixteen arms. (see also Jundei Kwannon)

Chunda' (Chikangana) son (or grandson) of Chuan Hsü brother of Li When his father (or grandfather) came to the throne, he put Chung in charge of the celestial realm to restore order.

Chung (Chinese) a festival of the moon, during which its reflection is captured in a basin of water.

Chung K'uei (Chinese) [K'uei Hsing.Recorder of Hell.Wen Ti:=Japanese Shoki] a god of the afterlife and examinations, attendant on Wen Ch'ang Ti Chun a giant exorcist one of the Great Heavenly Princes He was a mortal who killed himself when not awarded the first place that he had earned in an examination, the Emperor refusing to hand him his certificate because he was so ugly. He became an itinerant demon, losing the chance of reincarnation but protecting others from such demons. In another version he threw himself into the sea and was saved from drowning by a sea dragon who took him to heaven where he became one of the stars in the Great Bear constellation, and was made the god of literature as Wen Ti. He is depicted wearing one shoe and tearing out a demon's eye.

Other accounts make him an attendant on Wen Ch'ang, in which role he is depicted as a small demon holding a ladle.

Chung Li (Chinese) a fire-god, in some accounts son of the emperor, Chuan This deified mortal is regarded as the ruler of the south and is sometimes depicted as an animal with a man's face that has three eyes.

Chung-li Ch'üan (see Han Chung-li)

Chung Lin (see Mei Lan)

Chung-liu (see Chung-liu)

Chung-lu (Chinese) [Chung-lia] one of the household gods, guardian of the caves

Chung Wang (Chinese) father of Kuan Yin

Chung-yang (Chinese) [Central Yellow Old Ruler] a Taoist god revered by the T'ai-p'ing school brother of T'ai-Shan
Chung-yung

Chinese
[Doctrine of the Mean]
one of the Four Books
the eighth of the 9 major works of
the Confucian canon, dealing
with philosophy

Chunwu (see Khons)
Chunubluk

Inuit
a stalk of grass that, by wishing,
became a man
This being later changed into
da wolverine.

Chur

Persian
an archangel
a quadrant of the sun’s disc

Chur

(see Rod)

churchi tuboh

Malay
[masokjaw]
a rite of initiation and purification
for adolescents
This ceremony involves such things as
head shaving, tooth filing and
appeasement of tribal deities.

Churel

Hindu
the evil spirit of a woman who died
giving birth to a child
It is said to spread disease and to suck
the life out of young men.
A churel has no mouth and its feet
point towards the rear.

Churi

Buddhist
a knife used in rituals to cut out evil

Churinga

Australian

[tiuringa]
sacred tablets of the Aborigines
Each tablet contains the soul of a dead
person awaiting reincarnation. When a
suitable mother appears, the soul leaves
the tablet, follows the woman
home and is reborn.
In some cases a hole is drilled
through a churinga through which a
string is passed, enabling it to be used
as a bullroarer.

Churl

(see Karl)

Churn

(see Iddawg)

Churning of the Ocean

Hindu
[Churning of the Sea of Milk]
the making of amrita
The gods and demons coiled the
World Serpent, Ananta or Vasuki,
round Mount Mandara and, by pulling
on each end for 1,000 years, caused the
Churning of the Ocean. This
operation brought up fourteen things
that had been lost by the early Vedic
tribes in the flood. These were:
Airavata, Indra’s elephant
Amrita, the drink of the gods
Chandra (Soma), the moon-god
Dhanvantari, the Divine Doctor
Dhanus, the magic bow
Kaustubha, Vishnu’s ruby
Lakshmi, the goddess of beauty
Prajapati, the tree of knowledge
Rambha, a nymph
Sankha, the horn of victory
Surabhi, the cow of plenty
Uccaihrasravas, the magic horse
Varuni (Sura), the goddess of wine
Visha, poison
In other accounts a pair of earrings,
given by Indra to his mother Aditi, were
recovered; Kamadenu is referred to in
place of Surabhi; the Aspasaras emerged;
the jewel, Chinta-manī (an alternative
to Kaustubha, perhaps) was produced.

Churning of the Sea of Milk

(see Churning of the Ocean)
Churuquella

(see Pariacaca)

Chusor

(see Gudrun)

Chusain

North American
an evil spirit of the Athapascan tribes,
death personified

Chuvash

Russian

[=Finnish Kaba]
a spirit of fate

Chuwimbian

(see Chwimleian)

Chwimleian

British

a Welsh flower-maiden

In some accounts she is equated with
Gwendolena.

Chyavana

Hindu

a sage
son of Bhrigu and Puloma
husband of Sukanya
He was born as his mother ran to
escape a demon, possibly the real
father of the beautiful princess Sukanya
who, when he grew old, tricked the
Aswins into giving him renewed youth.
Indra tried to kill the sage for this
episode but Chyavana created Mada, a
monster so large that it swallowed not
only Indra but the mountain he had
brought, under which he had proposed
to bury the sage. To gain his release,
Indra granted the Aswins immortality.

Cian

Irish
[Cian mac Cainte.Kian.Mackin(e)ly]
son of Dian Cecht
brother of Cether, Cu, Goibhniu
and Sambhair father of Lugh by Ethlinn
His magic cow Glas Gabnach, which
gave unlimited supplies of milk, was
stolen by Balor. In revenge, Cian,
disguised as a woman, gained access to
Balor’s daughter Ethlinn, who had
been locked up in a tower by her
father, and seduced her. He also
seduced the twelve women guarding
her. Ethlinn bore three sons at one
birth: two were drowned on the orders
of Balor; their third son, Lugh, killed
his grandfather as had been predicted.
Cian’s family had feuded for years
with the family of Turenn and he was
killed by the three sons of Turenn who
stommed him to death after he had
turned himself into a pig, or a lapdog,
to escape their attention.
Another account says that Cian was
an evil druid who turned children into
hares and then, in the form of a hound,
chased them. In this story he was
turned into a boar when the sons of
Turenn struck him with a stick.

Cian of Cluain

Irish
[Kieran]
son of Beoan and Darerca
As a young man he restored to life a
dead horse. When he entered a
time. When Ciabhan left her to go
hunting, the sea-god caused a wave to
carry the girls back to the Otherworld
or, in some accounts, to drown the
three girls and, some say, their lovers
as well.

Ciabhan

Irish
[=Kieran]
a bard who travelled on the boat to
Avalon with the body of King Arthur

Cian

British
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As a young man he restored to life a
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monastery he took with him a cow that provided enough milk for all the community. Once, when a wayward husband denied adultery before the saint, the man’s head fell off, but he stayed with Ciaran in the monastery for many years.

He caused golden hair to grow on the bald head of Mairceann when she appealed for help in his name and performed many other miracles before dying at the age of thirty-three.

Ciaran of Saighir

a saint

son of Lughna and Liadan

He built his monastery with the aid of a number of wild animals that, when the building was complete, turned into monks.

Cibaciba

an entrance to the land of the dead in the lore of Fiji

Cibas

sacred white shells used to make necklaces

Cibi

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Cibola

7 legendary cities of the Aztecs

The Aztecs say they originated from the seven cities of Cibola, which may well be another version of the seven chambers of Chichomoztoc.

Cichol Gricenchos

[see Cichol Gricenchos]

Cihuateteo

spirits of women who died in childbirth

These spirits are said to live in Tamoanchan and in some accounts are equated with the Tzitzimime.

It is said that they can appear in the form either of women or of eagles.

They were depicted with white faces with golden eyebrows and arms whitened with tisatl.

(see La Lleroma)

Cil Coed

[see Cil Coed]

father of the Welsh magician Llwyd

Cildadan

Irish

a king of Ireland

brother of Abies

His brother had been killed by Amadis and he sought revenge. He challenged Lisuarte, king of Britain, and they agreed to settle the matter by allowing 100 knights from each side to fight one another. Cildadan’s forces were routed by the British, led by Amadis, and fled back to Ireland.

Cileus

Roman

an Etruscan deity

Ciligwi, Ousel of

(see Blackbird of Ciligwi)

Cilicia

Greek

the sky

Cilix

Greek

king of Cilia

son of Agenor and Telephassa

brother of Cadmus, Europa and Phoenix

When his sister Europa was carried off by Zeus in the form of a bull, he and his brothers went in search of her. He settled in and became king of Cilicia, a country named after him.

Cillus

Greek

driver of the chariot given by Poseidon to Pelops

Cilydd

[see Cilydd]

father of Culhwch by Goleuddydd

In Welsh lore, when his wife died he promised not to remarry until a double-headed briar grew on her grave. He later married the widow of King Doged, who laid a charge on Culhwch that he should marry none but Olwen.

Cilydd Hundred-holds

British

owner of a strong chain, in Welsh lore

Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get this chain to hold the collar of the hounds to be used in the hunt for Trwch Trwyth as part of the quest for the hand of Olwen.

Cimbaeth

(see Kimbay)

Cimbaoth

(see Kimbay)

Cimbeline

(see Cunobelinus)

Cimeries

da demon, a marquis of hell one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is depicted astride a black horse and is said to teach literature.

Cimetiere

(see Baron Samedi)

Cimi

Central American

the sixth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore – death

(see also Three Cimi)

Cimiacinus

Celtic

a god of travellers

Cimmerians

Greek

the inhabitants of the far bank of Ocean who lived in perpetual darkness

Cimmerii

(see Cimmerians)

Cin

Turkish

a spirit which can cause madness and illness
These spirits, which cause epilepsy in children, are normally invisible but they can materialise whenever and in whatever form they choose. They live in old ruins, trees, refuse tips and various other places.

Cin-an-ev  North American
[see Cin-an-ev)
a culture hero of the Ute tribe: a wolf-trickster

Cin-au-av  (see Cin-au-av)
a 5th c legendary hero
He was a humble farmer who raised a conscript army, defeated the Aquei, freed the army they had trapped and returned home all in the space of fifteen days.

Cine't'en  Siberian
wife of Kere'tkun

Cingris  Egyptian
a pharaoh

father of Scota
His daughter married the Irish sage Niul.

Cin-nabar Classic  (see Tan Ching)

Cinnéide  Irish
a chieftain
father of Brian Boru

Cintamani  a pearl said to have the power to grant wishes

This jewel is carried on the back of the horse of the west wind.

Cintearl  (see Cintéotl)

Cintéotl  Central American
[Ceméotl.Chiucoatl.Cinteatl:=Mayan
Yum Caax]
The Aztec maize-god
son of Tetzcatlipoca and Tlazoteotl
husband of Xochiquetzal
father of Xochipilli, some say

God often appeared in female form.  (see also Tonacajohua

Cinvat  (see Chinvat Bridge)

Cinvato Peretu  (see Chinvat Bridge)

Cinxia  Roman
a goddess of marriage, later assimilated into Juno

Cinyrades  Greek
priests of Aphrodite

Cinyras1  Greek
[Kinyras]
a king of Cyprus
a priest of Aphrodite
son of Paphos
son of Apollo, Sancodes or Theias, some say
husband of Cencreis or Metharme
father of Adonis, Mydalia and Myrrha
Some say he was married to Paphos
while others say that she was his mother and Metharme was his wife.

Aphrodite caused his daughter Myrrha to sleep with Cinyras, producing Adonis. The goddess then turned Myrrha into a myrtle tree. In some stories, Myrrha is Smyrna, in others her father is Belus or Theias.

In some accounts he killed himself when he realised he had committed incest.

Cinyras2  Greek
a smith-god of Cyprus originally worshipped in Syria

Ciomboaith  (see Kimbay)
Cipactli1  Central American
an Aztec goddess in the form of a huge crocodile or fish

When she emerged from the primaeval waters she fought Tetzcatlipoca. He broke off her lower jaw and she bit off his left foot. The earth, Cemanahua, was formed from her body.

Cipactli2  Central American
the first of the 20 days of the Aztec month
Symbolising the east and the water snake, the day is governed by Tonatatecuhtli.

Cipactli3  (see Cipactonal)

Cipactonal  Central American
the first woman who, with Oxomoco the first man, was created by Piltzintecuhtli.

In other accounts he and the woman Xumio were created by Hometecuhtli.  (see also Chipactonal

Cipapu  North American
in the lore of the Acoma, the place where Ia'tiku and Na'tisiti were born underground

Cir  Irish
a poet
He accompanied Eremen when he took the northern half of the country.

Cirape  North American
a young coyote, in the lore of the Crow Indians
brother of Coyote
He helped his more famous brother in the creation of the world.

Circe1  Greek
[Aeaea.'hawk'.Kirke]
a goddess or sorceress
daughter of Helius and Perse
sister of Aetes and Pasiphae
mother of Agrius, Latinus and Telegonus by Odysseus
mother of Comus by Bacchus, some say
She killed her husband and was exiled to the island of Aeaea. She fell in love with the fisherman Glaucus, but he preferred the nymph Scylla. Circe then changed Scylla into a monster.

She turned all men who approached her into animals, Some of the crew of Odysseus’ ship were turned into pigs but she fell in love with Odysseus himself and returned his men to their former selves. Some say that her three sons were fathered by Odysseus, although the parentage of Latinus is disputed.

When Picus rejected her love, she turned him into a woodpecker.

She purified Jason and Medea of the murder of Apsyrtus.

Circe2  British
a sorceress
wife of Bethides

She was said to have been instrumental in bringing in the Romans who destroyed the Franc Palais and conquered Britain.

Circe's grass  Greek
the plant [mandrake] which, it is said, Circe used to change men into animals

Circius  Roman
[=Greek Thracus]
a wind from the north-west quarter

Circle of Penance  (see Gakido)

Circle of the Sun  a megalith consisting of 5 stones with a central altar

Cirech  Scottish
a Pict
son of Cruithne

When his father divided the kingdom between his seven children, Cirech was given Angus and Mearns.

Cirein Croin  British
a Scottish monster in the form of a huge sea serpent

It was said that this huge beast could eat seven whales for one meal.

Ciriato  European
[Ciriato.Guttlehog]
a devil with tusks in Dante's Inferno

Ciriatto  (see Ciriato)

Ciriel  (see Kiriel)

Ciris  (see Scylla)

Cirrho  (see Delphi)

Cis  Irish
an ancestor of Brigit
son of Carma
father of Crear

Cissa  British
son of Aelle
brother of Cymen and Wlencing
Cisseta  Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon the hunter watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Cisseta, tore him to pieces.

Cissseus  Greek
[ Kisseeus ]

ing a king of Thrace
father of Heuba and Theano, some say

Cissos  (see Dionysus)

Cist Arthur  British
a burial chamber in Wales, said to be the grave of King Arthur
(see also Carnedd Arthur)

Cittapati  Buddhist
[Cittapati—Tibetan Dur-krod-bdag-po]
a demon of the graveyard, in the form of a skeleton which dances on corpses.
They are said to carry a wand topped with a skull and are usually found in the company of Yama.

Cithecne  Greek
the home of the Gorgons

Cit Bolon Tum  Central American
a Mayan god of medicine
(see also Ahau Chamahez)

Cit Chac Cob  Central American
a Mayan war-god

He is depicted as a puma.

Citalicue  (see Citlallicue)

Citalotonac  (see Citlalotonac)

Citalonicue  (see Citlalonicue)

Citalonac  (see Citlalonac)

Citalicue  Central American
[ Citalicue.Citalonicue.Citalonac ]

another name for Ometecuhtli

In this role, her consort was Citlalonicue.
In some accounts, this is a name for Quetzalcoatl as ‘morning’ or for Tonacacihuatl as ‘star-skirted’.

Citli  Central American
the hare; a bowman

When he lost a wager he threw an arrow at the sun, which the sun-god threw back at him and hit him on the head.

Citoc Raymi  South American
a 9-day festival, held in June

This period followed the winter solstice and celebrated the increasing length of the days and the sun’s power.
It was marked by sacrifices of llamas, maize, etc.

Citra  Hindu
a goddess of misfortune
daughter of Daksha
wife of Candra

Citrugupta  Hindu
a spy for Dharma in his role as ‘judge of souls’

Citrasena  Buddhist
the female aspect of Buddhakapala

Citavasina  Buddhist
a goddess

one of 12 Paramita goddesses

City Dionysia  Greek
[ Great Dionysia ]
a spring festival in honour of Dionysus

City of Brass  Persian
a city said to have been built by Alexander the Great

City of Death  (see Burju Alamas)

City of Lanterns  a realm said to exist beyond the zodiac

City of the Caesars  South American
a fabulous city in Chile

This city is built from solid gold and the inhabitants live for ever in the greatest comfort and never leave. Those who come upon it by chance never remember what they have seen. It is said that the city will become visible when the world comes to an end.

City of the Dead by Accident  (see Wang-su Ch’eng)

City of the Legion  British
[ City of Legions ]
the site of one of King Arthur’s many battles
It is variously identified as Caerleon, Castelford or Chester.

City of the Three Kings  European
the name given to Cologne as the supposed site of the graves of the magi

Ciucuatl  (see Cibucuatl)
Ciupipiltin  (see Cibupatiti)
Ciuteotl  (see Cibucuatl)
Ciuteteo  (see Cibuateo)

Civavalkiyan  Hindu
a 9th c poet
His poems, of which there are over 500, speak against such things as the concept of rebirth, the caste system, etc. and preach reverence for Shiva.

Cizin  Central American
a Mayan god of death

He is said to burn the souls of the dead in Metnal. In some accounts he is equated with Ah Puch.
He is depicted as fleshless in parts, painted black and yellow.

Cladhimh Soluis  Irish
[ Sword of Light ]
the sword of Lugh

Claimer of Prayer  (see Moneneque)
clairaudience  the supposed power of hearing
clairvoyance  the supposed power of seeing the paranormal: visionary power

Clamadeus  British
a king in love with Blanchefleur

In an attempt to win her love, Clamadeus besieged the home of Blanchefleur but was killed in single combat by Percival.
In another version he was defeated by Percival who sent him to submit to King Arthur.

Claretie  European
daughter of Huon and Clarimunda

Clarette  British
wife of the Knight of the Sleeve

This hero of a Dutch story won Clarette as a wife in a tournament arranged by King Arthur.

Clarie  European
an English princess

Some say that she was given in marriage to Ogier as a reward for slaying a Saracen giant.

Clarie  European
[ Clarissa ]
sister of Yon
Her brother gave her hand in marriage to Rinaldo as a reward for military services.
In some stories, she is Clarissa, a
Saracen princess and daughter of Ivo, who gave her to Rinaldo as a wife.

**Clarice** (see Claris)

**Clarimunda** European

daughter of the Sultan Gaudisso
wife of Huon
mother of Clariet

She was betrothed to Babican who was killed by Huon. When Huon was imprisoned by her father, she supplied him with food and planned his escape with Sherasmin. When her father was killed on the orders of the Caliph, she went to France with Huon, became a Christian, taking the name Amanda, and married him.

Oberon gave the land of Faerie to Huon, but King Arthur, who went there when he died, disputed Huon’s right to inherit because Huon’s wife was a mortal. Morgan le Fay took Clarimunda (in this story, Escalmonde) to the fountain of youth where she bathed and became a fairy.

**Clarise** German
wife of Pant and mother of Lancelot
in a German version of the Lancelot stories

**Clarion** British
a Saxon king

In some accounts, he owned the horse Gringolet, which he lost to Gawain.

**Claris** British
a Knight of the Round Table
husband of Lidioine
He rescued his friend Laris from the hands of Tallas.

**Claris** European
a friend of Blanchefleur
She was imprisoned with Blanchefleur in Babylon and, when the emir freed Blanchefleur to marry Floris, the emir married Claris.

**Claris and Laris** French
a 13th c story of these two friends and companions-in-arms (see Laris)

**Clarissa** European
a princess of Tarascon
daughter of Ivo
wife of Rinaldo

**Clarissant** British
[Clarisse]
dughter of Lot and Morgause
wife of Guironelant
mother of Guigenor

**Clarisse** (see Clarissant)

**Clarivaus** British
a king of Northumberland
He was one of the leaders of the rebellion put down by King Arthur at the Battle of Bedegrayne.

**Clarrus of Cleremont** British
a Knight of the Round Table

After the death of King Arthur he joined Bedivere, Lancelot and other knights in a hermitage.

**Clas Merdin** (see Clas Myrddin)

**Clas Myrddin** British
[Clas Merdin, Merlin’s Enclosure, Merlin’s Precinct, Myrddin’s Precinct]
a Welsh name for Britain

**Clashing Rocks**
(see Planctae, Symplegades)

**Claudas** British
[King of the Desert Land]
a Gaulish giant
brother of Carras
father of Clauil

He was hired by a group of rebellious chief men to lead their forces against Bors and Ban. These kings took their armies to Britain to help King Arthur in his battles with the barons on his promise to help them against Claudas. Arthur kept his promise, defeated Claudas and took over his lands.

**Claudia Rufina** British
daughter of Caractacus, some say

**Claudia Quinta** Roman
a girl who moved a ship

Claudia had been unjustly accused of being unchaste. When a ship ran aground in the Tiber she released it by gently pulling on the tow rope, so proving her innocence.

**Claudin** British
son of Claudas
He was one of the nine knights who joined Bors, Galahad and Percival at Castle Carbonel and saw the Holy Grail.

**Clavicles of Solomon**
[Black Book]
a collection of magic formulae

The collection was compiled, it is said, by King Solomon.

**Clavigero** Central American
an 18th c priest who wrote extensively on Aztec history and mythology

**Clavigero** Spanish
a wooden horse in Don Quixote

**Clavilenio** (see Wooden Horse)

**Clay Mother** North American
a tutelary spirit of the Pueblo tribes

This spirit gave her flesh (clay) to the potters so that they could make utensils for her people.

**Clea** Greek
a woman whose pregnancy lasted for 5 years

She sought help from Asclepius, who allowed her to sleep in his sacred chamber. When she woke and left the room, her son was born.

**Cleobis** Greek
son of Cydippe
brother of Biton

When their mother expressed a wish to see the wonderful statue of Hera, Cleobis and his brother yoked themselves to a cart and pulled her all the way to Argos. Tired from the effort, he was given permanent rest by Hera – he was transported to the Elysian Fields.

**Cleobule** Greek
[Theobole]
daughter of Aelolus
wife of Amytor
mother of Phoenix

When Amytor took a mistress she induced Phoenix to sleep with the girl.

In some accounts she is called Cleobule.

**Cleobulus** Greek
one of the Seven Sages

Author of Hymn to Zeus, he is said to have starved himself to death.

**Clear Sky** North American
first wife of Kulshan

She quarrelled with her husband’s second wife, Fair Maiden, and left to set up her own house far to the south. She was later turned into the mountain now known as Mount Rainer.

**Cleodff Cyfwlch** British
son of Cleddf Dyfwlch
father of Bwclch, Cyfwlch and Syfwlch

some say (see also Cildyff Cyfwlch)

**Cleddf Dyfwlch** British
father of Cleddf Cyfwlch
cledonomancy
divination from the involuntary actions and utterances of humans

**Cleema** (see Cliona)

**Clegis** British
a Knight of the Round Table

**Cleite** Greek
[Clite]
daughter of Merops
wife of King Cyzicus

When her husband was killed by the Argonauts she hanged herself.

**Cleia** (see Cloeia)

**Clementia** Roman
a guardian-goddess of the citizen

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Cleobuta (see Cleopatra)  
Cleocharia Greek  
a nymph, one of the Naiads  
Cleodaeus Greek  
son of Heracles by Malis  
brother of Alcaeus  
Cleodaeus Greek  
son of Hyllus by Iole  
Cleodalis British  
the general leading the forces of King  
Byance against Leodogranace  
Cleolla Greek  
daughter of Dias  
wife of Pleisthenes, some say  
Cleonaen lion (see Nemean lion)  
Cleopatra Greek  
[ Cleopatra ]  
daughter of Boreas and Oreithyia  
sister of Calais, Chione and Zetes  
first wife of Phineus  
Phineus threw her into prison and took another wife, Idaea, but her brothers Calais and Zetes freed her and put her children on the throne of Salmydessus in place of Phineus. Her sons later joined the Argonauts and gave the throne to Cleopatra.  
Cleopatra Greek  
[ Cleopatra ]  
a goddess of twilight  
daughter of Idas and Marpessa  
wife of Meleager  
She hanged herself when Meleager was killed.  
Cleothera Greek  
daughter of Pandareus and Hermothoe  
sister of Aeson and Merope  
She was one of the daughters who were carried off by the Harpies as slaves for the Furies.  
Cleriadus British  
a king of Britain  
husband of Meliadice  
Clerimond European  
niece of the Green Knight  
sister of Ferragus  
wife of Valentine  
Clermeil West Indian  
[Difícile Clermeil]  
a Haitian voodoo spirit  
He is said to be all-powerful and when upset causes rivers to overflow.  
Clerménez West Indian  
a Haitian voodoo spirit  
cleromancy  
divination by lot, such as falling dice  
Cleta Greek  
in some accounts, one of the Graces  
Cletine Irish  
the spear of Cuchulainn  
(see also Duaibhseach)  
Cliach Irish  
a minstrel  
He sued for the hand of Bodh's daughter, Conchenn, but was rejected and died of fright when a dragon came up out of the earth.  
Clidna (see Cliona)  
Clidnu (see Cliona)  
Cligés French  
[ Cligés ]  
son of Alexander and Soredamor  
He fell in love with Fenice, wife of his uncle Alis, and went to King Arthur's court to avoid conflict. When Alis died, he married Fenice.  
Cligés French  
a 12th c story of the exploits of Cligés, written by Chrétien de Troyes  
Climbing the Hills (see Teng Kao)  
Clinschor (see Klingsoor)  
Clio Greek  
[ Klio ]  
one of the 9 Muses, heroic poetry  
and history  
When she laughed at Aphrodite for  
loving the mortal, Adonis, the  
goddess caused her to fall in love with  
Pierus, by whom, in some stories, she  
bore Hyacinthus.  
Clidna (see Cliona)  
Clidhna (see Cliona)  
Cliona Irish  
[ Cliona ]  
daughter of Gebann  
sister of Aoife and Etain  
sister of Aoiheal, some say  
She fell in love with Ciabhan and they  
ran away, but when they were  
caught by Tír Nárnigirti to Cark to  
escape Manannan. Her sisters Aoife and Etain eloped with Eolus and  
Lodan at the same time. When Ciabhan left her to go hunting, the  
sea-god sent a huge wave that carried  
the girls back to the Otherworld or, in  
some versions, drowned not only the  
girls but their lovers as well.  
In another version she fell in love  
with Angus Og, but was drowned en  
route to see him by the treachery of  
her companion in the boat.  
Some say that both she and her  
sister were in love with the same man,  
the chieftain O Caoinmh, and she  
turned Aioheal into a cat. She then  
mixed the chieftain, who later  
abandoned her when he found out  
what she had done. She carried off  
Sean mac Semais at his engagement  
party, but when Caitlin Og demanded  
a dowry she released him.  
(see also Cliona)  
Cliona Irish  
[ Cleena.Clidina.Clidhna.Cliod(h)na ]  
a fairy queen of Munster  
In some accounts she is the same as  
Cliona, daughter of Gebann.  
Clite (see Cleite)  
Cliton Celtic  
sister of Morgan le Fay  
Clitonymus Greek  
son of Amphidamas  
He was accidentally killed by Patroclus  
in an argument over a dice game.  
Clitus Greek  
son of Mantius  
He was a very handsome youth who  
was carried off by Eos.  
Cloacina Roman  
goddess of sewers  
a name for Venus as ‘purifier’  
Cloak of Invisibility German  
a magic cloak owned by Siegfried,  
which rendered the wearer invisible  
Clodian British  
son of Faramon  
brother of Belide  
He was killed in combat by Tristram.  
clostones (see Bacchantes)  
Cloelia Roman  
a maiden  
She was handed over to Lars Porsenna  
as one of the hostages when the  
Romans and Etruscans agreed a truce.  
She persuaded her guards to let the  
captives bathe in the river and they all  
swam back to Rome.  
Cloithfhionn Irish  
wife of Eochaid Feidhicheal  
mother of Clothra, Conall Anghlonnach,  
the Finn Eamhna and Maeve  
She fell out with her husband over a  
game of chess and left him, taking  
their triplet sons, Breas, Lothar and  
Nar, with her.  
Clonia Greek  
a nymph  
wife of Hyrieus  
mother of Nycteus, some say  
Clonio British  
[ Old Clonio ]  
a Scottish name for Satan  
Clorian European  
as a Saracen soldier  
He and Medoro crept out of their camp  
at night to retrieve the body of their  
leader, Dardinel, killed in battle by  
Rinaldo. They entered the Christian  
camp and killed several men in revenge  
and then started back carrying the body.  
They were overtaken by a troop led by  
Zerbino, and Cloridan was killed.
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In other stories she was Phaeton's sister and when he was killed driving his father's sun-chariot, Clymene and her sister Prote were changed into poplar trees as they grieved for him on the banks of the River Po.

In some accounts Asia appears in place of Clymene, in others Clymene is given as the wife of Prometheus.

Clymenus\(^1\)  
Greek  
[a companion of Helen]  
When Helen was carried off to Troy by Paris, Clymene went with her.

Clymenus\(^4\)  
(see Pyrrha)  

Clymenus\(^5\)  
Greek  
[a king of Argos]  
father of Harpyace  
He had an incestuous love for his daughter, so when she married Alastor he seized her as she left with her husband, and kept her for himself. She killed her younger brother (or, some say, her own child by Clymenus) and served his flesh to her father at a banquet.

In some accounts she was turned into an owl at her own request, in others Clymenus killed both his daughter and himself.

A similar story is told of Epopeus and Nyctymene.  
(see also Epopeus.Nyctymene)

Clymenus\(^6\)  
Greek  
[a king of Orchomenus]  
grandson of Phrixus  
father of Erginus  
He was killed by a stone thrown by Perieres. His son Erginus swore that he had sacrificed to ensure a safe passage to attack Troy.

Clyris  
(see Clytie)  

Clytie\(^1\)  
Greek  
[a sea nymph]  
a maiden who fell in love with the sun-god, Apollo or Helius  
daughter of Oceanus  
When the god rejected her, she pined away; always watching him, and changed after nine days into a sunflower (heliotrope).

Clytis\(^1\)  
Greek  
[‘renowned’]  
son of Eurytus  
brother of Priam  

clytis\(^2\)  
Greek  
[‘renowned’]  
one of the Earthborn Giants  
son of Uranus and Gaea  
He was killed in the battle between the giants and the gods by Hecate who burnt him to death with torches.

Clytius\(^3\)  
Greek  
[‘renowned’]  
a king of Oechalia  
son of Eurytus  
He was one of the Argonauts and was killed in Colchis by Aetes.

Clytonymus  
Greek  
[‘famous’]  
son of Amphidamus  
This youth was accidentally killed by Patroclus.

Cmok  
Irish  
a nymph

Cnossia  
Greek  
a nymph

Cnossius  
(see Idomenus)

Cnu Dearoil  
Irish  
a servant of Finn mac Cool

He was a dwarf, less than two feet tall, found by Finn outside a fairy mound.

Cnucha  
(see Battle of Knock)

Cnuphis  
(see Kneph)  

co-hon  
Vietnamese  
in Annamese lore, the souls of those who died as a result of violence

It is said that these spirits live in the shade of trees and attack travellers at night. They can be propitiated with offerings of paper, shoes, rice, etc.

Co-walker  
British  
in Scottish lore, a companion who haunts a man like his own shadow: a doppelganger  

Coart  
[=Dutch Cuwaert]  
the hare in Reynard the Fox

Coassinolar  
(see Caacrinolaas)  

Coatepec  
Central American  
the home of Coatlicue

Coatl  
Central American  
the fifth of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising the East and the snake, the day is governed by Chalchiuhtlicue.

Coatlantona  
Central American  
[Serpent Skirt]  
a name for Coatlicue as ‘Robe of Serpents’

Coatlucie  
Central American  
the Aztec earth-goddess, moon-goddess, mother-goddess, earth serpent  
an aspect of Tonantzin  
the female aspect of Ometeotl  
wife of Mixcoatl  
mother of Coyolxauhqui,  
Huizilopochtli, Quetzalcoatl, Xolotl and 400 others  
She was impregnated with a ball of...
down or feathers that fell on to her lap. Her 400 (or 4,000) children planned to kill her to prevent the birth but her son, Huitzilopochtli (or Quetzalcoatl), was born fully armed and killed many of the rebellious children.

Another version of this story tells of a widow, La, who is similarly made pregnant and saved by her son, Huitzilopochtli. In some stories she is the consort of Tlaltecuhtli.

She is represented as a terrible deity with snakes round her waist, human hearts as a necklace and with claws on hands and feet. She ate the dead.

Coatrischie West Indian
a Taino storm-goddess
This being, together with Guatava, acted as an assistant to Guabancex.

Coba a Milesian
son of Milesius
He was said to have introduced the art of trapping and died when he was caught in one of his own traps.

Cobhthach Coel (see Covac)
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coblyn British
[plur=coblyna=Cornish knocker]
a Welsh spirit of the mines who helps miners to locate coal, etc.

coblyna (see coblyn)
cobra Egyptian
the animal sacred to Wadjet: part of the uraeus

cobra Pacifick Islands
a snake said to carry a precious jewel in its head
This stone, the gemala, is said to shine at night and has the power to make any man who owns it victorious in battle. Some say that it can be used to cure a snake bite.

Coca-Mama South American
a Peruvian goddess of the coca plant.

Cocalus Greek
king of Sicily
He sheltered Daedalus when he escaped from the Cretan labyrinth of King Minos. When Minos came to his court in search of Daedalus he was killed; in some versions in the fighting that ensued when Cocalus refused to hand over Daedalus, in others when Daedalus (or a priestess of Cocalus) poured scalding water over Minos as he lay in his bath.

Cocao [Cochab]
a demon associated with the planet Mercury and Wednesday
(see also Cochabil)
Cochab (see Coca)
a Cabalistic spirit of Mercury
Cochabal Hebrew
a lover of Uathach
When Cuchulainn accidentally broke Uathach’s finger, Cochabal challenged him to single combat and was killed.

Cochimel Central American
[Cocochimel]
a god of trade, patron of merchants

Cocidus British
a god of the hunt
In some accounts he is equated with Segomo or Silvan. (see Segomo)

Cocijo Central American
[-Aztec Tlaloc.Tezcatlipoca.Tzahu:]
=Mayan Chac-=Totonic Tain]
a Zapotec rain-god

cock [gallus]
the male of the fowl, a bird domesticated in many countries, in many cases regarded as sacred
(1) In the bestiaries the only bird to be castrated.
(2) In China the cock is called kung-ch’i and is regarded as a divine bird that carries the sun through part of the zodiac. Some say it could become a human being while others say that it drives away ghosts when it crows at dawn. A picture of a cock pasted on a coffin is said to drive away demons.
(3) In Germany the bird is regarded as a weather prophet.
(4) In Greek lore the cock is the bird of Apollo and Athena. It was sacrificed to Asclepius in recognition of recovery from illness.
(5) In Japan the cock is known as tokyo-nagai-dori and is said to prepare the heart for worship.
(6) The Norse regard the cock as a guardian. In the realm of Midgard, Gullinkambi lived on the tree Yggdrasil. In Valhalla, Fialar’s duty was to waken the warriors for the final battle.
(7) The Romans consulted the cock as an augury, particularly on the weather.
(8) An old Scottish custom involved the sacrifice of a cock as a cure for epilepsy.

Cockaigne European
[Cockayne=German Schlaraffenland]
a paradisal land of wealth where the buildings were made of pastry and sugar

cockatrice a winged monster, part cock, part serpent
This beast was produced from a cockrel’s egg, hatched by a snake or toad. In some accounts it was equated with the basilisk.

Cockayne (see Cockaigne)
Cockspur (see Zipacna)
Coes (see Horatius’)

coco macaque West Indian
a stick that walks by itself
In Haiti they say that such a stick can be sent off on its own to do errands and can also be used to attack enemies. Any person struck by such a stick soon dies.

Cocoa South American
a cat-god of Peru
It was said that this deity, depicted as a cat, continuously produced streams of hail from its eyes.

Cocochimetl (see Cochimetl)
Cocoloon (see Kukulcan)
Cocomama South American
an Inca spirit controlling the growth of the coca plant

Cocoyomes Mexican
the first people, ancestors of the Tarahumare tribe
These beings, cannibals who lived in caves, were scorch to death by the sun for their wickedness. A few escaped but were later killed by the ‘Tarahumare.

Cocciugres [Cocquecugres.Cocquecugres]
imaginary animals

Cocciugres (see Cocqiugres)
Cocquecugres (see Cocqiugres)

Cocytus’ Greek
[Kokutos.Kokytos]
a river in Hades
This river was said to be composed of the salty tears of the dead who wander in Hades for 100 years if they have not got the fare of one obol required by Charon to ferry them across the Acheron or Styx.

Cocyomes Mexican
father of Minthe by Peitho

cod-pan (see cho-pan)

Codal Irish
foster father of the young Eire

Codex Borbonious Central American
a book of Aztec legends

Codex Borgia Central American
the Aztec calendar
This book also describes the Aztec gods and their exploits.
Codex Cortesianus Central American
a source of Mayan legends and culture
Codex Cospiano Central American
a source of Aztec myths
Codex Huamantla Central American
a source of Aztec myths
Codex Magliabechi Central American
a source of Aztec myths
Codex Regius Central American
[see Old Edda]
Codex Vindobonensis Central American
[Vienna Codex]
Codex Zoncha-Nuttall Central American
a source of Aztec myths
Codex Cortesianus Colga
(see Caireb)
Codex Zoncha-Nuttall
a book of Mixtec myths
and genealogies
Codrus Greek
[Kodros]
the last king of Athens
son of Melanthus
father of Medon
Some say he was an early king of Athens, some the last king. He
took the throne by killing the previous king, Xanthus.
It was prophesied that the Dorians would conquer Attica if the king was
spared, so Codrus entered their camp and died fighting. The Dorians gave
up the fight and withdrew. Since no man felt worthy to follow such a king,
the royal position was abolished.

Coel1 British
[Old] King Cole
a duke of Colchester
a king of Britain
father of Helena
He was said to have overthrown the king, Asclepiodotus, and died a month
later. In some accounts he derives from Camulos and is the husband of
Stradwawl and father of Gwawl. Some
say that he was an ancestor of
King Arthur. (see also Coel2)

Coel2 British
husband of Stradwawl
father of Gwawl
In some Welsh accounts he is the same
as King Coel of Britain.

Coel Godebog British
an ancestor of Merlin
father of Ceneu

Coelus (see Caelus)
a survivor of the flood in the lore of
the Tapi
He was one of four people who
escaped by hiding in caves or climbing
trees; the others were Hermitten,
Krimen and Tuptan.

Coemgen
(see Caemhughin)

Coenmer Greek
son of Abas
brother of Lysimache

Coetan Arthur British
a barrow in Wales where, it is said,
King Arthur lies buried

Coetus Greek
[Coes.Koes]
one of the Titans
son of Uranus and Gaia
brother and husband of Phoebe
father of Asteria and Leto

Coeviaca South American
a culture hero of the Xingu of Brazil
He is regarded as the man who
brought fire from the gods.

Cogaz African
son of Kaang and Coti, in Bushman lore
He descended to earth and taught
mankind how to dig for roots.

Coh Central American
a leopard
a Mayan prince
son of Kali
brother of Aac, Cay, Moo and Niete
When Moo rejected Aac and married
Coh there was bad blood between the
brothers, leading to war, and Coh was
killed by his brother who renewed his
suit for the widowed queen. When she
rejected him once again, he made war
on her, and when her forces were
defeated she fled the country.

Cohoba West Indian
a drug used in religious rites, said by
some to induce the power of
prophecy

Cohuacam Central American
a holy mountain, home of the gods

Cohuatzincatl Central American
a god of intoxication
one of the Centzon Totochtin

Coil Croda Irish
[Hundred-slayer]
a warrior of the Fianna
He was one of Finn mac Cool's men
carried off by Gilla Daccar, and in the
party of nine, led by Cool Mac Morna,
which recovered Finn's hounds, Bran
and Scelalan, when they were stolen by
Arthur.

Coiling Dragon Chinese
a water dragon

Coihchenda Irish
a warrior woman
wife of Morgan
mother of Delbchaem

Her husband, king of the Land of
Wonder, had locked their daughter in
a tower to frustrate a prophecy that
said that her mother would die
when Delbchaem married. Art rescued
Delbchaem, killed both Coinchend and
Morgan, and married their
daughter.

Coir Anmann Irish
a story of the exploits of Conan, son
of Cuchulainn

Coirbre (see Caireb)

Coirpre (see Caireb)

Coirpre Lifchearch (see Caireb Lifechearch)

Col1 African
[Chol]
a Sudanese rain-god

Col2 (see Camail)

Colada Spanish
a sword of El Cid

Colathos Egyptian
[Kolathos]
a god envisaged as a youth

Colbran Danish
[Colbrond.Coldbrand]
a giant killed by Guy of Warwick

Colbronde (see Colbrand)

Colcannon Night North American
the name for Hallowe'en in Canada

Colchian Dragon Greek
the dragon that guarded the Golden
Fleece at Colchis

Colce Irish
step-son of Cred
Cred fell in love with Cano, a Scottish
prince, and Colce was jealous. He
prevented the lovers from keeping an
assignation by Lake Cred.

Cold2 Baltic
son of Louhi, in Finnish lore

Cold1 North American
one of the 4 anayle left alive after the
storm sent by Estanatlehi

Cold Food Festival (see Festival of Tombs)

Cold Space (see Matao-Anu)

Cold Space Creeping On (see Whakatoro-Anu)

Coldbrand (see Colbrand)

Cole (see Camulos.Coel)

Colel Cab Central American
a Mayan earth-goddess

Colga Irish
[Colga(n) of the Hard Weapons]
a king of Lochlan
father of Midac
He led an army to conquer Ireland but
only Midac survived the battle with the
Fianna. Colga was killed by Oscar, in
some accounts.
He and his brothers killed High-king Fiachu who was their uncle.

Colla Meann  Irish

brother of Colla Fochra and Colla Ilais

He and his brothers killed High-king Fiachu, who was their uncle, and fled to Scotland when the king's son, Muireadhach, returned from an expedition at the head of an army. They were later forgiven by Muireadhach and, with an army from Connaught, conquered most of Ireland.

collahualla  South American

[collahuaya.kollawalla] itinerant medicine men in Bolivia

These people are said to cure diseases using herbal remedies.

Collari  South American

an ancestress of the O'reo people of Peru' consort of Inkarri

She and her mate, Inkari, were created by the Apus to repopulate the country when Raol killed the existing people with the heat of the sun.

Collasiri  South American

medicine men of the Ayamara people

They claim to diagnose illness by divination using animal entrails, and to cure illness by transferring it to some other animal or object.

Collatinus (see Tarquinius Collatinus)

Collection of Written Leaves

(see Popul Vuh)

Collen  (see Tollen)

Collopy of the Old Men  Irish

[Acclam na Senorec.Agallamh na Seainorach.] a 12th c story of the exploits of the Fianna

This writing takes the form of conversations between Caille, Osian and St Patrick, during which the two warriors pass on the history of the Fianna.

Colm Cille  (see Columba)

Colman  Irish

a king of Connaught

father of Guaire

He was killed at the Battle of Ceann Bugha by Ragallach, who then took over the throne.

Colman Beag  Irish

a king of Meath

He abducted a nun and held her captive on an island. St Cainneach appeared in a fiery chariot, which so frightened Colman that he returned the nun and repented.

Colman mac Duach  Irish

a saint

While he and a follower were fasting, King Guaire, who was feasting, wished that he could share his good fortune with somebody less fortunate. His plate of food was carried by angels and set down before the two starving clerics. The king later gave them a herd of cattle.

Colmcille  (see Columba)

Columbe  British

a maiden

She took a lover who was killed by her brother to wipe out the dishonour. She took her lover's sword to Lyle, the Lady of Avalon, who put a spell on it so that it could be used by the purest knight, who would use it to kill the one he loved best. It was claimed by Balin. When she followed him and saw that he had already killed the Lady of the Lake and Lanceor, she killed herself by falling on her lover's sword.

Colop U Uichkin  Central American

a Mayan sky-god

Colopation  
a demon said to throw open prisons

Colossus of Rhodes  Greek

a huge statue of Apollo

The statue was said to stand near (some say astride) the harbour of the seaport of Rhodes and was destroyed by an earthquake.

colours

the 3 sacred colours are black, red and white

Black is the colour of mourning, the dead and gods of the earth. Red symbolising blood, flesh and organs, is the colour of fertility. White is the colour of festivities and of sacrificial offerings. In Argos it was the colour of mourning, and still is in some countries.

Colphi  Irish

son of Milesius and Scota

colt-pixy  Irish

a mischievous fairy

Colum  Irish

a smith-god of the Danaans

Colum2  (see Columba)

Columba  Irish


a saint and missionary

son of Feidlimidh

brother of Oran

He set up a monastery on Iona and sent out missions to convert the Picts. His story is found in the Vitae Columbae written by Adhamnan in the 7th century.
An angel always hovered over his head and, in one account, he sent an angel to catch a monk, who had fallen from a tower, before he hit the ground.

A monster in Loch Ness swam off at his command as it was about to attack one of his monks, Lugne. When a magician caused the wind to blow against his ship, it sailed on against the wind. It was said that the gates of Inverness opened of their own volition when he made the sign of the cross.

When the ruler of Tory Island offered him as much land as his cloak could cover, Columba caused the cloak to cover the whole island.

He was cured of his somewhat haughty manner when Christ himself could cover, offered him as much land as his cloak

He is said to have rejected the love of the earth-goddess and castrated himself. He declared himself a god (Hercules the Second) and required his subjects to worship him.

Common Mother South American the supreme deity of some native Indian tribes

Companions of the Night Central American

Companion Gods (see Associated Gods)

Comrades of the Day Central American

13 Aztec deities, each responsible for one hour of the day

Companions of the Day Central American

9 Aztec deities, each responsible for one hour of the night

comparative mythology the study of mythologies to elucidate differences and common ground

Compassionate Cusanite a name and attribute of El

Compassis Roman a festival of the cross-roads

Comrade Bouki (see Compair Bouki)

Comrade Rabbit (see Compair Lapin)

Comus British a pagan god

son of Bacchus and Circe

This deity, invented by Milton, transformed travellers by changing their faces into those of animals.

Comus British a poem written by John Milton

This work tells the story of Comus, son of Bacchus and Circe.

Comus Greek a god of mirth

son of Bacchus and Circe, some say

Comus Roman a god of drunken revelry

Comyra Greek a festival of Q're at which young men cut off their forelocks and dedicated them to the god Con South American a boneless creator-god

son of Inti

brother of Pachacamac

He could raise mountains and he
created a race of people who so annoyed him that he turned their fruitful land into desert. He was superseded by Pachacamac who turned the people made by Con into monkeys.

Con² (see Pariacaca)

Con-Inti Central American

an aspect of Inti as 'son of the sun'

Con Ion Vietnamese

spirits of Annamese children who died at birth

To ward off these spirits a dog is killed and buried under the bed of a woman in childbirth.

Con ma dan Vietnamese

spirits of those who died of smallpox

It is said that these spirits cause the disease.

Con Ticci Viracocha (see Viracocha)

spirits of Annamese girls who died young

These spirits are said to live in trees, robbing passers-by of their souls or driving them mad.

Con tram nu'o'c Vietnamese

in Annamese lore, a water buffalo

It is said that any person holding a hair of this animal can walk across a river without getting wet.

Conaing Irish

a king of Ireland

He was king of the northern half of the country and killed Lugaid Lamhdhearg who had usurped the throne of the southern half after killing Eochaid Uaircheas.

Conaire Caomh (see Conary Mor)

Conaire mac Mogha Lamha (see Conary mac Mogha Lamha)

Conaire Messbuachalla (see Conary Mor)

Conaire Mor (see Conary Mor)

Conal (see Conall)

Conall Irish

[Conal]

one of the sons of a high-king

In some accounts he and Dunchad were the sons of Blathmac, in others there were three sons (the other was Maeolodhar) and their father was Diarmaid who was joint-king with Blathmac. All three sons were killed when they were set upon by Maeolodan who drove them into a mill pond and, by starting the mill, had them crushed to death by the water wheel.

Conall¹ (see Conalla)

Conall Anghlonnach Irish

[Conal]

a warrior of Ulster

son of Eochaid Feidhleach and Cliothfhionn

Conall Cearnach Irish

[Conall Cearnaca.Conal(l) of the Victories]

a warrior of Ulster

one of the 12 champions of the Red Branch

son of Finchoom and Amergin, foster brother of Cuchulainn, husband of Fiebh, Lendar or Niam

His neck was damaged when he was a baby when Cet placed his foot on his neck, but was prevented from breaking it by his mother. As a result, Conall grew up with a crooked walk.

In a contest with Loaghaire Buadhach, Winner of Battles, and Cuchulainn for the title of Champion of All Ireland, he and Loaghaire ran with the ball from the room with them, while Cuchulainn faced them with his sword. They were also tested by Ercol who attacked them first with witches and then fought them himself, losing only to Cuchulainn. In a beheading contest with a giant, all three decapitated the giant but only Cuchulainn was prepared to offer his own neck to the axe.

He helped Froach rescue his family and cattle when they were carried off by raiders. In some accounts, they rescued the hostages from a castle in the Alps that was guarded by a huge snake, destroying the building in the process of rescue. He fought alongside Conary at the siege of the hostel of Da Derga. In some versions it was he who brought a drink to the thirsty king but found him already dead and decapitated. He gave the head a drink and it thanked him for fetching the water. In other stories it was the giant Mac Cecht who brought the drink.

At Mac Da Tho's least he outfaced Cet for the right to carve the famous boar when he produced from his bag the still-bloody head of Anluan of Connaught, Cet's brother, whom Conall had killed in combat.

When Conor mac Nessa reneged on his promise of safe conduct given to Naisi and Deirdre, he was in the party attacking the hostel at Emain Macha. When he learned of Conor's treachery he killed Conor's son Fiachra.

When Conall was killed by Lugaid, Conall killed him and then sought out and killed Cunlaid, Erc and Fergus and the three witch-daughters of Calatin. In some accounts Conall then went to the court of Maev, where Maev, jealous of her husband's affair with another woman, persuaded Conall to kill Ailll. The king's angry subjects then killed Conall.

In other stories he was killed by Connla, the son of Cuchulainn, when they met in single combat when Connla arrived by boat to search for his father whom he had never seen.

Conall Cearnaca Irish

[Conal Cearnac"

Conall Clogach Irish

[Conal]
a jester at the court of high-king Domnall. He had incited a mob to stone St Columba and was cursed by the saint so that he became a fool.

When he met Congan, jester of Munster, they became friends and with him undertook a journey round Connaught during which they managed to set fire to the town of Roscommon.

Domnall had a message brought to the court that Conall had been killed by wolves, at which the fool wept for himself until one of the men at the court seized Conall and pretended that he had saved him and brought him back to the court.

He was killed by Congall Caech at the Battle of Magh Rotha.

Conall Corc
Irish

[Conall Corc Conan Meriadoc]

a king of Munster
son of Luightheach and Bolice or Bolgghain
He was fostered by Feidhil and was given the nickname Corc mac Laire when his ear was singed in a magic ceremony. He was later adopted by Cromithann, whose wife told her husband that Conall had tried to seduce her. Cromithann exiled him to Scotland, sending a message to the Pictish king to kill the young man. Conall survived because Gruibne, who had earlier been freed from captivity by Conall, changed the coded message so that King Fearadhach gave his daughter to Conall as wife. He later returned to Munster and became king.

Conall Dearg
Irish
[Conall]
husband of Aobhfhinn
father of Enda

Conall Gulban
Irish
[Conall]
son of Niall
brother of Cairbre, Eanna, Eoghan and Laoghaire
grandfather of Feidhilimdhid
He was fostered with his uncle, Fiachrach, who sent him to be tutored by Muireadach Mearn. When Muireadach was killed in battle with Ulster, Conall and his kin defeated Ulster at the Battle of Ath Cro and killed Cana, king of Ulster.

After conquest of Ulster, his uncles, Brian and Fiachrach, went to war against each other and Connall took an army to defeat Brian, subdue Connaught and install Daithi as king.

Some say that Conall became high-king of Ireland but handed the throne to his brother, Laoghaire.

In one story he carried off Eithne, daughter of the king of Leinster, but Macaomh Mor, who had been sent to look for her, found Conall asleep and took her for himself. Conall sailed as far as Scandinavia in search of the pair, killing hundreds of warriors sent against him by the king, whose daughter, Doireann, fell in love with him. She sent a warrior named Ambhas to kill him when he failed to return her love. Conall defeated Ambhas and later another warrior, Kidire, attacked the king but was defeated by Conall. This man said that he had met Macaomh and Eithne and so Conall, accompanied by Ambhas, Kidire and the druid Dunadhach, set off to find them. A prince, Iollann, joined them after Conall defeated him in single combat. They found the fugitives in Syria and Conall defeated Macaomh but spared his life, going to Caledonia to send a princess for Macaomh in place of Eithne. He killed the witch who, by her magic, revived every night the 500 Caledonians he killed each day, and seized the princess. In the meantime, Eithne had been captured by the king of Greece so Conall had another battle to fight and defeated the Greeks. He later helped his brothers Eoghan and Laoghaire to defeat the Turks who had attacked the German empire.

Conall was killed in a fight with raiders who had stolen some horses from Tara.

Conall mac Luigthig
Irish
(see Conall Corc)

Conall mac Suibhne
Irish
[Conall]
son of Suibhne mac Colmain
He killed Aedh Slaine who had killed Conall's father.

Conall of the Victories
Irish
(see Conall Cearnach)

Conan
Irish
a son of the Dagda
He was killed when he tried to seduce the maiden Cealg.

Conan
Irish
husband of Daraerca
He was said to be an ancestor of King Arthur.

Conan Cinn Sleibhe
Irish
[Conan Cinn Sleibhe]
a noble of the Otherworld

father of Findearth

Conan mac an Leith Luchra
Irish
[Conan Mac Lia]
husband of Finnine
He treated his wife so badly that her brother, Feardomhain, intervened and killed him, dying himself in the fight.

Conan mac Febar
Irish
[Conan Mac Lia]
a chief of the Fomoire at the time of the invasion by the Nemedians
He was killed by Fergus Leathdhaer when the Nemedians attacked his glass castle on Tory Island.

Conan mac Lia
Irish
[Conan Mac Lia]
son of Lia
His father, Lia, was killed by Finn mac Cool, and Conan spent several years in conflict with the Fianna as a result. Later he swore loyalty to Finn and served him for thirty years.

He was one of the soldiers who disappeared when Gilla Dacar and his horse plunged into the sea.

Conan mac Morna
Irish
[Conan Mael, Conna Mac Morna, Conan the Bald, Conand Conann]
a warrior in the Fianna brother of Goll and Garadh

In some versions he got stuck to a chair or the floor of the Quicken Trees Hostel, where Finn mac Cool and some of the Fianna were trapped by Midac. He escaped by tearing himself free, leaving the skin of his buttocks behind. His friends covered him with a black sheep's fleece, which grew permanently in place of the missing skin.

He went to the house of Cab an Dosain in the Otherworld where he was involved in a number of strange situations until he was rescued by Finn mac Cool.

When challenged by Liagan, he tricked his opponent into looking behind and then cut off his head.

Conan Mael (see Conan mac Morna)
Conan Maol (see Conan mac Morna)
Conan Meriadoc
British

[Conan Mac Lia]
a king of Brittany
son of Gerenton

In those stories where Elen is the daughter of Octavius, Conan and Macsen fought fought for the hand of Elen. Macsen married her but left her when he joined forces with Conan to conquer Armorica. Conan became king and called the country Brittany.
Conan the Grey Rushes

Some say that he was an ancestor of King Arthur. (see also Cynan)

Conan of the Grey Rushes

Irish

[Conan. Mac. Morna]

a warrior of the Fianna

He was one of the party that trapped Dermot and Grania in the Wood of Two Tents.

Conan Rod

Irish

[Conan. Mac. Morna]

son of a British king

He proved his identity by showing a ring and a grain of gold embedded in his shoulder. He joined forces with Congall Caoch in his fight with Domhnall mac Aodha. He was killed by Cellach at the Battle of Magh Ratha.

Conan the Bald

(see Conan mac Morna)

Conand

(see Conan)

Conann

(see Conan)

Conan’s Tower

(see Glass Castle)

Conapa

(see Thunupa)

Conaran

Irish

father of Irmann

He sent Irmann and her two sisters to punish Finn mac Cool for hunting deer, which he claimed to own. Goll killed two of them and captured or killed Irmann.

Conary mac Mogha

Irish

[Conaire mac Mogha Lamma]

a king of Munster

husband of Sarait

father of Cairbre and Duibhind

When he was deposed by Eoghan he went to the high-king for help. Conn gave him his daughter as wife and an army that defeated Eoghan in battle.

In some accounts he had three sons, all called Cairbre. He succeeded to the throne of Ireland after his father-in-law, Conn Cechtachach. Conary was succeeded by Art when he was killed by Neimheidh mac Sraibghind.

Conary Mor

Irish

[Conaire Caomh. Conaire Messbuachalla. Conaire Mor]

a high-king of Ireland

son of Nemglan and Messbuachalla

His mother was seduced by a Danaan youth who came to her in the form of a bird. She married Eterskel, king of Ireland, and her illegitimate son, Conary, was reared, with three foster brothers, by a noble, Desa. When Eterskel died, Conary was made king, fulfilling the prophecy of a diviner. His foster brothers were a source of trouble and were eventually banished by Conary. They joined Ingcel, son of the king of Britain, in sea-raiding and invaded Ireland. They trapped Conary at the hostel of Da Derga and killed him and most of his men. The giant Mac Cecht went in search of water for the king who was thirsty but when he got back the hostel had fallen and Conary was dead. His head had been cut off but, when Mac Cecht gave it a drink, it spoke and thanked him for the water.

In some versions it was Conall Cearmach, not Mac Cecht, who brought the drink for Conary.

In another account his parents were Eochaid Airennh and Eochaid’s daughter, the girl he chose from fifty presented by Midir, who had abducted his real wife, Etain, thinking that she was Etain.

Concenn

British

[Cyngen]

a king of Powys, Wales

son of Cadell

Concess

Irish

in some accounts, mother of Patrick

by Calpurnius

Conchennann

Irish

a friend of Berach

When Cu Allaidh tried to put a curse on Berach, Conchennann killed him.

Concheann

(see Corchenn)

Conchenn

Irish

[Conchenn]

daughter of Bodb Dearg

She was courted by Cliach but her father refused to sanction the marriage.

Conchobar

Irish

son of King Arthur

In Irish lore he was killed by Eochaid, son of Ailill and Maeve.

Conchobar

(see Conor mac Nessa)

Conchobar

(see Conor mac Nessa)

Conchubhar

(see Conor mac Nessa)

Conchubhar Abhradhrhu

Irish

a king of Leinster

Concordia

Roman

[=Greek Aphrodite. Homonoia]

a goddess of civic agreement, one of the 5 Appiades

Cond

(see Conn)

Condatis

Celtic

a river-god in Gaul

Conde

Irish

a warrior of Ulster

a messenger for Cuchulainn

Cuchulainn sent him to meet the young man who arrived by boat, asking for Cuchulainn. The youth, who was Cuchulainn’s son, Connla, refused to give him his name.

Condor

South American

an Inca creator deity

Condorcoto

(see Mount Condorcoto)

Conduiramour

(see Condwiramur)

Condwiramis

(see Condwiramur)

Condwiramur

British

[Conduiramour. Condwiramis. Condwiramur]

a queen of Brobarz

wife of Peredur

mother of Aribadale, Kardiez

and Lohenergrain

In some stories of Peredur (or Percival) she married the knight of the Grail and bore his son, Lohenergrain.

Condwiramurs

(see Condwiramur)

Confession Buddhhas

Buddhist

a type of Buddha of which there are said to be 35.

When depicted, these beings are usually shown bare-headed.

Confucius

Chinese


(551–479 BC)

a philosopher who was deified

He was the founder of what became the state religion, Confucianism. It was said that a unicorn appeared at his birth. This animal appeared again as a portent of his approaching death and was killed by peasants.

His tomb is said to be supported in space by four deities.

Conga

West Indian

a class of voodoo deities in Haiti

Congall

Irish

[Comghall. Conghal]

a man who rescued Muirgen, the woman who had changed into a salmon

Congall

Irish

[Comghall. Conghal]

a high-king of Ireland

father-in-law of Fergal

He was told that his daughter, who was a nun, was having an affair with Fergal, and he nearly caught them in bed together. When he came to believe that his daughter was innocent, he drowned the informer.

Congall

Irish

[Comghall. Conghal]

foster brother of Mael Fothartaig

Mael was unjustly accused of raping his father’s second wife and was killed by Aodan on the orders of Mael’s father, Ronan, king of Leinster, despite Congall’s efforts to save him. When he
protested at the murder of his friend, he was himself killed by Aodan.  

**Congall** [Irish]  
[Conghall.Conghal]  
a saint and missionary  

It was he who found the abandoned child Molua, and raised him.  

He established a monastery at Bangor where he performed a number of miracles. He joined St Columba at Iona and went with him and Caimneach to convert the Picts. At the palace of the Pictish king, Brude, Congall caused the gate to open, Columba did the same with the doors, and when Brude raised his arm against them, Caimneach withered his hand.  

One of his miracles involved saving the life of Cantigern who had been poisoned by a maid.  

**Congall Coach** [Irish]  
[Conghall.Conghal Coach.Conghal Claoch]  
a king of Ulster  
a foster son of Domhnall mac Aodha  

He was said to have lost one eye through a bee sting or when he was struck by a chess piece thrown by Suibhne Meann when the latter was killed by Congall Coach.  

He fell out with High-king Domhnall mac Aodha when he ate one of the eggs served at a great feast given at Tara. He fled to Scotland where he enlisted the support of the king of Dalriada. While he was seeking support for his return to Ireland, he met Conan Rod, the son of a British king, who joined forces with Congall. They returned to Ireland with a large army but were defeated at the Battle of Magh Ratha. He killed Conall Clogach in this battle but was himself slain.  

**Congall Claringneach** [Irish]  
[Conghall.Conghal]  
a high-king of Ireland  

When Lugaid Luaighne divided Ulster into two parts, he gave one to Congall, the other to Fergus mac Leda. Later the king, persuaded by his daughter who fell in love with Fergus, gave him the whole province and Congall, in anger, killed Lugaid's son, Criomhthann. He went to Scotland to avoid further conflict but returned and, with the help of Fergus mac Roth, defeated the forces of Fergus mac Leda and then challenged Lugaid himself. He killed the king and took the throne of Ireland.  

Another story tells of Congall's adventures overseas. He was said to be betrothed to Taise, daughter of Donn, king of the Otherworld, and killed another king, Nahgodon, who tried to seize Taise for himself. He next went to Scandinavia, where Beuida, daughter of King Amhldoibh, said she would marry him only if he could bring her some special birds, a wonderful helmet and yoke from far countries. He defeated the Amazon, Muirn, who guarded these treasures and returned with them to Scandinavia, and finally to Ireland where he was later killed by Duach.  

**Congall Claoch** (see Congall Caoch)  

**Conganchas** [Irish]  
[Conganchneas]  
a warrior of Munster  
brother of Curoi  
husband of Niam  

He was laying waste to much of Ulster and Celtchair was ordered to kill him as the first of three tasks imposed on him for killing Blai. His skin was so tough that he was invulnerable to a spear or sword. Celtchair gave him his daughter, Niam, in marriage and she discovered his secret so that Celtchair was able to kill him by driving nails into his legs and feet.  

**Conganchneas** (see Conganchas)  

**Congal** (see Congall)  

**Coniraya** [Inca Viracocha]  
creator-god of the Huarochiri Indians  

He was said to have wandered all over the earth in search of a mate, and everywhere he went plants and animals appeared. The goddess Cavillea became pregnant when she ate the fruit of a tree that had sprouted in Coniraya's footsteps. When she ran away he went in search of her and her baby, but they had both been turned into rocks. He then called at the home of Urpi-huachac and found that she was not at home. He slept with one of her two daughters but the other changed into a pigeon and flew away.  

Some say that he gave Huyna-Capac a box which filled the world with light when it was opened.  

**conjurational**  
the raising of demons or spirits of the dead: black magic  

**conjureman** [West Indian]  
a practitioner of black magic  

**Conla** (see Connla)  

**Conlai** (see Connla)  

**Conlaih** (see Connla)  

**Conlai's Well** (see Well of Segais)  

**Conlaoch** (see Connla)  

**Connhaol** [Irish]  
son of Daire Donn  

He and Conus led a large force of Norsemen invading Ireland but they were all killed by a small force of the Fianna under Eoghan.  

In another version of this battle, the invading force was led by Daire Donn and Connhaol. He was killed by Goll mac Morna.  

(see Battle of Fionn's Strand)  

**Conn** [Irish]  
[Cond.Conn Ceadchathach.Conn Cetchathach.Conn of the Hundred Battles.Conn the Hundred Fighter]  
a high-king of Ireland  
son of Crear, some say brother of Eochaid Yellowmouth  
husband of Eithne  
father of Art, Asal, Connla, Crionna and Saba  

In some accounts Angus, king of Munster, who had been deposed by Eoghan Mor, enlisted Conn's help to regain his throne. Eoghan won several battles against the attacking forces and compelled Conn to divide the country into two, with Conn retaining the north.  

Another version says that two deposed kings, Conaire mac Mogha Lamha and Macnia, asked for Conn's help and he defeated Eoghan who went into exile. When Eoghan returned at the head of a Spanish army, Conn was defeated and shared Ireland with the victor.  

He is said to have discovered the Lia Fail, the Stone of Fal.  

In one story he had a vision in which he found himself in a wonderful land in front of Lugh, who told him the name of future kings. In another version a maiden from the Otherworld tried to lure his son, Connla, to Mag Mell, and later succeeded.  

When his wife Eithne died, he took Becuma, a woman expelled from the Otherworld, to live with him at Tara. This brought famine on the land and Conn was told that he should sacrifice the son of a sinless couple to lift the curse. He sailed to the Land of Wonders and returned with Segda but was persuaded to kill a cow instead of the youth.
His brother, Eochaid Yellowmouth, was the cause of much trouble and, when he went to Ulster, Conn sent men to watch him. Instead they killed Eochaid. Tiobraide, king of Ulster, avenged his death when he took some of his warriors, dressed as women, to Tara where they killed the high-king.

Conn

[Cond]
son of Mochaen
brother of Aedh and Corca

He, his father and his two brothers were all killed by the Sons of Turenn when the latter attacked Mochaen's hill and raised a shout to satisfy part of the penalty imposed on them for the murder of Cian.

Conn

[Cond]
son of Lit by his first wife, Aobh
(see Children of Lit)

Conn Ceadchathach (see Conn')
Conn Cetchathach (see Conn')
Conn Cuithir (Irish)
[Cond Cuithir]
a warrior in the Fianna

He was posted to guard the beach at Ventry where the forces of Daire Donn landed and engaged them fiercely until the Fianna, led by Finn mac Cool, came to his relief and defeated the invaders

Conn of the Hundred Battles (see Conn')

Conn the Hundred Fighter (see Conn')

Connadhr Bruidhe (Irish)
father of Laoghaire Buadach

Connidas (Greek)
a tutor of Theseus

Connla

Conle]
son of Conn Ceadchathach
brother of Art and Crionna

A woman, visible only to him, tried to induce him to go with her to the Otherworld. She was driven off by a druid, but threw an apple to Connla which never grew smaller no matter how often he ate from it. When she returned he went off with her in a glass coracle and they were never seen again.

Connla

son of Cuchulainn and Princess Aifa

He had never known his father when he landed in Ulster and his mother had laid a geis on him to tell nobody his name. Conor's men tried unsuccessfully to drive him away. They sent Conall Cearnach against him but he too was defeated, forcing Cuchulainn to challenge the newcomer. Some say that Connal was killed in this encounter, others say that he was killed much later by men of Connaught after he killed their king, Ailill. When Connal met his father, they fought in single combat and Cuchulainn won only by using the Gae Bolg, a weapon of which Connla knew nothing. Cuchulainn realised that Connla was his son only when he saw the ring on the dead youth's finger.

In one story, a woman from the Land of the Living threw Connla an apple in an effort to entice him to go with her. He ignored the offer but the apple provided all the nourishment he needed for a month.

Connla

Conle]
a relative of Fiacchu Muilleathan

He suffered from leprosy and had been told that only by bathing in the blood of a king could he be cured, so he arranged to go swimming with Fiacchu, king of Munster, and stabbed him as they swam together.

Connla

Conle]
a giant
husband of Achtland

Connla's Well (see Well of Segais)

Connlead (Irish)
a bishop

He was thrown to the wolves, on the orders of Brigit, for disobedience.

Conon

Conle]
father of Emmeline in Dryden's opera

Conor (Irish)

[Conchoh(h)ar mac Nesa.Conchulbar]
a sky-god
king of Ulster
son of Fachtna and Nessa
husband of Maev and Eithne
brother of Dectera and Fewidhilom
father of Cormac, Cuscraidh, Diarmaid, Feibh, Fiachra, Folloman and Furbaidhe
father of the prophetess Fedelma, some say

He was born, some say, on the same day as Jesus, with a worm in each hand, then fell into a river from which he was saved by Cathbad.

He was reared as Fachtna's son but was in fact the son of Cathbad who had an affair with Nessa.

When her husband died, Nessa married Fergus mac Roth on condition that he would allow Conor to rule in his place for one year. At the end of that period Conor refused to give up the throne and Fergus went into exile in Connaught.

His first wife was Mae. When she left him and married Ailill, Conor married her sister, Eithne. Some say that he later married her two other sisters, Clothra and Mughain. Others say that he fathered Cuchulainn on his sister, Dectera.

When Deirdre, daughter of Felim, was born it was prophesied that she would bring trouble to Ulster, and only the intervention of Conor saved her from being put to death. He put her in the charge of a nurse, Lavarcham, until she became old enough to become his wife. She fell in love with Naisi and he, with the help of his brothers Ardan and Aini, carried her off to Scotland. In later years Conor granted them all safe conduct to return to Ireland but he broke his word and had them all killed, except Deirdre and Buino who had betrayed them. Conor forced Deirdre to live with him but she hated him and killed herself by throwing herself from a chariot and smashing her head against the rocks when he proposed to give her to Eoghan mac Durthacht.

Cathbad prophesied that because of this treachery none of Conor’s descendants would inherit the throne of Ulster, a prophecy that proved to be correct.

He was killed by the brain-ball fired from a sling by Cet or Conall, dying then or, some say, years later when the ball exploded on the day that Christ was crucified.

Conqueror

North American
a mythical being who helped Kodyoanpe in his fight with Coyote

Conquest of the Fairy Mound (see De Gabail int Sida)

Conrad

(see Bishop Conrad)

Consenentes

Roman
the Roman version of Pan (see Pan)

Consenentes Di

Roman
the 12 major deities in the Roman pantheon, 6 male, 6 female

These deities acted as advisers to Jupiter and are sometimes listed as Apollo, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, Neptune and
Vulcanus with Ceres, Diana, Juno, Minerva, Venus and Vesta.

**Constance**  
wife of Ban  
mother of Lancelot

This is the Italian version of Lancelot’s parentage.

**Constats**  
(Moine(s).Ivoine)  
a monk  
king of Britain  
son of Constantine Ivoire  
brother of Aurelius Ambrosius and Uther

He recanted his vows to become king of Britain when his father was killed by Vortigern. He ruled for but a short time, controlled by Vortigern, before Vortigern killed him and took the throne for himself.

**Constantia**  
wife of Aymon, in some accounts  
mother of Guido

**Constantine¹**  
[Constantinus=Welsh Custennin]  
a Roman  
king of Britain  
husband of Ivoire  
brother of Aldroen  
father of Aurelius Ambrosius, Constans and Uther

His brother sent him at the head of an army to take over Britain and drive off the many invaders. Some say this was after the death of King Arthur, others that it was after the death of Coll, who had wrested the throne from Asclepiodotus and, in this version, he married Coll’s sister, Helena. He was murdered in his own garden by Vortigern who put Constans on the throne.

Welsh stories have Kynmor as his father while others make him the son of King Solomon or of Maseen and Elen.

**Constantine²**  
[Constantinus]  
a 6th c king of Britain  
son of Cador

The sons of Mordred led a revolt against Constantine but he suppressed it and killed the leaders.

**Constantine³**  
[Constantinus]  
emperor of Greece at the time of Charlemagne  
father of Leo

**Constantine⁴**  
[Constantinus]  
an emperor of the east  
father of Oda

He had a habit of decapitating the suitor of his daughter. When a delegation came to seek her hand, on behalf of Rothen, king of the Lombards, he threw them all into prison.

**Constantine⁵**  
Greek  
a man who came back from the dead  
brother of Arre

Their mother agreed to allow Arete to marry a foreigner only when Constantine promised to bring her back whenever her mother wished. When plague killed all her nine sons, the mother longed to have her daughter back so Constantine rose from the grave, rode to the foreign land and brought Arete back as he had promised.

**Constantine’s Cross**  
British  
a vision said to have been seen by Constantine

The vision took the form of a cross in the sky bearing the words *In hoc vinces*. He had this motto inscribed on the shields of his soldiers who defeated the Romans when they met at Saxa Rubra.

**Constantinus**  
(see Constantine)

**Constantius**  
one of the Seven Sleepers

**Consualia**  
Roman  
festivals in honour of Consus held on 19 or 21 August and 15 December

**Consus**  
Roman  
an ancient god of good counsel, corn and sowing, secrets and the underworld, consort of Ops, some say He was later regarded as the god of good advice or of secret counsels and became Neptunus Equester.

**Consuvius**  
Roman  
a name for Janus as ‘the guardian of the beginning of human life’

**Conte de Graal, Le**  
French  
[Le Conte de Grail.Perceval]  
an early Grail story by Chrétien de Troyes

**Conte del Grail, Le**  
(see Conte de Graal)

**Conticci-viracocha**  
South American  
a pre-existing creator spirit of the Incas

**Contrebiis**  
British  
a local god of the northern counties

**Conus**  
Irish  
a leader of the Norsemen

He and Conmhaol led a large force of Norsemen invading Ireland but they were all killed by a small force of the Fianna led by Art and Eoghan.

In another version of this battle, the invading force was led by Daire Donn and his son Conmhaol (see Battle of Fionn’s Strand)

**Convectar**  
Roman  
a god of grain and granaries

**Conversations of Bragi**  
(see Braga Raedur)

**Cool**  
(see Camail)

**Copacahuana**  
South American

This was one of the two idols worshipped by the Incas, representing the spirit of Lake Titicaca. The other was known as Copacati.

**Copacati¹**  
Central American  
an Inca lake goddess, the spirit of Lake Titicaca

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**Copal**  
Central American  
a prince

He was captured by the Aztecs and sacrificed on an altar. Years later a tree grew from a crevice in the altar and here landed a huge eagle with a serpent grasped in its talons. The priest who saw the bird dived into the lake and met the rain-god Tlaloc, who told the priest to found the city of Mexico on the site.

**Coph**  
(see Koph)

a mythical African king  
husband of Penelophon

**Copbrin da mucida**  
(see ‘Two Swineherds)

**Coppe**  
European  
a hen in Reynard the Fox

This bird was killed by Reynard.

**Copper City**  
African  
[Baladu Nuhasi]  
a fabulous city

This city was said to have been built by Solomon. Others say it was built on a rock called Jabal Lamma by the Dahari, offspring of Sakkar, a jinnee. Another version says that it was built on the rock Jabal Saa by Japhet, the son of Noah.

The city was protected by a brass horseman that could face any invading forces and that spurted fire from its raised spear.

**Copper Dragon**  
(see Sunset Serpent)
Corbus

Greek
the herald for Eurystheus
son of Pelops
father of Periphetes
He killed Iphitus and fled to Mycenae where Eurystheus purified him.
Eurystheus was the king for whom Heracles performed the Twelve Labours. He was so frightened of Heracles that he employed Copreus as a go-between to relay his instructions.

Coqi-Ilya (see Ilyapa)
coquecigrues (see coquecigrues)
Coquina South American
a guardian spirit of the vicuna
He is envisaged as a little man dressed all in white.

Cora (see Core, Mama Cora)
coral a coloured, rocklike deposit of marine animals, used as a gemstone
This substance is often regarded as having the power to protect the wearer from harm and, if carved into the shape of a serpent, it will guard against venomous bites.
1. In China coral, called shang-hu, is said to confer longevity on the wearer.
2. The Egyptians scattered coral over the fields to ensure good harvests.
3. The Gauls used coral as a talisman to protect their warriors.
4. In Greece coral was said to have been formed from the blood of Medusa.
5. In India coral is used to protect the dead from evil spirits.
6. The Italians say that coral is effective in countering the evil eye.
7. Russians give coral bracelets to new babies as a form of protection.

Coran Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His own hounds, including Coran, tore him to pieces.

Coraniaid (see Coraniaid)
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Coraniaid British
[Coraniaid, Coranian] one of a mysterious race of dwarf beings
It was said that these people could hear every sound at great distances. They constituted one of the three plagues that Lludd dealt with on the advice of Lifelys; the others were the scream of a dragon and the giant who stole food from the king's court.
(see also coriran)

Corb Irish
a god of the Fomoire

Corb Clach Irish
a warrior of Ulster
When he heard that Orlam, son of Maev of Connaught, had come to Ulster to collect cattle to feed Maev's army from Dartaid, he attacked her house and killed both Dartaid and most of Orlam's men.

Corb Gaillne Irish
a warrior of Connaught
He was one of the party that trapped Cormac Cond Longes in the hostel of Da Coga, and either he or Cet killed Cormac.

Corban Irish
a chieftain on Inishmore
He objected when Enda came to the island to set up a monastery but agreed after seeing the saint drive the chieftain's horses over the tops of the waves to the adjoining islands.

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Corban Irish
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He complained to the king that Reynard had killed and eaten his wife, Shapbeck.

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Corbac European
a rook in Reynard the Fox
mote of Sharpbeack
He complained to the king that Reynard had killed and eaten his wife, Sharpbeck.

Corbennig (see Castle Carbonel)
Corbin (see Castle Carbonel)
Corbon European
son of Rinoart and Morgan le Fay

Corboran European
a Saracen king of Jerusalem
brother of Florie
father of Comunorant

Core Irish
son of Cairbre Muc and Duibhind
He was one of twin boys incestuously born to Cairbre and his sister. He was given to a druid, who with his wife Caulieach Bheur raised the boy and taught him magic.

Corca Irish
son of Mochaen
brother of Aedh and Conn
He, his father and his two brothers were all killed by the Sons of Turenn when the latter attacked Mochaen's hill and raised a shout to satisfy part of the penalty imposed on them for the murder of Cian.

Coreyra Greek
daughter of Asopus and Metope
She was carried off to Cyprus by Poseidon.

Coredeil (see Cordelia)
Coredeilla (see Cordelia)
Coredelia British
[Coredeilla, Coredeilla, Cordula] daughter of King Lear
sister of Goneril and Regan
Her two sisters, each of whom received half of their father's kingdom, drove Lear mad and only Cordelia succoured him. She raised an army to depose her sisters but was killed in the attempt.

In some accounts Cordelia is regarded as the mortal equivalent of Creiddylad.

Corediel (see Cordelia)
Coredule (see Cordelia)
Core Irish
[Core, Corina, Core.ha, Core, Corinna, Core.na, Core] mother of Corbas, some say
In some stories Persephone is the daughter of Zeus by Rhea, both as serpents. Then Zeus mated with Core to produce Dionysus. In other stories she is the daughter of Zeus by the nymph Styx, and in others Styx is the wife of Hades. Yet another version says that she resulted from the coupling of Poseidon and Demeter, both as horses, but the more usual story is that Core was the daughter of Zeus and Demeter, his own sister.

Core was abducted and taken to the underworld by Hades. Demeter learned where her missing daughter was to be found from the burbling of the nymph Arethusa who, in the form of a spring, had passed through the underworld en route to Sicily and had...
Corin

seize his cattle, though some say that was on his way to Geryon’s kingdom to Galata, by Heracles when Heracles. He had been fathered on a local girl, Mama Ocllo, stabbed herself to death. So stricken with remorse that she himself rather than the girl. She was with the sacrificial rite, stabbed that could be lifted only if the girl madness on the people of Calydon rejected him and Dionysus inflicted a The girl he loved, Callirrhoe, The girl he loved, Callirrhoe, to Gaul by Antenor. When the said to be the descendants of those led Hades and killed all he caught. When he finally killed the two-headed Gogmagog by throwing him over a cliff, the remaining giants gave up the fight. Corineus became king of Corinth. Corinna (see Core) Corinne (see Core) Corinthus Greek son of Marathon brother of Sicyon His father shared his kingdom of Sicyon between his two sons. Corinthus usurped the throne of Corinth and died without heirs, which enabled Medea to take over as ruler with Jason. It was later suggested that she had poisoned Corinthus. Coriolanus Roman [Caesaris Marcus] a legendary soldier and consul son of Volumnia or Veturia husband of Vergilia or Volumnia He captured the town of Corioli, taking its name as Coriolanus. As a consul he became tyrannical and was exiled, joining with his former enemies, the Volscians, in an assault on Rome, which was aborted by the pleas of his mother, wife and children. In some accounts the Volsci then killed him. Some regard him as an early god of the Volscians. Coriolanus English a play written by Shakespeare Cormac Irish a king of Leinster husband of Milla father of St Aban Cormac Irish king of Ulster son of Conor mac Nessa husband of Etain Oig They had no sons and Cormac gave orders for their baby daughter to be killed. Instead, the servants gave her to the cowherd of Eterskel, the highking. This girl, Mess Buachalla, later married Eterskel. (see also Cormac Cond Longes) Cormac Cas Irish king of Munster son of Ailill Olim husband of Samhain Cormac Cond Longes Irish [Cormac Conn Loinges.Cormac Connloges] son of Conor mac Nessa and Clothra husband of Niam In some accounts he joined Fergus who, disgusted with his father’s murder of Naisi and his brothers, to whom he had promised safe conduct, joined forces with Maev of Connaught and fought on her side in the Cattle Raid of Cooley. He married Niam after the death of her first husband, Conganchas, who was killed by her father. He also had an affair with Scearb whose jealous husband, Craftiny, had Cormac killed. Others say that he was offered the throne of Ulster when his father died but was killed at the hostel of Da Coga, en route to Tara, by Cet or Corb Gaillne. (see also Cormac) Cormac Conn Loinges (see Cormac Cond Longes) Cormac Connlonges (see Cormac Cond Longes) Cormac Lusc Irish son of Cu Chorb brother of Cairebr Cuiitheachair, Meas Corb and Nia Corb Cormac mac Airt Irish [Cormac ua Cuinn] a high-king of Ireland and a sage son of Art and Achtan father of Ailbh(h)e, Cairebr, Ce(alla)ch and Grania He was born when his father, Art, en route to the Battle of Mucramha where he was killed, slept with Achtan, the daughter of a druid. The child was taken and suckled by a wolf until he was found by Luighne who took him back to his mother. He was later fostered with Art’s foster-father, Fiachna Casan, and, at the age of thirty, he set out to recover the throne of Ireland which had been taken by Lugaid mac Con, the man who had killed Cormac’s father at Magh Mucramha. Lugaid handed over the throne without a fight. Eochu Gunnat, king of Ulster, defeated Cormac in battle and captured Tara, but Cormac later gathered his forces and reversed the defeat. Other accounts say that he was the son of Art and his legal wife, Eachlach, born as she drove a chariot to seek the protection after Art was killed. Some say that he was married to Maev, others that he married Eithne, daughter of Cathaoir Mor. He was the owner of a magic cup that broke if three lies were uttered, and became whole again if three true things were said. He also had a silver branch that bore three golden apples and that made music to soothe the sick. Both were gifts from Manannan, who had stolen his wife and children, and vanished when Cormac died.
His son, Cellach, was speared by Angus for abducting a girl of his, Desi sept. In withdrawing the spear, Angus knocked out one of Cormac’s eyes. This defect made him unsuitable to be king and he handed over the throne to his son, Ciarbre Lifeachear. He died soon afterwards when the druid Maelcen caused a fish bone to stick in the king’s throat at a great feast given by the noble, Specalan. After his death, his soul spoke from some rushes to St Patrick who then baptised him so that, finally, he could go to heaven.

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a funerary object, in the form of a figure made from soil and corn seeds, in a small sarcophagus

Corn spirit

a vegetation-god (see also field spirit)

Corn Woman

(see Corn Mother)

corn

a magic word used to avert evil

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[Ivy Girl.Kernababy.Kirnababy] a figure fashioned from straw, based on the Greek Core, used in harvest ceremonies
cornelian

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(see cornucopia)

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a Welsh earl in Arthurian lore
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Either the horn of the goat Amaltha, who fed the infant Zeus, or the horn broken by Heracles from the head of Acheous, who had taken the form of a bull to fight Heracles for the hand of Deianeira.

Cormoran

[Cornman.Gourmaillon] a giant brother of Blunderbore

He was lord of St Michael’s Mount. One version has it that he was killed by Jack the Giant Killer, who lured the giant into a deep pit and then cut off his head, which he presented to King Arthur. Others say that he was killed by King Arthur.

In some accounts the name Gourmaillon is applied to both Cormoran and Gogmagog.

Cormorant

North American

a demi-god

The tribes of the north-west say that Yeti killed Bear and then cut out Cormorant’s tongue so that he could not tell anybody what he had seen.

Cormorant People

North American

underwater spirits, in the lore of the tribes of the north-west

Gunarhnesengyet came across these people, who were blind, when he dived to the sea bed to look for his wife who had been abducted by the killer whale, Gunarh. He cut open their eyes so that they could see and they showed their gratitude by showing him where his wife was being held.

Corn

(see Onatah)

Corm Bran Galed

(see Horn of Bran Galed)

Corm Girl

North American

a Navahe deity

She was placed by the creators Atse Estsan and Atse Hastin on top of Mount Taylor together with Turquoise Boy.

Corm Maidens

(see Ten Corm Maidens)

Corm Mother

North American

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Cormoran

North American

son of Corboran

When it was prophesied that the Christians would take the Holy Land, Cormoran travelled to the Continent to spy out the strength of the Christian forces. Godfrey, aware of his intentions, deceived the Saracen by parading the same troops time after time in front of the astounded interloper.

Coronis

Greek

a dye merchant

He guided the party led by Battus to Plataea en route to Libya.

Coroneus

Greek

son of Mydon

He was a suitor for the hand of Cassandra. He fought on the side of the Trojans against the Greeks at Troy, where he was killed.

coronal

(see crown)

Coronation Stone

(see Stone of Destiny)

Coroni

Greek

2 offspring of the Coronides

The sisters Metioche and Menippe sacrificed themselves to avert a famine. Two youths, the Coroni, were said to have risen from the ashes of the sisters’ funeral pyre.

Coronides

Greek

daughters of Orion and Side

Their names were Metioche and Menippe. An oracle decreed that the sacrifice of two virgins was required to lift the famine that had descended on Orchomenus, so the two sisters killed themselves using the shuttles from their looms. They were placed in the heavens as comets.

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Coronis

Greek

[Agla.Koronis] a nymph of Thessaly daughter of Philegas mother of Asclepius by Apollo Apollo seduced Coronis but she preferred a mortal lover, Ischys. For this insult to the god, which was reported by the crow or raven, Apollo killed her or had her killed by Artemis. He saved the infant Asclepius and gave it to Chiron to rear. The raven, formerly white, Apollo made black for bringing bad news.

Another version says that she bore the baby in secret and abandoned it on a mountain where it was rescued by the goatherd Arethanas.

In some accounts she is called Agla.

Coronis

Greek

[Koronis] a priestess of Dionysus

Butes, raiding Drius, raped Coronis. Dionysus drove him mad and he jumped into a well and was drowned.
Coronis  
[Greek]
[Koronis]  
daughter of Phoroneus  
She was changed by Athena into a crow to deliver her from the clutches of Poseidon.

Coronis  
[Greek]
[Koronis]  
one of the Hyades, some say  
He was one of the Argonauts and was killed by Hercules.

Coronus  
[Greek]
[Koronus]  
son of Sisyphus, in some accounts the brother of Holircus

Coranieid.kerrighed)  
See also see Cairbre

Corbec  
[Cambridge]  
a literal Irish voyager preceding Brendan and Maeldun

Corrgan  
[French]  
[korrigan(ed)]  
a fairy in Brittany, said to steal children  
Some say that they were former druids while others describe the corrgan as a dwarf, about two feet tall, who can assume the form of a horse or a goat at will.

They dress in white veils and their breath is said to be fatal to human beings. (see also Corranieid.kerrighed)

Corroboree  
[Australian]  
a festival dance of the Aborigines

Corrouge  
[European]  
the sword of Otuel

Cors Hundred-claws  
[British]  
owner of a famous leash  
Yshaddaden required Culhwch to obtain this leash as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Corybas  
[Greek]  
son of Iasion by Cybele, some say  
In some accounts he was the son of Core by an unknown father and the ancestor of the Corybantes; in others he was the father of Ida.

Corycia  
[Greek]  
a nymph of Mount Parnassus

Corycian cave  
[Greek]  
the cave on Mount Parnassus where Typhon hid the sinews he had cut from the body of Zeus during their fight

Corycian nymphs (see Muses)

Corycides (see Muses)

Corydon  
[Greek]  
a shepherd  
lover of Alexis

Corynetes (see Periphetes)

Corythus  
[Greek]  
son of Paris and Oenone

He was killed by his own father when Helen, whom Paris had abducted, fell in love with Corythus.

Corythus  
[Greek]  
father of Dardanus and Iasion by Electra
Some say that the real father of Dardanus was Zeus.

coscinomancy  
divination using a sieve and shears
In this ceremony the points of the shears were stuck into the sieve, which was held on the fingers of two supporters.

After a verse from the Bible had been read, the sieve rotated when the name of the guilty person was pronounced.

Cosmic Egg  
[Mundane Egg, Ophic Egg]  
in many mythologies, the primordial egg from which the world was hatched

The Egyptian version says that the egg was laid by the Nile Goose.

Cosmic Giant  
[Jain]  
a supernatural being

Cosmic Man (see Purusha)

Cosmic Mountain  
[Japanese]  
the home of the Sennin

This mountain is said to be supported by a tortoise.

Cotaa  
[South American]  
a benevolent spirit of the Mocobi tribe

Cothulin Druth  
[Irish]  
a device which, when placed on the head, enabled humans to live under water  
cothurnus  
[Greek]  
high-heeled boots as worn by Dionysus
Coti

wife of Kaang
mother of Cogaz and Gewi

Cotopaxi

a volcano regarded as a sacred mountain

Cotis

Cotys

Cotys

Cotyttia

noturnal orgies by the devotees of Cotytti

Cototto

[see Cottus.Kottos]
one of the Hundred-handed Ones
son of Uranus and Gea
brother of Braeaeus and Gyges

Cotys

Cotytto

Cotytto

Greek
domain of the gods

Court of Intoxication

Coyote1

North American
[Eno,Eyacque,Ital(a)pas,Koyote,Mahih-Nah-Tlehoy.Olle.Sedit.Shunk-Manitou]
a trickster-god of the Maidu
American Indians
a messenger of the gods
brother of Wild Cat

Some tribes say that he was created from a mist. He helped Kodomyame make the world fit for men and then made humans from wooden images. The two creators later quarrelled and fought for a long time before Coyote finally won.

To punish a giant who had eaten children, he tricked the giant into believing that he could break a leg and then mend it. The giant agreed that Coyote could perform the same trick on his leg, whereupon Coyote smashed his leg with a rock and left the giant helpless.

At the funeral of Ouiot, he snatched a piece of flesh from the corpse and
fled. Thereafter, he was known as Eno (the thief) instead of Eyacque.

He once gave his blanket to the magic rock, Iya, but snatched it back as soon as he began to feel the cold. The rock chased him, knocked him down and flattened him by rolling right over him.

Another story tells how he went to the Spirit World to rescue his sister who had died. There he killed the frog who held the moon-lantern and dressed himself in the frog’s skin. He doused the lamp and was able to capture all the spirits and put them in a sack, but he grew tired of their weight and released them, so death still persists.

Yet another story tells how Coyote married a woman with teeth in her vagina with which she had killed many lovers. He broke the teeth off with a metal chisel and was safe. Her father tried several times to kill his son-in-law but was unsuccessful. Coyote carved the wooden image of a whale and threw it into the water when he was in a canoe with his father-in-law. The model turned into a killer whale which snatched the girl’s father from the canoe and ate him.

His ability as a shape-changer is illustrated in a story in which to save himself after falling into a river he changed into a board, which was swept down the river to a dam where a woman retrieved it to use as a serving dish. She was startled when the salmon she placed on the board quickly disappeared, eaten by Coyote, and she threw the board into the fire. Coyote then changed into a baby, which the woman saved and reared as her own. When he grew older, he broke down and flattened him by rolling right over him.

Another story relates how when he was starving Woodtick brought him some deer meat. He went to live with her and she kept him well supplied with meat by calling the deer to her and she kept him well supplied with meat by calling the deer to her, and she kept him well supplied with meat by calling the deer to her, and she kept him well supplied with meat by calling the deer to her.

Coyote thought he could do this himself so he killed (or, some say, expelled) Woodtick. When he tried to do what she had done he failed and all the meat he had turned into deer and ran off, so that Coyote was soon starving again.

His own son was killed by a snake bite but did not return to life as expected when immersed in a lake. Some say that Coyote killed himself so that he might roam free as a spirit.

In the lore of the Utes, he was the brother of Sunawavi.

**Coyote**

North American

[Eno, Eyacque, Ital(a)pas, Koyote, Mahih-Nah-Tliey, Ole, Sedit, Shank-Manitu] a trickster-god of the Navaho

The Navaho and a few other tribes maintain that they sprang from the excrement of Coyote whereas all other tribes descended from the union of Coyote and a louse.

Coyote and Badger met the Navaho during their ascent from the underworld. He seized two of the children of the monster, Tlieholsodi, and the monster caused a flood which forced the Navaho to abandon the world they were living in at the time and go up, through a hole made by Badger, into the upper world.

**Coyote**

[see First Man. Ollie. Sedit]

**Coyotl inaual**

Central American

god of the Amanteaca people

**Cozana**

Central American

a creator deity of the Zapotecs

This being, of indeterminate sex, is said to have created the world and all the animals while the fishes and humans were created by Hiuiachaana.

**Cozbi**

da demon taking possession of humans

**Cozacapa**

Central American

[Water of Precious Stones]

the fountain into which, in some stories, Quetzalcoatl threw his treasures when he left Tollan to return to Tlapallan

**Cozcaquauhtli**

Central American

the sixteenth of the 20 days of the Mayan month

Symbolising the south and the vulture, the day was governed by Itzpapalo. crab

[see Cancer]

in the lore of the Aborigines he argued with the crow about the best way to die and the crow’s method turned out best

**Crab**

(see Cancer)

**Cradawg**

(see Caradoc)

**Cradelment**

(see Cradilment)

**Cradilment**

British

[Cradelment. Cradelment] a king of Northgales

He was one of the leaders of the rebellion put down by King Arthur at the Battle of Bedgrayne, where he was killed.

**Cradoc**

(see Caradoc)

**Craebduad**

Irish

[Craebduad. Red Branch. Ruddy Branch] one of the homes of the king of Ulster

**Craetife**

(see Craftiny)

**Craftiny**

Irish

[Craetine. Craetveleen]

a harper to Scorath, king of Feramore

He was sent to France by Moriath to convey her love for Labraid Loiseach.

His harp had been made from the tree that had been told the secret that Labraid had the ears of a horse or an ass, and it gave away this secret when it was played.

In another account he was married to Seancb and when she had an affair with Cormac Cond Longes, Craftiny had him killed.

**Cragus**

Greek

[-Greek Zeus]

a Lycian god

**Craifitine**

(see Craftiny)

**Craig-y-Dinas**

British

a site in Wales of a cave where, some say, King Arthur and his knights lie sleeping

Other sites suggested are at Alderley Edge, Cadbury, Mount Etna, Ogof Lanciau Eryri, Ogro’ Dinas, Richmond Castle and Sewingshields.

**Crambil**

Greek

in some accounts, son of Phineus and Cleopatra

brother of Orithus

When Idea, second wife of Phineus, accused the brothers of rape, their father blinded them.

In other accounts they are referred as to Polydeuces and Polydorus.

**Cranae**

Greek

[Crane]

daughter of Cranaus and Pedias

sister of Atthis

wife of Amphictyon

She and her husband deposed her father and took over the throne of Athens.

**Cranea**

Roman

[Crane]

a name of Diana (Artemis)

**Cranea**

Greek

[Carnasia= Roman Craene] a name of Artemis as ‘stony’
Cranaeum Greek
a grove dedicated to Cranae

Cranaus Greek
a king of Athens
husband of Pedias
father of Atthis and Cranae

He is said to have ruled after Cecrops, springing from the soil, and it was during his reign that Deucalion's flood was said to have occurred. He was deposed by Amphictyon who had married Cranac.

crane¹ Chinese
a sacred bird

This bird is regarded as a messenger of the gods and is said to carry the souls of the dead to the Western Paradise. It lives for a long time and gives up eating (but not drinking) after 600 years.

crane² (see vaka¹)
Crane³ (see Cranae')
Crane Bag, The (see Treasure Bag)
Crane Dance Greek
a dance to commemorate the serpentine passages of the Labyrinth. This dance was introduced in Athens by the survivors of the ordeal in the Labyrinth when Theseus killed the Minotaur.

Crane Land (see Aztlan)
Cranes of Ibycus
the birds that hovered over the theatre to identify the killers of Ibycus

Crann Buidhe Irish
the Tree of Life

Crann Buidhe Irish
the spear of Dermot O'Dyna

Crantor Greek
[Krantor]
an armour-bearer to Peleus

He was killed by Demoleon.

Craosa (see Sraosha)
Crateis Greek
mother of Seyyla by Phorcos, some say

Cratos (see Cratus)
Cratus Greek
[Cratos.Kratos]
god of strength
son of Pallas and Styx
brother of Bia, Nike and Zelus

He and his brother Bia were given the task of chaining Prometheus to the rock.

Cravetheen (see Craftiny)
Crear Irish
son of Cis
father of Conn

Crearwy (see Creirwy)

creation each culture has its own version of the creation of the universe, some more than one

~African
(1) In the beginning it was always warm and bright. The creator put the bat in charge of darkness but he allowed it to escape. Earth originally was linked to heaven, in some stories by a tree, in others by a spider’s web.

(2) The Ablaya say that Wele first made heaven, which he propped up on posts. When he made the sun and moon they fought until Wele separated them into day and night. He next created the features of the atmosphere and then the earth, followed by man and animals. All this was done in six days.

(3) The Bakongo say that Nzambi created the first man and woman, Ndosimau and the Prohibition Breaker, whose children were mortal because they failed to obey his instructions not to bury those that died. In another version, he created an androgynous being, Mahungu, in the form of a tree with two heads. When Mahungu tried to embrace a tree called Mutil Mpungu, Mahungu was split into male, Lumbu, and female, Muzita.

(4) The Bakuba say that there was only water, ruled by the White Giant, Mbombo. From his stomach he brought up the sun, moon and stars and, later, men and women and all the other things in the world.

(5) The Bambara say that the creation principle, Pembu, came to earth as a seed and became a tree from which came a female being with which he mated to create all the other things on earth.

(6) The Bushmen say the world was created by a god in the form of a mantis.

(7) The Dogon say that the god Amma made the sun and moon from clay pots bound with wire, black people from sunlight and white people from moonlight. He made the earth from clay and fertilised it to produce, first, two half-human beings called Nummo, and again to make all the other things.

(8) The Fon say that the androgynous deity Mawu-Lisa created the world from the primaeval chaos and then made plants, animals and mankind from clay and water. On day two the world was made a fit home for man, who was given the power of understanding and his physical senses on the third day. On the fourth and final day of creation man was given knowledge of the skills he needed in order to advance.

Another version says that the primordial goddess, Nana Buluku, created the earth and then retired, leaving the world to her children Mawu and Lisa.

In some accounts, the first created thing was the python, Dan Ayido Hwedo, from whose excrement Mawu made the mountains.

(9) The Kono say that one creator-god, Alatangana, was living above the primaeval waters and another, Sa, living in the waters. The first god made solid land and ran off with Sa’s daughter, producing seven black and seven white children, ancestors of the human races.

(10) The Mande say that god created seeds and planted them in the corners of the world. From them came Pemba and Faro, his twin, who became a fish, part of which became the trees, the remainder producing a new Faro who came down from heaven in a ship with eight others. Faro made the Niger, containing seed for future generations from his own body.

(11) The Nandi say that the god Ais made first the world order, Kiet, and then the sky and the earth, some of which he took to make man and woman.

(12) The Swahili say that a self-created god first made light and then used that light to make souls. Next he made the sky, the Canopy or Arishi; the throne Kurusi on which he sits in judgement; the Luah, the tablet on which all events are recorded by the angel Kalamu; the Trumpet of the Last Day; Paradise; hell; and, beneath the throne, the Lotus Tree of the End, on each leaf of which is recorded an individual life which ends when that
life falls. Then he made the sun, moon, stars and the earth, together with all the things in it. A great cock in heaven announces each new day. The earth itself is saucer shaped and is supported on the four horns of a bull or cow standing on the back of a fish swimming in an unfathomable ocean.

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(13) The Yoruba say that, in the beginning Olorun ruled the sky and Olokun his brother ruled the primitive waters. Olorun sent his son, Obatala, to place a huge sphere in the sea and when this broke into the various land masses he sent his daughter Oduduwa to sow seeds.

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with eternal life and happiness.
(2) Heaven was supported on four pillars. The Sun sprang first from Earth, then Air, Fire and Water and, in its fifth and present form, from all four elements combined.
(3) In Mayan lore, men were first created by the gods Gucumatz and Tepeu (or Hurakan) from soil. These proved to be unsatisfactory so the gods destroyed them and carved the next race from wood. These beings were attacked by their own tools, or a flock of huge birds, and turned into monkeys. Next a race of giants, led by Yucub-Caquix, was defeated by the twin gods Hanapu and Ixbalanqué and finally the present race evolved from maize planted by animals, or, in some versions, the gods used ground-up maize and broth to create four brothers, Balam Agab, Balam Quitzé, Iqi Balam and Mahucutah, together with their wives. When, after much travelling, the brothers witnessed the birth of the sun, bringing light to the darkness of the earth, they disappeared for ever.

Another Mayan story says that Month was created first. He then created the heavens and earth and all living things over a period of nineteen days, using the twentieth day as a day of rest to recover from his labours.
(4) The Guatemalan version of the Mayan creation story says that the gods Gucumatz and Tepeu caused the primordial waters to recede to allow dry land to appear and then made animals and men from moist soil.
(5) The Mixtec tell of two beings who appeared when the earth rose out of the primaeval waters. These were the deer-god, Puma-Snake, and his female counterpart, the deer-goddess, Jaguar-Snake. They placed a copper axe on edge for the sky to rest on and built a palace where they lived for hundreds of years, finally producing Wind-Nine-Snake and Wind-Nine-Cave, two sons to whom they gave the power to change into any bird or animal and to become invisible. These four became the progenitors of the human race, many of whom died in a flood, following which the creator-god formed heaven and earth and a new race of humans.
(6) The Zapotecs say that Cozaana created the world and all the animals, while the fishes and human beings were created by Huichaaana.

–Chinese
(1) The universe was created by eight rulers – the Five Emperors and the Three Sovereigons.
(2) Chaos produced the world when pierced by lightning.
(3) Chaos, a cosmic egg, split to form yin and yang, Earth and Sky. In between was the first human, Pan-ku, who grew for 1,800 years, pushing the sky away from earth. All the physical features of the earth and sky were made from his body when he died. The earth was square with a sea on each side under the dome of the sky. The Milky Way, a heavenly river, discharged into the Eastern Sea in which floated the island paradises of P’eng-lai. Pillars supported the sky but these were broken by Chuan Hu to prevent confusion between gods and men. Chung then ruled heaven and Li ruled the earth. The sun passed from a hollow mulberry tree in the East to a jo tree in the west ten times daily in a chariot drawn by dragons. Nine of the suns were shot out of the sky by I.
(4) In the beginning there was only Wu-wu, nothingness, but this changed to Wu Chi, no limit, when Tao arrived on the scene. Hun Tun, chaos, then evolved giving rise to T’ai Chi, the Great Pole, which engendered T’ai I, the Great Change. This had two stages, T’ai Ch’u, the Great First, when Hsing (form) came into being, and T’ai Shih, the Great Beginning, when Ch’i (breath) appeared. Together, these two attributes formed T’ai Shu, the Great Primordial, which had substance (Chih).
(5) A modern version says that the universe was created by Pan-ku. One story says that he was hatched from an egg and pushed the two halves apart to form earth and sky. His left eye became the sun, his right eye the moon. Some say he made men from clay, others that they developed from fleas on his body. The effort took 18,000 years and he died from it, parts of his body forming mountain ranges. In another story, Pan-ku, a dwarf, chiselled the universe into its present shape for 18,000 years, growing some six feet every day as he worked.

–East Indian
(1) The Dayak say that the world lay in the mouth of Watersnake. Gold Mountain and Jewel Mountain clashed together to produce all the things that make up the world. In the first epoch came the sky and the rocks, then the land and hills and finally, in the third epoch, the Tree of Life.

Another Dayak story says that a spider came down a thread from heaven and wove a web to which adhered the things such as soil and trees that fell from heaven and made the earth. Later, two spirits descended from heaven to start the human race. They carved a loom and a sword from wood and these two objects produced two human heads which bred successively more complete beings until proper beings existed in the form of Amei Ami and Burung Une, gods of agriculture. They had children who became the ancestors of the tribes and Amei Ami made various birds and animals from bark.

(2) The Elema say that in the beginning there was only the primordial ocean in which a huge turtle swam endlessly. Finally, needing rest, it dug up mud from the bottom and formed dry land. Here it laid eggs from which emerged the first people and all the plants and animals.
(3) The Iban say that the primordial creators were Ara and Irik. They flew in the form of birds over the primitive waters from which they drew two eggs, out of which they made the world. Then they made men from the soil and gave them life.
(4) In Sumatra a primordial god mated with the cosmic blue chicken Manuk Manuk, which laid three eggs from which came three gods who respectively made the earth, the heavens and the underworld.

–Egyptian
(1) The universe consisted only of
the primordial ocean, Nun, from which arose a fertile hill. The early sun-god, Atum, brought light to the world, separating earth from sky, which was supported on a pillar at each of the four corners of the earth. Nun created a son, Shu, and a daughter, Tefnut. Tefnut was lost for some time and when Nun found her the god’s tears of pleasure became the first men. Shu and Tefnut produced Geb and Nut who produced Isis, Osiris, Nephthys and Set.

(2) Alternatively, the world was hatched from an egg laid by Geb as a goose, or by Thoth in the form of an ibis or from the lotus flower.

(3) The pairs Amon and Amaunet, Huh and Hauhet, Kuk and Kakuuet, Nan and Naunet, swimming in the primitive waters, produced an egg from which light was born. Alternative pairs of deities were Heru and Hehut, Kekui and Kekuit, Qeh and Qerhit, created by Thoth.

(4) A lotus appeared, floating on the primitive waters, and opened to reveal the sun that created the world.

(5) Thoth, a self-created deity, spoke and his words became living things.

(6) Khnum, the potter-god, made the universe from mud taken from the Nile and shaped man from the same material on his wheel. In other versions Ptah was the creator, creating all things merely by uttering their names.

**Finnish**

An eagle flying over the primitive waters seeking a nesting site landed on the knee of the sleeping magician, Vainamoinen, built a nest and laid an egg. When Vainamoinen moved, the egg fell out of the nest and broke. The shell became the sky and earth and the contents of the egg became the heavenly bodies.

Other accounts say that the bird was a teal and the eggs were laid on the knee of Ilmatar, Vainamoinen’s mother.

**Greek**

In general, the Greeks believed that the world pre-existed the gods who were created from a union of its parts.

(1) Chaos gave rise to the goddess Euronyme who produced the serpent Ophion in conjunction with the North Wind. The union of Ophion with Euronyme produced the universal egg from which everything else hatched.

(2) In the Homeric version all living things arose from the union of the stream Ocean with Tethys, and in the Ophic version the union of the three-headed goddess Night with the wind produced a silver world-egg from which sprang Eros who created the sky and the heavenly bodies. Night continued to rule until the coming of Uranus.

(3) In another story, Earth arose from Chaos and bore Uranus who thereupon fertilised Earth to produce the plants and animals of the world. Earth also produced the 100-handed giants, Briareus, Cottus and Gyges, the one-eyed Cyclopes and Arges, Brontes and Sterope, the original Titans.

(4) Yet another version says that from the void of Chaos there emerged Erebus (darkness), Gaea (earth) and Nyx (night). The union of Erebus and Nyx produced Hemera (day), Aethir (air) and many of the forces controlling human life, such as fate and fortune. Gaea produced a son, Uranus, whom she married to produce the early gods such as Cronus, the Titans, the Cyclopes and the Hundred-handed Ones. Cronus castrated his father, usurped his throne and started the second divine dynasty. A variation of this story has Aether and Hemera producing a son, Eros, who helped in the creation of Gaea and Pontus and then created all the plants and animals, breathing life into the first humans, moulded from clay by Epimetheus and Prometheus.

**Hindu**

(1) The early Vedic version says that Varuna was the creator of all things. Pritihiti (earth) and Dyaus (heaven) begot Indra who fought the deities and took over as supreme god, rearranging the universe. There were three heavens: Indra’s for major gods; Varuna’s for minor gods; and Yama’s for the less virtuous. The universal spirit was known as Brahman.

(2) In the Rig Veda, a primordial being, Purusha, was dismembered by the other gods who then built the universe from parts of his body.

(3) The universe is egg-shaped, with twenty-one zones. The first six, starting from the top, are heavenly realms, earth comes next and then seven lower worlds where the nagas live and, below these, seven hells. At the start of each kalpa, Vishnu is asleep on the coils of the cosmic snake, Ananta. Brahma emerges from the lotus growing from Vishnu’s navel and makes the universe. Vishnu awakes to rule for a kalpa then sleeps again and the universe is merged with his body.

(4) Having slept in the lotus flower floating on the primitive waters, Brahma awoke and created the universe. He made some errors, which resulted in the demon rakshas and yakshas. There is a cycle of life, death and rebirth governed by Vishnu, who preserves life; Shiva, who destroys it; and Brahma the creator. The life cycle of the universe takes 100 years in the life of Brahma, each day of which (a kalpa) lasts for 4,320 million years. At the end of each cycle the universe is destroyed by drought, then flood, then fire. Men who merit it are released from the cycle of rebirth. At each re-creation of the universe, a golden lotus with 1,000 petals appears, floating on the primaeval waters. From this flower Brahma is born to create the world anew.

(5) In Malaya they say that Bahua Gura (Shiva) ruled over the primaeval ocean in which lay the serpent Naga Pahoda. The god’s daughter jumped into the waters and he threw her some dust, from which she made land. He also sent a hero with a heavy block that he placed on the serpent’s back, causing it to writhe about, twisting the land into mountains and valleys. The gods and the hero became the ancestors of the human race.

**Japanese**

A primordial egg, formed from In and Yo, separated to form the heavens and earth, and then arose
the Separate Heavenly Beings and the god Kuni-toto-tachi from whom descended Izanagi and Izanami. Others say that the first deity to emerge from the primordial chaos was Minaka-Nushi; he was followed by four other gods and, after seven generations, by Izanagi and Izanami. They dipped a spear in the primordial ocean and drops from this spear formed the islands to which Izanagi and Izanami descended from the Floating Bridge. The first island was called Onogoro. Izanami gave birth to seas and rivers, trees and herbs, and physical forces such as the wind. One of these forces, the god of fire, burnt his mother to death. His father cut off his head and sixteen more gods emerged, eight each from the blood and the body. Izanagi descended to the underworld to get his wife back but failed. To purify himself he bathed in a river, creating gods of good and evil, and then in the sea, creating sea-gods. Amaterasu was created from one eye, Tsuki-yomi from the other and Susanowa from his nose.

When Amaterasu ate Susanowa's broken sword she breathed out three more goddesses and he, eating her necklace, breathed out five more gods. These eight became the ancestors of the royal family.

–Jain

The Jains deny the concept of creation, holding that the universe has always existed.

–Korean

The world was created by Miruk who pushed heaven and earth apart, supporting the heavens on a copper pillar at each corner. Having made the sun, moon and stars and set them in the heavens, he set about improving the earth. With the help of a mouse he made fire and then made human beings. Holding a silver tray in one hand and a golden tray in the other, he prayed and the trays filled with insects that turned into humans, men in the golden tray, women in the silver tray. These people became the ancestors of the race. When the evil Sokka appeared, they fought many battles and Miruk finally became disenchanted by the spread of evil in the world and left it to its own devices.

–Mesopotamian

(1) The Akkadian version says that Abzu and Mother Tiamat, the primordial forces, created the gods of the heavens and earth, Lahmu and Lahamu. Their son Ea defeated Abzu and fathered Marduk. In the struggle between the primal forces and the gods, Marduk slaughtered Tiamat and Kingu, leaders of their forces, and seized the Tablets of Destiny. He made the earth and sky from the body of Tiamat and man from the blood of Kingu mixed with clay.

(2) One Babylonian version starts with primaeval waters inhabited by hideous monsters and ruled by Thalath. Belus cut Thalath in half to make earth and sky and then had Kingu cut off his head, using the blood, mixed with earth, to make the sun, moon, planets and mankind.

(3) Another Babylonian version starts with two gods, Abzu and Tiamat, who engendered all the other gods down to Belus who created the world.

(4) In the Sumerian version Nammu, the primaeval waters, created An and Ki, heaven and earth.

–New Zealand

(1) In the mythology of the Maori, day, night and space evolved from the primordial void, Tē Kore, incorporating formless male and female beings. These produced Rangi and Papa, sky and earth. Tane-Mahuta came down from the highest of the ten heavens after creating the space between heaven and earth by forcibly separating Rangi and Papa, and brought all knowledge in three baskets. He fathered all the natural features of the earth and made a being from sand, on which he fathered the first humans.

(2) A cosmic egg was dropped into the primitive waters by a bird flying overhead and from this egg emerged man and animals and a canoe.

–Norse

In the beginning was a vast chasm known as Ginnungagap, with Niflheim, land of mists and darkness, to the north and Muspelheim, the land of fire, to the south. In the middle of Niflheim, a raging torrent, Hvergelmir, supplied the twelve rivers (Elivagar) that ran into the chasm and froze to ice, which condensed the mists rising from Muspelheim to form frost-maidens and giants. The gods Odin and his brothers Ve and Vili killed the first Frost Giant, Ymir, and built the world from his parts. They used his body for the earth, his blood for the seas, his skull for the sky, bones for mountains, hair for vegetation, brains for clouds and they built a wall round Midgard, the home of mankind, from his eyebrows. Sparks from Muspelheim became the stars and planets. The sky was held up by four dwarfs, Nordri, Sudri, Austri and Westri, and the whole universe was supported on the great ash tree Yggdrasil. Odin and his brothers formed a man and a woman from driftwood, or from trees, and breathed life into them.

–North American

(1) The Achomawi say that the world was created by a god who appeared out of a cloud and was assisted by Coyote.

(2) The Acoma say that two sisters, Ia’tik and Nao-tsiti, were born under the earth. They were instructed by the spirit Tsititnako and emerged into the sunlight to begin their work of creating plants, animals and gods, using the baskets of basic materials given to them by their mentor. Nao-tsiti was impregnated by the rainbow and one of the twin boys who resulted from this union mated with Ia’tik to become the progenitors of the tribe.

(3) According to the Algonquin, the good things of the earth were made by Gluskap, the evil ones by his brother Malsum. The earth-mother fell through a hole in the sky and fell into a lake carrying a tree that had magical soil round its roots. Some of this soil was saved by Toad and it grew to form first an island and then the whole earth. Turtles collected the lightning and made the sun and moon. The stars were formed.
from animals that crossed the rainbow bridge into heaven.

In another story the god Michabo followed some animals into a lake which then overflowed and inundated the earth. After both a raven and an otter had failed, the musk rat found some earth, from which the god re-created solid land. He then mated with the musk-rat and started the human race.

(4) The Arapaho say that Kici Manitou assembled all the birds and animals of the primeval waters. The turtle told him where to find earth and the birds brought some back in their beaks. The god then dried the mud with his sacred pipe, so making the world.

(5) The Arikara say that humans came out of the ground. First came a race of giants, born to spiders, who perished in a flood; then a race sprouting from the seed of maize planted by animals.

(6) Some Californian tribes say that heaven mated with the earth to produce rocks and stones, then trees and grass, then animals and, finally, Ouiot, the first being.

Other versions say that the all-powerful Nocuma made the earth like a ball and made it steady with the black rock, Tosaut. When this was broken by the fishes, it exposed a large bladder that split open, spilling out the salt that made the seas salty. Nocuma then used soil to make the first man, Ejoni, and the first woman, Ae.

Other tribes say that Coyote and Kodoyanpe dropped from the heavens on to the primeval waters in a canoe. Coyote then scattered sand on to the sea and created dry land.

(7) In the Cherokee version, animals existed in the sky but became overcrowded and sent the water beetle to look for some other place. The whole world was covered by water at that time but the water beetle brought up mud from the bottom and spread it out to form a huge land, which the spirit Someone Powerful suspended from the sky with rawhide ropes at each corner. A buzzard was sent down to test the muddy expanse and the flapping of his wings piled some of the mud into mountains. When the land was dry enough, the animals descended from their home in the sky. They pulled the sun down so that they had light and then found that they had to push it back a bit because it was so hot. Then Someone Powerful created plants and tress and, lastly, men and women. One day, it is said, the ropes will break and the earth will fall back into the ocean.

(8) The Cree say that the beavers flooded the earth but the trickster-god and Wolf covered the surface of the waters with moss and created a new world.

(9) In the lore of the Inuit, it is said that the earth fell from the sky but there was no light until the sun and moon mated. The girl (sun) ran off carrying a torch, which grew brighter as she reached the heavens, while the man's torch grew progressively weaker, ending up as the moon.

(10) The Hopi say that the two goddesses, the Huruing Wuhti, one in the East, one in the West, survived the flood and made man from drying mud left behind when the waters receded.

(11) The Iroquois say that the world was created by Hahgwehdiyu from the dead body of his mother, the sky-goddess Aetaeisc.

(12) The Maidu maintain that the world was made by Wonomi who also created mankind.

(13) The Muskhoceans say that the hill Nunne Chaha rose from the primordial waters and the god Esaugetuh Emisssee fashioned men from clay and built a huge wall on which he set them to dry.

(14) The Navaho say that the four gods, Black Body, Blue Body, White Body and Yellow Body, placed two ears of corn between deerskin blankets and the Mirage People walked round them in a circle. The ears were turned into the first pair of humans.

Another version says that the first man, Atse Hastin, the first woman, Atse Estsan, and Coyote lived successively in four or five worlds, the last of which was destroyed by a flood. They found themselves on an island that grew as the waters subsided. They then created the sky and earth and all that is in it, and when it was complete they disappeared. The daughter of the first man and woman, known as Estanatlehi, produced from maize flour a man and woman, the founders of the eight tribes.

(15) The Omaha say that all living things were created by the power of Wakonda's thought and they descended to earth after first scouring the heavens for a suitable home. At that time, the earth was covered by the primordial ocean but Wakonda caused dry land to form for the living things to land on and inhabit.

(16) The Osage say that their ancestors lived in the sky and were sent to earth only to find it covered with water. The elk called up the winds, which blew until much of the water evaporated and then rolled in the mud so that the hairs from his body stuck in it. From these hairs grew all the plants on earth.

(17) The Pawnee say that Atius-Tirawa created the world. At first it resembled a bowl with the stars holding it in space and protecting it. He then caused the sun to mate with the moon and the morning star to mate with the evening star. The children of these unions were the progenitors of the human race. Coyote seized the sack of stars and tipped them out to form the Milky Way.

(18) The Pomo say that Marumda and his brother Kuksu created the world and tried unsuccessfully to destroy it, first with flood and then with fire, and had to be rescued from their own handiwork by Ragno.

(19) The Selish say that the sky, the earth and the underworld, created by Amotken, are supported by a huge central post. The first humans he made from five hairs that is in it, and when it was

(20) The Sia of New Mexico say that, in the beginning a spider wove a web and the god Sus'sistinnako used it as an instrument on which he played a tune while he sang. As he sang, humans appeared and set about populating the earth.

(21) The Sioux say that the first
world was destroyed by fire and the second by flood. The creator spirit then came down and floated on the waters, bringing his pipe and pipe bag. He took a loon from the bag and asked it to bring up mud from the bottom. The loon, then the otter and then the beaver all failed in this task but the turtle succeeded. The creator used the mud to create dry land and then let all the animals out of his bag to spread over the earth. Having made men from coloured clay, the creator rested to prepare himself for the creation of a fourth world at some future time.

Another story says that the Sioux ancestors lived underground and reached the surface by climbing up the roots of the vine.

(22) According to the Snohomish, the god Dohkwiwhelch made the sky so low that men bumped their heads on it until, with a concerted effort, they used long poles to push it into its present position. A few people who were inadvertently raised into the sky were turned into the Great Bear constellation.

(23) The Washo say that in the beginning there was a great upheaval that set the world on fire. The heat was so intense that the flames, which reached the heavens, melted the very stars, which then fell to earth. The fire was extinguished only when the deluge came. Men who tried to escape the flood by building a tall tower were turned to stone.

(24) In the lore of the Yakima, the world was originally covered by water. Whее-me-me-ow-ab, tired of living alone in the sky, dredged up mud from the bottom of the ocean and made land and mountains. He then made all the plants and animals and, finally, using more mud, made a man and a woman.

(25) In the lore of the Zuni, the green scum left behind by the receding floodwaters became earth and sky and the ancestors of the tribe emerged from the cave where they had sought refuge. In another version, men were born in a cave, which soon became overcrowded until the first man, Poschayangko, interceded with the sun and secured their release.

--Pacific Islands

(1) In the Gilbert Islands they say that Nareau made from sand Na Atibu and Nei Teuker who had many offspring, including Nareau the Second. He killed Na Atibu and used his body to build the world, using his right eye for the sun and his left for the moon, splitting the brain into pieces for the stars and using his flesh for the islands and his bones for trees. When this was done, a tree grew from the spine of the dead Na Atibu from which human beings grew.

(2) In Hawaii they say that the earth-mother Papa bore a gourd and her husband Wakea used it to make the world. The outer cover became the sky, the pulp made the heavenly bodies and the flesh became the land and sea, with the juice providing rain.

Another version says that Tangaroa created the world when, in the form of a bird, he laid an egg which, after floating on the primaeval waters, broke to form the earth and sky.

(3) Polynesians say that Tangaroa lived in the eternal darkness, Po, and from there he cast down rocks which became the islands. On them he planted the Peopling Vine from which sprang the human race.

Another story says that the creator-god, Lo, separated the primordial mass into earth, sea and sky and then created the sun, moon and stars.

(4) In Samoa they say that the sky-gods, Ilu and Mamoa, merged to form the sky and the sea-god, Tagaloa, created rocks to support it. Next they produced the children Po and Ao and these two mated to produce Rangima and Rangiuri. Tagaloa caused the rock, Papa Taoto, to rise from the sea bed for his son Tuli, a bird, to nest on. Two grubs emerged and grew into the first humans.

(5) The Tahitians say that Ta-aroa, a self-created being, hatched from the cosmic egg and used the shell to create the earth and sky. He then created everything that exists. Others say that he created the world inside the shell of a mussel while yet another version says that he used his own body to build the universe. Some claim that he pulled the islands up on a hook and line from the bottom of the ocean.

--Persian

(1) The mountain Mount Alburz grew till it reached the sky and the Chinvat bridge led from its top into heaven. A gateway led from the base into hell. The centre of the earth was Khowrirath and there were six Keshvars round it linked by the celestial ox, Srishok. The wind-god, Vayu, made the ocean round Mount Alburz from rain and the fire-god, Atar, fought with the destructive monster Azhi Dahak. The Gaskerena tree, the White Hom, provided the fruit of immortality.

(2) The Zoroastrian version proposes an earlier phase in which Ormazd and Ahriman were separated by a huge void. Ahriman retreated to hell leaving Ormazd to rule for 3,000 years after which he attacks and destroys the world. This alternation is repeated three times before the final end.

--Phoenician

In one version, the primordial god Aser mated with his sister Aura to produce Ootto; in another, he mated with Chaos to produce Wind and Desire who produced a cosmic egg from which everything else emerged; in a third version he mated with Ether to produce Oulanos who produced the primaeval egg from which came Ouranos and Gea.

--Siberian

(1) The Samoyeds say that the god Num sent out birds to investigate the primitive waters and made the earth from the mud that one of the birds brought back in its beak.

(2) In the Tartar version, the god Ulgan banished the spirit of evil, Erlik, to the land of the dead. This spirit lived on land beneath the primaeval waters and when he brought a piece of it to the surface, Ulgan caused it to float on the water and grow to form a whole continent. In some versions the disc of the earth is supported by
three fishes that, in moving, cause earthquakes. Ulgan also created men and went to heaven to bring down their spirits.

(3) The Voguls say that animals and fishes were sent down from the heavens by the sky-god Numitorem.

(4) According to the Yakuts the universe has always existed with a huge tree in the middle, the branches of which shelter seven heavens. Land was created by Yryn-ai-tojon, the supreme god, rather in the way attributed to Ulgan by the Tartars.

South American

(1) The Arawak version says that Makonaima created the world and put his son Sigu in charge of the animals. Sigu chopped down a magic tree and planted its seed throughout the land until water emerged from the trunk of the tree flooded the earth. Sigu and many animals escaped hiding in a cave.

(2) The Barasano people say that the world was created by Romi Kumu, a female shaman. She made a griddle from clay and made three mountains on which it rested. When she lit a fire under the griddle the edifice collapsed, pushing the earth down to become the underworld while other griddles became earth and sky. She then opened the Water Door and flooded the earth and all inanimate objects turned into animals. A few survived by making a canoe that landed on a mountain top.

(3) The Chaco assert that the world and the first humans were made by a beetle.

(4) The Chamacoco say that men originally lived underground. Two climbed up a rope to the surface but then a dog gnawed through the rope so that the others had to climb a tree, which reached the sky, from where they fell to earth.

Another Chamacoco story says that men lived inside a huge hollow tree until one of their number split the tree open to let them out.

(5) The Chibcha say that the first thing to exist was light. This was brought to earth in a casket called Chiminagaga (though some say that this was the name of the deity who sent the light) and distributed by birds. The goddess Chia was turned into the moon (or, some say, an owl) as punishment for causing the flood, which few humans survived.

(6) In the lore of the Mbaya there are several versions of how men came to earth: emerging from a cave somewhere in the north; coming up out of the ground when released by a dog; being hatched from eggs laid on top of a mountain.

(7) The Matado version is that there were animals on the earth and women versions of how men came to earth: emerging from a cave in the south; coming up out of the ground when released by a dog; being hatched from eggs laid on top of a mountain.

In the first era, Yaya killed his son and placed his bones in the ground. When the ground was broken, water flooded out and became the oceans. In the next stage, men were created and Guahayana led his people from a cave into the upper world. In the third stage women were created and, as a result, the fourth era in which the islands were populated, became possible. The original culture was destroyed in the final era by the arrival of the white man.

Creator of the Hoe Mesopotamian

This story relates how Enki used a hoe to expose the heads of mankind buried in the earth before Ninhursaga gave them life.

Cred Irish

[Credhnh] a princess
dughter of Gunire
wife of Marcan

She was married to the elderly Marcan but fell in love with Cano who gave her a stone that held his life when he returned to his home in Scotland. A planned meeting by Lake Lough Cuddesdon threatened a decade later, when Cred was on her way to the Echo Wood to meet her lover, but Cred, who loved her husband rather than her lover, dropped the stone, which shattered. Cano died a few days later.

Creddhne (see Credné)

Credné1 Irish

[Cre(i)dhne]
a Danaan smith-god
one of the Tri De Dana
brother of Goibhniu and Luchtta

He was a bronze worker and helped Goibhniu and Luchtta fashion the weapons of the Danaans for their battles with the Fomoire. He also helped Dian Cecht to make the silver hand (or arm) for Nuada.

Credné2 Irish

[Cre(i)dhne]
a warrior-maid of the Fianna

Her father had incestuous relations with her and, after she had given birth to three sons, she fled and joined the Fianna.

Creiddylad Welsh

[Creiddylad, Creudlalad, Creudedlalad]
a Welsh goddess of spring, daughter of Lludd or Lyr

She was promised to Gwythyr but was carried off by Gwyn. They fought a pitched battle over her until King Arthur intervened. He decreed that the two should fight for the maiden each May Day until the end of time, the final winner to have her for his wife.

In some accounts she is equated with Cordelia. Some say that her father was Llyr, others that Gwyn was her brother.

Creidh (see Cred)

Creidhne (see Credné)

Creidne (see Credné)

Creidlylad (see Creidlylad)

Creirwy Welsh

[Creirwy]
in Welsh lore, the most beautiful girl in the world
daughter of Tegid Voel and Ceridwen
sister of Avagdu and Morvran

Creius Greek

son of Temenus
brother of Archelaus, Hymetho and Pericles

His sister, Hymetho, had married Deiphontes and when Temenus showed that he preferred his son-in-law to his own sons, they killed him. Creius took over the throne of Argos and sent his brothers to persuade their sister to leave Deiphontes. She refused, and when they attempted to
force her she was killed. Deiphontes was made king and expelled Creius and his brothers.

**Creneids** Greek
water nymphs

**Creon** Greek
[Kreon]
a king of Corinth
son of Lyceatus or Sisyphus
father of Glauc

He fostered Amphilocus and his jealous wife sold them into slavery. He purified Jason and Medea of the murder of Apsyrtus, but was killed by Medea's magic when he tried to save his daughter, Glauc.

**Creon** Greek
[Kreon]
a king of Thebes
son of Menoeceus
brother of Jocasta
husband of Enioche or Eurydice
father of Haemon, Megareus, Menoeceus and Pyrrha

Acting as regent on the death of Laus, he gave the throne to Oedipus for ridding the city of the Sphinx and then expelled Oedipus after the scandal of his marriage to his own mother, Jocasta.

He was king at the time of the action involving the Seven against Thebes and refused to allow the Argive dead to be buried. When Antigone defied the order and buried her brother Polynikes, Creon ordered Haemon to bury her alive. In some stories Antigone was so buried but in others Haemon married her instead and she bore him a son.

He was killed by Theseus following the action resulting from Creon's refusal to allow the burial of the dead.

In another version he was killed by Lycus, who took the throne until he was killed by Heracles.

**Creon** Greek
[Kreon]
a king of Thebes
father of Megara
He purified Amphitryon of the murder of Electryon.

**Creontidas** Greek
son of Heracles and Megara

**Cresil**
a demon of slovenliness

**Cresphontes** Greek
a king of Messenia
son of Aristomachus
brother of Aristodemus and Tenemus

husband of Merope
father of Aegeus

He was killed in the rebellion when Polyphontes usurped the throne.

**Cressid** (see Cressida)

**Cressida** Greek
[Chryseis,Cressid,Criseyde]
a Trojan maiden
This is the name used for Chryseis in the romance of Troilus and Cressida where, confusingly, she is described as the daughter of Calchas.

She was exchanged for a captured Trojan soldier during the siege of Troy and fell in love with the Greek warrior, Diomedes. Her grieving Trojan lover, Troilus, rushed into battle and was killed by Achilles.

In an earlier version she is Briseida, daughter of Calchas who defected to the Greeks. She was esorted to join her father by Diomedes who fell in love with her. Eventually Diomedes abandoned her and she became a prostitute, begging for a living.

**Cretan Bull** Greek
[Marathonian Bull]
a white bull sent by Poseidon
This animal came out of the sea to Crete in response to a plea by Minos to Poseidon asking for a sign that would confirm his right to the Cretan throne. Minos should have sacrificed the bull to the sea-god but it was so beautiful that he kept it for himself and sacrificed a lesser animal. In anger, Poseidon arranged for the bull to mate with Pasiphae, the wife of Minos, to produce the monster known as the Minotaur. The bull later roamed wild throughout Crete and caused much damage until it was captured by Heracles as his seventh Labour and brought to Greece. It was released on the mainland and caused further havoc until it was finally killed by Theseus.

In some accounts, this is the same animal as the bull, a form of Zeus, which carried off Europa.

**Crete** Greek
a nymph
mother of Pasiphae by Helius or Hermes

**Creteus** Greek
king of Iolcus
son of Ioclus and Enarete
brother of Salomeus
husband of Tyro
father of Aeson, Amythaon, Hippolyta and Pheres

When he discovered that his wife Tyro had borne the twins Neleus and Pelias to Poseidon he abandoned her.

In other accounts he married her, adopted the twins and fathered Aeson, Amythaon and Pheres.

Another version says that Sidero was the second wife of Salmoneus and hence Tyro's stepmother.

**Creucy** South American
mother of Jurupari

She was impregnated by the sun, using the sap of a tree, to produce Jurupari who transferred power from the women to the men. She was killed by her own son who now still seeks a wife for his father, the sun.

**Creulidilad** (see Creidlydilad)

**Creuylad** (see Creidlydilad)

**Creus** (see Cius)

**Creusia** Greek
a nymph, one of the Naiads
daughter of Eretreus and Praxithea
sister of Oretbeia and Procris
wife of Xuthus

**Creusa** Greek
mother of Achaeus and Ion by Apollo
mother of Dorus by Xuthus

In one story Creusa was carried away by Apollo who fathered a son, Ion, on her. She abandoned the child in a cave. Later, she married Xuthus but they had no children of their own and went to Delphi to ask the oracle whether they could expect any. They found that the young priest serving in the temple there was Creusa's lost son and were reunited. She was later persuaded that Ion was an illegitimate son of Xuthus and tried to poison him, but Apollo intervened to save him. Ion would then have killed Creusa but the Pythia proved that he was Creusa's son and the rift was healed.

Other accounts say that Ion was the natural son of Xuthus and Creusa.

**Creusa** Greek
daughter of Priam and Hecuba
wife of Aeneas
mother of Ascanius

She was killed as she and her family were preparing to escape from the Greeks at the fall of Troy.

**Creusa** Greek
a water nymph
wife of Hypeus or Peneus
mother of Cyrene, Daphne and Stilbe by Peneus
mother of Hypeus, some say

**Creusia** (see Glauciae)

**Crichinbel** (see Criddlinbeal)
Crinisus

his bow and arrows. Apollo killed all the rats with him. Crinis quickly saw the error of his ways and Apollo sent a plague of rats to harass when this priest neglected his duties, his four sons took over and shared the kingdom between themselves. On his return his sister tried to poison him but was forced to take some of the drink herself and they both died. Criomhthann

son of Lugaid Lugaíghne brother of Finnabhair When Criomhthann’s father gave the whole of Ulster to Fergus mac Leda, Congall Clairingneach, who lost his share of the province, killed Criomhthann.

Crimthann

(see Columba) a king of Munster He fostered his young cousin, Conall Corc, who was accused of rape by the queen. The king sent him to the court of Fearadhach, the king of the Picts, with a coded message asking him to kill Conall. The message was changed by Conall’s friend Grubne, and Fearadhach not only welcomed Conall but gave him his daughter’s hand in marriage.

Crimhthann Nia Nair

a king of Ireland He spent several weeks with Nar, a woman of the Otherworld, and returned with many treasures. In some accounts his grandfather was also called Nar and was one of the triplets born to Clothra who had slept with her, fathering Lugaid Rhiabhdhearg.

Crimhthann Cas

Irish son of Cathair Mor father of Laoghaire

Crimhthann mac Fiodhaigh

Irish a king of Munster

Criomhthann Sas

Irish

a king of Connaught

Criomhthann Sciathbheal

Irish

a holy mountain in Ireland

Croghan

Irish a maid servant of Etain Eachraidhe

crocodile

a monster in the form of a ram-headed sphinx

Cristanabyl

British a lady who gave Peredur a magic stone that protected him from the Addane At a tournament in her honour, Peredur was the champion and he stayed with her for fourteen years.

Crisus

Greek son of Phocus and Antiope, some say a nymph

Crichtheis

Greek

crimhthomancy

divination using meal strewn over victims for sacrifice

Crios

Greek

one of the Titans father of Acestes by Egesta brother of Clothra who had slept with her, fathering Lugaid Rhiabhdhearg.

Criophorus

Greek

a nymph attendant on Artemis

Croc

Irish sacred animal not to be killed.

Crocade

Greek 

a nymph attendant on Artemis

Crichinbel

(see Cririmhthann) 

a satirist

He, together with Ai, Bechuille and Lugh Laech, defeated the sons of Carman and took their mother prisoner. When he was away, her four sons killed Criomhthann. Leda, Congall Clairingneach, who lost his share of the province, killed Criomhthann.

Criophorus

Greek 

a name given to Heracles when he returned with many treasures. In some accounts he was also called Nar and was one of the triplets born to Clothra who had slept with her, fathering Lugaid Rhiabhdhearg.

He was killed when he fell from his horse. 

Crimhthann Sciathbheal

Irish 

a king of Munster

Criomhthann Sas

Irish 

a king of Connaught

Criomhthann Sciathbheal

Irish 

a king of Leinster

Crionna

Irish

son of Conn Ceadchathach brother of Art and Connla In some accounts both he and Connla were killed by jealous uncles.

Criophorus

Greek

a name given to Heracles when he carried a ram 3 times round Tanagra to avert a plague.

criasphinx

Greek

crocodile

an amphibian reptile, covered with bony plates, having powerful jaws and teeth.

(1) Some African tribes regard this animal as an evil spirit, some as the home of their ancestors, others as a sacred animal not to be killed.

(2) Arabs regard the crocodile as having oracular properties.

(3) In the East Indies, some tribes say that these beasts house the spirits of ancestors. The Dayaks regard crocodiles as servants of the underworld-gods, the Jata.

(4) In Egypt the crocodile personifies divine reason and is worshipped as such. Some say that it recovered the body of Osiris from the Nile.

(5) Hebrew lore regards this animal as unclean.

(6) In Indonesia they say that men can change into crocodiles by reciting the appropriate formula.

(7) In Malaya it is said that people who fall into a river can become crocodiles, which have a compartment in their stomach to store clothes: a young crocodile that ventures into the forest may become a tiger.
Crocus \(\text{Greek}\) a youth When the nymph Sminth rejected his love, the gods changed the youth into a flower of that name.

Crom Dubh \(\text{Scottish}\) in Scottish lore, fairy cows These animals are said to yield three times as much milk as normal cows.

Cromus \(\text{Greek}\) a king of Lydia son of Alyattes father of Astys This king, said to be the richest of all men, purified Adrastus of the murder of his own brother. At his death he was saved from his funeral pyre and carried off to the land of the Hyperboreans (or to Persia) by Apollo.

Crom Cruach \(\text{see Cenn Cruiaich}\)

Crom Dubh \(\text{see Cenn Dubh}\)

Crom-Eocha \(\text{see Cearas}\)

Cromheach \(\text{Celtic}\)

[Crominheach] a huge eagle This bird once carried a man on its back to explore the universe. In some accounts it had the power to restore dead heroes to life.

Cromhineach \(\text{see Cromheach}\)

Crom Cruach \(\text{see Cenn Cruiaich}\)

Crom Cruiaich \(\text{see Cenn Cruiaich}\)

Crom Dub \(\text{see Cenn Dubh}\)

Crommyonian sow \(\text{Greek}\) \(\text{see Crommyan Sow.Crommyum Sow. Phaea}\) a huge wild sow killed by Theseus

Crommyan Sow \(\text{see Crommyonian Sow}\)

Crommyum Sow \(\text{see Crommyonian Sow}\)

Cronia \(\text{Greek}\) a festival in honour of Cronus, celebrated at harvest time

Croniadae \(\text{Greek}\) the descendants of Cronus: the Olympian gods, specifically Hades, Poseidon and Zeus

Cronchu \(\text{see Crundchu}\)

Cronos \(\text{see Cronus}\)

Cronus \(\text{Greek}\)

[Ch]ronos.Kronos.Kronus.-Canaanite.Basil.El.-Roman Saturn] an early supreme god and fertility-god, the youngest Titan son of Uranus and Gaea husband of Rhea, his sister father of Demeter, Hades, Hera, Hestia, Poseidon, Zeus father of Chiron by Philyra, some say Cronus was the youngest of the Titans and led the revolt of the Titans against the elder gods. He castrated his father Uranus and took over his throne. He was warned that one of his children would dethrone him so he swallowed each one as it was born. Rhea managed to save Zeus by giving Cronus a large pebble wrapped in baby clothes to swallow. He was forced to regurgitate the stone and the children, who were unharmed, when Zeus served him an emetic drink. He was killed by his son, Zeus, in the war between the Titans and the younger gods or, in another account, became the ruler of the Isles of the Blessed.

He is sometimes depicted with three pairs of wings. (see also Chronos.Zalmoxis)

Crop-cared Dog \(\text{British}\) a dog with no ears or tail but capable of speech

He was really Alexander, son of the king of the king of India. His father had taken a second wife, Libarn, who had turned the prince and his brothers into dogs so that her own son, Knight of the Lantern, would inherit the throne. King Arthur sent Gawain with the Crop-Eared Dog to capture the Knight of the Lantern who changed the dog back to his human form. He later became king of India.

In some accounts this dog killed the queen of the Idumeans.

Croquemitaine \(\text{French}\) an evil sprite or ugly monster

Croton \(\text{Greek}\) an old man in southern Italy He entertained Heracles who was en route to Mycenae with Geryon’s cattle. In a fight with the bandit Lacinius, who tried to steal the cattle, Heracles accidentally killed Croton.

Crotorus \(\text{Greek}\) a king of Argos father of Psamathes

In some stories his daughter had a son, Linus, by Apollo, who was abandoned as a baby and eaten by the king’s dogs. Some say the boy was found and reared by shepherds. When Apollo sent a plague, Crotorus realised that the god was angered by the treatment of his son and propitiated the god by ordering a dirge to be sung every year in honour of the child.

Others say that he killed Psamathes as well. In other accounts Neleus is Psmathe’s father and Linus has different parents.

Crotus \(\text{Greek}\) son of Pan and Eupheme

He is identified as the Bowman in the zodiac.

crow \a large black bird

(1) In the lore of the Aborigines, this bird demonstrated the best way to die by rolling its eyes and falling on its back. (see also Wagu)

(2) British stories about Branwen, the sister of Bran, say that she could appear in the form of a crow.

(3) In China a three-legged crow is said to live in the sun and sometimes comes to earth to collect herbs. A white-winged crow is regarded as an evil omen.

(4) In Greece the crow as regarded as the bird of Apollo and Athena.

It was originally white but was changed by Apollo for bringing bad news. In some versions it is the raven that is so treated.

(5) Hindu lore regards the crow as a messenger of death.

(6) In Irish myths the war-goddess Morrigan was said to appear in the form of a crow.

(7) In Japan the crow (called karasu) is thought of as a messenger of the gods.

(8) In Malaya the crow is regarded as the soul of a tiger.

(9) In North America this bird appears in many legends of the native tribes. (see Ga-gaah.Hoh.Kahk) (see also sacred birds)

Crowley, Aleister \(\text{British}\)


He wrote a number of books on magic including The Great Beast and The Book of the Law, and founded Astrum Argentinum, a cult of magic and prophecy.

crown \(\text{coronal}\) crowns, the symbol of sovereigns, made of various materials, appear in many mythologies

Crowns associated with particular persons or deities include:

cypress Thanatos fennel Pan flowers Flora...
and fruit  Pomona
jewels  Virgin Mary
grapes  Bacchus.Dionysus.Vertumnus
ivy  Bacchus.Dionysus.Thalia
mulberry and olive  Mercury
laurel  Apollo.Calliope.Clio
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roses  Asia.Virgin Mary
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sweet marjoram  Hymenaeus
thorns  Jesus
vine leaves  Bona Dea.Bacchus
Dionysus
water lilies  Faunus.Undine
wheat ears  Demeter.Vertumnus
wool and narcissi  Fates

Crown Dancers
(see Mountain Spirit Dancers)
Crown of Brahma  (see Hoo Kwan)
Crown of Treasures  (see Hoo Kwan)
Cruachan  (see Cave of Cruachan)
Cruaidin Callideheann  (see Caladin)
Crudel  (see Coudel)
Cruiithne¹  Cetic
a Petic warrior
the legendary progenitor of the Picts
father of Cat, Ce, Cirech, Fioth, Fotla,
Fortriu and Moireabh
He settled in Scotland and divided the
country between his seven children.
Cruiithne²  Irish
wife of Finn mac Cool, in
some accounts
Cruiithneachan
a monk who taught St Columba when
he was a boy
Crundchu  Irish
Crinnius]
a wealthy farmer
son of Agnoman
father of Caille
Macha mysteriously appeared in his
fortress and became his mistress. He
boasted that his wife could run faster
than the king’s horses and was forced
to prove it.
Crunden  (see Crundchu)
Crunn  (see Crundchu)
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Crunnich  (see Crundchu)
Crunnius  (see Crundchu)
Crusher  (see Miolnir)
cryptasthesia  paranormal perception: clairvoyance
Crystallbæl  British
daughter of Prinsamour
lover of Eglamour
mother of Degrablel
She fell in love with the poor knight,
Eglamour, and bore his son Degrablel.
This child was stolen by a griffin but
was later reunited with both his parents.
crystal  Japanese
some say that the Buddha, mounted
on his elephant, is visible in a crystal

Crystallomancy  divination with transparent bodies
such as crystals  (see also scrying)
Crystlubhr  North American
the name given to Stoneribs after his
many adventures
Cteatus  Greek
son of Actor and Molione

Ctessipus¹  Greek
twin brother of Eurytus
He and his twin, to whom he was
joined at the waist, were said to have
been born in a silver egg and were
referred to as the Moliones. Their real
father was Poseidon. They were
members of the party hunting the
Calypsonian boar and were employed
as generals by Augeias, king of Elis,
when Hercules attacked his kingdom.
They were later killed by Heracles
who ambushed them on the way to the
Isthmian Games.
cteis  Greek
[kteis=Hindu Yoni]
the female genitalia
the earth
the passive principle

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son of Heracles and Astydamia
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Cyt  Irish
a minor sun-god
son of Dian Cecht
brother of Ceth, Cian, Goidhniu
and Samhain

Cu  Irish

Cu Allah  Irish
son of Diarmuid the poet

When he tried to put a curse on
Berach, who had been in dispute with
Cu’s father over the title to the site of
a monastery, he was killed by
Concheann, a friend of Berach.

Cu Choingeilt  (see Muireadhach)
Cu Chorb  an ancestor of the kings of Leinster
father of Caibre Clutheachair,
Cormac Luce, Meas Corb and
Nia Corb

Cu Chulainn  (see Cuchulainn)
Cu Culann  (see Cuchulainn)
Cu Raui  (see Coroi)
Cu Roi mac dairi  (see Coroi)
Cu Rui  (see Coroi)
Cu Sith  Scottish
in Scottish lore, a fairy dog
This animal was said to be green and
as big as an ox, but was rarely seen.

Cualnge¹  Irish
[Quelgny]
the Irish version of Cooley
(see Brown Bull.Daire²)

Cualnge²  (see Culann)
Cuallenn  (see Culann)
Cuall  Welsh
a horse of Cyfwich

Cuaire  Irish
son of Scatha
brother of Uathach

Cuarnadero  Central American
a Mexican medicine man

Cuba¹  Arabian
an Omani god of children

Cuba²  North American
a fabulous animal in Connecticut

Cuba³  Roman
a guardian goddess of infants in
their cots

cubomancy  divination using dice

Cuchaviva  South American
a rainbow-goddess, guardian of the
fields and the sick
wife of Bochica or Sua

Cuchulain  (see Cuchulainn)
Cuchulain of Muirthemne  Irish
legends of the hero Cuchulainn,
translated by Lady Augusta Gregory

Cuchulainn  Irish
[Cu Chulainn.Cu Culann.Cuc(h)ulain.
Cuchulin.Hound of Ulster.Irish
Achilles.Sedanta.Setanta]
a warrior hero of Ulster
the greatest of the 12 Champions of
the Red Branch
son of Lugh and Dectera
husband of Emer

His earthly father may have been
Cuchulainn

Conor mac Nessa, Dectera's brother, who, when she became pregnant, gave her to Sualtam, but his real father was Lugh who in the form of a mayfly flew into Dectera's mouth. Dectera gave her newborn son as a gift to Ulster and he was raised by her sister, Finchoom, alongside her own son, Conal. She called the boy, who had eyes with seven pupils, hands with seven fingers and feet with seven toes, Setanta. On a visit to Culann, a wealthy smith, the six-year old Setanta killed the huge guard dog of Culann, a whelp of the Brown Mouse, with his bare hands when it attacked him and then, to mollify the angry smith-god, acted as guard dog himself until another animal could be trained. From this time on he became Cuchulainn, the Hound of Culann, instead of Setanta, and swore never to eat the flesh of a dog. At the age of seven he defeated 150 princes of Conor's court and became a member of that court.

He fell in love with Emer, daughter of Forgall, but she spurned him until he had proved himself a great warrior. Conor equipped him with a chariot and weapons and sent him to Scotland to learn the arts of war from the warrior maid, Skatha. There he learned many feats of arms from Domhnall and more from Skatha. He fought alongside her against her sister, the princess Aifa, defeated her in combat and carried her off to Skatha's camp, forcing her to make peace with Skatha. He became her lover and left her a ring to be given to any son of their union, who should be called Conna. Other versions of the story say that he also took as mistress Uathach, daughter of Skatha.

When Conna, in later years, did seek out his father, they fought, neither knowing the other's identity, and Cuchulainn killed his own son using the Gae Bolg. It was only when he saw the ring on the dead youth's finger that he realised what he had done.

Cuchulainn's first exploit after his training by Skatha was to challenge the sons of Nechtan who had often raided Ulster and killed many men. He killed Foill with a sling shot and cut off his head and, having killed the other two sons, set fire to the castle. He then drove to Emain Macha, still in the grip of blood-lust and was returned to normal by a group of naked women, led by Mughain, the queen, who plunged him into tubs of cold water until his ardour left him. Other accounts say that this event took place many years earlier, when Cuchulainn was a young boy.

He then attacked Forgall's castle, killed him and his men and carried off Emer and much treasure, including a cauldron that produced gold and silver. Forgall's sister, Scenmed, raised the alarm and pursued them but Cuchulainn defeated her forces and killed her.

One story says that Emer once eloped with Tuir Gleasta, a prince of Norway, but Cuchulainn killed him and retrieved his wife.

In another story involving women, he was searching for two magical birds for Ethne, his mistress, or, some say, for his wife Emer, when he was attacked by Fand and Li Ban and put out of action for a whole year.

In a contest with Conall Cearnach and Laoghaire, Winner of Battles, for the title of Champion of All Ulster, both Conall and Laoghaire ran from the wildcats that had been put in their room, while Cuchulainn alone faced them with his sword. They were also tested by Ercol who attacked them with witches and then fought the three of them himself, losing only to Cuchulainn. In a beheading contest with the giant Uath, all three decapitated the giant but only Cuchulainn was prepared to offer his own neck to the axe. The giant intentionally missed his stroke and declared Cuchulainn the champion before disappearing into thin air. He was really Curoi, a magician king. A similar story is told of Bricciu.

In a contest with Bricciu he cut off the lord's head but Bricciu picked up the severed head and disappeared into a lake. Next day, fully restored, he claimed his part of the wager and Cuchulainn laid his head on the block awaiting the axe. Bricciu went through the motions of striking but spared Cuchulainn's life in admiration of his bravery.

In some accounts he received from Scanbeag, a man of the Otherworld, arms that ensured victory and clothes that protected him from fire and water.

He met and fought a huge German warrior, Goll mac Carbada, who had come to demand tribute, killing him in single combat, and dealt similarly with Gharb, a fierce fighter who refused to allow others to pass through his territory.

Another story says that Cuchulainn once met the goddess Badh, who took the form of a red-cloaked woman, driving a one-horse chariot. The horse was connected to the chariot by a pole that ran all the way through its body and was retained by a peg in the animal's forehead. Cuchulainn jumped on to the chariot which immediately disappeared.

He was once required to find the three sons of Daol Dearnmaid who had mysteriously disappeared. He journeyed in a magic boat to an island where Achtland, their sister, led him to the place where her brothers were held captive by Eochaid Glas. Cuchulainn killed this warrior and rescued the three brothers. He also rescued the princess Gruadh who had been carried off by a giant, killing her captor in the process.

Maev coveted Cuchulainn's spear, Cletine, and sent a bard to ask him for it, knowing that one can never refuse a poet's request. Cuchulainn threw the spear at the bard, killing him. The force of the throw broke the spear and the parts fell into a stream.

He had an affair with Blathnat, wife of King Curoi, and cut off Curoi's head. When the sea-god Manannan quarrelled with his wife Fand, she and Cuchulainn had a month-long affair but he then went back to his wife Emer. Both were given magic drinks by the druids to make them forget the incident.

In another story Dearbhfhorgaill, the daughter of a king of Norway, came to him in the form of a swan. She returned to her natural shape but Cuchulainn rejected her and gave her to Lugaid Rhiabhdhearg. When she was ill-treated by a group of women, Cuchulainn overturned a building, which killed over a hundred of them. Another version of this tale says that Dearbhfhorgaill was being handed over to the Fomoire as a tribute but was saved by Cuchulainn. Having rescued her, he rejected her love and gave her to Lugaid, in this version the son of Curoi, who was later to kill him. Hurt by this slight, Dearbhfhorgaill turned into a bird, which Cuchulainn brought down with a sling shot. He
sucked her wound to heal it when she resumed her normal shape and in so doing became her blood brother.

When Maev and Ailill sent an army against Ulster to seize the Brown Bull of Cooley, all the men of Ulster were afflicted by the Dehility of the Ultonians, Macha’s curse, and could not raise themselves to defend their province, so Cuchulainn had to do the job himself until they recovered. He harried the enemy, killing hundreds of soldiers, some of whom fell dead at the mere sight of him in battle-fury. Several single combat fights were arranged at a ford, all won by Cuchulainn, including one against their champion Natchrantal. Despite his efforts the raiders seized the bull and drove it back to Connaught. He was then reluctantly engaged by Ferdia who fought with him for four days, with all kinds of weapons. Cuchulainn was badly wounded but killed his old friend with the Gae Bolg or, in some versions, ran him through with his sword. When he recovered he joined the Ulstermen who had by now joined the battle and the forces of Connaught were repelled.

When, after seven years of peace, Maev renewed her assault on Ulster, Cuchulainn ignored the pleas of his mother and his wife (and, in some stories, her father Forgall who had not been killed by Cuchulainn) and went on one more battle.

He and his father Sualtam defended Ulster, but three witches, the daughters of Calatin, deprived him of the invulnerability given by the magic belt he wore and he was mortally wounded by a spear thrown by Lugaid, son of Curoi. He tied himself to a pillar and prepared to fight on but when a crow fell from his hand it cut off the hand of his killer. His enemies then cut off Cuchulainn’s head and carried it off with his severed hand, burying them both at Tara.

Some say that Cuchulainn was killed by a spear thrown by one of the sons of Calatin, others that the spear had been made by Calatin’s sons but was thrown by Lugaid. In another version, Morrigan was opposing Cuchulainn in the battle because he had rejected her advances and it was she who attacked him in the form of a crow.

Cuchulinn (see Cuchulainn) Cuchulinn Saga Irish

A book of Irish legends including the exploits of Cuchulainn and the story of the Sons of Usna, etc., written by

Eleanor Hill

Cuchumaquiq Central American

One of the 13 rulers of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba, father of Quaqu.

cubuth (see lycanthropy)

Cuculann (see Cuchulainn)

Cucullatti Irish

A deity, tumult personified

cucullus (see Cucullus)

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Cucullus Greek

A sea monster in the form of an octopus

This giant octopus is said to have a claw on the end of each tentacle and eyes all over its large ears.

Cuichi Supar (see Cuichu)

Cuichi South American

[Ca(h)i Supar] an Inca rainbow-god

Cuil (see Cuamaill)

Cuillean Irish

A magician

When Finn mac Cool dived into a lake to retrieve a bracelet dropped by Cuileann’s daughter, he was transformed into an old man. Cuileann gave Finn a magic drink that restored his youth but left his hair grey.

Cuimhne Irish

A bag

She changed herself into a beautiful woman and took the place of Dubh Lacha, wife of Mongan, who had been tricked into giving his wife to Brandubh. As soon as Dubh Lacha was returned to her husband, Cuimhne resumed her former shape.

Cuirreach Life Irish

A warrior of Leinster

Half brother of Fothach Canainne

He beheaded Badhamair, a woman seized by Finn mac Cool, and was himself killed and decapitated by the angry Finn.

Cul Dreimhne (see Battle of Cul Dreimhne)

Culain (see Culann)

Culann Irish


Cullen]

Culann was the Danaan smith-god

Father of Aine and Milucra

He was regarded as Manannan in mortal form.

His ferocious guard-dog was killed by the youth Setanta who acted in place of the dog until another animal could be trained, so earning the name Cuchulainn, Hound of Culann.

Culubh Irish

A man from the Otherworld

He seized a pig that Finn mac Cool and his men were roasting and ran off with it. Finn pursued him and killed him with a spear- cast just as he was about to enter his Otherworld dwelling.

Another version says that Finn’s thumb got caught in the doorway and, by sucking his thumb, he acquired the supernatural knowledge more usually attributed to the story on the Salmon of Knowledge.

Culubh (see Culubh)

Cule Dreben (see Battle of Cul Dreimhne)

Cullwch Welsh

[Kilwch(c).Kilwch.Pig-sty]

Son of Clyd and Gooleuddydd

Cousin of King Arthur

He was born when his mother went mad and ran into a field full of pigs. She then ran off, leaving the child to be found by a swineherd.

When Clyd’s first wife died he took the wife of King Doged and she charged Cullwch to marry none but Olwen the daughter of the chief giant, Ysbaddaden.

He enlisted the help of his cousin, King Arthur, by reciting the names and rank of all the 200 or more guests at Camelot and the king provided him with an escort of many talented warriors.

Ysbaddaden laid down thirty-nine
conditions that Culhwch must fulfil before he would consent to his daughter's marriage, knowing from an old prophecy that when she married he would die. The tasks involved, amongst other things, clearing a thicket and ploughing the land; obtaining from many widely scattered sources a huge cauldron, a drinking horn and a wine cup, a never-empty hamper, a harp that could play itself, bottles that kept liquids warm and others that kept milk fresh, the blood of a witch, the tusk of a boar, the sword of Gwrnach the giant, and hunters, hounds and horses to hunt down the boar Twrch Trwyth and seize the comb, razor and shears carried between the huge animal's ears.

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[<Greek Atropos>=Roman Morta]

an Etruscan underworld-goddess

She is said to stand at the entrance to the underworld, holding a pair of scissors with which she cuts the thread of life.

**Cum Hau**

*Central American*

a Mayan god of death

**Cumaeana Sibyl**

(see Sibyl of Cumae)

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(see Cumane)

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[Cumaine Fada.Cumaine Fota]

a saint

son of Fiacnna

His father, king of a Munster, who fathered Cumane on his own daughter, ordered that the child be killed but he was rescued and reared by an aibor. When he became a cleric he travelled the country preaching and eventually met and was reconciled with his father.

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*Irish*

son of Aedh mac Aimhireach

He demanded the right, as the son of a high-king, to sleep with the wife of Brandubh, king of Leinster, who disguised himself as a cook, locked the doors of the house and set it on fire. Glasdamh, a satirist, persuaded Brandubh to allow him to escape but then allowed Cumascach to escape in his place. One of Brandubh's men killed Cumascach as he tried to leave Leinster and the Leinstermen defeated the army subsequently brought by the high-king to avenge his son's death.

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**Cunawabi**

*North American*

[<Ute Sunawavi>

a trickster deity of the Temne

This deity is envisaged as a chevrotain rather than a rabbit.

**cunning man**

a wizard

**cunning woman**

a witch

**Cunobeline**

(see Cunobelinus)

**Cunobelinus**

Kimbeline.Kymbeline.Kymbelinus]

a king of Britain

son of Tenuantius

father of Arviragus and Guiderius

He is identified as Shakespeare's Cymbeline and some say he was related to King Arthur.

He was taken hostage by the Romans and raised in Rome but he was later brought back to Britain and installed as king.

**Cunomor**

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[Cunomor.Cuonomorus]

a king of Cornwall and Brittany

He was warned that he would be killed in the land; obtaining from many widely scattered sources a huge cauldron, a drinking horn and a wine cup, a never-empty hamper, a harp that could play itself, bottles that kept liquids warm and others that kept milk fresh, the blood of a witch, the tusk of a boar, the sword of Gwrnach the giant, and hunters, hounds and horses to hunt down the boar Twrch Trwyth and seize the comb, razor and shears carried between the huge animal's ears.

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[<Ute Sunawavi>

a trickster deity of the Temne

This deity is envisaged as a chevrotain rather than a rabbit.

**cunning man**

a wizard

**cunning woman**

a witch

**Cunobeline**

(see Cunobelinus)

**Cunobelinus**

Kimbeline.Kymbeline.Kymbelinus]

a king of Britain

son of Tenuantius

father of Arviragus and Guiderius

He is identified as Shakespeare's Cymbeline and some say he was related to King Arthur.

He was taken hostage by the Romans and raised in Rome but he was later brought back to Britain and installed as king.

**Cunomor**

(see Cunomorus)

**Cunomorus**

[Cunomor.Cuonomorus]

a king of Cornwall and Brittany

He was warned that he would be killed
by his own son and so he killed his wives if they became pregnant. In one case he left matters too late and his wife Trephina produced a son, Tremour. She died but was restored to life by Gildas. When she returned to the castle the walls fell in and killed her husband.

In other versions he was killed in battle during a rebellion of his people, or when fighting on the side of Chramm. In some accounts he is equated with King Mark.

(see also Mark)

Cunon

(see Cynon)

Cunti

(see Cunda)

Cunwhat

North American

son of Kindawuss

brother of Soogaot

Cup of Oblivion

European

goblet

A damsel on a bridge offered travellers a drink from her goblet. The drink rendered them unconscious and robbed them of their memory. They were then imprisoned in the Castle of Oblivion.

Cup of the Eagles

(see Quauhxicalli)

Cupay

South American

[Quay]

an Inca god of death

He was said to seize new-born babies.

Cupid

Roman

[Amor.Cupido.'desire';plur=Cupidoes:
=Greek Eros]

god of love

son of Venus by Vulcan

son of Mercury or Jupiter, some say husband of Psyche

father of Volupta

He carried off the beautiful maiden Psyche and lived with her, coming to her only at night so that she could never see him. He left her when she violated this trust but eventually they were reconciled and Psyche was deified and accepted as Cupid's wife by the other deities. This story is often told with Eros substituted for Cupid.

In some accounts he was carried on the back of a fish to escape the monster Typhon, as was Venus. The pair of them, in the heavens, are represented by the constellation Pisces.

He is depicted as a winged god, carrying a bow, who fires arrows into the hearts of those he wishes to become lovers.

Cupido (see Cupid)

Cupidones (see Cupid)

Cupra

Roman

an Etruscan fertility-goddess

Cur

Irish

a warrior of Connaught

son of Daly

He was one of those who fought Cuchulainn in single combat during the Cattle Raid of Cooley and was killed when Cuchulainn threw an apple with such force that it penetrated his forehead and came out through the back of his head.

Curad-mir

Irish

[Hero's Portion]

the best cut from the joint, given to the champion at a feast

Curche

German

a Prussian fertility-god

Curcog

Irish

daughter of Manannan

Curetana

(see Cortana)

Curetes

Greek

[Ko]uretes

attendant priests of Rhea

children of Poseidon and Thalassa,

some say

They guarded the infant Zeus in Crete and drowned his cries by clashing their shields, so that Cronus would not hear him. They were killed by Zeus for stealing his son, Epaphus, fathered on Io.

In some accounts they are equated with the Corybantes.

Curi-Coyllur

South American

[Joyful Star]
daughter of Pachacutic

lover of Ollanta

mother of Yma Sumac

His father, ruler of the Incas, refused to countenance a marriage to Ollanta but they defied his ban and lived together. She bore a daughter, Yma Sumac, and both she and the child were imprisoned in a convent. Ollanta was captured when he led a rebellion against Yupanqui, the Inca's son who took over when his father died, but the new ruler pardoned him, freed Curi-Coyllur and her daughter and blessed their union.

Curiae

Roman

3 heroes of Alba Longa

To settle the war between Rome and Alba, the triplet brothers known as the Curiae met a similar set of triplets, the Horatii, fighting for Rome. They were each wounded but killed two of the Horatii and the third one ran off. They followed him and were killed one at a time.

Curicaberis

Central American

[Surites]
a culture hero and earth-god of the Tarasco tribe

consort of Cuervaversi

He gave his people their laws and culture.

curin

Indian

the spirit of a woman who died in childbirth and was not cremated

(see also bhuta.bouga)

curis

the axis of the earth

a phallus

a rod, spear, etc. used for stirring at creation

Curnan

Irish

a prince of Connaught

He accidentally killed a man in a hurling match and was put to death by High-king Diarmaid mac Cearbhall.

Curoi

Irish

[Cu R(o)i.Cu Roi mac Dairi]
a sun-god and god of storms

a magician

king of Munster

son of Daire

brother of Conganchas

husband of Blathnat

father of Lugaid

His fortress, Teamhair Luachra, was said to revolve when Curoi chanted, and its entrance could not be found after the sun had set. In other accounts the fortress was known as Cathair Chon Roi.

In the test to decide the Champion of All Ulster, he took the form of a giant and challenged Conall Cearnach, Laoghaire Buadhach and Cuchulainn to a beheading contest. All three beheaded him but only Cuchulainn was prepared to offer his own neck to the axe, so Curoi declared him the champion.

When Cuchulainn made a raid on the Otherworld, Curoi helped him for a share of the booty but Cuchulainn failed to keep his promise, so Curoi took all of it, including the maiden Blathnat, whom he married. He became an enemy of Cuchulainn and fought on the side of Maev and Ailill in the war between Connaught and Ulster.

His soul was concealed in an apple carried in the stomach of a salmon. Blathnat revealed the secret to Cuchulainn, who had become her lover, and he caught the salmon and retrieved the apple. Blathnat tied her husband to the bed posts by his hair
and Cuchulainn cut the apple in half with Carú's sword, which weakened the king. Cuchulainn then cut off the king's head. (see also Oath)

Curotrophus Greek
a name for Athena as 'protector of children'

Curselaine British
a Knight of the Round Table
He was one of the twelve knights who helped Agravain and Mordred to trap Lancelot and Guinevere. All of them, except Mordred, were killed by Lancelot.

Curson [Parson]
demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to know the past, the present and the future and is depicted with the face of a lion, riding a steed and holding a snake.

Curtana (see Cortana)

Curtius¹ Roman
[Marcus Curtius]
a Roman hero
An oracle had foretold his fate and when a chasm opened up in Rome, he jumped into it, fully armed and on horseback, to save his country.

Curtius² Roman
[Metius Curtius]
a Sabin hero
In the war between Rome and the Sabines, he had some success in driving the Romans back but, fleeing from a counter-attack led by Romulus, his horse plunged into a pool and he barely managed to escape.

Curupira South American
[Korupira]
a demon in the lore of Brazil
This being is said to be the protector of animals and walks with upturned feet.

Curve of the Whale Tooth Pacific Islands
a famous warrior of flight of the chiefs

Cusco Huanca South American
one of the 4 sons of Inti, in some accounts (see Children of the Sun)

Cuscraidh Irish
[Cuscrad]
an Ulster warrior
son of Conor mac Ness
He had a stammer as the result of a fight with Cet who wounded him in the throat. He was killed by Mac Eacht in one of the battles between Connought and Ulster.

Cuscridd Irish
(see Cuscraidh)

Cusion a demon

Custennin¹ Welsh
[Kusten(n)in.Kustenhin.Mustennin.
Wild Herdsman=British Constantine] a giant shepherd, in Welsh lore
son of Anlawdd, some say brother of Ysbaddaden
father of Erbin, Goreu and Igraine
It was said that he could burn a tree merely by breathing on it. He had been deprived of his rightful inheritance by his brother and worked as a shepherd. All of his twenty-four sons, except Goreu, had been killed by Ysbaddaden and he was therefore willing to help Caluwh in his quest to marry Olwen, which would result in the death of Ysbaddaden. His wife was an aunt of Caluwh.

Custennin² Welsh
[Kusten(n)in.Kustenhin]
the Welsh form of Constantine

Cut-nose North American
in the lore of the Arikara, the first human to emerge from the Cottonwood tree (see Buffalo*)

Cutchi (see Kottchi)

Cutha (see Cuthah)

Cuthah Mesopotamian
[Cutha=sumerian Kur]
the Akkadian underworld
cuti-citta Buddhist
death-consciousness: the last minutes of one's life

Cuwaert European
the name for Coart in Dutch versions of Reynard the Fox

Cwn Annwfn (see Hounds of Hell)
Cwm Mammau (see Hounds of Hell)

Cyane¹ Greek
a water nymph of Sicily
She witnessed the abduction of Core by Hades and tried to prevent it but failed. Grieving, she wasted away and was unable to tell Demeter, when she came looking for her daughter, what she had seen and heard. Demeter spotted Core's girdle floating in the pool and deduced the rest.

In another version, Cyane was a river which rose in fury to try to prevent the abduction.
(see also Arethusa)

Cyane² Greek
a nymph
daughter of Liparus
wife of Aeolus, some say

Cyanea Greek
wife of Miletus
mother of Byblis and Caurus

Cyanean Rocks (see Planctae.Symplegades)
Aeneas was attacked by Turnus and prevented from setting fire to the Trojan fleet by causing the ships to turn into nymphs. (see also Agdistis)

Cybele Magna Mater
the goddess Cybele as 'great mother' in the Roman pantheon

Cybele
(see Cybele)

Cythereus
Greek
a king of Salamis
father of Glaucus

Cyclops
(see Cyclops)

Cyclops
Greek
[Kyklops.'round-faced', 'wheel-eyed':
plus=Cyclopes, Kyklopes]
a one-eyed giant
offspring of Uranus and Gaea or of Poseidon and Amphitrite
The Cyclopes rebelled against Uranus and were banished to Tartarus but were released by Cronus when he overthrew Uranus. Cronus locked them up in Tartarus once again but Zeus freed them to help him in his battle with the older gods.

They provided Zeus with his favourite weapon, the thunderbolt, Hades with his helmet of invisibility and Poseidon with his trident, and they made a silver bow for Artemis. Other groups of Cyclopes built the walls of Tiryns and Mycenae. Working for their living they were called encheirogastes.

The first three Cyclopes, Arges, Brontes and Steropes, were killed by Apollo to avenge the killing of Asclepius and their spirits inhabit Etna.

Cyclops
Greek
in some accounts, a king of Thrace,
ruler of the race of Cyclops

Cyclades
Greek
[a play by Euripides]

Cynicus
Greek
[Cynicus.Kuknos.Kyknos]
a musician king of Liguria
son of Sthenelus
a king of Argos
brother of Bwlch and Cyfwlch
son of Cilydd Cyfwlch

He challenged allcomers to a chariot duel, cutting off the heads of the losers and using the skulls to build a temple to Ares. When he challenged Heracles he was defeated and killed.

Cycnus
Greek
[Cynicus.Kuknos.Kyknos]
king of Colonea
son of Poseidon and Calyce
husband of Phyllonome and Procleia
father of Hemitheas and Tenes
by Procleia
His second wife, Phyllonome, accused her stepson, Tenes, who was really the son of Apollo, of improper advances so Cycnus cast both him and his sister adrift in a chest. Cycnus killed his wife when he discovered that she had lied to him, and also Eumolpus who had supported her false testimony, and went to Tenedos where Tenes had landed and was now king. In some stories, Tenes cut the ropes of his father's boat when he tried to moor; in others they were reconciled and fought together at Troy where they were both killed by Achilles. Cycnus was choked to death as he could not be wounded by weapons. His father turned him into a swan.

Cydius
Greek
[Kydippe]
a priestess of Hera
mother of Biton and Cleobis

Her two sons yoked themselves to a cart and pulled it all the way to Argos so that she might see the statue of Hera. As a reward, Hera gave the sons the gift of perfect rest – they were transported to the Elysian Fields.

Cydius
Greek
[Kydippe]
wife of Acontius

She read aloud the undertaking to marry Acontius, which he had inscribed on an apple (or a quince) and was held to have given her promise.

Cyfwlch
British
[=Scottish Caolineag]
the Welsh version of the Irish banshee

Cygni
Greek
a king of Argos
son of Sthenelus

Cyfredon
British
[=Scottish Caoineag]
father of Clydd grandfather of Culhwch

Cyfandir
[=Scottish Caoineag]
son of Nwython

In Welsh lore, he was one of those involved in the hunt for Twrch Trwyth and seized the shears from between the boar's ears when it was cornered in the Severn.

When Gwyn killed Nwython, he forced Cyfredon to eat his father's heart, as a result of which Cyfredon was driven mad.

Cyell Laufrfodd
British
[=Scottish Caolin] a knife

This druidic sacrificial knife was one of the 'Thirteen Treasures of Britain' collected by Merlin.

Cyllaros
Greek
a horse of Castor or Polydeuces

Cylleni
Greek
son of Elatus and Laodice
brother of Aepytus, Peroes and Stymphalus

Cylleni
Greek
(see Cyllenius)

Cyllene
Greek
a nymph
wife of Pelagus

Cyllene
Greek
(see Mount Cyllene)

Cyllene
Greek
[Cyllen]
a name for Hermes taken from his birthplace, Mount Cyllene

Cyllo
Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Cyllo, tore him to pieces.

Cyllopent
Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Cyllopent, tore him to pieces.

Cymbeline
[=Scottish Caoineag]
(see Cunobelinus)

Cymen
Saxon
son of Aelle
brother of Cissa and Wencing

spirit living near streams whose cries foretold impending death.
## Cymidei Cymeinfoll

**British**

[etymologically speaking] wife of Llaser Laes Gwynedd, in Welsh lore

They owned a magic cauldron that restored to life, but without the power of speech, warriors killed in battle. In Ireland, Cymidei gave birth every six weeks, each time producing a warrior armed ready for battle. Matholwch tried to kill them but they escaped to Britain. They gave the cauldron to Bran, in return for shelter, and Bran later gave it to Matholwch as compensation when Efniest maimed many of his horses.

**Cymochles**

*British*

a very strong man in *The Faerie Queene*

**Cymodocce**

*Greek*

a nymph, one of the Nereids

**Cynmodpecia**

*Greek*

wife of the giant Briareaus

**Cymon**

(see Cynon)

**Cymon and Iphigenia**

*English*

a poem by Dryden

**Cynan**

*Welsh*

father of Cynlas

**Cynan**

*Welsh*

son of Eudaf

brother of Elen and Gadeon

In Welsh lore, he and Gadeon helped Elen when her husband Maces recaptured Rome, and were given the land of Armorica where they established the Breton race. (see also Conan Meriadoc)

**Cynan**

*Welsh*

[Cynan Whiteshank]

a chief of Powys, Wales

father of Selyf

**Cynan Whiteshank**

(see Cynan)

cynanthropist (see lycanthrope)

cynanthropy

the ability to turn oneself into a dog

(see also lycanthropy)

**Cynddelig**

*British*

[etymologically speaking]

a guide at King Arthur's court

He was one of the party that accompanied Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

**Cynddylyg**

(see Cynddelig)

**Cynedyr**

*British*

[etymologically speaking]

a Welsh huntsman

son of Hetwen the Leper

Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get the help of Cynedyr in the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth. Only he could manage the hounds Aethlem and Aned.

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## Cyngwarch

[etymologically speaking]

husband of Nefyn

father of Urien

**Cyngen**

(see Concern)

**Cynisa**

*Greek*

wife of Pygmalion

In some accounts she was the wife of Pygmalion, who became jealous of Galatea, the woman Pygmalion had carved from marble. In this version Galatea returned to her former state as a block of marble.

**Cynlas**

*British*

a warrior at King Arthur's court

son of Cynan

He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.

cynocephali

a mythical race of dog-headed humans

said to live in India

**Cynon**

*British*

(see Cynan)

**Cynocephalus**

a Knight of the Round Table

son of Clydno

Seeking adventure, he was entertained by twenty-four maidens at a castle and warned to look out for a black man with power over animals. This man directed him to a fountain where he jousted with a knight garbed all in black, the Knight of the Fountain, and was unhorsed but lived to tell the tale.

In some versions the story of the Knight of the Fountain was told by Colgreavence.

**Cynosura**

*Greek*

one of the nymphs who nursed the infant Zeus

**Cynric**

*British*

son of Cerid

**Cytheria**

*Greek*

a name of Artemis, referring to Mount Cynthus where she was born

**Cynthis**

*Greek*

a name of Apollo, referring to Mount Cynthus where he was born

**Cynvarch**

(see Cyngwarch)

**Cywirw Frychgoch**

*Welsh*

a soldier of Madawg

He was with Rhonabwy at the cottage of Heilyn Goch.

**Cynwyl**

*British*

[etymologically speaking]

He was the owner of the horse Hengroen and was one of three (or seven) to escape from the Battle of Camlan.

**Cyon**

*British*

one of the Twenty-Four Knights of King Arthur's court

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## Cyran

(see Aphrodite.Paphian)

**Cypris**

(see Kypris)

**Cypris**

*Greek*

a nymph, one of the Nereids

**Cyrene**

(see Kymeinfoll)

**Cyrene**

*Greek*

one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Cypris, tore him to pieces.

**Cypsels**

(see Cynon.Cymon.Kymon.Kynon)

a tyrant of Corinth

father of Periander

An oracle had foretold that he would be killed by the former rulers, the Bacchiades, but he survived by hiding himself in a jar or chest.

**Cypsels**

*Greek*

a king of Arcadia

father of Merope

He raised Aeptus, son of his daughter Merope and her husband Cresphontes. Polyphonides killed Cresphontes and took over the throne of Messenia. When Aeptus grew up, Cypsels helped him to recover his father's kingdom.

**Cyrandes**

*Greek*

a 4-volume work on the magical properties of various plants, stones, etc.

**Cyrene**

*Greek*

a water nymph

daughter of Hypeus by Creusa

daughter of Peneus by Creusa, some say

sister of Astyagia and Themisto

mother of Aristaeus and Idmon by Apollo

Apollo saw her fighting a lion bare-handed and carried her off to Africa where he fathered Aristaeus and Idmon on her.

Another story says that Eurypylus,
king of Libya, offered his kingdom to anyone who would rid his country from the ravages of a lion. Cyrene killed the lion and founded the city named after her.

Cyrene
Greek
daughter of Oceanus and Tethys
sister of Diana
mother of Diomedes by Ares

Cyrus
Persian
a king of Media
It was prophesied that his grandfather, Astyages, would die at the hand of a descendant, a prophecy which was fulfilled when Cyrus accidentally killed Astyages.

Cytherea
(see Aphrodite)

Cytisorus
Greek
(Cytissoros)
son of Phrixus and Chalciope
brother of Argeus, Melanion, Phrontis
He and his three brothers were saved from the sea by the Argonauts after their own ship was wrecked.

Cytissoros
(see Cytisorus)

Cywyllog
British
daughter of Caw
sister of Gildas and Hueil
wife of Mordred
In some accounts she founded a church and became a nun when her husband was killed by King Arthur.

Cyzican games
Greek
games held annually to commemorate Cyzicus who was inadvertently killed by the Argonauts

Cyzicus
Greek
son of Aeneus and Aenete
king of the Doliones
husband of Cleite
He entertained the Argonauts en route to Colchis. When their ship was driven off course and they landed at night in another part of his kingdom, they were mistaken for pirates and attacked. In the battle he was killed and his wife, Cleite, went mad with grief and hanged herself.

Czarnobog
(see Chernobog)

Czernibog
(see Chernobog)
D

Central American
a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god D; perhaps Itzacna or Kukulcan
This deity is depicted as an old man and, in some cases, has a snail on his head. He is regarded as a moon god.

Da
[Tibetan]
a guardian god
This deity sits on one's right shoulder and protects one from enemies.

He is envisaged as clad in golden armour, riding a white horse and holding a spear. From the deity's own shoulders spring a lion and a tiger. His constant companions are said to be a man-monkey, a black bear and a dog.

Da Aido-Hwedo
(see Dan Ayido Hwedo)
Da Choga
(see Da Coga)
Da Choga
Irish
owner of a hostel
It was at this hostel that Cormac Cond Longes was trapped by the forces of Connaught and killed by either Cet or Corb Gailne.

Da Deara
Irish
a jester at the court of Lughaid mac Con When Lughaid was defeated at the Battle of Ceann Ahbradh by the forces of Eoghan, Da Deara took the place of his master, whose double he was, and was killed.

Da Derg
Irish
a lord of Leinster
Da Derga's Hostel
Irish
the building where Conary Mor was besieged by his enemies and killed
Da-jo-ji
North American
the west wind, in the lore of the Iroquois

Da-lha
(see dGra-lha)
Da-Meter
(see Demoer:Ge Metre)
Da Tho
Irish
father of Mac Da Tho
Daain
(see Dain)
Daath
(see Eloah Va-Daath)
Dab-mla
(see Da')
Dabage
Pacific Islands
in the lore of Nauru Island, a tortoise
It is said that the spider deity, Areop-It-Eonin, was born from a boil on Dabage's body.

Dabiaoa
South American
a Colombian water-goddess
Dabieciba
South American
a Colombian earth-goddess

Dabog
Slav
[Da-Bog, Dadzibog, Dajdbog, Daybog, Dazhbo:Gvinggod.(Xursu) Dazbogu: «Russian Dazbog]
a sun god and god of justice
son of Svarog
brother of Svarozic
husband of Myesats
father of 2 daughters, the Zorya
He rode across the sky every day in a chariot drawn by twelve white horses or three made of precious metals.
Some say that he was the progenitor of the Russian people.

Dabriol
an angel associated with the south and Monday

Dache
African
tree spirits of Ethiopia
Dactyls (see Dactyls)  
[Dactyls.Fingers of Ida.Idaean Dactyls]  
being created by Anchiale or Rhea as servants for Cronus

In some accounts there were three (Aeemon, Celmis and Damnameneus), in others there were five – Epimedes, Heracles, Idas, Jaius and Paonius – said to have developed the art of ironwork. Others say that there were six males and five females; or thirty-two who cast spells and twenty who removed them; or a hundred.

Some say that they were created by Anchiale by grasping a handful of soil; others say that they appeared when Rhea dug her fingers into the earth. They lived below ground, mining precious metals, and are credited with the invention of poetic measures such as the dactyl.

In some accounts they are equated with the Curetes, in others they derive their title from Mount Ida or from Ida, their mother.

Some say that these devotees of Cybele were three in number – Aeemon, Celmis and Damnameneus – and were the servants or sons of Adstrea.

dactylomancy  
divination using finger rings

Dad (see Ded.Hadad)  
Dada Zodji  
[African]  
a deity in Dahomey, ruler of the earth twin brother of Nyauhwe Ananu, father of Suvinenge

Dadda (see Adad.Hadad)  
Daddu (see Ded)

Dadhyancha (see Dadhica)  
DadhyanCHA  
[Dadhyanche.Daduh]  
a god in Ceylon, attendant on Upulvan

Dadimunda  
[Buddhist]  
a god in Ceylon, attendant on Upulvan

Dadophori  
[Persian]  
in Mithraism, the twins life and death

These divinities are depicted as a bull and a scorpion.

Dadu (see Adad.Hadad)  
Dadhog (see Dabog)

Dadala  
[Greek]  
a festival in honour of Hera

The festival involves a fire ceremony and a sacred marriage between Zeus and his bride.

Daedalian  
[Greek]  
son of Phosphorus, brother of Cepys, father of Chione

When his daughter was killed by Artemis for her temerity in comparing her own beauty with that of the goddess, Daedalian threw himself from Mount Parnassus in his grief. Apollo transformed him into a falcon.

Daedalus  
[Greek]  
son of Eupalamus or Metion by Alcippe, brother of Ceyx, son of Phosphorus

In Crete he constructed the model cow in which Pasiphae, the wife of Minos, was concealed when she mated with the white bull to produce the Minotaur. He then built the Labyrinth, the maze in which this monstrous creation was housed, and made magic thread, which he gave to Ariadne and which later made it possible for Theseus to find his way out of the maze after he had killed the Minotaur. Daedalus was locked up in this labyrinth by Minos for helping Pasiphae, but she helped him to escape with his son Icarus. They flew off with wings made by Daedalus from feathers and wax but Icarus, with the foolhardiness of youth, flew too near the sun, melting the wax in his wings. When he fell into the sea and drowned, he then flew on to Sicily where he was welcomed by the king, Cocalus. When Minos came in search of him, he recognised Daedalus when he solved the problem set by Minos, of passing a thread through a triton shell by tempting an ant through the coils of the shell with honey. He killed Minos with scalding water when he was in the bath. He is regarded as the inventor of the auger, the axe and the saw, and masts, sails and yards for ships.

Daedalia  
[Greek]  
the various works of Daedalus

Daedalids  
[Greek]  
the followers of Daedalus

Daegira (see Aphrodite)  
Dael Duiled  
[Irish]  
the chief bard of Ulster
daemon

a good spirit intermediate between man and god: a demon  
(see also daimon.demon)
daemonomancy (see demonomancy)

Daena  
(see Dena)  
[Norse]  
one of the dwarfs
daeraclan  
[Cambodian]  
spirits of the dead that have been reborn as animals or giants
daeva  
(see div)

Dag  
[Norse]  
[Dagh.'day']  
god of daylight  
son of Dellingr and Nott

Dag'  
[Norse]  
[Dagh.'day']  
one of the Hundings  
son of Hogni and brother of Sigrun, some say When Helgi and Sinfotli led an army to settle the feud between the Volsungs and the Hundings, only Dag survived the battle. Having promised to end the feud, he treacherously threw Odin’s spear, Gungnir, and killed Helgi.

Dag-she (see Drag-gshed)  
dagaba (see stupa)

Dagan'  
[Afghan]  
[Dagon.Degan.Doghan]  
the supreme god of the Kafir

Dagan  
[Mesopotamian]  
[Dagon.Daguna.Oannes.Odacon]  
a Babylonian fertility god  
consort of Salas, some say father of Baal  
He is said to have invented the plough.  
In some accounts he is equated with Ea or envisaged as a fish.
Dagan' Phoenician
Siton]
a corn god or fish god
father of Ben Dagon
Dagan' [Dagon]
a demon regarded as the baker of hell
Dagare
a deity invoked in white magic
Dagda
[Dagda.Dagide]
a wax figure used in the casting
of spells
Dagda, The Irish
[Aed(h).Dag(h)ae Daire.Daghd(h)a.Dagide.
Draidecht.Dagal the Brown.(Eochaid)
Ollathair.Great Father.Great God.
Mighty One.Ruad Rof(h)essa.Ruadh
Ro-Fheasa.Ros Ruadh=Gaulish Sucellos]
god of life and death, the ‘good god’
chief of the Tuatha De Danann
son of Eladu and Dana
brother of Medar
brother of Lugh and Ogma, some say
father of Angus, Bodb, Brigit, Deara,
Mider and Ogma
His family connections are confused:
in some versions Brigit is his mother,
in others his wife; others say she was
one of his three daughters, all of the
same name. Where his wife is not
Brigit she is a woman with three
names, Breng, Meabel and Meng.
Some versions have Boann as his
wife but she is more often the wife
of Elcmar – seduced by Dagda
to produce Angus – or of Necthtan.
In some versions Bodb Dearg is also a son
by Boann. Some say Morrigan was his
consort, some say that he seduced her
to enlist her help in the battle to come,
the second Battle of Moytura.
He owned a magical cauldron
known as Undry, which was always
full and used to satisfy his enormous
appetite and which was also capable of
restoring the dead to life. He owned a
huge club that could kill nine men at
one blow, but he could restore them to
life with a touch of the other end of
the weapon.

When the Fomoire stole his harp he
went to their hall and demanded its
return. The harp flew from the wall
where it had been hung, killed those
who stole it and put the others to sleep
with its music.

When the Danaans were defeated
by the Milesians and went to live
underground as fairies, Dagda handed
over the leadership to his son, Bodb
Dearg.

Dagdaire
(see Dagda)
Daghda
(see Dagda)
Daghhdha
(see Dagda)
dagoba
(see stupa)
Dagon' a demon said to take possession
of humans
Dagon' British
Dagonet
[Daiguener]
a jester at King Arthur’s court,
knighted by the king
In black magic he is a steward of the
Royal Household.

Dagowe
(see Dangbe)
Dagubal
Australasian
son of Wolaro

Dagué-Lissa West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from
the African god Lissa

Daguenet
(see Dagonet)
Dagun
Afghan
a Kafir god

Daguna
(see Dagan)
dah—dar
dahak
(see Azhi Dahak)
dahaki
(see Azhi Dahak)
dahak
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Dah
European
da deity in the Pyrenees
In some accounts he was a war god.

Dahomain West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Dahut
(see Ahes.Morgan)
Dai Bosatsu
(see Daibosatsu)
Dai Dalos
Greek
a maker of wooden statues
It was said that the statues he made
could walk and see.

Dai—guju
Japanese
a special type of Shinto high priest

Dai—itoku
Japanese
[Goemmasen.—Buddhist Yamantaka] a terrible manifestation of Amida
or Monju
In this form the god has six heads,
arms and legs and is depicted astride
an ox surrounded by flames.

Daibenzaizen
Japanese
a guardian deity
one of the 28 Nijuhacahi-Bushu

Daibonten
Japanese
a guardian deity
one of the 28 Nijuhacahi-Bushu

Daibosatsu
Japanese
[Daibosatsu] a god of war

He was the Shinto god Hachiman,
assimilated to the Buddhist pantheon.

Daibu African
father of Dama Hgile

Daibutsu Japanese
a huge statue of the Buddha

Daidala (see Daedala)

Daiera Greek
daughter of Oceanus
mother of Eteusis
She produced Eleusis either by
virgin birth or by mating with Ogyges
or Hermes. Some accounts equate her
with Aphrodite or Calypso.

Daigh mac Cairill Irish
a monk
foster father of Berach

Daikoku Japanese
Yasha Daikoku—Hindu Mahakala.Shiva]
a Shinto god of farmers and wealth
one of the 7 Shichi Fujikin
father of Ebisu
He became so popular that the other
gods plotted to get rid of him and
sent the cunning Shiro, an oni, to deal
with him. Shiro found Daikoku in a
storehouse, but the god’s faithful rat
seized a bough of holly and drove
Shiro away.
He carries a hammer from which, it
is said, money falls out when he shakes
it. As a god of agriculture he is merged
with Ta-NO-Kami.
He is depicted as a dark-skinned fat
man sitting on two bales of rice or
standing on the bales holding the Red
Sun and his mallet.
In some accounts he is identified
with Okuni-nushi or Ta-no-kami.

Daikoku Tea (see Daikoku)

Daikokusana
(see Daikoku Okuminushi)

Daimoku Japanese
[Lotus Sutra.—Buddhist Saddharma-
pundarika] the Japanese version of a book of
parables attributed to the Buddha

daimon Greek
[plus=daimones=Roman genius]
a guardian spirit: a god: supernatural
power (see also daemon.demon)

daimones
daimonia
pagan idols or evil beasts

Dain’ Norse
one of the 4 stags of the gods
These animals grazed on the tree Yggdrasil and produced water for the rivers and honeydew for the earth.

**Dain’**

Norse

[Daan.Daınn]
a rune maker
one of the dwarfs

[Dainchi]

Japanese

[Birushana.Mahavairoha.bana>Buddhist
Vairocana>•Hindu Brahmana]
the god of the True Word Buddhist
one of the 7 Dhyani-buddhas
one of the 6 Dhyani-bodhisattvas, in
some accounts
He invests the whole of the universe.
All other deities and demons are but
manifestations of this being.
In some accounts he is equated with
Fudo-myoo.

**Dain**

(see Dain)

**Dainsle**

Norse

Hogni’s sword, made by the dwarfs

**Daire**

Irish

[Dara]
father of Curoi and Lugaid Laighde
In some versions this is another name
for Curoi.

**Daire**

Irish

[Dara]
son of Aílil and Maeve
He was one of seven sons all known as
Maine.

**Daire**

Irish

[Dara]
a king of the Picts
father of Allieann by Rathlea

**Daire**

Irish

[Cualunge.Dara]
king of Ulster
son of Fachtna
He was the owner of the Brown Bull of
Cooley.

**Daire of the Picts**

Irish

[Dara Dearg]
a son of Finn mac Cool
In some accounts he was swallowed by
a monster but escaped by cutting open
its stomach.

**Daire Donn**

Irish

[Dara Donn.King of the World]
father of Connthaol and Mis
He led an invasion fleet that landed at
Ventry and was defeated by the Fianna
at the Battle of Fionn’s Strand. He was
killed and decapitated by Finn mac
Cool. (see also Battle of Fionn’s
Strand.Sinsar)

**Daire Greine**

Irish

the oak grove of the sun

**Daire Mac Dealghe**

Irish

[Dara mac Dealghe]
father of Fiachra
It was prophesied that he would die if
his daughter bore a son and, in due
course, the prophecy came true.

**Daireann**

Irish

daughter of Bodb Dearg
sister of Saba
She fell in love with Finn and when he
rejected her she drove him mad with a
magic potion.

**Dairne**

Irish

daughter of Tuathal
When Eochaid, king of Leinster,
crushed the death of Dairne and her
sister Fithir, both of whom he had
married, their father, the high-king,
killed Eochaid and exacted a tribute of
cattle.

**Daiceishi**

Japanese

a minor deity, companion of Amida

**Daisho Kwangiden**

(see Shoten)

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(see Shoten)

**Daithi**

Irish

[Feardach.Nath I]
a king of Connaught
son of Fiachra
father of Aíll Molt
His father went to war with his own
brother, Brian, for supremacy in
Connaught, and was defeated at the
Battle of Damhchluain where he was
captured. In some accounts Daithi
rallied his father’s army and defeated
Brian in a second battle. When Conall
Gulban led an army against Ulster,
Daithi fought alongside him and when
Conall later subdued Connaught, he
installed Daithi as king of that
province.

It was said that he led many
expeditions of conquest overseas,
including the defeat of Fearadhach
Fionn, king of Scotland, and finally
met his death in Switzerland where,
as punishment for demolishing a tower
built by Formenus of Thrace, he was
struck by a thunderbolt.

**Dalullenn**

Irish

one of the dogs of Mael Fothartaig
This dog, and another called Doilin,
accompanied Mael when he went to
Scotland to avoid his new step-
mother, Ethne.

**Daityas**

Hindu

giants
sons of Kasyapa or Rudra and Diti
The Daityas were Titans who fought
with the gods but were defeated and
banished to the underworld, Patala, by
the god Indra.

Some accounts describe them as
ocean demons.

(see also Adityas.Asuras.Danavas)

**daiva**

Hindu

fate, the result of one’s deeds
in life

**daiva**

(see deva)

**daiy prakriti**

Hindu

[•Chinese fohat]
primordial light: the vital force
inherent in the universe

**Dajbog**

(see Dabog)

**Dajdbog**

(see Dabog)

**Dajoshi**

(see Da-jo-ji)

**Dakaki**

(see Mai-ja-chikki)

**Dakini**

Buddhist

[Dakini]
a lion-headed goddess in Tibet

**Dakinski**

Buddhist

[Dakinski.Walkers in the Sky]
female Buddhists: spirits of wisdom

**dakinish**

Hindu

[ashrapa.dakkinis]
female demons

**Dakinski**

(see Dakini)

**Dakinski**

(see Dakinski)

**Daksa**

(see Daksa)

**Daksha**

Hindu

[•brilliant.Daksa.Pracheta. Prajapati.’skill’]
a sage, generator of gods
a sun god, one of the Adityas
leader of the Prajapatis
father of Devi, some say
son of Brahma
consort of Prasuti
He was born from the right thumb of
Brahma and is said to be reborn in each
generation. In his first appearance he
had thousands of sons and twenty-four,
twenty-six, twenty-seven, fifty or sixty
daughters. One of these, Sati, married
Shiva while the others became consorts
of Dharma and Kashyapa. Others say
that they all married Chandra as Soma.

He also acted as creator, under the
supervision of Brahma, making all
animals, demons, gods and minor gods.

When he forgot to include Shiva in
a sacrifice, Shiva’s wife Satī immolated
herself and Shiva (as Virabhadra)
awakened havoc among the wor-
shippers, cutting off Daksha’s head
which was then burnt. Shiva repented
and Brahma (or in some stories, Shiva)
revived Daksha, giving him the head of
a ram or as a replacement. In
some stories Rudra is quoted in place of
Shiva.
Dakshajana

In a later incarnation, as the son of Pracheta and Marisha, he had twenty-seven daughters, all of whom were consorts of the moon god, Chandra. In some accounts he is the same as Prajapati; others regard him as both father and son of Aditi.

He is depicted as goat-headed.

Dakshajana

a name for Devi as daughter of Daksha

dakshina

a honorarium given to a priest who officiates at a sacrifice

dakshina

a divine cow, a manifestation of Lakshmi

Dakshinacharins

a ‘right-handed’ sect of Hindus who follow the teachings of the Vedas

(see also Vamacharins)

Dakshinagni

one of the 3 forms of sacred fire

(see also fire)

Dakuwanga

a Fijian shark god

Dal

Persian

a hero who fell in love with a girl he had never seen

Dal nAraidhe

Irish

[Dal nAraidhe]

a sept or kingdom

In some accounts, a sept in parts of Antrim, Down and Ulster. Others refer to a kingdom in the west of Scotland having this name.

(see also Dalriada)

Dal nAraidi

(see Dal nAraidhe)

Dal Riada

(sea Dalriada)

Dal Riata

(sea Dalriada)

Dala Kadavara

Ceylonese

an elephant goddess

This deity was later demoted to the level of a Buddhist demon, causing illness.

Dalai Lama

Tibetan

[Grand Lama. Living Buddha]

the chief Buddhist monk

This man, the spiritual head of Tibetan Buddhists, is regarded as the incarnation of the bodhisattva, Padmapani. On the death of one leader a successor (a boy) is chosen by divination and becomes leader at the age of eight.

Daland

Norse

a Norwegian sailor

He welcomed the Flying Dutchman to his home and gave him consent to marry his daughter Senta.

dalang

East Indian

a director of a puppet theatre

He knows the mythology of Java and sings the hymns to the gods during a performance.

Dalbhyesvara

Hindu

a deity superseding Indra in the Benares region

Dalhan

a man-eating jinnee

This form of jinnee was said to inhabit desert islands waiting for shipwrecked sailors whom they ate. It may be depicted as a man riding a camel or an ostrich.

Dali Matei

East Indian

the land of the spirits, ruled by Laki Tenangan

Dall

Irish

father of Felim mac Dall

Dallan Forgaill

Irish

[Eochaid Eigeas]

a blind poet

son of Cola

He was sent by Aedh Fionn to obtain a famous shield from Aedh Duach and recited a satirical poem when that king refused to relinquish the shield. This was in conflict with the accepted code of the bards and he died a few days later.

Another story says that he was killed by pirates who cut off his head. The head was later recovered from the sea and replaced on his body where it remained attached and he was buried in one piece.

In some accounts he is equated with Eochaid Eigeas or Ollav Fola.

Dalny

(see Dealgnaid)

Dalniada

Irish

[Dal Riada, Dal Riata]

a sept or kingdom

In some accounts a sept in Antrim. Others use the name for that part of Ireland.

Men from this sept or from this part of Ireland colonised the west of Scotland and this kingdom also was called Dalriada.

(see also Dal nAraidhe)

Dalu

Arab

the Zodiacal sign, Aquarius

Dalu

Irish

a saint

As a boy he was seized by a group of Leinstermen who were about to use him for spear practice. Cúainneach rescued him but the shock left him cross-eyed. He later established a monastery in County Clare.

Dam-c’an-ndo-je-legs-pa

Tibetan

[Dam-chen-dorje-le-pa-dor-le]

chief of the demons, overcome by Padmasambhara

Dam-c’-en-do-je-la-ndor-le

(see Dam-c’an-ndo-je-legs-pa)

Dam-Kinu

(see Damkina)

Dama

Hindu

husband of Sumana

His father gave up his throne to become a forest hermit and Dama ruled in his place. When his father was killed by the demon Vapushmat, Dama went into the forest, killed the demon and rescued Sumana, who became his wife.

Dama Ghosha

Hindu

a king

father of Shishupala

Dama Ngile

African

son of Daibu

He demanded the magic sword from the king, Sunjata, and it rose unbidden from the bottom of a huge pile of weapons. He became king of Jerre.

Dama Ngile

African

the sword of Gassire

Damael

[Daniel]

an angel associated with the east and Tuesday

Daman

Irish

[Damhan]

a Fir Bolg

father of Ferdia, some say

Damar Wulan

East Indian

a Javanese hero-prince

Damar

Irish

a magician

He was killed by Betis who was there-after known as Perceforest.

Damaru

Hindu

a drum made from a skull: a symbol of Bhairava

Damas

British

brother of Ontzelde

He cheated his brother out of his inheritance, refused to fight to settle the dispute and imprisoned any knight who might have acted as Ontzelde’s champion, forcing him to fight Ontzelde. King Arthur, caught in a magic trap by Morgan, offered to fight for Damas. Unwittingly, he fought Accolan who acted for Ontzelde and who was armed with Excalibur, which
Damas
debu, a god from the Fon snake cult who was flanked by a flamingo. She chose her husband, Nala, and exchanged messages through a speaking bird. She fell in love with King Nala and they eventually married. She wandered far and wide, finally returning to her family. Another counsellor, Dambhodhava, found her working as a charioteer to King Subahu. She became an attendant of the king there and afterwards became an attendant of King Subahu, where she became an attendant of the king. She had a son, Phlius, who was a name of Procrustes as well as Damastes.

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earthquake. When he has eaten all the iron bars in the sea, he will start to eat himself, starting at the tail, and then the earth will fall into the sea from lack of support.

In some accounts, he has 3,500 coils above the earth and 3,500 below, holding it safe. One of his arched coils is seen as the rainbow.

(see also Damballah Wedo.Dangbe)

Dan-Gun
(see Tan’gun)

Dan Huéza
(see Damballah Wedo)

Dan Petro
West Indian
[Don Pedro.Don Pedro]
a Hawaiian tree-snake god
This deity is said to have been a slave, Don (or Don Pedro) who escaped and became a legendary hero.

(see also Petro)

Dan Yi
West Indian
a Hawaiian voodoo spirit

Dana2
Hindu
[Danaparamita] one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, charity

Dana2
Irish
Danulath n’Annan=Welsh Don] a supreme goddess and water goddess mother of MacCecht, MacCuill and MacGreine mother of Brian, luchar and lucharba, some say mother of Ecne and Nuada, some say

In some accounts she was the wife of Bile while some say she was the mother of the Dagda, others his daughter Brigit. Some accounts have her as the daughter of Delbaeth. When her people, the Danaans, were defeated by the Milesians she found them homes underground.

Other accounts refer to her descendants as Feini and claim that they were the first settlers in Ireland.

In some versions, she (not Brigit) was the mother of the children of Turenn and in others she became masculinised as Don or Donnus. In some accounts she is identified with Morrigan. Others say that she was an ancestor of Black Annis.

Danaans
Irish
[Children of Dana.Children of Don.
Children of the Light.De Danann.
Tuatha de Danann.Tuatha Dea] a legendary tribe of invaders

The Danaans were descendants of the earlier invaders led by Nemed. It was said that they came by sea to settle in Ireland and burnt their boats so that they could never leave.

They fought the Fir Bolg and won; in some accounts they expelled the Fir Bolg, in others they made peace and confined them to Connaught. Some say this was the first Battle of Moytura.

They were opposed by the indigenous Fomoire and defeated them in the second Battle of Moytura. Some say that both the battles at Moytura were against the Fomoire. When they were later overcome by the invading Milesians at the Battle of Taillteinn, they retreated to the underground world of the fairies.

They were said to have originated in Falas, Finias, Gorias and Murias, seats of knowledge and craftsmanship, and in some stories came to Ireland borne on a magic cloud. (see also Feini)

danace
Greek
a coin placed in the mouth of the dead, a fee for the boatman Charon

Danace
Greek
daughter of Acrisius and Aganipp
du of Pluminus
mother of Daunus by Pluminus
mother of Persus by Zeus

Acrisius had been warned that a son of Danae would kill him so he locked her in a chamber made of bronze. This did not prevent Zeus visiting her in the form of a shower of gold or golden rain to produce a son who was called Perseus. Her father put her and her son in a chest and cast them adrift in the sea, from where they were rescued by a fisherman, Dictys, on the island of Seriphos. When she later refused to marry Polydecetes, brother of Dictys and the ruler of the island, he hounded her. Persus found her hiding with Dictys and took her back to Greece.

In some accounts she later went to Italy and founded Ardea. One of her grandsons was Turnus, opponent of Aeneas.

Some say her mother was Eurydice.

Danaides
(see Danais)

Danais
Greek
[Danais.Danai] the 50 daughters of Danaus and Io
All these girls married the fifty sons of Aegyptus and each one killed her husband on their joint wedding night, except Hypermnestra who spared her husband, Lycurges. They were purified of the murders by Athena and Hermes but in Tartarus they were condemned forever to carry water in leaking cans or to fill their jars with water using sieves.

Some accounts say that Lycurges killed not only Danaus but all the Danaids except Hypermnestra to avenge the murder of his brothers.

In some versions, two other sisters, Amymone and Berbyce, also spared their husbands.

Danain
British
a lord of Malehaut
He carried off Bloie who was the lover of his friend, Guiron.

Danair
(see Lochlanners)

Danais
(see Hippodamia)

Danand
(see Dana)

Danann
(see Dana)

Danari
(see Danaids)

Danaparamita
(see Dana)

Danatiya
Mesopotamian
wife of King Daniel

Danaus
Greek
king of Libya or Argos
son of Belus and Archinoe or of Agenor and Telephassa twin brother of Aegyptus

He was the father of fifty daughters, including Amymone, Astera, Berbyce and Hypermnestra, and took them off to Greece to escape the murderous intentions of his brother Aegyptus. Here he became king of Argos in place of Gelenor and was attacked by the fifty sons of Aegyptus. He eventually agreed to allow them to marry his fifty daughters but armed the girls with a pin or dagger, with which all except Hypermnestra killed their husbands. The spared bridegroom, Lycurges, later killed Danaus and took over his throne.

Danavas
Hindu
ocean demons
offspring of Kasypo, Kanaka or Danu and Puloma

They were described as giants who fought against the gods.

(see also Asuras.Daityas)

Dancing Vargaluska
(see Rumpelstiltskin)

dancing water
a magic liquid said to make women young, beautiful and rich

danda
Buddhist
a staff on which is mounted a skeleton or a vajra

Dandadhara
Hindu
a name for Yama in his role as the one who puts into effect the judgements of Samavarti
**Dandapani**  
Buddhist  
mother of Yashodhara

**Dando**  
British  
a Cornish priest who sold himself to the Devil for a drink (see Wild Hunt)

**Dandoku**  
Mount Dan-doku)

**Dandomi**  
East Indian  
wife of Anggun Nan Tungga

**Danel**  
a demon

**Dangbe**  
African  
[ Dagowe]  
a python spirit of the Fon

**Dangbe**  
West Indian  
a Haitian voodoo spirit

**Dantage**  
Irish  
Daoine sidhe  
(a little folk)  
 Daoine beaga  
(a little folk)

**Danzel**  
Arab  
a snake god of Benin

**Danel**  
British  
brother of Breunor and Dinadan

**Daniel**  
Canaanite  
[a king]  
husband of Danatiya  
father of Abhat and Paghat

**Dancal**  
Arab  
a prophet

**Daniele**  
Italian  
[ Daniel.Dn’t]  
a dog of Celtchair

**Daniele**  
[ Daniyal]  
a shepherd  
[ Daniel]

**Danka**  
German  
a king of Burgundy  
husband of Ute  
father of Gernot, Giselher, Gunther and Krimhild

**Dankwara**  
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German  
brother of Hagen

He accompanied Siegfried when he was invited to Gunther’s court to help in the fight with the invading kings, Ludger and Ludegast.

He also went with Gunther and the other nobles when they were invited to Etzel’s court.

**Dannemont**  
a king of Denmark

He was deposed by Geoffroy. In exile, he joined the Saracens attacking Rome.

**Dantalian**  
a demon, a duke of hell

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is depicted as having many faces, of both sexes, and holding a book. He is said to give instruction in the arts and sciences.

**Dante, Alighieri**  
European  
(1265–1321)

a poet, author of Divina Commedia  
(The Divine Comedy)

**Danu**  
Hindu  
goddess of the waters and heaven

mother of Ahi  
and the Danavas by Kasyapa, some say

**Danu**  
(see Dana.Kabhanda)

**Danwontari**  
(see Dhanwontari)

**Daoine beaga**  
Irish  
a name for the fairies as ‘little folk’

**Daoine maite**  
Irish  
the fairies  
(see also aes sidhe)

**Daoine sidhe**  
Irish  
(see aes sidhe)

**Daol Dearmaid**  
Irish  
a warrior  
father of Achtland

He had three sons but they were abducted by Eochaid Glas.

**Daolach**  
Irish  
a wife of Finn mac Cool, some say

**Daolchu**  
Irish  
a dog of Celtchair

Celtchair had killed the Brown Mouse, a hound ravaging Ulster, and kept one of its whelps. It went wild during Celtchair’s absence and he was forced to kill it. A drop of the animal’s blood fell on Celtchair and killed him.

**Daolghu**  
Irish  
the tallest man in the Fianna

**Daolteangach**  
Irish  
the tallest man in the Fianna

**Daonu**  
Mesopotamian  
[ Daos]

**Daos**  
Mesopotamian  
[ Daos]

**Daphne**  
Greek  
[’laurel’]

a nymph  
a priestess of Mother-Earth

daughter of Amycus, Ladon or Peneus by Creusa

sister of Cyrene, Hympseus and Stilbe, in some accounts

Leucippus disguised himself as a nymph to woo her, calling himself Oeno, but he was exposed and killed by the nymphs.

Apollo fell in love with her but she ran away at his approach, calling on her father, the river god Peneus, for help. Just as Apollo was about to overtake her she changed into a laurel tree, which became the tree sacred to Apollo. Some say that Gaea carried her to Crete as Pasiphae, leaving the laurel in her place.

**Daphnephoria**  
Greek  
festivals in honour of Apollo celebrated every 9 years at Thebes

**Daphnis**  
Greek  
a shepherd of Sicily

son of Hermes by a nymph

half-brother of Pan

In some accounts Hermes was his lover rather than his father.

He is credited with the invention of bucolic verse. Aphrodite caused him to fall in love with the water nymph Nais, to whom he promised always to be faithful. When he proved unfaithful by preferring Xenia, a mortal lover, Nais blinded him. He later drowned and the water nymphs refused to go to his aid. Hermes then took him up to heaven.

In another version he resisted all Aphrodite’s attempts to make him unfaithful and died rather than give way to her tempting. Others say that he died of longing for Xenia.

In another account, he loved Pimlea (or Thalia) who was abducted by pirates. When Daphnis found her, a slave at the court of Lityerses in Phrygia, he was challenged to a reaping contest by the king. Heracles took the place of Daphnis, won the contest, killed Lityerses and made Daphnis, who married Pimplea, king of Phrygia.

**Daphnis**  
Greek  
a goatherd in love with Chloe

In this version both Daphnis and Chloe were abandoned by their parents, in adjoining fields, and grew up to become ideal lovers. They were the prototypes for Paul and Virginia, the rustic couple reared in Mauritius, featured in a story of the same name by Bernadin de St Pierre.
Daphnis and Chloe  
the story of a rustic couple, Paul and Virginia, written by Longus

Daphne  
a goddess worshipped by the maenads

Dapie  
a moon goddess  
*sister of Siloo*

Tuwale, the sun god, appeared in the guise of a beggar and asked for her hand in marriage. Her parents dressed a pig to look like Dapie and offered it in her place.

Dapnel  
ruler of one of the 7 supposed firmaments

Dapple  
the donkey ridden by Sancho Panza

Dar al-Baqa  
*House of Eternity*  
*heaven*

Dar al-Fana  
*House of Passing*  
*the earth*

Dar al-Ghurut  
*House of Illusion*  
*the earth*

Dar al-Huz  
*House of Sadness*  
*this world as a vale of tears*

Dar al-Iblila  
*House of Temptation*  
*the earth*

Dar ar-Surur  
*House of Joy*  
*paradise*

dar-dar  
an arrow used in demon-worship

dar-Ich'og  
(see da-cha)

Dara  
*Dara of the Poems*  
a druid of Cormac mac Airt

Dara'  
*Dara*  
Irish  
*a son of Uazale*

Dara  
(see Daire)

Dara'  
Hindu  
[Tara]  
wife of Balin

Darago  
Pacific Islands  
wife of Mandarangan

Daramulun  
Australian  
[Thurelimin]  
a culture hero of the Aborigines  
*son of Baime and Ngalalbal*

A name for the sky god, Baime, used by the Aborigines of the east coast; others say that he was Baime’s son. In some accounts he has only one leg.

Darana  
Australian  
a spirit of the Dreamtime

He could chant spells to bring rain to the desert. He killed two young men who had opened his bags of grubs and turned their bodies into stones, known as Duralu, which the tribes were instructed to protect since disaster would occur if the stones were damaged or broken.

He planted many trees in the wasteland. After the flood he climbed a mountain and rose into the sky where he remains as a guardian sky god, meeting the souls of the dead (tulugals) and caring for them. He also superintends the initiation rites of some tribes, pretending to cut the initiates into pieces and restoring them to life. He then knocks out one of the front teeth of each initiate.

Darawigal  
*front teeth of each initiate.*

Darika  
Tibetan  
a Lamaist sorcerer

He was said to be able to fly like a bird.

Dararius  
European  
a bridgekeeper in Babylon

He befriended Floris and helped him to plan the rescue of Blanchefleur who was imprisoned in the emir’s harem.

Dar al-Tur  
*the entrance to the underworld, Annwn, in Welsh lore*

Dar al-One of Cooley  
(see Brown Bull of Cooley)

Dark One, The  
(see Donn Dumhach.

Darick  
*British*  
a thundery god and an oak god in Wales

Darique  
a demon associated with the south and Monday

Darthur  
(see Deirdre)

Dartaid  
Irish  
daughter of Eochaid Beag

Her father was killed by bandits after promising to provide cattle to feed Maeve’s army. Maeve’s son, Orlam, who loved Dartaid, came to collect the herd but was attacked by Corb Cliach who killed Dartaid and most of Orlam’s men.

Darthray  
(see Deirdre)

Darukavaitere  
South American  
[Stone Man]  
son of Maio  
husband of Uarahiulu  
father of Uazale

When his offspring turned out to be parrots and serpents, his mother intervened and caused Uarahiulu to bear the first Paressi Indian, a boy called Uazale.

Daruma  
Japanese  
[=Chinese Ta-mo:=Indian Bodhidarma]  
the founder of Zen Buddhism

(see also Bodhidharma)

Darumarotri  
(see Dhumavati)

Darvi  
East Indian  
a dema

This being saved the world from total destruction by fire when he caused rain to fall.

Das Rheingold  
(see The Rhinegold)
children. Vishnu appeared with a vial of nectar and gave half to Kausalya and a quarter to each of the other wives, Kaiksey and Su-Mitra, becoming incarnate in the form of four sons, Bharata, Lakshmana, Rama and Shatrughna.

In one story he was thrown out of heaven by Shani, but Jatayu caught him and saved him from death.

Dasharatha (see Dasha-ratha)
Dashyanta father of Bharata
Dasi a slave
Dasra one of the Aswins
twin brother of Nasaty

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Dasaratha (see Dasha-ratha)
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Dasaratha the Javanese version of the demon Ravana

He is also said to be reincarnated as Duryudana.

Dasan North American a creator god of the Pomo Indians

He and his father led a tribe of birds to bring civilisation to the Pomo from somewhere over the sea.

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He was the offspring of three gods, Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu, who granted Anasuya’s wish for three sons. The three were born immediately and, when hugged by her husband, Atri, melded into one body with three heads and six arms, master of the knowledge imparted by his divine fathers.

Another version regards him as a teacher of yoga who produced the tantras and was deified.

dat Pacific Islands a shaman in the Philippines

Datu Jinn Hitam Malay a demon, king of the black jinnes

datugad Irish a magical power

Those who supposedly have this power always receive the best cards when playing card-games.

Dauce Mesopotamian [Daue] the Greek form of Damkina

consort of Aus

mother of Bel

Daugawa Baltic the great water that flows back full of departed souls every evening

Daughter of Creation Baltic a name for the Finnish goddess Ilmatar as ‘Luonnotar’

Daughter of Fireflies (see Buk)

Daughter of the Air Indian (see Ilmatar)

Daughter of the Foam (see Puteri Tunjung Buih)

Daughter of the Sea Indian (see Marya Morevna)

Dauke (see Dauce)

Daukina (see Damkina)

Daunus’ Greek son of Lycoen brother of lapyx and Peucetius

He and his brother, having conquered the southern part of Italy, shared it between themselves. (see also Daunas’)

Daunus’ Roman a king of the Rutulians

son of Pilumnus and Danae

husband of Venilia

father of Juturna and Turnus

He owned an unbreakable sword, made by Vulcan, which he gave to Turnus.

In some accounts he is the same as Daunas, son of Lycoen.

Dausi African an epic song

Gassire learned the song of the birds. He then bought a lyre that was drenched with the blood of his sons, killed in battle, which made it part of the family. The lyre then sang the Dausi.

Dausos Baltic the Lithuanian kingdom of the dead

It was said to be situated in the sky behind a very tall and slippery hill.

Dav-kina (see Damkina)

Davalin (see Dvalin)

David’ European the name given to Charlemagne by his counsellors
Each day symbolised some animal or object and a particular compass point and was governed by a particular deity. These details are given under individual entries.

Day

Day of Beltane

Day of Blood

Day of Brahma

Day of Two Sunsets

Daya

Dayan

Dayan ka mantur

Daybog

Daygide

dayong

Dayuns

Dazbog

Dazdbog

Daz靴g

Dazboogu

Dazimuz

Dea

Dee Dia

Dea Dia
Dea Quartana (Roman)
a goddess of fever
daughter of Febris
sister of Dea Tertiana

Dea Syria (see Syrian Goddess)

Dea Tertiana (Roman)
a goddess of fever
daughter of Febris
sister of Dea Quartana

Deac (see Deoca)

Deadbhadh (Irish)
son of Cairbre
brother of Duach
He quarrelled with his brother, who had him blinded.

Deae Matres (see Matres)

Deaglan (Irish)
[Declan]
-a Leinster saint
son of Earc mac Trein and Deithin
He was fostered with his uncle, Dohbran, and taught by the hermit Diomna until he went to Rome and was made a bishop. He entrusted a bell, which appeared as if from heaven, to his friend Runan who came back to his own country with it.

Dealganid (Irish)
wife of Partholan
mother of Eber, Laighlinne and Rudraidhe
She had an affair with Togda, a servant, while her husband was away.

Dealbhchaomh (see Delbchaem)

Dealbhaoth (see Tuireall)

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Deamial
an angel associated with the east and Monday

Dearbhfgorgaill (Irish)
[Derbhorgill.Devorgilla]
daughter of a king of Norway
She came to Cuchulainn in the form of a swan but then returned to her human form. Cuchulainn rejected her and gave her to Luguaid Riabhdbhearg. When her husband was away, she was attacked and mutilated by a large group of jealous women.
They say that, on the night of her wedding, she and her fifty attendants were changed into birds by Lugh and carried away. In some versions Lugh is said to have disguised himself as a fox-woman, Jewel Maiden, until the evil spirit was exorcised by the priest Genno.

Debestevs (Baltic)
 [=Letish Dievs=Lithuanian Dievas]
a Latvian sky god and fertility god

Debility of the Ultonians (Irish)
nainden.noinden]
an affliction of the men of Ulster
Macha had been forced to race against the king's horses even though she was pregnant, giving birth to twins after winning the race. She laid a curse on the men of Ulster so that, when they most needed their strength to fight, they became as weak as a woman at childbirth for five days and four nights.

Debon (British)
a Trojan hero
He was one of those who came to Britain after the fall of Troy and was given the area of Devon as his share of the kingdom.

Decair (see Gillia Dacar)

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Decarabia (Carabia)
a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He may appear as a man or as a diagram (a star in a pentagram) and can impart knowledge of plants and stones.

Deceiving Gap (see Ginnungagap)

Decclus (Greek)
a hero
When Theseus abducted Helen, Decclus told his brothers, Castor and Polydeuces, where she was hidden.

Dechtere (see Dectera)

Dechtire (see Dectera)

Decima (see Decumna)

Declan (see Dealgnaid)

Decluna (see Dechnus)

Dechnus (Italian)
a fertility deity

Dectera (Irish)
[Dec(h)tere.Dechtire.Deichtine]
a moon goddess
daughter of Cathbad and Maga
daughter or sister of Conan mac Nessa,
some say
wife of Sualtam mac Roth
mother of Cuchulainn
In some versions Lugh is said to have impregnated Dectera when he flew into her mouth in the form of a may fly and that she gave her son as a gift to Ulster.
Another version says that a fly flew into her cup and, falling into a trance, she was transported to the Otherworld where she was seduced by Lugh. Others say that, on the night of her wedding, she and her fifty attendants were changed into birds by Lugh and carried off. When they later returned she persuaded her husband, an Ulster chieftain, to accept her son by Lugh as his own son. The boy, called Setanta, was later to be known as Cuchulainn.
Deiectere

Decumana (see Dectera) Roman

Decumna [Decima] goddess of birth one of the 3 Parcae

Ded Egyptian [Dad(du). Tat. Tet] a symbol of Osiris

A figure in the shape of an upright with a crossepiece used as an amulet to ward off demons and to guarantee entry into paradise (see also Tet)

Dedada Irish [Dedald] founder of a military order in Munster

Dedocorurgus Turkish a book of 12 stories about ancient heroes

Dedek European [=Russian Deduska. Domovoy; =Slovenian Setek] a Czech guardian deity (see also Djadet)

Dedi Egyptian a magician

He was said to eat 500 loaves and drink 100 jugs of beer each day and had the power to cut off the head of any living thing and then restore it.

Dedun (see Dedwen)

Deduska Domovoy Russian [=Russian Deduska. Domovoy; =Slovenian Setek] a guardian deity of the household

Dedwen Egyptian [Arsamphi:Dedun:=Greek Tithomos] a Nubian god of wealth

Dee Celtic a war goddess

Deepavali Hindi [Dewali:Dipaivali. Diwali. String of Lights] the festival of lamps in honour of Lakshmi and Vishnu, held in October or November

Some say that it honours Bali or Vishnu’s defeat of Narakasura.

Deer (see also stag) a fleet-footed animal, usually with antlers

(1) Buddhists believe that the Buddha was born in the form of a deer.
(2) In China, the deer (lu) is a symbol of longevity and is said to be the only animal that can find the fungus that confers immortality. It turns blue when it is 1,000 years old, white at 1,500 and black at 2,000. Any person eating the flesh of such a deer will live to the same age.
(3) The Greeks regarded the deer as sacred to Aphrodite, Apollo, Artemis, Athene and Hercules.
(4) In Irish lore Oisin was born to the mortal Saba who was then in the form of a deer and would himself have been a deer had she licked him at birth as a female deer would.
(5) In Japan the deer is associated with Jurojin, a god of longevity.
(6) In Mexico brown deer represent the god of the north and drought, white deer the god of the east and rain.

Deer Kachina Cloud North American a horned god of the Hopi

Deerhead (see Haringamesi) North American husband of White Corn Maiden

This young Tewa was the finest hunter in his village and fell in love with White Corn Maiden, the prettiest and most talented girl of his tribe. They married and became inseparable, neglecting everything so that they could be together. When White Corn Maiden died soon afterwards, Deerhunter was inconsolable and wandered the plains seeking her spirit. He found her, apparently unchanged, and persuaded her to return with him. Soon the smells and signs of death appeared and her husband was repelled, but she would not be parted from him and followed him wherever he went. Eventually a spirit in the form of a tall hunter with a huge bow appeared and told the couple that they had offended the gods by their behaviour. To ensure that they always remained together, he shot each of them into the heavens where they now appear as two stars, the smaller one forever following the other across the sky.

Deer (see also Ca-peen) (see div)

Degad (see Dedad)

Degagei Pacific Islands [Dengie] a primaeval serpent, in the lore of Fiji father of Fiji father of Sweet-eyes

This serpent incubated the eggs laid by the hawk, Tūrūkawa, and hatched the first humans, a boy and a girl. He then created crops for them to live on.

In the underworld he interrogates the souls of the dead and allocates punishment.

Degmenus Greek an archer of Elis

To settle the battle between the Aetolian forces of Oxylus and the forces of Elis under King Dius, Degmenus was appointed to meet, in single combat, the Aetolian Pyraechmes who used a sling. Degmenus was defeated and the victory was awarded to Oxylus who then became king of Elis.

Degrael British son of Prinsamour and Crystabell husband of Ardanata

He was stolen by a griffin when only a child and raised by a king of Israel. Later in life he married, only to discover, just in time, that the woman he had married was his own mother. He later remarried, to Ardanata.

Debi (see Thoth)

Dei Consentes (see Consentes Dii)

Deianeira Greek [Deianira, Deianira] daughter of Oeneus and Althaea second wife of Heracles mother of Glenus, Hodos, Hyllus and Macaria

She was won by Heracles in a contest with Achelous, who took the form of a bull to fight for her hand.

When Nessus the Centaur tried to rape her and was shot by Heracles, she collected his semen and blood mixed with olive oil, in a jar to be used, according to Nessus, as a love potion. When she feared that she might lose Heracles to Iole, she smeared the mixture on the shirt she sent to him at Oechalia, so condemning him to an agonising death. When she found out what she had done she killed herself.

Deianira (see Deianeira)

Deichtine (see Dectera)

Deicooon Greek son of Heracles and Megara

Deidameia Greek [Deidamia] daughter of Lycomedes mother of Neoptolemus (Pyrrhus) by Achilles

Her father sheltered Achilles and dressed him as a girl, calling him Pyrrha, so that Achilles could avoid serving with the Greek forces at Troy where, it had been prophesied, he would be killed. Achilles seduced Deidameia and she bore him a son, Neoptolemus, also known as Pyrrhus.

Deidameia Greek [Deidamia] daughter of Bellerophon and Philono wife of Evander

sister of Hippolochus and Isander mother of Sarpedon by Evander or Zeus
In some accounts she is referred to as Laodamia.

Deidameia
(see Astydamia, Hippodamia)

Deidamia (see Deidameia)

Deileon Greek
[Deion]
son of Deimachus
brother of Autolycus and Phlogius
He and his brothers helped Heracles in his ninth Labour and later joined the Argonauts.

Deimachus Greek
father of Autolycus, Deileon and Phlogius

Deimne (see Denna)

Deimos (see Deimus)

Deimus Greek [Deimos.'fear']
god of fear
son of Ares and Aphrodite
brother of Harmonia and Phobus

Deimus Greek
one of the horses of Ares
(see also Phobos)

Deimne (see Denna)

Deione Greek
a nymph
In some accounts she was the mother of Miletus by Apollo.

Deionides Greek
a name for Miletus as son of Deione

Deino Greek [Dino.'terrible']
one of the Graiae

Deion Greek [Deioneus]
a king of Phidis
son of Aeolus and Enarete
husband of Idomea
father of Actor, Aenetus, Asteropeia, Cephalus and Phylacus

Deion Greek [Deioneus]
son of Eurystus
husband of Perigune

Deioneus (see Deion)

Deipara Roman
 [=Greek Theotikos]
mother of god: god-bearing

Deiphilus (see Thoas')

Deiphobe (see Sibyl of Cumae)

Deiphobos (see Deiphobus)

Deiphobus Greek [Deiobos]
son of Priam and He cuma
brother of Hector, Helenus and Paris
After the death of Paris, he quarrelled with Helenus over Helen, who had been abducted by Paris and when Helenus fled he forcibly married her.

Deiphobus Greek [Deiobos]
son of Hippolytus
He purified Heracles of the murder of Iphitus.

Deiphones Greek
son of Antimachus
husband of Hymetho
His wife's father, Temenus, favoured him over his own sons so they killed Temenus. One of them, Creusus, took over the throne of Argos, sending his brothers to persuade Hymetho to leave her husband. She refused and was killed when they tried to force her. Deiphontes was elected king and he expelled Creusus and his brothers.

Deipyle Greek [Deiyle]
daughter of Adrastus and Amphithea
sister of Aegialius, Argia and Cyaniaprus
wife of Tydeus
mother of Diomedes

Deipyle (see Deipyla)

Deipylus Greek
son of Polyneustor and Iione
Iione's young brother (or nephew), Polydorus, was sent to stay at the court of Polyneustor for safety during the siege of Troy. When Polyneustor planned to kill the boy for the treasure that he had brought with him, Iione substituted her own son, Deipylus, who was killed by his own father.

Deipylus Greek
son of Tlepolemus and Polyxia

Deirdra (see Deirdre)

Deirdre Irish
[Deirdra.De(i)rdriu:=Scottish Darrathray] a dawn goddess
daughter of Felim mac Dall
When she cried out in her mother's womb it was foretold by Cathbad that she would wed a foreign king who would bring sorrow to Ireland, so High-King Conor reared her himself, with Lavarcham for nurse, with a view to making her wife when she was old enough. She preferred a younger man and ran away with Naisi. The king gave them safe conduct to return but then had Naisi and his brothers killed by Eoghan mac Dhurthach and he forcibly married Deirdre. She refused even to speak to him and after a year he gave her to Eoghan, whom she hated. She killed herself by throwing herself from a chariot and smashing her head against rocks. The tree that grew over her grave became entwined with the one that grew over Naisi's grave and they could never be separated.

A different version says that Deirdre threw herself into Naisi's grave, kissed her dead lips and died with him.

Deirdre Irish (see Idel)

Deirdre of the Sorrows Irish
a play by J. M. Synge dealing with the story of Deirdre and Naisi

Deirdriu (see Deirdre)

deisal Irish
a right-hand circumnambulation round a holy place
Such 'holy rounds' imitate the sun and are said to bring good luck or to ward off evil.

Deithin Irish
wife of Earc mac Trein
mother of Deaglan

Deity of the Field Paths Japanese
a giant

When Ninigi was sent to earth to restore order, this giant met him at a cross roads and thereafter acted as his guide. Ninigi gave him the dancing goddess, Uzume, as a reward for his help.

deive (see laumé)

Dejanira (see Deianira)

Dekanawida North American
a chief of the Hurons or the Mohawks
It was prophesied that he would cause much trouble in later life so his mother dropped him through a hole in the ice when he was born. Three times she tried and each time she found him safe and sound next morning.

He grew to manhood in a few years, became an ally of Hiawatha and promulgated the laws of the confederacy of tribes.

Dekans Egyptian
war gods, 36 in number
These beings, usually depicted with the heads of animals, were later regarded as demons of sin and vice.

Dekla Baltic
the Latvian goddess of fate
sister of Karta and Laima
In some accounts these three sisters act as the Latvian Fates.

deke (see devokji.divji)

Del (see Devel)

Dela Irish
[Dele] a Fir Bolg king of Leinster
father of Morca and Slaine
Delbaeth

Irish

brother of the Dagda
father of Dana, in some accounts
father of Lugh by Eire, some say

Delphaesch

Irish

[Dealbhachombh]
daughter of Morgan and Coinchend
Her father, King of the Land of Wonder, had locked Delphaesch in a tower to frustrate a prophecy that her mother would die when Delphaesch married. Art, son of Conn, rescued her, killed both her parents and took her back to Ireland where she became his wife.

Dele

(see Dela)

Delgeeth

(see Teelget)

Delgnaid

(see Dealgnaid)

Delgnet

(see Dealgnaid)

Delia

Greek

a festival held every 5 years on
the island of Delos in honour
of Apollo

Delia

a name for Artemis referring to her
place of birth, Delos

Delia

Greek

the ship in which Theseus travelled
to Crete for his encounter with
the Minotaur

Delia

Italian

[<Greek Artemis—Roman Diana]
a Sabine goddess

Deliaides

Greek

son of Glaucus by Eurynome or
Eurymede
brother of Bellerophon
In some accounts he was killed accidentally by Bellerophon.

Delian

Greek

[Delias]
a name for Apollo referring to his
birthplace, Delos

Deliel

[dawn].Delling

a demon

Delight Makers

(see Koshare)

Delion

(see Deleion)

Delius

(see Delian)

Delling

(see Dellinger)

Dellinger

Norse

Here, Leto gave birth to Apollo and
Artemis, fathered by Zeus.

Delphi

Greek

[Cirha.Pytho]
the site of the oracle of Apollo
This site was originally the site of the
oracle of Gaea, which was marked by
the omphalus and was regarded as
the centre of the world, being used as
the site of the four-yearly Pythian games.

Delphic Bee

(see Pythia)

Delphic Oracle

(see Pythia)

Delphic Sibyl

(see Pythia)

Delphica

(see Pythia)

Delphin

Greek

a minor god

Delphine

Greek

[Delphyne]
a monster in the form of a serpent-
tailed dragon-woman
sister of Typhon
She was the guardian of the Corycian
Cave where Typhon hid the sinews he
cut from the body of Zeus when they
fought.

In another story, until it was driven
out by Apollo, the dragon was the
originator of the revelations that
inspired the Pythia to make her
pronouncements.

Delphinia

Greek

a festival in honour of Apollo, held
annually at Athens in March

Delphinus

(see Apollo)

Delphinos

(see Delphinus)

Delphineosemos

(see Odysseus)

Delphius

(see Delphinos)
an intermediary for Poseidon

He was sent by Poseidon to plead
his cause with Aphrinite. When she
yielded and married him, Poseidon set
Delphius in the heavens as the
Delphin.

Delphyn

(see Delphine)

Deluding of Gyfii

(see Gyfia-ginning)

Deluge

(see Flood)

demis-godes worshipped in early planter communities

Demaratus

Roman

a Greek who emigrated to
northern Italy
father of Lucumo

Demaros

(see Zeus Demaros)

Demas

East Indian

early inhabitants of the earth
These beings, half man, half spirit, set
the earth on fire. The fire was only
extinguished when Darvi caused rain
to fall.

Demeter

Greek

Epone.Eriny.Ga Metre.Ge Metre
Demeter.Good Goddess. Grain Mother.
Hermine.Mother Da. Mother Earth.
Thesmorphorus.Three Eponae.White
Goddess—Egyptian Isis—Italic Damatar.
—Phygian Cybele—Roman Ceres. Dea Dia
goddess of agriculture, corn
and fertility
daughter of Cronus and Rhea or of
Uranus and Gaea
sister of Hades, Hera, Hestia, Poseidon
and Zeus

wife of Iacchus, some say
mother of Core (Persephone) and
Iacchus by Poseidon or Zeus
mother of Boetes and Platus by Iasion
mother of Dionysus by Zeus, some say
It is said that as Black Demeter or
Eriny, she and Poseidon coupled,
both in the form of horses, to produce
the nymph Despoena and Arion the
winged horse. Some say that Core also
came of this union or as the result of
rape by Zeus.

She mated with Iasion in a ploughed
field and produced Platus. Her lover
was killed by a thunderbolt hurled by
Zeus.

In some accounts she produced a
son, Acheron, without the help of a
male.

She punished Erysichthon with
everlasting hunger when he cut down a
tree in her sacred grove. She changed
the boy Stellio into a lizard when he
made a joke about the speed at which
she ate her food.

At the banquet where Tantalus
served up his dismembered son
Pelops she (or Thetis in some stories)
ate the shoulder part and made a new
one from ivory, which was built in
when the boy was reassembled by
the gods.

When her daughter Core was
abducted by Hades she wandered the
land, in the guise of an old woman,
looking for her daughter. She was
taken in by Celeus, king of Eleusis, and
employed as Deo, a wet nurse to his
new born son. To repay his kindness Demeter tried to make the infant immortal by plunging him into the fire but his frightened mother, Metaneira, snatched him away. In some stories the baby was Demephoon, in others he was Triptolemus: some say the baby died, others that it survived the ordeal. Abas, the eldest son of Celeus, made a foolish jest about Demeter’s own son, Iacchus, and in a fit of temper she turned him into a lizard. She taught Celeus the Eleusinian mysteries and he became her first priest.

She eventually discovered what had happened to Core. In one version she was told by Triptolemus whose brothers had seen the abduction; in another she heard the truth in the burbling of the nymph Arethusa. As she passed through the underworld en route to Sicily. Others say that Hecate, who had heard Core’s cries, took Demeter to see Helios who, as sun god, had seen all that had occurred and told them what had happened to Core. Demeter now caused a blight to descend on the land that had occurred to Core. In one version she became his first priest.

Demeter Erinnus Greek

Demetria Greek

Demetia Celtic

Demopus Greek a festival in honour of Demeter, held in Athens

Demetrioi (see Demeter’s people)

Demetra British

in some accounts, Merlin’s grandfather

Demhe (see Demna)

Demman West Indian

one of the 4 sons of Chubaba grandson of Bayamanaco

Demi Greek

demigod

demon1

an evil pagan spirit: a devil

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(6) disguised demons
(7) fates
(8) familiars
(9) incubi and succubi
(10) poltergeists
or as those of the:

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Son of Abattu

the name given to Finn mac Cool at birth

Demne (see Demna)

Democratia Greek

Democracy personified

Demodocos (see Demodocus)

Demodocus Greek

a blind minstrel

He sang at the court of King Alcinous when Odysseus was entertained there on his journey back to Greece.

Demogorgon a mysterious deity of the underworld the spirit king of the elves

King Arthur was said to have gone into the cave that was the home of the demogorgon on his way to Morgan’s palace.

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Demoleon Greek a centaur

He killed Crantor.
Mamma, in England
Martinet, in Switzerland
Thamuz, in Spain
(4) Judges
Alastor, commissioner for public works
Lucifer, chief justice
(5) Royal Household
Behemoth, steward
Chamos, chamberlain
Dagon, steward
Melchom, paymaster
Mistroch, chief steward
Mullin, valet
Siccor-Benoth, chief eunuch
Verdelet, master of the court
(6) Master of Revels
Antichrist, juggler
Asmodeus, supervisor
Kobal, stage manager
Nybras, director

Generally, demons can appear in many different forms, in many different locations, usually during the hours of darkness; are born, grown, have children and die; intermarry with humans and have the same appetites and desires as humans. Most are harmful, some are benevolent to mankind.

Some traditions maintain that demons are born from the union of gods and mortals, others that they are sexless beings.

The number of such beings has been variously estimated as 44,435,556 and 133,306,668.

In Dante’s Divine Comedy, in Inferno (Hell), there are demons employed in pushing barrators under the surface of boiling pitch. These twelve (with English names in brackets) are given as: Achino (Hellkin)
Barbariccia (Barbiger)
Cagnazzo (Harrow-hound)
Cirrito (Guttlehog)
Draghignazza (Dragonel)
Farfarello (Farfarel)
Grafficane (Grabbersnitch)
Malacoda (Belzecue)
Malebranche (Hellraker)
Rubicante (Rubicant)
Sarmocionie (Scaramillion)
(see also daemon, daemonist)

Demon¹ (see Algor)
Demon Cat of losanne (see Capali)
Demon Gate Barrier (Buddhist)

The place in Hades where a wandering spirit may be attacked by demons who demand money

Demon of Midnight¹ Russian
A female demon
She was said to appear at harvest time and break the reapers’ arms and legs.

Demon of Midnight² (see Empusa)
Demon of the Eclipse
(see Heavenly Dog Star)

Demon points (see nodes)
Demon Prince (see Asmodeus)
Demon Road (see Dakido)
Demon Star (see Algol)
Demonality (see demonism)
Demonassa¹ Greek
wife of Poesas
mother of Philoctetes

Demonassa² Greek
daughter of Ampharius and Eriphyle
wife of Thersander
mother of Tisamenus

Demonassa³ Greek
mother of Eurytion by Actor or Iris

Demoness
A female evil spirit or devil

Demong
A warrior hero
son of Entingtui
He was the leader of the Iban people in their settlement of Borneo. The stone boundary markers he erected are said to bleed if moved.

demoniac
One possessed by a devil

demonic
Possession by a devil

demonianism
The belief that humans can be possessed by devils

demonist
One who believes in or deals with demons
(see also demonist, demonolater)

Demonice
Greek
daughter of Agenor and Epicaste
mother of Evander by Ares
sister of Theseus

Some accounts regard her as the sister of Theseus, others as his mother by Ares. She was also the mother of Evenus by Ares.

demonifuge
A spell or charm said to ward off demons
(see also stones)

demonism
[demonolatry, demonality, demonomy]
devil-worship

demonist
One who believes in or worships demons
(see also demonist, demonolater)

demonise
To portray as or turn into a devil

demonocracy
Rule by devils: the power of devils

Demosnov (see demonism)
Demonolatry (see demonism)
Demonologist
One who makes a study of devils, etc.

Demonology
The study of devils, etc.

Demonomancy
The study of magic in relation to demons

Demonomania
A state in which one feels possessed by devils

Demononomy
(see demonism)

Demonpath
One who suffers from the belief that his actions are controlled by demons

Demonopathy
Illness, mental or physical, caused by the belief that one’s actions are controlled by demons

Demony
Influence by demons

Demon’s Head (see Algol)
The influence of evil spirits

Demophile
(see Sibyl of Cumae)

Demophon (see Demophoon)

Demophoon² Greek
[Demophoon]
son of Celeus and Metaneira

When Demeter who, as Deo, was temporarily employed as his wet nurse, tried to make the infant Demphoon immortal by fire, it went wrong. In one story he died in the fire but in another his mother snatched him away and he survived. In other stories it is his brother Tripotimius who went through the ordeal.

Demophoon³ Greek
[Demophoon]
king of Athens
son of Theseus and Phaedra
brother of Acamas

He survived the Trojan War and afterwards fell in love with Phyllis. When he left her to visit Athens she killed herself, believing that he would never return. She was turned into an almond tree.
(see also Acamas³)
Demophon

[Demophon]
king of Eaeus

He instituted the annual sacrifice of a virgin to avert plague. When Mastusius objected, the king took Mastusius' daughter as the next victim. Mastusius killed the king's daughters in revenge and gave the king a cup of their blood to drink. Demophon killed Mastusius by throwing him, together with the cup, into the sea.

Demoriel
a demon, emperor of the north

Demos
the people, as the source of power, personified

Dena
[a goddess, religion personified]

dand
a sea monster in The Arabian Nights

It was said that if this monster touched human flesh or even heard a human voice, it died.

denderah

the Egyptian version of the Zodiac

Dendrites
a name for Dionysus as a tree god

Dendritis
Greek: a tree goddess

A name for Helen in Rhodes, reflecting the story that she was hanged from a tree.

dendrolatry

(see tree worship)

Deng
An ancestor god and storm god of the Dinka

He can kill by lightning; those so killed are taken directly to heaven.

Deng
African: a fertility god and rain god of the Nuer

In some accounts he brings diseases.

Dengei
(see Degei)

Dennitsa (see Zvezda Dennitsa)

Denn
British:

deo
an ancient corn goddess

She was later assimilated with Demeter, though in some accounts she is identified with Rhea. She is depicted with the head of a horse.

Deo
Irish:

[Deac, Deoch]
wife of Laingne

She wanted the singing swans, the Children of Lir, as a wedding present so Laingne seized them from Mo Caemoc, the hermit who had sheltered them.

Deoch
(see Deoca)

Deogan
(see Dagan)

Deohako
North American: Iroquois plant spirits

This is the name given to the three daughters of Earth Mother. Their individual names were Bear, Corn (Onatah) and Squash.

Deon
(see Dén)

Deophontes
(see Bellerophon)

Deoraidh
Irish:

(Moal Deoraidh)

When Cellach was deposed by Guaire and fled to an island, Deoraidh and three other young monks went with him. They accepted a bribe from Guaire and killed Cellach. The dead man's brother, Muireadhach, found the body, and when he caught the murderers, he had them killed.

Deorgreine
(see Der Greine, Niam)

Deopaki
(see Dipaki)

Der Fliegende Hollander
(see Flying Dutchman)

Der Freischutz
German:

(see The Freeshooter)

A 19th c opera, written by Weber, based on the story of the marksman who made a pact with the Devil

Der Greine
Irish:

[Deorgreine, Sun Tear]

daughter of Fiachna mac Retach

She and her mother were abducted by Goll mac Golb. Laoghaire mac Criosthann rescued them, killed Goll and married Der Greine.

Darmed
European:

A Saracen king

He was the leader of the forces fighting the Franks at the Battle of Archamp.

Derbhorgill
(see Dearbhfhorgaill)

Derbrenn
Irish:

a lover of Angus Og

She became the foster-mother to six children who were turned into pigs by their real mother. They were later sent to Buiclet.

(see also Buiclet)

Dercetis
(see Atargatis)

Dercetius
Roman:

a Spanish mountain god

Derceto
(see Atargatis)

Dercynos
Greek:

son of Poseidon

He was killed by Heracles when he tried to steal some of Geryon's cattle that Heracles was driving on his tenth Labour.

Derdriu
(see Deirdre)

Derfel
British:

a knight at King Arthur's court

He is said to have fought at the Battle of Camlan and lived to found Llanderfel. His feast day is 5 April.

Derg
(see Bodl Dearch, Da Derga)

Derg Corra
Irish:

a servant of Finn mac Cool

A woman carried off by Finn fell in love with Derg, who was promptly banished by his jealous master.

dergildaith
Irish:

a cup from which kings drank to mark their role as consort to Flaitheas

Derising mac Dobha
Irish:

a seer

son of Dobha O'Bascaena

He could close his eyes and see things happening at a distance and those yet to occur. He went with Oisin to seek the hand of Grania as Finn's third wife.

Derketo
(see Atargatis)

Dermot O'Dyna

[Ir]m:

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[Dearmid O'Dyna, Diarmaid ua Duibhne. Diarmaid Donn, Diarmaid, Diarmuid Na Dubhne]

a follower of Finn mac Cool

son of Donn

father of Eachtach, some say

His mother had another son by Roc, the steward to Angus Og, and Donn killed the boy. His father magically changed the corpse into a huge boar with no ears or tail, and charged it to avenge the death of his son by killing Dermot who had been given to Angus to raise.

As a man, Dermot joined the Fianna and sailed with Finn in the search for their comrades who had disappeared when Gilla Dacar and his horse plunged into the sea. They stopped at an island with steep cliffs, which Dermot climbed to find a delightful land with no inhabitants. He took a drink from a well in the forest and found himself challenged by the Knight of the Well. They fought for two days (or three) and at the end of each day the knight jumped into the well. On the third (or fourth) day, Dermot grabbed him to prevent him doing the same again but they both fell into the well. Dermot found himself in fairyland, Tir fa Tonn, where his
missing comrades had been taken by Gilla Dacar who was a prince of this land under the sea and whose name was Abharthach. He had lured Finn and his men to his country to help in his fight against his brother who had deprived the prince of his half-share of the kingdom.

He was one of the party of nine men, led by Goll mac Morna, that recovered Finn’s hounds, Bran and Scelcan, when they were stolen by Arthur.

In the adventure of the Hostel of the Quicken Trees, Dermot led a small relief force, killing Midac who had trapped Finn and some of his men. He and Fota then held the ford against the onslaught of the three kings of the Islands of the Torrent and killed them all. By sprinkling blood from the heads of these kings on the floor of the hostel, he was able to free Finn and his companions from the enchantment that had held them prisoners there. In the final attack, led by Borba, Dermot and Fota held the fort until Finn and the others were sufficiently recovered to join the fight and repel the invaders.

In an earlier adventure, a maiden who claimed to be ‘Youth’ had placed an indelible love-spot, the ball-seirc, on his forehead which made him attractive to all women. At the wedding of Finn to Grania, the bride noticed the spot and asked what it signified. When the druid Dara told her, she drugged the drinks of the guests and eloped with Dermot. Finn and his Fianna hunted the couple all over the country and on one occasion surrounded the enclosure that Dermot had built in the Wood of Two Tents. Angus Og, his foster-father, flew to their aid and took Grania to safety in the Wood of Two Swallows. Dermot escaped by his own efforts and when he was reunited with Grania, they moved on to the Forest of Dooros, where they lived for some time. Grania developed a longing for the magic berries that grew on the quicken tree guarded by Sharvan. When a bristle from the boar pierced his foot and that Finn, still seeking revenge for Dermot’s elopement with Grania, refused him the drink which he might have saved his life.

Dermot escaped by his own efforts to kill Dermot by enlisting the help of his foster-mother, a witch, but Dermot killed her as she rode on a millstone over his head. They were outlawed for seven (or sixteen) years but finally made peace with Finn. During the celebrations, Finn went hunting on Ben Bulben and raised a huge boar which turned out to be the one charged to kill Dermot. Dermot killed the boar, even as it disembowelled him, but not even the magic of Finn, who could restore the dying with a drink of water from his hands, could save him. Angus Og took the body to his palace and put a new soul into it each day, allowing it to revive for a few minutes to talk to Angus.

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cells in the walls instead.

**Destroyer of the World** *(see Ki-gulla)*

**Detors** *British*

in Arthurian lore, a king of
Northumberland

**Deucalion** *Greek*

[Deukalion]

king of Phthia

son of Prometheus and Clymene,
Pasiphae or Pronoia

father of Amphictyon, Hellen

and Idomeneus

husband of Pyrrha

He was forewarned by his father of
the coming flood and saved himself
and his wife Pyrrha. In some stories
they stood on Mount Parnassus,
which projected above flood level, but
in others he built an ark and saved
himself and his wife when Zeus
caused the whole world to flood.

They repopulated the world by
throwing stones over their shoulders,
each of which turned into a human
being.

In other versions of the story,
Dardanus and Ogyges appear in place
of Deucalion and others have Clymene
as Deucalion’s wife.

**Deucalion** *Greek*

[Deukalion]

father of Orestheus

**Deucalion** *Greek*

[Deukalion]

a king of Crete

son of Minos and Pasiphae

father of Idomeneus and Molus

**Deukalion** *(see Deucalion)*

**Deumus** *Dummi*

a demon

This being is depicted as a man with
four horns and the legs of a cockerel.

**Deunysos** *(see Dionysus)*

**deus** *Roman*

 [=Greek Theos]*

the Latin word for god

**Deus Fides** *(see Fidius)*

divination: second sight

**dev** *Armenian*

a huge spirit

These beings are envisaged as having
seven heads, but sometimes only one
eye, and live in caves or forests. They
can cause fainting and even insanity
but can be warded off by cutting the
air with a sword or stick.

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She was substituted for the infant
Krishna, so that he could escape the
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the Sanskrit version of Jewa-Jewa

**Deva Kings** *(see Four Diamond Kings)*

**Devaloka** *Buddhist*

one of 26 spheres inhabited by devas

**Deva-matri** *Hindu*

one of the 6 gati, the realm of gods

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**Devalatta** *Buddhist*

a cousin of the Buddha

He was originally a great friend of the
Buddha but later became his bitter
enemy. He contested with the
Buddha for the hand of Yasodhara in a
series of events that involved skill
and strength, and was defeated. He
usurped the Buddha’s throne and made
several attempts to kill him, all of
which were unsuccessful.

He paid a group of warriors to kill
his cousin but they were converted to
peace when they heard their intended
victim preaching.

He also had a huge catapult
constructed and used it to throw a
boulder at the Buddha, but was again
frustrated when Vahjrapani hurled a
thunderbolt that smashed the stone
to smithereens.

On another occasion he put poison
on his feet and tried to kill his cousin
by scratching him with his toe nails.

When Devadatta tried to kill the
Buddha, the earth opened, swallowing
him and he was consigned to hell.

**Devaputra** *(see Deva-matri)*

**Devaputra** *Hindu*

an epithet of Vasudeva

(see also Deva-Deva)

**devak** *Hindu*

a guardian deity

Such a deity may be worshipped at
marriage or when moving into a new
house. Those who share the devak may
not marry.

**Devak** *Hindu*

father of Devaki

**Devaki** *Hindu*

a mother goddess
daughter of Devaka
sister of Kanasa

a consort of Vasudeva
mother of Balarama and Krishna

Devak had eight sons but six were
killed by her brother, who believed that
the eighth would kill him. Two were
saved when Vishnu impregnated her
with two hairs from his head and later
transferred the unborn babies,
Balarama to Rohini and Krishna to
Yasoda, to be delivered at full term.

In some versions the black hair was
from Vishnu’s own head, the white one
from Ananta. Others say that Krishna
was born to Devaki and the exchange
with Yasoda’s child took place after,
rather than before, his birth.

She died when she threw herself on
the funeral pyre of Krishna.

She is regarded as a manifestation
of Aditi.

**devaloka** *Jain*

part of Kalpa, the uppermost region of
the universe

Kalpa is divided into sixteen separate
devalokas or heavens.

**Devamata** *(see Deva-matri)*

**Devamatri** *(see Deva-matri)*

**Devana** *European*

[=Polish Dziewona]=Roman
Diana=[Serbian Dilwica]
a a Czech goddess of the chase

**Devananda** *Jain*

a goddess
mother of Mahavira by Rishabhadata

On the orders of the god Sakra, the
embryo of her son, later to be known
as Mahavira, was transferred from her
womb to that of Trishala.

**Devaparvata** *Hindu*

a name for Mount Meru as ‘mountain
of the gods’

**Devapura** *(see Amaravati)*

**Devapurohita** *Hindu*

a sky god, the planet Jupiter

**Devaputra** *Buddhist*

minor gods
In some accounts Inara rescued her from the demon Keshin and took her up to heaven where she married Agni and bore Karttikeya. Others say that she was the consort of Skanda, the alternative name for Karttikeya.

**Devata**

[Hindu]

a goddess

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**Devata Bandara**

(see Dadimunda)

**Devayana**

[Hindu]

the way of the gods: the route to unity with the brahman

(see also Pitiyana)

**Devayani**

[Hindu]

daughter of Shukra

wife of Yayati

mother of Turvasu and Yadu

She fell in love with Kacha, cursed him when he rejected her and was cursed in return with the threat of marrying a man of low caste.

She quarrelled with Princess Sarnustha who threw Devayani down a well from which she was rescued by a king called Yayati, whom she married. Sarnustha was forced to work as a servant to Devayani but Yayati had an affair with her, fathering three sons. Devayani left her husband, who drew down her father's curse upon himself.

In another story the Aswins killed Kacha but Devayani persuaded her father to restore him to life. This was repeated several times until the demons burned Kacha's body and mixed his ashes with her father's wine. This time, Kacha was restored in her father's stomach from where he was delivered by a surgeon. Since he was under attack by Vishnu, he changed himself into a pomegranate.

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**Devi**

[Hindu]

a name for a goddess

Devi1

[Hindu]

a name for Durga, Kali, Parvati and Uma

Devi2

[Hindu]

[Ambika, Arya, Bhagavati, Bhairavi, Bhima Devi, Bhramari, Bhuta-Nayaki, Black One, andi, Daksheja, Dakshejana, Dasha-Bhaja, Divine Mother, Durga, Gana-Nayaki, Gauri, Girya, Ilama, Ishani, Jagdgauni, Jaganmata, Jagannat, Kali, Kamakaya, Kamaks, Kanyakumari, Karna-Moti, K(a)unari, Kotari, Mahadevi, Mah(a)aya, Mahesh(y)ari, Mahish(a)suramardini, Parvati, Raktadanti, Rudrani, Sat(a) Shakti, S(h)italnata, Simha-Rathi, Simha-Vahini, Snow Queen, Supreme Goddess, Uma, daughter of Himavan, wife of Shiva, mother of Kambanda, Kiemara and Skanda.

Shi She is conceived as a personification of the primaeval essence, Brahman.

As Sati, she was Shiva's consort and as Parvati she was the reincarnation of Sati. She also appeared as Durga or Kali and is depicted as having four heads and four arms.

(see also Durga, Mahadevi)

**Devi-Mahatmaya**

[Hindu]

a poem lauding the goddess Mahadevi

(see Chandipath)

**Devi-Serí**

(see Devi-Shri)

**Devi-Shri**

[Hindu]

[Devi-S(e)ri = East Indian Devi Shri]

a name for Lakshmi as 'noble goddess'

**Devi-Sri**

(see Devi-Shri)

**Devika**

[Hindu]

wife of Yudhishtira

mother of Yaudheyana

**Devil**

an evil spirit

Some say that devils were originally angels. In one version they were expelled from heaven for a sin such as pride; others say that they deliberately engineered their fall from grace so that they might more effectively serve mankind.

**Devil and his Dandy Dogs**

(see Devil's Dandy Dogs)

**Devil of Silver**

a devil in the form of a dragon

A 19th C story says that this demon flew through the skies dropping pieces of silver as he went.

**Devil on Two Sticks**

[Limping Devil]

the name given to Asmodeus in a story in which he was knocked out of heaven during an argument with Pillardoc

**Devil's Apple**

(see mandrake)

**Devil's candle**

(see mandrake)

**Devil's Dandy Dogs**

[The White Demon]

A version of the Wild Hunt

This phenomenon consists of a pack of fire-breathing hounds said to appear on stormy nights in the south-west of England, where they are led over the moors by the Devil himself.

(see also Wild Hunt)

**Devil's Island**

(see Onigashima)

**Devorgilla**

(see Deadhhfhorgail)

**Devourer**

(see Gurada)

**Deus**

a name for a supreme deity

**Dew-i-safid**

[Persian]

[The White Demon]

in some accounts, the demon who captured and blinded Kay Kaus

(see also Arzang)

**Dewa Laksana**

[Malay]

a king

When he was under attack by Vishnu, he changed himself into a pomegranate. This fruit was eaten by Princess Seri-Bunian, with the result that she gave birth to a daughter, Salindung Dalima.

**Dewali**

(see Deepavali)

**Dewanei**

[Hindu]

one of the consorts of Subrahmany.

**Dewat**

(see Amenti)

**devata**

[East Indian]

[Borneo jowata = Hindu devata = Indonesia dewata = Philippines divata = Sumatra leibata] a general name for a goddess

**Devyi**

Pacific Islands

a general name for a goddess in Java

**Devi**

Pacific Islands

a name for Kali or Uma in Indonesia

**Dewi Sant**

[British]

the Welsh name for David (see David)

**Dewi Seri**

(see Dewi Shri)

**Dewi Shri**

[East Indian]

[Chandra Kirana, Dewi S(e)ri, Prativi. Prativi = Hindu Devi-Shri]

a Javanese earth-goddess and rice goddess

consort of Wisnu

She is regarded as an aspect of Lakshmi and, in some stories, is reincarnated as Sinta, Rukmini and Subadra.

**Dewi Sri**

(see Dewi Shri)

**dewmink**

[North American]

a fabulous animal in Connecticut

**Dewrath**

[Sevyddmo Garanhirtan]
Dhanu

Hindu

Sagittarius the bow (see also Dhanus)

Dhanu1

Hindu

one of the nakshatras

dharma

Buddhist

a seven-headed snake

Dhara

Hindu

one of Indra’s 8 attendant gods (earth)

Dharmachakra

Hindu

the wheel of destiny

Dharmadhatu

Buddhist

the first Tashi Lama of Tibet

Dharmakartha

Buddhist

[Manjugosha]
a four-headed god of law

Dharmakirti

Buddhist

a god of law

Dharmapala

Buddhist

protectors of the truth

Dharmaprabha

Hindu

a goddess of justice

Dharmas

Buddhist

the Buddha’s nature

Dharmasutra

Hindu

a nature goddess

Dharma

Hindu

a god

Dharma-Rajah

Buddhist

[see Dharmaraja]
a monarch

Dharma-Raja

Hindu

a king

Dharmasastri

Buddhist

a sūtra

Dharmasutra

Buddhist

a group of 12 deities personifying religious texts

Dharmaraja

Hindu

a king

Dharmaraja2

Hindu

the first Tashi Lama of Tibet

Dharmaraja3

Hindu

the lord of the universe

Dharmatraya

Hindu

religion

Dharmatraya

Buddhist

the 3 vehicles

Dharmatraya

Hindu

the triad

Dharmatraya

Buddhist

the 3 vehicles

Dharmatraya

Hindu

the triad

Dharmavacana

Buddhist

a group of 12 deities personifying religious texts

Dharmadhara

Hindu

the body of the Buddha, the body of the law

Dharmakara

Buddhist

a Buddha

Dharmavasita

Buddhist

a goddess

Dharmendra

Buddhist

a king

Dharmendra

Hindu

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Dharmendranath

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Dhyanibodhisattva

Dhyanibodhisattva [Japanese Jikoku, Tibetan Yue-khor-srong] a goddess 

Dhartarashthra [Dhṛtarāṣṭra]=Chinese Ch‘ih Kuo: =Japanese Jikoku=Javanese Drestera: <Toist Mo-li Ch‘ing=Tibetan Dri-za. Yul-khor-srong> a guardian spirit of the east son of Vyasa and Ambika husband of Gandhari His father was said to be Vyasa, a very ugly man who did his duty to give a child to each of the widows of the two sons of Santanu, his half-brother, both of whom had died childless. Because one of the widows (Ambika) closed her eyes and the other (Ambalika) went pale when they slept with Vyasa, their sons, Dhartarashtra and Pandu, were born respectively blind and light skinned. His 100 sons, the Kauravas, were in conflict with their five cousins, the Pandavas, and at the end of the war between them, Dhartarashtra was one of the few survivors. He became a hermit in the forest and perished in a forest fire.

Dharti Awwal (see Dharti Mata) Dharti Mai (see Dharti Mata) Dharti Mata [Bhu(m)īdevi:Dharti Awwal.Dharti Mai] a mother goddess consort of Thakur Deo She is worshipped in the form of a pot or a pile of stones. Some accounts equate her with Prithivi.

Dhaur (see Dhtar) a sun god one of the Adityas Brahma as ‘organiser of the world’ He was a skilled craftsman who made the sun, moon and planets. In some accounts he is the same as Prajapati.

Dhau (see Dhol) Dhenuka [Dhvajonisa] a king of the sea serpents He seized Yadu and took him to his undersea palace and married him to each of his five daughters. Dhumavati [Darunaratri] a goddess one of the 10 mahavidyas

Dhuma (see Dhrī), Dhumprat (see Dhrī) a minor goddess

Dhumorna (Dhmn) a goddess a consort of Yama, some say Dhumravati [Dhr(i)taras(h)tra] a terrible goddess

Dhund [Dun] a ghost This spirit is said to have neither head nor hands nor feet, but rides a horse with a head tied on to the pommel. Anybody who answers the ghost’s knock on the door will either go mad or die.

Dhundh [Dhundh] a sect that rejects image-worship

Dhun [Bhun] a demon one of the Asuras He burnt the saint Uttanka by igniting a pile of sand where the saint was sitting. The king, Kuvalayaswa, sent his 21,000 sons to avenge this crime but all of them, except three, died in the fire. The survivors killed the demon Dhundu.

Dhuni a hostile Vedic wind spirit

Dhupa [Bhup, Bhup] a Buddhist-Lamaist mother goddess one of the astamatara

Dhupatara [Bhupatara] a minor goddess

Dhurjati a ghost

Dhurjata [Bhurjata] Shiva appearing covered in ashes dhvaja a symbol of the breath of life: a victory banner

Dhajagrekeyura a minor goddess

Dhavanaksa a minor deity, guardian of the south-west

Dhyana [Bhyanaloka, Dhyanaparamita, Dhyana] one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, meditation personified

Dhyanaloka [Bhyanaloka] one of the 10 Buddhist heavens

Dhyana [Bhyanamahayana, Dhyana] a future Buddha of Mahayana Buddhism

Dhyani (Dhyanibodhisattva) one of the 10 Mahayana Bodhisattvas, named Avalokiteshvara, Ratnapani, Samantabhadra, Vajrapani, Visvapani. Another list gives eight: Akasagarbha, Avalokiteshvara, Kshitigarbha, Mahasthamaprapta, Manjushri,
Maitreya, Sarvanivaranavesakambhin and Trailokyavagyo, with two others, Samantabhadrā and Vajrapani, sometimes used as alternatives.

(see also Go-Chi Nyorai)

**Di Indigetes**


**spiritual Buddhhas**

There are five of these: Akshobhya, Amitabha, Amoghasiddhi, Ratnasambhava and Vairocana, or Bhaiṣajya, Dipamkara, Kasyapa, Maitreya and Śakyamuni, in some lists. Others include Tocho, Vajrasattva and Yakuṣhī. All are manifestations of Adi-Buddha.

(see also Herukabuddhas. Mnushibuddhas. Pancha-Tathāgata)

**Dhyani-buddhasakti**

[Buddhist Dhyanibuddhasakti]

a sakti of one of the 5 dhyanibuddhas

**Di Amomo**

[African Di Amomo]

a priest

In the lore of the Ashanti, he saw a burning stone in the forest that indicated the presence of a god, and became a priest of that deity.

Di-do (see Gri-bhoig)

**Di Indigetes**

[Roman Di Indigetes]

heroes who were deified at death

Di Magni (see Penates)

Di Manes (see Manes)

Di Mauri (see Penates)

Di Indigetes (see Penates)

Di Superi (see Penates)

[=Greek Uranian Deities]

gods of the sky

Día

[=Greek Día]

diakara

[Hindu Diakara]

a name of Surya as ‘maker of the day’

Diakasosynec

[Greek Diakasosynec]

the Greek name for Nehmetaway

diakka

[a group of unclean spirits]

diam

[East Indian Diam]

[penang]

a mythological story recited to invoke spirits

diamastigesis

[Greek Diamastigesis]

ritual whipping

This rite was practised on young boys at the shrine of Artemis, as Orthia, in Sparta.

Diamichius (see Chrysor)

**Diamond**

[British Diamond]

son of Agape

brother of Priaomond and Triamond

Diamond Buddha

[Thai Diamond Buddha]

a statue of the Buddha carved from a large diamond

This figure is said to have been carved by a mystery man from a single large stone that appeared when a pumpkin metamorphosed. (see also Sujata)

**Diamond Jousts**

[British Diamond Jousts]

a series of tournaments organised by King Arthur

It was said that Arthur, as a young man in Lyonesse, had found the dead bodies of two kings who had killed each other and took the bejewelled crown that was lying beside them. The jewels from this crown were used as prizes for the champions of his tournaments. Lancelot won all the diamonds and gave them to Guinevere who, jealous at that time of Elaine, threw them into the river.

**Diamond Kings**

(see Four Diamond Kings)

**Diamond Mace**

(see Ju-i)

**Diamond Sow**

(see Dorje)

Dian (see Diana1)

Dian Ceacht (see Dian Ceacht)

Dian Cecht

[Irish Dian Cecht]

[Dian Cecht. Dian Ceacht. Dian Ceacht (Dian Ceacht)]

god of medicine

son of the Dagda, some say father of Airmid, Ceth, Cian, Étain and Miach

grandfather of Lugh

He had a magic spring or well, Slane, in which he could restore wounded and dead warriors. He replaced the eye in which he could restore wounded and dead warriors. He replaced the eye in which he could restore wounded and dead warriors. He replaced the eye in which he could restore wounded and dead warriors. He replaced the eye in which he could restore wounded and dead warriors. He replaced the eye in which he could restore wounded and dead warriors.

**Diable Tonnère**

[West Indian Diable Tonnère]

a Haitian voodoo spirit, a thunder demon

diableerie

[diableri]

sorcery: the black art

diablesse

[West Indian Diableri]

a Haitian voodoo spirit

These fearsome spirits arise from the death of virgins.

diablos

[a devil: in some accounts, a demon separate from Satan]

Moytura. He was said to have killed his son Miach, being jealous of his healing powers.

He killed Mechi, son of Mòrrigan, who had been born with three hearts, each containing a serpent. He killed two of these but the third escaped. It grew to an enormous size but was eventually killed by Dian Cecht.

Diana1

[=Greek Diana1]

daughter of Oceanus and Tethys sister of Cyrene

(see also Hecate)

Diana of Ephesus

[Roman Diana of Ephesus]

tutelary goddess and fertility goddess

A many-breasted statue of the goddess is said to have fallen from heaven.

Diane (see Diana3)

Diancecht (see Dian Cecht)

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Diang (see Dian Cecht)

Dianus (see Janus)

Diar (see Drotnar)

Diarmail

[=Irish Diarmail]

son of Conoro mac Nessad

He was sent as an emissary to try to end the war in which Cuchulainn stood alone against the forces of Connaught, but was himself killed by those forces.

Diarmail

[=Irish Diarmail]

a poet

father of Cu Allaidh

He disputed the site of a monastery built by Berach. When he attempted to satirise the king, who had adjudicated in Berach’s favour, the saint caused him to lose his powers as a poet and foretold his death.

Diarmail

[=Irish Diarmail]

son of Fergus Cearbhall
Diarmaid\(^\d\) (see Dermot O’Dyna)
Diarmaid Donn (see Dermot O’Dyna)
Diarmaid mac Aodha Slaine Irish
[Diarmaid.Diarmuid]
a high-king of Ireland
husband of Bec Fola
brother of Blathmac
He and his brother, who were joint rulers, sheltered Cano when he came to Ireland to escape from Aodan, who had killed Gartan, Cano’s father. In some accounts he was father of Conall Dunchad and Maoldhar.

His wife went to the Otherworld with Flann and he never saw her again.

Diarmaid mac Cearbhaill Irish
[Diarmaid mac Cearbheoil.Diarmuid]
a high-king of Ireland
son of Fergus Cearbhaill
husband of Maireann and Mughain
father of Aedh Slaine and Breasel
He disputed the right to the throne with a cousin, Tuathal Maolgarbh, and the latter won, but a druid prophesied that Diarmaid would become king. One of Diarmaid’s men, Maol Mor, killed Tuathall, but was himself killed.

Diarmaid then took the throne. When he wanted to take over the land of Flann Fionn so that he could give it to St Caian for a monastery, he set Flann’s house on fire and killed him.

He drowned his own son, Breasel, for stealing a cow but regretted the deed, and the hermit Beagan restored the possessions but devotedly made offerings to Siwa who then appeared in the form of a beggar and was given hospitality by Diarsa and his wife.

Next day, the beggar took their son Wirachita as a disciple and, appearing in his full glory, took the youth to heaven where he was made stronger than any mortal and returned to earth as a king. Siwa gave Diarsa a fighting-cock that defeated all comers and restored the fortunes of his owner, who also became a king.

Dias father of Cleolla
Diashad British
a witch
Diasia Greek
rites honouring originally Melichios, later Zeus
Diasus (see Dyaus)
Dibhara Meopotamian
in Babylonian lore, a destroying angel; a plague demon
dibbuk (see dybbuk)
Dibobia African
a spider
In the lore of the Congo and Gabon, this spider, which was suspended in the sky, helped Mebega in the creation of the earth.

Dibheach (see Aithirne)
Diche (see Dike)
Dictaean Cave Greek
the site on Mount Dictie in Crete where Hera hid the infant Zeus
Dictaeus Greek
a name of Zeus referring to Mount Dicte where he was raised
Dictye (see Dictaean Cave)
Dictyanna
Dictyynna Greek
[Dictyanna.Dikunna.Dikytnna.]
a name for Artemis as a fish goddess
(see also Apheia.Britomartis)
Dictys Greek
a fisherman
son of Magnes
brother of Polydektes
It was he who saved Danae and the infant Perseus from the sea when they were cast adrift in a chest by Acrisius. He was later made king of Seriphos by Perseus.

He, or another of the same name, was a sailor on the ship when Dionysus was imprisoned by the crew.

Dictys Cretensis Greek
a companion of Idomenus
He is said to have served at Troy and to have written an account of the siege.

Didacon Greek
son of Eurytus, some say

Diderick (see Dietrich von Bern)
didi’ African
a magic charm or gbo
This charm contains a piece of lion skin and is said to protect the hunter from the lion, at the same time giving him the strength of that beast.

Didi’ (see Diti)
Didi Thakrun Hindu
a local plague goddess
Didier (see Desiderius)
Didis Mahendra East Indian
in the lore of the Dayaks, a being with jewels for eyes
This being was said to have been created in the first of the three epochs of creation.

Dido Greek
[‘brave one’.Didon(e).Elissa] a sorceress
founder and queen of Carthage
daughter of Belus or Mutto
sister of Anna and Pygmalion
wife of Sychaeus

Her real name was Elissa; she was called Dido after leaving Tyre.

Her husband was Sychaeus, the wealthy king of Tyre, (or, in some accounts, her uncle Acherbas) who was killed by her brother Pygmalion. She fled to Libya with much of her husband’s wealth and there she bargained with the king, larbas, for a piece of land on which to build a new home, buying an area which could be covered by the hide of an ox. By cutting the hide into thin strips she was able to enclose a very substantial area. Within it, she built the city of Carthage.

When Aeneas and his crew landed in North Africa when their ship was blown off course, Dido fell in love with him and kept him in luxury. Eventually he forced himself and his crew to leave to seek their destiny in Italy, whereupon Dido immolated herself, though some say that it was her sister Anna who died on the pyre for love of Aeneas.

Another story says that Dido killed herself to escape marriage to the neighbouring king, Larbas.

She became identified with Tanit, guardian of Carthage.

Didon (see Dido)
Didone (see Dido)
Didot Perceval British
[The Romance of Perceval]
a 13th C French story of Percival on the Grail Quest

Didyma (see Branchidae)
Dietrich von Bern

Dietrich

European

the name used by Rother when he went to Constantinople

Dietrich von Bern

German

[Theodoric.Thridrek]

son of Dietmar and Odilia

brother of Diether

husband of Herrat and Virginal

He was uncontrollable as a child, literally breathing fire, and was fostered by Hildebrand. Together they set out to kill the giant Grim who was ravaging the countryside. They forced the dwarf Elbegast to tell them where to find the giant and his wife, Hilde. Elbegast gave him the magic sword Nagelring and with this weapon Dietrich killed both the giant and his wife. He and Hildebrand shared the giant’s treasure. Signenot, Grim’s brother, captured Dietrich and Hildebrand but the latter managed to kill the giant. On this adventure Dietrich fell in love with Virginal, the ice queen. When he learned from Bubung that she had been seized by the magician Ortgis, he set out to rescue her. He and Hildebrand killed Ortgis and all his men – only the magician’s son, Jambas, escaped and he besieged Jerspunt, the castle where Virginal was held prisoner. Dietrich then routed the besiegers, rescued Virginal and married her.

He defeated Heime who challenged him and who then became his devoted friend and follower, giving Dietrich the horse Falke, which never tired. When challenged by Wittich, he first defeated him and then, when Wittich’s magic sword was returned to him, was defeated by his challenger who became another devoted follower.

He fought the giant Ecke, and would have been defeated but was saved when his horse Falke broke its tether and trampled the giant to death. At Drachenfels, where Ecke had imprisoned Bolfriana and her nine daughters, Dietrich met and defeated the giant’s brother, Fasolt, who then joined Dietrich’s forces.

On a journey to visit Ermenrich, he met Dietliep the Dane who travelled with him to Rome and who later came to him for help when his sister, Kunhild, was abducted by Laurin. Dietrich helped in the rescue of Kunhild and acquired the dwarf’s magic sword, belt and cap. Accompanied by Hildebrand and a few selected warriors, he challenged and defeated the twelve knights of Krimhild to win a kiss and a rose garland.

When his father died, he became king and took a force to help Etzel who was under attack from Osantrix, ruler of Scandinavia. Some say that Virginal yearned for her home in the icy mountains and left Dietrich, who lived in the green countryside, and he then sent Herart to Britain to sue for the hand of Hilde, daughter of King Arthur, but she eloped with Herbart.

His uncle, Ermenrich, demanded tribute from Bern when Dietrich succeeded to the throne and, when the demand was rejected, led an army against Dietrich. He gave up his lands to ransom his friend Hildebrand and some of his followers who had been captured. They all then went to Etzel’s court.

On one of his several attempts to win back his kingdom, he left Wittich in charge of a captured city but Wittich betrayed his trust and gave the city back to Ermenrich. On another such foray, Dietrich took along his youngest brother Dietmer and the two sons of Etzel, Orte and Scharpfe, leaving them in the care of Elsan while he rode into battle. The boys went riding and were killed by Wittich.

In some stories his kingdom was taken over not by Ermenrich but by Odovacer and was recovered only when Dietrich defeated Wenezlan in single combat.

Fighting a war for Etzel against Waldemar, he was besieged in a fortress but was rescued by Rudiger. They then killed Waldemar and took his son prisoner. When the prisoner later escaped, Dietrich, though wounded, pursued him and cut off his head, which he took back to Etzel’s court where he married Herrat.

When he recovered his kingdom, he killed Sibich who had tried to usurp the throne of Ermenrich, and, marching to Rome, he was crowned as Theodoric, Emperor of the West.

Some say that Herrat died soon afterwards and that Dietrich married again, this time to Liebgart, widow of Ortmit.

In one story, he fought a long duel with the giant Wunderer and finally beheaded him.

Late in life he was hunting when he
was told that a white stag had been sighted. He jumped on the nearest horse, a coal-black steed, and was carried off, never to be seen again. Some say that the horse was the Devil and that Dietrich now leads the Wild Hunt.  

**Dietwart**  
German  
an ancestor of Dietrich von Bern  
father of Sigehart  
It was said that he had forty-four children of whom only one, Sigehart, survived. He lived for 400 years.  

**Dieva deli**  
Baltic  
the 2 (or 3, some say) sons of Dieva  
who mow the celestial meadows  

**Dievas**  
Baltic  
[=Latvian Debestevs:Lettish Dives]  
a Lithuanian sky god and fertility god  

**Dievini**  
Baltic  
minor gods in Latvia, guardians of property  

**Dievs**  
Baltic  
[=Latvian Debestevs:Lithuanian Dievas]  
a Lettish sky god and fertility god  

**Difficulte Clérmeil**  
(see Clérmeil)  

**Difidence**  
British  
wife of the giant, Despair, in Bunyan’s *The Pilgrim’s Progress*  

**Dig-Gaja**  
(see Dikpala)  

**Digambara**  
Hindu  
a name of Kali as ‘clad in air’ (naked)  
a name for Shiva, some say  

**digambara**  
Jain  
a member of a Jain sect, the members of which go about naked  

**Digambara**  
Tibetan  
a Buddhist goddess  

**Digawina**  
Pacific Islands  
a demoness reputed to steal food  

**Digdi**  
Irish  
(Diir)  
in some accounts, the name of Cailleach Bheur  

**Dih**  
Indian  
[Dihwar,Gane-devata,Gane-devi]  
local gods in northern India  

**Dilwica**  
Czech  
a Sumerian goddess  

**Dik**  
Irish  
daughter of Lugmannair  
She eloped from the Isle of Falga with Tulchainde, taking with her her beloved oxen Fea and Feimhean which were carried across to Ireland by Morrigan’s magic.  

In other stories these oxen were owned by Brigit.  

**Dil**  
Irish  
a blind druid  
It was Dil who correctly prophesied the outcome of the Battle of Mucramha.  

**Dilga**  
Australian  
an earth-goddess of the Aborigines  
When the Bagadjimbiri brothers were killed by Nigirman and his followers, she drowned the killers in the flood of milk from her breasts and revivified the victims.  

**Dilipa**  
Hindu  
father of Dasha-ratha and Raghu  

**Dillis the Bearded**  
(Dissull)  
a mighty warrior, in Welsh lore  

Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get hairs from the beard of Dillus to make a leash for the hounds to be used in the hunt for Twrch Twyth. Bedivere and Kay trapped Dillus and plucked his beard with wooden tweezers before killing him.  

**Dilmoun**  
(see Dilmun)  

**Dilmun**  
Mesopotamian  
the Sumerian home of paradise inhabited by Enki and Ninhursaga and of Tagtug and other heroes.  

**Dilwica**  
Slav  
[=Czech Deva=Polish Dzwonia:Roman Diana]  
a Sumerian monster causing illness in child bearing  

**Dimoriél**  
one of the cardinal demons (north)  

**Dimbar**  
Mesopotamian  
[Enzak=Babylonian Nebo]  
an Akkadian god  
In some accounts he is equated with Nusku.  

**Dimistipatis**  
(see Zemepatis)  

**Dimitabba**  
Mesopotamian  
a Sumerian goddess  

**Din**  
a demon  

**Dina-kara**  
(see Diakara)  

**Dinabutius**  
British  
a boy who mocked Merlin for not knowing who his father was  

**Dinadan**  
British  
a Knight of the Round Table  
cousin of King Arthur  
brother of Breunor and Daniel  
He composed a lay that the harper Eliot sang before King Mark, accusing him of treason.  
He was killed by Mordred and Agravain.  

**Dinas**  
British  
a Knight of the Round Table  
a seneschal to King Mark  
father of Nimue, in some accounts  
He went with Lancelot when he took
Guinevere to Garde Joyeuse. He later became duke of Anjou. Some say he became a king of Cornwall.

Dinas Dinnllev  
[see also Dyonas]  
the home of Gwydion, in Wales

Dinas Emrys  
[see also Meter Dindymene]  
the site of Vortigern’s tower on Mount Erin, Wales

In some accounts this was the site of a cave where Merlin stored his treasure.

Dindrane  
[see also Agrestizia.Blanchfleur]  
sister of Percival

She was with Percival at the start of his quest for the Holy Grail but died when she volunteered to give her blood to save a dying queen.

In some accounts she is referred to as Blanchfleur. This story is similar to an episode in the story of Balin.

Dindyme  
[see also Diomed(e)]  
wife of Meion

In some accounts, she and Meion are the parents of Cybele.

Dindymene  
[see also Meter Dindymene]  
Dindymus  
[see also Meter Dindymene]  
Dinewan  
[Australian]  
the emu personified

It is said that the emu lost its wings as the result of a trick played on him by Goombagubbun, the bastard.

Dinga  
[African]  
a king who passed his throne to his youngest son, Lagaire, because the others were too lazy to rule

Dinga1  
[African]  
a Senegel sorcerer who instructed Marain Jagu in the magic arts

dingball  
[North American]  
[dingmauld,plunkus]  
a fabulous animal

Dingbell  
[a female version of the gremlin]  
[see also Fifinella]

dingir  
[see also dingball]  
a collective name for the Sumerian gods

digmaul,plunkus  
[Mars Thingsus]  
the German name for Tyr

Dinkard  
[see also Diomed(e)]  
a Zoroastrian text

In this work it is claimed that the Amesha Spentas came down to earth to support Zoroaster in his efforts to convert the king, Vishtaspa.

Dinas Dinnllev

Dinenschas  
[Irish]  
[TThe Lore of the Prominent Places]  
a guide to Irish mythology in The Book of Leinster, largely about place names

Dino  
[see Deino]  
Dinodig  
[see Diomed(e)]  
the realm of Luew and Blodeuedd, in Welsh lore

Dinos  
[see Diomed(e)]  
a horse of Diomedes

Dinsangma  
[Tibetan]  
one of the 5 Long-Life Sisters

Dio  
[see Diomed(e)]  
Dioltach  
[see Diomed(e)]

Diomed  
[see Diomed(e)]  
Diomed1  
[see Diomed(e),Tydides]  
mother of Hyacinthus by Amyclas, in some accounts

Diomed2  
[see Diomed(e)]  
wife of Deion

Diomed3  
[mother of Actor, Aenetus, Asteropeia, Cephalus and Phylactus]

Diomedes1  
[see Diomed(e)]  
Diomedes2  
[see Diomed(e)]  
Diomedes3  
[see Diomed(e)]  
Diomedes4  
[see Diomed(e)]  
Diomedes5  
[see Diomed(e)]

Dionysia

Dionysus  
[see Janus]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysius  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]

Dionysius  
[see Dionysius]  
Dionysus  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysus  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]

A hermit who taught St Deaglan

A nymph, one of the Oceanids or the Hyades, in some accounts

A name for Venus, some say mother of Venus by Jupiter, some say mother of Brotes, Niobe and Pelops, some say

A Titaness daughter of Atlas wife of Tantalus, some say mother of Brotes, Niobe and Pelops, some say

A chatelaine

In some accounts Guwar is male.

daughter of Lot and Igraine sister of Gawain and Mordred

Dionise  
[see also Diana]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysius  
[see Dionysus]

Dagon

duke of Cornwall

He was reputed to have sent 11,000 noble ladies and 60,000 commoners to join the soldier-settlers in Armorica, but they were all drowned when storms scattered the fleet.

Dion  
[see Jason]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]  
Dyonas  
[see also Dionysia]  
Dionysus  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]

an annual wine festival in honour of the god Dionysus, held in May

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Diomedes5  
[see Diomed(e)]  
son of Ares and Cyrene or of Atlas and his daughter Asteriē

He owned four flesh-eating horses and was eaten by them when Heracles seized them as his eighth Labour.

Dionnus  
[see also Dyonas]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysos  
[see Dionysus]  
Dionysia  
[see Dionysus]  
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Dionysus
one of the Seven Sleepers
Dionysos (see Dionysus)
Dionysus Greek
[Anthios; Arsenotheys; Baal; Gad; Bacchus.
Bakchos; Bakchos; Bassareus; Braites.
Bromius; Cissus; Demdrites; Deunysos.
Dimetor; Dionysos; Dionisu; Dionysus.
Dithyrambos; Divine; Child; Eleusis.
Eleutherios; Endendros; Enorchos; Evisus.
Iacchus; Iao; Impartial; Giver; Isodairos.
Iynegos; Kissos; Kubeles; Lakchos; Laphystios.
Lenaeus; Likites; Luseios; Luseus; Lusios.
Lyaeus; Merotrophes; Mystes; Night; Sun.
Nyktelios; Ormados; Perikionios; Phyalimos.
Puripas; Sabazios; Sabazius; Syctes; Sykites.
Thyoneus; Zagreus; Zonnyos; -Arabian
Diosara; Egyptian; Osiris; -Etruscan
Fullinos; Hindu; Rudra; -Kenite
Salmaat; Roman; Bacchus; Liber
god of vegetation and wine
son of Zeus by Semele
son of Zeus by Semel
son of Zeus by Demeter, Io or Dione, some say
son of Oceanus, some say
son of Oggyes and Daiera, some say
husband of Ariadne
father of Euanthes, Laronus,
Oenopion; Staphylus; Tapolarios.
and Io; and Ariadne
father of Priapus by Aphrodite
father of Deianeira by Althaea
Some say that he was the son of Zeus,
by Core or Demeter, but it is more often said that he was fathered
on Semele by Zeus, who killed her
before the child was born. The infant
was saved by Hermes who planted
him in Zeus’ thigh from which, at full
term, he became ‘twice-born’. In
another version, Zeus himself planted
the infant in his own side. Other
accounts say that Zeus, in the form of
a serpent, fathered the boy on
Persephone. He was reared by
Athamas and Ino, but when Hera
discovered the baby’s whereabouts
she drove Athamas mad. The infant
was torn to pieces by the Titans, on
the instructions of Hera, but Rhea
rescued the pieces and reassembled
them, restoring him to life to be
reared by the nymphs of Mount Nysa
and tutored by Silenus.

One variation says that the Titans
ate the body with the exception of
the heart, which was rescued by
Athena who gave it to Zeus. He swallowed the
heart and immediately produced
another Dionysus by Semele.

(see also Zagreus)

Another account says that he was
born to Semele in the normal fashion
but, when she claimed that Zeus was
the father, Cadmus threw both Semele
and the baby into the sea in a chest.
Semele died but Dionysus was rescued
and reared by Ino.

In the war between the gods and the
giants, he killed Eurytus with his
thysus. Some say he was changed into
a kid (or ram) by Hermes.

He is credited with the invention of
wine and became its patron god.
During his life on earth he was
accompanied by a band of satyrs and
drunken women, the Maenads. He
drove mad the three daughters of
Minyas (Arsippe, Alcithoe and
Leucippe) when they declined his
invitation to join his drunken revels.
He once led an army of Amazons
in Egypt to defeat the Titans and
restored King Ammon to the throne.
He is also said to have conquered
India.

On one occasion he was captured
by pirates but he turned himself into
a lion and they all jumped overboard
and were turned into dolphins. In
another version the ship suddenly
stopped and vines grew from the sea
to envelop it, after which a group of
his Maenads took over the ship
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to envelop it, after which a group of
his Maenads took over the ship
and the bemused sailors jumped into
the sea.

It was Dionysus who gave Midas the
golden touch as a reward for the kindness
shown to his old tutor, Silenus. He rescued
Ariadne after she had been abandoned by Theseus on
Naxos and married her. When, soon
after, she died, he threw her wedding
crown into the sky to become the
constellation Corona, and Zeus, taking
pity on him, made Ariadne immortal
and restored her to Dionysus.

He descended on Tartarus to
demand the release of Semele, the
mother he had never seen, and took
her up to Olympus.

Some accounts suggest that Orpheus
was an incarnation of Dionysus.

He was depicted originally as a
mature bearded man and later as a
handsome young man crowned with
leaves and carrying his emblem, the
thysus. His chariot is shown being
drawn by leopards or panthers.

Diores Greek
son of Amarynceus
father of Automedon

He was the leader of the forces from
Elis fighting at Troy and was killed by
Pierus of Thrace.

Dios (see Zeus)
Dioscuri Greek
[Dioscuri; Dioskouroi; -Hindu Aswins;
- Roman Castores]
a name of Castor and Polydeuces as
‘sons of a god’

In the Roman pantheon, as Castor and
Pollux, they are sometimes identified
with the Penates.

They are said to have led the Roman
cavalry at the Battle of Regillus.

Dioscuri (see Dioscuri)
Dioskouroi (see Dioscuri)
Diotima Mantinice Greek
a prophetess
She is said to have taught Socrates and
prevented the spread of plague in
Athens.

Diousis Phrygian
son of Zemelo
a Phrygian god transferred to the
Greek pantheon as Dionysus

Diovis (see Diovis-pater)
Diovis-pater Roman
an early name for Jupiter

Di-pa-nam-sel (see Sarvanivaraviskambhin)
Dipa Buddhist
 [=Tibetan sNam-gsatma]
a goddess of light
one of the astamataras

Dipa Tara Buddhist
a minor goddess of light

Dipaki Hindu
[Depaki]
a name of Kama as ‘the inflamer’

Dipamkara (see Dipamkara)
Dipankara Buddhist
[=Dipamkara; The Luminous; -Chinese
Jan-teng-tu]
the Buddha of the age before the
present one: the first Buddha

He was born on a mystic island in
the Ganges. (see also Vipassin)

Dipavali (see Deepavali)
diphthera Greek
the hide of the goat Amalthea
Zeus used this goatskin to record the
fate of man.

Dipper, The (see Great Bear)
dipsas Greek
a mythical serpent
The bite of this serpent was said to
cause intense thirst.

Dipti Hindu
a minor goddess

Dir Persian
a demon

He was born on a mystic island in
the Ganges. (see also Vipassin)
Dirac  
**British**  
son of Canan  
brother of Lac  

**Diraciel**  
a lunar demon  

**Dirac**  
the Roman version of the Furies  

**Dirce**  
Greek  
queen of Thebes  
wife of Lycur  

Lycus had put aside his wife Antiope in favour of Disa, and they imprisoned and ill-treated Antiope. Amphion and Zethus, sons of Antiope and Apollo, killed Lycus and Disa. She was changed into a spring of a bull, which dragged her to her death. She was the owner of a ring that conferred invisibility on the wearer.

**Disciplina**  
a minor goddess  

**Discordia**  
[=Greek Eris]  
the goddess of mischief  

She was the owner of a ring that conferred invisibility on the wearer.

**Discourse of Rig**  
(see Rigxthula)  

**discus**  
Buddhist  
the weapon of Mara  

**discus**  
Hindu  
the weapon of Vishnu  

**Disemboweller**  
Inuit  
a female demon  

She was said to be the banished cousin of the moon goddess and attacked humans by night, sometimes killing them by causing them to laugh until their stomachs split open and their bellows fell out.

**dises**  
(see disir)  

**disir**  
Norse  
[gipites.hagedises.(i)dises.idisi:sing=dis]  
guardian goddesses, including the Norns and the Valkyries, attendant on Urda  
(see also talar-disir.spadisir.vala)  

**dismal sauger**  
North American  
a fabulous animal  
(see also guyascutus)  

**Dismiraye**  
West Indian  
a Haitian voodoo spirit  

**Disni**  
(see Disani)  

**Dispatar**  
(see Dis Pater)  

**Dissull**  
(see Dillus)  

**Distaff**  
Greek  
a poem by Erinna about the death of Baucis  

**Distant Country**  
(see Terre Foraine)  

**Distinguished Name, The**  
(see Mahcutah)  

**Ditaolane**  
(see Moshananya)  

**Ditas**  
British  
a king of Hungary  

He supported the Romans in their battles on the Continent with King Arthur.

**Dithorba**  
Irish  
a prince of Ulster  
brother of Aedh and Kimbay  

He was due to share the throne with his brother, Kimbay, after the death of his elder brother, Aedh, but Aedh’s daughter, Macha, killed him, married Kimbay and took the throne.

In some accounts Macha is the sister of Dithorba and Kimbay, rather than their niece.

**dithyramb**  
Greek  
a hymn to Bacchus  

**Dithyrambos**  
Greek  
a name for Dionysus as ‘twice-born’  

**Diti**  
Hindu  
a goddess  
daughter of Daksha  
wife of Kashyapa or Rudra  
mother of Andhaka, the Daityas and the Maruts  

Diti planned to have a son who would kill Indra, but just before her 100 year pregnancy came to an end, Indra flung one of his thunderbolts and split the embryo into pieces (seven, eleven, forty-nine or sixty), which became the Maruts. Her sons, the Daityas, were banished to the underworld by Indra.

Others say that Parvati persuaded Shiva to return the shattered embryo to life.  

**div**  
(see div)  

**Diu Crône**  
German  
a 13th c poem about Gawain’s quest  
for the Holy Grail, written by Turin  

**Diu-pater**  
(see Jupiter)  

**Diuran**  
Irish  
a poet  
He was one of the men who sailed with Maeldun.

At the Island of Women, they stayed for three months. When they tried to leave, the queen threw a line to Maeldun and drew the boat back to the island. When this had happened several times, Diuran caught the line next time it was thrown. Finding himself unable to release it he cut off his hand so that they could escape.

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**Dius Fidius**  
(see Fidius)  

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(a poem)  

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div'  divination

div'  Slev
a deity  (see also divita)
Diva Angleona  (see Angeronao)
Divali  (see Deepavali)
Divalia  (see Angeronaia)
Divaspati  Hindu
a name of Indra as 'he who rules the air'
divata  Pacific Islands
[Borneo jewata;=Hindu devata;
-Indonesian dewi;Java dewata;Sumatra lebata]
a general name for a deity in the Philippines
Dives1  Greek
a miserly rich man
He refused to give even the crumbs from his table to the beggar Lazarus.
He is usually depicted with a heavy bag of money and harassed by demons.
Dives2  (see Dis Pater)
divi-te-zene  (see divj devojke)
Divina Commedia  European
[Divine Comedy]
a long poem by Dante, much concerned with heaven and hell
divination  [lot.mantology.sortilege]
foretelling the future: locating hidden things using supernatural power
Cultures all over the world have their own versions, with various methods used by their own particular type of prophet, be he medicine man, shaman, witch doctor or just a plain charlatan.
Some of the forms of divination and the objects on which the forecasts are made include:
aerial apparitions chaosmancy
agate on hot axe axinomancy
air aeromancy
animal droppings spatilomancy
spatilomancy
animals theriomancy.zoomancy
appearance schematomania
arrows bel(in)omancy
ashes ceneromancy.spodomancy
tephramancy.tephromancy
atmospheric phenomena
aeromancy
axe heads axinomancy
Bible readings bibliomancy
birds ornithomancy.ornithoscopy
black art necromancy.nigromancy
blood h(a)ematomancy
blowing (out candles) pneunomancy
bones ossomancy.osteonmancy
books bibliomancy
bran aleuromancy
brass vessels chalcomancy
breast bones sternomancy
bumps on the head phrenology
burning:
ass heads cephalonemancy
cephalomancy
ccephalos
coals anthracosmancy
incense knissomancy.litanomancy
straw sideromancy
wax ceromancy
candles lampadomancy
cards cartomancy
casting lots sortilege
cat (jumping) ailuromancy
cauls ammomancy
cheese tyromancy
Chinese book of diagrams I Ching
clouds chaomancy
cockerels alect oromancy
corpses electatomy
communication with the dead
necromancy.nigromancy
psychomancy.sciomancy
contact with object psychometry
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fortune telling.gastromancy
scrying.spheromancy
crystals crystalomancy
cups scypmanny
demons demonomancy
dice cubomancy
divine inspiration theomancy
dough crithomancy.krithomancy
dreams oneiromancy
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dripping blood dirromancy
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oneiroscopy
lines on:
forehead metascopy
hand ch(e)irognomy
ch(e)irognomy.palmistry
liver hepatoscopy
loin groma
lot cleromancy.kleromancy
lives lying behind waterfall on a hide
taghairm
marks on torso:
breast sternomancy
stomach gastronomy
meal strewn over victims of sacrifice crithromancy
mimicry sympathetic magic
mirrors catopromancy
enoptromancy.katopromancy
moon selenomancy
flames (of torch) lampadomancy
flight of birds augury.auspice
flour aleuromancy
flowers anthromancy
footprint ichnomancy
forehead metopomancy
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      pseudomancy, foolish divination as
      moromancy. (see also boksen)
divinator (see diviner)
divine
foretell future events: locate hidden
   things using supernatural powers
   (see divinator)
   [divinator] one who foretells the future: one who
   locates hidden things using
   supernatural powers
diving rod
   a rod or twig used by a diviner to locate
   things underground, water, etc.
divita Sla
   a deity (see also div")
divi devoje European
   [dekle.divi-te-zeni.divozenky:diwozony.
dizwiye zeny]
   in Slovenia, nymphs of the forests or
   the mountains
   It is said that these “wild women” can
   cause storms and may substitute their
   own ugly children for mortal infants.
divi moz European
   forest spirits of Slovenia
   It is said that these beings are sometimes
   helpful to people but sometimes attack
   travellers and tickle them to death.
Divona British
goddess of the River Dee
   (see also Divonia)
Divonia Celtic
   a Gaulish fertility goddess
   (see also Divonia)
divovenky
   (see also Divonia)
Divya-dundu Buddhist
   the Sanskrit version of Tenkuraion, a
   name for Ashuku
Divya-ratna
   (see Chinta-mani)
Divw-a-Safid (see Arzang)
Diwa-Zib East Indian
da dema, lord of the head-hunters
Diwali (see Deepavali)
Diwata Magbabaya Pacific Islands
   a sky spirit in the Philippines
   He is said to live in a house made of
coins. Anybody who looks at him turns to water.

diwe  (see divji devojke)

Diewnach  British
  [Dywrach]
an Irishman
  an overseer of Odgar
He was the owner of a famous cauldron that Yabaddaden required Culthewc to get as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen. When he refused to hand it over, King Arthur sent a force to seize it and Diwrnach was killed in the fight.

This cauldron became one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

Dizeile  (see Disani)

Djadec  European
  [=Russian deduska domovoy]
Czech ancestral spirits acting as guardians of the household

Djall  Balkans
  [Drogi]
the devil in Albania

Djambu Boros  East Indian
  the Sumatran tree of life
Each leaf of this tree, which grows in the highest heaven, has a word written on it. Each soul (tondi) that leaves heaven for birth on earth, takes a leaf. The nature of the inscription determines the fortunes of that individual.

Djamy  Arab
  the magic sword of Antar

Djambun  Australian
  the man who became the duck-billed platypus
His efforts to kindle a fire by blowing a fire-stick caused his mouth to enlarge. He jumped into the river and became the duck-billed platypus.

Djanggawuls  Australian
  [Djanggao]
a trinity of Aboriginal deities
parents of the Wawalog sisters
There were two sisters and a brother who came from Bralgu, the island of the dead, and created all forms of plants and animals and shaped the earth with their sacred sticks, known as rangga.

In some accounts Djanggawul was male. Bildjiwaroju and Miralaldu were male and female combined until Djanggawul cut off their male genitalia.

Djao Thraya  Thai
  a goddess of the River Menam

Djata  East Indian
  [Putir.Tamphon]
a Dayak goddess in Borneo
She lives in the underworld, appearing in the form of a water snake, and is the ruler of the crocodiles.

Djebuat  Egyptian
  a local god in the form of a heron
This deity was later assimilated into Horus.

dijd  Egyptian
  a tree trunk representing Osiris
  a pillar representing the spine of Osiris
  a pillar with 3 or more cross-bars

Djeheuty  (see Thoth)

Djibhuti  (see Thoth)

Djeneta  North American
  a giant, in the lore of the Chippewa people

Dji  African
  the rainbow-serpent in Dahomey

Djila'qons  North American
  a sea goddess of the Haida Indians

Djin  Slav
  a giant

Djinn  (see jinnic)

Djinnestan  (see Jinnestan)

Djinni  (see jinnic)

Djok  African
  an ancestor spirit of the Alur
This spirit is said to appear in the form of a snake, a stone, etc.

Djunggun  Australian
  a culture hero of the Aborigines
He and Woodoy each married the other's daughter, but when Djanggun tried to keep his own daughter, Woodoy killed him. Both men were turned into night jars.

Djungkao  (see Djanggawuls)

Djuska  North American
  [Juska.Little Sprout.Sapling]
an Iroquois culture hero
twin brother of Othagwenda

These boys were born to a maiden, daughter of Ataensis, impregnated by the Great Bear constellation. Othagwenda was abandoned at birth, only to be rescued by his brother.

When they reached maturity they went their separate ways, making plants and animals, later meeting to compare their handiwork. Djsuksana made a number of improvements to things created by his brother, so that they were more beneficial to man, whereas Othagwenda spoiled much of his brother's work. As a result, they quarrelled and Othagwenda was killed.

dMu  Tibetan
  demons
  (see also Ikahe)

dMu-bDud  Kam-Po Sa-Za  Tibetan
  a Bon sky god

dMu-rgyal  Tibetan
  early ancestors of the race
These were the first beings to employ ritual and magic. They were followed by the ‘dre.

Dmyal-wa  Tibetan
  the Tibetan version of the Hindu hell, Naraka

Dn'li  (see Daniel?)

Do  African
  a fertility god and rain god of the Upper Volta
He is said to be incarnate in the butterfly.

Do  British
  a forester of Uther
  son of Ares

Do-man  Tibetan
  a collection of mystic writings used as a charm

Do-Son  Korean
  a Buddhist priest
He predicted that Yi would become king of Korea and he was proved right when a general of that name deposed the existing king.

Do-Wha  Korean
  mother of Bi-Hyong
  the king, Zin-Zi, invited her to his court but, being married, she declined the offer. When her husband died, Zin-Zi visited her in a dream and stayed with her for several days. She later found herself pregnant, producing the boy Bi-Hyong, who turned out to have magical powers.

Doba O'Bascna  Irish
  father of Dering

Dobaya  Central American
  a water goddess of the Darien people

dobie  [dohie,dobby]
  a brownie: a house elf

dobby  (see dobbie)

Dobh  Hebrew
  a charm

Dobibr  Serbian
  a servant of Theodore

Dobrany  Russian
  [Dobrynaya Nikitich.Dobrnya Krititch]
  a warrior
He was defeated by an Amazon who captured him and forced him to marry her. He left his new bride to fight a dragon and, when he failed to return, she married his brother. In some versions, the marriage was to be with his blood-brother Aljosa, and Dobrynia returned just in time to prevent it.

Some say that he was changed into a bull by the witch Marina, others that he was killed by a giantess.

Dobrynia Kikitich  
(see Dobrynia)

Doc Cu’oc  
(Burmese)

an Annamese good spirit

This spirit is said to be half-bodied with one leg and one arm, the hand of which holds an axe. Its function is to drive away evil spirits and to protect the individual from illness, etc.

Doche  
(African)

an ancient Ethiopian god

Dockalfar  
(Norse)

the dark elves who live underground in Svartalfheim  
(see also dwarfs.elves)

Doctrine of the Mean  
(see Chung-yung)

Doda  
(Serbian)

[Dodda,Donela,Dudula] a rain goddess

Doddas  
(British)

[Dodinas] a Knight of the Round Table

Doden the Savage  
(British)

a Knight of the Round Table

son of Belinant and Eglang or Brong In some accounts he is equated with Percival.

dodo  
(African)

a Bushman demon or witch

Dodola  
(see Doda)

Dodona  
(Greek)

[Chassion] the oracle of Zeus: the land of the talking oak trees

The oracle was established when a pigeon, flying from Egypt, settled on a branch and ordered that an oracle be set up. The oracle was interpreted from the rustling of the leaves, the noise of a fountain or the cooing of doves.

The grove was attended by the Selli (priests) and the Peleai (priestesses).

Dodonidae  
(see Nysea nymphs)

Dodonu  
(Egyptian)

[Doudoun] a Nubian god of the Nile cataracts  
(see also Klimmon)

Dodynas  
(see Dodinas)

Doo Dearnaid  
(see Daol Dearnaid)

Doel Ulad  
(see Dubhthach Daol Uladh)

Doeltenga  
(see Dubhthach Daol Uladh)

Dog  
(a canine, usually domesticated as a pet or trained for various tasks

This animal appears in many myths, some of which are mentioned below:

(1) An Australian Aboriginal story tells how the dog Marindi fought a primeval lizard and was killed. The dog’s blood is said to make the rocks red.

(2) In Central America it is said that the dog Maya Pek controls the lightning.

(3) Chinese folklore says that the huge celestial dog, T’ien Kou, in the form of a shooting star, is forever trying to swallow the sun.

(4) In Egypt the dog was sacred to Anubis. The funerary dog Khenti-Amentiu was king of the underworld.

(5) The Inuit people have a mythical eight-legged dog called Quiquern.

(6) In European lore the French have a story of Aubry’s dog, an animal called Dragon, who harried and finally killed the man who had murdered his master.

Dogs appearing in Reynard the Fox are called Courtoys, Roonel and Wackerloo.

Gabriel’s Hounds appear under several different names throughout Europe and are described as a pack of hounds racing through the sky led by any one of many famous figures such as King Arthur, Charlemagne and so on. It is often referred to as the Wild Hunt.

On the Isle of Man, Peel Castle is said to be haunted by the Mauthe Dog.

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called Brown Mouse that was ravaging the countryside, by putting his hand down the beast’s throat and tearing its heart out.

(10) In Japan they tell of Shippitearo, a dog that waited in a cage for the cat-monster, which demanded the annual tribute of a maiden which it ate, and held the monster while a knight killed it with his sword.

(11) In Norse mythology Frithiðfó had a dog called Bran; the goddess Hel had two dogs, Gar and Grun, to guard her underworld kingdom.

(12) Coyote, who appears in so many North American Indian stories, had a dog called Rattlesnake.

(13) In the Pacific Islands they regard the dog Kimat as the controller of lightning. They say that the monster Ku takes the form of a huge dog but can assume the shape of a man at will. It changed into a handsome prince when it fell in love with a maiden, but when its suit was rejected by her father, it reverted to its canine form.

(14) Scottish stories refer to the fairy dog, Cu Sith, said to be green in colour and as large as an ox.

(15) Welsh stories say that the two dogs Aethlem and Aed were engaged in the hunt for the huge boar Twhch Twyth, and chased it into the sea. Another dog, Druwlyn, was the leader of the pack that was largely composed of the offspring of yet another dog, Gast Rymhi.

The king of the fairies, Gwyn ap Nudd, owned a dog called Dormath. Llewellyn left his dog Gelert to guard his baby son and returned to find the baby missing and the dog spattered with blood. He killed the dog, thinking it had killed the child, only to discover the child alive and well beside the body of a wolf that Gelert had killed to protect the child.

dog of the shaman
a name for the jaguar

Dog Den North American
the enclosure in which Hoita kept all the animals

Dog of Moko New Zealand
a monster in the form of a man-eating dog

Dog of Montargis (see Aubry’s Dog)

Dog People (see Adlet) Pacific Islands
Mellesian mischief-making female spirits

These beings are said to be very ugly with huge ears, one of which is used as a bed, the other as a covering blanket. They can turn themselves into such things as trees and rocks and are said sometimes to kill children. The queen of the dogai was Metakorab.

Dogaira Pacific Islands
a malevolent war god

Doged British
a king, in Welsh lore

Cilydd needed a new wife after Goleuddyyd died and was advised to take the wife of Doged. Cilydd’s men killed Doged and took his wife.

Dogedai Siberian
[Tolok]
groom to the star god, Selbon
doggabi Korean
a goblin

Doghan (see Dogon’)

Dogheads Balte
in Estonian lore, a race of beings, half man, half dog

These beings were said to be man-like on one side, dog-like on the other or like a man with a dog’s head with one central eye. They killed and ate human beings.

Dogir African
Nubian spirits living in the Nile

They were said to have been humans who were changed into sprites by witches. Some of them still mate with or marry humans.

In other stories some are terrible monsters who eat humans while others live normal lives by day but become werewolves at night.

Dogoda Slav
god of the west wind

Dogs of Foh Chinese
[=Japanese Dogs of Foo] statues of these dogs are set at the entrance to Buddhist temples

The dog on the east side is open-mouthed, the one on the west side has its mouth closed.

Dogs of Foo Japanese the Japanese version of the Chinese Dogs of Foh

Dogsheads Celtic
enemies of King Arthur

In some accounts, monsters, in others, human, perhaps Irish.

Dogumrik Afghan
a war god of the Kafir

Dolkwibuhc North American
the creator god of the Snohomish Indians

Dollin Irish
one of the dogs of Mael Fothartaig

This dog, together with another, called Dairlenn, accompanied Mael when he went to Scotland to avoid his new stepmother, Ethne.

Doireann Irish
a daughter of the king of Scandinavia

She fell in love with Conall Gulban who came to her father’s court in search of Ethne. He failed to return her love so she sent a warrior, Amhas, to kill him. Conal defeated Amhas who became his devoted follower in the search.

Dokibalt North American
a trickster god of the Chinook

Dokkalfar Norse
dark elves (see Dwarfs)

Dolar Durba Irish
a warrior with Daire Donn

He was engaged in single combat with one of the Fianna when he landed during the Norse invasion. Each killed the other after a day-long fight.

Doldavius British
a king of Gotland

He was one of the kings who, impressed by King Arthur’s power, submitted to his sovereignty.

Dolfos Spanish
[Belioso.Vellido]
a soldier at Zamora

He crept out of the city at night, during the siege by the forces of Sancho, who was attempting to take the city from his sister, Urraca. He killed Sancho before returning safely to Zamora.

Dolgthrisir Norse
one of the dwarfs

Dolichenus Mesopotamian
a Syrian weather god

He is depicted as a bearded man standing on the back of a bull.

Dolius Greek
a servant of Odysseus
father of Melanthius and Melanto
He and his sons helped Odysseus regain power on his return from his wanderings after the fall of Troy, but Melanthius and Melantho were killed for having helped the suitors of Penelope.

**Doljang**

Hindu
goddess
She is said to have stigmata on her hands and feet like those of Christ.

**Dollalolla**

British
the name of King Arthur’s wife in *Tragedy of Tragedies* by Fielding

**Dolma**

see *sGról-ma*
a Trojan herald
son of Eumedes
He set out to spy on the Greeks on a promise that he would be given the horses of Achilles when the Greeks were defeated. He was caught and killed by Diomedes and Odysseus when they made a night raid on Troy.

**Doloph**

Greek
son of Lampos
He was killed while fighting at Troy.

**Dolorous Blow** (see Dolorous Stroke)

**Dolorous Gard**

British
the name Lancelot used for his castle, Garde Joyeuse, after he had returned Guinevere to her husband, King Arthur

**Dolorous Mound**

British
the home in Wales of the Black Worm of the Barrow

**Dolorous Stroke**

British
[**Dolorous Blow**]
the cause of the Waste Lands
When this stroke was delivered, the country (Wales or, some say, the whole of Britain) was laid waste and the barrenness could be removed only by the Grail Quest. The blow that precipitated this state was either the blow that barrenness could be removed only by the Grail Quest. The blow that

**Dolphin**

a marine animal featured in some stories
(1) In Greece the dolphin was sacred to Apollo. This animal, said to have saved both Arion and Telemauchsia, is regarded as an emblem of Aphrodite and Poseidon and was ridden by the Nereids.
(2) In Mesopotamia the dolphin was the animal of Ea or Oannes.
(3) Some North American Indian tribes regard the dolphin as the incarnation of the Great Spirit.
(4) In Roman myths these animals are ridden by cupids and conduct the souls of the dead to the underworld.
(5) In South America some tribes believe that the dolphin can take on human form at night.

**Dolya**

[=Serbian Sreca]
a female deity who determines the fate of mortals at their birth

**Dom Pedro** (see Dan Petro)

**Domania** (see Domovikha)

**Domi**

Buddhist
terrible goddess one of the Gauri

**DomDaniel**

the undersea home of a sorcerer an infernal cave the supposed name of an evil spirit

**Domhall**

Irish
father of Dornolla
He was a warrior who taught Cuchullain in Scotland before Skatha.

**Domhall Breac**

[Domnal]
a king of Dalriada
He supported Congall Caoch in his quarrel with High-King Domhnall mac Aodha, who defeated Congall at the Battle of Magh Ratha.

**Domhall mac Aodha**

Irish
[Domnal]
a high-king of Ireland son of Aedh mac Aómhairceic brother of Maol Cobha foster father of Congall Caoch He quarrelled with his foster-son, Congall, the king of Ulster, who had earlier killed the high-king Suibhne Meann so that Domhnall could take the throne. Congall fled to Scotland but later returned with an army raised by Domhnall Breac, king of Dalriada. The armies met at the Battle of Magh Ratha where Congall was defeated and killed.

**Domiduca**

Roman
a name for Juno as ‘guardian goddess of babies when out of their parents’ sight’

**Dominac**

Roman
a Celtic river-goddess of the Loire

**Dominator** (see Ouïot)

**Domnal**

(see Domhnall)

**Domnu**

Irish
a Fomoire mother-goddess mother of Innech

**Domnu’s gods** (see Fomoire)

**Domovik**

Russian
a male house spirit a type of karlik husband of Domovikha
He was expelled from heaven by Svarog and fell down a chimney. He is said to live near the fire or on the threshold of the house and to ensure prosperity. If not properly propitiated he may burn the house down.

He is envisaged as a grey-bearded old man.

(see also Bannik, Chlevnik, Dvinnik)

**Domovikha**

Russian
[Deon, Donus, Mother of the Gods = Irish Dana]
a Welsh mother goddess and sky goddess daughter of Mathonwy sister of Math wife of Beli mother of Maethon, Ararhod, Gilvaethwy, Gommawon, Gwydion, Nudd, Nyniaw, Peibiaw and Penardun mother of Enedyl, some say Some house spirits are even more vicious and suck the blood of sleeping children or suffocate them. It is said that these beings have two souls, the normal one and a second which can transfer itself to another body.

**Domovoi** (see Domovik)

**Domovoy** (see Domovik)

**Dôn**

British
[Deon, Donus, Mother of the Gods = Irish Dana]
a Welsh mother goddess and sky goddess daughter of Mathonwy sister of Math wife of Beli mother of Maethon, Ararhod, Gilvaethwy, Gommawon, Gwydion, Nudd, Nyniaw, Peibiaw and Penardun mother of Enedyl, some say Some accounts say Don (Domnus) is a masculine version of Dana.

(see also Llys Dôn)

**Don Alfonso** (see Alfonso)

**Don Diego** (see Diego Laynez)

**Don Garcia** (see Garcia)

**Don Gomez** (see Gomez)

**Don Pedro** (see Dan Pétró)

**Don Quixote 1**

Spanish
[Knight of La Mancha, Knight of the Doleful Countenance] a folk-hero
He imagined himself a knight errant and set out on his broken-down horse Rosinante, to seek adventure accompanied by his squire Sancho
Panza. He saw wayseids inns as castles, flocks of sheep as armies on the march, and tilted at windmills, which he saw as giants. He was eventually restored to sanity.

His mistress is given as Dulcinea.

**Don Quixote**

Don Quixote was a book written by Cervantes relating the adventures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

**Sancho Sancho**

Sancho was the faithful squire of Don Quixote.

**Don Quixote**

Don Quixote was a knight at the court of King Mark. He was often described as a warrior and musician at the court of Fergal. He was well known as a singer and when he was killed and beheaded in battle his head sang a lay in praise of Fergal, who had also been killed and beheaded. The victorious Leinstermen took the head back to the site of the battle and placed it on the body of Donn Bo, who was restored to life.

**Donn Cualinge**

Donn Cualinge was a scholar at the court of King Feidhlimh.

When the king was tricked out of his clothes and his horse by Saba, he sent Donnuir to seduce her.

**Donnus**

Donnus was a name for the constellation Fionn, Donall takes the place of Ailill as giants. He was eventually restored to sanity.

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**Donn Duimhche**

Donn Duimhche was a minstrel goddess a wraith: a spirit-double of slain warriors, foretold that he would be killed and his army would be routed in the battle. She was proved right.

**Donnchadh**

Donnchadh was a group of 4 Buddhist goddesses, part of the Bardo group.

**Donn O'Dyna**

Donn O'Dyna was a survivor of the flood, in the lore of the Selish tribe.

He rode out the flood in his canoe that, like Noah's Ark, held two of every species, plus five other humans.
The creator god told Doquebuth how to restart life on earth after the waters had subsided.

Dor Castle (see Dore Castle) a Buddhist demon

Dor Castle (see Dore Castle) a castle in Cornwall

An inscription in this castle seems to suggest that Tristram was the son of King Mark.

Dori one of the dwarfs

Dorin British son of Claudas

He was killed when fighting Bors.

Dorinop Australian wife of Walleyneup mother of Bindinoor

Dorippa Greek mother of Anius mother of the Oenotropoe

In some accounts the wife of Anius is given as Dryope.

Doris Greek a nymph, one of the Oceanids a sea goddess daughter of Oceanus and Tethys sister and wife of Nereus mother of Galatea, the Nereids including Amphitrite, and Thetis

Dorje Tibetan [Diamond Sow.Dorje Pahmo.Great Goddess.rDo-rje=Buddhist Marichi:

-Japanese Nyos]

the thunderbolt, embodying the power of the law, personified

In some accounts she was the wife of the demon Tamjin. She took the form of a wild sow to destroy the Mongols.

dorje' (see rdo-rje) [do-rje]

Dorje Pahmo (see Dorje) a dog owned by Gwyn ap Nudd

Dorn Irish a noblewoman

She was given to Fergus mac Leda in compensation for the death of Eochaid Yellowmouth, who had been killed while under Fergus' protection, by men sent by the high-king, Conn. She foolishly revealed the secret that Fergus had his mouth in the back of his head, so he killed her.

Dornar British a Knight of the Round Table son of Pellimore brother of Driant

Dornella Irish a wind deity daughter of Domhnall

She fell in love with Cuchulainn, who was training under her father, but was rejected. She then caused all the hero's companions to desert him and return to Ireland.

It is said that her feet and legs, from the knee downwards, were reversed.

Dorobo African a pygmy the first man, in the lore of the Masai

Dorothiel a demon

Dorr-karing European [=Lapp Upsakka] a Swedish door spirit

This spirit is said to live near the door of each room and blows out the candle of those who enter.

Dorradr Norse a warrior

Before a battle he saw twelve Valkyries weaving, using human entrails.

Dorulos Greek a centaur said to have been killed by Theseus

Dorus Greek son of Hellen and Orseis brother of Aeolus and Xuthus

In some accounts he is said to be the son of Xuthus and Creusa.

He is regarded as the ancestor of the Dorian branch of the Greek people.

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**Drag-gshed**

8 evil Lamaist gods led by Hayagriva

These deities are listed as:

- Brahma (Tshangs-pa)
- Hayagriva (rTa-mgrin)
- Kubera (Rnam-thos-sras)
- Lchang-Sring
- Mahakala (Mgon-po)
- Sri (Lab-Mo)
- Yama (gShin-rje)
- Yamantaka (gShin-rje gsed)

(see also Dharmapala)

**Drag-gshed**

[Dragonel]

a demon in Dante’s *Inferno*

**dragon**

[drake.worm]

a fire-breathing monster, usually with wings

This beast appears in many forms in many mythologies. Some dragons have the power to become invisible.

1. In alchemy they were said to have different characteristics and could affect substances such as metals. For example, those with wings represented volatile materials.

2. In China, the dragon is a monster with a camel’s head, fish scales, the hooves of a deer and clawed legs like a tiger.

This beast, which can be very small or enormous, is said to carry a jewel under its chin and may disgorge pearls.

Some say that it lives in the oceans during the winter months and ascends to the heavens in the spring.

In some versions, there are three main types, the lung (or long), the spring.

Other versions have it as a fierce winged beast that breathes fire, while some claim that it can expand or contract and change into any shape.

The ten dragons of Buddhism are reduced to four, one for each of the seas. These, the Dragon Kings, are Kuang-te (east), Kuang-li (south), Kuang-jun (west) and Kuang-she (north). An alternative listing gives Ao Kuang (east), Ao K’in (south), Ao Jun (west) and Ao Shun (north). (see also Celestial Stag)

3. In Greek stories the dragon was the animal of Bacchus.

It appears in various stories often as a guardian of treasure such as the Apples of the Hesperides sought by Heracles, and the Golden Fleece in the story of the Argonauts. In the story of Cadmus, he killed a dragon and sowed its teeth like seed, producing a crop of soldiers. Some of these teeth appear again in the story of the Argonauts, also producing soldiers from the earth.

4. In Japan the dragon is a mythical beast thought to hatch from an egg after 3,000 years. The first 1,000 years were spent in the sea, the second in the mountains and the third in a village. The egg contained a tiny snake that, as soon as it was hatched, grew into a huge dragon which flew into the sky.

Five of the many dragons in Japanese lore are regarded as guardians of the various quarters of the world; the Black Dragon rules the north, the Red Dragon the south, the Blue Dragon the east and the White Dragon the west, while the Yellow Dragon rules the centre. (see also Celestial Stag)

**Dragon**

(see Aubrey’s dog)

**Dragon-shed**

[Dragonel]

(see Drag-gshed)

**Draghignazzo**

(see Drag-gshed)

**Dragon**

Drago-boat Festival

[Dragonel]

(see Charlotte’s dog)

**Dragon**

(see Lo-hou)

**Dragon’s Head**

(see Chi-tu)

**Dragon’s Tail**

(see Draidecht)

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(see Chi-tu)

**Draidecht**

Irish

a name for the Dagda as god of magic

**draio**

(see druid)

**drake**

(see dragon)

**Draikulu**

Pacific Islands

in the lore of Fiji, an entrance to the land of the dead (see also Cibaciba)
Draupni1
- the restless dead in a burial mound
Draupni2
- a water spirit
This being is said to foretell storms and shipwrecks, using a human voice.

Draupadi
- [Krishna Panchali]
  - a princess
dughter of Drupada
She was won by Arjuna in an archery contest and became the wife of all five of the Pandava brothers. The Kauravas claimed that the contest had been unfair, so Durysodhana played Yudhishthira at dice to settle the matter. The Kaurava leader won and took not only Draupadi but Yudhishthira’s lands as well. Draupadi was treated as a slave by the Kauravas and then sent into exile, living for twelve years in the forest with her five husbands. A cousin, Jayadratha, who tried to seduce her, was beaten and robbed by the Pandavas. She later became a servant at the court, where a general named Kichaka tried to seduce her and was battered to death by Bhima. At the end of the period in exile, the war between the two families was fought. Draupadi went with the Pandavas who, after they had won, travelled to Mount Meru to purify themselves, but Draupadi died en route.

Draupner
- (see Draupnir)
Draupnir1
- Odin's magic ring
This ring, which was able to multiply itself as required, was made by Sindri and presented to Odin by Brock. Odin placed it on Balder’s funeral pyre, but it was returned to Odin when Hermod rode to Niflheim to ask for Balder’s release.
In other versions Loki got it from Andvari as part of the treasure he handed over. It was returned to the Rhine by Brunhild when she immolated herself on Siegfried’s funeral pyre.
(see also Andvaranaut. King of Power)

Draupnir2
- one of the dwarfs
  - ‘dre
  - early ancestors of the race
These people abandoned the great forests to live on bare mountain slopes.
Next came the Ma-sang,

Draupadhi
- [A(r)charya. ‘bucket’]
a general
husband of Kripa
son of Bharadvaja
father of Ashvathaman
He was said to have been born in a bucket or pot.
He was told that his son, fighting for the Kauravas, had been killed and so allowed himself to die at the hand of the Pandava leader, Dhrishtadyumna. Ashvathaman, very much alive, sought revenge and killed not only his father’s killer but many Pandava soldiers as well.

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Dream-fairy
- a name for night
Dream of Angur
- (see Aislinge Oenguso)
Dream of Maccen Wiedig
- a story from the Mabinogion about Maccen’s dream, which brought him to Britain

Dream of Rhonabry
- a story from the Mabinogion relating a soldier’s dream about King Arthur and his knights preparing for battle

Dream Palace
- part of the western ocean, origin of dreams
Prophetic dreams passed through a gate made of horn, deceptive ones through a gate made of ivory.
dreaming lines
- (see song lines)
Dreaming, The
- (see Alchera)
Dreamtime
- (see Alchera)

Dreiklau
- a Lettish sea god
Dreknunt
- (see Ahriman)
Dreihriu
- Irish
a lover of Angus Og
daughter of Eochaid Feidhleach

Drem
- a Welsh gatekeeper at King Arthur’s palace
son of Dremhidydd
He was a noted seer who could tell what was happening anywhere in Britain.

Dremhydd
- (Dremhydd)
father of Drem

Dremi
- (see Dremi)

Dremidni
- (Dremidni)
dream of dreams

Drepe
- the sickle of Demeter

Drei
- (see Djall)

Dresden Codex
- a manuscript source of Mayan legend and culture

Dresterata
- Pacific Islands

=Hindu Dhritarashtra
father of Ashvathaman
husband of Gandari
son of Abiasa and Amika

Dri-chab-ma
- Tibetan
the Tibetan name for Gandha

Dri-za
- Buddhist
the Tibetan name for Dhritarashtra (Dhrtarashtra) as 'King of the Gandhavas'

Driant
- British
a Knight of the Round Table
son of Pellimore
brother of Dornar
He was killed by Gawain.

Drifta
- a Frost Giantess
goddess of snowdrifts
daughter of Thrym
sister of Frosti, Lokul and Snoer

Drilbu
- Tibetan
a prayer bell
The lamas use this bell to drive away evil spirits and attract good ones.

Drink-all
- African
a frog that can empty a lake by drinking its waters

Drip-ball
- Norse
a name for heaven

Dripping Water
- North American
[Waterfall]
a Pueblo deity
mother of the War Twins, Ahayuta
achi, fathered by the Sun

Driver
- (see Ayamur)
drooge
- West Indian
a Haitian magic charm
This charm is said to protect the wearer from major catastrophes such as war.
Other protective charms are the airen and the garde, all of them different from the wanga, which brings ill fortune.
droll
- (see troll)

Droma
- Norse
[‘Dromi]
a chain used to bind Fenris
This was the second chain used to bind the wolf to a rock and, like the first, Laeding, was not strong enough to hold him.

Dromas
- Greek
[‘Dromos]
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Dromas, tore him to pieces.

Dromi
- (see Droma)

Dromos
- (see Dromas)

Drona
- A(r)charya. ‘bucket’
a general
husband of Kripa
son of Bharadvaja
father of Ashvathaman

Drona
- Hindu

Drostan¹

Irish

a druid of the Picts

He advised the Leinster king, Cromhthann Scatibbeal, to sprinkle the battlefield with milk, whereupon all the wounded were healed.

Drostan² (see Drust)

Norse

[Dir]
a priest at the temple of Odin

drow (see treow)
dru (see dryad)

Drauntia

[Queen of the Druids]
a Gaulish goddess of the Druids

Drude

[plur=druden]
a female demon that attacks sleeping people

drutenfusz

German

a charm used to ward off demons

Druwas

[plur=Druwas]
one of the Twenty-Four Knights of Arthur's Court

Druida

King son of Tryffin

He had arranged to meet King Arthur in single combat and sent his tame griffins ahead with orders to kill the first man to arrive at the scene of the combat. His sister, a paramour of the war chief, arrived while the combat was in progress. It was said that the egg was kept riding in the air by the hissing of the serpents. Its sting was fatal but success in life was guaranteed to anybody who could catch it.

Druj

Persian

[deceit].Drug.Drauga.Durugh

the place of torment: a name for Angra Mainya: a female demon of falsehood (see also Drugh)

Druj Nasu

Persian

a corpse demon that takes possession of the dead in the form of a fly

Drugh

Persian

Druhtenufusz

a malevolent spirit

Druun

[plur=Druun]
a demon

Druwes

Irish

a hound, in Welsh stories

Ysbaddaden required Calhwch to obtain this animal to lead the pack of hounds to be used in the hunt for Twrch Trwyth.

Drug¹

Tibetan

a god

Drug² (see Druj)

Druj

Persian

['lie']

the force of disorder

(see also Druj.Durugh)

Druks

Hindu

[druks]
malevolent spirits

dru

(see druid)

druid

Celtic

[draoi.dru.Fathi]
a magician-priest

The druids believed in the transmigration of souls and in an afterlife, using sacrifice as part of their rituals, which made use of mistletoe. It was said that they could cast spells that created illusions, cured sickness and laid curses on their enemies.

drum

(see adderstone)

Dryope¹

was said to have committed incest with Caligula who deified her on her death.

Drust¹

British

[Drostan.Drust(r)an.Drustranus.Drustan]
a Pictish king

He is reputed to have lived for a hundred years and to have fought a hundred battles.

Drust² (see Tristram)

Drustan (see Drust.Tristram)

Drustran (see Drust.Tristram)

Drustranus (see Drust.Tristram)

Drvaspa

Persian

one of the Yazatas

Drug

[drug,drug:plur=drayas]
a tree nymph, originally of oak trees

(see also hamadryad)

dryandra

(see Parasol tree)

Drys¹

Greek

father of Lycurgus

Drys²

Greek

son of Lycurgus

father of Municus

He was killed with an axe by his father who, in his madness, mistook him for a vine.

Dryden, John

(1631–1700)

an English poet

Author of Cymon and Iphigenia. He also wrote the libretto for the opera King Arthur (music by Purcell), which has the king in love with a blind girl, Emmeline.

Drynog

British

owner of a magic cauldron

This vessel, Pair Drynog, became one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

Dryope²

Greek

daughter of Dryops or Eurytus

wife of Andraemon

mother of Amphissus by Apollo

She was seduced by Apollo in the form of a tortoise, producing a son, Amphissus. In some accounts she is referred to as Penelope and is the mother of Pan by Hermes.
Some say that she and her fellow water nymphs carried off Hylas when he came ashore from the Argo to search for water.

When she picked a branch of a lotus tree, blood started to run – it was the nymph Lotus. Dryope was changed into a lotus tree or a poplar. In another account she was carried off by her fellow nymphs. A poplar nymph Lotis. Dryope was changed into a tree, blood started to run – it was the search for water.

He quarrelled with his brother and had him blinded. He later killed his personal valet, Cuimhne, into a young girl. Upon hearing this, the talking shield of Aedh, the husband of the woman Aide, with whom Enna was having an affair. Enna, or the dead woman’s servant, killed her in revenge.

When Congall came to the court to substitute his wife in favour of the woman Dubh advised him against the invasion of Ireland. Congall went mad after drinking the blood of his wife, Cuimhne, into a young girl. Upon hearing this, the talking shield of Aedh, the husband of the woman Aide, with whom Enna was having an affair. Enna, or the dead woman’s servant, killed her in revenge.
they ate so much. In the house of Death, they slept on mats, each with a child of Death, but Dubiaku kept awake, sent Death on an errand and escaped with his brothers. When Death returned, she ate her own children in mistake for the brothers. When they were followed Dubiaku lured Death into a tree and caused her to fall to the ground and be killed. She was reviled inadvertently by Dubiaku and took up the chase again. Ten of the brothers escaped by swinging themselves across a river and Dubiaku turned himself into a stone to escape Death.

Duhlaing (see Duhblainn)
Dubric (see Dubricius)
Dubricius [Dubric.Dubuc.Dyfrig] a 6th c Welsh bishop and saint
He is said to have crowned Arthur as king of Britain. In some accounts, he is identified with Merlin.

Duhlainglend (see Black of Sainglenn)
Duhlainglu (see Black of Sainglenn)
Dubuc (see Dubricius)
Duc Ba [Da Duce Chua.Duc Thank Ba.Three Mothers] a triad of female deities, the spirits of air, forests and water
Duc Thank Ba (see Duc Ba) duca South American in the lore of some Brazilian tribes, a large cat-like animal
duci [Dubuc] a term for incubi in some French demonologies
Duck Hawk (see Ai’kren)
Dudon European a Danish knight imprisoned by Morgana and released by Roland
Dudu Mesopotamian a Sumerian deity regarded as a scribe
Dudugera Pacific Islands a Papuan leg-child
He was born from his mother’s leg after a sea god, in the form of a fish or a dolphin, had rubbed against it. He was returned to the sea where his father seized him in his mouth. He became the sun and his heat killed nearly all the people until his mother threw lime or mud into the air to form protective clouds.

Dudula [Duda] (see Doda) Duc Tristani [Dui Asl] an 16th c story about the children of Tristram and Isolde

Duellona [see Bellona] duende European a Spanish goblin or house spirit
duergar European a witch in Spenser’s The Faerie Queene
Duessa [see Duhthach] Britishe witch
Dufri Norse one of the dwarfs
Dugal the Brown [see Dagda] duganawa [see kapurale] Duglas [see Dubglas] Duimga Slav a household spirit that causes dough to rise

Dugong Australian sister of Moon
When she was bitten by leeches, she dived into the sea and became a dugong.

Dugum British father of Mil the Black
Duhsaka [Duhasana] [Duhlasana] [Duhlasan] [Duhlasana] Hindu a wicked youth
He was killed when robbing a temple and was reborn as the evil King Sudurmukha who, in a later incarnation, was the god Kubera. (see Kubera) Duhsala [Duhasana] Hindu daughter of Dha and Gandhari wife of Jayadratha Her one hundred brothers were known as the Kauravas.

Duhsasana [Duhasana] [Duhlasana] son of Dhartarashtra one of the Kauravas He abused Draupadi when she was made a slave of the Kauravas. When he was killed in the war with the Pandavas, Bhima drank his blood. Dui [Duach’n] Duibhdhriu Irish an officer of the court of Cormac mac Airt He stole a sword from Socht and killed Socht’s grandfather. It was proved that he was the killer and he was ordered to pay compensation to Socht.

Dubhling [Duibhling] Irish daughter of Conaire and Sarait sister of Caireb One of her three brothers, Caireb Musc, fathered on her twin boys, one of whom was Corc Duibhne.

Dubhne [Dovinia] Irish a goddess of Munster
Duilac [Duilac] Roman Spanish fertility goddesses
This man claimed that Gawain had killed one of his sons and when Gawain arrived at his castle with Morholt and Owain, he challenged Morholt to fight him and his six sons all at once. Morholt unhorsed all seven – and then did it again for good measure. Morholt forced the duke to yield and sent him to the king’s court to ask for mercy.

Duke of Thunder [see Lei Kung] Duke of Tintagel [see Gorlois] Duke of Wood [see Mu Kung] dukkha Buddhist world weariness: the burden of living dukkeripen fortune-telling dukug Mesopotamian the cosmic throne room of the Sumerian gods dukun East Indian a Javanese magician said to be able to cure disease dukun sanah East Indian a dukun who officiates at a ceremony to cure diseases of growing rice du’l Halasa Arab a god of the south-west region in pre-Islamic times

Dulahan [Dulachan] Celtic a headless elf or goblin (see also Dhund)
Dulcinea [Dulcinea] [Dulce] [Dulcien] European a mistress of Don Quixote Her real name was Aldonza Lorenzo.

Dulhia Deo Hindu a god of bridegrooms
Dumb Knight, The (see Peredur) Dumballah (see Damballah Wedo) Dume African a Mali devil who controls the wokulos

Dumiatis [Dumiatis] Celtic a mountain god in Gaul
Dumudin [Dumudin] Pacific Islands one of the 8 Spitters (see Spitter*)

Dumok [Dumok] Pacific Islands [Diri] one of the 8 Spitters (see Spitter*)

son of Ninsuna
son of Ea, some say
brother of Belili
consort of Inanna

When Inanna was released from the underworld where she had gone to challenge the authority there of her sister Erishkegal, she was required to provide a substitute. She nominated Dumuzi and Geshtin-anna and these two served alternate periods in the underworld. In an effort to escape this fate, he changed himself into a gazelle, helped by his sister, Belili.

Dumuzi-Abzu
Mesopotamian
a name of Tammuz as ‘Tammuz of the Abyss’

Some accounts make this being an early Babylonian guardian goddess.

Dumuzi-apsu
(see Dumuzi-Abzu)

Dumuzi
Irish

Dumvallo
(see Dunvallo)

Dun
Irish
[rat(h)]:=Welsh Dynas
a fort or fortified place
These buildings, the homes of kings or heroes, often possessed magic properties such as hidden traps and invisible entrances.

Dun Bhalair
Irish
the castle of Balor on Tory Island

Dun Cow
British
a cow with an inexhaustible supply of milk

When an old woman tried to fill a sieve with milk, the cow went wild and broke out of its pen. It was killed by Guy of Warwick.

Dun Dealgan
Irish
the fortress-home of Cuchulainn in the Plain of Muirthemne

Dun Scaith
Irish
the realm of Midir: the underworld

In some accounts, an early name for the Isle of Man.

Dun Stallion
British
a horse of King Arthur
This animal was said to haunt Castle Eden.

Dunadd
Irish
the capital city of Dalriada, in west Scotland

Dunadhach
Irish
a druid

He was an adviser to the king of Scandinavia and cured the wounds that Conall Gulban suffered when he fought with the king’s men. He later accompanied Conall in his search for Eithne.

Dunatis
Celtic
a Gaulish god of forts

Dunachadh
Irish
one of the sons of a high-king

In some accounts he and Conall were the sons of Blathmac, in others there were three sons (the third was Maolodhar) and their father was Diarmait, who was joint-king with Blathmac. All three of them were killed when they set upon Maolodran who drove them into a millpond and, by starting the mill, had them crushed to death by the water-wheel.

Dunachadh
Irish
a warrior at the court of Domhnall mac Aodha

He led the king’s forces in the Battle of Magh Ratha where they defeated the forces of Congall Caoch and Domhnall Bresc but he was killed in the battle.

Dund
Irish
(see Dhundh)

Dundagel
(see Tintagel)

Dunand
Irish
(see Alako)

Duneyr
Norse
one of the 4 stags of the gods

These animals grazed on Yggdrasil, producing water for the rivers and honeydew for the earth.

Duneyr
Norse
one of the dwarfs

Duneyr
Norse
(see Duneyr)

Dunaga
Mesopotamian
a name for Ea as ‘singer’

Dunghavenhooter
North American
a fabulous animal

Dungu
African
a god of the chase among the Buganda

Dunheved Castle
(see Castle Terribil)

Dunlaing
Irish
a friend of Murchadh

He left a life of pleasure in the Otherworld to help Murchadh at the Battle of Clontarf, where he fought bravely but was killed.

Dunvallo Molmutius
British
(see Dunvallo)

king of Cornwall after Cloten
husband of Tonwenna
son of Cloten
father of Belinus and Brennius

He defeated the sub-kings of Britain and united the country under his rule.

Dulain
European
father of Aymon

Dup Shimati
(see Tablets of Destiny)

Dupasahasuri
Jain
a man predicted to be the last monk

duppy
West Indian
[Junbhy]
a Caribean spirit or ghost

These spirits can be invoked to attack one’s enemy, but they can be warded off by a ring of tobacco seeds.

Dupshimati
(see Tablets of Destiny)

Durr
Persian
a Kassite god of the underworld

Dur-krod-bdag-po
Buddhist
the Tibetan name for Citapati

Duralu
Australian
2 stones of destiny

These stones were made by Darana from the bodies of two young men he killed when they opened his sack of grubs. It was said that disaster would follow if the stones were damaged or broken.

Duranda
(see Durindana)

Durandal
(see Durindana)

Durandana
(see Durindana)

Durandarte
European
a knight killed at Roncesvalles

It was said that his squire, Guadiana, was so upset at his master’s death that he turned into a river.

Durangama
Buddhist
a minor goddess

one of the 12 bhumis

Durathor
Norse
[Durathor]
one of the 4 stags of the gods

These animals grazed on Yggdrasil, producing water for the rivers and honeydew for the earth.

Durathor
Norse
[Durathor]
one of the dwarfs

Durathor
[Durathor]
(see Durathor)

Durenda
(see Durindana)

Durendala
(see Durindana)

Durga
Hindu
a demon killed by Devi
(see Durga)

Durga
Hindu
Chinnamastatka).Dasha-Bhuja.Devi.
]=Java Ambu Devi=Indonesia
an aspect of Devi, Kali or Parvati as ‘the inacessible’

The demon Durga had taken over nearly all the world, so the gods
concentrated all their powers in the goddess Devi who went out to do battle on their behalf. The demon had millions of soldiers and elephants on his side but Devi defeated them with a thunderbolt and came face-to-face with Durgha himself. After many shapes changes the goddess finally killed Durgha and took his name as her own.

In another story, this four, ten, eighteen or 100-armed goddess of strength, the destroyer, was a warrior maid who was born fully grown. She slew the monster water buffalo Mahisha, who had terrorised all the other gods, despite the fact that he changed successively into a lion, a giant, an elephant and a buffalo during the course of their battle.

In some accounts she is depicted as twelve-armed, each arm holding a weapon. These are given as an arrow (Tir), an axe (Parasu), a bow (Dhanus), a bell (Ganta), a club (Khitaka), a discus (Chakra), a goad (Ankas), a javelin (Satki), a noose (Pasha), a sword (Khagda) and a trident (Trisula).

She is depicted as yellow skinned and riding a lion or a tiger.

**Durga-Mahatmya**

the story of the goddess Durga and her fight with the demon

**Durga-puja**

(=Navaratri)

**Durga-Tamas**

a king

He was blind but his sight was restored when Agni rewarded him for his asceticism and devotion.

**Durgandini**

Pacific Islands

a princess

wife of Palasara

mother of Abiasa

**Durgha**

(see Durga)

**Durin**

European

a friend of Oriana

He travelled to Firm Island at Oriana's request to deliver her letter to Amadis, a letter in which she broke off their relationship.

He returned to Britain with Gandolin and told Oriana of the shattering effect that her letter had had on Amadis, who deserted his friends and left to seek death. She hastily repented, wrote another letter asking forgiveness and charged Durin to find Amadis.

**Durin**

Norse

one of the dwarfs, the second to be created

**Durindana**

European

[Durandal][1].Durandana.Dureda[Durla].

Dyrmundal]
a sword of Roland

This sword, which could split a mountain, was said to have belonged originally to Hector, prince of Troy. Hector's armour had come down to Mandricardo and he claimed the sword, which had come into the possession of Roland when he killed Almontes. In another account Roland acquired the sword and his famous horn when he defeated the giant, Jetmunus. When Roland went mad he abandoned his arm and sword, which was then seized by Mandricardo who killed Zerhino in a fight for its possession.

Some say that Charlemagne or Malagigi gave Roland this sword, which had been made by the fairies.

It was said that the hilt contained a number of relics, such as a thread from the cloak of the Virgin Mary, a hair from the head of St Denis, a drop of blood from St Basil and one of St Peter's teeth.

It was also claimed by Gradasso. Its future was settled when King Agramont ordered a contest in which Roland represented both himself and Gradasso. He killed Mandricardo but the sword was awarded to Gradasso.

Other stories say that, when he was dying of his wounds after the Battle of Roncesvalles, Roland threw the sword into a stream, having failed to break it on a rock. (see Jutmundus)

Durinn

(see Durin')

Buddhist

a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala

**Durmart**

British

a hero of a French story, *Durmart le Gallois*, telling of his love for Fenice

In one adventure he saved Queen Guinevere by killing Brun de Morois, who had kidnapped her when she was out riding.

**Durmart le Gallois**

French

a 13th C French story of the hero Durmart and his love for Fenice

**Durna**

East Indian

a Brahmin

father of Aswatama by Wilotama

To carry this sage from India to Java, the heavenly nymph Wilotama assumed the form of a flying mare. He impregnated her on the journey and she bore a son, Aswatama.

**Durtacht**

Irish

father of Eoghan

**Durugh**

(see Drugh.Druj)

**Durvasas**

Hindu

son of Ati and Anasuya

an incarnation of Shiva as a sage

He placed a curse on Indra when the latter refused to accept a garland and prophesied the death of Krishna who forgot to wash the sage's feet.

It was he who gave Kunti the charm that enabled her to have children by any god of her choosing.

**Duryodhana**

Hindu

-[Javanese Duryudana,Suyudana]

a warrior-prince

one of the 100 sons of Dhartarashthra

He was the leader of the Kauravas in their battle with the Pandavas. Having won the kingdom of Bharata by cheating at dice, he lost it, his army and his ninety-nine brothers in the battle. "The five Pandava brothers found him hiding in a lake and offered to fight him. Bhima, the first to fight, smashed his thigh and he sent Ashvathaman to kill the Pandavas by night. Shiva took them out of harm's way and the would-be assassin was driven mad. He killed every soldier he could find, including five of Duryodhana's nephews. When he saw the severed heads of his nephews, brought back by Ashvathaman, Duryodhana dropped dead on the spot.

**Duryudana**

East Indian

-[Suyudana]

the Javanese version of Duryodhana

son of Drestarata

He was the eldest of the Korawas and regarded as an incarnation of Dasamika.

**Dus**

Celtic

- [German Scrat]

a hairy demon of the woods

(see also dusius)

**Dus-kyi Khor-lo**

Buddhist

the Tibetan version of Kalachakra

**Dus-Sara**

(see Dusara)

**Dusama**

Jain

the present age, a period of misery

**Dusara**

Arab

-[D]usares,Dus-Sara,Greek Diomysus]

a Nabataean wine god

son of Lat

(see also Dusura)

**Dusares**

(see Dusara,Dusura)

**Dushasana**

(see Duhssasana)

**Dushyanta**

Hindu

-[Javanese Dusianta]

husband of Sukantala

father of Bharata

He and his wife separated but were later reunited.
Dusianta  East Indian  the Javanese version of Dushyantha

dusii  (see dusius)
dusio  (see dusius)
dusiin  Celtic  
[duisio.plural=dusii]
an incubus  (see also Dus)

Dusara  Hindu  a festival held in the autumn

Dusura  Mesopotamian  [Dusurusares]
a Nubian sun god  son of Chaubu

He died and was reborn every year.  (see also Dusara)

Du’uzu  (see Dumuzi.Tammuz)

Duzhi  Afghan  a local Kafir god

Duzzakh  Persian  purgatory

Here the soul could be plunged into flames to purge it of evil.

Dvaparayuga  (see Vyasa)

Dvalinn1  Norse  
[Davalin.Dvalinn]
a dwarf  son of Ivald and Greip

It was he who, at the request of Loki, fashioned the unerring spear Gungnir, the magic ship Skidbladnir and the golden hair to replace that stolen by Loki from the head of Sif.

He was one of the four dwarfs with whom Freya is said to have slept to obtain the necklace, Brisingamen, which the dwarfs had made.

Dvalin2  Norse  
[Davalin.Dvalinn]
one of the 4 stags of the gods
These animals grazed on Yggdrasil, producing water for the rivers and honeydew for the earth.

Dvalinn  (see Dvalin)
dvapara  (see dvapara)

Dvaparayuga  (see dvapara)

Dvaraka  (see Dvapara)

Dvarakala  Hindu  a keeper of the crossroads in Patala

The four roads lead to heaven or hell. To the north lies the realm of Kubera, home of the valiant dead; to the east, the realm of Indra where those who have achieved supernatural powers reside; to the west lies the home of the generous in the realm of Budhapada; to the south, the road leads to the realm of Yama, god of death.

dvapala  Cambodian  ogress acting as doorkeepers
dvergar  (see Dwarfs)

Dvipa  (see Dvipa)

Dvipakumara  Jain  a minor god

Seven such continents, with Mount Meru in the middle, were envisaged, each surrounded by its own ocean. They were known as Jambu, Krauncha, Kusa, Plaksha, Pushkara, Saka and Salarna.

Only four continents are referred to in the Mahabharata: Bhadrasva, Jambu, Ketumala and Uttara Kuru.

Dvita  (see Dvita)

Dvita  Hindu  brother of Ekata and Trita

He and Ekata tried to kill Trita by pushing him down a well and placing a heavy cover on the well-top, but Trita burst through the cover and escaped.

Divida  (see Divida)

Divida  Hindu  a huge ape killed by the young Balarama

Dvorovoi  Slav  a spirit of the farm yard

He is depicted as an old man with a grey beard and is covered with hair.

Dwales-doll  Norse  a name for the sun used by the dwarfs

Dwarfs were the survivors of the flood caused by the Addanc. They escaped in the ark Nefyed Nav Nevion with many animals.

Some accounts say that Nefyed was the builder of the ark.

Dwyvan  British  [Dwyfan]  the builder of the Ark, in Welsh lore husband of Dwyvach

He and his wife built the ark Nefyed Nav Nevion and embarked many animals to escape the flood caused by the Addanc.

Some accounts say that Nefyed was the builder of the ark.

Dxui  African  an ancestor of the Bushmen

He was first a flower, then a man, a tree, a man, a fly, a bird and a man again. When he died, he became a lizard.

Dya  (see Fu.Gla)

Dyabial  British  son of the Queen of the Waste Land
cousin of Percival

Dyadya  Russian  [‘uncle’]  a name for Vorip-mort

Dyaus  (see Fu.Gla)

Dyurus  (see Duryus)

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By another version describes it as a city built by Krishna on an island, which disappeared under the waves when he died.
Dyaus Pita  

Dyaus Pita  
Dyaus Pitar  
Dyaus Pitri  
Dyaus Pitir  
Dyava-matar  
Dyava-Prithivi  
Dyhes  
Dyip  
Dyiptok  
Dyog  
Dyoga  
Dyokin  
Dyokskin  
Dyp  
Dyquan  
Dyaus Pitar  
Dyaus Pitri  
A creator god and sky god  
husband of Ida, Nistigri or Prithivi  
father of Indra, Parjanya and Surya  
father of Adityas, Agni, Aswins, Brhaspati, Maruts and Ushas, some say  
He was killed by his own son, Indra.  
In some accounts he is depicted as a black horse.  
Dyavo  
Serbian  
devils  
dybbuk  
Hebrew  
an evil spirit  
The dybbuk is said to be the soul of a person who has died with some unforgiven sin and seeks to inhabit the body of a human.  
This spirit could be exorcised; the victim could tell when it had left his body because a red spot and a cracked nail would appear on his big toe.  
Dyfed  
British  
the realm of Pwyll, Wales  
In some accounts a region above Annwn.  
Dyfrig  
Dubricius  
(see Dyfrig)  
Dyhu  
Dyhu (see Dyas)  
Dyiminga  
African  
the spirits of natural objects, in the lore of the Mendes  
Dylan  
British  
[Dylan Eil Don. Dylan Eil Mor. Dylan Eil Ton. Endil. Mor. Son of the Waves]  
a Welsh sea god  
son of Gwydion and Aranrhod  
twin of Llew Llaw Gyffes  
He took to the sea and swam like a fish as soon as he was born. When he was killed by Gwannon, his uncle, all the waves of the sea cried for him.  
Dylan  
Medract  
Dylan Eil Don  
Dylan Eil Mor  
Dylan Eil Ton  
Dyvas  
Greek  
a king of Phrygia  
father of Asius  
father of Hecuba, some say  
Dyvas  
Greek  
founder of one of the Dorian tribes  
son of Aegimius  
brother of Pamphylius  
Dybas  
British  
the Welsh version of the Irish dun  
Dyne  
Greek  
daughter of Evander  
Dynevor Castle  
British  
a castle in Wales  
Some say this is where Merlin is buried.  
Dygo  
Serbian  
the horse of Banovich  
Dyombi  
South American  
a deity of the black people of Surinam  
Dyomas  
British  
[Diom]  
son or godson of the Greek goddess Diana  
father of Nimue, some say  
Dyotana  
Hindu  
(see also Dinas)  
an name for Ushas as 'bringer of light'  
Dyq  
African  
in the lore of the Bambara, a primaeval creative force which, with Gla, emerged from the empty void, Fu  
Dyrnach  
Dyrg  
(see Dyrnach)  
Dyrgyn  
British  
a magical sword, in Welsh lore  
This was one of the objects that Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get in his quest for the hand of Olwen.  
In some versions it was the sword of Rhuddderch from which flames appeared when it was drawn by anybody other than the owner. In other accounts it was the sword of Gwernach.  
Some accounts include it as one of the thirteen treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.  
Dysaulas  
Greek  
father of Eubuleus and Triptolemus, in some accounts  
Dygyfeddawd  
British  
father of Gall  
Dysgal a green Rhuddderch  
British  
a platter or crock, in Welsh lore  
This dish, owned by Rhuddderch, was capable of producing any meat the owner desired and became one of the thirteen treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.  
In some accounts there were two items, described as a platter and a crock; some say they were owned by Rhysgenyd.  
Dysonerie  
Greek  
lawlessness personified  
daughter of Eris  
Dyu'  
Hindu  
heaven  
Dyu'  
Hindu  
one of the Vasas  
Dyu-Piter  
Hindu  
a name for Dyaus as 'father of light'  
Dyumani  
Hindu  
a celestial gem; the sun  
Dyumateshi  
Hindu  
a blind king  
father of Satyavan  
His son married the princess Savitri but died within a year, as had been prophesied. Savitri followed him into the underworld and Yama rewarded her devotion by granting three wishes. One restored Dyumatesni to the throne from which he had been deposed, another restored his eyesight and the third restored his son to life.  
Dyved  
(see Dyfed)  
Dywel  
British  
brother of Geraint and Ermid  
Dyga  
Mongolian  
[Dyga-Tengri.Dyga]  
a sky god  
Dyjai  
(see Dzajaga)  
dzalob  
Central American  
a race of 'offenders'  
In the mythology of the Maya, Hunah repopulated the earth three times after floods. The second race was the dzalob.  
Dym  
Tibetan  
one of the Five Lands  
This was said to be the land of the living.  
Dzalaw  
North American  
a bear who married the maiden, Rhipsunt  
He fathered two sons on Rhipsunt but was killed by one of her brothers.  
(see also Bearskin Woman)  
Dzelarhons  
North American  
[Copper Woman.Dzajaga.Hill]  
a frog princess of the Haida Indians wife of Kai'ti  
She arrived on the north-west coast with six canoe loads of her people and married the bear god Kai'ti.  
Dzelarhons  
(see Dzelarhons)  
Dzewana  
Slav  
= [Greek Artemis]  
a moon goddess  
Dzehe Manitou  
North American  
a benevolent god of the Chippewa; a wood spirit  
brother of Kitshi Manitou  
dzi-mawu  
African  
sky gods of the Hua people
Dziady Russian
[=Bulgarian Zadusnica]
a guardian spirit
This spirit is said to be that of a dead ancestor.

Dzwona European
[=Czech Devana:=Roman Diana:=Serbian Dilwica]
a Polish goddess of the chase

Dzivaguru African
a mother-goddess of the Korekore tribe
She disappeared when Nosenga drove her from her palace.

Dzivaguru' African
a female aspect of Mwari as ‘Great Pool'

Dziwije zony European
[=dziwije zony:=Slovenian divi devojke]
wild women of the Polish forests
They are very swift runners and sometimes attack men or seduce them.

Dzoavits North American
a spirit ogre of the Shoshone Indians
He stole the two children of Dove and chased after them when their mother rescued them. He would have caught them but Badger dug two holes, hiding the fugitives in one and directing Dzoavits into the other, which he then sealed with a large boulder.

Dzikhk Armenian
[=Dzoxk]
the underworld
In this fiery abyss, souls wear iron shoes, have their mouths filled with vermin and are burnt with hot irons.

Dzokhk (see Dzikhk)

Dzydzilelya Russian
[=Greek Aphrodite]
a love goddess
E

Central American

a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, known as god E; perhaps Yum Caax. This deity is depicted wearing maize ears as a headdress and is regarded as a maize-god such as Yum Caax.

E Alom

[Bitol]
a Mayan creator-goddess
wife of E Quaholom
mother of Gucumatz

E-anna

Mesopotamian
the temple of Ishtar at Erech

E-babbar

Mesopotamian
the sanctuary of Samas

E-engurra

Mesopotamian
the temple of Ea

E-este

Mesopotamian
the temple of Gula at Larak

E-kur

Mesopotamian
[Ekur]
the temple of Bel-Enlil at Nippur

E Quaholom

Central American

a Mayan creator-god
husband of E Elom
father of Gucumatz

E-sagila

Mesopotamian
[Temple of the High Head]
the temple of Bel-Marduk at Babylon

E-u

Burmese
the first woman, made by Ea-pe
consort of Thanai

Ea

Mesopotamian
Oannes:=Sumerian Enki]
a Babylonian sea-god, the primaeval ocean personified, god of wisdom
son of Ansar and Kisar or of An brother of Enil
father of Adapa, Khi-dimme-azaga,
Marduk, Mulu-ki, Nira and Silik
father of Bel and Ishtar, some say
He represented water and Enil represented earth. Mixed together they produced humans.
He is credited with having instructed man in the arts of agriculture, magic,
architecture, etc. and warned Atrahasis (Utnapishtim) of the impending flood.
He is depicted as half man, half fish,
with two heads or dressed in fish skins
or, in the role of creator-god, as a snake.
In some accounts, he is regarded as a manifestation of Ansar.
Ea-Anu

Irish
wife of the fire-god Ain

Ea-bani

(see Enkidu)

Ea-Oannes

Mesopotamian
Ea as ruler of the demons and spirits of the sea

Ea-pe

Burmese
the supreme deity of the Karen
He created the first man, Thanai and the first woman, E-u.

Ea-Sarpsi

Mesopotamian
a Babylonian deity associated with Serapis, in some accounts

Ea-Sarru

(see Ea)

Eabani

(see Enkidu)

eac uisge

Irish
[each uisge:=Scottish kelpie]
a malicious water-horse

each uisge

(see eac uisge)

Eachtach

Irish
daughter of Dermot and Grania,
some say in some accounts, wife of Art and mother of Cormac mac Airt
An alternative version of the birth of Cormac says that his mother was Eachtach who, when pregnant, dreamt that her head was cut off and a tree grew in its place. When her husband, Art, was killed at the Battle of Magh Mucramha, she went to stay with her brother-in-law, Lughna (the Luighne of the alternative story of Achtan) but the baby was born en route.
The child was taken and suckled by a wolf but was later recovered and reared by Lughna.

Eachtach an Amadan Mor

Irish
[a story of (mythical) exploits, usually in the Otherworld

Eachtach an Amadan Mor

Irish
[a story of the exploits of the Great Fool
Eac an Mhodra Mhaoil

Irish

Eac an Mhodra Mhaoil

Irish

Eachtra Nerai

Irish

the story of Alexander and his

American

tranformation into the Crop-eared

Dog

Eachtra Mhelora agus Orlando

Irish

a 16th c story about the warrior-

maid, Melora, daughter of King

Arthurl

Eachtra Nerai

Irish

the story of Nera and the corpse

eachtrai (see eachtra)

Aedan

Irish

an early Spanish god

Eadan (see Eadaoin.Etain)

Eadaoin

Irish

[Ear(Eda)(Eda)(Eda)(Eda)]

ea poetess

mother of Cairebhr

She died from grief over the death of

her son who died from sunstroke.

Eadaoin

Irish

[Ear(Eda)(Eda)(Eda)(Eda)]

a woman of the Otherworld

When the armies of Conn and Eoghan

Mor met near her home, she helped

Eoghan by turning rocks into soldiers.

When Eoghan lost the battle, she

saved him and the remains of his army,

giving them ships in which they sailed

to Spain.

Eadaoin (see Etain)

Eadgils

Norse

a king of Sweden

son of Otherhe

He and his brother rebelled against

their father and fled to Heardred's

court. Here, the elder brother killed

Heardred and was himself killed by

Wiglaf. Eadgils fled but later returned

at the head of an army to avenge his

brother. He was killed in the battle

which followed.

Eadna

Irish

Eagentci

North American

[Ancient-bodied.Old Woman]

the Seneca name for Ataensic

Eager

Anglo-Saxon

[=Norse Aegir]

a sea-god

Eagir

Irish

[=Aegir]

a large bird of prey

(1) In Babylonian lore, the eagle was

demon. When he ate all of the

offspring of Mother Serpent, Samas

condemned him to death. Mother

Serpent hid inside a slaughtered ox

and killed Eagle when he came to

feed on the carcass.

A two-headed eagle was regarded

as an attribute of Nergal.

(2) In Greek myths, the eagle was

sacred to Zeus since it had brought

nectar to nourish the infant god

when he was hidden from Cronus.

(3) Hindu lore identifies the eagle

with Garuda and Gayatri.

(4) The Japanese regard the eagle

as representing Uye Minu, an

aspect of the Buddha.

(5) Norse myths have the eagle as

the guardian of Asgard. Odin

himself often took the guise of an

eagle and the eagle sitting in the

world-tree, Yggdrasil, represented

light and wisdom. The eagle

Egder, generator of storms, will

appear at Ragnarok.

(6) Some Indian tribes of North

America say that this bird, which

they call Master of Height,

represents the Great Spirit of the

Thunderbird.

(7) Persian lore regards the eagle as

a form of the storm-god and as an

emblem of the large Persian

empire.

It was believed that the feathers

of this great bird carried the

prayers of the tribe up to heaven.

(8) The Romans regard this bird as an

aspect of Jupiter.

(9) The Sumerians say that the eagle

brought children into the

world and took the souls of the

dead out of it. It appears as the

storm-bird, Zu.

Eagle of Gwern Abwy

Welsh

[Eagle of Gwernabalwy]

a bird of great age and great

knowledge

This ancient bird was consulted by

Culhwch in his quest to win the hand

of Olwen. It led him to consult the

Salmon of Llyn Llyw.

Eagle Prey God

North American

one of the 6 Prey Gods guarding

the home of Poshaiyangkyo

He is responsible for the space above.

eagle stones

[aetites.gagites]

magical stones said to be found in

eagles' nests

Eaglehawk

Biljari

(Eaglehawk)

dughter of Loarn

wife of Muireadhach

mother of Muireadhach's

son Feidhlim

father of Fergus and Murtagh mac

Eanech

Irish

Eannatum

Mesopotamian

a priest-king of Lagash

Ear

Irish

(see Tiwaz.Tyr)

Earc

Irish

[Et]

a bishop

He explained the meaning of the
dream experienced by Brendan's

mother before his birth.

Earc

Irish

[Et]

king of Tara

son of Cairbre Nia Fear and

Feidhlim

father of Fergus and Murtagh mac

Eanech

He was installed as king when his

father was killed by Cuchulainn.

He was one of those attacking Cuchulainn

at the end and flung the spear that

wounded Grey of Macha. He was

killed by Conal Cearnach to avenge

Cuchulainn's death.

eagle

an Ethiopian monster with

swivelling horns, precursor of

the yale

Ealtan

Irish

an ancestor of finn mac Cool

son of Baoiscne

father of Suait

Ealur

Irish

(see Sarpanitu)

Eamhnait

Irish

mother of Moling

She had an affair with her sister's

husband and fled when she realised that

she was pregnant. She was trapped in

the snow and gave birth to a boy,

Moling, whose arrival was heralded by

an angel and a dove from heaven.

Eanna

Irish

son of Niall

brother of Cairbre, Conall Gulban,

Eoghan and Laoghaire

Eanna

Irish

father of Sgathach

Eanna

Mesopotamian

temple in Uruk dedicated to Aru

and Ištar

Eanna

Irish

(see Enda)

Eanna Cinsecalach

a king of Leinster

father of Eochu

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mother of Muireadhach's

son Feidhlim

father of Fergus and Murtagh mac

Eanech
Earc mac Trein  Irish
[see Eamhain Mhacha]
husband of Deitin
father of St Deaglan

Eare  East Indian
a witch in Papua New Guinea

Earendel  East Indian
(see Orvandil)

Earty Wind  (see Pung-Beg)

Earo  East Indian
(see Eamhain Mhacha)

Earth  North American
the consort of Sky Father

Earth-maker1  North American
[see Gaea, Ge Metre]

Earth Mother2  North American
[see Gaia, Sky Father]

Earth-bearer  North American
in the lore of the Seneca, the turtle
which carries the world on its back
(see also oeh-da)

Earth Diver  North American
a diving-bird, the coot

Earth Dragon  Japanese
one of the Four Dragon Kings
He is responsible for the rivers.

Earth Dumb  (see Ti Mu)

Earth-gir  (see Hine-ahu-one)

Earth-heaper  (see Zapatca)
Earth Initiate  North American
the creator, in the lore of the Maidu tribe

Earth Lion  Meopotamian
a demon which, in the form of a snake,
stole the plant of life from Gilgamesh

Earth-maker1  North American
a creator-god of the Pima tribe
father of Szekha
He created the world which was later destroyed by the flood sent by his enemy, Great Eagle.

Earth-maker2  North American
the supreme deity of the Winnebago
He created five (or eight) great spirits,
each responsible for a particular aspect of life, who rid the earth of giants and evil spirits.
He was opposed by the evil spirit Hereguinuna.

Earth-maker3  (see Kodo-yampe, Pachacamac)

Earth-monster  Central American
a primaeval monster of the Aztecs
This female monster swam in the primordial ocean until Quetzalcoatl and Tēzcatlipoca tore it to pieces to make the sky and the earth and all that is in it.

Earth Mother1  Greek
earth personified (see Gaea, Ge Metre)

Earth Mother2  North American
[see Gaea, Sky Father]

Earth Mother3  North American
[see Gaia, Sky Father]

Earth-shaker  (see Poseidon)

East  North American
a heaven situated on the Isles of Plegaron and Pegasus, Pymalmon, etc.

Eastern Tengu  (see Black Tengu)

Eastre  Saxon
[see Eostre, Oestra, German Ostara, Norse Freya, Frigga]
a fertility-goddess and goddess of spring
She owned a hare in the moon which loved eggs and she was sometimes depicted as having the head of a hare.

Eate  European
a Basque fire-god and storm-god
It is said that he can be heard giving warnings of storms and fires.

Eater of Dreams  (see Baku)

Eau  East Indian
daughter of Maelere
sister of Hova, wife of Kopu

Eaumont  (see Almontes)

Eb  Central American
the twelfth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, the beginning of the ascent from the nether regions
(see also Two Eb)

Eb Island  Pacific Islands
in the lore of the Gilbert Islands, the final home of Wulube
This island, west of the Gilberts, is said to be the place where birds go every year to have their feathers plucked.

Ebech  Meopotamian
[see Ebech]
a Sumerian mountain-god

Eber Donn  Irish
[Brown Eber, Eibhear, Heber]
a leader of the Milesians
He was killed for his cruelty before reaching Ireland.

Eber Finn  Irish
[see Eber Finn, Eibhear, Fair Eber, Heber]
a leader of the Milesians
son of Milesius and Scotia
brother of Amergin and Eremon
After the defeat of the Dannaugh, the sovereignty was decided by the druid Amergin who awarded the throne to Eremon for his lifetime, then to Eber Finn. This was not acceptable so Eremon took the north of the island and Eber Finn the south. They soon fought for supremacy and Eber Finn was killed.

Eber Finn  (see Eber Finn)

Eber Scot  Irish
[see Eibhear, Heber]
son of Sru

Ebern  (see Edern)

Ebhla  (see Elva)

Ebissa  Danish
son of Hengist

Ebisu  Japanese
[see Buddhist Fudo]
a Shinto god of commerce, fishermen,
good fortune and self-effacement, one of the 7 Shichi Fukujin

son of Daikoku

He was originally the premature son of Izanagi and Izanami, born in the form of a jellyfish or leech, and known as Hiru-ko, Koto-shiro-nushi or Ta-no-kami.

In some accounts he is identified with Echecles, a steward at the court of Siegmund and Krimhild.

He accompanied the princess Krimhild when she travelled to her wedding with Etzel.

He killed Hyllus in single combat.

Echenais  (see Nais)

Echetus  Greek

a king of Epirus

He blinded his daughter and locked her in a dungeon.

Echid  Irish

father of Nessa

Echidna  Greek

[Echidne.Ekhidna.'snake']

a monster in the form of a serpent-woman

offspring of Tartarus and Gaea or of

Chrysaor and Callirrhoe

sister of Geryon

mother of Cerberus, the Chimaera, the Colchian dragon, the Harpies, the Hydra, Ladon, the Nemean Lion, Orthrus and, some say, the Sphinx, by Typhon.

Some say that Echidna and Ladon were the offspring, with the Graiae and the Gorgons, of Phorcys and Ceto. She was killed by Argus.

In one version of the story in which Heracles seized Geryon's cattle, the snake-woman with whom he slept was Echidna and she later bore three sons, Agathyrsus, Gelonus and Scythes.

In some accounts, Echidna was the mother of the Blatant Beast.

Echecles  Greek

son of Actor

husband of Polymele

Echel  British

a warrior at King Arthur's court

He was killed by the boar in the hunt for Trench Trith.

Echemus  Greek

a king of Tegea

son of Cephus

husband of Timadra

father of Laodocus

father of Evander, some say

His wife left him in favour of Phyleus.

He killed Hyllus in single combat.

repeating what others say.

An alternative version says that Narcissus killed her accidentally, piercing her with a lance.

Another version has it that when she rejected the advances of Pan he caused some shepherds to tear her to pieces, leaving only her voice; or he rendered her capable of repeating only what others said which so annoyed the shepherds that they dismembered her.

Echo  North American

a spirit of the Pueblo tribes

Echo  Pacific Islands

a bodiless voice, the earliest voice in the universe

Echren  (see Achren)

echtra  (see eachtra)

echtrai  (see eachtra)

Echtrae Conli  Irish

the story of Conla and the woman from the Otherworld

Echtrai Conli  Irish

the story of Cormac mac Art and Manannan

echudan  African

a sorcerer in Uganda

Ecke  European

a storm-demon in the Tyrol

Ecke  German

[b-Ekka]

a giant

brother of Fasolt

He had imprisoned Bolfriona and her nine daughters and fought Dietrich who came to their rescue. He was killed when Dietrich's horse, Falke, broke its tether and trampled Ecke to death to save his master.

Eckesax  German

[Ekissax.Uokesaho]

the sword of the giant, Ecke, which was taken by Dietrich when he killed the giant

Eckward  German

[Eckhart]

a steward at the court of Siegmund and Krimhild

He accompanied the princess Krimhild when she travelled to her wedding with Etzel.

In some stories he is the same as Eckward and in others he appears as a friend of Tannhauser.

In some accounts he is a figure appearing each Maundy Thursday to warn humans of the ghostly riders that appear on that night.
**eclipse**

the temporary obscuring of the sun by the moon or the moon by earth's shadow

Such events inevitably perplexed early, unsophisticated peoples who invented many stories to account for the phenomenon, many of them asserting that the heavenly body was being devoured by some huge animal.

---Armenia

It is said that the primaeval ox gave birth to two offspring which appear as dark bodies in the heavens, blotting out the sun or the moon.

---Baltic

The Letts say that the body being eclipsed is being devoured by some huge animal.

---Cambodia

The belief here is that a monster is devouring the heavenly body. Young girls are allowed out during this period to do homage to the monster.

---China

The Chinese say that the body being eclipsed is under attack from some huge celestial animal and kicks up a great din to frighten it away.

---Egypt

During an eclipse, the king walked sunwise round the temple.

---Hindu

It is said that an eclipse of the sun is caused by Svarbanhu while an eclipse of the moon occurs when it is swallowed by the demon Rahu.

---North America

(1) The Cherokee say that eclipses are caused when the moon (male) visits his wife, the sun.

(2) The Eskimos say that the sun and moon are brother and sister who have sexual intercourse during an eclipse.

(3) The Ojibway believe that the sun will be totally extinguished in an eclipse and shoot flaming arrows to keep it alight.

(4) The Tlingit believe much the same as the Cherokee except that they regard the moon as female and the sun as her husband.

(5) In the Yukon the women invert their cooking pots to avoid contamination by the unclean vapours thought to descend during an eclipse.

---Pacific Islands

The Tahitians regard the two heavenly bodies as male and female and say that an eclipse occurs when they are having sexual intercourse.

---Sierra

(1) The Buriats say that the sun or moon disappears when eaten by the monster Alka.

(2) The Tartars believe an eclipse is caused by a vampire which lives on a star.

---South America

(1) The Bakaira say that an eclipse is caused by a huge bird which obscures the moon with its wings.

(2) In Bolivia, Nicaragua and Peru they say that the body being obscured in an eclipse is being eaten by a huge jaguar and shoot arrows to drive the beast away.

(3) The Cavina say that the moon is being eaten by ants when it disappears during an eclipse.

(4) The Vilela believe much the same as the Bakaira but substitute a huge bat for the bird.

---Europe

**Ecus October**

(see Ecuus October)

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Edain (see Edaoin.Etain)

Edam North American

in the lore of the Sioux, one of the 7 forms of mankind made by We-Ota-Wichasha

Edaoin (see Edaoin.Etain)

Edar (see Edaoin.Etain)

Eda' Norse
['great grandmother']
wife of Ai
mother of Thrall

She bore Thrall by the god Heimdall when he visited the earth as Riger.

Edavern Norse
collections of myths, epic poems, etc.

There are two major collections – the Elder Edda (the Poetic Edda) and the Younger Edda (the Prose Edda) – and a Christianised version of the Elder Edda.

Edeke African
a destructive god of the Teso people

Edern

African
a companion of Peredur
He was scarlet in colour, wore red armour and rode a red horse.

He assisted Peredur in the adventure with the Black Worm of the Barrow when Peredur killed the worm and retrieved the magic stone which he gave to Edlyn.

He married the Countess of Achievements.

Edwyn

a warrior at King Arthur's court

When Geraint first saw this knight he enquired of his servant, a dwarf, who he was. The dwarf struck him with his whip. Geraint averted this insult when he met the knight in combat for the title of the Knight of the Sparrowhawk, which Edern had held for two years, and defeated him.

He was also the leader of the black troop in Rhonabwy's dream.

(see also Yder)

Edgar British

a knight

husband of Loosepayne and Winlayne

He loved Winlayne, daughter of an earl, Bragas, but she rejected him, saying that he must prove himself the greatest champion before she would even consider his suit.

He set out to prove himself in a contest with Grey-steel, a fearsome knight who defended The Forbidden Island against allcomers and was defeated, returning home in dishonour and lacking one of his little fingers, cut off by Grey-steel as his customary humiliation of a defeated foe. Edgar's great friend, Grahame, hatched an elaborate plot whereby, when he managed to kill Grey-steel, the credit was given to Edgar. When Grahame was killed in battle, Edgar confessed all and Winlayne left him, retiring to a convent. Edgar, stricken by the loss, went off to fight the Saracens, hoping in vain to be killed.

When he returned, he found that Winlayne had died and found some comfort by marrying Loosepayne, widow of his greatest friend, Grahame.

Edji

Mongolian

the first woman

Edjo

Egyptian

Usdjit.UTO=Greek Leto

a cobra-goddess of the Lower Kingdom
She is regarded as a goddess of the primordial darkness, later as a nurse of Bast and Horus.

She is represented by the uraeus worn in the headdress of the pharaoh and is associated with the udjat, Ra's third eye.

In some accounts, Edjo is the same as Wadjet.

Edlym Redword Web

(a companion of Peredur)

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Edomites (see Idumeans)

Edonus Greek

in some accounts, a son of Poseidon by Helle

Edor British

an ancestor of Lot

Edryb (see Edern)

Edrub (see Edern)

Edshu (see Eshu)

Edusha Roman

a god of children

Edward

British

a robber-baron

brother of Hugh

He and his brother had seized all the estates of the Lady of the Rock, leaving her only her castle. Owain fought them both at the same time, killing Edward and forcing Hugh to surrender.

Edznab Central American

the eighteenth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, the final achievement of perfection

(see also Eight Edznab)

Ee-A-O

an androgynous being, ruler of one of the 7 heavens

Eef Egyptian

[Ef]
a name for Khnum as a ram-headed representation of the sun.

Eemen Persian

a demon, one of the 8

Austatikico-Pauligaur

Eetion (see Eetion)

Eeton Greek

[Etion]

king of Cilicia
father of Andromache

He and his seven sons were all killed by Achilles.

Efe Inuit

a god of healing

He was envisaged as an old man, so small that he lived in a pebble. He cured illness merely by looking at the patient, drawing the cause from the patient's eyes into his own. He could also transmit sickness from his own eyes to another's.

Ef

(see Eef)

Efabbare

Mesopotamian

the palace of Samas

Ef

African

the first man in the lore of the Pygmies

son of Matu

When he was born, his parents were swallowed by a monster but Ef killed it and saved them.

He spent some time in heaven acting as a hunter for the gods and returned to earth with three magic spears.

Efflam British

an Irish saint

He went to Brittany where he met a dragon. King Arthur tried to kill it but failed so the saint himself put the monster to flight.

Efflon Obassi African

a god of the Eko people

Efnisien British

[Efnisien.Efnisien.Evnissyen]

son of Euroswydd and Penardun
brother of Nisien
half brother of Bran, Branwen and Manawyd

Bran had agreed to give his sister Branwen in marriage to Matholwch, king of Ireland, who came on a visit to Bran's court. Efnisien, who was very unstable, was angered at not being consulted and mutilated the horses of
the Irish contingent. They were given compensation and returned to Ireland, taking Branwen with them. Their resentment flared up again and Branwen was treated as a kitchen-maid until she got a message, via a starling, to Bran who brought an army to Ireland to rescue her. The Irish concealed warriors in leather bags to ambush Bran’s men but Efnisien discovered them and squeezed them all to death. Matholwch agreed to hand over the throne to the boy Gwern but Efnisien caused further strife by throwing the boy into the fire and killing him. He was killed in the subsequent fighting or, in another version, killed himself by jumping into Matholwch’s cauldron which split into pieces to prevent its further use to revivify soldiers killed in the battle.

Efnissyen (see Efnisien)
Efrauc (see Efrawg)
Efrawe (see Efrawg)
Efrawg Welsh
father of Peredur, in some accounts
Efrenc British
[Efrendi]
daughter of Cynfarch by Nefyn twin sister of Urien
efree (see afrit)
efrit (see afrit)
Efrog (see Efrawg)
Egata (see Eate)
egbere African
in the lore of the Yoruba, small beings said to live in the forests
Egbo (see Ekpe)
Egeder Norse
[Egdir]
a storm-eagle due to appear at Ragnarok
The noise of the howling wind comes from his harp.
Egeria Roman
[Aegeria]
one of the Camenae goddess of childbirth and fountains
She married Numa Pompilius, second king of Rome, and when he died she was changed into a fountain by Diana.
In some accounts she is identified with Diana and typifies the wise adviser.
Egerius Greek
the original name of Tarquin Collatinsus
Egesta Greek
[Segesta]
mother of Acestes by Crinisus

She was sent to Sicily to escape the sea-monster that was ravaging Troy. There she met the river-god, Crinisus, and became the mother of Acestes who later became king of Sicily.

In some accounts she is described as a dew-nymph.

Eggther Norse
a watchman of the giants

Egia I Basque
one of the 3 universal principles, the light of the spirit

The other two principles are known as Begia and Ekha.

Egia II Norse

She was one of the nine Wave-maidens said simultaneously to have given birth to Heimdall, fathered by Odin.

Egbiel a moon-demon
Egil I Norse
[Eigil]
son of Badi and Vadi brother of Slagfinn and Volund

When the swan-maidens Alvit, Ofruns and Svanhvil came to earth to bathe they left their wings on the shore. Egil and his brothers seized the wings and kept the maidens as their wives for nine years before they recovered their wings and flew away. Egil searched for his wife in vain.

Egil II Norse

a peasant
father of Roskva, Thialfi and Uller

When he entertained Thor and Loki who were journeying to Jotunheim, he killed the only two goats he owned to feed them. Thor instructed him to place the bones inside the skins of the animals so that he could restore them to life but Thialfi broke one of the bones and sucked the marrow. The angry god would have killed them all but Egil placated him by giving him both of his children to act as the god’s servants. The restored goat turned out to be lame.

In some accounts he is identified with Orvandil.

Egin (see Egyn)
Egime Mesopotamian
sister and wife of Lil, some say

Egin (see Egyn)
Eginhard European
[Einhard]
son-in-law and secretary to Charlemagne
It was he who recorded the famous exploits of the Emperor and his paladins.

Egis (see aegis)
Eglamour British
a poor knight lover of Crystabel
father of Degrabel

Crystabel’s father, Prinsamour, laid down three tasks that Eglamour must perform before he could marry Crystabel. These involved killing the giant, Marrock, then a wild boar and finally a dragon. Although he accomplished all these tasks, both he and Crystabel were banished because she had borne Eglamour’s son. This boy was stolen by a griffin but was later reunited with his parents.

Eglante (see Bloie)
Eglimi Norse
[Egil,Egin]
king of the Islands
father of Hiodris
father of Svava, some say

Egres Baltic
[Akras]
a Finnish fertility-god, protector of turnips

Egther (see Aegir)

Egungun African
among the Yoruba, carved images of ancestors and gods used in ceremonies: a cult of the dead

Egyn (see Egin,Egin)
one of the cardinal demons (north)

Egyptian Demon (see Vual)

Egyptian Sibyl Greek
a prophetess

Egyptus (see Aegyptus)

Ehngwen British
King Arthur’s hall, built by Glwyddyn

Ehat (see Ahat’)

Ehecatl Central American
[Recatl]
an Aztec creator-god and wind-god an aspect of Quetzalcoatl

He brought the girl Mayahuel from the underworld and mated with her to show mankind the secret of reproduction.

When the guardians of the underworld broke the branch of a tree which sprang up on the site where Ehecatl and Mayahuel mated, the maiden died. From her body grew a magical plant that produced a liquid which acted as a love potion.

He ruled over the second of the five ages of the world which ended when it
was destroyed by storms and men turned into monkeys.

(see also Nahui Ehecatl)

**Ehecatl** Central American
the second of the 20 days of the Aztec month
Symbolising wind and north, the day was governed by Tezcatlipoca.

**Ehecatl-Quetzalcoatl** Central American
an Aztec god
A merging of two gods, supporter of the western corner of the world, ruler of the ninth heaven. He is said to have killed the god Xolotl.

**Ehi** (see Ahät')
**ehi** African
an Edo spirit controlling an individual's destiny
He determines the individual's future in consultation with Osanobua before he is born.

**Ehlon** (see E'Ihi)
**Ehlon** North American
[thunder--Kato Nahai-teo--Sinkyone]
Kyi
a creator-god of some of the tribes in California

**Eliase** African
a guardian spirit which warns the individual of danger

**Ehoni** (see Ejoni)
**Ehan** British
an ancestor of Galahad
son of Nascien
father of Isaiah

**Eibhar** (see Eber)
**Eibhir** Irish
daughter of luna
mother of Oscar by Oisin

**Eibhliu** Irish
[Ecc]
wife of Mairdh
mother of Eochaid mac Maireadha
She eloped with her son, Eochaid, on a horse provided by Angus Og. Where the horse stopped to urinate, a spring appeared and here they built a house. This spring later flooded the area and Eochaid and his family, except his daughter Li Ban, were drowned.
In some accounts, Midir, not Angus Og, provided the horse on which they eloped.

**Eiddig** British
one of the Twenty-four Knights of King Arthur's Court

**Eidirceoel** (see Eterskel)
**Eidoel** British
son of Aër
He had been held in prison by Glini but was handed over to King Arthur to help in the search for Mabon who was needed by Culhwch to assist in his quest for the hand of Olwen.
Another version describes Eidol as a secret prison in Glini.

**eidola** (see eidolon)
**eidolon**
[plural-eidola]
a phantom: spirit apparition: soul

**Eidothea** (see Idiothea)
**Eidya** (see Idiya)

**Eigeat Salach** (see Eigit Salagh)
**Eight Ancestors** African
gods of the Dogon, deified ancestors of the race
These beings were four pairs of twins born to the first man and woman created by Amma.

**Eight Auspicious Signs**

**Eight Deer** Central American
ruler of Tilantongo
When the man appointed as Nine Ollo, a priest of the sun-god, was sacrificed, his ashes were handed to Eight Deer who used them in ceremonial rites revering the sun-god.

**Eight Diagrams** Chinese
[Pa Kua]
a series of signs composed of straight lines
The lines employed in these diagrams, invented by Fu-hsi, are either continuous lines (Yang I) or broken lines (Yin I) representing the Yang (male) and Yin (female) principles. The signs, which are used in divination and as talismans guarding against demons, are listed, together with the elements and animals they represent, as follows:
1. Ch'ien – sky, heaven, horse
2. Chen – thunder, dragon
3. Li – fire, sun, heat, pheasant
4. K'an – lake, rain, moon, pig
5. Ken – mountains, dog
6. K'un – the earth, ox
7. Sun – wind, wood, fowl
8. Tui – sea, water, goat

**Eight Edznab** Central American
the eighth day of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle
On this day the first humans were created. (see also Etznab)

**Eight Fairies** (see Eight Immortals)
**Eight Glorious Symbols** Tibetan
religious symbols in Tibet
These symbols, often seen on some types of prayer-flags, are listed as: Conch-shell trumpet, Golden fish, Lotus, Lucky diagram, Umbrella, Vase, Victorious banner and Wheel.

**Eight Gods** Chinese
the 8 forces revered as controllers of the universe
These entities are Earth, Moon, Seasons, Sky, Sun, War, Yang and Yin.

**Eight Immortals** Chinese
[Eight Fairies.Pa Hsien]
a group of mortals who became Taoist divinities
These personages are listed as:
1. T'ao Kuo-chiu
2. Li Tang-pin
3. Li T'ieh-kuai
4. Han Chung-li
5. Han Hsiang-tru
6. Chang Kuo-lao
7. Lan Ts'ai-ho
8. Ho Hsien-ku
Together they travelled to the undersea world in craft which they made simply by throwing anything they carried into the sea. They fought and defeated the Dragon-king of the Eastern Sea who had captured Lan Kai-ho.

**Eight Imperial Deities** Japanese
a group of Shinto tutelary deities, guardians of the royal household
These deities are given as Ikumusubi, Kamimusubi, Koto-shiro-nushi, Miketsu, Omiya, Takamimemusubi, Tamatsuminusubi and Taramusubi.

**Eight Ordinary Symbols**
(see Eight Precious Things)

**Eight Precious Things** Chinese
[Eight Treasures.Pa Pao]
groups of Taoist symbols appearing as charms
There are several such groups, some of which are:
1. book, coin, leaf, lozenge, mirror, pearl, thincocers horn, stone chime – these are the Eight Ordinary Symbols
2. castanets, drum, fan, flower-basket, flute, gourd, lotus, sword – these are the symbols of the Eight Immortals
3. gall-bladder, heart, intestines, kidney, liver, lungs, spleen, stomach – these are the Eight Precious Organs of Buddha
4. canopy, conch-shell, fish, fan, lotus, mystic knot, umbrella, wheel of the law – these are the Eight Auspicious Signs
5. artemisia leaf, cash, double lozenge (or two books), hollow lozenge, inverted V, pair of horns, pearl, solid lozenge

**Eight Precious Organs of Buddha**
(see Eight Precious Things)
**Eight Terrible Ones**

(see Dharmapala)

guardians of the underworld

They, together with the Eight Ugly Females, chased Izanagi from the underworld.

**Eight Treasures**

(see Eight Precious Things)

female demons

They, together with the Eight Thunders, were sent to chase Izanagi from the underworld.

**Eighteen Lohan**

(see also Arhat, Arhant, Worthies:

Gnas-brtan.Neten


disciples of the Buddha

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**Eighty Myriad Gods**

early deities

All these deities descended to the cave where Amaterasu once hid herself, in an effort to persuade her to come out and restore the light of the sun. Eilig (see Eil, Eirene)

a fertility goddess wife of Sorrogs

Eigyr (see Eiger)

a Welsh form of Igraine

Eihou [Eiger Salach] a lake in New Guinea from which Namora, the first woman, emerged

Eikinsjalldi (see Eigsalaig)

transliterated as Eikthyrnir

Einherjar (see Einheriar)

the warriors of Odin, resident in Valhalla awaiting the final battle, Ragnarok.

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**Einheriar**

(see Einheriar)

Welsh

a shepherd

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**Einon and Olwen**

Welsh

the story in which Einon is said to have married Olwen

**Eir**

Norse

a benevolent house-spirit

**Eirean**

(see Eire)

Irish

a goddess of peace

**Eirene**

Greek

a goddess of peace

**Eirs**

Irish

a fertility-goddess

an aspect of the Triple Goddess

wife of Mac Greine

mother of Lugh by Delbaeth, some say she is the wife of Lug or of Eil, Eira, Erya.

**Eirena**

Burmese

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**Einne**

(see Enda)

Norse

daughter of Loki and Glut

sister of Eta

**Eiron**

Greek

a beneficent house-spirit

When her husband and the other Danaan kings, Mac Cool and Mac Ceacht, were killed by the invading Milesians, she and her sisters said they would give up their kingdoms if their names were given to the land. When they were refused, war broke out between them. Her name, however, did become the name for Ireland.

Some say she is the wife of Lug or of one of Turenn's sons.

**Eireamhoin**

(see Eremhoin)

Irish

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**Eirena**

(see Eire)

Irish

Eira

Irish


one of the Horae, some say daughter of Zeus and Themis

**Eirenus**
[See Eirenn]
a demon associated with the destruction of idols

**Eirikr**
[See Eric.Erik]
**Eirin**
[See Eire.Eirinn]
**Eirinn**
Irish
[See Eirenus]
a demon associated with fruit

**Eisgir Riada**
Irish
[Eisgir Riada]
see Eric.Erik)

**Eisgob**
Irish
[See Eisgir Riada]
the boundary between north and south

This is the line that separated the two halves of Ireland when it was divided between Eber Finn and Eremon or Conn and Eoghan Mor.

**Eisgob Riada**
Irish
[See Eisgir Riada]

**Eisir**
Irish
[See Eisgir Riada]
the bard to King Iubdan

He persuaded the king and his wife to go to Ulster where they were kept as a prisoner for a year. Eisir led an assault by the tiny Faylinn warriors and Iubdan and his wife were released.

**Eistibus**
Irish
one of the 9 Wave-maidens, in some accounts

**Eiswader**
Irish
[See Eiswes]
daughter of Sylfwch and Llwyrdyddwyd

**Eitel**
Irish
[See Eiswes]
son of Atli and Gudrun, brother of Erp

**Eithinoha**
North American
corn-goddess of the Iroquois

Like the Greek Demeter, she searched far and wide for her daughter, Onatah, who had been seized by a god of the underworld and the earth became barren until she found her.

**Eithliu**
Irish
[See Ethlinn.Ethlinn]
daughter of Balor and daughter of Cathaor, king of Leinster

She was fostered with Buichead until she was seen by Cormac mac Airt who carried her off and married her. When Cormac had an affair with Cearnail, Eithne made her a slave grinding corn.

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Ek Chuah

Central American

[Ah-kini.e.Echauc.Ek Ahau.Ekahu.Ekchuah]

Ek Chuah

the Mayan war-god and god of merchants and travellers

He is the black-eyed (or black-skinned) god who carried off the souls of warriors killed in battle.

Eku-Uayayab

Central American

a Mayan deity, guardian of the western gates of the city

Ek Yakimtolsil

North American

a name of Qamaits as ‘fearless’

Eka-Pada

Hindu

a member of a mythical race of one-footed beings

Ekadanta

Hindu

a name for Ganesha as ‘one-toothed’, after the loss of one of his tusks

Ekasaradra

Hindu

a group of 11 forms of Rudra

Ekahu

(see Ek Chuah)

Ekajata

Buddhist

[Akajata.Mahacinatara:=Tibetan]

Raw-gig-ma

a goddess of good fortune, a form of Blue Tara

She is the ruler of the twelve furies known as Tan-ma and is depicted as having three eyes and sometimes twelve heads, bearing a sword, bow and arrows and a skull.

Ekako

(see Ekkeko)

Ekanetra

Hindu

one of the 8 vidyesvaras

Ekarudra

Hindu

one of the 8 vidyesvaras

Ekashringa

Buddhist

[One-horn]

a rishi

When rain made the path slippery, causing him to fall and hurt his foot, Ekashringa used his powers to stop the rain falling, causing a drought. The king employed a courtesan to seduce the sage who then lost his supernatural powers. By dint of even greater asceticism, he later regained his powers.

Ekata

Hindu

brother of Dvita and Trina

He and Dvita tried to kill Trina by pushing him down a well and placing a heavy cover on the well-top. Trina burst through the cover and escaped.

Ekchuah

(see Ek Chuah)

Ekoko

(see Ekkekko)

Ekera

African

the Ethiopian afterworld

Ekhi

(see Ekhi)

Ekhi

(see Set)

Ekhia

European

[Eki]

a Basque god, the sun personified

Originally, Ekhia was one of the three universal principles, the light of the world (the sun). The other two were known as Begia and Egia.

Ekhidna

(see Echidna)

Ekiibi (Eg) bi (Eg) bi

a god of pestilence

Ekimmu

Mesopotamian

a restless Babylonian spirit

Since he could find no rest in the afterworld, he returned to the present one and attached himself to people he knew.

Ekkka

(see Ekkavo)

Ekkapo

South American

[Ekkako.Ekkapo.Eq'eq'o]

a god of good fortune in Bolivia and Peru

He was envisaged as a jovial fat man who carried a never-empty sack of small household goods such as pots and pans. Those rewarded with a gift from his sack became very rich.

Ekkisax

Norse

the name of the sword Ekesax in Thidreksaga

In this version, the sword was owned by Ekka until it was won by Thidrek (Dietrich von Bern).

Ekkono

African

in Ethiopia, a spirit of the dead who can take possession of a mortal

Ekke

[Ago]

an Igbo secret society practising fertility rites

Eksere

Siberian

one of the 2 aspects of the supreme being of the Evenk tribe

In this aspect, the creator acts as guardian of all animals and forests; in his other aspect, as Amaka, he looks after the interests of the people.

Ekkundu

(see Likundu)

Eku

(see E-kur)

Ekkura

Mesopotamian

the Assyrian underworld

Ekutshihmimiyo

North American

the Cheyenne name for the Milky Way regarded as a hanging road

El

Canaanite

El Olam.El Sadday.El(o)ah.Elyon.(Father)
Malcander.Malcondros.Mlk-ab-Ann:
"Greek Cronsus"
the supreme god of the Canaanites

son of El’ebi in some versions

husband of Asherah

father of Adad, Anobret, Atak, Keret and Mot

father of Baal, some say

He and Asherah are said to have over seventy children.

He is depicted as a bull or wearing the horns of a bull.

El

Celtic

an angel

El

Phoenician

god of Byblos

El Betel

Canaanite

a name of El as storm-god

El Bugat

Arabian

[Festival of Weeping Women]

a festival in honour of Adonis

At this festival, women wept and cut off their hair. Those who refused to cut off their hair had to offer themselves to strangers.

El Campeador

(see El Cid)

El Cid

Spanish

Rodrigo Diaz.Rodrigo Vivar.Ruy Diaz]

a Spanish hero

son of Diego Laynez

husband of Ximena

father of Elvira and Sul

When Gomez insulted his father, El Cid killed him. He then went to the court of King Ferdinand but his manner was so haughty that the king banished him. He raised a force of warriors and went off to fight the Moors and, in the first encounter, took five Moorish kings prisoner, forcing them to pay a tribute and foresee war hostilities as the price of their release.

In this fight he won the sword Tizona.

Soon after, he married Ximena, daughter of Gomez, the man he had killed, and the king gave them four cities as a wedding gift.

He was said to have seen a vision of St Lazarus and gave money for the establishment of a leper-house.

Ferdinand was in dispute with Ramiro of Aragon and appointed El Cid as his champion to meet Martin Gonzalez in combat to settle the matter.

In a later battle with the Moors, it was said that his army was led by St James riding a white horse.

He was appointed as champion of Ferdinand to fight the Pope’s champion when Ferdinand refused to submit to the Pope’s authority, and was again victorious.
When Ferdinand died, El Cid served his son, Sancho. One of the sons, Garcia, seized the city of Zamora which had been given to his sister, Urraca, and she sought help from Sancho who sent an army under El Cid to her aid. Both El Cid and Garcia were captured by their opponents but El Cid broke his bonds and escaped, charging into the opposing forces and capturing Alfonso who was helping his brother Garcia.

Sancho then took over the realms of both Garcia and Alfonso, seized Toro from their sister Elvira and laid siege to Zamora. When El Cid failed to persuade Urraca to surrender, Sancho dismissed him but soon called him back to his service.

Sancho was killed during the siege and the throne passed to Alfonso who dismissed El Cid from his service. He went into exile with a small band of followers and waged war against the Moors, capturing two of their strongholds and winning another marvellous sword, Colada. His successes restored him to favour with Alfonso but they quarrelled again and El Cid took his followers to attack Castile, leaving the siege of Toledo, on which he had been engaged, to Alfonso. When Almymon died, the city of Toledo passed to his son, Yahia, and he broke the siege during El Cid’s absence in Castile, whereupon Alfonso recalled El Cid who soon completed the capture of the city.

El Cid then became ruler of Valencia where he settled with his wife and daughters.

When his daughters were ill-treated by the Counts of Carrión whom they had married, El Cid demanded redress and appointed three knights to meet Garcia and his brother. Garcia, father of the Dagda, husband of Dana, some say elaeomancy.

divination from the reflections in the surface of oil

Elagabal (see Elagabalus)
Elagabalus


This deity was worshipped in the form of a conical black stone.

Elagabalus

[Elagabalus=Elegabalus=Greek.Heliogabalos] a 3rd c priest of the god Elagabalus

He took the sacred black stone of the deity to Rome where he became emperor. He was killed with his minions and mother by the Praetorians to put an end to the debauchery of his four-year rule.

Elah

(see El)

Elaine

wife of King Ban

mother of Lancelot

sister of Evaine

Her husband’s kingdom was attacked by Claudas and he left for Britain to seek help from King Arthur, taking his wife Elaine and the infant Lancelot with him. He died of grief when his steward, whom he had left in charge, surrendered to Claudas without a fight. When Lancelot was seized by the Lady of the Lake, Elaine retired to a nunnery.

An alternative story says that Elaine was pregnant when they left their castle and died in childbirth on the shores of a lake. Ban died of grief after wrapping the baby in a blanket. The Lady of the Lake heard the infant’s cries and took it to her underwater home where she reared Lancelot until he reached manhood.

Elaine

[Elaine=Corbenic.Elaine sans Père.

Elayne the Fair]

daughter of King Pelles

mother of Galahad by Lancelot

Her father invited Lancelot to his castle in Carbonek in the hope that he would marry Elaine and produce
Galadad, the only knight worthy of the Holy Grail guarded by Pelles, whose arrival had been prophesied. When Lancelot rejected her advances, Pelles used a potion to deceive Lancelot into thinking that Elaine was Guinevere. Another version says she was trapped in a vat of boiling water by Morgan le Fay and rescued by Lancelot. Dame Brisen, a maid of Elaine, cast a spell on Lancelot who was induced to go to Castle Case to keep an assignation with Guinevere but unwittingly slept with Elaine, who later gave birth to Galadad.

At the great feast held to celebrate Arthur's return from his conquests on the Continent, Dame Brisen played the same trick on Lancelot, deceiving him into sharing Elaine's bed once again. Aghast at what he had done, he went mad, leapt from the window and went mad, leapt from the window and roamed the countryside for two years living like an animal.

She found him again after his period of madness and, when he was restored to health, she lived with him for fifteen years in the castle on Joyous Isle given to them by her father, Pelles.

Elaine  

Elaine  
daughter of Bernard
sister of Lavaine and Tirre

When Lancelot stayed at Bernard's castle en route for a major tournament, she fell in love with him and, although he wore her favour in the tournament, of which he was the anonymous champion, he refused her offer to become either her husband or her lover. She pined away and died of unrequited love, and, on her instructions, her body was placed in a black-covered barge and steered by a boatman down to Westminster where it was found by King Arthur who ordered Lancelot to give the maid an honourable burial.

Elaine  

daughter of Morgan le Fay
half-sister of King Arthur
wife of King Nanters of Garlot
mother of Galachin

daughter of Sir Bors

Her mother was the daughter of King Brandegoris who was seduced by Bors.
When Elder Brother took Younger Brother's wife as his own, the head plotted to kill them but a bird warned them of the plan and they ran away, followed by the head rolling after them and yelling loudly. A mudwasp turned the woman into a man and the head chose the wrong one, taking the new 'man' to hunt. When they came to a river they swam across but the new man sang a chant which caused the head to be trapped for ever under water. 'He then returned to her proper female form and, when she became pregnant, put her children inside a cane and carried it with her. She later released them and they became the ancestors of the tribe.

**Elder Brother**

a culture-hero of the Pima

He and Younger Brother completed human beings by cutting an opening in the face so that they could eat and another in the back so that they could defecate and by separating their webbed fingers and toes and removing the horns and tails.

He is involved in many tales of creation and the destruction of evil in which he dies and is revivified.

**Elder Edda**

[see also Elde]

[Count Eldol]

an ally of Ambrosius

In the battle against the invading Saxons, he killed their leader, Hengist.

**Eldoro**

[see El Dorado]

**Eleanor**

Irish

a lady in love with Cearbhall

She fell in love with the poet Cearbhall but her father would not sanction their marriage. Cearbhall used his magic to put to sleep all the guests at her wedding to another man and they eloped. Some say that they went overseas and that, when Cearbhall was killed in an accident, Eleanor died of grief.

A similar story is told of Cearbhall and Fearbhlaith.

elecampane

a flower said to have sprung from the tears of Helen of Troy

In some versions, this plant was said to heal wounds and confer immortality.

**Electra**

[amber.Elektra.Laodice]

daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra

sister of Chrysothemis, Iphigenia and Orestes

wife of Pylades mother of Medon and Strophius

When her father was murdered by her mother and Aegisthus, her lover during Agamemnon's absence at the siege of Troy, Electra incited Orestes to kill them in revenge. She was condemned to death for her part in the affair.

In some accounts, she was originally called Laodice.

**Electra**

[amber.Elektro.Laodice]

daughter of Oceanus and Tethys

mother of the Harpies and Iris by Thaumas in some versions

It is said of this Electra that her tears turned to drops of amber.

**Electra**

[amber.Elektro]

one of the Pleaides daughter of Atlas and Pleione mother of Dardanus and Iasion by Zeus

Some say that she married Corythus.

In some accounts she is the invisible star in the constellation, having left because she could not bear to look down on the ruins of Troy. Others say that the missing star is Merope or Sterope.

**Electra**

[amber.Elektra] an attendant on Helen

**Electra**

[amber.Elektra] Greek

a play by Euripides

**Electryon**

Greek

king of Mycenae son of Perseus and Andromeda brother of Sthenius husband of Anaxo father of Alcmene

His eight real sons (or six in some versions) were killed by cattle-raisers but Lycimnus, an illegitimate son by his concubine Midea, survived and avenged their deaths by conquering the raiders' lands.

Electryon was accidentally killed when a club thrown by Amphitryon rebounded off the horn of a cow and struck him.

**Eleda**

(see ori)

Eledaa

a name of Olodumare as ‘creator’

**Ele’ele**

[see Ele’ele]

the first woman, in the lore of Samoa wife of fetu

elefo

African

a magic bell used by Itonde to predict the future and foretell death

The sound of the bell is capable of killing humans.

**Elegabalus**

(see Elagabalus)

Elegant

North American an Algonquin brave

When the maiden, Handsome, rejected his love, Elegant made a snowman, dressed it in the finest clothes and feathers and gave it life, calling it Moowis. The girl fell in love with Moowis and accompanied him when he left on a long journey. As the days grew warmer, Moowis melted in the sun and the girl was left with nothing but a heap of feathers.

**Elegba**

(see Legba)

**Elegbara**

(see Legba)

**Elegeia**

Greek

a goddess of elegiac poetry, some say

**Eleio**

Pacific Islands

a Hawaiian magician husband of Aula
He was a kahuna, able to see spirits invisible to others and to restore the dead. He followed a beautiful girl to a tower on a hilltop where she vanished. Inside the tower, he found the body of the girl. Eleio invoked the spirit to appear once more and then seized it, forcing it back into the body of the dead girl whose name was Aula. When she was restored to life, she married her saviour.

Elek South American
demon of disease and storms in Argentina

Elektra (see Electra)
central
[elementary spirit]
a nature-spirit
These spirits are the guardians of the four elements, air, earth, fire and water. In some accounts, they are given identities, those of air being undines. Some say that elementals are given identities, those of air being water. In some accounts, they are these spirits are the guardians of the four elements, air, earth, fire and water. In some accounts, they are given identities, those of air being undines. Some say that elementals are given identities, those of air being water. In some accounts, they are personifications of the elements:

- **Air** (crescent, east): Disembodied spirits, often malevolent.
- **Earth** (square, middle): Elemental powers: the worship of elemental spirits.
- **Fire** (triangle, south): Elemental elements.
- **Water** (crescent, east): The basic elements of which the universe is made.

The Buddhist list of elements with associated symbols and spheres of influence has:
- **Air** (crescent, east)
- **Earth** (square, middle)
- **Ether** (jewel of the lotus, west)
- **Fire** (triangle, south)
- **Water** (circle, north)

The Chinese recognised five elements.

These are listed with their associated attributes:
- **Earth** (yellow, centre)
- **Fire** (heat, summer, south)
- **Metal** (autumn, west)
- **Water** (cold, winter, darkness, north)
- **Wood** (spring, east)

Mediaeval science recognised four elements – air, earth, fire and water. Other accounts assume a fifth element, the Quintessence, which is invisible but has the role of unifying the other four. All five were said to be ruled by elementals. Modern science recognises over 100 elements, some of them man-made.

**Elemii**
*a name of Olodumare as he who owns life*

**Elen** 
[Ellen] Lwyddog, Ellen Lwyddog, Ellen Lwyddawg, Helen-of-the-Hosts
dagger of Eudaf
sister of Cynan and Gadeon
wife of Macsen
mother of Antonius, Cystennen, Demetus, Leo, Owain, Plebig and Sevira

She and her husband, a Roman, led an army to recapture Rome from a usurping emperor. After her husband’s death she returned to Wales, devoted her life to promoting Christian works, and her children became the progenitors of the royal dynasty.

In some accounts, she is the daughter of Octavius and Macsen left to conquer Armorica and Rome and never returned. In some accounts, Ellen is the wife of Merlin and the same as Helen, daughter of Coel.

**Eleos** (see Misericordia)

**elephant**

the largest of the land animals with large ears and a long trunk

1. In China, the elephant (chia yen) is a sacred animal and one of the Seven Treasures of Buddhism. It is often regarded as a previous incarnation of the Buddha, it is sometimes said that a white elephant announced the Buddha’s birth. The elephant Hsang is said to carry the sacred jewel of the law, and the rat, Hua-hu Tiao, when released from Mi-lo Shou’s bag, became a flying elephant.

2. In Hindu tradition, this beast is the vehicle of Indra. In the Mahabharata, the elephant was the eleventh thing to be produced at the Churning of the Ocean. Other versions of its origins say that the elephant was created from the shavings removed on a lathe from the body of Surya, by Vishvakarma, to reduce the sun-god’s overpowering brightness.

Yet another version says that Brahma sang over the two halves of an eggshell and Airavata, an elephant used by Indra as transport, emerged from the half-shell in the god’s right hand, followed by seven more, all males. Next came eight female elephants from the other half-shell. These sixteen elephants, which support the world at cardinal and intermediate points, were the ancestors of all elephants.

In the early days, they had wings and could fly but they lost this special ability when they disturbed the teaching of an ascetic who cursed them.

In some accounts, an elephant standing on the back of a tortoise supports the earth.

**elephant-tiger**

a mythical animal, an elephant with a tiger’s head

**Elephantine Triad**

the god Khnum and the goddesses Anuket and Sati

**Elphomenor**

Greek
leader of the Abantes at Troy son of Chalcidon by Imerarate

He went into exile for the accidental killing of his grandfather, Abas. In some accounts, he survived the Trojan war but others say that he was killed at Troy by Agenor.

**Elergia**

British
da witch

In the Italian story, Tavola Ritonda, she trapped King Arthur in a prison but he was rescued by Lancelot or Tristram.

**Eluned** (see Eluned)

**Elusionia**

Greek
a procession and games held every 2 years in honour of Demeter

**Elusinian mysteries**

Greek
the mysterious rites used at festivals in honour of Demeter

**Eleyusis**

Greek
corn-deity son of Calypso by Ogyges or Hermes

**Eleyusis**

Greek
a name for Dionysus taking over as corn-god

**Eleuthera**

Greek
[Eleuthyrta] a name for Ilithyia in Crete

**Eleutherios**

Greek
[‘liberator’] an epiteth of Dionysus, Eros and Zeus

**Eleuthria** (see Eleuthera)

**Eleuthyra** (see Eleuthera)

**Eleven Imix**

Central American
the eleventh of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle
On this day stones and trees were created. (see also Imix)

Eleven Mighty Helpers Mesopotamian
the group of demons enlisted by
tiamat to help her against marduk
These beings, armed with thunderbolts
and led by kingu, included fish man,
 goat fish, great lion, ravening dog,
scorpion man, shining snake, storm winds and viper.

Elf[1] British
[plur=elves]
a diminutive supernatural being; a malignant fairy (see also elves)

Elf[2] British
[alf, Alv]
a king of fairyland
father of elfin

Elf[3] Norse
[elb]
a water-sprite

Elf[4] Norse
[Helferich, Helfrat, Hialpret, Hjalpret]
king of the Vikings
husband of hiordis and thora
He married hiordis after the death of sigmund and, when her son sigurd was born, raised him as his own son.
He married thora when hiordis died.

elf-dance
a tune to which fairies dance
Any mortal playing the tune would be unable to stop until he died exhausted and those dancing to the music were obliged to continue until the music stopped.

elf-locks
haired hair in the tail or mane of a horse
It is said that these tangled knots are made by the fairies who ride the horses during the night.

elf-shot
[=Irish poc side]
a prehistoric stone arrow-head
This artefact is said to have been used by the elves.
The name also refers to the illness caused by such a weapon.

Elfant British
a king of fairyland

Elfar British
a king of fairyland

He was said to have killed two giants.

Elferon
son of elfideos
brother of oberon

Elfeta British
wife of cambuscan
mother of algarsife, canabel and canace

Elfín
(see Elfin, Elphin)

Elfhame
(see Alfheim)

Elfheim
(see Alfheim)

Elfideos British
a king of fairyland
father of elferon

Elflíne British
a king of fairyland

Elin British
[elín]
a king of fairyland
son of elf

Elfinan British
a king of fairyland

Elfinell British
a king of fairyland

Elfinor British
a king of fairyland

Elfland British
in scottish lore, the land of the fairies to which elin was abducted

Eli British
one of king arthur’s chief huntsmen

Eli Adfer
father of rheiddwn

Eliabel European
[elabella]
in the italian version of the tristram and isolda story, she is cousin of king arthur and mother of tristram
(see also elizabeth)

Eliabella
(see Eliabel)

Elias[1] European
[helias, helyas]
the name taken by the swan knight when he was baptised

Elias[2] Serbian
[Elijah, Thunderer]
a saint
Brother of oynyna maria
It is said that the thunder-god, pereo, was incarnate in the person of this saint who could control thunder and lightning.

Elias[3]
(see Ylias)

Eliaures British
[elavres]
a wizard
father of cardoc by ysenne
He had an affair with ysenne, wife of the king of vannes, and fathered a son, cardoc. He later caused a snake to be attached to cardoc’s arm, sucking his blood, a situation from which he was saved by his friend, cador. Eliaures put a spell on the king, causing him to mate with a bitch, a mare and a sow, so that he could sleep with ysenne. When the king discovered the truth, he put the same spell on eliaures who fathered guinalot on the bitch,

Elfin British
(see Elfin, Elphiun)

Elfliamh (see Alfheim)

Elflheim (see Alfheim)

Elfindos British
a king of fairyland
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Lorigal on the mare and tortain on the sow.

Elivres (see Eliaures)

Eliazan (see Eliazar)

Eliazar British
[Eliazan, Flyeyer] son of king pelles

When Bors, galahad and percival arrived at castle carbonek, eliazar brought in the broken grail sword which was repaired by galahad after Bors and Percival had tried to mend it and failed. (see also Eliezer)

Elibaal Phoenician
a god of byblos

Eliusus (see Jupiter)

Eldor British
[Elidorus] a monk
As a boy, he played truant from school and hid in the woods. He found a route to the underground world of the dwarfs. Passing through a narrow passage, he found himself in a land of miniature mortals and returned to visit them often. He played ball with the son of the king, using golden balls which might have been the golden apples of the gods. When he stole some of their gold they took it from him and he was never again able to find the way to their realm.

Elidure British
a king of Britain
brother of arthgallo
He became king when his brother was deposed by rebellion. When he later found his brother in poverty, he pretended to be ill and gave the throne back to arthgallo.

Elidurus (see Elidor)

Eliezer British
son of Evelake
brother of Grimal (see also Eliazar)

Elifri British
[Elirhi]
King arthur’s head groom

Eligor (see Abigor)

Elia (see Elias’s)

Elil Mesopotamian
a name for Enlil in Babylonian lore
(see also Enlil)

Elin Hebrew
the lower order of gods below the eloahim: a demon

Elimiel Hebrew
the Intelligence governing the moon

Elinus British
a king of Scotland
husband of Pressina
father of melior, melisabde and planta
He married the fairy, Pressina, on condition that he never saw her in the lying-in chamber. When he broke his promise, she left him and returned to her home in Avalon. Melusine later shut up Elinus in a mountain and for this she was turned into a snake below her waist by her own mother.

**Eliot**

a minstrel

He sang before King Mark a lay composed by Dinadan accusing Mark of treason.

**Eliot, Thomas Stearns**

(1888–1965)

a poet

The Notes to his poem *The Waste Land* refer to its connection with the Grail legends.

**Eloun**

[=Greek Hypsistus]

an early god

consort of Berouth, some say father of Ouranus and Gea

**Eliphamasai**

a demon

**Elis**

an uncle (or cousin) of King Arthur

**Eliseg**

son of Guillaume

father of Brochmael

**Elisena**

(see Elizena)

a goddess

**Elissa**

the name of Dido when living at Tyre

**Elissent**

[Adelis]

sister of Berte

wife of Charles Martel

She and her sister were due to marry Girart and Charles Martel but Charles preferred Elissent and took her as his wife, giving Berte to Girart. She searched for him in the forest and was captured by highwaymen or, some say, spirited away by an enchantress. She was loved by Tannhauser but he became infatuated with the witch of Venusberg. When he left the witch and returned to Elizabeth, he was rejected by his fellows and, to seek forgiveness, he made a pilgrimage to Rome. Elizabeth died of grief while he was away.

**Elizabeth**

sister of King Mark

wife of Meliad and mother of Tristram, in some accounts

When she was pregnant, her husband was captured by highwaymen or, some say, spirited away by an enchantress. She searched for him in the forest and died giving birth to Tristram. (see also Blanchefleur.Eliabel)

**Elizabeth**

German
daughter of the king of Thuringia

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**Elizena**

European
daughter of Garinter

wife of Perion

mother of Amadis, Florestan and Galoar

She bore Amadis secretly before she married and cast the boy adrift in a boat. She later married Perion and had two more children, Florestan and Galoar.

**Eljon**

Mesopotamian

a Syrian deity

**Elk Dog**

(see Pono-Kamita)

**Elkmar**

(see Elcmar)

**Elkunirsa**

Canaanite

a creator-god

consort of Asertu

**Ella**

Norse

a king of Northumberland

His kingdom was invaded by Ragnar Lodbrok who was captured in the fighting. When he refused even to give his name, Ella had Ragnar thrown into a pit full of snakes. He was saved by the magic shirt his mother had made but Ella soon realised what was happening and had the shirt stripped from his prisoner. Ragnar soon died from snake-bites.

Ragnar’s sons mounted another attack to avenge their father but Ella’s forces destroyed most of the invaders. He accepted the surrender of the survivors and gave them land on which they built a fortress which, it is said, became the city of London. Ivar stayed on and gradually attracted the support of the people who eventually rose against the king who was captured and killed on a stone altar.

Some say that Ragnar’s son carved an eagle on Ella’s chest in revenge.

**Ellaiyamman**

(see Ellaman)

**Ellia**

South American

culture-hero in Patagonia

To save Ellia from being eaten by his father, a rat gave him shelter in his hole. He was once swallowed by a monster and escaped by changing himself into a fly and stinging the demon.

He is credited with the invention of the bow and arrow and, having instructed the tribes in the use of this weapon, flew to heaven on a swan.

**Ellia**

South American

in the lore of Patagonia, a spirit, evil personified

**Ellaman**

Hindu

a Tamil goddess of boundaries

one of the navasaktis

**Ellan Sheeant**

Irish

[Ellan Vannin.Island of the Ocean God.

Mannin]

the Isle of Man
In those accounts that give Man as the island home of Manannan, it is said that he could make the island invisible to mortals with a wall of mist.

**Ellan Vannin** *(see Ellan Sheeant)*

**Elle folk** *German*

a race of tiny people living in mounds or in elder trees

These people are reputed to be the offspring of Adam and Lilith. The males look like little old men while the females appear as beautiful but hollow dancers.

**Elle Woman** *European*

[Hyldemoer]
a Danish elder-tree spirit

**Ellel** *Mesopotamian*

a Hittite creator-god

**Ellen** *British*

[Bard Ellen]
in Scottish lore, a daughter of King Arthur

sister of Roland

She was carried off to Elfland by the fairies but rescued by her brother Roland who defeated the king of Elfland.

**Ellerkonge** *Danish*

[-German Erl-king,Erlkonig]

the elder-king who abducted children to the Otherworld

**Eli** *Norse*

[*'age']
a giant crane

She appeared as the old nurse of Utgard-Loki and defeated Thor in a wrestling match when the god journeyed to Jutonheim.

**Ellida** *Norse*

a magic dragon-ship

This vessel was given by Aegir to Viking in return for some service. It was stolen from him but later recovered by his eldest son, Thorsten, who used it for his voyages to Orkney.

**Ellil** *Canaanite*

son of Keret

**Ellil1** *Mesopotamian*

a Hurrian god of floods and storms

In some accounts, Ellil is given as a Sumerian god, son of Anu.

*(see also Ellil.Kumarbi)*

**Elliyll** *Welsh*

[plur=ellyllon]
a small fairy or elf

In some accounts, ellyllon are fiends or ghosts, the souls of druids which are destined to roam the earth until the day of judgement.

**Elliyllon** *(see ellyll)*

**ellylw** *Welsh*

daughter of Neol

She was said to have lived for three generations.

**Elma** *(see Embla)*

**Elob** *(see El.Tipherath)*

**Elloai**
a primeval being of the Gnostics, ruler of one of the 7 heavens, one of the 7 androgynous beings, offspring of Yaldabaoth

**Ello** *(see Tipherath)*

**Elloko** *(see Biloko)*

**Elom** *Hebrew*


Jarih

the moon or moon-god

**(see also Yahweh)**

**Elomnia**
a demon

**Elpener1** *Greek*

a young sailor with Odysseus

He was one of those turned into swine by Circe but was restored by Odysseus. He fell into a drunken sleep on the battlements of Circe’s palace and fell to his death.

**Elpener2** *Greek*

son of Chalcodon and Imenarete

He sheltered the children of Theseus when they were removed from Athens during the disorders following the return of Theseus from Tartarus.

**Elphin** *Welsh*

[Elfina]

a prince

son of Gwyddno Garanhirtan

He and his father found the baby thrown into the sea by Ceridwen and raised him as Taliesin. He foolishly boasted that his wife was more virtuous than any woman of King Maelgwn’s court and that he had the most skilful bard and he was imprisoned by Maelgwn, his uncle, until he could prove his assertions. Rhun was sent to test the virtue of Elphin’s wife but she exchanged places with her maid. When Taliesin was brought to the court he put a spell on the other bards so that they could not sing properly while his own efforts unlocked the chains that bound Elphin and raised a storm that shook the castle.

Another version includes Elphin’s horses which raced those of Maelgwn and won. They dug at the point where the winning rider threw down his cap and found a huge pot of gold.

In some accounts, this story has King Arthur instead of Maelgwn.

**Elpis** *Greek*

[‘hope’]
a goddess

mother of Pheme

**Elsa** *German*

[Else]
a princess of Brabant

sister of Gottfried

wife of Lohengrin

Ortrud, wife of Frederick who was Elsa’s foster-father, changed Gottfried into a swan and Elsa was accused by Frederick of having murdered her brother.

Lohengrin arrived on a swan, defeated Frederick in single combat and rescued her. She married him without knowing his name but, prompted by Ortrud, demanded to know who he was. Having satisfied her curiosity, he left her but, before leaving, he restored her brother to human form.

**Elsan** *German*

an elderly retainer of Dietrich von Bern

Elsan was left in charge of Dietrich’s youngest brother, Diether, and the two sons of Etzel, Orte and Sharpfe, when Dietrich rode into battle. He allowed the boys to go riding and they were all killed by the traitor, Wittich.

**Else1** *Norse*

a lover of Aager

Her dead lover spoke to her from his coffin, asking her to smile so that her tears would become roses instead of drops of blood.

**Else2** *(see Elsa)*

**Elthan** *(see Elatha)*

**Elucidation** *British*

a prologue to *Le Conte de Graal*

**Eluned** *British*

[Eluned]

owner of a magic ring

This ring, Modrwy Eluned, conferred invisibility on the wearer and became one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

**Elusion** *(see Elysium)*

**Elva** *Irish*

[El(h)la,Elb(h)sa]

daughter of Cathbad and Maga

wife of Usna

mother of Ardán, Aínlé and Naisí

**Elves** *Norse*

[Alfar,Alvor,Dockafar,Huldrafolk.

kobolds–Icelandic Huðlu]

beings created from the maggots
breeding in the flesh of the dead Ymir. The black elves were the dwarfs living in Svartalfheim, the light elves (Liosalfar) were the fairies living in Alheim.

In some accounts they are the same as the Dwarfs; in others, they are separate beings. (see also Dwarfs)

**Elves of Light** North American fairies created by Glooskap, in the lore of the Algonquin.

**Elvidner** Norse

Nifheim or the hall of Hel in Nifheim

**Elvira** Spanish

[Dona Elvira]

daughter of Ferdinand

sister of Alfonso, Garcia, Sancho and Urraca

On her father’s death, she was given the city of Toro which was later seized by her brother, Sancho.

**Elvira** Spanish

[Dona Elvira]

daughter of El Cid and Ximena

sister of Sul

She and her sister married the Counts of Carrion. When their husbands illustrated them, El Cid demanded satisfaction. The girls later married the princes of Navarre and Aragon.

**Elwe’kyen** Siberian

[Nonakavya. Wild Reindeer Buck]

the Koryak name for the Great Bear constellation, Usa Major

Ursa Major

The Koryaks say that the creator obtained reindeer for his people from this constellation.

**Elyadus** British

a king of Sicily

father of Floriant

He was killed by his steward, Marazg.

**Elyan** British

[Helian the White]

a Knight of the Round Table

son of Bors

His mother was a daughter of Brandegore and he became Emperor of Constantinople.

**Elyas** British

[Hermit King]

an uncle of Percival

**Elyezer** (see Eliazar)

**Elymus** Greek

a Sicilian

He was a friend of Aegistas and fought alongside him against the Greeks at Troy.

**Elysian Fields** (see Elysium)

Elysium Greek


a pleasant island, part of Tartarus: the home of the immortals

Originally the home of the gods, later the home of heroes, this paradise was variously said to lie in the western ocean, at the western edge of the world, somewhere suspended in the air, in the sun, in the underworld, in islands off the coast of Africa or somewhere in Italy.

**Elyzabel** British
cousin of Guinevere

When she was accused of spying and put in prison by Claudas, King Arthur went to war with Claudas and rescued her.

**ema** Japanese

offerings to the gods in the form of horse pictures

**emadloti** African

Swazi ancestors who can influence their descendants

**Emain Abhlag** (see Emain Ablach)

**Emain Ablach** Irish

[Em(h)ain Abhlach. Emain of the Apple Trees. Island of Apple Trees. Western Paradise ≈ British Avalon]

an earthly paradise ruled by Manannan which was sought by Bran on his voyage

Some accounts equate it with the Isle of Arran.

(see also Ablach)

**Emain Macha** Irish

[Emhain Mhacha. Emain of the Apple Trees. Western Paradise]

a fortress-city, the seat of the kings of Ulster

Macha captured the five sons of Dirthorha when she killed their father and took the throne of Ulster, forcing them to build the walls of the city. This was the site of the episode in which fifty naked women cooled Cuchulainn’s battle-lust with vats of cold water.

The site was called Emain Macha (twins of Macha) after the children born to Macha when she defeated the swiftest horses of the king in a race.

**Emain of the Apple Trees** (see Emain Ablach)

**Emakong** East Indian

in the lore of New Britain, a spirit which brings birds, crickets, fire and night from the underworld

**emandwa** African

tribal spirits of the Ankore

**Emathion** Greek

son of Tithonius and Eos, brother of Memnon

In some accounts, he was king of Arabia or Egypt and was killed by Heracles when Emathion tried to prevent him from taking the Apples of the Hesperides on his eleventh Labour.

In other versions, the son of Titthonus and the king killed by Heracles are separate individuals.

**Emaylan** African

a name of En-kai as ‘he who blesses’

**Embla** Norse

[Elma. Emola. Elyas]

the first woman, made by Odin from an elm tree

consort of Ask

**Embroiler, The** (see Iddawg)

**Emelai** (see Mount Emei)

**Emelihin** African

a creator god of the Tuareg

**Emelye** (see Emily)

**Eme’mut**

a Koryak spirit

son of Quikinnam and Miti

husband of Fox Woman, some say

When his wife was abducted, he threw an arrow into the fire to open the road to the underworld. Here he found his wife and, when they returned to the upper world, he removed the arrow, so closing the road back.

In another story, his wife was Fox Woman and, when a lodger in their house remarked on her foxy odour, she ran away.

**Emen** (see Kekui)

**Emenet** (see Kekui)

**Emer** Irish

[Emhearn]

daughter of Forgall Manach

sister of Fial

wife of Cuchulainn

Forgall refused to allow his daughter to marry Cuchulainn until he had trained as a warrior. When he had completed his training, Cuchulainn raided Forgall’s castle and burned it to the ground, killing Forgall and abducting Emer who became his wife.

One story relates how she eloped with a prince of Norway, Tuir Gleasta, but Cuchulainn tracked them down, killed the prince and rescued Emer.

She fell dead after delivering a lament at the hero’s death.

**emerald**

a precious stone said to guard against evil spirits

**Emerald Buddha** Buddhist

a statue of the Buddha said to have been made by Nagasena using magical powers
Emerald Tablet

a book of the art of making gold.
The alchemists say that this book was
written by Hermes and, in some accounts, was found on Mount Hebron by Abraham’s wife, Sarah.

Emerald Tablet

(see Luah)

Emes

Mesopotamian

[Emesh]
a Sumerian god of vegetation

Emesh

(see Esme)

Emhain Abhlaich

(see Emain Abhlaich)

Emhain Mhacha

(see Emain Macha)

emi

African

Emes

(see Emain)
in the lore of the Yoruba, one of the 3
spirits in each individual – the vital
force of breath

Emily

Greek

daughter or sister-in-law of Duke
Theseus
sister of Ypoltia

Both Arcite and Palamon were in love
with her and fought a duel for her hand.
Arcite won but, on his way to claim his prize, he fell from his horse
and died. She later married Palamon.

Emisiwaddo

South American

a goddess of the Arawak
wife of Kururumany

emizimu

African

family spirits of the Ankore

Emma

European

wife of Otho
mother of Tancred

Emma

(see Emma-O)

Emma-ho

(see Emma-O)

Emma-O

Japanese

[Emma-ho.Emma- (Sama).Yemna-Ja]=Hebrew Lila
[Emma-O]=Chinese Yin Wang=Hindu Yama=Pacific Yama-Raja

a Buddha god of death, lord of hell

He is the ruler of Yomi-tsu-ku and
has a magic mirror which detects sin
but he judges men only.

(see also Emma-ten)

Emma-Sama

(see Emma-O)

Emma-ten

Japanese

[Emmanmanc-Buddhist Yamadeva]=
an underworld deity associated with
Emma-O

In some accounts he is the same as
Emma-O.

Emmaten

(see Emma-ten)

Emmei

Japanese

an aspect of Jizo

Emme

Japanese

a blind girl in the opera King Arthur
daughter of Conon

She had been promised to King Arthur
who rescued her when she was abducted
by Oswald. Merlin restored her sight.

Emmer

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian grain-goddess

Emme

Irish

a hero of the voyage to many strange
places with Lochan and Silvester

Emola

(see Embla)

Emolpus

(see Emolpus)

Emmune

a demon

Empedocles

Greek

a 5th c philosopher of Sicily
He claimed to have become a god and
entered the volcano, Etne, as proof.
The volcano is said to have ejected one
of his slippers.

Emperor Kuan

(see Kuan Ti)

Emperor of the Centre

(see Hun-tun)

Emperor of the Eastern Peak

Chinese

head of a heavenly ministry
His ministry was said to comprise over
seventy departments which judged
animals and men, controlling the parts
they played and the length of their
various incarnations.

Emperor of the Northern Seas

(see Hu)

Emperor of the Southern Seas

(see Shu)

Empousa

(see Empusa)

Empress of Heaven

(see T’ien Hou)

Empress of the Sea

Hindu

a name for Lakshmi as protector of
fishermen

Empung Luminu’ut

(see Luminu’ut)

Empusa

Greek

[Demon of Midnight.Empusa-plur
=Empusa=Hebrew Lilin]
a demon

daughter of Hecate

In some accounts these demons were
said to have two legs, one made of
brass, the other the leg of an ass, and
could adopt many forms. Some say
that they were composed of parts of a
cow, a dog, a mule and a woman.
Having taken the form of a woman,
they would sleep with men, sapping
their strength until they died, and then
eating them. If they were verbally
assailed, they fled.

The Lamia is one of the Empusae,
in some accounts.

Empusa

Greek

a name for Hecate in some accounts

Empusa

a vampire or spectre

Empyrean

Greek

according to Ptolemy, the highest of
the 5 heavens, home of the gods

Empyrean

divination from the behaviour of
various things placed on a fire

(see also pyromancy)

Emrys

Welsh

Myrdin]
a Welsh name for Merlin

In some accounts, a sun-god.

Emrys

(see also Lailoken)

Emurron

African

a medicine-man in Uganda

Emushta

Hindu

a black bear which raised the earth on
its tusk

En

Balkan

an Illyrian god later demoted to the
status of a demon

En-kai

African

supreme god and rain-god of
the Masai

En mac Ethomain

Irish

a poet at the court at Tara

En-Mersi

(see Ningirsu)

En-no-ozuna

Japanese

a hermit

He was a magician who could even
cause bridges to be built by his magic.

En-we-dur-an-ki

Mesopotamian

a high-priest of Samas

En-zu

(see Nanna)

Enalus

Greek

a man saved from drowning by
a dolphin

Enaratta

(see Enarete)

Enarete

Greek

[Enaratta]=wife of Aeolus

mother of Aelyone, Athamas, Calyce,
Canace, Cleobule, Cretheus, Deion,
Macareus, Magnes, Pereires, Perimele,
Peisidice, Salmine and Sisyphus

Enariae

Roman

dog-priests

Enbarr

(see Aonbharr)

Enbharr

(see Aonbharr)

Enbilulu

Mesopotamian

[Enkimdu=Babylonian Ennugi]

the Sumerian god of canals and rivers
In some accounts, he is equated with Enkimdu.

**Enceladus**

*Greek*

['buzzer']

one of the Earthborn Giants

son of Uranus

son of Tartarus, some say

He was killed by Athene during the battle between the Giants and the gods. She threw a rock which crushed him and he became the island of Sicily.

In another story it was Zeus who defeated him and chained him under him and he became the island of Sicily.

**Encheirogastes**

*Greek*

those Cyclops who worked for a living

Some of them built the walls of Mycenae, Tiryns, etc.

**end of the world**

- **Hindus**
  
  At the end of the present cycle, Vishnu's tenth and final avatar, Kalki, will appear as a winged white horse. He will destroy evil in a final battle, preparing the world for the next cycle of existence.

- **Norse**
  
  In the final battle, Ragnarok, the gods were destined to be defeated by the forces of evil led by Loki. After a winter of exceptional severity that lasted three years (seven in some accounts), known as the Fimbul winter, the Midgard serpent came out of the sea breathing out poisons and causing great floods; the wolves Hati, Managarm and Skoll finally swallowed the sun and the moon; Garth, Fenris and Loki broke their bonds; the dragon Nidhogg finally ate through the roots of Yggdrasil; the cockerel crew and Heimdall blew his horn to warn the gods that the end was approaching.

- **Persian**
  
  The early version says that the forces of good will overcome evil and the original cosmic god, Rapihwin or Saoshyant, will supervise the world's regeneration.

  In the later, Zoroastrian, version the saviour Saoshyant will supervise the final triumph of good when all demons, except Ahriman and Az, who will be confined to hell, will be killed, men will be resurrected and reunited with their souls, the universe will revert to its original pure state and evil will be gone forever.

- **South American**
  
  Many tribes say that the world will be destroyed by fire caused by demons, a spark from the sky, or by part of the moon (seven in some accounts), known as the Fimbul winter, the Midgard serpent after he had gone forever.

  They were reinforced by the forces of evil led by Loki. He planned with Kesa to kill her husband so that he could marry her himself, threatening to kill her family if she refused to help. She gave him access to her husband's room and Endelienta brought him back to life.

  **Endelienta**

  *British*

  a saint

  mother of Peleus and Telamon

  Endelienta brought him back to life.

  **Endenros**

  *Greek*

  a name of Dionysus as 'the one in the tree'

  **Enlil**

  (see Dylan')

  *Mesopotamian*

  desert, the symbol of the underworld

  **Endless One**

  (see Ananta)

  **Endo Morito**

  *Japanese*

  a warrior

  He planned with Kesa to kill her husband so that he could marry her himself, threatening to kill her family if she refused to help. She gave him access to her husband's room and Endo cut off the head of the sleeping Endelienta, banished by Aeacus.

  **Endo**

  *Irish*

  a saint

  son of Aoibhfhinn and Conall Dearg brother of Fanchea

  When he was given land for a monastery on the island of Inishmore and had no boat in which to reach it, he and his followers were transported there by a rock which floated. He drove the horses of Corban, the local chieftain, over the tops of the waves to convince him that he should accept Christianity.

  **Enda Semangko**

  *East Indian*

  a Papuan goddess: a powerful ghost

  **Endis**

  *Greek*

  daughter of Sciron or of Chiron and Charido

  wife of Aeacus

  mother of Peleus and Telamon

  Her sons killed Phocus who was the son of Aeacus by Psamathie and she aided and abetted them. They were banished by Aeacus.

  **Endilla**

  (see Vahine Nautaha)

  again to rule a regenerated world.

  **Endouellicus**

  a Portuguese god of healing

  and Thor drowned in the poison of the Midgard serpent after he had killed it. Vidar, arriving late, put his one large foot on the bottom jaw of Fenris and, taking the top jaw in his hands, pulled the wolf apart. Sutr then set the world on fire with his flaming sword and the earth sank beneath the waves.

  A man, Lif, and a woman, Liflhraisir, sheltering either under Yggdrasil or in the forest of Mimir survived ready to repopulate the world. The gods Vali and Vidar, as predicted, also survived as did Magni and Modi who recovered Thor's hammer from the ashes. Balder, reconciled with Hoder, rose again to rule a regenerated world.

  - **North American**
    
    (1) The Cheyenne say that the whole world is supported on a huge pole. A beaver is continuously gnawing at the bottom of the pole and, when he gnaws all the way through, the world will fall into an abyss and that will be the end.

    (2) The Sioux envisage an old woman in a cave sewing porcupine quills into a blanket. When she gets up to stir the fire, her dog chews some of the quills so that the blanket never gets finished. If she ever does manage to complete her work, the world will come to an end.

  - **South American**
    
    Many tribes say that the world will be destroyed by fire caused by demons, a spark from the sky, or by part of the moon (or even the sun) falling from the heavens.

    Some blame the men of fire who, having been insulted by a bird, set the world ablaze in retaliation. Others say that the blaze will occur when one of the props under the earth is removed by the creator-god.

    In the cold south of the country, they say that a bird will cause much snow to fall and, when the snow melts, the resulting flood will destroy the earth.
Endukugga

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god of the underworld
husband of Nindukugga
father of Enil

Enedumion

(see Endymion)

Endursaga

Mesopotamian

[=Babylonian Inun]
a herald of the Sumerian gods

Endymion¹

English

a poem by Keats

Endymion²

Greek

[Endumion]
a moon-demon

Eneene

Pacific Islands

wife of Kura

In the lore of Mangara Island, Eneene slipped while gathering flowers and fell into the underworld. Her husband, with the help of his guardian spirit, went down to the underworld and rescued her.

Enkpe

African

daughter of Ayagba

She allowed herself to be buried alive to save her people who were being defeated in battle.

evergumenus

(see possession)

Eneue

(see Eneueug)

Eneueug

British

[=Eneueug]
daughter of Bedivere

sister of Amen

Enyed

Welsh

son of Don, some say

Enfances Gaucain

French

a 13th c poem about the exploits of Gawain

enfield

a monster, part wolf, part fox, part greyhound

Engai

African

[=Masai En-ka]

the supreme god of the Kamba

Engelier

European

a Gascon knight, one of Charlemagne's paladins

He was the first man to die when the second army of Saracens descended on Roland's forces at Roncesvalles.

Enggang

East Indian

a Sumatran prince

husband of Rangkong

He shut his wife inside a tree while he was away but she was released by a servant, Sidin. When Enggang returned, he destroyed the palace where Rangkong had taken refuge and he was changed into a hornbill. Rangkong, who still loved her husband, changed herself into a hornbill to be with him. In this guise, she became Enggang Papan.

Enggang Papan

East Indian

the name of Rangkong as a hornbill

(see also Enggang)

Engidu

(see Enkidu)

Engishiki

Japanese

a 9th c multi-volume work on Shinto religion and mythology

Engres

British

a king

brother of Isolde

In the Icelandic version of the Tristram story, he offered his sister in marriage to any man who killed a dragon.

Engur

Mesopotamian

a name of Ea as ‘god of the abyss’ or ‘lord of the Euphrates’

Engygeron

British

a marshal of Clamadeus

He was with his master at the siege of Blanchefleur's castle and was defeated by Percival who sent both him and his master to King Arthur's court.

Enid

British

[Enide.Ynid]
daughter of Yniol or Liconaus by Tarsenesyde

wife of Geraint or Erec

She was awarded the head of the white stag hunted and killed by King Arthur.

Enigorio

European

an Iroquois creator-god

twin brother of Enighotagea

Enigorio created all the useful things such as trees and fertile land while his brother tried to make the land into deserts.

Enighotagea

North American

an Iroquois creator-god

twin brother of Enigorio

Enil

European

a page of the Damsel of Denmark

He accompanied his mistress on her travels in search of Anadis.

Enin

Hebrew

a race of cannibal giants

These beings are said to be the offspring of fallen angels and mortal women.

Enioche

Greek

wife of Creon, in some accounts

Enipeus

Greek

a river-god loved by Tyro

Poseidon, in the guise of Enipeus, seduced Tyro who bore him two sons, Neleus and Pelias.

Enki

Mesopotamian

[=Babylonian Ea]

Lugal-alzu(ak).Lugalid.Lugal-idak.
Nadin(mud).Nidim(mud).Nudim(mud):

He was said to have risen from the waters of the Persian Gulf as a fish-god. The gods created man from clay as servants and when they got tired of man and Enil and sent a flood, Enki warned Ziusudra.

In one creation story he exposed the heads of buried mankind with his hoe before Ningursaga gave them life.

In some accounts he fathered Ninsar on his own wife, Ningursaga, then Ninurr on his daughter Ninsar and finally Utu on his granddaughter Ninkurr. Others say that Utu was his daughter by Ningursaga and that he had a daughter, Nin-Imna, by Ninkurr.

He lived in Dilmun, the earthly paradise, with Ningursaga until they quarrelled. The quarrel arose over his pursuit of his own daughters and an affair with Utu the goddess of weaving. Ningursaga recovered some of the semen from Utu's body and grew eight plants from it. Enki foolishly ate the plants and became ill, recovering only when Ningursaga placed him in her own body so that he was born again. In other versions, he gave birth to eight children to replace the plants he had eaten or Ningursaga gave birth to eight deities, each of which cured one of the ailments that
Enkidu

Mesopotamian


He was created by Aruru from clay and spittle as a friend for Gilgamesh and lived as a wild man until Gilgamesh tamed him by using a prostitute named Shamhat to seduce him and make him his companion in many adventures. He helped Gilgamesh to kill the giant Huwawa and the Bull of Heaven but was struck down with a fatal illness as a result. In an effort to save him, Gilgamesh sought immortality and got hold of a piece of the ‘Never Grow Old’ plant but it was stolen from him by a snake.

In another version, Enkidu was trapped in the underworld when he went down to retrieve a drum that was stolen from him by a serpent. He is envisaged as having the legs and hoofs of a goat or as half man, half goat, a title of Poseidon as earth-shaker.

Enmeshara

Mesopotamian

[En-mes-ar-ru] a Sumerian god of farming

He was one of the suitors for the hand of Inanna who rejected him in favour of Dumuzi.

In some accounts he is equated with Enlil or Enkidu.

Enkita

Mesopotamian

[En-mes-ar-ru] a monster dragon

This beast is reputed to be a thousand miles long and can change its colour at will. Opening its eyes brings light, closing them brings darkness. The wind is his breath which congeals into rain or, depending on the dragon’s colour, gold, crystal or glass.

Enlil

Mesopotamian


son of An and Ki, An and Nammu or Ansu and Kisar brother of Ea or Enki brother of Aruru, some say consort of Ninlil

Enmenduranna

Mesopotamian

[En-mend-u-ran-na] a Sumerian and Sumerian law-god brother of Ennugi

In some accounts he was Nergal as ruler of the underworld, Aralu.

Enmeshara

Mesopotamian

[En-mesh-ar-ru] a Babylonian and Sumerian law-god

Enmeshara

Mesopotamian

[En-mesh-ar-ru] a Sumerian and Sumerian law-god

Ennugi

Babylonian

[En-nu-gi] a Sumerian god of farming

Ennuki

Mesopotamian

[En-nu-ki] a Sumerian god of farming

Ennoch

Mesopotamian

[En-ko] a Sumerian god of farming

Ennoia

Greek

[En-noy-ya] a demon

Enoch

Mesopotamian

[En-o-k] a Sumerian god of farming

Enpak

Mesopotamian

[En-pak] a Sumerian god of farming

Enna

Irish

husband of Dubh

His wife, a druidess, used her magic to drown the woman with whom Enna was having an affair. He, or a servant of the dead woman, killed Dubh with a slingshot in revenge.

In some accounts, the roles are reversed and Enna is the wife of Dubh.

Ennечен

Egyptian


The list varied from place to place: for Heliopolis it consisted of Atum, Geb, Isis, Nephthys, Nut, Osiris, Seth, Su and Tefnut.

Other names sometimes included are Hu, Horus, Khenti Amnietiu, Ra, Saa and Wadjet.
Ennum Elish
Mesopotamian
[‘when on high’]
the Akkadian story of creation
Enunclaw
North American
the thunder-spirit of the tribes of the north-west
twin brother of Kapoonis
He learned the art of throwing fireballs
like spears while his twin became adept
at hurling huge boulders. To prevent
them from doing much damage, the gods
took them up to heaven and made
Enunclaw lord of thunder and
Kapoonis lord of lightning.
In some versions, their roles are
reversed.
Enundu
African
a plague-god of Uganda
Enushirgal
Mesopotamian
the temple of the Sumerian moon-god
in Ur
envoûtement
a form of sympathetic magic
This is the art of harming another
person by making a (wax) model of
that person and casting spells on it.
An image or model of the intended
victim, made of wood or wax and
incorporating hair or nail clippings
from that person, has pins stuck into it
while spells are recited over it.
Alternatively, the image may be
mutilated or thrown into a river. The
victim should then fall ill or die.
Enyalius
(see Ares)
Engyges
British
[En-gi-
] sister of Joseph of Arimathea
wife of Hebron
mother of Alan and Joshua
Enyo
Greek
[‘belliscos’.Enyo=Roman Bellona]
goddess of war
one of the Graiae, some say
mother of Ares, some say
Enys
(see Enyo)
Enzak
(see Dimsar)
Enzu
(see Nanna)
Eochaid
Irish
[Eochaidh.Eocho.Eocho] a king of Dalriada
Congall Caoch came to him for help in
his quarrel with Domhnall mac Aodha,
the high-king of Ireland. As a friend of
Domhnall, Eochaid refused to go
himself but sent his four sons to join
Congall’s forces.
Eochaid
Irish

Eochaid1
Irish
He was one of seven sons all known as
Maine.
In one account, he killed Concho-
hbar, a son of King Arthur.
Eochaid2
(see Eochu.Eremon)
Eochaid Airemgh
Irish
brother of Ailill Anghuba
husband of Etain
father of Etain Oig
His brother Ailill Anghuba became ill
with longing when he saw the beautiful
Etain. When Midir, the husband of Etain in a former
incarnation, turned up at Eochaid’s
court they played chess together and
Midir claimed the victor’s prize of a
kiss from Etain. Eochaid promised
that this should be bestowed at a later
meeting. When Midir arrived and
found the palace surrouned by
warriors he used his magic to appear
before Eochaid, claim Etain and
deport with her, rising like birds into
the air, heading for Sleivenamon, the
mountain of the fairies.
When Eochaid learned from a druid
that Etain was living in a fairy mound
he stormed it with an army. Midir
offered to surrender Etain but sent
fifty maidens so like her that Eochaid
could not tell which was really his wife.
She gave him a sign and he reclaimed
his queen. They later had a daughter
called Etain Og.
Others say that the woman he chose
from the fifty was his own daughter
and that Conary Mor was a son of
their union.
In some accounts, his brother was
Eochaid Feidileach
Eochaid Allmuir
Irish
[chief of the Desi clan]
He fought seven battles with Cormac
mac Air, finally losing and going into
exile with the clan when Angus
knocked out Cormac’s eye with the
butt of a spear.
In some accounts, he was killed by
Mormhaol and Suigmhall.
Eochaid Armdhearg
Irish
[nephew of Camthann]
He helped Tadhg to regain his wife
and son who had been carried off by
Camthann and, when Camthann was
killed by Tadhg, he became king of
Frosen.
Eochaid Beag Dearg
Irish
[a lord of the Danaans]
He trapped fifteen of the Fianna,
including Conan Maol, and these were
later joined by Finn mac Cool and his
son, Aedh Beag. Next day, they were
all rescued by reinforcements of the
Fianna.
Eochaid Beag mac Cairbre
Irish
[a sub-king]
father of Dartaid
Returning from a visit to Maev, to
whom he had promised to supply
cattle to feed her army, he was set
upon and killed by bandits. Maev’s son,
Orlam, later went to ask his daughter,
Dartaid, whom he loved, for the cattle,
and was attacked by Corb Chuach who
killed Dartaid and most of Orlam’s men.
Eochaid Bres
Irish
[see Bres] in some accounts, the third husband
of Maev
Eochaid Eiges
Irish
[see Eochaid.Eocho.Eocho] a poet
In some accounts, he is the same as
Dallan Forgaill or Ollav Fola.
Eochaid Feidileach
Irish
[see Eochaid.Eocho.Eocho] a king of Ireland
brother of Eochaid Airemgh, some say
husband of Cloithfhionn
father of Clothra, Conall Anghlonach
Dreibhriu and Maev
father of Bres, Lothar and Nar
He took the throne by defeating
Fichtna Fathach at the Battle of
Leitir Kiuibhe.
When he quarrelled with his wife
over a game of chess, she left him and
got to Ulster taking with her their
triplet sons, Bres, Lothar and Nar.
These three, known as the Finn
Eamhna, raised a force and attacked
their father but were defeated. When
Eochaid heard of their death in battle,
he died of grief.
Eochaid Glas
Irish
[see Eochaid.Eocho.Eocho] a fierce warrior
brother of Eochaid Ronn,
some say
He abducted the three sons of Daol
Dearmaid and was then killed by
Cuchulainn who rescued the prisoners.

Eochaid4
Irish
son of Ailill and Maev
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Eochaid5
Irish
[father of Dartaid]
In some accounts, he killed Concho-
hbar, a son of King Arthur.

Eochaid6
Irish
[nephew of Camthann]
He heard of their death in battle,
their father but were defeated. When
Eochaid learned of their death in battle,
he died of grief.
Eochaid mac Eachach  
Irish
[Eochaidh.Eocho.Eochy]
a king of Leinster

He married one daughter of Tiathal, pretended she had died and married the other as well. Both died of shame when they found out what had happened. Their father waged war on Eochaid, killed him and exacted an annual tribute of cattle, the boramha.

Eochaid mac Erca  
Irish
the last Fir Bolg king
father of Tâlitiu

In some accounts, Tâlitiu is his wife.
He was defeated by the Danaans at the first battle of Moytura.

Eochaid mac Lucha  
Irish
[Eochaidh.Eocho.Eocho.Luiian]
a king of Connaught or Munster

He had only one eye but was so generous that, when Aithirne demanded his one remaining eye, he gave it to him. Both his eyes were later replaced as if by a miracle. In some accounts, Fer Cheadne replaces Aithirne.

Eochaid mac Mairidh  
Irish
[Eochaidh.Eocho.Eochy]
son of Mairidh
brother of Mis and Ribh
father of Airiu and Li Ban

He eloped with his father’s wife, Eibhiu, on a horse provided by Angus Og. Where the horse stopped to urinate, a spring appeared and they built a house there. The spring later flooded the area and Eochaid and his family, except Li Ban, were drowned.

In some accounts, Midir supplied the horse on which they eloped.

Eochaid Muigl  
Irish
husband of Carenn and Mongfhinn
father of Niall Noigiallach by Carenn
Niall, his son by Carenn, was abandoned by Mongfhinn, his second wife, but was rescued by the bard Torra Eices.

Eochaid Ollathair  
Irish
a name of the Dagda as ‘All-father’

In some accounts, Eochaid was a king of the Fir Bolg who killed Bres in battle with the Danaans who then hid all the water in the land so that Eochaid died of thirst.

Eochaid Rond  
Irish
(see Eochaid Ronn)

Eochaid Ronn  
Irish
a sub-king in Connaught
brother of Eochaid Glas, some say father of Finchoom

When Cuchulainn was at Maev’s court, Eochaid demanded that he discover what had happened to the three sons of Daol Dearsaid.

In other accounts, Finchoom was the daughter of Cathbad and Maga.

Eochaid Salbuide  
Irish
[Eochaidh.Eocho.Eochy]
father of Nessa

He was king of the southern half of Ireland and was killed by Lugaid Lambdhbearg who took his throne.

Eochaid Yellowmouth  
Irish
[Eochaidh.Eocho.Eochy]
brother of Conn, the high-king

He was a source of trouble to Conn, who sent men to watch him when he went to Ulster. When these men killed him, the king of Ulster, Tiobraide, avenged his death by killing Conn.

Some say that he was Conn’s uncle and was killed by Conn’s son, Asal.

Eochaidh  
Irish
(see Eochaid)

Eochu  
Irish
(Eoichu)
son of Eanna Cinsealach

Angered by the refusal of the poet, Laidcbeann, to give him food, Eochu burnt his house down to the ground. The high-king, Niall, invaded Leinster and took Eochu captive but he managed to throw a stone which killed Laidcbeann. He was then exiled to Scotland and killed Niall with an arrow when the king visited that country.

Eochu  
Irish
(Eochaidh)
a king of Scotland
husband of Feidhlim
father of Aodan and Brandubh

He carried off Muireadhach from Ireland but the young man killed him and took Earc, daughter of Loarn, back to Ireland as his wife.

When his wife gave birth to twin boys, he exchanged one of them for one of the twin girls born at the same time to Ingeanach, wife of the king, Gabhhran.

Eochu Bres  
Irish
(see Eochaid)

Eochu Gunnat  
Irish
[Eochaid Gunnat]
a king of Ulster

He deposed Cormac mac Airt and captured Tara. When Cormac returned with a regrouped army and recaptured the city, Eochu was killed by Lugaid, son of Lughna.

Eochu Muighmadon  
Irish
(see Eochaid Muigl)

Eochu Muigl  
Irish
(see Eochaid Muigl)

Eochu  
Irish
(see Eochaid)

Eodain  
Irish
(see Etaoin)

Eodainin  
Irish
(see Etaoin)

Eogabal  
Irish
(see Eoghabal)

Eogan  
Irish
(see Eoghan)

Eoghabal  
Irish
(see Eoghabal)

Eoghan  
Irish
(Eogabal)
son of Aillill Alom
father of Fiachu Muilleathan

He slept with Moncha on the eve of the Battle of Magh Mucramha in which he was killed and his son was born posthumously.

Eoghan  
Irish
(Eogan.Owen)
son of Niall
brother of Cairbre, Conall Gulban, Eanna and Loaghaire

Eoghan  
Irish
(Eogan.Owen)
brother of Airnealach and Tadgh mac Cein

He and his brother Airnealach and Tadgh’s wife, Li Ban, were carried off by Cthmann, king of Freson. Tadgh brought a force to invade Freson,

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killing Camthann and rescuing his family.

**Eoghan**

*Irish*

Eoghan Mac Fhithiceach

a prince of Connaught

He was a pupil of Finn mac Cool and was left, with Art, to guard the shore in one version of the story of the Battle of Fionn's Strand.

**Eoghan Beal**

*Irish*

a king of Connaught

brother of Ailill Ionbhanna

father of Ceallach and Muireadhach

He was at war with the sons of Muircheartach of Ulster and was killed in battle. He gave orders that his body be buried in a standing position on the border of the province. This was done, and it successfully defended Connaught until, in a massive raid, the Ulstermen dug up the body.

**Eoghan Fial**

(see Eoghan Mor)

**Eoghan Fithiseach**

(see Eoghan Mor)

**Eoghan mac Ailealla**

*Irish*

son of Ailill Alom

One story says that he quarrelled with Lugaid mac Con over which of them first discovered the musician, Fear Fi. In the ensuing battle of Ceann Abhraid (or Magh Mucramha) Lugaid was defeated and fled to Scotland.

**Eoghan Mac Durtacht**

*Irish*

a warrior of Ulster

one of the champions of the Red Branch

In a fight with Cet he had one of his eyes knocked out.

Conor mac Ness reneged on his promise of safe-keeping when Deirdre and Naisi returned from Scotland and had Eoghan kill Naisi and his brothers, forcing Deirdre into marriage. She refused ever to smile again and so Conor gave her to Eoghan. She hated him so much that she killed herself.

In some accounts, Maine, not Eoghan, killed Naisi.

**Eoghan Mor**

*Irish*

Eoghan4

Fionn's Strand.

one of the champions of the Otherworld.

He landed in Cambria with the invading forces of Paschent and Gilloman and was sent to kill Aurelius to avenge the death of Vortigern, Paschent's father. He tricked his way into the court where Aurelius was lying ill and poisoned him.

Another story says that the poisoning was done by Ambion at the behest of Vortigern's widow, Renwein. He was killed fighting in battle against Uther.

**Eopuco**

(see Ab Puch)

**Eorann**

*Irish*

wife of Suibne Geilt

**Eos**

*Greek*

Yperia

Eos1

a horse of Aurora

Eosphorus

(see Phosphorus)

Eostre

(see Eastre)

Eototo

North American

a kachina of the Pueblo tribes

**Epact**

*Egyptian*

5 extra days added to the calendar year

Ra, angry with Nut, decreed that her children should not be born in any month so Thoth gambled with the moon and won a slight increase in the length of each day which added up to five extra days in which her children could be born.

**Epadam**

Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk referring to his connection with irrigation
They waged further war on the Thbeans to avenge the death of their fathers and destroyed the city. They are listed as Alcmene, Aegeus, Amphílochus, Diomedes, Euryalus, Promachus and Thersander.

Other names sometimes included are Polydorus, Sthenelus and Tlesimes.

Epiigoni

one of the poems in the Epic Cycle dealing with the fall of Thebes

Epiigoni

(see Epiigoni)

Epiikaste

(see Epikaste; Jocasta)

epimacus

a heraldic griffin

Epimelian nymphs

Greek

nymphs of flocks and herds

Epimenides

Greek

a 6th c BC Cretan poet

It was said that he fell asleep when looking for some sheep and slept for fifty-seven years. When he finally awoke, he found himself in possession of all wisdom. He was said to be 137 (or 299) years old when he died.

In some accounts, he is one of the Seven Sages in place of Periander.

Epimetheus

Greek

[‘afterthought’]

one of the Titans

son of Iapetus and Clymene or Asia

brother of Atlas and Prometheus

husband of Pandora

father of Pyrrha

With his brother Prometheus he was given the task of creating men and fitting them for life on earth.

He fought with the gods against the Titans and rejected the beautiful Pandora when offered her help by Zeus. He hastily changed his mind and married her when Prometheus was punished by Zeus.

In some stories, the ills that beset man were released by Pandora from a box given to her by the gods at her wedding; in others they came from a jar in which Prometheus had stored the things not used in the creation of man.

Epiphanes

Greek

a name for Zeus and guardian of the sanctuary

Ephialtes

Greek

[Epial(thes).Hepialos,'leaper’]

demon seen in nightmares: an incubus

In some accounts he is the same as Ephialtes, son of Aloeus.

Ephimedia

Greek

Ephides

the leader of the suitors for Penelope’s hand

When Odysseus returned home and routed the men who were harassing Penelope, the aged Laertes joined the fight and killed Ephides.

Ephka

Mesopotamian

a Syrian god

In some accounts Ephka is female.

Epiales

(see Ephialtes)

Epiales

(see Ephialtes)

Epic Cycle

Greek

the corpus of myths and legends used by writers as the basis for their plays, poems, and stories

Epic of Creation

Mesopotamian

the Babylonian story of the struggle between Abzu and Tiamat with their son Ea

Epic of Gilgamesh

(see Gilgamesh Epic)

Epicasta

(see Epikaste; Jocasta)

Epicaste

Greek

[Epikaste.Epikaste]

mother of Thestius by Agenor, some say

Epicaste

(see Jocasta)

Epidaurus

Greek

a city in Argolis, site of an oracle of Asclepius

Epidaurus

Greek

son of Pelops and Hippodamia

Epigean

(see Aegista)

Epigoni

[Epigonoi.'the after-born’]

the sons of the Seven against Thebes

Epirus

Greek

the site of Hades, far to the west
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the darkest depths of the underworld: hell

Erebus² Greek
[“darkness”.Erebus]
son of Chaos

He dethroned Chaos and married his own mother or sister, Nyx, fathering Aether, Charon, Eris, Hemera, Hypnos, the Keres, Morpheus, Nemesis, Thanatos, Tyche and, in some versions, Gaea.

Erechtheus¹ French
[“British Geraint.-Norse Erex]
son of Lae
brother of Brandiles and Jeschutê

The hero of the French Erec et Enide in which he plays the same role as Geraint.

In a Norse version, his father is called Ilax.

Erec² German
a version of the Erec and Enide story, written by Hartman von Aue

Erec et Enide French
a 12th c story of Geraint and Enid, written by Chrétien de Troyes

Erechtheum Greek
[“Erekhthion”]
a temple in Athens devoted to Erechtheus and others

Erechtheus¹ Greek
[“Erekhtheus”]
son of Dardanus and Batea

He was the owner of 3,000 mares.

Erechtheus¹ Greek
[“Erekhtheus”]
a king of Athens
son of Hephaestus and Gaea

Some accounts equate this king with Erichthonius, others regard him as separate and the grandfather of a later king of the same name.

Erechtheus¹ Greek
[“Erekhtheus”]
a king of Athens
son of Pandion or Teleon by Zeuxippe brother of Philomena and Proene and twin of Butes

husband of Praxithea
father of Cecrops II, Chthonia, Creusa, Eupalamus, Metion, Orithya, Orneus, Otionia, Pandarus(?), Procris and Protagonia

When Eumolpus invaded Athens, Erechtheus was told he must sacrifice one of his seven daughters, Otionia. Two of his other daughters, Pandora and Protagonia, sacrificed themselves and Erechtheus killed Eumolpus in revenge but was himself killed by Poseidon.

Other versions say that Chthonia was sacrificed and the other daughters killed themselves.

In some stories he is identified with Erichthonius the serpent-legged son of Hephaestus and Gaea.

Erechtheus¹ British
a play by Swinburne

Erechtheus² Persian

the personification of virginity

She is in perpetual conflict with the harlot-demon, Jeh.

Erechtheion (see Erechtheum)
Erechtheus (see Erechtheus)
Erein (see Eri)

Erem Cauga Indian
[Cauga.Ti-miku]
in the lore of the Andaman Islands, evil spirits living in the forest

Eremon Irish
a leader of the Milesians
son of Milesius and Scota
brother of Aegir and Eber Finn husband of Tea

After the defeat of the Danaans, in which Eremon killed one of the Danaan kings, Mac Cecht, the sovereignty of Ireland was decided by the duid Aegir and they gave the throne to Eremon for his lifetime, then to Eber Finn. This was not accepted so Eremon took the north of the island and Eber Finn took the south. Eventually they fought for supremacy at the Battle of Bile Teineadh where Aegir and Eber Finn were killed.

Ereshkigal Mesopotamian
[“Ereskigal,Erishkigal.Irkalla.Ninmug:
-“Carthagianian Allatu-Semitic Allatum”
]
a Babylonian goddess of death and the underworld
sister of Inanna
sister of Ishtar, some say consort of Gugulanna or Nergal mother of Ninazu

In some versions she started out as a sky-goddess but was abducted by the dragon Kur to the underworld. When Nergal came to the underworld at her command after she had slighted her attendant, Namtar, she saved herself from death at his hands only by sharing power with him. In other versions her consort is Gugulanna.

A different version says that she fell in love with Nergal when he came down from heaven with food and she threatened to raise all the dead unless Anu sent Nergal back as her husband. Namtar was sent to heaven as an envoy and Nergal hurriedly returned to the underworld and became the queen's consort.

In some accounts she is the same as Inanna.

Eresichthon (see Eryssichthon)
Ereskigal (see Ereshkigal)
Ereuthalion Greek
a hero of Arcadia
He was killed by Nestor when they met in single combat.

Eremon British

the mythical land, the setting for Samuel Butler’s novel of the same name

Erex Norse

the Norse version of Erec

Erex saga Norse

a Norse version of the story of Erec and Enide

In this version, the hero’s father is called Ilax.

Erewhon British

[a mythical land, the setting for Samuel Butler’s novel of the same name

Erex² Swedish

son of Poseidon

He sailed with the Argonauts and took over as helmsman when Tiphys died.

Erginus² Greek

son of Clymenus

father of Agamedes and Trophonius

He avenged the killing of his father by defeating the Thebans and exacting a tribute of one hundred cattle for twenty years. When Heracles cut the noses off his heralds, he attacked Thebes but was defeated by Heracles who increased the tribute to 200 cattle.

Some say that he was killed by Heracles, others that he lived to old age, married a young wife and fathered two sons, Agamedes and Trophonius.

Ergodic a moon-demon

Eh Chiang Chinese

(see Hang Ha Erh Chiang)

Hang Ha Erh Chiang

[a god who is said to have saved Peking from flooding

He was said to be a famous hunter and killer of demons, taking many different shapes.
Eribotes

and husband of Praxitea.

some accounts, he is the son of Atthis

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Erichthonius1

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Eriboea2

two giants.

imprisoned Ares, it was Eriboea who

When the twins Ephialtes and Otus

Eriboea1

producing Bres.

A Danaan woman who had an affair

with Altho, king of the Fomoiire,

producing Bres.

In some accounts, she is the same as

Eire. (see Eire)

father of Greid

Eriboea1

second wife of Aloeus

When the twins Ephialtes and Otus

imprisoned Ares, it was Eriboea who
told Hermes who then released the
two giants.

Eriboea2

(see Periboea)

Eribotes

a herald with the Argonauts

During the enforced stay in Libya, he

and Canthus were killed by

Capharaus, a shepherd, when they

tried to steal some of his flock.

Eric

(see Erik.Svipdag)

Erika

Egyptian

the sacred tree which grew round the

body of Osiris

Erichtho

Roman

a sorceress

Soon after Virgil died, Erichtho sent

him to the underworld to retrieve a

soul.

Erichthonius1

Greek

son of Hephaestus and Gaea

father of Pandion

It is said that he was accidentally

fathered on Gaea by Hephaestus when he

attempted to rape Athena but, in

some accounts, he is the son of Athos

and husband of Praxitea.

He had snakes' tails for legs. He was

adopted by Athene and nursed by

Aglauros, Herse and Pandrosos,
dughters of Cecrops, king of Athens.

He is said to have invented the chariot

to hide his serpent-like legs. He
deposited Cranus to take the throne of

Athens and was set in the stars as the

constellation Auriga and worshipped

as a serpent when he died.

Some accounts identify him with

Erechtheus.
Epigoni who conquered Thebes and then killed his own mother for her betrayal of her husband.

Erippe Greek
a princess
mother of Eurytus by Odysseus
Odysseus is said to have raped this daughter of a king of Epirus, fathering a son, Euryalus. When he grew up, Erippe sent her son to kill his father but, warned of his coming, Odysseus killed the youth.

Eris Greek
[Ate.‘strife’=Roman Discordia]
the goddess of discord
daughter of Zeus and Hera or Nyx
sister of Ares
mother of Agea, Amphithea, Androktasiai, Ate, Dynomena, Hyominai, Lethe, Limos, Logos, Maia, Neikos, Philotes, Phoci and Ponos

In some stories she is the daughter of Erebus and Nyx. Some say that Ate is Eris, others that Ate is the daughter of Zeus by Eris. Some say she was the consort of Ares and mother of Horcos.
She was thrown down to earth by Zeus in one of his angry moods. It was Eris who precipitated the Judgement of Paris and all that followed from it by throwing the golden apple, inscribed ‘for the fairest’, into a gathering of the three goddesses. In some stories she is Eris, others that Ate is Eris. Some say she was the daughter of Erebus and Nyx. Some say that Ate is the daughter of Zeus by Eris. In Greek stories, she was Emperor of the West and the brother of Dietmar, who, when Dietrich succeeded his father on the throne of Bera, demanded tribute from Eris. When this demand was rejected, Ermengild invaded, capturing Hildebrand and several more of Dietrich’s men. Ermengild, by threatening to kill the captives, forced Dietrich to surrender and to leave his kingdom, taking a small band of friends and going to the court of Etzel.

Erlangga (see Airlanga)
Erling a Tartar god of evil
He was the precursor of man made by Ulgan from mud and was sent down to rule the underworld when he tried to make his own universe and seized some of the dolls which Ulgan used to turn into humans.
He killed the saviour, Maidere, who was sent to earth by Ulgan.

Erlkonig German
[Erl-king=Danish Ellerkonge] a Burian demon-hunter, ruler of the underworld

Ermena British
wife of Reynard the Fox

Ermenes British
son of Lot
He was defeated by Biausdous who sent him to King Arthur as a prisoner.

Erminia (see Ermin)
Ermanacir (see Ermenrich)
Ermeline European
[Erminia] the realm of Rouland (see also Parmenie)

Erminia European
In Jerusalem Delivered, Erminia fell in love with Tancred and became a warrior-maid to serve alongside him in the Christian forces.

Ermenrich (see Ermenregion)

Ermid British
brother of Dywel and Geraint

Ermin (see Irmin)

Ermine (see Anna)

Erminia (see Ermin)

Erminric Norse
the name for Ermenrich in Thidrekssaga

Ermundrude European
wife of Rainouart
She was given as wife to the giant Rainouart as reward for his help in the battle against the Saracens in which he killed 3,000 men.

Ermon British
a king of Armenia
father of Josian
He bought the young Bevis as a slave but treated him well, giving him the horse, Bevis, and the sword, Morglay, as well as his daughter Josian for a wife.

Erminrich (see Ermenrich)

Ema Norse
wife of Jarl
mother of Konur
She and Jarl are regarded as the founders of the class of nobles.

Ermas Irish
father of Badb, Macha or Morrigan
Ernal

a count living in Castle Curteloise
His three sons raped his only daughter and killed her when she tried to tell her father. They then wounded Ernal and locked him in a dungeon from which he was later released by Bors, Galahad and Percival. Having told them to seek the Maimed King, he died.

Ernutet (see Renenutet)
Ernutit (see Renenutet)

Eros Greek

[Eros] = [Reneutet] = [Ernutit] = [Hesperides]
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Eros

Greek

the god of love
brother of Anteros

There are different accounts of his parentage. In some stories he is the son of Ares by Aphrodite, Cronus by Aphrodite, Hermes by Artemis, Uranus by Gaea, Zephyrus by Ino or Iris, or Zeus by Aphrodite. An earlier version makes him the son of Aether and Hemera who helped him create the world from chaos. In a variation, Erebos and Nyx produced a cosmic egg from which chaos. In a variation, Erebus and Nyx produced a cosmic egg from which Eros was hatched.

In one story, he caused Dido to fall in love with Aeneas by taking the form of Ascanius and shooting Dido with one of his arrows.

He is depicted as a winged youth with a bow, sometimes blindfolded, shooting gold-tipped arrows into the hearts of those he wishes to become lovers. He sometimes used lead-tipped arrows to cause lovers to spurn those who loved them.

In later years, this deity became pluralised as the Erotes.

(see also Cupid.Erotes.Iao)

Erosi Armenian

Igbo spirits invoked to promote fertility and prosperity

Erotes Greek

[=Roman Amoretti] worshippers of Eros: minor love-gods (see also Eros)

Erp British

[Erp]

father of Drust

Erp German

[Erp] son of Etzel and Helche brother of Ortwin

He was killed in the battle between Dietrich and the invading army of Ermenrich. (see also Erp)
clay when the flood subsided, drying them in the sun. Some swam away before they were properly baked and these became the white races. Those who stayed in the sun long enough became the brown races.

**Esbern**  
*Irish*

husband of Helva

Helva’s father agreed that Esbern could marry his daughter only if he built a great church. He agreed and promised to give his eyes, heart and soul to the dwarf who undertook the work on his behalf. He would be freed of this penalty only if he could discover the name of the dwarf by the time the church was finished. Helva prayed to the gods and discovered that his name was Father Fine, so saving her lover’s life.

**Esbern Snare**

(see Esbern)

esca  
*Irish*

the moon

The proper name was taboo so euphemisms such as ‘esca’ were used. (see also gealach.luan.re)

**Esclabor**  
*British*

a knight of King Arthur

It was said of him, as of Gawain, that he was originally a Babylonian noble son of a giant by a witch.

**Esclaramonde**

(see Esclaramonde)

an alternative name for Clarimunda

**Esclaramonde**

*European*

wife of Sergalant

She had an affair with Vivien, a captive at her husband’s court, and they fled together when the king found out. She later married Vivien.

**Escalibur**

(see Escalibur)

**Escorducarla**

*British*

a lady of Vallone

She fell in love with Merlin and planned to make him her prisoner. Instead, Merlin made her his captive.

**Esclapius**

(see Asclepius)

**Esden**

*Egyptian*

[a name for Thoth in the form of a baboon]

**Ese**

(see Iris)

**Esege-Malan-Tengeri**

*Siberian*

[=Mongol Qormusta T engu:]  
[a sky-god of the Buriat]

**Esenohebis**

*Greek*

[a name for Isis]

**Esset**

(see Isis)

**Eshmoun**

(see Eshmoun)

**Eshmun**

*Canaanite*

[=Ashmun.Eshmoun.Esmoun(os).Esmun:]  
[=Greek Asclepius]

[a god of medicine]

son of Sydyk

brother of the Cabeiri

He was castrated by the goddess Astronoce. In some accounts, a name of Baal.

**Eshmun**

(see Hey-tau)

**Eshmun Astarde**

*Phoenician*

an androgynous deity

**Eshtan**

*Mesopotamian*

[=Hiniec Ishtanu]

a Hittic sun-god

**Eshu**

*African*

[=Edshu.Esa= Fon Legba]

an angel-trickster, messenger-god and god of fate among the Yoruba

As an attendant on the creator-god, Fa, he was responsible for opening some of the god’s eyes each morning.

He was a servant of Orisha but hated him so much that he rolled a huge rock on to his house, killing Orisha and splitting him into 401 pieces.

He was said to have persuaded the sun and the moon to swap functions on one occasion, causing great chaos.

He keeps a watchful eye on events and reports to Oloron, judging the actions of men.

**Esias**

(see Esras)

**Esicalibur**

(see Escalibur)

**Eskander**

(see Al-Iskandar)

**Esmun**

(see Eshmun)

esp  
(see extra-sensory perception)

**Espinogee**

*British*

a knight

father of Partinal

He was killed by Goon Desert who was killed by Partinal using the Grail Sword to avenge his father’s death. (see also Espinogres)

**Espinogres**

*British*

son of Brangemore, queen of Cornwall

He murdered his mother and buried her body under the altar in the Perilous Chapel. (see also Espinogee)

**Esplandian**

*European*

son of Amadis and Oriana

father of Lisuarte

When Esplandian’s grandfather, Lisuarte, was imprisoned by the enchanter, Archalaus, Urganda took Esplandian from Firm island in her magic boat, Green Serpent. He found himself on a rocky island where, with a marvellous sword he found embedded in a temple wall, he killed a huge dragon.

A dumb sailor took him by sea to another country where Archalos lived in a castle on Forbidden Mountain. At the gate of the castle, Esplandian killed the giant Argantes and, inside, he fought and killed not only Archalos but his nephews Furion and Matroco.

Their mother, Arcabone, threw herself to her death from the castle walls and Lisuarte was freed.

**esprit follet**

*French*

a goblin

**Estras**

*Irish*

[a wizard]

He lived in Gorias and was one of the four wizards who instructed the Danaans in the magic arts. He also gave them the magic sword and spear later used by Lugh.

He may be the same as Eru.

**Eru**

*Irish*

son of Gaedheal

father of Sru (see also Estras)

**Ess**

(see Etain Oig)

**Essara**

*Mesopotamian*

a replica, made by Tiamat, of the Sumerian Abzu who was killed by the gods
Essaunien

Persian

a demon, one of the Ausstatikoe-Pauligaur

Essus

(see Essus)

Essylt

[Esylt]
a Welsh version of Isolde
wife of March

In this version, she eloped with Trystan.

Estanatlehi

North American

[Estanatlehi, Goddess of Sunsetland]

Turquoise Woman

earth-goddess and goddess of time of the Navaho

daughter of Naestan and Yadiñyl

sister of Yoklai Estsan

wife of Tsoshoanoai

mother of Nayenezgani

and Tohadzhisini

She was created by the Yei from turquoise and found on a mountain by Tsoshoanoai. Hastehogan and Hastyalti fed her on pollen so that she was fully matured in eighteen days. She produced from maize-flour a man and a woman to serve as the ancestors of each of the eight tribes and then became the goddess of Sunsetland.

In another version she made men and women from pieces of her own skin and became queen of the underworld or made Yoklai Estsan from flakes of dry skin from under her breasts.

She was said to rejuvenate herself when she grew old.

Some say that she is the same as Changing Woman.

(see also Yolkai Estsan)

Estanc

(see Eustace)

Estar

(see Ishtar)

Estas

North American

a trickster-hero of the Athapascan tribe

Estmere

Scottish

a hero

He killed a prince who was threatening King Island and won the king’s daughter for his wife.

Estoire del Sainte Graal

French

a 13th c story of the Holy Grail

Estonea-pesta

North American

[Lord of Cold Weather]

controller of the north wind and snow

He gave Sacred Otter the Snow-lodge and a magic pipe which protected him from the winter storms.

Estonne

British

[Lord of the Scottish Wilderness]

a Scottish lord

father of Passaleon

He was killed by Bruyant the Faithless but his son avenged his death by killing Bruyant.

Estorause

British

[Escorant]

king of Sarras

When Bors, Galahad and Percival arrived in Sarras with the Holy Grail, he threw them in prison. On his deathbed, a year later, he asked their pardon and they were released, Galahad becoming king in his place.

Estrangot

British

[Ille Estrange]

the realm of King Vagor

Estregales

French

the realm of Lac

Estreldis

(see Estrildis)

Estrildis

British

[Estreldis]

a German girl, captured by Locrinus

daughter of Humber

mother of Habren

Locrinus kept her as a mistress for seven years, fathering a girl named Habren or Sabra. Later, Locrinus deserted his wife Gwendolen in favour of Estrildis. Gwendolen avenged herself in a battle in which Locrinus was killed. She took over the throne of England and had both Estrildis and Habren thrown into the Severn.

Estanatlehi

(see Estanatlehi)

Esturm

European

a Frankish knight

nephew of Téibaut

He fought alongside his uncle against the Saracens at the Battle of Archamp.

Esu

(see Eshu, Isis)

Esus

Celtic

[Aesus, Eosus, Hesus, Yessu]

a war-god or god of agriculture in Gaul

consort of Artio

Humans of the sacrifice to this deity were hung on trees.

Esylt

(see Essylt)

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Etain

Irish

[E(a)tain, Eadaoin, Eda(e)in, Eithne]

doctor of Eochaid Airemh and Etain Eachraidhe

wife of Midir and Eochaid Airemh or, some say, Eochaid Feidhleach

Midir put aside his first wife, Fuannach, in favour of Etain. The discarded wife turned Etain into a fly or a butterfly and caused her to be buffeted by storms for many years. Finally, Etain was blown into the palace of Etar, an Ulster chieftain, and fell into a cup from which Etar’s wife drank. As a result, Etar’s wife became pregnant and bore a child, the reincarnated Etain.

She married Eochaid Airemh but Midir, the husband of her earlier incarnation, carried her off to fairyland, both in the form of swans. Eochaid discovered where they were and stormed the fairy mound with his army, demanding the surrender of Etain.

Midir conjured up fifty copies of Etain and Eochaid chose the one he thought was the real one. She was, according to Midir, a daughter of the real Etain so that Eochaid was now married to his own daughter who bore him a girl, Etain Oig. Some say she also bore Conary Mor.

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Etain Oig

Irish

[E(a)tain, Eadaoin, Eda(e)in, Eithne]

doctor of Eochaid Airemh and Etain Eachraidhe

wife of Cormac

mother of Mess Buachalla

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Etan

Irish

daughter of Riangabair and Finnabair

sister of Id and Laeg

She eloped from the Otherworld with her two sisters and Ciabhan, Eolus and Lodan. Manannan sent a huge wave after their boat which either drowned all six or just the three girls or, in some accounts, swept the girls back to the Otherworld.

Etain

Irish

[E(a)tain, Eadaoin, Eda(e)in, Eithne]

E(o)da(e)in, Eithne

in some accounts, mother of Cormac mac Airt by Art

(see also Achtan)

Etain Eachraidhe

Irish

[E(a)tain, Eadaoin, Eda(e)in, Echraidhe]

Eithne, E(o)da(e)in, Eithne

daughter of Ailiil, king of Ulster

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Etana

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian king of Kish

a demi-god

He was said to have flown to heaven on an eagle to establish his divine right to rule and to obtain a plant that would procure a son for him and his wife. In some stories, he fell to earth and was killed, in others the eagle was killed but he survived and had a son. Some say that he ruled for 1,500 years.

In some accounts he is regarded as the leader of the revolt that led to the construction of the Tower of Babel.

Etar

Irish

[Edar]

an Ulster chieftain

His wife drank from a cup into which Etain, in the form of a butterfly, had been blown. As a result she gave birth to the reincarnated Etain.

He and Caibell fought a battle with the suitors for the hand of their two beautiful daughters. Caibell and both suitors were killed.

Etar

Irish

[Edar]

a warrior

He died when the goddess Aine rejected his love.

Etarcomal

Irish

a squire to Natchrantal

He challenged Cuchulainn to single combat during the Cattle Raid of Cooley. Cuchulainn, in mercy, gave him three chances to withdraw and finally killed him with a sword stroke that split him in half from top to bottom.

Etasa

(see Dadhikra)

Etmenenki

Mesopotamian

the great zigurat in Babylon

Ettemu

Mesopotamian

in Babylonian lore, the ghost of a dead person

eten

[etin]

a giant

Eteocles

Greek

[Etokles]

co-king of Thebes with Polynices

son of Oedipus and Jocasta

brother of Antigone, Ismene

and Polynices

father of Laodamus

After the abdication of Oedipus, his two sons were cursed by their father for some slight; he prayed that each should kill the other. They agreed to rule in alternate years but Eteocles refused to yield at the end of his year and banished his brother Polynices.

He was killed by Polynices in single combat during the Argive attack on Thebes (the Seven against Thebes) and killed his brother in the same fight.

Eteocles

Greek

[Etokles]

a king of Orchomenes

son of Andreus or Cephisus and Euippe

Eteocles

Greek

son of Iphis or Cephisus

In some accounts, he is included in the list of the Seven against Thebes and was killed by the Theban, Megareus, whom he faced at the Neistan Gate.

Some say that he is the same as Hippomedon.

Eter

Irish

[Edar]

a high-king of Ireland

son of Fechta Fear Mara

He took the girl Mess Buachalla as his wife but she had previously been visited by Nemglan, the bird-god, as a Danaan youth who arrived in the form of a bird. The son of this union was Conary Mor who was raised as the king's son but fostered with a noble, Desa.

Ethal Anubail

Irish

[Etal Anubal, Ethal Anubhail]

a Danaan ruler

father of Caer Ibormeith

Ethal Anubail

(see Ethal Anubail)

Ethal Anubhail

(see Ethal Anubail)

Ether

Phoenician

a primordial first principle

Together with the other principle, Aer, it produced Oulomos, a precursor of the gods.

Ether

(see Zeus)

Ethiopian Table

Greek

[Table of the Sun]

fertility personified, providing for all

Ethiopians

Greek

the inhabitants of the lands to the south

Ethiops

Greek

a horse of the sun-god

Ethlinn

Irish

[Etlinne,Ethlinn, Etna]

a moon-goddess

daughter of Balor and Ceithlenn or Danu

mother of Lugh by Cian

Her father imprisoned her in a tower so that she could not produce the son prophesied to kill Balor. Cian got access to her by dressing as a woman and she bore him three sons at one birth. They were thrown into the sea on the orders of Balor but one of them, Lugh, was saved by Manannan and, in later years, fulfilled the prophecy by killing Balor.

Etna

(see Ethne, Etain, Ethlinn)

Ethea

(see Ethne)

Ethniu

(see Ethne, Ethlinn)

Ethon

Greek

the eagle attacking Prometheus when he was chained to a rock

Ethon

Greek

a horse of Hector

Etienne

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit, derived from St Stephen

Etinimmu

Mesopotamian

[Etinime:=Hebrew Timi:

=Phoenician Timi:

=Persian Timi:

=Kuski Timi:

=K failure of Timi:]

an Akkadian ghost or spirit of the underworld

These beings are said to cause diseases.

Etylin

Irish

(see Edlym Redsword)

Etmaphne

Irish

a nymph of Sicily

mother of the twin gods, Palicy by Hephæstus, in some accounts

Etmaphne

Irish

(see Mount Etna)

Eton

Irish

(see Aten)

Etrah

Canaanite

the moon-god

He tried to take over the kingdom of Keret, king of Sidon, but was defeated.

Etne

Irish

(see Aatxe)

Ettard

British

[Etardal]

a damsel loved by Pelleas

She organised a great tournament at which 500 knights competed and the champion, Pelleas, fell hopelessly in love with her. She rejected his suit and was seduced by Gawain, whereupon the dejected Pelleas came near to death from unrequited love.

He was saved by Nimue who, using her magic, made Ettard fall in love with Pelleas – too late. She also put a spell on Pelleas who now rejected the lady who had previously rejected him. In some versions, Pelleas married Nimue.

Ettarde

(see Ettard)

ettin

(see eten)
Etzalqualiztli  
Central American

a festival in honour of the rain-god,

Taloc, held around the middle of May

On this occasion, the officiating priests
dived into a lake, acting the part of
frogs, animals associated with the rain-
god.

Etzel  
[Atli.Antila]
the name for Attila in
theNibelungenlied
brother of Brodolin
husband of Helixe and Krimhild
father of Porte and Scharpe
father of Ortlieb by Krimhild

When his first wife died, he married Krimhild whose first husband, Siegfried, had been killed by Hagen. He was later persuaded by Krimhild to invite Gunther and his nobles to the court where Krimhild plotted their death.

He died when Aldrian lured him into the cave where the Nibelung treasure was stored and then locked him in, leaving him to starve to death.

In some stories of Dietrich von Bern, he gave shelter to that hero when he travelled to Gaudisso's court.

He was captured by pirates, sold as a slave to Gaudisso and embraced the Muslim faith. Huon met him when he held her prisoner.

He was with the Greeks at Troy where he led his forces to help Charlemagne against the invading Saxons led by Abd-ll-Rahman.

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In some accounts Huon is called Melanippe.

Euboleus  
[Euhaemon]

daughter of Meleagros and Merope

His swine were swallowed up in the chasm that opened up when Hades abducted Core and he was able to tell Demeter what had happened to her daughter.

Euboleus'  
[Euhaemon]
a name for Hades as 'giver of good course'

Euboulous  
(see Hades)

Euboulus  
(see Euboleus)

Euchenor  
Greek

son of Polydeius

He was with the Greeks at Troy where he was shot and killed by Paris.

Eudef  
[Eudef]
a king of Britain
son of Caradoc
father of Cynan, Elen and Gadeon

(see also Octavius)

Eude  
European

a king of Aquitaine

He led his forces to help Charlemagne against the invading Saxons led by Abd-ll-Rahman.

Eudes  
European

brother of Sevinus
uncle of Huon

He was captured by pirates, sold as a slave to Gaudisso and embraced the Muslim faith. Huon met him when he travelled to Gaudisso's court.

Eudoras  
Greek

one of the Hyades, in some accounts

Eudorsus  
Greek

a captain of the Myrmidons at Troy
son of Hermes by Polymele

His mother married Echecles and he was reared by her father, Phylas.

Eudromos  
Greek

one of Actaeon's dogs

When Artemis discovered Actaeon watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Eudromos, tore him to pieces.

Euechonas  
(see Ga-Ur)

Eudoracos  
(see Emnenduranna)

Eugeniaus  
British

a king of Scotland
Some say, he captured Guinevere and held her prisoner.

Euippalolak Manoba  
(see Manama)

Euippubine Tablets  
(see Iguvine Tablets)

Euhaemon  
Greek

[Euhaemon.Evaemon]

father of Eurypylus, some say
euhemerism
the explanation of mythology from history with gods as men writ large

Euhemereros  
(see Euhemerus)

Euhemerus  
Sicilian

[Euhereremos]
a philosopher of the 3rd c BC
Author of Sacred Scripture, he maintained that gods were simply men who had accomplished great deeds and were rewarded by deification and that the deeds related in myths were actual historical events.

Euhippe  
(see Euvippe)

Euppe  
[Euhippe.Evippe.Hippe.'mare']
daughter of Chiron
mother of Melanippe
She was seduced by Aeolus and was changed into a horse or put in the heavens by Artemis as the constellation Equus.

In some accounts Euppe is called Melanippe.

Euius  
(see Evius)

Euppe'  
[Euhippe.Evippe.Hippe.'mare']
wife of Andrus
mother of Eteocles

Euppe'  
[Euhippe.Evippe.Hippe.'mare']
wife of Pierus
mother of Oeagris and the Pierides

Euppus  
Greek

son of Thesius and Eurythemis

Eulalos  
(see Apollo)

Eumaeus  
Greek

a swineherd
son of Ormenus

He had been sold as a slave to Laertes and served him and his son, Odysseus, all his life. When Odysseus returned home after his ten years of wandering following the fall of Troy, Eumaeus helped him to defeat the gang of suitors who were besieging Penelope.

Eumelus'  
Greek

a king of Pherae
son of Admetus and Alcestis
brother of Hippasus
husband of Iphinoe

He led a contingent of his people to fight alongside the Greeks at Troy.

Eumetus'  
Greek

a king of Patrae
father of Anthaeas

Eumenides'  
Greek

[Kindly Ones]
the Semnai Theai, later identified with the Furies (see Furies)

Eumenides'  
Greek

the third play of the trilogy
by Aeschylus

Author of
Sacred Scripture
This play deals with the punishment of Orestes for the murder of Aegisthus and Clytemnestra.

**Eumolpidae** Greek
descendants of Eumolpus
priests of Demeter

**Eumolpos** (see Eumolpus)

**Eumolpus**
[Chionides.Eumolpos]
son of Poseidon by Chione
father of Ceryx

His mother, ashamed of his illegitimacy, threw him into the sea. He was saved by Poseidon and reared by the sea-god's daughter, Benthesicyme. He later married one of Benthesicyme's daughters but, when he tried to rape another of her daughters, he was banished to Thrace. Here he was given a daughter of King Tegyrius. He next went to Eleusis and here he was given a daughter of King Chione. He supplied the Greek army at Troy with wine. He and his brother Thoas rescued his twin brother of Thoas
son of Jason by Hypsipyle
a singer and flute-player
He supported Phylonome's assertion that her stepson, Tenes, had tried to rape her. She was killed by her husband, Cycnus, when he discovered the truth.

In some accounts he is the same as Eumolpus, son of Poseidon and Chione.

**Eunam** (see Adamnan)

**Euneos** (see Euneus)

**Euneus** Greek
[a king of Lemnos]
son of Jason by Hysipyle
[twin brother of Thoas]
He and his brother Thoas rescued his mother who had been sold as a slave to Lycurgus. He supplied the Greek army at Troy with wine.

**Eunomia** Greek
the goddess of spring and good government
daughter of Zeus and Themis
one of the Horae, in some accounts

**Eunomus** Greek
[Cyathus]
a cup-bearer to Oeneus
son of Architeles
He was accidentally killed when a young boy when Heracles boxed his ears for spilling wine.

**Eupai** South American
an Inca god of the underworld to whom children were sacrificed

**Eupalalus** Greek
son of Erechtthus
father of Daedalus, in some accounts

**Eupeithes** (see Eupithes)

**Eupheme** Greek
a nymph, nurse to the Muses
mother of Crotus by Pan

**Euphemos** Greek
one of the Argonauts
son of Poseidon and Europe
He was an excellent swimmer and it was said that he ran on water. When the Argo was stranded in Libya, Triton gave him a clod of earth which he later dropped into the sea. From this grew the island of Calliste, later Thera.

**Euphorbos** (see Euphorbus)

**Euphorbus** Greek
[a Trojan soldier]
on of Panthus
brother of Hyperenor and Polydamas
He wounded Patroclus who was then killed by Hector and was himself killed by Menelau. Pythagoras asserted that he was a reincarnation of Euphorbus.

**Euphorion** Greek
son of Achilles and Helen
In some versions, Helen married Achilles after death and produced a son, Euphorion.

**Euphrates**
[see Huddekel]

**Euphrosine** (see Euphrosyne)

**Euphrosyne** Greek
one of the 3 Graces – mirth or good cheer
daughter of Zeus by Eurynome

**Euphrosyne** Greek
[see Yevrossima]

**Eupithes** Greek
[Eupeithes]
father of Antinous
He raided the Taphians who would have killed him had not Odysseus protected him. When Odysseus, in later years, killed Antinous, who had been one of the suitors harassing Penelope, Eupithes led a rebellion against Odysseus but was killed by Laertes.

**Euraquilo** Greek
[Euroclydon]
the north-east wind personified

**Euridice** (see Eurydice)

**Euripides** Greek
(c. 484–407 BC)
a dramatist
He was the author of about fifty plays of which nineteen survive. Among them are Alcestis, Andromache, The Bacchae, Cyclops, Electra, Hecuba, Helen, Heracles, Heraclides, Hippolytus, Ion, Iphigenia at Aulis, Iphigenia in Tauris, The Maidens, Medea, Orestes, The Phoenician, Pleiades, Rheus, The Suppliants and The Trojan Women.

Some say that he was torn to pieces by the king’s dogs.

**Eur单词**
(see Euroclydo)

**Euryonymous**
a demon
In black magic, one of the Grand Dignitaries, the prince of death.

**Europa** Greek
[Europe]
daughter of Agenor and Telephassa
sister of Cadmus, Cilix and Phoenix
mother of Minos, Rhadamanthus and Sarpedon by Zeus
mother of Aeacus by Zeus, some say
In some accounts, her father was Phoenix; others say that she was the mother of the Minotaur.

She was carried off to Crete by Zeus in the form of a handsome bull. Changing form to an eagle he ravished Europa who bore the three sons Minos, Rhadamanthus and Sarpedon. The god gave her the dog, Laelaps, a spear which never missed its mark and Talus, the bronze guardian of Crete. She later married Asterius, king of Crete, who adopted her three sons. After her death, she was deified.

**Europe** Greek
[in some accounts, a moon-goddess]
daughter of Tityus
mother of Euphemus by Poseidon

**Europe** Greek
(see Europa)

**Europa** Greek
[see also Iodama]

**Europaeus** Greek
Minos as the son of Europa

**European Sibyl**
a mediaeval prophetess

**Euros** (see Eurus)

**Euroswydd** (see Euroswydd)

**Euros** Welsh
[see Euroswydd]
second husband of Penardun
father of Efni生姜 and Nisien

**Euros** Greek
[see Eurus]

**Euros**
a king of Laconia
son of Lelex
father of Sparte

**Euros** Welsh
[see Euroswydd]
the east (or south-east) wind
son of Aeolus or Astraeus by Eos

**Eurution** (see Eurytion)
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<td>When Odysseus finally returned home after wandering the earth for ten years after the fall of Troy he arrived disguised as a beggar. His old nurse recognised him by a scar on his leg. She was able to tell Odysseus which of the servants had collaborated with the importunate suitors of Penelope who had set up a Nereid</td>
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<td>She died when bitten by a snake as she was running to escape an attempted rape by Aristaeus. Orpheus went down to the underworld and charmed Hades into releasing her but, when Orpheus broke the rules by looking back to make sure she was following him, Hades reclaimed her and she was lost forever.</td>
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<td>He was the leader of the group of sailors turned into swine by Circe when they landed on her island and managed to escape to tell Odysseus what had happened. He died in the shipwreck following the sacrilegious slaughter of the cattle of Helius.</td>
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<td>[Altha(ea),Cardea,Queen of the Circling Universe]</td>
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<td>an ancient goddess, produced from Chaos</td>
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<td>She created Ophion the serpent-god with the co-operation of the North Wind and coupled with Ophion to produce all the things in the world.</td>
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<td>She later banished Ophion to the underworld and then created the Titans and the first man, named Pelagus.</td>
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<td>She rescued Hephaestus from the sea when he fell, or was thrown by Hera, from Mount Olympus.</td>
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Eurypylus Euterpe

Eurypylus 1  Greek
wife of Orachmus
mother of Leucothoe
Eurypylus 2  Greek
a name for Artemis in the form of a mermaid
Eurypynus  [Prince of the Dead] a demon of hell
He is depicted with fur like that of a fox all over his body and is said to devour the rotting corpses of the dead.
Euryus  Greek
father of Telemus
Euryphaessa  (see Thea)  Greek
Euryphassa  (see Thea)
Euryipus  (see Eurypylus)
Eurypylus 1  Greek
son of Euaemon or Dexamenes
He was leading a troop fighting for the Greeks at Troy and was wounded in the fighting that occurred when the party inside the Wooden Horse, of which he was one, climbed out and started the final battle.
Eurypylus 2  Greek
leader of the Mysian contingent fighting at Troy
son of Telephus and Astyoche
He killed Mchaon and Nireus in the battle at Troy but was himself killed by Pyrrhus.
Eurypylus 3  Greek
a king of the Meropes on Cos
son of Poseidon by Astypalea one of the Argonauts
He was killed by Heracles whose fleet was driven to Cos by a storm sent by Hera after Heracles had sacked Troy.
Eurypylus 4  Greek
He tended the herds of Geryon and was killed by Heracles when he tried to carry off Mnesimache, daughter of King Dexamenes.
Eurythes  Greek
a king of Argos
son of Sthenelus and Menippe brother of Alcinoe and Medusa husband of Nicippus father of Admeta and Erypilus
His birth was accelerated by Hera so that he inherited the kingdom which should have fallen to Heracles.
He set the tasks for Heracles to perform as his Labours but was so scared of his bondsman that he hid in a large bronze jar when issuing his orders which were then relayed to Heracles by the king’s herald, Copreus.
When he later invaded Attica, he was killed by Hyllus or Iolaus, or captured and put to death on the orders of Alcmene. His head was buried in a pass on the road to Athens to protect the city.
Euryate  Greek
a nymph
mother of Oeneus by Porphus
Eurythemia  Greek
wife of Thestius
mother of Althaea, Eippus, Eurypylus, Hypermnestra, Iphiclus, Leda, Plexippus and Toxues
Eurynome  Greek
She is said by some to have invented the double flute.
In some accounts, Eurytion was a Greek name for Artemis in the form of a mermaid.

Eurystheus  Greek
He attempted to rape Hippodamia at her wedding to Peirithous, starting a fight which led to the feud between the Centaurs and the Lapiths. He was killed by Heracles when he tried to carry off Mnesimache, daughter of King Dexamenes.
Eurytion  Greek
a a king of Phthia
son of Actor or Irus by Demonassa brother of Erydamus
He was one of the Argonauts and a member of the party hunting the Calydonian Boar, when he was accidentally killed by Peleus.
Eurytus  Greek
a king of Oechalia son of Melanius father of Cyteus, Deioneus, Iole, Iphitus and Toxues
He offered the hand of his daughter Iole to any man who could beat him and his sons at archery. When Heracles won, he reneged on his undertaking. He was killed by Apollo for his temerity in challenging the god to a similar contest. Heracles killed his son Iphitus in a dispute over some stolen horses.
In some accounts he had earlier taught Heracles the art of archery.
Eurytus  Greek
son of Actor and Molione twin brother of Cteatus
He and his twin, to whom he was joined at the waist, were said to have been born in a silver egg and were referred to as the Moliones. Their real father was Poseidon. They were employed as generals by Augeas, king of Elis, when Heracles attacked his kingdom and were later killed by Heracles who ambushed them en route to the Isthmian Games.
Eurytus  Greek
one of the Earthborn Giants son of Uranus and Gaia
He was killed by Dionysus in the war between the gods and the giants.
Eus-os  (see Iusas)
Eusoph  Chaldaean
a sky-god
Eustace  British
[Estance] a duke of Cambenet
He was one of the leaders of the rebellion put down by King Arthur at the Battle of Bedgrayne.
Eustace  European
son of Ida brother of Godfrey de Bouillon
Eut  (see Newt)
Euterpe  Greek
one of the 9 Muses – music mother of Rhesus by Strymon, some say She is said by some to have invented the double flute.
Evadne

When her husband died, she became a nun and her children were left in the care of Pharian.

Evaki

da goddess of the night, in the lore of some of the tribes of the Amazon basin

Evallach

(see Evelake)

Evallak

(see Evelake)

Evan

a Knight of the Round Table

He was one of the party which accompanied King Arthur to Cornwall for the trial of Isolde.

Evan

Roman

in Etruscan lore, a female being, one of the Lasae

Evan

(see Bacchus)

Evan
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Greek

a prince

son of Hermes by Carmenta or Themis

father of Dyne, Pallas and Rome

He was banished from Greece for killing his father and went to Italy where he helped Aeneas in his fight with the Latins and Rutulians. Other stories say that he was in Italy before Aeneas and founded Rome.

In some accounts he is identified with Pan before moving to Italy. Others say he was the son of Echemus. In the Roman version his mother was Carmenta.

Evander

Greek

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a king of Lycia

In some accounts, their son Sarpedon was the famous warrior at Troy rather than his grandfather, though some say that he was the son of Zeus by Deidamia.

Evad

(see Eudaf)

Eve

(see Aobh)

Evelake

British


a king of Sarras

father of Elezer and Grimal

He was said to have been born in Gaul and sent to Rome as a slave. He later went to Syria where he killed the son of a governor, fleeing to Babylon. He was made king of Sarras for helping Tholomer, the king of Babylons, whom he later went to war.

He embraced Christianity and was baptised as Mordrain before his battle with the Saracen king and Joseph of Arimathea gave him a white shield on which, during battle, appeared the figure of Christ on the cross which routed the enemy. He and Joseph came to Britain and built the Castle of Carbonel which could be invisible to sinners. Joseph (or Josephus) on his death-bed emblazoned a red cross on the shield with his own blood, enjoining Evelake to give the shield to Nascien the hermit to guard until it was claimed by Galahad.

He is said to have lived for 300 or 400 years. (see also Avalloc)

Evening Sky

North American

in the lore of the tribes of the north-west, daughter of Kumush

Evens

Greek

a river-god in Sicily

son of Ares by Demonice

husband of Aleippe

father of Marpessa

He made suitors for the hand of Marpessa take part in a chariot-race with him and when he won, as he always did, he cut off their heads. When Idas abducted Marpessa, using the magic chariot of Poseidon, Evenus pursued the fleeing couple but, failing to catch them, he drowned himself in a river which thereafter was called Evenus.

Evenus

Greek

a king of Lynnessus

Ever Breath

son of Selepus

father of Epistrophus and Mynes

Ever Breath

(see Heng Hsi)

Ever Sublime

(see Heng O)

Evers

Greek

[Everus]

son of Heracies by Parthenope

Evers

Greek

[Everus]

father of Teiresias by Chariclo

Evergreen Land

Pacific Islands

[Japanese Ryugu]

the site of the palace of the sea-god

Evers

(see Everses)

Everything-maker

(see Raweno)

Evgen

British

an ancestor of King Arthur

father of Joshua

evil eye

[=Corsican ordin:=Italian jettatura. malocchio:=Spanish mal de ojo]

the ability to cast a spell by looking at someone or something

Any spell caused by the owner of the evil eye can be removed only by them.

Evil One, The

(see Afhriman)

Evippe

(see Euippe)
Evisus | Greek  
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a name for Dionysus relating to the cries of his adherents  
Evnisien | (see Efnisien)  
Evnissesien | (see Efnisien)  
evocation |  
a spell which induces the dead or the devil to appear  
Evrain | (see Yvan)  
Evrauc | (see Efrawg)  
Evraug | (see Efrawg)  
Evrawc | (see Efrawg)  
Evua | *African*  
a sun-god in Guinea  
Ewain | (see Owain)  
Ewayne | (see Owain)  
Ewt | (see Newt)  
Excalibur | (see Excalibur)  
Excalibur | *British*  
(Caladwflch, Caladvioch, Caledwflch, Caleburn, Caliburn)  
Excalibar, Excalibur, Hungry  
One, Mirandoise  
King Arthur’s sword  
This marvellous weapon was said to have been created by Merlin. Some say it came to King Arthur from Avalon, others that it was a gift from Vivien, Lady of the Lake.  
In some accounts, the Sword in the Stone which Arthur pulled out, so demonstrating his right to the throne, was Excalibur and was engraved with that name on the blade. In other versions, that was a different sword and when it was broken in combat with an unnamed knight who had challenged Arthur, not knowing he was the king, Merlin took Arthur to a lake where an arm ‘clothed in white samite’ rose out of the water holding Excalibur which Arthur claimed and used until his death when it was returned by Bedivere to the lake where the hand rose to receive it and carry it below the surface of the water.  
Yet another version says that Excalibur was made by Merlin and given to Uther Pendragon as a symbol of his office as king. When Uther objected to handing over the baby Arthur, as he had promised, Merlin blinded Uther, taking both the child and the sword.  
While he was wearing the scabbard he could never lose blood if wounded. Some say that Excalibur was given to Arthur by Morgan le Fay; certainly she once stole it from Arthur and gave it to her lover, Accolon, in revenge for the execution of another of her lovers, but Arthur soon recovered it.  
Exciter | *Hindu*  
one of the 5 arrows carried by Kama  
exorcism |  
the rite used to expel spirits said to have taken possession of humans  
Expeller | (see Yagrush)  
exploratores | (see criminatores)  
extispicy | (see harshipication)  
Extor | (see Ector)  
extra-sensory perception |  
[esp.sixth sense]  
allowed ability to perceive things outside the range of the normal senses.  
Exylus | *Greek*  
a co-king of Elis with Agorius  
Eyacque | *North American*  
a name for Coyote as ‘sub-captain’ eye |  
the eye of a cockerel is said to guard against witchcraft; that of a newt guards against disease  
Eye-juggler | *North American*  
a trickster  
When he lost his eyes, he found others to take their place but they turned out to be made of pitch.  
Eye of Atum | (see Eye of Ra)  
Eye of Horus1 | *Egyptian*  
[Udjat, Wedjat-eye]  
the left eye of Horus  
Horus lost this eye, which was the moon, in his battles with Set but it was restored by Hathor. As the wedjat (or wedjat-eye), it became the symbol of healing.  
Eye of Horus2 | *Egyptian*  
a name of Thoth as the moon, regarded as the weaker eye (see also Eye of Horus1, Udjat)  
Eye of Ra | *Egyptian*  
[Eye of Atum, Hathor-Sakhmet, Qedeshet]  
a manifestation of the goddess  
Hathor or Sakhmet when she was sent to punish mankind: the uraeus (see also udjat)  
Eyeh-asher-ehyeh | *Hebrew*  
a god  
Eyline | (see Eglimi)  
Eylimi | (see Eglimi)  
Eyra | (see Eir)  
Eyrgjafa | (see Aurgjafa)  
Eystein | *Norse*  
a king of Sweden  
Ragnar had wooed the daughter of Eystein but failed to divorce Aslaug in favour of the princess, so Eystein invaded Denmark. His forces were helped by an enchanted cow which caused great slaughter and Agnar and Erik, Ragnar’s sons, were killed. When their brothers and the pirate, Hastings, joined Ragnar’s forces, Ivar killed the cow with his magic, Eystein was killed and the invasion repelled.  
Eyvin Kelda | *Norse*  
a wizard who was drowned by King Olaf  
Eyvindr Kelda | (see Eyvin Kelda)  
Ezerinis | *Baltic*  
a Finnish lake-god  
Ezhdeha | *Persian*  
a demon, a form of Azhi Dahak  
Ezzelin | *European*  
a son of Satan in Dante’s Inferno  
Ezzila | (see Attila)
Fa’ahotu Pacific Islands
[Fakahotu]
an earth-goddess
wife of Atea
Fa’ahotu, the earth, was created from
one half of the cosmic egg. Atea, the
sky, was created from the other half.
In some accounts, she is the same as Papa.

Fa’atiu Pacific Islands
[=Hawaiian La’a Maomao=New Zealand
Raka Maomao]
a Samoan wind-god

Fabas

a demon

Fable

a fictitious story: a myth

Fables of Bidpai Britob
the English version of
the Panchatantra

Fables de Pilpay French
the French version of
the Panchatantra

Fabula (see Acca Larentia)

Fabulæ (see Genealogiae)

Fabulōsus Roman
god whose job it was to teach children
to speak (see also Vagtanus)

Face of Glory Hindu
the face of Krittimukha
This lion face, all that remained of the
demon Krittimukha, was revered as a
symbol of wrath.

Fachtna Irish
[Fachtna the Giant.Fathach]
a poet-king of Ulster

son of Ros Ruadh and Maga
husband of Nessa
father of Daire
He raised Conor as his own son but it
was generally accepted that the boy
was the result of an affair between the
druid, Cathbad, and Nessa.

Fadir Norse
[‘father’]
husband of Modir
Modir produced a son, Jarl, fathered
by Heimdall when he visited earth in
the guise of Riger.

Fadu (see Fati)
faerie
[faery]
a fairy: fairyland
Humans may enter this realm if they
abstain from eating and drinking and
carry something, such as a knife, made
of iron. (see also fairy)

Faerie King, The British
a 17th c poem in which the story of
Byanor appears

Faerie Knight, The British
son of Tom a’Lincoln by Caelia
After the death of Tom and Anglitora,
he joined forces with his half-brother,
the Black Knight, and they came to
Britain.

Faerie Queene, The English
the 16th c allegorical poem by
Spenser in which Arthur, not
yet king, appears

faery (see faerie)
Fafnir
Norse
He gave shelter to St Mochuda and his followers who had been expelled from their monastery.
Fair Eber
(see Eber Finn)
Fair Forlorn
(see Beltenbros)
Fair Hands
[Beaumains,Handy]
a nickname for Gareth
Fair Maid of Astolat
(see Elaine')
Fair Maiden
North American
second wife of Kulshan
She left her husband to visit her mother and was turned into an island as, also, was her new-born child.
Fair One
(see Finn mac Cool)
Fair Unknown, The
(see Gingalin)
Fair-wheel
Norse
a name for the sun
Fair Wind Ears
Chinese
an attendant on the Queen of Heaven
She was said to have extremely good hearing.
fairy
[faerie,faery,faey,fe-]=French fée:
a diminutive supernatural being
Some say that these immortal beings are the children of Adam and Lilith.
Fairy bridges
Chinese
bridges over which the good dead were conducted across the Inevitable River in hell
Fairy Kind
(see Danaans)
fairy loaves
fossil sea-urchins
It is said that these fossils are made by fairies.
Fairy Maid
(see Gemmous Lasses)
fairy money
money found lying on the ground or hidden or given by fairies
In the former case, it was said that the money was put there by fairies; in the latter case, the money soon changes into something worthless such as dead leaves.
fairy mounds
Irish
markers said to indicate the presence of the Divine People, the Danans
Fairy Palace of the Quicken-trees
(see Brughean Caortheinn)
fairy rings
circles of grass darker in colour than that around it
It is said that these rings are caused by fairies which dance round the circle.
fairy sparks
phosphorescence from decaying matter
The glow from this source was said to be made by fairies to light their revels.
fairy stone
a lucky charm
This stone brings good fortune to its owner but, if it is touched by another person, it loses its effectiveness.
fairy wind
[='Irish sidhegoite']
a sudden gust of wind said to be caused by fairies
Such gusts may occur to help the haymaking in the fields, to mark a death or to deter those digging for fairy gold.
fairyland
[='Irish']
the imagined home of the fairies
In The Faerie Queene, it is the realm ruled by Oberon where Arthur, before he was made king, fell in love with the fairy queen, Gloriana.
Fai'taulanga
Pacific Islands
a priest of Tagaloa
He persuaded forty-two youths and seven maidens to offer themselves for sacrifice to lift a plague and they tried to escape the clutches of the god of death in seven canoes. After many adventures and disasters, the crew of each boat was depleted, the rowers dying or being killed one by one, until only one youth and one maiden were left in each boat. At this point, Tagaloa relented and the survivors sailed safely to Samoa.
Fair'arongo
Pacific Islands
a god of mariners
son of Ariki Kafika Tuisifo
Fakahotu
(see Fa'ahotu)
fakir
Hindu
an Indian wonder-worker
faknik
East Indian
in Papuan lore, a spirit living in rocks near the sea, which causes storms
Fal
(see Stone of Destiny)
Fal stone
(see Stone of Destiny)
falcon-garb
(see Vallharm)
Fale-o-le fe'e
Pacific Islands
a stone temple said to have been built by Fe'e, a Samoan god of war
Falerina
European
an enchantress
She owned an enchanted garden in which she imprisoned many knights, including Floris mart and Ricardo. Roland gained entry after killing the dragon guarding the gate, tied her to a tree, took Balsardo, the magic sword she had made, and released her prisoners.
Falernus

Italian

a peasant who entertained Liber
He was too poor to provide wine but
the god filled his cups and caused the
surrounding land to be covered by
vines.

Falga

(see Isle of Falga)

Falhofnir

(see Fallow-hoof)

Falke

European

a horse of Dietrich von Bern
This animal, said never to grow tired,
was given to Dietrich by his follower,
Heime.

Falling Eagle

Mexican

a giant, in Aztec lore
He was one of four giants who
supported the sky at the beginning of
the Fifth Sun. He was regarded as the
symbol of divine power on earth.

Falling Star

North American

one of the 4 Associated Gods of
the Sioux

falling star

(see meteor)

Falling Water

(see Cala-Paluma)

Fallow-hoof

Norse

[Falhofnir]
a horse of the gods

False Face Society

(see Hadiganso Shano)

False Guinevere

British

[Guinevere the False]
half-sister of Guinevere
She was the daughter of Leodegrance
by another woman but Guinevere's
physical double. She took the real
Guinevere's place for over two years
but finally admitted the deception.

Falseron

European

a sub-king in Spain
He was in charge of the first of the three
armies hidden in ambush at
Roncesvalles and was killed by Roland.

Falthabra

(see Foltor)

Fama

Roman

[=Greek Pheme]
the 100-tongued goddess of rumour

Famhair

(see Fomhair)
familiar

[sending]
a spirit, often in the form of a cat,
attending when called, usually
by a witch

In Africa, Basuto witches have huge
animals known as obe while the
Zulu sorcerer uses an exhumed
corpse which he revivifies in the
form of an umkovu.

In Arabia, the magician's familiar
is known as a tabi.

Australian sorcerers use a lizard
as a familiar.

In the Baltic countries, lizards are
used in this connection.

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crocodile is used as a sending or the
sorcerer may cause slivers of bone,
etc. to fly through the air and
embed themselves under a victim's
skin (see tabi).

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In Malay, a sorcerer can kill by
pointing his kris at a victim. As
soon as the spell takes hold, blood
will drip from the point of the
knife. His familiar may be a badger
or an owl.

In North America, many
druidic medicine-men stuff the skin of an
owl and make it fly against the
intended victim causing him to
starve to death.

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king, Akañ, induced Far-li-mas to tell such wonderful stories that the priests forgot about the stars and no date was ever fixed for her brother’s death.

Farab Maka 
African
a hero in Mali
husband of Nana Miriam
He attacked the monster hippopotamus Malí, which had eaten all his crops, with a spear but it ate him as well. His wife paralysed the beast with a magic spell. (see also Farab Maka)

Faragul
Central American
an itinerant god of Haití and Puerto Rico, a deified tree

Faramon
French
[Faramond. Pharamond]
a king of France
a Knight of the Round Table
son of Marcomir
father of Belide and Clodion
He was said to have been a slave who, when freed, became king of France. He once entered King Arthur’s court in disguise to spy on his enemy.
He fell in love with Rosamund.

Faramon
(see Faramon)

Faran Maka
African
a giant hero of the Songhai tribe
father of Wango and Weikare
When the water-spirit, Zin-Kibaru, caused the fish to eat Faran Maka’s rice plants, he fought and killed the spirit and kept his magic guitar.
He is said to use his long beard to catch fish in the river and eats at least one hippopotamus each day.
He found a girl in a termite-hill and she bore him two children, Wango and Weikare. (see also Farab Maka)

Farasi Bahari
Arab
[=Egyptian Sabgarifya: =Greek Hippocampus]
green horses said to live in the Indian Ocean
Horses bred from these stallions and normal mares can run forever without pause since, having no lungs, they are never short of breath.
(see also Farasul Bahri)

Farasul Bahri
Malay
a sea-horse, said to be the mount of Salana (see also Farasi Bahari)

Farbauti
Norse
[Firbauti]
a name of Bergemir as father of Loki by Laufiea, in some stories
father of Ybleist and Helblindi
In other accounts, Farbauti is the son of Lanferis.

Farfarel
British
the English version of Farfarello

Farfarello
European
[Farzard]
the devil in Dante’s Inferno

Faridun
(see Thraetona)

Farma-Tyr
Norse
a name of Odin as ‘the protector of cargoes’

Faro
African
water-god of the Bambara
twin brother of Pemba
Both he and Pemba grew from seeds planted at the four corners of the earth.
He brought order out of the original chaos; created the seven heavens; killed Teliko, the spirit of the hot winds of the desert; produced the first human beings by impregnating himself and bearing twins; gave mankind the power of speech. He uprooted the tree-god, Pemba, when he was planted by the first woman, Musso-koroni. (see also Faro)

Faro
African
in the lore of the Mande, the brother of the first man (see also Faro)

Farris
a demon of the hours of the day

Faruach
Irish
a magician
He made the ship in which he, Foltor and Finn mac Cool chased Gilla Dacar and rescued the men he had carried off.

fascination
a charm which enabled the wearer to see things not visible to others

fascinum
a phallic amulet

Fascinus
Roman
a fertility-god

Fashena-futo
(see Fa-she-na-fu-to)

Fasold
(see Fasold)

Fasolt
Norse
[Fasold]
a giant
brother of Fafnir, in some accounts
In the Wagner version, Fafnir and his brother Fasolt, Frost Giants, built Valhalla for Odin but demanded Freya as payment. When they were given the Rhinegold as ransom, they fought over the treasure. Fafnir killed his brother and then used the Helmet of Invisibility to change himself into a dragon.
In Germanic stories, as Fasold, he was the brother of Ecke and, when Dietrich rescued Bolfriana and her nine daughters who had been imprisoned by Ecke, he joined forces with Dietrich.

Fasti
Roman
a story by Ovid including an account of the rape of Lucretia

Fasting Coyote
(see Nezha of the Indian Ocean)

Fastnachtsbar
German
a man dressed as a bear paraded in the Fastnacht festival

Fastrada
(see Fastrade)

Fastrade
European
[Frastrada]
in some accounts, one of the 9 wives of Charlemagne

Fastulus
(see Faustulus)

Fat
Chinese
a deity
son of Chang
twin brother of Tan
He is known as The Flasher.

fata
Italian
a fairy

Fata
(see Tria Fata)

Fata Alcina
(see Alcina)

Fata Morgana
European
[Le Chateau de Morgan le Fée]
a mirage seen in the Straits of Messina
This vision, a scene of architectural wonders, was seen by Roland in the garden of the enchantress, Falerina.
Some say that it represented a palace of Morgan le Fay.

Fata Morgana
European
a name of Morgan le Fay
Morgan was reputed to have another home in Sicily where she was known as Fata Morgana. The generation of a mirage to lure ships on to the rocks would be consistent with her role as a trouble-maker.

Fata Scribendi
Roman
a goddess (or goddesses) who wrote out the fate of each child at birth
In some accounts, they are the same as the Fates.

Fatae Devones
Roman
[Matronae Devones] goddesses of the oak wood

Fate Trinity
Irish
the trio Ana, Badb and Macha as Morrigan

Fates
(see Moirae. Norms. Parcae)

Fathach
Irish
a mythical giant (see also Fomoire)

Fathach
(see Fachta)

Father Atoja
South American
a rain-spirit of the Aymara
A magician collects several basins of
water with frogs from Lake Titicaca and places them on top of the mountain, Atoja, praying to the spirits of that mountain, Father Atoja and Mother Atoja. When the sun has evaporated the water in the basins, the frogs croak loudly and the spirits then cause rain to fall.

**Father Fine**  
Norse  
a dwarf  
He built the church for Esbern in return for his eyes, heart and soul if Esbern failed to discover his name before the building was complete. Helva’s prayers enabled her to discover the dwarf’s name and save her lover.

**Father Hu**  
Chinese  
a sky-god

**Father Mars**  
(see Mars Marspite)  

**Father of Battle**  
(see Odin)

**Father of Mankind**  
(see Latipan)

**Father of the Forest**  
(see Mezaters)

**Father of the Gods**  
(see Latipan)

**Father Shunem**  
(see El)

**Father Sky**  
(see Guamaonocon. Sky Father)

**Father Tiber**  
(see Tiberinus)

**Fath**  
Irish  
the Irish druids

**Fati**  
Balkan  
[plur=Fati=Greek Moirae]  
one of the 3 beings who determine the fate of a newborn child  
In the plural (Fati) they are also called Niren.

**Fati**  
Pacific Islands  
[Fadu]  
the moon-god of the Society Islanders  
son of Roua and Taonoui

**faticaria**  
(see witchcraft)

**Fatima**  
European  
in some accounts, a servant of Clarimunda or Esclaramonde

**Fatima**  
Persian  
a female hermit  
In *The Arabian Nights* she was killed by a sorcerer who, disguised in her clothes, entered Aladdin’s home.

**Fatouma**  
African  
a princess  
She was saved by Hammadi as she was about to be devoured by the dragon of the lake and married her rescuer.

**Fatu-tiri**  
Pacific Islands  
[Fatu-titi]  
an ancestor of Tane-Mahuta  
He gave Tane-Mahuta the thunderbolt as a weapon though, in some accounts, Fatu-tiri is the thunderbolt with which he killed Atea.

**Fatu-titi**  
(see Fatu-tiri)

**Fatu**  
(see Fauna)

**Fatuclus**  
[Greek]  
a name of Faunus as ‘speaker’

**Fatu**  
(see Fauna)

**Fatus**  
Roman  
a god of personal destiny

**faudeur**  
French  
an imp of wheat-stores in Brittany

**Fauna**  
(see Acca Larentia, Fauna)

**Faumea**  
Pacific Islands  
[=Hawaiian Haumea]  
mother of Tu-nui-ka-rere and Turi-a-faumes by Tangaroa  
In Tiamatu they say that she had eels in her vagina that killed men but she showed Tangaroa how to remove them and their union produced two children.

**faun**  
Roman  
[=Greek satyr]  
part man, part goat: a woodland spirit: a descendant of Faunus

**Faun**  
(see Faunus)

**Fauna**  
Roman  
[Fatu.Faule,Faula,Mai,Maesta,Oma:  
[=Greek Dana.Senele]  
goddess of fertility, fields, herds daughter or sister and wife of Faunus  
wife of Jupiter or Vulcan, some say  
In some accounts she is identified with Bona Dea, in others with Angitia.

**Faunus**  
Roman  
[Fatu(c)i,Faun,Incubo,In(n)iuss.  
Luperco.Sileni,Faunus  
[=Greek Zephyr]  
a vegetation god, god of prophecy and shepherds  
son of Mars, Mercury or Picus  
father or consort and brother of Fauna  
In some accounts, he was the son of Mars and a princess and was raised to become the god of the countryside. Others make him the son of Mercury who killed strangers and offered them in sacrifice to his father who then gave him the hindquarters and hoofs of a goat in punishment. Some say he was the son of Picus.  
(see also Faunus)

**Faunus**  
Roman  
a king of Italy  
son of Hermes, some say  
father of Latinus  
father of Acis, some say  
He had the habit of killing all strangers and sacrificing them to his father, Hermes.  
He was killed by Heracles (during his tenth Labour) and some say that it was Heracles who fathered Latinus, not Faunus.

His spirit was said to have warned Latinus not to allow his daughter, Lavinia, to marry any but a stranger who would soon arrive from over the sea. This turned out to be Aeneas.

In some accounts, he is the same as Faunus, the Italian god of vegetation.

**Faust**  
German  
[Dr Faustus]  
a man who sold his soul to the Devil in return for unlimited knowledge and youth

**Faustus**  
British  
son of Vortigern

**Faustus**  
(see Faust)  

**Fauvel**  
French  
[Favel]  
a centaur in a 14th c novel of the same name

**Favel**  
(see Fauvel)

**Favonius**  
Roman  
[=Greek Zephyr]  
the west wind personified  
consort of Flora, some say

**Fawn**  
(see Ne-a-go)  
(see fairy)

**Faylinn**  
Irish  
[The Good Folk, The Little People. Wee Folk]  
fairies or leprechauns  
This race of people, much smaller than dwarfs, was ruled by Iubdan and Bebo.  
In some accounts, Iubdan’s realm, rather than his people, is referred to as Faylinn.

**Fea**  
African  
a god of the Ivory Coast  
This deity is envisaged in the form of a mask.

**Fea**  
Irish  
[a war-goddess, an aspect of Morrigan]

**Fea**  
a red ox  
In some accounts, the two oxen, Fea and Feimhean, were owned by the goddess Brigit. Others say that they were owned by Dil.

**Feabhail**  
(see Febal)  

**Feadhach**  
Irish  
ruler of an island in the Otherworld father of Flann

**Fear Baoth**  
Irish  
a warrior of Uster  
Maev offered him her daughter, Fi, if
Irish

he would desert his friend Cuchulainn during the battles of the Cattle Raid of Cooley.

Fear Caille (see Alladhan)

Fear da Leithe (see Bearchan)

Fear Dea (see Ferdia)

Fear Dedh (see Ferdia)

Fear Deoda (see Ferdia)

Fear Diadh (see Ferdia)

Fear Diorché [Irish]

a druid who turned Saba into a deer when she rejected his advances

Fear Fi [Irish]
a musician

Lugaid mac Con went to war with Eoghan Mor when they argued about which of them had first discovered the continent.

Fear Gortac [Irish]
a magical type of grass which causes insatiable hunger

Another version describes it as a hunger-demon in the form of a wrinkled old man.

Fear Logha [Irish]
a charioteer to Ailill and Maev

Fear-tai (see Fer-tai)

Fear-ti (see Fer-ti)

Fearnach1 [Irish]
a Pictish king

Cromghath mac Fiodhaig sent Conall Corc to the Scottish court with a coded note asking the king to kill the bearer, believing that the young man had tried to rape Cromghath’s wife. The message was changed by Gruibne, a friar whom Conall had earlier rescued from captivity, with the result that Fearadhach had taken the message to the court, pretending it was an old note, still believed to be genuine. Conall had a brother-in-law in the Scottish court, whom he warned of the danger.

Fearnach2 (see Daithí)

Fearnach Fionn [Irish]
a king of Scotland

He came to Ireland to take the throne on the death of Cairebre Caíchcna but was defeated by the forces of Connaught led by Daithí.

Fearnbh [Irish]
dughter of Gearagh

When Sin came to her father’s house to seek the hand of Fearabh, Conor mac Nessa attacked the house and both Sin and her father were killed.

Fearnbhailidh [Irish]
daugher of a king of Scotland

She fell in love with the poet, Cearbhall, and when her father put him in prison, she helped him to escape. Her father later deceived her into believing that her lover was dead and she died of a broken heart.

A similar story is told of Cearbhall and Eleanor.

Fearrcheas mac Comain [Irish]

a poet-seer at the court of Ailill Olom

He was with Ailill Olom, during a vigil at Samhain, when the latter raped Aine. Fearrcheas killed her father, Eoghalhach, and, at Ailill’s instigation, Fearadhach killed Lugaid mac Con with a spear but Finn mac Cool tracked him down and killed him.

Fearadhain [Irish]
a warrior of Leinster

brother of Fingheal or Finnine

He was said to have killed a monster living in a lake and, when Finn mac Cool told him of a dangerous wild boar, he hunted it down and killed it after it had killed his three hounds. In this story, his sister was called Fingheal. Another story says that his sister was Finnine and, when she was badly treated by her husband, Conall mac an Leith Luchra, Feardhomhain killed him but was himself killed in the fight.

Feargal (see Fergal)

Fearghal (see Fergal)

Fearghus (see Fergus)

Fearna [Irish]
a king

father of Aedh Dubh

When he opposed St Caillin, he was swallowed up by the earth.

In some accounts, his father was Suibhne, king of Dalrada.

Fearghus (see Fergus)

Fearineus (see Phoroneus)

Fearn [Irish]
a son of Partholan

Feast of Age (see Feast of Goibhniu)

Feast of Anna Perenna (Roman)

a celebration, held on March 15th, of Anna Perenna’s deception, in the form of Minerva or Nerio, or the war-god, Ares

Feast of Bricciú (see Bricciú’s Feast)

Feast of Goibhniu (Irish)

[Féileadh Ghoibhniu.Feast of Age. Fleda Flánuin]
a feast in the underworld at which the smith-god gave his guests food and drink that made them immortal

This was one of three gifts from Manannan to the Danaans. The other two were the Veil of Invisibility (Faet Fiada) and the Pigs of Manannan.

Feast of Lanterns (see Festival of the Dead. Lantern Festival)

Feast of Souls

a festival, held in November, in honour of the dead

Feather

North American

a sacred object to the Indians

Feather Cloak of Freya (see Valhalla)

Feather Man

North American

a wind-spirit of the Pueblo tribes

Feather Robe

Japanese

a garment used by the moonfolk

They wrapped the moonmaiden, Kaguya, in this garment when they took her back to her home in the sky, to erase her memories of life on earth.

Feather Woman (see Soatsaki)

Feathered Serpent (see Quetzalcoatl)

Feathered Staff (see Quetzalcoatl)

Fehal [Irish]

father of Bran

Fehbal (see Fehal)

Febris [Roman]

[=Etruscan Dis=Greek Pluto]

the god of the dead

Fecor

da demon guarding underground treasure (see also Anarazel.Gaziel)

Fedelm (see Fedelma.Feildilimh)

Fedelma [Irish]

a prophetess

dughter of Laoghaire mac Criosadh

daughter of Conor mac Nessa, some say

sister of Ethne

wife of Loaghaire Buadhach

She forewarned Maev that she would be defeated in the battle for the Brown Bull of Cooley.

Fedelim (see Feidhlim.Feliim)

Feeder (see Pan’)

Fe’ē [Pacific Islands]

a Polynesian war-god and god of the dead

one of the Aitu

He is said to have given birth to all the rocks and islands.

He is depicted as a giant cuttlefish encompassing the world with his tentacles. His underside palace was known as Bale-Fe’e.
of the twin daughters born at the same time to Ingeheanach, wife of Gabhran. She could identify the boy from a grain of gold which she had put in his shoulder and when, as a man, Aodan mac Gabhran, he invaded Leinster, she prevailed upon him to make peace with Brandubh, his brother.

**Feidhlim**

Irish

[Fedelm.Lair Dhearg.Red Mare] a sorceress foster-mother of Conal Corc

**Feidhlimh1**

Irish

[Fedelm] daughter of Fachtna and Nessa sister of Conor mac Nessa wife of Cairebre Nia Fear mother of Eirc

**Feidhlimh2**

Irish

[Fedlimid] grandson of Conall Guiban father of Columba

**Feidhlimh3**

Irish

[Fedlimid Cam O Baoil] son of Ailill and Maev He was one of seven sons all known as Maine.

**Feidhlimidh1**

Irish

[Fedlimid] father of Conn Ceadchathach

**Feidhlimidh2**

Irish

[Fedlimid] grandson of Conall Guiban father of Columba

**Feidhlimidh3**

Irish

(Fedlimid mac Dall)

**Feidhlimidh Cam O Baoil**

Irish

[Fedlimid] a warrior of Donegal His family feuded with the Mac Suibhne sept and, when he visited the house of Mac Suibhne, the latter tried to kill him. He got out of the house and, after a furious chase, escaped by sea.

**Feidhlimidh mac Crimthann**

Irish

[Fedlimid] a warrior-king of Munster bishop of Cashel

In some versions, he is regarded as a saint. He once took shelter with the satirist, Gul, whose daughter Sadhbh tricked him out of his clothes and his horse. In revenge, he sent Dunnoir to seduce her.

He quarrelled with the high-king Niall Caille and was defeated by him at the Battle of Carman.

**Feile Bhride**

Irish

(see Imbolc)

**Feile Brighde**

Irish

(see Imbolc)

**Feimehan**

Irish

[Fernan.Fernean] a black ox

In some accounts, the two oxen, Fea and Feimehan, were owned by the goddess Brigit. Others say that they were owned by Dil.

**Feirmurgen**

Irish

(see Morgan le Fay)

**Feini**

Irish

early settlers

While most accounts refer to the descendants as the Danaans, the fifth in the series of invaders of Ireland, others refer to her descendants as the Feini and regard them as the first settlers of that country. (see also Fianna)

**Feinius**

Irish

father of Niul

**Feinne**

Irish

(see Fianna)

**Feinnidh**

Irish

a leader of a troop of the Fianna

**Feirceirteine**

Irish

(see Fer Cherdeine)

**Feircheirdeine**

Irish

(see Fer Cherdeine)

**Feirefiss**

Irish

(see Feirefiz)

**Feirefiz**

British

[Feirefiss] son of Gahmuret and Belcane half-brother of Percival He is said to have been part-coloured as the result of having parents of different origins.

He met his half-brother in combat without realising their relationship but, when they were reconciled, he joined Percival in the Grail Quest.

At King Arthur’s court, he met Repanse and, after converting to Christianity, married her, taking her to India where Repanse bore him a son who became the magician, Prester John.

**Feis na Samhna**

Irish

[Samain Feis] an Irish name for Samhain

**Feis Tighe Chonain**

Irish

the story of Finn mac Cool’s visit to the castle of Conan in the Otherworld

**Felice**

British

[Phelis] daughter of the Earl of Warwick husband of Guy When her husband failed to return from the Holy Land, she devoted her life to works of charity. When Guy finally returned, he left her in peace and built himself a hermitage. They were reunited when Guy was on his deathbed but Felice died of grief.

**Felicitas**

Roman

the goddess of good luck

(see also Fortuna)

**Felim mac Dall**

Irish

[Fedlimid.Feithlimidh.Phelim] a harp-player at the court of Conor mac Nessa son of Dall father of Deirdre
Felix

father of Mark and Meliad, some say
In some accounts he was the king of Cornwall and Lyonesse.

Felix

a monk
He stood listening to the song of the birds and later discovered that he had listened for 300 years which, to him, had seemed like just a few minutes.

Felix

a name for Venus as the bringer of good fortune

Femba (see Pemba)

Feminea saga (see saga¹)

Feminee (see Femynye)

Femynye

the realm of the Amazons

Fend Maris

a heroine of Angola

Vidiji Milanda had been bewitched and lay asleep on the bank of a river. He could be wakened only by a maiden shedding eleven jugfuls of tears. Fenda Maria filled ten jugs and, having given one away to free a slave girl, got tired of weeping and asked the slave girl to fill the eleventh jug. This she did and woke the sleeping prince who took her for his wife instead of Fenda Maria. The slave then took on the role of her mistress and the real Fenda Maria became her slave, now called Kamaria.

Later, the prince brought Kamaria presents she had asked for; a lamp which lit itself, a razor which sharpened itself, scissors which could cut unaided and a stone which told the truth. With the help of these objects she convinced the prince that she was the real Fenda Maria and they were married, burning the imposter in a barrel of tar.

Fenc

one of a race of Hungarian demons or their realm

Feng¹

the Chinese version of the phoenix

one of the Four Auspicious Animals

chief of the feathered animals ruler of the south and the summer season

This fabulous bird is described as being composed of parts of many other birds and the tail of a fish, although it is sometimes depicted as the Oriental pheasant. It is reputed to alight only on the wu t'ung tree and lives on the seeds of the bamboo.

Another version describes it as a scarlet or vermilion bird, one of four supporting the corners of the earth.

(see also Luan)

Feng²

brother of Horvendil

He killed his brother, Horvendil, king of Jutland, married his widow, Gerutha, and took the throne. He was later killed by Horvendil's son, Amleth.

Feng³

[Fiollnir.Fjollnir]

a name used by Odin when he was taken aboard ship by Sigurd who met the god walking on the sea.

(see also Hnikar)

Feng Huan (see Feng³)

Feng Huang (see Feng³)

Feng I (see Shui Kuan)

Feng-kan

an 8th c giant

one of the Eighteen Lohan, some say

He was said to have been seven feet tall and rode a tiger, in which form he is generally depicted. In this respect, he is similar to Tamra Bhadra.

Feng Lin


a collection of stories relating the exploits of Finn mac Cool and his warriors, the Fianna

Fenius (see Fenius)

Fenius¹

wife of Alis

When her husband died, she married his nephew, Cligés.

Fenius²


a queen of Ireland

In the French story, Durmart le Gallois, she was loved by Durmart.

Feniusa Farsa (see Feniusa Farsa)

a Scythian king, ancestor of the Milesians

father of Niul

He was said to be a descendant of Japhet, Noah's son, and grandfather of Gaedheal. He helped to build the Tower of Babel and was the only man conversant with all the languages that emerged when the Tower was abandoned.

fenix (see phoenix¹)

fenja (see Fenja)

Fenoderee (see Fenodyree)

stag, a sparrow's head, the horns of a bull and a snake's tail.

Feng-p'o-p'o

[Madame Wind]

a wind-goddess

wife of Feng Po

She is said to ride a tiger in the sky.

Feng Shih (see Feng Po)

feng-shui

a system of landscape magic or geomancy

This art is sometimes used to determine the orientation of graves or of houses and their contents so that they are in harmony with natural forces.

The principles of this technique were collected by Kung Po (3rd-4th c.).

Feneger (see Fenia)

Fenia

[Fenje.Fenia]

giantess

daughter of Greip, some say

She and her sister Menia were bought as slaves by Frodi to work his magic grindstone, Grotte.

Fenian Cycle


a collection of stories relating the exploits of Finn mac Cool and his warriors, the Fianna

Fenians (see Fianna)

Fenice

[Fiennasea]

see Luan)

Fenicia

(see Fenicia)

Fenice¹

[Fiennasea]

see Luan)

Fenice²

[Fiennasea]

see Luan)

Fenice

[Fiennasea]

see Luan)

Fenice

[Fiennasea]

see Luan)
He received the robes and office of the chief-poet when Adna died but Adna’s son, Neidhe, disputed his right to them. Fer Chernde defeated him in a contest of verse and rhetoric and the younger man then conceded.

In some accounts, the three Fer Chernde characters are all manifestations of the same person.

**Fer Chernde**

Ferchernde.Fercherrne]
a poet, a retainer of Cu roi father of Aithirne

Some say that it was he, not Aithirne, who demanded and got Eochaid mac Luchta’s one remaining eye.

When his master’s wife, Blathnat, who arrived late in the battle, put her hands on each side of his brow, he sent his sword. Cuchulainn ran Ferdia through with his own sword.

**Fer Dea**

(see Ferdia)

**Fer Dedh**

(see Ferdia)

**Fer Deoda**

(see Ferdia)

**Fer Diadh**

(see Ferdia)

**Fer Fidail**

(see Ferdia)

**Fer Fidail**

[Fe(a)r Dea.Fe(a)r Dedh.Fe(a)r Deoda.
Fe(a)r Diadh.Ferdiad.mac.Daire]

son of Fergus mac Roth foster-brother of Cuchulainn

In some accounts, he was the son of Damhan.

He trained with Cuchulainn under Skatha and became his friend. He later fought for Maev in the Cattle Raid of Cooley and was killed.

**Ferchernde**

(see Fer Chernde)

**Ferchertne**

(see Fer Chernde)

**Ferchess**

(see Fearcheas)

**Fer cob**

Irish

a king of Munster

He and his men fought alongside Finn and the Fianna at the Battle of Gabbra.

**Ferdia**

Irish

a king of Spain

father of Alfonso, Elvira, Garcia, Sancho and Urraca

When El Cid came to his court, he banished him for his haughty manner but soon restored him to favour when El Cid started to win battles against the Moors.

He was in dispute with Ramiro of Aragon and appointed El Cid as his champion to settle the matter in single combat with Martin Gonzalez. In another dispute, when he refused to pay homage to the Pope, El Cid once again settled the matter in his favour by defeating the Pope’s champion.
Ferdoman

Irish

son of Bodb Deag

He was one of the party of nine, led by Gol mac Morna, which recovered Finn mac Cool's hounds, Bran and Scolan, when they were stolen by Arthur.

Fergal mac Maolduin

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)al]

a high-king of Ireland

father of Aedh Allan and Niail Frasach

He had an affair with a nun who was the daughter of Congall. When Congall entered her bedroom, she sat on top of Fergal and persuaded her father of her innocence. Rather than betray his presence, Fergal made no sound, even when a cat bit pieces out of his legs.

He recruited Leinster with a large army which included a young musician and poet, named Donn Bo, whom he had undertaken to keep safe. In a battle with the forces of Leinster, both the king and Donn Bo were killed and decapitated. Donn Bo's head sang so badly at the celebration feast of the Leinstermen that they returned it to the site of the battle, placed it on his body and Donn was restored to life. The head of Fergal was given to Cathal mac Fionghuine, king of Munster, who washed and dressed it in finery at a feast where it spoke its thanks for the honour.

Fergar

Irish

a companion of Conary Mor

Fergus

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

a physician

He advised Angus Og on how to locate Caer Horneth.

Fergne

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)na]

(see Fergus)

Fergus

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

husband of Galiene

son of Soumilliot

He was a ploughboy whose imagination was fired by seeing King Arthur and his knights, and he wanted to become like them.

He borrowed his father's old armour and rode to the king's court, despatching a pair of robbers en route, and found himself the butt of Kay's ridicule. He was, nevertheless, made a knight and set out to kill the Black Knight to prove himself. He stayed overnight at Castle Lidell where the owner's niece, Galiene, fell in love with him. Fergus rejected her because he felt unworthy until he had achieved his aim. Having disposed of the Black Knight he returned to the castle, only to find that Galiene had left. He spent over a year searching for her and was then told that he could win her hand only by first winning the Shield Beautiful which was guarded by a dragon and a giantess in Castle Dunestre. Fergus killed both of these guardians and won the shield and then set off for Lothian where Galiene was under siege. On the road to Scotland, he killed the giant of Mount Dolerous, freed two ladies held in that giant's castle and acquired the marvellous horse, Arondiel. In Lothian, he killed Artofaulus, nephew of the king whose forces were besieging Galiene and sent the king himself as hostage to King Arthur's court. Arthur had, for some time, been searching for Fergus and, having found him, organised a great tournament at which Fergus was champion. As a reward, Fergus received Galiene as his wife and was made king of Lothian.

Fergus1

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

a Knight of the Round Table

cornish earl

His lands were ravaged by the giant Taulurd until Morholt killed the giant.

Fergus2

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

son of Eochaid Muigl and Mongfhinn

brother of Alill, Brian and Fiachra

step-brother of Niall Noigiallach

Fergus3

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us].Wise Lips

a seer

son of Finn mac Cool

Fergus4

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

a monk

He caught the mermaid, Li Ban, in his net and argued over her future with Beoan.

Fergus5

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

son of Alill and Maev

He was one of seven sons, all known as Maine.

Fergus Bearn

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

father of St Ruadan

Fergus Cearbhaill

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us].Cearbhail

father of Diarmaid

Fergus Fionnvil

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us].Fionnhaile

a counsellor to Finn mac Cool

Fergus Fionnnlair

Irish

a fertility-lord

A former wife of Iolrn turned Urme, whom he proposed to marry, into a bitch and gave her to Fergus as a present. When she resumed her human form and returned to Iolrn, Fergus gave her whelps to Finn mac Cool who called them Bran and Scolan.

Fergus Foga

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

a king of Ulster

Some say that he is the same as Fergus mac Leda or Fergus mac Roth.

Fergus Leathdhearg

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us]

son of Nemed

father of Brian

He led the Nemedians on a raid on the Fomorien on Tory Island and killed their leader, Conan.

He was one of the few Nemedians to escape from Ireland and he and his son came to Britain where they became the ancestors of the British.

Fergus mac Earc

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us].Eige

brother of Murtagh

He established the kingdom of Dal Riada. Having borrowed the Stone of Destiny from his brother for his own coronation, he never returned it to Ireland.

Fergus mac Leda

Irish

[Fe(a)rg(h)us].Leide.Fergus

a king of Ulster

Lugaid Luaingein divided Ulster into two parts, giving one to Fergus and one to Congall Clairingleach. Later, Fergus took all the province and Conall went to Scotland. On his return, Fergus mac Roth helped him to defeat Fergus mac Leda in battle.

He captured Iubdan, king of the Faylinn, and his wife Bebo when they fell into a bowl of porridge. He had an affair with Bebo and released her and her husband only when Iubdan handed over his magic shoes.

In one account, he was given the woman Dorn as compensation for the death of Eochaid Yellowmawh who had been killed by men sent by the high-king, Conn. He was also given the power by sea-sprites to swim under any water except Loch Rudhraigh.
When he ignored this ban, he was attacked by the monster, Muidris, and fear caused his mouth to move to the back of his head. When Dorn revealed his secret, after a quarrel during which Fergus struck her, the king used the shoes given to him by Iubdan to protect himself when he went back to the lake and had a second fight with the monster. Although he managed to kill the beast, he was himself wounded and died.

In some accounts, he is the same as Fergus mac Roth or Fergus Foga while others say that Tiobraide was the foster-father of Cuchulainn.

**Fergus mac Leide** (see Fergus mac Leda)
**Fergus mac Leite** (see Fergus mac Leda)
**Fergus mac Lete** (see Fergus mac Leda)
**Fergus mac Roigh** (see Fergus mac Roth)
**Fergus mac Roich** (see Fergus mac Roth)
**Fergus mac Rosa** (see Fergus mac Roth)
**Fergus mac Roth** (Irish)

He is said to be the author of the first account of the Cattle Raid of Cooley but refused to fight Cuchulainn, his friend and pupil, in single combat. He became Maev's lover and was killed by a spear thrown by Lugaid, a blind poet, when Ailill caught them bathing together in a pool.

He is known as a companion of Conary Mor and Ailill against Ulster in the Cattle Raid of Cooley but refused to fight Cuchulainn, his friend and pupil, in single combat. He became Maev's lover and was killed by a spear thrown by Lugaid, a blind poet, when Ailill caught them bathing together in a pool.

In some accounts, he is the same as Fergus mac Leda.

**Fergus mac Roy** (see Fergus mac Roth)

feri (Irish)

a companion of Conary Mor

Ferman (see Feimhean)
Fernea (see Feimhean)
ferhore (see travoshi)
Feronia¹ (Roman)
an Etruscan fertility-goddess and goddess of fire

**Feronia² (Roman)**

the goddess of spring flowers

ferour (see travoshi)

Ferracute (see Ferragus)
Ferragunze (British)
a knight of King Arthur's court husband of Vereria

King Arthur tested the tolerance of Ferragunze by arranging for him to find his wife in the arms of Gawain but even this did not make her husband jealous.

**Ferragus**

European

(Ferracute.Ferrakut)
a giant of Portugal

He fought and defeated all the greatest of Charlemagne's knights in single combat but was finally beaten and killed by Roland.

In some accounts, the Brazen Head was kept in his castle.

**Ferrakut** (see Ferragus)
**Ferrant d'Espagne**

European

a horse of Oliver

**Ferrau**

European

a Saracen warrior

He fought Argalia in the lists and won but was denied the prize, the hand of Angelica. When she fled, Ferrau chased Argalia and killed him and was fighting Roland, who also wanted Angelica, when he was forced to break off the fight and return to Spain to help Marsilius.

**Ferrec** (see Ferrex)

**Ferrex**

British

[see Ferrex]

son of Gorboeduc and Judon

He quarrelled with his brother Porrex over the inheritance of the throne of Britain and was killed by his brother who was then killed by their mother and her maids.

**Ferrgend**

Irish

father of Muinremuir

**Ferrogan**

Irish

a companion of Conary Mor

**Fersefassa** (see Persephone)

**Ferumbras** (see Ficarbras)

**Fescamp Abbey**

British

[Perlesvaus]

the setting for some of the early Grail stories

**Fessonia**

Roman

a goddess helping the needy

**Festival House**

North American

an underwater hall

This building was used for holding the meeting of the spirits called by Hanging Han to curb the power of the whirlpool, Keagyhil Depguesk.

**Festival of Fire**

(see Holi)

**Festival of Flowers**

(see Hanamatsuri)

**Festival of Monghinn** (see Samhain)

**Festival of Nine Nights**

(see Navaratri)

**Festival of Pure Brightness**

(see Ch'ing Ming)

**Festival of Seven Graces**

(see Nanakusa)

**Festival of Tanabata**

Japanese

[Festival of the Weaving Lady] a festival held in honour of Tanabata, the Weaving Maiden

This festival occurs on the seventh day of the seventh month and celebrates the love-story of Tanabata and Hikoboshi.

**Festival of the Dead**

Japanese

[Bonnatsuri.Bon-e.Bon(matsuri).Feast
Festival of the Hungry Ghosts

[Festival of Weeping Women (see El Bugat)]

Festival of Wild Women

(see Lenaea)

Festus

Roman

a festival held in honour of Mercury, held on May 15th

fetch

(see wraith)

fetch-candle

[fetch-light]
a supernatural light

A small, candle-like flame seen moving through the air at night, said to be an omen of forthcoming death. Some say that the flame goes out when the soul leaves the body.

fetch-light

(see fetch-candle)

Feth Fiadh

(see Veil of Invisibility)

fetch

(see fetish)

fetchane

(see fetish)

fetichism

(see fetishism)

fetich

[fetchich]
something revered irrationally

an object supposed to invoke the services of a spirit inside it

fetichism

[fetchich]
the belief in charms as bringers of good fortune

In some instances, where the fetish is perceived as being truly effective, it may be raised to the status of a deity.

Fetu

Pacific Islands

a Samoan god of the sky at night

Fevanga

Pacific Islands

consort of Fefana

father of Kavaonau

When the god Loa visited Fevanga and Fefana they killed their baby daughter and served her at a meal, having no other food to offer.

Fey

(see fairy)

Fezon

European

daughter of Savary

wife of Orson

Filur

Welsh

wife of Caswellawn

Ffrwdwr

[Flwdwr]
an ancestress of King Arthur

She was said to have been abducted by Julius Caesar.

Fi

Irish

daughter of Alill and Maev

Maev promised Fi to the warrior Fear Baoth if he would desert his friend Cuchulainn during the battles in the Cattle Raid of Cooley.

Fiacaill

(see Fiacha)

Fiacaill Fi

(see Fiacha)

Fiaca

Irish

a warrior of Ulster

This young hero is featured in some early versions of the Cattle Raid of Cooley in place of Cuchulainn.

Fiacha

Irish

[Fiacaill (Fi).Fiachu]
a warrior with the Ulster Fianna

He needed to wear weights round his neck to prevent him from running so fast.

He gave Finn the magic spear that induced battle-fury if the blade were laid on the bearer’s forehead.

Fiacha mac Fir Feibhe

Irish

[Fiacaill.Fiachu]
in some accounts, son of Conall

Cearnach by Feibhe

He was said to be one of the Ulstermen exiled to Connaught and was one of only three who survived the battle at the hostel of Da Coga when Cormac Cond Longes was trapped by the forces of Connaught.

He helped Cuchulainn to kill the sons of Calatin.

Fiachad

Irish

a king of Ireland said to have set up the Fianna

Fiachna

Irish

[Fiona]

son of Finn mac Cool

When Finn and his companions were trapped in the Quicken Trees Hostel by Midac, Fiachna and Innsa were told to hold the ford against the Norsemen supporting Midac. Innsa killed many of the first wave of attackers but was finally killed by their leader. Fiachna came upon him carrying Innsa’s head and slew him. He reported Innsa’s death to Finn and returned to the ford.

He killed all but one of the second wave of attackers, led by Kiron. The third wave was led by Midac himself and all were killed by Fiachna. Midac was killed by a spear thrown by Dermot who led a party to the rescue but, with his dying effort, Midac killed Fiachna.

Another story says that he was swallowed by a dragon but cut himself free, releasing at the same time others who had been swallowed earlier.

Fiachna

Irish

king of a Munster sept

father of Cumane

He fathered Cumane on his own daughter and ordered that the baby be destroyed. The boy was raised by an abbot and was later reconciled with his father.

Fiachna Casan

Irish

[Fiachra Casan]
foster-father of Art and Cormac mac Airt

brother of Findhmall

He and his brother fought with Tuathal and helped him reclaim his father’s throne from the usurper, Ellin, who was defeated in the Battle of Archall.

In some accounts, he reared the young Cormac mac Airt when his father, Art, was killed at the Battle of Magh Mucramha. Others say that the boy was reared by Lughna.

Fiachna Lurgan

Irish

[Fiachna mac Baetain.Fiachna mac Baodain]
Fiachna mac Baetain

a warrior-king of Dalriada
cousin of Fiachna mac Deamhain
husband of Cantigern

He and Aedan mac Gabrain fought the Saxons in Scotland. While he was away, Manannan seduced his wife, threatening to allow her husband to die in battle if she refused him. She bore him a son named Mongan. With Manannan’s help, the Saxons were defeated.

In another story, he was visiting Scandinavia and saved the life of Eolgarg, the king, by procuring from an old woman a cow needed to cure him. The king recovered but refused to pay the woman so Fiachna invaded Scandinavia and, with the help of Manannan, he defeated Eolgarg’s forces. As reward, Manannan claimed the right to sleep with Cantigern, fathering Mongan.

Offered a choice between heaven and victory, he chose the former and was killed in his next battle with his cousin, Fiachna mac Deamhain.

Fiachna mac Baetain
(see Fiachna Lurgan)

Fiachna mac Baodain
(see Fiachna Lurgan)

Fiachna mac Dealmhath
Irish
a high-king of Ireland

Fiachna mac Deamhain
Irish
cousin of Fiachna Lurgan
father of Dubh Lacha

He and his cousin were continually in conflict and Fiachna Lurgan always won with the prayers of St Congall. Fiachna Deamhain forced the saint to pray for him as well with the result that he won the next battle and killed his cousin.

Fiachna mac Retach
Irish
a man from the Otherworld
father of Der Greine

When Fiachna’s wife and daughter were abducted by Goll, ruler of Mag Mell, he asked Laoghaire mac Criomthann for help. Laoghaire took a force of fifty men, killed Goll, and rescued Fiachna’s wife and his daughter, Der Greine, whom he married.

Fiachra
Irish
son of Eochaíd Muigl and Mongfhinn
brother of Ailill, Brian, Fergus and Niall
father of Daithi

He went to war with his brother Brian for supremacy in Connaught and was defeated at the first Battle of Dannuchuan where he was captured. At the second battle, his son Daithi defeated Brian, who was killed, and released his father. Fiachra was killed in a battle with Munster.

Fiachra
Irish
son of Fergal by his first wife, Aobh
(see Children of Lir)

Fiachra
Irish
son of Conor mac Nessa

He led the attack on the hostel at Emain Macha to kill the party that had escorted Deirdre and Naisa back from Scotland under safe conduct given by his father and was wounded by Illan. When Conall Cearnach, who saved Fiachra, was told by the mortally-wounded Illan of Conor’s treachery, Conall killed Fiachra.

Fiachra Casan
(see Fiachra Casan)

Fiachtra
Irish
a high-king of Ireland
father of Tuathall Techtmar

He was killed by Eilim mac Conrach who took over the throne until he was killed by Tuathall who reclaimed the kingship.

Fiachu
Irish
(see Fiachna mac Fir Feibhe)

Fiachu Araidhe
Irish
a king of Dalriada

He deposed Cormac mac Airt but the latter sought help from Fiachu Muiilethan, king of Munster, and with his help, soon regained the throne of Ireland, defeating Fiachu Araidhe at the Battle of Fochaid.

Fiachu Fear Mara
Irish
son of Angus Tuimheach by his
own daughter
father of Eterskel

He was cast adrift in a boat as a baby but rescued by a fisherman who reared him.

Fiachu Ferrnara
(see Fiachu Fear Mara)

Fiachu Muiilethan
Irish
a king of Munster
son of Eoghan and Moncha

His father slept with Moncha, daughter of a druid, on the eve of a battle in which he was killed. Moncha delayed the birth of her son, by sitting in the river until the day on which, according to her father, he would become king. As prophesied, he became king of Munster.

He helped Cormac mac Airt regain the throne from which he had been expelled by Fiachu Araidhe, defeating the latter at the Battle of Fochaid.

In another account, he refused to pay a tribute of cattle to Cormac who then attacked Munster. With the help of the druid, Mogh Ruith, who caused a conflagration to engulf Cormac’s forces, Fiachu defeated the attackers at the Battle of Drom Damhsaigh.

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A young relative, Conna, was told that he could be cured of his leprosy only by bathing in the blood of a king, so he arranged to go swimming with Fiachu and stabbed the king when they were together in the water.

Fiachu Sraibhthine
Irish
a high-king of Ireland
father of Muireadhach

He was killed by the Colla brothers who fled to Scotland when an army appeared, headed by Muireadhach.

Fial
Irish
[Fiial]
sister of Emer
daughter of Forgall Manach

Fialar
Norse
[Fialar.Fralar(r)]
a dwarf
one of the Lovar

He and Galar made the magic brew from the blood of Kvasir whom they had killed. They also killed the giant Gilling and his wife. Suttung, Gilling’s brother (or son, in some accounts) seized the two dwarfs and would have killed them had they not saved themselves by giving the giant the magic brew.

Fialar
Norse
[Fialar.Fralar(r)]
a red cockerel

This bird, perched on Valhalla, was there to give the gods advance warning of approaching doom. In some stories, he was perched above Egther to warn the giants.

Fial
Irish
(see Fial)
fin
Irish
a member of the Fianna

Fianna
Finn’s People.’warriors’]
an élite military order, bodyguard of
the king of Ulster

This order required that members
passed stringent tests of skill and stamina and flourished under the leadership of Finn mac Cool. It was organised originally by Fiachaid into 150 groups of twenty-seven men, each with its own leader.

They fought on the side of Midir in the war with the Danaan gods.

The high-king, Cairbre Lifecheart, became fearful of their power and broke it by defeating them at the Battle of Gabhra. The dead were consigned to hell but, in later years, when Oisin and Caitle met St Patrick, they were released by the saint's prayers.

Fianna Cycle (see Fenian Cycle)
Fianna Eirinn (see Fianna)
Fiannuigreacht Irish a leader, or leading group, of the Fianna
 fichall (see fidchell) Ficna (see Fiachna')
ficneall Irish ficheall (see fidchell)
Ficne Publica (see Deuse Fides)
Fidchell (see Fedelma) Fides Roman a goddess, fidelity personified
She wore only a white veil.
Fides' (see Deus Fides) Fides Publica (see Deus Fides)
fidchell (see fidchell)
Fidi Mukullu African a creator-god in Zaire
Fidius Roman [Deus (Publica) Fides.Dius Fidius: -Greek Zeus Pistios.-Sabine Sancus] a name for Jupiter as god of good faith and contracts
Field Norse a name for the earth used by the gods
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part of the underworld where the dead gathered cereals
Field of Towers (see Moyitura)
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Field of Zoaon (see Sekhet-Tchant)

field spirit [corn-spirit] a spirit of growing crops
This spirit is said to flee through the crop in front of the mowers as they cut swathes, finally being caught and bound in the last sheaf which is preserved until the planting of fresh seed in the spring.

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Filial Piety

Fingel

an emperor of Constantinople

in the French version of the

Arthurian legends

fills-see Twenty-four

(see fili)

Filimenis

French

the exceptionally severe weather,

lasting 3 (some say 7) seasons,

which preceded the end of

the world and Ragnarok

Fimbultyr

Norse

a name for Odin as 'great helper',

see Finchoom, see Findchoom, see Findchory

Fimbultvetr

(see Finbult Winter)

Fimil

(see Finbult Winter)

Filial Piety

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Norse

Filial Piety

a goddess attendant on Frigga

one of the Asynjur

In some accounts she is the same as

Frimla.

Fin

Manx

the Manx name for Finn mac Cool

Finn

(see Finchoom)

Finbar

(see Barra)

Finbeus

Norse

a knight of King Arthur's court

His mistress, a fairy, had given him a

stone which made the holder wise, handsome and invincible.

Guinevere borrowed the stone and wanted it for herself, so Gawain won it for her by

fighting Finbeus.

Finbhaire

Irish

king of the fairies in Munster

(see also Fionnchory)

Finnchaem

Irish

daughter of Cathbad and Maga

sister of Conor mac Nessa

wife of Amergin mac Eogil Saliach

mother of Conall Cerach

She raised the infant Setanta, the boy

who later became known as Cuchulainn, and in some accounts was the sister of Cet.

Finchoom

Irish

daughter of Eochaid Rinn

She was carried off by Cuchulainn

whom she loved.

Finchory

Irish

Fingal

Scottish

the Scottish name for Finn mac Cool

Fingheal

Irish

daughter of Daire mac Deadha

mother of Noidhriu

It was foretold that, if she bore a son,

her own father would die. She was

made pregnant by Angus Og (or, in some accounts, by a sea-spirit) and

gave birth to Noidhriu nine years later.

Daire died at the same time.

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Fingen

(see Finghein)

finger amulets
luck charms made from human fingers

Finger Man
(see Si Jari)

Fingers of Id
calabash or a small pot, in which the individual's spirit is housed
(see Dactyls)

Fingen1
Irish
a king of Munster

Fingen2
Irish
a surgeon to Conor mac Nessa

It was he who decided that it would not be safe to remove the brain-ball, fired at Conor by Cet, which had lodged in the king's forehead.

Fingen3
Irish

a man in touch with the Otherworld

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a fetish, usually in the form of a calabash or a small pot, in which the individual's spirit is housed

Finias
Irish

one of the 4 cities cited as the origin of the Danaans

Usius, master of this city, gave the Danaans the marvellous sword of Nuada.

Finisher
North American
a creator-god of the Shawnees

Finn1
Irish

a warrior in the Fianna

son of Glore

He was one of the party which trapped Dermot and Grania in the Wood of 'Two Tents.'

Finn2
Norse
an early sun-god

Finn Cycle
(see Fenian Cycle)

Finn Eger
(see Finghein)

Finn Eamhna
Irish

the 3 sons of Eochaid Feidhleach and Cloithfhionn

Breas, Lothar and Nar, the brothers of Clothra

When Cloithfhionn left her husband, she took her triplet sons, Breas, Lothar and Nar, with her. They raised a force to depose Eochaid and attacked, despite being offered a share of the kingdom. They were defeated at the Battle of Comar, fleeing to Connaught where they were overtaken by pursuing warriors and killed. Their father died of grief when he heard of their death. It was said that the three slept with their sister, Clothra, on the eve of the battle, fathering Lugaid Riabhdbhearg.

Finn Focvalding
Danish
a clan-chief husband of Hildeburh

He was at war with the clan led by his brother-in-law, Hraef, who was killed in battle. The new leader, Hengest, talked peace but treacherously killed Finn and took Hildeburh back to her own people.

Finn mac Cool
Irish

a warrior, leader of the Fianna

son of Cumaill and Murna

In some accounts, his father is called Umhall (a variant of Cumaill) and his brother was Túlcha while others say that, when he was born, he was thrown into the sea and emerged with an eel in each hand.

When Cumaill was killed by Goll mac Morna, Cumaill's wife, fearing for the life of his son, hid herself in the hills until the child, Demna, was born. She then handed him over to her sister (or sister-in-law) Murna and the warrior-maid Liath Luachra who reared the boy in the wild. When Goll heard of him, he set the Connaught Fianna to hunt the boy down and kill him. Demna fled and soon gathered a band of warriors and found the survivors of the Battle of Knock in which his father had been killed. He then sought out the druid Finegas who tutored him.

Finegas caught the Salmon of Knowledge and cooked it. When Finn accidentally touched the fish and sucked his thumb, he acquired supernatural knowledge and the power to change his shape. Thereafter, putting his thumb in his mouth enabled Finn to foretell the future and heal the sick.

Another version of how Finn acquired supernatural knowledge occurs in the story of Culdbh.

He killed Lia, the treasurer of the Fianna and gave his bag of money to the survivors of the Battle of Knock, including his uncle Crimmel, and won the captaincy of the Fianna by killing the demon Aillen who set fire to the palace at Tara every year, killing it with the magic spear given to him by Fiacha.

While Finn was hunting in Scotland, the king of Dublin landed from his ship and asked for Finn's help. Two (or seven) of his children, on the night they were born, had been seized by a huge hand which came down the chimney. His wife was now at the point of birth once again and he was afraid that they would lose another child in the same way. Finn and some of his men sailed to the king's home and, when the hand appeared, one of them seized it and tore off the arm of the giant who nevertheless seized the baby with his other hand. They tracked the giant over the sea to his tower and rescued not only the baby but several children the giant had previously stolen and two young hounds. When the giant pursued them, one of the men shot him through the only vulnerable part of his body – a mole on his left hand – and killed him. As a reward, Finn claimed the brand of the hound which he called Bran, leaving the other, Scéolan with the grateful parents. Finn was later captured by Lochlanners who left him bound in a glen where Scéolan, now gone wild, roamed. By showing the hound the golden leash he used for Bran, Finn tamed the ravaging hound and, when he was rescued by the Fianna, took Scéolan with him.

On another occasion, a very ugly man called Gilla Dacar, who had a broken-down mare, took service with Finn but left when the Fianna mocked him. Some who had climbed on to the horse's back were unable to dismount and were carried off to sea. Finn searched for them and found an island where he and his men entered a cave, emerging into the land under the sea, Tir-fa-Tonn. Here they helped a prince, Abhartach, who had previously appeared as Gilla Dacar, to rout the forces of his brother who had deprived Abhartach of his half-share of the kingdom.

One day when hunting, he and his men captured a hind which they took back to their fortress and which then turned into the maiden Saba who had been changed into a hind by the Dark Druid whose love she had rejected. She married Finn and stayed with him until he was called away to
fight the Northmen. While Finn was away, the druid appeared in the form of Finn and turned Saba back into a hind. Finn searched for Saba for years but never found her. He once followed a hind (who was really the girl Miluca in disguise) to an enchanted island. Here she turned Finn into an old, grey-haired man because she knew that he would never marry her and she wanted to ensure that he would never marry her sister, Aine, of whom she was jealous. He was restored to his youth by Aine who gave him a drink when the Fianna dug down into the fairy mound where she lived. He refused a drink which would have restored his hair and remained grey-haired for the rest of his life. Years later, in another hunt, Finn found Oisin, "little fawn," the son of Saba.

Another version of how he became grey-haired says that he was inveigled into diving into a lake to retrieve a bracelet dropped by the daughter of Cuileann and was transformed into an old man. Cuileann gave him a drink which restored his youth but left him with grey hair.

He lived for some time with Ailbe, daughter of Cormac mac Airt, who had answered a set of riddles he put to her. He was betrothed to Grania but, at the betrothal feast, she fell for the charms of Dermot and eloped with him. Although Finn and Dermot were later apparently reconciled, Finn never forgave Dermot and when Dermot was mortally wounded by the boar on Ben Bulben, Finn refused to give him the drink of water that would have saved his life. He later married Grania.

Other women in his life included a number of mortal women such as Ailbe, Bearrach, Cruithne, Daolach, Lendebair, Luchar, Maighnus, Manassa, Scoiththiann and Smirnat and some from the Otherworld, including Aine, Bla Dheirg (Saba) and Seathach. He fathered a number of children including sons Aedh Beag, Caoinne, Daire Dearg, Fergus, Feobhar, Iollann, Oisin and Raighne and daughters Aoi, Caon, Grian, Lugaid and Samhair.

A woman named Mair fell in love with Finn and sent him some magical nuts which would have put him in her power had he eaten them. Finn merely buried them.

One of Finn’s men, Cairbre, slept with a woman who was Finn’s lover at that time and the jester, Lomhna, told Finn when he saw them together. Cairbre killed Lomhna and Finn followed the murderer to his cottage and killed him. When another of his women fell in love with his servant, Derg Colla, he sent him into exile. Another woman he seized was called Badhamair and when she was beheaded by Cuireach Life, Finn killed him too. As a result, Finn came into conflict with Fodhadh Canainne, Cuireach’s half-brother. Finn also tracked down and killed Fearchas who had slain Lugaid mac Con.

On one occasion, a being from the Otherworld made off with a pig that Finn and his men were roasting but Finn retrieved it when he followed this being. Culubh, and killed him with a spear-cast.

It is said that Finn recruited magicians and warrior-maidens from all parts of the world to save Leinster from a flood by sucking up the waters.

He spared the life of Midac, son of Colga the king of Lochlan, who was the only survivor of the battle with the Fianna when Colga invaded Ireland, and he gave the young man land at the mouth of the Shannon. Years later, Midac brought an invasion force of his compatriots to Ireland and they trapped Finn and some of his men in the Hostel of the Quicken Trees where only the heroism of Fiacna, Innsa, Foila and Dermot saved them from death.

In a Scottish story, the giant Cucullin crossed the Giant’s Causeway to find and challenge Finn who bit off the giant’s middle finger, the source of all his strength, whereupon he crumbled to dust. In this story, Finn’s wife was called Oona.

He is said to have been 230 years old when he died and is reputed to have built the Giant’s Causeway as stepping stones across to Scotland.

The accounts of his end vary considerably. One version says that he was killed by a man referred to as Black Arcan or by Aichleach during a rebellion among the Fianna. Another says that, in the Battle of Gabhra, the five sons of Uigreann, who had been killed by Finn, each threw a spear so that each could claim a part in his death. Some say he was drowned when he tried to jump across the River Boyne and still others say that, like King Arthur, Finn is merely sleeping, waiting for a call to serve his country again. Others say that he was reincarnated as Mongan.

Finn mac Cumhail
(see also Noidhiu)

Finnin
Irish

Four Finnines are mentioned in the story of Ireland, and all four are said to have come or been borne by Finn.

Finna
Irish
wife of Riangabair
mother of Etan, Id and Laeg

Finnebhanach
(see Whitehorn)

Finnebhennach
(see Whitehorn)

Finnebeces
(see Finegas)

Finnebras
(see Finegas)

Finnegeas
(see Finneas)

Finnefinn
(see Finnian)

Finningheal
Irish
sister of Feardhomhain

When her brother was fighting a wild boar, she ran to help him but fell into a lake and was drowned.

Finnian
Irish

[Finnian.Finninan of Moville]
a saint

When Mughain, who had been punished by god with barrenness, appealed to him for help, Finnian gave her holy water to drink and she produced first a lamb and then a fish. He then blessed Mughain herself and she bore Aedh Slaine.

He was told the history of Ireland by Tuan mac Carell.

Finnefich

eone of the 4 Alaisiagae

Finnine
Irish

sister of Feardhomhain

wife of Conan mac an Leith Luchra

Conan treated her so badly that her brother, Feardhomhain, killed him. In other stories, his sister was called Finnighel.

Finn’s People
(see Fianna)

Fintain
Irish

[Finntain.Fionntan]
son of Labraid and Bochna
husband of Cessair
father of Lara

foster-father of St Caillin

He was one of the three men who...
came to Ireland with Cessair and fifty women and was the only one of the party to survive the flood which he did by taking shelter in a cave and changing himself into a salmon. He is said to have lived for thousands of years, acquiring great wisdom and may be regarded as a manifestation of the seer, Find. Others say that this fish is the same as the Salmon of Knowledge.

Fintan

[Irish]
[a prince of Munster]
father of Fursa

Fionann

[Irish]
[a warrior of Ulster]
father of Cethern

Finuweigh

[Indonesian]
a creator-god

Finvarra

(see Fionnbhaire)

Fiobh

[Scottish]
a Pict
one of the 7 children of Cruithne
When Cruithne divided Scotland between his seven children, Fiobh was given Fife.

Fiodach

(see Idath)

Fiodhchadh

[Irish]
the name used by Angus Og when he appeared to the poet Flann

Fionn

[South American]
in the lore of the African population of Surinam, an insect
This insect is said to be generated when one feigns friendship for an enemy. It can cause sickness, real death or death of the soul. Those so killed can be revived by a sorcerer who divines the cause of resentment and removes it by the pura mofo ceremony.

Fionnghuala

(see Fionuala)
daughter of Lir by his first wife, Aonhach

Fionninn

[Norse]
a name for Odin as a thunder-god

Fionn

[Norse]
a name used by Odin when he sang runes to Sigurd about his forthcoming battle with Lygni

Fiorthal

[see Fitheal]

Fir Bholg

[see Fir Bolg]

Fir Bhuilg

[see Fiorgyn]

Fir Bolg

[Irish]
an early invading tribe
Descendants of the earlier invaders led by Nemed, in some stories they were said to have been defeated by the Danaans at the first Battle of Moytura and exiled. Other versions say that they made peace and lived in Connaught. Some say they came from Spain, others from Greece where, it was said, they were forced to carry soil, in leather sacks, from the fertile valleys to the rocky mountain tops. They rebelled, made boats from their leather bags and sailed to Ireland where they ruled for thirty-seven years, dividing the country into five parts.

There were three groups; the Fir
Fir Chlis

Bolg, Fir Domnann and Fir Gailean.

Fir Chlis Scottish
[Merry Dancers,Nimble Men]
the Aurora Borealis which was regarded as being made up of the souls of fallen angels

Fir Deca (see Fir Dhearg)
Fir Dhearg Irish
[Fir Dea,Red Men] imps, the forerunners of the leprechauns

Fir Dhomhnann (see Fir Domnann)
Fir Domnann Irish
[Fir Dhomnnann,Fir Domnann] a branch of the Fir Bolg

Fir Domnann (see Fir Domnann)
Fir Gailean Irish
[Ga(i)le(i)on.Ga(i)lio(i)n.Galiean.Galioin] a branch of the Fir Bolg

Fir Sidh Irish
the inhabitants of the sidhe: fairies

Firvitooba South American
da divine king of the Chibcha of Colombia

Firbauti (see Farbauti)
Firbolg (see Fir Bolg)
Firdaus (see Gardens of Paradise)
Firdausi Persian
[Firdaws] the 10th c author of Shah Name
Firdawsi (see Firdausi)

Fire fire plays a part in many mythologies, sometimes for the benefit of man, sometimes to destroy the world, sometimes to carry a soul to heaven
(1) In Celtic lore, the sacred fire of the Druids was known as ‘Tan’.
(2) In China it is said to typify summer, destroy metal and produce earth. It came into being when earth and sky separated.
(3) In the East Indies, the inhabitants of Woodlark Island say that a young man stole fire from the heavens and gave it to man, whereupon the angry deity split what remained into two parts and threw it into the sky, forming the sun and moon.
(4) The Greeks say that Prometheus stole fire from the heavens for the benefit of mankind and, for this crime, was chained to a rock for 30,000 years while a vulture pecked his liver, which was eaten by day, and restored by night.
(5) In Hindu lore, fire was used to control dragons and is regarded as sacred. There are three forms: Dakshinagni, the fire of the atmosphere, the fire of Surya, associated with dead ancestors; Ahavaniya, the fire of the sky, the fire of Surya; Garbaptya, the fire of Agni, associated with mankind.
(6) In Japan, as in China, fire was produced when earth and sky separated and is regarded as a symbol of the phoenix.
(7) The Mexicans regard fire as a life-giving force and keep a fire burning for four days when a child is born to protect it from evil.
(8) Norse mythology says that the final battle between the forces of good and evil, the Battle of Ragnarok, ends with the world destroyed by fire started by the flaming sword of the giant Surtur.
(9) In the Pacific, fire is said to protect the living from onslaughts by the dead.
(10) Some North American Indian tribes keep a fire alive perpetually in the belief that, if the fire dies, the people will also perish.

Fire Dogs
animals living in Gamag Nara
The king of this realm sends out the Fire Dogs to capture the sun or the moon so that he can have light in his nearly dark country. They always fail but, when they bite the sun or the moon, they cause an eclipse.

Fire Dragon
a celestial spirit of the Iroquois
The supreme spirit made the maiden, Awenhai, pregnant but came to believe that she had been seduced by Fire Dragon or Aurora Borealis so he pushed all three of them out of the sky through the hole that appeared when he tore up the onodja tree.

Fire Drill
North American
a spirit of the tribes of the south-west
It was said that he, Buckeye Bush and Shooting Star set on fire the first world created by Olelbis.

Fire Face
(see Nikobo)

Fire Fade
Japanese
[Fireshade.(Hiko-)uhoho-demi.Ho-wori.] a Shinto deity
son of Ninigi and Sengen
brother of Fire Flash and Ho-no Susori
husband of Toyo-Tama
father of Amasuhiko

Fire Dogs
North American
a monster in tribal lore
This ogre wore mocassins which set alight everything they touched as he walked.

Fire of the Dragons
(see Zimayevska Vatra)
Fire Thunder
(see Hono-ika-zuchi)

Firedrake
European
a fire-breathing dragon
These beasts lived in caves, usually guarding treasure. One such monster was killed by Beowulf but inflicted wounds on the hero from which he died.

Firefly
Japanese
small nocturnal insects which glow in the dark
In Japan, these insects are regarded as the souls of the dead.
In the Pacific, the Balinese believe that leyaks can turn into fireflies.

**Fireshade** *(see Fire Fade)*

**Fireshine** *(see Fire Flash)*

**Firm Island** *European*

the home of Apollidon and

Grimanesa

It was here that Apollidon built the

Arch of True Lovers and the

Forbidden Chamber to test the purity of

lovers who might enter.

**firmemed** *(see nemed)*

**First Ancestor** *Australian*

the creator of the Dieri aborigines

He first created tiny black lizards but,

when he found that they could not

stand properly, he cut off their tails

and they became human beings,

ancestors of the tribe.

**First Creator** *North American*

a deity of the Mandan tribe

He created the mountains, trees,

streams and some animals while Lone

Man created the flat lands.

**first humans**

most cultures have stories of the first

human beings and how they came

into existence

- **African**
  1. The Abaluyia say the first
     couple were Mwambu and Sela
     who lived in a house on stilts.
  2. In Angola they say that the first
     man was Namibalista, created by
     the god Kalunga.
  3. The Bakongo say that the first
     man, made by Nzambi, was
     Ndosimau who married the woman
     Breaker of Prohibitions or, in
     another version, the androgynous
     Mahunga was split by the tree,
     Muti Mpurgu, into a man, Lumbu,
     and a woman, Musita.
     Another version says that Nzambi
     created a being called Muntu
     Walunga, with male and female
     faces, in the form of a palm tree.
  4. The Bakuba say Kihanga was
     created by Imana and descended
     from heaven. His skin was black and
     white. The first woman, Nchienga,
     produced a son, Woto, and a
     daughter, Labama, who married.
  5. The Bambara say that Pemba
     the wood-spirit created a woman,
     Musso-koroni, who produced
     animals and humans.
  6. The Banyarwanda say the first
     man was Kazikamunti.
  7. In Botswana the first man is
     known as Tauerona.
  8. The Buganda say that the first
     man was Kintu, forerunner of
     the Dinka.
  9. The first man in the lore of
     the Burundi was Kihanga, made
     by Imana.
  10. The Bushongo say the first
     man was called Woto.
  11. The first man of the Dinka
     was Garang and the first woman
     was Abuk. *(see alio (7) above)*
  12. The Dogon say the first
     human, made by Amma, was
     Amma-Serou.
  13. The Efe say that Baatsi was
     made from the earth by god who
     also made a woman. She developed
     a pre-natal craving for the
     forbidden fruit nahu, and Baatsi
     picked it for her. As punishment,
     god took away their immortality.
  14. In Liberia they regard
     Gonzuole as the first woman.
  15. In Madagascar they claim the
     first man was Andrianbab-omanana
     and the first woman was Andriamahilala.
  16. For the Makoni, the first man
     was Mwueti for whom was made a
     girl, Massasi. who bore the grass,
     trees, etc. and a woman, Morango,
     who bore animals, birds and human
     children.
  17. The Mande say that Faro and
     Pemba were twins generated from
     seeds planted by the gods at the
     four corners of the earth. Faro's
     body was cut up and the pieces
     scattered to become trees.
  18. The Masai say the first human
     was a pygmy named Dorobo.
  19. The Orandonga called the first
     man Amangundu.
  20. In Potomo lore the first
     man was Mitosozozini or Vere.
  21. The Shilluk say that the first
     man was Omara.
  22. In Uganda they say that the
     first woman was Namib.
  23. The Yoruba say that Oreluere
     was the first of sixteen men made
     by Olodumare.
  24. In Zaire they say the first
     man was Mokele.
  25. The first men of the Aborigines
     were the rangga. The Dieri tribe
     say that the creator-god known as
     First Ancestor created tiny black
     lizards and, when he found that
     they could not stand properly, he
     cut off their tails and they became
     the first humans.
  26. The lower Banyarwanda say that
     in the Admiralty Islands, the
     primordial being known as Hi-asas
     cut her finger and collected the
     blood in a shell. Two eggs formed
     from the blood and the first man
     and woman emerged from the eggs.
  27. In Borneo the first man was
     Bujang.

- **Central American**
  1. The Aztecs say that Cipactonal
     and Oxomoco were the first
     couple, created by Pitzintecuhlti.
     Other accounts say that Xolatl
     retrieved bones from the under-
     world and produced the first man
     and woman from ground-up bones
     mixed with the blood of the gods.
  2. The Mayas say the gods created
     four brothers, Balam Agab, Balam
     Quitzé, Iqui Balam and Mahucutah,
     from whom the human race
     descended.
  3. The Efe say that Baatsi was
     created by Amma, who was the first
     woman, E-u, were created by
     the supreme god Fa-pe.
  4. The creator-spirit, Hkun Hsang
     Long, created the first couple, Ta-
     hsek-khi and Ya-hsek-khi, who
     were born in the form of tadpoles
     living in the lake Nawng Hkeo.
     After eating the gourd, they mated
     and the creator renamed them as
     Ta-hang-kashi (Yatawn).
  5. Some believe that men were
descended from tadpoles.

- **East Indian**
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     primordial being known as Hi-asas
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     blood in a shell. Two eggs formed
     from the blood and the first man
     and woman emerged from the eggs.
  2. In Borneo the first man was
     Bujang.
  3. The Dayaks say that the first
     two beings were Amei Aw and
     Bunung Une, gods of agriculture,
     who had twelve children, eight of
     whom became the ancestors of the
     tribes while the other four became
     the phases of the moon.

An alternative version says that
the first man was Tunggal Garing and the first woman was Puteri Bualu.

(4) In the Moluccas the first two men were known as Maapita and Masora. In another story the first human was Patinaya Nei who took the form of banana-tree, the fruit of which produced further humans. (see also (12) below)

(5) In New Guinea the first woman was Namora. She swallowed a fish and produced a son, Maruka Akore. These two mated to produce the tribes.

(6) In the New Hebrides they say that the first woman was Jujumishanta and that the first man was Morfonu who was made from her body.

(7) On Nias the first man was called Sihai.

(8) Some Papuans say that the maggots that bred in the body of a dead female wallaby became the first humans. Another Papuan story says that a huge turtle swimming in the primordial waters laid eggs from which emerged the first man, Kerema Apo, and the first woman, Ivi Apo. Next came Avo Akore and Ohare Akore who became coconut trees.

(9) In Sulawesi, the first two beings were the brothers Sangkuruwira and Guru ri Seleng. Their children, Batara Guru and Nyilitimo, came to earth to produce ancestors of the people. Another story says that the sungod, Ilai, and the earth-goddess, Indara, made humans by breathing life into stones.

Yet another version says that the first human being was the woman, Lumimu’ut, born from a stone. Her son, Tior, produced when she was made pregnant by the wind, mated with her to produce the people and their gods.

(10) It is said that the first man stole the feathers of one of a flight of cassowaries which had taken off their feathers to bathe when they appeared as women. He kept the woman and mated with her to produce the forerunners of the human race.

(11) The creator-god, Mahatala, carved a stick into the shape of male and female human figures.

When he threw it down, it broke into male and female halves. He was Tunggal Garing and she was Puteri Bualu. Her menstrual blood produced all the demons in the world but, following instructions from Mahatala, they were able to procreate properly and produced many children, ancestors of the tribes.

(12) Some tribes believe that the first humans emerged from trees or came from the fruit of a tree which became the god Lowalangi. (see also (4) above)

(13) Other tribes say that the first man was Turer who now acts as the guide for souls on their journey from Beg to Boigu.

(14) Still other tribes say that man came from larvae and worms living in the soil.

–Egyptian

The first men were formed from the tears of the god Ra-Atum. Some say that all men (except black people) were born from the eyes of Horus.

–Greek

(1) The Argive story says that Phoroneus was the first man and his daughter Niobe was the first woman.

(2) The first man was Pelasgus. The first woman was Pandora, created by Zeus as a gift for Prometheus, or in some stories for Epimetheus, who rejected her.

(3) Men were created by the gods, first the golden race like gods whose spirits lived on; then the silver race, less intelligent, whose spirits did not live on; then the brass race who were very violent and killed themselves; then the heroes who had great adventures and departed to the Islands of the Blessed and finally the iron race, the present race, who will get steadily worse until the gods destroy them.

(4) The first man, created by Prometheus, was Phaenon who became the planet Jupiter. The other humans created by Prometheus grew so wicked that Zeus destroyed them in a flood. Only Deucalion, son of Prometheus, and his wife Pyrrha escaped, warned of the coming disaster by his father. They were told to throw the bones of their mother behind them. They interpreted this to mean stones and did what they were told. From the stones came the Stone People from whom the present races are descended.

–Hindu

In the early Vedic scheme of things, the first male being was Purusha from whose body the world was made; the first couple were Manu and Parсу.

In the later Hindu version, the first man was Yama and the first woman was Yami, born of Vivasvat, the rising sun.

Others say the first man was Nara who acted as Vishnu’s bow-carrier.

–Indian

In the Andaman Islands they say that the first man, Juptu, was born inside a bamboo cane and that he made himself a wife from clay.

–Mesopotamian

(1) The Akkadians regard Adapa as the first man. He was made from clay by the god Ea and was consequently half-human, half-divine.

(2) The Babylonians said that the first man was Tiamuni.

(3) The Sumerian version has it that the first man was made from clay by Ninmah.

–Mongolian

The first man in Altaic lore was Torgon and his mate was Edji.

–New Zealand

(1) The god Tane made Hine-ahu-one from sand and fathered Tiki, the first man, and the Dawn Maiden.

(2) The first woman was Papahanau-moku and the first man was Wakea.

(3) Another Maori story has Marikoriko as the first woman, created by Arohirohi.

–Norse

The first man was Ask, made from an ash tree; the first woman was Embla, made from an elm tree.

–North American

(1) The Acoma say that the first man was Tiamuni.

(2) Some Californian tribes say that Ejoni and Ae, created from the soil by Nacuma, were the first couple. Others say that the first man was
first humans

Uoiot. In some accounts, humans were made from flakes of the creator’s skin.

(3) The Cherokee say that the first man was Kanati and his wife was Sula.

(4) The Chinook tell a story in which Too-hux cut open a whale and out flew the raven, Hahness. The giantess Quooots-hooi ate the raven’s eggs from which the first humans appeared.

(5) The Fox say that the first man was Mama’a’a.

(6) The Hopi say that Sky Father and Earth Mother produced One Alone, the progenitor of mankind. Another story says that the god Kloskurbeh created two beings, one from his breath and the other from one of his tears. These two mated to produce the first humans.

(7) The Huchnom say that the first humans were made from sticks of wood.

(8) The Kato say that the first man was Nagaiito.

(9) The Keres say the first man was Nagaitco.

(10) The Maidu say that the first man was Numokh Mukana.

(11) The Mandan say that the first man was Kuksu and the first woman, Laidamlulum-Kule. They were given the power to rejuvenate themselves by immersion in water.

(12) The Navaho say that First Man and First Woman produced a daughter, Estantelchi, who created the progenitors of the tribes from maize-flour or ears of corn. In another version, she produced humans from pieces of her own skin.

Another version says that the first man, Aste Hastin, mated with the first woman, Aste Estsan, who produced five sets of twins who produced the first woman while Star mated with Great Star to produce the first man.

(13) The Papago say that the first man was Montezuma who later proclaimed himself all-powerful.

(14) The Pawnee say that Bright Star mated with Great Star to produce the first woman while Sakuru and Pah produced the first male, Closed Man. The man and woman mated to populate the earth.

(15) The Pueblo Indians call the first men the Koshare, made from the skin of a goddess. The first man was Poseyemun.

(16) The Shawnee version has it that men were created from ashes, clay and beads.

(17) Sia lore says that two sisters, created by Sussisinnako, were the first humans and the ancestors of the Indian tribes. Nowutset was the progenitor of the other human races.

The Tagua of New Mexico call the first man Puspiyama.

(18) The Sioux say that the first man was We-Ota-Wichusa (Rabbit Boy) who was born from a tear shed by the sun. He mated with First Woman, created by the Great Spirit, to produce the forerunners of the tribes.

(19) The Zuni Indians envisage a dual-sex deity, Awonawilona, who formed the sun which mated with the sea which consolidated and split into earth and sky. Awitelin ‘Ista and Apyan ‘Tachi. These produced the first humans, the first man being Poshayangkyo. These first beings were said to have several animal features, including webbed feet.

Pacific Islands

(1) On Fiji, the hawk Turukawa laid two eggs which were incubated by the primaeval serpent, Degei, and hatched a human boy and girl who started the human race. The first woman was called Vitu.

(2) In the Gilbert Islands the creator-god, Nareau, made the first couple, Debabou and De-ai.

(3) In Hawaii the first man was Kumuhonua, made from mud by Kane, and the first woman was Lalo-honua.

Another version says Wakea was the first man and his wife was Papahanau-moku while yet another says that Tiki was the first man and Iwahaine the first woman, both created by Tane.

(4) In the Marshall Islands they say that the first man, Wulleb, and his female consort, Limununji, were born from the leg of the god Loa. Another story says that Wulleb and Lejman, two worms, in a shell, became the first couple.

(5) In Melanesia, the god Hashbvari came down to earth and made the first woman from clay and the first man from one of her ribs.

(6) In Micronesian lore the first woman was La’i-La’i.

(7) In New Britain, the first man was To-Kabinana who was formed from the earth and the blood of the creator-god. His brother, To-Karvuvu, was formed next. To-Kabinana found a mate when a woman emerged from a tree which he had felled.

(8) In the Philippines, the Tagalog account says that men emerged when bamboo canes cast ashore from the sea were split open by birds.

(9) The Polynesians have a story that Matuenga or, some say, Tane, created Tiki, the first man, who mated with Hina.

(10) Samoans say that the first man was Atu and the first woman was Ele’ele, the consort of the god Fetsu.

Another account says that the first man was Tele or Tutu and the first woman was Ila, Tonga or Upolu, while others say that the first couple grew from a pair of grubs.

(11) In Tahiti they say that the god Ta-aroa made a man from red clay and later put him to sleep, took a bone from the man’s body and, with it, made a woman.

(12) In Tonga, the first man was Kohai. (see also Tiki)

Perian

(1) The primaeval man, Gayomart or Gaya Martan, was poisoned by Ahriman. From his seed came Mashye and Mashyane, the first couple, who were in the form of plants with fifteen leaves from which came ten races. They ate their own offspring until Ormazd made them unpalatable.

(2) Another version has Yima and Yimeh as the first mortals. Some say that men were made from the body of the cow, Ur-Kuh, killed by Yima.

(3) Another story says that the first mortal couple were Tazh and Tazhak.

Siberian

(1) The Buriats say that the first man was Elik, created by Ulgan.

(2) The Chukchee people say that the first human was Ku’urkil.
First Made Man

(3) The Koryak say that the first man was Quikinna'qu.
(4) The Tungus say that the first couple of the Tungus were Khadau and Mamaldi.

—South American
(1) The first men were killed in a flood after the animals and their tools revolted. The sun re-emerged after five days and hatched five eggs from which emerged five falcons who became men.
(2) Another story says that an early race was made by Con, the boneless man, but they were turned into monkeys by Pachacamac who made a new race.
(3) The Arawak say that the first woman was the stone-woman, Maiso.
(4) The Chaco say that the first men were made of stone, the second race of wood and the final race from clay.
(5) The Mbaya say that men were made from wax but they melted in the heat of the sun and men emerged from the maggots that appeared on the corpses.

Another story says that men grew from seeds planted in the earth.
(6) The Chamacoco say that men come out of trees when they are split open.
(7) The Incas were said to have come down from the sky.
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(5) The Quiche Indians say that the first men were made from mud, were too weak to stand and had no mind; a second race, made of wood, were totally self-centred and were destroyed by the animals and tools; the third and final race was made from clay.
(6) Another story says that the first man was Hurakan, created by Guacamat and Quibanil.
(7) The Taulipang say that the first men were made from wax but they melted in the heat of the sun and so the culture-hero who made them tried again and made men from clay.
(8) The Terero say that the first men emerged from a hole in the earth.
(9) In the lore of the Pareesi tribe, the first man was Uazale, son of the stone-woman, Maiso.

Another story says that the god Inti sent his son and daughter, Manco Capac and Mama Oclo, down to earth to teach mankind.

Another version says that Viracocha made the first men but they were unsatisfactory so he turned them all into stone and made a new race.

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Another Peruvian story says that men emerged from eggs produced by the sun-god. The status of the person was determined by the type of egg (gold, silver or copper) he came from. Other accounts say that the eggs were produced by a huge bird.

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Yet another version says that the first man was Guamanisuri, father of the twins Apocatequil and Pipuerao.

(8) The Mbaya say that men were dug up from the earth by a dog which had picked up their scent or, in another version, hatched from eggs laid on top of a mountain by a huge bird.
(9) In the lore of the Pareesi tribe, the first man was Uazale, son of the stone-woman, Maiso.
(10) The Quiche Indians say that the first man was made by Con, the boneless man, but he overlooked the fact that they would need food. The man died but he overlooked the fact that they would need food. The man died but they turned into monkeys by Pachacamac who made a new race.
(11) The Taulipang say that the first men were made from wax but they melted in the heat of the sun and so the culture-hero who made them tried again and made men from clay.
(12) The Terero say that the first men emerged from a hole in the earth.
(13) In Tierra del Fuego some say that the first man was Keros who made sexual organs from peat.
(14) In the lore of the Tupari of the Amazon region, the first man was Valedjald, a giant born from a rock.
(15) The Warrua say the first humans descended from the sky.
(16) The Yaruco (and others) say that the first humans came up from an underground world.

It appears that men existed before the earth dried out from the primordial ocean, living in two caves, the bright home of Summer Mother and the gloomy abode of Winter Mother. These beings sent First Made Man to the surface from time to time to see the state of the world and he continually reported that it was not fit for humans. Finally he went up again and was attacked by various animals but his wounds healed and the animals gave him symbols to take back to his people. He led his people up from the cave of Summer Mother and settled them in the plains and then brought up those from the cave of Winter Mother and settled them along the shore-lines. He then went off to live among the animals where he was made Hunt Chief. (see also Poseyemu)

First Man

a name used by Coyote in his dispute with Lone Man

First of the Westerners

(see Khenti-Amentiu)

First Real Boy

—North American

in the lore of the Metis tribe, a boy who once snared the sun

(see also Little Brother)

First Sun

[Four Ocelot.Sun of Jaguar.
Sun of Water]

the first of the 5 ages of the Aztec creation cycle

In this first era, the world was populated by giants who lived on acorns and were ruled by Tezcatlipoca. His reign lasted for 676 years and at the end of that time he was killed by Quetzalcoatl and became a jaguar who killed the giants.

Another version, called the Sun of Water, says that animals and man existed in total darkness. The animals ate the men and the world was overwhelmed by a flood from which only two humans escaped to continue life.

(see also sun’)

First Time

the beginning of the world

Fisaga

the soft sea breeze

fish

[ichthys]

fish are sacred in some cultures, in others they play an active role in myths

(1) Some African tribes regard fish as the embodiment of departed souls.
Fish-man

Mesopotamian
one of the Eleven Mighty Helpers,
created by Tiamat (see Kilili)

fish-god
a god in the form of a fish

Fish-knight
British

a monster fish

This monster, which looked like a knight on horseback, was killed by King Arthur who then released the Lady of Fair Hair. This fairy, who had been held captive by the Fish-knight, became the king’s lover.

Fisher King
British


In some accounts a distinction is made between the Fisher King who was said to be Pelles and the Maimed King, variously known as Parlan, Pelham, Pell(e)am, Pellean or Pelleham. The alternative name, Le Roi Pêcheur, is capable of two translations giving Fisher King or Sinner King. Others say his name was Bron, a friend of Joseph of Arimathea while others identify him with Joseph. Some Grail stories refer to him as Amfortas.

A common feature is that he somehow became wounded, usually in the thigh(s).

Some accounts say the wound was caused by the Sacred Spear or by Balin or by the fragments of the sword which killed Goon Desert; some say it was punishment for drawing the Sword of Strange Girdles.

It was said that, because of this wound, his only occupation was fishing - hence his title. (see also Alan. Amfortas, Pelles, Rich Fisher)

Fisherman King (see Fisher King) fishes (see Pisces)

Fith
Irish

a dwarf

one of the Lovar

Fithereal
Irish

[Fiathal]
a judge

father of Socht and Flithri

He decided that Cormac mac Airt should have once been used to kill Cormac’s grandfather, Conn.

Fithir
Irish

daughter of Tuathal

When Eochaid, king of Leinster, caused the death of Fithir and her sister Dairme, both of whom he had married, their father, the high-king, killed Eochaid and exacted a tribute of cattle.

Five Ages
Greek

the intervals in the development of the human race

The first age, the Age of Gold, was one of revelry and happiness, free of disease and old age. Next came the Age of Silver in which men became arrogant and were destroyed by Zeus for neglecting the gods of Olympus. In the Age of Bronze which followed, men discovered metals, became brutal and killed each other in war. The fourth age was the Age of Heroes, those born of the union of gods and humans, characterised by the classical heroes of Greek myths. The final period is the Age of Iron where men must work and where evil opposes good.

Five Brothers
North American

in the lore of the Snohomish, 5 seal hunters

One of these five brothers tricked the others into following a wooden seal into the far northern seas where they got lost, finally landing in a place inhabited by very strange dwarfs. When these people were attacked by ducks and cranes, the four brothers drove the birds off and revived the dwarfs who had been shot with feather-darts discharged by the birds. On their way home, the brothers changed into killer whales for the long sea journey and then, having exacted vengeance on their brother, became whales again and swam out to sea.
Five Flower (see Macuilochochitl)
Five Great Gods (see Mahapancarara)
Five Great Kings (see Mahapancarara)
Five Holy Mountains (see Wu Yüeh)
Five Lamat Central American the eighteenth of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle
On this day the sea-lake was created. (see also Lamat)
Five Lands Tibetan the countries making up the universe
The centre was occupied by Rirab Lhunpo, a mountain, which extended some 3,000 miles above and below the earth’s surface. The surrounding lands, floating in the primordial ocean, were Balancho, Dra Minyah, Dzamo and Lo Phag.
Five Lords Chinese sky-gods
Each of these deities was responsible for a particular part of the heavens and they are given as Ch’i, Ch’ing Ti, Huan Ti, Huang Ti and Po Ti.
Five Men Central American the fifth day of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle
On this day life forms (but not humans) were created. (see also Men)
Five Plague Spirits (see Five Demons)
Five Sacrificial Beasts Chinese these are the dog, the fowl, the goat, the pig and the ox
Five Separate Heavenly Deities (see Separate Heavenly Deities)
Five Sisters North American in the lore of the tribes of British Columbia, primordial beings These daughters of the creator-god, the Old One, were created from hairs from his beard. Three of them became earth, sea and sky, the others became the progenitors of the human race.
Five Sisters of Long Life Tibetan sister-goddesses of the Himalayas (see Sisters of Long Life. Miyolangsangma.Tashi Tseringma)
Five Suns Central American the intervals in the development of the world in Aztec myths
The first period, which lasted for 676 years, was ruled by Tezcatilpoca who was superseded by Quetzalcoatl who ruled the Second Sun. The Third Sun was the period of Tlaloc’s rule which ended when the earth was destroyed by fire. The fourth period, ruled by Chalchiuhtlicue, ended with a worldwide flood. The present Sun, the Fifth, ruled by Nanautzin, will end when the world is destroyed by earthquakes.

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a demon of the dance

(see also Flibbertigibbet)

Fled Bricend

Irish

[Fleadh Bricend.Fledd Bricrenn]

the story of Bricciu’s feast

Fled Goibhnnu (see Feast of Gobhnio)

Fled Bricennu (see Fled Bricend)

Flesh

North American

a supernatural being of the Winnebago
twin brother of Stump

Their mother was killed by an ogre before they were born and they were rescued from her body and raised by their father who later left them. They killed many monsters, including the one who had killed their mother, but when they killed a beaver, one of the animals said to support the world, the supreme god, Earthmaker, intervened to stop their activities.

Flibbertigibbet

British

a demon in King Lear

(see also Flibbertigibbet)

flibbertigibbet

British

a fiend of mowing

flibbertigibbet

North American

a fabulous animal

Flidais

(see Flidhais)

Flidass

(see Flidhais)

Flidhais

Irish

[Flidhais.Flidass.Flidhais=F-Gaulish Dea Arduinna]
a goddess of wild animals, a huntress goddess

mother of Fand and Li Ban, some say

In some accounts, she was the wife of a king called Adhaiman to whom she bore a son, Nia Seaghaimain. Others say that she was the wife of Fergus mac Roth who had taken her from Ailill Fionn who was killed when Fergus attacked his castle. In some versions, Flidhais is referred to as Muinchinn and Ailill as Donal Dualbhriu. She owned the marvellous cow, Maol, that could provide milk for hundreds at one milking.

Flight of the Chiefs

a collection of tales of Fijian lore

by B. H. Quain

These stories were largely composed by Velema is said to have heard them from his predecessors or by direct communication with deceased ancestors.

Flint

North American

son of Nokomis

He is said to have stolen from his own mother a dish of blood from which Wabus emerged.

Flint

North American

brother of Manabozho

He was one of quadruplets and he killed their mother at birth. He was killed by Manabozho when they grew up.

Floberge

Pacific Islands

a fabulous animal

Floating Sky

in the lore of Bali, a region of heaven

Fioberge

(see Flamberge)

Floire

(see Floris)

Floilo

(see Frollo)

Flood

[Deluge]

many cultures have myths relating to one or more inundations, referred to as the Flood or the Deluge, sent to eliminate the human race, usually with an advance warning to enable a few to survive to repopulate the world

Australian

The rain-spirits of the Aborigines, known as the Wandjina, were so disgusted with the behaviour of the first humans that they vomited, producing a flood that wiped out the entire race. Thereafter, they set about creating a new race and taught them how to behave properly.

Central American

(1) In the lore of the Aztecs, the god Titlacahuin warned Nata and his wife Nena of the impending deluge which ended the Fourth Sun. They built a dug-out canoe and survived on one ear of maize. Another version has the flood occurring at the end of the First Sun when people became fish.

(2) The Mayan floods, caused by Hunah, put an end to various phases of the creation cycle and, in one story, caused the sky to collapse. Kanzibyui raised the sky to its normal position and supported it on trees.

(3) Some Mexican tribes say that the flood was sent by the god Hokomata. After it had subsided, Pukehe, the daughter of Hokomata’s brother Tochopa, mated with the gods Sunshaft and Waterfall to repopulate the earth.

Chinese

(1) The thunder god trapped by their father gave Nii-kua and her brother Fu-hsi a tooth when they set him free. From this grew a tree which produced a gourd in which the children survived the ensuing flood. They mated but produced only an unformed lump of flesh. Fu-hsi cut this into pieces and scattered them over the earth to produce mankind.

(2) The flood was caused when Kung Kung pulled down the pillars supporting the sky. Alternatively, he tore a hole in the sky when he tried to commit suicide by banging his head against the heavenly bamboo.

Egyptian

When Ra tired of man’s muttering against him, he sent Hator-Sehet to kill them. He then brewed corn beer, flooding the country. The goddess got drunk and forgot what she was about.

Greek

Prometheus warned his son, Deucalion, that Zeus was about to send a flood so Deucalion built an ark and survived with his wife Pyrrha.
**Flood**

**Hindu**
A god, Vishnu, appearing as a small fish found in his washing water, warned Manu of the coming flood. It outgrew successively a bowl, a tank and a lake and had to be put in the sea. Manu built a boat and the fish towed him to safety on Mount Himavat when the flood came. The gods granted him a wife and they became the progenitors of the present human race.

**Irish**
Cessair was Noah's grand-daughter but even she was refused a place in the Ark. She sailed for Ireland where she landed with fifty women and three men, the only survivors. Most of them later perished in the flood.

**Korean**
When the flood came, a huge bay tree, which had fathered a son on a heavenly being, was toppled but his son was saved by riding over the waves on the floating tree. He rescued a swarm of ants and another of mosquitoes and also a young boy. They all landed on a mountain where they found the only other survivors, an old woman with two daughters. The four young people were able to repopulate the earth.

**Lithuanian**
It is not made clear what caused the flood but there are various stories about what happened after the flood had come.

In one version, Pramzimas threw a nutshell into the waters. The shell became a boat and one man and one woman survived in this boat to restart the human race.

In another version, all the animals and humans gathered on the top of a mountain and Pramzimas sent a boat in which they sailed away, leaving behind only one elderly couple. This pair, instructed by Pramzimas, jumped nine times. On each occasion, a young couple appeared and these became the progenitors of a new race.

**Mesopotamian**
(1) Ea warned Atrahasis who survived in the ship *Preserver of Life*. In another version, Ea warned Utnapishtim.

(2) Enki warned king Ziusudra of the flood being sent by Enil, enabling him to survive.

**New Zealand**
The Maoris say that the flood resulted from the efforts of the rain-gods to douse the fire which started when Maui stole fire from Maukuia.

Another story says that Tawhaki stamped on the floor of heaven, releasing the waters through the cracks his action caused.

**North American**
(1) Some Algonquian tribes say that the spirits of the underworld, the anamaqkiu, caused a flood when Manabush killed two of their number. Manabush managed to escape by climbing a tree which, by magic, he caused to grow much higher. Otter, Beaver and Mink died in an attempt to find dry land but Muskrat finally found a small piece of soil from which Manabush re-created the world.

(2) The Caddo say that four monstrous children, each with four arms and legs, stood back to back in a square and grew until they fused together and reached the sky. A man planted a rod which also reached the sky and was told to take his wife and a pair of each of the animals on earth into a reed when the flood came. The monsters fell into the waters and were drowned and when the waters subsided, those inside the reed emerged to repopulate the earth.

(3) The Inuit say that only they existed before the flood. After the waters had receded the first white people appeared, fathered on one of their girls by a dog.

(4) In the lore of the Papago, only Montezuma, the first man, and Coyote, the trickster, survived the flood in boats they had made. After the waters receded, Great Mystery repopulated the earth.

(5) The Pima say that the flood was sent by Great Eagle and that only Szeuka survived.

(6) A Sioux story says that the flood was sent by Unktehi, a water-monster. One girl was rescued by the eagle Wanibhe Galeshka who took her up to his nest on a high peak. They mated and produced twins, a boy and a girl, who became the progenitors of a new tribe.

(7) The Skagit of the west coast say that the flood covered the world leaving only the tops of Mount Baker and Mount Rainier exposed. Two people in a canoe managed to escape and repopulated the world.

**Pacific Islands**
(1) In the Banks Islands, Qat was warned of the flood and built a canoe in which he survived.

(2) In Fiji, the flood was sent by Degei to drown the people who had killed his friend, the hawk Turukawa.

(3) In Hawaii, Nu'u survived in a ship that landed on a tall mountain.

(4) In the Society Islands, a fishermen's hook became entangled with the hair of a sleeping sea-god, Ruahaku, who was so angry that he sent the flood.

(5) Some say that the flood was caused by the rising of a sea-goddess from the depths of the ocean.

**Siberian**
The Buriats say that the creator-god, Ulgan, warned Namu of the coming flood and he built an ark in which he survived.

**South American**
(1) Advance warning of one of the floods was given by the llama.

(2) The Araucanians blame the two huge serpents known as Kaikai and Trentran for causing the flood when they demonstrated their powers by causing the waters to rise.

(3) The Arawaks blame the flood on Sigu who cut down the tree of knowledge allowing water to gush out to cause the flood.

(4) The land of the Chibcha Indians was flooded by the work-god Chibchacum, aided by Chia, and the god Bochica appeared as a rainbow to create a channel to the sea and bring out the sun to dry the land.

(5) The Inca god Viracocha caused a flood to destroy the first humans, after which he created a new and better race.

(6) The Karaya tribe say that the flood was sent by the demon Anatiwa but some of the tribe escaped when the water-hen, Saracura, brought soil which they used to raise the height of the hill Tipimare.
(7) The Quechua say that the only part of the world not covered by the flood was Mount Condorcoto. When the waters receded, five men were born from eggs that had survived the flood on the higher part of the mountain. (8) The Tupari say that the flood was caused by the first man, the giant Valedjad. (9) In the Tupi story, Arikute and Tawenduare quarrelled and the latter split the earth when he stamped on the ground, allowing water to come gushing out. (10) Other versions say that the god Monan tried to destroy the earth with fire and the flood was caused when a magician, Irin Mage, brought about a heavy downpour that put out the flames but also flooded the earth.

—Taiwanese

The Taiwanese say that Peiroun was warned of the coming flood and was able to escape.

—Thai

The flood was sent by the sky-gods, the Thens, when the people refused to acknowledge the gods.

Flora

[=Greek Chloris=Hindu Kusumamodini]

an Italian goddess of flowers and fruitfulness

consort of Favonius, some say

She is said to have touched Juno with a magic herb so that she conceived Mars without the help of Jupiter.

Floralia

a festival in honour of Flora held in April/May

Flordelis

a maiden

She was travelling with her lover, Florismart, when he was challenged and defeated by Astolpho.

When Florismart was imprisoned in the Castle of Oblivion, she enlisted the sympathy of Angelica, who had escaped from the besieged city of Albracca to seek help, and Florismart and the other imprisoned knights were freed.

Floree

(see Florie)

Florence

a Knight of the Round Table

son of Gawain

He was one of the twelve knights who helped Agravain and Mordred when they attempted to trap Lancelot and Guinevere in flagrante. All except Mordred were killed by Lancelot.

Florence

daughter of the king of Soloris

She was wooed by Arthur of Brittany.

Florestan

a knight

son of Perion and Elizena

brother of Amadis and Galaor

He and his brothers restored Briolania to the throne of Firm Island, overthrowing the tyrant who had usurped the kingdom. When they arrived on Firm Island, both Florastan and Galaor refused to try to pass through the Arch of True Lovers and, when they tried to enter the Forbidden Chamber, they were thrown back by unseen forces while Amadis was allowed to enter.

Florete

daughter of the emperor of Constantinople

wife of Floriant

Floriana

a Gascon

served as a duke of Guiene

He and his master had been carried off by pirates and sold as slaves to a Barbary prince. His master converted to the Muslim faith and became a city governor and Floriac was allowed to live nearby as a Christian. He gave hospitality to Huon and Sherasmin on their journey to the court of the sultan, Gaudisso.

Floriant

son of Elyadus

foster-son of Morgan le Fay

husband of Florete

When the emperor of Constantinople attacked Sicily, King Arthur went to the aid of the king, Elyadus. Floriant married the emperor's daughter, Florete.

Florent et Florete

a 13th c story of these two lovers

Florie

a queen of Kanadic

She raised Ilinot, one of King Arthur's sons who died of grief when she rejected his love.

Florie

niece of Joram

In some accounts, she was the wife of Gawain and mother of Wigalois.

Florie

niece of Joram

In some accounts, mother of Grimal by Evelake

Florie

sister of Corboran

In some accounts, she married the Christian crusader Godfrey de Bouillon who became king of Jerusalem.

Florinda

daughter of Jihan

She was raped by Roderick.

Floriant

daughter of Fierabras

wife of Guy de Bourgogne

She protected the prisoners, including Oliver, held by her father until they were rescued by Charlemagne and fell in love with one of them, Guy de Bourgogne, whom she later married.

Floris

a king of Hungary

husband of Blanchefleur

father of Bertha

The Saracen king of Spain captured a group of French pilgrims and one of the ladies in the group gave birth to a girl, Blanchefleur, on the same day that the king's consort gave birth to a boy, Floris. They grew up together but Floris was sent away to school and Blanchefleur was sold to a slave-trader. Floris set out to rescue her and stayed with Darius, a bridgekeeper, in Babylon where Blanchefleur was imprisoned. He bribed his way into the tower and was reunited with his beloved but they were later found in bed together and condemned to death. Their obvious love for each other softened the emir's heart and they were allowed to marry and return to Spain.

Florisdefla

a sorceress

She was taught the magic arts by Merlin and is said to have killed herself out of envy of Isolde's beauty.

Florismart

[Lord of the Sylvan Tower]

a Saracen knight who became one of Charlemagne's paladins

He was defeated by Astolpho, in single combat, who spared his life and they became friends.

He was imprisoned in the Castle of Oblivion but freed by Angelica, who had escaped from the besieged city of Albracca, when Flordelis, his lady-love, told Angelica of his plight.

When he heard of Roland's madness, he went in search of him and met Rodomont at the bridge leading
to the chapel he had built to the memory of Isabella. They fought and Florismart was defeated but, to please Flordelis, Rodomont spared her lover’s life, keeping him as a prisoner. Sent to Africa as a slave by Rodomont, he was released by Astolpho who was leading the Abyssinian forces at the siege of Biserta. When Agramant withdrew from France to defend his capital, Florismart, Roland and Oliver were chosen to do battle with Agramant, Sorbino and Grassado to settle the war. Florismart was killed in this encounter.

**Floron**

a demon Norse

a sigurds of the Sigfussons

The Sigfussons and the Njalssons had carried on a feud after Thrain, a Sigfusson, was killed by Skarp-Hedin, one of Njal’s sons. The feud culminated in an attack, led by Frosti, in which all the male Njalssons, except Kari, were killed and their house was burnt to the ground.

**Flosshilde**

German

one of the 3 Rhine-daughters

**Flower Aspects**

(see Blodeuedd)

**Flower Face**

(see Blodeuedd)

**Flying Carpet**

(see Xochiquetzal)

**Flower Festival**

(see Hanamatsuri)

**Flower of Kings**

British

a name for King Arthur

**Flower Prince**

(see Xochipilli)

**Flowerface**

(see Blodeuedd)

**Fluent**

Norse

mother of Isolde in the Icelandic version of the Tristan story

**Flute Dance**

North American

a ritual dance of the Hopi in honour of the sun-god

**Flydrw**

(see Frwdwr)

**Flyers, The**

(see Wakiyian)

**Flying Carpet**

Arab

[Green Carpet]

a huge carpet on which Solomon was said to be able to transport 2 lions and 2 armies

**Flying Dutchman, The**

German

[Der Fliegende Hollander]

Frustrated by winds that prevented his ship from rounding the Cape of Good Hope, he swore to manage it even if it took forever. An evil spirit condemned him to keep this oath from which he would be released only when a good woman promised to be faithful unto death. He was allowed to land only once every seven years, retaining his youth while his crew grew grey and wrinkled as the centuries passed.

He gave some of his cargo of treasure to Laland, the captain of a Norwegian ship, and fell in love with his daughter, Senta. She would have married him but, seeing her with her young friend Erik, who also loved her, Vanderdecker put back to sea rather than expose her to the curse which dogged him. She threw herself from the top of a cliff and her suicide, proving her faithful unto death, lifted the curse of the Flying Dutchman whose ship sank beneath the waves.

**Flying Head**

North American

a monster, in the lore of the Iroquois

This monster, in the form of a head with huge wings and sharp fangs, killed and ate all animals including those domesticated by the tribes. When it saw a squaw swallow some hot chestnuts, it thought to do the same but swallowed the red-hot stones of the fire and was killed.

**Flying Horse**

(see Arion. Pegasus)

**Fo**

Chinese

[Fo.hsi]

a fire-god or sun-god

**Flying Horse**

(see Arion. Pegasus)

**Fo**

Chinese

the elephant, an animal sacred in Buddhism

**Fo-hsi**

Chinese

son of Mo-yeh

His mother, walking beside a river, found herself encircled by a rainbow. She dreamt that she was pregnant with a white elephant and, twelve years later, Fo-hsi was born.

**Fo-mo Ta Ti**

Chinese

a name for Kuan-ti as one who subdues demons

**Fo-shou**

Chinese

[Buddha’s Hand]

a citrus fruit, shaped like a hand with 2 fingers pointing upwards

**Foam Woman**

North American

an ancestress of the Haida

She was said to have the power to project lightning from her eyes to repel the forces of evil and was envisaged as having many breasts at which she suckled the clan ancestors.

**Foawr**

Manx

[a race of giants: the Manx name for the Fomoire]

**Focalor**

(see Forcalor)

**Focas**

Irish

a charioteer to Innel

He and his master were killed when Innel fought Cuchulainn at the ford.

**Fodhla**

(see Fohla)

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(see Fohla)

**Foeneus**

(see Oeneus)

**Fog of the Path**

Pacific Islands

a warrior of Flight of the Chiefs

This warrior had the ability to conjure up fog to discomfit enemies in battle.

**Fogall**

(see Forgall)

**Foh**

Chinese

the Chinese version of the Sanskrit daivi prakita

**Fohla**

Irish

[Fo(h)la.

Fosna.

Fosna] one of 3 goddesses, with Banba and Eire, original rulers of Ireland an aspect of the Triple Goddess wife of Mac Cecht, king of Ireland

Some say that Fohla married one of the Sons of Turann. In some accounts, the name is used for Ireland.

**Foilch**

Irish

a charioteer to Err 1

He and his master were killed when Err fought Cuchulainn at the ford.

**Foil**

Irish

son of Nechtan Scene brother of Fannell and Tuachell He was a supernatural being but he was nevertheless killed by Cuchulainn.

**Foland**

Irish

[see Volund]

**Folkvang**

Irish

the realm of Freya, the site of her palace Sessyrmir

**Folkvangr**

(see Folkvangr)

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(see Folkvangr)

**Follach**

Irish

father of Tígrnmas

**Follam**

Irish

son of Conor mac Ness He was killed when fighting alongside Cuchulainn against the forces of Connaught.

**Follower**

North American

a creator and culture-hero of the Pueblo tribes twin brother of Preceder (see Twins)

**Foltor**

Manx

[a race of giants: the Manx name for the Fomoire]
He was in the ship with Finn and Faruach when they followed Gilla Dacar and rescued the men he had carried off.

**Fomhair**  
Scottish  
[Famhair.Fomhairean=Irish Fomoire]  
mountain giants, controllers of fate  
gods of death

**Fomhoire**  
(see Fomoire)

**Fomhoireans**  
(see Fomoire)

**Fomoire**  
Irish  
Lochlanners,sea giants-'Mon Foin Sair']  
a one-legged, one-armed race of  
demons living under the sea  
deities of the Fir Bolg

These beings, some of whom had  
animals heads, had three rows of teeth  
and were said to be the descendants  
of Ham, son of Noah. They were  
defeated by the Partholanians at  
the Battle of Magh nIotha and banished  
to the Hebrides and were in continual  
conflict with the later Danaans.

They once stole the Dagda's harp  
which flew from the wall where it had  
been hung, killed those who stole it  
and put the others to sleep with its music.

They fought one or, in some  
accounts, two major battles with the  
Danaans at Moytura and were finally  
defeated when Balor's evil eye was  
knocked out by Lugh's slingshot and  
the Fomoire soldiers died at the  
sight of it.  
(see also Fathach)

**Fomoiri**  
(see Fomoire)

**Fomorians**  
(see Fomoire)

**Fongsaside**  
South American  
a servant of Naymlap

**Fons**  
Roman  
[Fontus]  
a god of springs  
son of Faunus and Juturna

**Fons Castalius**  
(see Castalia')

**Fontarabia**  
European  
[Fuenterrabia]  
the site of Charlemagne's final battle

It was said that the Emperor and all his  
knight's fell to the Saracens at  
Fontarabia. Another account says that  
Charlemagne was killed in this battle  
but came back to life and rallied his  
troops, leading them to victory.

**Fontinalia**  
Roman  
a festival in honour of the god Fons,  
which involves the dressing of  
fountains and springs, held on  
October 13th

**Fontus**  
(see Fons)

**Fool of Barr Uisce**  
Irish  
a giant  
He was said to have killed Fergus mac  
Roth by shooting him with holy pricks.

**Fool of the Forest**  
(see Moroie Mor)

**Footprints of Buddha**  
Buddhist  
[=Cambodian Phra hat]  
stones said to bear the imprints of the  
Buddha's feet  
Reproductions carved from stone bear  
various religious symbols such as the  
swastika, the lotus and the fish. The  
originals were said to be caused by the  
weight of the Buddha's knowledge  
which was such that rocks softened  
where he trod. It is said that the marks  
on the soles of the Buddha's feet were  
caused by the tears of sinful women  
who wept at his feet. One such was  
known as Amrapati.  
One such footprint is to be found  
on the mountain in Ceylon known as  
Adam's Peak. This sacred footprint  
(the Sripada) is regarded as the  
Buddha’s last point of contact with the  
earth.

**Foraíi**  
(see Morax)

**Forax**  
(see Morax)

**Forbar**  
(see Furbaide)

**Forbidden Chamber**  
European  
a room on Firm Island  
This structure was built by Apollidon  
to test the purity of lovers who tried to  
enter. In a hundred years, none had  
managed to enter. When Amadis and  
his friends came to Firm Island, only  
Amadis could enter, the others being  
thrown back by unseen forces.

**Forbidden Island, The**  
British  
an island defended by the knight  
Grey-steel  
constantly sought by the Partholanians  
to test the purity of lovers who tried to  
enter. In a hundred years, none had  
managed to enter. When Amadis and  
his friends came to Firm Island, only  
Amadis could enter, the others being  
thrown back by unseen forces.

**Forbidden Mountain**  
European  
the site of the castle, home  
of Archalaus

**Forbidden Path**  
(see Rua-tapu)

**Forcalor**  
[Focalor]  
a demon  
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to have been a sea-demon  
causing shipwreck and is depicted  
either as a winged human or as a man  
astride a griffin.

**Forcas**  
[Focas]  
a demon  
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

**Fordicidia**  
Roman  
a festival in honour of Tellus held on  
April 15th at which a cow and a calf  
were sacrificed

**Forest of Dooros**  
Irish  
the wood in which grew the quicken  
tree guarded by the giant, Sharvan

**Forgall**  
Irish  
[Forfay.Forgel]  
a poet  
He fell into a dispute with Mongan and  
demanded as compensation to sleep  
with Mongan’s wife, Brothighem.  
The warrior Cailte arrived with proof  
that Mongan was right just in time to  
save the lady’s honour.

**Forgall Manach**  
Irish  
[Forfay.Forgel]  
lord of Lusca  
a chieftain, known as ‘the Wily’  
father of Emer and Fiall  
He refused to let his daughter Emer  
marry Cuchulainn until he had trained  
as a warrior. When this was done,  
Forgall went back on his promise and  
still refused and was killed by  
Cuchulainn.

In another version, he was still alive  
at the time of Cuchulainn’s last battle  
and begged him not to go.

**Forgel**  
(see Forgall)

**Formati**  
Norse  
a story from the Younger Edda

**Formenus**  
Irish  
a Christian king of Thrace  
He built a tower in the Alps and when  
Daithi, on one of his many expeditions  
overseas, knocked the tower down, the  
Irish leader was killed by a thunderbolt.

**Formorii**  
(see Fomoire)

**Formors**  
(see Fomoire)

**Fornacalia**  
Roman  
an ancient festival in honour of  
Fornax or Vulcanus, deities of  
furnaces or ovens

**Fornaldarsaga**  
Norse  
a collection of Icelandic legends

**Fornax**  
Roman  
a guardian goddess of ovens and  
cooking  
an aspect of Vesta

**Forneus**  
Roman  
a demon  
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He appears either as a sea-monster or  
as a man and is said to have great  
knowledge of the arts and sciences.

**Fornjot**  
(see Ymir)

**Fornjotnur**  
(see Ymir)

**Fors**  
Italian  
[Forfay.Fortuna=Greek Tyche:  
=Roman Fortune]  
a goddess of chance

**Fors Fortuna**  
(see Fors)
Forsete
(see Forseti)
Forseti
Norse
[Forset.Fosite]
the god of justice and truth
son of Balder and Nanna
His gold and silver palace, Glitnir,
held the throne on which he sat to
dispense laws and settle disputes.

Fortriu
Scottish
one of the 7 children of Cruithne
When Cruithne divided Scotland
between his seven children, Fortriu
was given Strathearn.

Fortuna
Roman
[Primigenia=Greek Tyche=Italian Fort (Fortune)]]
a goddess of chance or fate
a fertility goddess
She was said to have acquired as one of
her attributes the horn of Achelous
broken off by Heracles when they fought.

Fortuna Virilis
Roman
the goddess Fortuna acting to preserve
the beauty of women so that they
retained the favour of their husbands
(see also Felicitas)

Fortuna Virginensis
Roman
the goddess Fortuna as guardian of
newly-married women

Fortuna Virilis
Roman
the goddess Fortuna acting to preserve
the beauty of women so that they
retained the favour of their husbands

Fortunatae Insulae
(see Fortunate Islands)

Fortunate Fields
(see Fortunate Islands)

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Fortunate Islands
Greek
[Fortunate Islands, Fortunate Isles, Fortuna's isles, Fortunes of the Blessed, Islands of the Blessed, Isles of the Blest,eneful 3 times
Some identify these islands with
Elysium, others as a separate place.

Fortuna
Roman
[Primigenia=Greek Tyche=Italian Fort (Fortune)]]
a goddess of chance or fate
a fertility goddess

Fortuna
German
a mediaeval hero
He was the owner of a magical cap that
granted his every wish and a never-
empty purse.

Fortune
British
a girl at a spinning-wheel
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Three Graces, water, cold, resurrection and winter, the gate to which is Capricorn.

**Four Astrological Quarters**

In astrology the celestial hemisphere is divided into 4 quarters with associated attributes.

- In the north region, equated with spring, where the gods are all powerful, the rulers are Ahura Mazda, Brahman, Cronus, Horus, Jehovah and Saturn; in the south region, equated with autumn, the rulers are Ahriman, Hades, Pluto, Satan, and Shiva; in the east region, equated with summer, the rulers are Aahura Mazda, Brahman, Jupiter, Mithras, Vishnu, Osiris and Zeus; in the west region, equated with winter, where man achieves happiness, the rulers are Apollo, Horus, Jehovah and Saturn.

- In the north region, equated with spring, where chaos marries light, the rulers are Ahura Mazda, Brahman, Jupiter, Mithras, Vishnu, Osiris and Zeus; in the east region, equated with summer, where life is formed, the rulers are Ahriman, Hades, Pluto, Satan, and Shiva; in the west region, equated with autumn, the rulers are Aahura Mazda, Brahman, Jupiter, Mithras, Vishnu, Osiris and Zeus; in the south region, equated with winter, where man achieves happiness, the rulers are Apollo, Horus, Jehovah and Saturn.

**Four Auspicious Animals**

Chinese

animals which guard the cardinal points, Siu Fong These are the dragon (Ch’ing Lung), the phoenix (Feng), the tortoise (Kuei Shen) and the unicorn (Ch’i-lin). In some accounts, the white tiger (Pai Hu) appears in place of the unicorn.

**Four Books**

Chinese

4 of the 9 major works of the Confucian canon These are listed as Chuang Yang, Lan Yu, Meng-tzu and Ta Hsueh. The other five are known as the Five Classics.

**Four Branches of the Mabinogion**

(see Mabinogion)

**Four Celestial Kings**

(see Four Diamond Kings)

**Four-cornered Castle**

(see Caer Pedryan.Castle Carbonek)

**Four Deva Kings**

(see Four Diamond Kings)

**Four Diamond Kings**

Chinese

[Four Celestial Kings.(Four) Deva Kings.(Four) Heavenly Kings:T’ien-wang.-Hindu Lokapalas-Japanese Shi Tenno] the rulers of the 4 realms of the Buddhist paradise and guardians of Buddhist shrines These deities are given as the Land-bearer (Mo-li Ch’ing), who guards the east; the Far-observer (Mo-li Hai) who guards the west; the Well-Famed (Mo-li Shou) who guards the north and the Lord of Growth (Mo-li Hung) who looks after the south.

The Taoist version lists these deities as Chao, Li, Man and Wen.

**Four Dragon Kings**

Chinese

the rulers of the 4 seas These signs were a detached monk, an old man, a sick man and a dead man.

**Four Ends of the Earth**

(see Fifth Sun)

**Four Heavenly Kings**

(see Four Diamond Kings)

**Four Hundred Rabbits**

(see Centzon Totochtin)

**Four Hundred Southerners**

(see Centzon Huitzamhua)

**Four Independent Native Tales**

(see Mabinogion)

**Four Is**

Central American

the fourth day of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle On this day heaven and earth were finished. (see also Is’)

**Four Kings**

Buddhist

[Caturmaharajas-Hindu Dikpalas] the rulers of the 4 quarters of the world These deities are given as Dharantarshtha (east), Vaisravana (north), Viruddhaka (south) and Virupaksha (west).

**Four Kings of Hell**

Chinese

assistants to Yen Wang in the underworld In some accounts there were ten (or, some say, fourteen) of them. (see also Ten Yama Kings)

**Four-legged**

(see Buffalo’)

**Four-legs**

(see Buffalo’)

**Four Man-Ik**

Central American

the seventeenth of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle On this day the spirit of man entered heaven. (see also Man-Ik)

**Four Ocelot**

(see First Sun)

**Four Rain**

(see Third Sun)

**Four Saints**

Chinese

[Ssulssen] 4 disciples of Confucius These are listed as Meng-tzu (Mencius), Cheng-tzu, Confucius’ grandson Tzussu, and his favourite, Yen-tzu.

**Four Signs**

Buddhist

the signs given by the gods to Buddha to guide his search for enlightenment These signs were a detached monk, an old man, a sick man and a dead man.

**Four Sons of Aymon**

(see Sons of Aymon)

**Four Sons of Horus**

(see Sons of Horus)

**Four Spiritually Endowed Animals**

Chinese

in some lists these are the same as the Four Auspicious Animals; in others, these are happiness.

**Four Supplements**

(see Ssu Fu)

**Four Wind**

(see Second Sun)

**Four Winds**

North American

one of the 4 Kindred Gods of the Sioux

**Fourfold-Containing Mother Earth**

(see Awitelin Tsta)

**Fournival, Richard de**

French

a 13th c writer, author of Bestiare d’Amour

**Fourth Sun**

Central American

[Ecatanatih.Four.Water.Sun of Earth.Sun of Water] the fourth age of the Aztec creation cycle

The Third Sun ended after 364 years when fire destroyed the earth. Then Chalchiuhlticue took over as ruler of the Fourth Sun which lasted for 312 years before the world was inundated by a flood from which only Nata and Nena escaped. The next period was the Fifth sun which is the present age.

Another version calls the period of the Fourth Sun the Sun of Earth or the Sun of Water and says that it was during this period that fishes were made.

**Fox**

this animal appears in myths of many countries, often as a trickster or shape-changer.

(1) In Chinese stories, the fox is a shape-changer that becomes a wizard when it reaches the age of 100 years. At the age of 1,000, the animal goes to heaven as the Celestial Fox which has nine tails and serves as a means of transport for the celestial spirits.

(2) In the European classic, Reynard the Fox, the leading character gets into all sorts of scrapes but manages to escape his just desserts.

(3) In Japan the fox is the embodiment of Inari as Spirit of Rain. Others say that the fox, Ktsune, carries messages for Inari.

(4) In North America, Brer Fox is another trickster who becomes involved in many escapades.
Fox Woman (Siberian)
wife of Eme'mqut
She rejected the advances of a man living as a lodger in their house and when he remarked on her foxy odour she ran away.

In another story, she was abducted but Eme’mqut rescued her from the underworld.

Framanger (Norse)
stream
When Loki changed himself into a salmon to escape the vengeance of the other gods, he hid on the bottom of this stream.

Fraoch (see Fraoch)
monster out of jealousy.

Francis Tristran
(a 12th c poetess, author of Chevrefeuil and Lanval)

Frashegird (see Frashkart)
husband of Ortrud

dying of a broken heart.

Frasiyav (see Frasihay)
Frugag
one of the wolves of Odin, 'greedy'

Frashkart (Persian)
[Frashgard Frm Frashgerd Frashkert]
the final renewal after the destruction of the world by fire

At this time, all the dead will be restored to life by Saoshyant.

Frashkoreti (see Frashkart)

Fratereto
demon of the dance

Fratres Arvali (see Arvali Brothers)

Frau Bertha (see Bertha’s)

Frau Berchta
a fairy

Frau Gode (German)
[a name for Frigga in Germany]

Frau Holle (see Frigga. Holde)

Frau Saelde (German)
lady luck

Frau Selga (German)
a wild maiden of the Tyrol

Frau Venus (see Holda)

Frau Welt (German)
a supernatural mistress

In some accounts, this being is equated with the Devil.

Frau Wode (German)
[women of Odin’s domain]

Frauch (see Frauch)

[a 12th c poetess, author of Chevrefeuil and Lanval]

Frei (see Freya)

Frege (see Freo)

Freiheit (see Der Freischutz)

Freke (see Freki)

Freke
son of Histon

Freke
a warrior-hero

son of Idath and Befind

Freke
a wild maiden of the Tyrol

Frae, James George
(1854–1941)
author of The Golden Bough, a study of magic and comparative religion

Fragaroth
Irish
[Chevrefeuil and Lanval]

Fraoch (see Fraoch)

a 12th c poetess, author of Chevrefeuil and Lanval

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Fraoch, Der (Der Freischutz)

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Norse

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[Freke]
one of the wolves of Odin, ‘greedy’

Freiheit
The other was known as Geri.

Frey
Norse

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Veraldargodd—German Fro–Lapp

Verelde–Omlaw–Swedish

Ingvi-Frey-Lyrin-Svagadl]

the god of earth, fertility, peace, rain, sunlight

son of Niord and Nerthus or Skadi

twin brother of Freya

husband of Gerda or Freya

husband of Beyla, some say

father of Fionn

He was born in Vanuheim but moved to Asgard as a hostage when peace was made between the Vanir and the Aesir and was given the realm of Alfheim, home of the Light Elves.

He was also given the ship, Skidbladnir, a marvellous sword which could fight unaided, the golden-bristled boar, Gullinbursti which, with
another boar, Slidrugtanni, drew his chariot and a horse, Blodighof, which could carry him over water and through fire. His home was called Upsala.

He fell in love with the giantess, Gerda, but despaired of winning her so his servant, Skirnir, wooed her on behalf of his master in return for the magic sword. He met Gerda nine days later in the grove, Buri, and they were married. When her brother Beli attacked Frey, now without his sword, he defended himself with a stag's horn and killed Beli. At Ragnarok, he was killed by Surtur. (see also Frodi)

**Freya**
Norse

[Freia,Freyia,Freyja,Frica).
Fria,Gefa,Goda,Gollveig
Gondul, Horn, ‘lady’, Mardal,Mardel(l).
Mardell,Menglad,Menglod.
Mengloth,Moertholl,Odarnar.
Syr, Thunr, Valfreya, Van(a)/bride, Vanadis.
White Goddess=German Frigga.Ostara:
=Saxon Eastre=Swedish Skiall]
goddess of beauty, fertility, love, magic and youth
daughter of Niord and Nerthus or Skadi
Twin sister of Frey
wife of Frey or Odur
wife of Odin, some say
mother of Gersemi and Hnoss

She was born in Vanahem but moved to Asgard as a hostage when peace was made between the Vanir and the Aesir. She was given the realm of Folkvang, including the hall Sessynmir. The Valkyries collected many of the dead from the battlefields but Freya claimed half of them as her own and carried them to Folkvang while the others went to Valhalla. She was also given the beautiful necklace, Brisingamen, made by the dwarfs and wore it always. In addition, she had the magic falcon-garb, Valharn, which enabled the wearer to fly and her own chariot which was drawn by two cats.

She was said to take the form of a she-goat at night and sometimes rode the golden-bristled boar, Hildeswm.

Her necklace was once stolen by Loki who assumed the form of a flea to get into her bed as she slept but he was detected by Heimdall who, after a struggle in which they both assumed several forms, retrieved the necklace and returned it to Freya.

When Ottar appealed to her for help in tracing his ancestry, she turned him into a boar and rode on his back to the home of Hyndla, the sorceress, who not only traced his forebears but gave him a magic drink that ensured he remembered what he had learned.

When her husband, Odur, left her, she wandered the earth in search of him and the tears she shed sank into the earth and became gold. She eventually found him and they were happily reunited. Many of her names are those she acquired during her wanderings.

In some accounts she is assimilated with Frigga, others say she was married to Frey, Odin and perhaps others. Loki accused her of having affairs with all the gods.

In one story, she was kidnapped by Belè who took her to Jotunheim, hoping to marry her to one of his three sons but she rejected all of them.

In German stories she is identified with Frigga.

She is depicted as wearing armour over a flowing gown and bearing a shield and spear. Her creatures are the cat, the cuckoo and the swallow.

(see also Menglod)

**Freyfaxi**
Norse

the horse of Frey

**Freygerda**
Norse

a Danish maiden
wife of Fridleif
mother of Frodi

She married the Danish king, Fridleif, who had rescued her from a dragon.

**Frey**
(see Freya)

**Freyja**
(see Freya)

**Freyr**
(see Frey)

**Fri**
(see Freya,Frigga)

**Fria**
(see Freya,Frigga)

**Fragabi**
Celtic

one of the 4 Alaisiagae

**Frigane**

an angel of the fifth heaven, governing the east

**Friar Bacon**
British

a 13th c alchemist

This monk was said to have made a bronze head which could speak and make prophecies.

**Friar Rush**

Bruder Rausch

a strolling spirit leading monks astray

Some accounts equate him with the Devil.

**Fricco**
Norse

[Frikka]

a name of Frey as ‘love’ in Sweden

**Fricka**
(see Frigga)

**Frid**
Norse

a maid-servant attendant on Freya

**Fridila**
Norse

a guardian of Freya's necklace, Brisingamen

**Fridjof**
(see Frithiof)

**Fridleef**
Norse

[Fridleif,Friehleif]
a king of Denmark
husband of Freygerda
father of Frodi
He rescued the maiden Freygerda from a dragon and married her. He is regarded as a later incarnation of Frey as ruler of Denmark.

**Fridleif**
(see Fridleef)

**Fridlevus**
Norse

father of Olave

He asked the Norns to tell him his son's future. Too said that he would be handsome and generous, the third that he would be parsimonious.

**Fridhiof**
(see Frithiof)

**Friendly Sea**
(see Euxine)

**Frig**
Norse

the Anglo-Saxon name for frigga

**Friga**
(see Frigga)

**Fringe**
(see Frigga)

**Frigg**
(see Frigga)

**Frigga**
Norse

[Fr(a).Frigge,Frigga,Fricka,Frige:
=Anglo-Saxon Frig=German Bertha.
(Frau) Goede,Frau Holle.(Frau) Wode.
Fria,Holda,Hada,Huld(o).Nerthus.
Ostara,Vrou-Elde=Lombard Frea
=Swedish Eastre]
goddess of fertility, sky, wisdom
daughter of Hrimrin and Fjorgyn
or Erda

daughter of Odin and Erda, some say
sister of Fulla, some say
wife of Fjorgyn, some say
second wife of Odin, some say
mother of Balder, Hermod, Hoder and mother of Tyr, some say
foster-mother of Agnar

She had her own palace, known as Fensalir, and her train of attendants included Eir, Frinla, Fulla her favourite, Gefjon, Gna, Hlin, Lofn, Snotra, Sin, Vara, Viofn and Vor.

When Balder told of the dreams that foretold danger to his life, Frigga extracted a promise from all things that they would not harm her son. She overlooked the mistletoe and a branch of this, thrown by his blind brother Hoder at the instigation of Loki, killed Balder.

She once stole some gold from a statue of Odin and had the dwarfs...
make it into a necklace. Odin could not make the dwarfs reveal the name of the thief so he tried to make the statue speak by using his knowledge of the mystic runes. This idea was thwarted by a dwarf who broke the statue to pieces.

In German stories she is identified with Freya.

She is depicted as wearing heron plumes and carrying a bunch of keys at her belt.

**Frija**  
A German name for Frigga  
*(see also Freya)*

**Frikka**  
*(see Frico)*

**Frimla**  
A virgin goddess, attendant on Frigga one of the Asynjur  
Some say she is the same as Fimila.

**Frimost**  
*[Nambroth]*  
A demon associated with Tuesday

**Frimoutel** *(see Frimutel)*

**Frimutel**  
*[Frimoutel]*  
Son of Titurel and Richaud  
Brother of Richaud  
Father of Amfortas  
Father of Herzeloyde, Repanse and Trevrezent, in some accounts

When his father grew old and weak, he handed responsibility for the Holy Grail to Frimutel.

**Fritele**  
A nephew of Ermenrich  
Brother of Imbreke

These two brothers were hanged by the king, Ermenrich, when Sibich told the king that they lusted after the queen, Swanhild.

**Frithiof**  
*[Fridjof, Frithi]*  
Son of Thorsten and Ingeborg

Although a commoner, Frithiof, as a child, played with Ingeborg, daughter of Belé, the king of Sogn. Both children were in the care of the tutor Hilding. Frithiof fell in love with Ingeborg and at the enthronement of her brothers, Helge and Halfdan as joint-kings on the death of Belé, he pledged his loyalty to them and asked for the hand of their sister. Helge once again refused and passed a stern sentence on Frithiof.

Angantyr, king of Orkney, had for many years paid a tribute to Belé but stopped the payment when the old king died. Helge ordered Frithiof to go to Orkney and demand the unpaid tribute. He set sail with his friend Bjorn in the ship Ellida but Helge, with the witches Ham and Heath, caused a tremendous storm that almost wrecked the ship. Frithiof spotted the witches riding on a whale and Bjorn steered the ship so that it ran them down, killing both witches and the whale. When they landed in Orkney, Frithiof was challenged to a duel by Atle, one of Angantyr's Berserker and spared his life after defeating him in combat. When Frithiof asked for the unpaid tribute, Angantyr said that he owed Helge nothing but he gave the money to Frithiof as a gift to the son of his old friend Thorsten.

When Frithiof returned he found his home, Framnas, burned to the ground by Helge and Ingeborg married to Sigmund Ring. At the court he flung the bag of coins in Helge's face, knocking him to the ground. He then saw the armlet he had given to Ingeborg on the arm of a statue of Balder and, trying to pull it off, overturned the statue which was burned in the altar fire.

He left his native land and lived as a pirate, returning after three years to the court of Sigmund Ring disguised and wearing the skin of a bear. Only Ingeborg recognised him but he was welcomed by the king and given hospitality over the winter. In the spring, Sigmund, now very old, was left behind with Frithiof during a hunt. Frithiof resisted the chance to kill him but the old king died soon afterwards.

In some stories, Frithiof married Ingeborg at last and lived in Hordaland where they had two sons, Gungthiof and Hunthiof. In another version, he was haunted by his sacrifice and returned to the temple of Balder when he received a vision that his fault could be expiated by building a fine temple to the god, which he then did. During its construction, Helge was killed and at its completion Halfdan arrived and made a pact of friendship with Frithiof, finally giving him Ingeborg's hand in marriage.

Frithiof owned a sword known as Angurvadel.

**Fritihofsaga**  
A 14th C Icelandic story of Frithiof and his exploits

**Frithleif** *(see Fridjleif)*

**Friuch** *(see Frobach)*

**Fria** *(see Fruja)*

**Fro** *(see Fro)*  
A name of Frey in Germany

**Fria** *(see Whitehorn)*

**Froda** *(see Fro)*

**Frothi** *(see Fro)*

**Frothi** *(see Fro)*

**Frothe** *(see Fro)*

**Frode** *(see Fro)*

**Frodi** *(see Fro)*
them so hard that they started to grind out instead Viking warriors who killed the Danes. Their leader, Mysinger, killed Frodi and took the women and the grindstones aboard his own ship and ordered the women to grind salt.

Some versions say that Frodi was killed at the court of Swerting, a Saxon king, others that he was king of the Heathorbards and was killed in battle with the Danes under Hroðgar.

**Frodi**

[Frode. Peace Frodi] in some accounts, a name of Frey in Denmark where he was once taken prisoner by Beli, the storm-giant.

**Froech**

(see Froisch)

frog* [Hindi] a small amphibian with webbed feet and no tail which features in some mythologies

(1) In Hindu law, the Rig Veda asserts that the world rests on the back of a Great Frog.
(2) In New Zealand, the Maoris regard the frog as a water-god.
(3) In North America, the Navaho frog-spirit was involved with Bear, Snake and Turtle in a plan to capture two maidens from an undersea village. The plan went awry and the two girls were killed. Frog and Turtle were lucky to escape with their lives but Bear and Snake fared better. This pair captured two girls who were overcome by the smoke from the kidnappers’ pipes which made Bear and Snake appear as handsome warriors with whom the girls mated.
(4) A Siberian legend says that a frog, lying on its back, supports the world and the sacred mountain, Sambur, emerged from the frog’s navel.

**Frollo**

[Flulo. Prollo] a Roman ruler of Gaul father of Samaliel

He was killed in single combat with King Arthur during the king’s campaigns on the Continent. In some accounts, he was said to be German.

**Fromondin**

[Frontino] European son of Fromont

The feud between his father and Garin de Loherain was carried on between Fromodin and Garin’s son, Gerbert, until Fromondin gave up the world and retreated to a monastery. The feud was revived when Gerbert produced a goblet made from the skull of Fromondin’s father, Fromont. He planned to kill Gerbert but Gerbert was forewarned and it was Fromondin who was killed.

**Fromont**

European brother of Guillaume de Moncel father of Fromondin

He was raised alongside Garin at Pepin’s court but they quarrelled when Garin proposed to marry Blanchefleur to become heir to the throne of Maurienne which Fromont had expected to receive. So started a never-ending feud between Lorraine and Bordeaux.

**Front**

European a French saint

He (or Veran) is said to have defeated the man-eating monster, Coulobre.

**Frontino**

European the horse of Rogero

**Frost Giants**

[Hrin-thurs: plur= Hrimthursar. Hrimhursen] the beings that formed when the fiery clouds from Muspelheim condensed over the ice of Niflheim The principal Frost Giants were Beli, Kari, Thiassi and his daughter Skadi, and Thrym with four children Drifta, Frosti, Jokul and Snoer.

**Frosti**

[Norse] a dwarf

one of the Lovar

**Frosti1**

[Norse] a Frost Giant

god of frosts

son of Thrym

brother of Drifta, Jokul and Snoer

He led the Frost Giants in their battle with the gods.

**Frostre**

[Norse] a dwarf

one of the Lovar

**Frothi**

[Norse] as ‘fruit-bearer’

**Frum, John**

Pacific Islands the revered figure of the devotees of the cargo cult

He is said to be a reincarnation of the early Melanesian god, Karaperamun.

**Fu**

Norse in the lore of the Bambara, the primordial void which produced the 2 forces, Dya and Glia

**Fu-fei**

Chinese a river goddess wife of Ho Po

In some accounts, she later married the archer, I.

**Fu-hsi**

[Adam of China. Gourd Boy] one of the Three Sovereigns son of Hua-hsü brother and consort of Nü Kua father of Mi Fei

It was said that he was produced when his mother was impregnated by the wind after a gestation period of twelve years.

He was a serpent-bodied being having a human head with four faces, representing the yin principle, and credited with the introduction of fishing, silk-worm breeding, etc. and the invention of the trigrams of the I Ching. He also invented the Eight Diagrams from marks he saw on the back of a unicorn which rose out of a river beside which he was contemplating.

In the story of the Flood, Fu-hsi (Gourd Boy) and his sister Nü Kua (Gourd Girl) were the sole survivors, floating in a gourd from a tree grown from the tooth of the thunder-god whom they had freed from a trap set by their father. He mated with his sister but they produced only an unformed lump of flesh. Fu-hsi cut this into pieces and scattered it over the earth to produce mankind.

Some say that he and his sister retired to heaven, others that he remained on earth and became the first emperor in the 20th c BC, originating the idea of marriage.

In later stories, they were said to be man and wife and were depicted as human with a fish’s tail or a serpent’s tail.

He runs the Ministry of Healing with Huang Ti and Shen Nung.
Fu-hsi²  (see Fu²)
Fu Hsing  Chinese
[Fu Shen, Star of Happiness, Yang Ch'eng, Yang-hsi-chi]
a god of happiness
one of the Fu Lu Shou
He was the mortal Yang Ch'eng, an adviser to a 6th c emperor, who achieved immortality and became one of the Three Gods of Happiness.
In other accounts he was an 8th c general, Kuo Tzu-i.

Fu-lin  Chinese
a mythical land of diamonds

Fu Lo Shou  (see Fu Lu Shou)

Fu Lu Shou  Chinese
[Fu Lo Shou, Fu Shou Lu, San Hsing, Three Gods of Happiness, Three Stars]
3 mortals who attained immortality by good works
These deities are Fu-hsing, the god of happiness, Lu-hsing, the god of good fortune, and Shou Shen, the god of longevity.

Fu Pao  Chinese
mother of Huang Ti
It was said that she had a miraculous conception and carried the child in her womb for twenty-four months.

Fu-sang  Chinese
a Taoist paradise where the inhabitants are immortal
A river in this paradise makes pregnant those women who bathe in it.
In some stories it is the giant mulberry tree, home of the Ten Suns, from which the sun rises each day. This fabulous tree is guarded by a dragon.

Fu Shen  (see Fu Hsing)
Fu Shou Lu  (see Fu Lu Shou)
Fu-tai-shih  Chinese
[=Japanese Warai-botoke]
guardian of the sacred scriptures
He is referred to as the Laughing Buddha.
(see also Maitreya)

Fuamhnach  (see Fuamnach)

Fuamnach  Irish
[ Fuamhnach]
wife of Midir
When Midir took another wife, Etain, Fuamnach turned her into a butterfly (or a fly in some versions) and caused a high wind to blow her away.
She was killed by Midir or by Angus Og who cut off her head and took it back to his palace.

fuath  Scottish
a malevolent spirit
These spirits were regarded as the parents of brollachans.

Fuchi  Japanese
a Shinto fire-goddess or sun-goddess

Fudakehagashi  Japanese
an evil charm: a ghost

Fudo  Japanese
[Fudo-myoo]
a Buddhist god of fire and wisdom
He was said to be very ugly and nobody was allowed to look at him.
Those who did, including his priest Yenoko, were blinded.
(see also Fudo-myoo, Konkana)

Fudo-ki  (see Fudoki)

Fudo-myoo  Japanese
[=Japanese Warai-botoke]
a Buddhist god of fire and wisdom
He is regarded as an incarnation of Dainichi and is depicted with a background of flames, sometimes seated, sometimes standing and holding a sword.
In some accounts, a statue of Fudo-myoo was carried to a part of a country where a rebellion was in progress. The uprising was quelled but all efforts to return the statue to its original site failed. The emperor ordered that a temple be built round it.
In some accounts, Fudo-myoo is equated with the ugly god, Fudo.
(see also Gozanze-myoo)

Fudoki  Japanese
a book of sacred records and some local myths

Fue  Pacific Islands
a Samoan god
son of Tagaloa

Fuenterrabia  (see Fontarrabia)

Fuluns  Italian
[=Greek Dionysus]
an Etruscan wine-god

Fugen  Japanese
[=Buddhist Samantabhadra, Taoist P'u Hsien, Tibetan Kuntu bXan Po]
one of the 5 Buddhas of Mahayana Buddhism
the final Buddha
He is depicted as seated on a white, six-tusked elephant, sometimes holding a lotus blossom. Earlier images show him seated on a lotus holding a sword and a bell; some show twenty arms.

Fuji  Japanese
a god of Mount Fuji
When he refused to entertain the god Miyoa, the angry god snow and ice to fall on the mountain which, ever since, has been snow-capped.

Fuji-hime  (see Sengen)

Fuji San  (see Mount Fuji)

Fujiin  Japanese
[Futen, Ryobu]
a Shinto god of the winds
He is depicted wearing a leopard-skin and carrying a bag which contains the winds.

Fujiyama  (see Mount Fuji)

Fukaotsu  Japanese
a guardian god
Both he and Soko were derived from Kongorikishi.

Fukurokujin  (see Fukurokuju)

Fukurokuju  Japanese
[Fukurokuju, Fukurokujin, Jiu, Jukurokujin: =Chinese Shou Shen]
a Shinto god of long life, luck, and wisdom
one of the 7 deities of fortune, the Shichi Fukujin
He is said to be the deification of a Chinese hermit and is often depicted accompanied by a crane.
(see also Jurojin, Totosaka)

Fuku-joju  Japanese
a Japanese name for Amogasiddhi

Fuku-kensaku  Japanese
a form of Kwanon
In this form, the goddess is depicted with two, four or six arms, seated on a lotus, and is sometimes shown with three faces each of which has three eyes.

Fukuro  Japanese
an owl which became a monk
He fell in love with the bullfinch, Uso-Dori, sending her love-letters in the care of the great-tit, Shiju-Gara, changing into a monk when the eagle, Uye-Minu, killed his beloved.

Fukurokuju  (see Fukurokuju)

Fukusuki  Japanese
an image of a male with a big head used as a household talisman of good fortune

Fulgans  Roman
[Fulgar]
a name of Jupiter as ‘lightning-wielder’

Fulgar  (see Fulgans)

Fulgentius  British
a king of Britain
an ancestor of Lot, in some accounts

Fulgiur  Roman
the thunderbolt of Jupiter

Fulgurator  (see Jupiter)

Fulgurator  Roman
a priest whose function was to interpret the meaning of thunderbolts

Fulla  Norse
[Vol(a),Vol(a)=Danish Habonde: =German Abundia; =Roman Abundantia]
the goddess of abundance
sister and favourite attendant of Frigga
one of the Asynjur
Her duties were to safeguard the jewel-box and help Frigga with her toilet. When Hermod rode to Nuthheim to ask for the release of Balder, the dead Nanna sent her magic ring back with him for Fulla.

Fumu
African
a monkey
Woto, a king of the Bushongo, discovered palm wine when he saw Fumu licking it.

Funa-yurei
Japanese
[Funa-urei] a ghost of one who died by drowning

Funa-urei
Japanese
(see Funa-yurei)

Funadama
Japanese
a female boat-spirit, guardian of fishermen

Funafeng
Japanese
(see Funfeng)

Fundin
Norse
one of the dwarfs

Funeral Mountain
North American

Terrashot
a fabulous animal

Funfeng
Norse
[Funfeng, Funafeng]
a servant of the sea-god Aegir
He was serving at the feast given by Aegir for the other gods when Loki turned up uninvited. Jealous of Funfeng's skill and the praise it evoked, Loki killed the servant. His job was taken by Elde.

Funzi
(see Mfuzi)

Furbaidhe
Irish
[Findbaidhe, Forbay]
son of Conor mac Nessa and Clothra
In some accounts, his mother was Eithne, another sister of Maev. It was said that he was delivered at the death of his mother by cutting him free with a sword.

He killed his aunt, Maev queen of Connaught, by shooting a piece of hard cheese from his sling, so avenging the death of his mother at the hands of Maev, her own sister.

Furcas
a demon
He is depicted as an old man astride a pale horse and is said to teach many alchemical and scientific subjects.

Furfur
a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to be able to cause thunderstorms and may appear in the form of a deer with wings and the tail of a snake.

Furiae
[seminatrices malorum] the seventh order of demons, ruled by Abaddon

Furies
Greek

Alecto, Magaera and Tisiphone were born from the blood of Uranus falling on Earth when he was castrated by Cronus.

Others say they were the daughters of Nyx or of Hades and Persephone.

In some stories they had dogs' heads and bats' wings and writhing snakes for hair. They lived in Tartarus and judged complaints of insolence etc. In other versions they are of grave demeanour, dressed as huntresses, and carry scourges, sickles and torches.

In anger at the acquittal of Orestes for the murder of Aegisthus and Clytemnestra – one of them had acted as public prosecutor at the trial – they harried Orestes wherever he went and threatened to blight Athens with their blood. Athene pacified them by giving them a home in a grove and guaranteeing that they would be worshipped by the people of Athens. The three who took up this offer were afterwards known as the Solemn Ones, the Benignant Ones or Eumenides.

(see also Eumenides, Semnai Theai)

Fuin mac Cumhal
(see Finn mac Cool)

Furina
(see Furin)

Furion
European
a giant nephew of Archalaus son of Arcabone brother of Argantes and Matroco
He was killed by Esplandian when the young knight came to the castle of Archalaus on the Forbidden Mountain to rescue the old king, Lisuarte.

Furo-no-Yashiro
Japanese
a shrine dedicated to a magical sword

Füror
Norse
a name of Odin as god of war, 'strengthener of men'

Furoshu
Japanese
a wine that confers eternal youth on the drinker

Furrina
Roman
[Funina] a minor goddess
Some identify her with the Furies, others as a spirit of darkness.

Furrinalia
Roman
a festival in honour of Furrina, July 25th

Fursa
Irish
son of Fintan
In a vision, he was guarded by three angels but was burnt on his shoulders and face by the fires of evil. He reached for some time in Ireland, carrying the faith thence to England and to Europe. He swapped his own ailments for those of his friend Maighniu, receiving a reptile which lived in Fura's stomach and gave him a voracious appetite.

Fusberta
European
the sward of Rinaldo
(see also Flamberge)

Futen
(see Fujin)

Futo-Tama
Japanese
a Shinto ancestral god

Futomani
(see bokusen)

Futsu-Nushi
Japanese
[a Shinto war-god, god of fire and lightning]

He and Takemikadzuchi were sent by Amaterasu to depose the earth-god Okuni-nushi so that her grandson, Ninigi, could take over the throne.

Futsu-Nushi
(see Futsu-Nushi)

Fuwch Frech
Welsh
the Welsh version of the magic cow Glas Gabnach

Fyfnnon Fasor
British
a spring at Arthur's Stone in Wales

Fylfot
(see swastika)

Fylgia
(see fylgia)

Fylgja
Norse
[fylgia.fylgja: plur. = fylgjur] the guardian spirit which watches over each individual: the soul: a person's double
As the double or soul, the fylgja is envisaged as some form of animal; as a tutelary spirit it may appear in a dream to give warning or advice. They ride on wolves using a bridle made of snakes.

It is said that the fylgja passes from father to son through the generations.

Fylgia
(see fylgia)

Fylgucona
Norse
[Hamninga] a female guardian spirit which appears before death
G

Central American

a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god G: perhaps Ah Kin or Kukulcan

This deity is generally regarded as a sun-god or god of death.

Ga Boi

Irish

Dermot’s light spear

Ga Bolga (see Gae Bolg)

Ga Derg

Irish

[Gae Darrg]

Dermot’s heavy war-spear

It was said that this weapon had once belonged to Manannan.

Ga-gaah

North American

da divine crow

According to the Iroquois, the crow brought the gift of magic to mankind. He is said also to have brought the gift of corn and for this service he is welcome to take his share of the produce of the cornfield.

Ga-gorib

[African

[Gama,Goob]

a monster figure of the Hottentots

He was said to make a practice of throwing people into a pit. He was killed by Heitsi-eibib in the same way.

Another version puts the deity Tsumigaib or the trickster, Jackal, in place of Heitsi-eibib.

In some accounts, the same as Gannab.

Ga Mater

(see Ge Metre)

Ga-oh

North American

[Gaoh]

a wind-giant of the Iroquois

He controlled the four winds Da-jo-ji, Ne-a-go, O-yan and Ya-o-ga.

Ga-Ur

Mesopotamian

[=Greek Euechoros]

a Sumerian fertility god

a king

Gaap

[Goap,Tap]

da demon

one of the Cardinal demons

(.[west].)

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to induce love or hate and has the power to make invisible any sorcerer who invokes him.

Gabalglaine

Irish

a blind seer

Maev and Ailill consulted him about the Destitute of the Ultonians before their attack on Ulster.

Gaban

British

[=Irish Gobhniu]

a smith

He made Gawain’s sword. In some accounts he is equated with Gobhniu.

Gabbbara

European

a giant

Gabble Rackets

(see Gabriel’s Hounds)

Gabble Ratchets

(see Gabriel’s Hounds)

Gabeta

(see Gabija)

Gabhran

British

[Gabhraim]

a king of Scotland

husband of Ingheanach

When his wife gave birth to twin boys, he exchanged one of them for one of the twin girls born at the same time to Feidhilm, the wife of Eochu. He called the boy Aodan.

Gabjeta

(see Gabija)

Gabija

Baltic

[=Irish Gobhniu]

a Lithuanian fire-goddess

Gabjauja

Baltic

a Lithuanian corn-goddess

Gabjaujis

Baltic

a Lithuanian fire-god

Gabriel

a demon

an angel of the fifth heaven associated with the east

In some accounts, he controls wealth.

Gabriel’s Hounds

British

[Gabble Rackets,Gamble Ratchets.

Gabriel’s Ratchets]

the English version of the Welsh Hounds of Hell

In some versions they are said to be geese, plovers or swans or, alternatively, the souls of those who died young and unbaptised. They sweep noisily across the heavens looking for souls.
Gabriel's Ratchets

(see also Wild Hunt)

Gabriel's Ratches
(see Gabriel's Hounds)

Gabunga
African
in the lore of the Baganda, the
official who escorted the king
to meet the god Mukasa at the
blood-drinking ceremony

Gad
Semitic
a god of good fortune in Canaan
and Phoenicia

gada
Hindu
a club: a mace: the weapon of Bhima
and Vishnu (see also khitaka)

Gadacuriel
British
an Irish chieftain
He was one of the 100 warriors
fighting for the king, Cildadan,
against 100 knights of the British
king, Lissarue.

Gaucifer
Celtic
a king of Scotland
great-grandfather of Gallaf
brother of Elen
When his brother was given the
throne of Britain by Alexander, he became king of Scotland but, when the Romans conquered Britain, he and his brother retired to the Isle of Life.

Gaelius
(see Gaedheal Glas)

Gadeon
Welsh

[Avaon]
son of Eudaf
brother of Cynan and Elen
He and his brother helped their sister
and her husband, Macsen, recapture
Rome and were rewarded with the land of Armorica where they established the Breton race.

(see also Conan Meriodac)

Gadhi
Hindu
son of Kushamba
father of Viswamitra
He was regarded as an incarnation of Indra.

Gadjisa
North American
[Bushy-Heads: Husk-faced Dancers]
Iroquois shamans who assist
the Hadiganso Shano

Gadway
Welsh

son of Geraint

Gae
(see Geb)

Gae Bolg
Irish

[Gae(e) Bolga: Gae Bulg: Gael Bolg.
Gael Bolg]
a weapon thrown with the foot
This ’belly spear’ was said to open into
thirty points after entering the body of
an opponent and was used to great
effect by Cuchulainn.

Some say that this weapon was
made from the bones of a sea-monster
which had been found dead on the
shore after losing a battle with another
of its kind. It was given to Cuchulainn
by Aifa, the mother of his son, Connla.

Gae Bolga
(see Gae Bolg)

Gae Bulg
(see Gae Bolg)

Gaea
Greek

[All-mother.Earth-(mother). Gaia Ge.
Mother-earth. Titania = Hindu Prithivi:
> Phoenician Gao = Roman Tellus.Terra]
mother and wife of Uranus
mother by Uranus of the 12 Titans, the
Heavenly, the Cups, the Spheres, the
Giants, Oceanus, Pontus and Tethys.
In some versions Gaea was born of
Chaos, sister of Erebus and Nyx.
She was also the mother of Erichthonius by Hphaestus who
accidentally fertilised her when attempting to rape Athena and of the
Furies when the blood of the castrated
Ur anus fell on her.

In her anger when the giants were
slaughtered in their revolt against the
gods she mated with Tartarus to
produce the huge monster Typhon.
Gaea was the original founder of the
oracle at Delphi which passed via
Themis and then Phoebe to Apollo.

Gaea Caecilia
(see Caecilia)

Gaedheal Glas
Irish

a supposed ancestor of the Irish
son of Nial and Scota
He is described as the grandson of Fenius, a man who was present at the building of the Tower of Babel, and the grandfather of Sru. He was bitten
by a serpent and was saved from an
agonising death when Moses touched
him with his rod.

He was said to have brought the
Stone of Destiny, formerly Jacob's
Pillow, from Egypt to Ireland.

Gael
(see Gadheal)

Gael Bolg
(see Gae Bolg)

Gag Noz
[Boat of the Night]
an empty boat which appears in
Finistere, said to portend death

Gaga
Mesopotamian
a counsellor of Ansar

Gaganaganja
Buddhist
a bodhisattva

gagates
a mythical gemstone
This stone, said to be found in Lycia in
russet and black forms, was originally
said to have the power to repel snakes.
Later, it was reputed to drive away
demons, prevent dropsy or loose teeth
and cure constipation or indigestion.
Some say that it could burn in water.

Gagavitz
Central American
a Guatemalan warrior serving the
hawk-god, Tiu Tiu
He and another warrior, Zacatecau,
were drowned by the incoming tide
when they fell asleep on the shore.

Gagites
(see eagle stones)

Gagosa
(see Hadiganso Shano)

Gagarath
(see Gangrad)

Gaharet
(see Gaheris)

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(see Gaheris)

Gahe
North American
[Mountain People: Apache Hactci:
> Lipan Apache Hactci: Hactci:
> Pueblo Katchina: White Mountain
Apache Ga'n]
supernatural beings of the Chiricahua
Apache, living inside mountains

These beings are said to be able to
cure the sick, give sight to the blind
and even restore missing limbs. The five chief Gahe are associated with
each colour and direction: the Great
Black Gahe (east), the Great Blue
Gahe (south), the Great White Gahe
(north) and the Great Yellow Gahe
(west). The most powerful one of the
five is known as Grey One.

Gaheris
British

[Eries. Garhar(i)et. Guerrehet]
a Knight of the Round Table
son of Lot and Morgause
brother of Agravain, Gareth
and Gawain
husband of Lynette
He found his mother in bed with
Lamerock and killed her. With the
help of his brothers, Agravain and
Gawain, he killed Lamerock as well.
He was one of the knights
captured and imprisoned by Tarquin,
who hated all Arthur's knights, until
rescued by Lancelot.

He refused to be a party to the plan
to betray Lancelot's secret affair with Guinevere
to King Arthur and, when the
queen was exposed and condemned to be
burnt at the stake, he reluctantly
obeysed the king's command to
supervise the execution after his elder
brother, Gawan, had refused. He
grew unarmred and was not recognised
by Lancelot when he rode to the
queen's rescue. Both Gaheris and his brother Gareth, who had also been ordered to attend, as well as many other knights, were killed by Lancelot when he charged into the crowd and carried Guinevere off to safety.

**Gahmuret**

*British*

husband of Belcane and Herzeloyme

father of Feirefiz and Percival

While serving Baruc in Persia, he rescued Belcane and married her. Their son, Feirefiz, turned out to be part black, part white. Later, he returned to Britain and married Herzeloyme who bore their son, Percival. When he went back to help Baruc, he was killed in battle.

**Gahong**

*North American*

one of the 3 tribes of Jogah

These dwarf beings are said by the Iroquois to live in rocky areas and in rivers.

**Gai Bolga** *(see Gae Bolg)*

**Gai Dearg** *(see Ga Derg)*

Gaia *(see Gaca)*

**Gaia Cacceilla** *(see Caecilia)*

**Gaiar** *

Irish

son of Manannan and Fand

He had an affair with the goddess Beuma for which she was banished from the home of the gods on Tir Tairngiri.

**Gaible** *

Irish

son of Nuada

He stole a bunch of twigs which Ainge had collected and scattered them to the winds. The forests of Ireland sprang up where the twigs fell.

**Gaibhle** *(see Goibhniu)*

Gaiko *

Serbian

a noble

brother of Uglesha and Vukashin

father of Yovo

He and his brothers were building a fortress at Scutari and were warned by a veela that it would never stand unless the infant twins, Stoyan and Stoyana, were buried underneath the walls. When these children could not be found, Gaiko's wife was immured in the walls but Rado, the builder, left a small opening through which she could continue to breast-feed her infant son, Yovo.

**Galliana** *

Irish

a troop of Leinster warriors serving in Maev's army

**Galleion** *(see Galioin)*

**Galleon** *(see Galioin)*

**Gallioin** *(see Galioin)*

**Gallion** *(see Galioin)*

**Gainji** *

East Indian

a creator-deity in Papua: the time when he ruled

**Gaius Caesar** *(see Caligula)*

**Gaja-simha** *

Cambodian

a monster in the form of an elephant/lion *(see also makara)*

**Gajadevi** *

Hindu

an image of Lakshmi

In this version, the goddess is seen being bathed by two white elephants.

**Gajanan** *

Hindu

a name for Ganesha as 'elephant-face'

**Gajavahana** *

Hindu

a Tamil form of the war-god Skanda

**Gajomarton** *(see Gayomsart)*

**Gaki** *

Japanese

da malevolent spirit of the dead: a ghost

These beings creep into the bodies of mortals to take nourishment from the food ingested by their hosts since they have no digestive organs of their own. As a result, the gakis put on weight while their hosts become thinner.

**Gakido** *

Japanese

*[Circle of Penance. Demon Road]*

purgatory: ghosts appearing at the Festival of the Dead

**Gai Bapsi** *

Hindu

a penitential god of the Tamils

**Gala-wan-tengeri** *

Mongolian

a Buriat fire-god

*a god of lightning* *(see also Galai-khan.Gali-edzin)*

**Galaad** *(see Galahad)*

**Galacell** *(see Galacella)*

**Galachin** *

British

*[Galeschin]*

son of Nanters and Belisent or Morgause

He was said to have been made Duke of Clarence for helping King Arthur in his battles with the Saxons.

**Galaciella** *

European

*[Galacella]*

a Saracen maiden wife of Rogero mother of Manpisa and Rogero

She secretly married the knight Rogero and became a Christian. Her father, the Sultan of Africa, exiled them and cast their infant children adrift in a boat.

**Galahaf** *

European

a king of Tunis

When Esclaramonde was shipwrecked near his palace, she was given to Galafre but rejected his advances. Huon and Sherasmin came to her rescue, killed Galafre and freed both Esclaramonde and her servant, Fatima.

**Galahron** *

European

*[Galaphron]*

king of Cathay

father of Angelica and Argalia

**Galagandreiz** *

British

a father-in-law of Lancelot in the German version of the Lancelot stories

**Galahad** *

British

*[Gaald]*

the original name of Lancelot

**Galahad** *

British

*[Gaald.Galahad of Galefort.Hoelice]*

a king of Wales son of Joseph of Arimathea As king of Wales he was known as Hocelice.

**Galahad** *

British

*[Gaald. The Desired Knight. The Perfect Knight. The True Prince= Welsh Gwal(h)afed.Gwal(h)aved]*

a Knight of the Round Table son of Lancelot and Elaine

In some French stories, his mother was Amite or Perevista.

Dame Brisen, a sorceress and maidservant of Elaine, deceived Lancelot into sleeping with Elaine in the belief that he was sleeping with his true love, Guinevere. The result of this union was Galahad.

He was reared by monks and, at the age of fifteen, was knighted by his father and taken to King Arthur's court where he assumed his ordained place at the Round Table. As the only knight pure enough to see the Holy Grail, he was able to sit in the Perilous Seat, the chair reserved for such a knight at the Round Table, without being swallowed up. A large red boulder appeared, floating in the river, and fixed immovably in it was a fine sword. After Gawain and Percival had tried unsuccessfully to pull it from the stone, Galahad withdrew it easily and put it in the empty scabbard he wore. The Grail appeared in the hall that night and, having fed the assembled knights, disappeared. All the knights present, led by Gawain, vowed to devote their lives to the search for this sacred chalice.

Each knight took his own route and Galahad's led him to a chapel where he found the wounded Bagdemagus...
tended by Owain. A white shield hung behind the altar and the hermit said that it was reserved for the best knight; any other trying to use it would come to harm. Bagdemagus had taken it and ridden off, only to be unhorsed and wounded by a knight in white armour who sent the shield back for Galahad. This knight told Galahad that the shield had been given by Joseph of Arimathaea to a converted knight, King Evelake, before the battle with his cousin, the Saracen king, Tholomer. In that fight, a figure on a cross was seen on the shield and a man who had lost a hand in the battle was made whole when he touched the cross. The shield came to Britain with Joseph and Evelake and Joseph (or Josephus, his son), on his deathbed, emblazoned a red cross on the shield with his own blood and told Evelake to leave it with Nascien the hermit who would guard it until it was claimed by Galahad.

Taking the shield, Galahad rode on, taking with him Meliad whom he knighted. They parted at a fork in the road and Galahad, encountering a group of knights attacking Percival, routed them. He went on to further adventures, in one of which he routed the seven brothers who had been holding many young women captive in the Castle of Maidens, and was eventually led by a maiden, who turned out to be Percival’s sister, Dindrane, to a ship where he found Percival and Bors already aboard. Sailing off, they found another ship and, seeing that it was deserted, boarded it. On a silk bed lay a marvellous sword, one that had been used by Varlan to kill Lambor. It was said that the ship and the sword had originally been made by King Solomon. The sword was called the Sword of Strange Girdles and its scabbard, Mover of Blood. In some accounts, this vessel was Solomon’s. For some slight to a deity, she and her companions took sail for Sarras in the Holy Land, taking with them the silver altar with a spear that dripped blood. On the instructions of a voice from heaven, Galahad anointed Pelles with this blood and his wounds were healed and he died happy.

Then Galahad and his two companions took sail for Sarras in the Holy Land, taking with them the silver altar and the Holy Grail and Spear. There they found a ship bearing the body of Percival’s sister which they buried. The king, Esteouase, threw all three of them in prison but asked their pardon when on his deathbed. Galahad was crowned king in his place but he died about a year later while taking Mass with Josephus and was washed away by blood from the Holy Lance and he spent the rest of his life in a monastery.

Another version says that it was Galahad’s sister who led him to the boat where Percival and Bors were waiting and that it was she who died giving blood to save the sick lady. This version has it that, at their first landfill, they were assailed by wraiths and goblins in a castle on a hill which disappeared when they routed their attackers.

In another version, they found the wounded Pelles at Carbonek and here the Holy Grail appeared on a silver altar with a spear that dripped blood. On the instructions of a voice from heaven, Galahad anointed Pelles with this blood and his wounds were healed and he died happy.

In the Welsh version he was Gwalchaved, son of Lot and Gwyar, and by some equated with Gwalchmei who was Gawain.

**Galad’s Fount**

A natural hot spring

When Galahad put his hand into the water, all the heat disappeared and the bubbling ceased.

**Galahalt**

A knight in Dante’s *Inferno*

It was he who brought Lancelot and Guinevere together. (see also Galahaut)

**Galahantine**

A Knight of the Round Table

After the death of King Arthur, he joined Lancelot, Bedivere and the others in a hermitage.

**Galahaut the Haut Prince**

A Knight of the Round Table

Son of Brunor and Bagota

He helped King Bagdemagus organise a tournament to which they invited Lancelot in the hope of killing him. Instead, Mark sent Tristram disguised as Lancelot, hoping that he would be killed. In the event, Tristram, although wounded, won the tournament.

In some accounts, he was defeated by Lancelot but became such a devoted friend that, when he believed that Lancelot had been killed, he fasted to death. (see also Galahalt)

**Galai-khan**

A fire-god

**Galan Mai**

(Galan Mai)

**Galand**

[German Wieland; Norse Vohand; Wayland; Buriat Gali-edzin; Volund;=Norse Volund;=German Wieland; Norse Wohlund;=German Wieland; Norse Wohlund]

The name for the smith, Wayland, in French stories

**Galanthias**

A daughter of Proetus and Anteia

For some slight to a deity, she and her two sisters were driven mad. Their father gave Melampus and Bias a large part of his kingdom when the former undertook to restore their sanity. Two were cured but Iphinoe was dead by the time Melampus located them.

**Galanthias’**

(see Galanthias)

**Galanthis**

A friend or maid-servant of Alcmena

Hera tried to prevent the birth of Heracles and, when Galanthis cried out that the birth had taken place, she turned the servant into a wasp or, in other accounts, a cat or a lizard.

**Galaor**

A knight

Son of Perion and Elizena

Brother of Amadis and Florestan

He was kidnapped by Gandalac while still a young boy and raised alongside Gandalac’s own sons. In later life he was reunited with his real brothers, Amadis and Florestan.

These three restored Briolania to the throne of Firm Island by overthrowing the tyrant who had usurped the kingdom. Both he and Florestan refused to attempt to pass
through the Arch of True Lovers and they were prevented from entering the Forbidden Chamber by unseen forces which hurled them back. Only Amadis was able to enter the room.

**Galapas** British
a giant
He was the leader of the giants fighting for the Romans in Brittany. During the battle with Lucius, King Arthur killed Galapas and the other giants by attacking them from the rear and cutting their leg tendons so that they fell and could easily be killed.

**Galaphron** (see Galafron)

**Galar** Norse
a dwarf

He and Fialar made a magic brew from the blood of the sage Kvasir whom they had killed. They also killed the giant Gilling and his wife. Suttung, Gilling’s brother (or son, in some versions), seized the two dwarfs and would have killed them had they not saved themselves by giving the angry giant the magic brew.

**Galar** (see Galar)

**Galaru** (see Galeru)

**Galas** Greek
[Galates]
son of Polyphemus and Galatea, in some accounts

**Galata** Greek
a princess of France
mother of Corineus by Heracles, some say

Heracles paused on his journey bringing Geryon’s cattle to Mycenae and fathered the ancestors of the Gauls on Galata.

**Galatea** Greek
[Galateia.’milk-white’]
a sea nymph, one of the Nereids
dughter of Nereus and Doris
She was loved by Polyphemus but she just laughed at him, preferring Acis who was killed by the jealous Cyclops, crushed by a huge stone. She turned the corpse of Acis into a stream. She was loved by Polyphemus but she turned into a fountain.

Another version says that Pygmalion was already married to Cynisca who became jealous of Galatea who then returned to her former state as a block of marble.

**Galatea** Greek
[Galateia.’milk-white’]
wife of Lamprus
mother of Leucippus
Her husband ordered her to kill the child she was expecting if it should be a girl. When a girl was born, Galatea dressed the child as a boy and reared it as such. (see also Leucippus)

**Galateia** (see Galatea)

**Galates** (see Galas)

**Galeus** Greek
a horse of Hector

galeus: a demon: an angel of the fifth heaven, governing the south

**Galdel** a demon: an angel of the fifth heaven, governing the south

**Galdron** Scottish
a sorceress: a witch

**Galed** (see Bran Galed)

**Galegantis** British
great-grandfather of Lancelot, in some accounts

**Galegantis** British
a knight at King Arthur’s court

**Galehaut** (see Galahaut)

**Galehodin**

**Galexion** (see Gaioloin)

**Galeon** (see Gaileon)

**Galeotto** (see Gailehodin)

**Galentivet** British
brother of Griflet

**Galeron** (see Galleron)

**Galeru**
[Galaru.Kaleru]
a name for the Rainbow Snake

galeru: a name for the Rainbow Snake

**Gales** British
a Knight of the Round Table
husband of Philostrate, father of Percival, some say

**Galeschin** (see Galachin)

**Galeus** Greek
[lizard ‘]
son of Apollo and Themisto

**Galagrammr** Norse
[Galagvaldyr]
a name of Odin as ‘gallows-lord’

**Galagvaldyr** (see Galagrammr)

**Gali-edzin** Mongolian
a Burial fire-god

(see also Gala-wan-tengeri.Galai-khan)

**Galian** British
an old name for Leinster

**Galian** Irish
nephew of the Emperor Otto
He was in charge of the troop escorting the newly-married Elias and Beatrix to Bouillon and was killed when they were ambushed by Saxons.

**Galiene** British
wife of Fergus
She fell in love with Fergus when he called at Castle Lidel, the home of her uncle where she was a guest, but Fergus rejected her love, only to regret it later. She returned to her home in Lothian where she came under siege from another king. Fergus came to her rescue without disclosing his identity and later won her as a wife when he was champion at a great tournament organised by King Arthur.

**Galihot** British
[Galhot]
a Knight of the Round Table

**Galanthis** (see Galanthis)

**Galinthis** (see Galanthis)

**Galoins** Irish
[Gal(o)in.Gailio(n).Gal(e)on.Galen]
early invaders, a branch of the Fir Bolg

(see Fir Gailean)

**Galion** (see Galoin)

**Galiot** Irish
an early invader (see also Galioin)

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**Galiopande** (see werewolf)

**Gall** British
son of Duskyfawd
He was said to have killed the magical birds of Gwenddolau.

**Galla** Mongolian
a group of Babylonian underworld gods
Originally a demon, offspring of a devil and a mortal woman, these beings preyed on flocks. Later they were demons which ate flesh and drank blood.
Gallou \(\text{Galla}\) werewolf (see Galla)

Galla\(\text{r}\) Mesopotamian

Gallafer British grandson of Gaddifer

He became a Christian and converted his father and Perceforest who were still living in the Isle of Life.

Gallechant (see Galahaut)

Gallehaut (see Galahalt)

Galleron British (Galeron)

a Scottish Knight of the Round Table a king of Galloway

He fought Gawain for the ownership of land given by King Arthur to Gawain who yielded to Galleron on the condition that he paid for a million masses to be said for the soul of Guinevere’s mother.

In another version, they wounded each other so badly that they took weeks to recover. Then Gawain handed over the land to Galleron and joined the Round Table.

He fought Palamedes and was defeated, saved from death only by the intervention of Tristram.

He was one of the twelve knights who helped Agravain and Mordred when they attempted to seize Lancelot in Guinevere’s room. All except Mordred were killed by Lancelot.

galli (see galloi)

gallicenae European the 9 virgin priestesses serving the oracle of the Gauls

Galligantus British a giant killed by Jack the Giant Killer
galloi Phrygian [galli--Greek Corybantes] celebrants of the cult of Cybele

These devotees emasculated themselves and slashed their bodies with knives.

gallou (see Galla.werewolf)
gallu (see Galla)
gallus (see Khurut)
galoholt (see Galahaut)
galon (see Khurut)
galun\(\text{h}\)lati North American in the lore of the Cherokee, the end of the earth

Galvagin British an early name for Gawain

Galvanes British a knight

He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.

Galvaniun British a knight of King Arthur, mentioned in some Italian stories

Galveyn European son of Oliver

Oliver accompanied Charlemagne on a trip to Jerusalem and married the daughter of the king, Huges, returning to France before his son, Galven, was born. Galven later joined his father at Roncesvalles just in time to see him die of his wounds. He helped Charlemagne to wreak vengeance on the Moors who had ambushed Roland and his troop.

He later returned to Jerusalem where he became king.

Galynde British a Knight of the Round Table

He was one of the many knights captured and imprisoned by Tarquin, who hated all Arthur’s knights, until rescued by Lancelot.

Galruut Mongolian one of the 11 sons of Khor Tumed and a swan-maiden

Gama (see Ga-gorib)

Gama, Antonio Central American a 19th c Spanish monk who recorded much Aztec lore

Gama-Sennin (see Kosu-sei)

Gamag Nara Korean one of the various heavens, a land of near-darkness

In an attempt to get light for his gloomy kingdom, the king sends out the Fire Dogs to capture the sun or the moon but they always fail in the attempt. When they bite the sun or the moon it causes an eclipse.

Gambantein Norse the staff of Hermod

Gambiel a spirit, ruler of Aquarius

(see also Tzakmagaqil)

Gamelia Greek a name for Hera as the goddess of marriage

Gamelios Greek a name of Zeus as the god of marriage

Gamgin [Gam-gin]

demon one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to be able to raise the souls of the dead and is depicted riding a donkey or a pony.

Gamr (see Garm)

Gamgyyn (see Gamgym)

Ga’n (see Mountain Spirits)

Gan-\(\text{Cean}\) Irish [Gan-\(\text{Cean}\)-\(\text{N}\)ach\-\(\text{L}\)ove-talker]

a headless fairy or spirit who woos maidens and then disappears

Gana\(\text{h}\) Hindu a servant of the gods; a lesser deity or dwarf demon attendant on Parvati and Shiva

The Ganas, ruled by Ganesha or Nandi, were in nine groups – the Abhhasaras, Adityas, Anilas, Maharajikas, Rudras, Sadhyas, Tushitas, Vasus and Vissvevadas.

Gana\(\text{h}\) a sacred text or prayer

Gana-Nayaki Hindu a name for Devi, Kali and Uma as leader of the Ganas

Ganadara Jain a leading disciple

Ganapati\(\text{h}\) Buddhist a Buddhist derivation from Ganesha

(see also Kwangiden)

Ganapati\(\text{i}\) Hindu a name for Ganesha as ruler of the Ganas

Ganapatihrdaya Buddhist the sakti of Ganapati

Ganapatya Hindu a member of a sect worshipping Ganesha

Ganaskidi North American a harvest-god of the Navaho

He is envisaged as a bighorn sheep.

In some accounts there are many supernatual beings of this name.

Ganda Tära Buddhist a minor goddess

Gandalac British a knight father of Bramandil and Gavus foster-father of Galar

He kidnapped the boy Galaor and reared him alongside his own sons.

He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.

Gandales British a Scottish knight father of Gandalin

He rescued the infant Amadis of Gaul from the sea and reared him alongside his own son.

Gandalfr Norse one of the dwarfs

Gandalin European son of Gandales foster-brother and squire of Amadis

He was with Amadis on Firm Island when Amadis received the letter terminating his relationship with the jealous Oriana. Amadis left his
companions, seeking death, and, against his master's orders, Gandalin followed him. When Amadis eluded him, he returned to Britain with Durin and told Oriana what had happened.

Gandari

the Javanese version of Gandhari
wife of Drestarata
mother of the Korawas

Gandarewa

a sea-monster

This monster, the guardian of haoma, was said to be able to swallow twelve men at once. It was killed by Keresaspa after a fight which lasted nine days and nights.

In some accounts, this beast had golden hooves and was so big that its body was in the sea while its head was in the sky.

Gandarwa

see Gandarewa

Gandavaha

see Gandhavaha

Gandayah

North American

one of the 3 tribes of Jogah

These dwarf beings cultivate the earth to ensure that it remains fertile, in the lore of the Iroquois.

Gandha

Buddhist

[-[Tibetan Dri-chah-ma]-]

a Buddhist-Lamaist goddess

one of the mataras

She is depicted as green in colour and sometimes with four arms.

Gandhari1

Hindu

-[Javanesse Gandhari]-

daughter of Subala

wife of Dhatarashthra

mother of the Kauravas and Duhsala

The sage, Vyasa, granted her wish for 100 sons. Her pregnancy produced a lump of flesh which Vyasa cut into 101 pieces, sealing each in a jar. In due course, the girl Duhsala and 100 boys were born.

Some accounts equate them with the Greek Centaurs.

Gandharva

Hindu

one of a race of hill people referred to in the Mahabharata

Gandharva1

Hindu

[-Cambodian Khandha]-

one of the singers and dancers

providing entertainment in Svarga,

Indra's heaven: fertility spirits

It was said that these 6,333 minor deities could assume any shape they wished. One of their main functions was to prepare soma for the gods to drink. The chief Gandharva was Chitratha.

Gandharva-Loka

(see Gandharvanagara)

Gandharvanagara

Hindu

[North American]

the home of the Gandharvas

Gandharvapura

(see Gandharvanagara)

Gandhavaha

Hindu

[Gandhavaha]

a name of Vayu as 'perfume-bearer'

Gandin

British

in some accounts, a grandfather of Percival

gandiva

Hindu

the bow of Arjuna, previously owned by Chandra

Gandolin

European

a companion of Durin

He accompanied Durin on his return to Britain after delivering Oriana's cruel letter to Amadis.

Gandreid

[Norse]

[=[=Cambodian Khandha]=]

[Gandreid]

a name for the Wild Hunt

It was said that any field over which the Gandreid passed would bear increased crops.

Gandry

British

a porter at King Arthur's court

father of Cadryeith

Ganeqwa

North American

an Iroquois dance used to cure diseases

Ganelon

[see Gano]

Ganeq

North American

an Iroquois dance in honour of the god Haveniyo

Ganesa

(see Ganesha)

Ganesha

(see Ganesha)

Ganesha

Hindu

[Ekadanta.Gajanan.Ganapati.]


Hastimukha.Lambodara.Lord of Obstacles.(Maha-)Ganapati:

=Gandhavighnanta.Vigneshava:

=Greek Hermes=Japanese Shoten

the elephant-headed god of art,

foresight, good fortune and scribes

ruler of the Ganas

son of Shiva and Parvati

brother of Karttikeya

brother of Subrahmanyam, some say husband of Buddh, Riddhi and Siddhi

He is said by some to have been produced by Parvati from flaking skin or from bath-oil.

His mother asked him to guard her door while she bathed and when he tried to deny entry to Shiva his father chopped off his head. To pacify Parvati, he replaced it with the first thing to hand – the head of an elephant.

In another version, the god Shani was asked to look after the baby and his fiery glance burned off Ganesha's head which Parvati or Vishnu replaced with an elephant's head.

One of his tusks was knocked out by Rama when he tried to keep him from the sleeping Shiva.

Another account says that his stomach split open when he fell off the mouse (or rat) he was riding. He hastily put back all the sweet things that had fallen out and tied a snake round his waist like a belt. This episode made the watching moon laugh and this angered Ganesha so much that he pulled out one of his tusks and threw it at the moon.

Other versions say that he pulled out the tusk and used it as a pen to write down the alphabet dictated by Vyasa.

He is depicted as a red or yellow fat-bellied man holding a club, a discus, a shell and a water-lily in his four hands and is sometimes shown riding on a rat. (see also Heramba)

Ganesha-Chaturthi

Hindu

a festival in honour of Ganesha, held at the end of August

Ganesha-Gita

Hindu

[=Ganesha's Song=]

a poem of over 400 stanzas in praise of Ganesha

Ganesha's Song

(see Ganesha-Gita)

Gang Gam-Czan

Korean

a marshal of the Korean army

A man lost in the mountains spent three days with a maiden who gave
him shelter in her cottage. Some years later, she appeared with a small boy and handed him over to the father. The foxwoman (for that is what she was) then disappeared. The boy, Gang Gamzcn became famous as a soldier and judge who banished tigers, and caused frogs to stop croaking, rivers to stop roaring and mosquitoes to stop biting.

Ganga

[see Ganga Sama]

Gang Mai

(see Ganga1)

gangan

(see Gang Mai)

Gangan Sama

(see Ganyklos)

Ganges

(see Gang2)

gangeya

(see Bhishma)

Gangir

Mesopotamian

Hindu
da Sumerian goddess
dughter of Baba

gandits

Hindu

one of the yakshas

gangla

(see Gangler)

Gangler

Norse

[Gangla, Gangleri]

gatekeeper of Odin's palace

Another version has Gangler as king of Sweden in place of Gylfi.

Gangler

Norse

[Gangla, Gangleri]

a name used by Odin as a traveller

Gangra

(see Gangrad)

Gangrad

Norse

[Gagnrath, Gangrath, Wanderer]

the name used by Odin, disguised as a wanderer, in his contest of wits with Vafthruthnir

(see also Gylfi)

Gangra

(see Gangrad)

Ganieda

British

[=Welsh Gwendydd]

twin sister of Merlin

wife of Rhydderch, some say

Ganodu

(a Lithuanian god of domestic animals)

Ganyklos

Balts

[=Czech Veles:=Russian Vlas(sy):

=Slav Volos]

Ganymede

Greek

[see Ganymede]

Gaoh

Irish

[=Mac Lughach]

Gaoine

Irish

a warrior, writing to Marsilius, the king of

Spain, urging him to invade France,

and plotting the death of Roland.

After the defeat of the African and Spanish forces, he persuaded the Emperor to send him as ambassador to the court of Spain. He arranged a trap for Roland when the Spanish met the advance party of the French army at the border to hand over the tribute exacted by Charlemagne, and when the trap was sprung at Roncesvalles, Gano was in camp with the main body of Charlemagne's forces. The sound of Roland's horn alerted the Emperor who realised that he had been betrayed by Gano who was then imprisoned. When Charlemagne saw the shambles at Roncesvalles, where he arrived too late to save his paladins, he had Gano hung, drawn and quartered.

In other versions, the ambush at Roncesvalles trapped the rearguard of Charlemagne's army as it withdrew from Spain and, in this version, Gano was torn apart by wild horses.

ganta

Hindu

done of the weapons of Durga

Gan-devata

(see Dih)

Gan-devi

(see Dih)

Ganumedes

(see Ganymede)

Ganyklos

[=Czech Veles:=Russian Vlas(sy):

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Ganymede

[see Hebe]

Ganymede

Greek


Ganv-devata

(see Dih)

Ganv-devi

(see Dih)

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(see Ganymede)

Ganyklos

Balts

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Greek

In some accounts, his father was Lugaid Lagha, in others Lugaid becomes a daughter of Finn mac Cool who is Goaine's mother by her own brother, Daire Darg.

**Gaokerena**  
*Persian*  
[The White Haoma, The White Hon] a tree on which grew the fruit of immortality

From the fruit of this tree, which grew in the sea Vourokasha, was pressed the divine drink, Haoma. It grows on Mount Alburz.

**Garanwyn**  
(see Garanwy)

**Gaonim**  
a good demon

**gaot side**  
(see sidhe gaoite)

**Gapp**  
Canaanite

**Gar-ma**  
a vine-god

**Garb**  
a messenger of Baal

**Gar-ba**  
(see Nertya)

**Garadh mac Morna**  
Irish  
brother of Goll and Conan

As the oldest man in a Fianna party, he was left in charge of the women while the others went hunting. Angered by their taunts, he locked all the women in a tower and burnt them to death.

**Garadh of the Black Knee**  
Irish  
father of Manissa

**Garadie**  
German

**Garadie**  
a count

He was an enemy of Sigeband and captured that king's son, Hagen. The youth threw most of the crew overboard and forced Garadie to take him to his father's court from which he had long been absent.

**Garach**  
(see Battle of Garach)

**Garakhe**  
*Afriacan*  
a tyrant-king of Senegal

He killed the seer Bincigi for daring to speak up for the oppressed people but was himself killed by Bincigi's son, Marain Jagu, who also killed Garakhe's seven sons.

**Garamas**  
*Afriacan*  
the first man, in the lore of a nomadic tribe of the Sahara, the Garamantes

**Garamas**  
(see Amphithemis)

**Garang**  
*Afriacan*  
the first man in the lore of the Dinka

They lived in a small pot on one grain of corn per day but grew bigger when the pot was opened.

**Garang**  
(see Rang)

**Garanus**  
(see Recaranus)

**Garanwy**  
*Welsh*  
a warrior at King Arthur's court

son of Kay  
brother of Celamon

**Garanwyn**  
(see Garanwy)

**Garb**  
(see Garbh)

**Garbh**  
*Irish*  
husband of Lot  
father of Goll

**Garbh**  
*Irish*  
a fierce fighter

He refused to allow anyone to pass through his territory but was killed when he tried to stop Cuchulainn.

Another version describes him as a Scandinavian who came to demand tribute and was killed by Cuchulainn after seven days of continuous fighting. This is a variation of the story of Goll mac Carthada.

**Garbho Ogh**  
*Irish*  
a deity in the form of a giantess

Her priests were said to castrate themselves in ecstatic fervour.

**Garbhadhatu**  
*Buddhist*  
the world of forms

**garbhaghra**  
*Hindu*  
a small chamber at the centre of a temple

**Garbh Ogh**  
[=Greek Artemis]  
a giantess, a huntress

She ran a pack of twenty deer-hounds and rode in a chariot drawn by elks.

**Garcelos**  
*British*  
an ancestor of King Arthur, in some accounts

**Garbh Ogh**  
son of Joshua

In some accounts, he is equated with Castellors.

**Garcia**  
*Spanish*  
[Don Garcia]  
son of Ferdinand  
brother of Alfonso, Elvira, Sancho and Urraca

On his father's death, he was given the province of Galicia. Not satisfied with this, he seized Zamora from his sister, Urraca. Sancho sent an army under El Cid to help Urraca and both Garcia and his brother Alfonso, who was helping him, were captured. He died in prison.

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*West Indian*  
a Haitian magic charm

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**Garde Joyeuse**  
*British*  
[Dolorous Gard, Joyeux Gard.  
Joyous Gard]  
the estate given to Lancelot by King Arthur

Guinevere lived here for a time with Lancelot and, after she returned to King Arthur, he called it Dolorous Gard.

**Garden of Delight**  
*African*  
the Swahili paradise

**Garden of the Hesperides**  
*Greek*  
the walled garden of Hera

The tree that bore golden apples was planted in this garden and it was tended by the Hesperides and guarded by the serpent Ladon. Heracles came here to obtain some of the golden apples as his eleventh Labour.

**Gardrofa**  
*Norse*  
a guardian spirit of the household

This being is envisaged as a small man who, some say, is the incarnation of the soul of an ancestor.

**Garel**  
*British*  
a knight of King Arthur's court  
husband of Laudame

When Ecuaver prepared to attack King Arthur, Garel invaded his kingdom of Kanedic and conquered it.

**Garel von dem Bluhenden Tal**  
*European*  
a 13th c poem about Garel, written in German

**Garelan**  
(see werewolf)

**Garen**  
*East Indian*  
son of Semar  
brother of Petruk

**Gareth**  
*British*  
[Beaumains, Fair Hands, Handy]  
a Knight of the Round Table  
son of Lot and Morgause  
brother of Agravan, Gaheris and Gawain

**Gareth's son, The Fair Unknown.**  
In some accounts, he refused to identify himself as Gawain's brother until he had earned a knighthood by his own efforts and was referred to as The Young Unknown. In this respect, the story is similar to that of Gingalin, Gareth's son, The Fair Unknown.

When he first joined Arthur's court with Agravan, Gaheris and Gawain, he took the job of a scullion, earning the nickname Beaumains or Fair Hands.

A maiden, Lynette came to King Arthur's court seeking help for her sister, Lyonesse, who was being...
Gareth and Lynette

Harassed by the Red Knight, Gareth took up the cause, defeated the Black Knight, the Blue Knight, the Green Knight and, finally, the Red Knight and married Lynette. In some accounts, he married Lynette.

He was one of the knights captured and imprisoned by Tarquin, who hated all Arthur's knights, until rescued by Lancelot.

He refused to be a party to the plan by Agravain and Mordred to betray Lancelot's secret affair with Guinevere to King Arthur and, when the queen was exposed and condemned to be burnt at the stake, he reluctantly obeyed the king's command to supervise the execution after his elder brother, Gawain, had refused. He went unarmed and was not recognised by Lancelot when he rode to the queen's rescue. Both Gareth and his brother Gaheris who had also been ordered to attend, as well as many other knights, were killed by Lancelot when he charged into the crowd and carried Guinevere off to safety.

Gareth and Lynette

A poem by Lennyson

Gargamelle

A giantess
wife of Grandgousier
mother of Gargantua

It was said that Merlin created this being from Guinevere's nail-clippings and whales' bones.

Gargantua

[Gargiant Brahtruc] a giant
son of Grandousier and Gargamelle
husband of Badebec
father of Pantagruel

He is said to have been created by Merlin. He served King Arthur and on one of his journeys he met and killed the monster, Leviathan.

Another story says that he was born from the ear of his mother, Gargamelle. Even as a boy he had an enormous appetite and it needed the milk from 17,913 cows to keep him fed. Fully grown, he needed a comb 300 yards long to comb his hair and he once ate five pilgrims as a snack.

Gargittos

[see Gargittos]

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[see Gargittos]

one of the dogs of Geryon killed by Heracles

Gargouille

French

a dragon living in the River Seine

It was said that this monster was killed by St Romanus in the seventh century.

Garhpunya

Hindu

one of the 3 forms of sacred fire, the fire of Agni (see also fire)

Gari

(see Geri)

Garide

Siberian

the eagle form of the sky-god Oshihiwani

The sky-god adopted this form to kill the huge serpent, Losy, which he seized in his claws and dashed against a mountain.

Garin

European

brother of Guillaume
father of Vivien

He was captured by the Saracens but released when his seven-year-old son, Vivien, was handed over in exchange.

Garin de Loherqain

European

brother of Began

He was raised at Pepin's court and later fought against the Saracens at Maurienne where he proposed to marry Blanchefleur, the king's daughter. He quarrelled with his friend Fromont, who had been reared with him and who had expected to inherit the throne, and struck him, beginning a long-running feud. In fact, Pepin, having given prior consent for the marriage, changed his mind and kept Blanchefleur for himself.

Garin was killed in one of the many battles with Fromont's forces.

Garin de Monglane

European

father of Girart de Vienne
great grandfather of Guillaume

Garin de St Omer

European

a knight who travelled with Huon on his journey to Baghdad

Garinter

French

a king of Brittany
father of Elizada
great grandfather of Amadis

Gario

Japanese

[Byancho.Karohinga.Kasohinga] a name for Garuda in Japan

Garland Sunday

(see Lugnasad)

Garlin

British

a king of Galore

In some accounts he was the father of Gothegrim and Guinevere.

Garlon

British

a knight who could make himself invisible

brother of King Pelham

He killed Harleus and Peryne who set out to avenge him. When he challenged Balin at a tournament arranged by Pelham, Balin cut off his head.

Garm

European

the dog owned by Hrolf Kraki

This animal was said to have killed a magic boar sent to kill Garm's master.

Garmabab

German

[Garmanabab] a goddess of good fortune

Garmababas

see (see Garmabab)

Garman

Irish
son of Gis

He abducted the goddess Mesca and seduced her.

Garmano

Irish
wife of Ercol

Garm

(see Garmabab)

Garnish of the Mountain

British

a knight

He found his lady-love in the arms of another man and killed them both. Then, distraught at what he had done, he killed himself.

Garo Nimana

Persian

[Garotman] a paradise, home of the faithful dead

Garotman

(see Garo Nimana)

Garselit

Welsh

chief huntsman of Ireland

Ysbadadden required Culhwch to get the help of Garselit in the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Garshasp

(see Keresaspa)

Gartnamm

(see Gartnamm)

Gartman mac Aodha

Irish

[Garotman] a king of Scotland
father of Cano
He became king of Scotland after a dispute with Aodan who then became his enemy. Aodan led an uprising, killed Gartman and found the barrel of gold that the king had buried in the sand of the seashore.

Garuda

Buddhist

the three-headed mount of Vajrapani

Garuda

Hindu


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Garuda Putih

Reachea-Sey-Japanese Bingacho.
Gario.Karohina.Kasobinga:
–Tibetan Kyung-Gai in Go-can:
–Thai Khun]
a demigod, part man, part eagle
the bird of Vishnu, sun-bird
son of Kasypa and Vinata
brother of Aruna
father of Sampati

He was said to devour evil men and carried Vishnu on his daily journey across the sky. In some accounts, he appears as an incarnation of Agni.

He protected the peak of Mount Sumeru from the first attempt by Vayu to break it off but, when Garuda was away, Vayu tried again and snapped off the mountain top which fell into the sea as Sri Lanka.

Vinata was imprisoned in the underworld by her sister, Kudra, mother of snakes, who demanded amrita as ransom. Garuda placed the drink in some grass that had sharp blades so that, when the snakes licked it, they split their tongues. The amrita was recovered by Indra only after a great struggle.

A different account says that, when Garuda stole the soma, which he intended to deliver to Indra, the archer Krsamu shot at him and dislodged one or two of his feathers. A similar story is told of Gayatri.

Another version says that the ransom demanded was the moon itself to light the underworld. Garuda stole the moon but the other gods seized it and rescued Vinata.

Garuda was made immortal and Vishnu travelled on his back.

In one incarnation, as Jatayu, he helped Rama in his search for Sita when she was abducted.

An alternative version of his origins says that he was hatched from an egg at the beginning of time. He is depicted as half man, half bird, with red wings, a golden body and a white human face.

The wind caused by the flapping of his wings was strong enough to stop the rotation of the earth.

Garuda Putih

[ Celestial Eagle ]
a white eagle
It is said that the Buddha comes to earth once a year, transported by this celestial bird.

Garudi

a female bird of prey, a manifestation of Shiva

Garutman (see Garuda)
Garwen
a mistress of King Arthur
daughter of Henin

Garwy

father of Indeg

Gary

a follower of Gunther

He conveyed Gunther’s invitation to Siegfried and Krimhild to visit his court.

Garym

a witch

Gashan-ki

Mesopotamian
a name for Damkina as ‘lady of the earth’
(see also Ninki)

Gasozein

British
a man who claimed to have married Guinevere

When Guinevere was given the chance to leave King Arthur for Gasozein, she refused. This upset Gotegrim who believed Gasozein’s story and he abducted her sister and proposed to kill her. Gasozein rescued her from her brother’s hands but Gawain saved her and Gasozein confessed that he had been lying.

Gassire

African
son of Nanganba

He learned the song of the birds and bought a lyre which, when drenched with the blood of his sons killed in battle, sang the epic song, the Dausi.

Gast Rhymhi

Welsh
[a bitch]
The offspring of this hound made up the pack used in the hunting of the boar ‘Trwech Trwyth’. Ysbaddaden required Culwwech to get two whoels of this animal as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen. Tringad was able to tell King Arthur where to find these animals.

Gaste Forest

British
the kingdom of Pellimore

gastromancy
divination with large glasses or from stomach noises

Gate of Dreams

2 gates, one of horn, one of ivory, at the entrance to the land of dreams

It is said that dreams passing through the gate made of horn will come true, others will not.

Gate of Hell (see Cave of Cruachan)
Gate of Way

Egyptian
the entrance to the Western Desert

Gate of Men (see Cancer’)

Gate of the Gods (see Capricorn’)

gatha¹

Hindu
a verse or a set of verses produced by a person in a state of enlightenment

gatha²

Persian
[ gasham ]
part of the Avesta

This part of the Avesta deals with moral and spiritual doctrines. The other two parts were the datik and the hatak-mansarik.

gati

Hindu

the 6 paths or conditions of existence
These six states are listed as Asura, region of demi-gods Deva, region of gods Nara, region of man Naraka, hell Preta, region of tortured souls Tryak, region of beasts.

Gatumdu (see Gatumdug)
Gatmudug

Mesopotamian
[Gatumdu,Gatundu] a Sumerian fertility goddess daughter of An

Gatundu (see Gatumdug)
Gatutkaca

Japanese
a warrior
son of Bima and Arimbi

He owned a magic coat that enabled him to fly.

Gaudisse

(see Gaudisso)

Gaudisso

European
[Gaudisse] a Sultan
father of Clarimunda

Huon was required by Charlemagne to bring to him the sultan’s beard and some of his teeth. Gaudisso was killed on the orders of the caliph, Agrapard, and, with the help of Sherasmin, Huon was able to acquire these trophies.

(see also Galafre)

Gaukeo

european
a Basque god of darkness

This deity sometimes appears in the form of a cow or as a gust of wind.

Gauna

Afrian
[Gawa(ma)]
the leader of the spirits of the dead in the Bushman culture

Gaunab

African
the Hottentot god of darkness

He wounded Tsinigob in a fight for supremacy but lost the struggle and was banished.

(see also Ga-gorib)

Gaurī¹

Buddhist
a terrible goddess, one of 8

Gaurī²

Hindu

[ Yellow Devi ]
the goddess Devi as ‘the brilliant’ or ‘yellow’
a name for Kali on her tiger
a sakti of Mahesvara

Hindu

a verse or a set of verses produced by a person in a state of enlightenment
Gauri

Hindu

a name of Parvati as a corn-goddess or as ‘golden’

When Shiva objected to Parvati’s dark skin, Rabhara changed her into Gauri, the Yellow Devi.

(see also Gauri)

Gauri

Hindu

a name for Varuni as ‘brilliant’ or ‘yellow’

Gauri

[Uma]

a messenger-goddess one of the sasanadevatas one of the vidyadevis

She was created by Brahma as a wife for Rudra in some accounts, while others say that Sati was reborn as Parvati and, when Shiva took exception to her dark skin, Brahma changed her into the yellow-skinned Gauri.

An alternative story says that it was Gauri, humiliated when Rudra was not given an honoured place at the king’s court. This he did return if he could capture three of the Vidyadevis, Brahma changed her into Gauri.

Gauriel

British

a warrior in a German story

His wife left him but promised to return if he could capture three of King Arthur’s knights. This he did and later spent some time at the king’s court.

Gautama

Indian

[Gautama Siddhartha = Pali Gotama]

(563-479 BC)

a prince in north India who became the Buddha (see also Buddha)

Gautama

(see Gotama)

Gautier

European

a count

He served Roland and died with him at Roncesvalles.

Gawain

British

the French name for Gawain

Gauvain

(see Gawain)

Gauvain

(see Gauvain)

Gava-griva

Hindu

a deity

Gavain

(see Gawain)

Gavida

Irish

[Gavidae Go] a dwarf smith-god

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Irish

[see Gavida]

Gavida (see Gavida)

Gavus

British

a knight son of Gandaliac brother of Bramandil He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Fiscan against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.

Gawa

(see Gauna)

Gawai

East Indian

a festival of the Iban tribe in Borneo to which they invite ancestors and gods

Gawain

[Galvagin. Gawain. Gauvain(e). Gawan. Gawayne. Gwrfan. Knight of the Round Table, and grandson of Gwyr (Gawain’s father) and Gudrun (Gawain’s mother) son of King Arthur and Gudrun father of Gwyr and Gaudern father of Gawain. Gawain was a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained his normal stature while Gawain became a dwarf but he also regained
three women who offered to lead them
to adventure and Gawain chose the
youngest of the three. They came to a
clearing where they saw Pellias
unhorse ten knights in succession but
yielded without a struggle when the
defeated men tied him under his horse
and carried him off. Another knight
and an ugly dwarf then appeared with
damsel who chose the dwarf and rode
off. When another knight appeared
and challenged Gawain, the first
knight rode off with Gawain's young
girl companion. The knight and
Gawain fought a draw and the knight
told Gawain the story of Pelleas and
Galahad and it was a month before he
was well enough to return to Camelot.

In one story, he fell in love
with Orgelleuse and fought many
battles on her behalf. She promised to
marry him if he would fight her
enemy, Gramoflanz. Gawain provoked
the knight by taking a twig from a tree
near to his castle and they agreed to
meet eight days later outside
Klinges's castle, Schadow Marveil. At
this castle, he slept on a bed that
moved of its own accord and was
assaile by a shower of arrows and
spears which left him unharmful. He
fought a fierce lion and killed it; this
turned out to be Klinges in the form
of a lion and his death broke the spell
he had placed on Gawain. A similar
story is told of Bors at Castle
Carbonek. When Gawain fought
Gramoflanz he was defeated but his
conqueror, who turned out to be
Percival, spared his life when
Gawain's sister, Honje, pleaded for
him. It was said that he married
Orgelleuse shortly afterwards.

He refused to be a party to the plan
by Agravan and Mordred to trap
Lancelot and Guinevere together and
was with King Arthur on a hunting
trip when Mordred brought the king
proof of Guinevere's secret affair with
Lancelot. Gawain was ordered by the
king to put the queen to death at the
stake. He refused but his younger
brothers, Gaheris and Gareth, felt
bound to obey their king's command.
Lancelot, riding to the queen's rescue
as she was led to the stake, killed
Gaheris, Gareth and many others.
Bitter at this loss, Gawain became
Lancelot's sworn enemy and was in the
forefront of the battle when the king
besieged Joyous Garde where
Lancelot was installed with Guinevere
and many of his friends from Brittany.

This conflict ended on the orders of
the Pope and the queen was returned
to her husband. Although Arthur and
Lancelot swore a truce, Gawain was
unforgiving and, at his urging, the
king took his army to the continent to
further attack Lancelot who had
returned to his home in Brittany. Once
again Gawain was in the thick of the
battle and when they reached Benwick,
Lancelot's capital, challenged Lancelot
to single combat. Gawain owned a
magic belt which made him
invulnerable and increased his
strength until midday, after which his
strength returned to normal. They
fought each other on two successive
days and Lancelot, waiting until
Gawain's strength ebbed after midday,
on each occasion dented his
opponent's helmet with a tremendous
sword blow that knocked Gawain
senseless to the ground. Arthur was
called back to England when Mordred
usurped his throne and the wounded
Gawain was brought back with the
returning forces. He tried to take up
the battle when he reached Dover but
the effort proved too much and he
died. He was buried at Dover Castle.
On his deathbed he wrote a letter of
forgiveness to Lancelot.

In a French story, Gawain survived
Arthur and became king of Britain.
A German story tells how Joram came
to Arthur's court and offered the
queen a magic girdle. When, on
Gawain's advice she rejected it, Joram
defeated Gawain in a duel and Gawain
is forced to return with Joram to his
magic kingdom where he married
Joram's niece, Florie, fathering
Wigalois. When he returned to the
court, he forgot to bring the girdle
with him and was never able to return
to Joram's realm.

In an Irish story, Gawain (as
Bhalbhaidh) helped the son of the king
of India, who had been turned into a
dog, to regain his human form.
In the Welsh version he was
Gwallchmai, son of Gwyar and Lot,
and by some equated with Llew
Llwynog. (see also Green Knight. Gwalchmai)

Gawain the Brown

the knight who, in some accounts,
rescued Gawain when he was
befriended by some equated with Llew
Llwynog. (see also Green Knight. Gwalchmai)

Gawama (see Gauna)
Gawan (see Gawain)
Gwayne (see Gawain)
Gawl (see Gawawl)
Gawigawd (see Gauna)
[see also Green Knight. Gwalchmai]

Gawain the Brown

the knight who, in some accounts,
baptised Gawain when he was
rescued from the sea as a baby

Gawama (see Gauna)
Gawan (see Gawain)
Gwayne (see Gawain)
Gawl (see Gawawl)
Gawigawd (see Gauna)
[see also Green Knight. Gwalchmai]

owner of a famous drinking horn
Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get this horn as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen.

(see also Bran Galed)

Gawter

British

a knight of King Arthur's court

He was one of the knights overcome by Lancelot when he was posing as Kay.

Gaya

Hindu

one of the Asuras

He acquired great merit by devotion to Vishnu and everybody who touched him went to heaven so that soon the world was empty of humans.

Gaya Maretan (see Gayomart)

Gaya-psreta Hindu

a place in which all sins are washed away

Gayain (see Gauvain)

a ghost of a man who had no sons preying on the sons of others

Gayatari (see Gayatri)

Gayatari² Hindu

[Gayatari]
a milkmaid who became consort of Brahma

She is regarded as a personification of a hymn to the sun from the Rig Veda which is taught at initiation ceremonies.

Some say that she became the second wife of Brahma who found his first wife lazy and not interested in intellectual matters. (see also Gayatri³)

Gayatri³

Hindu

[Gayatri³]
daughter of Suparni sister of Jagati and Trishubh

In some accounts, she took the form of a bird (a hawk or eagle) and brought the divine soma from heaven after her mother and two sisters had tried and failed.

Some equate her with Gayatri, second wife of Brahma.

Gayatri Japa Hindu

a festival in honour of Gayatri a prayer repeated each day by Brahmins

Gayo Marta (see Gayomart)

Gayomard (see Gayomart)

Gayomart

Persian


He is said to have lived for 3,000 years in spirit form as Gayomart before appearing in the flesh as Gaya Maretan. He was poisoned by Ahriman, at the behest of Jeh the whore, at the age of thirty, but his seed generated the predecessors of the human race, Mashye and Mashyane. From his body came all the elements. Gayomart was envisaged as a tall, white, radiant being who fought the forces of darkness.

Gayus

British

a cousin of the Emperor of Rome

When King Arthur sent Bors, Bedevire, Lionel and Gawain to parley with Lucius, Gayus mocked them and called them braggarts. Gawain struck off his head with a sword-stroke.

A similar story was told of Quintilian.

Gazbayas

Mesopotamian

a Hittite god

gazeremum North American

a fabulous animal

Gazel

a demon guarding underground treasures (see also Anarazet.Fecor)

Gbadè¹

African

a young thunder-god in Dahomey

He is said to use lightning as a weapon with which he kills wrongdoers. The possessions of a man so killed are scattered by the roadside and anybody who touches them will be killed in the same way.

Gbadè² (see Badè)

Gbalu (see Gwalu)

Gbeni

African

the supreme spirit of the Mende

Gbô

African

a magic charm of the Fon

Some charms are beneficent, others malignant and there are many varieties of each category. Some of these are referred to in entries for akonda, akpon, alimagba, didi, ngueme, nudida and yegbagia.

Gborogboro

African

an ancestor of the Lugbara

Ge (see Gaea)

Ge-lug-pa

Tibetan

[Ka-dam-pa] a Buddhist sect worshipping Vajradhara, founded by Atisa

Ge Rouge (see Erzulie)

Ge Metre Greek

[Earth Mother,Ga Mater,Geometer] a name from which, some say, the name Demeter is derived

Gêa¹ Phoenician

[Gêa¹] an earth-goddess

Gêa² (see Geb)

gealach Irish

[‘brightness’] the moon

The proper name for the moon was taboo so euphemisms such as ‘gealach’ were used. (see also esca.luán.re)

genancaen Irish

a malicious type of fairy

In some accounts, they are equated with leprechauns.

Gearg Irish

father of Fearbh

When Sin came to seek the hand of Fearbh, Conor mac Nessa attacked the house and Gearg and Sin were both killed despite the efforts of Sin’s mother, Maev, to save them.

Gearoid Iarla

Irish

[Gerald the Earl] a Norman who became Earl of Desmond

He was born as the result of the seduction of the goddess, Aine, by Maurice who discovered her bathing in a lake. Aine handed the child to Maurice, warning him not to be surprised if the child did exceptional things. When Gearoid jumped into a bottle and then out again, his father expressed his astonishment, whereupon Gearoid changed into a goose or swan and flew away.

Other stories say that he became Earl of Desmond on the death of his father but later mysteriously disappeared. One version of this story says that he enjoined his wife to be silent when he allowed her to witness some of the magic he could perform but, seeing him change shape, she cried out and the palace, with all its occupants, sank to the bottom of a lake.

Some say he still lives under the water of Lough Gur, awaiting a call to return to help his descendants in their hour of need. In other versions, he lives in a cavern with an army of sleeping knights. Some say that he returns at midsummer every seven years and rides round the lake on a white horse.

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an earth-god, god of healing
son of Shu and Tefnut
twin brother and husband of Nut
father of Horus, Isis, Nephthys,
Osiris, Set
Geb and Nut were locked together at
birth and Shu forced them apart so
that Geb formed the earth and Nut
formed the sky.

He ruled the kingdom after Shu,
living for 1,773 years. The uraeus
gave him a fever of which he was
cured by Ra. When he abdicated he
split the kingdom, giving the north
to Horus and the south to Set, and
became one of the attendants in Ra’s
boat. His laugh was thought to be
the cause of earthquakes.

Other versions make him the son of
Ra and the brother of Shu.

He is depicted as a goose or as a
man with a goose on his head.

**Gebann** Irish
father of Ciona

**Gebeleizis** (see Gebelzeizis)

**Gebelzeizis** Thracian
a god of thunderstorms

**Gebel** a demon of the air

**gecko** Pacific Islands
some tribes regard this small reptile as
an ancestral spirit

**Gedé Segoro Kidul** (see Kidul)

**Gediel** a demon of the south-west

**Gedobonai** a demon of the air

**Gedulah** (see Chesed)

**Geesis** North American
in the lore of the Ojibway, the sun
The first people on earth were an old
woman and her daughter. The latter
was impregnated by Geesis, the sun,
and gave birth to twin boys, Stone Boy
and Wene-boozhoo.

**Gefjon** (see Gefjon)

**Gefjö** (see Gefjon)

**Gefjon** Norse
a goddess of agriculture and fertility,
attendant on Frigg
one of the Asynjur
daughter of Odin
wife of Sköld
Her function was to receive the
unmarried dead.

It is said that she bore four sons to
one of the giants.

When, in response to a request for a
piece of land that she could call her
own, Gylfi offered all she could
cومpass by ploughing for twenty-
four hours, she turned her four sons
into oxen and set about the task. The
area that they enclosed by a furrow
they then cut out and dragged to the
sea where it became Zeeland. The
hollow left in the king’s land flooded
to form the lake, Logrum.

**Gefjon** (see Gefjon)

**Gefn** (see Freya.Gefjon)

**Gegeneis** (see giants-Greek)

**Geh** Egyptian
a god created, with Gerhit, by Thoth

**Gehenna** Hebrew
hell or hell-fire

It was said that this valley near
Jerusalem was the site of sacrifices to
Moloch and hence became associated
with hell. Others say that an entrance
to the afterworld was to be found in
this valley.

**Geide** Irish
a legendary king
His reign was a period of great
friendship and peace.

**Geignudr** Norse
a name of Odin as ‘he who dangles’
This title refers to the nine days he
spent hanging from the tree Yggdrasil.

**Geimreth** Irish
an Irish version of the Samhain festival

**Geirgreann** Irish
mother of Seanan

**Geirmund** Norse
a kinsman of Flosi
He arrived on the scene just after Flosi
and his men had burned down the
house of Njal, killing all inside. He was
able to tell Flosi that Kari had escaped
from the burning house and would be
looking for revenge.

**Geirrodr** Norse
son of King Hrauding
brother-in-law of Helgi
father of Thorkeil

In one story, Geitir was killed by Helgi
but in others they fought but became
firm friends.

He and Helgi plotted to kill a
merchant for his valuables but the
merchant’s partner, Thorleif, sent the
dead man’s possessions to his heirs.
Helgi then employed a man named
Ketill to kill Thorleif but the plan
misfired when these two became friends.
Geitir and Helgi each came to suspect
that the other had stolen the merchant’s
fortune and, in the end, Geitir laid an
ambush in which Helgi was killed.

**Geitir** (see Geitir)

**Gekka-O** Japanese
a god of marriage
He binds the feet of lovers together
with fine red silk thread.

**geku** Japanese
a shrine

**Gelanor** Greek
king of Argos
He resigned in favour of Danaus who
fled from Libya to Greece with his
fifty daughters.

**Gelasinus** Roman
a god of laughter

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Gelatik

Pacific Islands

the paddy-bird

In Indonesia, some tribes regard the paddy-birds as their ancestors.

Gelder (see Huki)

Gelert

Welsh

a hound of Llewellyn

When his master found his baby son missing and the dog covered in blood, he killed Gelert thinking that he had killed the child. In fact, the boy was safe and lying beside the body of a wolf that Gelert had fought and killed to save his master’s son.

Gelfrat

Norse

master of the ferryman killed by Hagen, who called himself Amelrich

Gelgia (Gaela)

the fetter at the end of the rope, Gleipnir, with which Fennirs was finally bound

Gelial

a moon-demon

Gelga (see Gelgia)

Gello

Greek

[Gallus]

a female demon

Geloniairos

a demon of the air

gelong

Tibetan

a Buddhist monk

Gelonus

Greek

son of Heracles

brother of Agathyrus and Seythes

On his way back to Greece after stealing Geryon’s cattle, Heracles had his horses stolen by a snake-tailed woman (Echidna, some say) who returned his horses only when he slept with her. She bore him three sons, one of whom was Gelonus.

Gelorwydd

Welsh

[Gem of Baptism]
a warrior-hero

He was said to administer the last rites to dying warriors, using his own blood.

Gelou (see Lilih’)

Gelu

European

a Roman demon which steals children

Gem-birth Buddha (see Hosho)

Gem Lea (see Gimili)

Gem of Baptism (see Gelorwydd)

gemala

Pacific Islands

a precious stone said to be carried in the head of a cobra

Gemdolevy

Scottish

wife of Assipattle

Her father gave her in marriage to Assipattle as a reward for slaying the monstrous Stoorworm.

Gemeter

(see Ge Metre)

Gemini

[=Arab Jauza]

the third sign of the zodiac, the Twins

Gemini

Greek

[The Twins=Polynesian Hui ‘Tarara]

Castor and Pollux placed in the sky as stars by Zeus

Gemmagog

European

a giant

son of Oromedon

Gemmous Hare

(see hare’)

Gemmous Lasses

Chinese

[Fairy Maids]

the 5 attendants on Hsi Wang Mu

Genior

[Gomory]

a female demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This being is said to appear in the form of a lovely woman riding a camel and helps those seeking love.

Gendawd

Welsh

father of Gwyl

Gendenwitha

North American

[Glendenwitha]

an Iroquois princess

Sosondowah fell in love with her and, descending to earth, carried her up to heaven to the home of the goddess of the dawn who was so angry that she changed Gendenwitha into the morning star.

Genca

Phoenician

child of Protagonos and Aion

sister and consort of Genos

Genealogiae

Roman

[Fabulae]

a collection of myths by Hyginus

Gene

British

a warrior of King Arthur

Generon

British

Vortigern’s castle

Genesh

(see Ganesha)

Genetaska

North American

[The Peace Queen]

a Seneca virgin appointed by the Five Nations to settle disputes

Two braves, one of the Oneida, the other of the Onondaga, asked her to settle an argument over a deer which each claimed to have killed. Both fell in love with her and wanted to marry her but, bound by vows of chastity, she refused, even though she loved the Oneida brave. When winter came, he returned, pale and worn from longing and she assented to his proposal. The elders, feeling betrayed, refused to appoint another Peace Queen and the tribes went back to quarrelling.

Genetrix

(see Venus)

Genevra

(see Genievre)

Geneva

(see Genevieve)

Genflet

British

a Knight of the Round Table

He was one of those who accompanied King Arthur to Cornwall for the trial of Isolda.

Gengen Sama

(see Tokugawa’)

genie

Arab

[djinni,jinnie,jinnee:plur=(d)jinn. geni,ginn]

a spirit made of fire capable of taking on any shape

Geniel

a moon-demon

Genievre

(see Guinevere)

Genitii Cline

Irish

demons of the air

[see also bananachs. bochanachs]

genius

Roman

[female=Juno:plur=genii=Greek daimon]

a guardian spirit of the individual man, often in the form of a winged youth

genius Cauillatius

Roman

[plur=genii Cauillati] an attendant (sometimes 3) on the Mother Goddess

genius loci

Roman

the guardian spirit of a place, often in the form of a serpent

Genji

Japanese

a legendary prince, hero of many tales

Genko

Japanese

a priest who became a dragon

When he died after a lifetime spent in meditation holding a single drop of water in his hand, Genko became a dragon living in Cherry Tree Pond where he sometimes answered the requests of those who brought offerings of rice.

Gennewis

British

the realm of King Pant

Genno

Japanese

a Buddhist priest

When he tried to rest on the Death-stone, a voice warned him that he could die if he touched it. It was the home of a fox-woman Hoji and she renounced her evil ways when Genno prayed for her.

Genon

a spirit of fruitfulness

Genos

Phoenician

offspring of Protagonos and Aion

brother and consort of Genea

father of Flame, Fire and Light

Genoveva

Norse

wife of Siegfried in an opera of the same name by Schumann
Gente Annie  
Scottish
an ugly hag, demon of the
south-west wind

Gente Rama  
(see Rama)

Gentleman in Golden Armour  
(see Chin Chia)
harpist
son of Uaithne and Boann
group of Goltrade and Guaantrade
He and his brothers played music so
sad that men died weeping as they
listened.

Genvissa  
British
daughter of Claudius
wife of Arviragus

Geoffrey  
(see Jufran)
Geoffrey of Monmouth  
British
12th C cleric and writer
He was said to be an arch-deacon of
Llandaff, later bishop of St Asaph. His
Historia Regum Britanniae lists details
of all the British kings from the time of
Christ. In it he deals with much of the
Arthurian saga and, in Yvi Merlini, he
deals with the life of Merlin.

Geoffroy  
European
[Godfrey]
a king of Denmark
father of Ogier by his first wife
father of Gyoon by his second wife
He failed to make the obligatory
obeisance to the Emperor and, when
Charlemagne threatened war, he sent
Ogier to the court as hostage for his
future good behaviour.

When his kingdom was invaded, he
sought help from Charlemagne who
sent an army, led by Ogier, which soon
repelled the attacking forces. He died
a natural death, not living long enough
to celebrate the victory.

geolatry
earth-worship

geomantic demons
spirits associated with geomancy

geomancy
[=Chinese feng-shui]
divination from figures drawn in earth
or sand, from patterns in the dust or
from pebbles thrown on the ground

George  
British
[=Arab Jirjis]
patron saint of England, Portugal
and Slovenia
He is said to have killed a dragon in
Lydda and had the power to
impregnate barren women.

Georges  
West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from
St George

Geradial  
a spirit, ruler of the Astian demons
Geraestus  
Greek
one of the Cyclopes

Geraint  
British
[=French Gereint]=Norse:Gerad
A Knight of the Round Table
a prince of Devon (or Cornwall)
son of Erbin
brother of Dywed and Ernir
husband of Enid
In some accounts, Erbin is Geraint's
son, not his father. Others say he was
the brother of Gareth.

On a hunting trip, both he and
Guenevere's maid were struck with a
whip by a dwarf when Geraint
enquired the name of the dwarf's
master. He followed the knight
and the dwarf to their castle and borrowed
arms and armour from an old man,
Yniol, who had lost his earldom to his
nephew and was now in poor straits.
The knight was Edern and Geraint
fought him for the title of Knight of the
Sparrowhawk, defeating him and
forcing him to go to Guenever and
apologise for the injury to her maid.
When Geraint threatened force, the
nephew handed back all he had taken
from Yniol whose daughter, Enid,
went to Arthur's court with Geraint
and married him. They had caught a
white stag on the hunting trip and the
head of that animal was given to Enid.

When his father grew old, Geraint
took over his dominions and ruled
peacefully with Enid, giving up
knightly pursuits in favour of
dalliance. He came to believe that
Enid despaired of his weakness so
he set out on a quest to prove his
strength and valour, forcing her to
ride ahead of him in silence. He killed
many knights and took their horses
and armour and defeated Gwiffred
Petit who became his friend. He also
killed three giants, one of whom
wounded him badly. He was taken
care of by Limwris, but when this earl
insulted Enid, Geraint killed him.
They moved on and were helped by
Gwiffred Petit until Geraint was fully
recovered. His final battle was with a
knight in the valley of mists in the
domain of Ywein and, having
overcome him, and put an end to the
enchanted games, he returned to his
own lands and ruled happily again
with Enid.

Geraint and Enid  
British
a poem by Tennyson, one of the Idylls
of the King

Gerald the Earl  
(see Gearoid Iarla)
Géart  
(see Girard1)
Geras  
Greek
old age personified
son of Nyx
Gerasmes  
(see Sherasmin)
Gerasmin  
(see Sherasmin)
Geraume  
(see Sherasmin)
Gerbert  
British
13th C writer who added to the
works of Chrétien de Troyes

Gerbert  
European
son of Garin le Loherain

The feud between Garin and Fromont
was carried on by their sons, Gerbert
and Fromondin, until the latter retired
to a monastery. When Gerbert
produced a goblet made from the skull
of Fromont, the hostilities resumed
and Fromondin plotted to kill Gerbert
when the latter came to visit the
monastery. Gerbert was forewarned of
the plot and it was Fromondin who
was killed.

Gerda  
(see Gerda)

Gerda1  
Malay
the name used in Malaya for Garuda

Gerda2  
Norse
[Gerð,Gerðr,Gerðr,Gerdr]
a giantess
goddess of the underworld
dughter of Gýmir and Angerbode
one of the Asynjur, in some accounts
Frey fell in love with her but despaired
of ever winning her. His servant,
Skirnir, in return for Frey's magic
sword, rode to Jotunheim and wooed
her on behalf of Frey. She refused the
offer of golden apples and even the
crown, Draupnir, and was unmoved
when Skirnir threatened her with his
sword. He finally persuaded her by
cutting runes which would have
prevented any suitor from wooing her
in the future. She met Frey at Buri
nine days later and they married.

Gerdir  
(see Gerda)
Gerdi  
(see Gerda)
Gerdr  
(see Gerda)
Gere  
(see Geri)
Gereinion  
a spirit of fruitfulness

Geraint  
Welsh
a story from the Mabinogion about
Geraint and Enid

Gereint, son of Erbin  
Welsh
He was killed in battle, fighting for
his king.
Gerenton

British

an ancestor of King Arthur
father of Conan Meriadoc

Gergasis

Pacific Islands

a race of enormous Indonesian giants

Gerhart

Norse

a suitor for the hand of Liebgart
He claimed to have killed the dragons slain by Wolfdietrich who then produced the tongues of the dragons to refute Gerhart's claim.

Gerhet

Egyptian

a god created by Thoth

Ger

Norse

[Ger.Gere]
one of Odin’s wolves – the ravenous

Gerlinda

(see Gerlinda)

Gerlinde

German

[Gerlin]
wife of Ludwig, king of Normandy
mother of Hartmut and Ortrun
Hartmut abducted Gudrun and, when she rejected his advances, handed her over to the care of his mother. Gerlinda treated the maiden very badly and, in revenge, when Gudrun was rescued by the force led by Herwig, Ortwin and Wat, Gerlinda was killed by Wat.

Gerlois

(see Gorlois)

German Iliad

a name for the Nibelungenleid

Germanicus

Roman

a Roman general
husband of Agrippina
father of Agrippina, Caligula and Drusilla

Gernando

(see Girmando)

Gernot

Norse

[Gernez]
son of Dankrat and Ute
brother of Giselher, Gunther and Krimhild
In the fight at Etzel’s court when Krimhild persuaded Etzel’s brother, Blodelin, to kill Gunther and his party, Gernot killed Rudiger but was himself killed in the same duel.

Gernoz

(see Gernot)

Geron

a spirit of fruitfulness

Gerovitus

Mesopotamian

[-=Sumerian Gibil
a war-god in Pomerania

Geresa

Mesopotamian

[Gerovitus.Jarovit.Herovit

Gerovit

son of Aniu and Anunitu

Geru

Norse

daughter of Odur and Freya

Gersuinde

European

in some accounts, one of the 9 wives of Charlemagne

Gerth

(see Gerda)

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(see Gisla)

GERDIN

(see Gisla)

GERTH

(see Gerda)

Geritha

European

[Gereth]

wife of Horvendil and Feng

mother of Amleth by Horvendil

When Feng killed Horvendil, his brother, and took the throne, Gerutha married him.

Geruthus

(see Geirrod)

Geryon

Greek

[‘crane’.Geryone(u)s
a cowherd-king of Tartessus in Spain
son of Chrysaor and Callirrhoë
brother of Echidna
father of Erytheia

He was said to be one of the giants who had fought with the Olympian gods. When they were defeated, Geryon fled to the West or, in some versions, to the Belearides, where he became king. He was a three-bodied monster whose cattle were taken by Heracles as his tenth Labour. He was killed by Heracles during this adventure.

He appears in Spenser’s The Faerie Queene as the three-bodied giant, Geryones, slain by Prince Arthur.

Geryones

(see Geryon)

Geryoneus

(see Geryon)

Gesar

Tibetan

[Joro.Kesar]
a hero
husband of Brug-ma
He was said to be able to make himself invisible, a power he lost when he married. When Brug-ma was carried off by King Hor, Gesar rescued her and she became his wife.

In one adventure, he fought a giant and released the girl the giant had imprisoned in an iron cage, in another he travelled to China and married a princess.

Another account tells how, in the space of seven days, he killed many demons, some in the form of evil birds, others in the form of animals such as yaks, goats and horses.

Gesar Khan

Mongolian

a warrior-hero
It was said that he was born from an egg which emerged from his mother’s head. He had three eyes, resembling the three eye-shaped marks on his birth-egg, but his mother was terrified by the implications and she plucked one of the eyes out of its socket.

He was sent from heaven to rid the world of evil. When he had accomplished his mission, he was purified on Margye Pongri and then taken up to heaven. He will return when evil becomes rampant again.

Gesar Saga

[Tibetan]

the story, in 4 parts, of Gesar and his exploits
The first part of this work deals with the creation of the world.

Geshtinnanna

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian wine-goddess
sister of Inanna or Dumuzi
When Inanna was released from the underworld on condition that she provide a substitute, she offered first her husband Dumuzi, and then Geshtinnanna who, with Dumuzi, spent alternate periods of six months in the underworld. (see also Belli)

Gesnes

British

a mariner
He was sent to Britain by Tristram, when he was dying, to bring back Isolde.
In other versions, Kaherdin was sent to fetch her.

**Gest of Sir Gauvain**  
**British**  
a 13th c poem about the exploits of Gawain

**Gesta Danorum**  
**Danish**  
a book by Saxo Grammaticus  
dealing with myths, legends  
and religious rites

**Gesta Regum Anglorum**  
**British**  
a 12th c history of Britain from 409 to 1120 in which stories of King Arthur appear

**Gestin-Ana**  
(see Geshinannana)

**Gestin-Anna**  
(see Geshinannana)

**Gestu**  
**Mesopotamian**  
a Sumerian god of wisdom

It is said that he was killed by the other gods who used his blood to make men.

**Gestumbblindi**  
**Norse**  
a rich landowner

He was summoned to appear before the king, Heithrek, to answer a number of charges. The king would allow him to go free if he could pose a riddle that the king could not answer. Gestumbblindi prayed to Odin for help. The god took on the guise of Gestumbblindi and appeared at the court in his place. After failing to defeat the king with his riddles, he finally asked “What did Odin whisper to Balder on his funeral pyre?”. Heithrek realised that he was dealing with a god and struck at him with his sword. Odin changed into a falcon and escaped with the loss of a few tail feathers.

**Geus Tasan**  
(see Geush Tasan)

**Geus Urvan**  
(see Geush Urvan)  

**Geush Tasan**  
**Persian**  
[Geus Tasan]  
a cattle-god

**Geush Urvan**  
**Persian**  
Goshurvan. Goshurvan]  
a primaeval bull  
This beast lived for 3,000 years and when it was killed by Angra Mainya or Mithra, plants and animals appeared from its corpse.  
In other accounts, a guardian of cattle.

**Gevar**  
**Norse**  
a moon-god

**Gew**  
**Persian**  
son of Gudarz

His father dreamt about the young Khusrav who was being reared in Afghanistan and, recognising him as a future king, sent Gew to bring him to Persia.

**Gewar**  
(see Gevar)

**Gewi**  
**African**  
son of Kaang and Coti  
He who descended to earth and taught the Bushmen how to dry roots.

**Geyaguga**  
**North American**  
a moon-god of the Cherokee

**Gguluddene**  
**African**  
a name of Katonda as ‘gigantic’

**Ghadder**  
**Arab**  
son of Ebis  
a jinnee who tortured men by eating their genitals

**Ghaihnhenn**  
(see Goibhniu)

**ghan-po slob-rgyas**  
**Tibetan**  
a form of prayer-flag (see also da-cha)

**Ghanan**  
(see Yum Caax)

**Ghantakarana**  
**Hindu**  
a god of healing, attendant on Shitala

**Ghantakarani**  
**Hindu**  
a minor goddess

**Ghantapani**  
**Buddhist**  
an aspect of Vajrasattva  
one of the dhyani-bodhisattvas

**Gharn**  
**Hindu**  
a sacrificial vessel

**Ghasmar**  
**Buddhist**  
a terrible goddess

**Ghasta**  
**British**  
a demon in a poem of the same name, written by Shelley, about the Wandering Jew

**Ghato-kach**  
**Hindu**  
son of Bhima and Hidimbaa

**Ghazir**  
(see Mot)

**Ghebers**  
(see Guebres)

**Ghede**  
**West Indian**  
the Haitian god of life and death  
brother of Azacca  
husband of Mama Brigitte  
Originally a god of love, he was later combined with Baron Samedi as the god of death. He acts as guardian of the cross-roads and guide to the home of the souls of the dead and is envisaged as a dandy in evening clothes with a cane and sun-glasses.  
(see also Baron Samedi)

**Ghentu**  
**Hindu**  
a minor god

**Ghoibhneann**  
(see Goibhniu)

**ghool**  
[phantom, shade, spectre, revenant]  
an apparition; a spirit of the dead  
These beings appear in mythologies world-wide and take countless forms, sometimes benevolent, sometimes evil.

**Ghost-dances**  
**North American**  
19th c ritual dances of the Piute  
Wodziwob claimed to have had a vision in which the ancestors of the tribe would one day return by train, the white people would be killed and the red man would seize their wealth. He had been taught the dances necessary to bring about this event and taught them to the Piutes.

Twenty years later, another prophet, Wovoka, revived the tradition which had been corrupted by the Sioux who believed that the dances could make them bullet-proof and would cause the death of the hated whites.

**Ghost-land**  
**North American**  
[Spirit-land]  
home of the spirits

Some of these spirits are said to lure away the lesser of the two souls inherent in each individual during illness.

**ghost-shirt**  
**North American**  
an outer garment, embroidered with symbols such as buffalo and eagle, believed to protect the wearer from bullets

**ghost-sickness**  
**North American**  
in the lore of the Navaho, illness, caused by a ghost, which can be fatal

**Ghosts of Impermanence**  
(see Wu-ch’ang Kuei)

**ghoul**  
[ghook=Arab ghol=Persian ghul]  
a demon preying on the dead; a fiend

**ghoula**  
[ghoulah:male=qutrub:  
one of the 9 nathas

**ghul**  
**Arab**  
a female jinnee, offspring of lbis  
They sometimes appeared to men in the desert and ate them.

It is said that they have hoofs and can change into any shape. Some are small enough to ride on hares, others ride on ostriches. Another desert type is known as the udar. Female types, living in the forest, may carry men off to their caves and seduce them. Males do the same thing with women. The offspring of such matings are fierce savages.
Ghuls that live in the Sahara are said to have the legs of an ostrich and only one eye.

In some accounts, the ghul is the male, and the female version is the ghoul, ghulah or s’il-a. Some female types are said to play the flute so that men hearing their music will dance themselves to death. (see also ghoul)

ghulah

Ghulbhan (see ghul)

Giaedruv (see Ben Bulben)

Giallar

Norse

a servant of Guagugiana

Giall3

West Indian

He was sent out to find a particular herb that his master, Guagugiana, required but the rays of the sun turned him into a bird.

(see also Guagugiana)

Giaia

West Indian

father of Giaiael

Giaiael (see Giaia)

Giall

Norse

the river forming the boundary of Niflheim, one of the 12 rivers known as Elvagar

Giall2

Norse

the rock through which ran the rope Gleipnir that bound Fenris for ever to the boulder Thvit

Giall

(see Lochlanners)

Giallar

Norse

[Giallarhorn.Gjallar(horn)] the horn of Heimdall

Giallarbru

Norse

[Gjallarbru] a crystal bridge over the river Giall

This bridge was said to be hung from a single thread and was guarded by the skeleton-like Modgud.

Giallarhorn (see Giallar)

Giallachadh

Irish

a king of Ireland

father of Nuada

The young woman Giallachadh married after the death of his first wife, accused Nuada of rape and he was sent into exile by Giallachadh.

Gialp

Norse

[Gjolp,Gjolp.Gjolp] daughter of Geirrod by Ran, some say sister of Greip

When Thor visited her father, Gialp tried unsuccessfully to drown him by flooding a stream as he, Loki and Thialfi were crossing. Later, she and her sister Greip made another attempt on his life but Thor crushed them both to death under his chair where they were hidden.

She was one of the nine wave-maidens said simultaneously to have given birth to Heimdall, fathered by Odin.

Giamshid (see Jamshid)

Gian Ben Gian

Arab

the king of the jinn

It was said that he was overthrown by Azazael. Some say that he built the pyramids.

Giant

North American

[=Raven the Giant]

a spirit of the Tshimshian

He owned a raven costume in which he could fly and used it to reach the heavens from where he stole the box that contained light, bringing it back to light the earth for the first time.

Giant-Eagle

Siberian

[=North American Thunderbird]

a thunder-god

This deity is said to cause thunder when he flaps his wings and lightning when he flashes his eyes.

Giant Eye

(see Isitoq)

giants

appear in most mythologies

Biblical

These were the offspring of fallen angels and mortal women referred to in Genesis.

Greek

(1) The Earthborn Giants, Gegeneis or Gigantes, the fourth race of monstrous beings, were originally twenty-four in number, half human, half serpent, who sprang from the blood of Uranus spilled on Earth (Gaea) when Cronus castrated his father, Uranus.

They were said to have six arms and, being made from earth, were virtually indestructible. If they were killed, their bodies merged with the ground and they were re-born. In some accounts, they had snakes for legs.

Led by Aloyoneus, Eurymedon and Porphyryon, they rebelled against the gods after Zeus imprisoned the Titans in Tartarus but were defeated, largely by the efforts of Heracles, bred by Zeus as a defence against the expected rebellion.

Included in their number were Agrius, Aloeus, Clytius, Enceladus, Ephebites, Eurytos, Gracion, Hippolytus, Mimas, Otus, Pallas, Polybutes, Thoas and Tityus.

(2) The Hundred-handed Giants were Briareus, Cottus and Gyges, three sons of Uranus and Gaea. Their father confined them to the underworld from which they were released by Cronus who later sent them back there. They were later released by Zeus to help in his fight with the Titans and, after the victory of the gods, the giants were given the job of guarding those Titans who were imprisoned in the underworld.

Norse

The generic name for the giants was Jotunn or Thurses. Their home was Jotunheim and they were the opponents of the gods, destined to win the final battle, Ragnarok.

The first giant was Ymir. Most of the original giants were killed in the torrent of blood that rushed from Ymir’s body when he was killed by Odin, Ve and Vili. Only Bergelmir and his wife escaped this flood and they fled to the ends of the earth and started a new race of Giants.

The Frost Giants (or Ice Giants), the Hrimthursar, were formed when the fiery clouds of Muspelheim condensed in the icy air over Niflheim. The Fire Giants, the Muspelheims, lived in Muspelheim and were ruled by Surtur.

North American

(1) The Inuits refer to a race of giants known as the Tornit.

(2) The Shawnee deity had four giant sons who could smell humans.

South American

A race of giants came into Ecuador from the sea and bored a well in the rock. Then they killed the women and practised sodomy. For this, the gods destroyed them with lightning.

Giants’ Causeway

British

a natural formation of basalt columns running out into the sea from the north-east coast of Ireland

It was said that this causeway was built by giants to form a road across to Scotland. Others say that it was built by Finn mac Cool.

Giants’ Dance

(see Giants’ Ring)
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When Inanna’s favourite tree was inhabited by a serpent, a Zu bird and the destructive Lilith, he killed the snake and drove off both Lilith and the bird. He overcame the giant Huwawa and rejected the love of Ishtar. When Ishtar arranged with Anu to send the Bull of Heaven to ravage the land, Gilgamesh killed it and cut it up. When his friend Enkiulu who had helped him, was killed by the gods, he set out to achieve immortality. Advised by Siduri to consult the one mortal, Utanapishtim, who had been given immortality, he journeyed to the edge of the world, running the gauntlet of the scorpion-men, the jewelled trees, the women of pleasure and crossed the sea of death in a boat steered by Ursanapi.

He was told that immortality was a burden rather than a blessing but he did manage to get a piece of the plant that procured rejuvenation. He was taking it to Enkiulu when it was stolen from him by a snake and driven off both Lilith and the bird.

In another version, Finn, Foltor and Faruch chased him in a ship made by Faruach's magic and rescued the men. Gilla Decair was killed by Faruach's magic and rescued the men. Gilla Decair (see Gilla Dacar) Gilla Stag-shank (see Gilla Dacar) a warrior at King Arthur’s court. He was famous as a leaper and was said to clear 300 acres at one jump. He was with the party that helped Caluwhch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Gilling (see Gilling) Gilling’s father or brother of Suttung When he and his wife were murdered by the dwarfs Fialar and Galar, who had previously killed Kvasir and made a magic drink from his blood, Gilling’s brother, Suttung, was prevented from killing them only by the promise to hand over the precious brew.

In some accounts, he had made the magic brew; the Mead of Inspiration, which was taken by the dwarfs when they killed him.

In some versions, Gilling is Suttung’s father, not his brother. Gillorm (see Gillorm) Gillorm (see Gilling) a king of Ireland. He was angered when Merlin used his magic to steal the stones of the Giant's Ring and was glad to join forces with Paschent, Vortigern’s son, who was seeking to avenge the death of his father at the hand of Aurelius. He and Paschent led an army to invade Cambria but Uther met them in battle, defeated the invaders and killed both Paschent and Gilloman.

In some accounts, Gilling and Gilorm are separate characters and the latter was king when King Arthur invaded and conquered Ireland after subduing his own land. Gilormianus (see Gilloman) Gilorm (see Gillomar) gillygallow (see giddyfish) Gilmaurius (see Gilloman): a name of Marduk as ‘flame’ Gilmore (see Gillman) a knight at King Arthur’s court. He was one of the knights defeated by Lancelot when he was posing as Kay. Gilyt (see Gilthet) Gils Norse a horse of the gods Giltine Baltic a Lithuanian goddess of death Gilvatherthwy (see Gilvaethwy) Gilvatherthwy (see Gilvaethwy) Gilvathy (see Gilvaethwy) Gilyuk North American [Tiko-Mussi] a name for Bigfoot used by the tribes of the north-west Gim Korean a marshal in the Korean army. While Kim was away from home, attending the birthday party of the girl he was betrothed to, robbers killed his father, carried off his mother and pillaged their property. The young Kim vowed to get revenge and set out to find the robbers. After many adventures he acquired the art of magic and helped the king to defeat invading forces. He finally found his mother and married the sister of a friend who had been killed in one of his early adventures.

Gim Dog-Nyong Korean a general in the Korean army. His grandfather had been killed by a wicked minister and his father prayed for twenty years to be granted a son who would exact revenge. This son was Gim Dog-Nyong and he had a magic sword which he used to kill the minister. He escaped punishment because the sword was able to transport him instantaneously some 250 miles from the minister’s house to his own house so that it appeared impossible for him to be the killer.

Gim Hyon Korean a man who loved a tiger-girl. He met a beautiful girl at a festival and fell in love with her. It turned out that she was really a tiger and it was decreed that a tiger who was loved by a man must die. She ensured Gim’s happiness by arranging to appear in the form of a tiger and carrying off the king’s daughter so that Gim could become a hero by killing the tiger and rescuing the princess. This all came into the sea after them and, grabbing the mare’s tail, was carried off with the others. When Dermot fell into a well on the island where some of the Fianna were searching for the missing men, he met Abhartach, the prince of Tir fa Tonn, who had posed as Gilla Dacar. His brother had seized all the kingdom which should have been shared between them and Abhartach had lured Finn and his men to Tir fa Tonn to help him in his fight with his brother.

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a Babylonian king who was deified

When a person dies, the soul bays in the Black River at the entrance to the underworld in order to wash away all recollection of the former life.

At the entrance to Gimokodan is the Black River in which souls bathe to eradicate all memories of human life. There is also a huge female with many breasts to succour the spirits of those who died young.

In Gimokodan itself, the spirit carries on much as it did on earth, but only during the hours of darkness. When daylight returns, each spirit makes a dish from leaves and is turned into a liquid in this dish until darkness returns.

A Babylonian god of woodlands son of Severin and Alice

a Lithuanian god of woodlands brother of Huon

He and his brother were ambushed by Charlot, son of Charlemagne, as they travelled to meet the Emperor. Girard was wounded or killed by Charlot who was killed by Huon. Some say Charlot was killed by Rinaldo.

A European a knight

He appropriated Huon’s lands while he was away in Africa and, when Huon returned with the trophies that Charlemagne had required him to get, Girard stole the chest they were carried in and claimed to have won them himself. Oberon intervened to prove that Huon had won them and Charlemagne had Girard hanged for his treachery.

Another European cousin of Vivien

When Vivien’s small force was besieged by a huge army of Saracens, Girard broke through the enemy lines to bring help in the form of an army led by Gaulema, Vivien’s uncle.

A vassal of Charles Martel

The emperor of Constantinople, grateful to Charles and Girard for their help in defending Rome, gave them his two daughters as wives. Charles was to marry Berte but fell in love with her sister Elisent and married her, giving Berte to Girard. In compensation, Girard was given his own kingdom. His evident success angered Charles who laid siege to his capital city of Roussillon which he captured when
one of Girart's men turned traitor. Girart fled to Avignon, raised an army which recaptured Roussillon and was reconciled with Charles. Later, they quarrelled and Charles again captured Roussillon, forcing Girart and Berte to flee once more. For some twenty years, Girart worked as a charcoal-burner in the Ardennes and was finally reconciled with Charles with the help of Elissent.

**Girart de Vienne** European

- a knight at Charlemagne's court
- son of Garin de Montglane
- brother of Hernaut husband of Guibourc

Charlemagne promised Girart the estates and wife of the Duke of Bourgogne but fell for the duchess and married her himself, giving Girart the city of Vienne as compensation. The grateful knight attempted to kiss the emperor's foot but his wife put her foot out of the bed they were lying in at the time and Girart kissed her foot instead of the king's. When he later learned of this insult, he took up arms against the king and war ensued. In this account, Roland and Oliver are said to have met in single combat and became firm friends when they fought a draw. When Girart captured Charlemagne, peace was declared and, soon afterwards, the king set out to repel the Saracen invaders of Spain.

**Gird** (see Grid)

**Girdle of Hippolyta** Greek

- a love-girdle given by Hephaestus to Hippolyta

This girdle was seized by Heracles as his ninth Labour.

**Girflet** (see Griflet)

**Girija** Hindu

- a name for Vishnu as Narasinha

**Girija** Hindu

- a name for Devi, Kali and Uma as ‘mountain-born’ (see also Adria)

**Girisha** Hindu

- a name for Rudra as ‘lord of the mountains’

**Gislishke** Irish

- a fairy

She undertook a spinning task for a mortal on condition that the woman remembered her name. The woman forgot the fairy's name but overheard the fairy talking to herself and was able to greet her with her proper name so that the fairy was compelled to hand over the finished work.

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| Girru | (see Giru) |
| Girrab | Meopotamian |

- [Stinger=Hebrew Akrabha] the Akkadian name for Scorpio
- Girtablili (see Scorpion-man)

**Giru** Meopotamian

- [Girru=SUMERIAN Gilil] a Babylonian god, fire personified
- son of Samas and Aa
- brother of Kittu, Mersharu and Nusku (see also Gerra Izza)

**Girunugal** a name for Nergal as ‘the mighty one’

**Gisdhubar** Meopotamian

- [=Greek Heracles] a Chaldean hero
- He killed the tyrant Khumbala as one of the adventures related in the epic (in twelve volumes), each of which is connected with one of the signs of the Zodiac. The original work is attributed to Sin-liki-ininni.

**Gisiler** Norse

- son of Dankrat and Ute
- brother of Gernot, Gunther and Krimhild

**Gish** Afghan

- [Giwish] a war-god
- son of Imra and Utr
- consort of Sanju

**Gish Bar** Meopotamian

- [Gis(h)zida] a Babylonian fire-god or sun-god

**Gish Qaru** Meopotamian

- a name of Marduk as a tree-god

**Gishzida** (see Gish Bar;Ningishzida)

**Gis** Norse

- a horse of the gods

**Gisler** (see Gisela)

**Gis** Norse

- an outlaw

He killed his brother-in-law, Thorgum.

**Gismirante** Britich

- a knight of King Arthur’s court

A certain princess was said to attend church naked once a year and her father decapitated any man who dared to look at her. Gismirante nevertheless looked and abducted her.

**Gisuki** Japanese

- brother of 0 Cho San

**Giszida** (see Gish Bar;Ningishzida)
In some accounts, this animal appeared from the sea; in others, she was stolen from Spain by Gavida. It was said that she had an inexhaustible supply of milk that could fill any vessel but when a witch placed a sieve under her, she died in the effort to keep it filled. Others say that she disappeared when she was struck by her owner and returned to the Otherworld.

Some versions say that this cow was owned by Ida, others by Cian or Goibhniu from one or other of whom it was stolen by Balor. The cow swam back to Ireland from Tory Island where she had been taken by Balor and some say that, as a result, Balor invaded Ireland where he was killed by Lugh at the second Battle of Moytura.

The egg of a snake with magic powers, sought by Merlin

glaistig [Scottish] a female devil

Glas Gabnach (see Glas Gabnach)
Glas Gaibleann (see Glas Gabnach)
Glas Ghaibhneann (see Glas Gabnach)
Glas Ghaibhneann (see Glas Gabnach)
Glasdamh (see Glasir)
Glasir (Scottish)

Glasir (Norse) a grove of amber near Valhalla
Glas Ghoibhneann (Norse)
Glas Ghoibhneann (Norse) a paradise in a valley of amber

Glass Castle [see Glastonbury]
Glass Castle (Irish) a satirist with Cumascach
Glass Castle (Irish) a grove in Asgard

Glass Castle (Irish) The trees in this grove, the site of Valhalla, had leaves of red gold. The grove itself is surrounded by the river Thund.

Glass Castle (Irish) a tree grown from a thorn from Arimathea. The original was said to be a representation of the celestial zodiac imagined as seen in the topography of an area of Somerset. Some say it is related to the quest for the Holy Grail.

Glass Castle (Irish) a tree, said to flower at Christmas

Glass Castle (Irish) a cross found when the supposed grave of King Arthur at Glastonbury was excavated in 1911

Glass Castle (Irish) a hill near Glastonbury

This small hill is said to have been the home of Gwyn ap Nudd and an entrance to the underworld.

Glastonbury (British) a town in Somerset

This is reputed to be the place to which Joseph of Arimathea brought the Holy Grail in AD 63. Some regard it as the site of Avalon.

Glastonbury Cross (British) a cross found when the supposed grave of King Arthur at Glastonbury was excavated in 1911

Glastonbury Thorn (British) [Holy Thorn. Thorn of Glastonbury] a tree, said to flower at Christmas

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Glastonbury Tor (British) a hill near Glastonbury

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Glastonbury Zodiac (Celtic) [Temple of the Stars] a representation of the celestial zodiac imagined as seen in the topography of an area of Somerset. Some say it is related to the quest for the Holy Grail.

Glasya Labolas (see Caacrinolaas)
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Glatisant Beast (see Questing Beast)
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Glaucus (Greek) daughter of Cythereus, king of Salamis

In some accounts she was the first wife of Telamon and mother of Teucer; others say that this was Hesione.

Glaucus (Greek) daughter of Creon, king of Thebes

When Jason divorced Medea, he married Glaucus but the sorceress killed not only Glaucus but all the wedding-guests by burning down the palace. Only Jason escaped. In some stories she is Creusa, daughter of the king of Corinth.

Glaucus (Greek) a sea-nymph, one of the Nereids

Glaucopis (see Glaukopis)

Glaucus (Greek) son of Minos and Pasiphae

When, as a boy, Glaucus was drowned in a large jar of honey, his father ordered the seer Polyeidus, who found him, to be locked in the store-room with the dead boy. Polyeidus killed one snake when it approached the body but
the second snake had a herb in its mouth with which it revived its dead mate. The seer used the same herb to restore Glaucus to life.

Some say that it was Asclepius who restored the boy to life.

Minos made Polyeides teach Glaucus the arts of prophecy which he did but, when leaving Crete, had the boy spit into his mouth, so taking away all that the boy had learned.

Glaucus

[Glaukos]
a commander of the Lycians at Troy under Sarpedon grandson of Bellerophon son of Hippolochus

He was connected by family ties to the Greek, Diomedes, and they exchanged amour instead of fighting.

He was killed by Ajax in the fighting at Troy and Apollo translated his body on the wind to his own country where a river sprang up at the site of his burial.

Glaucus

[Glaukos]
a sea-god son of Anthedon and Aleyone or of Poseidon and Nais

He was a fisherman who fell in love with the nymph Scylla. She spurned him and Circe, who also loved Glaucus, changed her into a monster who wrecked ships and destroyed sailors. Glaucus was changed into a sea-god.

In another version, the fish he caught ate the grass on which he felt an irresistible desire to follow them. He entered the sea and became a sea-god.

In some accounts he is identified as Nereus, Phorcos or Proteus.

Glaucus

[Glaukos]
king of Corinth son of Sisyphus and Merope husband of Eurynome father of Bellerophon

He kept a stable of mares which he fed on human flesh. He was killed when his mares bolted and was eaten by them, becoming a Taraxippus.

Glaucus

[Glaukos]
a helmsman of the Argo

Glaucopis

[Glaucopis] a name of Athena as ‘the owl-eyed’

Glaucos

(see Glaucus)

Glaumvor

[Norse] second wife of Gunnar

Glaur

[Norse] son of Surtur husband of Sol, some say

Glauron

a demon of the air governing the north

Gleaming Mountain

[African] the hill on which the palace Burju Alamasi was said to stand

Gleed

[Norse] a horse of the gods

Gleipnir

[Norse] the magic rope restraining the wolf Fenris

When he broke free of chains on two occasions, the gods had a special rope made by the dwarfs which could not be broken even though it was made from such insubstantial materials as the footfall of a cat, the beard of a woman and the voice of a fish. Others include the miaoaw of a cat, the sinews of a bear, the spittle of a bird and the root of a mountain.

Gleis

[British] son of Merin

He was killed by King Arthur.

Gleisad

[Welsh] the dog of Syfwlch

Gleisig

[Welsh] the dog of Cyfwlch

Glen More

[Irish] a narrow valley

This was the place where Finn mac Cool was left by the Lochlanners to be killed by the wild dog, Sceolan.

Glen of the Hazel Woods

[Irish] the home of the king of Dublin whose children were rescued by Finn mac Cool

Glendenwitha

(see Gendenwitha)

Glendower

[a good spirit]

Glendower

(see Owen Glendower)

Glenthorne

[British] a site on the coast of Cornwall

In the story that says that Joseph of Arimathea brought the young Jesus to Britain, they said to have come ashore here in search of water. When they found none, Jesus caused a spring to appear, a source which has never dried up.

Glens

[Greek] son of Heracles and Deianeira brother of Ctesippus, Hodites, Hylus and Macaria

Glenvissig

[Welsh] the realm of Athrwyws, now Gwent

Gler

[Glair] a horse of the gods

Glesig

(see Gleisig)

Gleti

[African] a moon-goddess of the Fon consort of Lisa

Gletivi

[Moongen] the offspring of Lisa and Gleti in the form of stars

Glew

[British] a warrior at King Arthur’s court son of Ysgawad

He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Glewlyd

[British]

Glewlyd Gafaelfawr

Mightygrasp.Glewlyd

head gatekeeper at King Arthur’s palace

In some stories, it was he, not Kai, who refused to allow Cullwch into the palace to see the king.

Glefeiu

(see Gleneu)

Gliglois

[British] a squire to Gawain

He fell in love with Beauté who chose him in preference to Gawain.

Gloneu

(see Gleneu)

gLing

(see gLing-chos)

gLing-chos

[Tibetan] the myths of the early Tibetans concerning the world known as gling

This world had three (or four) realms, each with its own distinctive colour. At the top was the heaven, s’Tang-ha, which was white; then came the red home of humans, Bar-btsan; below that was usually the blue underworld known as Yog-klu. The fourth realm, which appears in some accounts, was the black or violet world of the demons known as bDud.

Glini

[Glivii] the captor of Eidel

He held Eidel prisoner but handed him over to King Arthur to help in the search for Mabon who was needed to help Cullwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Glipsa

[Glipsa,Glipa] a Navaho girl who was abducted by Bear and Snake
She and her sister were captured from their underwater village and she mated with one of her captors, Snake, who appeared to her as a handsome brave. She later escaped but he once again appeared in this form and she returned to him. He taught her many things including the Hozoni Chant and eventually allowed her to return to her people. When she returned, she was possessed of magic powers of healing that she passed on to her brother.

**Glisma**  
(see Glipsa)

**Glipsa**  
(see Glipsa)

**Glistening Heath**  
(see Gnitheheid)

**Gliten**  
(British)

sister of Morgan le Fay

**Glitter**  
(see Glitnir)

**Glitnir**  
(Norse)

[Gliner]

the gold and silver palace of Forseti

**Glitonea**  
(British)

sister of Morgan le Fay

**Glivi**  
(see Glini)

**Gloier**  
(Celtic)

a king of Sorelois

**gloine nathair**  
(Irish)

adderstones used by druids as amulets

**Glonda**  
(Irish)

a man killed by Lia

In avenging the death of Glonda by killing Lia, Finn mac Cool got possession of the ‘Treasure Bag of the Fianna.

**Glooscap**  
(see Gluskap)

**Glooskap**  
(see Gluskap)

**Gloriana**  
(see Gloriana)

[Gloria(na)]  
(a fairy)

In the Charlemagne stories, she is said to be the mother of Oberon by Julius Caesar. In Spenser she is the daughter of Oberon and queen of Faerie with whom Arthur, before he became king, fell in love.

**Gloriande’**  
(British)

a queen of Lyonesse

wife of Apollo

**Gloriande’**  
(European)

daughter of Corsuble

**Gloriana**  
(see Gorianda)

**Glorious**  
(European)

a sword of Oliver

**Glorious Goddess**  
(see Lha-Mo)

glossolalia

speaking in tongues: the use of words which sound as if part of) unknown languages, under the influence of some possessing spirit

(see also xenoglossia)

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**Glu-ma**  
(Buddhist)

[Lu-ma]

the Tibetan version of Gita

**Glum’**  
(Norse)

a warrior and poet

He was rewarded for killing a berserker with the hand of a rich landowner's daughter and presents of a sword, spear and cloak which were said to bring him good fortune. He was involved in a dispute with Thorkel who had encroached on his land and killed Thorkel's son, a youth named Sigmund. He later lost the cloak and the weapons and his good luck deserted him. Convicted of manslaughter, he was banished.

He is said to have had a number of memorable dreams. In one such dream he saw a huge woman walking to his house from the sea; she was the guardian spirit of his grandfather. In another, he saw two women who were sprinkling blood over the earth, portending war. In the dispute with Thorkel he dreamt that many approached the god Frey on his behalf, to no avail.

**Glum’**  
(Norse)

one of the men with Flosi when they killed the Njalssons and burnt their house

**Glunen**  
(see Gluneu)

**Gluneu el Taran**  
(Welsh)

[Glifieu.Glineu.Glunen]

a warrior at Bran’s court

son of Taran

He was one of the seven survivors of the battle between the forces of Bran and Matholwch when Bran invaded Ireland to rescue his sister, Branwen, from Matholwch.

**Glusghabe**  
(see Gluskap)

**Gluskabe**  
(see Gluskap)

**Gluskap**  
(North American)


Gluskabe.Great Hare.
The Lia:,

•Algonquin Manabozho=Fox Wisaka:

•Iroquois Iosheka=Menominee

Manabush=Montagnais Messou]

a creator-god of the Abnaki Indians

twin brother of Malsum

He created the earth and mankind from his mother’s body while his brother, Malsum, created all the inconvenient things. He then killed all the giants and the evil beings such as witches and sorcerers, ridding the earth of the evil spirit, Pamola. One giant, Win-pe made himself taller than a pine tree but Gluskap grew until he reached the sky and then killed the giant with a blow from his bow. The only one unmoved by the god’s power was the infant, Wasis, who merely gurgled at him.

In another story Gluskap overcame Jug Woman and killed the huge monster that was blocking a stream that a tribe depended on for water and then squeezed it so hard that it became a bullfrog.

Malsum killed Gluskap with the feather of an owl, the only thing that could hurt him, but Gluskap returned to life and killed Malsum with a fern. Malsum then became an evil wolf, Lox.

Malsum’s demon followers, the Kewawkqua’, tried to avenge their leader’s death and Gluskap had to wage a constant war against these forces of evil and the Medecolin, who were sorcerers, finally defeating them.

When his work was done, he gave a great feast for all the animals on the shores of Lake Minas, and then sailed off in his canoe. After he had gone, the animals, which had all previously spoken the same language, suddenly found that each species now spoke a different language.

He was a benevolent deity, envisaged as a rabbit, and granted reasonable requests made to him by humans but those who asked for immortality were turned into stones or trees.

He is expected to return as a saviour of his people.

**Glut**  
(Norse)

the first wife of Loki

mother of Einmyria and Eisa

**Glwelwyd**  
(see Glewyld)

**Glyddyn**  
(Welsh)

[Glywdyn.Glywyddyn]

a craftsman who built King Arthur’s hall, Ehangwen

He was killed by the boar, Twrch Trwyth.

**Gwydyyn**  
(see Glywyddyn)

**Glycon**  
(Greek)

[Glkyon]

the name used by Alexander the Paphlagonian for the snake which he claimed was the reincarnation of Asclepius

**Glykon**  
(see Glycon)

**Gna**  
(Norse)

[Laad.Lyod]

a messenger and attendant of Frigga, one of the Asynjur
She rode a horse called Hofvarnhir and carried an apple from Frigga to King Rerir which, when eaten by his wife, produced the son they had longed for. (see also Angerboða)

gNan [gNyan]

(evil spirits which live in rocks, water or trees and bring disease)

Gnas-brtan [Neten-Japanese Arakan.Rakan]

the Tibetan version of the Eighteen Lohan or the 16 arhats

Gnathal [Irish]

a warrior at the Battle of Ceann Abhradh

In one version of the story of this battle, it was he who defeated and wounded Lugaid mac Con.

Gnipa Cave [Norse]

[Gnipaheller.Gnipahellir]

the hole in which the dog Garm was housed at the entrance to Niflheim or Niflhel

Gnipaheller [see Gnipa Cave]

Gnipahellir [see Gnipa Cave]

Gnita Heath [see also Gnitaheith]

Gnitaheith [Norse]

[Glittering Heath.Gnita Heath]

the home of Fafnir

This is where Fafnir lived after he had turned himself into a dragon to guard the gold taken from the dwarf Andvari by Loki and given to Fafnir’s father, Hreidmar, as compensation for the murder of his other son, Otter. Fafnir killed his father when he refused to share the gold and kept it all for himself.

gnod-sbyin [Tibetan]

black demons

These beings, armed with bows and arrows, were precursors of the human race. Next came the bidul.

gnome

a goblin or sprite

elemental earth-spirit

It is said that these beings can move through the earth at will, much like a fish moving through water.

gNyan [see gNan]

Go [see Ko’]

Go-chi Nyorai [Japanese]

the 5 Dhyani bodhisattvas, in some accounts

These deities are listed as Ashuku, Dainichi, Shaka, Taho and Yakushi.

Their Sanskrit names are respectively Akshobhya, Vairocana, Amoghasiddhi, Amida and Bhaisajya.

Another list has Ashuku (Akshobhya), Dainichi (Vairocana), Fuku-joju (Amoghasiddhi), Hosho (Ratnasambhava) and Murjoju (Amitayas).

Go-lya (see Goloka)

Go Toha [Japanese]

an emperor

He commanded a pine tree, which disturbed his sleep with the noise of the wind in its branches, to be quiet. Thereafter, the tree never moved, even in the strongest gale.

Goah [North American]

a supreme deity of the Seneca tribe

Goap [Greek]

the animal of Dionysus

(see also Amalthea)

Goat [Greek]

the animal of Marduk and Ningirsu

(see Capricorn)

Goat-fish

one of the Eleven Mighty Helpers

created by Tiamat

Goat-god

[Goat-Pan]

the god Pan

(see Minotragos)

Goat Pan

(see Goat-god)

Goat Spirit

(see Yang Ching)

goathead

a form of demon

Gobaka [Buddhist]


one of the Eighteen Lohan

He is depicted holding a fan or a book.

Goban (see Gobhan Saer.Goibhniu)

Goban Saer (see Gobhan Saer)

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Gobei [Japanese]

a noble

He lost all his money and became bankrupt but the spirit of an old willow tree indicated the site of a chest full of gold, buried many years before by an ancestor, and his fortunes were restored.

gobbeline [see goblin]

Gobhan Saer [Irish]

[Gobhan Saer:Gobhan Saer]

an architect and builder for the fairies

In some accounts, he was blinded by monks for whom he was building a monastery but had his sight restored by Aban.

In another story, he built an oratory or monastery he had built for them, asked for. but the grain all turned to maggots next day.

On another occasion, when the monks removed all the ladders from a monastery he had built for them, trying to force him to accept lower wages, he took the building down, stone by stone, to reach the ground.

In some accounts, he is equated with Goibhniu.

Gobhan Saor (see Gobhan Saer)

Goibhniu (see Goibhniu)

goblin

[gobbeline] a frightening spirit or gnome

These malicious creatures are envisaged as being small and grotesque in appearance and are much given to causing damage in the house by night.

Goblin-king (see Shutendoji)

Goblin-spider (see Shutendoji)

Goibhniu

an evil goblin

When Raiko was ill, this goblin came to him each night in the form of a boy, giving him medicine which only served to make his condition worse.

When Raiko struck him with his sword, the goblin enmeshed him in a large web. Raiko cut himself free and killed the goblin which he found hiding in a cave.

Another version has the goblin appearing to Raiko and his servant, Tsunna, first in the form of an old woman and then as a beautiful maiden. Again the goblin was wounded, trapped Raiko in a web and was killed when Raiko escaped.

When Raiko cut off the goblin’s head, hundreds of skulls emerged from a wound in its stomach.

Goibhniu (see Goibhniu)

Gobju [Japanese]

a guardian deity

one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

god-eyes

the eyes of a god regarded, in some cases, as having a separate existence

In the case of Ra, the eyes were the sun and moon; the eye of Horus was said to operate separately to bestow gifts on mankind.

God-like [North American]

4 deities of the Sioux

These are given as Nagi, Nagila, Niya and Sicun, all aspects of Wakan Tanka.

God of Heaven (see Beelzebub)
God of the Axe  Central American

God of the Axe

[Great Seer of the Axe]
a Mayan deity

God of the Dunghill  (see Beczchub)

God of the Flies  (see Achor)

God of the Hanged  (see Hangagud.Odin)

God of the Land of Tehenu  (see Ash)

God of the Place of Long Life  (see Chang-sheng t'u Ti)

God of Walls and Moats  (see Wang')

God (see Freya)

Godai myoo  Japanese

[Godai Myoo]

the collective name of 5 gods, agents of the 5 great Buddhas

The names of these deities are given as Dai-itoku, Fudo-myoo, Gozanze, Gundari and Kongo-yasha.

Godaison  (see Godai Myoo)

Goda  Japanese

a usurper of the Danish throne

He seized the throne from Havelock's father and ordered that the young Havelock be killed.

God of the Axe  (see Japanese)

God of the Axe

God of the Place of Long Life

[Godaison]

Goddess of the Carrying Chair  (see Estanetlehi)

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the deified version of a young girl who died as she was being carried to the home of her new husband

Goddess of the Jade Petticoat  (see Chalchihuitlicue)

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Goddess of the Southern Sea  (see Kuan Yin)

Gode  (see Friga)

Godofroi de Bouillon  (see Godfrey')

Godou  Welsh

the Otherworld

Godfry' European

[Godfry, Godfrey] (see Geoffrey)

Godfrey de Bouillon  (see Godfrey')

Godhangle  Chinese

a sacred region, home of Pindola

Godhelm  Norse

home of the gods: site of the city, Asgard: heaven

God' African

a dragon attendant on Hara Ke

God' Norse

[druids.gothi]

priests of the war-god Tyr

Godlike Ones  (see Godlike Spirits)

Godlike Spirits  North American

[Godlike Ones]

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Gododdin  British

a 13th c Welsh poem, said to have been written by Aneurin, covering the defeat of the British at Catterick

God's Messengers  African

in the Sudan, fishes sent to the earth in thunderstorms are used by god as his messengers

Gods of Happiness  (see Fu Lu Shou)

Gods of the First Time  Egyptian

the gods of that early golden age

when the gods walked the earth with men

God's wife of Amun  Egyptian

a woman who acted as the consort of Amun in religious ceremonies

This position was held by the daughter of the king, in later years.

Godvetter  (see Govetter)

Godwin  British

a knight at the court of King Mark

He was one of a trio of knights who spied on Tristram and Isolde and informed the king of his wife's infidelity. He was killed when Tristram shot an arrow through his eye as he spied on the lovers at a window.

Gogmagog  (see Gogmagog)

Goeunmassage  Japanese

a name for Dai-itoku as conqueror of Emma-0

Goemot  (see Gogmagog)

Goeota  Hebrew

[goetia]

nomadic wonder-workers

goetia  (see goetiae.goety)

goety  [goetia]

black magic: miracle-working

Goewen  Welsh

[Goewin]

a virgin
daughter of Pebin

She was one of the young girls who acted as footholders to Math, king of Gwynedd, and was seduced by Gilfaethwy when Math went off to do battle with Pryderi. When he returned, she had to tell him that she was no longer a virgin but the king nevertheless married her and punished Gilfaethwy and his brother Gwydion who had hatched the plot that resulted in the battle with Pryderi.

In an alternative version, Math dismissed her from the court. Some accounts say that Llew was her son by Gilfaethwy and not the second son of Aranrhod.

Goewin  (see Goewen)

Gofannon  (see Govannon)

Goffar  Celtic

king of a tribe in Gaul

He attacked the Trojans under Brutus who were en route to Britain. His forces were routed by Corin, the giant son of Hercules, who was sailing with the Trojans.
Gog and Magog  
*British*  
the last survivors of a giant race  
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Gog and Magog Golden Fleece  
Gog-Sheklah  
*see also Gogmagog*  
Goga  
*East Indian*  
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Another story describes them as races which were imprisoned behind a range of mountains by Alexander the Great who had built a huge metal gate to keep them from escaping. Others relate how they attacked King Arthur but he defeated them with the help of Gargantua who wielded a sixty-foot club.

In apocalyptic writings, Gog and Magog are the Devil’s assistants.
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This instrument, when blown by the king, creates a gentle breeze which cures the plagues brought by the Green Demon. It is said that it will lose its magic powers if it is blown by anyone other than the king.

Golden Frog (see Kumwa)

Golden Island British

the home of the fairy Pucelle

Guinglain stayed for a while on this island en route to rescuing blonde Esmerée.

Golden Lotus Buddhist

the eight-flowered petal of Buddha's Law

When a dragon offered to give the Buddha great knowledge in exchange for human flesh, the Buddha offered himself. The dragon then turned into a giant adversary of Percival on the Quicken Trees Hostel.

Golden Mountain (see Mount Meru)

Golden Nucleus (see Zlotabytes)

Goldtop (see Goldtop)

a guide in Hades

His function is to guide the spirits of the good across the Inevitable River over the Fairy Bridges.

Goldenmane (see Gullfaxi)

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Golem Hebrew

an image brought to life: a servant automaton

It is said that Reb Low, a 16th c Polish rabbi, created an automaton which worked non-stop when a plate was inserted under its tongue but rested when the plate (which bore the name of god) was removed for the sabbath. When the owner forgot to remove the plate, the automaton disintegrated.

Golokera British

a giant adversary of Percival on the Grail Quest

Goleuddydd Welsh

daughter of Anlawdd and Gwen

wife of Clyd

sister of Igraine and Rieingulid,

some say

mother of Culhwch

She went mad and ran into a field full of pigs where she gave birth to her son, Culhwch. When she died, she made her husband promise that he would not re-marry until a two-headed briar grew on her grave.

Goleudid (see Goleuddydd)

Golgus Greek

in some accounts, one of the mortal children of Adonis and Aphrodite

In this version, the third child of the union was Priapus who was immortal.

Golistant British

in some accounts, son of Morholt brother of Amoroldo

Goll Irish

son of Garbh and Lot

father of Cichol Grienchos

Goll Easa Ruidh Irish

a wise salmon

This fish, featured in early stories, reappears in the story of Fintan.

Goll mac Carbada Irish

a huge Beirman warrior

He was sent to Ireland to exact tribute but was met by Cuchulainn who killed him.

In another version, the warrior was Scandinavian and his name was Garbh.

Goll mac Golb Irish

ruler of Magh Mell

He carried off the wife and daughter of Fiachna and was then killed by Laoghaire mac Criorommhthann who rescued them.

Goll mac Morna Irish

(Aedh)

a leader of the Connaught Fianna

son of Morna

brother of Garadh, Conan

and Maignish

husband of Cehba

father of Fer-tai

Aedh mac Morna killed Finn's father, Cumaill, to win control of the Fianna, either in battle where he lost one eye and became known as Goll, or, in another version, when he was sent by Murna's father to kill Cumaill who had eloped with his daughter. When he killed Cumaill, who was leader of all the Fianna, he took the Treasure Bag, giving him control of the force. This bag was later recovered by Finn who became leader of all the Fianna and Goll swore loyalty as leader of the Connaught branch.

In some accounts, he had been driven from Ireland by Cumaill and conquered Scandinavia, exacting tribute.

When Irnan and her sisters captured some of his warriors by using a magic herb, he killed her two sisters. Irnan turned herself into a monster and challenged the Fianna to single combat. Goll accepted the challenge and killed her. Finn gave him his daughter, Cehba, as awife in reward for his efforts.

He led the party of nine which recovered Finn's hounds, Bran and Scoelain, which had been stolen by Arthur.

At the Quicken Trees Hostel, he was one of Finn's company trapped by the magic of the three kings of the Islands of Torrent. He killed Borba who led one of the waves of attackers trying to cross the ford below the hostel.

He later killed Cairell, Finn's son, and was pursued by the Fianna until, refusing to surrender when cornered, he died of starvation.

Gollinbursti (see Gullinbursti)

Gollinkambi (see Gullinkambi)

Golland Norwegian


Gullveig. Hag of Iarnvid

a goddess of evil

a giantess

mother of Hati and Skoll by Fenris

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Golland (see Gollweig)
Goltrade

Irish
a harpist
son of Uaithne and Boann
brother of Gentrade and Suantrade
He and his brothers played music so sad that men died weeping as they listened.

Golwg Hafiddydd
Welsh
a maid to Esylt
lover of Cae Hir
She went with her mistress when she clopped with Trystan.

Gomara, Francisco
Central American
a 16th c Spanish monk who recorded much Aztec lore

Gombo
Tibetan
a leader of the demons
He is regarded as a manifestation of Shiva.

Gomer
Welsh
son of Japhet
He was said to be an ancestor of the Cymry who sailed with Ith when he came to Ireland.

Gomez
Spanish
[Don Gomez]
father of Ximenia
He insulted Diego Laynez and was killed by the old man's son, El Cid.

'gong-po'
Tibetan
early ancestors: miracle-workers
(see also klu-rgyal-po)

Gommateshvara
Jain
[Babuhal.Gommatesvara]
son of Rishabha
brother of Bharata
He fought with Bharata for supremacy and, having won, ceded the kingdom to his brother and did penance by standing for a year in the forest while plants of all descriptions grew over him and snakes kept him company.

Gommatesvara
(see Gommateshvara)

Gomory
(see Gomori)
gompa
a Buddhist monastery in Tibet

Gondera
(see Andvari)
Gondowah
East Indian
a Sumatran maiden
She loved the hero Anggun Nan Tungga but disappeared when she became upset on hearing the tales told by a parrot of her beloved's many mistresses. Her jacket is said to have become a white monkey.

Gondul
Norse
an aspect of Freya as a Valkyrie

Gonemans
Welsh
a warrior
He trained Peredur in the use of arms and the arts of war.

Goneril
British
daughter of King Lear
sister of Cordelia and Regan
She and Regan, each given half of their father's kingdom, drove him mad and only Cordelia helped him, raising an army to depose her sisters but dying in the attempt.

Gonge
(see Gongen)

Gongen
Japanese
a name given to Shinto versions of the Buddha and to some deified heroes
an avatar, incarnation or manifestation

Gongen Sama
(see Ieyasu)
Gongola
African
a king in Nigeria
The girl Jalija had been seized by a river-serpent who lived in an underwater palace. When Gongola heard her singing, he had the river drained. The serpent flew off and Gongola married Jalija.

Gonsoor
British
a king of Ireland
On one occasion, he went to the aid of Canor, king of Cornwall, and Cornwall thereafter paid a tribute to Ireland. This stopped only when Tristram defeated Morholt.

Gonzalez
Spanish
[Martin Gonzalez]
a knight of Aragon
Ramiro, king of Aragon, was in dispute with Ferdinand and appointed Gonzalez as his champion to settle the matter, with El Cid fighting for Ferdinand. He was defeated when they met in single combat.

Gonzuole
African
in the lore of Liberia, the first woman
Although she lived alone on earth she bore many girls. In some accounts, she was captured by a chieftain, Utomppe.

Gooberen
Persian
a demon, one of the Aristatikko-Pauligaur

Good Archer, The
(see I)

Good Creator
(see Apap)

Good Folk, The
[Good Neighbours. Good People.]
the fairies
(see also Faylinn)

Good Goddess
(see Bona Dea. Demeter. Fauna)

Good Neighbours
(see Good Folk)

Good People
(see Good Folk)

Good Running
North American
a Blackfoot chief who adopted Long Arrow when he was abandoned by his tribe

Good Striker, The
(see Sceuccus)
goofang
North American
a fabulous animal

goofus bird
North American
a fabulous bird

Gommlegubbon
Australian
the budgerigar personified
It is said that he played a trick on Dinewan the emu, as a result of which the bird lost its wings.

Goon Desert
British
[Gondefer]
brother of the Fisher King
He had killed Espinogee and was himself killed by Espinogee's son, Partinal.

- The sword with which Partinal killed Goon Desert shattered and its repair could be accomplished only by the knight who finally found the Holy Grail.

Goonnear
Australian
a snake, the evil counterpart of Biggaroo
It is said that the dead pass through his body to the world of unhappy spirits.

goose
Egyptian
the bird of Horus, Isis, Osiris and Sob

goose
Celtic
the bird of the goddess Epona

Goose-god
Siberian
an Ostyak deity of fate
This bird lives in a nest made of furs and skins built in the mountains.

Gopa
(see Yashodhara)

Gopaka
(see Gobaka)

Gopali
(see Gopala)

Gopala
Hindu
[Gopal]
a name for Krishna as a cowherd

gopi
Hindu
a shepherdess
Krishna is said to have lured gopis...
from their homes and loved ones by playing his magic flute. His favourite gopi was Radha.

Gopi

Hindu
one of the 9 nathas

gopina

Indian
the intricately carved tower over the gateway to a temple

Gopinath

Hindu
a name for Krishna as lord of cowherds

Gorddu

(see Black Witch)

Gordian knot

Greek
the knot with which Gordius tied his oxen to the cart

This strange knot of cornel bark defied all attempts to undo it until the problem was dramatically solved, centuries later, by Alexander who sliced through it with his sword.

Gordius

Greek
husband of Cybele
father of Adrastus and Midas

In some accounts, the mother of Midas was Cybele and his father was Gorgias.

He started life as a peasant but was elected king when he unwittingly fulfilled the prophecy of an oracle by entering Temnius’ driving his ox-cart. The oxen were tied to his cart with what became known as the Gordian knot.

Gore

British
a kingdom adjoining Scotland

This realm was ruled by Bagdemagus or Urian and Morgan le Fay and was reached by an underwater route or by crossing a bridge as narrow as a sword blade. Only Lancelot could rescue any knight who entered the kingdom.

Gore

Slov
misfortune personified

Gore

(see Gwyar)

Goreu

Welsh
a page at King Arthur’s court
son of Custennin

He was the only survivor of Custennin’s twenty-four sons; the others had all been killed by Custennin’s brother, the giant Ysbaddaden.

He accompanied Culhwch on his quest for the hand of Olwen. When all the conditions had been fulfilled, he killed Yshaddaden and cut off his head, whereupon all his dead brothers were restored to life.

He is said to have rescued King Arthur from three prisons – the Castle of Oeth and Anoeth, the Castle of Pendragon and the Dark Prison under the Stone.

Gorgasus

Greek
a physician
son of Machaon and Anticleia
brother of Alexanor and Nicomachus

Gorgophone

Greek
daughter of Perseus and Andromeda
wife of Perieres
mother of Aphareus and Leucippus
She later married Oeabalus and bore Tyndareus and Icarius.

Gorgopis

(see Gorgopa)

Gorgyra

Greek
a nymph of the underworld
mother of Ascalaphus by Acheron, some say

Gorias

Irish
one of the 4 cities said to be the original home of the Danaans

This was the city, ruled by Esras, from which Lugh got his magic sword or, in some versions, his lance.

Gorius

British
a lord of Gallas
father of Loosepayne

He entertained Grahe when he was on his way to fight Grey-steel. Having suffered at the hands of this tyrant, Gorius was delighted when Grahe returned with news that Grey-steel was dead and gave him the hand of his daughter, Loosepayne.

Gorlagon

British
King Arthur’s pet wolf

He was originally a magician who had been turned into a wolf by his wife. When Arthur obtained the magic wand she had used, he was able to restore him to his human form.

Gorlois

British
[see also Gwyar]

Gorgophone

Greek
daughter of Perseus and Andromeda

Gormand

(see also Gurmun)
Gornemant  British
[Surmenans]
a Knight of the Round Table
a prince of Graherz
father of Gurzgi, Lascoyt, Liaz and Schenteufins
He trained Percival in knightly pursuits and wanted him to marry his daughter Liaz but his hopes were never realised.

Goronyw  (see Grow Pehyr)
goramooloch  Irish
a sea-monster

Gorseddl Arberth  Welsh
an enchanted mound near
Pwyl's court
Anyone who sat on this mound would either suffer wounds or witness marvels. Pwyl was sitting there when Rhiannon arrived and it was here that Manawydian tried to hang the mouse that turned out to be Llywd's wife.

gorska malva  Bulgarian
[=Russian nesnitsa]
a hideous hag of the woods

Gortigern  Irish
a language said to have been spoken by all races before the episode of the Tower of Babel

Gortys  Greek
son of Rhadamanthus

Goru  African
a dragon attendant on Hara Ke

Gorvenal  (see Gourverneil)
gosain  (see guru)
goset  Japanese
a dance of the cherry-blossom fairies

Gosh  (see Dervaspa)

Goshurun  (see Geush Urvan)
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Goshye-e  South American
the king of the giants
In the lore of the Patagonian Indians, he was the giant killed by the culture-hero, El-lal, who turned himself into a gaddly and poisoned Goshye-e with his sting.

Godsara  Chinese
the Buddhist version of Niu-t'ou

Gospel of the Witches  
[Arata. Book of Shadows]  
a book of demonology and witchcraft written by C G Leland and published in 1899

Gosurvan  Persian
an angel
In some accounts, Gosurvan is one of the Amesha Spentas.  (see also Geush Urvan)

Goswight  British
[goose-white']
King Arthur's helmet

Gotama1  Hindu
the Pali version of the Sanskrit Gautama

Gotama2  Hindu
[Guautama]
one of the Seven Rishis
husband of Ahalya
When his wife was seduced by Indra he caused a thousand impressions of the female genitalia to appear on Indra's body or, in some accounts, caused the god to lose his testes. He punished his wife by making her lie in ashes, living only on air, until she was rescued by Rama, many years later.
He was the author of a code of laws.

Gotegrin  British
son of Garlin
brother of Guinevere, in some accounts
He carried off his sister and proposed to kill her when she rejected the claim of Gasozein that she was his wife. Gasozein rescued her from her brother's hands and Gawain fought with the impostor, defeated him and returned the queen to King Arthur.

Gotelinde  German
wife of Rudiger
mother of Dietelinde

Gothi  (see go di)

Götterdämmerung1  German
[=Twilight of the Gods]
the German name for Ragnarok

Götterdämmerung2  (see Twilight of the Gods)

Gottfried  German
[Godfrey]
son of the Duke of Brabant
brother of Elsa
He and Elsa were the foster-children of Frederick and Ortrud who coveted the dukedom to which Gottfried was heir. Ortrud turned Gottfried into a swan and Frederick then accused Elsa of having murdered her own brother. Lohengrin arrived on a swan, saved her from this danger and married her but left when she demanded to know his name. The swan that drew Lohengrin's boat was restored by the hero's prayers to the form of Gottfried who became the next duke of Brabant.

Gou  (see Gu)

Goub  (see Ga-gorib)
gouger  (see guyascutus)

Gourd Boy  (see Fu-hsi)
Gourd Girl  (see Nü Kua)

Gourgourlana  (see Ogoun)

Gourgourgahgah  Australian
in Aboriginal lore, a bird which laughs to herald in the dawn

Gourmaillon  (see Cormoran, Gogmagog)

Gouvernail  (see Cormoran, Gogmagog)

Gouvernail  Welsh
[Go(u)vernal.
Kurneval]

Govannon  Welsh
[Go(u)vernal.
Gouvernal.
Gouvernal.
Kurneval]

Govetter  Norse
[Godvetter:=Lapp Guftitar]
a benevolent spirit of the forest or living underground

Govinda1  Hindu
a name for Krishna as 'cow-finder'

Govinda2  (see Vahguru)

Gower  British
part of the underworld

Gowra  (see Battle of Gabhr)

Gowther  British
a hero of Arthurian romances whose wicked nature was cured by penance

Gozanze-myoö  Japanese
a terrible deity of the east
He is depicted with four faces and eight arms, standing with his right foot on Jizaiten and his left on Umahi's hand against a background of flames.

Gozu Tenno  Japanese
[Gozu Tenno]
a name for Susanowa or Buto as
an ox-headed god of love and marriage

In this form, he was regarded as a manifestation of Bhaiashaya.

Gozu Tenvo (see Gozú Tenno)

Grabadonna the English version of Grablecane

Grace O'Malley (see Granuale)

Graces Greek

Gracias daughters of Zeus or Dionysus by Aphrodite or Euryonyme

These three, attendants on Aphrodite and Eros, are Aglaia (Splendour), Euphrosyne (Mirth) and Thalia (Good Cheer).

Originally there were two, Ause and Hecate, worshipped in Athens and two, Cleta and Phama, worshipped in Sparta. Other parts of Greece worshipped three—Aglia, Pasitheia and Peitho. Another, Cala, is sometimes referred to as one of this trio.

Gracia British a niece of King Arthur (see also Graecia)

Gradasso European a king of Sericune

He was one of the many knights enchanted by the fairy guarding the armour of Hector, the hero of Troy, and was required to fight all who might try to claim it. He was defeated by Mandricardo who took the armour. Gradasso accompanied him when he went to France as part of Agramant's army of invasion and disputed the right to bear the Trojan arms with Mandricardo and Rogero. The dispute was settled by Florismart who offered to lead them to Roland who had the sword Durindana, sought by Mandricardo and Rogero. The only survivors were Sobrino, Roland and Oliver. (see also Galare)

Gradivus Roman

a name for Mars as leader of the Roman forces in battle

Gradlon European

a niece of King Arthur (see also Graecia)

Grafenberg, Wirnt von

German

a 13th c writer, author of Wigalois

Grafvan European

a demon in Dante's Inferno

Grafvintr Norse

a dwarf

father of Goin and Moin

Graha Hindu

["seizure"]

an evil spirit

These beings are said to live in lakes and are responsible for eclipses of the moon. Some say that they can cause children to suffer from fits.

Grahamatrika Buddhist

a goddess

a form of the god Vairocana

Grahame British

a knight

husband of Loosepayne

His great friend Edgar tried to win the hand of Winlayne by fighting the fearsome knight, Grey-steel, but was defeated and returned wounded and in dishonour. Grahame managed not only to kill Grey-steel but so arranged things that Edgar was given the credit and was able to marry Winlayne.

En route to his encounter with Grey-steel in the Forbidden Island, Grahame had been entertained by Gorius, a lord who had suffered greatly at the hands of Grey-steel, and he fell in love with the lord's daughter, Loosepayne, whom he married when Edgar and Winlayne were wed. He was later killed in battle.

Grahapi British

Hindu

[Grahapati,Vispati]

a name of Surya as 'ruler of planets'

an aspect of Agni as 'lord of settlers'

Graiae Greek

[Graea,Graii,Grey Women,Phorcides]

daughters of Phorcos and Ceto

sisters of the Gorgons

These sisters, named Deino, Enyo and Pemphredo, lived on the far side of Ocean and shared one eye and one tooth between them. Perseus seized this eye and returned it only when they gave him the directions, or the magic cap, shoes and bag, which he needed to locate the Gorgons. In some accounts, he was said to have thrown the eye away, leaving them blind.

grail (see Holy Grail)

Grail Castle (see Castle Carbonek)

Grail Keeper (see Graal)

Grail King British

a succession of kings charged with keeping the Holy Grail

The list of these kings includes such names as Amfortas, the Fisher King, Frunitel, Helaun, and Pelles. (see also Perlesvaus)

Grail Lance (see Holy Lance)

Grail Procession British

the procession seen by Percival at Carbonek

The make-up of the procession is variously described but generally includes a maiden bearing the Holy Grail with attendant squires.

Grail Quest British

the search for the Holy Grail by the Knights of the Round Table

The quest ended only when Galahad and his companions, Bors and Percival, returned the grail and the Holy Lance to their rightful home in the Holy Land.

Grail Question British

a question to be asked by the true knight of the Grail

When asked, this question, which took the form 'What is the Grail and whom does it serve?', healed the wounds of the Fisher King.

Grail Spear (see Holy Lance)

Grail Sword British

the sword of Partinal

This sword was made by Trebuchet. When Partinal used it to kill Goon Desert, it shattered. One of the objects of the Grail Quest involved its repair.

When Bors, Galahad and Percival arrived at Castle Carbonek, Eliazar, son of Pelles, brought in the broken sword which was repaired by Galahad after the other two had tried to mend it and failed.
British

Grainne (Grain Mother) (see Gradlon)

He was left in charge of some children while their parents were away hunting and took them up to heaven by climbing a tall tree which they then ordered the ants to fell. When the children tried to escape, the ropes they used were too short and they fell to the ground, leaving Grandfather in the sky.

He gave the tribe tobacco and extra women. Originally there was only one woman but Grandfather cut her into pieces and when the men returned from hunting, each found a woman in his hut.

Grandfather (see Izoi-tamo Queevet)

Grandfather Mystery North American

[Grandfather Spirit; Tunkashila]
a creator-spirit of the Sioux

Grandfather of Worms

Grandfather Power (see Unknowingly)

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Grandgousier (see Grandgousier)

Grani British

one of the men with Flosi when they killed the Njalssons and burnt their house

Grani (see Grane)

Grania Irish

[Grainne; Grine; Grania]

the beloved of Finn mac Cool daughter of Cormac mac Airt sister of Caireb mother of Eachtach, some say

At the wedding feast when she was to be married to Finn mac Cool, she drugged the guests and eloped with Dermot rather than marry the aging Finn. Finn and his Fianna pursued them for sixteen years and then Angus Og persuaded Finn to forgive the young couple. She bore four sons and a daughter to Dermot.

After the death of Dermot, which Finn could have averted but refused, she trained her sons to kill Finn but in the end she married him.

Granicus Greek

a river-god

Grannus (see Grannus)

Celtic

[Grannus]
a sun-god and god of healing and mineral springs in Gaul

husband of Sirona

Granny Irish

a name for the Cailleach in parts of Northern Ireland

Granta British

a nymph

The giant Gogmagog fell in love with Granta and, when she rejected him, changed into a large hill.

Grantorto British

a giant in The Faerie Queene

He captured Irena who was then rescued by Artgallo who killed her captor.

Granuale Irish

[Grace O’Malley] (1530–1603)
a sea-faring heroine

She led a fleet against the British and was said to keep her own ship tied to her big toe when it was in port.

Granwen Welsh

son of Lyr

Graphael (see Graphiel)

Hebrew

[Graphael]
one of the 7 Intelligences, ruler of the planet Mars

Grass-cleaving Sword (see Kusanagi)

Grass-mower (see Kusanagi)

British

Gramoflanz (see Gradlon)

the sword of Sigmund

This magic sword was made by Volund and was thrust into the oak, Branstock, in Volsung’s hall, by Odin at the wedding of Siggeir and Signy. It could be withdrawn only by Sigmund. It was shatted by Odin and the pieces were collected by Sigmund’s wife, Hiordis. They were later forged into a new blade by Regin at the behest of Sigmund’s son, Sigurd.

In the Nibelungenleid, this weapon was given to Sigmund by Alberich. It was said that Merlin created this being from whales’ bones and the blood of Lancelot.

Grandfather North American

a supernatural being

She found a clot of blood lying on a path and covered it with a jar. It developed into a baby which she raised as Orphan Boy.

Grandfather (see Ma-tsu-p’o; Mbuya Toci)

Grandmother Earth North American

[Unci]
a creator-spirit of the Sioux

Grandmother, The North American

a spirit of the Pueblo tribes

Grandmother Turtle North American

in the lore of the Cheyenne, the turtle on whose back the creator built the world from mud

Grandoine (see Grandonio)

Grandonio European

[Grandione]
a king of Spain

He was in the battle at Roncevalles where he killed Sansonnet but was himself killed by Roland.

Grane Norse

[Grani; Greyfell]

the horse of Sigurd or Siegfried which was descended from Sleipnir

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At the wedding feast when she was to be married to Finn mac Cool, she drugged the guests and eloped with Dermot rather than marry the aging Finn. Finn and his Fianna pursued them for sixteen years and then Angus Og persuaded Finn to forgive the young couple. She bore four sons and a daughter to Dermot.

After the death of Dermot, which Finn could have averted but refused, she trained her sons to kill Finn but in the end she married him.

Granicus Greek

a river-god

Grannus (see Grannus)

Celtic

[Grannus]
a sun-god and god of healing and mineral springs in Gaul

husband of Sirona

Granny Irish

a name for the Cailleach in parts of Northern Ireland

Granta British

a nymph

The giant Gogmagog fell in love with Granta and, when she rejected him, changed into a large hill.

Grantorto British

a giant in The Faerie Queene

He captured Irena who was then rescued by Artgallo who killed her captor.

Granuale Irish

[Grace O’Malley] (1530–1603)
a sea-faring heroine

She led a fleet against the British and was said to keep her own ship tied to her big toe when it was in port.

Granwen Welsh

son of Lyr

Graphael (see Graphiel)

Hebrew

[Graphael]
one of the 7 Intelligences, ruler of the planet Mars

Grass-cleaving Sword (see Kusanagi)

Grass-mower (see Kusanagi)
Grasshopper

North American

a Choctaw spirit
daughter of Grasshopper Mother

Grasshopper Girl

North American

a Navaho spirit
At creation, she and Pollen Boy were placed on Mount San Juan.

Grasshopper Mother

North American

a Choctaw spirit
mother of Grasshopper
When the Chocotaws emerged from underground at Nanih Waya, she was killed by some of the tribe who failed to reach the upper world.

Grasshopper People

North American

the people of the Yellow World
During their ascent from the nether world, the Navaho passed through several worlds, including the Yellow World. They offended the Grasshopper People by seducing their wives and were forced to move up to the next world.

Grastian

British

a French knight
He was left in charge when Bors and Ban brought their armies to Britain to help King Arthur in his battles with the rebellious barons.

Gratie

Roman

the Roman version of the Graces

Gratille

British

in some accounts, mother of Grimal by Evelake

Gratium

Greek

one of the Earthborn Giants

Gravain

British

a minor goddess

Gravidus

Roman

a name of Mars as leader of the Roman legions in battle

Graymalkin

Welsh

a future heaven

Great Ascetic

(see Mahayogi)

Great Awabi

Japanese

[Awabi]
a sea-god in the form of a huge earshell

When the fisherman, Kansuke, came to investigate a bright light rising from the sea, he fell into the water and sank. His son, Matakichi, failed to find him; he had been eaten by the Great Awabi. Matakichi became a disciple of a priest and together they prayed for the soul of Kansuke, whereupon the spirit of the Great Awabi appeared to the priest and confessed what had happened and then killed himself, giving instructions that the huge pearl inside him should be given to Matakichi.

Great Bear

Dipper. The Plough.The Wagoner.Ursa Major. Wain Harrow

a constellation in the northern sky

(1) The Arabs call the constellation Al Akbar or Al ubh.
(2) In Central America, Nahua myths regard the constellation as Texcatlipoca, as Ocelotl, falling out of the sky into the sea.
(3) The Chinese call it the Bushel (= measure of grain), regarded as the throne of Shang-ti and a symbol of longevity, or Pei-tou or the throne of Shang-ti and a
(4) In Greek myths it was the never-sleeping guardian of the universe or a form of Callisto.
(5) Hebrews, in ancient times, called the constellation Dobh (bear).
(6) In Hindu lore the seven stars of the Plough are the Seven Rishis.
(7) The Inuit say that this was a real bear which took to the skies to escape hunters who, in following it, were turned into the Pleiades.
(8) The Mongols refer to the Great Bear as the god of thieves since the bear which took to the skies to
(9) In North America, the Plains Indians refer to the Great Bear as Mische-Mokwa and say that it was killed by Mudjekeweis. Other tribes say that three hunters follow the bear and, when they kill it, the world will come to an end.
(10) The Persians call this constellation Hapto-iranga and regard it as the leader of the northern quarter.
(11) In Siberia, the seven stars are wolves pursuing the seven horses of the Little Bear. If they catch the horses, the world will come to an end. In some versions, the wolves are reindeer.
(12) Other stories have the Pole Star as the hunter and the Great Bear as a stag and, once again, the death of the hunted signals the end of the world. Yet another story says that the seven stars are seven skulls thrown into the sky after they had been used as cups.

Great Cackler

[see Bull of Heaven]
a name of Geb in the form of a goose

Great Canoe

South American

a stockade
The Mandan hero, Lone Man, built this stockade to save his people from the flood. (see also Maninga)

Great Cat

(see Sakhmet)

Great Cataract

(see Mahapralaya)

Great Change, The

(see T’ai I)

Great Chatterer

[see Great Cackler]

Great Chief Above

(see Whee-me-me-ow-ah)

Great Company of Gods

(see Ennead)

Great Daedala

Greek

a festival in honour of Zeus and Hera

Great Dionysia

(see City Dionysia)

Great Eagle

North American

a water-spirit of the Pima tribe
He was an enemy of Earthmaker and preyed on the humans created by him. When he sent the flood to destroy the world, only Szeuka survived. This son...
of Earthmaker fought and killed Great Eagle and restored human life.

Great Father1 Australian
a name for the rainbow serpent as a creator and fertility god

Great Father2 (see Bhraspati.Dagda)

Great First One (see Mkulumncande)

Great First, The (see T’ai Ch’u)

Great Foot Pestle (see Oho-usu)

some tribes regard this animal as a rain-bringer

Great Frog1 North American

Great Frog2 (see frog1)

Great Goat (see Leonard)

Great God (see Dagda.Mahadeva.Reshpu)

Great Goddess a name given to an important (sometimes supreme) goddess in many cultures

This name is used for such deities as Dorje, Hera, Juno, Mahadevi, Neith, Nerriwik and Sedna.

In some South American tribes, the Great Goddess is said to have mated with dogs and produced dog-spirits. (see also Palace Goddess)

Great Goddesses (see Two Goddesses)

Great Gugulana (see Gugulugana)

Great Hand (see Hunab)

Great Hare North American

[Cottontail.Hare.Mahitgissw.Rabbit] a trickster-god

This deity appears in the lore of many Algonquian tribes under such names as Gluskap, Manabush, Manabozho, Messou, Michabo, Nanabozho and Wabus. (see also White Hare)

Great Hawk North American

[Tlaunow] a bird which helped the Navaho to reach the upper world

Great Hawk was said to have clawed a small opening in the sky through which the Navaho were able to escape after it had been enlarged by Locust.

Great Head North American

a storm-god of the Seneca people

He was envisaged as a large head carried on two legs and was said to live on blocks of maple wood.

He helped a young Seneca to kill the witch who had killed the boy’s nine brothers and, when he next passed over in a storm, he restored the dead brothers to life.

Great Heavenly Princes Chinese

the 7 chief ministers of the celestial Ministry of Exorcism, Ch’u Hsieh Yuan.

Great-Holy-Fire-Above

[The Great Huntsman of Fontainebleu]

the French name for the Wild Huntsman

Great Immortal (see Huang Ts-hsien)

Great King (see Pa Ch’a)

Great Lady of the Night (see Hina1)

Great Learning (see Ta Hsiaih)

Great Lion Mesopotamian

one of the Eleven Mighty Helpers created by Tiamat

Great Man (see Charchya)

Great Manito (see Great Spirit)

Great Manitou (see Great Spirit)

Great Mare, The (see Epona)

Great Medicine North American

a name for the creator-spirit of the Cheyenne

Great Monad1 Chinese

a primordial being

This entity split to form Yin and Yang. These split further to form four deities which gave rise to Pan-ku, the first man. (see also T’ai I)

Great Mother1 Australian

a primordial goddess of the Aboriginals

She repeatedly swallowed and regurgitated young men.

Great Mother2

[Queen Bee]

a name used in many cultures for a (mother-)godness

This name is used for such deities as Ama-arhus, Cybele, Danakina, Hathor, Isis, Magna Mater, Nekhebt, Nina and Tiamat.

The Akkadians knew her as Ishtar, the Babylonians as Mylitta, Nina or Tamsutu, the Armenians as Anahit, the Canaanites as Anaitis; to the Cilicians she was Ate or Ateh, to the Greeks, Aphrodite or Ma, to the Phoenicians she was Astarte or Bau, to the Romans she was Venus and to the Sumerians she was Baba, Mai or Mamitu.

In Europe, the Great Mother is often in the plural and variously known as Dervonea, Mairae, Mairae, Matronae, Matres, Niskae, Proximae and Quadrivae. The Welsh refer to them as Mamau.
Great Star
North American
in the lore of the Pawnee, the
planet Venus as the morning
star personified

Great Tellings
(see Ich-kanava)

Great Tor
(see Author)

Great Tornak
(see Tornasuk)

Great Thing
(see Pemba)

Great Thunderbird
North American
chief of the Thunderbirds
He, together with three other elders,
was responsible for guarding the nest
holding the eggs from which all other
Thunderbirds were hatched. He was
also the guardian of the west and was
said to be so large that he could eat
whales whole.

Great Triad
(see tortoise)

Great Turtle
North American
in the lore of the Iroquois, the turtle
on which the earth is supported
A tree dropped from heaven into the
primordial waters, followed by the
beautiful Awenhai. The swans saved
her from drowning and reported to
Great Turtle who ordered diving
birds and animals to dive on the spot
where the tree fell and bring up some
earth. Several animals died in the
attempt but the toad finally succeeded.
This soil, spread on Great Turtle's
back, grew to form an island large
eough to support Awenhai and kept
growing until it became the present
earth.

Great Watch
(see Hueytosoztli)

Great White Gahe
(see Gahe)

Great White Mountain
Korean
the place where Hwanung landed
when he descended from heaven

Great Upholder
(see Tarenawagon)

Great Vehicle
(see Amitabha)

Great White Brotherhood
Hindu
the spirits of dead mahatmas who
supposedly passed messages to
mediums such as Madame Blavatsky

Great White God
(see Sitamahakala)

Great Wolf
(see Amarok)

Great Xolotl
(see turkey)

Great Yellow Gahe
(see Gahe)

Great Yü
(see Yü')

Greco
Irish
a warrior of Connaught
He saved the infant Cormac mac Airt
from a pack of wolves.

grecke
(see grisgris)

Green Carpet
(see Flying Carpet)

Green Chapel
British
the place where Gawain met the Green
Knight to offer himself in the
beheading contest

Green Children
British
a boy and a girl with green skin
These two children, found wandering
would eat only green food and spoke
an unknown language. The boy soon
died but the girl lived to become a
normal woman.

Green Demon
Malay
a plague-demon
This monster, with the head of a snake
on a body of green vapour, causes
boils, plagues, sores, and other diseases.
The Golden Tortoise, however, owns
a magic flute which, when blown by
the king, can cause a gentle breeze
which blows away the disease.

Green-feathered Serpent
(see Quetzalcoatl)

Green Jade Lake
(see Lake of Gems)

Green Knight, The
British
[Bercelak.Bercilak de Hautdesert.
Bernlake.Bertilak]
an unknown knight
He arrived unheralded at Camelot one
Christmas, dressed all in green and
riding a green horse, and challenged
Arthur's knights to a beheading
contest. Gawain accepted the challenge
and a green sash
when he descended from heaven
rode off, renewing the challenge for a
year later at the Green Chapel. En
route to that meeting, Gawain was
entertained by Bercilak whose wife
twice tried in vain to seduce Gawain.
He did, however, accept a green sash
from the lady. At the chapel, the axe was
swung three times – twice reflecting
Gawain's resistance to temptation: it
stopped short of his neck; the third
stroke inflicted only a very slight
wound, reflecting his acceptance of
the sash. The man wielding the axe
turned out to be Bercilak and the whole
episode was one of the destructive
plots of Morgan le Fay.

Green Knight, The
European
a pagan knight
uncle of Clermont
He wanted to marry Fexon but was
defeated by Orson who claimed her as
his wife.

Green Knight, The
British
a 16th c version of the story of
Gawain's encounter with the
Green Knight

Green Serpent
Buddhist
the magical boat used by Urganda

Green Star
British
an early vegetation god now
represented by a face with foliage
emerging from the mouth

Green Man
(see Khadir)

Green One, The
(see Khadir)

Green Parrot Girls
Australian
consorts of the Rainbow
Snake, Kunmanggur

Green Serpent
European
the magical boat used by Urganda

Green Tara
Buddhist
[Tara Dhari._Tara Utpala:
Tibetan sGrol-lhang]
a Tibetan queen who was regarded as
an incarnation of Tara in Nepal
wife of Song-ten Gam Po
She was originally a Nepalese princess,
Bhrkuti-Tara, who married the Tibetan
warrior-king and was recognised as
an incarnation of Syamatara.

In this form, Tara acts as guardian
during the night.
She is depicted as holding a book and a rosary.

Greenan Castle
British
a site in Scotland suggested as the site
of Camelot

Gregorius
European
[Gregoros]
a bastard who became a pope
Born of the incestuous relationship of
a brother and sister, the baby was set
adrift in a boat and was found, three
days later, by a fisherman. The boy
was named Gregorius, reared by
monks and, when he learned of his
origins, set out to become a knight. In
one adventure, he routed the
besiegers of a castle and married the
queen who lived there, only to find
that he had married his own mother.
In despair, he had himself chained to
a rock in the sea and threw the key
into the water.

Seventeen years later, on the death
of the pope, the key was found in the
throat of a fish, Gregorius was freed
and became pope to the sound of church
bells ringing of their own volition.

Gregory, Isabella Augusta
Irish
(1852-1932)
author of Cuchulain of Muirthemne
She was born Isabella Augusta Persse
and became Lady Gregory when she
married Sir William Gregory. After
his death, she immersed herself in
Irish mythology.

Greid
Welsh
son of Eri
He owned the dog Drudwyn that
Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get
to help in the hunt for the boar Twrch
Trwyth.
**Grendel**

Greida (see Greidw)

Greidawl (see Greidw)

Greidw

[Greidw(w).Gwreidawl]

father of Gwythyr

Greine (see Grania)

Greip

daughter of Geirrod by Ran, some say

sister of Gialp

second wife of Ivald, some say

When Thor visited her father, she and her sister Gialp crawled under Thor's chair and tried to crush him against the ceiling. Thor, using the staff given to him by Grid, forced the chair down against them and crushed them both to death.

She was one of the nine wave-maidens said simultaneously to have produced Heimdall, fathered by Odin.

Others say that she was the mother of Fenia and Menia.

**Greissmodel**

an evil demon

Greit

Welsh

a deity or hero held in an underground prison

Greloganus

British

the father of Percival in some French stories

**Gremlin**

[female=Dingbelle]

a spirit causing mechanical trouble

**Grendel**

Anglo-Saxon

a half-human monster

son of Eager, some say

This man-eating monster, which, in some accounts, was a descendant of Cain, lived under a lake and was invulnerable to normal weapons. It frequently raided the castle of Hrodgar, the king of Denmark, who called in Beowulf who trapped it and fought it. In the struggle, Grendel broke free of Beowulf's grip and tore off its arm, causing a wound from which it later died. When the monster's mother tried to avenge Grendel's death, Beowulf killed her and decapitated both with a magic sword.

Greip

the 3 sons of the giant, Beli

**Grerr**

Norse

a dwarf

He was one of the four dwarfs that Freya was said to have slept with in order to get the magical necklace, Brisingamen.

**Gressil**

a demon

Grettir

Norse

a warrior

A giant troll-woman seized Grettir and, after a long fight, dragged him into the river. He cut off her arm and she fell backwards into the water and drowned. In another adventure, he opened the barrow of the dead Karr who was haunting the locality, removed much treasure and cut off Karr's head. He also fought the dead Glam who was causing havoc in the area, cut off his head and buried the body.

Grey Cow

(see Glas Gabhach)

Grey Dog

(see Scoelan)

Grey God

(see Tonenili)

Grey Horse

Welsh

a devil

Grey Lady, The

British

a ghost

She is said to haunt the site in Wales known as Moel Arthur to protect the king's treasure.

**Grey of Macha**

Irish

[Liat Macca.Liath Macha]

a horse of Cuchulainn

This was one of the two horses born at the same time as Cuchulainn. It is said to have shed tears of blood when being prepared for Cuchulainn's final battle and, in that fight, although wounded by a spear thrown by Er, killed eighty warriors before it was finally overcome. The other horse was Black of Sainglenn.

**Grey One**

North American

the most powerful of the Gae
grey-steel

British

a fearsome knight

He lived on Forbidden Island and defended it against all comers, either killing them or sending them away humiliated by the loss of one little finger. He treated Edgar in this way when the young knight tried to win the hand of Winlayne by killing the tyrant. Edgar's great friend, Grahame, avenged the defeat of his comrade by killing Grey-steel in single combat and he so arranged matters that the credit for this success was given to Edgar.

**Grey-stel**

Norse

a sword owned by Koll

Grey Washer by the Ford

(see Washer by the Ford)

Grey Wolf

North American

a god of the tribes of the north-west

He appeared at creation and was placed on Mount Shasta as a guardian god.

Grey Women

(see Graiae)

Greyfell

(see Grane)

Grahapat

(see Grahapatad)

Gri-bdog

Tibetan

[Di-do]

10 demons armed with knives

Gri-gum

Tibetan

a divine king

It was foretold that he would die in combat despite being linked by a cord to heaven. He fought a palace groomsman, Lo-nGnam, and, having inadvertently cut the divine cord, was killed.

**Grian**

Irish

daughter of Finn mac Cool

**Grianainech**

(see Grianainech)

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Irish

[Grianainech.Grian(ece)]

a name of Ogma as 'sunny-face' or 'poet of the sun'

**Grianece**

(see Grianainech)

**Grianna**

(see Grania)

Grid

Norse

[Gird]

a giantess and magician

a wife of Odin

mother of Vidar

When Thor visited Geirrod, unarmored, she warned him to beware of treachery and lent him her belt, glove and staff.

**Griavid**

Norse

the magic wand of Grid

**Griemhild**

(see Grimhild)

**Griessmodel**

(see Grimhild)

an evil spirit in the form of a spaniel

**Griffa**

[griffa]

Irish

a huge bird said to have attacked Brendan on one of his voyages

(see also griffin)

**Griffin**

[griffon.gripe.gryphon.gryphonph]

gryps. gryphs

a monstrous bird

The Berbers say that the Ormaddu, a huge bird, mates with a female wolf to produce this monster which splits its mother apart when she gives birth.

**Griffin**

[griffon.gripe.gryphon.gryphonph]

gryps. gryphs

a monster with the body of a lion and the beak and wings of an eagle

In some versions its two front legs were those of an eagle, in others (the opinicus) all four feet were those of a lion.

This monster guarded the stream flowing with gold against the Arimaspi. Griffins were said to build their nests of gold and lay eggs made of agate.
Griffith

It was regarded as the animal of Apollo or Nemesis and, later, of the Roman Empire.

Griffith

- a king of Wales

He obtained the throne by killing Caradoc and sent Caradoc's children, Meriadoc and Orwen, to be killed but the men charged with the task let them live. When he grew up, Meriadoc deposed Griffith with the help of King Arthur.

Other accounts say that Caradoc died of shock when Caswallawn usurped the throne.

Griffon

- son of Oliver

Griffith

- a Knight of the Round Table

Griffith

- brother of Aquilant

Grihastra

- a name for Agni as Lord of the House

Grihaspati

- a name for Agni as Brahmin

Grierson

- a soldier with Charlemagne's army

Grimane

- a witch's familiar in the form of a cat: a demon

Grimanesa

- wife of Apollidon

Grimbart

- the name for Grimbart in Dutch versions of "Reynard the Fox"

Grimhild

- the name of Grimhild in "The Lay of Grimnir" (see also Krimhild)

Grismadevi

- the name used by Avenable when disguised as a youth at Caesar's court

Grisandole

- the name used by Wodan.

Grisgris

- a charm: an amulet: a spell

Grippe

- a horse of Gawain

Griper

- the groom in charge of the horses of the king of the Vikings

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see Gromersomer Joure

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[Grudie(n)]

Grudyn  
[see Grudie(n)]

Grugyn  
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In this version, Arthur married a noble Roman lady, Guanamara, rather than Guinevere, daughter of his friend Leodegrance. (see also Guinevere)

**Guanhuvara** (see Guinevere)

**Guanin** West Indian

a mythical creature

The hero Guagugiana was said to have gone to this country.

**Guanin** (see Guagugiana)

**Guar Girl** (see Gun Girl)

**Guara** South American

spirits in the lore of the Chamaoco people

**guard** (see garde)

**Guardian of the Threshold** (see Dragon of the Threshold)

**Guaracy** South American

[Garacy, Torushompek]

sun-god and creator of animals (see also Torushompek)

**Guarani** South American

an ancestral hero

He was one of four brothers who survived the flood and became the ancestor of the Guarani tribe.

**Guarinos** European

one of Charlemagne’s knights

In some accounts, Guarinos was killed at Roncesvalles but others say that he was taken prisoner by the Saracens and was won in a draw by Marloes. Guarinos rejected his captor’s offer of his two daughters on condition that he embraced Islam and was thrown into a dungeon. He was allowed out on some occasions and, when invited to take part in a knightly exercise, escaped. In French stories he is Garin.

**Guatavita** South American

in the lore of the Chibcha, a lake said to be the home of a snake-god

**Guatava** West Indian

a messenger-goddess of the Taino

**Guatrigakwitl** (see Guadrigakwitl)

**Guayacan** South American

in the lore of the Incas, a lake

It was believed that the sky rested on pillars which rose out of this primordial lake.

**Guayahona** (see Guaguagiana)

**Guayacunzi** South American

a supreme god in Patagonia

**Gubaba** (see Kubaba)

**Guacamal** Central American

[Bowels of Earth, Bowels of Heaven. Four Ends of Earth, Gucumatz, Guacamal. Gucamal, Heart of Haven, Plumed Serpent, Aztec Quetzalcoatl: Mohave Kukumatz]

a Quiche sky-god and creator-god son of E Guaholom and E Alom, in some accounts

In some accounts he is equated with Hurukan. (see also Kukumatz)

**Gudanna** Mesopotamian

a Sumerian monster

This celestial bull, which caused seven years of drought, was killed by Gilgamesh.

**Gudar** Persian

a nobleman

father of Gw

He dreamt about the young Khusraw who was growing up in Afghanistan, recognised him as a future king and sent his son Gw to bring him to Persia.

**Gudhorn** Norse

son of Halfdan by Groa

Halfdan was the brother-in-law of Groa whom he abducted.

**Gumud’s realm** (see Odainsakar)

**Gudr** (see Gudrun)

**Gudrigakwitl** North American

[Above Old Man, Guadrigakwitl. Old Man Above, Cahroc Chareya]

the creator-god of the Wien tribes

He created the world by opening his hands and could, if he chose, end it by clapping his hands together.

**Gudrun** 1

[Cha(o)trun, Guadr(ann), Gurthr.

Gurtrun(e). Kudrun. Krimhild]

daughter of Hettel and Hilde

wife of Herwig

She was promised in marriage to Herwig but was abducted by Hartmut, one of her unsuccessful suitors. She refused to marry him so he handed her over to his mother, Gerlinda, who treated her very badly. Thirteen years later, when she and her companion, Hildburg, were washing clothes on the shore, a mermaid or angel in the form of a swan told her that her brother Ortwin and her betrothed, Herwig, were coming to rescue her. Herwig, Ortwin and Wat led a force that routed the forces of Hartmut’s father, Ludwig, who was killed by Herwig and Gudrun was reunited with her beloved who married her.

**Gudrun**

[Cha(o)trun, Gudr(ann), Gurthr.

Gurtrun(e).Kudrun.Krimhild]

daughter of Giuki and Grimhild

sister of Gunnar, Guttorm and Hogni

wife of Atli, Jonakur and Sigurd

mother of Swanhild by Sigurd

mother of Eitl and Erp by Atli

mother of Erp, Hamdir and Sorli by Jonakur

When Sigurd came to her father’s court her mother gave him a love-potion that caused him to forget Brunnhild and fall in love with Gudrun whom he married. When Sigurd was murdered by her brother, Guttorm, she went with her daughter, Swanhild, to stay with Elf, the step-father of Sigurd who had married Thora after his first wife, Hjordis, died.

Atli, king of the Huns, demanded compensation for the death of his sister, Brunnhild, who had died on Sigurd’s funeral pyre, and, under the influence of another of her mother’s magic brews, Gudrun agreed to marry Atli even though she hated him. They had two sons, Eitel and Erp. When Atli, coveting the treasure of the Nibelungs, killed Gunnar and Hogni, she killed her two sons by Atli and served their hearts and blood to Atli and his guests. In one version, she then set fire to the palace killing all inside, including herself; in another story she killed Atli with Sigurd’s sword and then drowned herself; in yet another story she survived the sea and married King Jonakur, bearing three more sons, Erp, Hamdir and Sorli.

When her daughter, Swanhild, was killed by King Ermenrich, she ordered these young sons to avenge her death. Hamdir and Sorli killed Erp en route, thinking him too young for such an enterprise, and when they found the king they cut off his hands and feet. (see also Ildico)

In the Nibelungenlied, she appears as Krimhild and in Wagner as Gutrune.

**Gudrun**

Norse

wife of Thord and Thorwald

**Gudrun Lied**

German

a 13th C epic, the story of Gudrun

daughter of Hettel and Hildi

**Gudrún** (see Gudrun)

**Gudyr-pumy** Russian

a thunder-goddess of the Votyaks

**Guebres**

[Ghebers]

fire-worshippers
Guecubu  South American

| [Guecubu.Hucuva] | an evil spirit of the Araucanian Indians |

He was responsible for all the ills affecting mankind and is destined to destroy the earth with a flood. Some say that he has a benevolent aspect in the form of a vegetation-god, Akakanet, but others say that they are separate beings, brothers representing good and evil.

In another story, he sent a flood but Guen-Pillan raised the mountains so Guerin and the emperor were drawn, Guerin and the emperor were brothers representing good and evil.

In some versions, guecuba is used as a generic term for all demons.

Guecufu  (see Guecubu)

Guéde¹  West Indian

the first man to die, in Haitian voodoo lore

guéde²  West Indian

a spirit of the dead, in Haitian voodoo lore

It is said that these spirits can take possession of humans.

Guendolen  (see Guendolen)

Guendoloeana  (see Guendolen.Gwendolen)

Guener  (see Gwen¹)

Guenever  (see Guinevere)

Gwenuhvara  (see Guinevere)

Guenevere  (see Guinevere)

Gwengasoain  (see Gwengasoain)

Gwenhywach  (see Gwenhywach)

Gwenhywyach  (see Gwenhywach)

Gwenloie  (see Gwenoire)

Guenoile  Egyptian

a priest

He acted as confessor to the king, Gradlon, and was later made a saint.

Guenu-Pillan  South American

[Pil(l)an]

a name of Menechen as ‘spirit of heaven’

In this role, he saved some human beings and animals when Guecubu sent a flood, by raising the height of the mountains.

Guerin  European

a lord of Vienna

Charlemagne besieged his city when they quarrelled and the conflict was decided by single combat between Roland and Oliver, a grandson of Guerin. They fought an honourable draw, Guerin and the emperor were reconciled and Roland and Oliver became firm friends.

Guerrehet  (see Gaheris)

gueyo  North American

ashes said to have magical powers

Guffitar  Baltic

[a-Norse Gvetter]

Lappish dwarf spirits of the forest or living underground

Guga  Hindu

a serpent-god

Gugal  Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk referring to his wealth

Gugoun (see Ogoun)

Gugi (see Zesa)

Gugulana  (see Gugulanna)

Gugulanna  Mesopotamian

[Bell of Heaven.(Great) Gugulana] a god of the underworld
consort of Ereshkigal (see alo Nergal)

Gugumnatz  (see Gucumnatz)

Gugune  (see Ogoun)

Guha  Hindu

a demon: a name for Karttkeya

He compelled Brahma to make him immune to any onslaught. Neither Vishnu nor Shiva could defeat him alone so they combined as Harri-Hara to overthrow him.

Guhya  (see Guhyaka)

Guhya-pati  Buddhist

a master of secrets

Guhyaka  Hindu

[Guhy.Strong One: fem=Guhyaki] a yaksha

A servant of Kubera and one of the guardians of his treasure. He stood guard at the door, holding a thunderbolt. (see alo Chin-kang.Li-shih. Vajrapambalan)

Guhyaki  Hindu

[male=Guhyaka]
a female demon, servant of Kubera

Guhyasamaja  Buddhist

a protective deity

He is depicted with three heads and six arms.

Gu  European

[Guy]
brother of Vivien

He rode with Guillaume to do battle with the Saracens, in support of his brother Vivien, but was captured when the Frankish army was totally defeated. Only he and Guillaume survived.

Gui de Burgogne  European

[Guy of Burgundy]
a Frankish knight husband of Floripas

He was one of Charlemagne’s men captured by Balan but he was protected by the Saracen’s daughter, Floripas, until rescued by the Franks. He later married Floripas and was made ruler of half of Spain, the other half being given to Fierabras.

Gui de Montfaucon  European

a knight defeated by Godfrey de Bouillon

guianos  West Indian

sacred yellow shells used as talismans by the Taino

Guibourc  European

[Witzburgis] wife of Girart de Vienne

In some accounts, the wife of Guillaume is called Guibourc.

Guihard  European

[Guiscard.Guischart] son of Aymon and Aya or Beatrice brother of Alardo, Bradamante, Ricciardetto, Ricardo and Rinaldo

Guiderius  British

a king of Britain

son of Cymbeline brother of Arviragus

He was killed in battle when Claudius invaded Britain and Arviragus became king.

Guido of Tours  French

the French version of Guy of Warwick

Guido the Savage  (see Guido the Wild)

Guido the Wild  European

[Guido the Savage] son of Aymon and Constantia Aymon’s wife is usually given as Beatrice and they had four sons. In Orlando Furioso, Aymon’s wife is given as Constantia and their son was Guido.

He was captured by the Amazons and killed ten of their male warriors in single combat. When he finally escaped, he took with him Aleria, one of the ten wives he had been forced to marry.

He is sometimes included in the list of Charlemagne’s paladins or equated with Guy of Warwick, the English hero.

Guigenor  British

daughter of Guiромelet

and Clarissant grand-niece of King Arthur wife of Aalardin

Guignier  (see Guimer)

Guiliano  British

a knight

He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.
Guillaume  

European  

[Guillaume d’Orange]  

son of Aymeri  

uncle of Vivien  

brother of Alane and Bertrane  

husband of Guibourc  

Responding to Vivien’s plea for help against the Saracens, Guillaume led an army into battle but was defeated and he returned to Barcelona where his wife had raised more troops which he once more led into the fray together with Vivien’s brother, Gui. Only Guillaume and Gui survived the battle and Gui was captured. Guillaume then sought help from the king and was given a huge army including the giant Rainouart who, in the final battle with the Saracens, killed 3,000 of them. Rainouart turned out to be the brother of Guibourc, having been stolen when a child and sold as a slave. He later retired to a monastery where he terrorised the other monks and they sent him on a journey for supplies, hoping that he would be robbed and killed by outlaws. In the event, he killed the leader of the robbers and returned to the monastery where he gave the monks a thorough thrashing. He left the monastery and set up his own hermitage but the Saracen king, Synagon, captured him and held him in prison for seven years until Guillaume’s nephew, Landri, raised an army and defeated Synagon, who was killed, releasing Guillaume who then returned to his cell. He left it later to help King Louis who was under siege by the heathen king Ysoré, killed Ysoré and returned once again to his cell. He started to build a bridge over a gorge but each night the devil pulled down what Guillaume had built during the day until Guillaume caught the devil and threw him into the gorge, thereafter completing the bridge. Some time afterwards he died in his hermitage.  

Other feats attributed to Guillaume include the putting down of a rebellion against King Louis led by Acelin, and the liberation of Rome and the defeat, in single combat, of the giant Corsolt. In this fight, Corsolt cut off the tip of Guillaume’s nose, so accounting for his nickname, Short-nose.

Guillaume de Monclin  

European  

brother of Fromont

Guillem  

(see Laminak)

Guimazoa  

(see Attabeira)

Guimer  

British

son of Eliaures

a magician

a brother of Ban and Bors

Guinechen  

South American

a name of Epunamun as ‘master of men’

Guineche  

West Indian

home of the gods in Haiti

Guineva  

South American

a name of Epunamun as ‘master of the land’

Guinevere  

British

[Guinamor]  


-French Gifan(e)er:
-Welsh Tegau Eufron


Gwenour.Gwenemere.Wenhaver:

-Welsh Gwenn(h)wfar:
-Welsh Gwenn(h)wfar

daughter of King Leodegrance sister of Gogmag and Gwennwyach wife of King Arthur  

In some accounts she was the mother of Loholt. In Welsh stories, her father was Gogvron while other versions say he was King Garlin or even Vortigern. Others say she was a Roman, an orphan named Guanamara, reared by King Cador. In some accounts she was regarded as a triune goddess while others say there were two Guineveres, one good, one bad, the latter being able to take the real Guinevere’s place to do evil. Lanfal was the only man who realised that the False Guinevere had taken over from the real Guinevere at the wedding feast when she married King Arthur.

She brought the Round Table as part of her dowry when she married King Arthur.

In the Welsh version, she was once abducted by Meliagant but Arthur soon recovered her. In the British version, she and ten of her knights were captured by Meliagant, who loved her from afar, and imprisoned her in his castle. When Lancelot rode to her aid, Meliagant begged for mercy and the queen forgave him. She slept that night with Lancelot, with whom she had a long affair, and he left blood on the sheets from a wound on his hand sustained when he forced the window bars. Meliagant accused Guinevere of being unfaithful to the king by sleeping with one of her ten knights, many of whom had been wounded when he captured them. The queen was saved from the stake by Lancelot who escaped from a trap set for him by Meliagant and killed him in single combat even though he had one hand tied behind his back.

The affair with Lancelot was resumed when the Grail quest ended but when Lancelot tried to distance himself from her she became angry and banished him from the court. When she gave a dinner for twenty-four of her knights, she was accused by Mador of killing his cousin Patrice who died after eating an apple poisoned by Pinel and intended for Gawain. She would have been burnt at the stake unless her innocence could be proved by single combat and the king ordered Bors to fight on her behalf against Mador. At the last minute, Lancelot took the place of Bors and defeated Mador who then accepted that the queen was innocent. When Arthur went off on a hunting trip, she was caught in bed with Lancelot by Mordred and Agravain who betrayed her affair with Lancelot to the king. He ordered Gawain to burn her at the stake but he refused to do so. Gawain’s brothers, Gaheris and Gareth, had to obey the king’s command but
when the queen was led to the pyre, Lancelot charged into the crowd and rescued her, killing Gaberis and Gareth and many others in the process. Lancelot took her off to Joyous Gard and Arthur attacked this castle to recover her. The conflict was ended only when the Pope intervened and Guinevere was returned to Arthur who pledged her safety. Lancelot took himself and many of his followers off to his estates in France where he was later followed by Arthur’s army, intent on revenge. Mordred was left in charge of the country and he soon had designs on Guinevere. In some stories she became his mistress, in others she went through a form of marriage with him; still other versions say she merely pretended to yield and then left him, shutting herself away in the Tower of London.

On the death of Arthur she retired to a convent in Amesbury and refused to leave despite the pleas of Lancelot to return with him to France. She died in the convent soon afterwards. Other stories say that she joined Arthur in Avalon or was captured by the Picts. Yet another version says that she was killed by Lancelot who believed that she had been a willing accomplice of Mordred. He shut Mordred in a room she had been a willing accomplice of Mordred. He shut Mordred in a room and many others in the process. Guinevere was returned to Arthur who had killed his father; they were later reconciled.

Guiron British
father of Caliain by Bloie
His lover, Bloie, was carried off by Danain but Guiron forgave him. He eventually became a hermit and died in a cave.

Guiscard (see Guichard)

Guichart (see Guichard)

Guitechin (see Widukind)

Guiteclin (see Widukind)

Guithelin British
a monk
He was sent to Brittany to offer Britain to the king, Aldroen, if he would send an army to defend it against invading forces. The king sent his brother Constantinus who became king of Britain.

Guji Japanese
a chief priest

Gujo Afghan
a local god of the Kafir

Gukamatz (see Gucumatz)

Gukumatz (see Gucumatz)

Gul Irish
[Gulaidhe]
a satirist
father of Saba
He entertained the king, Feidhlimid, when he was caught in a snowstorm. He turned into a snake and bit her when she took Bulugu, a watersnake-man as her lover.

Gulban (see Ben Bulben)

Gulbhlan (see Ben Bulben)

Gulf of Black Grief Norse
the berth, in Niflheim, of Naglfari, the ship of death

Guli African
a Hottentot hunter who killed the Sun-ram
He shot the ram and cut off some of the flesh. When he found that all water sources had dried up he replaced the flesh and prayed. The god revived and the water supplies were restored.

Gullbra Norse
a princess
daughter of Visivald
sister of Soley
half-sister of Hiarandi
Her half-brother locked her up in a fortress and killed all who came seeking her hand, cutting off their heads and putting them on poles to deter others.

Gullfasi Norse
the horse of Hrungrir
When Thor killed Hrungnir in a duel he acquired this golden-maned horse and gave it to his son Magni.

Gullfasi (see Gullfasi)

Gullinbursti Norse
[Gollinbursti]
a boar with a golden pelt which pulled Frey’s car
This marvellous animal was made by Sindi and presented to Frey by Broc. (see also Shidrugtanin)

Gullinkambi Norse
Vithaf(i)nir.Vithofnir]
the cockerel in Midgard that will wake the gods at Ragnarok
This bird sits on the topmost branch of the great tree, Yggdrasil. (see also Vedfolnir)

Gullintani Norse
a name of Heimdall as ‘golden-toothed’

Gulltop Norse
[Gulltoppr]
the golden-maned horse of Heimdall

Gulltoppr (see Gulltop)

Gullveig (see Gollveig)

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Gulsilia Mata Hindu
an evil goddess causing illness

Gulu African
the creator-god of the Buganda father of Kaizuki, Nimba and Walumbe
North American gunroo

a reward for cutting open their eyes so

Cormorant People who were blind. As

bottom of the ocean where he met the

whale, Gunarhnsengyet dived to the

When his wife was abducted by the

rejection and bought what was left of

but there was no game to be found.

Meanwhile the king fell ill and was

and wept at the beauty of the poem.

game animals gathered round the fire

so he tore it into small pieces and fed

Satavahana, to whom it was addressed,

Hindu guna

a strong principle of nature

The transmigration of souls is
governed by three gunas – raja, sattva
tamas.

guna-guna

in Indonesia, witchcraft and magic

Gunadhya

a poet

A poem, written in Gunadhya's own
blood, was rejected by the king,
Satavahana, to whom it was addressed,
so he tore it into small pieces and fed
them one by one into the fire. All the
game animals gathered round the fire
and wept at the beauty of the poem.
Meanwhile the king fell ill and was
told to eat game to cure his illness –
but there was no game to be found.
The king hurriedly retracted his
rejection and bought what was left of
the poem.

Gunapipip

(see Kunapipi)

Gunnar

North American

in the lore of the tribes of the north-
west, an animal spirit in the form of
a killer-whale

Gunnarhnesenyet

(see Gunnarhnsengyet)

Gunnarhnsengyet

North American

a hunter of the killer-whale, Gunnar

When his wife was abducted by the
whale, Gunnarhsengyet dived to the
bottom of the ocean where he met the
Cormorant People who were blind. As
a reward for cutting open their eyes so
that they could see, they told him

where to find his wife. Outside
Gunnarh's house, Gunnarhnsengyet met
a woodman and repaired the wedge he
used for splitting logs. The woodman
helped by taking pails of water into the
house which, when tipped on to the
hot hearth-stones, caused so much
steam that Gunnarhnsengyet's wife was
able to escape. To stop the killer
whales from following, Gunnarhnsengyet
blew a magic potion over Gunnarh who
swelled so much that he blocked the
door, preventing the others from
going out.

Gunasarman

Hindu

owner of a magic eye-lotion which
could make him disappear

Gundari-myoo

Japanese

[Amita Kandalin.Amitra Kundika.
Kanro Gundari.Kongo Gundari.
Nampo Gundari Nasha.Renge Gundari]

a terrible god

He is regarded as a manifestation of
Hosho and is depicted with three eyes,
large fangs, eight arms and serpents
twined round his limbs.

Gundebald

British

ruler of a mysterious kingdom

Despite the fact that his realm was
referred to as one from which nobody
ever returned, Meriadoc was able to
rescue a German princess held there
by Gundebald.

Gundestrup bowl

Norse

a 1st c bowl, silver-plate on copper,
decorated with gods and scenes
from mythology

Gundicarius

(see Gunnar)

gundil

Australasian

witch-doctors of the Aborigines

Rain, falling where the rainbow ends,
is said to turn into crystals and those
who have these crystals in their bodies
can become gundil.

Gunduple

East Indian

a cat

This animal was owned by a lame
boy in Borneo whose job it was to see that
the children of the village passed safely
to and from school. The evil goblin,
Pasang, managed to carry off some of
the children so the boy warned the
others to trust nothing – only the mice.
Pasang overheard this conversation –
as intended – and promptly turned
himself into a mouse. He was then
quickly despatched by Gunduple.

Guneus

Greek

father of Laonome

Gunger

(see Gungnir)

Gungner

(see Gungnir)

Gungnir

Norse

the spear of Odin

In some accounts, this marvellous
weapon was made by the dwarf Dvalin
and presented to Odin by Loki; in
others, Odin fashioned it himself from
a branch of Yggdrasil and a blade was
later added by the dwarfs. When
thrown it had the power to determine
the outcome of the battle by the
direction of its flight.

In some accounts, it is referred to as
the sword of Odin.

Gunkamdeva

Hindu

a king who conquered the Nagas

The defeated Nagas each gave the
victor a likeness of himself drawn in
his blood, telling the king that worship
of the pictures would bring rain in
times of drought.

Gunlad

(see Gunlod)

Gunlauth

(see Gunlod)

Gunlod

Norse

[Gunlad.Gun(l)auth.Gun(l)od]
daughter of the giant Suttung
mother of Bragi by Odin

She was entrusted with the three
containers of the magic brew made by
the dwarfs Fialar and Galar from the
blood of the sage Kvasir whom they
had killed to obtain his knowledge.
She concealed it in the middle of a
mountain but Odin knew about it
from his ravens. Having gained access
to the cave with the help of Baugi,
Suttung’s brother, Odin seduced
Gunlod and, asking for a sip of the
fluid, drank it all. In the guise of an
eagle, he flew back to Asgard where he
regurgitated the magical brew which
endowed the drinker with the powers
of music and poetry.

The product of Odin’s dalliance with
Gunlod was the god Bragi.

Gunna

Scotland

spirits that search for scraps of food
such as bones

Gunnar

Norse

[Gun(a)dicarius.Gunnar:
=German Gunther]

king of the Giukungs
son of Giuki and Grimhild
brother of Gudrun, Gutterm and Hogni
husband of Brunhild and Glamvor

When Sigurd married Gunnar’s sister
Gudrun, Gunnar and his brother
Hogni became his blood-brothers.
Gunnar succeeded his father Giuki
to the throne and wished to make Brunhild
his queen but lacked the courage to
face the wall of flames that surrounded her castle. Sigmund, who had already braved the flames before meeting Gunnar and Gudrun, assumed the form of Gunnar with the help of a magic potion brewed by his mother, and rode through the flames again, spending three days with Brunhild. When she married Gunnar ten days later, she realised that she had been deceived and that she still loved Sigurd who had been the first to ride through the flames so, after quarrelling with Gudrun, she asked her husband to kill Sigurd. Bound by blood-ties, Gunnar could not do such a thing but his younger brother Guttorm speared Sigurd in the back, killing him but dying in the attempt from Sigurd’s thrown sword. After Brunhild died in the flames of Sigurd’s funeral pyre, Gunnar married Glaumvor.

In some versions, he and Hagen ambushed Walther von Wasgenstein and Hildegrinde but had one hand and one foot cut off in the fight.

**Gunnar Helmingr**

a Norwegian who offended the king
He fled to Sweden to escape the wrath of King Olaf and went on an annual procession in which Frey blessed the land. Many abandoned the god in a blizzard but Gunnar stayed. In a fight with Frey, Gunnar prayed to the Christian god and Frey was defeated. He took Frey’s place and was well received by the people. He married a priestess of Frey’s temple and, reconciled with Olaf, returned to Norway.

**Gunnar Lambason**

one of the men in Flóki’s force
attacking the Njálssons
husband of Hallgerda
Gunnar was killed by Skarp-Hedin, Njal’s son, who hurled at him the jawbone which, years before, he had cut from the head of Thrain whom he had killed, an event which started the feud between the Sigfussens and the Njálssons.

**Gunnarr**

(see Gunnar)

**Gunnlaug**

(see Gunlod)

**Gunnlod**

(see Gunlod)

**Gunnodoyak**

(see Gunnodoyak)

**Gunnodoyak**

North American

[Gunmodoyah] an Iroquois warrior
He was a mortal who was taken to heaven and instructed in the arts of war by Hinun. He fought the Great Lake Serpent but was swallowed by it. Hinun killed the snake and rescued Gunnodoyak, restoring him to life and taking him back to heaven.

**Gunthra**

Norse
a river in Niflheim
one of the 12 rivers known as Elivagar

**Gunphar**

British
a king of Orkney
He was one of the rulers who, impressed by King Arthur’s might, submitted to his sovereignty.

**Gunter**

British
a king of Denmark
When he refused to pay tribute to King Arthur he was killed.

**Gunthari**

(see Gunther *)

**Gunther**

German
[Gunthari,King of Worms>Norse Gunnar] the name of Gunnar in the Nibelungenlied
son of Dankrat and Ute
brother of Gernot, Giselher and Krimhild
husband of Brunhild
father of Siegfried
He became king of Burgundy on the death of his father and, with Siegfried’s help, won the hand of Brunhild. He invited Siegfried, who had married his sister Krimhild, to visit his court where Krimhild and Brunhild had a furious quarrel. Gunther was later induced by Hagen, who plotted to avenge the insult to Brunhild, to invite Siegfried’s help in an alleged invasion. Hagen used the opportunity to kill Siegfried.

His sister, Krimhild, then married Etzel and they invited Gunther and his nobles to visit their court. Here Krimhild, intent on vengeance against Hagen, bribed her husband’s brother, Brodelin, to kill the party. Gunther and Hagen were taken alive, all the rest were slain. Krimhild had Gunther, her own brother, beheaded and used his severed head to try to force Hagen to reveal where in the Rhine he had hidden the Nibelung treasure. When he refused to tell her, she killed him.

Another story says that his father was Ghibich, king of Burgundy, who surrendered when Attila’s hordes swept all but them, giving the Hun a tribute of gold and the young noble, Hagen, as a hostage in place of his own son, Gunther (here, Gunthari), who was just a baby at the time. In later years, Hagen escaped from Attila’s court and returned to Burgundy to join Gunther who became king on the death of his father. Later still, Walther and his lover Hildegunde, two other hostages at Attila’s court, escaped with much treasure and Gunther and Hagen set out to kill the fugitives and seize the treasure. In the event, Walther killed all the warriors Gunther sent against him and finally Gunther and Hagen did battle with Walther. Gunther lost a leg and Hagen lost an eye but they became reconciled with Walther who had had his right hand cut off in the fight.

**Gunther**

German
son of Siegfried and Krimhild

**Gunthiof**

Norse
son of Frithiof and Ingeborg

**Gurhyr**

(see Gwri)

**Gunvasius**

(see Guynas)

**Gurta, Abhinava**

Hindu
a 10th c sage
He was said to be a miracle-worker, an incarnation of Shiva, and was the author of many works on yoga and Tantrism. He and some 1,200 of his followers entered a cave and disappeared forever.

**Gur-Gyi Mgon-Po**

Tibetan
a Buddhist god of tents
a form of Mahakala

**Gur-nu-gi-a**

(see Kur-nu-gi-a)

**Guracy**

(see Guaracy)

**Gurdr**

(see Gudrun)

**Gurgiant Brabtruc**

(see Gurgustius)

**Gurgurant**

British
a cannibal king
He became a convert to Christianity and took the name Archier, becoming a hermit.

**Gurgintius**

(see Gurgustius)

**Gurgustius**

British
[Gurgiant Brabuckland,Gurgintius] a king of Britain
son of Rivallo

**Gurhyr**

(see Gwrhyr)

**Gurikhaisib**

African
the primaeval ancestor of the Hottentots

**Guriang Tunggal**

East Indian
a supreme god in Java
father of Guru Minda
husband of Ambu Dewi
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He could flatten any mountain merely by standing on top of it.

He was also a member of the party that accompanied Calhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Gwadyn Odyeith

(see Gwaddyn Oddieith)

Gwadyn Osol (see Gwaddyn Osol)

Gwaed (see Centre'r Gwaed)

Gwath Welsh

maid servant to Cyfwch

and Drwgddyddwg

Gwaethaf Oll Welsh

maid servant to Syfwch

and Llunddyddwg

Gwair (see Gweir.Gwydion)

Gwakko Japanese

[=Hindu Chandra]

a Shinto moon-deity

He is depicted as a yellow-bodied youth with long hair, seated on a lotus.

Gwal Welsh

Gwalchedaf (see Gwalchedaf)

Gwalchedaf Welsh


Hawk of Summer]

the Welsh name for Galahad

son of Lot and Gwyar

brother of Gwalfhai

Gwalgwyn Welsh

[White Hawk]

the Welsh name of Gwain

(see also Gwalphmai)

Gwalphmai Welsh


Hawk of May]

a hunter at King Arthur's court

son of Lot and Gwyar

brother of Mordred

a nephew of King Arthur

He made peace between Tristram and King Mark and accompanied Calhwch on his quest for the hand of Olwen. In later stories he is Gawain although others regard them as separate characters.

In some accounts, he is the son of Arthur by his own sister, Gwyar, and was reputed to know the nature of everything. (see also Gwalgwyn)

Gwalphmai (see Gwalchedaf)

Gwalchedaf (see Gwalchedaf)

Gwachmeky (see Gwalchedaf)

Gwawl Welsh

[Cbalu.Gbalu]

a rain-god of the Yoruba

a member of King Arthur's household, appearing in the story of Culhwch and Olwen

Gwarthbedydd Welsh

a warrior and counsellor at King Arthur's court

son of Caw

He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Gwastad Welsh

[Gwested]

father of Gwefyll

Gwau Meo Pacific Islands

a culture-hero of the Solomon Islands

brother of Gwau Meo

These two heroes, known as the Red Heads, were regarded as children of the sun and were credited with slaying many monsters and bringing food, magic and other benefits to their people.

They were said to have led a band of their followers by sea to inhabit the Solomon Islands and are now worshipped as war-spirits.

Gwawl Welsh


Prince of Sun]

a former suitor of Rhiannon

son of Clud

At the wedding of Pwyll and Rhiannon he asked a favour which Pwyll granted. He claimed Rhiannon. She agreed to be his one year hence. At the feast to celebrate that event, Pwyll appeared as a beggar and asked Gwawl to put food in his bag. When Gwawl tried to stamp it down he was trapped in the bag and agreed to give up Rhiannon as a condition of being released.

Gwawl1 Welsh


daughter of Coel and Stradwawel]

wife of Cunedda, in some accounts

Gweddw Welsh

owner of the horse Gwyn Dunmane

Ysbadadden required Culhwch to stamp it down he was trapped in the bag and agreed to give up Rhiannon as a condition of being released.

Gweir Welsh

[Gweir]

a warrior at King Arthur's court

son of Gwastad

When he was sad, his bottom lip drooped to his midriff and his upper lip covered his head.

He was also a member of the party that accompanied Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Gweir British

[Gweir]

a counsellor of King Arthur

son of Gwestyl

Gweir Enwir British

[Gweir]

an uncle of King Arthur

Gweir Hir British

[Gweir]

an uncle of King Arthur

Gwen British

[Gwynn.Llen Arthur.Mantle of Invisibility]

a cloak or veil of King Arthur

This garment, said to make the wearer invisible, was one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin. It could be worn only by women who were faithful to their husbands, which excluded Guinevere.

Some say it is the same as Mantell.

Gwen British

[Gwynn]

dughter of Cunedda

Gwen Irish

[Gueiner]

goddess of smiles

sister of Jou and Sadurn

Gwen Welsh

[Gwenn.The White Swan]

daughter of Cywyr

wife of Anladdwdd

mother of Goleuddydd, Igraine

and Reingulled

She was said to be one of the most beautiful maidens in the country.

Gwenbais (see Gwenbais)

Gwenddolau British

[Gwenddolau]

a prince

Merlin's lord

He owned a gold gwyddbwyll board which became one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin. He also had some magical birds which were yoked together and lived on corpses. These birds were killed by Gall.

He fought Rydderch and his cousins, Gwrigi and Peredur, at the Battle of Arthuret and was killed there by Rydderch.

Gwenddolau (see Gwenddolau)

Gwendolen British

[Gwendoloo]

daughter of Corineus

wife of Locrinus

mother of Maddan

Her husband had a secret mistress, Estrildis, by whom he had a daughter, Hebre. When he deserted Gwendolen in favour of Estrildis, she raised an army in Cornwall, fought and killed Locrinus, threw Estrildis and Hebre into the Severn and took over the throne of England. Some say that
she buried Estrildis alive. She later abdicated in favour of her son Maddan.

**Gwendoloena** [British]

- a fairy
- mother of Gyneth by King Arthur

**Gwendolina** (see Gwendoloena)

**Gwendoenoa** [British]

- a flower-maiden
- wife of Merlin, in Italian romances

Some say that Merlin divorced her and she later married Rhydderch.

(see also Gwendyydd)

**Gwendyydd** [British]

- a twin-sister of Merlin
- wife of Rhydderch, in some accounts

(see also Gwendoloena)

**Gwengasoin** [British]

- a giant
- the killer of Raguidel
- father of Belinethe

He had a bear to guard him against the prediction that he would be killed by two knights. These turned out to be Gawain and Yder who killed him to avenge the death of Raguidel.

**Gwenhwyfach** [British]

- a sister of Guinevere

In some accounts, she was the wife of Mordred and the Battle of Camlann resulted from her striking the queen.

**Gwenhwyfar** [Welsh]

(see Gwenhwyfach)

**Gwenhwyfar** [Welsh]

(see Gwenhwyfach)

- a beautiful maiden (see also Gwen)

**Gwenloie** [British]

- wife of Yder

**Gwenlon** [British]

- a knight at the court of King Mark

He was one of a trio of knights who spied on Tristram and Isolde and informed King Mark of his wife's infidelity.

**Gwenn** (see Gwen)

**Gwennere1** [Irish]

- daughter of Ryon

**Gwennere2** (see Guinevere)

**Gwenwynwyn** [British]

- the chief warrior at King Arthur's court

**Gwern** [Irish]

- a prince of Ireland
- son of Matholwch and Branwen

When Bran invaded Ireland to rescue his sister, Branwen, from Matholwch, the Irish king surrendered without a fight and agreed to hand the throne to his three-year-old son, Gwern. Efinsen killed the boy by pushing him into the fire, precipitating the battle between the two sides that left all the Irish, and all but seven of the British, dead.

(see also Gwern)

**Gwenhwyfar** [Welsh]

(see Gwenhwyfach)

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**Gwenhwyvar** [Welsh]

(see Gwenhwyfach)

**Gwenhwyvar** [Welsh]

(see Gwenhwyfach)

**Gwenhwyvar** [Welsh]

(see Gwenhwyfach)

**Gwenllyd** [Welsh]

(see Gwyrthyn)
He went on the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth and was killed by the young boar Lwydawg.

Gwrgi

British
cousin of Gweddolau
He and Peredur fought with Gweddolau against Rhydderch at the Battle of Arthur's Battle of Arthur's

Gwrther Gwalstwrt

Welsh
a warrior at the court of King Arthur, an interpreter
He was said to be able to talk to the birds and animals and was sent to accompany Culhwch on his quest for the hand of Olwen.

In some accounts he was a magician and could change into a bird; others say he was a Knight of the Round Table.

Gwrw

Welsh
the name first given to Pryderi by the couple who found him after he had been abandoned

Gwrnach

British
[Gwernach.Wrnach.Wrynach] a giant
In some accounts, he was the owner of a magic sword, Dyrnwyn, that Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Kay got his hands on the sword on the pretext of polishing it and used it to decapitate Gwrnach.

Gwrwan (see Gwfan)

Gwrwafr

British
an ancestor of King Arthur

Gwirtheurn

Welsh
the Welsh name for Vortigern

Gwyar1

Welsh
[Gore]
a war-goddess

Gwyar2

Welsh
[Gore]
wife of Lot
mother of Dioneta and Gwalchmai
In some accounts, she was the sister of King Arthur, mother of Gwalchmai by Arthur and mother of Hoel by Ymer.

Originally Gwyar was regarded as the father of Gwalchmai, latterly as his mother. (see also Anna)

Gwyddawg

British
son of Menestyr father of Arawyl
He killed Kay and was himself killed by King Arthur.

gwyddbwyll

Welsh
[=Irish fidchell] a board game played by gods and mortals

In the story of Rhonabwy's dream, King Arthur was playing this game against Owain.

Gwyddeu (see Gwyddno)

Gwyddno Garanhir

(see Gwyddno Garanhirtan)

Gwyddno Garanhirtan

Welsh
[Dewrarth,Gwyyddno Garanhir
Gwyddeu.Urien] king of Gwaelod a salmon-fisher father of Elphin
He and his son found and rescued the infant thrown into the sea by Ceridwen and raised him, calling him Taliesin.

Some say that he is the same as Gwyddno Longshanks and the hamper was a never-empty cauldron.

Gwyddno Longshanks

Welsh
[Gwyyddau Longshanks] ruler of Cantre'r Gwaelod, an undersea kingdom owner of a never-empty hamper, Mwyd Gwryddno
Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get this hamper as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Some say that he is the same as Gwyddno Garanhirtan.

Gwyddolwyn

Welsh
[Godolin.Gwyddolwyn] a dwarf owner of the bottles that kept liquids warm
Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get these bottles as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Gwyddre1

British
a gatekeeper of King Arthur's palace
He was said to be able to see in the dark.

Gwyddre2

British
son of Beli and Dôn brother of Aranrhod and Gilfaethwy father of Nwyre by Aranrhod

When his brother Gilfaethwy fell in love with Goewen, one of Math's footholders, he organised the battle necessary to get Math away from her. He did this by swapping some phantom horses for a herd of pigs owned by Pryderi and coveted by Math. When Pryderi discovered that the horses were merely a magician's illusion, he marched on Gwynedd.

Gwyddeu Longshanks =Irish Ogma: [Gwair.Gwydyon=Irish Ogma: =Roman Ogmios]
a magician and war-god nephew and deputy for Math, king of Gwynedd son of Beli and Dôn brother of Aranrhod and Gilfaethwy father of Nwyre by Aranrhod

While Math was away at war, Gilfaethwy seduced Goewen who was dismissed from her post when Math returned. Gwydion tried to have Aranrhod appointed in her place but, when tested for virginity by Math's magic wand, she produced a baby, Dylan. Gwydion collected in a handkerchief a drop of blood that appeared at the same time and put it in a chest. It developed into another baby, the boy Llew, who was raised by Gwydion as his own. Math punished Gwydion and Gilfaethwy by turning them successively into male and female deer, pigs and wolves. In each form they produced offspring and in these forms he was the 'father' of Hyddwn as a deer, Hychdwn as a pig and Bleidwn as a wolf. Math changed all these young animals into boys and later restored both Gwydion and Gilfaethwy to human form.

In some versions there was a third child of Aranrhod, all fathered by Gwydion.

He is said to have led the forces that fought the Battle of Goded against the forces of Arawn.

In some accounts, he created Taliesin.

Gwydion1

Welsh
[Godwion] a herdsman for the tribe of Gwynedd
Gwydolwyn (see Gwyddolwyn)

Gwydion2

British
an illegitimate son of King Arthur
He was killed when a member of the party hunting the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Gwydron

Welsh
[Gwyddion] a mana for the tribe of Gwynnedd

Gwyglet

Welsh
a warrior-hero

Gyl

British
a mistress of King Arthur
daughter of Gendawd
Gwy Awst (see Calan Awst) gwyllion

Welsh
mischievous spirits: cruel fairies
These spirits are said to appear in the form of ugly females, sometimes seen as goats.

Gwyn1

Welsh
[Gwyn ap Nudd=British Herne] king of the fairies, lord of the dead son of Lludd brother of Gwythyr, some say
Some say he is Arawn, king of the underworld, who left the underworld to become king of the fairies. Others say that King Arthur made him king of the underworld.

He carried off Creiddylad who had been promised to Gwythyr who then raised an army and attacked Gwyn. Gwyn won the battle, taking many prisoners and killing Nwython, forcing Nwython's son Cyledyr to eat his father's heart. King Arthur intervened to make peace between Gwyn and Gwythyr, decreeing that Creiddylad should be returned to her father, Lludd, and that the two suitors for her hand should fight each other every May Day until the end of time, the final winner to take the woman.

Some say that he was also a member of the party that accompanied Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen. In some accounts, he is given as Creiddylad's brother, in others he is equated with Gwyn, son of Tringad. (see also Gwynas.Gwyn²)

Gwyn² a warrior at King Arthur’s court
son of Tringad
Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to obtain the help of Gwyn, riding his horse Du, in the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth. He was killed by the boar during the hunt.

In some accounts he is equated with Gwyn ap Nudd.

Gwyn Dunmane [Gwyn(n) Mygddown] the horse of Gweddw
Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get this animal for use in the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Gwyn Gloy (see Gwyn Gohoyw) [Gwynn Gloy(w)] father of Cifga
Gwyn Hen [Gwyn the Old] father of Heilyn
Gwyn Llogell Gwyr an elder at King Arthur’s court
Gwyn Mygddwn (see Gwyn Dunmane) Gwyn Mygddwn (see Gwyn Dunmane) Gwyn the Old (see Gwyn Hen) Gwynyngelli [Gwyn Mygddwn] a warrior and companion of King Arthur
When the boar Twrch Trwyth was brought to bay in the Severn, Gwynyngelli grabbed him by the feet and dragged him under the water.

Gwynhwen (see Guinevere)
Gwynn ap Nudd (see Gwyn²) Gwynn Gloy (see Gwyn Gohoyw)
Gwynn Gloyw (see Gwyn Gohoyw) Gwynn Mygddwn
(see Gwyn Dun Mane) Gwynn Mygddwn
(see Gwyn Dun Mane)
Gwynyllyn (see Gwynnlim)
Gwynnlim [Gwynyllyn]
king of Gwynyllig
father of St Cadoc
He abducted St Gwladys and was helped by King Arthur to escape the pursuing Brychan, her father.

Gwri Gwäll-curen a Welsh hero, an early version of Gawain
G wys a young boar
offspring of Twrch Trwyth
Gwythyr [Gwyn Mygddwn] son of Greidwl
brother of Gwyn ap Nudd, some say
Gwyn carried off Creiddylad, the intended bride of Gwythyr, who raised an army to recover her but was defeated in battle. King Arthur intervened, making peace between them and decreeing that Creiddylad should be returned to her father, Lludd, and that the two suitors for her hand should fight each other every May Day until the end of time, the final winner to take the woman.

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Gyalin a form of prayer-flag (see also da-cha)
Gyalin king of the realm of demi-gods
Gyas (see Gygges) gydja Norse
an Icelandic priestess
Gyes (see Gygges)
Gynwedid, Llasar Llaes (see Llasar)
Gyngantioen (see Gwengasain)
Gyges² Greek
[Gyas.Gyes] one of the Hundred-handed ones
son of Uranus and Gaia
brother of Briaræus and Cottus
He was killed by Heracles in the battle between the gods and the giants.

Gyges² Greek
[Gyes] a shepherd who became king of Lydia
He found a horse made of brass hidden in a crack in the earth and opened it. Inside was the body of a giant wearing a magic ring. Gyges took the ring, which conferred invisibility on the wearer, and used it to gain access to the king's palace where he killed the king, Candaules, and seduced his wife.

Another story says that Candaules forced his wife to appear naked before Gyges so that he could admire her beauty. This so enraged the queen that she persuaded Gyges to kill her husband and then married his killer:
gygr the female version of jotun (giant)
Gyfro-ginning [The Deluding of Gylfi] a story from the Younger Edda of Gylfi's visit to Odin’s palace
Gylfe (see Gylfi) Gylfi Norse
king of Sweden
When he made the journey to the palace of Odin, disguised as the old man Gangleri, to find out about the gods, he was mystified by the three deities Har, Iafn-Har and Thridi, and the gatekeeper, Gangler, who related the Norse myths and then disappeared, together with the palace.

In another version, Gangler is the king of Sweden, the myths are related to him by the three mysterious gods and the gatekeeper is not named.

Gyli Norse
[Gyllir] a horse of the gods
Gyllir (see Guylli) Gynmer (see Gymir)
Gymir¹ Norse
[Gymir] a sea-giant
a shepherd of Gollweig
son of Aegir and Ran
father of Beli and Gerda
brother of Mimir (see also Gymir²)
Gymir² Norse
[Gymir] a name of Aegir as ‘concealer’
In some accounts, the same as Gymi the sea-giant.

Gyneth British
daughter of King Arthur by Gwendolen
Merlin put her under a spell from which she was wakened by Roland de Vaux.
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**gyromancy**

*a form of divination*

In this system, a participant walks round and round in a circle until he becomes dizzy and falls over. Prophecy is based on the direction towards which the person falls.

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*a ghost haunting byways: the spirit of a horse, mule or dog*

In some accounts, this is the same as the bargast.

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*a form of lie-detector*

An accused person swears on oath, using a white paper bearing the rough outline of a crow or raven, which is then burnt. The accused then swallows the ashes and, if he lied, he will be devoured by the gyu-O.
H  **Central American**

a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god H

This deity seems to be connected with the serpent.

Ha'  **Chinese**

[Ch'en Chi. The Blower]

a general who was deified as a door-god

Ha was originally Ch'en Chi, a marshal at the court of the emperor Chou Wang.

He and Hang did a service for the magician Tu O who rewarded Ha with the power to breathe out poison gas. He met Hang, who could project fatal rays from his nostrils and who had defected to the opposing army, in battle and was killed.

He was made one of Buddha’s guards in heaven when he died.

He is sometimes equated with Chin-kang and he and Hang together are referred to as Hang Ha Erh Chiang.

Ha'  **Egyptian**

a guardian god of the desert Lord of the Libyans

(see also Hah)

ha'  **Egyptian**

an entity not dependent on the physical body, one of the 5 elements comprising the complete being

Ha-loa  **Pacific Islands**

second child of Wakea

He was the ancestral founder of the Hawaiian people by his own daughter Ho'ohoku-ka-lani.

Ha-nui-o-rangi  **North American**

(see Hanui-o-rangi)

a supreme god of the Iroquois

Ha-mori  **Japanese**

a guardian god of the leaves of trees

Ha-Yama-to  **Japanese**

consort of O-Ge-Tsu-Hime father of Wake-Sa-ne-me and Waka-toshi

haab  **Central American**

the Mayan solar year (see also time)

Haagenti  **Japanese**

(see Hagenti)

Haapi  **Japanese**

(see Hapy)

Haatan  **European**

a demon said to hide treasure

Habbitar-Rumanii  **African**

a blind man

He found seven doves, one of which was blind. One of the other doves found a magic herb that cured their blindness and they all lived together in the Castle of Light.

Habeg  **Korean**

Lord of the River father of Yuhwa

When Yuhwa became pregnant by Hemosu, Habeg turned her out of the house.

Habergeis  **European**

in the Tyrol, an evil bird

The cry of this bird, an instrument of the devil, portends death and anybody who imitates it is torn to pieces.

Habotchkilawetha  **North American**

['oat goat']

a spirit of vegetation (see also field spirit)

Habonde  **European**

[-Norse Fulla]

a Danish goddess of abundance

Habondia  **European**

a queen of spirits, witches, etc.

Haborim  **(see Aini)**

(see Aini)

Habren  **British**

[Hebren, Sabra, Sabre, Sabrina]

daughter of Locrinus and Estrildis

Locrinus, married to Gwendolen, fell in love with the German prisoner Estrildis and fathered on her a daughter named Habren (or Sabra or Sabrina) or, in some versions, a son named Hebrew. When Locrinus finally rejected Gwendolen and married Estrildis, Gwendolen fled to her son Maddan in Cornwall and they raised an army which fought and defeated Locrinus who was killed in the battle. Gwendolen took over as queen and defeated Estrildis, and Habren and Estrildis and Habren thrown into the river Severn. In some versions, Estrildis was buried alive.

Habrok  **Norse**

the hawk owned by the Danish king Hrolf Kraki
This bird was once put in a cage with thirty Swedish hawks which were supposed to kill Habrok. Instead, Habrok killed all of them.

Habrok

A name for Odin who helped him in some of his battles.

Haddur

A Hungarian deity, light personified.

Hadurg

A Navaho destroyer-god. One of the Yeibechi.

Hadum

A Navaho son of Persephone.

Haddayaosh

(see Hadhayos)

Haddayos


The beast carried people across the primeval waters that were known as Vourukasha.

Hadjagasso Shano

North American


This group purported to cure the sick by ritual dancing and the use of carved wooden masks or ‘faces’. They were assisted by the Gadjisa.

Hadir

(see Khadir)

Hadbunbrand

Norse

Son of Hildebrand and Ute.

He grew up while his father was away fighting alongside Dietrich and met him in battle, each not knowing the other. They finally recognised the relation and were reunited.

Hadui

North American

An Iroquois supernatural hunchback.

Although he was said to cause disease, he nevertheless passed on to losheka the secrets of medicines to cure diseases.

Haemon

(see European)

A Hungarian deity, light personified.

Haemon1

[Haemon] Son of Creon and Antigone.

When Antigone buried the body of Polyneices, killed at Thebes, against the orders of Creon the king, she was handed over to the king’s son, Haemon, with instructions to bury her alive. Instead, he married her and they had a son. He killed both himself and his wife when their son was sentenced to death by Creon.

In some accounts, Antigone, imprisoned in a cage, hanged herself and Haemon fell on his sword in despair.

Yet another story says that Haemon failed to answer the riddle of the Sphinx who carried him off and ate him.

Haemon2

[Haemon] Son of Andrémon and Dryope.

Father of Oxylos, some say.
When the body of a soldier was thrown up by the sea, he took the armour and weapons from the corpse and killed the griffins and the four of them were rescued by a passing ship, only to find themselves in the hands of Count Garadie, an old enemy of Hagen's father. Hagen threw most of the crew overboard and compelled Garadie to take him to his father's court where he discovered that his father had died. He took the throne and married Hilde who bore him a daughter, also called Hilde.

**Hagen**

[Amelrich.Hagan(o).Hagru:=Norse Hognu]

a Burgundian knight

brother of Dankwart

father of Aldrian and Hilda

In the *Völsung Cycle* he is Hogni.

In the *Nibelungenlied* he kills Siegfried and is himself killed by Krimhild. The story goes that, on a visit to Gunther's court, Gunther's sister, Krimhild, quarrelled with Siegfried and is himself killed by Krimhild. The story goes that, on a visit to Gunther's court, Gunther's sister, Krimhild, quarrelled with Siegfried and was killed by Hagen. The story goes that, on a visit to Gunther's court, Gunther's sister, Krimhild, quarrelled with Siegfried and was killed by Hagen. In the *Völsung Cycle* he is Hogni.

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Another story says that, as a young boy, Hagen (here, Hagano) was handed over as a hostage by the king, Gibich, together with a tribute of gold, when Attila (Etzel) threatened to overrun his kingdom, since the king's own son, Gunther, was just a baby at the time. At the Hun's court, Hagen met another hostage, Walther, and they became lifelong friends. A third hostage was Hildegunde with whom Walther was in love. The boys were schooled in the arts of war by Attila and became great warriors. Hagen escaped and returned to Burgundy where Gunther had become king on the death of his father. Later, Walther and Hildegunde also escaped, taking with them much of the Hun's treasure and Gunther insisted that he and Hagen should find the fugitives, kill them and seize the treasure. In the ensuing fights, Walther killed all the warriors sent against him and finally met the two leaders. Gunther lost a leg and Hagen lost an eye in the encounter but they nevertheless became reconciled with Walther whose right hand had been cut off in the engagement.

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Some versions say that he was the son of Krimhild and Alberich.

**Hagenit**

(see Hageni)

**Hagenith**

(see Hageni)

**Hagenti**

[Hagenti.Hagenit(h)]

da demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to have the power of transmutation and appears in the form of a bull with wings.

**Haggit**

[Haggit(h)]

one of the 7 Olympic Spirits

This being was said to rule the planet Venus and to have the power of transmutation of metals.
Haggith
(see Haggit)

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Hagnias
Greek
father of Tiphys, some say

Hagoromo
Buddhist
a teninn who visited earth and left her robe behind when she returned to paradise

Hagru
(see Hagen)

Hags of Doom
(see Amaite Aidgill)

Hags of Gloucester
British
9 witches

These appear in the story of Peredur at the Fortress of Marvels as the Witches of Caer Llyw, one of whom trained Peredur in the arts of war. They were killed by King Arthur and his war-band.

Ha
Egyptian
a god, eternity and infinity personified

His depicted holding up the heavens with his raised arms and holding a palm-frond.

Habah
a demon associated with royalty

Hababi
a demon of fear

Hahaiwugti
North American
[Hahaiwugti.Spider-woman]
a spirit of the Navaho spider-woman, Naste Estsan.

Hahana Ku
Central American
a Mayan messenger-god

Hahanu
Mesopotamian
a minor Sumerian god

Hahetlaok
(see Heitlik)

Hahgwehdaetgah
North American
a name used for Tawiscara, in some accounts
son of Atensic

Hahgwehdtigah
Mesopotamian
a Sumerian god of store-houses

Hai
Japanese
part of a shrine for the use of devotees

Haidi
North American
the spirit of disease

Ioskeha defeated Haidu and forced him to reveal the secrets of medicine which he then passed on to the tribes.

Haietlik
(see Heitlik)

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Haietlik
Pacific Islands
a Hawaiian thunder-god

Haili’laj
North American
a plague-god of the Haida Indians

Haimat
(see Haimavati)

Haima
Hindu
[Haimati.Snow Queen]
an epithet of Devi or Parvati, referring to her birth in the Himalayas

Haimon
(see Haemon)

Hainowele
East Indian
a female deity

She was born from a coconut. The men of the tribe killed her and cut her body into pieces which, when buried, produced the fruits of the earth.

Haiowatha
(see Hiawatha)

Hairy Chief
(see No’a-huruhi)

Hairy One, The
(see grucauch)

Hairuku
Japanese
a fisherman

He found a robe made of white feathers hanging on a tree. It turned out to belong to a moon-maiden who was bathing in the sea. When he gave it to her, she danced for him and then flew off to her home on the moon.

Haithne
Irish
[Four-angled Music.Oak of Two Greens] the Dagda’s harp

When it was stolen by the Fomoire, it flew off the wall where it had been hung, killed those who stole it and put the others to sleep with its music.

Haitsi-aibab
(see Heitsi-aibab)

Haiu
Egyptian
a serpent, night, which forever chased the moon

Haiwiri
African
a Hottentot demon

This being, resembling half a man sliced vertically, collected victims and took them down to the underworld.

Haiwa
Arab
the Arab name for Eve, wife of Adam

Hak
(see Hekt)

Haka
Arab
a name for the moon

Hakata
African
carved wooden sticks, plates or tablets used in divination

Hakawau
New Zealand
a Maori sorcerer

Hakim
African
brother of Azimu

When he threw a spear at Khadu, god deflected it so that it struck Hakim.

Hako
North American
a fertility rite of the Pawnees

This ceremony celebrates the creation of the world by Arius ‘Tirawa.

Hakon
Norse
an early king of Norway

Hakim
African
a warior-king
father of Thora

The Valkyries Gondul and Skogul selected this warrior to fall in battle as a valuable addition to the ranks of slain warriors in Valhalla.

Hakon
Norse
[Haakon.Haco(n).Hocken]
a rich merchant

Her parents promised the young Ketilrid to Hakon but she was in love with Viglund. Hoping to get rid of Viglund, Hakon, aided by Ketilrid’s
two brothers, laid an ambush for Viglund and his brother Trausti, both, of whom were wounded. It did Hakon no good – Ketilrid went through a form of marriage with her uncle, Ketil, and married Viglund when he later returned from overseas.

**Hakon**

Norse

[Haakon.Haco(n).Hocken]
a good king
He is due to take over after Ragnarok, in some accounts.

**Hakona Tipu**

Pacific Islands
the south wind (see also Tiu-uo Loa)

**Hala**

the ploughshare of Balarama
He used this ploughshare as his favourite weapon.

**Hala1**

Mesopotamian
[=Babylonian Gala]
a Kassite goddess of healing

**hala**

(see halak)

**Halach uinic**

Central American
Mayan judges of good and evil: a high caste status

**Halache**

a demon associated with sympathy

**Halabala**

Buddhist
a god of poison

**halabala**

Hindu
the poison regurgitated by the serpent Vasuki at the Churning of the Ocean
This poison was swallowed by Shiva who held it in his throat.

**halak**

Malay
[belian orang.hala]
a shaman
The halak is said to be able to diagnose illness using a magic crystal and to effect cures by untangling the roots of a shrub dug up by his assistant. Some say that the halak has the power to change into a tiger.

**Halak Ghimal**

Malay
a chinoi
This supernatural being sits on Mat Chinoi’s back and supervises the contents of his stomach.

**Halasa**

(see du’l Halasa)

**Halayudha**

Hindu
a name for Balarama reflecting his use of the ploughshare, Hala, as a weapon

**halcyon**

Greek
the kingfisher: the bird of Tethys

**Halecyone**

(see Alcyone)

**halda’wit**

North American
a witch of the Tsimshian tribe
These people keep a piece of a corpse in a box and use it to bewitch others, causing illness or even death. Should he kill somebody in this way, the witch himself will die unless he walks round the dead person’s house and crawls round his grave wearing the skin of some animal.

Any person observing the rites of a halda’wit must join the ranks or be killed.

**halde**

Baltic
a Lappish nature spirit

**Haldi**

Armenian
a guardian god
husband of Bagvarti

**halida**

(see halija)

**hale**

African
magic employed by the Mende

**Halesus**

Greek
son of Agamemnon

He was a bastard son of Agamemnon who escaped when his father, together with Cassandra and her twin sons, was murdered by Clytemnestra and her lover Aegisthus.

**Half Boys**

(see Split Boys)

**Halfdan**

Norse

[Healdene]
son of Belé
brother of Helgi and Ingeborg

After the death of their father, Halfdan and Helgi jointly ruled the kingdom of Sogn. When Sigurd Ring asked for the hand of Ingeborg, his sister, Halfdan made a joking remark that upset the old king of Ringric who then sent in his army. He and Helgi sent Hilding to persuade Frithiof to fight for them but, having been insulted by Helgi, refused to help. They then signed a treaty with the invading king, paid him an annual tribute and gave him Ingeborg in marriage. In later years, in one story, he made friends with Frithiof and gave him Ingeborg as his wife.

**Halfdan1**

Norse

[Healdene]
husband of Signe-Alveig

He captured Orvandil, his wife Groa and their son Svipdag. He then forced Orvandil (or Egil) to shoot an apple off the top of Svipdag’s head and fathered a son, Guðhorn, on Groa, his sister-in-law. He was later killed by Svipdag.

**Halfdan Svarti**

Norse

a 9th c king of Norway
He was cut into quarters, one for each of four districts.

**Hall of Two Truths**

(see Hall of Judgement)

**Hall of Judgement**

Egyptian
[a Hittite god of oaths
Hall of Judgement]

[Hall of Two Truths.Maany]

[=Hattic Kait]

a Hittite god of oaths

**Hall of Two Truths**

an Egyptian goddess

Hall of T wo Truths
the place in the underworld where the souls of the dead were judged by 42 judges

**Hall of Judgement**

Greek
a festival in honour of Helios, held in Rhodes

**Hallirbothus**

Greek
a water-god
son of Poseidon and Euryte
He abducted Alcipphe the daughter of Ares who pursued and killed him.

In another story, he was cutting down trees in a grove sacred to Athena when he accidentally struck himself with the axe and died.

**Halitherses**

Greek
a prophet
son of Mastor
He predicted the safe return of Odysseus.

**Halki**

Mesopotamian
a Hurrian corn-god

**Halkis**

Mesopotamian
[=Hattic Kait]
a Hittite god of oaths

**Hall of Judgement**

[Hall of Two Truths.Maany]

in the place in the underworld where the souls of the dead were judged by 42 judges

**Hallows**

emblems or symbols of power or veneration

Many cultures have collections of such objects, a modern example of which are the British Crown Jewels. Earlier collections are the Thirteen Treasures of Britain and an Irish collection which includes the Lia Fail, the spear of Lugh, the sword of Nuada and the cauldron of the Dagda.

In magic, the four elements are the pentacle, the cup, the spear and the sword.
Arthurián lore lists the Holy Grail, the Grail Sword, the spear which struck the Dolorous Blow and a dish for the head of the guardian of the Grail. (see also Treasures of Britain)

**Halmus** (see Almus)

a festival in honour of Demeter, Dionysus or Poseidon

**Halocris** (see Horus the Elder)

**Halogaland** Norse

a name for Norway under the rule of Håkon

**Haloge** Norse

a name of Loki as ruler of northern Norway

He was said to have two daughters carried off by husbands to nearby islands. One of these couples on Bornholm produced a son, Viking.

**Halpas** (see Halphas)

a demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This being is said to provoke wars and appears in the form of a stork or a dove.

**halita** (see haltia)

**haltia** Finnsib

[halda haltia ort urt]

a guardian spirit: the soul or spirit immanent in all things

(see also varjohaltija)

**halulu** Pacific Islands

a ghost: the soul of a dead person

**Halys** Greek

a river-god of Asia Minor

**Ham**1 African

[=Swahili Hamu]

son of Noah

He was turned black as punishment for disobeying his father's order not to have intercourse with his wife during their time in the Ark. He became king of Egypt and his sons were the progenitors of the African tribes.

**Ham**2 Irish

son of Noah

He is regarded as a progenitor of the Fomoire.

**Ham**3 Norse

a witch

sister of Heid

She and Heid were used by Helgé to cause a storm that nearly wrecked Frithiof's ship en route to the Orkneys. She was killed when the ship ran down the whale on which she and Heid were riding.

In other accounts, the two witches were called Thorgrim and Thordor.

**Hama** (see Heimdall)

**hamadryad** [plur-hamadryades]

tree nymph who lived and died

with the tree for which she

was responsible (see also dryad)

**Hanguchi** Japanese

a farmer who was deified as the god of agriculture

**Hamal** (see Al Hamal)

**Hamaliel**

a demon, ruler of the Zodiacal sign Virgo, the virgin (see also Schaltiel)

**Hamavehe** Roman

3 Celtic mother-goddesses of Germany

**hamaya** Japanese

arrows used at New Year as good-luck charms

**Hambarus** Armenian

spirits of deserted places

**Hambe** Japanese

a gardener

A noble gave him money to be allowed to transplant an ancient plum tree from Hambéi's garden but Hambéi sent the money back when Sumono, the spirit of the tree, wept. The angry noble slashed at Hambéi with his sword but succeeded only in cutting off a branch of the plum tree which fell on his head. The weakened tree died soon afterwards and the noble's father died at the same time.

**Hamdir** Norse

son of Jonakur and Gudrun

brother of Erp and Sorli

In one version of the story of Gudrun and Atli, Gudrun survived an attempted suicide by drowning and married King Jonakur by whom she had three more sons, Erp, Hamdir and Sorli.

When her daughter Swanhild was killed by Ermenrich, Gudrun ordered her three sons to avenge her daughter's death. En route, Hamdir and Sorli killed their younger brother thinking he too young to be involved in such an enterprise. When they found the king, they cut off his hands and feet. Only the intervention of Odin stopped them from killing the king and both of the brothers were stoned to death, on the orders of Odin, by the king's subjects.

**Hamedicu** North American

a supreme god of the Hurons

**Hamestagen** Persian

Hamistagan (see Hamestagen)

**Hamlet** (see Amleth)

**Hammadi** African

a prince

He saved the princess Fatouma who was about to be devoured by the Dragon of the Lake and married her.

**Hammarsbeint** Norse

[Homecoming of the Hammer. Lay of Thrym. Thriims-Kvida. Thriymskvida]

a story in the Elder Edda relating how Thor's hammer was recovered after it had been stolen by Thrym

**Hammer God** (see Sucellus)

**Hammer, The** European

the name given to Charles Martel after his victory over the Saracens

**Hammon** African

[=Egyptian Amen]

a Libyan sun-god (see also Amon)

**Hammu-Mata** Hindu

a local mother-goddess

**Hamond** Norse

[Hamund]

son of Sigmund and Borghild

brother of Helgi

**Hamou** Japanese

a god of leaves

**Hamoun** (see Kasavya)

**hamsa** Hindu

[hanza]

Brahma's transport, the swan (or goose) as a symbol of the sun: an avatar of Vishnu as a goose: a manifestation of Brahma

It was said that, given a mixture of milk and water, this bird drank only the milk.

**Hamska** Hindu

daughter of Surabhí

She is regarded as the supporter of heaven at the south corner.

**Hamsképpir** Norse

a horse, sire of Gna's horse Hofvarpnir

**Hamti** Egyptian

a farmer

He seized the ass and its load which the owner, a peasant, was taking to market. The peasant appealed to the landowner, Meritensa, who was also a judge, and he placed the matter before the king. The latter was so impressed by the peasant's eloquence that he ordered Meritensa to confiscate Hamti's property and to recompense the peasant.

**Hamu** (see Ham1)

**Hamund** (see Hamond)

**Hamus** Persian

a ruler of the jinn
Han Chung-li  Chinese  
chief of the Eight Immortals  
He was a 1st C soldier who became a hermit.  
To test his wife’s fidelity, he feigned death, reappearing as a young man.  
The wife fell in love with him but, when they opened the tomb to obtain the sage’s brain, the ‘dead’ man came back to life and her lover disappeared. She committed suicide by hanging herself.  
He was said to have discovered the elixir of life and the secret of transfusion in a box which was revealed when the rock wall of his cave split open.  
He is usually depicted as an ugly man who, dressed in old rags, lived in a cave. His poetry was written on rocks since he had no paper. It was said that he could charm the animals and birds with his music and so became the patron of musicians. His emblem is a flute.

Han Hsiang-tzu  Chinese  
[Ch’ing Fu.Han Shang-chih]  
a 9th c philosopher  
one of the Eight Immortals  
He was carried to the magic peach-tree by his tutor Lu Tung-pin but he fell out of the tree, becoming immortal. He was said to be able to make flowers grow and bloom immediately or to produce plants with poems written in gold on their leaves.  
He was a flute-player who could charm the animals and birds with his music and so became the patron of musicians. His emblem is a flute.

Han-shan Tzu  Chinese  
an 8th c hermit and poet  
one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts  
He is described as an ugly man who, dressed in old rags, lived in a cave. His poetry was written on rocks since he had no paper. It was said that he could make himself so small that he could hide in cracks.

Han Shang-chih  (see Han Hsiang-tzu)  
Han Shih  Chinese  
the eve of Ch’ing Ming  
On this day, all fires are put out and only cold food is eaten. The fires are lit again on the following day.

Han Tu-lung  Chinese  
a deity of happiness, an official in the celestial Ministry of Time  

Han Wu Ti  Chinese  
a 2nd c magician  

Han Yü  Chinese  
[Wen Kung]  
(768–824)  
a Buddhist philosopher-poet  
He was the leader of a revival of Confucianism and he was said to have killed an enormous reptile which was threatening all those living in the area.  
He became known as Wen Kung after his death and was deified as God of the Place in Peking.

Han¹  Chinese  
a sun-god in New Guinea brother of Ni  
He mated with his sister to produce the human race but then they retreated to the sky where he became the sun and his sister became the moon.

Han²  (see Ana)  
Hana Matsuri (see Hanamatsuri)  
Hanael  a demon, ruler of the Zodiacal sign Capricorn, the goat  
Hanagaki Baishu (see Baishu)  
Hanamatsuri  Buddhist  
[Flower Festival.Hana Matsuri]  
the Japanese festival of flowers, April 8th, the birthday of Shaka  
Hanamin  (see Hanullim)  
Hananim  (see Hanlim)  
Hanatu  (see Anat)  
hanbleceya  North American  
a vision quest, a period of about 4 days spent in solitude without food, in an attempt to find the answer to some problem  
Hand of Glory  the hand of a dead, mad person, soaked in oil, which thieves were said to use as a magic torch  
Handsome  North American  
an Algonquin maiden  
She rejected the suit of Elegant who nearly died of grief. Finally, he made a snowman, bedecked it with the finest clothes and feathers and gave it life, calling it Moowis. Handsome fell in love with Moowis and accompanied him when he left on a long journey. As the days grew warmer, Moowis melted in the sun and the girl was left with nothing but a heap of feathers.

Handsome Mystery  (see Gingalin)  
Handy  British  
a nickname of Gareth  
Hanec  (see Nane)  
Hanes’ Tales  Welsh  
a book of stories about Talesin written by Sion Llywelyn  
Hang  Chinese  
[Cheng Lun.Heng:The Snorter]  
a general who was deified as a door-god  
Hang was originally Cheng Lun, a marshal at the court of the emperor Chou Wang.  
He and Ha did a service for the magician To O. Hang was rewarded with the power to produce deadly light beams from his nostrils. He was captured and used his power for the opposing army and met Ha, who could breathe out poison gas, in battle. Ha was killed and Hang was later killed by an ox-spirit. He was made one of the Buddha’s guards in heaven.

He is sometimes equated with Li-shih and he and Ha together are referred to as Hang Ha Erh Chiang.  

Hang Ha Erh Chiang  Chinese  
[Erh Chiang]  
the deified generals Ha and Hang  
In some accounts this pair are the Men Shen.  
[see also Vajrapanibilan]  
Hang T’uah  Malay  
a hero  
He and some of his friends are said to have repelled a fleet of pirates. He became a pupil of Adi Putra.

Hanga-Tyr  (see Hangagud)  
Hangagud  Norse  
[God of the Hanged.Hanga-Tyr]  
a name of Odin as ‘the hanging god’

This title refers to the nine days he spent hanging from the tree Yggdrasil.

Hangagud  a fabulous animal  
Hanghep Wi  North American  
a Dakota moon-spirit  
Hanging Hair  North American  
a tree-spirit in the lore of the tribes of the north-west  
She lived in a tree by a river and was unhappy when the whirlpool Keagyihl Deppguesk claimed the lives of many young men of the tribe. She was the tribe’s protector so she called a meeting of all the other river-spirits and they arranged to curb the whirlpool’s power.

Hanging Lines  North American  
the constellation Orion, in the lore of the Zuni  

Hananhanna  Mesopotamian  
[Hanahanna]  
a Hittite mother-goddess  
When Telipinu disappeared she sent a bee to find him.
Hannahannahs

Hannahannahs  (see Hannahannah)

Hannya  Japanese

an ogress said to devour children

Hannya-shinkyō  Buddhist

a revered Buddhist text

Hanpa  Mesopotamian

lord of evil demons
father of Pazuzu

hansa  (see hamsa)

hantu  Malay

a ghost: a demon

These beings are said to capture humans and demand ransom.

Hantu Air  Malay

a Malaysian sea-god
(see also Hantu Ayer)

Hantu Ayer  Pacific Islands

St Elmo's fire, regarded as a water-spirit
(see also Hantu Air)

Hantu Belian  Malay

tiger-demon

Hantu Kibor  Malay

da demon of graves

Hantu Kuang  Pacific Islands

da dangerous ghost, said to have 100 eyes

Hantu Pemburu  Malay

[Hanu si Buru]
da demon hunter

He was supposed to be hunting a pregnant doe but searched instead for a pregnant buck. Naturally, he found no such animal on earth so he sent his hounds into the heavens to search for one there. He watched them working the sky for so long that his head became permanently fixed in an upward-facing position and a leaf fell into his mouth, growing into a plant that covered his face. His spirit still hunts for the mouse-deer.

Hantu Puteri  Malay

the ghost of a young girl

She is said to appear to young men and drive them mad.

Hantu Ribit  Malay

a storm-demon

Hantu Rinaba  Malay

a spirit of the deep forests

Hantu si Buru  (see Hantu Pemburu)

Hantu Uri  Pacific Islands

a placenta-spirit who causes problems arising after child-birth

Hantuen  East Indian

[Rea Hantuen]
knight of the ghosts in Borneo

Hanui-o-Rangi  Pacific Islands

[Ha-nui-o-Rangi]
a name for Rangi as father of the wind

In some accounts he was a son of Rangi.

Hanullim  Korean


Hanumin.Hwanin]

the supreme deity, ruler of heaven

Hanuman  Hindu

[Anuman.Hanumah.Hannuman:

-Chinese Sun Hou-tzu]
a trickster monkey-god

son of Vayu by Anjana

He had a deformed jaw as the result of a blow from one of Indra's thunderbolts which broke his jaw when he tried to eat the sun.

He was in charge of the forces that attacked Ravana's fortress when the demon-king abducted Rama's wife, Sita, building a bridge from India to Ceylon for this purpose. When swallowed by the female demon Surasa, he grew enormously to force her jaws apart and then shrank to the size of a finger and flew out of her ear.

When he was captured by Ravana, whose son set his tail alight, Hanuman used the flame to burn down Ravana's stronghold.

In one account, Ravana persuaded his nephew to kill Hanuman but the monkey-god threw him back to his uncle's court in Ceylon.

For his help, Rama gave him the gifts of immortality and eternal youth. He could change his shape at will and owned a magic stick that could expand to a thousand miles.

He accompanied Tripitaka and Chu Pa-chieh on their journey to India and back and helped him to overcome the dangers they met en route. In one case, Tripitaka and Chu Pa-chieh were trapped by spider-women who attacked Hanuman with a swarm of insects. He conjured up a flock of birds which ate all the insects and his magic overcame that of the spider-women and the prisoners were released.

He was regarded as a huge, red-faced monkey with yellow fur and a tail that was several miles in length.

(see also Sun Hou-tzu)

Hanumat  (see Hanuman)

Hanumin  (see Hanullim)

Hanwasuit  Mesopotamian

a Hittite goddess, guardian of the royal throne

Hao  African

an Ethiopian creator-god

He is depicted as a crocodile.

Haoka  (see Haokah)

Haokah  North American

[Haoka-Dakota Heyoka]
a Siouthunder-god and god of the hunt

He has horns on his head and his face is divided down the middle, one side being miserable, the other cheerful.

He used the wind to beat a huge drum to cause thunder.  (see also heyoka)

Haoma  Persian

[Hom]
a sacred drink made from the haoma vine

The tree itself was brought by an eagle to Mount Alburz.  (see also Gaskerena)

Haoma2  Persian

a Zoroastrian physician-god

son of Ahura Mazda

He was the personification of the sacred drink made from the haoma vine.

In some accounts, Haoma is female – the moon.

Haoshangha  (see Hoshang)

Haoshyangha  (see Hoshang)

Haosrvavah  (see Kay Krusraw)

Haoumea  (see Haumea)

Hap  (see Hap)

Hapantalli  Mesopotamian

[=Hittite Hapantallyias]
a Hattic guardian god

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[=Hittite Hapantalliyas]
a Hittite guardian god

Hapi  (see Hap)

hapi-nunu  South American

[hapinunu]

Inca demons: female spirits of the

Aymara

Hapikern  Central American

a cosmic serpent

Some of the tribes in Yucutan say that this evil being will finally overcome the supreme god, Nohochcayum, and the world will end.

Hapinunu  (see hapi-nunu)

Hapopo  New Zealand

a Maori priest

He was killed when the forces of Uenuku attacked the fortress of the chief, Tawheta.

happy auger  North American

a fabulous animal

Hapto-irina  Persian

[Hahtok-ring]

the constellation the Great Bear:

leader of the northern quarter

Hapto-ring  (see Hapto-irina)

Happy Hunting-ground  North American

the heaven of the native Indian tribes

Hapy  Egyptian

[Hap,Ha(a)pi=Greek Nilus]
a fertility god and god of the Nile

consort of Mut and Nekhbet

An androgynous deity responsible for
Hapy<br><br>an ape-headed or dog-headed god
one of the 4 Amenti
son of Horus
He was guardian of the north of and of the lungs of the dead or, some say, the north and the small intestine.

Hapy Egyptian
[Hapy.Hapy]
a name for the bull-god, Apis, in some accounts

Happy Qementu Egyptian
a rite involving Hapy, Isis and Nephthys
A cake in three pieces symbolised the deities and one piece (Happy as Osiris) was hidden or lost.

Har1 British
father of Tiriel

Har2 Norse
[Harr.Mighty]
one of 3 mysterious deities visited by Gyff, probably a manifestation of Odin

Har Norwegian
[Harr]
a rock-dwarf

Har (see Horus) Norwegian

Har-em-akhet (see Horus of the Horizon) Norwegian

Har Hou (see Hou) Norse

Har Mageden (see Armageddon) Norse

Har-mau Egyptian
[Herm.Harmou]
a name of Horus as unifier of the 2 kingdoms

Har-neidj-itef Egyptian
[=Greek Harendones] Horus as the guardian of Osiris

Har-pa-khered (see Harpakhrad) Norse

Har-pa-Neb-Tau Egyptian
a name of Horus as ‘Lord of Two Lands’

Har-pi-chruti (see Harpakhrad) Greek

Har-Soped Egyptian
a syncretism of the hawk-gods, Horus and Soped

Hara Hindi
[Prth. Prthvita] a name of Shiva in Cambodia (see also Harihara)

Hara (see Mount Alburz) Hindu

Hara Berezaiti (see Mount Alburz) Hindu

Hara Ke African
[Harake.Mistress of Water] a Nigerian water-goddess and rain-goddess
She is assisted in her duties by two dragons, Godi and Goru.

Hara-Yama-Tsu-Mi Japanese
a Shinto mountain-god

Harab Serap Hebrew
a raven in the Cabbala

Harae-do Japanese
[harai] a simple shrine; an area used for purification ceremonies (see also hitogata)

Harake (see Hara Ke) Greek

Harakhthes Greek
the Greek name for Harakhti

Harakte (see Horus of the Horizon) Greek

Harakhti (see Horus of the Horizon) Greek

Harald1 Norse
[Harald(r) Hildionn] a king of Denmark

Harald2 Norse
[Harald(r) Hildionn] a chieftain or a storm-demon

He tried to open the barrow said to contain the body of the god Balder to steal its treasures. Water poured from the opening he had made and the land was flooded.

Haraldr (see Harald) Icelandic

Haravaithi Persian
[=Afghan Helmund] a river-goddess

Harbard1 Norse
[Harbard(r) Harbardur] a name adopted by Odin in one of his disguises

Harbard2 Norse
[Harbard(r) Harbardur] a lover of Signy

He killed Signy’s brothers and, when he was executed for the crime by her father, the king of Denmark, she killed herself.

Harbardur (see Harbard) Icelandic

Harbardjod Norse
[=Lay of Harbard] a story in the Elder Edda
This story tells of the meeting between Thor and Odin (as Harbard) when they boasted to each other about their adventures.

Harbarthr (see Harbard) Norse

Harc Gilly (see Gilla Dacar) Norse

Har Servant (see Gilla Dacar) Norse

Hard Servant Icelandic
[Harthar Saga] the story of the outlaw, Hoder

Harduul Norse
a local plague-god and god of weddings

Hardgrep Norse
a sorceress
daughter of Vagnhofde

She acted as nurse to Hadding when he was wounded and escorted him in battle.

She died when a huge black hand appeared and strangled her.

Hardred (see Heardred) Norse

Hare a small animal like a larger rabbit, with long ears, which appears in many myths, often associated with the moon
(1) In West Africa, Hare (or Rabbit) is a trickster-god and is regarded as the precursor of Brer Rabbit, taken to America by slaves.
(2) In Buddhism the hare is regarded as a previous incarnation of Buddha.
(3) In China, the hare (t’u) represents longevity. It is said that the female animal becomes pregnant either by looking at the moon or by licking its mate’s fur and delivers her young through the mouth. Some say that the hare can live for 1,000 years and lives in the moon where it sits at the foot of a tree pounding the drug of immortality. In this role, it is known as the Gemmeous Hare. Its transfer to the moon is said to have been the reward of self-sacrifice.
(4) In Greek myths the hare is the animal of Aphrodite, Eros and Hermes.
(5) In Hindu lore, Shasha, a hare, is said to live on the moon.
(6) In Japan also, Usagi, Hare in the Moon, is said to live on the moon where it spends its time pounding rice which it makes into cakes.
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<td>Harleus</td>
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He was on a quest when, at the king's request, he was taken by Balin to the king's court. Before he could greet the king, he was killed by the invisible knight, Garlon.

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[Harmakis.Hermakhis:
=Armenian Har-em-abbet] a name of Horus as Horus of the Horizon

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<td>[Hermione] daughter of Ares and Aphrodite or Zeus and Electra</td>
<td>wife of Cadmus mother of Agave, Autonoe, Ilytius, Ino, Semele and Polydorus</td>
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She was given a magic necklace made by Hephaestus as a wedding gift from Aphrodite and a magic robe or veil by Athena.

Both she and Cadmus were changed into black serpents at the end of their lives and sent to the Islands of the Blessed.

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<td>a god of silence a name for Horus as an infant son of Banaded and Hatmehyt</td>
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In some accounts he is half man, half crocodile.

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<td>[Arlecchino.Arlecchioe.Hellekin]</td>
<td>a fairy king lover of Morgan le Fay, some say</td>
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In some accounts, he is a giant, leader of the Wild Hunt.
When she married Alastor and left her home, her father seized and brought her back, wanting her herself. She killed her younger brother (or her son by Clymenus) to serve his flesh to Clymenus at a banquet and was turned into an owl in answer to her own prayers. (see also Epopeus’ Nyctymene)

Harpalyce

[Harpaluke] daughter of Harpaluce
She was brought up by her father as a warrior-maid. When he died, she became an outlaw and was caught and killed by shepherds.

Harpalyce

[Greek] a maiden who died from unrequited love for Iphicles, the twin of Hercules

Harpalyce

[Latin] father of Harpalyce
He trained his daughter in the art of warfare and she repaid him by saving his life in a battle.

Harpalyce

[Greek] one of the Trojans who accompanied Aeneas on his journey to Italy.
He was killed in battle by Camilla.

Harpale

[Greek] one of the Amazons
This was the type of sword used by Perseus to decapitate the Gorgon, Medusa.

Harpe

[Greek] a curved sword
This was the Greek name for Harpakhrad

Harpocrates

[Greek] the name of an Etruscan diviner of future events

Harpocrates

[Greek] a god
son of Menthu and Rattawy
Harpocrates was said to protect the king.

Harpia

[Greek] a fabulous animal

Harpuchrusi

[Plur=haruspices] female monsters, part woman, part bird
daughters of Typhon and Echidna, or Thaumas and Electra, or Phorcys and Gaia
sisters of Iris, some say

Harpidae

[Thesauri, Harpyiae, Hounds of Zeus] originally, there was one such being, Podarge, on whom it is said, Zeus (or Zephyrus) fathered the horses of Achilles known as Balios and Xanthos. Then Aello and Ocyepete were added. Later stories had them as Aellopus, Calaeno, Ocythoe and Niconoth. At first they were regarded as spirits of the air, later as foul monsters.

Amongst other horrible deeds they harried Phineus, the blind Thracian king who had offended Zeus by the accuracy of his prophecies, befooling his food until they were chased off by the two winged members of Jason’s crew, Calais and Zetes. Some say they were never seen again.

On another occasion they harried Aeneas and his men when they landed on the Strophades Islands where the Harpies lived. On both occasions, the monsters were saved from destruction by the angry sailors by the intervention of Iris.

They also carried off the daughters of Pandareus and gave them to the Furies as servants.

They appear in the stories of Charlemagne where they harried Senapus, the blind king of Abyssinia, by snatching away or fouling his food so that he would have died of starvation if Astolpho had not arrived in time to drive them off and so save his life.

In mediaeval times they could be depicted in various forms such as centaur-like beasts with wings, rather than as bird-women.

Harpinna

[Greek] a horse of Oenomaus, son of Ares

Harpocrates

[Greek] a god

Harpocrates

[Greek] a dog of Actaeon
When Artemis turned Actaeon into a stag when she caught him spying on her as she was bathing, his hounds, including Harpya, tore him to pieces.

Harpia

[Greek] a goddess

Harpocrates

[Latin] a knight of the Round Table

Harsa

[Hindu] a sakti of Har-Mau

Harts Fell

[Scottish] a Scottish mountain
In some accounts, this was the home of Merlin.

Hartbar Saga

(see Harlar Saga)

Hartman von Aue

(see Aue)

Hartmut

[German] a prince of Normandy
son of Ludwig and Gerlinda
brother of Ortrun
husband of Hergart

Hartwig

This prince was one of the suitors for the hand of Gudrun, daughter of Hettel and Hilde. While her father was helping another suitor, Herwig, against a third, Siegmund, Hartmut abucted Gudrun and took her to Normandy. Herwig, Ortrun and Wat led a force that killed Hartmut’s parents and the pleas of his sister, Ortrun, saved him from death at the hand of Herwig. He later married Herwig’s sister, Hergart.

Hartomas

[Egyptian] a name of Horus as ‘he who pieces’

Hartwaker

[Danish] son of Hengist

Haru-yama

[Japanese] a mountain god representing spring brother of Aki-yama
husband of Izhushio tome

Harueris

[see Harwer, Horus the Elder]

Harun

[Arabian] a Moroccan water-spirit said to appear in the form of a snake

Haruna

[see Harun]

Haruspes

[Italian] a name of Horus as ‘he who pierces’

Haruspex

[Latin] a diviner of future events

Haruspicate

fortell the future

Haruspication

[Latin] divination from the entrails of animals

Haruspecies

(see haruspex)

Haruspicious

(see haruspication)

Harvatax

[Persian] an aspect of Ahura Mazda as ‘integrity’

Harveststokhm

[Persian] a tree said to produce the seed of all trees

Harwer

[Egyptian] a tree said to produce the seed of all trees

Harr

[see Har]
Hashameli  Mesopotamian
[Hashameli]  a Hittite smith-god
Hashammeli  (see Hashameli)
Hasan  Persian
[Hasan]  a hero of the Arabian Nights
He helped a magician to find the philosopher’s stone and later was shipwrecked, coming ashore near a palace. The magician turned up again and Hasan killed him, after which he entered a forbidden room to find ten swan-maidens. He stole the feathered robe of one of the maidens who then entered a forbidden room to find ten swan-maidens. He stole the feathered robe of one of the maidens who then recovered his wife. He helped a magician to find the robe of one of the maidens who then recovered the robe and flew off to the island of Wak Wak. With the help of a swan-maiden, he stole the feathered wing of a human head with four eyes and four teeth.

Hashche  Canaanite
a goddess
She was killed by Anat.

Hashcheyalte  (see Hashje-Altye)
Hashenyce  (see Nome-No-Sukune)
Hashje-Altye  North American
[Hashje-Altye]  the Talking God of the Navajo
one of the Yeibechi
This deity is regarded as the creator and supreme deity.

Hashje-Ba’ad  North American
6 female gods of the Navaho members of the Yeibechi

Hashje-Bakan  North American
6 male gods of the Navaho members of the Yeibechi

Hashje-Hlichi  North American
the Red God of the Navaho one of the Yeibechi

Hashje-Hogalin  North American
a Navaho god

Hashje-Iditchonsi  North American
the Whistling God of the Navaho one of the Yeibechi

Hashje-Oiltohi  North American
the Shooting God of the Navaho one of the Yeibechi

Hashje-Oyan  North American
the Calling God of the Navaho one of the Yeibechi

Hashje-Sholimi  North American
the Black God of the Navaho one of the Yeibechi
He is said to have placed the stars in the sky from a pouch worn on his belt and tipped out the fragments to form the Milky Way.

Hasiwar  Pacific Islands
[Hasiwar]  a supreme deity in Melanesia
He is said to have come from the sky and made the first woman out of clay baked in the sun and the first man from one of her ribs. The god himself, though male, has breasts and feeds all life from them.

Hasikasnavanzas Mesopotamian
a Hittite god

Hasis-Atra  (see Atrahasis)
one of the 7 Intelligences, ruler of the moon  (see also Asmodeus)

Hasan  European
the name taken by Huon when he disguised himself as assistant gardener under Serasmin

Hasta  Hindu
a goddess of fortune
one of the Nakshatras
daughter of Daksha
wife of Candra

Hascheyalti  (see Hashje-Altye)
Hascheyalti.Yebitshai  Hittite smith-god

Hast(s)(h)eyalti  North American
[Hascheyalti]  a Navaho house-god and god of agriculture
god of yellow maize

Hasteyalti  North American
[Hascheyalti]  supreme god of the Navaho god of white maize
He and Hastehogan created the two goddesses, Estanatlehi and Yolkai Estan, and helped them to create humans from maize-flour.

Hastimukha  Hindu
a name for Ganeshas as ‘elephant-face’

Hastings  Norse
a pirate
He fostered Sigurd the Snake-eyed and taught him the arts of war. Sigurd’s brothers joined them in many raids and they all returned to Denmark to help their father, Ragnar, repel the invasion by Eystein, the king of Sweden.

Hastsebaka  North American
[Hasseba]  a Navaho god

Hastsehogan  (see Hastehogan)

Hastsebaad  North American
supreme goddess of the Navaho

Hastselfi  North American
[Red Lord]  the Navaho god of racing

Hasteoltoi  North American
the Navaho goddess of hunting

Hastseyaal  (see Hasteyalti)

Hastsezini  North American
[Black Lord]  the fire-god of the Navaho

Hastseheogon  (see Hastehogan)

Hastseyalti  (see Hasteyalti)
husu  Japanese

Hau-ko  [Lotus Child]
sister of Kei
When she died, her soul took over the body of her sister, Kei, who then lived in a state of suspended animation and, for a whole year, lived with her lover.

Hat-Mehit  (see Hatmehyt)
hatak-mansarik  Persian
a part of the Avesta

This part deals with both legal and spiritual matters. The other two parts are the datik and the gatha.

Hatakeshvara  Hindu
king of Vitala, part of the underworld

Hatdassisi  North American
a healing god of the Navaho

Hateka-motua  Pacific Islands
a chieftain
When the son of Apakura sought the hand of his daughter, Hatea-motua killed him. The young man’s mother killed the chief in revenge.

Hategekimana  African
a name of Imana as ‘ruler’

Hathor  Egyptian
a mother-goddess, goddess of childbirth, fertility, joy, love, marriage, music, sky wife of Horus the Elder mother of Horus the Younger and Ihi mother of Khons by Sebak, some say In some versions she is Ra’s daughter by Nut, in others his wife and mother of Ihy.

She was originally a war-goddess of the Nubians and is sometimes identified with Sakhmet or with Isis, in which capacity she held the ladder by which the good dead could ascend to heaven. Others identify her with Mehet-Weret.
She suckled the pharaohs and greeted the souls entering the underworld. On one occasion, in the form of Sakhmet, she was sent by Ra to kill all mankind but she got drunk on the red-coloured beer with which Ra flooded the land and forgot to carry out her mission.

Her son is said to have cut off her head replacing it with the head of a cow.

She was originally depicted as a lioness and later as a cow, sometimes wearing a headdress of horns enclosing the disc of the sun. In some depictions, her four limbs support the universe.

In one story, she went in search of another’s bride who had been carried off by a demon, found them and killed the maiden’s captor. (see also Hatim T’ai)

Hatibas
a demon associated with garments

Hathors
Seven Hathors
(see Seven Hathors)

Hati
the corporeal heart, distinguished from Ab, the symbolic heart that is judged at death

Hatii
the strongest of the giants
He was killed by Helgi.

Hatii
a wolf, one of the Varns offspring of Fennis and Golweig

This animal was one of the wolves pursuing the sun and moon and trying to swallow them.

It is said that when he, Managarm and Skoll managed to overtake the heavenly bodies, they swallowed them, causing an eclipse. At Ragnarok they finally devoured the sun and moon completely. They were fed on the marrow from the bones of dead criminals. (see also Managarm)

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[female=hatifa; plur=hatatif] a type of jinnee that can be heard but not seen: a voice in the desert

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hatifa
(see hatif)

Hatim T’ai
a hero of Bengal, based on an Arab chieftain, appearing in many adventures (see also Hatim Tay)

Hatim Tay
Arab
a king, famous for his generosity
He was said to have ruined himself by slaughtering his camels and horses to feed guests.

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Hattatal
part of the Younger Edda dealing with prosody

Hatthi
Hindu
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Hatto
(see Bishop Hatto)

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a Maori youth
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Haurun
Canaanite
an earth-god, god of healing

Haurvatat
Persian

a water-god and god of health and integrity
one of the 7 Amesha Spentas, perfection one of the Yazatas son of Ahura Mazda

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Hautecaire
European

[Altecler] a sword of Oliver

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(see Hawaihi)
Havfru (see Akkruva.Havfrue)

Havfrue European

a Danish mermaid

[male=Havmand]

These beings are said to be very beautiful but not always friendly. Their function is to collect the bodies of those drowned at sea. (see also Havfru)

Havmand European

[female=Havfrue]

a Danish merman

These beings are said to be very handsome, wearing beards, and, unlike the female of the species, are quite friendly to humans.

Havelock Danish

a prince of Denmark

son of Birkebein

husband of Princess Goldborough

His father’s throne was seized by Godard who ordered that the young Havelock be cast adrift in a boat. He landed in Britain where he was reared by a fisherman called Grim. He later inherited his father’s kingdom when he was recognised as being of noble blood by the cross on his shoulder and the light issuing from his mouth.

Haven  a demon of dignity

Havyn Welsh

[Hafdan.Hafgan.Prince of the Underland]

a warrior-king

He was an enemy of Arawn, king of the underworld, and could be killed only with a single blow since he revived if struck again. When Pwyll and Arawn reversed roles for one year, Pwyll met Havyn in single combat and killed him, taking over his kingdom.

Havoa East Indian
daughter of Maelere

sister of Eau

wife of Kopu

Havstrambe North American

a sea-monster of the Inuit

Hawa African

wife of Adama

In the lore of the Songhai, she bore forty children but she and her husband hid twenty of them from god who built a wall to keep the parents from these children which he kept for himself.

Hawaiki Pacific Islands


Polutu=Japanese Awagi=Tahitian Kahiki]

home of the Hawaiian spirits in the sky or under the earth: home of the ancestors of the Polynesians: home of Miru

Hawart Norse

a warrior at Etzel’s court

He was one of those who, bribed by Krimbhl, tried to kill Hagen but failed and was slain by Hagen.

Hawatif (see hatifi)

Hawiynio North American

a supreme god of the Iroquois

Hawichyepam North American

a supernatural being in the lore of the Chemehuevi tribe of California

It was she who caused the primordial waters to subside.

Hawk a bird of prey found in many parts of the world and featured in some myths

(1) In Central America the hawk, Tlotli, was regarded as the messenger of the Aztec gods.

(2) In the East Indies the hawk is a revered bird, guardian of workers in the rice-fields.

(3) In Egypt the hawk is a sacred bird and the god Horus is frequently depicted with the head of a hawk (or falcon).

(4) In Greek myths the hawk is the messenger of Apollo or Hera.

(5) The Pacific Islanders regard the hawk as an incarnation of Maui.

(6) In Siberia they say the hawk stole fire and gave the secret to the gods who passed it on to mankind.

Hawk-hole North American

one of the 10 brothers who became the Supernatural People

He was so-called because, having passed through the fire, he was found to have a blue hole in his heart.

Hawk of May (see Gwalehmai)

Hawk of Summer (see Gwalc'haved)

Hawthorn (see Ysbadadden)

Haya Menopotamian

a name for Ninil as goddess of directions

Haya-Akikhko Japanese

a river-god

son of Izanagi and Izanami

brother and husband of Haya-Akitsu

Haya-Akitsu Japanese

a sea-goddess

daughter of Izanagi and Izanami

sister and wife of Haya-Akikhko

Haya-Ji Japanese

[Hayatsu-muji]

a Shinto wind-god

When Waka-Hiko was killed for neglecting his divine mission, Haya-Ji carried his body back to heaven.

Haya-tsu-muji (see Haya-Ji)

Hayagriva1

[Tibetan rTa-mgrin.Tandim]

a Tibetan horse-god, god of wrath

one of the 8 dreadful Drag-gshed

In some accounts, Hayagriva is female.

Hayagriva2 Hindu

[Paramaswa=Tibetan rTa-Mgrin.Tandim]

a horse-headed demon

one of the Dharmapalas

He stole the scriptures from Brahma and was killed by Vishnu in his incarnation at Matsya.

Another version says that Hayagriva was an incarnation of Vishnu who, at the request of Brahma, recovered the Vedas from the ocean-bottom where they had been taken by the two demons who had stolen them.

In some accounts he appears as Khasarpana or as Lokanatha, assistants to Avalokiteshvara.

Some say that he will be reincarnated as Kalki, the tenth avatar of Vishnu.

Hayasum Menopotamian

a Sumerian god

Hayasya1 Buddhist

a horse-goddess

Hayasya2 Hindu

a horse-god

Some versions equate him with Hayagriva.

Haydn Welsh

[Hyddwn.Hydwyn]

son of Gwydion and Galfaethwy as a deer

For the rape of Goewen, Math condemned the brothers Gwydion and Galfaethwy to spend a year as deer. Their offspring was turned into a boy by Math and named Haydn.

(see also Bleiddwn.Hwydwn)

Hayhuaypanti South American

Inca deities acting as messengers for Viracocha

Hayicanako North American

[Hayicanke]

in the lore of the Tlingit of Alaska, the old woman who supports the earth

In some accounts, the world is supported on the leg of a beaver which the old woman looks after.

Hayicanke (see Hayicanako)

Hayik (see Hayk)

Hayk Armenian

[Hayik]

a giant who led his people from oppression in Babylon

father of Armenak
He later led his people against the forces of Bel and overcame them in battle.

He was later revered as a god of vegetation and wine.

Haykoona, a Turkish princess wife of Stephan
When the Turks captured Belgrade, Stephan was taken prisoner by the vizier who tried to make him embrace the Turkish faith. He even used his daughter, Haykoona, to try to persuade his prisoner but she fell in love with Stephan. They escaped together, she converted to Christianity and they married.

Hayowentha (see Hiawatha)

Hayuila the primordial matter from which all else is made

Hayunu North American

The name given to the twin war-gods of the Tewa at Taos.

Hayyin Canaanite

a name of Kothar as ‘the deit of the sun-spirit of the Cheyenne’

Hazzi Mesopotamian

a Hittite mountain-god

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a mountain, home of the gods

He People South American

ancestral spirits of the Barasana people

He Zur Egyptian

a baboon-god

an aspect of Thoth

Hea (see Ea)

Head-he-go-round man East Indian

a prophet or seer

Head-splitter (see Quatlapanqui)

Healers (see Therapeutae)

Healing Buddha (see Yakushi)

Healfdene (see Halfdan)

Heamawichio North American

a sun-spirit of the Cheyenne

Heang Lo Chinese

[Pa Yang=Arab Al Kabah al-Alif]
an early name for the constellation Aries as ‘the dog’

Heardred Norse

[Hamred]
a king of the Geats

son of Hygelac and Hygd

He was still an infant when he became king of the Geats on the death of his father. He was killed by the sons of Othere who were sheltering at his court to escape from the wrath of their own father.

Heart of Heaven (see Gucumatz. Hurakan) Egyptian

Heart, The

Horus as an aspect of Ptah

heaven

[Celestial City: paradise] the home of the blessed: dwelling-place of gods: paradise

Most cultures envisage some form of heaven:

– Afghan

The Kafir paradise is called BurMy La Boola.

– African

The Bambara envisages a heaven created by Faro divided into seven parts:

1) Kaba Noro, the home of Faro
2) Kaba dye, the home of the souls of the dead
3) Kaba fii, the home of spirits
4) Faro’s accounting room
5) Red Heaven, the hall of judgement
6) Sleep Heaven, the store for secrets
7) Faro’s store for rain

– Australian

The paradise of the Aborigines is called warth-wathi. The road that leads there forks: the road to the right is clean and inviting but is the realm of evil spirits whereas the road to the left, though dirty, is the realm of the good spirits.

– Buddhist

The place where Buddhists and bodhisattvas wait is known as the Tushita heaven (Maya) and has thirteen layers, the highest of which is known as Paranirmita-Vasavarten.

In Mahayana Buddhism, a paradise for those en route to enlightenment is known as the Pure Land (Jodo) and is equated with the Nirvana of Hinayana Buddhism.

The heaven reserved for past Buddhists is known as Kshetra, Amitabha’s heaven is known as Sukhavati and a future heaven is called Gadhakuta.

In Cambodia, there are said to be twenty-six paradises, the highest of which is known as Nirpear.

(see also Sukhavati)

– Central American

The Aztecs envisaged three heavens of which Tlalocan, home of Tlaloc, was the lowest, Tlillan-Tlallapan was in the middle and Tonatiuhican, the home of Tonatiuh, was the highest. Other stories say there were thirteen heavens, the highest of which was called Zivena Vitzcatl (see Ilhuicatl). In later belief, heaven was like a ladder with steps, on the top rung of which lived Ometeotl. Other rungs, in descending order, were occupied by innocent children, tempests, night and day, shooting stars, birds and Venus, the sun and the 400 warring sons of Coatecue, the Milky Way, the moon.

– Egyptian

The paradise of Osiris, Aalu, lay far to the west and could be reached only by travelling in Ra’s bark after being judged by Osiris in the underworld.

– Hindu

Each god has his own heaven and Brahma lives in the highest heaven, Brahma-loka, said to be 84,000 leagues above the earth.

The heaven ruled by Vishnu is called Vaikunfta; that of Indra is Svar; that of Krishna is Go-loka; that of Shiva is Kailasa; that of the goddess Shantí is called Shantí-Niketa and paradise for the uncremated dead is known as the Land of the Pitris.

– Irib

The Irish envisage an earthly paradise in the form of the island, called Emain Ablach, the Western Paradise.

– Mesopotamian

Heaven was regarded as the playground of the gods and was known as Andurun or, in Sumerian lore, Erinu.

– Norse

The heaven to which slain warriors are conducted is known as Valhalla.

– North American

The native Indian tribes believe in a Happy Hunting-ground where the games are plentiful.

– Pacific Islands

Buroto, paradise, is envisaged as a land of perpetual joy where the good can rest.

– Hawaiian

The Hawaiian paradise is called Paliuli.

The Polynesian heaven is multi-layered, the highest realms being Putahi-nui-o-Rahua. The tenth heaven is Rangi-Tuarea.
Heaven Deaf

—Persian
Heaven is a four-cornered region known as Varena.

—Shinto
Heaven is the Eternal Land, Takanosu-Hara, home of the gods, to which the mikado is allowed to ascend on his death and the paradisal land of the spirits is Tokoyo-no-kuni.

—Taoist
The archer, I.

—Tanist
The paradise of the western Slavs is known as Huang-t’ien, that of the eastern Slavs as Svarog.

—West Indian
The Caribs of the Antilles call their heaven Hueyuku.

**Heaven Deaf** (see Hsian Tung-tzu)

**Heavenly Arch** (see Atius-Tirawa)

**Heavenly Deity** (see Tenjin)

**Heavenly Dog**

- Chinese
  - [Child-stealing Devil]
  - the spirit of a girl who died at an early age
  - This child will kill any child so that its spirit can replace her own so that she can be reincarnated.
  - (see also Heavenly Dog Star)
  - Heavenly Dog Star
    - [Celestial Dog, Demon of the Eclipse]
      - T’ien Kou
      - T’ou-sheng Kuei
    - a star said to cause an eclipse by devouring the moon
    - It is said that this star represents the spirit of a girl who tries to steal babies to make up for the child she never had.
    - It is envisaged as a shooting star or as a fearsome dog and was shot down by the archer, I.
    - (see also Heavenly Dog)

**Heavenly Iron Chain**

- Korean
  - a route to heaven
  - When two children, who were in danger of being eaten by a tiger prayed for help, god dropped the Heavenly Iron Chain down to them and they climbed up it, later becoming the sun and the moon.
  - When the tiger tried to climb it and the animal fell to earth and was killed.

**Heavenly King**

- (see Tenno)

**Heavenly Kings**

- (see Four Diamond Kings)

**Heavenly Weaving Girl**

- (see Chih Nü, Tanabata)

**Heaven’s Concubine**

- (see T’ien Hou)

**Heaven’s Forthright Female**

- (see Uzume)

**He-dev-seb**

- Egyptian
  - a jubilee festival
  - This ceremony was said to renew the energy of an ageing pharaoh by magic.

**Hebat**

- Mesopotamian
  - [Hepatu, Hepit, Queen of Heaven: -Hini-te Arru]
  - a Hurrian mother-goddess
  - and sun-goddess
  - consort of Teshub
  - mother of Sharrumas
  - She is sometimes depicted with a lion.
  - (see also Hepit)

**Hebe**

- [Ganymeda, ‘youth’ = Roman Juventas]
  - goddess of youth
  - cup-bearer to the gods
  - daughter of Zeus and Hera
  - wife of Heracles
  - She had to resign her post when she fell over and spilt wine at an important feast. She was superseded in the post by Ganymede.
  - After Heracles was deified, Hebe married him and they had two children, Alexiares and Anicetus.
  - She is said to have rejuvenated Iolaus in his old age so that he could fight Eurythymius to protect the children of Heracles.

**Heber**

- (see Eber)

**Hebes le Renoumes**

- British
  - a knight attendant on Tristram
  - He saved Tristram when the wife of King Anguish tried to kill him while he was in the bath.

**Hebron**

- (see Habren)

**Hebron**

- [Bron(s), Rich Fisher]
  - husband of Enygeus
  - father of Alan and 11 other children
  - He was given the Holy Grail by Joseph of Arimathea who was his wife’s brother.
  - Some say he was Percival’s grandfather and became the Rich Fisher who was cured of his wounds and carried to heaven by angels.

**Hebura**

- Korean
  - a king
  - He found a little boy, in the form of a golden frog, under a stone and adopted him, calling him Kumwa. When Hebura died, Kumwa took the throne.

**Hecabe**

- (see Hecuba)

**Hecadoph**

- a demon

**Hecate1**

- Greek
  - Empua
  - Hekate
  - Phosporos
  - a three-headed or three-bodied goddess of darkness, fertility, moon, streets, the underworld and witchcraft
  - daughter of Perses or Zeus
  - Some say daughter of Demeter, some say mother of Circe
  - mother of Medea by Aetes, some say mother of Scylla by Phorcys, some say
  - In some accounts she is Artemis on earth, Persephone carrying a torch in the underworld. Others say that she helped Demeter in her search for Core (Persephone) in the underworld.
  - The triple aspect of her nature is represented by Artemis, Hecate and Selene but she is otherwise identified with Brimo, Cybele, Demeter and Rhea.
  - She is depicted as having six arms, three or four bodies and the heads of a dog, a horse and a lion.
  - (see also Queen of Elphame)

**Hecate2**

- a poor woman who made Theseus welcome when he was hunting the Marathonian Bull

**Hecate3**

- Roman
  - a name for Diana as goddess of death and the underworld

**Hecate the Younger**

- (see Iphigenia)

**Hecate Trioditis**

- Greek
  - [-Roman Trivia]
  - a name for Hecate as goddess of the (cross-)roads

**Hecatea**

- Greek
  - white pillars set up at cross-roads where offerings were left for the goddess Hecate

**Hecaterus**

- Greek
  - an ancestor of the Curetes
  - He was said to be the father of five daughters who became the mothers of the Curetes, satyrs and the Oreads.

**Hecates**

- (see Apollo)

**Hecatoncheires**

- (see Hundred-handed)

**Hecatonchoiri**

- (see Hundred-handed)
Hechuchan

Hechuchan  Central American
a Mayan war-god

Hector¹  Greek
[Hektor.'prop']
son of Priam and Heeuba
brother of Deiphobus, Helenus and Paris
husband of Andromache
father of Astyanax

He led the Trojans in their defence of the city against the attacking Greeks who had been angered by the treachery of Paris who carried off Helen, the wife of Menelaus when a guest in their house. He killed Patroclus, bosom friend of Achilles, who, wearing the armour of Achilles, had rallied the Greeks for a further attack. The death of his friend brought Achilles back into action— he had been sulking in his tent, refusing to fight, after falling out with Agamemnon over a girl captive. Now, in new armour made by Hephaestus, he led the Greeks in a fresh onslaught and killed Hector. He tied Hector's body to his chariot and drove round the walls of the city. Priam pleaded for his son's body and was allowed to take it for burial. In some French accounts, Morgan le Fay fell in love with him but turned against him when he spurned her advances.

In Charlemagne stories, his armour and sword, Durindana, are fought over by several of the paladins.

Hector²  (see Ector²)
Hector de Marys  (see Ector²)
Heeuba¹  Greek
[Hecabe.Hekabe]
dughter of Cisseus, Dymas of Sangarius
sister of Theano
second wife of Priam, king of Troy
mother of Antiphus, Cassandra, Creusa, Deiphobus, Hector, Helenus, Iliona, Laodice, Paris, Polydorus, Polites, Polyxena, Pontes

She is said to have had nineteen children by Priam.

She sent Polydorus to Polytemor, king of Thrace, for safety when the Greeks attacked Troy but the king killed her son for the treasure he carried. She was taken captive by the Greeks at the fall of Troy and given to Odysseus. When she learned from him what had happened to her son, she tore out Polytemor's eyes and killed his two sons. To escape the wrath of the king's subjects, she changed herself into a bitch, Maera, and jumped into the sea.

Hecuba²  Greek
a play by Euripides
This work relates the story of her vengeance on Polytemor and the death of her daughter Polyxena.

Hedammu  Mesopotamian
a Hurrian sea-monster
son of Kumarbi
This monster was born of Kumarbi's union with the daughter of a sea-god and emerged from the sea to devour animals and humans. It was eventually subdued by Ishtar who caused the seawater to act as a sleeping draught.

Hedjet  Egyptian
a scorpion-goddess

Hedin  (see Hedin²)
Hedinn  Norse
[Heidin.Hildren]
a king

He abducted Hilde and was attacked by Hogni who attempted to rescue her. They fought an everlasting battle in which the slain were revivified every night by Hilde or a sorceress.

Hedjwer  Egyptian
a baboon-god

Hedley kow  British
a mischievous spirit
These spirits are said to appear as an immovable bale of hay or a horse which cannot be restrained by harness.

Heduru  East Indian
a sky-god of New Guinea
This god existed at a time when the sky was very close to the earth, to which it was connected by a rope ladder. Heduru often descended to earth to look after the children of those who killed them, and they were restored to life.

Hedevaid  (see Hefeydd)
Hededa  Arab
a guardian god

Hefeydd  Welsh
[Hefeydd.Helydd].Hefeydd the Tall.Hefeydd(d).
Hevedd.Hefydd(d)
a messenger of Bran

Hefeydd Hen  Welsh
[Hefeydd.Helydd].Hefeydd the Old.Hefeydd(d).
Hevedd.Hefydd(d)
father of Rhiannon

Hefydd  (see Hefeydd)
Hefydd  (see Hefeydd)

Helgam  (see Marduk)

Hegemone  Greek
in some accounts, one of the Graces

Hegir-nuna  (see Gangir)

Heh  (see Hub)

Heheh  (see Hub)

Hehet  (see Hauhet)

Hebit  (see Hauhet)

Hebu  (see Hub)

Hebut  (see Hauhet)

Hei Lao-yeh  Chinese
a minor deity
He, together with Po Lao-yeh, is an assistant to Ch'eng-huang, the god of Walls and Moats, reporting on events occurring during the night.

Hei-tiki  New Zealand
a Maori amulet

This charm represents a human foetus and is said to ward off attacks by the spirits of the still-born, envious of those who survived at birth.

Heiau  Pacific Islands
a temple built of lava in Hawaii

Heid¹  Norse
[Heid.Heide]
a witch
sister of Ham

With her sister Ham, she was used by Helge to cause a storm that nearly wrecked Frithiof's ship en route to the Orkneys. They were both killed when the ship ran down the whole on which they were riding.

In other accounts, the two witches were called Thogrim and Thorod. (see also Haid)

Heid²  (see Golweg³)
heidin  Japanese
part of a shrine used by the officiating priest

Heidh  (see Heid)

Heidd  (see Heid)

Heidrum  (see Heidrun)

Heidrun  Norse
[Heidrum]
the goat of Odin

This goat supplied the mead of the gods, grazing on the leaves on Laerad, the highest branch of Yggdrasli.

Heidyn  Welsh
killer of the bard Aneurin

Heifer  Egyptian
the animal of Isis

Heiglot  Japanese
a demon of snowstorms

Heijo  Japanese
a mythical castle of peace

Heike-hani  Japanese
the spirit of a dead warrior of the Heike clan
Heil

Heilýn (see Helith)

Welsh

a warrior in Bran’s army

son of Gwyn Hen

He was one of only seven to return from Bran’s expedition to Ireland to rescue his sister, Branwen, from Matholwch.

Heilýn Goch (see Helith)

Welsh

son of Cadwgawn

He owned the cottage where Rhonabwy slept and had his famous dream.

Heimarmene (see Helith)

Greek

destiny personified

Heimchen (see Helith)

German

the souls of unborn or unbaptised children

Heimdal (see Heimdall)

Norse

White God=Saxon Saxsen]
a giant demi-god, god of the dawn guardian of Bifrost, the rainbow bridge

son of Odin by 9 wave-maidens

His mothers, giantesses all, are listed as Arla, Augeia, Aurgiafa, Egia, Gilalp, Greip, Iarnaxa, Sindur and Ulfrun and they simultaneously gave birth to a baby, fathered by Odin, which they reared on warmth from the sun, moisture from the sea and strength from the earth. Another account gives his mother as Angey.

He was said to have very keen eyesight, able to see 100 miles by night, hearing that could detect the grass growing and, armed with a bright sword Hofud and his trumpet Giallarhorn, he lived in a palace known as Himinbiorg built on top of the bridge, from where he had a good view. His job was to keep the Frost Giants from entering Asgard.

On one occasion he saw Loki, in the form of a flea (or fly), steal the marvellous necklace, Brisingamen, from the sleeping Freya and, after a struggle in which they both changed forms several times, Heimdall finally retrieved the necklace and restored it to Freya.

In the guise of Riger, he visited earth and became the progenitor of the human race, spending three days with three couples, the impoverished Ai and Edda, the well-off Afi and Anima and the very wealthy Fadir and Modir. A son (Thrall, Karl and Jarl respectively) was born to each couple and these became the forerunners of humanity.

He blew his horn to warn the gods of the impending battle of Ragnarok but, by then, it was too late. In the fighting, he killed Loki but was himself killed with the other gods.

He had a horse called Gulltop and is depicted in shining white armour.

Heimdallr (see Heimdall)

Norse

a name of Heimdall as ‘herald of the day’

Heime (see Heimdall)

Norse

son of Studs

son of Volund, in some accounts

In the Germanic stories, Studas gave his son the marvellous sword, Blutgang, with which he challenged Dietrich von Bern. He was defeated and became a devoted follower of Dietrich to whom he gave the horse, Falke, which never grew tired. When he saw Wittich fall in battle, he took his famous sword, Miming, thinking the owner was dead. When he later discovered that Wittich had survived, he returned the sword.

He later fell out with Dietrich and became the leader of a band of robbers.

Heimer (see Heimdall)

Norse

in some accounts, the man who saved the child Aslaug

In some accounts, it was he, not Brunhild’s father, who took the child Aslaug to safety hidden in a harp.

Heimir (see Heimdall)

Norse

the name for Heime in Thidrekssaga

Heimskringla

Norse

a book by Snorri Sturluson listing the ancient kings of Norway, including the Ynglingsaga

Hein (see Heinzelmannchen)

British

the chief bard at King Arthur’s court or, in the story of Elphin, at the court of the king, Maelgwn

Heinze (see Heinzelmannchen)

German

one of the kobolds

Heinzelmannchen (see Heinzelmannchen)

German

friendly dwarfs who work by night to help people (see also kobold)

Heinrich von dem Turtin (see Turtin)

African

an itinerant Bushman hero

Heise

African

He was half-man, half-god and knew all the wild animals. He married an antelope and they had two half-human, half-antelope offspring. When he snapped off the branch of a tree, the maiden trapped inside the tree was released and became his wife.

Heitara (see Heinzelmannchen)

Japanese

a farmer

husband of Higo

father of Chiyodo

He became so fond of a large willow tree that grew near his house that eventually the spirit of the tree appeared to him in the form of a maiden called Higo. He married her and they had a child, Chiyodo. When the emperor had the willow felled to provide timber for a new temple, Higo cried out in pain as the axes fell and then disappeared forever.

Heithiurun (see Heinzelmannchen)

British

an idol, possibly representing the god Taran

Heithreck (see Heinzelmannchen)

Norse

a king

When offenders were brought to his court for trial, he would allow them to go free if they could pose a riddle which he could not answer. None did – until Gestumbindi. This proud landowner asked many questions, all of which the king answered with ease, but finally asked ‘What did Odin whisper to Balder as he lay on his funeral pyre?’. It was only then that the king realised that he was dealing with Odin who had taken on the likeness of Gestumbindi. As he struck at the god with his sword, Odin changed into a falcon and flew away, losing only a few tail feathers. Angry at this insult, Odin ensured that Heithreck died that same night.

heitiki (see Heinzelmannchen)

Pacific Islands

an amulet

Heitl (see Heinzelmannchen)

North American

[Hahektaox.Haicil(e)ik]
a demon of the tribes of the north-west

This ‘lightning-snake’ was revered by fishermen.

Heitsi-eibib (see Heinzelmannchen)

African

[Haitsi-aibah]
a Hottentot god or hero, a shape-changer

Some say his mother was a cow, others that she was a virgin impregnated by a herb.

He killed the monster Ga-Gorib by pushing him into the pit he had used to trap travellers. In some accounts the monster was Gama and Heitsi-eibib killed him by striking him behind the ear with a stone.
He is said to have died and been resurrected several times.

Hek

(see Heka)

[hek(au).hike.hyk]

the magical power of the gods

Heka\(^2\)

[Heke-Heke-I-Papa
New Zealand

Hek

resurrected several times.

and disease, and is envisaged as half
god of magic

He was one of those who accompanied
the god Ra in his boat journey across
the sky each day.

In some accounts he is equated
with Shu.

Heka\(^1\)

(see Heket.Hike)

Hekabe

(see Hecuba)

Hekate

(see Hecate)

Hekatonkheires

(see Hundred-handed)

hekau

Heke-Heke-J-Papa

New Zealand

the third wife of Rangi

Heket


a water-goddess, goddess of childbirth
consort of Haroeris or Khnum

In some accounts, she is the daughter
of Ra and the twin sister of Shu. As the
wife of Khnum, she gave life to the
bodies he made from clay.

Originally, she was one of the frogs
which lived in the primaeval swamp
and is depicted as a frog or as a frog-
headed human. In some accounts she
is regarded as the mother of Haroeris
and wife of Khnum.

Hekija

Buddhist

an underworld being

He dips the evil-doers in sauce and
bites off their heads.

Hekkenfeldt

[=Icelandic Hekla]

a site where Danish witches held
their meetings

Hekla

[=Danish Hekkenfeldt]

in icelandic lore, a mountain where
witches held their meetings

Hekt

(see Heket)

Hektor

(see Hector)

Hel\(^1\)


a parti-coloured underworld goddess
daughter of Loki and Angerbode

She was thrown into Niflheim by Odin
to rule the nine worlds of the dead.

She occasionally roamed the earth on a
three-legged horse, bringing famine
and disease, and is envisaged as half
black, half white.

In some accounts, she is the leader
of the Wild Hunt, in others she is Urð.

Hel\(^2\)

[Hel. Hekla. Hekate. Hekla]

food used to pacify the dog Garm

Hel-gate

Norse

the entrance to Niflheim

Hel-kappe

(see Tarnkappe)

Hel Keplein

Norse

a mantle producing invisibility

(see also Tarnkappe)

Hel-shoes

Norse

[Hel-sko. Helsko. Todtenschuh]

stout shoes fitted to the dead for their
journey over the rough road, Helveg,
leading to Niflheim

Hel-sko

(see Hel-shoes)

Hel Tor

British

a point on the Devon moors where
King Arthur is said to have fought
and defeated the Devil

Hela\(^1\)

daughter of Tiriêl, in the works of
William Blake

His father rebelled against his own
father, Har, and became a tyrannical
ruler, killing many of his own children
and turning Hela's hair into snakes
like Medusa.

Hela\(^2\)

[Helis]

an ancestor of King Arthur
father of Joshua

He is regarded as an earlier Grail
King.

Helain

(see Hel')

Helblindi\(^1\)

Norse

son of Farbauti
brother of Loki, some say

Helblindi\(^2\)

Norse

a name used by Odin

Helche

[Herka]

daughter of Rother and Oda
first wife of Etzel

Heldenbuch

German

[Book of Heroes]

a 15th c book of myths and legends by
Kasper von der Rhon

in some accounts, the first king of
Denmark, predecessor of Tallas

Heledd

Welsh
daughter of Cynddylan

Heleus

Greek

a king of the Taphians
son of Perseus and Andromeda

Helen\(^1\)

Canaanite

the consort of Simon Magus

Helen\(^2\)

[Helena]

daughter of King Hoel

She was carried off by Cormoran, the
giant of Mont St Michel. King Arthur
killed the giant but was too late to
save Helen.

Helen\(^3\)

Greek

daughter of Zeus by Leda or Nemesis
wife of Menelaus
sister of Castor, Clytemnestra
and Polydeuces

mother of Hermione and Xuthus

She was born from the coupling
of Zeus, in the form of a swan, with Leda,
or with Nemesis who took the form of
a goose, to produce an egg from which
Helen was hatched.

As a young girl, she was carried
away by Peribybus and Theseus who
drew lots for her. Theseus won and
sent her to Aphidnus who cared for her
until she was of marriageable age. She
was rescued by Castor and Polydeuces
when they invaded Attica while
Theseus was imprisoned in Tartarus.

She later married Menelaus but was
abducted by Paris, precipitating the
Trojan War. After the death of Paris,
whom she had married, in the fighting
at Troy, she married his brother
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killed Helen to punish her husband
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Helen off to Olympus as one of the
immortals where she became, like
Castor and Pollux, guardian of sailors,
appearing as St Elmo's fire.

Another version says that, when
Menelaus died, Helen went to Rhodes
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In some accounts she is said to
have married Achilles in Hades and
bore a son, Euphorion, though Goethe
says that Euphorion was her son by
Faust.

Helen\(^4\)

Greek
daughter of Aegisthus and
Clytemnestra
She was one of those killed by Orestes when he killed her parents to avenge the murder of his father, Agamemnon.

**Helen**

Greek

a play by Euripides in which he alleges that only a phantom Helen was taken to Troy

**Helen**

Serbian

the real name of Yevrossima

**Helen of the Hosts**

(see Elaine)

**Helen of Troy**

(see Helen)

**Helen†**

British
dughter of Coel

Her father overthrew the king, Asclepiodotus, and took the throne. He died a month later and Helena married the Roman, Constantine, who became king of Britain.

In some accounts, she is the same as Elen.

**Helena**

(see Helen†)

**Helena Dendritis**

(see Dendritis)

**Helene**

(see Helen)

**Helenos**

(see Helenus)

**Helenus**

Greek

a Trojan prophet

son of Priam and Hecuba
twin-brother of Cassandra

brother of Deiphobus, Hector and Paris

Some stories say that both he and Cassandra acquired prophetic powers when they were licked on the ears by serpents when they were young children.

When Paris was killed during the siege of Troy, Helenus and his brother Deiphobus fought for possession of Helen. Helenus lost the encounter and fled from the city. He was either trapped by Odysseus or voluntarily joined the Greek forces and predicted that they would take the city only if Philoctetes and Pyrrhus joined the battle, the shoulder bone of Pelops were brought from Greece and the Palladium were seized from within the city. When the city fell to the Greeks, he led a band of survivors to settle in Greece itself. Andromache, the widow of Hector, was given as a prize to Pyrrhus but he soon abandoned her. Helenus later married her and they had a son, Cestrinus.

**Helfrat**

(see Elf)

**Helferich**

(see Elf)

**Helga**

Norse
dughter of Njal and Berghthora

sister of Grim, Helgi, Skarp-Hedin and Thorgeid

She was trapped when Flosi’s men surrounded the house but, with the other women and children, was given safe passage before the house was burnt to the ground.

**Helga-fell**

Norse

In Icelandic lore, a hill which is the home of the dead

**Helgé**

(see Helgi1214)

**Helgi**

(see Helgi4)

[Helgi]

son of Belé

brother of Halfdan and Ingeborg

After the death of their father, Helgi and Halfdan jointly ruled the kingdom of Sogn. At their coronation, Frithiof offered his loyalty and asked for the hand of their sister, Ingeborg. Helgi rejected his suit because Frithiof was a mere commoner and insulted him by offering him work in the palace.

When the aged king, Sigurd Ring, sued for the hand of Ingeborg, Halfdan upset the king by a joking remark about his age, whereupon the king sent an invading army. The brothers sent Hilding to ask Frithiof to fight for them and when he refused they made peace with Sigmund Ring, paying him an annual tribute and giving him Ingeborg in marriage.

Frithiof offered to free them from their obligations to Sigmund Ring if they would allow him to marry Ingeborg but, because Frithiof and Ingeborg had broken the sacred laws by speaking in Hoder’s temple, Helgi again rejected his suit and imposed a sentence which he fully expected would result in Frithiof’s death.

Angantyr, king of the Orkneys, had ceased paying an annual tribute to Belé when he died. Helgi sent Frithiof to Orkney to demand that the king should hand over the tribute. Helgi then used two witches, Ham and Heid, to brew up a storm that almost wrecked Frithiof’s ship but they survived by running down the whale on which the witches were riding and killing them. Frithiof returned safely with a bag of coins given to him by Angantyr which he flung in Helgi’s face.

When hunting in the mountains, he came upon a deserted shrine and when he tugged at the lock the god’s statue fell from over the gate and killed him.

Other accounts say that he was killed by Frithiof.

**Helgi**

Norse

son of Sigmund and Borgil.mod

brother of Hamond

Tutored by Hagal, Helgi became a fearless warrior and killed the giant Hati. He saw nine Valkyries riding in the sky and one of them, Svava, told him where to find a magic sword.

In another story, Sigrun (Svava reborn) saved him from a storm at sea and, in yet another, Kara (Sigrun reborn) protected him in the form of a swan but was killed when he swung his sword too high in the air.

Some say that Sigrun had been promised in marriage to Hadbrod and that he fought Helgi for her hand and was killed.

Helgi escaped capture by the Hunding, traditional enemies of the Volsungs, by disguising himself as Haga’s man-servant and then, with Sinfjotli, led an army against the Hunding which killed all except Dag who promised to end the feud. Instead, he used Odin’s spear, Gungnir, to kill Helgi.

One of the Valkyries, Gudrun, had fallen in love with Helgi and they were reunited in Valhalla after his death. In some versions, Gudrun is Svava.

**Helgi†**

Norse

[Helgi]

son of Njal and Berghthora

brother of Grim, Helga, Skarp-Hedin and Thorgeid

He died, with the rest of the Njalsson clan when they were trapped in their house, Berghthorsknoll, which was burnt to the ground by Flosi and his men. He tried to escape dressed as a woman but was spotted and killed by Flosi.

**Helgi†**

Norse

[Helgi-Helgi Thorgilsson]

father of Bjarni

In one story, it was said that Helgi killed Geitir but others say that they fought but became good friends.

Another story tells how he plotted with Geitir, his brother-in-law, to murder a rich merchant for his valuables but the merchant’s partner, Thorlief, sent the dead man’s possessions to his heirs. Helgi then employed Ketill to kill Thorlief but the assassin made friends with his intended victim. Helgi and Geitir each came to suspect the other of having stolen the merchant’s fortune and they quarrelled. In the end, Geitir laid an ambush for his brother-in-law and Helgi was killed.
Helgrind

Norse

[Helgrendr.—Nagrindr.—Valgrindr.—Finnish

Tàugen-porttí]

the gate at the entrance to Hel's kingdom of the dead

Helgrinda

(see Helgrind)

Helgunda

European

the name for Hildegunde in the Polish version of the story of Walther and Hildegunde

In this version, her husband was Walczerz.

Helheim

(see Niðhheim)

Heli

(see Beli)

Helia

(see Halia)

Helia1

British

a king of Scotland

He was an ally of Mordred when he usurped the throne of Britain and was rewarded with the throne of Scotland.

Helia2

Greek

the daughters of Helius and Clymene

sisters of Phaethon

Their names were Aegle (or Phoebe), Lampetia and Phaetusa.

Grieving at the death of their brother Phaeton, they were turned into poplar trees on the banks of the river Erdisus, the river into which he fell when struck by the thunderbolt of Zeus.

The term is also used for the children of Helios, of whom there were many, by various consorts.

Helias

(see Elias)

Helicalon

Greek

son of Antenor

husband of Laodice

Helice1

Greek

a nymph

wife of Oenopion

mother of Merope

Helice2

Greek

daughter of Selinus

wife of Iön

Helicon

(see Mount Helicon)

Helie

British

a servant of Blonde Esmerée

She went to King Arthur's court to enlist the help of Gingalin for her mistress.

Helig

Welsh

a ruler of Lafau Sands

As a result of his wickedness, his realm was inundated by the sea. He escaped with his family and thereafter lived a pious life.

Helioigabalos

Greek

the Greek version of Elagabalus

heliotrality

sun-worship

Helipolis

Greek

the Greek name for the sacred Egyptian city of the sun

Helios

(see Helius)

heliotrope1

Greek

the sunflower into which Clytie was changed

heliotrope2

a stone, a greenish form of quartz

Some say it makes its wearer invisible.

Helis1

British

son of Ardan

cousin of King Arthur

Helis2

(see Helith)

Helith

[Hel.Helis]

a sun-god

Some say that he is represented by the figure known as the Cerne Abbas Giant.

Helius

Greek

[Apollo.Helios.Phoebus.Titan:

+Egyptian Ra=Roman Sol]

a sun-god and god of beauty

son of Hyperion and Thea

or Euryphaessa

brother of Eos and Selene

consort of Perse

father of Aegle, Lampetia, Phaetusa and Phaeton by Clymene

father of Pasiphae by Crete

father of Aetes and Crete by Perse, some say

father of Prote by Rhodes, some say

He was said to have fathered seven sons and one daughter on the nymph Rhodie. In some accounts, Phaeton is one of those sons, in others he is the son of Helius by Clymene. Other accounts say that he was the father of Silene by Euryphaessa while others say there were three sons (or grandsons), Camirus, Ialyus and Lindus.

He drove his sun-chariot across the sky from east to west every day, returning to his eastern palace each night in a golden ferry-boat operating in Ocean. Foolishly he allowed his son Phaeton to drive his sun-chariot with disastrous results.

During the war between the Giants and the gods, he was absent from the sky to prevent the growth of a herb that would have made the Giants immortal.

It was Helius who gave Heracles the golden bowl in which he crossed from Africa to Erythea en route to seize Geryon's cattle.

Helius owned seven herds of cattle and seven flocks of sheep, pastured on islands in the Mediterranean and tended by his daughters. These herds never grew larger or smaller until they were attacked by the crew of Odysseus' ship.

Heljar-ran

Norse

the realm of Dellinger

Hell1

(see Hel1)

hell2

[Abys.Bottomless Pit]

a place of punishment after death, common to many cultures

–Afghan

The Kafir hell is called Burry Duggan Boola.

–Buddhist

The Buddhists envisage a hell with eight, ten or as many as 136 realms, the lowest of which is called Avici.

–Central American

The Mayan hell consisted of nine steps which required the soul to cross a river guarded by a yellow dog, pass between two mountain peaks, suffer the onslaught of bitterly cold winds, banners and arrows, and escape from a wild animal before reaching a land of peace.

–Chinese

This home of departed souls, known as Ti Yü, Earth Prism, is said to be somewhere in Szechuan province and has ten departments, known as Shih T‘ien-wen-yang, each of which is ruled by one of the Ten Yama Kings.

Souls reaching this region are asked for money at the entrance and beaten if they fail to pay. After being weighed to ascertain whether they are weighed down by evil, they are segregated into good and evil in Bad Dog Village. They are allowed a glimpse of their future in a mirror and a nostalgic look at their past before crossing a bridge which, for sinners, is only about an inch wide. On the far side, they receive a drink which destroys all recollection of an earlier life and pass through the Wheel of the Law to emerge into a new incarnation.

–European

In his Divine Comedy, Dante divides hell into nine circles, some of which are sub-divided.

After entering at the gates and passing through the vestibule reserved for the futile, one crosses the Acheron to reach the first circle, Limbo, reserved for the unbaptised.
The next three circles are reserved for the lustful, the gluttonous and the boarders (or spendthrifts). Crossing the Styx, one reaches the fifth circle, reserved for the angry, and then the city of Dis. Passing from the upper hell to the lower hell, one comes to the sixth circle, reserved for heretics. The seventh circle, for the violent, is subdivided into three rings (for those who attacked relatives; suicides; and blasphemers) and the eighth circle has ten trenches reserved for panderers, flatterers, simoniacs, sorcerers, barrators, hypocrites, thieves, fraudsters, agitators and falsifiers.

The final circle has four zones that are known as Caina (for those who betrayed their families), Antenora (for those who betrayed their country), Potomaea (for betrayers of hospitality) and Judecca (for those who betrayed their superiors).

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Some stories allege that she was sent by Morgan le Fay to entrap Lancelot but he warded off all her enchantments by using the hilt of his sword as a cross. She fell in love with Lancelot but perished since a sorceress cannot love a mere mortal and live. Others say she died of a broken heart.

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undertook the work, unless he could discover the dwarf’s name before the church was completed. Helva’s prayers to the gods enabled her to discover that the dwarf’s name was Father Fine in time to save her lover.

Helvec
t Norse
the rough road leading to Niflheim
Helvec
(see Helvec)
Helvig
(see Helvig)
Helyas
(see Elias.Helius)
Hegra
New Zealand
son of Kai Tangata and Whaitiri
husband of Uturonga
father of Tawhaki
He was killed by demons but his death was avenged by Tawhaki.

Helmedri
Hindu
a name for Mount Meru as ‘golden mountain’

Hemakuta
Hindu
a range of mountains said to lie to the north of the Himalayas

Hemantadevi
Buddhist
[=Tibetan dGun-gyi-rgyal-mo]
a goddess of winter
She is depicted as blue and having the head of an animal.

Hemen
Egyptian
a falcon-god
He is said to be an aspect of Horus.

Hemera
Greek
[’day’]
an aspect of Eos as ‘morning’ daughter of Erebos and Nyx
mother of Aphrodite, some say

Hemicyne
Greek
one of a race of dog-headed humans, said to bark like dogs, living near the Black Sea
(see also cyanocephali)

Hemison
British
a knight, lover of Morgan le Fay
He was said to be the father of Pulzella Gaia by Morgan and was killed by Tristan.

Hemithea
Greek
daughter of Cyenus and Procleia
Her father’s second wife, Phylonome, accused Hemithea’s brother, Teles, of improper advances and Cyenus cast both Teles and Hemithea adrift in a chest. They were rescued by Poseidon and landed on Tenedos where ‘Teles was made king.

Hemosu
Korean
father of Chumong
He pretended to be the son of a god and raped the maiden Yuhwa who produced an egg from which Chumong was born.

Hemip Lady
(see Ma Ku)

Hemusut
Egyptian
a goddess of fate

Hemusut
(see Hemusut)

Hen Wen
Welsh
[Henwen.Old White One]
a magical white sow
She distributed gifts of corn, bees, etc., and was said to be the mother of the monstrous animal, Cath Palug, and other troublesome offspring. King Arthur chased her until she jumped into the sea.

Hemaphone
a plant said to have magical powers

Henbeddestyr
Welsh
son of Erim
He could run faster than any man whether on foot or on horseback.

Hendursaga
Mesopotamian
[Hendursaga=Akkadian Ixum]
a Sumerian god of law

Hendursaga
(see Hendursaga)

Heneb
Egyptian
da god of the vine

Heng
North American
[De Hi No]
a thunder-god of the Hurons
Heng, one of seven brothers, was so vigorous and so clumsy that his brothers abandoned him on a small island in a lake in the mountains where he still lives.

Heng
(see Hang)

Heng Hsi
Chinese
[Chang Hsi.Ever Breath]
one of the wives of Ti Chün
She had ten (or, some say, twelve) sons by Ti Chün and took them, one each day as the moon, across the sky in her chariot.

In some accounts, she is the same as Heng O.

Heng O
Chinese
Moon Lady]
a moon-goddess sister of Ho Po
wife of I
Her husband built a jade palace for Hsi Wang Mu and was given the drink that conferred immortality. Heng-O stole it and fled to the moon, becoming a three-legged celestial toad. She was reunited with I when he became a sun-god.

Heng Shan
Chinese
one of the Five Holy Mountains, known as Wu Yüeh, in Hunan province

Heng Shan
Chinese
one of the Five Holy Mountains, known as Wu Yüeh, in Shansi (Shanxi) province

Henga
North American
an eagle-spirt in the lore of the Osage tribe

Hengest
(see Hengist)

Hengi-kiaptr
Norse
a name for Frodi’s mill (see also Grotte)

Hengist
(see also Hengists)

Hengist
(see also Hengist)
a Danish clan-chief brother of Horsa
father of Aesc, Ebissa, Hartwaker, Octa, Renwein and Sardeine

When Hnaef was killed in the battle with Finn who had married Hnaef’s sister, Hildeburh, Hengist took over as leader of the clan. He pretended to make peace with Finn but treacherously killed him and took Hildeburh back to her own people.

He led the Saxon invasion of Britain with his brother Horsa and became king of Kent. He was killed in battle by Eldol.

Hengist
Saxon
the Saxon name for Ivald or Hiuki

Hengroen
Welsh
the horse of Cymwyn

Henin
Welsh
father of Garwen

Henky
Scottish
a troll of the northern islands

Henning
European
the cock in Reynard the Fox, mate of Scratchfoot

Henno
(see Hinun)

Henry
European
a German emperor
father of Laris and Lidoin.

Henry the Courtly
British
leader of an army sent by King Arthur to relieve Jerusalem from the threat of invasion

Hensho Kong
(see Kobo Daishi)

Hent-Tau
Egyptian
a priestess of Amon-Ra

Henten Karube
African
daughter of Bincigi
sister of Marain Jagu
She helped her brother avenge her father’s death at the hands of the tyrant king, Garakhe.

**Henwas** [Welsh]
son of Erim
He was known as Henwas the Winged because he could run faster than any animal. (see also Henbeddestyr)

**Henwen** (see Hen Wen)

**Henwinus** [British]
a duke of Cornwall
husband of Regan
He and his wife, together with Goneril and her husband, deposed the aging King Lear. Lear went to his other daughter, Cordelia, in Gaul and they returned with an army that restored the king to his throne.

**Heol** [European]
a Breton sun-god

**Heorot** [Danish]
the palace of Hrodgar

**Heosphorus** (see Phosphorus)

**hepatoscopy**
divination by inspection of animals’ livers or entrails

**Hepatu**

**Hepetiupa** (see Rua Kenana)

**Hephaestia** [Greek]
[Hephaistos=Roman Vulcania]
a festival in honour of Hephaestus

**Hephaestia** [Hephaistia]
a name of Athena as a smith-goddess

**Hephaestus** [Greek]
[Hephaistos=Hindu Tvashtri: =Roman Mulciiber:Vulcan] god of fire, a smith-god one of the Olympians
son of Zeus and Hera or of Hera alone brother of Hebe and Ares
husband of Aglaia, Aphrodite or Charis father of Olenus and Palaemon father by Etna of the twins, Palici, in one accounts father by Gaia of Erichthonius father by Medusa of Ardalus, Cacus, Cercyon and Periphetes
He was a puny and ugly infant and may have been born lame, prompting his mother Hera to throw him off Mount Olympus. In another account, he was thrown down by Zeus when he had the audacity to criticise Zeus for his treatment of Hera who had been hung up by her wrists. Whether he was lame before or not, he was certainly lame thereafter as a result of breaking his legs in the fall. In the first version he fell into the sea and was rescued by Thetis and Euryneme, in the second he fell on Lemnos. He walked on golden leg supports which, some say, were in the form of hand-maidsens who supported him. He made a golden throne which trapped anyone who sat in it and sent it to Hera. After Hermes had failed, Dionysus persuaded Hephaestus to return to Olympus and release her, whereupon he was restored to his parents’ favour. Some say that he released Hera only when he was promised Aphrodite as his wife. He soon returned to his forge and made golden palaces for each of the gods and the thunderbolts that Zeus used as his personal weapons. His other works included Talos, the bronze guardian of Crete, a golden mastiff for Rhea to guard the infant Zeus, Harmonia’s beautiful necklace, the bulls of Aetes and the golden basket used by Core when picking flowers. Some say that he also created Pandora.

In some accounts he married Aglaia, one of the Graces, or Charis; others say he married Aphrodite. In this latter story, he caught Aphrodite in bed with Ares and trapped them both in a net of very fine metal mesh which he had made, allowing all the bystanders to see her shame. It was he who split open the head of Zeus with his axe to allow the birth, fully dressed in armour and already armed, of the goddess Athene. In an abortive attempt to rape Athene he fertilised Gaea, giving rise to Ericheinouis.

His symbol is the hammer.

**Hephaistia** (see Hephaestia)

**Hephaistos** (see Hephaestus)

**Hepzhibah** (see Rua Kenana)

**Hepiales** (see Ephialtes’)

**Hepialos** (see Ephialtes’)

**Hepit** [Mesopotamian]
a Hurrian sky-goddess
In some accounts, she is identified with Hebat; in others, they are separate deities.
She is depicted as standing on a lion.

**Heptad** (see Amesha Spentas)

**Hepti** [Norse]
one of the dwarfs

**Heqet** (see Heket)

**Heqt** (see Heket)

**Hequat** (see Heket)

**Heques** [Egyptian]
a god of fishermen and river-mouths

**Hequet** (see Heket)

**Her** [Egyptian]
a sky-god

**Her-ap-sheta** [Egyptian]
Horus as ‘opener of secrets’ the planet Jupiter

**Her-ka** [Egyptian]
Horus as the Bull: the planet Saturn

**Her-pe-khred** (see Harpakhrad)

**Her-Tyr** (see Herfadir)

**Hera** [Greek]
She was one of the children swallowed by Cronus who was afraid that one of them might usurp his throne. Only Zeus escaped this fate and he later caused Cronus to regurgitate the children he had swallowed. She was nursed by the Seasons and raised by Temenus.
She was raped by Zeus in the form of a cuckoo and later married him, receiving a tree that yielded golden apples as a wedding gift from Gaea.
She was so disgusted by the puny and ugly infant Hephaestus that she is said to have dropped him from Mount Olympus. She had the power to grant to others the gift of prophecy.
She found the infant Heracles abandoned by Alcmene and, not realising that this was another son of her errant husband Zeus, suckled it at her breast, so making him immortal. She later did all she could to harass Heracles.
She once led a revolt against the imperious Zeus and was severely punished for her treachery. She was suspended by her wrists with heavy weights attached to her ankles. Others say that this treatment resulted from her persecution of Heracles.
When Semele was having an affair with Zeus, Hera came in the form of Semele’s old nurse, Beroe, and persuaded her mistress to demand that her lover should prove that he really was who he said he was. When Zeus complied, the divine radiance killed Semele. The son of this union was Dionysus and Hera ordered the Titans to destroy him. They tore him to pieces and boiled him but Rhea collected all the bits, reassembled them

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Hera, the wife of Zeus, was one of the most powerful and influential of the Greek goddesses. She was the queen of Mount Olympus and the goddess of marriage, family, and childbirth. Hera was also associated with fertility and agriculture.

Hera was depicted as a beautiful and elegant woman, often shown wearing a golden or purple robe and a diadem. She was often accompanied by a peacock or a lion, and her symbols included the apple and the bee.

Hera was known for her jealousy and her tendency to scheme against her enemies. She was particularly protective of her husband and their children, and was willing to use her powers to ensure their safety.

In Greek mythology, Hera played a central role in many stories, often as a test for the heroines of the tales. She was often depicted as a wise and powerful figure, able to grant the heroines she desired.

Hera was sometimes portrayed as having a more compassionate side, particularly towards women and children. She was a patron of nurses and midwives, and was often invoked for protection against childbirth.

Hera was a complex and multifaceted goddess, and her role in Greek mythology continued to evolve over time. She was one of the most important and enduring figures in Greek mythology, and her influence is still felt today.
and restored Dionysus to life.

When Paris awarded the golden apple to Aphrodite at the wedding of Peleus and Thetis, she and Athene, the losing contestants, became his enemies and supported the Greeks against the Trojans during the Trojan War.

Once, when she left Zeus, he made a wooden image, dressed it in a bridal gown and displayed it as his new wife. She then came back, knocked over the statue and was reconciled with her husband.

Some say that she produced the monster, Typhon, in jealousy when Zeus produced Athene unaided.

Amongst other exploits, she changed Callisto into a bear for having an affair with Zeus, although others say that Zeus did this to deceive Hera, and transferred the eyes of Argus to the peacock's tail. When Teiresias said that women have nine times as much pleasure as a man from sexual intercourse, she struck him blind.

On some accounts, she is identified with Ilythia.

Her animal was the cow, her bird the peacock and her symbol the cornucopia. (see also Selene)

Heracleidae

[Heracleidae.Heracles.Heraklidae]

descendants of Heracles

Heracleidae

[Children of Heracles]

a play by Euripides

Heracles

Palaemon.Palaimon.Tirynthian:

- Armenian Vahagn:
- Canaanite Melkarth:
- Celtic Ogmios:
- Etruscan Hercole:
- Italian Herkules:
- Roman Hercules: The Unconquerable]

son of Zeus by Alcmena

- twin of Iphicles

husband of Megara and, later, of Deianeira

- father by Megara of Creontidas, Deicoon and Thersimachus

- father by Deianeira of Ctesippus, Glenus, Hodites, Hyllus, Macaria and Tlepolemus

- father by Procris of Antileon and Hippeus, some say

When Zeus decided that there was a need for a great champion to safeguard both the gods and mortals, he slept with Alcmena during the absence of her husband Amphitryon at the wars, deceiving her into thinking he was her husband and causing the motions of the universe to slow so that one night lasted for three. The result of this union was Heracles, known in his early years as Alcides.

Alcmena, fearing the wrath of the jealous Hera, abandoned Heracles in a field where he was found by Hera who, not knowing who the infant was, sucked him, so making him immortal. When she later discovered that the boy – originally known as Alcaeus or Palaeamon – was the son of her own husband she became obsessed with making his life difficult. As a start, she sent two fiery-eyed serpents to kill him but Heracles, though a mere lad at the time, strangled them both, one in each hand.

As a youth, he killed Linus who was teaching him to play the lyre by striking him with the instrument in a fit of anger. He was acquitted at his trial, quoting the law that gave him the right of self-defence against Linus who had been beating him. He also killed the outlaw Saurus and another called Termerus, the latter in a head-butting contest just as Termerus had killed many a traveller.

At eighteen, he slept with each of the fifty daughters of King Thespus, producing fifty-one sons, and went on to kill the Cithaeronian lion which had been causing havoc. He wore the skin as armour with the jaws forming a helmet. Other accounts say that this was the skin of the Nemean Lion which he killed as the first of his twelve Labours and that the Cithaeronian Lion was killed by Alcathous.

Reputedly the strongest man who ever strode the earth, he fought on the side of the gods when the Giants rebelled and killed Echidna, Porphyria and their leader Alcyoneus.

When a Thban charioteer accidentally killed King Clymenus, his son Erginus avenged his death by exacting a tribute of a hundred cattle for twenty years. Heracles became involved when he cut the noses off the men sent to collect the cattle and, when Erginus attacked Thebes, he led the Theban youth and defeated the Minyan army, killing Erginus. As reward he was given Megara, the eldest daughter of King Creon, in marriage and they had several sons – the number varies according to who is telling the story – who became known as the Alcaides.

Hera eventually drove Heracles mad and he tried to kill his own nephew Iolaus. Iolaus escaped but Heracles did kill six of his own sons and two of the sons of his brother Iphicles or, in an alternative version, Megara and two or three of his own sons. He was purified by King Thespus and, when he consulted the Delphic Oracle, he was told to serve King Eurystheus for twelve years and do whatever the king demanded of him. Hermes gave him a sword, Apollo donated a bow and arrows, Hephaestus a breast-plate, Athena a robe, Poseidon a team of horses and his father, Zeus, gave him a shield. So equipped, Heracles set out to perform the twelve Labours, taking with him young Iolaus as charioteer.

After his fourth Labour, he joined the Argonauts on their expedition to recover the Golden Fleece but was left behind at Mysia when he went off to look for his armour-bearer, Hylas, who had been carried off by water-nymphs.

Giving up his fruitless search, he resumed his Labours, successfully completing all twelve. He later killed Calais and Zetes who had advised Jason to sail on, leaving Heracles stranded in Mysia.

 Afterwards, he gave his wife Megara to Iolaus and tried for the hand of Iole by beating her father Eurytus in an archery contest. When Eurytus reneged on his offer of Iole's hand to the victor and an argument arose about some stolen cattle, Heracles killed Iphitus, son of Eurytus, by throwing him from a tower. As punishment, he was sold as a slave to Omphale, queen of Lydia, for one year but this proved pleasant punishment when Omphale fell in love with him and bore him three children, Agelaus, Lamus and Laomedon. He also fathered Cleodaeus and Alcaeus on Malis, a servant of Omphale.

To avenge himself on Augaeas who had failed to hand over the promised reward of a tenth of all the herds when Heracles cleansed his stables and land, Heracles attacked Elis and later killed Eurytus and Cteatus, the twins who had acted as general for Augaeas and were joined at the waist. He also sacked Pylus because the king, Neleus, had fought for Augaeas, and killed his
Heracles

sons including Periclymenus who, given the power by Poseidon of assuming any shape he wished, attacked Heracles in the form of an eagle until killed with an arrow. Heracles gave the city to Nestor, son of Neleus.

Hippocoon had become king of Sparta by deposing his brothers, the co-kings Icarius and Tyndareus. He had also helped Neleus in his fight with Heracles. In revenge, Heracles killed Hippocoon and his twelve sons, restoring the former rulers to the throne. He also fought and defeated the many-formed river-god Achelous for the hand of Deianeira and married her. Their children were called Cesippus, Glenus, Hodites, Hyllus and Macaria.

Heracles also killed Phyleus, king of Ephrya, abducting his daughter Astyoche on whom, according to some accounts, he fathered Tlepolemus. Others say the mother was Astydamena, also abducted.

He accidentally killed Eunomus when the boy spilled some wine and exclaimed himself and family to Trachis. A Centaur named Nessus offered to carry Deianeira and the children over the Evenus while Heracles swam across but ran off with Deianeira and tried to rape her. Heracles shot him from across the river. At the behest of Nessus, Deianeira collected his spikes semen and blood and mixed it with olive oil in a sealed jar, believing his story that it would act as a love-potion if she spread it on her husband's shirt. In another version, Nessus gave her his own robe, stained with his poisoned blood, which had the same effect.

Challenged to a chariot-duel by Ceycus, a son of Ares, he won the contest, killing Ceycus and wounding Ares who was supporting his son in the duel.

He next took further revenge on Eurytus, who had reneged on his promise to give his daughter Iole to the winner of the archery contest, by sacking Oechalia and killing Iole's family. He captured Iole and sent her back to Trachis while he remained to offer sacrifices to Zeus. By the hand of the herald, Lichas, Deianeira sent, at Heracles' request, a new shirt for the ceremony and she, fearing that she would be abandoned in favour of Iole, anointed the shirt with what she believed to be the love-potion given to her by Nessus. In fact, the mixture contained the poison of the Hydra which had entered the blood-stream of Nessus from the arrow fired by Heracles and Heracles died in agony, finally immolating himself on a pyre on Mount Oeta. Before he died he grabbed Lichas by one foot and threw him to his death from Mount Oeta. The pyre was lit either by Philoctetes, to whom Heracles bequeathed his bow and arrows, or by his father, Poesus. Zeus conveyed the immortal part of his son to Olympus where he became one of the gods. Finally reconciled with Hera, he married her daughter Hebe and fathered two more children, Alexiakes and Ancetus.

In the Roman version, where Heracles becomes Hercules, he is said to have married Lavinia and fathered Latinus and Pallas.

As father of Celtus by Celtina, he originated the Celts.

Hercules (see also Labours of Hercules) Greek

Hercules of Ceta Greek

a play by Euripides

Hercules of Ceta Greek

a barley-god twin brother of Poesus

He was the ruler of twelve chieftains but subject to the Queen of the Woods whom he married in an annual ceremony and then died.

In an alternative version, he was killed at midsummer each year and Poesus reigned until the New Year when he in turn was killed by a new Hercules.

The annual ritual required that he be impaled on a stake, blinded, castrated, killed, flayed and cut into pieces which were then roasted. The head was floated down the river in a boat or preserved as an oracle.

Hercules of Tiryns Greek

an early vegetation god He was the lover of fifty maidens, who were priestesses of a mountain goddess. In the recurrent rite of death and renewal, he was killed at intervals of eight years, alternately with his twin, Iphicles. In later years, a child victim was sacrificed in his stead, prolonging his reign.

Herculides (see Heracleidae)

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The evil that this beast spewed out was swallowed by the goddesses guarding the flame of Ra.

**Hereric**

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When the advancing hordes of Attila threatened his kingdom, he surrendered without a fight, paid a tribute of gold and handed over his young daughter, Hildegunde, as a hostage.

**Herla**

| Canaanite | a name for the Babylonian sun-god, Samas |

Herla and some of his retinue accepted the invitation and spent a few days in the underground palace. When they returned, they found that they had been away for 200 years and those that dismounted from their horses crumbled away to dust.

**Herla**

| Norse | a train of phantom soldiers on horseback |

These men, carrying many fine gifts, were said to move through the countryside in broad daylight. They are generally regarded as the survivors of Herla’s visit to the kingdom of the pygmy king but others say that they are the riders of the Wild Hunt.

**Herlind**

| African | a handmaiden of Oda |

**Hermaphroditus**

| Greek | a marker, originally a heap of stones, but later a post or column bearing a head of Hermes, erected at street corners and venerated by the public |

**Hermaphroditus**

| Greek | a festival in honour of Hermes |

**Hermes**

| Greek | god of art, commerce, eloquence, fertility, games, herdsmen, luck, markets, roads, thieves, travellers, wisdom and messenger of the gods |

Hera, as usual, was jealous of her husband’s affair with Malia so Hermes disguised himself as the infant Ares and deceived Hera into suckling him, after which she felt obliged to regard him as her own son.

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- Cephalus and Ceryx by Herse
- Daphnis by a nymph
- Eros by Aphrodite, in some accounts
- Evander by Carmenta
- Hermaphroditus by Aphrodite
- Mytilus by Phaeutus or Theobule
- Pan by Penelope or a nymph
- Priapus by Aphrodite, some say.

He saved the infant Dionysus when his mother was killed by Zeus and said to support the world, was destroyed by Charlemagne.

In some accounts, the name is merely that of the sacred pillar.

**Hermes**

| Greek | (see also Tiwaz) |

**Hermes**

| Greek | Hermes | [Agoneus.Arais.Arg(e)iphontes.
| Atlanticus.Camilus.Chthonius.
| Master of Animals.Master Thief.
| The Master.Trismegistus:
| =Egyptian Anius.Thoth.=Etruscan
| Turno=Roman Mercury |

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Evander was killed by Zeus and...
planted him in the father’s thigh until full term.

He is credited with the invention of fire, the lyre from the shell of a tortoise, the shepherd’s pipe, astronomy, musical scales, measures, etc.

He brought Protesilaus back from Hades to see his wife, refusing to give him up, went back to Hades with him.

He killed the Giant Hippolytus during the battle between the Giants and the gods and restored to Zeus the sinews cut out by the monster Typhon.

He rescued Io (in the form of a cow) from imprisonment under the eyes of Argus, killing Argus and cutting off his head. Hera, who had ordered the detention of Io, placed the 100 eyes of Argus in the peacock’s tail.

He gave Perseus the sickle with which he beheaded Medusa.

He is depicted as wearing the winged hat and sandals and carrying his staff, the caduceus, with wings and entwined serpents. (see Charidotes)

**Hermes Argeiphontes**

a name for Hermes as the killer of Argus

**Hermes Chthonius**

Greek
god Hermes as a magician

In this role, he was second only to Hecate.

**Hermes Psychopompous**

(see Psychopomp)

**Hermes Trismegistus**

Greek

[a Arab Hirmis]
a Greek derivation from the Egyptian god, Thoth

He is said to have written many works of scholarship.

**Hermesent**

(see Hermesent)

**Hermetic art**

(see alchemy)

**Hermetic powder**

a powder said to be able to effect cures at a distance

**Hermetic philosophy**

(see alchemy)

**Hermis**

(see Hermesent)

[Hermesent]
sister of King Arthur

In some accounts, she was the daughter of Hoel and Igraine and sister of Blasine and Belleisent.

**Hermit King**

(see Elyas.Pelles)

**Hermits**

[Hermit]
brother of Coem and Crimen

These three brothers escaped the flood by taking refuge in caves or trees.

**Hermob**

Danish

a Danish king

**Hermode**

[Norse]

Irwin

messenger of the gods

son of Odin and Frigga

brother of Balder, Hoder and Thor

Swiftest of the gods, he received fallen heroes in Valhalla.

When Hoder inadvertently killed his twin brother Balder with a mistletoe branch, Hermod rode down to Niflheim on Sleipnir, Odin’s eight-legged horse, to plead that his brother be restored to life. Hela agreed provided that the whole world wept for Balder. When just one giantess, Thok (thought to be Loki in disguise), refused to shed a tear, Hela kept her own.

He brought back from Niflheim Odin’s ring, Draupnir, and Nanna’s magic ring which had been placed in Balder’s pyre.

**Hermode**

(see Hermode+)

**Hermodr**

(see Hermode+)

**Hermontine**

British

a Scottish princess

wife of Meliadore

**Hermoth**

(see Hermod)

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(see Hermod)

**Hermothea**

Greek

wife of Pandareus

**Hermouthis**

Greek

[Thermouthis]

the Greek name for the Egyptian goddess Renenutet

**Hermus**

Roman

a river-god

**Hermutrode**

British

a queen of Scotland

When Ameth arrived at her court with a message from the king of Britain asking her to kill the bearer, she ignored the message and married him.

**Hern the Hunter**

(see Herne)
Heroides (see Heroides)

Heron' Egyptian

[Thracian Hero]

a god depicted on horseback

Heron' North American

a sage of the Tlingit tribe

He was created by Nascakiyet at the same time as Raven (Yetil).

Herophile' Greek

a prophetess, priestess at Delphi
daughter of Zeus and Lamia

She was the oracle at Delphi at the time when Heracles seized the tripod, the seat of the oracle.

Herophile' (see Sibyl of Cumae)

Herophilus Greek

son of Poseidon by Aphrodite

Heros Greek

a Thracian god of the underworld, a vegetation and the chase

Hero's Portion (see Curad-mir)

Heroud British

[Harrold]
father of Asslake

He looked after Rainburn, son of Guy of Warwick, but the boy was kidnapped by Russians and sold to Argus, an African king. Heroud went in search of the youth but was himself captured and put in prison in Africa.

He was later reunited with Rainburn when the latter led the forces of Argus in an attack on the adjoining country. On the return journey to England, they met a young champion who fought a huge snake with 7 heads.

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Hersent European

a she-wolf

mate of Isengrim in some versions of Reynard the Fox

In one story she chased Reynard into his burrow but got stuck in the entrance. Reynard came out through another hole and raped her.

Hershel (see also Gieremund)

Egyptian

a fertility god

an aspect of Horus

He is said to have emerged from the primordial waters and is depicted as a ram or as a human with a ram's head.

His feet rested on earth but his head was in the sky where his right eye was the sun and his left eye was the moon.

He is sometimes depicted with four heads.

Hersilia Roman

wife of Romulus

She was taken up to heaven after the death of her husband and became one of the Horae.

Hertha (see Nerthus)

Hertnid (see Hertnit)

Hertnit German

[Herntid]
an earl of Greece

brother of Osantrix

husband of Isolde

He helped his brother in the battle with Etzel who was helped by Dietrich and some of his warriors. He captured Wittich and put him in prison, until Wildeber, dressed as a dancing bear, got access to the prisoner, killed Hertnit and freed Wittich.

Heru (see Cheru.Huh)

Egyptian

a name for Horus

Herkent Khat a name for Horus

Herkent an Maa a name for Horus

Herkuti an aspect of Horus

Hermute a name for Horus

Hephyr's bride

Hephyres the name of a Basque monster in the form of a huge snake with 7 heads

Heryu [Buddhakapala.Vajraheruka]
a wrathful aspect of Aksobhya

He combines with his sakti, Nairamata, to produce nirvana.

In this aspect, he is envisaged as blue.

(see also Karuna.Saptakasara)

Herukabuddhas Buddhist

manifestations of the Dhyanibuddhas and their saktis

They are depicted with one or three heads, two or six arms and four legs.

They are listed as Karmaheruka (green), Padmaheruka (red), Ratnaheruka (yellow), Vairocanaheruka (white) and Vajraraheruka (blue).

Herumub Egyptian

a name for Horus

Herupakut (see Hatmehyt)

Herus Central American

an Apache hero

He is said to have appeared among the Chiricahua Apache and told them to keep the book he gave them. When he died, the tribe followed their usual practice of burning all the dead man's possessions, including the book, with the result that they suffered many disasters.

Herusmatau (see Iby)

Hervis de Revel British

a Knight of the Round table

Hervor Norse

daughter of Angantyr

Her father owned the magic sword Tyrting which was buried with him. She used magic to force him to rise again and hand the sword over to her.

Hervor Norse

in some stories, the swan-maiden, wife of Volund, otherwise known as Alvit

Herwig Norse

a prince of Zealand

brother of Hergart

husband of Gudrun

He was one of the suitors for the hand of Gudrun, daughter of Hettel and Hilde, and when her father refused to sanction their marriage, he invaded his kingdom. His courage persuaded Hettel to accept him as a son-in-law.

While Herwig was away fighting Hettel, Siegfried, another suitor for Gudrun's hand, invaded Herwig's kingdom. Herwig returned to fight Siegfried and was helped this time by Hettel. They all joined forces to fight Hartmut who had abducted Gudrun, but failed to rescue her.

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Later he sailed to Normandy with Ortwin and Wat and rescued Gudrun and her companion, Hildburg. In the battle that ensued, Herwig killed Ludwig and would have killed Hartmut as well but was persuaded by Gudrun and Ortwin to spare him. When they returned to Gudrun’s home, she and Herwig were married.

Hersenolde (see Herzeloide)
Herzeleoide (see Herzeloide)
Herzeloide British

a queen of Anjou
daughter of Frimuel
sister of Amfortas, Josiane, Repanse and Trevezent
wife of Castris and, later, of Gahmuret

Her sister, Josiane, died giving birth to Sigune and Herzeloide raised the girl alongside Schionatulander, another orphan.

In some accounts, she later married Gahmuret and bore Percival, dying of a broken heart when Percival left home to seek his fortune.

Hesat Egyptian

a name for Isis as a goddess of birth
She is depicted in the form of a cow.

Hesiod an 8th C BC writer

He was the author of Thesorgy, an attempt to classify the many deities and heroes of the past, and Shield of Heracles.

Heshwash Ceremony North American
a contest of magic between shamans

Hesione1 Greek
daughter of Laomedon
wife of Telamon
mother of Teucer
sister of Podarces (Priam)

Laomedon chained his daughter to a rock in the sea as a sacrifice to appease a sea-monster sent by Poseidon because Laomedon had refused to pay Apollo and Poseidon for building the walls of Troy. Heracles found her when he was returning from his ninth Labour, and undertook to rescue her in exchange for Laomedon’s horses. He was swallowed by the monster but killed it by attacking its internal organs. Her father reneged on the promise of the horses so Heracles killed him and took Hesione as a captive to Athens where she married Telamon. She ransomed her brother, Podarces, for the price of her veil and Heracles made him king of Troy as Priam.

In other stories, Telamon helped Heracles in his later attack on Troy and, for his help, was awarded Hesione, as a prize and fathered Teucer on her.

Hesione2 Greek
a sea-nymph, one of the Nereids
wife of Prometheus

Hesione3 Greek
wife of Nauplius, some say mother of Nausimedon, Ocam and Palameded

In some stories, the wife of Nauplius and mother of his three children was Clymene.

Hesioneus (see Eioneus)

Hesius Mesopotamian

a Hurrian god

Hesper (see Vesper)

Hespera1 Greek
an aspect of Eos as ‘evening’

Hespera2 Greek
a nymph, one of the 7 Hesperides

Hespera3 Greek
[Halp] one of the 7 Hesperides

Hesperethusa (see Hesperusa)

Hesperia (see Hesperia)

Hesperides Greek

[African Sisters.Antilatides]
nymphs
daughters of Atlas and Aethra, Hesperis or Pleione, or of Erebus and Nyx, or of Phorcos and Ceto

In some accounts, there were three (Aegle, Erythia and Hespera), in others, four or seven, the other suggested names being Arethusa, Hesperia, Hesperus and Hestia.

They, with the dragon Ladon, were the guardians of the golden apples from Hera’s tree who helped Heracles in his quest for some of these apples on his eleventh Labour.

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Hesperis Greek

[Hespero] a nymph
mother of the Hesperides by Atlas

Hesperus Greek

[=Roman Vesper] god of the west, the evening star
son of Atlas or of Atreus and Eos brother of Phosphorus

He was said by some to be the father of the Hesperides.

Hesperus Eikon

[=Hesperothusa] goddess of the community, family, fire, hearth, house
one of the Olympians
daughter of Kronos and Rhea

A virgin-goddess whose symbol is a torch.

Hestia1 Greek

a nymph
one of the 7 Hesperides

Hesioneus Greek

Hesperothusa (see Hesperusa)

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[Hetwyn (the Leaper)]
father of Cynedyr

Hevajra

Buddhist

[Hevajra=x-Tibetan Kye-rdo.r.
Kye-ba-rdo.rje]
a bodhisattva
one of the Yi-dam
an aspect of Akshobhya
consort of Vajravarahi or Nairatama

Hevajra

(see Hevajra)

Hevehe

East Indian

a feast at which the spirits of the dead
are said to appear

Heveidd

(see Hefeydd)

Heveydd

(see Hefeydd)

hex

a witch or wizard: a spell: to bewitch

Hex Chun Chun

Central American

a Mayan war-god

Hexagram

a six-pointed star used in magic

Hexe

German

a witch

Hey-tau

Egyptian

[Es(h)imun]
a god who was changed into a pine tree
In some accounts, he is equated with Tammuz.

Heyoka

North American

[-Sioux Haokak]
spirits of the Dakotas: clowns
(see also Haokak)

Heyvosu

African

the sky-god of the Fon
son of Mawu-Lisa

Heywood, Thomas

English

(1574–1641)
a writer and dramatist, author of Life of Merlin and Morte Arthur

Hez-ur

Egyptian

a baboon-god
an aspect of Thoth

Hi-asu

East Indian

a primeval being in the Admiralty Islands

When she cut her finger, she collected
the blood in a shell. Two eggs formed
from the blood and the first man and
woman emerged from the eggs.

Hi Haela

Pacific Islands

[String Man]
a priest

Some tribes believe that spirits
descend the long creeping stems of
some plants, such as the convolvulus,
and destroy their crops. A priest, called

Hi Haela, is appointed to ensure that
this does not happen by cutting the
'strings' of the creeping plants.

Hi-Hya-Hi

Japanese

a Shinto sun-god
son of Kazu-Tsuchi

He was born from the blood
of Kazu-Tsuchi who was decapitated
by his father.

Hi-matsuri

Japanese

a Shinto festival in honour of
the fire-gods

Hi-no-kami

Japanese

a fire-god (see Kamado-no-kami)

Hialli

Norse

a servant of Atli

When Atli captured Gunnar and
Hogni and tortured them to make
them disclose the hiding place of the
Niblung's gold, he ordered that
Hogni's heart be cut out to force his
brother to speak. His servants, fearful
of such a warrior, killed the scullion
Hiali instead and took his heart to
Atli. Gunnar rejected it as his brother's
heart with the result that they then
killed Hogni and cut out his heart.

Hjalmsagnar

Norse

[Helmgunnar.Hjalmgunnar]
a hunter

He was killed by Brunhild against the
orders of Odin and for this she was
denoted and put to sleep inside a wall
of flame.

Hialpjet

(see Elf)

Hian

East Indian

a deity of Kei Island
brother of Parpara

He and his brother descended from
the heavens on a rope and became the
ancestors of the islanders.

Hiawatha

Japanese

a 16th c sage of the Iroquois
son of Mudjkeeweis and Wenonah
husband of Minnehaha

He was reared by his maternal grandmother, Nokomis.

His wife and daughter were killed
by the magician Atotarho but the two
men later became reconciled and
founded the Confederacy of the
Five Tribes.

He was regarded as a culture-hero
who taught the tribes the arts of
agriculture and medicine, killed the
corn-spirit Mon-da-moin to give
mankind maize, overcame the great
struugeon Mishe-Nahma and killed
the evil magician Megissogwon.

He was helped by a pair of mittens which
enabled him to split rocks when he
wore them and a pair of mocassins in
which he could cover a mile at each
step.

When his work was done, he sailed
off to Ponemah in the west in his
magic canoe.

In another version, Tatenyawagon
took pity on the suffering tribes and
came to earth as a man, Hiawatha.
He led the tribes to a cave where they
recovered their strength and then
led them to their own homelands,
separating them into the five tribes,
the Cayuga, Mohawks, Onondaga,
Oneida and Seneca, each with its own
language and character. When they
were attacked by wild tribes from the
north the five appealed to Hiawatha
for help. He sacrificed his daughter
Minnehaha to the Great Spirit and she
was taken up to heaven on the back
of a great eagle. Hiawatha united the
tribes into the Five Nations who
repelled the invaders and brought
peace to the land. Hiawatha himself
entered his white canoe which then
rose into the sky and disappeared.

Hibakara

Japanese

a guardian deity
one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

Hibernia

Celtic
[Ivernia]
an old name for Ireland

Hicetaeon

Greek

son of Laomedon and Strymo

Hickathrift, Tom

English

a mythical giant-killer

Hidari Jingoro

Japanese

a sculptor

He carved the figure of a woman he
had fallen in love with, incorporating a
mirror which she had dropped. When it was completed, it came to life.

**Hidden-Kissa**

**Baltic**
a cat owned by the giant, Hiisi

This cat could so frighten criminals that they confessed their misdeeds.

**Hidemba**

**Hindu**
a demon

brother of Hidimbaa

He was killed by Bhma who then married Hidimbaa. *(see also Shurpanakha)*

**Hidemba**

**Hindu**
sister of Hidimba

wife of Bhma

mother of Ghatotkacha

**Hidimva**

*(see Hidimba)*

**Hidir**

*(see Hidir)*

**hieracosphinx**

**Egyptian**
a sphinx with the head of a hawk

and the body of a lion

**hieromancy**

*divination from objects used in sacrifice*

**hierophant**

**Greek**

chief official at the celebration of the Eleusian mysteries

**hieros gamos**

**Greek**

*theogamy*

marriage between gods or between gods and humans

**hieroscopy**

*(see hieromancy)*

**Higelaac**

*(see Higelaac)*

**High One, The**

*(see Briganta.Odin)*

**High Ones**

*(see Superior Gods)*

**High Song**

*(see Havamal)*

**Higo**

*("willow")*

the spirit of the willow tree

She appeared to Heitaro in the form of a lovely maiden and they married and had one child, Chiyodo. When the emperor had the tree cut down to provide wood for a new temple, Higo cried out in pain as the axes fell and then disappeared for ever.

**High Plains of Heaven**

*(see Takama-gahara)*

**Higher Azure Palace**

**Chinese**

*[Shang Ch'ing]*

the home of Tao Chun

**Highest Azure Palace**

**Chinese**

*the home of Lao-tzu*

**figona**

*(see figona)*

**Hihaka**

*[Ha'aka]*
sister of Pele and Kapo

second wife of Lohiau

She was born from an egg which Pele carried in her armpit.

Lohiau was the second husband of her sister, Pele, who killed him and all his attendants when they were very slow in arriving at the new home she had made for her husband.

Another story says that Lohiau died before Pele sent for him and Hiisa was sent to collect his body. She retrieved his soul from the underworld and reunited it with his body. Lohiau then fell in love with Hiisa but the jealous Pele poured lava over him and he died again. Hiisa went to the underworld to wait for his soul to arrive but Kanehsolani had found the soul in the upper world and restored Lohiau to life once again. The god gave Lohiau a magic shell which turned into a boat that took Lohiau to an island where he found Hiisa and they married.

**Hiisi**

**Baltic**
a Finnish giant

a tree-god

son of Kaleva, some say

He owned an elk, the fastest creature on earth, that Lemminkainen was required to outrun as one of the tasks required of him by Louhi.

He also owned a fierce cat which terrorised criminals into confessing their misdeeds.

Some accounts equate him with the Devil or Lempo.

He is envisaged as a very ugly man with no eyelids.

**Hikayat Bayaran**

Malay

a book of legends and fables

**Hikayat Hang Tuah**

Malay

the story of the life and exploits of the hero Hang Tuah

**Hikayat Pandanau Jaya**

Malay

the Malay version of the Mahabharata

**Hike**

*(see Heka)*

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*(see Heka)*

**Hiko-hoho-demi**

*(see Fire Fade)*

**Hiko-Sashiri-No-Kama**

Japanese

a Shinto carpenter-god

**Hikoboshi**

Japanese

Kenyu-Sei

a Shinto sky-god *(see also Hikoboshi)*

**Hikoboshi**

Japanese

*[Kenyu-Sei]*

**Hiku**

Pacific Islands

son of Hina

Taking his magic arrow, Pua-ne, he came to earth seeking adventures and stayed with a queen, Kawelu, who put a spell on him. When he grew wings and flew away, she died. Hiku had himself lowered on a vine into the realm of Mili and rescued Kawelu’s soul, which took the form of a butterfly, catching it in a coconut shell. Back on earth, he made a small incision in the dead queen’s toe and, by inserting her soul by magic, brought her back to life.

**Hikula’o**

Pacific Islands

a god of Tonga

His home was in Putolu, land of the dead, and he was envisaged as having a tail which encircled the earth. He later came to be regarded as female.

**Hikuli**

Central American

a Mexican deity, peyote personified

This spirit is envisaged as having four faces, one looking in each direction.

**Hilaeria**

Greek

*[Hilaia.Hila]a]*

daughter of Leucippus

sister of Phoebe

mother of Anogon by Castor

In some stories of the death of Castor, she and her sister were abducted by Castor and Polydeuces. Their cousins, Idas and Lynceus, to whom they were
Hilaire was married Ortwin.

by Herwig and Ortwin and Hildburg

Normandy. They were both rescued

was abducted by Hartmut and taken to

Bogen and Waxmuth.

Hugdietrich and bore two more sons,

Wolfdietrich. She later married

Walgund and given the name

which he was rescued by Berchther and

the boy was taken by wolves from

her. She kept the birth secret but

of an old woman, fathering a son on

Hugdietrich gained access in the guise

to exclude would-be suitors but

Her father kept her locked in a tower

with three others who had

likewise been abducted. Two of these

three were Hagen, son of the king of

Denmark, and Hildburg, daughter of

the king of Portugal. They were all

rescued by a passing ship owned by

Count Garadie who was forced by

Hagen to take them to his father's

court. There they married, Hagen

took his father's throne and they had a
daughter, also called Hilde.

Hilde

[Hild(a).Hildr.Hil(l)dur]

daughter of Hagen and Hilde

wife of Gudrun and Ortwin

Hilde

[Hild(a).Hildr.Hil(l)dur]

a Valkyrie

dughter of Hogni

She was abducted by Hedin and he

fought an everlasting battle with

Hogni over her, in which the slain

were revivified every night by Hilde or

ea sorceress.

In German stories she is Hilde,
daughter of Hagen.

Hilde

[Hild(a).Hildr.Hil(l)dur]

a giantess

wife of Grim

When Dietrich killed her husband, she

attacked him and Hildebrand but

Dietrich cut her in half with his sword,

immediately joined together and she

renewed her attack. Dietrich cut her in

half again and prevented her from

restoring herself by placing his sword

between the two halves.

Hilde

[Hild(a).Hildr.Hil(l)dur]

daughter of King Arthur

In Germanic stories, Herbert came to

Arthur's court to sue for the hand of

Hilde on behalf of his uncle, Dietrich

von Bern, but she fell in love with

Arthur and they eloped.

Hildebrand

son of Herbrand

brother of Ithan

husband of Ute

father of Hadubrand

Hilde was foster-father to Dietrich and

became his greatest friend. They set

out to kill the giant Grim who was

ravaging the countryside and forced

the dwarf, Alberich, to lead them to the

giant. Dietrich killed Grim and his wife

Hilde with his magic sword, Nagelring,

and he and Hildebrand shared the

giant's treasure between themselves.

Both he and Dietrich were captured

by Sigenot, brother of the slain Grim,

but Hildebrand managed to kill the

giant and they escaped.

He was present when Krimbald

killed the captive Hagen who refused to

reveal where in the Rhine he had

hidden the Nibelung treasure and he

was so incensed by her cruelty that he

killed her.

When Emenrich attacked Dietrich

who had refused to pay tribute, Hildebrand and a party of his men

were captured. To save their lives,

Dietrich gave up his kingdom to

Emenrich and left with many of his

friends, going to Etzel's court.

In later years, he met his son

Hadubrand in battle, although neither

recognized the other. They fought to a

standstill and, finally realising the

relationship, were re-united. Some

accounts say that he killed his son.

Hildebrandeslied

German

a 9th C poem telling the story of the

warrior Hildebrand

Hildeburh

Danish

sister of Hnaef

wife of Finn

In the battle between the clans of

Hnaef and Finn, Hnaef was killed. The

new leader, Hengest, treacherously

killed Finn after talking peace and took

Hildebrand back to her own people.

Hildegarde

European

in some accounts, one of the 9 wives

of Charlemagne

Another version says that she was

betrothed to Roland who was called

away to fight in Spain before they could

get married. When she heard that

Roland had been killed at Roncesvalles,

she became a nun. A similar story is

told of Aude. (see also Aladdella.Aude)

Hildegarde

Norse

a magic helmet made by Grim

Dietrich took possession of this helmet,

which gave the wearer increased

strength, when he killed Grim and his

wife Hilde.

Hildegunde

Norse

[Hiildegundur]

the German version of Aude
Hildisvini  (see Hildeswm)

Hildr  (see Hilde)

Hildren  (see Hedin)

Hildur  (see Hilde)

Hi’lina  (see Hildeswm)

a god of the Haida Indians

the thunderbird

Hill, Eleanor  Irish

author of Cuchulainn Saga

hill folk  Norwegian

a race of people somewhere between
evves and humans

Hill of Aisneach  Irish

(Balor’s Hill. Hill of Usneach.
(Mount) Killarney [au])

a hill said to be the centre of Ireland

This was the site of one of Tiuathal’s
four palaces and of the Giants’ Ring
from which Merlin transported the
stones to build Stonehenge.

Hill of Balor  Egyptian

the hill which supports the heaven,

home of Sebek

Hill of Usneach  (see Hill of Aisneach)

Hillaly  (see Hilal)

Hilldur  (see Hilde)

Hildigundr  Norwegian

the name of Hildegarde, daughter of
Hereric, in Thidrekssaga

Hills of Longitude  (see Shou Shan)

Hiltgunt  (see Hildeswm)

a ruler of the jinn

Hima-Pandara  Hindu

[‘snow palace’]

the home of Kubera

Himalaya  (see Himavan)

Himantes  Greek

a Titaness

mother of Pluto, some say

Himavan  Hindu

[Himalaya. Himavat(a)]

a mountain god, personification
of the Himalayas

consort of Mena

father of Devi, Ganga and Parvati

Himavan  Tibetan

a sacred mountain in Tibet

It is here that Zampu, the tree of life,
grows. It is also the place where the ark
landed after the flood.

Himavat  (see Himavan)

Himavata  (see Himavan)

Himeropa  Greek

one of the sirens

Himeros  (see Himerus)

(Himeros)

a deity, desire personified, attendant
on Aphrodite

Himilitude  European

in some accounts, one of the 9 wives
of Charlemagne

Himiniho  (see Himinbiorg)

Himiniorg  Norwegian

[Great Lady of the Night. Hine-i-tau-ira.

the Maori goddess of death

She was originally the sky-goddess
Hine Titama.

When Maui tried to avoid death by
creeping through her body, she
squeezed him to death.

She was envisaged as a black goddess
with green eyes.

Hina1  New Zealand

[Great Lady of the Night. Hine-i-tau-ira.

a moon-goddess of Tahiti

Hina2  Polynesian

a double-faced woman made from
sand by Te Tuna

mother of Tiki and the Dawn Maiden

In some stories, Hina is the mother of
Maui; in others she deserted her
husband, the eel Te Tuna, in favour
of Maui who killed Te Tuna. They buried
his head and, from it, sprang the first
cocoanut tree.

In some stories she is a Tongan
noblewman impregnated by an eel.

Hina3  Pacific Islands

[Hina. Ina]

a double-faced woman made from
sand by Te Tuna

mother of Tiki and the Dawn Maiden

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cocoanut tree.

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noblewman impregnated by an eel.
of the branches of the original banyan tree from which Hina stripped bark to
make clothes for the gods. She is therefore the tutelary deity of cloth-
beaters. It was beating tapa that took her to the moon in the first place.
Ta‘aroa got fed up of the noise and told her to stop. When she refused,
Pani grabbed the mallet and struck her on the head, whereupon she flew
off to the moon.

In another story, she accidentally broke a branch from this tree and it fell
to earth, took root and so the banyan was introduced to the islands.
Hina
Pacific Islands
[Ina]
dughter of Rona
Her mother, a cannibal, devoured Hina’s
lover, Moroa. With the help of No’a-
huruhuru, Hina killed her mother.
Hina-a-rauriki
Pacific Islands
wife of Turi-a-faumea
She was abducted by Rogo-tumu-hea,
the demon octopus, but her husband and
his father, Tangaaroa, fished the monster
up from the depths of the ocean, killed
him and rescued the woman.
Hina-ika
Pacific Islands
sister of Maui
wife of Ira Waru
Maui used her hair to make a net in
which he trapped the sun.

In some accounts, she is the same as Hina-rika.
Hina-keha
Pacific Islands
goddess of the bright moon and
of childbirth
sister of Hina-uri and Maui
In some stories she appeared out of
the sea as a beautiful maiden and made
love to Tiniirau, bearing a son called
Tuhuruwhuru. Other versions say that this was Hina-uri.
Hina-te-Ngaru-Moana
Pacific Islands
a name for Hina-keha, in the form of a
fish, as ‘lady of the ocean’

Hina-tu-a-uta
Pacific Islands
mother of Oro
Hina-uri
Pacific Islands
[Indigo Lady]
goddess of the dark moon
sister of Hina-keha and Maui
Some say that it was she who emerged
from the sea and made love to Tiniirau
who left her after the birth of their
son, Tuhuruwhuru. Others say that this
was Hine-keha.

In some accounts, she is the same as Hina-ika.

Hinako-Nai-Shinno
Japanese
a princess
It is said that she bit into a chestnut but
threw it away without eating it. The
nut grew into a tree and a beating fruit
bore the marks that the princess’s teeth
had made on the original nut.

Hind of the Fairies
British
a fairy deer
In an Italian story, this animal led
King Arthur through a mountain to
Morgan le Fay’s palace where he was
shown all the wonders of the world.

Hindarfjall
Norse
[Hindfell.Hlymdall]
a mountain
It was here that Odin put Brunhild to
sleep within a wall of flame to await
the arrival of a warrior-husband.

Hinde

Hine
(see Hinda)
Hine-a-ahu-one
Pacific Islands
[Earth-girl]
an underworld goddess
wife of Tane
mother of Hine Titama
She was created by Tane from sand or
carved from sandstone.

In some accounts she is called Hine-
i-tau-ira.
(see also Hine Titama)
Hine-atua-rangi
(see Hine Titama)
Hine-i-Tapeka
Pacific Islands
a fire-goddess
Hine-i-tau-ira
(see Hina1.Hine Titama)
Hine Kaikomako
(see Kaikomako)
Hine-kau-Atata
Pacific Islands
[Lonely Gentle Woman]
doughter of Tiki and Marikoriko
She was the first child to be born on
earth.

Hine-make-moe
New Zealand
goddess of troubled sleep
daughter of Te Kore
Hine-nui-te-po
(see Hina.Hine Titama)
Hine Piripiri
Pacific Islands
wife of Tawhaki
Hine-te-iwa-iwa
(see Hine-keha)
Hine Titama
Pacific Islands
[Dawn-girl.Dawn Maiden.Hine-
Tiki-kapakapa.Tikikapaka]
a sky-goddess
daughter of Tane and Hine-ahu-one
mother of Hine Titamaui
She unwittingly married her own
father and, ashamed of what had
happened, killed herself and became a
goddess of the underworld in the form
of Hine-nui-te-po.

In some accounts it was Hine-i-tau-
ira who killed herself in shame and
became an underworld goddess.
(see also Hina)
Hine Titamaui
Pacific Islands
[Hine-atua-rangi]
daughter of Hine Titama by her own
father, Tane
Hine-tu-Whenua
Pacific Islands
a benevolent wind-goddess
Hine-tuanange
Pacific Islands
in some accounts, a wife of Tane
It was said that she produced reptiles
and mountain streams.

Hinegba
African
[Hinegba]
the supreme god of the Igbara people
of Nigeria
Hinemaka
Pacific Islands
a Polynesian maiden
She was captured by Maru when he
raided the compound of Whakaputa
and married Maru’s son.

Hinetiwiwiwa
New Zealand
the Maori goddess of childbirth
daughter of Tane
Hinglaj
Hindu
[Hinglaj-Mata]
a mother-goddess of northern India
Hiniel
an angel of the fifth heaven,
associated with the north
and Tuesday

Hinkon
Siberian
god of the hunt in the lore of the
Tungus tribes
Hino
(see Himun)
Hino-haya
(see Kazu-Tsuchi)
Hinokagutsuchi
(see Kazu-Tsuchi)
Hinquememan
North American
a lake in British Columbia
It is said that the waters of this lake will
reach out and draw back into the
depths of the lake anyone who dares to
take water from it.

Hintubuhet
Pacific Islands
an androgynous supreme deity in
New Ireland

Hintze
European
the tom-cat in Reynard the Fox
He accused Wackerlos of stealing the
sausage that he had stolen from the
millers’ wife and was sent to summon
Reynard to appear at the king’s court
after Brown had failed in the attempt.
He was tricked by Reynard into
entering a barn where he was caught in
a trap. He managed to escape but lost
an eye in the process.
Hinu

Hinun (see Hinun)

Hinun North American

[Hen/Hino/Hinu/Thunderbird]
a thunder-god of the Iroquois
husband of Rainbow

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He also saved his people from the Stone Giants of the west by shattering them with his divine power.

Each year, he sent the three Thunderers to earth to destroy evil.

He is accompanied by the eagles Keneu and Oshadagea.

Hinzelmann German

hi’ona (see figona)

Hirondis Norse

[Hirondis]
daughter of Eglimi
sister of Gripir
second or third wife of Sigmund
mother of Sigurd

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Hippa (see Hippi)

Hippalcimus Greek

father of Peneleos

Hippasus' Greek

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it was Antiope who was captured by Theseus and Hippolyta led the attempted rescue, dying of grief when she was defeated.

Hippolyta (see Ypolitia)
Hippolyte (see Hippolyta)
Hippolytus (Greek)
one of the Earthborn Giants
son of Uranus and Gaea
He was killed by Hermes during the battle between the Giants and the gods.

Hippolytus (Greek)
son of Theseus and Hippolyta or Antiope
He was adopted by Pittheus, king of Troezen and rejected the advances of Phaedra, his step-mother, whereupon she hanged herself claiming he had tried to rape her. Theseus invoked the help of his father Poseidon to bring about the death of Hippolytus. Poseidon sent a huge bull or seal that frightened the horses which pulled the chariot of Hippolytus and when they bolted, Hippolytus was dragged against the rocks and killed. In Tartarus he was almost restored to life by Asclepius but Zeus killed the physician before he could complete the task.

In some accounts he is the same as Eteoclus.
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Hippomenes
Greek
a play by Seneca alternatively called Phaedra

Hippomedon
Greek
one of the Seven against Thebes
brother of Adrastus
father of Polybus
father of Polydorus, some say
He was killed at Thebes by Ismarus.

In some accounts he is the same as Eteocles.

Hippomenes
Greek
daughter of Menoeceus, some say
mother of Amphithyon and Anaxo

Hippomenes
Greek
son of Amphidamas or Megarius
husband of Atalanta
father of Parthenopaeus, some say

Hippomenes was given three golden apples by Aphrodite which he dropped in the path of Atalanta during a footrace. When she paused to pick them up, he won the race and, with it, her hand in marriage. Both he and Atalanta were changed into lions by Zeus when they defiled the god’s precinct or by Aphrodite for failing to render thanks for her help.

That is the Boeotian version; the Arcadian version names the runner as Melanion.

Hippopon
Greek
- [Celtic Epona]
a goddess of horses

Hippopus
Greek
husband of Astynome
father of Capanus and Periboea

Hippopus (see Bellerophon)

Hippotades
Greek
a mortal deified as Aeolus, god of the winds
son of Hippotas, some say

Hippothoe
Greek
daughter of Mestor and Lysidice
mother of Pterelaus by Poseidon

Hippothoon (see Hippothous)

Hippothous
Greek
- [Hippothoon]
son of Poseidon by Alope
father of Aeptus, some say

He was abandoned by his mother, suckled by mares and found by some shepherds who took him to Alope’s father, Cercyon. He killed his daughter and abandoned the boy again. He was found by the same shepherds and reared by them. When Theseus killed Cercyon, he made Hippothous king of Eleusis in his place.

Hir Atrym
Greek
- [Hiranyapakasura. Hiranyakasipu]
see Hiranyakasipu

Hiranyakasipu
Hindu
[Hiranyapakasura. Hiranyakasipu]
a demon-king
the first manifestation of Ravana
twin brother of Hiranyaksha
father of Hrada and Prahlava
father of Bali, some say

He achieved great strength by austerity and took power over air, earth and sky for a million years until he was killed by Vishnu in his fourth avatar as the man-lion Narasinha.

Hiranyapakasura (see Hiranyakasipu)

Hiranyaka (see Hiranyakasipu)

Hiranyaksha
Hindu
[Hiranyapakasura. Hiranyakasipu]
a giant
twin brother of Hiranyakashipu
He is said to have pulled the earth to the bottom of the ocean and kept it there for a thousand years until he was killed by Vishnu in his third avatar as the boar Varaha.

Hiranyakasipu (see Hiranyakasipu)

hirocervus
see Hiranyapakasura

hirocervus
a monster, part goat, part stag
(see also tragelaph)

Hirguan
Canary Islands
on Gomera, a demon opposed to the god Orahan

Hirihbi
Mesopotamian
a Sumerian king
He acted as intermediary when Yarib sent him to ask Baal for the hand of Nikkal.

hirizi
African
a Swahili amulet

Hirmis
Arab
[Hermis=Greek Hermes Trismegistus]
an early prophet in Egypt
father of Idris

He is said to have built the first pyramid and invented writing and was lost in the flood, only to appear again at Babel hundreds of years later to invent science and re-invent writing. On an even later occasion, he reappeared in Egypt and wrote a famous work on the sciences.

Some say that he was discovered still
alive, sitting in a tunnel beneath his own statue in Hermopolis, by the scholar Balinus.

He has been identified with Thoth.

**Hiro-ko**  (see Hiruko)

**Hiruko**  (Japanese)

[Hiro-ko, Hirugo, Hiruko, Leech Child]

a Shinto god of fortune

the deformed son of Izanagi

and Izanami

He was so ugly that his parents abandoned him, putting him in a boat which was then cast upon the sea.

Others say that the child was born as a jellyfish or a leech (hence the name Leech Child) and was set adrift in a boat. The boat came ashore at Ebisu Shore and the infant grew up bearing the name Ebisu and became the god of fishermen.  (see also Ebisu)

**Histie**  (see Hestia)

a demon of the planet Jupiter

[Breathmaker, Hisakitaimisi, Ibofanga]

the supreme god of the Creek Indians

**Hisakitaimisi**  (see Hisagkitaimisi)

**Hismael**

a demon of the planet Jupiter

**Histic**  (see Hestia)

**Histion**  (British)

son of Japhet

father of Alemmanus, Britto, Francis and Romans in some stories

**Historia Britonum**  (British)

a book written in Latin by Nennius

This 9th C book tells of the battles between King Arthur and his armies and the Anglo-Saxons.

**Historia Meriurdi**  (Welsh)

a story of the Welsh king, written in Latin

**Historia Regnum Britanniae**  (British)

a 12-volume work written in Latin by Geoffrey of Monmouth

This 12th C work tells the stories of King Arthur's exploits and of the race of giants who were the early inhabitants of Britain. The last two giants, Gog and Magog, were said to have been captured by Brut, leader of the Trojan invaders.

**Hitaspa**  (Persian)

a demon

He killed the sage Urvakhshaya and was himself killed by his victim's brother, Keresaspas.

**Hito-koto-kanmon**  (Japanese)

a form of Kwannon who will answer only one prayer

**Hitogaki**  (Japanese)

the ghosts of dead nobles

Humans were buried up to their necks in a circle round the grave of a noble and left there to die.

**Hitogata**  (Japanese)

paper cut-outs of human beings used in purification ceremonies

These silhouettes, said to absorb the sins of real humans, were placed in a temple and later burned.

**Hitopadesa**  (see Hitopadesha)

**Hitopadesha**  (Hindu)

[Book of Sound Counsel, Hitopadesha]

beast-fables, a summary of the Panchatantara

**hisutsu**  (Japanese)

a sign (sheep) of the Zodiac

**Hitauanin**  (see Hittauanin)

**Hittauanin**  (Finnish)

a god of hunters: a forest spirit

**Hituhito**  (Pacific Islands)

a spirit of the dead appearing to the living

**Hiki**  (Norse)

[Gelder, Hengest, Hjuki, Hyuki, Ide, Slagfinn-Gjuki]

the god of the waxing moon

son of Ivald and Greip

brother of Bil

He and Bil were captured by the moon-god Mani when they were carrying water and thereafter always accompanied him.

In some accounts they were carrying song-mead from the well Byggr in the bucket Saegir.

**Hixcteba Nih'ancan**  (North American)

the Arapaho name for the white man's god

**Hiyei-zan**  (Japanese)

a hill said to have an evil influence

**Hiyoyo**  (Pacific Islands)

the Papuan underworld

This realm is located under the sea and the souls of the dead work in the underworld gardens there. This realm is ruled by Tumudurere but in some versions, Hiyoyo is used also as the name of the god of the underworld.

**Hizarbin**

a sea-demon

**Hizen**  (see Ito Soda)

**Hjaalgunnar**  (see Hjalmgunnar)

**Hjalpret**  (see Elf)

**Hjarandi**  (see Hiarandi)

**Hjordis**  (see Hiordis)

**Hjuki**  (see Huki)

**Hkeo**  (Burmeese)

a lake

(see Hkun Hsang L'rong)

**Hkrip Hkrupw**  (Burmeese)

a male earth-spirit

husband of Sik Sawp

father of Chanum, Ngawn-ya-Mogam and Woi-shun

**Hkuan-bei-set**  (Burmeese)

sacred objects in the form of pieces of precious metals, stones, etc., inserted under the skin

Some of these objects have incantations inscribed upon them and are said to make the wearer invulnerable.

**Hkum Yeng**  (Burmeese)

a guardian spirit of villages one of the nats

**Hkun Ai**  (Burmeese)

a hero who married a dragon-woman

When he left his wife she gave him an egg from which a son, Tung Hkam, was born.

**Hkun Hsang Long**  (Burmeese)

a creator-spirit

He created the first couple, Ta-hsck-hki and Ya-hsek-khi who were born in the shape of tadpoles. After this couple had mated, he renamed them Ta-hsang-kahs (Yatwgn) and Ya-hsang-kahs (Yatn).

**Hkun Hsang L’rong**  (Burmeese)

a deity who came down to earth

Having eaten the Thalasan, he became a deformed spirit and cut open two gourds belonging to Nang-pyek-kha Yek-ki. The water that poured from the gourds formed a lake, Hkeo, which became a sacred sea where the first beings, Ta-hsek-khi and Ya-hsek-khi lived in the form of tadpoles.

**Hkun Sak-ya**  (Burmeese)

the Burmese name for Indra

**Hlakanyana**  (African)

[Iekikiana, Iekanyana, Ucakijana, Uhlakanyana, Mfudwana]

in Zulu lore, a trickster dwarf

Immediately he was born he stood up, cut his own umbilical cord and carved himself a choice portion of a recently-slaughtered beast, following it with the rest of the dead animal. Thereafter he seemed to eat anything and everything.

**Hlebard**  (Norse)

one of the dwarfs

This smith made a magic wand for Odin and shaped the mistletoe into the magic arrow with which Hoder, prompted by Loki, killed Balder.

**Hler**  (Norse)

a name of Aegir as ‘shelterer’
Hlidskjalf Norse
[=Norse Nerthus=

Hlidskjalf (see Hlidskjalf)

Hliodalfr Norse

a malevolent god in the lore of the

Hmin Central American

Mayan diviners

These people were said to have direct communication with the gods who gave them their power to manipulate natural forces for the benefit of the people.

Hmin Burmese

a nat who afflicts travellers with the ague or drives them mad

Hminza Burmese

a malevolent ghost in the form of a cat or dog; a form of tase

Hnaef Danish

a clan-chief brother of Hildeburh

His sister married another clan-chief, Finn, causing resentment which led to war in which Hnaef was killed.

Hnikar Norse

[Feng]
a name of Odin as 'wave-stiller' or 'giver of rain'

Hnit-ma-dawgyi Burmese

[Saw Meya.Shinwe-hla.Shwe Myet-hna.]

Taungyi-shin.Thon Pan Hla]

a nat creator-deity

sister of Min Magaye

She was a queen who was burned to death by the king, her husband, with her brother.

Hnos Norse

[=Hnos(s).Hnoss=

Hnoss) daughter of Odur and Freya

In some accounts, it was this child who dreamed of Balder's death. Some say that she was one of the Asynjur.

Hnossa (see Hnoss)

Ho Chinese

a minor deity, assistant to Pi Kan.

Ho Chinese

3 celestial brothers

They, with the three brothers Hsi, were responsible for the solstices and equinoxes. (see also Hsi-ho)

Ho Chinese

a sacred river

Ho Chinese

a sacred bird, the crane

Ho-deri (see Fire Flash)

Ho Ho Chinese

[=Ping-i.Count of the River.Duke of the River=

brother of Heng-o

husband of Fu-fei

He lived on the mountain K'un Lun, source of the Yellow River, and became immortal by drowning himself weighted with stones.

Every year, a maiden was thrown into the river as a sacrifice to this deity.

Ho Shen Chinese

a fire-god

In some accounts he is the same as Tao Chin.

Ho-sig Korean

the fate of being eaten by a tiger

Ho-suserei (see Fire Flash)

Ho T'ai Chinese

father of Ho Hsien-ku

Ho Wang Chinese

an attendant on Tam Kung

They both jumped to their death from a cliff-top to escape death at the hands of Kublai Khan.

Ho-wo (see hoo)

Ho-woi (see Fire Fade)

Hoa Pacific Islands

a Tahitian god

son of Oro

brother of Ai-Tupuia, Mata-Fatu-Rau

and Toi-Mata

Hob a brownie: a frightful apparition

Hobal (see Hubal)

Hobal Hualal (see Hubal)

Hobanock North American

an evil spirit or devil

Hobas (see Haubas)

Hobamock North American

Hobanock

a malevolent god in the lore of the New England tribes

(see also Hobanocka)
Hobbamoqui (see Hobhamock)
hobbidance
a malevolent sprite
(see also Hoberdandise)
Hoberdandise British
a demon of the dance
(see also hobbidance)
hobgoblin
a mischievous sprite such as a brownie
Hobnil Central American
[Hobnul]
a Mayan god of beekeepers
one of the 4 Bacabs
He supported the eastern corner of the world (red).
(see also Kan)
hobo (see hoo)
hobyah Scottish
a cannibal goblin
(see also Turpy)
Hocelice British
the name used by Galahad of Galefort when he became king of Wales
Hochigan African
a spirit in the lore of the Bushmen
The Bushmen say that, originally, all animals could speak but Hochigan went away forever taking their power of speech with him.
Hocken Dutch
Hodain Central American
of speech with him.
Hodbrod Norse
a suitor for the hand of Sigrun, killed by Helgi
Hodeken German
a kobold who exposed unfaithful wives
Hoder1 Norse
Hod(u)r.Hotherus.Hromund]
the blind god of darkness
son of Odin and Frigga
twin brother of Balder
brother of Hermod and Thor
Frigga had extracted a promise from all things that they would cause no harm to Balder but she overlooked the mistletoe. The gods made a game of throwing things at Balder and none of them could harm him until Loki, the troublemaker, persuaded the blind Hoder to throw a branch of mistletoe.
This branch, guided by Loki, killed Balder immediately.
In another story, Hoder and Balder vied for the hand of Nanna. When she married Hoder, he killed Balder with the sword, Mistilteinn, stolen from Mimirus.
In some versions, Hoder was killed by Vali, son of Odin and Rinda, who, having grown to manhood in one day, arrived with his bow and arrows and shot Hoder to avenge Balder, thus fulfilling a prophecy of Rothiof.
Some say that he was sacrificed for killing Balder, others that both survived Ragnarok.
Hoder2 Norse
[Hodir.Hod(u)r]
an Icelandic outlaw
Hoder3 (see Svipdag)
Hodieri (see Fire Flash)
Hodir (see Hoder)
Hodites Greek
son of Heracles and Deianeira
brother of Cessipus, Glenus, Hyllus and Macaria
Hodmir Viking
Hodmir's Holt Norse
a deep cavern
This is the place where Lif and Lifthrasir slept during Ragnarok. When they awoke, they lived on dew and so escaped Surtur's flaming sword at Ragnarok. Others describe it as a cavern.
Hodo Japanese
one of 5 Dhyani Buddhas
one of 5 Dhyani Bodhisattvas, in some accounts
Hodoecous Greek
husband of Agrianome
father of Oileus
Hodr (see Hoder)
Hodur (see Hoder)
Hoe1 European
a king of Brittany
father of Belinda, Helen, Isabella, Isolde, Katherdin and Runalen
In some accounts, his parents are given as Boucicus and Anna, in others he is the son of Ymer by Gwyar, a sister of King Arthur.
In some versions he is known as Gilierchins, in others as Havelin or Jovelin.
His eldest daughter, Isabella, married Meliad after the death of his first wife and she tried to poison Meliad's son, Tristram, who was then sent to Hoel's court for safety. His other daughter, Belinda, fell in love with Tristram and she also tried to poison him when he rejected her. Helen was carried off by the giant of Mont St Michel but, King Arthur, who had landed in Brittany to help his friend Hoel fight the Romans, killed the giant though not in time to save Helen's life. (see also Jovelin)
Hoel2 Celtic
duke of Tintagel
In some accounts, the husband of Igraine and father of Blasine, Belisent and Hermisent.
Hoener (see Hoenir)
Hoeni (see Hoenir)
Hoenir Norse
[Hoeni.Hoeni.Hoeni.Hoeni]
son of Bor and Bestla
brother of Loki, Odin, Ve and Vili
He endowed newly-created mankind with intelligence and was one of the Aesir who went to live among the Vanir as a hostage after the two groups made peace. Some say that he was one of the few to survive Ragnarok.
Some equate him with Ve or Vili.
Hofud Norse
the magic sword of Heimdall
hogothi Norse
a keeper of a temple
Hofvarpner (see Hofvarpnir)
Hofvarpnir Norse
[Hofvarpner.Hoof-tosser]
the horse of Gna, Frigga's messenger
This animal was sired by Hamskerpir on Gardrofa.
hog-folk (see Alvor)
hoga Pacific Islands
gnomes or dwarfs
Hogahn North American
[Hogan]
a Navaho purification ceremony: the hut in which the ceremony is held: the home of a god
Hogalen Tudno (see Whetstone)
Hogan (see Hogahn)
Hogne (see Hogni)
Hogni Norse
[Hogni=German Hagen]
son of Giuki and Grimhild
brother of Gudrun, Gunnar and Guttorrn
father of Dag and Sigrun, some say His sister Gudrun, after the murder of her husband Sigurd by their younger brother Guttorrn, married Atli, king of the Huns who, coveting the treasure of
the Niblungs, invited them to his court, planning to kill them. Despite a warning, his elder brother, Gunnar, accepted the invitation but took the precaution of hiding the gold in the bed of the Rhine. Atli killed all the party except Gunnar and Hogni whom he tortured to reveal the hiding place of the treasure. To force Gunnar to speak, Atli had Hogni killed and cut out his heart which he displayed before Gunnar who, still refusing to speak, was thrown into a snake-pit and bitten to death.

In another story, his enemy, King Hedin, abducted Hilde and they fought an everlasting battle over her in which the slain were revivified every night by Hilde or a sorceress. He owned a sword called Dainsleif.

Hogos
Nogah
a demon associated with the planet Venus and Friday
Hogstari
one of the dwarfs
Hob
Dakota
a crow
Hohi
(see Ama-no-ho)
Hohie
(see Holi)
hoho
(see hoo)
Hoho-demi
(see Fire Fade)

Hoichi
Japanese
a blind priest
He was bewitched by the ghosts of the Tiara clan, all of whom, including the infant emperor, Antoku Tenno, had been killed in a great sea battle with the Minamoto clan. When his fellow priests discovered him sitting before the tomb of the young emperor, chanting the story of that battle, they covered him with sacred texts to ward off the ghosts. When the ghosts next came for Hoichi, all they could see were his ears which had not been covered. These they tore off and the priest was thereafter earless.

Hoin
Japanese
an aspect of Jizo

Hoita
North American
a Mandan eagle-spirit
When Lone Man stole his white buckskin coat, Hoita collected all the animals and enclosed them in the Dog Den. Lone Man made an even more powerful medicine-drum than the one owned by Hoita who was then forced to release the animals.

Hoja Maimoon
Malay
a merchant
He bought a talking parrot which he left behind when he went on a long journey. His wife was wooed during his absence by a local prince but the parrot kept her entertained by telling her tales each night until Hoja Maimoon returned seventy days later.

Hoji
Japanese
the name of the fox-woman later known as Jewel Maiden
Hojo Takatoki
Japanese
an emperor
He banished Oribe Shima to a far-off island. His daughter, Tokoyo, set out to find him and came upon a priest about to throw a maiden over a cliff in sacrifice to the serpent-god, Yofuna-Nushi. She took the maiden’s place and jumped into the sea where she met and killed the monstrous white serpent-god. She then returned to the surface bearing the body of the serpent and an image of Hojo Takatoki which she had found under the sea. As soon as this image was restored, the emperor, who had fallen ill, was restored to full health.

Hok Braz
Celtic
a giant in Brittany
He was said to be able to swallow large ships.

Hokawingla
North American
a rattle-spirit of the Dakotas
Hokokh
North American
a monster in the form of a huge bird with a long beak, in the lore of the tribes of the north-west.

Hokomata
(see Kukumatz)
hokora
Japanese
a wayside shrine
Hokushin-O-Kami
Japanese
a Shinto sky-god, Ursa Minor
Holawaka
Ethiopian
a messenger-bird from god
This bird was sent to tell the Galla tribes that they could become immortal by removing their skins when they grew old but the bird, in return for food, gave the message to a snake who thereafter was able to grow by sloughing its skin. As punishment, the gods inflicted a painful disease on the bird.

Hold
(see Holda)
Holda
German

Holga
German
a goddess of children and weather wife of Holder, some say She was said to have given flax to the human race.

As Frau Holle, she was said to guard the souls of children in lakes or wells.

As Frau Venus, she was said to live in a cave in the Horselberg and tempted mortals with the pleasures of the flesh. Tannhäuser was one of those who stayed with her until he became sickened with his own sinfulness. She was the owner of the magician fountain, Quickborn.

Holda
German
a name of Uller in Germany

Holda’s Troop
German
[Holda’s Troop,Holda’s Troop] a version of the Wild Hunt, led by Holda

Holli
Hindi
These were the children of Adama and Hava retained by god.

Holger
(see Ogier)
Holger Danske
(see Ogier)
Holliarten
German
[Holda,Holliart]

Holliartus
Greek
son of Sisyphus, some say brother of Coronus

Holl
(see Holda)
Holla’s Troop
(see Holda’s Troop)
Holle
(see Frigga, Holda)
Hollenfurt
the flight of witches
Holler
(see Holder)
Hollow Grey Rocks
(see Te Parai-Tea)

Holmkell
German
father of Ketilrid

Holocaust
Norse
the sacrificial burning of victims

Holy angels
(see angels)
Holy Boy

North American

a spirit of the Apache

He, with Red Boy, placed the sun and the moon in their courses.

Holy Emperor

(see Sheng Ti)

Holy Grail, The

(see Glastonbury Thorn)

Holy Grail, The

[graal,grail,graley,Sangraal. Sangreal,Sangrail]

a holy vessel

This prized object was Christ's cup or plate which he was said to have used at the Last Supper and in which Joseph of Arimathea and Evealke. It was used, in some accounts, by Balin to kill or to wound Pelham. In other accounts, Galahad found the lance and used it to cure Pelles, guardian of the Grail, who had been made lame for his sins. It was taken back to the Holy Land by Galahad, Percival and Bors at the end of the Grail Quest and, at the death of Galahad, the Lance and the Grail disappeared forever.

In the Wagnerian version, this weapon was kept in the Temple of the Grail and Amfortas took it with him when he tried to destroy the evil magician, Klingsor. Klingsor took the spear from Amfortas and struck him in the side, thereby causing a wound that healed only when Parsifal, at the end of the Grail Quest, regained the spear and laid it on the wound.

In some accounts, it was used by Charlemagne in his battles with the Saracens.

Holy Mother

(see Pi-hsia Yuan-chun. Queen of Heaven)

Holy Mother of Heaven

(see T’ien Shang Sheng-mu)

Holy-mouth men

North American

medicine-men of the Nacirema tribe

They believe that the mouth is the route by which spirits enter the body.

Holy One

(see Sheng. Turkey Hactcin).

Holy Spear

(see Holy Lance)

Holy Thorn

(see Glastonbury Thorn)

Holy Wheel

(see Wheel of Law)

Hom

Thai

sister of Phrom

Her sister found the son of Kong abandoned in the forest and gave the child to Hom who reared him, calling him Phan.

Homa

Hindu

ceremonial sacrificial offering

Homa

(see Athena)

Homa

(see Haoma)

Homage to Durga

(see Navaratri)

Homage to Lakshmi

(see Lakshmi-puja)

Homage to Sarasvati

(see Sarasvati-puja)

Homartes

Persian

a king

father of Odatis

He refused to allow his daughter to marry Zariadres but she chose him anyway and they eloped together.

Homusubi

(see Homusubi)

Home of the Angel

(see Ingelheim)

Homecoming of the Hammer

(see Hammarsheim)

Homecomings

Greek

one of the poems in the Epic Cycle dealing with the story of Troy

Hometeuli

Central American

an Aztec creator-god

Homer

Greek [Homerus]

a 9th C BC blind poet and writer

He is taken to be the author of The Iliad, telling the story of the Trojan War, and The Odyssey, the story of the wanderings of Odysseus after leaving Troy.

Homeric Hymns

Greek

epic poems addressed to the Greek deities

These three-thirty poems are generally attributed to Homer but were probably composed by various other authors.

Homerus

(see Homer)

Homme de bouc

French [-Basque Basa Jaun=Roman Concordia]

a wood-sprite or fairy

Homonoia

Greek

a goddess, concord personified

Homshuk

Central American

an Olmec deity, maize personified

He was born from an egg and reared by an old couple who, alarmed when he killed all those who mocked him, tried to kill him but failed.

He was later taken prisoner by Hurakan but survived after being locked in three rooms, one filled with snakes, another with tigers and a third with flying arrows. Hurakan finally realised that Homshuk was a deity and promised thereafter to tend him – in other words, to cultivate the maize.

Homunculus

a little man

In some accounts, such a being resulted from the union of the sun and the moon while others say that it was the concoction of an alchemist using blood and sperm.

Homusubi

[Homusubi]

a name for Kazu-Tsuchi as ‘he who starts a fire’

Honden

Japanese

a main shrine: the part of a shrine in which a deity is installed
hondo
Japanese
the main hall of a Buddhist monastery

Hondsco
Norse
a companion of Beowulf
He was eaten by the monster, Grendel.

Honer
(see Hoon)

Hong
(see Hang)

Hong Do-Ryong
Korean
a man who became a tiger
He prayed for help when his mother fell ill and a spirit advised him that a medicine made from 100 dogs would save her. Further prayer gave him the power to turn himself into a tiger and he was then easily able to catch ninety-nine dogs. On the last night, his wife saw him change into a tiger and leave the house to catch the final dog.

Hong Do-Ryong’s twin brother
He had two wives, one of whom he discovered that he could turn into a tiger and use this form. In his anger, he killed his wife who happened to be wearing a blue skirt at the time. Thereafter, the tiger killed every woman he met who was similarly dressed.

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Honochenokah
North American
benevolent spirits in the lore of the Iroquois

Honoree
British
the sword which only Biausdous could remove from its scabbard

Honorary of Autun
German
a 12th c theologian
He wrote extensively on historical and mythical subjects including Stada Coeli, a book on mythical animals in which he described an encounter between a maiden and a unicorn.

Honor
(see Honors)

Honoyeta
Pacific Islands
a serpent-god in Goodenough Island
He had two wives, one of whom discovered that he could turn into a handsome youth in their absence. She destroyed his abandoned skin so that he could not revert to his snake form, making him so angry that he caused death and famine to appear on earth.

Honsha
African
a god (or goddess in some accounts) of military honours

Honoured Women
(see Cihuateteo)
[joo]
the Japanese version of the phoenix, regarded as bisexual

Hoo-Hwaw
(see Wu)
a princess
dughter of Moikeha
wife of Miokođa
She was given by her father as the prize in a sailing race. Moikeha, with the help of the wind-god, won the race and married her.

Hoo Kwan
Buddhist

Hoo-Doo
[‘white magic’]
a mixture of voodoo with Christian religion

Hoodoo hand
North American
magic charms used by the black population of the southern states

Hoodoo man
North American
a magician or sorcerer

Hoolee
(see Holi)

Hoof-tosser
(see Hofvapmr)

Ho’ohoku-ka-lani
Pacific Islands
daughter of Wakea and Papa
She bore two children fathered by her own father. The first was born as a root and grew into a plant, the second was mortal.

Hor
(see Hor Nubuti.King Hor)

Hor-aki
(see Horus of the Horizon)

Hor-ekenu
Egyptian
a falcon-headed god of ointments

Hor-meriti
(see Harwer)

Hor-Hwa
(see Wu)
a princess
daughter of Rina
a princess
a name of Were as

Hor-ku
Japanese
a name for Chae as ‘lighter of the heavens’

Hor
(see Harus)

Hor-Galles
(see Horagalles)

Hor-Quirini
(see Quirini)

Horace
(see Alcuin)

Horae
Greek
[Hor.houri.Hours;season;Hindu;Rus]
dughters of Zeus by Themis
dughters of Seinnia; some say
The maidens who acted as the gatekeepers of Olympus.

Horagalles
[Horagalles]

Horr-Tosser
(see Horus of the Horizon)

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Horatia Roman sister of Horatius Horatia's three brothers fought three brothers of the Curiatii to settle the war between Rome and Alba Longa. Two of her brothers were killed and the third killed Horatia when she bewailed the loss of one of their opponents to whom she was betrothed.

Horatius Roman 3 champions of Rome These three brothers fought three of the Curiatii to settle the war between the cities. Two were killed and the other killed their sister who had become betrothed to one of the Curiatii.

Horatius¹ Roman [Horatius Cocles] a hero He, with two friends, Titus Herminius and Lartius Spurius, held the bridge leading to Rome against the might of the invading Etruscans under Lars Porsena.

Horatius² Roman [Publius Horatius] brother of Horatia He and his two brothers fought three of the Curiatii to settle the war between Rome and Alba Longa. His two brothers were killed but he killed all three of their opponents. When his sister bewailed the loss of one of the Curiatii to whom she was betrothed, he killed her.

Horbachud Egyptian [Horus of Edfu] a name for Horus as the solar disc

Horcos (see Orcus)

Hordad (see Haurvatat)

Horei African an evil spirit in West Africa

Horemakhet (see Horus of the Horizon) a spirit of the Pueblo tribes

Horen Japanese a palanquin bearing the model of a phoenix (see also mikoshi)

Horios Greek a name for Zeus as guardian of boundaries

Horiya (see Hurriya) Egyptian the home of the sun-god in the east The sun was often depicted as rising between two mountains personified as the breasts of a goddess.

Horkos (see Orcus)

Hormazd (see Ahura Mazda)

Horn (see Freya) Egyptian Horn of Ament the furthest boundary of Amenti

Horn of Amenti (see Horn of Ament) British a drinking-horn that could provide whichever drink the owner required When Merlin set out to acquire the Thirteen Treasures of Britain, he had to obtain this horn before he could get the others. (see also Horn of Gawlgawd)

Horn of Fidelity British a horn sent by Morgan le Fay to King Arthur This vessel detected those ladies who had been unfaithful to their husbands when they found that they could not drink from it.

Horn of Gawlgawd Welsh one of the objects that Ysbadadden required Culhwch to get in his quest for the hand of Olwen (see also Horn of Bran Galed)

Horn of Plenty (see Cornucopia) Pacific Islands hornbill a bird with feathers that could run forever because they had no lungs and therefore were never short of breath. When Merlin set out to acquire the Thirteen Treasures of Britain, he had to obtain this horn before he could get the others. (see also Horn of Bran Galed)

Horned God the god of witches

Horned Lord (see Apollo Cunomagus) British a warrior with Dietrich von Bern father of Amalung

Horned Water Serpent North American a Cheyenne medicine-man

Horns Standing Up North American when his tribe was starving as a result of drought, Horns Standing Up commanded the wife of the chief to accompany him and they set off to seek help. After many days they came to the mountains and entered a cave where, for four days, Maheo and Great Roaring Thunder gave them instructions in the art of the medicine dance. When the couple returned to their tribe, the men built a medicine lodge and danced round it as Horns Standing Up had instructed them. Soon the rains came and the buffalo returned.

Horomazd (see Ahura Mazda)

Horon Canaanite a destructive god

horoscope the position of the planets at the moment of a person's birth

Horn At his brother led the Saxon invasion of Britain.

Horset an animal, found in many countries and featured in their myths, which has been domesticated and used for many purposes in sport, transport, etc. (1) The Arab poet-warrior Antar rode a horse called Abjar. It was said that a race of green horses, Farasi Bahari, lived in the Indian Ocean and horses bred from these stallions and normal mares could run forever because they had no lungs and therefore were never short of breath. (2) The Babylonian mare, Silili, was said to be the progenitress of all the horses in the world. (3) British lore includes the Arthurian characters with their horses, such as:

Arthur Dun Stallion.Lamri Bevis Arundel Caradoc Lluagor Fergus Arondiel Kay Gwinam Launfal Blanchard Tristram Passe Brewell The mediaeval hero Guy of Warwick had a horse called Black Saladin and, in The Faerie Queene, the night Guyon rode Bridagore. In some stories, the spirit of a horse, haunting boggy areas, is called a gytrash. (4) Buddhist lore says that the Buddha's horse was called Kantaka,
and a fire-breathing horse ridden by Ogier was known as Papillon.

(8) German stories include the Brazen Horse of Cambuscan which had a pin in one ear which enabled it to accept instructions from the rider as to where he wished to go. Rosinante, the broken-down nag ridden by Don Quixote and Clavileno, a wooden horse, controlled by a peg protruding from its head, which could take the rider wherever he wished to go. The goddess Epona, like her Welsh counterpart Rhiannon, is said to have ridden a horse owned by Lugh which could travel over water.

(9) In Greek myths, one famous horse was the eight-legged Sleipnir. Other more normal animals are listed below with their owners or riders:

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(10) In Hindu lore, the horse was the seventh thing to emerge from the Churning of the Ocean. The sun-god Surya used the horse Rohita to pull his chariot.

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Other horses used by the gods were:

- Falhofnir, Gleed, Gler, Goldrest, Gylli, Hamskerpir, Hostage, Silvertop, Sini and Skidbrim.

(13) In Malay, the Farasul Bahri were sea-living horses, the equivalent of the Arab Farasi Bahari.

(14) In Persian myths, the hero Rustem rode Rakush and the mythical king Kay Khrusraw had a horse called Sibaliz.

(15) Russian stories include those of Ivan the Fool and Ivan Tzmynevitch who respectively rode Silver Road and Zdral.

(16) In Serbian stories there are several horses called Bedevia, owned by such heroes as Balatchko, Marko and Milosh and another hero, Mommitchio, had a flying horse called Yabouthio.

(17) In Thailand, the mythical king Sison had a flying horse, Tipaka, which could transport its rider instantaneously to anywhere in the world.

(18) Horses mentioned in Welsh stories, with their owners, include:

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**Horse-face** (see Ma Mien)

**Horse-faced Messenger** (see Ma Mien)

**Horse Head Lady** (see Ma-t'ou)

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- Irish: a horse owned by Lugh which could travel over water.

**Horsel**

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a Swabian love-goddess and moon-goddess

**Horseberg**

(see Venusberg)

**Horta**

(see Roman)

an Etruscan goddess of agriculture

**Horus**

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| An assimilation of both Horus the Elder and the Younger as the opponent of Set in the struggle for supremacy. He lost an eye in the fight but it was restored by Thoth. In some versions, the eye was later given to Osiris but other accounts say that Set gouged out
both the eyes of Horus and buried them. Lotus-blossom grew from the burial site but Horus had his sight restored by the gods. The case between Horus and Set was arbitrated by the gods and when the judgement was in favour of Horus he took over the whole of the kingdom.

In another version, the fight was over supremacy of the light and Thoth settled the argument by awarding the day to Horus and the night to Set.

Some say that he steered Ra’s barque Manjet through the heavens, others equate him with Ra.

It was said that all human races, except the black race, were born from the eyes of Horus.

The pharaoh of the United Kingdom was Horus in his lifetime.

He was associated with the planets Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

(see also Hemen)

Horus Aroeris (see Horus of the Horizon)

Horus Behdety (see Horus of Edfu)

Horus lock
Egyptian

[Horlock of Youth]

a long curled strand of hair left on a shaved head, worn by young royalties

Horus name
Egyptian

the first of the 7 names given to a king

Horus of Edfu
Egyptian

[Horbehudet.Horus Behdety]

a war-god

This was Horus as the solar disc and leader of the forces that defeated Set at Edfu.

Horus of the Horizon
Egyptian


a form of Horus

In this form, Horus was Ra, the sun-god, as the rising and setting sun.

He is depicted as the disc of the sun set between falcon wings.

Horus of the Sun
(see Harpre)

Horus of the Two Eyes
Egyptian

[Harmert.Meheinti-(en-jirty)]

a form of Horus the Elder

husband of Tafnet

In this form his two eyes were the moon and the sun. Set stole the sun and so precipitated the struggle with Horus which was settled by the intervention of Thoth. Set also took parts of the other eye so that the moon varied in size.

Horus the Child
(see Horus the Younger)

Horus the Elder
Egyptian


a sun-god

son of Hathor, some say husband of Hathor, some say

In this form, Horus is depicted as a falcon or a falcon-headed human.

Horus the Younger
Egyptian


son of Osiris and Isis or Horus and Hathor

In this form, Horus is depicted naked either sucking his fingers or being suckled by Isis.

(see also Harpakhrad)

Horvendil
European

[Horvendillus.Horwendil]

a king of Jutland

brother of Feng

He was killed by Feng who married Gerutha and took the throne.

In some accounts he is the same as Orvandil.

Hoshang
Persian

[Haosh(y)angha.Hushang]

son of Siyamak and Nashak grandson of Gayomart consort of Gushak

He was regarded as the first law-giver, with the introduction of metal-working and, with Gushak, is regarded by some as the progenitor of the Iranians. After making a sacrifice to the gods on top of the iron mountain known as Hara Berzaite, he was given divine protection which enabled him to eradicate the demons, killing most of them while the rest fled into the outer darkness.

In the Shab Name, he caused fire to appear when he struck a dragon with a stone and is said to have domesticated asses, cattle and sheep.

In the Bundabishn, he was the grandson, rather than the son, of Siyamak.

Hoshi matsuri
Japanese

[Starr Festival]

a festival in honour of the Weaving Lady, Tanabata, held on the seventh day of the seventh month

Hoshu
Japanese

[=Slav Zmek]

a god of smallpox

Hosho
(see Hosho-kami)

Hosho-no-kami
Japanese

Hosioi
Greek

priests as Delphi

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Hoste-

a horse of the gods

Hostel of the Quicken Trees
(see Quicken Trees Hostel)

Hostia
Roman

an Etruscan goddess

Hostilius
(see Tullius Hostilius)

Hotar
(see Hotri)

Hotei1
Japanese

[Hotei-oso.Pu Sa.Wagon Priest:
=Chinese Mi-lo-fo]

a god of laughter

one of the 7 Shinto deities of fortune, the Shichi Fukujin

Hotel is said to be based on a cheerful Buddhist monk, Pu T'ai Ho-shang.

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[=Slav Zmek]

a god of smallpox

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(see Hosho-kami)

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Japanese

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Greek

priests as Delphi

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Hoste-

a horse of the gods

Hostel of the Quicken Trees
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an Etruscan goddess

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Hoste-
Hou-t'u Shen

nai-nai.
later became the goddess Hou-t'u-
depthy, god of earth or soil, who
god of millet and Hou-t'u is a separate
Confucian god of agriculture.

Yüan trod on the toe (or toe-print) of
He was the offspring of a virgin birth,

Hou I

Hou t'u)

Hunapu and Ixbalanque spent a night
part of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba
Hunapu and Ixbalanque spent a night
here and managed to survive.

some define this bird as the cuckoo
which acts as a guide to the land of
the dead.

Hotu

the canoe of the god Mahi

Hotu Hiva

a Tahitian princess
wife of Rahi

Rahi heard a voice singing inside his
drum and opened it to find Hotu Hiva

Hotri

[Hotar]
a goddess of sacrifices

a god. He taught the people the arts of

a priest performing sacrifices

Hou

[Hou Hou:=Welsh Hu Gardarn]
an oak-god of Guernsey

Hou2

[Har Hou:=Welsh Hu Gardarn]
an oak-god of Guernsey

Hou3

a mythical animal, a form of lion,
ridden by Kuan Yin

Hou

a title for an empress regarded as
a divine being

Hou I

(see I)

Hou-chi

(see Hou t'u)

Hou t'u

[=Norse Valkyrie]
a houri who is responsible for
receiving the souls of those killed
in battle

Hours

[=Greek Horae]
12 daughters of Ra
They control the individual's life-span.

Hours

(see Horae)

Housain

[b(o)unougan]
a spirit master: a priest of voodoo

Houmea

[Place of Sleep]
the home of Timbehes

Hound Marine

a sea monster, part dog, part fish

Hounds of Gabriel

(see Hounds of Hell)

Hounds of Zeus

(see Harpies)

Houri l'Aini

[=Norse Valkyrie]
a houri who is responsible for
receiving the souls of those killed
in battle

Houri2

[Car. Houri]
a personification of the barren
woman

Houri3

[=Greek Horae]
12 daughters of Ra

Houses

[s]h Wohnung

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a sea monster, part dog, part fish

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House of Bats

part of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba
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here and managed to survive.

House of Benben

the home of Ra

House of Cold

part of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba
Hunapu and Ixbalanque spent a night
here and managed to survive.

House of Eternity

(see Dar al-Baqa)

House of Fire

part of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba
Hunapu and Ixbalanque spent a night
here and managed to survive.

House of Gloom

part of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba
Hunapu and Ixbalanque spent a night
here and were told that they would be killed
if the torches went out. They survived by
painting red flames to replace the real ones.

House of Illusion

(see Dar al-Ghurur)

House of Joy

(see Dar al-Surur)

House of Lances

part of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba
Hunapu and Ixbalanque spent a night
here and were required to produce
four vases of flowers if they were to be
allowed to survive. They did this with
the help of ants after subduing the
demons in the room.

House of Lies

the house of Aghriman

House of Lies

(see Aralu)

House of Myth

the home of the gods of the Bella

House of Passing

(see Dar al-Fana)

House of Sadness

(see Dar al-Hidan)

House of Song

the home of the righteous dead

House of Temptation

(see Dar al-Ibtila)

House of the Dawn

(see Pacari)

House of the Sun

(see Tonatiuhican)

House of the Water

(see Tzumunilha)

House of the West

(see Sunieltad)

House of Tigers

part of the Mayan underworld, Xibalba
Hunapu and Ixbalanque spent a night
here and managed to survive by
throwing bones to the fierce animals
that appeared.

Hovatu-koiari

in the lore of Papua, the spirit of
a stillborn or aborted child
These spirits are envisaged as being
about one foot tall with a long tail and
are said to live in the sago swamps.

Household gods

gods of the family, lares and
penates

Housain

(see Housain)

How Beautiful

(see Yma Sumac)

How-too

(see Hou t'u)

Howel

(see Hoel)

Howleglass

(see Tyll Eulenspiegel)

Houdain

[=Greek Horae]
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Hounds of Gabriel

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a personification of the barren
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House of cold
Hoose

Japanese

demon who lived for 800 years by drinking the dew from the flowers of the chrysanthemum

Hozon Chant

North American

Navaho ritual chant relating the story of Gilipa

hPaung-daw-u

Burmese

a Buddhist water-dragon god, guardian of lakes

hPi

Burmese

[hPi-hPai]
a demon

Hrada

Hindu

demon

son of Hiranyakashipu

Hravesvelg

Norse

[Hraesvelg(r).Hroesvelgur]
a giant acting as gatekeeper

He could adopt the form of an eagle and caused the winds by flapping his wings.

Hraesvelgr

(see Hraesvelg)

Hraesvelgur

(see Hraesvelg)

Hrafna

(see Hrafnagod)

Hrafna Galdur Odins

(see Odin's Raven Spell. The Spell of Odin's Ravens)

a poem in the Elder Edda

Hrafna-god

Norse

[Hrafna]

a name for Odin as 'raven'

Hrafnelk

Norse

a priest of Frey

Hraudung

Norse

a king

father of Agnar and Geirrod

Hrebel

Danish

a king of the Geats

grandfather of Beowulf

father of Haedeyn

Hreidmar

Norse

[Hreidmarn.Hrithmarr.Reichmar]

demon of the dwarfs

father of Fafnir, Otter and Regin

Hreiddmar

(see Hreidmar)

Hreithmarr

(see Hreidmar)

Hrim

(see Hrimmir)

Hrim-thurs

(see Frost Giants)

Hrim-faxi

Norse

[Hrimfaxe.Hrimfaxi]

the horse drawing the chariot of Nott

Hrimfaxe

(see Hrim-faxi)

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(see Hrim-faxi)

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(see Hrim-faxi)

Hrimgerd

Norse

[Hrimgerth]

giantess

She could change her shape and often appeared as a mare.

Hrimgerth

(see Hrimgerd)

Hrimmir

Norse

[Hrim.Hrym(mir)]
a Frost Giant

father of Frigga, some say

It is said that, at the final battle, Ragnarok, he will build the boat Naglfar, load the Frost Giants and pilot the ship to the site of the battle.

Hrinhthursar

(see Frost Giants giants)

Hringhorn

(see Ringhorn)

Hringhornr

(see Ringhorn)

Hringer

(see Sigurd)

Hrignment

Norse

a Frost Giant

Hrist

Norse

a Valkyrie

Hrith

a river of Niflheim, one of the 12 rivers known as Elivagar

Hroald

Norse

one of the men with Flosi when they killed the Njalssons and burnt their house

He was killed during the fight by Njal's son, Skarp-Hedin.

Hroar

(see Hroðgar)

Hrodgar

Norse

[Hroat.Hroðgar.Hrothulfr]

king of Denmark

husband of Wealthoev

father of Freawaru and Rorik

This is the name given to Hrolf Kraki in Beowulf.

He and his court were the subject of harassing raids by the monster Grendel and he asked Beowulf for help.

Hroðvitnir

(see Fenris)

Hroesvelgur

(see Hraesvelg)

Hrof Kraki

Norse

a king of Denmark

He was famous for his strength and generous nature. He owned a magic sword, Skofung, together with a hawk called Habrok and a dog, Garn.

(see also Bodvar.Hroðgar)

Hroflsaga

Norse

stories of the exploits of the Danish king, Hrof Kraki

Hromund

Norse

owner of the sword Mistilteinn

In an alternative telling of the story of the death of Balder, Bildr and Vologi are magicians and both Bildr and Hromund are suitors for the hand of Svanhit. Hromund, though wounded, killed Bild and Vologi with the marvellous sword. (see also Hoder)

Hronness

Norse

[Eagle's Ness, Earnaness, an's Ness]

Whale's Ness

a headland

This is the place where Beowulf was buried and where he guides ships through the mists.

Hropt

Norse

a name for Odin as 'arranger of runes'

Hross

(see Hross)

Hrogharsgrani

(see Starkader)

Hrothgar

(see Hroðgar)

Hrothulf

(see Hroðgar)

Hrothwina

(see Renwein)

Hrotte

Norse

a sword

This weapon was one of the treasures guarded by Fafnir.

Hroudlandus

(see Roland)

Hsikesa

Hindu

an avatar of Vishnu for solstices and equinoxes.

Hrungern

(see Hrungnir)

Hrungnir

Norse

[ Hrungner ]
a giant

After a race in the sky on his horse Gullfaxi with Odin riding Sleipnir, he was entertained by the gods in Valhalla.

He got drunk and boasted he would take over the whole of Asgard, including Sif, the wife of Thor. Thor fought a duel with Hrungnir who was assisted by a nine-mile long monster, Mokerikiafli. His own squire, Thialfi, killed the monster and Thor killed Hrungnir.

Hruntung

Norse

a sword

This weapon was given to Beowulf by Unferth for his fight with Grendel and Grendel's mother. It proved useless against these monsters and Beowulf returned it to Unferth after he had dealt with them. (see also Nagelring)

Hrym

(see Hrimmir)

Hrymmir

(see Hrimmir)

Hrymthurs

(see Frost Giants)

Hrymthursar

(see Frost Giants)

Hsi

Chinese

3 celestial beings

They, with the three brothers Ho, were charged with the responsibility for solstices and equinoxes.

(see also Hsi-Ho)

Hsi-fang chi-lo shih-chieh

Chinese

the Chinese version of Sukhavati
Hsi Hai

god of the western sea
husband of T’ai Shan

Hsi Ho

deity, male or female
In some versions, Hsi Ho was a charioteer of the sun while others regard 'him' as a female deity, mother of the sun.

In this latter role, she was the mother of the sun who one day appeared in the sky at the same time. The archer, I, shot down nine of them, each of which hit the earth as a three-legged crow.

In later years, Hsi Ho became a separate male, Hsi and Ho, officials in charge of the calendar.

Although there were three Hsi and three Ho, Hsi Ho is regarded as one being incorporating all six of them.

Hsi-ling Shih

wife of Huang Ti, some say
In other accounts, the wife of Huang Ti is given as Lei Tsu (in female form).

Hsi-men Ch’ing

a merchant
He fell in love with Pan Chin-lien, the widow of Wu Ta-lang. When her brother-in-law, Wu Sang, found them making love, he decapitated Pan Chin-lien, who was later immortalised. Her lover made good his escape.

Hsi-men Pao

a magistrate
He intervened in the annual ceremony in which a maiden was sacrificed to the god of the Yellow River and ordered them to be sacrificed in place of the intended victim. When Wu herself was so sacrificed, the practice came to an end.

Hsi Po

the original name of Wen Wang

Hsi Shen

a god of joy
He is depicted with a basket of arrows or, alternatively, borne aloft on the shoulders of the god of wealth.

Hsi Shih

da goddess, patroness of perfume merchants

Hsi T’ien

(see Sukhavati)

Hsi Wang Mu

[Chin Mu:Golden Mother of the Tortoise;Queen Mother of the West;Queen of Heaven;Royal Lady of the West;Shih Wang Mu. Wang Mu (Niang Niang),(Western]

Royal Mother-[Japanese Sei-O-Ba]
a Taoist goddess of medicine and immortality
wife of Tung Wang Kung
mother of Ching Wu, Hsi Hsiu, Hua Lin, Mei Lan, Wan, Yao Chi and many others

She was the embodiment of the female yin principle and combined with Tung Wang Kung to create the world and all that is in it.

Originally a terrible tiger/leopard woman or plague goddess, she was later regarded as a benevolent goddess, guarding the tree (or herb) of immortality. She was the ruler of the Western Paradise where she lived in a golden palace, hundreds of miles round, built of gold and precious stones, alongside the Lake of Jewels. In the garden of the palace stood the peach tree Shen T’ao, that flowered once every 3,000 years.

The fruit took a further 3,000 years to ripen, an event which coincided with her birthday, but made immortal those, such as the archer I, who ate it. I had built her palace and was rewarded with, some say, a pill which would give him immortality but his wife took the pill and was transported to the moon where she became a three-legged toad.

Her personal transport was a crane and in one form this goddess was the wife of Yu Ti, the supreme ruler of heaven.

Hsi Yin Chi

(see Pilgrimage to the West)

Hsiang

the elephant which carried the sacred jewel of Buddhist law

Hsiang Chun

[Hsiien Chun]
a god of waterways

Hsiang Fu-jen

[Hsiien Fu-jen]
2 daughters of Yao
Their names were Nü Ying and Wu Huang and they became consort and empress.

Hsiang Yao

a nine-headed snake-like being, attendant on Kung Kung

Hsiao Fo

(see Mi-lo-fo)

Hsiao-jen Kuo

a mythical land where the inhabitants, the Ching, are less than one foot tall

Hsi-ching t’ai

[Terrace of the Mirror]
a place in the first hell where sinners can see all their victims reflected in a huge mirror

Hsieh Hsü

[Chin-lung:Golden Dragon]
a nephew of a 13th c empress

He drowned himself to escape capture by the insurgent Mongols. A hundred years later, his spirit returned to help to defeat the Mongols by harassing them with bees.

Hsien

[Chen]
a Taoist immortal: a deity

The home of these immortals was San Hsien Shan. (see also kuei1 Shen)

Hsien Chun

(see Hsiang Chun)

Hsien Fu-jen

(see Hsiang Fu-jen)

Hsien Hsiu

[Chen Jen]

son of Tsung Wang Kung and Hsi Wang Mu

Hsien Nung T’an

an altar to the spirit of agriculture

In a fertility rite held at this site the emperor ploughed the first furrow of the new season.

Hsien O

(see Wang Shu)

Hsien tree

a symbol of immortality

Hsien T’an

a goddess of silk-culture

wife of Shen Nung

Hsien T’ung

[Immortal Youth]
a retainer of Mu Kung

Hsin Nien

the New Year

Hsing

Chinese

form, which developed during the T’ai Ch’u period

Hsiao Fo

a god of highways

Hsiang Shen

Chinese

a spirit

He assists the daughter of Cheng Wu in spoiling young brides.

He is so ugly that he runs thousands of miles if he catches sight of his face in a mirror.

Hsü Ch’en-ch’un

a slayer of dragons

Hsü Shih

a 2nd c bc Taoist mystic

He led an expedition to find the Islands of the Blest but failed in the attempt.

Hsüan Shang Jen

Chinese

a spirit who related the story of the birth of Yuan Shih

Hsüan Nü

[Mother of Heaven]

the tutor of the Phoenix Empress
Hsiüan Tan

Hsüan Tan (see Yüan-tan)
Hsüan T'ien Shang Ti
(see Cheng Wu.Pak Tai)
Hsüan Tsang (see Tripiṭaka³)
Hsüan Tung-tzu Chinese
[Dark Youth.Haven Deaf.T'ien Lung]
a servant of the god of literature,
Wen Ch'ang Ti Ch'un
In some accounts, he and Ti Ya mated
to produce all the creatures on earth.

Htamennas Tibetan
[a group of 8 goddesses
These beings, shown as holding corpses
and skeletons, are also depicted as
having the heads of animals or birds.

Hu¹ Arab
[Huwa.'he']
god

Hu² British
[Hugh=Guermsy Hou=Welsh
Hu Gardarn]
an oak-god or a sun-god

He is said to have killed a dragon,
organised the tribal system and good
government and taught the people
the arts of agriculture and literature.

Hu³ Chinese
[Emperor of the Northern Seas]
He is manifest in the lightning which
pierced Chaos to form the universe.

Hu⁴ (see Hun-tun.Shu⁴)

Hu¹ Chinese
one of the household gods, guardian
of windows

Hu⁴ Chinese
a sorceress

Hu¹ Egyptian
[Huhi.Khuri.Tongue of Ptah]
a god representing kingly authority
and divine will
son of Ra

He was said to have been formed from
blood from Ra's penis.

In some versions, there were two
gods of this name, one a nature-god
associated with the Nile, the other
the personification of wisdom, often
portrayed as a man or a sphinx. Both
have associations with Ra's boat and, in
this aspect, are merged.

Hu⁵ Mexican
a sun-god

Hu Chao Chinese
[Tiger's Claw]
a charm guarding against shocks

Hu Ching-t'e Chinese
one of the Three Door Gods

Hu Gardarn Welsh
 [=British Hu=Guermsy Hou]
an oak-god or sun-god

He is regarded as the ancestor of the
Cymrhy who brought them from
Ceylon. He raised the monster Addanc
from a lake, using his team of oxen,
causing a flood.

Hu-hsien Chinese
the fox as a shape-changer: a fox
fairey or fox spirit

It is said that, in the form of young
men or women, they can debilitate
their lovers to such an extent that
they die.

They are reported to be fond of
wine but resume their shape as foxes if
they drink too much or if they are
frightened in some way.

Hua-hsien Chinese
a goddess of flowers

Hua-hu Tiao Chinese
a white rat

This animal was carried in a bag by
Mi-lo Shou, one of the Four Diamond
Kings. When released, it became a
winged elephant that ate human beings.

In some accounts it is referred to as
a monster, the Striped Marten.

Hua-kuang Chinese
[Fu]
a tutelary deity

He is depicted sitting in a chair
and resting his feet on an ingot
of precious metal.

Hua-lin Chinese

[Chou Hsing Lao.T'ou-tzu.
Nan-chi Fu Jen.Yung Chen]
fourth daughter of Tung Wang Kung
and Hsi Wang Mu

Hua shan Chinese
one of the Five Holy Mountains,
Wu Yüeh

Hua'atua Pacific Islands
a god
father of Taurua

Huaca South American
[brother.huacas]
an Inca spirit representing a sacred
object: a sacred stone

Some large stones were erected in the
middle of fields; a small version (known
as a brother) was carried by the
emperor as a personal amulet.

It is also in more general use to
mean any object (e.g. a double-yolked
egg) which is strange or in any way
out of the ordinary. (see also compa.
chichic. huacca.huillca)

Huan Ching

Huacas (see huaca)
Huahuantli (see Teoyaomiqui)
Huai-nan-tzu
[Liu An.Wang Chung-kao]
a prince and writer

He was the author of Hung Lieh
Chuan, a book of alchemy and magic.

In one account, he killed himself
after a failed coup but others say
that he made an elixir of life which, when
he drank it, carried him up to heaven.

Another version says that he was
originally the king, Liu An, who, with
his brother Lu-chiang, was wrongly
accused of plotting to overthrow the
emperor. Lu-chiang killed himself but
Liu An was taken up to heaven by the
Eight Immortals. When he realised
that great power was not quite what it
seemed to be, he spent the rest of his
life in the study of philosophy.

Some say that he appeared in every
generation as Wang Chung-kao.

In some accounts, he is one of the
three bean-curd gods; the others are
Chiao Kuan and Kuan Ti.

Huail (see Hueil)
huanki South American
love amulets in Bolivia

Huakinthos (see Hyacinthus)

Huallallo South American
[Caruyucha Huayallo.
Huallallo Caruincho]
a despotic king of the Quecha

He defeated Yananamca Itanamca,
surpassed the throne and decreed that
one child from every family should
be sacrificed to him. He was deposed by
Paricaca and turned himself into a
bird. Still pursued, he hid behind a
huge serpent but was found and driven
away until he finally went into the
forest and was never seen again.

Huallallo Caruincho (see Huallallo)
Huallpen (see Guallpen)
Huamantanc South American
an Inca spirit controlling the sea-birds
which provided the guano
to fertilise the maize

Huaminca South American
light rays regarded by the Incas as
messengers of Viracocha

Huan (see Llew Llaw Gyffes)

Huan Ching Chinese

a young magician

He was warned by his tutor to take
his family up into the mountains for
safety. He spent his time in the
mountains perfecting the art of kite-
forming and thereby escaped a huge
natural disaster.
Huan Ti

Chinese

[Ch’in-shih Huang Ti.Huang.Yellow Emperor.Yellow Lord]
a sky-god, ruler of the moving heavens
one of the Five Emperors
patron of doctors and tailors
son of Fu Pao
husband of Lei Tsu or Hsi-ling Shih
father of Feng Po and Yu Ch’iang
He was conceived miraculously and his gestation lasted for twenty-four months.
He is credited with the invention of armour, bamboo musical instruments, bricks, a form of script, ships and the potter’s wheel.
He sent Chu-jung to kill K’un who had stolen his magic Swelling Earth and fought and defeated the demon Chi Yü. He became a Taoist immortal and the patron saint of Taoism and runs the Ministry of Healing with Fu-hsi and Shen Nung.
He was said to have four faces and owned a chariot driven by a bird with a human face and drawn by an elephant and six dragons.
This deity was worshipped in the form of an idol or red agate, said to have been brought from Syria.

Huang Tao-chou

Chinese

one of the disciples of Confucius
allowed to sacrifice in the temple of Confucius

chief, whose name was Tamentamaka, that his illness was caused because his wife was unfaithful and that there were two serpents and a two-headed toad poised to do him harm. When a search discovered these reptiles and they were killed, the wife confessed and the chief recovered.

At the wedding, his bride’s brother-in-law challenged him to various contests, such as drinking, dancing and building a house, all of which Huathiacuri won, largely aided by his father’s magic. When the brother-in-law ran away, Huathiacuri turned him into a deer and his wife into a stone (or vice versa).

Huayna-Capac

South American

an Inca king
It is said that he was given a box by the god Coniraya in which there was a woman. When he opened the box, light escaped into the world.

Hubei

Chinese

[Fei]
a deity acting as judge of the dead
This god takes the form of a bull with only one eye and the tail of a snake.

Huang-ho

Chinese

a river
The spirit of this river, a fish with a man’s head, acted as tutor to Yu.

Huang Kun

Chinese

god of incense-makers

Huang Shih

Chinese

[Old Huang]
the mortal who introduced cotton, later deified

Huang Ta-hsien

Chinese

[Ch’in-shih Huang Ti.Huang.Yellow Emperor.Yellow Lord]
a sky-god, ruler of the moving heavens
one of the Five Emperors
patron of doctors and tailors
son of Fu Pao
husband of Lei Tsu or Hsi-ling Shih
father of Feng Po and Yu Ch’iang
He was conceived miraculously and his gestation lasted for twenty-four months.

Huang-t’ien

Chinese

the imperial heaven

Huang-t’ien Shang Ti

Chinese

[Supreme Lord of the August Heaven]
a supreme deity
Shang Ti as ruler of the heavens

Huantsysara

South American

a corn-doll representing Saramama, the Inca spirit controlling the growth of maize

Huard

French

demon which misleads travellers in Brittany

Hua

Chinese

a revered ancestor of an aristocratic family

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Huaalma

South American

a Bolivian deity, guardian of the vicuna
He is said to protect the vicuna by rendering them invisible to hunters.

Huathiacuri

South American

a Peruvian hero
son of Paricaca
He overheard two foxes discussing the illness of a chieftain and set out to find him. He fell in love with the chief’s daughter and offered to cure her father if she would marry him. He told the

Hubaba

(see Huwawa)

Hubal

Arab

[Al-lahu.Hobal (Hubal)]
an early oracular god
This deity was worshipped in the form of an idol or red agate, said to have been brought from Syria.

Huban

Persian

[=Sumerian Enil]
an Elamite god

Hubur

Mesopotamian

an Elamite god

Hucuva

(see Guecubu)

Huda

(see Holda)

Hudata

(see Odatis)

Hudiuras

British

ea king of Britain
father of Bladud

Hudias

(see de Bras)

Hueca

(see Manta)

Huecomitl

Central American

[Akalar]
an Aztec rain-god

Huettapallan

Central American

the old red land to the north

Huwehuan

Central American

an Aztec god of sexual desire or mischief

Huwehucoyotl

Central American

an Aztec god of sexual desire or mischief

Huerca

Japanese

an Ainu goddess of fire

Huehuetla

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian mother-goddess

Huehuetlatl

Mesopotamian

a river of death in the underworld

Huehuetl

Mesopotamian

an early oracular god

Huehueteotl

Persian

[=Sumerian Enil]
an Elamite god

Huehuecoyotl

Central American

a name for Ayar Oco in some versions

Huiguet

French

a name for Ayar Oco in some versions

Hudibras

(see Hudiuras)

Hudicua

(see Hucuva)

Hudici

(see Hudiuras)

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Hudicua

(see Hucuva)

Hudicas

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Hudin

(see Hudiuras)

Huida

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Huecuvu

South American

[aqeuve hucuvu]

malevolent spirits of the Araucanians

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Central American

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Huwehucoyotl

Central American

an Aztec god of sexual desire or mischief
In some versions the same
as Huehuecoyotl

**Huehuecoyotl**  Central American

a name for Xiuhtecuhntli as

‘old god’

(see also Huehuecoyotl)

**Huicil**  British

[Hualil]

son of Caw

brother of Cwynyllog and Gildas

He fought King Arthur who had killed Gwydre. Huicil’s nephew, and wounded the king. Arthur had him executed when, later, Huicil broke his promise not to reveal that the king had been wounded in the fight.

**Huicil’s Stone**  British

a rock in Wales where Huicil was

executed

**Huemac**  Central American

[Uemac]

a king of the Toltecs

His rule started well but descended into corruption and oppression so the sorcerer, Touyo, organised a huge gathering and killed thousands of people, whereupon the other rulers offered a sacrifice to the gods. The chosen victim turned out to have no heart and no blood in his veins and more people died in the stench from his body. Huemac humbled himself before the gods and repented of his wickedness. It transpired that the sorcerer, whom his daughter married, was Tezcatlipoca in disguise.

**Huemac**  Central American

a god of earthquakes

an aspect of Quetzalcoatl

**Huergo**  Spanish

[Uergo]

a man-eating demon

**Huetyecpatl**  Central American

one of quadruplets

son of Huetyontzin

brother of Ixuin, Nanacatlitzati and Tenticic

**Huemyatzin**  Central American

a hero of the Toltecs

Huemyatzin was said to have snared the god Quetzalcoatl in his net when the god descended from his home in the sun.

**Huetyontzin**  Central American

an Aztec primaevil goddess

mother of the quadruplets

Huetyecpatl, Ixuin, Nanacatlitzati and Tenticic

Her children killed her as a sacrifice to the sun every day, but every night she was reborn.

**Hueytozoztli**  Central American

(The Great Watch)

an Aztec festival in honour

of Chicomecohuitl

This fast, held on 5th April, involved decorating the statues of the household gods (tepeton) and the dwellings with bulrushes sprinkled with blood. Shoots of maize were pulled from the fields and grain from the previous year was offered to the goddess to whom also a frog was sacrificed.

**Huixiwick**  West Indian

[Mansions of the Sun]

the afterworld in the Antilles

**Hug**  European

a noble of Dordogne

He pleaded with Charlemagne to reward Aymon for his deeds of valour and, when the emperor refused to do so, he responded with such anger that Charlemagne killed him on the spot.

**Hugdietrich**  German

a fabulous animal

**Hugdietrich**  German

son of Anzio

husband of Hildburg

father of Bogen, Waxmuth and Wolfdietrich

He was reared by Berchther and when he fell in love with Hildburg, whom he wished to marry, he had to remove her. He interrupted Bodhidarma’s meditation by cutting off his own arm and giving it to the patriarch. There she remained until she was rescued by her son Landres, seven years later.

**Hugdietrich**  German

son of Wolfdietrich and Liebgart

father of Dietmar

It was said that he lived to the age of 450 years.

**Hugeia**  (see Hygeia)

**Huges**  European

a king of Jerusalem

He entertained Charlemagne and his entourage when they made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

**Hugh**  British

a robber baron

brother of Edward

He and his brother seized all the estates of the Lady of the Rock, leaving her only her castle. Owain fought them both at the same time, killing Edward and forcing Hugh to surrender.

**Hugh**  (see Aedh.Hu)

**Hughie**  European

a French ogre which travels about at

night frightening children and

causing injury

**Huip**  Egyptian

[Heh.Heheh.Hehu.Heru]

a god of the primitive waters

a god of space, some say

consort of Hauhet

With Hauhet, he represents the

endlessness of the waters.

He is sometimes depicted as holding

up the solar bark.

**Hipo**  (see Hu)

**Hui-ko**  Chinese

the second patriarch of the

Ch’an sect

the successor to Ta-Mo

He interrupted Bodhidarma’s medita-

tion by cutting off his own arm and giving it to the patriarch.

**Hui Lu**  Chinese

a fire-spirit

**Hui Tarara**  Pacific Islands

[Na Ainau]

the Polynesian version of Gemini

**Hui-tsang**  Chinese

one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts

He is depicted bare above the waist

and wearing a golden headband.

**Hui-yuán**  One of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts

He was the founder of the Pure Land sect in China, a Buddhist order dedicated to Amitabha.
Huichoaana

Huichoaana  Central American
a creator deity of the Zapotecs
This deity, of indeterminate sex, was said to have created fishes and human beings after Cozaana created the world and all the animals.

Huicholahos  (see Huitzilopochtli)

Huicton  Central American
one of the leaders of the Aztecs when they left their homeland, Atlas.

Huillca  South American
a huaca acting as an oracle

Huillumayu  South American
a river revered as an oracle

Huiraacocha  (see Viracocha)

Huictac  (see Chia)

Huictilopochtli  Central American
[Blue Tetzcatlpoloca] Huicholahos, Huizilopochtli; Huiming-bird of the South, Mestih. Uitzilopochtli; Vitzilopochtli. Xochipilli-Deltec Quetzalcoatl: an Aztec sun-god and god of war a humming-bird magician son of Tetzcalitoca or Mixcoatl and Coatlicue son of Tonacatecuhlti and Tonacihuatl, some say brother of Camatli, Quauhitlicac, Quetzalcoatl and Tetzcalitoca, some say In some accounts he is an aspect of Tetzcalitoca as god of war.

Born to Coatlicue, already mother of 400 children, he was delivered fully-formed and fully-armed, having been warned while still in the womb by Quauhitlicac, that these children were planning kill Coatlicue to prevent his birth. Some say that he had two mothers – Coatlicue and Tetelcuan. In some versions, he decapitated his sister Coyolxauhqui; in others she was killed in battle between Huizilopochtli and the other children. In either event, he threw her head into the heavens where it became the moon.

He was the ruler of the current era, the Fifth Sun.

He is said to be the god Xochipilli who developed into the war-god when he was given human blood to drink.

He was depicted with his limbs painted with bars of blue and wearing a cap of humming-bird feathers. His shield was made of reeds and down from an eagle and his spear was tipped with down rather than flint.

Huiziton  Central American
[Huiziton] an Aztec hero

He knew the language of the birds and they advised him to lead his people into Mexico. He was a dragon-slayer and probably an aspect of Huizilopochtli.

Huiztlampa  Central American
[Place of Thorns] the place to which those of Coatlicue's 400 sons who escaped death at the hand of Huizilopochtli fled for safety

Huiztnahua  Central American
one of the 4 quadruplets, sons of Huaytonantzin, in some accounts

Huizton  (see Huiziton)

Huiztociuahuatl  Central American
an Aztec goddess, patron of salt-making

Huiztilpochtli  (see Huizilopochtli)

Huksedar-mah  Persian
[Hukshter-mah, Ukkshyat-nemah] son of Zoroaster

Hukshtar-mah  (see Huksedar-mah)

Hula  Pacific Islands
birds of Hawaii: a religious dance festival

Hula  Roman
an early Italian vegetation deity

Hulas  (see Hylas)

Hulda  (see Holda)

Hulda's Troop  (see Holda's Troop)

Hulderfolk  (see Huldufolk)

Huldra  Norse
a local name for Holda

Her attendant wood-nymphs were said to have long tails that showed even when they put on long dresses to mix with mortals.

Huldra2  (see Huldufolk)

Huldrufolk  (see Huldufolk)

Huldu  Norse
[Alfar. Huldrufolk, Liiulanger] the icelandic name for the elves

Huldu-folk  (see Huldufolk)

Hul  Hindu
a spring festival, held on March 31st

hulkae  North American
in the lore of some Californian tribes, spirits of the dead

Hulla  Mesopotamian
daughter of Taru and Wurusemu

Hullas  a Hittite god

Hule  (see Holda)

Hulus  Roman
an early Italian vegetation deity

Huma  Persian
a monster in the form of a restless bird

Human August One  Chinese
a title of Jen Wang in those versions where he is regarded as a deity

Human Kings  (see Jen Wang)

Humanmaker  North American
the creator-god of the Pima tribe

He made figures from clay to which Coyote added genitalia, so allowing them to breed and become the ancestors of the tribe.

Humans  (see first humans)

Humba  (see Huwawa)

Humbara  (see Huwawa)

Humban  Mesopotamian
da god of the Elamites

Humber  European
[Humber] a king of Germany father of Estrildis

He invaded Britain but his army was defeated, after killing Albanact, by his brothers Camber and Locrinus. He was drowned, in the river which bears his name, while attempting to escape.

Humbert  (see Humber)

Humen  (see Hymenaeus)

Humeniaos  (see Hymenaeus)

Humility  North American
a fabulous bird in Connecticut

This bird has sharper eyesight than even the falcon and can fly faster than any other bird in the world.

Hummingbird  [Bird of the Gods.Revival Bird]
a bird credited with magic powers

This bird is said to live on dew, to hibernate and always tells the truth.

In some cases, feathers from this bird are used as charms.

Hummingbird of the South  (see Huitzilopochtli)

hun1  Chinese
one type of soul, the spirit soul

Each person has three hun and seven p'o. The hun is said to leave the body at death and goes to heaven where it is reunited with its ancestors; the p'o remains, sustaining the body until it decays.
Hunab (Maya who are themselves destined to became demons and lastly with the then with a race called dzalob who earth after three floods first by dwarfs, He periodically flooded the earth by substance (Chih). to much change and eventually to fixed point, T’ai Chi, which gave rise said, evolved time and space and a universe emerged. From Chaos, it is Hun-tun hun2 Hunaland Norse (Hun Pic Tok) Hunhunapu Hun Pic Tek Hun Pic Tok Central American [Great Hand.Hunab-ku.Kinebahan.'one'] the creator-god of the Maya husband of Ixchel father of Itzamna He periodically flooded the earth by causing rain to fall from the belly of the sky-serpent. He repopulated the earth after three floods first by dwarfs, then with a race called dzalob who became demons and lastly with the Maya who are themselves destined to perish in another flood. Some stories equate this deity with Hurakan or Itzamna. Hunab-ku (see Hunab) Hunahpu (see Hunapu) Hunaland Norse the home of Brunhild, some say Hunaphu (see Hunapu) Hunaphu Central American [Hun Ab].Hunahpu.Hunaphu. Magician.Master] the Mayan god of the hunt one of the Hero Twins son of Hunhunapu and Xquiq twin brother of Ixbalanque brother of Hunatz and Hunchouen He and his twin brother were born when the decapitated head of his father, who had been killed by the rulers of Xibalba, spat into the hand of Xquiq. Their other brothers, Hunbatz and Hunchouen, were jealous of the twins’ magical powers and would have killed them but the twins realised their intentions and turned them into monkeys. They set out to dispose of the giant, Vacub-Caquix, and his sons Cabraca and Zipacna. Their first attempt, when they shot a poisoned arrow that stuck Vacub-Caquix on the cheek, was not successful so, in the guise of physicians, they pulled out his emerald teeth and gouged out his eyes and he then died. They tried to kill Zipacna by burying him and building a house over the site but the giant recovered and killed the 400 young men who had helped to bury him. Another attempt, when they threw mountains on top of him, was successful in killing him. His brother Cabraca was easily killed when the twins gave him poisoned chicken to eat. They then went to Xibalba, at the invitation of the rulers, to play tlachtli with them, hoping to be able to avenge the death of their father, Hunhunapu. Every time they won a game against the lords of Xibalba, they had to spend a night in a house of torture. They survived the House of Gloom, the House of Lances, the House of Cold, the House of Tigers and the House of Fire but, in the House of Bats, Hunapu was decapitated by the bat-god, Camazotz. He was later restored. He and Hunbatz persecuted their other two brothers and plotted to kill them but the twins turned them into monkeys. Hunbaut British a companion of Gawain Hunbaut French a 13th c French poem about the exploits of Gawain and Hunbaut Huncame Central American [Hun Cam] one of the rulers of Xibalba, the Aztec underworld He shared the sovereignty of Xibalba with Vucubcame. They were both killed when they tried to copy the feat of Hunapu and Ixbalanque who had immolated themselves and been restored. Huncamunca British in some stories, daughter of King Arthur Hunchez Central American son of Hunhunapu brother of Hunapu, Hunbatz and Ixbalanque He and Hunbatz persecuted their other two brothers and plotted to kill them but the twins turned them into monkeys. Hunding Norwegian the head of the family feuding with the Volsungs husband of Sieglinde, some say The descendants of Hunding Hundred-eyed (see Argus) Hundred-handed Ones Greek [Centumani.Hecatonch(e)ires. Hekatonkheires. Uranids] sons of Uranus and Gaea Briareus, Cottus and Gyges were shut up in Tartarus by Uranus who hated them but released by Cronus when he killed his father. They were sent back to Tartarus when Cronus took control but released again by Zeus to fight in his ten-year war with the Titans. When he won, he confined the Titans in Tartarus where they were guarded by the Hundred-handed Ones. Some say that, in addition to 100 hands, they had fifty heads. Hundredhands (see Canhastyr) Hundred Slayer (see Coil Croda)
Huon

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of the wedding and, next day, gained admittance to the palace with the aid of the magic ring. Huon kissed Clarimunda and when her prince objected, Huon cut off his head. In some versions, Huon then used his horn to cause all present to dance themselves into exhaustion while he escaped with Clarimunda. Oberon gave them a lock of the sultan's beard and some of his teeth and provided a ship which took them safely to France.

In another account, Huon was put in prison by the sultan but Clarimunda kept him well supplied with food and drink while the guard was reporting that Huon had died of starvation. Sherasmin and Clarimunda planned his escape but Huon refused to leave until he had fulfilled the final part of his undertaking. As it happened, the Caliph Agrapard ordered the death of Gaudioso and Sherasmin was able to secure some of his beard and four teeth from the body before it was buried.

Huon returned to France with these objects, received the Emperor's full pardon and married Clarimunda who became a Christian, calling herself Amanda. As a condition of helping them, Oberon had required Huon to go to Rome to seek the pope's blessing and to refrain from sleeping with Clarimunda until they were married. Huon failed to keep to this latter injunction and Oberon punished him by causing a storm when Huon and his bride were at sea. Huon drew the fateful lot to decide which of them should be sacrificed to the storm-god and, when he jumped overboard, Clarimunda did the same. They were transported to an island where, by a regime of penance, Huon appeased Oberon and where their son, Huonet, was born and abducted by Titania. Clarimunda (Amanda) and her servant, Fatima, were seized by pirates and taken to Tunis. Oberon transported Huon to that city where he again met Sherasmin who had taken work as a gardener at the sultan's palace. Huon, calling himself Hassan, became Sherasmin's assistant. Amanda rejected the sultan's advances and, when Huon was discovered, the sultan ordered that they both be burnt at the stake. Once again they were saved by Oberon and, with Sherasmin and Fatima, the couple were transported to Fairyland.

They finally returned to Charlemagne's court and, presenting the trophies the emperor had demanded, were pardoned.

Another telling says that Clarimunda (Esclaramonde in this version) was being taken by pirates to the court of Yvoiriin when the ship was wrecked. She was given to Galafre, king of Tunis, but rejected his advances. Huon, transported by Oberon's servant, Malebron, went to Yvoiriin's court and undertook to retrieve Esclaramonde. Galafre chose Sherasmin as his champion to fight Huon and, when the combatants recognised each other, they joined forces, killed Galafre and rescued Esclaramonde and Fatima. En route to France, Girard stole the chest containing the trophies of Huon's quest and claimed to have won them himself. The emperor condemned Huon to death but Oberon intervened to carry Huon and Esclaramonde to Fairyland, where, in due time, they had a daughter, Claretie, and Huon became ruler after Oberon. Girard was hanged for his treachery.

In another story, Huon met King Arthur in Fairyland. When Oberon handed his kingdom to Huon, Arthur, who had expected to receive the throne, objected but was subdued by Oberon's threats.

**Huon de Bordeaux**

ዝ olan Carus (13th C French poem relating to the adventures of Huon)

*Huonet* son of Huon and Clarimunda

He was carried off to Fairyland by Titania when he was still a baby and was reunited with his parents when they came to that country.

*Hupasiyas* a mortal who became a lover of the goddess Inaras

He helped her trap the dragon Illuyankas by feeding it so much food that it became stuck in the entrance to its lair. They bound the dragon and its brood so that the weather-god Taru could kill them. She built him a house and told him that he must never look out in case he should see his wife and family. The goddess killed him when he disobeyed and wanted to return home.

*Huperboreoi* (see Hyperboreans)

*Huperion* (see Hyperion)

*Hupermestra* (see Hypermestra)

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*Hupnos* (see Hypnus)
two beings down to earth with orders to build a ladder from there to heaven but they dismantled what they had built when Sedit persuaded them that it was better if man were not given the right to go to heaven and return.

It is said that one lived in the east, the other in the west and the sun travelled from one to the other every day.

They were said to have created death.

**Hushashag** *Mesopotamian*

a Sumerian goddess of the underworld

wife of Namtar

She recorded the time of each person's death on tablets kept for that purpose.

**Hushang** (see Hoshang)

**Hushedar** *Persian*

[Hushetar.Ukshyat-ereta] son of Zoroaster

One of the three saviours, born of a virgin birth. (see Saoshyan)

**Husk-faced Dancers** (see Gadjisa)

**Hut** *Arab*

the Zodiacal sign, Pisces

**Hutashana** (see Holi)

**Hutgin** *French*

a demon

In black magic he was ambassador to Italy.

**Huri Watsi Ya** *North American*

[=Cherokee Anitsutsa] star-spirits of the Hurons

**Hutena** *Mesopotamian*

[=Hittite Gul-Ses] a Hurrian goddess of fate

**Hut-B-Merlin** *French*

[Suite de Merlin] a 12th C poem about the exploits of the wizard, Merlin

**Hutram** *Persian*

[=Assyrian Uduran] a god of the Elamites

**Hutton Castle** *British*

home of the Green Knight, Bertilak

**Hutu** *New Zealand*

a Maori chief

husband of Pare

Pare fell in love with him but, knowing that he could never marry a maiden of such high rank, he ran away. Pare died of grief and Hutu went down to the underworld, Tê Reinga, and brought back her soul, climbing one of the upside-down trees that lead to the realm of the living, and they were married.

**Hutukhchu** *Mongol*

[Khohikhan] the Mongol version of Tulkhu

**Huveane** *African*

the creator-god of the Basuto people

Having created the earth and the sky, Huveane climbed into the heavens on pegs which he withdrew to prevent man from following.

**Huvi** *African*

a god of hunting of the Ovimbundu people

**Huwa** *(see Hu')

**Huwasanana** *Mesopotamian*

a Hittite goddess consort of Teshub

**Huwaawa** *Mesopotamian*

[Hubaha.Humba(ba),Khumbaha] a fire-breathing giant attendant on the storm-god Wer

This being, whose beard was like human entrails, guarded the cedars at the seat of the gods and was killed by Enkidu and Gilgamesh.

Masks with protruding ears were attached to houses to ward off this demon.

**Huyen-thien** *Burmese*

[Nguyen-quan.Tran-vu-Chinese Huyen-vu] a Buddhist dragon-god, guardian of the north and of Tongking

**Huyen-vu** *Chinese*

the Chinese version of Huyen-thien

**Huzuwaauqu** *North American*

a Pueblo goddess, guardian of coral, shells, etc.

**Hv-a-sang** *Buddhist*

a preacher who was deified

He is depicted wearing a shawl with his fat belly exposed.

**Hv-a-se** *(see Upadhyaya)*

**Hv-a-shang** *(see Upadhyaya)*

**Hv-ar** *(see Hvarkhshaeta)*

**Hvarkhshaeta** *(see Hvarkhshaeta)*

**Hvaranh** *Persian*

one of the yazatas, 'glory'

the halo of a king

**Hvarkhshaeta** *Persian*

[Hvarkhshaeta] the sun, envisaged as the eye of Ahura Mazda

one of the Yazatas

**Hveergelmir** *(see Hveergelmir)*

**Hveergelmir** *Norse*

[Hveergelmir] a fountain in Niflheim

This fountain, which was the home of the serpent Nidhogg and which was guarded by Ivald, supplied Elivagar, the twelve rivers of Niflheim.

** Hvitserk** *Norse*

son of Ragnar Lodbrok and Aslaug brother of Bjorn, Ivar, Rogenwald and Sigurd

**Hwan Ung** *(see Hwanung)*

**Hwanin** *(see Hanullim)*

**Hwanung** *Korean*

[Hwan Ung] son of the ruler of heaven father of Tan'gun

Accompanied by three ministers and some 3,000 spirits, Hwanung descended from heaven, landing on the Great White Mountain at a spot he named Sacred City, and took over the kingship of the earth.

A bear and a tiger both asked Hwanung to change them into humans. He gave them herbs to eat but only the bear changed, becoming a woman. She prayed for a mate by the sandalwood tree near to the spot where Hwanung had landed and Hwanung changed into human form and married her. Their son was called Tan'gun.

**Hwaskan** *Tibetan*

a Chinese priest expelled from Tibet by Padmasambhava

**Hwegan-hya** *(see Hwegan-hya)*

**Hwyka** *(see Hwegan-hya)*

**Hwykhu** *(see Hwegan-hya)*

**Hwydhn** *(see Hwegan-hya)*

**Hwyddeddwyw** *(see Hwegan-hya)*

**Hwydhn** *(see Hwegan-hya)*

wife of Bwlch

**Hy-Brasil** *Irish*


It was said that this island, ruled by Brasel, was all that remained of the continent of Atlantis and was the home of the Danaans after their defeat by the Milesians. It became visible to human eyes only once every seven years.

**Hy-Breasil** *(see Hy-Brasil)*

**Hy-Brasil** *(see Hy-Brasil)*

**Hy-ent-wat-ha** *(see Hiawatha)*

**Hy-Falga** *(see Hy-Falga)*

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a part of the Otherworld visited by Cuchulainn

**hyacinth** *Greek*

the flower that grew from the soil stained by the blood of Hyacinthus
Hyacinthia Greek
an eleven-day festival, held in May, in honour of Hyacinthus

Hyacinthus Greek
[Hyacinthos/Hyakinthos]
a prince of Sparta
son of Amyclas and Diomede or of Pierus and Clio
brother of Polyboea
He was loved by Apollo, Thamyris and Zephyr the West Wind who, in a fit of jealousy, killed Hyacinthus by smashing his head with a discus thrown by Apollo as he was practising.
From his blood sprang the hyacinth flower. (see also Ajaks)

Hydades Greek
 [=Arab Little Camels=Roman Suculae]
the Nysaean nymphs, placed in the heavens by Zeus, as reward for raising the infant Dionysus daughters of Atlas and Aethra
or Pleione
In some accounts, their names are given as Ambrosia, Coronis, Eudora, Phyto, Polyo and Tyche (or Dione). A different list appears for the Nysaean nymphs. (see also Nysaean Nymphs)

Hyaeae Phrygian
female celebrants of the orgies of Mithras
In the rites attended by these women, an ox was killed and its flesh eaten raw.

Hyagais Phrygian
a satyr
a god of lightning, some say father of Marsyas

Hyakinthos (see Hyacinthus)

Hyale Greek
a nymph attendant on Hermes

Hyais Greek
Atlas as father of the Hyades

Hyas Phrygian
a vegetation-god
son of Atlas
brother of the Nysaean nymphs
He was killed by a lion or a boar when hunting and his sisters died of grief. (see also Hyas)

Hyas Phrygian
[=Armenian Hayk]
a vegetation-god (see also Hyas)

Hybris Greek
according to some accounts, the mother of Pan by Zeus

Hychdwn (see Hwychdwn)
Hyddwn (see Haydn)
Hydra Greek
[Lemmaeanae Hydra,Lemnian Serpent=+Mesopotamian Musmahhu]
a many-headed water monster

offspring of Typhon and Echidna
This monster lived in the swamp at Lerna and had the ability to grow further heads to replace any that were cut off. The number of heads varies from seven to a hundred.

It was eventually killed by Hercules, with the help of Iolaus, as his third Labour. (see also Waterlord)

Hydrides Greek
water nymphs

Hydriel a water-demon

Hydrippus (see hippocampus)

Hydromancy
divination using water

Hydromel Norse
the drink of the gods

Hyel a supreme deity in Nigeria
When the first man died, a worm was sent to heaven to ask Hyel what men should do to revive him and he advised them to hang up the dead man's body and throw mush at it. The lizard, Agadzagazda, overheard this and ran back with the message that they should bury the body. When the worm arrived with the god's real message, the people ignored it with the result that men still die.

A similar story is told of Qamatha and by various other tribes.

Hyginus Roman
a 1st c mythographer
He was a former Spanish slave who wrote a handbook of mythology, Genealogiae or Fabulae.

Hylaeus Greek
son of Theodamus and Menodice

Hylaeus2 Greek
armour-bearer to Heracles

Hylaeus1 Greek
a prince of Sparta

Hylactor Greek
a dog of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Hylactor, tore him to pieces.

Hylaeus Norse
a Centaur
He was shot and killed by Atalanta when he tried to rape her during the hunt for the Calydonian boar.

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Hylas Greek
[Hulas.'wood-child']
armour-bearer to Heracles

Hylas Greek
son of Theodamus and Menodice
He was abducted as a lover by Heracles, who killed the young man's
father. He accompanied Heracles on the Argo and went missing when he was looking for water. Heracles searched for him in vain – he had been carried off by Driope and her water-nymphs to their underwater grotto.

Hylas2 Greek
in some accounts, brother of the Pleiades
He was killed in a hunting accident.

Hylas
a protective goddess

Hyllus Greek
a son of Heracles and Deianeira or, some say, by Melite brother of Clessipus, Glenus, Hodites, and Macaria husband of Iole father of Ceodeagus He helped the wounded Heracles at the end and was commanded by Heracles to marry Iole. He was killed by Echemus in single combat.

Hymen
(see Hymenaeus)
a fabulous animal

Hymenaeus Greek [Humen(aios).Hymen(aios)]
the winged god of marriage son of Apollo by Tersichore or Urania or of Dionysus by Aphrodite

In some accounts, he was a youth who saved a procession of maidens from the hands of a gang of pirates at Eleusis. Some say he was the son of Magnes who became a lover of Apollo: others say he was one of those whom Asclepius brought back to life. He is depicted as a young man carrying a torch.

Hymenaios (see Hymenaeus)

Hymner
(see Hymir)

Hymir Norse [Dark One.Hymir]
a sea-giant son of Ymir father of Ty, some say He owned a magic cauldron that Thor wished to borrow for a feast of the gods arranged by Aegir. When Thor came to collect it, they went on a fishing trip and Thor caught the Midgard serpent on his hook. Hymir was so frightened that he cut the line. In some versions he jumped overboard and was drowned. Others say that, when Thor left with the cauldron, Hymir led a band of giants to attack him but Thor killed them all with his hammer.
Hypseus

Greek
a king of the Lapiths
son of Peneus by Creusa
brother of Cyrene, Daphne and Stilbe, some say
husband of Creusa, some say
father of Astygia, Cyrene and Themisto by Creusa

Hypsiplē

[‘high gate’; Hupsipule]
a priestess of Aphrodite
queen of Lemnos
daughter of Thoas
mother of Euneus and Thoas (Nebrophonus)
The men of Lemnos objected to the rule of women and left them, sleeping with prostitutes.
The women rebelled and killed all the men on the island. The only man to escape was Thoas, king of Lemnos, saved by Hypsiplē who secretly set him adrift in a boat. He later recovered his kingdom.

When the Argonauts called at Lemnos en route to Colchis, the women slept with the sailors and Hypsiplē herself slept with Jason, bearing him twin sons, Euneus and Thoas.

When the other women discovered that she had not killed her father, they sold her as a slave to Lycurgus. Others say that she was exiled and captured by pirates who sold her to Lycurgus but was later rescued by her sons, Euneus and Thoas. She was the nurse of Opheltes, son of Lycurgus, and when she was sent to lead the Seven against Thebes to a pool, she took the boy with her. She sat him down on the ground for a moment where he was bitten by a snake and died.

Some say that Adrastus bought her from Lycurgus and she served as a nurse for many years before being rescued by her sons.

Hipsestōs

(see Hypsistōs)

Hypsistōs

Greek
a local god; a title for a supreme god; the Greek name for Alalu or Elioun

Hyrie

Greek
mother of Cycnus by Apollo

Hyrieus

Greek
a king of Boeotia
son of Apollo by Aethusa
son of Poseidon by Alcyone, some say brother of Hyperenor

He gave hospitality to three gods and asked in return that he be given a child. They urinated on the hide of a bull which he buried and from which arose a son, Urion, later Orion.

When he ordered Agamedes and Trophonius to build a treasure-house, they left a secret entrance and robbed the building at their leisure. He set a trap for the thief and caught Agamedes. A similar story is told of the king Rhampsinitus.

In some accounts, Hyrieus is the consort of Clonia and father by her of Nycteus.

Hyrenēthō

Greek
daughter of Temenus
sister of Archelaus, Creisis and Perdiccas
wife of Deiphontes

Her father preferred Deiphontes over his own sons so they killed Temenus. Creisis took over the throne of Argos and sent his brothers to persuade Hyrenēthō to leave her husband. She refused and, when they tried to force her, she was killed.

Hyrrōkin

Norse
a giantess
an aspect of Angerbode

The funeral pyre on Baldur’s ship, Ringhorn, was so heavy that the gods could not push the ship away from the shore. Hyrrōkin gave it one mighty shove and it glided out on to the water. Odin was so jealous of her powers that he tried to kill her.

Hyrtacūs

Greek
a king of Percote
husband of Ariska
father of Asius, Eurotas and Nisus

Hyssminai

Greek
battle personified
da descendant of Eris (see also Malchai)

Hy̧staspȩs

Greek
god of meadows
son of Adonis and Aphrodite

Hy̧staspȩs2 (see Vishtaspa; Zariadres)

Hyuki

(see Hiuki)
I

Central American
a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god I; perhaps Ix Chel. This deity is depicted as an old woman with feet like claws and wearing a snake formed into a knot on her head and holding a water-pot. Water flowing from the pot leads to the suggestion that she was a water-goddess.

Japanese
a sign (pig or wild boar) of the Zodiac

Chinese
the archer who shot down 9 suns husband of Heng O
When ten suns appeared in the sky the heat was too much so I shot down nine of them with his magic bow.

In one version, he was a deity who was banished to earth by Ti Chün who was angry at the loss of his sons, killed by I. His wife, Heng O, who was banished with him, stole the elixir of immortality and flew off to the moon. Some say that he later married Fu-fei.

He was later forgiven by Ti Chün or, in some accounts, was given immortality by Hsi Wang Mu and came to be identified with the sun.

Other stories of his exploits say that he prevented the eclipse of the moon, which caused humans to become infertile, by shooting the Celestial Dog which devoured the moon and that he rode up on the winds created by the wind-lord, Feng Po, and shot him in the leg, forcing him to abate the storms he had caused.

I Ching
[Book of Changes.Korean Chong Yok]
the first of the 9 major works of the Confucian canon, dealing with natural phenomena one of the Five Classics
This work, in sixty-four parts, was written by Wen Wang and his son, Chou I, and uses diagrams made up of horizontal lines, said to have been invented by Fu-hsi. The latter part contains observations by Confucius, linking Taoist and Confucian thought.

I-hsing
[Ta-hui] Ch’an-shih
(672-717)
a scholarly monk
He repaid Wang Mu, a widow who had supported him when he was a young student, by saving the life of her son who had been condemned to death for killing a man. He is said to have caused the stars of the Great Bear constellation to disappear from the sky and captured them in the form of pigs. He then advised the emperor to grant a general amnesty and, releasing the pigs, caused the stars to reappear.

He was given the title Ta-hui Ch’an-shih after his death.

I Kaggen
African
[Cagn.Kaggen]
the Bushman god, Kaang, as the spirit of the praying mantis (see also Kaang)

I-ho-wei
Chinese
a self-created celestial trinity

I-i
Chinese
part of the I Ching

I-mu-kuo
Chinese
a mythical land where the people have only one eye which is in the middle of the forehead

I-qong
Pacific Islands
in Melanesian lore, a god of the night

He sold Qat the darkness of night in exchange for some pigs.

I-ti
Chinese
[Immortal One]
a minor deity, patron of wine-makers (see also Tu K’ang)

Ia
Greek
daughter of Midas
Her wedding to Attis was interrupted by Agdistis and the guests were struck with madness. Attis castrated himself and Ia died of self-inflicted wounds.

Iacchus
Greek
a minor god
son of Zeus and Demeter
son of Dionysus by Demeter or Core, some say brother of Core
Iakim

Iakchos

Hanged herself. (gestures and dances. She is said to have amused Demeter by her obscene

Baubo the daughter of Celeus, who so described as a lame servant acting as

the house of Celeus when she acted as

In some accounts of Demeter's stay in

Greek

Ialysus

Greek

Ialysa

Ialonus

He and his brother led the Minyans

by Heracles.

He tried to steal some of Geryon's

cattle seized by Heracles as part of

His counsellor, Bikki, accused the

king's son, Broder, of seducing the

queen, so Farmerik had her trampled
to death by horses.

His story is a Danish version of the

story of Ermenrich.

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Farmerik

Iarnsaxa

Iarnvith

Iarovit

a Latvian god

an aspect of Svantevit

Iasion

Greek

Iasian
In some accounts, his earthly father was Corytus. He was the father of two or three sons by Demeter, whom he seduced in a ploughed field, though others claim that he married Cybele, fathering Corybans, and that he was made immortal.

Some say that he was killed by his brother, Dardanus, others that he was killed by Zeus for his seduction of Demeter.

Iasius
[=Iasus, [Iasius,]]
king of Arcadia
son of Lycurgus
father of Atalanta by Clymene

In some stories Schoenus is the father of Atalanta.

Iaso
Greek
son of Asclepius

Iason
[=Jason,]
son of Jason

Iassen
[=Jason, Jasoni,]

Iath
[=Eire, Ith,]

Iath n’Annan
Irish
an old name for Ireland or for Dana

Ia’tiku
[=Ia’tiku, Ia’tiku, Iatiku,]
a creator-goddess of the Pueblos
daughter of Utc’tsíti
sister of Nao’tsíti
mother of the Katsinas

Her sister bore twin boys after being impregnated by the rainbow and gave one of them to Ia’tiku before leaving to settle in the east. The boy, Tia’munia, mated with Ia’tiku to produce the forerunners of the tribe.

Iatromancy
divination by incubation

Iavure-cunha
South American
a tiny forest-spirit of Brazil

Ibanza
[=Libanza,]

Ibat
Irish
son of Beothach
brother of Ibean

He and his brother Ibean, with Iarhanel, survived the defeat of the Nemedians and escaped to become the ancestors of the Danaans.

Iba’um
Mesopotamian
an Akkadian god

Ibe Dji
African
an idol of the Yoruba

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Ieorgan
Central American
a culture-hero in Panama

He is said to have taught his people, the Cuna, how to build, fashion gold, make beer from maize and many other useful things.

Ibert
British
husband of Iblis in some accounts

Ibex
a monster antelope

The real ibex, a native of the Pyrenees, was said to be able to leap from the top of high peaks and land on its horns without harm.

Ilheli
[=Dubh Lacha,]

Ibilisi
African
[a Moslem Eblis]
a Swahili devil

Ibin Okrabi
African
a powerful spirit of the Igbo

Ibis
Egyptian
a sacred bird: an incarnation of Thoth

Ibissa Shayto
African
an Ethiopian fire-spirit

Iblis
British
wife of Ibert

In some accounts she married Lancelot by whom she had four children.

Iblis1

Iblis2

Iblis, Iblis
[=Iblis, Iblis, Iblis,]

Iblis al-Qadim
[=Iblis,]

Iblo
West Indian

Iblo-lé
[=Iblo, Iblo, Iblo,]
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Iblo-lé
[=Iblo, Iblo, Iblo,]

Iblo-Usun
African
an annual feast in honour of the Yoruba goddess Osun when the priestesses of this cult are chosen

Ibofango
North American
a name for Hisagitaimisi as One

Sitting Above

Iboniamasiboniamanoro
African
a hero in Madagascar

son of Rasoabemanana

His mother sought help from the seer, Ranakombe, in order to conceive. She went to heaven where a grasshopper entered her and lived in her womb for ten years. The unborn child chose the place where he would be born and got his mother to swallow a knife with which he cut himself free of her body. His mother died at his birth and he jumped into a fire but was unscathed.

When he was old enough to marry, Ranakombe set him a number of near-impossible tasks which he performed successfully and then set out to rescue the maiden Lampelamananoro who had been held captive by Raivato. He gained access to the captor’s house by killing the servant Ikonitra and dressing in his skin. Once inside, he overcame Raivato and hammered him into the ground. He rescued the maiden and married her but their happiness was short-lived since he died a few years later.

Ibor
Irish
an early chargiot for Cuchulainn

Ibororquiamio
South American
a deity of Guyana, evil personified

Ibukido
Japanese
an evil deity

He causes the destruction of crops and water-courses, incest, leprosy, etc.

Ibycus
Greek
a 6th c BC poet
son of Phythius

When he was attacked and killed by a band of robbers he called on a flight of cranes to avenge him. Later, in a theatre, the birds scared one of the robbers who confessed to the crime and they were all put to death.

Icadius
Greek
a man saved by a dolphin

Icananyana
[=Hlakanyama,]

Icakijana
[=Icananyana,]

Icananyana
[=Icananyana,]

Icalus
Irish
brother of Hippocoon and Tyndareus

He and Tyndareus were expelled by their brother Hippocoon who took over the throne. Heracles killed Hippocoon and his twelve sons and restored the former kings.

Icarus1
Greek
[=Icarus, Icaros,]
son of Debalus and Batea or Perieres and Gorgophone

brother of Hippocoon and Tyndareus co-king of Sparta with Tyndareus father of Iphthime and Penelope by Periboea

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Icarus2
Greek
[=Icarus, Icaros,]
an Athenian farmer

father of Erigone

Dionysus taught him the art of wine-making and he gave some of his produce to a number of shepherds who, thinking he had bewitched them
with his wine, killed him. His dog, Maera, led his daughter to his grave where she hanged herself. The dog jumped to its death and Dionysus set them all in the heavens, Erigone as Virgo, Icarius as Bootes and Maera as Canicula. Some say Iasius became Bootes.

Icarius\(^1\) (see Icarus)

Icarius\(^2\)  
Greek  
son of Daedalus by a slave girl

He was locked with his father in the labyrinth housing the Minotaur on Crete by Minos but they were both freed by Pasiphae, the king’s wife. They escaped from Crete by flying on wings of feathers and wax made by Daedalus. Ignoring instructions, he flew too close to the sun, whereupon the wax melted and he crashed into the sea and drowned.

An alternative version says that Icarus was not killed but swam to the nearby island of Icaria and lived there for many years.

Icarus\(^3\) (see Icarus)

Ieaua  
Roman  
a Celtic river-goddess in Gaul

Iechha-sakti  
Hindu  
a sakti longing to be made manifest

Icci  
Siberian  
spirits under the control of the creator-gods

Icocavellauna  
Celtic  
a European water-goddess

Ice-giants  
(see giants-Norse)

Icleus  
Greek  
[Iclus.Ikelos.Phobetor.Phobetus]  
a god of dreams

Ictinike  
North American  
household gods of the Caribs

Ichi-no-miya  
Japanese  
Shinto temples

Ichijo  
Japanese  
an emperor

father of Kimitaka

When his daughter was captured by the demon Shutendoji, Ichijo sent the warrior-hero, Raiko, to her aid. Raiko killed the demon and freed the princess.

Ichiko  
Japanese  
[iako]  
a sibyl; a temple servant possessed by spirits: a blind female shaman or medium

These women are reputed to be able to call up deities or the ghosts of ancestors and pass on their messages.

Ichno-mon  
Egyptian  
the mongoose, revered in Egypt

Some say that the mongoose kills only snakes but others maintain that it can kill a crocodile by entering its gaping jaws and eating the beast’s viscera.

Ichnobate  
Greek  
[Ichnobates]

a dog of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Ichnobate, tore him to pieces.

Ichnobates  
(see Ichnobate)

Ich (see gingko.Icho Kalakal)

Icho-kalakal  
Pacific Islands  
[Icho]

a hero in the lore of the

Caroline Islands

He is said to have led his people to their homeland.

Ichor  
Greek  
the colourless fluid in veins of gods

This vital fluid never carried disease; if shed, it would generate new life where it fell.

Ichthyocentaur  
(see centauro-triton)

Ichthyomancy  
divination using the entrails of fish

Ichthyotaurus  
(see centauro-triton)

Ichthys  
(see fish)

Icilius  
Roman  
a man betrothed to Virginia

Icona  
Central American  
a Mexican father-god

Ikonia  
Serbian  
daughter of Miloutin

She had been promised in marriage to Srodi but Theodore seized her and carried her off as his wife.

Icosiel  
a demon of the air

Icovellauna  
Celtic  
a sakti longing to be made manifest

Ictinike  
a goddess of springs and healing

Ictinike  
North American  
[=Santee Unktome.Inktomi]

the Missouri Indian name for Ictinike

Ictinike  
North American  
[Ikt(om).\‘spider’.Spider Man.\‘Unktome.Unktomi]  
the trickster-god, war-god of the Iowa Indians

son of the sun-god

He was expelled from heaven for his trickery. He tricked Rabbit into taking off his fur coat and, while Rabbit was up a tree, put the coat on and ran off with it. He married one daughter of a local chief and so offended the other daughter who rescued the skinless Rabbit. He engaged in shooting matches with Rabbit in which they shot an eagle which grew each day from the feathers of the one shot the day before. When Rabbit gave back to Ictinike the clothes he had taken off to put on Rabbit’s fur, the Indians drummed up such a frantic dance that Ictinike, jumping ever higher, fell and broke his neck.

Another story has a different version of his death. It was said that he was jealous when Rabbit (in this story, Rabbit Boy) married the girl he wanted for himself and incited the youths of the village to kill Rabbit. Before they killed him, cut him up and boiled him, Rabbit Boy sang a death-song and then used his magic powers to reassemble the parts and return to life. When Ictinike tried to do the same, he sang the wrong words to the death-song and died, never to return.

Yet another story says that he rode on the back of a buzzard who threw him off into a hollow tree where he was trapped for some time. When he finally escaped, he pretended to be dead. The buzzard landed to feed on his flesh and Ictinike seized it and tore the feathers from the top of its head.

Some equate him with Iktok, a culture-hero said to have invented speech.

Id  
Irish  
son of Riangabair and Finnabair

brother of Etan and Laeg

He was a charioteer for Conall Cearnach.

Ida\(^1\)  
European  
daughter of Elias and Beatrix

She and her sisters nursed the infant Zeus.

Ida\(^2\)  
Greek  
[=Greek Nemesis]

a Phrygian goddess

Ida\(^3\)  
Greek  
[=Santee Unktome.Inktomi]

a Phrygian goddess

Ida\(^4\)  
Greek  
daughter of Corybas

mother by Lycastus of Minos
Ida

Ida

Hindu

[Ida. Ira]
a goddess of food and law
daughter of Varuna, some say
consort of Manu
wife of Dyaus, some say
She was said to have been created from
butter and milk left over from the
Churning of the Ocean.
She and Manu repopulated the
earth after the flood which they
survived on top of a mountain.
In some accounts, she was the
daughter of Manu and wife of Budha
and was said to be mother of Pururavas.
Another version says that Ida was
originally male but she angered Parvati
who changed her into a woman. Later,
Parvati relented and Ida was allowed to
spend alternate months as a man, Ila.
Ida

Greek

(see Idaevold)

Ida

(see Mount Ida)

Ida Ten

Japanese

[=Chinese Wei-t'o]
a tutelary deity of Buddhism

Idaea

Greek

a river-nymph or a nymph of
Mount Ida

When Scamander jumped into the
river Xanthus, she mated with him to
produce a son, Teucer.
Idaea

Greek

a Scythian princess
daughter of Dardanus
second wife of Phineus
mother of Mariandynus and Thynius
She was the second wife of Phineus
and accused her stepsons of rape for
which they were blinded by their
father. When Phineus was killed, she
was sent back to her own people and
her father, Dardanus, killed her for the
cruel treatment of her stepsons.
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(see Cybele)

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(see Cybele)

Idaeae Dactyls

(see Dactyls)

Idaeae Mother

Greek

a Greek version of Cybele: a name
for Rhea
Idaeans

Greek

Cretan spirits
Idaeus

Greek

herald of the Trojans
son of Dares
brother of Phocus
Idaeus

Greek

a magic name for a finger
Idakeru

Japanese

a deity
son of Susanowa, some say
He is said to have introduced seeds for
the production of plants and trees.
Idalia

(see Aphrodite)

Idamente

Greek

son of Idoneus
He was killed by his own father who,
cought in a storm at sea, had promised
Poseidon that he would kill the first
person he met on shore if the sea-god
would save him.
idan

Pacific Islands

magicians
These people say that they are followers
of Anulap and Samoanekoanaer.
Idas

Greek

son of Aphareus and Arene
husband of Marpessa
twin brother of Lynceus
father of Cleopatra
His real father was Poseidon but he
was reared by his earthly father, Aphareus. He was a member of the
group that hunted the Calydonian
boar and he sailed with the Argo
auts.
He carried off Marpessa in a magic
chariot borrowed from Poseidon and,
when Apollo took her and turned her
into a kingfisher, he fought the god for
her hand. Zeus stopped the fight and
Marpessa chose to stay with Ida
twhom she married.
In one story, Hilaeria and Phoebe,
the brides of Ida and Lynceus, were
carried off by Castor and Polydeuces
on their wedding day, so starting the
feud between the two pairs of brothers.
In a fight over this abduction or over
some cattle, he killed Castor who was
hiding in a hollow tree and wounded
Polydeuces. Zeus again intervened
and killed Ida with a thunderbolt.
Others say that Ida was killed by
Polydeuces.
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chariot borrowed from Poseidon and,
when Apollo took her and turned her
into a kingfisher, he fought the god for
her hand. Zeus stopped the fight and
Marpessa chose to stay with Ida
twhom she married.
In one story, Hilaeria and Phoebe,
the brides of Ida and Lynceus, were
carried off by Castor and Polydeuces
on their wedding day, so starting the
feud between the two pairs of brothers.
In a fight over this abduction or over
some cattle, he killed Castor who was
hiding in a hollow tree and wounded
Polydeuces. Zeus again intervened
and killed Ida with a thunderbolt.
Others say that Ida was killed by
Polydeuces.
Idas

Greek

[Ides]
a follower of Diomedes
He went to Italy with Diomedes and
was turned into a bird by Aphrodite.
Idath

Irish

[Fiodach]
a warrior of Connaught
father of Fraoch
husband of Befind
He was a suitor for the hand of Maev
but was killed by Tinne mac Conrach,
king of Connaught.
Idavida

Hindu

first wife of Vishravas
mother of Kubera
Idavold

Norse

[Idavolir. Ida(voll). Ihavall. Ihavoll]
a plain in Asgard
Idavold

[see Idaevold]

Idavol

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian storm-god

Idises

(see disir)

Idisi

(see disir. Vala)
Idlirvirissong

North American
an evil spirit of the Inuit

Idlozi

African the guardian spirit of a Zulu ancestor

Idmon

Greek a seer
son of Apollo or of Abas and Cyrene

Idres

British one of the Argonauts
He was killed by a wild boar while en route to Colchis with the Argonauts.

Ido

(see Idothea)

Idoibo

Pacific Islands a creator-god in the Society Islands
divination by using idols

Idomance

Idomenea

Greek daughter of Agela and Aglaia
sister of Acrisius and Proetus

Idomenea

Greek wife of Amythaon
mother of Bias and Melampus

In some accounts, Amythaon’s wife was the nymph Melanippe.

Idomeneans

Greek a race of people said to have sight but no other senses

Idomeneus

Greek [Cnossius.Lycius] a king of Crete
son of Deucalion and Pyrrha brother of Amphictyon, Hellen and Molus
husband of Meda
father of Idamante

He was the leader of the Cretans in the Trojan War and was one of those who aimed his spear at Aeneas but killed Oenomaus instead. Returning from Troy, his ship was caught in a storm and Idomeneus vowed to kill the first person he met on shore in Crete if the sea-god, Poseidon, would save his person he met on shore in Crete if the Well of Life, whereupon the dead fish immediately revived and swam away.

Idris

Arab a prophet son of Hirmis
He is said to have invented writing, tailoring, geomancy and the use of the fortune-telling board, the ziraja.

An angel was so impressed with Idris that he took the prophet up to heaven still alive but the angel of death, who had been looking for Idris, met him in the fourth heaven and the prophet died.

Idris

Arab a cook with Al Iskander (Alexander the Great)

Preparing some fish for his master’s supper, he washed them in the waters of the Well of Life, whereupon the dead fish immediately revived and swam away.

Idris

Welsh a giant prince

Idue

(see Idyia)

Idumeans

British a Middle Eastern tribe

Gawain is said to have been in conflict with this tribe whose queen had been killed by the Crop-eared Dog.

Idun

Norse [Id(h)unn.Idun(n).Ithun(n).Y'dun] goddess of youth daughter of Ivald and Sol wife of Bragi

Some say she had no birth and could never die.
She owned a magic basket containing the apples of eternal youth, the supply of which was continuously renewed. She gave these to the gods, some of whom were otherwise not immortal.

Tricked by Loki into leaving Asgard with a bowl of this fruit, she was abducted by the storm-giant Thiassi. When the gods, who found themselves aging in the absence of the fruit, discovered what Loki had done they ordered him to get her back. Wearing Freya’s falcon-garb he flew to Thrymheim and, changing Idun into a nut, brought her safely back to Asgard.

Ifing

Norse a demi-god of the Yoruba son of Oroko and Alajeru
He is said to have had great wisdom obtained from divination using palm-nuts and taught men the art of medicine.

In some accounts, he is the same as Orunnila.

Ifa

African [-Fon Fa] a semi-god of the Yoruba

Ify

(see Ily)

Iduna

Norse [Id(b)unn.Idun(n).Ihun(n).Y'dun] wife of Bragi

Heimdall and seduced by Loki.

Idunna

(see Iduna)

Idurmer


Idyia

Greek [Eidyia.Iduie] a sea-nymph, one of the Oceanids wife of Aetes mother of Apsyrtus and Medea

Idylls of the King

English a series of poems on the Arthurian legend written by Tennyson

Idzumo

Japanese [Central Land of the Reed Plains.Izumo] a part of the newly-created earth
This realm caused so much annoyance to the gods from the noise made by the trees and flowers which, in those days, could speak, that they sent Ninigi, preceded by three envos, to quell the disturbance.

Idzumo Takeru

Japanese an outlaw
While Takeru was swimming in a river, Prince Yamato substituted a wooden sword for the brigand’s steel one. He then challenged Idzumo to a duel and cut off his head.

Iella

(see Attabeira)

Iemhetep

(see Imhotep)

Ieson

(see Jason)

Ieyasu Togugawa

(see Tokugawa)

Ifa

African [-Fon Fa] a demi-god of the Yoruba

Ifriti

(see afrifi)

I fret

(see afrifi)

Ifrit

Pakistan a malevolent ghost of a dead person

Ifrit

(see afrifi)

Ifru

Roman a North African god

Igy

(see Ily)
Igalilik  Inuit
a spirit of the hunt
He is said to carry a boiling cauldron large enough to hold a seal.

Igaluk  Inuit
the supreme god and moon-god
He inadvertently had intercourse with his sister who, in disgust, ascended into the sky with a torch and became the sun. Igaluk became the moon.

Igaranha  South American
a Brazilian spirit which can appear in the form of a canoe

Igari-Bat Mahlat  Hebrew
a queen of demons
Igbodu  African
groves sacred to the Yoruba god, Orunmila

Igradsil  (see Yggrasil)
Igerne  (see Igraine)
Igigi  Mesopotamian
the younger Sumerian sky-gods created by Marduk

These heavenly spirits, appearing as stars above the horizon are, in some versions, confused with the Annunaki which are those below the horizon.

In some accounts, they are described as slave-gods who worked on earth. One of their main tasks was to keep open the channels of the rivers to allow the free flow of water. When they rebelled against Enlil's rule, his wife killed their leader, We-e, and created a completely new race.

(see also Annunaki)

Ignerssuak  Inuit
a sea-god

Ignoge  (see Imogen)

Igqira  African
a witch-doctor in the Transkei

Igraine  British
daughter of Anlawdd and Gwen sister of Gorlendydd and Rieingulid daughter of Anlawdd and Gwen wife of Gorlois mother of Dioneta, Elaine, Morgan le Fay and Morgause mother of King Arthur by Uther When Uther fell in love with Igraine, her husband shut her away in a castle. Merlin changed Uther into the form of Gorlois giving him access to Igraine on whom he fathered the infant Arthur, later king of Britain. Others say that they also had a daughter called Anna. She married Uther when Gorlois died.

In some accounts she came from Atlantis; others say her first husband was Hoel.

Igraine1  British
[Wgerma.Igerne Ygerna.Yg(e)erne: +Welsh Eigyr] in some accounts, a sister of King Arthur

Iguague  South American
a lake in Colombia This is the lake from which, according to the Chibcha, the woman Bachué emerged at creation.

Iguana  Central American
a lizard-god, said to provide food

Iguvine Tablets  Roman
[Euqubine Tablets.Tabulae Iguvinae] 9 bronze tablets found at Gubbo in 1444

These tablets set out the liturgy of a priestly brotherhood - worshipping a number of Italic deities.

Ih P'En  Central American
a Mayan fertility-god and god of wealth consort of Ix K'an

Iha-naga  Japanese
[Iwa-naga.Iwanaga.Rock-long Princess] a goddess the ugly daughter of Oho-yama sister of Sengen I her father wanted Ninigi to marry her but he preferred her sister, Sengen. To avenge this insult, Iha-naga brought death to the human race.

Iha-no  Japanese
a goddess of longevity wife of Nintoku

Ihai  Japanese
an ancestral tablet: a soul-commemoration (see also ancestor worship)

Ihanam  North American
the creator-god of the Chinook Indians

Ihi  Egyptian
god of the sistrum son of Hathor

Ihi-yori-hiko  Japanese
a fertility deity

Hilhega  (see Hinega)

Iho-o-Kataka  New Zealand
a magical tree

It is said that if a woman prays while clasping the tree, she will have a child - a boy if she stands on the east side of the tree, a girl if she stands on the west.

Ihoiho  Pacific Islands
a creator-god of the Society Islands

Ihova  Pacific Islands
the god of the Papuan cargo-cult
He is depicted as wearing modern Western clothes.

Iby  Egyptian
[Ah.Hersmutnaya.Iby] a god of music son of Horus and Hathor or of Ra and Hathor

Ti  Pacific Islands
sister of Sava She and her brother became ancestors of the people of Savai'i, a Samoan island.

Ija  Persian
[=Ij] an evil spirit: a devil

Ija-kyl  Siberian
in Yakut lore, a spirit-animal This spirit is said to appear to a shaman when he takes up his office, in the middle of that period and just before his death. It dies when the shaman dies and conveys the shaman's spirit to the Otherworld.

Ijaksit  (see Ajysit)
ijim  Hebrew
stawyr

Jijmere  African
[=Kshanti mmoatia:=Brazil saci: =Dahomey aziazan:=Surinam apuku] forest spirits of Nigeria

Ijuru  African
a realm in the sky in the lore of the Banyarwanda

Ik1  Central American
the second of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, the stage when the unborn child receives a soul (see also Twelve Ik)

Ik2  Central American
the wind, said to have been created on Twelve Ik, the twelfth day of the Mayan creation cycle

Ika Roa  Pacific Islands
the Polynesian Milky Way

Ika Tere  Pacific Islands
a Polynesian fish-god Some say he created all sea-creatures.

Ika-zuchi  Japanese
a thunder-god

Ikaiaut  (see Ycaiut)

Ikal Ahau  Central American
a Mayan god of death He is said to attack humans at night and eat their flesh.

Ikanam1  North American
a creator-god of the Chinook

Ikanam2  North American
[=Kwakuitl nuyam:=Thompson spetakl: =Ti.shi.shi!an adaatx]
in the lore of the Chinook, a myth or tale of the early days of the world

**Ikarios** (see Icarus)
- a god of fortune of the Lbo people

**Ikargas** (see Icarus)
- a god of the existence after death

**Ikekusho** (see Iclus)
- a spirit of anger or envy

It is believed that this spirit, directed at another, can cause illness or even death.

**Ikkaku-sennin**
- a god who performed miracles but lost his powers when he allowed himself to be seduced by the pleasures of the flesh.

**Iku**
- the first man to die, in the lore of New Guinea

He left behind a sort of mirage which, ever since, has prevented the living from following him to the land of the dead.

**Ikonitra**
- a princess mother of Oho-tata-ne-ko

These two deities were produced on Mount Miwa. They had a son who was called Oho-tata-ne-ko.

**Ikonitra**
- a princess

This fish was created in the first of the three epochs of creation.

**Ikorin**
- one of the Eight Imperial Deities

A handsome youth came to her each night, disappearing through the keyhole at dawn. She tracked him to his home by stitching a thread to his clothing and found that he lived in a shrine on Mount Miwa. They had a son who was called Oho-tata-ne-ko.

**Iku-guhi**
- a Shinto thunder-god

He was one of the eight gods born from the charred body of Izanami.

**Iku-tama-yore-hime**
- a princess mother of Oho-tata-ne-ko

A handsome youth came to her each night, disappearing through the keyhole at dawn. She tracked him to his home by stitching a thread to his clothing and found that he lived in a shrine on Mount Miwa. They had a son who was called Oho-tata-ne-ko.

**Ikugupi**
- a Shinto goddess consort of Tunugupi

These two deities were produced from a branch of the primaevol god, Umashiskikiahiko.}

**Ikumusubi**
- one of the Eight Imperial Deities

He left behind a sort of mirage which, ever since, has prevented the living from following him to the land of the dead.

**Ilbrec**
- a rain-god of Kenya and Uganda son of Tororut and Seta

He carries water for his father and any that he spills reaches the earth as rain.

**Ilbrec**
- a sun-goddess consort of Il (El)

In some accounts she is Alilah.

**Ilax**
- the Norse name for Lac

**Ilazki**
- a Burgundian princess

**Ilbrec**
- a Basque moon-goddess

**Ilberg**
- son of Manannan

In the battle between the gods which followed the Dagda's resignation, Ilberg fought for Midir.

**Ilbrec**
- a man of the Otherworld

He was drowned when Manannan sent a huge wave after the boat carrying the party eloping with Cliona.

**Ildico**
- a Burgundian princess wife of Attila

She killed her husband on their wedding night with the sword of Cheru to avenge the death of her father, killed by Attila in his conquests. This is the Germanic version of Gudrun, wife of Athi. (see also Gudrun)
Ile

Ile (African)
a Yoruba earth-goddess

Ilé-Ifé (African)
[Ilana.Ile.Ile]
a sacred city of the 17 deities of the Yoruba
This was the site at the centre of the world where humans were created and where the dead meet to be given instructions.

Ilea (see Rhea Silvia)

Ile-Ife (African)
a name of Itonde as the god of copper-smiths and hunting
He used a magic bell, elefo, to predict the future and to with its sound, kill people. (see also Itonde)

Ilena (Siberian)
[rain woman']
counselor of Tenanto'mwan

Ilex (British)
[Great Spirit]
an early god of longevity: a holly-oak god

Ilhuicatl Huixtolan (Central American)
fifth of the 13 Aztec heavens, the home of Tonatique
Ilhuicatl a Tlalocan (Central American)
[Ilhuicatlallis]
fourth of the 13 Aztec heavens, home of Tonatiuh (see also Tonatiuican)

Ilhuicatl Xoxohecan (Central American)
eighth of the 13 Aztec heavens, home of Tlacoc
Ilhuicatl Yayahecan (Central American)
sixth of the 13 Aztec heavens, home of Tonacatecutli

Ilia (Greek)
a Titaness
daughter of Uranus and Gaea

Ilia (see Rhea Silvia)

Ilia, The (Greek)
 Homer's poem telling the story of the Trojan War in 24 volumes

Ilia (Greek)
[Little Iliad]
one of the poems in the Epic Cycle
Ilia (see Ile-Ife)
Ilionot (British)
a son of King Arthur
He was raised by Florie and was so upset when she sent him away that he died of grief.

Iliona (see Ilione)
Ilione (Greek)
[Iliona]
daughter of Priam and Hecuba
sister of Polydorus
wife of Polymestor
mother of Deipylus
When her younger brother, Polydorus, was sent to the court of her husband, Polymestor, for safety during the siege of Troy, she reared him as her own. Her husband planned to kill Polydorus in order to take the treasure he had brought with him but Ilione substituted Deipylus who was killed by his own father.

In some accounts, she was the sister of Hecuba.
ilisitsok (see ilisitsq)
ilisitsq (see also Ilione)
a medicine-man with the power to invoke evil (see also angakoq)

Ilithyia (Greek)
[Ilithyiae]the goddess of childbirth
daughter of Zeus and Hera
In some versions, she was a primordial force, sister of Gaea, and laid the cosmic egg from which all else sprang.

In other versions there were originally two goddesses with this name, one presiding over birth, one prolonging labour pains. They later merged.

She tried to delay the birth of Heracles but was outwitted by Galanthus whom she turned into a weasel.

She is sometimes identified with Artemis or Hera. (see also Ilithyiae)

Ilithyia-Lucuutheia (Roman)
an Etruscan fertility-goddess

Ilithyiae (Greek)
[Ilithyiae]daughters of Zeus and Hera
In some accounts there were several daughters acting as the goddesses of birth.

Ilis Persis (Greek)
[Sack of Troy]
one of the poems in the Epic Cycle dealing with the fall of Troy, attributed to Arctinus

Illus (Greek)
founder of Troy (liium)

Ilkxum (Siberian)
counselor of Kutkhu

Illa (South American)
[Illa-Ticci.Illa-Tiki.Illici]a thunder-god: a name for Viracocha as 'light'

Illa-Ticci (see Ila)
Illa-Tiki (see Ila)
Illan (see Iollann)
Ilapa (see Ilapya)
Illargui (see Ilazki)
Ilatici (see Ila)
Ille Estrange (see Estrangot)
Ilil (see Ilios)
Ilios Mesopotamian
[Bili]
an alternative version of Enlil
son of Assoros and Kisare

Iljinus Mesopotamian
a Babylonian god

Ilio brother of Anu

Illyd (see Ilyyd)
Illyd (British)
[Illyd.Illtyd.Ultyd]
a 6th c Welsh saint
son of Rieingulid

He is said to have founded a monastery and, in some accounts, was one of King Arthur's warriors.

His feast day is November 6th.

Illyuanka (see Illuanks)
Illyuankas Mesopotamian
[Illyuanka=Babylonian Tiamat: =Hebrew Leviathan]
a Hittite dragon
This monster was involved in a struggle with the weather-god, Teshub, and overcame him. In revenge, Inaras and Hupasias trapped the dragon and its offspring and bound them for the weather-god to kill.

In another version, the dragon took the eyes and heart of the weather-god who then begot a son who married Illyuankas' daughter and received the missing parts as a wedding gift. Whole again, Teshub killed the dragon and his own son. In some accounts, this son was Telepini. (see also Typhoon)

Illyrus (Greek)
son of Cadmus and Harmonia

Ilma (Finnish)
a spirit of the air
mother of Ilmatar
This primaeval force preceeded creation and produced the daughter, Ilmatar, who, in some accounts, fell from the heavens into the ocean where, mating with Ahti, the ocean, she produced countless sea creatures.

Ilma (see Ilmarinen)
Ilma-samba (see Veralden.tshuold)
Ilmaqah Semitic
a moon-god

Ilmarine Baltic
an Estonian god based on the Finnish Ilmarinen
A similar story is told about Vainamoinen but in that case the bird was an eagle.

In another version, she fell into the ocean and mated with Ahti to produce Vainamoinen and also countless sea creatures.

As a goddess of birth, she was known as Luonnotar or Synnytar.

Ilmarinen2

[Baltic]


a Finnish sky-god, smith-god and god of weather (see also Ilmarinen1)

Ilmarinen2

[Baltic]

[Daughter of Ilma.

son of Ilmarinen

brother of Vainamoinen

consort of Kildisim

His brother Vainamoinen had been promised the hand of the daughter of Louhi if he could make a sampo. Ilmarinen was sent to her country, Pohjola, to make it. Using materials such as the feathers of a swan, barley and wool, he set about the task. From the flames of his furnace many wonderful objects appeared but he rejected them all as evil. Finally, the sampo emerged, a talisman with a mill on each of its three sides. When he presented it to Louhi’s daughter, she married him instead of Vainamoinen.

When his wife died, he abducted her sister and, when she was unfaithful, he turned her into a bird.

He, with Vainamoinen, stole the sampo but it was smashed when Louhi caused a storm which wrecked their ship. He is said to have taught mankind the arts of metalwork.

In one story, Vainamoinen caused a fir tree to grow until it reached the sky and Ilmarinen climbed the tree hoping to capture the moon. A magic wind sprang up and he was blown off the tree.

Some accounts distinguish between Ilmarinen, the sky-god, and the hero of the Kalevala while others say that Ilmarinen and Jumala are the same.

Ilmarinen1 Baltic

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Baltic

[see also Ilmarinen1]

Ilmarinen1

African

medicine men of the Masai

Ilombo

African

in Zambia, a familiar

This serpent-bodied being with a human head will suck the blood of its owner’s enemies. If it is destroyed, the owner will die.

Illos (see Ilus) German

Ilshan son of Herbrand

brother of Hildebrand

He was a monk of great strength who joined Dietrich’s forces.

Ilse German daughter of a giant

Her father did not approve of her affair with a mortal and, with his bare hands, tore the rocks apart to make a cleft between her house and that of her lover. Ilse threw herself into the cleft and was changed into an undine in the waters that filled it.

Iltyd (see Iltyd) Pacific Islands

Ilu1 Semitic

[‘firmament’]

a Samoan sky-god

This entity merged with Mamo to form the sky and together they produced Ao and Po.

ilu2 Semitic

a word for a supernatural being such as a demon, god or spirit

Ilu Limnu Mesopotamian an evil god or demon in Assyria

Ilu Salmon (see Salmon) Mesopotamian

Ilu Sar (see Shar)

Ilu Tashmit Mesopotamian

a name for Nabu as a god or revelation

Ilumer (see Idurmer)

Ilus’ Greek

Ilos’ Greek

Ilus son of Dardanus

In some accounts, he is the same as Ilus, son of Tros.

Ilus’ (see Ascanius)

Ilya Muromets Russian

[Ilya Muromyets. Syvatogor]

a hero, one of the bogatiri

He was too weak to move until, at the age of thirty-three, he was given honey by pilgrims. From then on, he defended his country with a magic bow against all comers and killed the monster, Nightingale the Brigand.

He decreed the building of the cathedral at Kiev and died when it was complete when his body turned to stone. (see also Syvatogor)

Ilya Muromyets (see Ilya Muromets)

Ilyapa South American


an Inca weather-god and god of thunder

He was replaced by Santiago.

Ilyon (see Ilyon)

Ilythia (see Ilythia)

Im Mesopotamian

a storm-god

Im-Zong Korean

a nobleman who adopted the goblin Gil-Dal as his son

Imagahegn Afrikan

[Iwellemen.Sons of Maghegh]

the 7 sons of the Tuareg

jinn Maghegh

Maghegh fathered a son on each of seven virgins and taught them all they would need to know when they became the founders of the seven clans.

Imana1 Afrikan

a name for god

Imana2 Afrikan


Hategekimana.Ndagijimana]

the supreme god and creator-god of the Banyarwanda

He created the world in three layers, each supported on wooden props, one above the other. He lived in the topmost world, the next below was the world of living things and the lowest was the world of the dead.

Imana3 Afrikan

a creator-god of the Burundi

He made Kihanga, the first man.
Norse Imdugud (or Zu) once stole the Tablets of Destiny from Enlil but they were recovered by Ninurta.

He is depicted as a storm-bird with the head of a lion. (see also Imugug.Zu)

Immelot

a king of Babylonia

When Immelot attacked Constantinople, the Lombards, who had earlier been imprisoned by the emperor Constantine, helped to rout Immelot’s forces and took him prisoner. He later escaped and made a second invasion when he tried to force Oda, the emperor’s daughter, into marriage with his son who was an ugly hunchback. Rother arrived in time to save her, killing both Immelot and his son.

Immenarete

mother of Elpenor by Chalcedon

Imigig

(see Imugig)

Imigug (Mesopotamian)

[Imigig]

a divine eagle, a royal symbol in Sumerian lore (see also Imudugud.Zu)

Imheptep

(see Imhotep)

Imhotep

(see Imhotep/Ptah = Greek Asclepius. Imouthes)

a god of learning, medicine, scribes a pharaoh, later fully deified son of Sakhmet or of Ptah and a mortal woman

He was a scholar of the 26th c BC, said to have designed the first pyramid, and was deified as Ptah.

Imhulla

Mesopotamian

a supporter of Marduk in his struggle with Tiamat

Imibe Hironari

(see Imibe-no-Hironari)

Imberomba

(see Imberombera)

Imberombera

Australian

[Imberombera.Waramurungundju] an ancestress of the Kakadu tribe of Aborigines consort of Wuraka

When she met and mated with Wuraka, she instantly produced all living things.

Wuraka, she instantly produced all living things to which Wuraka gave names. When it was all over, they came and disappeared.

Imbolg

(see Imbolc)

Imbreke

Norse

a nephew of Ermenrich brother of Fritele

These two brothers were hanged by King Ermenrich when Sibich told the king that they had stolen the queen, Swanhlid.

Imbrifer

Greek

a name for Orion as ‘bringer of rain’

Imder

Norse daughter of Aegir and Ran one of the nine Wave-maidens, in some accounts

Imdugud

Mesopotamian

a name of Ninurta as rain-god

In some versions, Imdugud and Ninurta were originally the same deity who developed into two widely different beings.

Imdugud (or Zu) once stole the...
Imram

Imsu (see Imram)

Imset (see Imseti)

Imsety (see Imset)

Imtu (see Immouth)

Im-ut

Imu-Tsurubi (see Inabizoza)

Ima-Tsurubi (see Inazuma)

Imbizoza

mother of Mutaga

mother of Mwambudza

Inachus

Greek

a river

It was said that Athena renewed her virginity by bathing in this river.

Inachus

Greek

a river—god

first king of Argos

son of Oceanus and Tethys

husband of Melia

father of Aegeius, Argus, Io

and Phoroneus

When Io was abducted by Zeus, he pursued them so the Furies to drive him mad and he jumped into the river Carmena or Haliacmon, later called the Inachus.

Inada

Japanese


a Shinto love-goddess and rice—goddess

daughter of Ashi—nadzuchi and Te—nadzuchi

wife of Susanowa

mother of Yu-Shima-Ji-Nu-Mi and Kamu-O-Ichi

Her seven sisters had been devoured by the eight—headed dragon, Yamatono Orochi, and she was to be the next victim. Susanowa changed her into a comb, then got the serpent drum so that he could kill it and, returning Inada—hime to her proper form, married her.

Inagi-utasunhi

North American

malevolent Cherokee deity

Inana

(see Inanna)

Inangi—I-Bake

(see Inanna)

Inara

(see Inara)

Inara

Mesopotamian


Queen of Heaven.sky lady'—Akkadian

Ish(i).ar—Phrygian Cybele:

=Babylonian Nina

the Sumerian mother—goddess,

goddess of fertility, love and war

daughter of An or Enlil or Sin

twin sister of Ereshkigal

wife of Dumuzi

mother of Nergal and Ninurta,

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Australian

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[Inar(as).Innara]

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a minor god

a name of Anubis as ‘one in

the mortuary’

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Japanese

[=Chinese Yang]=Tibetan Yah

the positive, light, male principle: sky

In combined with Yo to form the cosmic egg which split to form the earth (Yo) and the sky (In) while the embryo formed the Separate Heavenly Deities. (see also Yo)

In

(see Phra In)

In-Ab

Mesopotamian

the pilot of Ea’s ship

In Lao

Thai

a princess

wife of Kham Daeng

She took the form of a golden hind to lure the king, Kham Daeng, into a wonderful palace built inside a mountain and became his wife.

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s sister of Rupe and Tangi—Kuku

mother of Aroture and Koro

mother of Ya—Shima—Ji—Nu—Mi and Kamu—O—Ichi

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He was sometimes seen as a fox (or riding on a fox) and is often depicted as a bearded man with two foxes.

(see also Ugonomitama)

Inari² Japanese fox-shrines

These Shinto shrines, dedicated to the god Inari, have images of seated foxes at the entrance.

Inari-M’yogin (see Inari)²

Inaruchaba African daughter of Kihanga, the first man wife of Kanyarundi mother of Mwezi

She got lost in the forest but survived when she found a herd of cows and drank their milk.

Inazuma Japanese [Ina-Bikari.Ina-Tsurubi] a Shinto lightning-goddess

incarnation a manifestation of a god: the possession of a medium by a spirit

Incitatus Roman the horse of Caligula

The emperor appointed this animal to be a consul and priest.

incubation sleeping in a sacred place for inspiration or cure

In some cases, the incubant sacrificed an animal and slept in its hide.

incubi (see incubus)

Incubo Greek a name for Faunus as a spirit of nightmares or buried treasures

incubus [plural=incubus=Celtic dusius] a devil in male body: a spirit attacking women during the night

Early accounts regard the incubus as a fallen angel. In some accounts the incubus rides his victim, sometimes even to the point of death from exhaustion. The offspring of such a union are monsters of all descriptions.

Incubala African a Swazi festival invoking tribal ancestors

Indaaka (see Ilaansi)²

Indaji African a famous Nigerian hunter

He could attract animals by whistling and killed so many that the forest-god ordered him to kill no more than one per day. When he killed three antelopes, they changed into lions and attacked him. They all changed shape several times until Indaji changed himself into a tree and was burnt in a forest fire.

Indar¹ an early moon-god

Indar² (see Indara²)

Indech (see Inneach)

Indeesa (see Ilaansi)

Indeg British a mistress of King Arthur daughter of Garwy

Inder (see Indr)²

Indera Pacific Islands [Batara Guru=Japanese Taishaku: «Sanskrit Indra» a supreme god

Indera can appear as a mortal prince, Indra Kamayana; one such was the prince Arjuna, hero of The Mahabharata.

Indera Bayu Malay [Divine Wind] a magical bird

This bird, owned by Chaya Bulan, was said to be omniscient and had the power to cure illness by singing. She became a minister to the king, Budiman.

Indiges Greek the title of Aeneas in heaven

Indiges² [plur=Indiges=] Roman a class of minor gods or gods with limited functions

These deities, especially those who were descended from Aeneas, were mortals who had been deified.

Indigities (see Indiges²)

Indigo Flower (see Nilawata)

Indigo Lady (see Hina-uri)

Indira (see Lakshmi)²

Indiren Persian a demon, one of the Austatiko-Pauligaur

Indombe (see Sunset Serpent)²

Indr Afghan [Inder] a Kafir weather-god and god of wine family of Disani and Pano, some say


the supreme god, god of fertility, heavens, rain, war son of Dyaus Pitar and Aditi or Prithivi son of Dyaus and Nisktigri, some say son of Vashti by a cow or Nishitri, some say consort of Indrani father of Jayanta, Jayanti, Midhusa, Nilambara, Purnavijara and Rishabha father of the Ribhus by Saranyu father of the monkey-king Sugriwa

Originally the god of the Aryan invaders of North India, or even a mortal later deified, he was adopted into the Hindu pantheon and later demoted to become god of the paradise, Svarga.

He is regarded as one of the Dikpalas, guardian of the east with his elephant, Airavata.

He was said to have been born fully developed from his mother’s side, ready to fight the forces of evil.

Ahi, the drought-terpant, had swallowed all the primaeva waters so Indra split open the monster’s stomach with one of his thunderbolts to release the waters to create life. He also rescued the cloud cattle, the sacred cows, when they were stolen by Ahi.

Another version says that the cattle were swallowed by a different demon, Vritra, made by the sage Tvastri to kill Indra who had killed Tvastri’s three-headed son. In this story, Vritra also swallowed Indra who escaped when the other gods forced open the demon’s jaws. Vishnu formed himself into a knife and cut off the monster’s head. In some stories, this monster is called Namuci.

Indra then created a new universe in which the sky rested on pillars of gold and the mountains became fixed in position when he cut off their wings.

When he seduced Ahalya, her husband, Gotama, caused 1,000 impressions of the female genitalia to appear on Indra’s skin as a result of which he became known as Sa-Yoni. These marks later changed to eyes. As punishment he was imprisoned by Ravana, the demon-king, and released only on the intervention of Brahma. In other accounts, Gotama cursed him and he lost his testicles.

Some say he could assume the form of an insect.

He owned the horse Ucchaisravas which appeared at the Churning of the Ocean.
He was killed by his own son, Dyaus.
His weapon was the thunderbolt,
Vajra, and he is depicted as red or gold,
sometimes riding in a chariot drawn by
two (1,100 or 10,000) horses, at other
times riding an elephant.

He is depicted with a beard which, it
is said, flashed like lightning and
sometimes with seven arms bearing a
diadem, a discus, a goad, prayer-beads,
a sickle, a sword and the vajra. Seven
rivers flow from him.

(see also Pajanya.Trita Aptya)

Indra

[Andar.‘apostasy’.Indar]
a demon opposing Asha

indra jala (see maya*)
Indra Kamajaya (see Indera)

Indra-Loka Hindu
one of the realms of the universe,
the home of the minor gods
(see also Scarga)

Indra-pura Hindu
Indra's city: paradise

Indra Puspa Malay
a princess
wife of Asmara Dewa

She was bitten by a snake but was
cured by Asmara Dewa, who had a
magic jewel given to him by a king of
the cobras, and married her saviour.

Indrabhuti Tibetan
a king
a Lamaist sorcerer
father of Lashnikara

Indrajit Hindu
son of Ravana and Mandodari
He wounded both Rama and
Lakshmana in the battle when Rama
attacked Ravana's fortress to recover
Rama's wife, Sita.

Indrani Hindu
[Andr.Paulomis=Greek Hera]
a goddess of wrath
one of the 7 Mataras
one of the 8 Matrikas
one of 9 Navasaktis
daughter of Puloman
consort of Indra
mother of Jayanta, Midhusa,
Nilambara, Ribhus and Rsabha

She was opposed to the demon
Matsurya and remained perpetually
young, renewing herself fourteen
times in each day of Brahman.
She is depicted with a thousand eyes
and accompanied by a lion or an
elephant.

Indrasena Hindu
son of Nala and Damayanti
brother of Indraseni

Indraseni Hindu
daughter of Nala and Damayanti
sister of Indrasena

Indu Hindu
the moon (see also Chandra.Soma)

Indu-Mani (see Chandra-Kanta)

Induja Hindu
a goddess
consort of Samba

Indukari Hindu
a princess
wife of Aja
mother of Dasharatha

She was asleep in her orchard when
she was suffocated by flowers.

Induman Afghan
a Kafr deity of fruit and wine

Indwano African
chief diviner of the court of Ruhaga

Inemes Pacific Islands
a goddess
sister of Anulap

Inevitable River Chinese
a river in hell
The travelling spirit must cross this
river. The good pass over the Fairy
Bridges, accompanied by the Golden
Youth, while the evil are forced to
cross a bridge only an inch or so wide.

Inferi Roman
gods and inhabitants of
the underworld (see also Superi)
inferiae
offerings to the spirits of the dead

Infernal Roman
pertaining to the underworld

Infernal Court
the ruling body in hell
This court is said to comprise a
hierarchy of princes, ministers, amb-
assadors, justices, houses of princes
and lesser pleasures.

infernalia
a collection of writing relating to hell

infernus Roman
hell

Inferno European
the first of the 3 books of Dante's
Divine Comedy

infestación
an act of violence caused by an
evil spirit

Infideles
a 12th c order of the damned, the
unbelievers

Infinite Life (see Amitayas)
Ingerðr Norse an attendant on Hunvor wife of Halfdan
Ingegeld Norse [Ingellus] leader of the Heathorbard tribe husband of Frearawaru
In some versions, Ingeld was the son of the Danish king, Frodi, and, despite the fact that his father was killed at the court of the Saxon king, Sweverting, married that king’s daughter. He later repudiated her and killed her brothers.

Ingelheim European [Home of the Angel] one of Charlemagne’s palaces
It was here that Charlemagne was visited by an angel who told him to go out and steal something.

Ingellus (see Ingeld)

Ingheanach Irish wife of Gabhra
She gave birth to twin girls and her husband exchanged one of them for a god of shepherds.

Ingimund Norse [Ingimundr] son of Thorstein and Thordis father of Thorstein
He became a famous seafarer and eventually became a chieftain in Iceland where, when very old, he was killed by a young relative.

Ingimundr (see Ingimund)

Ingleson West Indian a Haitian voodoo spirit
This spirit lives among the rocks and eats those who upset him.

Inglings Norse descended of Frey

Ingersuit Inuit fire-people
These people are said to live in cliffs near the sea. Some, the pug-nosed ones, are friendly to man but the noseless ones are inimical.

Ingolf Norse [Ingolfi] son of Thorstein grandson of Ingimund
He inherited the chieftaincy started by his grandfather when his own father died but was soon killed in an ill-planned raid on a robber-band. The chieftaincy then passed out of the family.

Ingolfr (see Ingolf)

Ingra (see Ingvi-Frey)

Ingrama European an evil Basque spirit

This spirit is said to come by night and throttle people.

Ingumar-Frey (see Ingvi-Frey)

Ingumbane African an incubus in the form of a snake

Ingun (see Norse) [Yngvi] an aspect of Freya as a fertility-goddess

Inguz German a fertility-god

Ingvar (see Ivar)

Ingvi (see Ingvi-Frey)


Ingwaz (see Inguz)

Inhert (see Anhur)

Ini-Init (see Aponitoi)u

Ininna (see Ishtar)

Inis Boi Irish the island house of Cailleach Bheur (Boi) Inis Ealga Irish an early name for Ireland, used by the Milesians

Inis Fail Irish [Inisfail.Innis Fail.Idle of Destiny] an early name for Ireland

Inis Manann Irish [Innis Manann] the Isle of Man regarded as the home of Manannan

Inis Mor (see Inishmore) Irish

Inishail (see Inis Fail)

Inishmore Irish [Inis Mor] the island on which the saint Enda built his monastery

Inkanyamba African a Zulu storm-god or goddess

Inkari South American [Inkarri] an ancestor of the Q’ero people of Peru
He and his mate, Collari, were created by the Apus to repopulate the country after Raol had killed the existing people with the heat of the sun. Another story says that Inkari was a god of the sun who was beheaded. His head was hidden in a secret location where it is still alive and growing a new body. As soon as the body is complete, the god will appear once again and restore his people to their former glory.

Inkoto African the sword of Kanyarundi

Inktomi North American (‘spider’) a trickster-god of the Dakotas

Inmar Russian [-Estonian Ilmarine-] Finnish Ilmarinen] a Voltyak sky god son, or husband of Kildisin-mumy

Inmutef Egyptian a minor god. regarded as ‘he who holds up the heavens’

Inn of Dawn (see Pacari)

Inn of Origin (see Pacari)

Innana (see Inanna)

Innara (see Inara)

Inneach Irish [Indech.Innreach mac De Donnmann] a king of the Fomoire son of Donnu father of Oetraitlach
He and Balor raised the army which invaded Ireland to restore Bres as king but they were defeated at the second Battle of Moytura. In some accounts he is referred to as Innedech and was killed at Moytura by Ogma.

Innel Irish a warrior of Connaught
Both he and his charioteer, Fochlam, were killed when they challenged Cuchulainn at the ford.

Innín (see Inanna)

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Inninina (see Inanna)

Innis (see Inis)

Innsa Irish foster-brother of Finn’s son, Fiachna He was with Finn mac Cool and the party of Fianna at the Quicken Trees Hostel and defended the ford leading to the hostel against the war-band led by one of the chieftains under Sinsar, King of the World, killing most of them. He fell under the sword of the chieftain who was killed soon afterwards by Fiachna.

Innuus Roman [Inus] a fertility-god, god of shepherds
In some accounts, he is equated with Faunus as ‘fertiliser’.

Ino Greek [Leucothea. Leucothoe. Leukothea. Mater Matuta. Plastene. White Goddess] daughter of Cadmus and Harmonia sister of Agave, Autonöe and Semele second wife of Athamas mother of Leachus and Melicertes She sheltered the infant Dionysus, born to her sister Semele, until Zeus had him moved to Mount Nysa under the care of the nymphs. For this, the
jealous Hera drove Ino mad. Ino, with her sisters Agave and Autonoë, tore to pieces Pentheus, son of Agave.

She tricked Athamas into offering Phrixus, his son by his first wife Nephele, in sacrifice to avenge herself on Nephele, but Phrixus and his sister Helle escaped on the back of the ram with the golden fleece.

Hera drove Athamas mad and Ino had to flee to escape his death by his sword. She jumped into the sea and was drowned but was deified as Leucothea, a sea-goddess and goddess of the Centaurs, for taking care of Dionysus. Some say she was the mother of the Centaurs.

Her son, Melicertes, who was drowned with her or, in some accounts, was killed and boiled in a pot by his mother, became the god Palaemon.

When the raft on which Odysseus left Calypso's island was wrecked in a storm it was Ino who saved him by giving him her veil which protected him from harm as he abandoned the raft and swam for two days.

In another version, she left Athamas and Ino returned, she tried to kill Themistos's children but succeeded in killing her own two sons instead.

Inogen British daughter of Merlin, in some accounts. Some say that King Arthur fell in love with her.

Inomême West Indian [Maireesse Inomêmè], a Haitian voodoo spirit

Inoshishi Japanese a female bear

It is said that this beast chases away snakes and her name is used to the same end.

Inpw West Indian a woodpecker

Once there were men but no women. Then one day four beings with no sexual organs fell out of the trees. The men tied these beings up and Inri, thinking they were trees, pecked holes in their bodies, forming vaginas.

Inta Central American an Aztec fire-god

Intare African a king in Burundi son of Mwambudza

On his accession to the throne, he asked King Ruhaga for his daughter, Juru, as a wife. Ruhaga sent Iyogera, her half-sister, in her place. Intare, in disguise, entered Ruhaga's court and eloped with Juru.

When his country was affected by drought, he went to the top of the highest mountain and struck the yellow stone, Iyogera. A river then flowed from the stone to become the source of the Nile. (see Kanyarundi)

Intare Rushadi (see Kanyarundi)

Intelligent Pearl (see Ling Chu-tzu)

Intercidona Roman a goddess of birth

In some accounts, Intercidona is one of three deities present at the birth of every child to ward off any advances by Silvanus. This deity is a hewer of wood; Deverra does the sweeping up and Pilumnus pounds the grain.

Her symbol is a chopper.


the sun-god of the Incas brother and consort of Mama Kilya father of Ayar Ayca, Ayar Cachi, Ayar Manco, Ayar Oco, Mama Ocllo, Mama Capac

He sent his children to earth to start the Inca civilisation wherever the golden wedge he gave them sank into the earth.

He is depicted as a golden solar disc with a human face. (see also Children of the Sun)

Inti-I Lyapa (see Ilyapa)

Inti raimi South American an Inca festival of the sun, celebrated at the winter solstice

At this ceremony, a black llama was sacrificed and its entrails used for divination.

Inti-Wawqui Central American an aspect of Inti as ‘brother of the sun’

intichiuma Australian [intijiuma,intitchiuma]

an Aborignal rite intended to increase food supplies and fertility

intijiuma (see intichiuma)

intitchiuma (see intichiuma)

Intu (see Inti)

Intulo African

the lizard in the Zulu story of creation

inu Japanese a sign (dog) of the Zodiac

inu North American celestial spirits of the Inuit

inu-gama-mochi Japanese dog-god owners

These are people who own or are in league with dogs with supernatural powers. The dog's spirit is said to leave the body which sometimes dies before the spirit returns. In such a case, the spirit enters a magician.

inua Inuit [plur=inu] the spirit of the individual

All things have an inua – in the case of a human being it is the soul. Inue can appear as fire, stars, mermen, etc.

inue (see inua)

Inuus (see Innuus)

Inuvaylau Pacific Islands a man with a very long penis

It was said that he could impregnate women while standing many yards away. When the men of the village attacked him, he left, cutting off pieces of the offending organ as he went.

Invasion Myths Irish the tales of the successive waves of people invading and settling in Ireland

These tales, as told in The Book of Invasions, mention six waves:

1. Cessair (or Banba) with a party of fifty-four, most of whom perished in the flood.

2. Partholians who were decimated by plague.

3. Nemedians of whom only nine survived shipwreck to reach Ireland. Their descendants were defeated by the Fomoire and the thirty survivors left for Britain and Greece.

4. Fir Bolgs, descendants of Nemed, in three tribes, from Greece and/or Spain.

5. Danaans, also descendants of Nemed, who defeated the Fir Bolg and the Fomoire.


Invictus Roman a name of Jupiter as ‘invincible’

Invidia Roman [=Greek Phthonus] a god of envy

invultuation the making of an image to use in witchcraft: the use of such an image

Inyan North American [‘rock’] one of the 4 Superior Gods of the Sioux, an aspect of Wakan Tanka
### inyana

* African  
  a Zulu sorcerer

These men are said to be able to communicate with the ancestral spirits of the tribe, known as the Iongo.

### Inzak

*(see Enshag)*

Io¹\footnote{[Callirrhoe.Callithyia.'moon'. White Goddess,Egyptian Isis] a river-nymph, a priestess of Hera daughter of Inachus and Melia mother of Epaphus by Zeus}

In some accounts, she was the daughter of Iasus.

Zeus fell in love with Io and when Hera caught him with her he changed Io into a cow denying that he had touched any woman. Hera begged to be given the cow which she then put in the charge of the 100-eyed Argus. Hermes lulled the guardian to sleep with music and Zeus killed him and released Io.

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After travelling through many lands, still in the form of a cow, she settled in Egypt where she was returned to Telegonus. She became assimilated into the goddess Isis and Epaphus to the bull-god, Hapy. *(see also Selene)*

### Io²

* New Zealand  
  Io-Tikitiki-o-Rangi.Iao]

a creator-god of the Maori

*(see also Te Tumu)*

### Io-Mata-Aho

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘the invisible’

### Io-Mata-Kana

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘the vigilant’

### Io-Mata-Ngaro

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘hidden face’

### Io-Matua

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘parent’

### Io-Nui

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘the great’

### Io-Roa

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘long-tailed’

### Io-Taketake

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘unchanging’

### Io-te-Waiora

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘source of life’

### Io-te-Wananga

* New Zealand  
  a name for Io as ‘the source of knowledge’

### Io Titikitiki-o-Rangi

*(see Io²)*

### Ioa

*(see Io²)*

### Iobates

* Greek  
  king of Lycia

father of Anteia and Philonoë

Proetus sent Bellerophon to the court of Iobates with a request that Iobates should kill the bearer who had been accused of raping Anrea, the wife of Proetus. Instead, Iobates sent Bellerophon to kill the Chimaira and on various other dangerous tasks.

### Iocasta

*(see Jocasta)*

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*(see Jocasta)*

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*(see Jocasta)*

### Iocaua

*(see Guamaonocon)*

### Ioc

* Greek  
  a deity, root personified

### Iodame

* Greek  
  a maiden seduced by Zeus

In some accounts she bore a daughter, Thebe. Others say that she is the same as Europa.

### Iodhan Moran

* Irish  
  a breastplate of judgement

### iodhi

* Baltic  
  souls of the dead: spirits of the air

### Iodhnaítaí

* Irish  
  mother of Fionnchu

She slept with Findlugh and bore him a son who spoke in the womb, breaking open several vats of ale, and who later became a saint.

### Ioi

* North American  
  sister of Blue Jay in the lore of the Chinook Indians

She was claimed as a bride by the dead and carried off to the land of the Supernatural People. Here Blue Jay found her watching over the bones of her dead relatives which, from time to time, became human for a while.

In another story, Ioi gave her brother five buckets of water with which to extinguish prairie fires but he disobeyed her instructions and was so badly burned that he died.

### Iokaste

*(see Jocasta)*

### Iokul

* Icelandic  
  see Jokul

### Iolane

* Greek  
  wife of Hyllus

### Iolans

* Greek  
  daughter of Eurytus

### Iolan

* Greek  
  father of Anteia and Philonoë

### Iolanus

* Greek  
  father of Anteia and Philonoë

### Iolans

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  father of Anteia and Philonoë

### Iolas

* Greek  
  son of Iphicles and Astyoche or Automedusa

Hercules took this lad, his nephew, as his charioteer during the period of his Labours. At the end of this period, he gave his wife, Megara, to Iolas. In some stories, Iolas is sixteen when he takes Megara which makes him rather young for a charioteer at the start of his adventures. In the adventure with the Hydra, when Hercules cut off each of the monster’s heads, Iolas cauterised the wound to prevent the head from growing again.

Some say that, when old, he was restored to youth by Hebe in order to help the children of Hercules when attacked by Eurytheus who, in some accounts, he killed.

In some accounts he is referred to as Iolans.

### Iole

* Greek  
  daughter of Eurytus

wife of Hyllus

### Iole

* Greek  
  mother of Cleodeaus

When Hercules abandoned Megara he sought the hand of Iole. Her father offered her as a prize to any man who could beat him at archery but when Hercules did so he reneged on his undertaking. At a later date, after he had married Deianeira, Hercules exacted revenge by sacking Oechalia and killing Eurytus and Iole’s family.

Iole tried to kill herself by jumping from the city walls but failed. Hercules sent her to be looked after by Deianeira but he was inadvertently killed by Deianeira before he could return home to Trachis. Iole married Hyllus, son of Hercules, after the hero’s death and they had a son, Cleodeaus.

### Iollann¹

* Irish  
  an Irish king

He befriended Cano but was killed by Munster warriors soon after Cano left to take up the kingship of Scotland.

### Iollann²

* Irish  
  son of Finn mac Cool

### Iollann³

* Irish  
  a prince

Conal Gulban defeated Iollann in single combat when he came to Crete in search of Eithne, the girl he loved, and Iollann became his devoted helper in the search.

### Iollann⁴

* Irish  
  a king of Leinster

husband of Tuireann

His wife was Finn mac Cool’s sister.

He had an affair with the druidess Uchtdeall who, jealous of Tuireann, changed her into a bitch. The children she produced were the hounds Bran and Sceolan.
In some accounts, he proposed to marry Finn’s aunt Úrnedach the jealous Uchtdealb turned Úirne into a bitch.

**Iormungandr**


This monster, the Midgard serpent, was, with Fensir and Hel, the offspring of the secret marriage between Loki and Angerbode.

Odin threw the serpent into the sea where it became so large that it encircled the earth.

On one occasion, it was caught by Thor on a fishing trip but his companion, Hymir, cut the line in fear.

It emerged to fight the gods at Ragnarok and was killed by Thor who perished in the flood of venom that erupted from the dying monster.

**Iormungard**

(see Iormungand)

**Iorweth**

Welsh

He was aggrieved at the disparity between his own lowly rank and that of his brother who was chief of all Powys and raided England, causing much damage. Madawg raised an army to hunt him down.

**Ioskeha**

North American

[**Iahgwehdiyu.Iouskeha.Jouskeha.**]

**Iphiclus**

Greek

He fought with his twin brother, even in their mother’s womb, and she died when they were born. From then on they fought for supremacy. In one story they fought, Ioskeha with a stag’s horn and Tawiscara with a rose. Tawiscara was wounded and fled leaving Ioskeha as the principal god who killed monsters, including the Great Frog which had swallowed all the water from the lakes and rivers, and taught the people the arts of agriculture and hunting. It is said that he was taught the secrets of medicine by Hadui.

In some accounts, Ioskeha married his grandmother, Ataensic, and renews his youth when he grows old.

(see also Djuskaha.Oterongtongnia)

**Iota**

Greek

goddess of destiny

**Iotes**

(see Iota)

**Iouskeha**

(see Ioskeha)

**Iowabine**

Pacific Islands

in Hawaiian lore, the first woman She and the first man, Tiki, were made by the god Tane. (see also Lalo-homua)

**Ipa Huaca**

Central American

[**Ipalnemoani**]

an Aztec creator-god and sun-god

**Ipalnemohuani**

(see Ipalnemoani)

**Ipan Metzli**

Central American

second of the 13 Aztec heavens, the home of Tialecuhtli

**Ipes**

(see Ipos)

**Ipet**

Egyptian

[**Ipi.Ipy.Queen of the T wo Lands**]

a mother-goddess

consort of Amen

**Iphegenia**

(see Iphigenia)

**Iphengenia**

(see Iphigenia)

**Iphianassa**

Greek

[‘princess’] mother of Anaxibia

**Iphianassa**

(see Iphigenia)

**Iphicles**

(see Iphicus)

**Iphicus**

Greek

[**Iphicles.Iphikles**]

son of Amphitryon and Alcmene twin of Heracles husband of Astroche and Automedusa father of Iolaus and Proteus

He was the companion of Heracles on some of his adventures and was killed by the Moliones when they attacked Hippocoon in Sparta or when Heracles attacked Elis.

**Iphicus**

Greek

[**Iphicles.Iphikles**]

son of Thestius and Eurythemis one of the Argonauts

He was killed by Meleager after the hunt for the Calydonian Boar.

**Iphicus**

Greek

[**Iphicles.Iphikles**]

a famous runner son of Phylacus or Cephalus by Clymene father of Podarces and Proteus

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He was a famous runner, said to be able to run on the top of growing corn without disturbing it, and a member of the crew of Argos.

In some stories, he was impotent and his father promised the seer, Melampus, some of his cattle if he could find out the cause. Melampus determined that it was due to the fact that Iphiclus had earlier driven a knife into an oak tree. The young man was cured when he drank a potion containing rust from the same knife.

**Iphiclus**
Greek
son of Cephalus and Clymene
In some accounts, he is the same as Iphiclus, son of Phylacus.

**Iphigenia**
Greek
Iphigenia among the Taureans

In some accounts, Iphigenia is a later name for Iphianassa. Others say that she was Helen's daughter by Theseus, raised by Clytemnestra.

In one story she was sacrificed by Agamemnon so that the winds which were keeping the Greek fleet, ready to sail for Troy, confined to harbour would abate.

In another version, Artemis substituted a deer (a bear or a calf in other stories) on the altar and spirited Iphigenia away to the land of the stories) on the altar and spirited Iphigenia into a oak tree. The young man was cured when he drank a potion containing rust from the same knife.

**Iphigénie en Aulide**

French

Iphigénie

a play by Racine

**Iphigénie en Aulide**

French

an opera by Gluck dealing with the sacrificial death of Iphigenia before the departure of the Greek fleet for Troy

**Iphikles**

(see Iphiclus)

**Iphimeade**

(see Iphimedea)

**Iphimedea**

Greek

daughter of Agamemnon

and Clytemnestra

sister of Chrysothemis, Electra, and Orestes

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It is said that Artemis made her immortal as Hecate the Younger and that she married Achilles.

In some accounts, she is regarded as the daughter of Theseus.

**Iphigenia in Tauris**

Greek

Iphigenia among the Taureans

a play by Euripides dealing with the sacrificial death of Iphigenia before the departure of the Greek fleet for Troy

**Iphitus**

Greek

son of Eurystus

He was killed by Heracles who threw him from the top of a tower in an argument over some stolen cattle.

**Iphitus**

Greek

a king of Phocis

one of the Argonauts

son of Naubolus

brother of Eurystheus

father of Epistrophius and Schedius

**Iphis**

Greek

son of Ith

He was killed by Copreus who fled to Mycenae and was purified of his blood-guilt by Eurystheus.

**Iphimedia**

Greek

sister of Icarius and Penelope

wife of Eumelus

**Iphimedes**

(see Iphimedea)

**Iphinoe**

Greek
daughter of Proetus

For some slight to a deity, she and her sisters were driven mad. Their father gave much of his kingdom to Melampus and Bias when the former agreed to cure the girls. By the time they were located, Iphinoe was dead.

**Iphinoe**

Greek
daughter of Nisus

In some accounts, she became the wife of Megareus.

**Iphitos**

Greek

a king of Argos

son of Alector

father of Eteocles and Evadne

It was he who advised Polyneices to bribe the wife of Amphipitus to persuade her husband to join the Seven Against Thebes.

**Iphitus**

Greek

a youth of Cyprus

He loved Anaxarete but she spurned him and remained unmoved when he hanged himself at her door. Aphrodite turned her to stone for her heartlessness.

**Iphitus**

Greek
daughter of Ligidus

and Telethusa

Ligidus said that, if their child was a girl, it had to be abandoned and so his wife deceived him and reared the girl as a boy. ‘He’ was betrothed to the maiden Ianthe but Isis saved them all from a difficult situation by changing Iphis into a man before the wedding.

**Ips**

Greek

a demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

In some accounts, he is described as a prince of hell and is depicted as a standing eagle. Others say that he appears as an angel with the body of a lion. He is said to foretell the future.

**Ipy**

Greek

(see Ipet)

**Iqbal**

Central American

Iq Bhélaman

‘moon jaguar’. Tiger of the Moon

one of the first 4 men, in Mayan lore

brother of Balam Agab, Balam Quitze and Mahucutah

He and his brothers were created from maize-flour and broth brewed by Xmucane. Each had his own guardian spirit, Nicachtah being allocated to Iq Bhélaman. The gods created a woman for each of the brothers and they produced children who became the ancestors of the tribes when their parents returned to their original home in paradise.

**Ir**

Irish

a son of Milesius and Scotia

When the Milesians invaded Ireland the Danaans conjured up a storm to wreck the ships and Ir was killed in this storm.

In some accounts Ir is given as a name for Ith.

**Ir**

(see Tiwaz.Tyr)

**Ir1**

Irish

one of the daughters of Daksha

wife of Kashyapa, some say

In this version, Ira was the mother of all vegetation.
Ira

a Polynesian sky-goddess

Ira

(see Ida'.Irra)

ira avure

(see hinza)

Ira Waru

Pacific Islands

a fish-god
husband of Hina-ika

He was envisaged as half man, half fish, and credited, in some accounts, with the invention of the el-trap.

He was the brother-in-law of Maui who turned Ira Waru into a dog when he took some of Maui’s fish-bait.

Ira2

South American

a creator-god of the Chibcha

He and Ramaquiri made figures from clay which became men and others from which became women.

The world, at that time, was without light so the pair went up into the heavens where Ramaquiri became the sun and Ira2 the moon.

Iraj

Arab

[a name for Kama as ‘one born in water’]

Iram

[Irmara]

a fabulous city in the mountains of Yemen

Shaddad robbed his subjects and built this city with gold and precious stones, but died before he could live in it. The city is normally invisible to humans but once became visible to a man called Abdullah who took some of the treasure before the city disappeared again at dawn.

Irama

(see Irarn)

Iravat

Hindu

son of Arjuna and Ulupi

Irena

British

in ‘The Faerie Queene’, a maiden captured by Grantorto and rescued by Arthgallo

Irene

(see Eirene)

Iretargui

(see Ilazki)

Irgallach

Irish

son of Lach

He was the commander of a troop of veteran warriors fighting for Conor mac Nessa against the incursions of Medb and Aillill.

Irgoll

Irish

[Loscenilomn]

a Formorian chief fighting at the Second Battle of Moytura

Iri

East Indian

a creator-deity in Borneo

He helped Rinaggon to create men from the kumpong tree.

Irihamia

New Zealand

the Maori land of the spirits of the west

(see also Aratiatia.Tahekeroa)

Irik

East Indian

in the lore of the island of Borneo

[see also Arata.Taherae]

a primeval creator

Ara and Irik, in the form of birds, flew over the primordial ocean.

They drew two eggs from the waters and from them made earth and sky.

They then made men from soil and gave them life.

Irin Mage

South American

a magician

He put out the flames, when Monan set fire to the world, by causing a flood.

In some accounts, the deluge was caused by Ariconce and Tamanconer.

Irina

(see Artemis)

Iring

German

a warrior at Etzel’s court

He was one of those who, bribed by Krimhild, tried to kill Hagen but was slain by Hagen.

Iiron

British

father of Martha

Iris

Greek

the rainbow-goddess

messenger of the gods

daughter of Thaumas and Electra

sister of the Harpies

teacher of Eros by Zephyrus, in some accounts

She was said to keep the clouds supplied with rain and to release the souls of the dying from their bodies.

Irish Achilles

Irish

a name for Cuchulainn

Irjojrilik

Pacific Islands

da deity in the Gilbert Islands

He was created by Loo to rule over the west.

Irkalla

Mesopotamian

the Sumerian home of the dead

a name of Freshkigal the Babylonian goddess of the dead

Irke

African

[Kutunomo.Zambanta]

a god of the Songhai people

Irkingu

Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk after his defeat of Kingu

Irlek Khan

(see Erlek Khan)

Irman

(see Aryamon)

Irmen

(see Irmin)

Irmensaula

Mesopotamian

(see Hermesensul)

Irmin2

German

[a name of Heimdall in the role of Odin]

He was said to drive his chariot, now seen as the Great Bear, along the Milky Way, its rumbling being heard as thunder.

Irmin2

Norse

[a name of Heimdall in the role of Odin]

Irmin’s Way

Norse

[Blit’s Way]

the Milky Way

(see also Bifrost)

Irmensul

Mesopotamian

(a name for Cuchulainn)

He was one of those who, bribed by Krimhild, tried to kill Hagen but was slain by Hagen.

Irmni

(see Ishtar)

Iro

African

a five-toed chicken, in the lore of the Yoruba

This being, associated with creation, is represented by a costume worn at various festivals by the chief’s son.

Irollo

European

a knight imprisoned by Morgana and freed by Roland

Iron Crutch

(see Li T’ieh-kuai)

Iron Dirk

(see Iarn-greiper)

Ironside

British

[Ironsides.Knight of the Red Launds.

Knight of the Red Lawns. The Red Knight]

a Knight of the Round Table

father of Raynbrown

He was harassing Lyonesse so her sister, Lynette, sought help from King Arthur. Gareth took up her cause, defeated the Red Knight and married Lyonesse.

Ironside2

(see Ironside)

Ironwood

Norse


Yarnvid.Yarnwith]

a forest of black iron-trees, home of the trolls

Ironwood woman

Norse

a female troll

Irpa

Finnish

I a storm-goddess
Irra

Mesopotamian
[Erwa.Gir(r).Irwa.Sumerian Namtar]
a Babylonian war-god: Nergal as
the Babylonian plague-god
who destroyed Babylon
(see also Gerra.Giru.Irranergar)

Irranergar

Mesopotamian
the Sumerian god of beasts

Irsira

Mesopotamian
Hurrian deities

Irus

Greek
son of Actor
father of Eurydamas and Eurytion

Irusan

Irish
a king-captain

This animal, as large as an ox, was said to have carried off Seanchan Torpes on
his back because the poet had satirised
all cats. St Ciaran saw what was hap-
pening and threw a red-hot iron bar at
his back because the poet had satirised

Irwin

Korean

Isa1

[Arnaeus]
a giant beggar

When Penelope was besieged by
suitors during the absence of her
husband, Odysseus, at the siege of Troy,
Irus ran errands for the suitors. He
was killed by Odysseus on his return.

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Isa\1

[Isia]
a daughter of King Hoel

Isabella

European
daughter of the king of Galicia
wife of Zerbin
Her father refused to allow Isabella, a
Moslem, to marry Zerbin, a Christian, so they married secretly.
When Zerbin was recalled to Scotland, she set out to follow him in a
ship captained by Oderic. They were
shipwrecked and Oderic and the few of
the crew who survived sold her to
pirates. She was rescued by Roland
who took her under his protection.
They came across Zerbin, a prisoner of
a group of armed men who were soon routed by Roland, and she
was reunited with her husband.
When Zerbin was killed fighting
Mandrancia for the ownership of the
sword, Durindana, she vowed to enter a
monastery but met Rodomont en route
and he tried to dissuade her from
his in-laws.

Isabella1

[Isaburo]
husband of Oyasu
When Oyasu died, he left her parents
without support. The spirit of Oyasu,
his father, and he tried to dissuade her from

Isa2

[Isa2]
son of Bellerophon and Philonoe

Isander

[Isandros]
brother of Deidameia and Hippolochus

Isa3

[Isaias]
son of Eian
father of Jonaan

Isaias

Mesopotamian

a group of angels
These seven beings are said to have
consorted with men at the beginning of
creation and taught them many subjects.
Like the Muses, each had its own special
field: Akibeel taught the meaning of
 creation and taught them many subjects.

Isaias

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian goddess of childbirth
and marriage

Isatpraghbara

Jain
a paradise for perfect souls
This realm is said to have the shape of
an umbrella and lies just below Sila.

Isatpraghbara1

[Esara]
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Isabella2

[Isaude]
son of Actor

Isaude

French

a name of Wele as ‘he who
is worshipped’

Ischepolis

Greek
son of Alcathous
He was killed in the hunt for the
Calydonian boar and his father killed
Callipolis, the bearer of the news.

Ischin

[Boe-alein]
a group of angels
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consorted with men at the beginning of
creation and taught them many subjects.
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field: Akibeel taught the meaning of

Ischus

Greek
the lover of Coronis
She was loved by Apollo but she
preferred the mortal Coronis. When
the god found out that she was having
an affair with Coronis he killed her but
saved their unborn son Asclepius.

Ischy

Greek

Ischys

Ischys

Isdustaja

Isdustaya

a Hattic goddess of fate
She and Papaya used a mirror and
spindle to determine an individual’s fate.

He competed with Hippolochus for
the throne of Lycia by trying to shoot
an arrow which would displace a ring
fixed to the chest of the child Sarpedon.
He was killed in battle with the
Solymi.

Isandros

(see Isander)

Isanusi

African
a Zulu witch-doctor
He can smell out the witches that
cause illness.

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Isegrim  (see Isengrim)
Isenbras  (see Isimbres)
Isengrim  European

the wolf in Reynard the Fox
mate of Gieremund

He accused Reynard of blinding three offspring and insulting his wife. When Reynard was tried before the king’s court and offered to fight Isengrim to prove his innocence, the wolf was defeated. Some say he was later killed so that his heart could be used to cure the king of an illness, a remedy suggested by the crafty Reynard.

Isengrim  (see Isengrim)
Isengrym  (see Isengrim)
Iseo  (Celtic)
dughter of Tristram
sister of Tristram the Younger

In some Spanish stories, she married Juan, king of Castile.

Iseult  (see Isolde)
Isfandarmud  (see Armaiti)

Ishad  Persian

Asfandujah. Aspandijar. Isfandiar
a prince of Persia
father of Bahman

He was shot and killed by Rustem who used a special arrow made from a branch of the tamarisk which he brought from China. His son later avenged his death, killing Rustem.

Ishad  (see Isfandial)
Isgawyn  Wilde

a warrior at King Arthur’s court
son of Banon
He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Isgofan  Wilde

a warrior at King Arthur’s court
He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Isgrim  (see Isengrim)

ish  Hindi

[isha(ka). ‘ruler’]
divinity as ruler of the world

Isha  Hindu

a name for Shiva as ‘lord’

Ishadara  (see Ishadhara)

Isengrym  (see Isengrim)

Isha  Persian

Ishita  Hindu

a name for Shiva as ‘lord’

Isham  (see Ishan)
a name for Agni, Shiva or Rudra as ‘lord’

Ishanati  (see Ishani)
a name for Devi, Kali or Uma as ‘lady’

Ishar  Mesopotamian

a name for Adad and Nergal

Ishi  Phoenician

an early light-god

Ishi-Kore-Dome  Japanese

a Shinto god or goddess, patron of mirror-making and stone-cutting

It was this deity who made the mould for the bronze used in making the mirror which enticed Amaterasu from the cave in which she was hiding.

The mirror itself was made by Ama-Tsu-Mara.

Ishidomaro  Japanese

son of Kato Sayemon

His father deserted his mother when Ishidomaro was a young boy and went off to become a Buddhist priest. When he was old enough, Ishodomaro and his mother spent five years looking for Sayemon and finally found him in a temple. Ishidomaro recognised the man who met him at the temple gate as his own father but Sayemon, putting his vows before his love for his family, denied that he was his father and sent the boy away.

Ishidora  Japanese

sacred stone lanterns

Ishila  (see Ashila)

Ishits  North American

[Beetle]
in the lore of the Sia tribe, an insect

Given a bag of stars by Utset to carry to the underworld, Ishits bit a hole in the bag allowing the stars to escape. Utset blinded Ishits for disobeying his orders.

Ishizukuri  Japanese

a prince

He was a suitor for the hand of Kaguya but Sayemon rejected him.

Ishita  Hindu

a name for Shiva as ‘lord’

Ishita-devata  Hindu

[‘chosen deity’]
da deity representing abstract reality

Ishtanu  Mesopotamian

[=Hittite Eshtran]
a Hittite sun-god

Ishar  Mesopotamian

[=Asfandujah. Aspandijar. Isfandiar]
a deity representing abstract reality

Ishtarate  Mesopotamian
goddesses in general

Ishinahi  North American
the gardener of the god Anu
He was loved by Ishtar who eventually killed him or, some say, turned him into a frog or a pig.

Ishihara  (see Ishihara)

Ishum  Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god
a minister, adviser to Marduk
He intervened to stop Irfa from destroying Babylon completely.

(see also Isum)
Ishvara  
Hindu  
[Is(h)wara,Isvara]
a name for Brahma, Indra, Shiva or Vishnu as ‘supreme lord’

Ishvara-Gita  
Hindu  
[Song of the Ruler]
a poem of nearly 500 stanzas dealing with dialogues between Shiva and some of the sages

Ishvara  
(see Ishvara)

Isia  
Greek  
the Greek version of the Egyptian Isis

Isimud  
(see Isinu)
Mesopotamian  
[Isimud:=Akkadian Usumu]
a two-faced Sumerian messenger-god

Isis  
Egyptian  

She is said to have introduced marriage and had the ability to change into any form she desired.

On one occasion when Osiris and Set, both in the form of bulls, were fighting, she is said to have killed them both.

When her husband, Osiris, was put into a box and thrown into the Nile by his brother Set, she rescued his body, mourning in the form of a bird and concealed his son Horus. When Set again took the body, cut it into fourteen pieces and threw them into the Nile, she recovered the pieces and brought her husband back to life.

She and Nephthys are known as the Weeping Sisters from their wailing at the death of Osiris.

She found the infant Anubis hidden in the reeds by his mother, Nephthys, and raised him as her own.

Wearing the headdress of horns enclosing the disc of the sun, she is Hathor, the cow-goddess. Her cow’s-head was given to her by Thoth to replace her own head which had been cut off by Horus who was angry with her for releasing Set who had been captured in battle.

She became a goddess by devious means, making a serpent from earth and Ra’s spittle. The snake bit the sun-god and he was persuaded to speak his secret name, Ran, so conferring immortality on Isis. Her function as a goddess was, with Nephthys, guardian of the coffin of the dead.

In the Greek story, Isis (Io) turned the girl Iphis into a swan.

She is represented in the sky as Sirius and is often depicted with long wings, as a snow white heifer, a hippopotamus, a serpent or a queen standing on a crescent.

(see also Manat.Mut.Sakhmet.Ziza)

Isitoq  
North American  
[Giant Eye] in the lore of the Inuit, a tonaq

This spirit, who seeks out those who have broken taboos, is envisaged as having eyes which have a mouth in the middle.

Iskandar  
Malay  
[Iskander.Iskender] the Malay name for Alexander the Great

husband of Syarul Baria father of Ariatusan

He is said to have conquered the whole of India which, for many years, was ruled by his descendants.

Iskander  
(see Al Iskandar)

Iskender  
(see Al Iskandar)

Iskur  
(see Ishkur)

Island of Ants  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

The ants on this island were reported to be as big as small ponies.

Island of Apple Trees  
(see Emain Ablach)

Island of Apples  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

The precipitous cliffs of this island prevented Maeldun from landing but the three apples they seized fed the crew for several weeks.

Island of Birds  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

Here Maeldun and his men killed many birds which they used for food.

Island of Biting Horses  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

This island was the home of a race of huge horses which bit lumps of flesh out of one another.

Island of Black Mourners  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

On this island, the black inhabitants were constantly weeping. When some of the crew went ashore, they turned black and started to weep.

Island of Blessed Souls  
(see Avalon)

Island of Enchantment  
Egyptian  
an island ruled by a serpent-god

This island was once visited by a shipwrecked sailor but disappeared after the serpent-god provided a ship for the sailor’s return to Egypt.

Island of Fianchuive  
(see Finchory)

Island of Fiery Swine  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

The huge, red, pot-bodied, pig-like beasts on this island lived on apples. Maeldun stole some of these by night to keep his men alive.

Island of Four Fences  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

The four quarters into which this island was divided by metal fences were occupied by kings, queens, warriors and maidsens. The latter gave the mariners food which put them to sleep. When they awoke, they found themselves at sea again.

Island of Fruit  
(see Palan Bah)

Island of Giant Horses  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

This was the home of a race of giant horses which often raced against each other.

Island of Giant Pigs  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

The pigs on this island were so large that Maeldun’s men could not lift the small one they managed to kill and had to roast it on the spot.

Island of Joy  
Irish

a happy world visited by Bran on his voyages where one of his crew stayed

Island of Prophecy  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

Maeldun could not land here because the sea formed a wall higher than the island and they were driven off when the inhabitants threw nuts at them.

Island of Red Berries  
Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

Here the crew gathered the red berries which grew in profusion on the trees and made an intoxicating drink from them.

Island of Seven Cities  
Irish

a paradisal island

Seven bishops, driven from Spain and Portugal by the Moors, are said to have settled on this island.
Island of Sheep

an island visited by Maeldun

A huge shepherd tended two flocks of sheep, one black, one white, separated by a fence. He occasionally transferred a white sheep to the other side of the fence, whereupon it turned black. Sometimes he did the reverse and the black sheep became white.

Island of the Falcon

an island visited by Maeldun

This island was occupied by a race of birds which could speak and which shouted to one another.

Island of the Blessed

[St Brendan’s Island]

[see also Inis Fail]

Island of the Marvellous Fountain

an island visited by Maeldun

Another hermit lived in a golden castle on this island. A fountain at this castle provided almost any drink required.

Island of the Mighty

a name for Britain

Island of the Mill

an island visited by Maeldun

Here they found a giant miller grinding corn.

Island of the Monk

an island visited by Maeldun and Brendan

The monk who lived on this tiny island was fed on fish brought by otters. He said that an angel had told him to discard all the treasures he had brought from Ireland and live alone. He said that an angel had told him to discard all the treasures he had brought from Ireland and live alone.

Island of the Ocean God

(see Ellan Sheeant)

Island of the Pedestal

an island visited by Maeldun

This island stood high above the surface of the sea on a tall pedestal.

Island of the Silver Column

Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

This was a silver pillar rising from the sea into the sky, where Maeldun’s boat was trapped in a silver net which fell from the top of the pillar.

Island of the Slayer

Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

A fort on this island was the home of the man who had killed Maeldun’s father.

Island of the Stone Door

Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

On this island, the mariners found a house with four giant beds and a large door which opened into the sea and through which shoals of salmon entered.

Island of the Wondrous Beast

Irish

an island visited by Maeldun

This was the home of an animal which could revolve inside its skin. The mariners were driven off by missiles thrown at them by the beast.

Island of Women

Irish

an island visited by Bran and Maeldun on their voyages

A castle on this island housed a queen and seventeen maidens. Maeldun married the queen and his crew married the maidens. They left after three months but the queen threw a ball of thread to Maeldun and drew the boat back to the island. After this had happened several times, Diuran caught the thread himself and, when he found that he could not let go of it, cut off his own hand so that they could escape.

Islands of the Blessed

(see Fortunate Islands)

Isle of Arran

in some accounts, this Scottish island is regarded as Emain Ablach

Isle of Destiny

(see Inis Fail)

Isle of Falga

Irish

an Irish name for the Isle of Man

Isle of Flames

Egyptian

an island in the Sea of Two Knives

In the version of Ra’s birth that asserts that he came from an egg laid by Geb, as a goose, this is the place where the egg was laid.

Isle of Glass

(see Avalon)

Isle of Honey

Welsh

an early name for Britain

Isle of Life

Celtic

a mythical land to which Perceforest and his brother Gaddifer retired when the Romans took over Britain
Isle of Servage  
[Franchise Tristram]  
the realm of Nabon  
Nabon gave the realm to Segwarides.  
In some accounts, it was conquered by Tristram and was thereafter called Franchise Tristram.

Isle of Souls  
(see Avalon)

Islendinga Sagur  
a collection of Icelandic sagas

Isles of P‘eng-lai  
Chinese  
the site of the Eastern paradise

Isles of the Blessed  
(see Fortunate Islands)

Isles of the Blest  
(see Fortunate Islands)

Isles of the Genii  
(see Fortunate Islands)

Ismaroinen  
(see Ilmarinen)

Ismarus  
Greek  
son of Astraeus  
brother of Amphidocus, Leades  
and Melanippus

He and his brothers helped to defend Thbes against the attacking Seven and he killed Hippomedon in the battle.

Ismene  
Greek  
daughter of Oedipus and Jocasta  
sister of Antigone, Etioles, and Polynices

In some accounts, she declared that she had helped her sister, Antigone, to bury her body of their brother, Polynices, against the orders of Creon, and demanded that she share her sister’s fate of being buried alive. She was killed by Týdaeus or by Laodamas.

Ismene  
Greek  
daughter of Asopas and Metope

Ismenus  
Greek  
a river-god  
son of Asopus and Metope  
father of Linus, some say

Iso  
Japanese  
a noble

He was a suitor for the hand of Kaguya and undertook to get for her the cowrie shell carried by a swallow. He failed to find it.

Iso-da Samadulo Hose  
Indonesian  
a mother-goddess  
mother of Lature and Lowalangi

She is said to have emerged when a large stone split and bore two sets of mixed twins. The younger boy, Lowalangi, married the twin sister of his elder brother, Lature, and they became the progenitors of the Nias tribe.

Isodd  
(see Isolde)

Isodaites  
(see Dionysus)

Isolde  
a queen  
wife of King Mark  
who had killed Morholt.

Isolde  
British  
daughter of King Anguish  
wife of King Mark  
mother of Ysae  
Her mother is variously given as Isolde or Lotta.

She was betrothed to Mark, a king of Cornwall, who sent Tristram to her father’s court in Ireland to escort her to Cornwall. Her mother had entrusted to the maid Branwen a love-bottle for the betrothed couple but Isolde drank it on the journey and she and Tristram fell hopelessly in love. On the night of her wedding to Mark, she substituted Branwen for herself in Mark’s bed so that he would not realise that she was no longer a virgin and then tried to kill Branwen to keep the matter secret, but failed. Although married to Mark, she continued to see Tristram until Mark finally banished him to France.

She accompanied Mark when he went to Camelot intent on killing Tristram who was in Britain at that time and was captured by Bruce the Pitless. Tristram killed her captor and returned Isolde to her husband. Others say they lived together at Garde Joyeuse for some time.

Tristram made a loveless marriage to another Isolde in France but when he was wounded he sent for his first love who quickly answered his call and took ship for Brittany. Her ship carried white sails, a prearranged signal, but Tristram’s wife reported that the sails were black and he died of grief. His beloved Isolde died at the sight of her dead lover and they were buried together in Cornwall. In some accounts, she killed herself with Tristram’s sword.

In the Wagnerian version, Isolde had been betrothed to Morholt and wanted to avenge his death. She found a piece of a sword-blade embedded in Morholt’s severed head and kept it hidden. Tristram had been wounded by a poisoned spear thrown by Morholt during their encounter and the wound refused to heal. He went to Ireland in the guise of Tantris, a minstrel, and Isolde ministered to his poisoned wound. When she saw his broken sword she realised that it was he who had killed Morholt. They fell in love but Tristram returned to Cornwall without her. Mark was so impressed with Tristram’s description of Isolde that he sent Tristram back to Ireland to ask for her hand as his queen. Isolde, deeply unhappy that she was to be the wife of Mark, not Tristram, brewed a noxious drink, intending to kill both herself and Tristram, but Branwen, her maid, gave them instead a love-potion entrusted to her by Isolde’s mother.

They continued to meet after her marriage to Mark but were betrayed by Melot or, in other versions, by Andred. Tristram was banished to France and when Isolde elected to go with him, Melot tried to prevent their departure and wounded Tristram who went off with Kurnevel, who had killed Melot in the encounter, leaving Isolde in Cornwall. She came at his request when he was dying from the wound but arrived too late and died of a broken heart.

Isolde  
British  
daughter of Hoel, king of Brittany  
sister of Kaherdin  
wife of Tristram

When Tristram was banished to France to put a stop to his affair with Mark’s wife, Isolde, he married another girl of the same name. When he was dying from wounds, he called for his first love who took ship for France. Her ship carried white sails, a prearranged signal, but Tristram’s
wife told him the sails were black, whereby he died of grief.

In some accounts, she was a Spanish girl who was given to Tristram when he conquered her country. In the Icelandic version, she is the mother by Tristram of Kalegras.

Isolde of British
in some accounts, a god-daughter of Tristram

Isolde White Hands (see Isolde')

Isolde (see Isolde)

Isolier

European

a Saracen knight

He went into the forest with Rinaldo to capture the horse Bayard, which had bolted, but was killed by the horse which was then subdued by Rinaldo.

Isolde

Norse

wife of Hertnit

In Thidreksaga, she married Thidrek when Hertnit died.

Isolt (see Isolde')

Isone

Greek

a Danaid

mother of Orchomenus by Zeus

Isora

Japanese

a god of the sea-shore

son of Ryujin

At the behest of the empress, Jingo, he procured the Tide Jewels from his father, the Dragon King, and brought them to her. He also collected them after the empress had used them in the conquest of Korea and returned them to Ryujin. He later gave them to Jingo’s son, Ojin.

Isotta (see Isolde)

Isoula Blanche Mains (see Isolde')

Isoude (see Isolde)

Israfel (see Azrafil)

Israfil (see Azrafil)

Issa

Egyptian

devotees of Isis initiated into her mysterious rites

Issa

Greek

a maiden loved by Apollo
daughter of Macareus and his sister Canace

Issaki

Hindu

[Kerala]
a goddess

She is depicted holding a decapitated infant.

Issedones

Greek

a legendary race

They were conquered and evicted from their own country by the Arisnapi.

Issiwun

North American

the sacred horned buffalo-cap of the Cheyenne medicine-man

Island

the kingdom of Brunhild

Isunboshi

Japanese

[=Sumerian Endursaga]
a very small boy

He was born the size of a finger and remained that size until he reached his teens when he was discovered by the princess Sanjo who took him as her page. When they were attacked by two oni, Issunboshi met them with his sword (which was, in fact, a needle) and drove them off. One of them dropped a magic mallet and, with this implement, Issunboshi was granted his wish to be the same size as others of his age. The emperor became his patron and he later married a woman’s daughter.

Isunboshi (see Issunboshi)

Istadevata

Hindu

the name for any god to whom the individual offers special worship: a household icon

Istanu

Mesopotamian

[=Hattic Estan:Hurrian Simigi]

a Hittite sun-god (see also Sius)

Istar

(see Ishtar)

Istaran

(see Sataran)

Isten

Hungarian

a creator-god

Isten

(see Esden)

Istepahpah

North American

a man-eating monster in the lore of the Creek Indians

Isthmian games

Greek

four-yearly games founded by Sisyphus in memory of Melicertes or in honour of Poseidon

Istia-yori-hime

Japanese

a princess

wife of Jimmu-tenno

Isulte

(see Isolde)

Isum

Mesopotamian

[=Sumerian Endursaga]

a fire-god

herald of the Babylonian gods

brother of Samas (see also Ishum)

Isunbras

European

a mediaeval hero

He travelled to the Holy Land and killed many Saracens whilst he was there, starting as a very proud and arrogant knight. Adversity taught him to be humble.

Isung

German

a minstrel

He played while Wildeber, dressed as a bear, danced when they rescued Wittich from Hertnit’s prison.

Isus

Greek

an illegitimate son of Priam

He and his half-brother, Antiphus, were killed by Agamemnon in the Trojan War.

Iswara

(see Ishvara)

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(see Ishvara)

Iktos

(see ichiko)

Ithalpas

(see Coyote')

Italos

(see Coyote')

Ithalpas

Greek

[=Italos]

son of Telegonus and Penelope

In some accounts he was a king and married the daughter of Latinus, giving his name to Italy.

Ithan

African

a goddess of brides

Her function was to introduce a bride to her new home.

She was later assimilated into Juno.

Ite

(see Ide)

Ith' Irish

[Iath.Ir]

a Milesian

son of Breoghan

father or brother of Bile

When his father conquered Spain, he built a tall tower from the top of which Ith first saw Ireland.

He sailed from Spain for Ireland with Gomer and ninety men but was killed by the three Danaan kings, Mac Cecht, Mac Cuil and Mac Greine. The Milesians invaded Ireland in revenge.

Ith' (see Eire)

Itha-Arap'i South American

a huge boulder

This rock was in two halves which could clash together. When the twins Ariconte and Tamenidomare jumped through it, the rock crushed one of them to death but he was quickly restored to life by the other brother.

Ithavall

(see Idavold)

Ithavoll

(see Idavold)

Ither

British

a cousin of King Arthur

In some accounts, he was killed by Percival when he tried to take over Arthur’s throne.

Itherther

African

the primaeval buffalo of the Kabyle

He and his wife, Thamutzat, emerged
from a place beneath the earth called Tlam. Their son, Achimi, drove off Itherther and mated with his mother and sister. Wandering alone he discharged his semen into depressions in the rocks to produce all the game animals except the lion.

Ithun (see Idun)

Ithunn (see Idun)

Ithuriel British

an angel

In Paradise Lost, Ithuriel and Zephon were sent to search for Satan who had entered paradise.

ithyphallic

pertaining to the procession at the festivals in honour of Dionysus in which an image of an erect phallus was carried: pertaining to the hymns used at such festivals

Itiba Cahubaba (see Cahubaba)

ithasas Hindu

sacred writings comprising such epics as the Ramayana and Mahabharata

Itinerarium Cambriae (see Itinerary of Wales)

Itinerary of Wales Welsh

a 12th c work recording the geography and mythology of much of Wales

Itiwana North American

the underworld of the Zuni

When the tribe were seeking a homeland they lost all their children in a lake which they had to cross. A brother and sister, who had been turned into supernatural beings after committing incest, made a road into the lake so that the parents could visit their children who declared themselves to be so happy at being in Itiwana under the lake that, henceforth, all the dead went there.

Itje Siberian

a hero

When his parents were eaten by the giant Punegusse, he attacked and killed the giant. Punegusse was immediately restored to life and this cycle of slaying and rebirth continued until Itje burned the giant’s body. Mosquitoes appeared from the ashes.

(see also Karaty-Khan)

Ito Soda [Hizen]

a soldier

A lady, O Toyo, loved by the prince of Hizen, was killed by a huge cat which then took the form of O Toyo. She cast spells on the prince who became ill and, when retainers were set to keep watch at night, she sent them to sleep and carried on with her evil work. Ito Soda kept awake by sticking his knife into his thigh and saw what was happening. When he tried to kill her, O Toyo turned back into a cat and escaped.

In some accounts, the prince is referred to as Hizen, rather than the prince of Hizen.

Ito North American

a culture-hero of the Papago tribe

He is said to have instituted the solstice festivals, the Wiikita.

Itoki South American

in Nicaragua, a mother-scorpion

This being, said to live at the end of the Milky Way, sends the souls for new babies and receives the souls of the dead.

Itoli African

a humming-bird that gave Itonde a bell that granted all his wishes.

Itonde African

[Itle-a-Ngonda]

a god of death and hunters in Zaire

son of Lonkundo and Ilankaka

He is regarded as the first man and when he died he was reincarnated as Lianja.

He was so hungry in the womb that he slipped out and ate some of his father’s venison. The humming bird, Itoli, gave him a little bell that granted all his wishes. When he grew up he was called Itle-a-Ngonda and married Mbonbe. When his father died, a famine raged and Itonde had to hunt deep into the forests to find game. He was killed on one such hunting trip. Soon after, his wife gave birth to Lianja and Nsongo and all the animals of the world.

Itongo African

ancestral spirits of the Zulu

These spirits are said to teach magic to the inyana, the diviners, with whom they communicate.

Itonia Greek

a name for Athena as the goddess of Coronea

Ition (see Itone)

Itone British

[Itome]

sister of Gawain

wife of Gramoflanz

ItONUS Greek

father of Chromia

Ishi Siberian

a nature-god, guardian of tools and weapons

Itiske North American

a trickster-god of the Osage

Itsu-se Japanese

son of Amasuhiiko and Tama-yori

brother of Jimmu-tenno

He and his brother conquered many new lands and he was killed in one of their battles.

Itta African

a Zulu sorceress and healer.

Itnogen Mongol

earth-goddess and fertility-goddess

Itulos (see Itylus)

Itum’ Canaanite

goddess wife of Resep

Itum’ (see Nefertem)

Iturna (see Eirtun)

Itus Greek

[Itulos, Itulos]

son of Zethus and Aedon or Thebe

brother of Neis

His mother killed him, mistaking him for the son of her sister-in-law, Niobe.

Itylomeus Greek

an Elean

He was killed by Nestor in the course of a cattle-raid.

Itys Greek

[Itus]

son of Tereus and Procne

He was killed and boiled by Procne and served for supper to Tereus in revenge for his deceit and brutal treatment of her and her sister Philomena. When the gods intervened, he was turned into a pheasant or a sandpiper.

Itzam Cab Central American

a Mayan earth-god, an aspect of Itzamna

In this form he has maize-leaves growing out of his head.

Itzam Na (see Itzamna)

Itzamkabina' Central American

in the Mayan creation story, a whale with the feet of an alligator

Itzamna (see Itzamka)

Itzamna Central American

[Chichen Itza, Hun Itzamna, Itzam Cab, Itzam Na, Itzamna, Izamna, Izamka, Itzamkabina, Uac-metun-ahau, Yaxcocahmut, Zama, Aztec Quetzalcoatl]

sun-god of the Maya, god of day and night, learning and writing

son of Hunab and Izalakalch husband of Ix Chel father of the Bacabs

He is credited with the invention of books and is depicted as a benevolent old man with no teeth or as a huge serpent.
In some versions he is described as a moon-god or is equated with Ab Kin, Hunah or Kukulcan.

Itzcuintli  
(see Itzcalolinhué)

Itzcuintli  
Central American

an Aztec hearth-goddess

the tenth of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising the dog and north, the day was governed by Miclatlteneguti.

Itzcuintli  
Central American

[Palace of Cool Breezes]

one of the 3 celestial homes of the gods

Itzcalolinhué  
(see Itzcalolinhué)

Itzcalolinhué  
Central American

[Itzcalolinhué]

an Aztec obsidian knife-god

Some accounts identify him with Texcatlipoca.  
(see also Itzli)

Itzli  
Central American

an Aztec stone-knife god, god of justice

Some accounts identify him with Texcatlipoca.  
(see also Itzcalolinhué)

Itzpapalotl  
[Itzpapalotl.Obsidian Knife Butterfly]

an Aztec mother-goddess, fire-goddess and goddess of agriculture

a name of Coatlucue as ‘butterfly of obsidian’

an aspect of Chuacoatl

She appeared as a beautiful woman but, when any man tried to take her, flint knives from her various orifices cut him to pieces and she squeezed out all his blood.

Itzpapalotl Totec  
[=Mayan Ix Tab Tan]

an Aztec fertility-god, patron of workers in precious metals

Iubdan  
Irish

[Iubdhán]

king of the fairies

husband of Bebo

He owned a pair of shoes that enabled him to travel in or on the water with the greatest of ease.

He was captured by Fergus mac Leda when he visited Ulster and fell into a bowl of porridge. Bebo had an affair with Fergus who released both her and her husband after a year and a day but demanded Iubdan’s magic shoes in return.

Iubdhan  
(see Iubdan)

Iubbar  
Irish

[Ur=British Uther Pendragon]

the Irish name for Uther, father of King Arthur

Iuchadán  
Irish

a goldsmith working for Tigernmas

Iuchair  
(see Iuchair)

Iuchar  
Irish

[Iuchar]

son of Turenn and Brigit, or Dana,

some say

brother of Brian and lucharba

husband of Fodhla

His family had feuded with the family of Cian and he and his two brothers killed Cian, the father of Lugh, who had adopted the form of a pig to avoid them. Some say that Lugh killed them, others that he had them condemned by the high-king to perform seven (or eight) near-impossible tasks.

Iucharba  
Irish

[som of Turenn]

Iucharbar

son of Turenn and Brigit, or Dana,

some say

brother of Brian and luchar

husband of Barbha

His family had feuded with the family of Cian and he and his two brothers killed Cian, the father of Lugh, who had adopted the form of a pig to avoid them. Some say that Lugh killed them, others that he had them condemned by the high-king to perform seven (or eight) near-impossible tasks.

Iuchana Eachbhheal  
Irish

an early king of a Leinster sept

Iulius  
Roman

king of Latium

son of Ascanius

brother of Silvius

He was forced from the throne and banished by Silvius.

Iulius  
(see Ascanius)

Iuno  
(see Juno)

Iunones  
Egyptian

a creator-goddess

Iunsa  
Irish

father of Eibhir

Iupiter  
(see Jupiter)

Iuppiter  
(see Jupiter)

Iusas  
Egyptian

  Rat.Uerr-Hehe]

a goddess revered in Heliopolis

wife of Atum or Ra  
(see also Iusau)

Iusaset  
(see Iusas)

Iusau  
Egyptian

a name of Atum as the bisexual god who produced Shu and Tefnut

(see also Iusas)

Justitia  
(see Justitia)

Juturna  
(see Juturna)

Iuvart  
a demon

Juventas  
(see Juventas)

Iuwao  
Japanese

an emperor of China

He took the fox-woman, Hoji, as his consort.

Iuwenn  
Egyptian

a fetish in the form of a pillar symbolising the moon and the moon-god aspect of Osiris

Iva  
Pacific Islands

the Polynesian realm of the spirits of the dead

Ivain  
(see Owain)

Ivalde  
Norse

  Vidfinner=Saxon Hengist]

a dwarf blacksmith

husband of Greip and Sol

dad of Dvalin by Greip

father of Idun by Sol

In some accounts he is known as Vidfinnr who sent his children, Bil and Hiuki, to fetch song-mead from the well, Byrgir. Whilst fetching the mead they were abducted by Manu. Vidfinner followed them and stole some of the mead and was then exiled to the moon where, as Svigdur, he was condemned to a state of perpetual drunkenness.

Ivalde  
(see Ivald)

Ivan  
Russian

a prince

When the firebird stole apples from the tsar’s magic tree, he sent Ivan and his two brothers to capture the bird. They seized it and the maiden Yelena but the two brothers killed Ivan before returning home. The prince was restored to life by a wolf and returned to claim Yelena as his wife.

In another version, the tsar wanted Yelena for his wife and sent Ivan to seize her. Ivan fell in love with his captive and the wolf which had helped him in his quest resolved the problem by turning himself into a likeness of
Yelena and the tsar took 'her' as his bride. When the wolf resumed its normal shape, the tsar died of shock and Ivan was able to marry Yelena and took the throne.

Ivan²

[Russian]

the youngest of 3 brothers

When his father died, Ivan guarded the grave for three nights and was rewarded with the gift of Silver Roan, a magic horse. Ivan was transformed from a peasant into a handsome youth and won the hand of the tsar's daughter.

Ivan³

[Serbian]

a knight

He and his friends Milan and Milosh were thrown into jail by the Hungarian general, Youtcha. Marko rode to their rescue and captured the general and his son, trading them for the release of his three friends.

Ivan⁴

[Serbian]

a prince

He sailed to Venice to sue for the hand of the doge's daughter for his owner of vast herds and Ivan was able to marry Yelena and take 'her' as his normal shape, the tsar died of shock and Ivan was able to marry Yelena and took the throne.

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a knight

He and his brothers made another raid, hoping to exact revenge. Instead, they were soundly beaten and Ivan and his brothers surrendered. The king, Ella, gave them land on which the survivors built a fortress which, it is said, became the city of London. Ivan gradually won over the people and they finally rose against Ella who was slain on a stone altar.

Ivenant

[British]

a king

He promised to knight Yder if he could resist the efforts of Ivenant's wife to seduce him. Yder passed the test and was duly knighted.

Ivera

[Norse]

goddess of beauty, love, youth

Ivernia

(see Hibernia)

in Papuan lore, the first woman

She was hatched from an egg laid by a turtle and mated with Kerema Apo, the first man, born from another egg.

Ividjur

[Norse]

wood-spirits

Ivithjur

(see ividjur)

Ivo¹

[European]

a Saracen prince of Spain

Ivo²

[Pacific Islands]

husband of Ukaipu

He was a god who came from the earth but went to heaven to bring back knowledge for the people of Papua.

Ivoine

[British]

the original name of Moine

Ivoire

(see also Constans)

sister of Ban

wife of Constantine

mother of Aurelius, Constans and Uther

Ivon

[European]

one of Charlemagne's paladins

Ivonya-Ngia

[African]

owner of vast herds

He offered cattle to a poor man who asked instead for the knowledge to make his own prosperity. He gave him ointment to put on his wife's canine teeth. These grew into tusks which he pulled out and sold. More tusks grew and she became an elephant.

Ivor

[Celtic]

a huntsman

husband of Morwen

He and his wife raised the young Meriadoc who had been sent by Griffith to be killed after he had killed Meriadoc's father, Caradog.

Ivory

[Greek]

a plant sacred to Dionysus

It was said that this plant prevented drunkenness.

Ivy Girl

(see Cornahy)

Iwa-naga

(see Iha-naga)

Iwa-saru

(see Iwazaru)

Iwan

[German]

a 12th c version of the story of Owain, written by Hartmann von Aue

Iwainus

(see Iwein)

Iwaledi

(see Ivald)

Iwanaga

(see Iha-naga)

[Serbian]

a squire at King Arthur's palace

He greeted Percival when he first came to the court.

Iwanus

(see Iwein)

Iwar

[Austrian]

a culture-hero in the form of a crocodile

Iware-Biko

(see Jimmu-tenno)

Iwarzaru

[Japanese]

one of the Three Mystic Apes

He is depicted with his hands covering his mouth representing 'he who speaks no evil'.

Iwasaka

[Japanese]

an open space, set within sacred rocks, used for devotions

Iwein

[European]

the name for Owain in Dutch stories

Iweret

[British]

in some accounts, father of Iblis

When he attacked Mahuz, a foster-brother of Lancelot, Lancelot killed him.

Iweriadd

[Welsh]

the first wife of Llyr

Iwillemedan

(see Imagheghan)

Ivo¹

[European]

one of the Bacabs

He is the guardian of the west (black) (see also Zac Cimi)

Ivo²

[Central American]

the fourteenth of the 20 ages of man, in Mayan lore, the freedom from all sin (see also Four Ix)

Ix Balan Ku

(see Ixbalanque)

Ix Chebel Yax

(see Ix Chel)

Ix Chel

[Central American]

[Northern, Southern, and Central American]

see also


Nok. Ixhel. Ixkanleom. Ixkanleom. (Lady of the) Rainbow.- Toltec

Ix Ch To. Ar. Ix-huyn

a Mayan moon-goddess, water-goddess, goddess of childbirth and weaving

consort of Itzamna or Votan

mother of the Bacabs

She is said to hold a jug from which she can produce another world flood at any
time and is envisaged as a combination of a waterfall and a serpent.

In some accounts, as Ix Chebel Yax, she is identified with the Virgin Mary.

Ix Ch’up

(Central American)

Ix Huyn (Mayan Ix Chel)
a Toltec moon-goddess

Ix-huyne

(see Ix Ch’up)

Ix Kamleom

(see Ix Chel)

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Ix Kanan

a Mayan goddess of the-plant
consort of Ih Pen

Ix Tub Tun

(Central American)

[= Aztec Itztapal Toce]
a Mayan goddess, patroness of workers
in precious stones

She is said to spit out jewels and is
envisaged as a serpent.

Ix Zacal Nok

(see Ix Chel)

Ixaluch

(Central American)
a water-goddess
wife of Hunab
mother of Itzamna

Ixalvo

(Central American)
a Mayan goddess of weaving
wife of Kinich Ahau

Ixbalanqué

(Central American)

[= Aztec Itztapal Toce]

one of the Mayan Hero Twins
son of Hunhunapua and Xquiq
or Uatlan
twin brother of Hunapu
brother of Hunbatz and Hunchouen

He and his twin brother were born
when the decapitated head of his father,
killed by the rulers of Xibalba, spat into
the hand of Xquiq. Their other
brothers, Hunbatz and Hunchouen,
were jealous of the twins’ magical
powers and would have killed them but
the twins realised their intentions and
turned them into monkeys.

They set out to dispose of the giant,
Vacub-Caquix, and his sons Cabraca
and Zipacna. Their first attempt, when
they shot a poisoned arrow that struck
Vacub-Caquix on the cheek, was not
successful so, in the guise of physicians,
they pulled out his emerald teeth and
gouged out his eyes and he then died.

They tried to kill Zipacna by burying
him and building a house over the site
but the giant recovered and killed the
400 young men who had helped to bury
him. Another attempt, when they threw
mountains on top of him, was successful
in killing him. His brother Cabraca was
easily killed when the twins gave him
poisoned chicken to eat.

They then went to Xibalba, at the
invitation of the rulers, to play
tlachtli with them, hoping to be able to
aveng the death of their father,
Hunhunapua. Every time they won a
game against the lords of Xibalba, they
had to spend a night in a house of
torture. They survived the House of
Gloom, the House of Lances, the
House of Cold, the House of Tigers
and the House of Fire but, in the
House of Cats, Hunapu was decapitated
by the bat-god, Camazotz. He
was later restored by a turtle.

Helped by the magicians Bacam and
Xulu, the twins burnt and restored all
sorts of things, including, finally,
themselves. The rulers Huncanome and
Vucubcame were persuaded to attempt
this feat and were burnt to death.

Ixchel

(see Ix Chel)

Ixcozahuqui

(see Xiuhtecuhlti)

Ixcuin

(Central American)
one of quadruplets
son of Hueytonantzin
brother of Hueytepachi, Nancatlitzatzini
and Tenitennic

Ixcuinana

(Central American)

[strong]

king of the Lapiths
son of Antion, Peison or Phigyas
husband of Dia
father by Nephele of Centaurus, the
ancestor of the Centaurs
father of Peirithous, some say

He arranged to marry Dia and Pay for
the honour but he reneged on his
promise and when her father, Eioneus,
demanded the money, Ixion killed him
by luring him to fall into a pit of
burning material. He fathered
Peirithous on her, although the real
father may well have been Zeus. When
Zeus invited him to dinner in
Olympia, Ixion tried to seduce Hera
but was forestalled by Zeus
created a likeness (Nephele) from
cloud-material. She bore the Centaurs
or, in some accounts, Centaurus who
fathered the Centaurs on the
Magnesian mares. Zeus punished
Ixion by having him tied to a burning
wheel forever revolving in the heavens
or, in some stories, in Tartarus.

Ixtamleom

(see Ix Chel)

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Ixtliltli

(Central American)
an Aztec god of weaving

Ispuztec

(Central American)
an Aztec god of the underworld

Isquimilli

(Central American)
an Aztec god of justice

Ixquina

(see Iztoloteotl)

Ixtab

(Central American)

the Mayan goddess of suicide or the
hangman’s noose

She carried off the souls of suicides
and warriors killed in battle and is
depicted with a noose round her neck.

Ixtlilton

(Central American)

[Little Black Face]
an Aztec god of darkness, medicine
and games

a god of sexual desire, in some
accounts
brother of Macuilxochitl

Ixtlixochitl

(Central American)
a Mexican who recorded many
Aztec traditions

Iya

(North American)
a magic rock

In a rare display of generosity, Coyote
gave the rock his blanket but snatched
it back when he began to feel cold.
The rock chased Coyote and Ictinike,
flattening trees in its path, and finally
ran over Coyote, flattening him also,
so recovering the blanket.

In other versions, Iya was a
cannibalistic monster of the Sioux,
appearing in the form of a hurricane.

iy-a-ku

[Siberian]

the mother-soul
the one of the parts of the soul (kut), in
the lore of the Yakuts

iyalorisha

[According to the lore of the Yakuts]
a Yoruban priestess

Iyan Hokshi

(see Stone Boy)

Iyatiku

(North American)

the corn-goddess of the Pueblo
sister of Poseyemu

She was the ruler of an underground
realm, Shipap.

Iyngies

[According to the lore of the Yakuts]
a name of Dionysus

Iynges

[Greek]
daughter of Pan and Echo

She bewitched Zeus into falling in love
with Io and was changed into a
wryneck by the jealous Hera.

Iyx

[a magic wheel

Iyoger

[African]
a yellow stone in Burundi

When the king Itare struck the stone
with his hammer, a river flowed out,
forming the source of the Nile.
Iyuva (see Iruva)

Izamna (see Itzamna)

Izanagi

[August Male.Isanagi]

the Shinto primal father-god
son of Kuni-toko-tachi
brother and husband of Izanami
father of Amaterasu, Hiru-Ko, Kazu-Tsuchi, Susanowa and Tsukiyomo

He and Izanami were two of the seventeen gods of creation. Standing on the bridge of heaven they stirred the primal water with a spear and created an island, Onogoro, with the brine that came up on the blade. They also created an island called Awagi and the rest of the islands of Japan.

When Izanami died giving birth to Kazu-Tsuchi, Izanagi decapitated the boy with his magic sword, Ame-no-wa-ha-bari, and went into Yomi, the underworld, to get his wife back but she was already rotting. He escaped the demons, the Eight Ugly Females, sent after him and blocked the entrance with a huge boulder.

While in the underworld she produced many other deities from her bodily discharges.

Izashine (see Izehne)

Izayemon

a man whose name was invoked as a charm to drive away snakes

Izdubar Mesopotamian

a Babylonian hero or sun-god
Like Heracles, he performed twelve labours and, in some accounts, is equated with Gilgamesh.

Izedi1 Persian

30 archangels of Ahura Mazda
They act as guardians and preside over the days of the month.

Izedi2 Persian

[Yez(i)di]
a member of a sect said to worship the devil

Izehne Persian

[lainen.Izehine]
a sacred book of the Parsees

Izha Persian

goddess of sacrifice

Izimud Mesopotamian

an attendant on Enki

Izluccococentral American

the tree of life during the third stage of man

Izoi-tamoi South American

[Grandfather (of Worms).Tamoi:
Carib Tamusi]
ruler of the Bolivian underworld creator of the Guarani
He created the tribe and then departed to the underworld where he was encountered by all souls entering the underworld and grew bigger or smaller according to whether the traveller had been bad or good. Evil souls were split in half by Izoi-tamoi.

His two sons climbed an arrow-chain into the sky and became the sun and moon.

Izona (see Itzamna)

Izpapalotl (see Itzpapalotl)

Izquzuteque Central American

a fierce demon in the lore of the Aztecs

This demon was one of the many hazards faced by the souls of the dead in their journey through the underworld.

Izquitecatl Central American

an Aztec fertility-god

Iztac Ciua1 Central American

[The White Woman]
an Aztec giantess

Iztac Ciua2 Central American

a sacred mountain, home of the rain-god, Tlaloc

Iztacmixcoatl (see Mixcoatl)

Iztacmixcohuatl (see Mixcoatl)

Iztat Ix (see Alaghom Naum)

Izumo (see Izdumo)

Izushio-tome Japanese

wife of Haru-yama
Her husband’s elder brother, Aki-yama, failed to give her a gift when she married Haru-yama and his mother placed a curse on him so that he withered and died.

Izuwa (see Iruva)
Ja Mrima  
African  
a name of Were as ‘the one who has a temper’

Ja-ztak  
(see Sutekh)

Jabal Lamma  
African
the rock where Copper City was said to have been built by Solomon

Jabal Saa  
African
the rock where Copper City was said to have been built by Japhet

Jabbor  
Australian
an ancestral cat of the Aborigines

Jabir  
Arab
son of Al Mundzir  
brother of Jubayr  
father of Rizk

Jabme-aibmo  
Baltic
[Jahe-maibmo]  
the Lappish underworld, ruled by Jabme-akkao

Jabme-akka  
Baltic
an old woman, ruler of the Lappish underworld, Jabme-aimo

Jabru  
Persian
a sky-god

Jack  
North American
a charm used in the southern states
Various items, wrapped in red flannel, are used as divining tools or to prevent the owner from getting lost.

Jack o’ Lantern  
Scandinavian
the ghost of a person who had moved a landmark
Those who had moved boundary markers to their own advantage were condemned to carry the stones in the afterlife.

Jack the Giant Killer  
British
a hero of children’s stories
He killed many giants including Blunderboar and Cormoran whom he lured into a pit and decapitated and became the servant of one of King Arthur’s sons.
He was able to perform his feats of giant-killing by using a cap that gave him great knowledge, a cloak that rendered him invisible, shoes that allowed him to travel at great speed and a wonderful sword.
In some accounts, he married the daughter of a duke.

Jackal  
African
a trickster-hero of the Hottentots
In some accounts, it was he who overcame the monster Ga-gorib.

Jadatsky  
Siberian
a shaman who acts as a rain-maker

Jade  
a green mineral
The Chinese say it was made from the bone-marrow of Pan-ku. It is believed to preserve the dead from decay.

Jacques Majeur  
West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit, derived from St James

Jacquet  
Indian
a grey toad, used by sorcerers to dry up a cow’s milk

Jacunuam  
South American
a celestial fish
The Xingu of Brazil say that this great fish swallows the sun every night and vomits it up each morning.

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a Tupi creator-god, the moon

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Jack of the Bowl  
European
a Swiss brownie

Jack in the Green  
British
a spirit of the woodlands

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Jade Emperor  
(see Yü Huang)

Jade Fairy Maids  
Chinese
5 maidens in the service of Hsi Wang Mu

Jade Maidens  
(see Yü Nü)

Jade Mountain  
(see Yü Shan)

Jade Palace  
Chinese
the home of Yü Huang in Ta Wei

Jade Purity  
(see Yü Huang)

Jade Ruler  
(see Yü Huang)

Jade Skirt  
(see Chalchiuhtlicue)

Jadi  
Arab
the Zodiacal sign, Capricorn
Jadu (see Yati')

Jael
an angel, ruler of the Zodiacal sign Libra

Jafnhar (see Iafn-Har)
Jahnhar (see Iafn-Har)
Jaga-Baba (see Baba-Jaga)
Jagdugauri Hindu
an aspect of Devi as 'the fair one' or 'light of the world'

Jagadhattrei Hindu
a goddess of spring

Jagadnatha (see Jagannath)
Jagan-natha (see Jagannath)
Jagannata Hindu
[Ja[manat]i]
an aspect of Devi as 'mother of the world'

Jagannatia (see Jagannath)
Jagannath Hindu
[Jagnath,Jagannatha,Jagannath,Jagannat, Lord of the World]
an incarnation of Vishnu as a relentless god

brother of Balabhada and Subhadra

He is depicted with no legs and only stumps in place of arms. One version accounts for this by saying that Vishnu was accidentally killed by a hunter and Vishvakarma undertook to revivify him by forming new flesh on the original bones. Krishna broke the undertaking that nobody should look until the job was finished with the result that it never was completed.

In some accounts, Jagannath is an incarnation of Krishna.

Jagati Hindu
daughter of Suparni
sister of Gayatri and Tristubh

She changed into a bird and flew to heaven to bring back soma but the journey proved to be too much for her and she failed. Her mother had tried before her and failed and her sister Tristubh also failed, but Gayatri succeeded.

Jaggernaut (see Jagannath)
Jaggurnath (see Jagannath)
Jagaubis Lithuanian
a fire-god

Jaguar South American
[Dog of the Shaman, Master of Animals]
a large spotted feline

Some say that the jaguar was the founder of the Quiche tribe and Tezcatlipoca became a jaguar when he was killed by Quetzalcoatl and fell into the sea.

The Toltec regarded this animal as symbolising darkness and thunder.

Some tribes say that eclipses are caused when a supernaturnal jaguar swallows the sun or moon.

It is said that, when a black jaguar dies, it becomes a demon and a shaman may turn into a jaguar when he dies. (see also Desana)

Jaguar God (see Ahau-Kin)

Jaguar-man South American
a form of werewolf

Some shamans are reputed to be able to turn themselves into jaguars, in which form they attack victims at night.

Jaguar-Snake Central American
a primordial goddess of the Mixtec sister and wife of Puma-Snake mother of Wind-Nine-Cave and Wind-Nine-Snake

She and her consort appeared when the earth rose out of the primaeval waters and built a palace in which they lived for hundreds of years before producing their two sons. The four gods became the progenitors of the human race.

Jah's Egyptian

Jah Acab Hebrew
Jacob as 'heel-god'

Jahera African
a name of Were as 'merciful'

Jahi (see Jeh)

Jahir (see Elom)

Jahnu Hindu
a sage

It is said that the overflowing of the Ganges interrupted his meditation so he swallowed all the water. He later released it when the gods pleaded with him – through his ear.

Jaik-khan Siberian

Jaikushhi(Sir)
son of Over-god a prince of floods

He sent the souls for the new-born and, having deserted his father in heaven to go to the underworld, acts as receiver of souls. He also records man's good deeds.

Jajuts(h)i Central American
a moon-god later merged with Thoth

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Jalatunda  East Indian
a well said to reach down to the underworld
This well contains tala, an oil reputed to make invulnerable those who use it on their bodies.

Jalebha  Hindu
[Jam-pa-i-dbyans]
a water-spirit in the form of an elephant

Jalinprabha  Buddhist
[Jambu:=Hindu Kubera: =Tibetan Dsam-bha-la]
a bodhisattva

Jalatunda  East Indian
a Nigerian girl who lived in a river
She was pushed into the water by her friends and found herself in a beautiful palace where a serpent ruled as king. A real king, Gongola, heard her singing to the serpent and had the river drained. The serpent flew away and the king married the girl.

Jaljogani  Indian
an evil spirit
This spirit, said to live in wells and streams, puts women and children under spells and can cause diseases.

Jalk  Norse
[Jalk]
a name for Odin as killer of Vafthruthnir

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(see Jalk)

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Jalweny  African
a name of Were as 'mighty warrior'

Jalyogoni  Indian
in the Punjab, evil spirits
These beings are said to live in streams and wells and cast spells which cause illness in women and children.

Jam-dpal  Buddhist
[Jam-pol)
the Tibetan name for Arpackara or Manjushri

Jam-pol  Hindu
[Jam-pol)
see Jambudvipa

Jam-pa-i-dbyans  (see Jam-dpal)
Jam-pa-yang.
the Hebrew name for Arpad

Jam-pol  (see Jam-dpal)

Jamad-agni  Hindu
one of the Seven Rishis
husband of Renuka
father of Parashurama

He ordered his five sons to kill their mother for thinking lustful thoughts. Only Parashurama was prepared to obey and he cut her head off with an axe. When he was rewarded with the chance to make a request, Parashurama asked that his mother be restored to life.

When Parashurama killed Kartavirya, that king's twenty-one sons attacked the hermit of Jamad-Agni who was killed in the fight. Parashurama vowed to exterminate the whole caste of the kshatriyas, a promise which he kept.

Jamajaya  East Indian
a king of Java
His reign was particularly peaceful because the giant, Wikramadatta, had forced the king to hand over all the weapons in the country.

Jambala  (see Jambhala)

Jambas  German
son of Ortgis

His father, a magician, seized Virginal, the ice-queen, and when Dietrich and Hildebrand came to her rescue, Jambas was the only one to escape alive from the fight that ensued. He besieged Jeraspunt, the castle in which Virginal and her maidens were held, but Dietrich and his men routed the besiegers and freed the captives.

Jambavan  Hindu
[Jamvan]
a king of bears
He existed in the time before the Churning of the Ocean and it was he who had thrown into the sea the herbs that made amrita.

In later years, he helped Rama in his struggle with Ravana. He also killed the lion which held the light of the sun in a ruby and refused to give the gem to Krishna who wanted it. It was only after they had fought for many days that Jambavan realised that he was fighting a god and immediately yielded the stone, adding the hand of his daughter, Jambvati, for good measure.

Jambavat  (see Jambavan)
Jambavati  Hindu
daughter of Jambavan
Her father gave her to Krishna whom he had fought for many days for the possession of a ruby.

Jambhe  (see Njambi)

Jambha  Hindu
a demon killed by Vishnu

Jambhala  Buddhist

Jambhala  Hindu
[Jam-bala:=Hindu Kubera: =Tibetan Dsam-bhu-la]
a three-headed god of riches
an aspect of Ratasambhava
In one form he is shown treading on a man to make him vomit up jewels. He is sometimes depicted holding a bag of gold, a mongoose or a lemon.

Jamb  Indian

Jambudvipa  Hindu
[Jambudvipa],Jambudwipa.
Rose-apple Island]
the continent or island standing at the centre of the world: site of Mount Mandara or, some say, Mount Meru  (see also Dvipa)

Jambu  Hindu
[->Siberian Zambu<-Tibetan Zampa]
the Tree of Life growing on Mount Meru

In some accounts this tree is the source of soma. It is the axis of the earth with its roots on the underworld, and its topmost branches in the heavens.

Jambuti Shring  Tibetan
[->Hindu Jambu]
the tree of life

The roots of this tree are in Lamayun but its branches in Lhayul so that the inhabitants of that realm can enjoy the fruit.

Jampadi’dyans  (see Jam-dpal)
Jamshid  Persian
an early king or culture-hero mentioned in Shah Name son of Vivahvant

In some accounts, he is the same as Yima, in others they are separate beings.

In the latter case, he was said to have lived for 700 years but neglected to worship and was expelled for 100 years being finally sawn in half. He owned a goblet which was reputed to contain the elixir of life.

Other versions say that he ruled for 1,000 years, teaching the arts of weaving, working in precious metals and stones and masonry. He was murdered by Zahak. (see also Yima)

Jamshyd  (see Jamshid)

Jamund  (see Jutmundus)

Jan  Burmese
a benevolent nat of the sun one of the original nats created by Chinun Way Shun
Jan Teng

[Jan-teng-fo. Lamp Bearer]
a female beggar

Various stories of the saint’s origins describe him as a female beggar, a male hermit Lao-tu-po-t’i, or a teacher of Sakymuni.

As a result of her devotion s/he was destined to become a Buddha.

(see also Dipankara.Lao-tu-po-t’i)

Jan-teng Tao-jen
Chinese
a Taoist

He is said to have killed Tou Mu with a pearl in the Battle of Ten Thousand Spirits.

Jana
Roman
wife of Janus

Some versions identify Jana with Diana.

Jana-Loka
Hindu
one of the 7 realms of the universe, home of Brahma’s children

Jana
East Indian
a name for Arjuna in the Javanese version of the Mahabharata

Jana
Hindu
a sage
king of Mithila
father of Sita

He insisted on making his own submissions to the gods without the intervention of priests and, as he had no children, he prepared to make sacrifices to the gods to get a child.

Janamejaya
East Indian
[janamejaya]
son of Parikshit

His father had been killed by the forces of the snake-king, Takshaka. Janamejaya avenged his death by a rite that trapped the nagas, causing them to fall into a fire. Total annihilation of the army was averted only by the intervention of Astika.

Janamashtrami
Hindu
[janamastami]
a festival celebrating the birthday of Krishna, held in August/September

Janardana
Hindu
a name for Brahma, Shiva or Vishnu

Janen
African
a name for Were as ‘wise one’

Janet
Scottish
lover of Tam Lin

When Tam Lin was seized by the fairy queen, Janet held him firmly through several shape changes until he finally freed himself from the enchantment.

Jafar
(see Iaf-n-har)

Jang Lung
Chinese
one of the Four Dragon Kings

Jangul
Buddhist
[Mahavidya]
a snake-goddess
an aspect of Tara
one of the dharanis

She can heal snake-bites and is sometimes depicted as having three heads and may be attended by a snake.

Jan’gwo
African
a name of Were as ‘kind’

Janiceps
Basque
a two-headed monster

Janicot
[Janocmejaya]
(see Janamejaya)

Janirm
Phoenician
a sea-god

In some accounts, after being defeated by Baal-Sagan, he was given Astarte as his wife in consolation.

Jann
Persian
[sing-jinnee]
the fifth order of spirits, the least powerful

Jann
[Janu]
the father of the jinn, in some accounts

Jannu
(see Jann)

Janocmejaya
(see Janamejaya)

Jantam
East Indian
a king in Borneo

He gave his daughter as a wife to Alexander the Great and Khadir, the emperor’s minister, filled the king’s storehouses with treasure using his magic powers.

Janua
Roman
cakes forming part of offerings to the god Janus

Janus
[Janus]
Roman
[cakes, Janus]
the two-faced god of beginnings, dawn, doors, gateways, travel son of Apollo
husband of Jana or Camise
husband of Juturna, some say father of Tiberinus
father of Fons by Juturna, some say father of Canens by Venilia father of Proca by Carna father of the Horae, some say

In some accounts, he was made by Uranus and Hecate, using earth and water moulded into a ball. En route to the underworld, the ball became a kind of sentient pillar which Hecate reared as Janus. He ran off and dived into the Styx, arriving back in the land of the living where, in the warmth of the sun, he developed organs.

On one occasion, the nymph Carna lured him into a cave and then tried to slip away as she had done with many others, but his second face saw her behind him and he prevented her escape and seduced her, fathering Proca. On another occasion, he saved Rome from the attacking Sabines by creating a spring of boiling water at the gateway.

He became a deity when he was rewarded for helping the gods in their fight with the Titans.

As Janus Quadrifrons he was the four-headed god of the seasons.

His temple in Rome had two doors (or four) which were closed only when the nation was not at war.

His festival was celebrated on 9th January.

He was said to have one young face, one old, and is depicted with two, three or four heads and carrying a key and a rod.

Some regard Janus as a pre-Latin deity adopted into the Roman pantheon.

Janus Bifrons
Roman
a name for Janus as two-faced

Janus Quadrifrons
Roman
a four-headed version of Janus

Janziri
(see Jata)

Joaoth
Mesopotamian
a name for god

Japhet
Hebrew
[Janeth]
son of Noah
brother of Ham and Shem
father of Hišton

In Irish stories, he was the father of Cessair (Magog), an ancestress of the Irish people.

Japheth
(see Japhet)

Jar-Sub
Siberian
an earth-god

Jara
Hindu
[Jaras]
a hunter
brother of Krishna, some say
He inadvertently shot Krishna in the heel and killed him.

In some accounts, he is equated with the goddess Jara.

Jara
Hindu
a goddess, old age personified

Jara
a female demon

By day, she was a beautiful, happy young girl; by night she was an ugly
corpse-eating crone.

She found the two half-babies born to the wives of the king, Brihadratha, and joined them together. The boy was then restored to his father and called Jarasandha.

Jarah (See Elom)

Jaralez Armenian

[Ar(o)lec] a spirit said to revivise those killed in battle merely by licking their wounds; a race of dog-like people living in heaven

Jaras (see Jara¹)

Jarasandha Hindu

a king of Maghadha

son of Brihadratha

His father had two wives, each of which gave birth to half a baby and they were abandoned in the forest where they were found by the demoness, Jara, who joined the halves together and returned the boy to his father. He became very strong, his strength waxing and waning with the moon.

He was at first in conflict with the Yadavas but sent two of his daughter as wives for Kansa, the demon who had taken the Yadava throne, hoping to make peace. After the death of Kansa at the hand of Krishna, a second conflict arose, this time with the Pandava brothers. One of these, Bhima, was killed by the demoness, Jara, who joined the halves where they were found by the demoness, Jara, who joined the halves together and returned the boy to his father. He became very strong, his strength waxing and waning with the moon.

In an earlier manifestation, he was one of the demons killed by Krishna.

Jari Pacific Islands

daughter of Gogo

She deserted the snake-man she had married after he had killed and eaten her mother and lived with the lizard-man, Kamarong. He was an incomplete being but Jari fashioned a penis for him and they became the ancestors of the tribes.

Jarih Mesopotamian

[=Hebrew Elom] a Syrian moon-god

husband of Nikkal

Jarita Hindu

a huge bird

Jaritas were female birds with no mates. A saint named Mandalpama died but returned as a male bird, Sarangika, and mated with a Jarita, fathering four sons, and then went back to the underworld.

Jarlic[ Rig, Jari]

son of Modir by Heimdall

husband of Erna

father of Konur

Heimdall, visiting earth as Riger, fathered Jarli on Modir. He married Erna and their many children were the forerunners of the nobility. Their son Konur founded the Danish royal family.

Jarl Angantyr (see Angantyr¹)

Jarlsaxa (see Iarnsaxa) Norse

a race of giant witches living in Ironwood

Jarnvid¹ (see Jarnvithr) Norse

Jarnvid² (see Ironwood)

Jarnvithr (see Ironwood, Jarnvid¹)

Jarog (see Svarog)

Jarovit (see Gerovit)

Jarri Mesopotamian

a Hurrian plague-god and god of war

Jasconius Irish

[Jascon] a giant whale

During his voyaging, Brendan landed on the back of this huge beast, thinking it was an island and here they celebrated Easter Mass.

Jason Greek

[Diomedes, ‘healer’. Jason, Iason, Ieson] son of Aeson and Alcimede brother of Promachus husband of Medea father of Medus, Mermerus and Phere, and, in some accounts, Alcimenes, Eriopis, Thessalus and Tisander

His name at first was Diomedes and he was reared by Chiron to escape Pelias who tried to kill anyone who might be a threat and changed his name to Jason. As a result of his kindness to the goddess Hera whom he carried across a river in flood when she visited earth in the guise of an old woman, he was granted the protection of the goddess in his later adventures.

He claimed the throne of Iolcus from Pelias who had usurped it from Aeson and Pelias agreed to surrender it if Jason would lay the ghost of Phrixus which was haunting him and bring back the Golden Fleece to Iolcus. This initiated the quest for the Golden Fleece told in the story of the Argonauts.

In some stories, Alcimede appears as Polymede. (see also Argonauts)

Jastoni (see Jasiacus)

Jasus (see Iasius)

Jata African

[Janziri, Nakada] a spirit which causes venereal disease and madness

Jata¹ East Indian

son of Mahatara brother of the Salang goddesses

He is said to have had a head like a crocodile.

Jata² East Indian

a sea-demon of the Dayaks

These beings are said to use crocodiles as servants.

Jata³ East Indian

general name for god among the Dayaks

Jata-kagami Japanese

[Yata] the mirror of Amaterasu, one of the objects comprising the Go-shin Tai

Jatika Buddhist

[-Thai Panaya-Jataka] a collection of 547 stories of the Buddha’s previous lives

In a typical story, the Buddha was incarnate as a stray dog, leader of a pack accused of eating the harness of the horses which pulled the royal coach. He persuaded the king to administer an emetic to his own dogs which then vomited up the remains of the harness. As a result, the king decreed that all living things should not be harmed.

Jatavedas (see Agni)

Jatayas (see Jatayu)

Jatayu Hindu

[Jetayas, Jatayus] a huge bird, king of the vultures an incarnation of Garuda son of Garuda, some say brother of Sampati

He saw Ravana abducting Sita and tried to stop him but the demon tore out his feathers and left him dying. He lived long enough to tell Rama what had happened to his wife and was then taken up to heaven.

In one account, he caught the falling Dasha-ratha when he was thrown out of heaven by Shani and so saved his life.

Jatayus (see Jatayu)

Jaufré British

a knight of King Arthur’s court husband of Brunissen

Taulat killed a knight at the king’s court and promised to return each year and kill another. Jaufré was ordered to go after him and killed him.

In some versions, he is equated with Griflet.

Jauza Arab

the Zodiacal sign Gemini

Javersaharses Armenian

[Javerzaharses] female spirits
These beings are regarded as a fount of knowledge in all matters concerning women but they never forget anything, neither do they learn anything new.

**Javerzaharsed** (see Javersaharses)

**Jawi** Mesopotamian

[Ju'Ju']

an ancient Syrian god

**Jawzahr** Moslem

a supposed planet said to influence the zodiac

**Jay**

North American

a chattering bird

In some southern states, this bird is regarded as a messenger of the Devil and, every Friday, takes him a bundle of sticks with the consequence that the bird is not seen on that day. Some say that medicine-men can take on the form of a jay; others say that the bird is a hero who brought up mud after the flood to make dry land.

**Jay**

Hindu

one of the 8 demonesses attendant on Durga

**Jaya**

a demoness, one of the Yogini

**Jaya-Vijaya**

twins goddesses

**Jayadeva**

Hindu

a 12th c poet, author of Gita-Govinda

**Jayadratha**

Hindu

a cousin of the Pandava brothers

He tried to rape Draupadi and Bhima

punished him by making him work as a slave for the Pandavas.

**Jayakara**

Buddhist

the name for the sun in Zaire

**Jefischa**

a demon of the hours of the day

**Jean**

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit, derived from St John

**Jean Baptiste**

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit, derived from St John the Baptist

**Jean Brigrad**

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit, regarded as the tutelary spirit of thieves

**Jean Crabe**

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

**Jean Delé**

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

**Jean Féro**

West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

**Jebel Moussa**

(see Abyla)

**Jebel Musa**

(see Abyla)

**Jefa**

African

the name for the sun in Zaire

**Jefischa**

a demon of the hours of the day

**Jeh**

Persian

a whore, servant of Ahriman

She wakened Ahriman, who had swooned away for 3,000 years, and induced him to poison Gayomart.

She is permanently in conflict with Eredafedhri, the virgin.

**Jehan de Saintré**

European

a French knight

He loved the Dame des Belles-Cousines but she transferred her favours to an abbot while Jehan was campaigning in the East. On his return, the abbot defeated him in a wrestling match but Jehan turned the tables when they fought with weapons. He slit his opponent's tongue to stop him from giving further offence.

**Jejamo-karpo**

Buddhist

[Pho-zem-na-po]

a Tibetan princess, one of the Yakshas

**Jemaliwat**

Pacific Islands

son of Wulleb

brother of Edoa

He and his brother were born from a blood-bilster on the leg of Wuleeb when he fell to earth to escape death at the hand of Laney and Lewo or, some say, from the leg of the god Looa.

**Jemshid**

(see Jamshid)

a sky-god of the Ziryen people

He used lightning in his fight with the devil, Kul.

**Jen**

Chinese

humans who attain immortality

**Jen Huang**

(see Jen Wang)

**Jen Wang**

Chinese

[Human August One. Human Kings.

**Jena**

child(ren) of Chun Ti and Tou Fu

In some versions, this name applies to the nine children of the goddess Chun Ti and her husband Tou Fu, who became the first human rulers; in others it refers to their eldest son, T'en-ying, when he came to earth and took the throne.

**Jendzibah**

(see Baba-Yaga)

**Jendzyna**

(see Baba-Yaga)

**Jengk-Tongk**

Baltic

Kul-Jungk

a Lapp water-spirit or fish-spirit

**Jerah**

(see Elom)

**Jeraspunt**

a castle, home of Virginal, where she married Dietrich

**Jeremia**

British

a king of Hungary in Arthurian lore

**Jerobaal**

da demon said to take possession of humans

**Jersey Devil**

North American

[Leeds Devil]

A woman who had borne many children is alleged to have said that, if she had another, it would be a devil – and so it turned out. The child could fly and even went bathing in the sea with mermaids.

**Jerusalem Delivered**

European

an Italian epic poem, running to 10 volumes, written by Tasso

This book, published in 1581, deals with the siege and capture of Jerusalem by Christian forces under Godfrey, and includes the story of Rinaldo's dalliance with Armida.

**Jeschuté**

French

daughter of Lac

sister of Brandiles and Erec

wife of Orius

**Jessis**

Slav

[=Roman Jupiter]

an early deity

**Jet**

a black mineral said to ward off serpents and spells

**Jetaita**

South American

an earth-spirit in Tierra del Fuego
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**Jewel Casket**

This casket is full of jewels and ingots which are replaced as often as they are removed. It is said to be the realm of the jinn.

**Jewel Maiden**

She appeared first as Hoji, consort of the emperor, then as a fox-woman. She was saved from her evil ways by the prayers of the priest, Genno.

**Jewel Mountain**

In the lore of the Dayaks, this mountain clashed with Gold Mountain to produce the world.

**Jewel Peak**

A mythical container for the jewels and ingots of the jeweled fowl.

**Jewelled Fowl**

This bird is a powerful spirit made of fire which assumes all kinds of shapes.

**Jhulanayatra**

A festival celebrating the swinging of Krishna.

**Jhata**

Hindu

A huge fish or whale.

**Jhingi**

(see kami)

**Jingo**

An empress of Japan who developed an ambition to annex Korea. She built a huge fleet and, taking with her the Tide Jewels which she had borrowed from the Dragon King of the Sea, set sail. When they met the Korean fleet, she threw the Jewel of the Flood Tide to cause the sea to return and overwhelm the Koreans, after which she was easily able to conquer the country.

**Jinnee**

(see jinnee)

The five orders of jinn, in descending order of power, are marid, efrit, shaitan, jinn, jinn.

**Jinn Bin Jann**

Arab

The king of the jinn.

**Jinn**

A powerful spirit made of fire which assumes all kinds of shapes.

**Jin**

A superior form of shrine.

**Jina**

A demon.

**Jina**

A name for the Buddha as conqueror.

**Jindra**

Aace of Jizo as possessor of land.
Coldare) and the Desert of Demons (Badiatealgim).

Its capital city is known as Schadoi Kiam.

Jinni  
Arab  
a female jinne

Jir-ren skyong  
Buddhist  
the Tibetan version of Lokapala

Jirjis  
Arab  
the Arab version of St George

Jitoku  
(Badiatealgim).

In Arab lore, Jirjis was a prophet sent to preach the faith on many occasions. Each time he was killed but god restored him to life and sent him back to preach.

Jiro  
Japanese  
a warrior

He and Taro abandoned their leader, the prince Yuriwaka, on an island and stole his magic bow and arrows.

Jirohei  
Japanese  
a manager of a tea-shop

When he refused to sell to a noble a cherry-tree which grew in his garden, the samurai killed him. He then cut off a branch of the tree to take with him, only to find that his father had died at the same instant. The noble samurai killed himself in grief.

Jisha  
Japanese  
a temple-shrine

A religious centre devoted to both Buddhist and Shinto deities.

Jitoku  
(see Fudo-myoo)

Jiu  
(see Fukurokuju)

Jiu-ichi-men-Kwannon  
Japanese  
[aicchimen]

a name for Kwannon when she is depicted as having 11 faces representing infinite beauty

Jiva  
Buddhist  
[=Hindu jivatma]

the soul: the life principle

Jivatma  
[Hindu jiva]

the soul or essence

Jizaiten  
Japanese  
the Japanese version of Maheshvara

husband of Umahi

Jizo  
Japanese  
Kengoi.Kosodate-Jizo:=Chinese 'Tits'ang:
-Indian Kshitigaribha]

a bodhisattva

the Buddhist god of children and counsel of the dead

He sheltered dead children in his wide sleeves to hide them from the oni. He also protected the souls of the dead from these demons.

Jnana  
Buddhist  
[=Hindu jivatma]

the path to god through knowledge

Jnana-sakti  
Buddhist  
pure consciousness: the creative power of wisdom

Jnana-dakini  
Buddhist  
a goddess of knowledge

Jnandevi  
Hindu  
a 13th c mystic poet

brother of Nivrittinatha

He wrote many works including a commentary on the Bhagavad-Gita.

Jnanaparamita  
(see Jnana)

Jnanavasita  
(see Jnana)

Jnanendriyas  
Hindu  
5 of the 10 vital breaths

The other breaths are known as the Karmendriyas. The ten breaths (Pranas) plus Atman were regarded as a manifestation of the eleven sons of Rudra.

Jnun  
Moroccan  
[=Arab jinne:=Pacific Islands jin:
=Persian marah]

a demon, envisaged in the form of a toad

Jo  
Japanese  
a pine-tree spirit

husband of Uba

Jo-Uk  
(see Juok)

Joah  
(see Juok)

Joan go-to’t  
British  
in some accounts, mother of Merlin

Joannes  
one of the Seven Sleepers

Jobo-Atisa  
(see Atisa)

Jobutsu  
Japanese  
the living Buddha

It is believed that, in any given age, there exists one person who is 'a living Buddha', one who has the knowledge of a bodhisattva.

Jocakuvague-Maorocon  
(see Yocahu)

Jocasta  
Greek  
Iocaste.Iocaste]

doughter of Menoeceus

sister of Creon

wife of Laius

mother of Oedipus by Laius

mother of Antigone, Eteocles, Ismene and Polyneices by her son Oedipus

After the death of Laius she married Oedipus, not realising that he was her own son who had been abandoned at birth by Laius. She hanged herself when she learned the truth from the seer Teiresias.

Jochrumm  
European  
a mountain in Austria

It is said that three maidens living on top of this mountain create the winds.

Jodo  
(see Pure Land)

Joe Magarac  
(see Magarac)

Jofuku  
Japanese  
a Chinaman

He travelled to Japan to wrest the secret of eternal life from Mount Fuji but was unsuccessful. He came to be regarded as a saint.

Jogah  
North American  
Inoquis nature-spirits

There are said to be three different groups of these dwarf beings – the Gahonga, the Gandayah and the Ohdows.

Jogappai  
Hindu  
a young boy recruited as a male prostitute in the service of the goddess Yelanna

Jogash  
(see Jogah)

Joghi  
(see Juok)

Joh  
(see Jah)

Johfr de Liez  
British  
a warrior

In the story that says Lancelot was raised by a water-fairy in Maidenland, Johfrit trained him in the arts of war.

John of Glastonbury  
English  
a 14th c writer, author of the history

The Chronicle of Glastonbury,
written in Latin

John the Presbyte  
(see Prester John)

Jojirin  
(see Jurojin)

Jok  
African  
[=Jok Odudu]

the creator-god and rain-god of the Alur

Jok'  
African  
a name for god in various parts of Africa: celestial beings: spirits

(see also Juok)

Jok Odudu  
(see Jok')

Jokinam  
African  
a lake-god of East Africa

He is said to own a herd of cows which graze on the bed of Lake Albert, tended by fishermen who have drowned in the lake.

Jokrut  
African  
the Alur god of twins
Jokul (Norse)
- eldest of the 9 sons of Niorfe
- He conquered the kingdom of Sogn, killed the king, exiled the king's son, and turned the king's daughter into a witch. To kill Thorsten he raised a storm that twice wrecked Thorsten's ship, but failed in the attempt.

Jokuls (Norse)
- a highwayman
- brother of Thordis
- When he was attacked and wounded by Thorstein, he fought back and overpowered his attacker. Generously, he forgave Thorstein and even allowed him to marry his sister, Thordis.

Jonakur (Norse)
- married this king.
- second husband, but survived and after killing her sons and Atli, her daughter of the previous king, Maronex.

Jonaan (British)
- a king
- He had a magic girdle and offered to give it to Guinevere or to fight her knights for it. He defeated a number of them, including Gawain who was forced to return with Joram to his magic realm. He gave the girdle to Gawain who married Florie, Joram's niece.

Jonah (see Juok)
- a priest
- He took over as keeper of the Holy Grail after Alan.

Joric (see Erda)
- a king
- He was imprisoned with some of his followers by the cruel king, Caudel, but released when Evelake brought an army to rescue him and Caudel was killed.

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Josi (Japanese)
- the pre-ordained 'death of love'

Lovers who broke promises of marriages in one life may well find themselves prevented from marrying in a later life and may then commit suicide together in the hope that they may meet and marry in an even later existence.

Joshua (British)
- a king of Terre Foraine
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- an ancestor of King Arthur
- son of Helaius

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Josiane (British)
- daughter of Ermyn
- She fell in love with Bevis who had been given to her father as a slave and later eloped with him, became a Christian and married him.

In some versions, Ermyn was the king and Josian, his daughter, who married Bevis.

Josina (British)
- daughter of Frumutel
- sister of Amfortas, Herzeloyde, Repanse and Trevreent
- mother of Sigue

She died giving birth to Sigure who was raised by Herzeloyde.

Joss (Chinese)
- a god or idol

Jonas (British)
- first husband of Trephina
- father of Lancelot, in some accounts

Jones, D M (English)
- a poet and artist who wrote extensively on Arthurian themes, particularly those with a Welsh background

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Jord (see Erda)
- a knight of King Mark's court
- Merlin impersonated him when he helped Uther to gain access to Igraine.

Jordans (see Erda)
- an earth-goddess
- She destroyed demons and giants and was said to have caused the flood.

Joroin (see Jurojin)
- a saint
- daughter of Joseph of Arimathea

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Jotun

a giant: a race of giants

Jotunheim

the land of the giants

Jotunheim

(see Jotunheim)

Jotunmoði

Norse

the anger of the giants

Jotunn

(see Jotun)

Joy

Irish

a deity

sibling of Gwen and Sadurn

Joyce

Irish

(see Joshua)

Jove

(see Jupitar)

Jovian

Norse

brother of Aino

He was originally a Frost Giant, developed from an icicle.

When he challenged Vainamoinnen, the magician buried him up to his neck in a bog. To save himself, he promised to give Vainamoinnen his sister, Aino, as a wife. When Aino killed herself, rather than marry Vainamoinnen, Joukahainen tried to kill him by wrecking his boat but was unsuccessful.

Journey to the West

(see Pilgrimage to the West)

Jouskeha

(see Ioskeha)

Jove

English

a fallen angel in Paradise Lost

Jovelin

British

a duke of Arundel

In some accounts, he is said to be the father of Isolde White Hands, equating him with Hoel.

Joy

(see Volupta)

Joyeuse

European

[La Joyeuse]

a sword of Charlemagne, made by

Volund, which was buried with the dead emperor

Joyeux Gard

(see Garde-Joyeuse)

Joyous Castle

European

the building in which Rinaldo was kept by Angelica

Joyous Isle

(see Garde-Joyeuse)

Joyous Isle

British

the island on which stood the Castle

Bliant, given to Lancelot and Elaine by her father, Pelles

Jozefant

British

in Arthurian lore, a king of Denmark

Ju

(see Shu1)

Ju-i

Chinese

[Ch'u.Diamond Mace=Japanese

Nyo-i=Tibetan Dorje]

the jewel of omnipotence: one of the signs on the Footprints of Buddha: a diviner’s wand

Originally an iron sword or thunder-bolt, this is now a symbol of good wishes for prosperity.

Ju’i Chu

Chinese

a pearl which makes every wish come true

Ju-lai

Chinese

the Chinese name for Tathagata

Ju-Ok

(see Juok)

Ju Shui

Chinese

the sea-water round the P’eng-lai Isles

Because this special water would not support a boat, the only way to reach this paradise was by air. Consequently, it was home only to immortals.

Ju Shou

Chinese

a messenger of the sky-god

He was said to bring bad luck and is associated with the autumn and the western region.

Juan

European

a king of Castile

brother of Maria husband of Iseo

Juan

Pacific Islands

a hero of the Philippines

son of Tetong

He is famous for having killed many flesh-eating giants.

Another story says that he was a foster-son of the Virgin Mary and expelled the infidels with a magic whip which then built him a palace.

Jubanladace

a good demon

He is depicted with a flaming sword.

Jubayr

Arab

son of Al Mundzir

brother of Jabir

Judecca

European

the fourth zone of the ninth circle of Dante’s hell

This area was reserved for those who had betrayed their lord and master.

Judgement of Paris

Greek

a fateful decision

At the wedding of Peleus and Thetis, at which many gods were present, the uninvited Eris tossed a golden apple, inscribed ‘To the fairest’, into the assembly. There was a great dispute as to which goddess should claim the title and Paris, son of Priam the king of Troy, was asked to decide which of the three goddesses, Aphrodite, Athena and Hera, was the most beautiful. He gave the prize, a golden apple, to Aphrodite because she promised him the most beautiful girl in the world – Helen of Troy – so setting the scene for the Trojan War.

Jud

(see Djudi)

Judon

British

wife of Ferrex and Porrex

Her sons quarrelled over their father’s throne and eventually Porrex killed Ferrex. Judon and her maids cut Porrex to pieces as he slept. With both her sons and her husband dead, Judon went mad.

Judwall

(see Tremeur)

judy

Greek

one of the fairies of Macedonia

These beings are said to induce humans to dance with them and then kill those who do so.

Juesaes

(see Iusas)

Jufran

Arab

[Geoffrey]
in some accounts, a son of Antar

Jug Woman

North American

an evil female

She was one of those overcome by Gluskap when he was clearing the world of demons.

Jugal

(see Juno)

Juggernaut

(see Jagannath)

juggler

North American

a medicine-man

Jugkudo

(see Yomi-tsu-kuni)

Jugumishanta

Pacific Islands

the first woman in the lore of the people of Vanuatu
consort of Morufonu

She made her husband from her own body and they built the islands of the Pacific from their own excrement.

Juhan

European

[Julian]
a count of Ceuta

father of Florinda

When his daughter was raped by Roderick, Juhan called in the Saracen forces and attacked him. In some accounts, Roderick was killed, in others he spent the rest of his life as a hermit and was eventually eaten by snakes.

Jui-ch’iing-fu-jen

Chinese

[Noble Lady of Felicity]
a household goddess

wife of Chiang-sheng-t’u-ti

She is responsible for promoting happiness in the house.

Juichimen

(see Jiu-ichi-men-Kwannon)
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He asked for and was given the children of Vessantara and sold them to their grandfather, Sanjaya.

Some say that he was the god Dharmon who appeared as a mendicant to test Vessantara’s generosity.

**juju1** | **African** |
| a priest-king in Nigeria |

It is said that, should the juju become ill, disaster will befall the tribe.

**juju2** | **African** |
| an idol of the priest-king: a revered object: a protective amulet: the spirit inherent in such objects |

**juju house** | **African** |
| the building in which the juju priests carried on their work, sometimes involving human sacrifice |

**juju man** | **African** |
| a priest of black magic: a witch-doctor |

It is said that these men can change into birds.

**Juko** | **African** |
| a hero-king of the Buganda |

It was said that he angered a priest who then caused the sun to hide so that the land was covered in darkness until daylight was restored by a lake-god.

**Jukurokujin** | **(see Fukurokuju)** |

**Julain** | **British** |
| in some accounts, husband of Ygilis and father of Percival |

**Julana** | **Australian** |
| an ancestral hero of the Aborigines |

In some stories, Julana was the son of Njirana, in others his separate penis.

When Julana attacked the woman Minna Mingari, she called up a pack of dogs whereupon Julana retracted his penis and they were all turned to stone.

**Julian** | **(see Juhan)** |

**Julius** | **(see Proculus)** |

**Julius Caesar** | **(100-44 BC)** |
| a Roman emperor |

In Arthurian legend, a contemporary of King Arthur whose court Merlin visited in the form of a deer. In some accounts, he is the father of Oberon by Morgan le Fay.

In the Charlemagne stories, he was said to be the father, by Glorianda, of Oberon, king of the fairies.

**Julunggah** | **(see Yurlungur)** |

**Julunggul** | **(see Yurlungur)** |

**Juma** | **Russian** |
| a sky-god of the Mari people |

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| **Jumala** | **Baltic** |
| [Jumla.San(g)ke] |
| a supreme god of the Finns and Lapps |

Originally a creative force in the early universe, Jumala came to be regarded as the later Ukko, the sky-god.

In some accounts he is the same as Ilmarinen.

**jumart** | **French** |
| a monster, bull/mare or cow/stallion |

**jumby** | **(see duppy)** |

**Jumis** | **Baltic** |
| a Latvian fertility-god |

**Jumla** | **Hindu** |
| a goddess |

the river Jumna personified |

consort of Varuna, some say |

**Junak** | **Slav** |
| a heroic prince |

He is said to have rescued the princess Sudolisa who had been put into a long sleep as the result of a spell cast by the ogre, Kostey.

**Jundei Kwanon** | **Japanese** |
| [Sonna.Sunde] |
| a form of Kwanon, seated with a shawl and a tiara (see also Chunda) |

**Junit** | **Egyptian** |
| a local goddess in Tufipium |

**Juno** | **Roman** |

**Juno Caelestis** | **(see Caelestis)** |

**Juno Capritona** | **Roman** |
| a title of Juno used at the festival of Nonae Capitona |

**Juno Covella** | **Roman** |
| a name used to address Juno at new moon ceremonies |

**Juno Curitis** | **Roman** |
| [Juno Quiritis] |
| a name for Juno as a war-goddess and guardian of cities |

**Juno Lucina** | **Roman** |
| a name of Juno as the goddess of childbirth who caused the child to see |

**Juno Moneta** | **Roman** |
| [‘the warner’] |
| a name of Juno as goddess of finances and guardian of the Capitol |

The cackling of her goose warned the Romans of the attacking Gauls.

**Juno Natalis** | **Roman** |
| a name of Juno as patron of birthdays |

**Juno Pronuha** | **Roman** |
| a name of Juno as guardian of marriages |

**Juno Quiritis** | **(see Juno Curitis)** |

**Juno Regina** | **Roman** |
| a name of Juno as queen of goddesses |

**Juno Sororia** | **Roman** |
| Juno as the guardian goddess of girls at the age of puberty |

**Juno Sospita** | **Roman** |
| Juno as the guardian of women in danger, later of the state |

**Juno Virginensis** | **Roman** |
| a name for Juno as guardian of maidens’ chastity |

**Juno Virginis** | **Roman** |
| protective goddesses |

**Junonenes** | **Roman** |

**Junonian bird** | **Roman** |
| the peacock |

**Junrojin** | **(see Jurojin)** |

**juods** | **(see velns)** |

**juoigen** | **Baltic** |
| a Lappish sacred chant |

This magical incantation is used to call up the spirits of the dead in a form of language known only to initiates.

**Juok** | **African** |

He is said to have made black people from the soil of the Sudan and brown ones from the sands of Egypt. When he got tired of making people, he gave them sexual organs so that they could reproduce themselves. (see also jok) |

**Jupiter** | **Roman** |
Jupiter Ammon

Thunder-smiter=Etruscan Tinia:
=Egyptian Amon=Greek Zeus
supreme god and god of the moon, rain, sky, sun, thunder
son of Saturn and Ops
brother of Neptune
consort of Juno
father of Diana, Dianus
and Venus
Jupiter Ammon

[=Greek Zeus-Ammon=]
a form of Amon worshipped in Lybia
(see also Zeus-Ammon)
Jupiter Ammon

[=Roman=]
a statue of Amon in Lybia
This figure was reported to have spoken and was consulted as an oracle.
Jupiter Capitolinus

[=Jupiter Tarpeius=]
a name for Jupiter as protector of Rome
Jupiter Dolichenus

[=Jupiter Lucerius=]
a name of Jupiter taking the place of the Hittite god, Taru, in the Syrian empire
Jupiter Elicius

[=Jupiter Fulgurator=]

Jupiter Feretrius

[=Jupiter Latiaris=]
Jupiter as the god of the sacred oak
Jupiter Fidius

[=Jupiter Latiaris=]
a name for Jupiter as guardian of the land
Jupiter Fulgurator

[=Jupiter Elicius,Jupiter Fulminator=]
a name of Jupiter as god of lightning
Jupiter Fulminator

(see Jupiter Fulgurator)
Jupiter Imperator

[=Jupiter Elicius=]
a name for Jupiter as ruler
Jupiter Invictus

[=Jupiter Elicius=]
a name for Jupiter as unconquerable
Jupiter Latialis

[=Jupiter Latiaris=]
a name of Jupiter as god of the Latin League
In some accounts, Latinus was not killed in the battle between Aeneas and Turnus but was taken up to heaven as a deity.
Jupiter Lucerius

[=Jupiter Lucerius=]
Jupiter as one who lives in the shiny heaven
Jupiter Lucesius

(see Jupiter Lucerius)
Jupiter Opikulus

[=Jupiter Lucerius=]
a name for Jupiter as helper
Jupiter Optimus Maximus

[=Jupiter Latialis=]
Jupiter as the all-powerful guardian of Rome

Jupiter Pluvialis

[=Pluvius=]
a name for Jupiter as god of rain
Jupiter Praedator

[=Jupiter Tarpeius=]
Jupiter as one who takes and gives booty
Jupiter Serenator

[=supporter=]
Jupiter as the god of calm skies
In this role, Jupiter prevented combatants from deserting their fellows.
Jupiter Tarpeius

(see Jupiter Capitolinus)
Jupiter Terminus

[=Jupiter Capitolinus=]
Jupiter as a god of boundaries
Jupiter Tonans

[=Tionirualis=]
Jupiter as a god of thunder
Jupiter Triumphator

Jupiter as the giver of victory
Jupiter Victor

[=Jupiter Tarpeius=]
Jupiter as conqueror
Jupiter’s beard

the house-leek which is used as a charm to protect against lightning and evil spirits
Jupiter

(see Jupiter)
Jurasmate

[Baltic=
Mother of the Sea
a Latvian sea-goddess
Jurawadbad

[Australian=]
a snake-spirit of the northern tribes
When the woman Gulunudoidj, whom he proposed to marry, took another man, Bulugu, as her lover, he hid inside a log in the form of a snake and bit her when she passed by.
Jurin

[=Jojojin=]
a god of long life
He is depicted with a staff and book and riding on, or attended by, a deer.
(see also Fukorokouju,Tobosaku)
Juron

[=Chu-jung=]
jurt-ava

(see kud-ava)
Juru

[African=]
daughter of King Ruhaga
King Intare asked for her as a wife but her father sent her half-sister, Kikore, in her place. Intare disguised himself, got into Ruhaga’s court and eloped with Juru.
Juru

[=East Indian=]
uncle and minister of Senapati
Juru

[=Juruwin=]
an evil sea-spirit of the Andaman Islands
These invisible beings are said to live in the sea, eating fish and the bodies of the drowned. They may also attack sailors with invisible spears which cause sickness.
Jurumu

[Australian=]
grandson of Mudangkala
son of Purukapali
brother of Mudati
He discovered fire when he rubbed two sticks together and, giving blazing torches to his mother and her sister, gave light to the earth when they rose into the sky as the sun and the moon.
Jurupari

[=South American=]
a god of the Tupi Indians
son of Creucy
He was said to have been born when the sun impregnated Creucy with the sap of a tree or as the result of a virgin birth caused by beer or a fish-bite.
Until then, women had ruled the world but Jurupari gave all power to men and any woman who saw his image died of poison.
He still roams the earth seeking a wife for his father, the sun.
In one story, he was burnt to death by his people for cannibalism.
Juruwir

[=Jurus=]
Jusas

[=Jusas=]
jushoku

[=Japanese=]
head monk in a Buddhist monastery
a parish priest
Juskaha

[=Djuskaha=]
Justitia

[=Roman=]
[Augusta,Justitia=Greek Dike=]
a goddess, justice personified
She is depicted blindfolded and holding the scales of justice.
Juterna-jesta

[Norse=]
a maiden loved by Sengemand
She rejected the giant Sengemand in favour of Torge. When the giant shot a huge arrow at her, Torge saved her life by throwing his hat to deflect the missile.
Jutmundus

[=European=]
a giant
Roland defeated this giant and acquired the sword Durindana and the horn Olivant. Others say that he won them when he killed Almontes.
In some accounts, Jutmundus appears as Jamund, son of Agulandus and the sword is called Dyrumdali.
Jutpu

[=Indian=]
the first man, in the lore of the Andaman Islands
It is said that Jutpu was born inside a bamboo cane and made a wife for himself out of clay.
Juturna  

_**Juturna**_  
**Roman**

- goddess of springs  
- daughter of Daunus and Venilia  
- sister of Turnus  
- mother or wife of Janus, some say  
- mother of Fons by Janus, some say

She was a mortal but Jupiter gave her immortality as a water-nymph when he seduced her.

In the battles between the band of Trojans under Aeneas and the Romans and their various allies, Juturna drove the chariot for her brother Turnus disguised as his charioteer, Metiscus. When she failed to save her brother, who was killed by Aeneas, she returned grieving to her home in a spring.

**Juturnalia**  
**Roman**

- a festival, held on January 11th, in honour of Juturna

**juudas**  
**Baltic**

- [=Finnish juutas=Lavvian juods]  
- an Estonian devil

**juutas**  
**Baltic**

- [=Estonian juudas=Lavvian juods]  
- a Finnish devil

**Juvant**  

- a demon of reincarnation

**Juventas**  
**Roman**

- [Juventas, Juventus=Greek Hebe]  
- goddess of youth  
- cupbearer to the gods

**Juventus**  

(see **Juventas**)

**Jvaraharisvara**  
**Hindu**

- a plague-god

**Jw**  

(see **Jaw**)

**Jwok**  

(see **Juok**)

**Jyeshtha**  
**Hindu**

- a goddess of misfortune
- one of the nakstras
- daughter of Daksha
- sister of Lakshmi
- wife of Candra

**Jyeshtharaja**  

- a name for Brhaspati as ‘elder’
K

Central American
a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god K; perhaps Ah Bolom Tzacab, Itzamna, Kukulcan or Lakin Chan
He is depicted with a tapir-like snout.

K-er-lo
the Tibetan version of Chakra

Ka
Central American
[Caan]
the Mexican heaven
Kaang
African
the supreme god of the Bushmen husband of Coti father of Cogaz and Gewi
He was swallowed by an ogre but was vomited up unharmed. When he died after being pricked by thorns, the agents of Gauna, the ants, ate all the flesh from his bones but he resurrected himself. He is said to have made the moon from an old shoe and can turn his shoes into dogs which attack his enemies.
All his power resides in one of his teeth and he operates through the agency of the caterpillar and the mantis. (see also I Kaggen)

Kaare
African
(see Kari)

Kab-ar
South American
[Kabul.Kabil]
a name for Itzamna as Miraculous Hand
He was said to be able to cure illness merely by touching the sick person.

Kaba
African
in Swahili lore, the first village built by the people who descended from the sky with Faro
(Kava-Russian Chuvash]
a Finnish spirit of fate father of Pulah

Kaba dye
African
the second of the 7 heavens of the Bambara, home of souls of the dead

Kaba fii
African
the third of the 7 heavens of the Bambara, home of spirits

Kaba noro
African
the first of the 7 heavens of the Bambara, home of Faro

Kabandha
Hindu
[Danu]
a headless monster or serpent-god son of Devi
He was killed by Rama who was pursuing Ravana who had abducted his wife, Sita, and from his ashes came Gandharvaa who helped Rama against Ravana.
He is described as having his face on his stomach, one eye in his chest and eight-mile long arms on which, having no legs, he walked.

Kabei
(see Cabei)

Kabeyun
North American
[West Wind]
the name given to Mudjekeewis after he had killed the Great Bear (see also Kabun)

Kabibonokka
North American
an Algonguin hero
He was one of the quadruplets born to a primaeval being who died in childbirth.
He was responsible for the north; the others were Kabun (the west), Showano (the south) and Wabun (the east).

Kabir  
(see Cabeiri)

Kabunatsu  
North American

a race of otherwise unknown people referred to in the lore of the Inuit

Kaboi  
South American

[=Arawak Kamu=Carib Kanes.Tam: =Paraguayan Pay Zume] a culture-hero of the Karaya Indians

He was the leader of the survivors of the flood sent by Anatiwa. He was one of the quadruplets born to a primaeval being who died in the flood.

Kabundo  
African

North American

Kaban  
(a north), Showano (the south) and to a primaeval being who died in the flood sent by Anatiwa.

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African

North American

Kaban  
(a north), Showano (the south) and to a primaeval being who died in the flood sent by Anatiwa.

Kabur  
Christian

a ruler of one of the 7 supposed firmaments

Kac-u-Pacat  
Central American

a Mayan war-god

Kaca  
(see Kacha)

Ka’cak  
Inuit

a female sea-spirit

She devours the bodies of the drowned.

Kacha  
Hindu

[Kaca] an attendant on Sukra son of Bhraspati and Tara

Several times the Asuras killed Kacha but, on each occasion, Devayani, Sukra’s daughter, persuaded her father to bring him back to life. Finally, the demons killed Kacha once more and burnt his body. They then mixed his ashes with Sukra’s wine which he unwittingly drank. However, the old priest then recited the formula for restoring life and Kacha was made whole again inside his tutor’s stomach. He was released by a surgeon who opened Sukra’s body but the old man died as a result. Kacha was able to revivify him.

Kaches  
Armenian

evil spirits

These beings were said to live in rocks and to cause wars and torture humans. In other versions they were fairy musicians and were often benevolent towards humans. Later they were superseded by the devs.

Kachina  
North American

[Ahola.Katchina]
a spirit of an ancestor in the lore of the Pueblo Indians

These beings are said to live on the earth in winter and in the underworld in summer.

Some say they live in lakes. The chief priest will wear a mask of a god during ceremonial dances and, while so engaged, becomes the god himself.

(see also Gahe.Katsinas.Shiwanna)

Kachina Mana  
North American

[Katchina Mana] a Pueblo maize-spirit

(see also Kerwan)

Kaco  
(see Cacoch)

Kadaklan  
Pacific Islands

a supreme deity in the Philippines husband of Agemem father of Adam and Balujen

Kadaval  
(see Kadaval)

Kadeir Taliesin  
(see Chair of Taliesin)

Kades  
Canaanite

[Kadesh.Kedesh(etAddress)Lady of Heaven:

Egyptian Qadeshet-Syrian Quades] fertility-goddess, an aspect of Astarte

Kadesh  
(see Kades)

Kadeshorthy  
Canaanite

religious prostitutes, devotees of Baal-Peor

Kadhaa  
(see qada)

Kadia-Bosu  
(see Bossu)

Kadien  

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Kadja  
Australian

a mother-goddess of the Aborigines

Kadlee  
North American

3 sisters, thunder-goddesses of the Inuit

Kadmisru  
(see Cadmilus)

Kadmos  
(see Cadmus)

Kado-mori  
Japanese

Shinto deities

These deities, a form of zuujin, acted as guardians of the temple gates.

Kadru  
Hindu

a snake-goddess daughter of Daksha sister of Vinata wife of Kasyapa mother of Vasuki and the Nagas

She quarrelled with Vinata, who was her sister and co-wife of Kasyapa, and imprisoned her in the underworld. Vinata’s son, Garuda, secured her release by providing the ransom demanded, which was amrita in one story, and in another, the moon itself to illuminate the dark interior of the underworld.

It was said that Kadru could crawl into the uterus of a pregnant woman and lay eggs which would be born as snakes or snake-like mortals. She is said to have had a thousand sons, born as serpents from the eggs she produced. All were killed by Garuda.

Kadwr  
British

an ancestor of King Arthur

Kadzuyo  
Japanese

a samurai

Returning from a fishing trip with his retainer, he came upon a maiden weeping at the roadside. The servant fell in love with her but Kadzuyo cut off her head with his sword. He had noticed that she was not in the least wet although it was raining hard and had recognised her as an evil gooblin. Next morning, the headless body was found to be that of a large badger.

(see also Rokugo)
Kae

Pacific Islands

Kae Hir
(see Cae Hir)

Kaehehe
Pacific Islands

a Papuan

He was killed by the townspeople for adultery. His uncle then put a curse on the town, bringing on a sort of communal madness which ended with a famine.

Kae (see Kari)

Kaf (see Mount Qaf)
kafar (see cature)

Kagami
Japanese
[Yasa-kagami]

the mirror invented to tempt Amaterasu from the cave in which she had hidden herself.

This mirror now forms part of the imperial regalia, sanshu-no-shinki.

Kagase-wo
Japanese
[=Chinese Myoken]

a Shinto sky-god

He was executed by Futsu-nushi in an argument over the creation of the world. (see Myoken)

Kagauaha
Pacific Islands

a benevolent serpent-goddess

Kagayu
Japanese
wife of O-Toshi
mother of Mi-Toshi

Kagenda
African
a drum

In the lore of the Burundi, this was a male drum given by Kihanga to Kanyarundi as a wedding present together with the female drum Mukakagenda.

Kaggen (see I Kaggen.Kaang)

Kagingo
African

a name of Katonda as ‘lord of life’

Kagu-hana
Japanese

a double-faced male head

This object, capable of detecting misdeeds by smell, assists Emma-O in the judgment of souls in the underworld. It is placed on the left of the god’s throne and smells everything.

(see also Miru-me)

Kagu-tsuchi (see Kau-tsuchi)

Kaguni-hime (see Kau-guina)
kagura
Japanese

a ritual dance used in Shinto festivals

It was this obscene but amusing dance that was used by Uzume to induce Amaterasu to come out of the cave in which she had hidden herself.

Kagutsuchi (see Kau-tsuchi)

Kaguya
Japanese

a moon-maiden

She was found as a baby on Mount Fuji by Sanugi as he was cutting bamboo. She was only four inches tall but perfectly formed and grew into a beautiful maiden who set near-impossible tasks for the five nobles who were suitors for her hand, none of whom succeeded. She became the consort of the emperor but had to reject him for she knew that she was an immortal and had to return to her home in the heavens. A company of moon-folk descended in a cloud and, wrapping her in the Feather Robe that erased the memory of her life on earth, took her back to the moon. She left behind a magic mirror in which her husband might always see her image.

Kagutsuchi (see Kau-tsuchi)

Kab-gyr
Tibetan

[Kang-gyur.Kanjur=Buddhist Tripitaka] sacred writings of Lamaism

This work, like the Tripitaka, is divided into three parts dealing with discipline, sermons and metaphysics.

Kaha’i
Japanese

a Hawaiian lightning-god

Kahausibware
Pacific Islands

a creator-goddess and serpent-goddess of the Solomon Islands

She created all living things and, when the first baby was born to the woman she had created, the goddess took the form of a snake to rear the child. When the boy cried, the snake crushed it to death and the mother then killed the snake.

Kahawali
Pacific Islands

a Hawaiian fisherman

He defeated Pele in a race on sledges down the slope of a volcano and was lucky to escape with his life when she erupted in fury at losing to a mortal.

Kahedrin
(see Kaherdin)

Kaherdin
European

[Kaherdin.Kehydius.Pheredin]

son of Hoel

brother of Isolde, Tristram’s French wife

He went to England when Tristram was dying to bring the real Isolde to his bedside. He had an affair with Branwen, her maid, but was in love with Isolde and died for love of her.

In some accounts, he is Pherezin and his requited love caused him to ride into the forest where he died alone.

Kahikai
Pacific Islands

[=Hawaiian Hawaiki]

the home of spirits in the sky; the home of ancestors

Kahil
Mesopotamian

a name for the moon-god, Sahar, as ‘old one’ (see also Kailin)

Kahilin
Arab

tutelary god in pre-Islamic times

In some accounts, he is the same as Kahil.

Kahit
North American

a wind-god of the Wintun tribe

When the first world was destroyed by the fire started by Buckeye Bean and his two companions, Kahit and Mem Loomis were given the task of putting out the fires and restarting the world.

He is envisaged in the form of a bat.

Kahk
North American

a crow

In the lore of the Yuma, this bird brought seeds from all corners of the earth for them to cultivate.

Kahmaraj
Persian

a demon

Kahohowi
Pacific Islands

a sorcerer-god of Hawaii god of the underworld

Kahomovailahu
Pacific Islands

[=Kaho]

a Samoan sailor

Kahow was blind but was said to be able to determine correctly the position of a boat at sea merely by feeling the water with his hand. His descendants, known as Fafaki-Tahi, are reputed to have the same ability.

Kahukura
New Zealand

a Maori fisherman

He is said to have taught his people how to make and fish with nets, an art he had learned when he caught a group of fairies net-fishing by night.

Kahukura
Pacific Islands

a god of the rainbow: the rainbow regarded as a route to heaven

Kahukura
Pacific Islands

a manifestation of Rongo

kakuna
Pacific Islands

[=Maori tohunga]

a Hawaiian priest or witch-doctor

Some of these people practise the black arts and are said to be able to kill people with prayer and spells. Others practise herbal medicine to effect cures.

Kahyangwuti
(see Kokyangwuti)
Kai

[Ca. Cei. Kay]

a steward to King Arthur
father of Gawan

He grew as tall as a tree and had the ability to live for nine days under water. It was he (or Glewlyw) who originally refused to allow Calhwch to enter Arthur's court but was later a companion of Calhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

In later stories he becomes Kay, one of the Knights of the Round Table.

(see also Kay)

kai

[kava. kai. kavya → Hindu kavya]
a seer with supernatural knowledge

Kai Kaus (see Kay Kaus)

Kai Khusrav (see Kay Khusraw)

Kai-n-tiku-aba Pacific Islands

a sacred tree of Samoa

Men grew from its branches and when it was broken by Koura-abi, men were distributed throughout the world.

This tree was originally the spine of Na Atiwh which was planted by his son Nareau the Younger who had killed his father.

Kai Tangata1 New Zealand

[Kai(to)tagata]
a Maori fisherman
father of Hema

The sky-goddess, Whaitiri, came down to earth and married Kai Tangata, teaching him the art of fishing with hooks. When her husband offended her, she returned to heaven.

In some versions, Kai Tangata is the sky-goddess and Whaitiri is the chief married she.

Kai Tangata2 Pacific Islands

[Kai(to)tagata]
son of Rehua

The Polynesians say that the red sunset is caused by the blood spilt by Kai Tangata when he fell and injured himself.

Kai Yum Central American

a Mayan god of music

Kai Pacific Islands

demons in New Britain

Originally the creators of all things, Kai are now evil beings living underground and appearing on the surface in the form of snakes.

Kai muni East Indian

a demon in New Guinea

This being takes part in the initiation rites during which he is said to swallow the young male initiates and then regurgitate them.

Kaiha Japanese

a sea-horse

This fabulous beast was said to have the head of a goat but with a single horn, a thick curly tail and a shell on its back like the carapace of a turtle.

Kaibutsu Japanese

imaginary animals

These beasts have three sharp talons on each paw, bearded and stumpy tails.

Kaidu Malay

[Kisa-Indian Puru]
a king of India
father of Syarul Baria

Kaike Japanese

one of the 5 Dhyani-buddhas
one of the 5 Dhyani-bodhisattvas,
in some accounts

Kaika South American

a supernatural serpent

The Araucanians say that this huge serpent, and another called Tren tren, caused the flood.

Kajin Japanese

[Unin-ko-nami]
Shinto sea-deities

Kaikara African

a harvest-goddess of the Banyoro

Kaiky Japanese

wife of Dasha-ratha

mother of Bharata

Dasha-ratha gave each of his wives a special cake designed to make them conceive since, until that time, he was childless. Kaikeyi refused to eat it but instead drank soma and became the mother of Bharata.

Alternatively, Vishnu gave Dasha-ratha a potion which he shared between his wives. Kaikeyi received a quarter and produced Bharata.

Kai Kobad Persian

a mythical king mentioned in the

Shah Name

Kaiyomako

[Hine Kaiyomako]
a tree believed to contain fire

Kailasa Hindu

[Kailasa]

the heaven of Shiva

In some accounts, Kailasa is a mountain in the Himalayas, in others the home of Shiva on Mount Meru.

Kaineus (see Caenus)

Kaintangata (see Kai Tangata)

a bard of the Marquessas

He is depicted in the form of a drum.

Kaiora (see Waiora)

supreme god of the Tartars
son of the deity Kudai-i

This son, the black prince, left his father's home in the sixteenth heaven and went to live in the underworld.

Kairos Greek

[Cairos]
a god, opportunity personified

He is depicted as bald at the back but with a long forelock.

Kairos Greek

[Cairos]
a horse of Adrastus

Kaikowana North American

a monster in the form of a two-headed lake-serpent

In the lore of the Iroquois, this beast was caught by a boy when fishing. It grew so large that the boy, now a brave, had to kill bear and deer to feed it.

Ka‘it Mesopotamian

[Hittite Halkis]
a Hattic god of oaths

Kaitaba Hindu

a demon

He was born, with Madhu, from the ear of Vishnu. When they attacked the sleeping Brahma and, some say, stole the Vedas, Vishnu killed them both. Brahma used their bodies to build the earth.

Kaitalugá Pacific Islands

a mythical island

It is said that this island is inhabited by naked women who force shipwrecked sailors to have intercourse until they are worn out and die.

Kaitangata (see Kai Tangata)

Kaiti North American

the bear-god of the Haida Indians
husband of Dzelarhons

Kaito Japanese

a legendary general and hero

Kaitu Pacific Islands

a Beru warrior who, with Uakea, conquered the Gilbert Islands

Káivalya Jain

a state of perfect isolation

When a devout Jain dies, his soul (jiva) attains this state and exists for ever.

Kaiwan African

in Ethiopia, an earth-goddess, goddess of plenty

Kaiuzuki African

[Kaizuku]
son of Gulu
brother of Walumbe and Nambi

When Nambi left the sky for earth, Walumbe (death) followed her.
Kazuki tried to kill him so that men would not die but he escaped to the underworld.

Kazuki (see Kazuki)  
African

Kajati  
a name of Tilo as ‘self-created’

Kaka  (see Kakka)

Kaka-Guia  
a bull-headed god in Guinea

He is the conductor of the souls of the dead.

Kakairch  
North American

[T’hu-kluus-Chinoo Hanness:

«Noooka Ti-tutsi»]

the Thunderbird of the Macah tribe

His tongue causes lightning and he eats whales.

Kakaku  
Japanese

Kakalk  
an amulet in the form of a bag of stones

Kakamora  
Pacific Islands

[«Banks Island Nopitu=»Papua New Guinea Takix=Solomon Islands
Kakangora Pwaronga]

spirits in Melanesia, living in trees and caves

These beings are envisaged as human-like, with long nails, varying in size from a few inches to about five feet in height. They sometimes kill humans and eat their flesh.

Kakangora  
Pacific Islands

[pwaronga]  
the name for the Kakamora in the Solomon Islands

Kakasya  
Buddhist

a crow-faced goddess

Kaket  (see Kekuit)

Kakia  
Greek

[Caica]  
vice personified

She tried to tempt Heracles in his youth but he resisted her.

Kakios  (see Cacus 1-2)

Kakka  
Mesopotamian

[Kaka]  
a god attendant on Anu

Kaksasa  
Mesopotamian

a Babylonian star-god, the star

Sirsu personified

Kakudmati  
Hindu

a consort of Pradyumna as an incarnation of Vishnu

Kakuet  (see Kekuit)

Kakupacat  
a Mayan war-god

Kakuriyo  
Japanese

the spirit world: the world after death

Kakus  (see Cacus 1-2)

Kakwet  
(see Kekuit)

Kala  East Indian

[«Balinese Waruna=»Indian Varuna:

«Japanese Ryuujin»]

a Javanese sea-king

Kala  East Indian

[Banaspati.Kirti(imukha)]

a monster

This being took the form of a head with protruding eyes and large fangs but no lower jaw.

(see also Kirtimukha)

Kala  Hindu

counselor of Shatarhada

father of Viradhya  (see also Bhatrava)

Kala  Hindu

[The Black One]
a god, the personification of time

a name for Brahma or Vishnu

a name for Shiva as ‘death’

a name for Yama as ‘time’

Kala  Pacific Islands

in Bali, one of a class of demons or evil spirits

Kala  Siberian

[Kalak.Kamak.ninvit:plur=kalau]

These beings are sent by the supreme god to bring death and disease to mankind. Some of them live on earth and cause illness by breathing on people; some live underground, emerging to bite people, gouge out pieces of their flesh or knock them on the head, causing headaches.

They are generally invisible but can appear as humans with pointed heads or as animals.

They are the perpetual adversaries of Quikinna’qu.

Kala  Hindu

[Staff of Fate]

the symbol of office of Yama

Kala-Shiva  Hindu

da double-sexed god of death

an aspect of Shiva

Kala-Sutra  (see Kalasutra)

Kala-Yavana  Hindu

a king

When he kicked the giant, Muchukunda, to wake him, the giant burnt him to death with his fiery glance.

In another manifestation, he was a demon killed by Krishna.

Kalab  Hindu

son of Mbidi Kiluwe

Mbiidi slept with Bulanda and Mabela, the twin sisters of King Nkongolo. The son born to Bulanda was Kalab who was claimed by Nkongolo. When the boy, tutored by Majuba, developed into a good dancer, the king dismissed Kalab and tried to kill him but, warned by Kahia, he escaped and fled to his real father, Mbiidi, whose forces killed the pursuing Nkongolo.

Kalacalao  Pacific Islands

the soul, in the lore of the Philippines

The soul is envisaged as being in two parts, one on each side of the body. When a person dies, the right-hand kalacalao goes to heaven, the left-hand one goes to Kilot, the underworld.
Kalamahakala  Buddhist  
[Black Mahakala.Great Black Lord]  
one of the 8 dhammapalas  
guardian of science  

Kalamainu  Pacific Islands  
a Polynesian lizard-woman  
She and Kilioa act as warders guarding the souls of the departed.  
kalamakua  
a monster, part crocodile, part lion  
(see also makara)

Kalamakua  Pacific Islands  
cousin of Piliwale and Lo-Lale  
husband of Kelea  
The king, Piliwale, sent Kalamakua on a voyage to find a suitable bride for his brother, Lo-Lale. Kalamakua returned with Kelea who married Lo-Lale but she later left him and married Kalamakua.

Kalamu  African  
a Swahili recording angel  
This being records every event in the Lush.

Kalamukha  Hindu  
one of a race of evil beings, offsprings of men and rakshasis  

Kalanemi  Hindu  
one of the rakshasas  
son of Virochana  
uncle of Ravana  
He was persuaded, by his nephew Ravana, to kill Hanuman but the monkey-god warned the nymph who emerged from the body of a crocodile that Hanuman had killed, picked up Kalanemi and hurled him back to his nephew's court in Ceylon. He was killed by Vishnu.

In another version he dressed himself as a hermit but Hanuman was warned of his intentions by a forest-nymph and the monkey-god killed the demon by throwing him so high that he hit the sky and fell back to earth dead.

Some say that he later appeared as Kansa and Kaliya.

Kalaratri  (see Bhairava)  

Kalari  Hindu  
a name for Shiva as ‘ruler of life’  
a name for Yama

Kalasha  Hindu  
a water-jar, a symbol of Brahma, which holds the sacred amrita

Kalasutra  (see Agasty)  

Kalasutra  Hindu  
[Kala-Sutra]  
one of the 7 realms of hell, Narak 
This region is reserved for the punishment of those who have killed a Brahmin. Here they are burned in the fires of hell.

Kalatru  Mesopotamian  
one of the 2 beings created by Enki from the dirt under his fingernails  
Kalatru and Kargasru were sent to restore Inanna to life and bring her back from the underworld.

Kalau  (see Kala)  
evil spirits causing illness and death

Kalavaki  Hindu  
a fierce deity

Kalavikarnika  Hindu  
a goddess of fevers

Kalayanagan  (see Manama)  

Kalchas  (see Calchas)  

Kale  (see Cale)  

Kalegras  British  
son of Tristram and Isolde White Hands  
In some accounts, he became king of England.

Kalegras  Norse  
father of Tristram by Blenzibly  

In the Icelandic version of the Tristram and Isolde story, he killed Plegrus, the first lover of Blenzibly, and became her next lover and father by her of Tristram.

Kaleru  (see Galeru)  

Kalevo  Baltic  
in Finnish lore, father of Kullervo  
He was killed by his brother Untamo.

Kaleva  Baltic  
[=Estonian Kalevi]  
in Finnish lore, father of Ilmarinen, Lemminkainen and Vainamoinen  
father of Hisi, some say  
He is ancestor of the cultural heroes whose stories appear in the Kalevala.

Kalevala  Baltic  
Finnish epic stories of the heroes and creation  
The fifty parts, over 20,000 lines, were compiled by Elias Lonrot in 1849 following a shorter version published in 1835.

Kalevanpojat  Baltic  
evil giants who destroy the landscape

Kalevi  Baltic  
[=Finnish Kaleva]  
an Estonian hero  
father of Kalevipoeg

Kalevipoeg  Baltic  
a benevolent spirit in Estonia  

Kalevipoeg  Baltic  
an Estonian culture-hero  
son of Kalevi  
He is described as a very strong man, a sort of benevolent giant.

Kalevipoeg  Baltic  
an Estonian epic, of 19,000 verses  
This work, compiled by F R Kreutzwald and published in the period 1857–61, tells the story of the hero and his exploits.

Kali  Hindu  
[Ambika), Anakalman, Anoa-Purna.  
Bhimadevi.Bhramari.Bhuta-Nayaki  
Kamakha.Kamaks(?)  
Mahes(b)vari.Mahisha-Mardini.  
Shakti.Simha-Vahini.The Black One.Uma.Vijaya:  
Javanese Ambu Dewi.Lara  
Jonggrang.Ratu Lara Kidul:  
Pacific Batari.

Kali  a demon  
In his fury at seeing Nala win the hand of Damayanti whom he had wanted for himself, he caused Nala to gamble away his kingdom.

Kali  Jain  
a goddess of wisdom

Kali Jaka  East Indian  
a Javanese king  
He is said to have brought Islam to Java.

Kali Ma  Hindu  
a name for the goddess of death as ‘black mother’

kali-yuga  Hindu  
[ka1-yu1ga]  
the age of iron, the fourth and present age of the world

Kali3  (see also Canda)  

Kali1  Hindu  
anceled as a huge, five-headed being standing on Shiva's body, holding a sword in one of her four (or ten) hands and a severed head in another or as standing in a boat which floats in a sea of blood, drinking blood from a skull.

Her male aspect is known as Mahakala. (see also Canda)
This age, in which wars are rife and possessions become more important than righteousness, is due to last for another 400,000 years. (see also yuga)

Kalichi Hindu
the palace of Yama in his capital, Yamapura (see also Yamapura)

Kalida [Kalidas]
a slave or servant of Kali

Kalidas [see Kalida]
a writer, author of the epic Abhijnanasakuntala

Kalika1 Buddhist
a minor goddess
Lion King]

Kalika2 Buddhist
one of the Eighteen Lohan

Kalika3 Buddhist
the fourth arhat

Kalika4 Buddhist
the hero of the epic Hero of Estonia

Kalikavinka Japanese
a celestial nightingale

Kaliva Hindu
[Kalinak]
a five-headed snake-demon

Kaliva Hindu
He lived in the river Yamuna and, until subdued by Krishna who danced on his many heads, polluted the water with his poison. After that, he left the river for the sea.

Kalivinka Hindu
a name for Krishna, reflecting his defeat of the serpent Kaliya

Kaliyuga (see kali-yuga)

Kalkan Hindu
[Kalkin]=-Buddhist Maitreya.

Kalkin2 Buddhist
-Chinese Mi-lo-fu: Japanese Miro(oku)

Kalkins=-Buddhist Maitreya.

Kalika Hindu
a sun-god and house-god

Kalkippos Greek
a name for Aphrodite (Venus) as ‘the one with shapely buttocks’

Kalirrho Greek
(see Callirrho)

Kalirrhoe Greek
(see Callirrhoe)

Kaliste (see Artemis)

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Kalynteria Greek
a festival in honour of Athena, held in May

Kalma Balric
a Finnish goddess of death

She normally lived in the realm of Tuanela but occasionally came into the realms of the living to seize the dead.

In some accounts, Kalma is male.

Kalmasha-pada Hindu
/ [Shakta]
a king, a man-eater

Kalseuru
husband of Adrisyanti father of Parashara

A tiger killed by the king became a demon and swore to be revenged. He achieved his end when he posed as a cook and produced cooked human flesh at a banquet. As a result, the king became a man-eater, probably a leopard, for twelve years.

In another version, he was turned into a demon by a Brahmin he had punished. This demon, Shaktar, immediately ate the Brahmin.

Kalojan European
[Caloian]
the central figure in a Romanian fertility ceremony

A clay figure of the Adonis-like Kalojan is ceremoniously buried, exhumed after three days and, after being broken into pieces, is thrown into the river. The celebrants persuade themselves that he will rise again.

Kaloowise North American
[=Aztec Quetzalcoatl]
a sun-god of the Zuni people

Kalos (see ‘Talos’)

Kalou-Vu Pacific Islands
the indigenous gods of Fiji known as root-gods

The chief of these gods is known as Ndengesi.

Kalpa1 Hindu
[calpa.Day of Brahma]
a day in the life of Brahma, equal to 4,320 million human years or 1,000 mahayugas: a day and night equal to 8,640 million human years: an age of the world

Kalpa2 Jain
one of the upper realms of the universe

This region is made up of sixteen separate heavens or Devalokas.

Kalpathitha Jain
one of the upper realms of the universe

This region is made up of fourteen separate dwellings for the deities.

Kalpavriksha (see Kalpavrksa)

Kalpavrksa Jain
[Kalpavruksha: Wishing trees] the trees that provided all human needs in the early ages

Kalseuru (see Kalseuru)

A name for the Rainbow

Serpent in the north-west of the country
Kaltes  
(see Kaltesh)

Kaltesh  
[Siberian]  
a fertility-goddess  
consort of Num

She appears as a goose or sometimes as a hare.

Kalu  
[Mesopotamian]  
priests of Enmesharra

Kalu Kumara Yaka  
[Ceylonese]  
a demon

This being is said to be antagonistic to children, preventing conception or causing fever or delay in childbirth.

He was originally an arhat but he fell in love with a princess and immediately lost his powers and became a demon.

Kalunga  
[African]  
the creator-god of the Luba in Zaire

Kalunga

[=Greek Hephaestus:=Roman Mulciber.Vulcan)

a giant creator-god and fertility-god

in Namibia

king of the underworld

father of Musisi

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In neighbouring Angola, Kalunga is the creator-god who made the first man, Nambalisita.

Kalungangombe  
[South American]  
the African god transported to Brazil and worshipped as a sea-god

Kalupso  
[see Calypso]

Kalvaištis  
[Baltic]

(=Greek Hephaestus=Roman Mulciber.Vulcan)

a Lithuanian smith-god

His crest is said to make the sun anew each day.

Kamapua’a

Pacific Islands

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Kamarong  
Pacific Islands

a lizard-man
consort of Jari

Jari left her first husband, snake-man, because he killed her mother, and lived with Kamarong. He was incomplete but Jari fashioned a penis for him and they became the ancestors of the tribes.

Kamashi (see Kamakshi)

Kamatar (Japanese)
a minister of state
father of Kohaku Jo

His daughter married the emperor of China and sent back marvellous treasures. One of these, a crystal in which the image of the Buddha could be seen, was seized by the sea-king. A peasant woman lost her life in retrieving the crystal and Kamatar adopted her son and raised him to be a famous warrior.

Kamba (African)
an ancestral hero, founder of the Kamba people

son of Murungu

Kamba Engai (see En-kai)
Kamber (see Camber)
Kamdhain (see Kamadhenu)
Kamdhenu (see Kamadhenu)
Kame' (South-American)

| [Arawak Kamu] Karaya Kaboi: |
| [Paraguayan Pay Zume] |

a culture-hero of the Bakairi Indians

the moon personified

son of Oka

twin brother of Keri

The mother of Kame and Keri conceived them by swallowing two bones. Her mother-in-law killed her but the two children were saved. The brothers pushed up the sky to make room for men to live and invented fire and water. They also produced all the animals of the earth from a hollow tree and water. They also produced all the sacred trees planted near temples.

Kami-musubi (see Kamimusubi)
Kami-na (see Kaminari)
Kami-no-kuni (see Kaminari)
Kami-no-tsuikai (Japanese)

animals, birds, etc. serving as messengers of the gods

Kami-yo (Japanese)

the age of the gods

kamidana

a Shinto shrines or altar

Kamimusubi (Japanese)

[Kami-musubi,Kami-mimusubi.]

Kami-mimusubi:

a Shinto creator-god

one of 3 primaeval beings

one of the 5 Separate Heavenly Deities

one of the Eight Imperial Deities

In some accounts, a goddess representing the female principle.

(ase also Zoka-no-sanshin)

Kaminari (Japanese)

[Kami-nari,Kaminari Sama,Kaminarisan.

Nari-kami,Naru-kami. The Thunder Woman]

a Shinto thunder-goddess

This mysterious being is said to have appeared on earth in the guise of the emperor of China.

In some accounts, this deity is the same as the male Raiden.

Kaminari Sama (see Kaminari)
Kaminarisan (see Kaminari)
Kamlat

tartar rite in which the devil is evoked by the use of magic drums

Kammapa (see Kholumulomu)

Kamini (Buddhism)

a goddess attendant of Buddhakapala

Kamit (see kami)

Kamo-Wake-Ikazuchi (Japanese)

a Shinto rain-god

one of the Raijin

Kamong (African)

second wife of Chibinda Ilunga

see also Hobnil.Kan)

Kamun (African)
in the lore of the Barotse, a man who imitated god

Kamun copied everything done by god who, at that time, lived on earth. This so upset the deity that he moved to another village, then to an island and finally to the top of a mountain. Kamun followed him to each of these places and, to escape him, god climbed a spider's web into the sky. Kamun cut logs and piled them up in an attempt to follow but was unsuccessful.

Kamos (Hebrew)
a Moabite war-god

Kampe (see Campe)

Kamean (Campean)

Campean (Cambodian)

Camber (South American)

[=Arawak Kamu:=Karaya Kaboi:]

[=Paraguayan Pay Zume]

a culture-hero of the Arawak Indians

Kamu-musub (see Kamimusubi)

Kamu-O-Ichi (Japanese)
a Shinto goddess

daughter of Susanowa and Inada mother of O-Toshi-No-Kami

Kamu-yamato-iware-biko (see Jimmu-tenno)

Kamui (Japanese)

[=Tintu=]
a sky-god of the Ainu

Kamull (Mesopotamian)
a god of the Kassites

Kamutef (Egyptian)

[=African Kamale=]

the combined form of Amon and Min

Kamya (Hindu)
a goddess wife of Priyavrata

Kamya (Hindu)
a forest

It was here that the Pandava brothers and Draupadi lived for twelve years when they were sent into exile.

Kan' (Central American)

[Cans]
a Mayan god of maize

one of the 4 Bacabs

He supports the eastern corner of the earth (yellow).

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Kan’

Kan’ Central American
[Can] the fourth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, the realisation that evil exists
(see also One Kan)

Kan’ Central American
[Can=Yaocatecan Kanam-Ium] a Mayan snake-god
(see also Kan’)

K’an Chinese
one of the Eight Diagrams representing rain, moon, lake and pig
(see also K’an)

K’an Hindu
a mother-goddess
Kan-gur (see Kanjur)
K’an-mo (see K’an-po) an old king
K’an-po (female=K’an-mo) head of a monastery, said to be in direct communication with the saints

Kan Tiernal Central American
[Can Tiernal] a Mayan god one of the 4 Bacabs
He supported the northern corner of the world (white).
(see also Mulac)

Kan-u-Layeyab Central American
a Mayan guardian-god of city gates

Kan-ying-p’ien Chinese
a Taoist book of morality

Kana-Yama-Biko-No-Kami Japanese
a Shinto god of miners husband of Kana-Yama-Hime-No-Kami
He was said to have been born from Izanami’s vomit.

Kana-Yama-Hime-No-Kami Japanese
a Shinto goddess of miners consort of Kana-Yama-Biko-No-Kami

Kanæ New Zealand
a poronui
This demon and Tonga-Hiti were the only two to escape when Tawhaku trapped the poronui who had killed his father. Kanæ became a flying-fish.

Kanag Pacific Islands
a hero of the Philippines son of Aponitoula and Aponobilinayen
He was born when his mother pricked an itching spot on her little finger.
To win the girl he loved, he was required to fill a spirit-house with jars nine times in succession and to string golden beads on a spider’s web round the town.

Kanahins British
a squire serving Lancelot

Kanaimu South American
in the Guianas, various forms of black magic: avenging spirits who stalk their victims and kill them

Kanaka Hindu
[“gold’] son of Vishnu and Bhu

Kanaka the Bharadvaja (see Pindola)

Kanaka-vatsa Buddha
[=Chinese Ka-no-ka Fa-tso] one of the Eighteen Lohan

Kanakamuni Buddha
[=Tibetan Ser-thup] the seventh arhat, some say one of the 7 manushibuddhas

Kanakhabradvaja (see Pindola)

Kanakha Tibetan
a Lamaist sorceress sister of Kanakaha and Mekhala

Kanakaha Tibetan
a Lamaist sorceress brother of Kanakaha and Mekhala

Kanal South American
twin brother of Kayurukre

Kanaloa Pacific Islands
[=Maori Tangaroa] Hawaiian squid-god and creator-god ruler of the dead (see also Tangaroa)

Kanam-Ium Central American
[Maayan Kan] a Yucatecan snake-god

Kananeski Anayehi North American
a Cherokee water-spider
This insect is said to have brought fire from underground where lightning had set fire to the roots of a tree.

Kanapo Pacific Islands
[Uira] a god of lightning

Kanaskaya Japanese
a painter
His painting of a horse was so lifelike that the animal came to life. When people complained that the horse was destroying their crops, Kanaskaya painted a rope tethering the horse to a post, after which the horse could not wander.

Kanassa South American
the creator-god of the Kuikuru
He got fire from the sky by capturing a vulture and forcing him to bring down a burning ember.

Kanati North American
the first man in the lore of the Cherokee husband of Selu father of the Thunder Boys

Kanchenjunga Tibetan
5 brothers who became the spirits of sacred mountains

Kanchil Pacific Islands
In Indonesian lore, this small animal defeated many predators by pretending to magic powers it does not possess, persuading even tigers to live in peace with other animals.

Kancho Japanese
abbot of a Buddhist monastery

Kancil (see Kanchil)

Kandaon Greek
a Boeotian name for Orion: an epithet of Ares

Kandarp (see Kama)

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Kanda Yake Chinese
brother of Bilindi
A great hunter whose spirit (yaka) became the guardian of hunters.
He killed his younger brother, whose spirit is also invoked by hunters, in a fit of temper.

Kandu Hindu
a sage father of Marisha
He was seduced by Pramlocha, who tried to distract him from his meditations, and fathered Marisha on her.

Kandundu African
an ancestral spirit of the Ovimbundu

Kane Pacific Islands
[=Maori Taurau] a Hawaiian god father of Hiiaka
With the help of Ku and Lono he made the world and mankind.

Kane-hekili New Zealand
a name of Kane as the triad of gods, Kane, Ku and Lono

Kane-hoalani Pacific Islands
[=Maori Tane(-mahuta) [=Polynesian Atea] the creator-god and sky-god of Hawaii father of Hiaka

Kane-huna-moku Pacific Islands
[Kane-milohai] the Hawaiian paradise, an island floating in the sky

Kane-kahil Pacific Islands
the Abominable Snowman

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Kanephora (see Canephora)

Kang (see Kaag)

Kang-gyr (see Kah-gyr)

kang-mi (see Abominable Snowman)
Kangaloga  African  a primaeval female spirit of the tribes of Uganda  mother of Toro
She is envisaged as a dragonfly.
Kangi Sapa  North American
[Black Crow]  a Sioux brave
He abandoned his friend Wanblee Glasha to die so that he could marry the girl they both loved. Wanblee survived and, when Kangi Sapa was killed in battle, married the widow.
Kan (see Ganis)  Pacific Islands
a Polynesian dance
During the performance of this dance, ancient myths are sung.
Kanikilak  North American
[Tlingit Raven,Yel]  a creator-spirit of the Kwakiutl tribe
Kanisimbo  African  a Shwili ancestor  brother of Simbumba
The eldest of the eight people who came down from heaven in a ship with Faro.
Kanj  Japanese
one of the 2 Tide Jewels
Kanji controlled the ebb-tide, Manji the flood-tide.
Kanjur  (see Kah-gyur)  a fabulous animal
Kankar Mata  North American
a mother-goddess, a goddess of disease
Kann  Indian
a Tamil name for Krishna
Kannon  (see Kwanon)  a forest hermit
Kannon-sama  (see Kwanon)  a blind seer
Kannushi  Japanese
a priest  a master of divinity
The priests sometimes acted for the gods or as intermediaries between gods and mortals.
Kanook  North American
a god of darkness of the Tlingit people: an evil principle  brother of Yehl (Raven)
He refused to release water for the benefit of mankind so his brother tricked him into releasing it.
He was envisaged in the form of a wolf.
Kanobus  Egyptian
[Ka-mub]  a bull symbolising Ptah
Kanopas  (see Canopus')  a form of Gyandi-myoo regarded as a manifestation of Kokuzu
Kanro Gundari  Japanese
the tyrant, king of Mathura
Kanro-O  (see Amrita')  Amrita
Kansa  Hindu
[Kansa]  the tyrant, king of Mathura  son of Kasyapa, some say brother of Sunanan  brother of Devaki, some say
His nominal father was Ugrasena but his real father was the demon Drumalika who had raped the queen Pavanarekha to produce a son who would rule the world. He began a life of great cruelty by murdering Ugrasena and taking his throne.
When he was told that his future killer was about to be born he ordered that all new-born males be killed. Krishna, the eighth avatar of Vishnu, escaped and was reared by cowherds.
Kansa sent demons to harry Krishna who defeated them all and finally he invited Krishna to his court where he had posted a wrestler and an elephant to crush Krishna when he arrived. Kansa and his eight brothers were killed by Krishna, helped by his half-brother Balarama.
Some say that he was an incarnation of Kalanemi.
Kanshiro  Japanese
an old farmer
On a pilgrimage to a shrine, he was badly treated by the innkeeper, Jimpachi, who stole the money the old man had intended to give for the upkeep of the shrine. Kanshiro swore vengeance and, when he died, a huge swarm of fireflies flew from his tomb and smothered Jimpachi who died in agony.
Kansuke  Japanese
a fisherman  father of Matakichi
When a small island appeared in the sea and a bright light shone from the sea-bottom, Kansuke and his son went to investigate. Kansuke fell into the sea and sank straight to the bottom where he was eaten by the Great Awabi, the source of the light which had attracted the fisherman.
Kanta  Tibetan
[Kantali]  a Lamaist sorcerer
Kantaka  (see Kanthaka)
Kantali  (see Kanta)
Kantart  European
a young cockerel in Reynard the Fox
Kantattman  (see Dhanvantari)  Dhanvantari
Kantele  Baltic  Finnish magic songs
Kantha  Hindu
a huge gemstone, said to provide light in the underworld
Kanthaka  Buddhist
[K(o)ntaka]  the Buddha’s white horse
This animal was said to have appeared at the moment of Buddha’s birth.
Kanti  Hindu
a goddess of desire  a sakti of Narayana
Kantiji  (see Kanchil)  Kanchil
kantoki-no-ki  Japanese  trees which have been struck by lightning
It is said that, because these trees have been ‘cloven by god’, they are sacred and are not to be touched.
Kanka  Hindu
a forest hermit
He found the nymph Shakuntala and raised her as his daughter.
Kanka  (see also Kanka')  Hindu
Kanka'  (see also Kanka')  a blind seer
In some accounts he restored the sight of Agni.
Kanya  Hindu
one of the signs of the Zodiac, Virgo  the virgin
Kanyakumari  Hindu
[‘maiden’]  a name for Devi, Kali and Uma
Kanyarundi  African  [Chambara-Stama.Intare (-Rushadi)]  an ancestral king  son of Kilanga  husband of Inaruchaba
father of Mwezi
His uncle Mashira told him to have a sword made and then kill a serpent which lived in a cave. This he did and then decided to live in the cave which was full of treasure. A chief's daughter, left outside the cave as a sacrifice to the serpent, married Kanyarundi. His father sent him two drums, Kagenda and Mukakagenda, for a wedding present. He was called Intare Rushadi and later became King Intare, married Inaruchaba and had a son, Mwezi.
His sword was called Inkoto.
(see also Intare)
Kanzakura

Japanese
a sacred cherry-tree, home of the god
of love, Musubi

Kanzi

African
son of the first man, Amangundu
brother of Nangome
father of Mshindi

Kanzibuyi

Central American
a Mayan god
He was charged with the duty of
restoring the earth after the flood and
planted trees at the four corners of the
corner to support the sky.

Kao Hou

(see Ti’ao Hou)

Kao Chio

[Shun-feng Erh]
brother of Kao Ming
He and his brother fought for Chou
Wang in the Battle of Mu until it was
discovered that they were, in fact, fruit
trees. When the trees were dug up, the
brothers lost their great powers and
were killed.

He was envisaged as having a green
face with a red beard and two horns
growing from his head.

Kao-hsin

Chinese
[Kao-hsin Chi’i]
a child born of a miraculous
conception

His mother tried to dispose of the child
by leaving him successively in a lane, a
forest and an icy river. In each case he
was saved, first by sheep and cattle,
then by a woodman and finally by birds
who covered the child with feathers to
keep him warm. His mother then cared
for him herself and he became the
ancestor of a famous dynasty.

Kao-hsin Chi’i

(see Kao-hsin)

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[Ch’ien-li Yen.T’ing chien]
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Kao-yao

Chinese
[T’ing chien]
a magistrate
Some say he used a unicorn (ch’i-lin)
to help him in his judgments and
later became a judge of souls in
the underworld.

kaous

Greek
a demon said to ride on a person’s
back and beat him with a stick
It is believed that a child conceived on
March 23th will be born as a kaous.

Kapala

Buddhist
a drinking-vessel made from a human
skull used for offering libations to
the gods

Kapali

Hindu
a minor god
one of the 11 ekadasarudras

Kapalika

Buddhist
a Lamaist sorcerer
His wife and five sons all died at the
same time and he would have killed
himself but was converted by
Krishnacari. He then studied magic,
worshiping his sons’ bones as ornaments
and using the skull of his wife as a
drinking-vessel.

Kapalini

Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala

Kapalin’i

Hindu
a name for Durga or Kali as
’skull-owner’

Kapalu

European
a servant of Morgan le Fay
He sank Renoart’s ship at Morgan’s
behest when Renoart, her lover,
deserted her.

Kapanesus

(see Capanesus)

kapiangu

Baltic
a name for Durga or Kali as
’skull-owner’

Kapama

Hindu
a sage
In one story, the favourite horse of the
king, Sagana, was missing and the
king’s 60,000 sons dug a huge pit in
which they found the horse. They also
found Kapala and accused him of
having stolen the horse. This so
angered the sage that he killed them all
with fiery rays from his eyes.

Kapilavashi

Buddhist
a city, the birth-place of the Buddha

Kapipikaula

Polynesian
demon killed by Kaua

Kapirimitiya

African
the site of the holes from which the
ancestors of some of the people
Malawai emerged

Kapisha

Hindu
mother of the Pishachas

Kapo

Pacific Islands
a Hawaiian goddess
sister of Hiaka and Pele

Kapoo

Australian
mother of Laka

Kapoounis

North American
an ancestral kangaroo

Kapoonis

North American
the lightning-spirit of the tribes of the
north-west, twin brother of
Enumclaw
He became adept at hurling huge
boulders while his twin learned the
art of throwing fire-balls like spears.
To prevent them from doing too
much damage, the gods took them up
to heaven and made Kapoonis the
lord of lightning and Enumclaw the
lord of thunder.

In some versions, their roles are
reversed.

Kappa

Japanese
[Child of the River:Kawako]
water-demons of the Ainu
This being lived and travelled on flying
cucumbers and ate cucumbers and
blood. They had a depression on the
head which held water. They
would challenge travellers to fight and,
if the traveller bowed, they would bow
in return and the vital liquid ran out
and, with it, their strength. The
traveller would be afflicted by a wasting
disease. They sometimes attacked
swimmers, sucking their blood.

In one story, a kappa was captured
when it seized a horse and its life was
spared only when it promised on oath
never again to attack domestic animals.
They are said to have taught men the
art of bone-setting and are depicted as
having the body of a totoise with the
legs of a frog and the head of a
monkey.

Kapparaph

Hebrew
an animal or bird offered in sacrifice

Kapu Mate

Baltic
a name for Velumate as ‘mother of
the graveyard’

Kapua

Pacific Islands
a demi-god in Hawaii

kapu

Polynesian
the Polynesian art of restoring the
dead to life

kapurale

Ceylonese
a shaman

These men are said to be able to contact
the yaku, the spirits of ancestors and
transmit messages to their relatives.

Kaput

Persian
a storm-demon, in the form of a wolf
slain by Keresaspa

kar-fish

Persian
a fish created by Ahura Mazda to
guard the Goakerena tree

Kara

Norse
a Valkyrie
She was said to be Sigrun born again
and flew over Helgi, in the form of a
swan, to protect him in battle.
He swung his sword too high and
killed her. (see also Sigrun, Svava)
Karadan  British
a brother-in-law of King Arthur
father of Aquisant
Karadane  (see Caradoc)
Karadigi  African
a hunter
He owned 120 huge black dogs which he set on to kill the monster hippo, Mali.
Karadoc  (see Caradoc)
Karaeng Lowe  (see Caradoc)
[Mahaiswara]
a sea-god
the Indonesian version of Shiva, worshipped in the form of a lingam
Karakeu  (see Carahue)
Karai-Shin  Japanese
[Karai-Shin]
a Buddhist god of lightning
one of the Raijin deities
Kara-I-Te-Ata  Pacific Islands
daughter of Miro
Karaijin  (see Raijin)
Karaijin  (see Karai-shin)
karakia  Pacific Islands
a Polynesian incantation: a plea to the gods: a magic formula
Kara  (see Karali)
Karali  Hindu
[Karali]
a name for Durga or Kali as ‘terrible’
Karamanas  Hindu
a river of ill-fortune
It is said that touching the water of this river negates the merit of good deeds.
Karandala  African
an Ethiopian evil spirit
karapun  Persian
an idolatrous priest
Karaparamun  Pacific Islands
an early Melanesian god
He is said to be reincarnated in John Frum, revered in the Cargo Cult of Vanuatu.
Karara-Huara  (see Nagara)
karashishi  Japanese
Chinese lions, statues of which are used to guard temples
Karataka  Hindu
[Kahila]
a jackal featured in the Punchatantra
(see also Damina)
Karaty-khan  Mongol
a hero who killed the man-eating demon, Puneusse
Karawata  Pacific Islands
a Melanesian woman
It is said that she gave birth to a spirit-bird, the cockatoo.
karakawatonga  Pacific Islands
benevolent coastal spirits of Melanesia
karacist  one who can call up demons and spirits
Kardeiss  (see Kardeiz)
Kardeiz  British
[Kardeir]
son of Percival and Condwiramur, in some accounts
brother of Aribadale and Lohenergrain
Kare  (see Kari)
Karei  Malay
[Kari]
a thunder-god
Thislarge but invisible creator uses thunder to indicate his disapproval of man’s actions, causing the guilty party to atone for his sins by self-mortification, mixing his blood with water and throwing it heavenwards.
Kareya  North American
a creator-spirit of the Karok tribe
Kari  Norse
[Karei]
a Frost Giant
god of tempests
son of Ymir
brother of Aegir and Loki
father of Beli, Thiassi and Thrym
With his brothers Aegir and Loki he formed a trinity of early gods.
Kari  Norse
[Karei]
son-in-law of Njal
father of Thord
He was the only one of the Njalsson clan to escape when Flosi’s men attacked and set fire to Njal’s house, Berghorsknoll. In later years, wielding his sword Life-taker, he exacted vengeance on the Siglussons.
Kari  (see Karei)
Karia  a name for the Rainbow Snake
Karibatu  Meopotamian
[Labam.Lamast(a).Lamastu: [sumerian Dimmes] an Assyrian demi-goddess of sickness
In some accounts, she is described as a demon with a pale face, the ears of a donkey and poisonous claws who was said to kill suckling infants.
Later, installed as guardians at the entrances to palaces, she (and the male Sedu) were depicted as winged bull/human hybrids.
In Sumerian lore she was originally a protective deity.
In some accounts, Karibatu is the same as Lamastu but Lamassu is regarded as a separate benevolent being.
Karibu  (see Kuribu)
Karihi  (see Kariki)
Karihi  Pacific Islands
brother of Tawhaki
Karina  (see Ummu-Sibyani)
Karini  Buddhist
an attendant on Buddhakapala
Karisini  Hindu
a name for Lakshmi as goddess of agriculture and rice-growing
Karitei-mo  Japanese
the original name of Kishi Bojin
Karka  Hindu
[Karkara]
one of the signs of the Zodiac, Cancer
the crab (lobster)
karkadann  Muslim
a monster, part unicorn, part rhinoceros, sometimes winged
Karkata  (see Karka)
Karkota  (see Karkota)
a snake-god
one of 7 mahanagas
Karkotaka  (see Karkota)
Karl  Norse
[Churl]
son of Amma by Heimdall
husband of Snor
Heimdall, visiting earth at Riger, fathered Karl on Amma. He married Snor, founding the class of husbandmen.
Karloberg  Norse
a name for Odin as ‘man of the mountain’
Karliki  Russian
dwarfs
They were originally spirits that fell from heaven into the underworld when Satan was expelled. There are a number of varieties including Domoviks, Leshi, Vodyanoi and Vozdushnui.
Karlot  (see Charlot)
Karl’s Wagon  (see Great Bear)
Karma  Indian
causation: the doctrine that one’s own deeds affect one’s chances of re-birth
This doctrine, in various forms, is found in the beliefs of the Buddhists, the Hindus and the Jains.
Karma-sakshi  Hindu
a name for Surya as ‘witness’
Karmadakini  Buddhist
god of the air
Karmheruka  Buddhist
one of the 5 Herukabuddhas
(Karla-Mo)
Karmavasita  Buddhist
a goddess
one of the 12 Paramita goddesses
Karmendriyas

5 of the 10 vital breaths
The other five are known as the
Jnandriyas. The ten breaths (Prana) plus
Prana were regarded as a
manifestation of the eleven sons of Rudra.

East Indian

Karna1

a Javanese warrior
son of Suria and Kunti

Karna2

son of Surya and Kunti

It was said that Karna was born from
Kunti’s ear.

Hindu

Karni

a Llamaist sage

Karneia

(see Carneia)

Karneios

(see Karneos)

Karneia

a name for Mount Meru as
‘lotus mountain’

Roman

Karnos [Karneios]
an ancient Assyrian sun-god

Karsous [West Indian]
a Haitian female voodoo spirit

Karobinga [see Gario]

Karlo [see Karpo]

Karpophoros [see Kourotrophos]

Karpot

a dead warrior

The ghost of this warrior was
haunting the area so Grettir opened
the tomb, removed the treasure and
left the area so Grettir opened

Karshtapat [see Karshiptapat]

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Karshta

Persian

Karshipta [see Karshipta]

a bird sent out by Yima to look for
survivors after the flood

This bird, said to be able to speak, was
also sent out to spread the teachings of
Ahura Mazda.
Kasha

a god said to live on mother-of-pearl
Kasha [Japanese]
an evil spirit gorging on corpses
Kasdeya1
a devil of destruction
Kasdeya2 [Norse]
a demon which appears as a calf
Kaseteran [Pacific Islands]
[Land of Ghosts]
home of the spirits of the dead
This realm is envisaged as a gloomy forest in which only the heads of the spirits are visible.
Kashale
(see Koshare)
Kashare
Kashiko-dokoro
[Japanese]
an imperial private shrine used for ancestor-worship
Kashikone
Kashi
(see Kashyapa)
Kashile
Kashyapa1
holding a staff and a scroll.
years and is depicted as an old man
the future Buddha, Maitreya.
gown to hold in trust for the coming of
death was the cause of an earthquake.
Kashyapa converted to Buddhism at
brothers, Gaya Kashyapa and Nadi
hermit was Uruvilva Kashyapa. His two
who converted to Buddhism. This
He was originally an Indian Brahmin
He plunged his sword through the
Japanese
Kashima
Kasha
Kasdeya2
Kasle
Kashyapa
Kaspar von der Rhon
KATHERINE
Kato Saemon
Kathakatanave
Central American
the first man, in the lore of some
Mexican peoples
In some accounts, he emerged from
the Grand Canyon and was instructed by Coyote in the art of making men.
Kathar-Wa-Hasis
(see Kothar)
Katkochila
North American
a god of the Wintun Indians
of California
Somebody stole his magic flute so he set the earth on fire. The Flood came in time to save the world.
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Japanese
a rich man: a warrior
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When, five years later, his wife and son came looking for him, he kept his vows as a priest and pretended that he was not Sayemon.
Katoyilla
(see Ilyapa)
Katonda
African
Ssehinin.Ssewamaku]
the creator-god of the Baga
Katsinas
North American
Pueblo rain-spirits
children of latiku
(see also Kachina)
katanes
Arab
a hairy vampire
Katataragama
Ceylone
[=Hindu Skanda]
a Tamil god
Katari
African
a water-demon in the lore of the
Nyamuezi tribe
Kataris
a demon associated with dogs
Katavul
Ceylone
[Kadavul]
the supreme god of the Tamils
Katayun
Greek
a princess
lover of the Persian hero, Zariadres
Kataziwuri
Mesopotamian
[=Hittite Kamrusepa]
a Hatti goddess of healing
Katchina
Katha-Sarit-Sagara
Hindu
an 11th c book of mythology written by Somadeva
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Kausalya Hindu

Kaushita (see Durga) Hindu

Kaustubha a jewel of Vishnu

This precious object was produced at the Churning of the Ocean, the eighth thing to emerge on that occasion.

Kautar (see Kothar) Hindu

Kautarya [Chanakya]
a counselor at the emperor’s court

Kawatu Pacific Islands

Kawaya Japanese

a deity of the toilet

Kawelu Pacific Islands

a queen

Kawo (see Caw) Hindu

Kawakuku Pacific Islands

Kawako (see Kappa) Hindu

Kawakuku (see Korraval) Pacific Islands

Kawama Japanese

a deity of the toilet

Kay British

When Kay left behind his sword just before the gathering of nobles to elect a new king, Arthur rode back to fetch it but failed to find it. He then decided that Kay should have the sword which, set in an anvil and a block of stone, had appeared in the churchyard and pulled it out with ease. When he handed it to Kay, the assembly realised that it was he, Arthur, who was destined to become king of Britain.

Once, when King Arthur was entrapped by the sorceress, Annwre, Kay saved the king from death at her hands and killed her.

He was said to have killed Lachere, one of the king’s sons, but he helped Arthur in his fight with the giant of Mont Saint Michel and killed Palug’s Cat, a monstrous animal that had eaten 180 soldiers on Anglesey.

He was one of the many knights captured and imprisoned by Tarquin, who hated all Arthur’s knights, until rescued by Lancelot. When freed, he followed his rescuer and that night, as...
Kay slept, Lancelot donned his armour and rode off. In this guise, Lancelot defeated Gawter, Gilmere and Raywold and then Ector, Ewain, Gawain and Sagramore so that Kay's reputation as a warrior was enhanced.

When Arthur conquered much of the Continent, Kay was left in charge of Anjou.

In the Welsh stories he is Cei or Kai, son of Cynyr, who grew as tall as a tree and had the ability to live for nine days and nights under water. He also generated so much heat that he remained dry in any downpour and could keep his comrades warm in winter and any burden he carried could never be seen. He was present at Arthur's court when Peredur arrived and he ill-treated the dwarf and his wife who both greeted Peredur although they had never before spoken while employed at the court. Peredur vowed to avenge this ill-treatment and when, some time later, Kay met him in single combat, he was defeated and broke an arm and shoulder.

He was one of the band of Arthur's men who helped Cullwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen and, in the guise of a sword-maker, entered the fort of Gwrmach the giant, killed him and took the sword which Cullwch had been instructed to get by Ysbaddaden. He also trapped Dillus and pulled out his facial hairs to make the leash which was another of the tasks Culhwch had been set.

In some accounts he was a Saxon who became a Christian.

He was killed by Gwyddawg, in some accounts, but others say he was killed in battle against either the Romans or Mordred. (see also Kai)

**Kay Kaus**

[Kai Kaus,Kavi Usan=-Hindu Kavya]  
*a mythical king*  
husband of Sudabe  
father of Siyawush

He led an army to rid the land of demons but the leader of the demons, Diw-e-Safid (Arzang), pelted the army with stones from above and took Kay Kaus, who had been blinded by the stones, prisoner. He was later rescued by the great hero, Rustem, who cured the king's blindness. When the king, riding an eagle, pursued some of the demons to their stronghold in the mountains, God caused him to fall down the mountain.

His second wife, Sudabe, accused Siyawush, the king's son by his first wife, of making advances though it was she who was guilty of trying to seduce the young prince. Siyawush fled from the palace but was killed by the demon Afrasiyah.

He was tempted by the evil demons, the Mazainyon, to take over the kingdom of heaven and tried to fly by tethering an eagle to each corner of his throne and urging them on with lumps of meat held in front of them on spears. He failed in the attempt and would have been killed by Ahura Mazda's messenger, Nairyosangha, but the spirit of his yet-to-be-born grandson, Kay Khosraw, pleaded for his life and saved him.

He ruled for fifty years before the usurper, Kay Khurshaw, took over the throne.

**Kay Khosraw**

(see Kay Khusraw)

**Kay Khurshaw**

[Chosrow.Haoshrvah.Kai Khursaw]  
*a mythical king*  
son of Siyawush

Before he was born, his spirit intervened when Nairyosangha was about to kill Kay Kaus, his grandfather. His pleas saved Kay Kaus from death.

He was raised by shepherds in Afghanistan and became a skilled warrior, fighting lions at the age of ten. He was said to have killed the demon Afrasiyah.

In Persia, a noble named Gudarz dreamt of this future king and sent his son, Gzew, to bring him back to Persia. Here he slew a dragon and killed the man who had killed his father. After reigning for many years, he abdicated in favour of his son and disappeared into the mountains.

He was guided to heaven by Sraosha.

**Kay Khushraw**

(see Kay Khusraw)

**Kay Kobad**

[Kay Keadadh.Kay Qubadh]  
a mythical king

He was found by Rustem, floating in the waters of a river, and was adopted by the king whom he later succeeded.

**Kay Kvadadh**

(see Kay Kobad)

**Kay**

[Nuzuki]  
a goddess of herbs

**Kayanu-hime**

[a goddess of grasses and herbs  
an aspect of Toyo-uke-hime  
in Java, a stylised representation of the Tree of Life]

**Kayura**

[-Zulu Kayurankuba]  
a Tanzanian storm-god

**Kayurankuba**

[-Tanzanian Kayura]  
a Zulu storm-god

**Kayotsarga**

[Am]  
dismissal of physical concerns in favour of those of the spirit

**Kayurukre**

[South American]  
a culture-hero who gave bees to the Caingang tribe

**Kazariya Kyubei**

[Japanese]  
a merchant

His servant, Tama, returned after death in the form of a fly.

**Kaze**

[Japanese]  
a wind-god

**Kazikamuntu**

[African]  
the first man, according to the lore of the Banyarwanda

**Kazila**

[African]  
something forbidden or taboo

In some cases, royalty may not eat pig. Women are banned from eating fish by decrees of Nzambi.

**Kazoba**

[Nyanwezi=-Tanzanian Kayoba]  
a creator-god of the Ankore people of Uganda  
a name of Rugaiba as sun-god

**Kazu-Tsuchi**

[Japanese]  
a Shinto fire-god  
son of Izanagi and Izanami  
His mother died giving birth to this deity. His father decapitated him and from his blood sprang Hi-Hya-Hi and four (or sixteen) other deities.

**Kazyoiba**

[African]  
[-Ugandan Kazooba]  
creator-god and sun-god of the Nyamwezi people of Tanzania

**Kbai-khotun**

(see Kybai-khotun)

**Kchemnito**

(see Gitchi Manitou)

**K'daai Maqsin**

[Siiberean]  
in the lore of the Yakuts, a smith-god  
in the underworld

He is said to have introduced shamans and is regarded as the tutelary deity of blacksmiths.

To make iron hard he tempers it in the blood of a lion, a young man and a maiden and tears of a seal.

He is envisaged as covered in a thick layer of dirt and rust, with closed eyes.
Ke Akua

It takes eight men above and eight below to pull his eyelids apart so that he can see.

Ke Akua (see Akua)

Keagvih Derguesk North American

a whirlpool

This whirlpool had claimed the lives of many young men so the tree-spirit, Hanging Hair, called a meeting in Festival House of all the river-spirits who agreed to curb its power. The storm-spirit blew part of a cliff into the river, so diverting the flow of water and reducing the whirlpool to a gentle eddy.

Keats, John English

(1795–1821)

a poet

He was author of several works on mythological themes including Endymion, Lamia and Hyperion.

Keb (see Geb)

Kebechet Egyptian
da snake-goddess daughter of Anubis

Kebechsenef (see Qebechsenuf)

Kebeh (see Qebechsenuf)

Kebehsenuf (see Qebechsenuf)

Keekamanetowa (see Ketchimanetowa)

Keecrops (see Cecrops)

Kedalion (see Cedalion)

Kedemel

da demon of the planet Venus

Kedesheh (see Kades)

Kedeshet (see Kades)

Keela mac Ronan (see Cailte)

Keen Kings Australian

a race of men with wings

These evil beings, built like tall humans with bat-like wings attached to their arms and with only two fingers and a thumb on each hand, lived in a huge cage where, in a hole in the floor, a huge black warrior, with one leg and one eye in the middle of his forehead, guarded the property of the Black Knight and put those seeking adventure on the road to meeting the Black Knight in combat.

Kenevan (see Ciahan)

Keb

Egyptian

a primordial god portrayed as having the head of a frog

Kehama Hindu

a prince

He drank some amrita but failed to achieve immortality. Instead, he found himself acting as one of the four supporting the throne of Yama, the god of the dead.

Kehtahn North American

an offering to the gods of the Navajo, a reed filled with tobacco etc.

Kebhydius (see Kaherdin)

Kei1 Japanese

sister of Hasu-ko

When Hasu-ko died, her soul took over Kei’s body and, for a whole year, lived with a lover. At the end of that time, Hasu-ko’s soul left Kei and was returned to life and married Hasu-ko’s former lover.

Kei2 (see Kai.Kay)

Keidomos Greek

da demon

This being, who accompanied Ares in battle, controlled the noise of the battle.

Kekikeyi (see Kaekeya)

Keiko Japanese

an emperor

father of O-Usu-no-Mikito and Oho-usu

He sent his son Oho-usu to escort two beautiful maidens to the court to become wives of the emperor. Instead, Oho-usu married the girls, Ye-hime and Oto-hime, and sent two others to his father’s court. Keiko refused to accept them and they died of grief.

Kek (see Kekui)

Kekkeo East Indian

a fabulous bird

This bird can talk and also provides food for orphans.

Keket (see Kekui)

Kekewage Pacific Islands

the keeper of the Melanesian afterworld, Bebebwesu

husband of Sinebomatu

He and his wife care for the spirits of dead children until their parents also die and can look after them.

Kekri1 Baltic

an ancient Finnish god of cattle

Kekri2
die and can look after them.

Kekri3

a Finnish festival in honour of the god Kekri

kekri2

a Finnish ghost or spirit

kekritar

Baltic masks, or the people wearing them, in the Kekri festival

Kekrops (see Cecrops)

Keku (see Kekui)

Kekui Egyptian

[Emen.Kek(u).Kuk]
a primaeval god consort of Kekui

One of a pair of gods, with Kekui, created from Chaos by Thoth.

Kekut (see Kekuit)

Kekuwawkqu’ (see Kewawkqu’)

kekyon Greek

da drink of Demeter used in the ceremonies at Eleusis

Keloin (see Celaoenso)

deltby (see kelpie)

Kele Pacific Islands

a Tongan primaeval deity consort of Limu parent of Touia Fatuna

Kelea Pacific Islands

a princess sister of Kawao wife of Kalamakua and Lo-hale

Kalamakua was sent on a voyage to find a bride for his cousin’s son, Lo-hale, and came back with Kelea whom he had found swimming in the sea. She married Lo-hale and bore three children but later left her husband and married Kalamakua.

Kelemon (see Celamono)

Keleos (see Celeus)

Kelets Siberian

da demon of death in the lore of the Chukchee

He is said to have a pack of dogs with which he hunts and kills men.

Kelikila Hindu

a name of Rati as ‘the shameless one’

Kelliwig Celtic

[Kelliwig]
one of King Arthur’s castles, in Cornwall

Kelliwig (see Kelliwig)
Kelok

North American

a monster

In the lore of the tribes of the southwest, this winged giant was killed by Coyote and his body ignited a fire that destroyed the world.

kelpie

Scottish

[kelby,kelpy-Irish each usage:

<Manx Calbyll-Ustey/Glaistyn:
Orkney kiej=Scotland
shoopiltee=Shetlands shoopiltee:
Wesle cefyn dwr]
a spirit in the form of a water-horse
He lures people to ride on his back, runs into the water to drown them and then eats them.

kelpy (see kelpie)

Kelchair (see Celchair)

Kelchar (see Celchair)

Kelyddon (see Caledon Wood)

Kematef (see Knel)

Kembal

Pacific Islands

a semi-divine hero of Keraki

kenea

Hebrew

an amulet used to ward off the evil eye

kemia

(see kenea)

kemiah

(see kenea)

kemoit

Malay

ghost

A soul allowed to reach Belet, the home of the dead, is turned into a kemoit when the earlier inhabitants meet under the Mapik tree and break its arms and legs and turn its eyes inwards.

Kemos

(see Chemosh)

Kemosh

(see Chemosh)

Kemur

(see Kemwer)

Kemush

[=Modoc Kumush]

the Klamath name for Kumush

Kemwer

[=Kemur]

an earth god

Ken

Chinese

one of the Eight Diagrams, representing mountains and dog

Ken-ri-ji

Japanese

[Kenro-ri-jin]
an earth god

Ken Tamboehan

Malay

[=Kemfuahalan.Lady Unknown]
a princess

She was left in the forest by an eagle which had carried her off and was found there by a king who married her to his son. The queen had her killed and her body was thrown into the river.

Kenaima

West Indian

a Carib Indian with the power of death: an avenger

Kenarey

(see Kenor)

Kendatsuba

Japanese

a guardian deity

one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

Kenet

Egyptian

a goddess originating from Syria

Keneu

North American

an eagle

The companion, with Oshadagea, of the thunder-god Hino.

(Keneu)

(see also Keneu)

Keneu

North American

[Chief Thunderbird/Golden Eagle]

an Indian totem figure

He is regarded as the guardian of fire, originally stolen by Manahush.

Keng San Ku-niang

Chinese

(see also Keneu)

[Keng San Ku-niang]

[Three Lavatory Ladies]

2 sisters of Chao Kung-ming

Their brother was killed in the Battle of Mu and they tried to avenge his death by throwing their red buckets (water-closets) at the enemy forces. Two of them, Chi'ung Hsiao and Pi Hsiao, were killed. For their efforts in the great battle, they were appointed guardians of childbirth.

Another version says that the interpretation as three goddesses is mistaken and has Ken San Ku as the Third Lady of the Privy, a goddess who was the mortal, Lady Chi', second wife of an official. His first wife, Lady Ti'ao, killed Chi' by throwing her into the privy. She is alternatively known as Third Lady (San Ku), Purple Lady or Seventh Lady (Chi' Ku).

Kengida

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian deity, messenger for Enil

Kengi

(see Hikoboshi)

Kengoi

Japanese

an aspect of Jizo as ‘strong determination’

Kengyu

(see Hikoboshi)

Kengyu-sei

(see Hikoboshi)

Kenimbleni

African

a Subaigi

He stole magic powders which made him immortal and enabled him to fly and to talk the language of the birds.

Kennaquhair

Scottish

an imaginary place

kene

South American

a stone which the Incas said formed in the eye of a stag

This stone was used as an antidote to poison.

Kenneth

(see Cainneach)

kenningar

Norse

the metaphorical language of the skalds used to describe gods etc.

Kenny

(see Cainneach)

Kenor

Cambodian

[Kenory=Hindu Gandharva]
a being with a female head and thorax but the wings and feet of a bird

Kenos

(see Keros)

Kenro-ri-jin

(see Ken-ri-ji)

Kentaur

(see Centaur)

Kentauroi

(see Centaur)

Kentauro

(see Centaur)

Kenverchyn

(see Kenferchyn)

Kenzo

Japanese

minor deities

Kephalos

(see Cephalus)

Kepheus

(see Cepheus)

Kephisos

(see Cepheus)

Ker

Greek

goddess of death

daughter of Erebos and Nyx

sister of Hypnos, Moros and Thanatos

Her function was to drag the dead and dying to the entrance to the underworld. She is depicted as wearing a long cloak stained with blood.

(see also keres3)

Mesopotamian

a name for Q’re

ker

(see keres)

Ker-Is

(see Ys)

Ker-Ys

(see Ys)

Keral

(see Issaki)

Kerastes

(see Cerastes)

Keraunia

Greek

a name for Semele reflecting her death from the lightning of Zeus

Keraunos

Greek

a thunder-god

a name of Zeus as ‘lightning’

Kerberos

(see Cerberus.Nabereus)

kere

Mongolian

[=Chinese ch’i-lin:=Japanese kirin:
=‘Tibetan serou’
=‘Hindu Gandharva’
=‘Indian totem figure’
=‘Minor deity’
=‘Black bull worshipped in Athribis’
=‘any Shetland shoopiltee:’
=‘Manx Cabyll-Ushtey.Glaistyn:
=‘Welsh cefyn dwr’
=‘Three Lavatory Ladies’]

Keren

Eastern Indian

the first man, in Papuan lore

He was hatched from the egg of a huge turtle and mated with Ivi Apo, the first woman, who was born from another egg.

keremat

Pacific Islands

the power of miracle-working of saints

keremet

Baltic

in Finnish lore, the place where a hero was killed

Bonfires are made on this spot in tribute to the hero who, it is said, will continue to serve his country.
accounts, by whom he had seven sons, one of whom, Yasih, slipped by Anar, wanted his father's throne and led an unsuccessful rebellion when his father fell ill. Keret was cured by Sha'taqat, sent by El.

Kereth Egyptian
a snake-god

Kere'tkun Siberian
[Peruten]
the supreme sea-spirit
husband of Cinei'nen

He is said to devour the bodies of the drowned.

Kerh (see Qeh)

Kerhet (see Qerhit)

Keri South American
a culture-hero of the Bakairi Indians
the sun personified
son of Oka
brother of Kame

The mother of Keri and Kame conceived them by swallowing two bones. Her mother-in-law killed her but the two children were saved. The brothers pushed the sky up to allow room for men to live and invented fire and water. They also produced all the animals of the earth from a hollow tree and set the sun and moon on their present courses through the sky.

Keridwen (see Ceridwen)

Keridwin (see Ceridwen)

kerimas Tibetan
[keyuri]

a group of 8 Buddhist goddesses

These beings form part of the Bard group of goddesses. Each one is a different part of the human body.

Kerkio (see Cercios)

Kerkopes (see Cercopes)

Kerkoon (see Cercyon)

Kerlaug Norse
[Kerlaug,Kerlogar]

a meeting-place of the gods near Urda's well

In some accounts, two rivers of the dead. (see Kormt)

Kerlaung (see Kerlaug)

Kerlogar (see Kerlaug)

Kernababy (see Cornbaby)

kernos Greek
a jar or drinking-vessel used in the Eleusinian rites

Keros South American
[Kenos]

the first man, in the lore of the Ona tribe of Tierra del Fuego

Keros produced more people by forming sexual organs from peat which united to make the ancestors of the tribe.

Kerres Italian
an early mother-goddess

kerrighed French
devilish spirits in France
(see also Coranieid.Corrigan)

kerub (see cherub)

keruk North American
a ceremony of the Yuma tribe, designed to make the dead happy and send them on their way

Kerwan North American
a Pueblo maize-spirit
(see also Kachina Mana)

kerykeion Greek
[=Roman caduceus]

the wand of Hermes
(see caduceus)

Keryneian Hind
[=Roman Ceres]
in Java, the vital principle permeating the universe

Kesa Hindu
[=Indian shakti]
a name of Varuna in his role as a sea-god

Kesa1 Japanese
a faithful wife

Under duress she agreed to help Endo Morito kill her husband so that she could become his wife. She gave him access to her husband's room and he cut off the head of the sleeping figure which turned out to be Kesa wearing her husband's night-shirt.

Kesair (see Cessair)

kesaken [=Indian shakti]
East Indian

Kesava Hindu
a name for Vishnu, in the form of a boar, as 'hairy'

Keshi (see Keshin)

Keshini1 Hindu
[Keshi.Kesin]
a Vedic ascetic and mystic

Keshini2 Hindu

Keshin1 Buddhist
[Keshi.Kesin]
a horse-demon

He once tried to rape the maiden Devasena but Indra arrived in time to save her and, when the god threatened Keshin with his thunderbolt, the demon fled. Kamsa posted this demon to kill Krishna but the god killed both the demon and Kamsa.

Keshini2 Buddhist
[=Indian shakti]
an attendant on the goddess Arapancana
Keshini\textsuperscript{2} Hindu
[Keshini] a maid-servant of Damayanti
Keshvar Persian
one of the 6 sections into which the outer part of the world is divided
Kesil Semitic
a giant: the constellation Orion
He tried to reach the heavens but god tied him up and put him in the sky as Orion. When he disappears below the horizon, he is said to be spending part of the year in She'ol.

In some accounts, he is equated with Gibbor or Nimrod.
Kesin (see Keshini)
Kesini (see Keshini)
Kesan\textsuperscript{a} East Indian
[\textsuperscript{a}Hindu Krishna] the Javanese form of Krishna
Kesana\textsuperscript{a} Malay
[\textsuperscript{a}Hindu Krishna] the Malay form of Krishna
Ket (see Cet)
Ketanto'wit North American
\textsuperscript{[great power]} a creator-god of the Delaware Indians
Ketchkatch North American
in the lore of the tribes of the north-west, the grey fox created by Kumush
Ketchimanetowa North American
[Great Spirit,Keckamanetowa] the creator-god of the Fox tribe
\textsuperscript{(see also Great Spirit)}
Ketil (see Ketill)
Ketill\textsuperscript{1} Norse
[\textsuperscript{1}Ketil] a legendary hero
He was with the Njalssons when they were attacked by a force led by Frosti and died with the rest of Njal's family when the attackers burnt the house down.
Ketill\textsuperscript{1} Norse
[\textsuperscript{1}Ketil] a would-be assassin
He was hired by Helgi to kill the merchant Thorleif but the two became good friends.
Ketill\textsuperscript{1} Norse
[\textsuperscript{1}Ketil] a farmer
He went through a form of marriage with his niece, Ketilrid, to protect her until Viglund, the man she loved, returned from overseas.
Ketilrid Norse
daughter of Holmkell and Thorbjorg
She fell in love with Viglund but her parents wanted her to marry the rich Hakon. When Hakon, aided by Ketilrid's two brothers, ambushed and wounded both Viglund and his brother Trausti, who then left the country, Ketilrid went through a form of marriage with her uncle, Ketil, to protect her until Viglund returned and married her.
Keto (see Ceto)
Ketqskwaye North American
a creator-goddess of the Huron
Ketse-awa Russian
tutelary spirit, guardian of the sun
Ketsi Niousak North American
goodness personified, in the lore of the Abnaki
Kettu (see Kittu)
Ketu Hindu
\textsuperscript{[Chinese Chi-tu]} the lunar node known as the Dragon’s Tail, the part of Rahu which the amrita did not reach
Ketua African
god of fortune in Zaire
Ketumala Hindu
one of the 4 island-continents mentioned in the \textit{Mahabharata}
\textsuperscript{(see also Dvipa)}
Keu (see Kay)
Keu Woo Chinese
in Hainan, a deity controlling typhoons
Keux (see Ceyx)
Keva (see Cebha)
Kevalin Jain
a sage
Kevin (see Caoimhghin)
Kewanambo East Indian
a man-eating ogre of Papua
This demon often appears in the guise of a kindly woman who lures children from their homes.
Kewawkqu North American
\textsuperscript{[Great Spirit,Keckamanetowa]} a tribe of giant magicians
These demon followers of Malsum were defeated by Gluskap.
Keyeme South American
lord of the animals in the lore of the Taulipang people
He is envisaged as a man who can change into a snake.
Keyuri (see Kerimas)
Kezer-Tshingis-Kaira-Khan Russian
a hero of the flood
He is said to have taught men how to prepare strong drink.
Khada North American
(see Khadga)
Khadau Siberian
with Mamaldi, the first pair of beings

Khadga Hindu
[\textit{Khadaga}] a sword, one of the weapons of Durga
Khadir Arab
The original Khadir was born in Persia in 1077 and died in 1166.

He was a prophet who became immortal after drinking from the Well of Life, the only mortal allowed to do so. He accompanied Alexander the Great into a cave in search of the well. He used a jewel to guide them but they became separated and Khadir stumbled in the darkness and fell into the well. As a result of drinking from the well, he turned a bluish-green colour. He managed to find his way out of the cave and is said to be still alive, wandering the face of the earth, returning once every 500 years to the same place.

It is said that he can speak every language. When he was captured, his chains turned to dust. On another occasion, King Abud ordered his men to kill the prophet but their swords turned against the soldiers and killed them.

When the king, Jantam, gave his daughter to Alexander as a wife, Khadir used his magic to fill the king's storehouse with treasure.

In another version, Khadir was cook to Alexander the Great on his expedition into the desert. As he washed a dried fish in a pool, prior to cooking it for his master's supper, the fish came to life and swam away. Khadir drank some of the water and, as in other versions, turned green and became immortal. Alexander wanted to achieve immortality himself but the pool could no longer be found and he would have killed the cook had he not been invulnerable. He finally threw the unfortunate Khadir, weighted with stones, into the sea, whereupon Khadir turned into a sea-god, still immortal.

One story tells how a king had been duped by a dervish but the king pardoned him on the advice of Khadir.

His judgment was demonstrated when, having smashed a boat, killed a youth and rebuilt a wall, he explained that the boat was destined to be captured by pirates, the youth to become an evil man and the wall...
contained much treasure that would now go to two orphans and not to the greedy tenant.

Khadir is depicted as a young man but nevertheless with white hair and beard.

Khadiyani-Tara Buddhist
a goddess
Khagarbha (see Akasaragarbha)
khaib (see khaibit)
khaibit Egyptian
[khaib.khaybet]
a personal shadow, part of the individual’s make-up

It was said that this shadow could leave the body and exist on its own.

Khakadi khaibit
Egyptian
khamsa
a mystic number; the number 5

This number is so powerful that it is never used in speech.

Khamseh Persian
a 12th c book of legends

Khan-iki Siberian
an earth-watching deity
son of Overgod

Khandas Cambodian
[-Hindu Gandharvas]
the white tevodas

Khandava Hindi
[Khandavaprapstha]
the country given to the Pandavas by Dhartarashthra

Khandavaprapstha (see Kandava)
Khandobha Hindi
an aspect of Shiva
consort of Mhalsa

Kantaka (see Kanta)
Khar (see Khara)
Khara Persian
[Khar]
a huge ass

This beast, described as having only three legs but six eyes (two are on top of its head and two in its hump) stands in the sea called Vourukasha and is said to be able to overcome all forms of evil.

In some accounts, Khara is described as a primaeval fish.

Kharasvara Jain
gods of the underworld
These beings torture the wicked dead by forcing their bodies into thorn-bushes.

Khariteis (see Graces)
Kharmaheruka (see Amoghasiddhi)
Kharon (see Charon)
Kharubdis (see Carybdis)

Khasa Hindi
a goddess of forest spirits
daughter of Daksha
a consort of Kasyapa

Khasapana Buddhista form of Hayagriva as an assistant to Avalokiteshvara
an aspect of Avalokiteshvara, some say He is depicted as white and sitting on the moon.

Khasm Persian
[Khism]
a later name for Aeshma
Khat Egyptian
the physical body, as distinct from Sahu the spiritual body, one of the elements comprising the complete being

Khatib Malay
a man who discovered the Bamboo Princess

He went into the jungle to look for the Bamboo Princess. While he slept, she cooked a meal for him and then disappeared. He then cut open the bamboo under which he had been sleeping and the princess emerged. They both went to Bukit Peraja and disappeared and, although still alive, are never seen. They will, however, help anybody who invokes their aid.

khavanga Buddhist
a word used in rituals incorporating the vajra, a skull, etc.

khaybet (see khaibit)
Khebe (see Khipa)
Khebieso (see Khebieso)
khecatava Buddhist
levitation: astral travel: the sensation of leaving the physical body

Kheiron (see Chiron)
Khen-Ma Tibetan
[Khon-Ma]
a Buddhist goddess controlling earthly demons
She is depicted with eight wrinkles in her face and riding a ram.

Khen-Pa Tibetan
a Buddhist god controlling heavenly demons
He is depicted with white hair and riding a white dog.

Khenemu (see Khnum)
Khens (see Khons)
Khensit Egyptian
a goddess of the Lower Kingdom
She is depicted in the form of the uraeus.

Khensu (see Khons)
Khentamenti (see Khenti Amentiu)
Khenti Amentiu Egyptian
[Chenti-amentiu.Chontamenti.
Chontiamentiu.First of the Westerners.
Khentamenti.Khenty-imentiu.
King of the Dead: Wepwawet]
a funerary god, god of the underworld
This jackal-headed deity was later assimilated with Osiris who ruled the underworld under that name.

Other versions give Khentamenti as a name for Anubis and later for Osiris.

Khentim-Amentiu [Chenti-amentiu.Chontamenti.
Chonti-amentiu.First of the Westerners.
Khentamenti.Khenty-imentiu.
King of the Dead: Wepwawet]
a god
Originally envisaged as a crocodile, he developed into a falcon-god and merged with Osiris.

Khenti-Cheti Egyptian
[Chenti-chedi.Greek Chentechti]
a god

He was responsible for law and order and was depicted as blind.
Khenty-imentiu

(see Khenti Amentiu)
Khenty-seh-netjer
(see Anubis)
Khepera
(see Khepra)
Kheperi
(see Khepra)
Khepra
Egyptian
(Chapra, Chepra, Khepra, Khep(ri).)
a scarab-headed sun-god
a manifestation of Ra as the morning sun
He was regarded as a self-created creator-god, rising out of Nun, who, merely by saying his name, created a solid place on which he could stand, and created Shu and Tefnut. He was later assimilated with Ra, the sun-god. In some accounts, he was the son of Nut who swallowed her son each evening only for him to be born again each morning.

In another version, one of his eyes wandered across the sky each day as the sun and was brought back to him by Shu and Tefnut. In the form of a scarab, he fought the demons of the abyss from which he had emerged.

Khentiu
He was said to have created the world by rolling his own spittle into a ball. (see also Menthu)
Kheprer
(see Khepra)
Khepri
(see Khepra)
Khepy
(see Khepra)
Kherebu
Mesopotamian
Assyrian spirits
Kherneter
(see Field of Reeds)
Kherty
Egyptian
(Cherti)
a ram-god protecting the tombs of kings
In some accounts he was the ferryman of the dead.
Khery-bakef
Egyptian
a name of Ptah as ‘he who sits under a tree’
Kheti
(see Akhthoes)
Khethpal
Indian
a guardian deity in Bengal
Khi-dimme-azaga
Mesopotamian
a Babylonian mother-goddess daughter of Ea
In some accounts, she is thought of as Belet-Seri.
Khide
Arab
[El Khidi, The Great One]
a benevolent water-spirit
Khidir
(see Khadir)
Khidu
(see Khadir)
Khimaira
(see Chimaera)

Khin-ort
Siberian
an Ostiak demon of sickness
He is said to be the pilot of the boat of the dead.
Khione
(see Chione)
Khipa
Mesopotamian
(Khebe)
a tutelary god of the Hurrians
Khism
(see Khasm)
khitaka
Hindu
a club, one of the weapons of Durga
(see also gada)
Khir2
Khenonoi
(see Telhanoai)
Khenthi
a sorceress
She once captured and seduced the hero Keresasspa but he escaped.
khunoc pray
Cambodian
an evil spirit
This particular form of pray is the spirit of a woman who died in childbirth. They are said to live in trees and throw stones at passers-by, sometimes killing them. Even worse are the spirits of those women who died during pregnancy; they are accompanied by the spirit of the unborn foetus. (see also kon pray)
Khnum
(see Khnum)
Khnum1
(see Khnum)
Khnummis
(see Khnum)
Khnum
Egyptian
Doudoon.E(e)f. Kh(e)nemu.
Knum.Lord of the Afterworld:
-Nubian Dodonu]
a ram-headed creator-god, god of the cataracts
one of the 3 Lords of Destiny
consort of Anuket and Sati
consort of Heket, Neith and Menhyt,
some say
He is said to have made gods and humans from mud from the Nile or from clay on a potter’s wheel and was guardian of the grotto where Hapi lived on the island of Bigha.
In some accounts, he was later merged with Min.
He is sometimes depicted as ram-headed or as a serpent. (see also Knef)

Khnum
Egyptian
7, 8 or 9 earth-gnomes, assistants of the creator-god, Khnum
It was said that they could reconstruct the rotting bodies of the dead.
Khnumu
(see Khnum)
Kho
(see Kaang)
Khor Thora
(see Kaang)
Khibilkhan
(see Hurukhthu)
Khoda
Persian
a supreme deity
Khodumudumo
(see Kholumulumo)
Kholumulumo
African
[Kammupa.Khodumudumo] a monster of the Stho tribe
He ate all humans except one woman whose son, Moshanyana, killed the monster when it got jammed in a narrow pass, slit open its belly and released the imprisoned people.

Khons
Egyptian
Lord of Air.Lord of All.Lord of Time.
The Traveller.—Greek Heracles]
a moon-god, wind-god, war-god and god of healing
son of Amun and Mut or of Sebek and Hathor
He was Thoth as ‘Lord of Time’ and Shu as ‘Lord of All’.
In some accounts, he grew out of the leg of Osiris after he had been cut to pieces by Set.
As Khensu-Hor or Khensu-Ra he was a sun-god.
He is sometimes depicted as a child, as falcon-headed, or as a dog-headed baboon and may be shown standing on a crocodile. (see also Ah)
Khonsu
(see Khonsu)

Khonsu-Hor
Egyptian
[Khonsu-Ra]
the god Khons as spring rain personified
Khonsu-Ra
(see Khonsu-Hor)

Khonsu
African
the supreme god of the Pygmies
He made the first pygmies in the sky and lowered them down to earth on ropes.

Khopri
(see Khepra)

Khortum
Siberian
a man who married a swan-maiden father of Galzuzt, Kholbin, Khovdueu, etc.
Like Volund, he seized the wings of a swan-maiden who came, with eight others, to bathe in a lake, and made her his wife by whom he had eleven sons. She later recovered her wings and flew away.

Khors
Slav
god of good health and healing
He is depicted as a stallion.

Khoser-et-Hasis
Phoenician
[Bn-Yn]
a sea-god
He fought Baal with the aid of Leviathan, Suffete and Zabel.
Khosodam

Siberian

a cannibalistic female ruler of the dead

She was said to have created mosquitoes.

Khosrou

(see Kay Khusrav)

Khotun

(see Ajysy)

Khovdud

Mongolian

one of the 11 sons of Khori Tumed and a swan-maiden

Khruseis

(see Chryseis)

Khusippos

(see Chrysippus)

Khur

Thai

[Galon, Gallus, Garuda]

the Thai version of Garuda

Khshathra Vairya

(see Khshathra Varya)

kh1

Egyptian

the immortal essence of the individual, one of the 5 elements comprising the complete being

This entity is sometimes depicted as a bird with a crest.

Khu2

Egyptian

god of light

Khubilgan

Siberian

[=Golke Bucu]

in the lore of the Buriats, the soul

This being, in the form of an animal or a bird, acts as the protector of a shaman.

Khubur

Mesopotamian

[=Greek Styx]

the river of death in Aralu, the Babylonian underworld

This river was crossed by a ferry operated by Arad-Ea who carried souls across to the underworld.

Khudjana

African

a creator-god in the Transvaal son of Ribimbi

He is said to have created the earth.

Khuluppu

Mesopotamian

[=Greek Syps]

the Babylonian world-tree

This tree on the banks of the Euphrates was the site of Ishtar's lovenaking sessions. The timber of the tree was said to have medicinal properties.

Khumbala

Mesopotamian

a tyrant killed by Gisdhubar

Khumbaná

Hindu

[=Cambodian Kampean]

one of a group of 8 demons led by Virudhaka

Khumbu’i Yulha

Tibetan

[Home God of the Khumbu]

patron deity of the sherpas

This deity lives on the Himalayan peak Khumbila.

Khun Hsang L’rong

Burmese

husband of Nang-pyek-kha Yeh-khi

He was the only man able to split the two gourds given to Nana by her parents. When he did so, all the animals of the world emerged.

Khun Kan

Thai

one of the Three Great Men

Khun Ket

Thai

one of the Three Great Men

khuna

Thai

paradise

Khuno

South American

a Bolivian god of snow-storms

Khuns

(see Khons)

Khuran-Nojon

Siberian

a Buriat rain-deity

He stores rain in barrels each of which, when opened, causes rain to fall for three days.

Khurad

(see Haurvatat)

Khurdhid

Persian

[=Greek Helius]

an ancient sun-god, forerunner of Hvarekhshaeta

Khuri Edzhin

Siberian

a Buriat spirit who teaches men the art of music

Khurs

(see Chors)

Khuswame

(see Khzuswame)

Khuwzane

African

[Khzuswane]

a creator-god of the Luvedu tribe

Khvarenah1

Persian

[Farro]

a god of divine grace

khvarenah2

Persian

[Farro]

a divine substance

This substance confers power on kings and the souls of the dead, creates gods, gives the stars and planets their power to influence human affairs and endows men with the strength to fight evil. Originally vested in Yima, it passed, when he spoke false words, to Mithra, then to Thraetona and finally to Keretaspas, ending up in the ocean.

It is variously said to be found in the ocean, reeds or space.

khwan

Thai

[=Indonesian badi]

the soul which, it is said, can leave the body and return

(see also windjan)

Khyati

Hindu

mother of Lakshmi by Brighu, some say

Khyung

Tibetan

[=Hindu Garuda]

winged deities of the Bon

Khyung-Gai Go-Can

Tibetan

[=Hindu Garuda]

a local Buddhist god, leader of the Khyung

KI

Japanese

 [=Chinese ch’i]

spirit: spiritual energy

Ki

Mesopotamian

[=Babylonian Anu]

a Sumerian earth-goddess

daughter of Nammu

wife of An

mother of Enil and Enki

Some say that she was the daughter of Ansar and Kitar. Others that she was generated by Nammu.

Originally, An and Ki were joined together but Enil separated them and mated with Ki to produce all living things on earth. (see also Ninmah)

ki-apod

South American

celestial spirits of the Tupari people of Brazil

ki-apopa-pod

South American

a soul, in the lore of the Tupari people of Brazil

Some say that, after the pabid leaves, the body is buried. Its heart then starts to get bigger and eventually bursts open to reveal a new being, the ki-apopa-pod. A shaman pulls this new being, made of clay, out of the ground, shapes it into human form and, after giving it food and drink, releases it into the upper air where it lives.

Ki-gulla

Mesopotamian

[Destroyer of the World]

son of Ea

ki-mon

Japanese

garden shrines said to protect the home

ki-mu

Chinese

a bag said to contain the essence of life

Ki-no-o-baké

Japanese

tree-spirit

This spirit was said to be able to leave the tree it inhabits and assume a number of different guises.

ki-pi

Chinese

diviner’s wand made of red-lacquered peachwood

ki-rin

(see kirin)

Ki Sin

Chinese

a god of Chekiang

He was originally a 2nd c. BC general who took the place of the emperor during a siege, so allowing his master to escape at the cost of his own life.

Kiažlo

North American

in Zuni lore, a hero of the Askiwi who visited Pauitwal in the underworld

Kian

(see Cian)
Kianda

African
a sea-god of the Kimbundu of Angola
He proposed, in the form of a skull, to a girl who rejected him. Her sister accepted him and they went to his palace where he revealed himself as a god.

Kiara
(see Mbomba)

Kibwebanduka
African
the Melanesian land of the dead
This land is envisaged as an island in the west. When the soul (marai) reaches Kibu it is turned into a proper ghost of the dead when it is struck on the head with a stone club. It is then a markai and can learn about life in Kibu.

Kibuka
African
Kibuka (Kibuki Kyobe)
a war-god and storm-god of the Baganda
son of Manema Mairwa and Nagadya or Namubo
brother of Mukasa
He helped the tribe in the form of a cloud from which missiles rained down on their enemies in battle.

He lost his immortality by sleeping with a mortal woman and was killed in the next battle.

Kibuku
African
Kibukyi
Kibunwasi
(see Kibuka)
a trickster-deity in Zanzibar

Kibwebanduka
African
a tribal-hero in Tanzania
He led his people to their present homeland.

Kichaka
Hindu
genera
tried to seduce Draupadi when she was serving as a maid at court and was beaten to death by Bhima.

Kichigomai
South American
a spirit of light, maker of the day, in Guatemala

Kichijoten
Japanese
the goddess of fortune

Kici Manitou
North American
[Kici Manitu]
the supreme god of the Algonquin Indians
He created the world from mud collected by birds and dried in his sacred pipe. His staff forms the central support for the world.

Kici Manei
(see Kici Manitou)

Kicva
(see Cigfa)
kicklesniffer
North American
a fabulous animal

Kida
(see Kaidu)

Kidilli
Australian
[Kitulu]
a moon-man of the Aborigines
When he tried to rape the first woman he was killed by Kurukadi and Mumba, the lizard-men of the Dreamtime.

Kidir
(see Khadir)

Kidul
East Indian
a sea-goddess, goddess of storms
She met Senapati when he was swimming and took him to her underwater palace where he became her lover. He later returned to his home and became king of Java.

Kidri
(see Khadir)

Kiechtan
North American
a beneficent god in the lore of the New England tribes

Kieran
(see Ciaran)
Kiet
African
in the lore of the Nandi, the world order created by Asis

Kigare
African
a cattle-god of the Banyoro

Kigva
(see Cigfa)
Kigwa
African
an ancestral hero of Rwanda
The wife of Nkuba had no children so she killed a cow and took its heart to earth on a rope. He was black and white like a zebra.

Kihanga
(see also Nkuba)
the first man in the lore of the Burundi
father of Kyanarundi, Katwa and Kinyarwanda
He was made by Imana and descended to earth as a man. He was black and white like a zebra.

Kihko Tumu
(see Te Tumu)
Kihunai
North American
the people who preceded the Hupa tribe
These people are believed to exist all round the Hupa, even above them.

Ki'i
Pacific Islands
the Hawaiian name for Tiki

Kik
African
a Nuer god, guardian of the Nile

Kiko
Japanese
an ogre of the woods

Kika
(see Na Kika)
Kika-saru
(see Kikazaru)
Kikanga
Pacific Islands
[MBomba]
Kikaro
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a Swahili charm used against thieves

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Kicva
(see Cigfa)
mother or wife of the Votyak
sky-god, Inmar

(see also Kildisin)

Kilembe
African
[Tree of Life]
a magical tree
This tree arrived on earth carried by the hero Sudika-mbambi when he was born.

Kilhwch
(see Cullhwch)
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(see Cullhwch)
Kili
Norse
one of the dwarfs

Kiliakai
(see kilyakai)
Kilibob
East Indian
a local god in New Guinea

Kili
Mesopotamian
an aspect of Ishtar as ‘harlot’

Kilma
African
a type of spirit which takes possession of humans, causing illness
(see also Kinyamkera)

Kiloa
Pacific Islands
a lizard-woman, in Polynesian lore
She and Kalamainu act as guardians of the souls of the dead.

Kilir
(see Khadir)

Killaraus
(see Hill of Ainsneach)

Killer-of-Enemies
North American
a culture-hero or minor deity of the Apache and Navaho
son of Changing Woman
brother of Child-of-the-Water
and Wise One
He and his brothers killed monsters and all the enemies of mankind.
He is credited with the creation of the horse in which he used the wing of a bat to form the diaphragm.

Kilot
Pacific Islands
the underworld, in some parts of the Philippines
This place is regarded as the home of the left-hand kalaloa (soul); the right-hand one goes to a heaven in the sky.

Kilu
Pacific Islands
a Hawaiian song-festival and recital of legends

Kilyakai
East Indian
[kiliakai]
malevolent forest spirits of New Guinea
These spirits are said to shoot arrows which cause malaria.

Kilydd
(see Cilydd)
Kima
Japanese
the first maiden to be abducted by the spirit of Yenoki

Kimat
Pacific Islands
a dog of lightning in the Philippines, owned by Tadaklan

Kimata-no-kami
Japanese
[Tree-trunk god]
son of Okuni-Nushi and Ya-gami-hime
When this child was born, Ya-gami-hime left it in a tree outside the palace where Okuni-Nushi now lived with Suseri-hime. The child was found by the palace servants and Suseri-hime reared him as her own.

Kimbanda
African
a sorcerer in Angola

Kimba
Irish
[Cambaeth,Cimbaeth,G(o)mbaeth.
Combaoth.Cumbaeth]
a prince of Ulster
brother of Aedh and Dithorba
On the death of his brother, Aedh, he was due to share the throne of Ulster with his other brother, Dithorba, but he was killed by Aedh’s daughter, Macha, who forcibly wed Kimba and took the throne.
In some accounts, Macha is the sister of Dithorba and Kimba, rather than their niece.

Kimbeline
(see Cunobelinus)

Kimbugwe
African
a guardian of the afterbirth of a king, among the Buganda

Kimbo
Hindu
[Kimbo]
in the lore of Angola, a huge fish or crocodile
This underworld inhabitant swallowed Sudika-mbambi but was killed by his brother Kabundungulu.

Kimera
African
an ancestral king of the Baganda grandson of Kintu
He was killed by his own grandson, Tembo, who had been led to believe that Kimera had killed his own son, Tembo’s father.

Kim
Japanese
daughter of Tenko
She fell in love with Sawara, a pupil of her father, but he left further to his education under the painter Myokei. When Kimi heard that Sawara was to marry Myokei’s daughter, she ran away. Sawara could not find her when he returned to her father’s home so he married Kiku. When Kimi later met Sawara and learned of his marriage to Kiku, she stabbed herself to death and the painting that Sawara made of her body came alive to reproach him.

Kimidinis
Hindu
hostile goblins travelling in pairs

Kimiji
Japanese
(see Kimbuji)

Kimitaka
Japanese
dughter of the emperor Ichijo
She was captured by the demon Shutenedoji but her father sent the warrior Raiko to kill the demon and she was rescued.

Kimmerians
(see Cimmerians)

Kimmeroi
(see Cimmerians)

Kimpasi
African
a ritual of the Bakongo
This ritual is performed when many deaths have occurred in a village. Young members of each family are housed in a specially-built enclosure and then taken to a burial-ground where they are beaten to death with twigs. In reality, they are merely frightened out of their wits and, when they recover, they are sent back to their families.

Kimpen-jigoku
Japanese
subsidary hells at the cardinal points of the 8 major hells of Jigoku, each divided into 4 parts
(see also Koduku-jigoku)

Kimpurusha
Hindu
a spirit serving Kubera
These beings are said to have the body of a horse with a human head.
(see also Kinnava)

Kin Tambuhan
(see Ken Tamboehan)

Kina
South American
in Tierra del Fuego, a masked religious dance-ritual for men only
Originally used by women, who were the superior sex, the sun discovered the secret from the moon and killed all the women except young girls and adopted the dance for men to ensure that they became superior to women.
(see also Tlaketan)

Kincalde
the Welsh name for Gringolet

Kinchaku
Japanese
a bag containing a charm said to protect children from accident or being lost

Kinchitungu
Central American
in the Mayan time-scale, a period of some 3,200,000 years

Kindawuss
North American
a Haida maiden
mother of Cunwhat and Soogaot
She ran off with her lover Quissankweedas when they were not allowed to marry but she was carried off by a bear while her lover was away. She bore two sons to the bear but was later found and returned to live with Quissankweedas.
Kinderbrunnen  German
wells in which, it is said, Frau Holle
guards the souls of children
(see also Kinderseen)

Kinderseen  German
lakes in which, it is said, Frau Holle
guards the souls of children
(see also Kinderbrunnen)

Kindly Ones  (see Eumenides.Furies)
kindoki  African
the secret lore of the sorcerers
Kindoki  African
an evil spirit of the Bakongo

Kindred Gods  North American
[Related Ones]
4 gods of the Sioux
These deities are given as Buffalo, Four Winds, Two-legged and Whirlwind, all aspects of Wakan Tanka.

Kine  (see Ganis)
Kina-kine-boro  East Indian
an ogre who used his long hair to lasso his victims

Kinebahan  (see Hunab)
King Arthur  English
a 17th c opera by Dryden (music by Purcell) in which the king is in love with a blind girl, Emmeline

King Arthur  English
a long poem by Edward Bulwer-Lytton

King Arthur  (see Arthur)
King Arthur and King Cornwall
 British
a 16th c poem about the king and the sorcerer

King Asoka  (see Ashoka)
King Brown  (see Lud)
King Bruin  (see Lud)
King Cole  (see Coel)
King Cornwall  British
a sorcerer appearing in a 16th c poem

King Daniel  (see Daniel)

King Fox  British
the name Lancelot used for King Mark whom he distrusted

King Goldemar  (see Goldemar)
King Herla  (see Herla.Herlethimbi)
King Hor  Tibetan
a king who abducted Brug Ma
She was rescued from his clutches by Gesai whom she married.

King Lir  (see Lir)
King Love  British
a king who dismissed his wife
When his wife oppressed his people, he banished and gave jurisdiction to her sister who was later attacked by the banished woman. Bors came to her aid and defeated the attacking forces led by Priadan.

King Mark  (see Mark)

King Mathias  (see Kralj Matjaz)
King Noble  (see Nobel)
King of Cows  Chinese
an ugly ogre, protector of cattle
King of Horses  Chinese
an ugly ogre
This being is depicted with four hands and three eyes and is revered by horse-breeders.

King of Lidskiaľ  Norse
a title of Odin

King of Men  (see Agamemnon.Zeus)

King of Military Pacification  (see Wu-an wangi)

King of Saturnalia  Roman
[Abbot of Unreason]
a man impersonating the god Saturn After five days in office, the incumbent was killed.

King of Suffering  Welsh
[King of Tortines]
His sons were killed each day by the Addance of the lake and restored to life each evening when bathed by their wives.

King of the City  (see Melkarth)

King of the Dead  (see Khenti Amentiu)

King of the Desert Land  (see Claudas)

King of the Golden Pillars  (see Easal)

King of the Isles  British
father of Biautei

King of the Land  (see Wurukatti)

King of the Lions  (see Shishi-wo)

King of the May  European
a mediaeval spirit of vegetation
In a festival in honour of this spirit, the main participant, dressed in bark and flowers, is chased by the others and, if captured, decapitated in a mock ceremony and carried on a bier to the next village where he is revived.

King of the Tangled Wood  (see Valerian)

King of the Wood  Roman
[Priest of Nemi.Rex Nemorensis]
a priest of Diana in Aricia
The first of these was Virbius and the succession went to a runaway slave or gladiator who fought the incumbent with a branch of a tree in the surrounding grove.

King of the World  (see Daire Donn.
Mandhatri.Sinsar)

King of Tortines  (see King of Suffering)

King of Worms  (see Gunther)

King Pécheur  (see Fisher King)

King Pelles  (see Pelles)

King Priam  English
an opera by Michael Tippett based on the story of the Trojan king

King Suddohodama  (see Shuddohodhana)

King Sweeney  (see Suibhne Geilt)

King with a Hundred Knights  (see Aguyans)

King Vollmar  (see Goldemar)

King Wonderful  (see Isokalakal)

Kingdom of the Faylinn  Irish
the land where the Faylinn lived, ruled by lubbudan and Bebo

Kingaludda  Mesopotamian
a Sumerian deity, messenger of Enlil

Kingfisher  Greek
the bird of Thetis

Kings of Hell  (see Ten Yama Kings)
Kings of the Island of the Torrent  Irish
leaders of the forces which, under Sinsar, sailed to Ireland to help Míadac
All three of these kings were killed in the fighting that ensued at the ford when they tried to attack Finn mac Cool and his Fianna party trapped in the Quicken Trees Hostel.

Kingsley, Charles  British
(1819-1873)
a writer
He was the author of The Heroes, tales of Greek mythology.

Kingu  Mesopotamian
[Kingu.gu.Qingu]
an Akkadian earth-god
son of Abzu and Tiamat
husband of Tiamat
He was the leader of the evil primal forces and the Eleven Mighty Helpers in the struggle with the gods and acted as holder of the Tablets of Destiny.
He was the son and second husband of Tiamat and was killed with her in the fight with Marduk. In some accounts, his blood was mixed with sand to make mankind. Some equate him with Tammuz.
Phoenician

were the offspring of Kashyapa. from Brahma’s toe, others that they Kubera’s court. These beings acted as musicians at

Kinnara2

Kinma (Kinkara

Kinjikitire Ngwale

Kinnara3

Ki’njen (Ki’njen

human beings. made the sky, the heavenly bodies and which they made the earth. They then appeared out of a rock in the sea, It is said that Kinharingan and his wife appeared out of a rock in the sea, walking on the water to the home of Bisagit who gave them some soil with which they made the earth. They then made the sky, the heavenly bodies and human beings.

Kinharingan killed his first son and cut his body into pieces which he planted in various places. From these pieces came all the plants and animals.

One version says that Bisagit gave them the soil on condition that he could have half of the people that Kinharingan made. He achieved this by spreading small-pox through the population at forty year intervals.

Kinich Ahau (see Ah Kin

Kinich Kakmo (Central American

a name of Marduk as leader of gods’

Kinnara (Hindu

one of a mythical race of horse-headed people, servants of Kubera. These beings acted as musicians at Kubera’s court.

Some say that these beings sprang from Brahma’s toe, others that they were the offspring of Kashyapa. (see also Kimpurusha)

Kinnara (Japanese

a guardian deity one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

Kinnara (Thai

a monster, half man, half bird

Kinno South American

in the lore of the Tupari of Brazil, the people who failed to reach the upper world Arotch and Tivapod dug into the earth to find the people who had stolen their food and, in so doing, created an opening through which some humans, living under the earth, escaped to the upper world. The kinno were those that were trapped when the hole was sealed.

It is said that they will emerge to repopulate the earth when the present races have all died.

Kinnur (see Kinnar)

Kino Momoye (Momoye

the man who ridiculed Kobo Daishi While he was asleep, he was assaulted by a wrestler who, when Momoye awoke, turned into a written character, the very one that Momoye had scoffed at when Kobo Daishi wrote it.

kinocetus a stone said to have the power to repel demons

Kinship of the Three (see Ts’an T’ung Chi’i)

Kintaro (Japanese

[Golden Boy.(Sakata) Kintoki]

a hero servant of Yorimitsu

son of Sakata Kurando and Yaegiri He was born of a warrior and a mountain-spirit and, after his father had killed himself, was raised by his mother in the wilds where, as a youth, he made friends with the wild animals and developed enormous strength. One day he was seen by a noble, Yorimitsu, in the act of pushing over a tree to form a bridge so that he could cross a river. Yorimitsu took him as his retainer, called him Sakata Kintoki and he grew up to be a warrior-hero. Kintoki (see Kintaro)

Kintu (African

a king-god of the Buganda the first man husband of Nambi He went up to heaven to ask for a wife and was given Mambi, daughter of the supreme god, Gulu, but only after he had passed a number of tests. One was to eat enough food for a hundred people, another to fill a bottomless pot with dew. He also had to identify his own cow in three large herds. He passed all the tests and took Nambi back to earth. Her brother, Walumbe, the god of death, followed them.

Kinyamkera African

type of evil spirit which takes possession of humans, causing illness They are described as having one eye, one arm and one leg. (see also Kilina)

Kinyarwanda African

a child of the first man, Kihanga brother of Kanyarundi and Katwa

Kinyoka African

a serpent in the underworld This five-headed monster was killed by Sudika-mbamba when he went down to the underworld.

Kinyras (see Cinyras)

kiolu African

a very small animal generated by a sorcerer from his own soul A sorcerer can cause this animal to enter the body of another person and kill him.

Kiore Ta New Zealand

a servant of Ngarara She helped Ruru to escape the clutches of her mistress when he landed on their island.

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Kiowa North American

in the lore of the tribes of the south-eastern states, an idol guarding the dead

Kiowa’ (see Oki)

Kipalende African

the 4 servants of Sudika-Mbamba kipriano Armenian

a charm This device, in the form of a roll of prayers and magic formulae, is said to protect the bearer from such things as the evil eye and snake-bite.

Kipu-Tytto Finnish

goddess of sickness daughter of Tuoni and Tuonetar sister of Kivutar, Loviatar and Vammatar She enticed mortals to the underworld by singing.

Kirabira African

a war-god of the Baganda son of Mukasa brother of Nende and Mirimu

Kirata-n-te-rerei Pacific Islands

a founding ancestor of the Gilbertese son of Te-ariki-n-Tarawa and a founder of the Gilbertese

Kirata-n-te-rerei

Nei Te-reere He was said to be so handsome that he could produce children without a woman.
Kiratas

Hindu

a mythical race in the mountains
These people were said to live in water while others say they were huge, man-eating tigers. The female version appears as a seductive maiden.

Kirati

Hindu

a name for Durga and Kali as ‘mountain woman’

Kirava

Tibetan

a king
a Lamaist sorcerer

Kiriel

[Ciriel]
a moon-demon

Kirimu

African

a spirit or soul of the Nande

Kira

Japanese

[kiru]-[sin]-[yoo]-[Chinese ch’i]-[lin]:

=Mongolian kere-Tibetan serou

a single-horned animal, counterpart of the Chinese ch’i-lin: a unicorn

Kirin

Mongolian

one of the burkhan

Kirka

Hindu

a sign of the Zodiac, Cancer the crab

Kirke

(see Circe)

Kirnababy

(see Cornbaby)

Kirram

Irish

a chieftain fighting with the forces of Sinsar, King of the World

When Midac trapped Finn mac Cool and a party of the Fianna in the Quicken Trees Hostel, Kirom led the second wave of attackers against Fiachna who held the ford against them and killed all except one man.

Kiron

(see Chiron)

Kiri

Hindu

a goddess
the sakti of Kesava

Kiritimukha

(see Kiritimukha)

Kiritimukha

Hindu

[Banaspati,Kiritimukha]
a lion-headed monster

This being was created by Shiva to fight the demon Rahu which had been sent by Jalandhara to seize Shiva’s wife, Sakti. When Rahu fled, the voracious monster ate its own body leaving only the face.

(see also Face of Glory,Kalâ)

Kis

Egyptian

a god of Kusae

He is depicted in the form of a man strangling two long-necked creatures, perhaps giraffes.

Kisani

North American

the inhabitants of the fourth world through which the Navaho passed on their way to the upper world

Kisangan-Tengri

Siberian

 [=Altai Kusian-Tengere] a Mongol war god

Kisar

Mesopotamian

[Kishar.Kissare]
an early Sumerian goddess
daughter of Lahmu and Lahamu
consort of Anu
mother of Antu
mother of Anu and Ea, some say

Kisboldgasszony

(see Boldgasszony)

Kisha Manido

North American

the Menominee name for the creator-god, the Great Spirit

Kishar

(see also Great Spirit)

kishi’

African

a Kimbundu evil spirit

This being has a two-faced head, one human, one hyena.

kishi’

(see nkisi)

Kishi Bojin

Japanese

[Karitei-mo,Kishimo-jin,Kishimojin:

=Chinese Ho-li Ti:=Indian Hariti]

a Buddhist goddess, guardian of children

It is said that she was originally the demon-woman, Karitei-mo, who ate children. When she converted to Buddhism she became the protector of children and women in labour.

Kishijoten

Japanese

a Shinto goddess of fortune sister of Bishamonten

Kishimo-jin

(see Kishi Bojin)

kisi

(see nkisi)

kisimbi

African

[Water Girl,Water Nymph: plur=kisimba]
a Bakongo spirit which causes illness

These beings cannot be seen because they are made of water.

Kisin

Central American

a Mayan earthquake spirit

kisirani

African

in the lore of the Swahili, one who brings bad luck

kiskanu

Mesopotamian

a sacred tree in Sumerian myths

Kisbil-līla

Mesopotamian

[=Babylonian Lilith]
a Sumerian female demon of the night

Kiskilussa

Mesopotamian

the site of the battle between Teshub and Illuyankas

Kismaras

Mesopotamian

a Hittite god

kismat

(see kismet)

Kismet

Turkish

[kismet=Muslim quisna] fate as decreed by god

Kisra

Arab

the Arab name for Kay Khsraw

Kissare

Mesopotamian

an alternative version of Kisar consort of Assuras

Kisseus

(see Cisseus)

Kissos

Greek

Dionysus as the god of ivy

Kistna

(see Krishna)

Kitamba

African

[Kitamba] king of the Mbandu husband of Muhongo

He placed a ban of total silence on his people when his wife died. They then dug a pit and sent a sorcerer down to the underworld to find his wife who gave him an armlet which made the king lift the ban.

Kitambe

(see Kitamba)

Kitanitowit

North American

[Great Spirit,Kitanitowit] a creator god of the Algonquin Indians a name for the Great Spirit

Kitap Ngelmu

East Indian

a Javanese book of magic

Kitche Manitou

(see Gitchi Manitou)

Kitchen God

Chinese

[Stove God]
a deity of the household

Each house has its own spirit which reports to heaven on the family each year. (see also Chang Tao-ling:Tao Chün)

Kitmil

Pacific Islands

in Pelew Island flood myths, one of the 2 survivors

The other survivor was Magigi.

Kitkaojesita’un

North American

father of Yetl, some say

Kitsawitsak

North American

one of the 5 houses of the Pawnee animal-spirits known as the Nahrak

Kitshi Manitou

North American

the Chippewa name for the Great Spirit (see also Gitchi Manitou)

Kitsuki

Japanese

a shrine to Susanowa

It is said that the gods assemble here once a year to arrange all marriages for the next year.

Kitsune

Japanese

a shape-changing fox: a fox-spirit acting as a messenger for Inari

kitsune-tsuki

Japanese

possession by demons due to foxes

It is said that a fox-spirit can enter a woman via her breasts or her fingernails.
Kittanitowit (see Kittanitowit)
Kittu Mesopotamian
a Babylonian god, truth personified
son of Samas and A-a
brother of Giru, Mesharu and Nusku
(see also Sydyk)
Kittum (see Kittu)
Kium (see Chium)
Kiva North American
a Hopi ceremonial chamber
This circular room is built underground and is entered through the roof. It is here that the tribe's secret rites are performed.
Kivati North American
(Kwatee.Kwati)
trickster-god of the Quinault Indians
He changed the original giant animals into normal animals and made men from balls of dust mixed with his own sweat.
   When his brother was swallowed by a monster in the lake, Kivati threw hot rocks into the lake until the scalding water killed the monster, whereupon Kivati slit open its belly and released the child's caul remained in the mast as a klaboterman.
klaf 
Egyptian
a headdress worn by Isis
This headdress was said to impart divine wisdom to the one who wore it.
Klaus German
Peter Klaus=North American Rip van Winkle
a goat-herd
He followed a goat into a valley where twelve men were playing skittles. Overcome by wine, he fell asleep and, when he awoke, found that he had slept for twenty years.
Kle-klati-e'il (see Lalaia'il)
Kléanthes (see Céhanthes)
Kleesto North American
in the lore of the Navaho, the Great Snake
Klehanoa (see Tlehanoa)
klenavenous (see Dwarfs)
Kleo (see Cleo)
Kleobis (see Cleobis)
Kleio (see Clio)
Kletrpal (see Bhumiya)
Klina-Kliara (see Kunapi)
Klieng (see Cling)
Kling (East Indian)
[Kliöng] a war-god of the Iban tribe of Borneo
a mythical hero
This being was said to have been found in the knot of a tree and could assume any shape he chose.
Klingshor (see Klingsor)
Klingsor European
[Chinschur.Klingshor] a magician
duke of Terre Labur
He was castrated by Ibert and became a wizard. Some say he was a bishop.
In some versions, he imprisoned several queens, including King Arthur's mother, Arwine, but they were rescued by Gawain.
In the Wagnerian version of Parsifal's (Percival's) quest for the Holy Grail, Klingsor was refused admission to the Temple of the Grail so he built a garden of delight nearby where many knights seeking the grail were seduced from their honourable path. He took the sacred spear from Amfortas and wounded him with it. When he tried to kill Parsifal with the spear, it miraculously stopped in its flight and floated round Parsifal's head. Parsifal used the spear as a means to destroy the garden and banish Klingsor from the earth.
In some accounts, his home is called Schastel Marveil.
Klio (see Clio)
Kliwa North American
a wind-spirit of the Pueblo tribes
Klodan Pacific Islands
a Balinese girl
She and Klontjing were locked in a chest by a giantess but were saved by mice which gnawed a hole through which they escaped.
Kloketen South American
in Tierra del Fuego, a male initiation rite
Youths gathered in a hut are subjected to frightening ordeals by masked men who instill the secrets of the tribe and the superiority of men.
Klontjing Pacific Islands
a Balinese girl
She and Klotjing were locked in a chest by a giantess but were saved by mice which gnawed a hole through which they escaped.
Kloskurbch North American
a creator-god of the Hopi
A being ('youth') was created from this god's breath and another ('lore') from one of his tears. These two mated to produce the first humans.
Klotho (see Clotho)
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Klu' (Buddhist)
Khe-rgyal
the Tibetan name for Virupaksha
as king of the nagas
klu' (Tibetan)
ancestors of the race
miracle-workers (see also 'gong-po.
rgyal-po')
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  - Some say these spirits can enter living relatives and make them ill.

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- **Clust**
  - A domestic fairy
Knupa

Pacific Islands
the Hawaiian demi-gods, as opposed to the gods, the akua

Ko
Korean
the name taken by Chumong when he set up his own kingdom

Ko
Korean
an ancestral hero
Ko, together with Pu and Yang, emerged from the earth and survived by hunting.
A box which they found on the shore contained three princesses and a number of domestic animals. The three men each married a princess and, determining the site of their future homes by shooting arrows, settled down and founded three clans.

Ko
Pacific Islands in New Caledonia, the human spirit
The priest keeping a vigil beside the body of some dead person may capture the ko in the form of a small animal which he then drowns in the river, producing in its place a stone, a bao, said to hold the departed soul.

Ko-chu
Chinese
the realm of Fa-no-p’o-ssu

Ko-dama
Japanese
an echo-god: an echo regarded as the soul of a tree answering the original call

Ko Hung
Chinese
[Pa-o-p’u-cha]
a Taoist alchemist
He is said to have made a drug that conferred immortality. Both he and a dog took the pills and died but both came back to life.

Ko Hung
Chinese
a patron-god of dyers
Originally he was a 4th c writer of books on alchemy and ancient legends including Biographies of the Gods.

Ko-lung
Chinese
an emperor who was deified as god of the soil
one of the T’u-ti Shen

Ko-no-hana
(see Sengen)

Ko-no-ka Po-li-to-she
(see Pindola’)

Ko Pala
Burmese
a legendary king
He was banished by his people and left to die on an island but was reborn as a crab and sent floods to avenge his earlier ill-treatment.

Kobal
a demon in charge of entertainment in hell as stage manager

Kobath
(see Mount Baker)

Kobe-no-kami
(see Oki-tsu Hime)

Kobetsu
Japanese
imperial clans who claimed to be descended from Amaterasu

Kobine
Pacific Islands
daughter of Naredu
She helped her father create the earth.

Kobo Daishi
Japanese
(c. 774–835)
a Buddhist saint
founder of True Word Buddhism

The priest Kukai, who as a boy was called Totomono, travelled to China, learned the principles of the Chen Yen sect and returned to Japan to found the Shingon (True Word) movement. Before leaving the mainland, he threw his vajra which landed in Japan. He was credited with the invention of a form of cursive script and was a famous preacher and painter.

He could produce water by pushing his staff into the earth or, if he needed shelter from the sun, the staff would take root and grow into a shady tree.

In one story, he gave a handkerchief to a servant who had brought him water. When she used it, she became very beautiful and attracted a rich husband, whereas the girl's mistress, who had refused to give him water, was turned into a horse.

Another story says that he straightened the leaning tower of a temple merely by prayer.

When he once tried to kill himself for the benefit of humanity, angels prevented him so that he might fulfil his destiny. It was said that a star entered his mouth and he killed a dragon merely by spitting on it. Asked by a boy to demonstrate his powers, he wrote letters in the sky and on the surface of water. The boy then drew a dragon on the water and, when the saint added a dot, the dragon came to life and ascended to heaven.

He was said to be able to raise the dead and to purify polluted water as well as communicating with the gods.

Kogoshui
Japanese
a 9th c book of myths written by Imbe-no-Hironari

Koh-i-Noor
(see Castle of Light)
Kohai

Japanese

Kohaku Jo  daughter of Kamatari

She married Koso, the emperor of China, and sent back to her home in Japan three marvellous treasures given to her by her husband. These were a musical instrument that could play for ever, an inkwell which never ran dry and a crystal in which an image of the Buddha could be seen.

Kohara

Pacific Islands

the female progenitor of all tuna

fish

Kohi Tumu  (see Te Tumu)

Kohin

[see Kojin]

a thunder-god who lives in the Milky Way

a culture-hero of the Aborigines

Kohkang Wuhti  (see Kokyanwuti)

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da god

Kohon

Pacific Islands

god of mists

Koikakutu

Pacific Islands

the hill of lice, part of the Melanesian afterworld

Koil

North American

the sheep, created by Kumush

Koin

(see Kohin)

Koiti

Pacific Islands

son of Auahi-Turoa and Mahuika

brother of Konui, Koroa, Manawa and Mapere

Koito

[see Koko]

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Kokalika

Buddhist

an adherent of Devadatta

He was consigned to hell with his master when they tried to kill the Buddha.

Koki

African

in the lore of the Hausa, a praying mantis wife of Gizo

wife of Spider, some say

Kokili

Tibetan

a king

a Lamaist sorcerer

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(see Koko)

in Bantu lore, an old woman who knew the name of the tree bearing forbidden fruit

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North American

mask-gods: rain-making gods of the Zuni: the entire pantheon of the Zuni deities

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North American

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moon-goddess of the Blackfoot Indians

wife of Natos

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Kokopelli

North American

[see Kokopelli]

An ugly giant father of Biorn and Harek

Some say that he was the first owner of the sword Angurvadel.

Kola

African

son of the Sacred White Cow

His grandson, Ukwa, is regarded as the first man, in the lore of Tonga the female progenitor of all tuna

She was originally a demon who ate children but later became their guardian deity. Old and discarded dolls are dedicated to her.

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Kojin-sama  (see Kojin)

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Japanese

[see Kojin-sama.Sambo-Ko-Jin]

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Kokutos  (see Cocytus)

Kokuzo  (see Kokozu)

Kokyangwuti

North American

[see Kokyangwuti.Kokyangwutti]

Spider Woman

Koll

Norse

a creator-goddess of the Hopi daughter of Sotuknang

She made men and women from clay and brought them to life but they were rougher characters than those fashioned by the Huruing Wuhti sisters.

Others say that she made the first humans from spittle and dust in a kind of underworld. When her father flooded their world because they had become wicked, she led them to the upper world. Here she created two more beings, Palongwhoa and Poquanghoya, who protected men from evil demons. (see also Hahai Wugti)

Kokyangwuti  (see Kokyangwutti)

Kokytos  (see Cocytus)

Kol

Norse

[see Kol]

a slave at the court of King Visivald

The king's daughter, Soley, promised to marry Kol if he would kill an unwanted suitor. This he did but Soley reneged on her promise, changing places with a servant girl who married the unwitting Kol. He later became an outlaw and was killed by Vilmund who found the real Soley and her half-brother, Hiarandi.

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[see Koll the Thrall]

owner of the sword Grey-steel
Kollapura-Mahalakshmi

Hindu

Kollo

African

Kolloowise

Central American

Kollawalla

(see collhualla)

Kolloowisi

(see Koloowise)

Kollia

Mesopotamian

a Phoenician wind-god

son of Aer and Chaos

Kolyan

Russian

Kolyanovitch

Russian

Koap

African

a stool or throne

In the lore of the Alur this is one of the four attributes of the king.

KOMA

African

Swahili spirits which live on after death

Komaga

Japanese

a servant of a damyo

He fell in love with Asagao and gave her a fan with a poem about a convolvulus inscribed upon it. When her parents tried to force her into a marriage with a man she did not love, she ran away but failed to find her beloved.

Years later, Komaga came across her singing for her living in a teagarden. She could not see him because she was blind as a result of shedding so many tears at losing him. She later recovered her sight and they were reunited.

K’OMANTSI

(see kromanti)

Komasham’bo

North American

son of Kakomaht

Kombe

(see Mbomba)

Komba Ralingki

[Spirit of the Stranger]

a powerful Papuan ghost

Kombu

Japanese

a sacred rope, said to bring happiness

Konde-mirgan

Russian

a Tartar hero

brother of Kubako

Komdei-mirgan

The monster Yebegken bit off Komdei-mirgan’s head and his sister, Kubako, went down to the underworld to plead with the ruler, Erlik Khan, for its return. The god set her a number of tasks and gave her the head and some water of life when she completed the tasks successfully.

Komfo

South American

in Surinam, a person possessed by a spirit

Komfo Anotchi

(see Anochi)

Komkoka

(see Komokwa)

Komoku

Japanese

[=Chinese Tseng Chang=Hindu]

Virudka=Buddhist Virudhaka= Taoist

Mo-li Hung

a guardian-god, one of the Shi Tenno

He was responsible for guarding the south.

In some accounts, he was one of the twenty-eight Nijuhachi-Bushu and was originally a demon who converted to Buddhism.

Komokwa

North American

[=Komokwa, The Rich One]

a sea-god of the Haida people

He is regarded as the guardian of seals and the receiver of the souls of the dead.

Komokatsu

North American

[=Old Woman]

a woman who slept with her brother and woke up as an old woman

It is said that the offspring of this union are the koyemshi dancing clowns of the Pueblo Indians.

Komorikis

North American

a moon-goddess of the Blackfoot Indians

Komos

(see Comus)

Kompera

(see Kompira)

Kompira

Japanese

[Kompera, Kompira, Kubira, Lord of Demons= Buddhist Kubera= Hindu]

Kubera=Indonesian Kuwera=

a god, guardian of sailors

He is depicted as black in colour, with a fat belly, seated and holding a purse.

In some accounts, he was one of the twenty-eight Nijuhachi-Bushu.

Kon pray

Cambodian

a foetus used by a sorcerer

When a woman suffers a miscarriage, a sorcerer is called and he takes the foetus, deceiving the woman into thinking it has been disposed of in a jar thrown into a river. In fact, the foetus is retained, cooked and coloured black and varnished. Thereafter, it is the sorcerer’s constant familiar and source of power, said to make its owner invulnerable.

Kon-Tiki

South American

[Ilka-Tiki]

an early name of Viracocha

Kona

Pacific Islands

[=Marshall Islands Rimogaic]

a fabulous race of giants in Ponape

(see also Liat)

Konakadset

North American

[=Haida Wasco]

a hero of the Tingit people

He was envisaged as an aquatic beast, a kind of wolf-whale.

Konda

Japanese

a guardian deity

one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

Konde

African

son of Nkuba and Chinawezi

brother and husband of Nawezi

Kondos

Baltic

a Finnish god of agriculture

Kong

Thai

a king

It was prophesied that a son of his would kill him so he abandoned the baby in the forest where it was found by the old woman Phrom and reared by her younger sister, Hom. When the boy, who they called Phan, grew to man-hood, he killed Kong and seduced his own mother who, too late, recognised her own son.

Kongara-doji

Japanese

an attendant of Fudo-myoo

Kongô

Japanese

[=Sanskrit vajra]

a three-pointed staff

This staff, owned by Koya-no-Myoin, imparts wisdom to its owner and radiates light in darkness.
Kongo

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Kongo Gundari (Japane...
Koshare

Koshares

a sennin who could turn himself into a reptile or a human.
In some accounts, he owned a magic toad.

Koshari.Kossa.
the first men, according to the Keres
Tewa Indians

These beings were made from the skin of a goddess.
In other versions they are the sacred clowns. (see also Kurema)

Koshari  (see Koshare)

Kosharot  [Canaanite Sasuratum]
a midwife-goddess

Koshchay Bessmertny  [Koshchei.Old Bones.The Immortal]
a storm ogre
He was said to carry off young maidens.
It was said that he was virtually immortal and could be killed only if a hero would throw a magic egg at him.

Koshchei  (see Koshchay Bessmertny)
Koshi  (see Yamato-no-Orochi)

Koshin  [Japanese]
a god of roads
On the fifty-seventh day of the sixty-day cycle, monkey-day, the three worms which live in all people ascend to heaven when the individual is asleep, to report on that person’s behaviour. On this day, Koshin acts as guardian to the individual. (see also Sanshi-taisho)

Koshin  [Japanese]
a name for the Three Mystic Apes

koshpik  [South American]
spirits of the dead, in the lore of the Yaghan of Tierra del Fuego

Kosla-kugusa  [Baltic]
a guardian deity of the forests of Kosla-kuga

Kosla-kua  [Baltic]
wife of Kosla-kugusa

Koso  [Chinese]
an emperor of China
husband of Kohaku Jo

Kosodate-Jizo  [Japanese]
an aspect of Jizo as bearer of children

Kosodot  [South American]
a little man who taught the Chaco to hunt
husband of Kopilitara

Kossa  (see Koshare)
Kostey  [Slov.
an ogre
He cast a spell which put the princess Sudolisa into a long sleep from which she was rescued by the prince Junak.
kosti  (see sacred thread)

Kotan-shorai  [Japanese]
a wealthy man
brother of Sennin-shorai
He refused to give shelter from a storm to Susanowa, who was dressed in rags as Buto, so the god cut him into five pieces and offered them in sacrifice.

Kotar  (see Kothar)
Kotari  (see Kothar)
a name for Devi, Kali and Uma as ‘naked’

Kothar  [Canaanite]
Kosar.Kotar]
the god of smiths
He made the wonderful bow for Aqhat and built Baal’s palace. He also made Baal’s maces, Ayamur and Yagrush.
In some accounts, there were two such craftsmen, Kothar-u-Khasis. (see also Kusor)

Kothar-u-Khasis  (see Kothar)

Kothluwala  [North American]
a celestial palace, in the lore of the Zuni, mountain home of the gods
This palace is a council chamber of the gods and a temporary abode for the spirits of the dead. It also contains the dance-house of the gods.

Koti  [North American]
a frog-spirit of the Creek Indians

Kottikli  [North American]
Zuni priests who take on the role of a Kachina

Kotisri  [Buddhist]
a mother-goddess

Koto-shiro-nushi  [Japanese]
[Sign Master.Yae-koto-shiro-nushi]
a Shinto god of fortune
one of the Eight Imperial Deities
son of Susanowa
son of Okuni-nushi, some say
In some accounts he is identified with Ebisu.

Kotoamsukami  [Separate Heavenly Deities]

Kotodama  [Japanese]
a spirit inherent in words

Kotre  [More]
a Lithuanian fertility-spirit

Kotch  [Czech]
a demon in the form of a bird or a snake
He goes about at night causing illness. His voice is the thunder, his breath the whirlwind.

Kottos  (see Cottus)

Kotutto  (see Cotyutto)
Kotys  (see Cotyutto)
Kotytto  (see Cotyutto)
Kou-mang  [Chinese]
a messenger of the sky-god
He is said to bring good fortune and is associated with springtime and the eastern region. (see also Ju Shou)
Kouantun  [Chinese]
a sacred mountain at the centre of the world

Koulash  [Serbian]
a horse of Petroshin Voinovitch
This animal was ridden by Milosh the Shepherd at the wedding of Doushan. Three others in the procession tried to steal Koulash but Milosh defeated them all.

Koupai  [South American]
evil spirits in the lore of Peru

Koura-abi  [Kourabi]
a Beru warrior who invaded the Gilbert Islands
He was the man who broke the sacred tree, Kai-n-tiku-aba.

Kourabi  (see Koura-abi)
Koure  (see Core)
Kouretes  (see Curetes)

Kourotrosphos  [Greek]
[Karpophoros]
Hera as the goddess of wet-nurses
kov-ava  [Russian]
[Kerys=Cheremis teleze-awa]
a powerful tattler, guardian of the moon

Kovero  [Cambodian]
[Buddhist Kubera=Hindu Vaishravana]
a Lukabai ruler of the north
ruler of the yeaks
In some versions, this role is played by Peyrapt.

Kowituma  [North American]
a Zuni war-god
a brother of Watsusii

Kowemshi  [North American]
a mountain-god
He is depicted as a red-faced hunter, often accompanied by two hunting dogs.
koyemshi  [North American]
mudheads
Kachinas who act as clowns, wearing fearsome masks smeared with mud
It is said that the koyemshi were
originally the offspring of Komokyatsky who slept with her brother and woke up an old woman.

Koyorowen  Australian
[Yahó]
a cannibalistic monster
husband of Kurriwilban
He lives on mountain tops and kills women while his wife kills men. Her feet point to the rear.

Koyote  (see Coyote)

Koyuri  Japanese
son of Yurine
Wandering in search of sake for his dying father, he came upon two Shojo who gave him some of their sacred white sake which restored Yurine's youth and vigour. A neighbour, Mamikiko, demanded some of the sake but, because he was a greedy man, found the drink so unpleasant that he spit it out. Koyuri took him to the Shojo who cured him of his greediness and selfishness and he was then able to enjoy the sake.

Kozma  Slav
the goat personified
kra  South American
[~ashtani okra] the soul, in the lore of some black tribes of the north
kra  (see akra)
kraaben  (see kraken)
Kradoc  (see Caradoc)
Krailasa  (see Kailasa)
Kakama  Norse
the death-song of Sigurd
Krake  Norse
['crow']
the name given to Aslaug when she was working as a slave to the couple who raised her
kraken  Norwegian
[kraken.Sykraken] a sea-monster which pulled ships to the sea-bottom
It was said to be one and a half miles in circumference.

Kracuechanda  Buddhist
[=Tibetan Kor-wa-ji] one of the 7 manushibuddhas

Kralj Matjaz  Slovene
[King Mathias]
king of the Slovenes
brother and husband of Alencica
He is said to have rescued Alencica from the Turks or, in other accounts, from the underworld.

In death, he is said to be sleeping in a cave on Mount Petra, awaiting a call in his country's hour of need.

When that day arrives, he will emerge from his cave and hang his shield on a lime tree which, they say, grew on Christmas night, flowered at midnight and then died. It will flower again only when this hero emerges from his long sleep.

Krantor  (see Crantor)
krasnonudi  European
[Hungarian lukti=Serbian ludki] dwarfs of the Polish underworld

Kratos  (see Cratus)

Kratu  Hindu
a sage, one of the Ten Rishis
Krauneha  Hindu
one of the 7 island continents
(see also Dwipa)

Kravyad  the sacrificial fire lit by the gods
Kravyad is envisaged as a terrible goblin which consumes human flesh.

Kreimhild  (see Krimhild)
Kreimara  Polish
a god of pigs
He protected pigs from birth to death, taking over from Priarchis who ensured that they were safely born.

Krenouchos  Greek
a name for Poseidon as god of fresh water

Kreno  (see Creon)
Kreos  (seeCrius)
Kresna  East Indian
the Javanese version of Krishna
brother of Baladewa and Subadra

Kresna Dwipayana  (see Abiasa)

Kresnik  Slav
[Kjesnik]
a Slovene culture-hero
a god of agriculture and cattle
son of Svarog, some say
He slew many monsters and was given the role of king of the Slovenes by Svarog. He was succeeded in this role by Kralj Matjaz.

In some accounts Kresnik is a good spirit guarding the family from the evil Vlkodlak.

Kreutzneald, F R  Baltic
the Estonian compiler of the epic Kalevipoeg, published 1857–61

Kriemhild  (see Krimhild)

Kriksy  (see nocnitsa)

Krimen  South American
a survivor of the flood in the lore of the Tupi
He and his brothers Coem and Hermitten saved themselves by climbing trees or hiding in caves.

Krimhild  German
[Cheimhild,Grimhild,Kreimhild]
Krimhild.Krimhilt:=Norse Gudrun]
a princess of Burgundy
daughter of Dankrat and Ute
sister of Gernot, Gisler and Gunther
wife of Siegfried
mother of Gunther
mother of Hagen by Alberich, some say
She is the Nibelungenlied version of Grimhild.

She fell in love with Siegfried when he came to the court of her brother, Gunther, to help him defeat the invading armies of Ludegar the Saxon and Ludegast of Denmark. When Gunther married Brunhild, Krimhild married Siegfried and later Gunther invited the young couple to his court where they two elder had a furious quarrel. Krimhild falsely told Hagen, who was angry at the perceived insult to Brunhild, that the only vulnerable spot on Siegfried's body was just between his shoulder-blades and, when Siegfried made a further visit to the court to help Gunther repel a purported invasion, he was killed by Hagen who speared him in the back.

When the dead body of Siegfried bled where Hagen touched it at the funeral, she knew that he was her husband's murderer and plotted revenge. She persuaded Gunther to claim the Nibelung treasure that Siegfried had won when he killed the dragon Fafnir, but the hoard was seized by Hagen who sank it in the Rhine for safety.

Krimhild later married Etzel, king of the Huns, and bore a son, Ortlieb, but kept alive her loathing for Hagen. She persuaded Etzel to invite Gunther and his nobles to his court and then bribed Brodelin, Etzel's brother, to kill all the Burgundians. When the first attack left some of the visitors alive, she burned down the hall where they still held out. She forced Radiger to attack them and many were slaughtered on each side, including Gernot and Radiger. In the end, only Gunther and Hagen remained alive and they were captured. She had Gunther beheaded and used his severed head to try to force Hagen to disclose where in the Rhine he had hidden the Nibelung treasure. When he refused, she killed him. Her wanton cruelty so enraged Hildebrand who was present at the murder that he drew
his sword and killed her.

In Thidreksaga, it was Thidrek (Dietrich von Bern) who killed her by cutting her in half with his sword.

Krimhilt
(see also Grimhild)

Krimhilt
Hindu
a realm of hell

This region is reserved for the selfish who are turned into worms which eat one another.

kriobolion
(see criobolium)

kriocamp
(see criocamp)

kriosphinx
(see criosphinx)

Krios
(see Crius)

Kripa
Hindu
wife of Drona
mother of Ashvatthaman

Krisa
Greek
a shore on which Apollo brought Cretan sailors to safety

In honour of the god, his chief shrine was established here.

Krishna
Hindu

He was born from a black hair of his chest which his chest represents the stars.

It is said that he had 16,000 wives.

Krishna Dvaipayana
(see Jagannath)

Krishna Janamasthama
Hindu
Krishna’s birthday: a feast to celebrate Krishna’s birth in 3,227 BC

(see also Krishna Jayanti)

Krishna Jayanti
Hindu
a festival honouring Krishna, Aug/Sep
(see also Krishna Janamasthama)

Krishnachari
Buddhist
a disciple of the Buddha who converted a number of Lamaist sorcerers

(see also Kukkuri)

Krisky
Russian
a hag of the night who harries children

Krisna
(see Krishna)

Kritalyuga
Hindu
[fate personified: a name of Yama as ‘the one who finishes’

Kritarajas
East Indian
a king husband of Rukmini and Satya-bhama

He was sometimes identified with Harihara.

Krittikas
Hindu
[See Krittikas]

the Pleiades

They were said to have suckled the infant Skanda and, because each of them wanted the child, he developed six faces.

Kriya Sakti
Hindu
a manifestation of space and time

Krodha
Hindu
[‘anger’]
daughter of Daksha wife of Kasyapa

She was opposed by Maheshvari, one of the Matrikas and is regarded as the progenitor of all birds and animals that have sharp teeth or beaks.

Khrodadevatas
Buddhist
a group of fearsome gods

These beings are depicted as red or black, with three eyes and with skulls and snakes adorning their bodies.

Krohn, Julius
Baltic
(1835–1888)
the Finnish author of works on folklore and mythology, especially on the Kalevala

Krohn, Kaarle
Baltic
(1863–1933)
a Finnish scholar who wrote extensively on folklore and mythology

Kromanti
South American
[k’omanti]
in Surinam, a force said to make warriors invulnerable to bullets and swords

Kronia
Greek
a festival in honour of Cronus

Kronos
(see Cronus)

Kronus
(see Cronus)

Krsanu
Hindu
an archer

He shot Gayatri (or Garuda) when the latter stole the soma.

(see also Gandharva)

Krsaspa
(see Keresaspa)

Krsna
(see Krishna)

Krsnik
(see Kresnik)

Krsodari
Hindu
a form of Camunda representing famine

Krittikas
(see Krittikas)
Ksitigarbha of Mon. regarded as the mother or grandmother. She appears in the form of a goat and is a fabulous bird. Krutreac is regarded as the mother or grandmother of Mon.

Ksama Buddhist a minor goddess an aspect of Lakshmi as an earth-goddess daughter of Daksha

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Ku' Chinese a provincial governor

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a Buddhist mother-goddess, goddess of mercy, the North Star, seamen, women and children daughter of Chong Wang
In one version Kuan Yin was a male derived from Avalokiteshvara; in another she was a mortal princess, Maio Shan, who strangled herself but was revived by Buddha who put her on an island where she stayed for nine years before she became a deity. Some say that she died as a result of sacrificing her hands and her eyes to save the life of her father.

Another story says that her father sentenced her to death when she refused to marry but, when the executioner brought down the sword, it broke, leaving her unharmed. He later had her mothers and she went to hell which was transformed by her presence into a paradise. This did not suit Yama, the ruler of that gloomy place, so he returned her to life.

In some accounts, she was with Triputaka when he brought the Buddhist culture to China and she released Sun Hou-tzu when Buddha imprisoned him in a mountain. She is depicted sometimes with many heads and arms, sometimes riding the mythical Hou, a form of lion.

Kuan Yü (see also Miao Shan.Tara)
Kuang Ch'eng-tsu (see Kuan-ti)
Kuang Ch'ing (Chinese a war-god, ruler of evil spirits
Kuang-hsieh Chinese a sacred mountain, the realm of Yin-chieh-t'o
Kuang-jun (see Ao Jun)
Kuang-li (see Ao Ch'yn)
Kuang Mu Chinese
[=Hindu Virupaksha=Japanese Zocho: =Taoist Mo-li Hai]
a guardian spirit of the west and autumn
Kuang-she (see Ao Shun)
Kuang-te (see Ao Kuang)
Kuat South American sun-god of the Mamaiuran Indians of Brazil twin brother of Iae
Having no light of his own at the beginning, Kuat and his brother Iae captured Urubutsin, king of the vultures, whose wings blocked out the light of the sky, and released him only after the gift of light had been handed over. They then took to the sky, Kuat becoming the sun, Iae the moon.

Kubaba Mesopotamian
[Gubaba.Kupapa=Hurrian Sanska:

«Phrygian Cybele] a Syrian mother-goddess
Kubai-Khotim (see Ajysyt)
Kubaito Russian
a Tartar heroine
sister of Komdei-Mirgan
The monster Yehegen cut off her brother's head and she went down to the underworld to plead with the ruler, Erlik Khan, for its return. He set her a number of tasks and, when she successfully completed them all, he gave her the head and some water of life.

Kube[ African
a name of Mulungu as 'all-embracing'
Kubebe (see Dionysus)
Kubele (see Cybele)
Ku[ Buddhist
Kubera[=Dhana-pati.Kojuvera=Hindu
Vaishravana=Indonesian Kuwera:
=[Japanese Bishamon.Kompria:
=[Thai Kupera=Chinese M-entho-sras]
god of wealth
one of the 8 dharmapalas
son of Vishravas and Idaiva
He was a Hindu god adopted into the Buddhist pantheon as the bodyguard of Buddho. (see also Kubera)
Kubera[ Hindu
[=Dhana-pati.Dhanada.K(a)uvera.
Vaishravana.Vilishana.Yaksha]
a god of the dead and god of wealth
king of Alaka
son of Vishravas and Idaiva
half-brother of Ravana
one of the Dikpalas, some say husband of Rambah, Riddhi or Yakshi father of Minakshi
Born to the deserted wife of an artisan, the boy, Duhsaha, became a wicked youth who set out to rob a temple of its treasures. He was deposed by Ravana and helped Rama in his battle against the demon usurper. For his help, Rama gave him control of all the precious metals and gems.

He is depicted as a fat dwarf with three legs and one eye in the centre of his forehead, all covered in gold.
black or green faces.

Another version has kuei as an animal with only one eye. One story says that the Yellow Emperor killed it and made a drum from its skin.

In another account, kuei-lung is an animal with one leg, a voice like thunder and which shines like the sun, living in the east. It causes storms when it enters the water and is identified by some as the crocodile.

cuei2 Chinese

a ceremonial tablet carried by the Jade Emperor

Kuei Chü-ching Chinese

a 14th c writer

He compiled The Twenty-four Examples of Filial Piety.

K'üei Hsing (see Chung-k'uei)

Kuei Ku-tzu Chinese

a god of fortune-tellers

Kuei-lung (see kuei2)

Kuei Shen Chinese

[Black Tortoise.Sombre Warrior]

the tortoise, chief of all the shell animals

one of the Four Auspicious Animals

guardian of the north and of water

(see tortoise)

Kuei-tzu-mu Chinese

[Mother of Demons—Buddhist Hariti]

the Chinese version of the female demon Hariti (see also Huo-li-to)

K'üei Yü-ch'en T'ien-tsun Chinese

in some accounts, a future deity of the San Ch'ing

Kuen Luen (see K'un Lun)

Kuge Japanese

people claiming to be descendants of gods and emperors

Kugo-jen Russian

an evil spirit

This being is said to require sacrifices to be made to him to persuade him to cure illness.

Kugo-juno Russian

a supreme god of the Cheremis

He is envisaged as a manlike being, carrying on many of the earthly practices such as bee-keeping and agriculture.

Kugu-shotshe-n-Ara (see Kildisin-mumy)

Kuhii Hindu

a goddess of the new moon

Kuii New Zealand

a Maori demon

This being takes the form of a blind female cannibal.

Kuii Pacific Islands

a Polynesian earth-god

father of Ina

Kui-gyal-po (see Kui-rgyal-po)

Kuiamo

(see Kwoiam)

 Kuichi Heizayemon Japanese

a servant

He was carried off by a tengu and forced to climb the roof of a temple where he was placed on a tray which carried him on a journey that seemed to last for several days. When he prayed to the Buddha, he came to and found himself on what he thought was a mountain-top but which was only the roof of the temple where he was found.

Kui-moku Pacific Islands

a god of medicine in Hawaii

Kuiyo Australian

an evil-smelling spirit, the personification of death

Kujaku-myoo Japanese

[=Buddhist Mahamayuri]

a bodhisattva

This guardian god is sometimes regarded as an aspect of Shakyamuni and is depicted riding on a peacock.

Kujo (see Kiyono)

Kujo (Japanese)

a Shinto priest of medium rank

Kuju Siberian

a sky-spirit providing food for man

Kukai Japanese

the original name of the saint, Kobo Daishi

Kukita North American

a mischief-making deity of the Servano people

brother of Pakrokitat

He was born from the left shoulder of the creator, Pakrokitat, and so upset him with his demands that people should have webbed feet, eyes in the back of their heads and suchlike ridiculous ideas that Pakrokitat departed to the Otherworld and left his brother in charge.

He turned out to be such a troublemaker that the people decided to get rid of him. This they achieved when a frog hid itself in the ocean and swallowed his excrement.

Kukkuri Tibetan

a disciple of the Buddha who converted a number of Lamaist sorcerers

(see also Krishnachari)

Kuknos (see Cyclus)

Kuku1 North American

the first man in the lore of the Maidu Indians

husband of Laidamlulum-kule

Kuku2 North American

a creator-god of the Pomo Indians

brother of Marumda

He and his brother attempted to destroy the world by fire and flood.

Kuku-Lau Pacific Islands

a sea-goddess

She causes mirages to delude sailors.

Kuku-no-shi Japanese

[Kukunochi]

a god of the trees

son of Izanagi and Izanami

In another version, one of the deities formed when Toyo-uke-hime separated. The other deity formed at this time was Rayanu-hime.

Kuku-Toshi-No-Kami Japanese

a rice-god

Kukucan (see Kukulan)

Kukudhi (see Kukuth)

Kukul Malay

a king

The Seven Sages at his court each owned one of the Seven Precious Stones with which they could predict the outcome of the king's battles.

Kukulan Central American


Kukulan=Chuqu Quechua=Atlatl.

=Mayan Yum Caax]

a sun-god and wind-god of the Maya and Toltecs

In some accounts he is a king who was deified and called Cealcoatl.

It is said that he sometimes comes to earth and can be seen planting maize or fishing from his canoe.

He is depicted as a plumed serpent or with a long nose and serpent fangs. His symbols are a fish, maize, a lizard, torch and vulture.

Kukulan (see Kukulan)

Kukuman North American

[Hokomata.Kucumatz: =Mayan Gucumatz]

the creator-god of the Mohave Indians

twin brother of Tochipa

In some accounts it was he who caused the flood.

(see also Ah Kin.Gucumatz)

Kukunochi (see Kuku-no-shi)

Kukuri Japanese

a god of the underworld

Kukuth Balkan

[Kukudhi]

an Albanian female demon causing sickness

Kukwanebu East Indian

fairy stories in Papua New Guinea
Kul

Baltic

[Vasa=Fiinnish Vedenhaltija=Russian
Vodyanoi]
a Lappish evil water-spirit part human,
part fish
He is in conflict with the sky-god Jen.
In some accounts, this being is
female and was said to lure men into
the water and drown them. (see also Caice-haldde)
Kul-jungk (see Jengk-Tongk)
Kula

[Hindu]
in Tantric lore, divine power: the
female aspect of the Absolute
Kuladevata

[Hindu]
gods of the household
Each family chooses one god to be the
guardian of the household.
Kuladevi

[Hindu]
goddesses of the household
Each family chooses one goddess to be the
guardian of the household.
Kulakaras

[see also Kumakanga]

South American

Kulilu

[Balkan]
a monster fighting with Tiamat
against Marduk
Kulilu (see Kulili)
Kulimina

[see Kulili]

South American

the creator of women in the lore of the
Arawak Indians

(Kulili)

Mesopotamian

a monster fighting with Tiamat
against Marduk
Kulili

[see also Mount Rainier]

Balkan

Kulsheder

[female=Kulshedre]
an Albanian female demon
Kulsheda

[Kucedre:male=Kulsheder]
an Albanian male demon
Kumado

[Japanese]
said to lure men into the water and drown them.
Kumano

[see also Ku]

East Indian

the mother-goddess of Borneo
Kumareswar

[Buddhist]
a goddess
Kumareswari

[see Kulitas]
Kumattas

Mesopotamian

a Hurrian goddess attendant on Shaushkas or, in the Sumerian
version, on Ishtar
Kula

[see also Ku]

Mesopotamian

the Sumerian god of bricks and tools
Kullervo

[see also Ku]

Finnish

a hero whose exploits appear in the
epic Kalevala
son of Kalevo
His uncle, Untamo, killed his own
brother, Kalervo, and gave Kullervo to
Ilmarinen as a slave. He caused the
death of his master's wife, the maiden
of Pohjola; she had misused him so he
turned her cattle into wild animals
which tore her to pieces. He also raped
his own sister, not knowing who she was,
and the girl drowned herself. When
he returned to his own house, he
found all his family dead so he
killed first Untamo and then himself.
He is depicted as a very strong man
who misused his strength.
Kulshan

[North American]
husband of Clear Sky and
Fair Maiden
His wives quarreled and Clear Sky left,
sitting up her own home far to the
south. Later, Fair Maiden left to visit
her own mother and she and her
children were changed into islands.
Kulshan and his three other children,
always stretching to try to see the
missing women, became mountains
while Clear Sky became Mt Rainier.

(see also Kulumina)

Kulshede

[Balkan]
a name for Devi
Kumara

[see also Kumari]

a demon
son of Vishravas by one of the rakshasas
half-brother of Kubera, Ravana
and Vibishana
This monster was said to be over 2,000 miles tall and could eat 5,000
women or 4,000 cows at one meal. He
was awake for only one day in every
six months but was awake long
enough to help Ravana in the battle
Chinese including the Satyasiddhi Sastra, on which the Chinese
Satyasiddhi school is based, and the Madhyamika texts used by the San-
Lun School.
Kumarbi

[Mesopotamian]
the supreme god of the Hurrians,
creator-god and father of the gods
father of Hedammu and Ullikummi
son of Anu
He castrated his father by biting off his
genitals and then spat out three gods,
Teshub, Tasmisus and the river-god
Aranzakh. He married the daughter of a
sea-god and they produced the
monster Hedammu which came out of the
sea to devour animals and humans.
When he was overthrown by Teshub, he produced, by impregnating
a stone pillar, the giant, Ullikummi, to
help him but this being was rendered
helpless by Ea. (see also Ellil)
Kumarbi

[see Kumarbi]

an aspect of Durga as ‘virgin’
a name for Devi
a sakti of Karttikeya or Skanda
one of the 7 matrikas
one of the 8 Matrikas
She was opposed to the demon Moha.
Kumari

[see Kumari]

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In some accounts, this being is
female and was said to lure men into
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Kumasono

[Japanese]
an outlaw
Prince Yamato came to his camp
disguised as a woman, got Kumaso
drunk and then killed him.

(see also Izuumo Takeru)
Kumatuenga

[see Ku]

Kumbhakharna

[Hindu]
a demon
son of Vishravas by one of the
rakshasas
half-brother of Kubera, Ravana
and Vibishana
This monster was said to be over 2,000 miles tall and could eat 5,000
women or 4,000 cows at one meal. He
was awake for only one day in every
six months but was awake long
enough to help Ravana in the battle
with Rama during which he ate many of Rama’s troops but was killed by Rama and Sugriva.

Kumbhandas  Buddhist  short, pot-bellied gnomes or giant demons

Kumbhika  Hindu  a realm of hell This region is reserved for the punishment of the cruel who are boiled in oil.

Kumé  Japanese  a sennin He was looking at the reflection of a maiden in a stream and fell out of his cloud-chariot.

kumi  New Zealand  a bulldog-headed monster

Kummiya  Mesopotamian  the home of Teshub

Kumokomba  Pacific Islands  an Indonesian god of fate son of Lichambene

Kumokums  North American  a creator-god of the Modoc Indians He created the world with mud that he scooped out of Tu-le Lake. When he was tired from his labours he went to sleep in a hole which he dug in the lake-bottom.

Kumsnooth  (see Quaaqua)

Kumu-honua  Pacific Islands  the first man in the lore of Hawai’i His wife, Lalo-honua, ate the forbidden fruit of Kane’s tree and they were both expelled from their garden paradise. (see also Tki)

Kumu-Tonga-I-Te-Po  Pacific Islands daughter of Miru

Kumuda1  Hindu  Suryabhauma, as one of the Dikpalas, or his elephant

Kumuda2  Hindu  a king of the Nagas father of Kumudavati

Kumudavati  Hindu  daughter of Kumuda wife of Kusha

Kumulipo  Pacific Islands  the Hawaiian creator-hymn of over 2,000 lines, composed c. 1700

Kumush  North American  [=Klamath Kemush] a creator-god of the Modoc Indians father of Evening Sky He was given the task of creating the world, using the ashes of the Aurora Borealis and, having built it, populated it with plants and animals. After a long rest, he set about the task of creating mankind. He spent six days and nights in the underworld and returned with a basketful of bones of the dead. From these dry bones he made the various Indian tribes and then ascended into the sky where he lives with his daughter.

Kumwa  [Golden Frog.Gumwa]  a king husband of Yuhwa father of Deso Hebura, the king, found a little boy, in the form of a golden frog, under a stone and adopted him, calling him Kumwa. When Hebura died, Kumwa took the throne. He met the maiden Yuhwa, who claimed to be the daughter of a river-earl, and had been banished after being raped by Hemosu who had claimed to be a heavenly being. Kumwa gave her shelter and she eventually bore a large egg from which emerged the boy Chumong. Kumwa was persuaded by his son Deso to kill Chumong but the boy escaped.

Kun1  Baltic  [Koopeatmoinen] a Finnish moon-god

Kun2  Chinese  a sea-monster

In some accounts, this monster changed into the huge bird, the Peng Niao.

Kun3  [Ku] a descendant of Huang-ti He stole the magic swelling earth to construct dams and was killed by Chu-jung, sent by Huang-ti. The dragon Yu emerged from his body three years after his death.

Kun4  (one of the Eight Diagrams, representing the earth and the ox

Kun5  Chinese  a mother-goddess and goddess of plenty

Kun Dadhana  Buddhist  [=Chinese Chun T’ou-p’o-han] one of the 4 Bikshu

Kun Lun  Chinese  one of the 4 Bikshu

Kun-Rig  Tibetan  a form of Vairocana with 4 heads

Kun-tu-bzan-Po  (see Kuntu hXan Po)  a king

Kuna  Thai  He offended the spirits of the forest by hunting elephants within their precinct and, when he died, they made him a tree-spirit, living in a tree.

Kunado-No-Kami  Japanese  a Shinto guardian-deity one of 3 guardians of boundaries and roads

Kunapipi  Australian  a mother-goddess of the Aborigines

Kundalini-shakti  Hindu  serpent-power

This is a mystical phenomenon said to be caused by the upward passage of the kundalini which lies coiled in the lower part of the body.

Kunde  African  a hunter-god of the Ewe in Ghana

kundie  East Indian  a form of magic used in New Guinea

Kundraw  Persian  the name for Gandarewa in the Shah Name

Kundry  British  [Cundrie] a woman enchanted by Klingsor a version of the Loathly Lady Klingsor put her under a spell and used her as a drudge but he could change her into a beautiful maiden for his own purposes or to bewitch the knights seeking the Holy Grail who came to his garden of delight. When Parsifal banished the magician, she became a devotee at the Temple of the Grail.

In some accounts, having laughed at Christ on the cross, she was condemned to eternal laughter.

Kung  Chinese  a god of thunder

He is usually depicted as a winged being.

kung-ch’i  (see cock)

Kung Chi’u  (see Confucius)

Kung-fu-tzu  (see Confucius)

Kung Kung  Chinese  a demon, half man, half serpent a god of water son of Chu-jung

In one story he tilted the world when he impaled Mount Pu Chou on his horn,
in another he tried to usurp the throne of Nü-huang and, when he was defeated, knocked down the pillars supporting the sky, thereby causing the flood. For these crimes he was executed.

An alternative version of the flood story says that Kung Kung tore a hole in the sky, allowing the waters to pour out, damage that was repaired by Nü Kua.

Another version says that he tried to depose his father, Chu-jung.

His attendant is Hsiang Yao.

Kung Mu (see Li T'ieh-kuai)

Kung-shu Tzu Chinese

the original name of Lu Pan

Kungaranalpa (see Seven Sisters)

Kungwa African

Kunigunde German

Kuninotokotati

Kuninokotota North American

the thunder-god of the Indians of British Columbia

Kunlun (see K'un Lun)
Eenee fell into the underworld and was held captive. Kura, with the help of his guardian spirit, went down to the underworld and rescued her.

**Kura-Okami**  
*Japanese*  
a Shinto rain-god of the valleys, in the form of a dragon  
*(see also Taka-Okami)*

**Kuramochi**  
*Japanese*  
a prince  
He was a suitor for the hand of Kaguya and undertook to get for her a jewelled branch of a tree from Mount Horai. He produced instead a copy that his workmen had made but she realised it was a fake and rejected him.

**Kurando**  
*(see Sakata Kurando)*

**Kurangai**  
*New Zealand*  
[Kurangai Tuku]  
a Maori monster in the form of a bird-woman  
She was said to be as tall as a tree and had wings as well as arms. Some say that her nails were so long that she could spear birds with them.

In one story she carried off the young Hautupatu who promptly stole her clothes and escaped, only to return to her when he grew up. Another version says that, when he escaped, she followed him and, in trying to recapture him, fell into a hot spring and was scalded to death.

**Kurangai Tuku**  
*(see Kurangai)*

**Kurdaitcha**  
*Australian*  
invisible spirits  
These beings accompany sorcerers and cause the death of the sick.

**Kurdalan**  
*Russian*  
an Ossetian smith-god

**Kurderke-jumo**  
*Russian*  
a god of thunder

**Kurena**  
*North American*  
[Kwirana.Kwirina.Quirina]  
a group of clowns alternating with the Koshare  
Their function is to control the weather.

**Kuretes**  
*(see Curetes)*

**Kurgal**  
*Canaanite*  
[Kur-Gal]  
a name for the Babylonian god Adad

**Kurgarru**  
*Mesopotamian*  
one of the 2 beings created by Enki from the dirt under his fingernails  
Kurgarru and Kalaturru were sent to restore Inanna to life and bring her back from the underworld.

**Kuri**  
*African*  
[Kandu.Yerro]  
a Hausa spirit which causes paralysis

**Kuribu**  
*Mesopotamian*  
an aspect of Ea as a guardian deity

**Kurikl**  
*Siberian*  
a Mongol creator-god  
He is envisaged as a raven.

**Kurma**  
*Hindu*  
[-Indonesian Kuruma]  
a primaeval tortoise  
In the earlier, Aryan, myths, Prajapati created the tortoise by squeezing the cosmic egg and its shell became the earth and sky.

**Kurma-avatara**  
*(see Kurma*)

**Kurneu**  
*British*  
[Gouvernail.Rohand.Rual]  
foster-father of Tristram  
When Tristram’s mother died, Kurneval claimed the baby Tristram as his son to save him from Morgan who had killed his father, Meliad. He raised the boy, teaching him the knightly arts.

In the Wagnerian story of *Tristram and Isolde*, he accompanied Tristram to Ireland to escort Isolde to Cornwall and killed the traitor Melot who betrayed Tristram and Isolde to King Mark. He was killed in the same fight, where he is known as Gouvernail.

**Kurnugi**  
*(see Kur-nu-gi-a)*

**Kurozaemon**  
*Japanese*  
a servant of the owl Fukuro

**Kurriwilban**  
*Australian*  
wife of Koyorowen  
She is said to have a horn growing from each shoulder and uses them to kill men. Her husband kills women.

**Kursis**  
*Baltic*  
a Lithuanian corn-spirit  
Kursis represents the male equivalent of Rugiu-Baba.

**Kursi ya Nuru**  
*(see Castle of Light)*

**Kurttimukha**  
*Hindu*  
a demon created by Shiva  
Rahu was sent by Jalandhara to seize Sakti, wife of Shiva, and the god created Kurttimukha by a blast of power from his eyes. When Rahu ran away in fright, the hungry Kurttimukha was forced to eat itself until all that remained was the face.

**Kuru**  
*Hindu*  
an evil spirit

**Kuru**  
*Hindu*  
an ancestor of the Kauravas and the Pandavas  
father of Dhartarastra and Pandu

**Kuru**  
*Hindu*  
the most northerly of the 9 realms of the world

**Kurukadi**  
*Australian*  
one of the 2 lizard-men, known as Wati-kutjara, ancestors of the Aborigines  
twin of Mumba  
They awoke in the Dreamtime and created rocks, plants and animals. When they met Kidilli, the moon-spirit, who was chasing a group of women (or the first woman), they killed him. Kidilli appears in the sky as the moon, the women as the Pleiades and the twins as Gemini.

**Kurukulla**  
*Buddhist*  
[-Hindu Rasi]  
a goddess of wealth  
a sakti of Amitabha  
*(see also Astabhaja-Kurukulla.Red Tara)*

**Kurukulla**  
*Hindu*  
a goddess of boats and wine

**Kuruma**  
*Pacific Islands*  
an Indonesian version of the tortoise, Kurma

**Kurumasaba**  
*African*  
a supreme god in Sierra Leone

**Kururumany**  
*South American*  
a creator-god in the lore of the Arawak Indians  
husband of Emiswaddo and Wurekaddo

When he found that men were corrupt he created snakes and lizards to harass them and took away their immortality.  
*(see also Kulimina)*

**Kurus**  
*(see Korowas)*

**Kurusi**  
*African*  
in the lore of the Swahili, the throne of the creator-god shielded by the canopy, Arishi

**Kurwaichin**  
*Polish*  
a god of sheep

**Kus**  
*Mesopotamian*  
a Sumerian god of herdsmen

**Kusa**  
*Hindu*  
one of the 7 island continents  
*(see also Dvipa)*
Kusa grass

In Indian
[darshka]
a sacred grass with very sharp blades

It is said that this grass grew from the
hairs of Vishnu as Kurma or from the
ground on which some of the amrita
was spilled at the Churning of the
Ocean. Snakes have forked tongues as
a result of licking this grass. It is now
used in Buddhist rites.

Kusa Kap

South American
in the lore of Torres Strait,
a fabulous bird
It is said that this bird first brought fire
to mankind.

Kusa-nada-hime

(see Inada-Hime)
Kusanagi

Japanese
[Ame-no-Murakumo. Grass-cleaving
Sword, Grass-mower.
Murakumo-no-Tsuguri
the sword of O-Uso-No-Mikoto.
The magic weapon, Murakumo, was
taken by Susanowa from the tail of the
dragon, Yamato-no-Orochi, and given
to O-Uso-No-Mikoto. It became
known as Kusanagi after it had saved
its owner from a grass-fire by cutting
down the burning grass of its own
accord.

Kusariqqu

(see Kusariqqu)
Kusariq

Mesopotamian
[Kusariqqu]
one of the monsters fighting with
Tiamat against Marduk
In some accounts, the Fish-man.

Kusama

Hindu
son of Rama or Ravana and Sita
twin brother of Lava

Kusabhadra

Hindu
son of Brhaspati
father of Vedavati

Kusah

Hindu
a king
son of Kusha
father of Gadhi

His devotion to Indra persuaded the
god to be born as his son, Gadhi.

Kusha-Dama-Nigi-Haya-Hi

Japanese
a Shinto sun-god

Kush-iwa-Mada-No-Mikoto

Japanese
a Shinto god of entrances

Kush-mitama

Japanese
a spirit which brings about
mysterious transformations

Kusha-nada

(see Inada)

Kushinada

(see Inada)

Kusinara

Buddhist
in China, the place where the Buddha
left his footprints in stone

Kusiumek

Inuit
witchcraft which can cause illness
or death

Kuski-banda

Mesopotamian
a name for Ea or Oannes as god
of goldsmiths

Kusmandi

Jain
an earth-goddess

She was said to have appeared in
983 to indicate the spot where a huge
statue of Gommateshvara was buried.

Kuso

Russian
a Cheremis festival, involving
sacrifice, held in June

Kusor

Mesopotamian

Kusorhasisu

[=Hittite Kasku]

Kusten

(see Kusor)

Kustennin

(see Custen)

Kustennin

(see Custenin)

Kustennin

(see Custenin)

kushi

(see sacred thread)
kusti

(see sacred thread)

Kusug

Mesopotamian

[=Ur-badda]

high priest to the gods of Babylon

Kusuh

Mesopotamian

 [=Hiinte Kasku]

a Hurrian moon-god

Kusuit

North American

a supernatural being in the
lore of the tribes of
British Columbia

These beings are said to cure the sick.

Kusumomodini

Hindu
[=Greek Chloris=Roman Flora]
a flower-goddess

kul

Korean
a ceremony of purification and the
driving out of spirits

Kut

Siberian
in the lore of the Yakuts, the soul:
the spirit investing all men and
all natural objects

The soul is said to have three parts
known as anya-kut, buor-kut and
iya-kut.

Kutchis

Australian
supernatural beings consulted by the
Aborigine medicine-men

kuti

African
in the lore of the Nupe, a spiritual
force

Kutiumo

(see Irke)

Kutchu

Siberian
[Kut.Kutchu=Chukchee Ku’urki=Kot’urk
Kutkinna’qu=Quinina’qu]

creator-god of the Kamchadal tribe
brother of Xutlie
consort of Ikuxum

In some accounts he brought the earth
down from heaven, in others he
created it from the body of his son.

Kutkinna’qu

(see Quinkina’qu)

Kutku

(see Kutkhu)

Kutni

Indian
a wise woman: a witch

Kutus

North American

al Algonquin brave

His ‘parents’ had a son-in-law who

treated them very badly, keeping all the
meat and skins from the hunt for
himself. One day, all he allowed his
father-in-law was a drop of blood that he
found on the arrow that had killed a
buffalo. The old man put the drop of
blood into a pot with some water and
boiled it. When he opened the pot, he
found a baby boy, Kutus, who

Kutso

Hindu

[=Kutchadali. Kutku
Kutkhu=Kot’urk
Kutkinna’qu=Quinina’qu]

Kutso was fighting Sushna, Indra
stopped his sun-chariot and pulled off
one of the wheels which Kutso then
used as a weapon to defeat his enemy.

Kutshar

(see Ninilil)

Kuu

Finnish
the moon

Ku’urk

Siberian

Kutkinna’qu=Quinina’qu]

Kuvalayapida

Hindu
an elephant

Kansa invited Krishna and Balarama to
a feast and used this huge animal in
one of his attempts to kill his guests.
The elephant was killed instead, by
Krishna.

Kuvalayswa

Hindu
a king

He sent his 21,000 sons to kill the
demon Dhundhu who had burnt the
saint, Uttanka. All except three of
them died in the flames but the
survivors killed the demon.
wife of Vijaya
mother of Pulinda and Pulindi
In the form of a bitch, she put a spell on Vijaya's men and then turned into a lovely woman. Vijaya married her as the price for releasing his men and later became the king of the yakshas.

Kuvan-pas (see Staka-pas)
Kuvera (see Kubera)
Kuveri (see Yakshi)
kwai
an amulet in the form of water-weed, used to guard against fire

Kuwarishiki-no-Amida
a form of Amida, red in colour

Kuwatawata
a guardian of Pou-Tere-Rangi, the entrance gate of the Polynesian heaven

Kuwe
a lizard-goddess of the Moluccas

Kuwa
the Swahili underworld
It is said that the movements of ghosts in this realm cause earthquakes.

Kuzu-no-ha
a fox said to have married a human warrior

Kvas (see Kvasir)
Kvasir
[Kvas(or).Qvasir]
a sage or god of wisdom
He was made from the saliva of the gods, which they spat into a vase as part of the peace ceremony between the Aesir and the Vanir, and in some accounts he is regarded as a god of wisdom.

The dwarfs Fialar and Galar became jealous of Kvasir and wanted to acquire his knowledge so they killed him in his sleep and drained off his blood into three vessels. They added honey to make a drink which inspired all who partook of it to become poets or musicians.

Kvasor (see Kvasir)
kveldrida (see trollkona)
Kwa (see Eight Diagrams)
Kwajitsu
a warrior-monk

Kwaku Ananse
[=Voruba Anansi]
the spider-god of the Ashanti

Kwamang-a
African
a rainbow deity

Kwan
Buddhist
an evil spirit
This being is said to hover over a newborn child until, at a date fixed by astrologers, a lock of its hair is cut off.

Kwangiden
Japanese
[=Buddhist Ganapatī]
a representation of Sannayaki and Vinayaki embracing like the 2 elephant-headed figures of Shoten

Kwangiden
(see Shoten)

Kwangyo-mandara
Japanese
one form of paradise
(see also Taema-mandara)

Kwanjizai
Japanese
[=Buddhist Avalokiteshvara]
a bodhisattva

Kwanon
(see also Kongo Gundari)

Kvasir
[=Buddhist Kuberā:Japanese Kompira:
"Thai Kupera"

Kwatee
Japanese
an epithet for a Tenno as ruler of earthly affairs

Kwath
African
["Tugar"
the creator-god of the Nuer people
of the Sudan

Kyi Blorong
["Kiyai Blorong"
East Indian
husband of Nawang Dulun
father of Rora Nawang Shik
He seized the feather coat that the moon-goddess, Nawang Dulun, had used to fly down to earth to bathe so that she could not fly away. She married Kyai Agung and they had one daughter but the goddess later found her feathers and flew back to her home in the sky.

Kyi Belorong
East Indian
a servant of the sea-goddess in Java
He is said to have 1,000 arms and legs, and the tail of a fish. He makes gold from stones and will give as much as he wishes to any man – the penalty is death after seven years.
He lives in a splendid palace under the sea which has real men as columns to hold up the roof which is made from human bones.

Kyi Blorong
(see Kyai Belorong)

Kyala
African
a supreme god of the Ngonde people

Kviale
African
a Yakut goddess of childbirth
and fate-goddess
consort of Ar-toj
mother of Ar-soghotch, the first man
She is said to live in the Zambu, the tree of life.
Kybebe (see Cybele)

Kybele (see Cybele)

Kye-ba-rdorje (see Kye-rdor)

Kye-rdor Buddhist

[Kye-ba-rdorje] the Tibetan version of Hevajira

Kyesar Saga (see Gesar Saga)

Kyklops (see Cyclops)

Kyknos (see Cycnus)

Kyleddon (see Cyleddon)

kylin (see ch'i lin)

Kylli Finnish

wife of Lemminkainen

Her husband divorced her when she broke a promise not to attend local dances.

Kylliki Finnish

goddess of love

mother of Lemminkainen

When her son was killed by a serpent, the son of Tuomi cut his body into pieces and threw it into the river. She recovered the pieces, reassembled them and, smearing the body with honey brought by a bee, restored him to life.

Kymbeline (see Cunobelinus)

Kymbelinus (see Cunobelinus)

Kymenos Greek

a name of Heracles as 'renowned'

Kymidei (see Cymidei)

Kymideu Kymeinvoll (see Cymidei)

Kymon (see Cynon)

Kynan British

an ancestor of King Arthur

Kynodelig (see Cynddelig)

Kynedlyig (see Cynddelig)

Kynedyr (see Cynedyr)

Kynfarch (see Cynfarch)

Kynvor (see Kynor)

Kynnvor (see Kynor)

Kynon (see Cynon)

Kynor British

[Kynuawr.Kyn(n)vor]
great-grandfather of King Arthur

Kynotus British

a man who was appointed rector of Cambridge by King Arthur

Kynuawr (see Kynor)

Kynvarch (see Cynfarch)

Kynvor (see Kynor)

Kynwal British

an ancestor of King Arthur

Kyode-Jielle Russian

a household spirit

Kyohime Japanese

a maiden who became a serpent

She changed herself into a serpent to kill her lover who proved unfaithful to her.

Kyoi North American

[=Kato Nagaitco-Yuki Taikomol]
a creator-god of the Sinkyone tribe of California

Kyotan (see Kotan-shorai)

Kyoun Burmese

[=Buddhist vihara]
a Buddhist monastery

Kyparissos (see Cyparissus)

Kypris (see Cypris)

Kyrgys-khan Siberian
	a Tartar deity bringing happiness

grandson of Kudai (see also Sary-khan)

Kysan-Tengere Siberian

[=Mongol Kisanan-Tengri]
an Altaic god living in the ninth heaven

Kyteles, Alice Irish

a 14th c witch

She sometimes appeared in the form of a black dog.

Kyumbe African
	a creator god of the Zaramo people of Tanzania

Kyung-Gai in Go-Can Buddhist

the Tibetan version of Garuda

Kyuaemon Japanese

a farmer

A phantom, the spirit of the dead Oyazu, came to his house and prayed before his family shrine. Her husband, Isaburo, had left her parents without support but, after several visits from Oyazu in the guise of Yuki-Onna, he returned to their house to live.
La Central American
a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god L: perhaps Ek Chuah
This deity is depicted as an old man, hollow-cheeked from lack of teeth, with part of the face painted black, giving him the alternative name of Old Black God. Some identify this god as Ek Chuah or Tepeyollotl.

La Central American
a goddess
Another version of the story of Coatlicue’s impregnation with a ball of down has the widow La, whose 400 sons have grown up and left, becoming pregnant when she places a feather in her breast and bearing a son, Huitzilopochtli.

La Burmese
the soul or, some say, a nat
(see leippya)

La Central American
a goddess

La Beale Isoud (see Isolde)

La Cote Male Tailée (see Breunor)

La Croix (see Baron Samedii)

La Dorada South American
in Inca lore, a statue of the female consort of the king (of) El Dorado

La Festival Chinese
a festival at which sacrifices are made to all the divinities

La Joyeuse (see Joyeuse)

La Llorona South American
a modern version of the cihuateteo
This spirit is said to take the form of an unhappy woman weeping for a lost child.

La Silène West Indian
a female Haitian voodoo spirit

La Sirene (see Sirene)

La Strega (see Befana)

La Veve Dame British
in some accounts, wife of the Fisher King

La Vecchia (see Befana)

La'a Maomao Pacific Islands
[=New Zealand Raka Maomao: =Samoan Fa'atiu]
a Hawaiian wind-god
In the guise of an old man, he controlled the winds so that Makeha won a sailing race and, with it, the hand of the princess Ho’o Ipo.

Labama African
daughter of Nehienge
sister and wife of Woto

Labartu Mesopotamian
a female mountain demon
These demons, of which there were seven, were said to steal children.
In some accounts they acted as benevolent guardians.

Labasu Mesopotamian
[Labasu]
a Semitic monster

Labasu Mesopotamian
[Labashu]

Labba Mesopotamian

[Labu.La(c)hmu.Lakhmu= Babylonian Tiamat]

Labdacus Greek
[Labdakos]
a king of Thebes
son of Polydorus and Nycteis father of Laius
After taking over the throne of Thebes, he fought a war against Athens and lost. He died soon after and Lycurus ruled as regent for the infant Laius.

Labdakos (see Labdacus)

Labe Persian
a queen in The Arabian Nights
She was a sorceress who could turn men into animals.

Labeled a demon

Label British
a king of Persia
His daughter converted to Christianity and married Celidoine, king of Scotland.

Laberin a demon associated with success

Labbar Irish
the physician to the Fianna

Labiane British
niece of King Mark
Mark raped her and, after she had
borne him a son called Meraugis, he killed her.

**Labor** (see Lambor)

**Labours of Hercules** Greek

the tasks given to Heracles as penance after he killed his children These stories are generally referred to as the Labours of Hercules, the name the Romans used for Heracles, but since they take place in a Greek setting and with a full cast of Greek characters it seems more appropriate to retain the name Heracles. Not all writers agree on the order, or even the content, of the various tasks. Other versions include clearing the seas of pirates and the killing of Cacus.

All the Labours were carried out on the instructions of Eurystheus, king of Mycenae (or Tiryns, in some versions), who was so frightened of Heracles that he hid himself in a large bronze jar buried in the ground and had his orders passed on by his herald Copreus.

For his first Labour, Heracles killed the Nemean lion which had a skin that resisted all weapons, choking it to death with his bare hands. After flaying it with its own claws, he used the skin as armour, as, in other accounts, he had done with the skin of the Cithaeronian lion.

He next killed the Hydra, a monster with a body like a dog and many heads, one of which was immortal. In this he was helped by Iolaus who burned the neck as Heracles cut off each head so that the head could not grow again. The immortal head he cut off and buried. Heracles dipped his arrows in the poison of the carcass so that the slightest wound from one of them was always fatal. In the end, this cost Heracles his own life.

He was then ordered to capture the golden-horned Ceryneian hind which he did by chasing it for a year until she was exhausted, whereupon he hoisted her on to his shoulders and carried her to Mycenae.

For his fourth task he captured alive the Erymanthian boar which was ravaging the area around Mount Erymanthus. En route, he killed several Centaurs and routed the others when they attacked him and Pholus, another Centaur who was entertaining Heracles. One of those who escaped was Nessus who was later to be instrumental in bringing about the death of Heracles. During this encounter, Heracles accidentally wounded Chiron, king of the Centaurs and the wise counsellor to many heroes, and Pholus died when he dropped one of Heracles’ poisoned arrows on his foot. He captured the boar alive and carried it back to Mycenae. He then went off to join the Argonauts, only returning to his Labours when he was left behind at Mysia.

His next task was to cleanse the stables of Augeas, king of Elis. The whole area was deep in dung from his huge herds and Heracles cleaned it all by diverting the rivers Alpheus and Peneus. He claimed one tenth of the herds as reward for his efforts but Augeas refused on the deal. On his way home, he saved Mnesimache from a Centaur intent upon rape, killing her attacker.

The sixth Labour involved the driving off of the huge flock of man-eating birds, largely made of brass, from the Symphalaim Marshes. This he did by making a terrible din with castanets (or a rattle) to scare the birds into the air where he shot them down with his poisoned arrows.

The white bull given by Poseidon to Minos, which had fathered the Minotaur on his wife Pasiphae, was still ravaging Crete and for this next task Heracles successfully captured it and brought it to Mycenae. Eurystheus set it free again and it was later captured by Theseus as the Marathonian Bull and killed.

Diomedes, king of the Bistones in Thrace, had four wild mares which he fed on human flesh. Heracles was given the task of capturing these animals as his eighth Labour. On his way there he stayed with his friend King Admetus who was in mourning, Alcestis, who had sacrificed her own life to save his. Heracles, penitent for getting noisily drunk in a house of mourning, wrestled with Death himself and forced him to hand over Alcestis alive again. Having collected the mares, he drove them to the shore ready to ship them back to Greece and diverted the sea into a channel to foil the pursuing Bistones. While he was thus engaged, the mares ate Abderus who had been left in charge of them. He knocked out Diomedes and fed him to the mares which, when full, were tame enough to be led aboard his ship. He left the mares in charge of Laomedon, king of Troy.

For his ninth Labour, Heracles was required to get the love-girdle given by Ares to Hippolyta, an Amazon queen, for Admete, the daughter of Eurystheus. The queen offered it to him as a gift but her people, incited by Hera to believe that Heracles intended to abduct their queen, attacked his ship. He killed Hippolyta, took her golden girdle and routed her army. Others say that he took Melanipe as hostage and returned her in exchange for the girdle while Theseus, who had joined the expedition, took Antiope who was in love with him. On their way back to Mycenae he defeated the champion boxer, Tittas, at the games and inadvertently killed him and rescued Hesione who had been chained to a rock by her father, Laomedon, king of Troy, as a sacrifice to a sea-monster sent by Poseidon. When Laomedon refused to hand over the mares of Diomedes that Heracles had left in his charge or, in some versions, reneged on a promise to give Heracles two immortal horses if he would rid Troy of the monster, Heracles killed Laomedon and all his sons except Podarces whom he set – as Priam – on the throne of Troy. He also shot and killed Sarpedon and killed both Polygonus and Teleopus in a wrestling match.

His next task was to fetch the cattle of Geryon the winged, three-bodied king of Tartessus. He travelled via Libya and Helius gave him a golden bowl in which he sailed to the island of Erythea where Geryon ruled. En route to Spain, Heracles erected the Pillars of Hercules at the entrance to the Mediterranean. In the Pyrenees, the giant Albion lay in ambush, hoping to kill Heracles to avenge the death of the other giants killed by Heracles when they attempted to overthrow the Olympian gods, but Heracles came upon him from behind and killed him. Reaching Geryon’s kingdom, he killed both Orthrus, the two-headed guard-dog, and Eurytion, the herdsman, with his club and Geryon with an arrow through all three bodies and then drove the cattle to Mycenae. He mated with Galata, fathering a son, Corin, to
found the nation of the Gauls, and killed the brothers Ialtheon and Dercynus and the three-headed Cacus, when they tried to steal the cattle. In some stories, Heracles killed Scylla for taking some of the cattle and at Croton, where he was entertained by an old hero of the same name, Lacinius tried to steal some of the cattle and a fight ensued in which Heracles accidentally killed Croton. He also killed King Faunus who had the habit of killing and sacrificing all strangers. Others he killed on this adventure were Eryx, a king of Sicily who challenged all-comers to a wrestling match and was defeated by Heracles and the giant Alcyoneus who died when the stone he threw at Heracles rebounded and killed him. Heracles' horses were stolen by a snake-woman who returned them only when Heracles agreed to sleep with her. He stayed with her for some time and fathered three sons, Agathyrsus, Gelonus and Scythes. Some say that this snake-woman was Echidna who was Geryon's sister.

The tree that Gaia had given to Hera as a wedding-gift produced golden apples and the next Labour, the thirteenth, was the task of collecting the golden apples and the next Labour, the eleventh, was the task of collecting the golden apples and the next Labour, the twelfth, was the task of capturing the Hesperides, daughters of Atlas, who returned them only when Hades handed over Heracles. He choked the dog into submission and dragged it to Mycenae. Heracles was later returned to Hades.

Labra the Mariner

(see Labra the Mariner)

Labraid

(see Labhra the Mariner)

Labraid

Irish

[Labra Labraidh]

father of Fintan by Bochna

Labraid Lamhtha

Irish

druid

He was present at the Battle of Fionn's Strand, passing magical weapons to the Fianna.

(see also Lamhtha)

Labraid Loingseach

(see Labra the Mariner)

Labraid Loiseach

(see Labra the Mariner)

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Irish

[Labra the Mariner: Labraid Loiseach]

Lorc: Maon: Moen]

a king of Leinster

son of Ailll

As a boy, he was known as Labraid but he lost the power of speech when Covac forced him to swallow pieces of the hearts of his father and grandfather, whom Covac had killed, and was thereafter known as Maon. He fell in love with Muriath of Munster but fled to France to escape Covac. Muriath sent a harper called Crafyn to convey her love for Maon and he, recovering his speech, returned at the head of an army, killed Covac, married Muriath and took over the throne.

In some accounts, he was called Maon first and Labraid Loiseach later.

Some say that he had an iron chamber built in which he imprisoned Covac and his thirty followers. He then built fires round the walls and roasted them to death.

He was said to have horse's ears and all who knew the secret were killed. One barber who was spared told the secret to a tree. A harp made for Craftyn from the wood of this tree gave away the secret when played. Some say that St Brigit turned the horse's ears into normal human ears.

Labraid Luathlam

Irish

[Labra Swift Hand: Labhraith]

tutor of Mag Mell

husband of Li Ban

He was in conflict with three warriors and needed help so he promised Fand, his sister (or sister-in-law), to Cuchulainn if he would help him defeat his enemies.

Labros

Greek

dog of the Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Labros, tore him to pieces.

Labu

(see Labhu)

labuni

East Indian

fragments of bone, coral or stone

These fragments, it is said, can be used by a sorcerer as his familiar, and he can cause them to fly through the air and embed themselves under the skin of an intended victim, causing illness or death.

Labus

a demon of the Inquisition

Labyrinth

Greek

the maze built by Daedalus for Minos, ruler of Crete, to contain the Minotaur

Lac

[=Norse Ilax]

British

a Knight of the Round Table

a king of Estregales

son of Canan

brother of Dirac

father of Brandiles, Erec and Jeschut

Lac Long Quan

Vietnamese

culture-hero

son of Kinh Duong Vuong

His father married the daughter of a sea-dragon and Lac Long Quan emerged from the sea to overcome the evil spirits and to teach the people how to grow and cook rice. He returned later and captured Au Co, the wife of
Lacedaemon

Greek
son of Zeus by Taygete
husband of Sparte
father of Amyclas and Eurydice

Lach
Irish
father of Ingallach

Lachamur
(see Lahamu)

Lache
Mesopotamian
an alternative version of Lahmu
consort of Lachos
father of Moymis

Lachesis
Greek
[Lakhesis]
the Fate who measures the thread of life
She is depicted with a scroll.

Lachne
Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Lachne, tore him to pieces.

Lachmu
(see Lahmu1)

Lachos
Mesopotamian
an alternative version of Lahmu
consort of Lache
mother of Moymis

Lacinius
Greek
an Italian bandit
He attempted to steal some of the cattle that Heracles had seized from Geryon and, in the ensuing fighting, Croton, who was entertaining Heracles at the time, was accidentally killed.

Lacon
Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Lacinius, tore him to pieces.

Lactan
Roman
[Lactan]
a god of agriculture

Lactans
(see Lactanus)

Lactantius
Roman
a 2nd or 3rd c writer, generally regarded as the author of the poem Phoenix

Lada
Greek
a goddess of Lycia

Ladai
Slav
wife of Lado
She and her husband Lado personified divine marriage.

Ladasin
British
a knight
He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.

Ladder of Heaven
Japanese
the means whereby Amaterasu and Tsukuyomi rose to take their places in the sky

Lady
Irish

Lady
African
in the lore of the Swahili, the second floor of hell reserved for misers who are forced to drink the blood of their victims

Ladyas
British
[Ladyas]
a French knight
He came to Britain with the army brought over by Bors and Ban.

Ladis
British
a king of Lombardy, in Arthurian lore

ladni
Tibetan
a female yeti (see also abominable snowman)

Lado
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husband of Lada
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Ladon
British
a king of Gascony
husband of Lidoine
After the death of Ladon, his widow was abducted by Savari, was then rescued by King Arthur and married Claris.

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Ladon2
Greek
the hundred-headed dragon guarding the apples of the Hesperides offspring of Typhon and Echidna or of Phoreys and Ceto
Heracles killed the dragon when he obtained some of the apples as his eleventh Labour and Hera placed him in the heavens as the constellation Draco.

Ladon3
Greek
a ship’s pilot
He was the pilot of the ship that brought the first settlers, fifty women and three men led by Cessair, to Ireland. He and the other men, Bith and Fintan, shared the women and Ladon died from too much sexual activity.

Ladru
(see Ladra)

Lady
Chinese
second wife of an official goddess of the privy
Her husband’s principal wife, Lady T’ao, was jealous and killed her by throwing her into the privy. She was deified as goddess of the privy.
(see also Keng San Ku-niang)

Lady Leek Stem
Chinese
mother of Radish
Because she kept, for herself, the money that her son had left for distribution to the poor, she was sent to hell when she died. Radish interceded with the Buddha and she was returned to earth as a dog. Radish spent a week in prayer and she was finally made human again.

Lady Melyhalt
(see Bloie)

Lady Meng
Chinese
[Lady Meng; Meng (p’o)]
an underworld spirit
She gave those returning to life a drink of Mi Hung Tang, the Broth of Oblivion, after which they cross the Bridge of Pain, K’u-ch’u ch’iao.

Lady Midday
(see Pszezpolnica)
Lady Ming
(see Lady Meng)
Lady Mud Earth
(see Shuhiji-ni)

Lady Nourishment
(see Tonacachiuitl)

Lady of Avalon
(see Morgan le Fay)

Lady of Ascalot
(see Elaine3)

Lady of Asheru
(see Mut)

Lady of Battles
(see Ishtar)

Lady of Byblos
(see Asherah.Hathor)

Lady of Death
(see Mictlantecuhtli)

Lady of Dendera
(see Hathor)

Lady of Drachenfels
(see Bolfriana)

Lady of Duality
(see Omecihuatl)

Lady of Faience
(see Hathor)

Lady of Fecundity
(see Omecihuatl)
an attendant on the Lady of T’ai Shan

Lady of Fortune
European
a name for Morgana in Orlando Inamorata

Lady of Heaven
(see Edjo.Kades.Qedeshet.Wadjet)

Lady of Kornton
(see Larie)

Lady of Little Van Lake
Welsh
a water-fairy
She was reputed to have great skill in the use of herbs in medical treatment.
In some accounts she is equated with Modron.

Lady of Lyle
(see Lyle)

Lady of Malehaut
(see Bloie)

Lady of Our Flesh
(see Omecihuatl.Tonacachiuitl)

Lady of Pohjola
(see Louhi)

Lady of Rule
British
mother of Alyne by Pellimore

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Lady of Sati

Lady of Sati (see Anuket)
Lady of Shallot (see Elaine*)
Lady of Shallot English

a poem by Tennyson telling the story
of Elaine, the Fair Maid of Astolat

Lady of Sinadone

(see Lady of Sinadun)

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[Blodeuwedd, Lady of Sinadone] daughter of a king of Wales

Gingalin was asked to help her against Maebon and Yvan, the magicians who had turned her into a snake. He killed Maebon but Yvan escaped. When he kissed the snake, it was restored as a beautiful woman who married Gingalin.

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a goddess
patroness of immortals
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She is said to sleep for nine months of the year, awaking in spring to bring the rains.

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a lady rescued by Percival from the
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This may be Lufamour with whom he then spent three weeks.

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a lady deprived of her lands

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Lady of the Winds (see Guabantex)

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a sorceress

She carried off the infant Kalyb, gave him supernatural powers and raised him as her own. She was torn to pieces by demons and sealed in a rock by Kalyb.

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Although he was too old to defend Penelope from the harassment by her many suitors while Odysseus was away, he did help to rout them when his son returned, killing Ephytes.

Laer (see Laoghaire)

Laestrygones Greek

Laistraegoniai, Laestrygones, Lestrigones giant cannibals of Sicily or Libya
They attacked the fleet of Odysseus and sank all his ships except one. At that time, their leader was Antiphates.

Laestrygonians (see Laestrygones)

Lafau Sands Welsh

[Llyd Helig, Tyno Helig] a coastal area of Caernarvonshire
It is said that this area was overwhelmed by the sea in the same manner as Lynnesse.

Laga (see Sagā)

Lagarre African a prince
His father, on his deathbed, gave the throne to Lagarre, his youngest son, because his other sons were too rude or too lazy. Lagarre sent a vulture to heaven to bring the royal drum, Tabele. When he struck the drum, a new city arose in the desert defended by a dragon, Bida, who allowed Tabele. When he struck the drum, a new city arose in the desert defended by a dragon, Bida, who allowed

Laghusyamala Sumerian water-demons

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Lahar Mesopotamian

[=Babylonian Sakkan:=Hittite Sumukan] a Sumerian god of cattle

Lahatala Pacific Islands a sky-god who created the heavens
(see also Tūnai)

Lahelin British brother of Orilus
He seized Herzeloyde's kingdom when her husband, Gahmuret, died.

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Lahamu² (see Labhū)

Lahurabtil (see Hurabtū) a fertility-god

Laha Boer a benevolent fairy in Peru

Laidecheann Irish a poet at the court of the high-king Niall
When the poet refused hospitality to Eochu, a prince of Leinster, Eochu burnt his house to the ground. The poet satirised Leinster and Niall attacked the province in vengeance. Eochu was given to the king as hostage but he managed to throw a stone which killed Laidecheann.

Laidly Beast Scottish a monster living in a loch
This monster was about to seize Mocumin who was swimming in the river when St Columba made the sign of the Cross and the beast retreated to its underwater lair.

Laidly Worm British

[Lambton Worm] a monster in the form of a huge worm
This beast grew from a worm thrown into the river by a boy out fishing. If it were cut in half, it joined itself together again. It was killed when the son of Lord Lambton dressed in armour with sharp blades so that, when the worm coiled round him, it was cut into hundreds of small pieces. The witch who had advised him on the method of killing the worm demanded that he kill the first living thing he saw after emerging from the water. This turned out to be his own father and, when the boy refused to keep his undertaking, the witch placed a curse on his family.

Laighin¹ Irish an early name for Leinster, after Galian

Laighin² Irish descendants of the Fir Gailean

Laighinne Irish son of Partholon and Dealgnaid

Laigne Irish a Nemedian father of Liath
He was the first to cultivate the area of Tara.

Lailoken British

[=Welsh Llalegan, Llalogan, Myrddyn] a madman with the gift of prophecy
In some stories, he was Scottish, in others Welsh.
It is suggested that he is the basis for the story of Merlin the wizard.

Lailaps (see Laclaps)

Laima Latvian goddess of childbirth, destiny and prosperity sister of Dekla and Karta
In some accounts, there are a number of such goddesses, sometimes three sometimes seven.

The three sisters are said to act as the Latvian Fates.

Laima-Dalia (see Laima)

Laima (see Laima)

Laimos Greek a deity, pestilence personified

Laidly Worm

Lair Bhan Irish ['white horse', 'white mare'] a name for the moon
(see also Lair Bhan)

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Lair Dh'earg Scottish (see Feidhilm)

Lairgnee Irish a king of Connaught husband of Deoca
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Laius  [Laios]
king of Thebes
son of Labdacus
husband of Jocasta
father of Oedipus

He lost the throne, which he had inherited as an infant, to Amphion and Zethus but regained it when they died.

He abducted the boy Chrysippus as a lover and, as a result, was cursed by the boy's father, Pelops.

Believing the Delphic oracle that any son of his would kill him, he abandoned his first-born on Mount Cithaeron after piercing his feet with nails. He later met Oedipus without realising he was his son and when his charioteer, Polyprentes, drove over Oedipus' foot, Oedipus killed both Laius and his charioteer.

Lajbuineamuen  (see Lalikian)

Lajnan  Pacific Islands
a creator deity in Micronesia
This being is envisaged as a worm.

Laka  Pacific Islands
a Hawaiian goddess of rainstorms
guardian goddess of dancers
daughter of Kapo
sister or wife of Lono

Lakdios  (see Bacchus.Dionysus)

Lakvernus  (see Averns

Lake Derriyaragh  Irish
the lake on which the Children of Lir spent the first 300 years of their existence as swans
Lair Dragon Mouth

Lake Minas  North American
a lake on which Gluskap sailed into the west when he finally departed from this earth

Lake of Blood  Chinese
the fourth of the 10 hells, ruled by Wu Kuan

Lake of Cohras  Egyptian
the home of the serpent Hereret

Lake of Gems  Chinese
[Green Jade Lake.Lake of Jewels
site of the home of Hsi Wang
Mu

Lake of Jewels  (see Lake of Gems)

Lake of Waves  (see Llyn Llion)

Lakedion  (see Laquedon

Lakhesis  (see Lachesis

Lakham  (see Lahamu

Lakhe  (see Lahamu

Lakhmu  (see Lahmu

Laki Oi  East Indian
a culture-hero in Borneo
He was said to have invented fire by rubbing bamboo stems together.

Laki Tenangan  East Indian
a chief spirit in Borneo
ruler of Dali Matei

Lakin Chan  (see Itzamna

Lakone  North American
characters in a Hopi fertility rite
The Lakone are two young girls around whom the other female participants in the Lalakonti ceremony dance.

laksana  (see lakshana

lakshana  Buddhist
[la[ksha

the lakshanas are the superior marks of the Buddha, 32 in number

Lakshman  (see Lakshmana

Lakshmana  Hindu
[La[kshman

a minor god
son of Dasha-ratha and Su-Mitra
half-brother of Shatrughna
father of Angada and Chandraketu

He was with Rama when the rakshasi, Shurpanakha, attacked Rama's wife Sita and they wounded the demoness, who was Ravana's sister, so precipitating the battle between Rama and Ravana. He helped Rama in his battle with the demon Ravana and, in some versions, it was he, rather than Rama who killed the demon.

In some accounts, he is regarded as an incarnation of Ananta.

Some say that he died quietly, meditating on the banks of a river, others that he sacrificed his life for others that he sacrificed his life for some versions, it was he, rather than Rama who killed the demon.

Lakones  a festival of homage to Lakshmi, held in November/December

Lakshmi-Narayana  Hindu
Lakshmi as the consort of Narayana
[also Tulsi

Lakshmi-puja  Hindu
[Homage to Lakshmi
a festival of homage to Lakshmi, held towards the end of August

Lakshmi-Vrata  Hindu
da festival in honour of Lakshmi, held towards the end of August

Lakshman  daughter of Indrabhuti

Lakshmindra  son of Chand
husband of Behula

His father had always refused to worship the snake-goddess, Manasa, who ruined his livelihood and killed his other six sons. To protect Lakshmindra and his wife Behula, Chand built a steel house but Manasa slipped in on Lakshmindra's wedding-night and killed him. When Chand finally agreed to worship Manasa, she restored his son to life.

Lakshmikara  Tibetan
daughter of Indrabhuti

Lakshmi  (see Lakshmi

Lakuli  (see Lakulisha

Lakulisha  Hindu
[Lakuli.Lord of the Club.Nakulisha
founder of the Pushpata sect who was deified after his death

Lal Beg  Hindu
god of sweepers

In some accounts he is identified with Balmik.

Lalaia'il  North American
[Kle-klati'-e'il
a god of medicine-men among the Bella Coola Indians of Canada

Lalakonti  Central American
a Hopi fertility rite for women

Lalikian  Pacific Islands
[Lajbuineamuen
a deity of the Marshall Islands

He was created by Loa to rule the north.
Lalita Tripurasundari  
Hindu  
a goddess, cosmic energy personified

Lalita Vistara  
Buddhist  
a treatise dealing with the life and work of the Buddha

Lalo-honu  
Pacific Islands  
the first woman in Hawaiian lore  
wife of Kumu-honu

She ate the sacred apples of the god Kane when she was seduced by a sea-bird with the result that she and her husband were driven from their garden paradise. She went mad and changed into a sea-bird.

(see also Iowahine)

Lalwani  
(see Shaushkas)

Lam-bstan  
Tibetan  
the Tibetan version of Panthaka

Lama  
Mesopotamian  
a female protective being, in Sumerian lore

lama  
Tibetan  
a senior monk

Lama  
(see Inara)

Lamacazton  
Central American  
Aztec priests of the lowest grade

Lamaism  
Tibetan  
[nang-ch'os]  
a form of Buddhism in Tibet

This particular form of worship is a mixture of demonology, magic and Buddhism and was established in Tibet by the Indian sorcerer-priest, Padmasambhava.

Lamallaka  
(see Mount Lamallaka)

Lamaria  
Russian  
in the Caucasus, a guardian goddess of women

Lamashu  
(see Lamassu')

Lamassu  
Mesopotamian  
[Lamashu,Lamast(a),Lamastu. Lambosi,Lamme(a)]

Babylonian female guardian spirits

In some accounts they are depicted as winged animals (bulls and lions) with human heads. They later degenerated into powerful demons which could turn into stone any person which merely looked at them. Their favourite targets were women and children to whom they brought plague.

(see also Karibatu)

Lamassu  
(see Karibatu)

Lamast  
(see Karibatu,Lamassu')

Lamasta  
(see Karibatu,Lamassu')

Lamastu  
(see Karibatu,Lamassu')

Lamat  
Central American  
the eighth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, descent to the nether regions

(see also Five Lamat)

Lamayin  
Buddhist  
the realm of the demi-gods

This is one of the six realms shown on the second ring of the Tibetan Wheel of Life. In it lies a lake which mirrors the future and here grows the tree of knowledge the Jambustraining.

lamb  
Roman  
the animal of Juno

Lambegus  
British  
a knight of King Mark's court

He helped Tristram when he broke out of the prison into which he had been thrown by Andred.

Lambewell  
(see Launfal)

Lamberton Worm  
(see Laidly Worm)

Lambong  
Malay  
the upper part of the pillar, Batu Herem (see also Batu Herem)

Lambodara  
Hindu  
a name for Ganesha referring to his pendulous stomach

Lambor  
British  
[Labor,Lambord]  
a king of Terre Foraine

He was killed by Varlan and his kingdom became part of the Waste Land.

(see also Lambord)

Lambord  
British  
an ancestor of King Arthur

Some say that he is the same person as Lambor.

Lambosi  
(see Lamassu)

Lament for Adonis  
Greek  
a poem by Bion

Lamentation of Danae  
Greek  
a poem by Simonides

Lamerock  
British  
[Lamerok,Lamora(c),Lamorock]

a Knight of the Round Table

son of Pellimore

brother of Percival

He was killed by Gawain and his brothers when they discovered him in bed with their mother, Morgause, or, in other stories, by Mordred in a battle between the families of Lot and Pellimore.

Lamerok  
(see Lamerock)

Lameseei  
Pacific Islands  
a semi-divine

Lamfada  
Irish  
[Lamhada]  
a name of Lugus as 'long-arm' (see also Labraid Lamhada)

Lamhada  
(see Lamfada)

Lamga  
Canaanite  
a double god, androgynous precursor of the human race

Lamgabhaide  
Irish  
a warrior of Ulster

He met Cet in combat and had one arm cut off.

Lamha  
Mesopotamian  
a name for Ea as 'palmist'

Lamia  
Basque  
a mermaid or water-sprite

Lamia  
British  
a poem by Keats

Lamia  
Greek  
['greedy':=Lybian Neith]  
a monster in the form of a blood-sucking woman-serpent

In one story, she was not at first a monster but a sea-nymph or a queen of Libya, one of Zeus' many mistresses who bore him several children, including Herophile and the monster Scylla, most of whom she ate. In this form she was a snake-goddess, queen of Lybia, daughter of Belus. Later she became the blood-sucking monster, one of the Empusae, that some have identified with Medusa.

Some say that she had the ability to remove her eyes.

In some stories, the jealous Hera stole all Lamia's children by Zeus and, to exact vengeance, Lamia killed all the children she encountered.

In some accounts she is equated with Lilith, the first wife of Adam.

(see also Empusa)

Lamiae  
Greek  
demons in the form of beautiful women

They were originally priestesses of Lamia but were down-graded and became demons seducing travellers or sucking their blood.

Laminak  
Basque  
fairies living underground

It is said that they sometimes exchange their children for mortal children. Each one is called Guillen.

Lamkarya  
Hindu  
a goddess of healing

one of the 6 sisters of Shitala

(see Shitala)

Lamme  
(see Lamassu')

Lammea  
(see Lamassu')

Lammekune  
Balto  
an Estonian hero based on the Finnish Lemminkainen

Lamorak  
(see Lamerock)

Lamorack  
(see Lamerock)

Lamorock  
(see Lamerock)

Lamp Bearer  
(see Jan-teng-fo)

Lamp of Phoebus  
Greek  
a name for the sun
Lampado

Lampado Greek
an Amazon queen
Lampadomancy division from flames
Lampas Greek
a horse of Hector and Diomedes
Lampe European
the hare in Reynard the Fox
He was killed and eaten by Reynard and his family. (see also Coart)
Lampetia Greek
one of the Heliades
daughter of Helius and Clymene or Nera
sister of Aege, Phaeton and Phaetusa
She and her sisters Aege and Phaetusa were turned into a poplar (or pine) tree as they grieved at the death of their brother Phaeton.
Lampetus (see Lampos)
Lampos3 Greek
[Lampetus,Lampus.'shiner']
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Lampos, tore him to pieces.
Lampos3 Greek
[Lampetus,Lampus.'shiner']
one of the horses drawing the chariot of Helius
Lampos1 Greek
[Lampetus,Lampus.'shiner']
son of Laomedon
brother of Priam
father of Dolops
Lamprus Greek
husband of Galatea
father of Leucippus
When his wife was expecting a child, he ordered her to kill it if it were a girl. When a girl was duly born, Galatea dressed it as a boy and reared it as such. When the truth became known, mother and child took refuge in the temple of Leto where Galatea prayed to the goddess who answered her prayers by turning the girl into a boy.
Lampus (see Lampos)
Lamri British
[Llamrei]
King Arthur's mare
Lamurudu African
a king of Mecca
father of Oduduwa
Lamus Greek
king of the Lastrygones
son of Poseidon
Lamus2 Greek
son of Heracles by Omphale
Lamwell (see Launfal)
lamyroi Greek
[=Roman lemures]
ghosts of the dead
Lan Ts'ai-ho Chinese
one of the Eight Immortals
This being is variously regarded as male or female. In some accounts, Lan Ts'ai-ho was originally a street-singer and is said to have been carried off on a cloud after getting drunk, leaving one shoe behind. He/she is the patron saint of florists or gardeners and is depicted carrying a flower-basket and wearing only one shoe.
Lan Ts'an (see Shen-tsan)
Lan Yen Burmese
a progenitor of the Karens
Lance (see Lancelot)
Lance of Longinus (see Holy Lance)
Lancelin French
a French version of Lancelot
Lancelot1 British
son of Jonaan
grandfather of Lancelot du Lac
father of Ban and Bors
Lancelot2 British
[Lansilotto.Lanslod.La(u)nce.
La(a)ncelot du Lac.Lawnslot.
Knight of the Cart.Knight of the Chariot.Le Chevalier de la Charetta.Le Chevalier Mal Fet.Sinner
Lord.=French Lancelin]
a Knight of the Round Table
one of the Knights of Battle
son of King Ban and Elaine
brother of Gaihodon
father of Galahad and of Blamor and Bleoberis, some say
Besieged by rebellious chieftains, King Ban left his castle to seek help. His pregnant wife also escaped when their treacherous steward let the besiegers into the castle. She found her husband beside a lake where she died giving birth to the boy they would have called Galahad. Ban died of grief at the sight of her dead body. Other versions say they left together and that Ban died of his castle going up in flames and realised that his steward had surrendered to the besiegers. The lake was the home of Nyme who heard the baby's cries and rescued him, raising him with his cousins (in some versions, Lionel and Bors) whom she stole to provide company for the boy she now called Lancelot du Lac.
Some accounts refer to a fairy foster-mother who raised him in Maidenland where he was trained by Johfrit de Liez. Others say he was the son of Pant and Claris.
In the Nimue version, when the boys reached manhood she took them all to Britain and set them on the road to Arthur's court at Camelot. Morgan sent the sorceress Hellowes to entrap Lancelot but he used the hilt of his sword as a cross to ward off the evil phantoms she had conjured up. Hellowes, having fallen in love with Lancelot, perished.
When he delivered the Castle Dolorous Gard from an evil spell he found there a tomb which bore his name. He took over the castle as his home, calling it Garde Joyeux (Joyous Gard). In later years, after returning Guinevere to Arthur, he once again called it Dolorous Gard. Some say the estate was given to him by King Arthur. Seeking adventure with his nephew Lionel, he was put under a spell by Morgan and imprisoned in Chateau de la Charette. Asked to chose between Morgan and three other fairy queens as a lover, he rejected them all. A maid helped him to escape when he promised to help her father, Bagdemagus. He kept his promise and, with four of Bagdemagus' knights specially trained by Lancelot, attended a tournament and defeated all the knights who came against him so that Bagdemagus was declared to have won the day. Lionel had been captured by Tarquin, a knight who hated all Arthur's knights. Lancelot then rode to Tarquin's castle and killed him in single combat, freeing Lionel and all the other knights who had been imprisoned there. One of those freed was his old friend Kay who was unhappy that his duties as seneschal had sapped his knightly ardour so, while Kay was asleep, Lancelot domed his armour and, in the guise of Kay, defeated many knights, including Gawter, Gilmere and Raynold, followed by Ector, Ewain, Gawaien and Sagromare, so enhancing Kay's reputation as a warrior.
The girl who led him to Tarquin's castle asked a favour in return and he challenged and killed Perys de Foreste Savage who had made a practice of attacking damsels. When he came upon a knight, Pedivere, intent upon killing his wife who, he claimed, had been unfaithful, Lancelot intervened but the man nevertheless cut off her
head. Lancelot then forced him to carry the head in his hand and the headless body on his back all the way to Camelot.

He met a damsel who asked for his help to save her wounded brother, Meliot, who had fought and killed Gilbert the Bastard whose hand had been cut off in an earlier fight with Gawain. Taking the sword and a piece of cloth from the body of the dead Gilbert in Chapel Perilous, he touched Meliot’s wounds with the sword, wiped them with the cloth and made him whole again. In another version of this incident, the damsel tried and failed to bewitch Lancelot into becoming her lover, the sword turned out to be a wooden imitation and the body a rag dummy. When he refused to hand over the sword, she tried to kill him with a dagger but Lancelot disarmed her.

At the request of another lady, he took off his armour and climbed a tree to rescue her falcon which was trapped there. Caught unarmed by Phelot, he broke off a branch of the tree and killed the treacherous knight, taking his sword and lopping off his head.

He learned from Suippinables that Tristram had married Isolde, Hoël’s daughter, and cursed him for deserting the other Isolde, daughter of King Anguish. They fought when Tristram next came to Britain.

In Carbonke he rescued a damsel who had been shut in a scalding hot room by Morgan and had been there for five years and he slew the dragon living under a tomb. In some versions, this was Elaine with whom he slept to produce Galahad. He was given hospitality by King Pelles in his castle where the Grail appeared carried by a mysterious damsel. Pelles wanted Lancelot to marry his daughter Elaine, knowing that the union would produce the perfect knight, Galahad. When Lancelot rejected the love of Elaine, Pelles or her maid Dame Brisen, using a magic potion, deceived Lancelot into thinking that he was sleeping with Queen Guinevere, his true love, at Castle Case. When he realised how he had been duped, Lancelot would have killed Elaine but he relented when she pleaded for her life. The result of this union was Galahad.

In King Arthur’s battles on the Continent with Lucius, he rode into the fray and killed the Emperor, seizing his standard which he handed to the king. When they returned to Britain, Arthur gave a great feast to celebrate his victories. Here Lancelot met Elaine once more and was again tricked by Dame Brisen into sleeping with her in the belief that he was sharing Guinevere’s bed. When he realised what had happened he went mad, jumped from the window and roamed the country living like an animal for many months. In his wanderings he came to a pavilion where he fought and defeated Bliant. This knight and his brother Selivant, took Lancelot to their home in Castle Blank and looked after him for over a year. In other stories, he was cared for by Castor, a nephew of Pelles. He ran away and found himself back at Carbonke where he was kept as a fool by the knights and was found again by Elaine. He was taken to the room where the Grail was kept and was cured of his madness. Pelles gave him the Castle of Bliant for a home and he lived with Elaine on this island retreat for fifteen years, attended by a retinue of knights and ladies. He now called himself the Chevalier Mal Fêt. He was finally found by Ector and Percival (or, some say, by Lionel and Bors) who persuaded him to return to Camelot where he was made welcome by Arthur and Guinevere.

In some accounts, his madness occurs when he, together with King Arthur and Gawain are captured by Camille. Lancelot is released and, cured of his madness by Nuimue, rescued the other two prisoners.

In another adventure, he rode to Estrangot where Lionel was held prisoner by King Vagor. He took Lionel’s place in a duel with the king’s son, Marabron, defeated his opponent and rescued Lionel.

In some accounts, after the death of Tristram, with whom he had fought over the latter’s treatment of Isolde, he invaded Cornwall and killed King Mark.

When Galahad was of age, Lancelot made him a knight and took him to Arthur’s court where he took his rightful place in the Perilous Seat. They both joined the other Knights of the Round Table in vowing to search for the Holy Grail.

Each knight on the quest chose his own route and Lancelot found himself challenged by a knight who unhorsed him. When he realised that this was Galahad in disguise, he rode after him but could not catch him and found himself, at nightfall, by a stone cross outside an old chapel. Half asleep on his shield, he had a vision in which a sick knight was healed by the Holy Grail which appeared in front of the cross. The knight took Lancelot’s horse, sword and helmet leaving Lancelot to travel through the forest unarmed and on foot until he came to a hermitage where he confessed all his sins to a hermit and was forgiven. He reached the sea at Mortaune (or, in some accounts, came to the River Median) where a voice told him to go aboard a ship. There he found the dead sister of Percival. He stayed aboard the ship for several weeks until Galahad arrived. They sailed together for six months having many adventures until a knight in white armour told Galahad it was time to leave his father and take up the quest for the Holy Grail. Lancelot stayed aboard until he arrived at Castle Carbonke where he entered a room and saw the Holy Grail but was struck down and lay unconscious for twenty-four days. From Pelles, he learned that Elaine was dead. Rendered unfit to find the Grail by reason of his affair with Guinevere, he gave up the quest and returned to Camelot where he found that many of the knights who had left on this quest were now dead.

He resumed the affair with Guinevere but tried to distance himself from her when the affair became the subject of gossip. This made the queen angry and she banished him from the court. He went to live with the hermit, Brasistas. When Guinevere was accused by Mador of poisoning his cousin, Patrice, Lancelot took up the challenge on her behalf and defeated Mador in single combat, saving Guinevere from the stake.

On the way to a major tournament ordered by Arthur, he stayed with Bernard at Astolat where the baron’s daughter, Elaine le Blank, known as the Fair Maid of Astolat, fell in love with him. He wore her favour at the tournament at which he was the champion but refused her offer to become her husband or her lover and
returned to Camelot accompanied by Elaine’s brother, Lavaine, who had helped him in the tournament. Elaine died of unrequited love and her body was placed in a boat which drifted down the river to Westminster where the king ordered Lancelot to give the dead maiden an honourable burial.

When Guinevere and ten of her knights were captured by Meliagant, Lancelot rode to her rescue. When his horse was shot from under him in an ambush by Meliagant’s archers, he compelled a woodman to drive him to the castle in his cart. He was thereafter called the Knight of the Cart or the Knight of the Chariot. He reached the castle by crossing a sword bridge and rescued Guinevere. Lancelot would have killed Meliagant but he begged the queen for mercy and she pardoned him. That night, Lancelot slept with Guinevere but he left blood on the sheets from a wound on his hand sustained when he forced the window-bars. Meliagant accused Guinevere of being unfaithful to her husband by sleeping with one of the ten knights, many of whom had been wounded when he captured them. Lancelot took up the gauntlet and arranged to meet Meliagant at Westminster. Meliagant trapped Lancelot in a dungeon and left him there for Westminster. A maid released Lancelot for the price of one kiss and he rode to Westminster on Lavaine’s horse. He met Meliagant in single combat and killed him with one hand tied behind his back.

Mordred, always jealous of Lancelot, betrayed Lancelot’s affair with Guinevere to Arthur and, with his brother Agravain and twelve other knights, attempted to catch Lancelot with Guinevere as proof. Lancelot, unarmed, killed Colgrevance, the first man into the room, with a footstool and then, taking the dead man’s sword and armour, killed all the others with the sole exception of Mordred who, though wounded, managed to escape. Given proof of the affair, Arthur ordered the queen to be burned at the stake. Lancelot rode to her rescue once again as she was being led to the stake and charged into the crowd, killing many of those who got in his way. Among these were Gaheris and Gareth, both of whom had been ordered by King Arthur to attend but who had turned up unarmed and were not recognised by Lancelot in the fury of his attack. As a result of their deaths, Gawain, their elder brother, became Lancelot’s mortal enemy.

Lancelot took Guinevere to his castle, Garde Joyeuse, which was then attacked by Arthur’s forces and the fierce battle was ended only when the Pope intervened. Lancelot handed Guinevere back to her husband but his quarrel with Gawain, and hence with Arthur, was not settled. He left for France with about a hundred of his followers and set up court at Benwick but Arthur, at the urging of Gawain, took an army of 60,000 to France, laying waste Lancelot’s domain and besieging the town. Each day for weeks on end, Gawain challenged and defeated one of Lancelot’s knights in single combat and finally goaded Lancelot himself into fighting him. On two successive days Lancelot struck him down but refused to kill him. A third encounter was prevented when Arthur was called back to Britain to reclaim his throne that had been usurped by Mordred who had been left in charge during the king’s absence.

When he learned of Arthur’s troubles, Lancelot brought his forces to Britain to help the king but Arthur had already been badly wounded and carried off to Avalon. He tried to persuade Guinevere to return with him to France but she refused to leave the nunnery she had entered on the king’s death and so Lancelot joined Bedivere in a hermitage where other knights later joined them. When Lancelot learned of the death of Guinevere, he had her body carried to the hermitage where it was buried in Arthur’s tomb. From then on he refused to eat or drink and died soon afterwards. Other stories say that he threw himself on the grave of the king and stayed there for six weeks, eating nothing, until he died. His body was carried to Garde Joyeuse and buried there.

Another version has it that Lancelot, believing Guinevere had been a willing accomplice of Mordred, killed her and shut Mordred in a room with her dead body which, driven by hunger, Mordred ate.

In a Dutch story, he overcame seven lions guarding a hart with a white foot for a princess who will marry only the knight who will bring her the hart’s foot. Exhausted by the struggle, he gave the foot to a passing knight to deliver to the princess. The knight wounded Lancelot and tried to claim the hand of the princess but Gawain intervened and defeated the treacherous knight in a duel. Lancelot, recovered from his wound, declined the princess’ offer of marriage.

In a German version, his parents were King Pant and Claris and his wife was Iblis, by whom he had four children. When Pant was killed, Lancelot took Lancelot to Maidenland where he was brought up and trained as a knight by Johnfrit.

In an Italian story, his mother is given as Constance.
Land of the Dead
(see Amenti, Otherworld, Underworld)

Land of the Fathers
(see Land of the Pitris)

Land of the Living
(see Tir innam Beo)

Land of the Maidens
Irish
the realm ruled by the giant Treon

Land of the Pitris
Hindu
a paradise for the uncremated dead

Land of the Red Parrot Feathers
(see Enua-Kura)

Land of the Yellow Springs
(see Yellow Springs)

Land of Women
(see Tir inna mBan)

Land of Wonders
(see Tir inna nLongnadh)

Land of Yomi
(see Yomi-tsu-kuni)

Land of Youth
(see Tir inna n-Og)

Land-under-the-Sea
(see Annwfn, Tir-fa-Tonn)

Land-under-the-Waves
(see Annwfn, Tir-fa-Tonn)

Landeval
(see Launfal)

Landres
European
son of Hugon and Alif
His mother was seduced by the courtier, Milan, and her husband, King Hugon, locked her in a dungeon full of snakes and toads where she remained for seven years until Landres rescued her and she was restored to her rightful position by her brother Charles (Charlemagne).

Landri
European
a nephew of Guillaume
When his uncle was captured and imprisoned by the Saracen king, Synagon, Landri raised an army and rescued him.

Landvaetir
Norse
guardian spirits of the land

Landvide
(see Landvidi)

Landvidi
Norse
[Landvide, Landvidi] the palace of Vidar

Landvith
(see Landvidi)

Lanj
German
[‘zenith’] son of Wulleb and Lejman brother of Lewof
He and his brother planned to kill Wulleb but he escaped and fell to earth.

Laufal
(see Launfal)

Lang Ling
Chinese
a follower of Li T‘ieh-kuai
He was left in charge of the body of Li T‘ieh-kuai when the latter’s soul visited Lao-tzu in heaven and, thinking that his master was truly
dead, cremated the body so that when the sage returned he had to take on another body, that of a recently-dead lame beggar.

Lang-pei
Chinese
dragon-like monster

Langal
a name for the Rainbow Snake

Langali
(see Balarama)

langhui
Malay
[langhui, lang(suyar):=East Indies puntianak] a female vampire, the spirit of a woman who died in childbirth
They suck the blood of children
through a hole in the back of the neck which is normally hidden under their ankle-length hair. Cutting the hair and the long nails renders a langsuir harmless if the hair is used to block the hole in the neck.

Glass beads were placed in the mouth, eggs under the armpits and needles in the hands of a dead woman
to ensure that her spirit did not needles in the hands of a dead woman
mouth, eggs under the armpits and

Lanslod
French

Lanval
(see Launfal)

Lanzelet
German

a 13th c version of the story of Lancelot written by von Zarzikhoven

Lao
(see Lau)

Lao Chün
Chinese
[=Polynesian Rangi]


Lao-T'ien-yeh
Chinese

Lao Tan
Chinese

Lantian
Punic

Lantyan
Punic

Lanval
French

a 13th c poem by Marie de France
about the adventures of Launfal

Lantern Festival
(see Festival of Lanterns)

originally a spring festival, later
dedicated to T’ai i, god of the Pole

Star, held at the first full moon

in February

Lantern Festival
(see Festival of the Dead)

Lantien
(see Lancien)

Lantris
(see Alcardo)

Lantyan
(see Lancien)

Lantval
(see Launfal)


a hermit
He was elevated to the status of a Buddha for giving his blood and his heart to a yaksha.

In some accounts, he is equated with the saint, Jan T‘eng-fo.

Lao-tzu
Chinese
[=Lao Chün, Lao Tan, Lao Tun, Laocius, Lao-Chün, Lao-Tzu, Lao-Tzsu]

a hermit
He is said to have been born under a plum tree from a virgin birth after sixty (some say seventy or eighty) years in his mother’s womb, already grey-haired with age. Others say that he was born from his mother’s left side in 1321 BC.

His original name was Li Erh; he was deified as Lao Chün and was regarded as an incarnation of T’ai Shan, or Shen P’ao, living in the highest Azure Palace.

He is depicted riding a buffalo.

Lao Tun
(see Lao-tzu)

Laocius
Chinese

the Latinised version of Lao-tzu

Laocoon
Greek
[Laokoon, Launfal]
a Trojan prince, son of Priam and Hecuba or of Capys or Antenor
a prophet and priest of Apollo

Poseidon
When he warned the Trojans not to take the wooden horse left by the Greeks at its face value, Apollo or Poseidon sent two large serpents which coiled round Laocoon and his two sons and crushed them to death. In some accounts Laocoön, in others he and one of the sons, escaped.

Laocoön[2] Greek
[Laokoön] son or brother of Oeneus one of the Argonauts

Laodacus[1] Greek
son of Echemus and Timandra

Laodamas[1] Greek
son of Etox

He was only a boy when his father was killed at Thebes but Creon acted as regent for him until he became of age and took over the throne of Thebes.

He led the Thebans in the fight against the Epignoi and, losing, went with his routed people to Illyria. Some say that he was killed in this battle by Alcméon.

a son of Alcinous

He offered to wrestle with Odysseus who declined the offer.

Laodameia[1] (see Laodamia)

Laodamia[1] Greek
[Laodameia] daughter of Acastus and Hippolyta or Astydameia

sister of Sterope and Sthenele wife of Protesilaus

Protesilaus was the first man ashore when the Greeks landed at Troy and was soon killed. The gods sent Hermes to Tartarus to bring him back so that his grieving wife might see him once more.

Laodamia refused to be parted from him again and killed herself so that she could accompany him to Tartarus.

Others say that she spent all her time grieving over an image of her dead husband and, when her father threw it on the fire, she threw herself after it.

Laodamia[2] English
a poem by Wordsworth telling the story of her love for Protesilaus

Laodamia[1] (see Deidameia[1])

Laodegan (see Leodegrance)

Laodice[1] Greek
[Astoche.'princess']
daughter of Priam and Hecuba wife of Helleonic or Telephus mother of Eurypylus

When the Greeks sent envoys to Troy to demand the return of the abducted Helen, she fell in love with one of them, a man named Acamas, by whom she had a son, Mynchus. At the fall of the city to the besieging Greek army, the earth opened up and swallowed her or, some say, she threw herself to her death from the walls of the city.

Laodice[1] Greek
daughter of Agapenor

She founded a temple to Aphrodite in Tegea.

Laodice[1] Greek
wife of Etytus, Cyllen, Peneus and Symphylus

mother of Ischis, some say

Laodice[1] (see Electra[1])

Laodice[1] (see Opis)

Laog[ (see Laeg)

Laoghaire[1] Irish
[Laegaire.Laery.Loeg(h)aire.Loiguire]
a high-king of Ireland

son of Niall brother of Caireb, Conal Gulban, Eanna and Eoghan

He helped his brothers at the Battle of Ath Cro and took as a prize the wife of Cana, the Ulster king, who was slain by Conall.

He once set out to arrest St Patrick for the grave offence of lighting his Easter fire before the king lit his at Tara but he was so impressed by the saint’s powers that he converted to Christianity, though others say that he remained a pagan.

He was killed, by lightning some say, when he attacked Leinster in an attempt to exact a tribute which he earlier promised to cancel.

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He inherited the throne from his father, Uígine, but his brother Cúchulain was jealous. Covach feigned illness and when Laoghaire and Ailill visited him he killed them both and took the throne.

Laoghaire mac Croidhmhaith[1] Irish
[Laegaire.Laery.Loeg(h)aire.Loiguire mac Croidhmain] a son of Croidhmain

son of Ethne father of Fedelma, some say

When Goll mac Goil, ruler of Mag Mell, abducted the wife and daughter of Naithna, Laoghaire took a force to the Otherworld, killed Goll, rescued the two women and married the daughter, Dair Greine. He returned to Ireland after a year but soon returned to Mag Mell and was never seen again.

Laoko West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from the Fon god, Loko

Laako (Loko) Irish

Laako[6] (see Laacoön)

Laomedan (see Laodedan)

Laomedon[1] Greek
[Laomédon] king of Troy

son of Ilos and Eurydice brother of Themiste and Tithonus husband of Strymo father of Antigeon, Clytieus, Hesione, Nicetaon, Lampas, Podarces and Tithonus

Apollo and Poseidon had been ordered by Zeus to serve as slaves to Laomedon. The former tended his flocks while the sea-god built the walls of Troy. When the king refused to pay them, Poseidon sent a sea-monster to attack Troy, Laomedon chained his daughter to a rock in the sea as a sacrifice to propitiate the god. She was found and rescued by Hercules who had left the mares of Diomedes in charge of Laomedon. It is also said that he promised two immortal horses...
to Hercules if he would rid Troy of the monster. These horses had been given to the king of Troy by Zeus in compensation when he abduced Ganymede as his cup-bearer. Because Laomedon refused to hand over the mares or because he reneged on his promise of the two horses, Hercules later returned with an army, sacking Troy, killing Laomedon and setting his son, Podarces on the throne as Priam.

Laomedon

Greek
son of Heracles by Omphale

Laonome

Greek
daughter of Guneus
a mistress of Heracles

Laophoea

Greek
[Laophoea] or
a mistress of Priam
daughter of Altes
mother of Lycoan and Polydorus,
some say

Laodice (see Laophoea)

Laotoc (see Laophoea)

Lapeel

European
a rabbit in Reynard the Fox
He lost one of his ears when he was attacked by Reynard.

Laphystios (see Dionysus)

Lapis exillis

British
the name for the Holy Grail in those versions in which it was said to be a stone rather than a cup or plate

Lapis Manalis

Roman
a stone placed over one of the entrances to the underworld
When a city was first founded, entrances to the underworld were dug and sealed with such a stone. Three times each year the stone would be removed to allow the spirits of the dead to return.

lapis philosophorum

(see elixir of gold)

Lapithae

(see Lapiths)

Lapithes

(see Lapithus)

Lapithus

Greek
[Lapithae] or
a mythical race in Thessaly
descendants of Lapithus
They were said to be horse-tamers and their long feud with the Centaurs started when the Centaur, Eurytion, tried to rape Hippodamia on her wedding day.

Lar'

Italian
an evil spirit of the Andean tribes

Lar Familiaris

Roman
a household god, a guardian spirit of an ancestor of the family

Lar

Irish
son of Fintan and Cessair
husband of Balma
He and his wife and father were the survivors of the flood.

Lar

Roman
"babbler".Larunda.Mania
a nymph
daughter of Alcmon
mother of the Lares
In some versions, an early Italic earth-goddess, she annoyed Jupiter by bearing tales to Juno so he had her tongue cut out and sent her to Hades.
Her escort, Mercury, fell in love with her and they produced the two children who became the Lares, gods of the hearth.

In some accounts, she is identified with Larunda, in others she is Mania.

Lara Jonggrang

East Indian
[Ambo Dewi]
a statue of Durga or Kali in Java
Some accounts say that she was the daughter of Ratu Baka.

Lara Kids

(see Kidul)

Laran

Italian
an Etruscan war-god

L'arc en ciel

West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit, the rainbow personified

Larentia

Roman
the feast of the dead in honour of Acca Larentia, 23rd December

Larentia (see Acca Larentia)
Latialis (African flying serpent consorting with witches. It may also take the form of a female, causing travellers to lose their way. It was warned by the spirit of his father not to allow Lavinia to marry one of her countrymen but to keep her for a stranger from over the sea. This turned out to be Aeneas, seeking somewhere to settle after the fall of Troy. In some accounts he fought for Aeneas, in others against him and was either killed in battle or taken up to heaven as Jupiter Latarius.

Latipan (see Jupiter Latarius) son of Ina-da Samadulo Hose, some say brother of Lowalangi.

Latarius (see Jupiter Latarius) a fish sacred to the Egyptians.

Latinus a spirit of the dead. These beings are said to steal the souls of travellers. Lau living in the sea are Jurna or Jorwin; those of the forest are Ereem Çauga or Ti-miku.

Laudame queen of Anfere, wife of Garel.

Laudine wife of Escalados, the Black Knight. When Owain killed the Black Knight in single combat he took over not only the knight's lands but his wife also.

Lauakanaa a wind-god of the Tongan Islanders. He is credited with having invented the fishing net and having brought the banana from heaven.

Laufera Norse wife of Loki by Farbauti, some say mother of Loki by Farbauti, some say

Lauferodd Wife of Llawfrodedd. He is credited with having invented the fishing net and having brought the banana from heaven.

Lautumate a Lithuanian field-god.

Laukumate a Lithuanian field-god.

Lauka Mate a group of local gods.

Launcelot du Lac (see Lancelot)

Laughing Buddha the owner of the knife that became one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

Laughing Festival of Wasa (see Festival of Wasa)

Laughing Water (see Minnehaha)

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Lauma | Baltic
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the Latvian version of the Lithuanian laumé

Lauma | East Indian
---|---
in New Guinea, the soul
It is said that, when a person dies, the Lauma leaves the body and takes up a separate existence.

Laume | Baltic
---|---
[Leiwe:lauma=Latvian lauma.spigena] a Lithuanian hag or witch
Originally these beings were harmless fairies, later they became evil beings.

Laumu | East Indian
---|---
the soul, in New Guinea
It is said that the body can leave the soul, causing illness, and return. At death, it leaves permanently but leads its own separate life.

Laun | British
---|---
(see Lancelot)

Launcor | British
---|---
[Lan(e)well.Lan(de)val.Lanfal]
a knight of King Arthur’s court
son of the king of Ireland
He was present at the court when Balin drew the sword brought by Colombe and sent by Lyle, Lady of Avalon, and was jealous. He rode after Balin when he left, hoping to avenge the death of the Lady of the Lake, and challenged Balin who killed him in single combat.

Launfel | British
---|---
the tree of Apollo

Lauri | Greek
---|---
king of the dwarfs
husband of Kunhild
In Germanic stories, he abducted Kunhild, sister of Dietlieb, and fought Dietrich and his followers when they came to her rescue. He trapped Dietlieb and some of his knights in his underground palace where he had imprisoned Kunhild but they escaped and, after a fight, captured Laurin. When he promised to behave better in future, he was forgiven and allowed to marry Kunhild. (see also Andvari)

Laurus | (see Andvari.Laurin)
---|---
son of Mezentius
He was killed in the fighting between the band of Trojans led by Aeneas and the indigenous Latins and Rutulians.

Lava | Hindi
---|---
son of Rama or Ravana and Sita
twin brother of Kusha

Lavaine | British
---|---
[Lawaine.Lawayn]
a knight of King Arthur’s court
brother of Elaine, Maid of Astolat, and Tirre
He accompanied Lancelot to France and was made Duke of Arminak.

Lavarcham | Irish
---|---
[Le(a)b(h)archam.Lebhorcham.Levarcam]
an attendant on Deirdre
Conor, the high king, put her in charge of Deirdre to raise her until she reached marriageable age. Lavarcham introduced her to Naisi with whom she eloped. The lovers were induced to return on a promise of safe conduct but Conor had Naisi and his two brothers killed and took Deirdre by force. Lavarcham died of grief and shame.
In some accounts, she is said to be a prophetess able to travel through the whole of Ireland in a day. It was said that her legs below the knee faced backwards.

Lavatory Ladies | (see Keng San Ku-niang)
---|---

Laverna | Italian
---|---
an underworld goddess, goddess of thieves

Lavinia | Greek
---|---
daughter of Latinus and Amata
second wife of Aeneas
Amata tried to keep her daughter for Turnus by hiding her in the woods but she eventually married Aeneas, just as had been prophesied before the arrival of the Trojans in Italy.
In some accounts she was the daughter of Evander, in some the wife of Hercules.

Lay | Greek
---|---
a poem in Homer’s Odyssey telling the story of Aphrodite’s affair with Ares

Lay of Grimnir | (see Grimsmial)
---|---
Lay of Groa-Galdur | (see GroaGaldur)
Lay of Harbard | (see Harbardsjöd)
Lay of Hymir | (see Hymiskvida)
Lay of Rig | (see Rigsthula)
Lay of the Nibelungs | (see Nibelungenlied)
Lay of Thrym | (see Hammarsheimt)
Lay of Vafthruthnir | (see Vafthruthnismal)
Lay of Vegtam | (see Vegtamskvida)
Lay of Volund | (see Volundarkvida)
Lays of Ancient Rome | English
tales by Thomas Macaulay including the story of Horatius defending the bridge

Laz | Mesopotamian
---|---
a Babylonian goddess
wife of Nergal

Laziz | British
---|---
an ancestor of Percival

Lecham-Sring | Buddhist
---|---
a Tibetan god of war
one of the Drag-shed

Lechpo | Tibetan
---|---
the ruler of the underworld, Yog-klu

Le Bel Inconnu | (see Gingalin)
Le Cheval Bayard | (see lutin)
Le Chateau de la Charette | (see Chateau de la Charette)
Le Chateau de Morgan la Fée | (see Fata Morgana)
Le Chevalier au Lion | (see Yvain)
Le Chevalier de la Charette | (see Lancelot)
Le Chevalier Mal Fet | British
---|---
the name used by Lancelot during the period when he was living with Elaine (see Lancelot)
Le Conte de Graal | (see Conte-de-Graal)
Le Conte del Grail | (see Conte de Graal)
Le-eyo  

African

an ancestor of the Masai

Le Morte d’Arthur  

(see Morte d’Arthur)

Le petit homme rouge  

French

a house spirit of Normandy, a lutin

Le Roi Mehaigne  

(see Fisher King)

Le Roi Pécheur  

British

a name for the keeper of the Holy Grail, variously translated as the Fisher King or the Sinner King

(see Fisher King. Pelles)

Le Tornoiment de l’Antichrist  

European

a French story which tells of the battle between the forces of good, led by King Arthur, and the forces of hell

Leebbar Gabala  

(see Book of Invasions)

Leebbar Gabbala  

(see Book of Invasions)

Leebbar Laigian  

(see Book of Leinster)

Leebbar na bUidbre  

(see Book of the Dun Cow)

Lebarcham  

(see Lavarcham)

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(see Lavarcham)

Leades  

Greek

son of Astracus

brother of Amphidocus, Ismarus and Melanippus

He and his brothers helped to defend Thebes against the attacking Seven.

Lean  

Pacific Islands

son of Timbehes

brother of Bangar and Sisianlik

The members of this family are regarded in New Guinea as the ancestors of the tribes. Lean himself died as the result of falling into a fire and a huge coconut palm grew from the remains of his skull.

Leanan-Sidhe  

Irish

[=Mans Lianan-she]

a female fairy who takes possession of a man, inspiring him with bardic powers

Leander  

Greek

[Leandros]

a youth of Abydus

He lived on one side of the Hellespont, Hero on the other and, although in love, they were forbidden to marry. Guided by a light in her window, he swam the Hellespont every night but when a storm extinguished the light, he was drowned. She hanged herself from grief.

Leandros  

(see Leander)

Lear  

British

a legendary king of Britain

father of Cordelia, Goneril and Regan

He is said to have divided his kingdom between Goneril and Regan. They drove him to madness and he was cared for by Cordelia who raised an army to depose her sisters but was killed in the attempt.

Learchus  

Greek

son of Athamas by Ino

brother of Melicertes

Hera discovered that Ino had reared the infant Dionysus and drove Athamas mad. He killed Learchus, shooting him under the delusion that he was a stag, and would have killed Ino and Melicertes if they had not jumped into the sea to escape.

In some accounts, he is referred to as Leucon.

Leargan  

(see Ligan. Lumina)

Leba  

(see Legba’)

Lebadeia  

Greek

a town in Boeotia, site of the oracle of Trophonius

Leb Malang  

Malay

bad luck personified: a character for whom everything he does goes wrong

Lebanah  

(see泽veac)

Lebarcham  

(see Lavarcham)

Lebe Serou  

African

ancestor-god of the Dogon, the eighth of the Eight Ancestors

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Leberneer  

German

Lebes  

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[Legbar. Legua. Yoruba. Eshu]

an angel-trickster of the Fon

a god of destiny

son of Lisa and Mawu or Minona

Legba  

West Indian


the sun-god of Haiti

During the daytime he operates the gate that gives spirits access to take possession of humans.

He is depicted as an old man in ragged clothes with a stick which supports the universe.

Legbar  

(see Legba’)

Legbassou  

(see Legba’)

Legua  

(see Legba’)

Lechies  

a forest-demon

These beings are envisaged as having the head and legs of a goat on a human body. In some accounts they are said to kill travellers by tickling them until they die laughing.

lectisternium  

Roman

[=Greek theoexenia]  

a meal for the gods

Leda  

Greek

daughter of Thestius and Eurythemis

wife of Tyndareus

mother of Castor and Clytemnestra

by Tyndareus

mother of Helen and Polydeuces by Zeus

In one story she found the egg resulting from the union of Zeus (appearing as a swan) with Nemesis (as a goose) and from which came Helen of Troy.

Another version has Zeus (as a swan) raping Leda who produced two eggs from which came Helen and Clytemnestra, Castor and Polydeuces.

In other accounts, she had three other daughters, Phoebe, Phylonoe and Timandra.

She was deified as Nemesis or her attendant.

Leding  

(see Laeding)

Leech Child  

(see Hiru-ko)

Leed’s Devil  

(see Jersey Devil)

Lecting  

[Latin]

a gathering of witches at Hallowe’en

Left-handed, The  

(see Opochole)

legarau  

West Indian

[legarou]

a werewolf in Trinidad

(see also leperou. loupgarou’)

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(see legerau)

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Lei Chen-tzu

a son of Thunder

He was said to have been born from an egg and was raised by Yün Chung-tzu. When he ate two apricots he had found, he developed a long nose, tusks and wings and his face became green.

Lei Hai-ch'ing

[Wu-tai]
a patron-god of musicians

He is said to have killed himself when some friend played a practical joke on him and he became a god.

Lei Jen Tsu

son of Lei Tsu

He was born from an egg and found by soldiers who gave him to Wen Wang who had the boy reared by a hermit. When Wen Wang was captured, Lei Jen Tsu turned into a dragon and rescued him.

Lei Kung

[Duke of Thunder]
a Taoist thunder-god

Originally depicted in human form with blue skin, fangs and talons, he was later shown as a monkey-faced bird.

Lei Pu

the celestial Ministry of Thunder

Lei Tsu

[Ancestor of Thunder.Wen Chüng T'ai-shih]
god of silk-weavers and cake-makers

controller of storms

husband of T'ien Mu

father of Lei Jen Tsu and Lei Kung

He was the earthly minister, Wen Chung, and was on the losing side at the Battle of Mu, fleeing to the mountains. Yün Chung-tzu caused the Battle of Mu, fleeing to the

eight columns of flames to surround mountains. Yün Chung-tzu caused the Battle of Mu, fleeing to the

He is envisaged as having three eyes, one of which, in the middle of his forehead, emits a death-dealing beam. For transport he has a black unicorn said to travel at immense speed.

In some accounts, Lei Tsu is female, the goddess of agriculture and the wife of Huang Ti, and said to have been the first person to domesticate the silk-worm. Others say that this was Hsi-ling Shih.

Lei-bolmai

[Lapp]

["sider man"]

the bear-god, protectors of hunters

leibata

[East Indian]

[=Borneo jewatu=Hindu devata:]

- Indonesian dewi
- Javanese dewata:
- [Philippines diva]

a general name for a deity in Sumatra

Liefnes Flames

[Norse]
a drink

Odin gave this drink to the hero Hadding to give him great strength and courage.

Leilah

[Persian]

the personification of female beauty

lover of Mejnun

Leimoniads

[Greek]

[Limoniades]

nymphs of the meadows

Lein

[Irish]
a smith to the gods

He made the magic spear given to Finn mac Cool by Fiacha.

Leiodes

[Greek]
a priest

He was one of the suitors harassing Penelope during her husband's absence and was killed by Odysseus on his return from his wanderings.

leippya

[Burmese]

a soul which can appear in the form of a butterfly and leave the body

It is said that the soul can leave the body and return as it pleases. While the soul is away, the person may become ill and, if the soul is seized by a demon, the person will die.

Leiptar

[Leipter]

[see also la']

Leipter

[Norse]

[Leiptar=Greek Styx]

the river of oaths

a river in Niflheim, one of the 12 rivers known as Elviagar.

Leir

[British]

the British version of the Irish god Lir

Leiriope

[Greek]

[Liriope]

a nymph

mother of Narcissus by Cephasus

Lejman

[Pacific Islands]

[=Celebes Lumimu'ut]

the first woman in the lore of the Marshall Islanders

consort of Wellub

mother of Lep and Lewoj

mother of Edao, some say

She and Wellub were born from the leg of Lao. In another version, they were originally worms living in a shell.

In some versions she is referred to as Limdunanij or Limdunaniji.

Lejo

[East Indian]

a Dayak chief

husband of Mang

He found the goddess Mang trapped with her hair caught in a vine and married her. They had a daughter and then Mang returned to her home in the sky.

Lei

[Russian]

a shepherd

Snegurochka, the snow-maiden, fell in love with Lei and emerged from her icy forest home to be with him. She perished in the heat of Yarilo, the sun-god. But the same heat warms the earth and flowers spring up where she died.

Lei Muda

[Malay]

a prince

son of Budiman

brother of Naga Mas

Lelaps

(see Laelaps)

Lelex

[Greek]

king of Laconia

son of Poseidon by Libya

brother of Agenor and Belus

father of Erota

Lelewani

(see Shaushkas)

Lelewansis

(see Shaushkas)

Lembu

[East Indian]

a prince of Borneo

Sailing down a river, he came to a waterfall where there stood a beautiful girl named Tunjung Buigh. As he watched, Suryananta appeared and took the girl as his wife.

Lemminkainen

[Finnish]

[Ahti.Ahto.Kauko(mieli).Lieto:

[=Estonian Lammakune]

a hero of the Kalevala

son of Ilmatar

son of Lempi and Kylikki, some say

husband of Kylj

He is said to have seduced all the women on the island of Saari.

His wife broke her promise not to attend local dances so he divorced her and was a suitor for the hand of the Maiden of Pohjola, the daughter of the evil Louhi. To win her, he was required to catch a camel (or outrun an elk, some say), capture a fire-breathing horse and shoot a swan on one of the rivers of the underworld Tuonela. A blind cowherd named Markhattu, whom Lemminakainen had earlier offended, sent a serpent which killed the hero. His body was cut into pieces by a son of Tuoni but his mother, Kylikki, recovered the pieces from the river of death and, with the help of honey brought from heaven by a bee, which she smeared over the parts, restored him to life. While Lemminkainen was in the underworld, the maiden married Ilmarinen.
Lemminkainen later went on an expedition to Pohjola with Ilmarinen and Vainamoinen to seize the sampo, a magic mill that provided a never-ending supply of money and grain, which Ilmarinen had made for the Maiden of Pohjola.

Lemuria (see Hydra)

Lemnos

the island ruled by Thoas

The women of this island killed all the men with the exception of Thoas who was helped to escape by his daughter, Hypsipyle.

Philoctetes was left here when he was bitten by a snake en route to Troy with the Greek army.

Lemon

a yellow citrus fruit

Pining a piece of paper hearing the name of a person to a lemon was said to cause illness or even death of that individual.

Lempi

Finnish

[Lee']

father of Lemminkainen

Lempo

Finnish

an evil spirit (see also Hiisi)

lemur

[plur=lemures=Greek lamyroi]

a ghost of the dead

In some accounts, a distinction is made between the larvae and the lemures, the former being ghosts of the wicked dead, the latter of the good dead.

(see also lares.larva)

Lemuralin

(see Lemuria')

lemures

(see lemur)

Lemuria1

a supposed lost continent, the birthplace of man

Lemuria2

Roman

[Lemurian]

a festival commemorating the dead, May 9-15th

Len Linxlaclach

Irish

a smith working for Bodb Dearg

Len

Irish

grandson of Mac Da Tho

He raised the huge boar that was killed for Mac Da Tho’s feast.

Lenae

(see bacchantes)

Lenaea

Greek

[Foundation of Wild Women.Lenaean]

a Spring festival in honour of Dionysus

Lenaeon

(see Lenaea)

Lenaeus

[Greek]

[Lenaios]

an epithet of Dionysus as ruler of the wine-presses

Lanaos

(see Lenaeus)

Lendar

Irish

wife of Conall Cearnach, some say

Lendechair

Irish

wife of Finn mac Cool, some say

Lendix-Teux

North American

a shape-changing god of the Chilcotin Indians of Canada

Lenga

African

sister of Luna

wife of Nsasi (see also Nsasi)

Lenni-Lenapi

North American

the ancestors of the Delaware people, direct descendants of the Great Spirit

Lenus

Celtic

a god of healing in Gaul and Wales

Leo1

European

a pope

son of Constantine

His father demanded the hand of Bradamante for his son and Rogero set out to challenge his right to her hand. When Rogero was captured and imprisoned, Leo released him out of admiration for his bravery and skill on the battlefield at Belgrade where he had rallied the Bulgarians and routed the Greeks. In return, Leo extracted a promise that Rogero would fight Bradamante to win her hand for Leo. Rogero won the contest with Bradamante and departed in despair but when Leo heard of his distress he gave up his claim to Bradamante who finally married Rogero, the man she loved.

Leo2

[Lion.=Arab. Asad]

the fifth sign of the Zodiac, the lion

Leodegan

(see Leodegrance)

Leodegrance

British


Leodegran=Welsh Gogogran.Oenowr.

Ogyr Vran]

king of Cameliiard

father of Guinevere

When Leodegrance’s kingdom was attacked by Royins, King Arthur brought a great army to his rescue. It was on this occasion that Arthur first met Guinevere who later became his wife. Leodegrance gave Arthur the Round Table as part of Guinevere’s dowry. Some accounts equate him with Bran.

Leodogran

(see Leodegrance)

Leofos

Pacific Islands

wife of Paluelap

mother of Rangelap and Rongerik

Leon

(see Houdain)

Leonais

(see Lyonesse)

Leonard1

[Great Goat,Master Leonard]

da demon of the first order

In black magic, one of the Grand Dignitaries, grand master of the Sabbath, depicted with a black face and three horns.

Leones

(see Lyonesse)

Leonesse

(see Lyonesse)

Lenois

(see Lyonesse)

Leonnos

(see Lyonesse)

Leonoretta

European

a princess

daughter of Lisuarte

sister of Oriana

She and a number of knights and maidsens were captured by the giant Fumongomadan and his son, Basagante. Amadis killed both giants and released the prisoners.

Leontes

Persian

male celebrants of the rites of Mithra

In these rites, a bull was sacrificed and its raw flesh was eaten by the Leontes.

Leontes

Greek

son of Coronus

He was one of the leaders of the Lapiths at Troy.

Leo2

Greek

son of Odysseus

In the story that says that Odysseus was sent into exile to Aetolia for killing the suitors of Penelope, he was said to have married the daughter of the king, Thoas, who bore Leontophonus.

Leo2

a fierce animal of the cat family with a spotted coat

(1) In Biblical terms, a beast said to have seven heads and ten horns, mentioned in Revelations.

(2) The Egyptians revered the leopard as the animal of Osiris.

(3) In Greece the leopard was regarded as the animal of Dionysus.

Leopard of the Night

(see Buk)

Leopard Spirit

Chinese

da demon

He captured Tripitaka and his friends on their Journey to the West but Sun Hou-tzu turned into a firefly and rescued them.

Leophonetos

(see Bellerophon)

Leos

Greek

a herald at the court of Theseus

lepanthropy

the supposed power to turn oneself into a hare

leperou

(see liberou.werewolf)

Lepidatus

Egyptian

a fish sacred to the Egyptians
leprachaun  
(see leprechaun)
Leprea  
Greek
a guardian goddess of lepers
leprecawn  
(see leprechaun)
leprechaun  
Irish
[leprechaun.lerech(l).w.c.luprachain.
leprachain]
a spirit or fairy of the Otherworld
When the Danaans were conquered by the invading Milesians they retreated underground as fairies. They are said to guard a crock of gold.
In some accounts, they are the same as the gyanacanac.
(see also cluricane, luchorpain)
leprechawn  
(see leprechaun)
leprecaune  
(see leprechaun)
Lepus  
[hare]
a star of Orion, recognised as the boat of the god Horus.
Ler  
(see Lar)
Lerad  
(see Laerad)
Leradh  
(see Laerad)
Leraie  
(see Lerajie)
Lerajie
[Lerajie. Oray]
a demon one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to cause wars and can prevent the wounds of one’s enemies from healing.
He may appear dressed in green and carrying a bow and arrows.
Lerna  
Greek
[Lerne]
a swamp in Argolis, home of the Hydra
Lernaean Hydra  
(see Hydra)
Lerne  
(see Lerna)
Les  
(see Leza)
Lesage  
Persian
a demon opposing Sraosha
Leschi  
(see Leshi)
Leshchika  
Slav
wife of Leshi
Leshi  
[Leschi, Leshy, Leshi, Lesi, Lesovik, Ljeschi.
Lychie, Lyesche, Lyeschy, Miechts-
Lozijn, Vare-jelle]
an evil forest-spirit
a type of karlik
These one-eyed beings are said to rape young women after luring them into the forest. They are regarded as the progeny of mortal women and demons, capable of changing their shape at will, and are said to have blue faces with green beards. Some say that they fell from heaven when Satan was expelled.
Leshy  
(see Leshi)
Lesiy  
(see Leshi)
Lesiy  
(see Leshi)
Lesiye  
(see Leshi)
Lesni Zenka  
Slav
a female woodland spirit
Lesovik  
(see Leshi)
Lessoce  
[Leso]
an island
the home of Aegir
Lestroire de Merlin  
British
the life story of Merlin from the Vulgate Version
Lestrigones  
(see Laestrygones)
Lethaea  
Greek
wife of Olenus
She and her husband were both turned to stone by the gods
Lethe  
Greek
[Ameles]
one of the rivers in Hades
The waters of this river, if drunk, caused forgetfulness so the dead were required to drink its waters to obliterate memories of their past life.
Lethe  
Greek
oblivion personified
offspring of Eris
Lethowstow  
(see Lyonesse)
Leto  
Greek
[Latt-Roman Latona]
a Titaness
goddess of darkness
daughter of Coeus and Phoebe
sister of Asteria
mother of Apollo and Artemis by Zeus
She was abandoned by Zeus when he made her pregnant and pursued by Python at the behest of the jealous Hera. She wandered the earth until finally carried by a dolphin to the floating island of Ortygia (later Delos) which welcomed her and gave her sanctuary for the birth of her children, Apollo and Artemis. Poseidon chained the island to the bottom of the sea so that its motion should not disturb Leto and her children and two men who, at the instigation of Hera, had stirred up the mud in a pool to prevent Leto from taking a drink were turned into frogs by Zeus.
Some accounts say that Ortygia and Delos were two separate places while others say that the island of Asteria (Leto’s sister turned into a rock by Zeus) was the site of the birth of the twins. Some say that Leto arrived on Delos in a form of a wolf to deceive Hera.
She was said to have changed Leucippus from a girl to a boy.
Some accounts have Leto as the wife of Zeus before Hera.  
(see also Asteria)
Leto Phytia  
Greek
a name for Leto as creator, after she changed a girl into the boy Leucippus
Lettfeti  
Norse
a horse of the gods
Leuca  
[Leucos]
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her while she was bathing, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Leuca, tore him to pieces.
Leuce  
Greek
a nymph
When chased by Hades she was turned into a white poplar.
Leuce  
Celtic
[White Island]
a home for illustrious dead heroes
Leucetios  
Roman
a Celtic thunder-god in Gaul
Leucippe  
Greek
[White Goddess]
daughter of Minyas
mother of Hipposus
With her sisters Arisippe and Alcithoë she tore her son Hipposus to pieces and ate him in a fit of madness induced by Dionysus who was upset when they refused to join his revels.
Hermes changed all three sisters into bats (or birds).
Leucippides  
Greek
the daughters of Leucippus
Leucippus  
Greek
co-king, with Aphareus, of Messenia
son of Pereires and Gorgophone
father of Arsinoe, Hilaeria and Phoebe
Leucippus  
Greek
a Cretan girl who was changed into a boy by Leto
daughter of Lamprus and Galatea
Lamprus ordered his wife to kill their expected child if it should turn out to be a girl. When a girl was duly born, Galatea dressed her like a boy and reared her as such. Eventually the truth came out and mother and child took refuge in the temple of Leto where Galatea prayed to the goddess.
Her prayers were answered when Leto changed the girl into a boy.
Leucippus  
Greek
son of Oenomaus
He fell in love with Daphne, the nymph who rejected all men. To approach her, he disguised himself as a nymph but the others discovered the trick when they were bathing together and killed him.

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Leviathan (see Ino, Leucothoe) a sea-monster with seven heads which came to symbolise hell. It was killed by Baal and Mot. Later, it tried to follow. These beings were envisaged as white spiders which broke when men drank alcohol. In some accounts, he was chained by Behemoth but he escaped and fell to earth. The leyak roams about at night with its roots in Limayin but branches spreading over the adjoining region, is available to the inhabitants of Lhayul. The spirit lives in the stomach and the person so affected is invisible and may steal children and corpses and eat them. It is depicted holding a pagoda. These lines are imagined to join sites of religious or historical importance and to be imbued with magical properties.

Levada
Leander
a servant of Melora, a Cretan. He seduced Meda, wife of Idomeneus, and, when her husband returned from the Trojan war, killed her and drove her husband from Crete.

Levan
a tutelary goddess of new-born babies

Leva
a name of Ngewo as a creator-god and sky-god of the Kaonde

Levanda
a demon, loss of faith personified

Levanda1
Greek
[Leucothea, Leucothoe, Leukothea] daughter of Orchamus and Eurynome

Levanda2
Greek
one of the sirens

Leucosia
Greek
an androgynous being.

Leucothoe
Greek
Anat while another version makes her into the shrub frankincense.

Leucothoe1
Greek
Helius seduced her and her father then buried her alive. The sun-god changed her into the shrub frankincense.

Leucothoe2
Greek
Met and killed the monster on one of his journeys. In other versions it is a sea-monster with seven heads which was killed by Baal and Mot. Later, it came to symbolise hell.

Leviathan
a name for a god or good spirit

Leviathan1
African
a celestial region

Leviathan2
He and his brother plotted to kill Wulbe but he escaped and fell to earth.

Levy
imaginary cross-country lines

Lezah
African
a tiger or a firefly

Lezah1
African
a celestial region

Lezah2
a demon, loss of faith personified

Lewis, C S
English
(1898-1963) a scholar and writer, author of The Screwtape Letters

Lewoj
Pacific Islands
[‘nadir’] son of Wulbe and Lejman brother of Laneg

Ley lines
imaginary cross-country lines

Ley Lines
imaginative spirit of the Ngbandi

Lewy
imaginary spirit of the Ngbandi

Lewy1
Chinese
the active principle, opposed to ch’i

Lhi2
Tibetan
a heavenly being

Lhi3
a demon, loss of faith personified

Lhi4
a fire-god

Lhaim
Buddhist
demons or elementals

Lhamo
Buddhist
a sorcerer

Lhayul
a celestial region

Lhi-an-n-an
(see Lhi-an-n-an)

Lho Mo
(see Sri)

Li
Chinese
a Taoist deity

Li1
Chu-jung
a Taoist deity

Li4
Chu-jung
a Taoist deity

Li4
Chu-jung
one of the Four Diamond Kings

Li4
Chu-jung
He is depicted holding a pagoda. He can cure pain by sucking on the end of a divining rod which is touching the affected spot, so drawing out a spot of blood and, with it, the demon causing the pain.

Li4
Chu-jung
He seduced Meda, wife of Idomeneus, and, when her husband returned from the Trojan war, killed her and drove her husband from Crete.

Li1
Chinese
a fire-god

Li3
Chinese
a malevolent spirit of the Ngbandi

Li2
Chinese
the active principle, opposed to ch’i

Li3
Chinese
the active principle, opposed to ch’i

Li4
Chinese
the active principle, opposed to ch’i

Li T’o-t’a
a Taoist deity

Li T’o-t’a
(see Li T’o-t’a)

Li T’o-t’a
a Taoist deity

Li T’o-t’a
(see Li T’o-t’a)

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a Taoist deity

Li T’o-t’a
(see Li T’o-t’a)

Li T’o-t’a
a Taoist deity
Li¹

one of the Eight Diagrams, representing fire, sun, heat and the peasant

Li²

one of the 3 main types of dragon (see also dragon³)

Li³

son of Dedar

Li Ban¹

Irish

daughter of Eochaid mac Maireadh
sister of Airiu

She and the rest of her family were overwhelmed when Lough Neagh was formed but she survived in an underwater bower. She turned into a salmon and lived in the sea for some 300 years. She met a monk, Beoan, who was en route to Rome and made a promise to meet him a year later. When she was caught in the net of another monk, Fergus, they argued over her but she chose to die and go to heaven rather than continue her existence for another 300 years. Before she died, she was baptised as Muirgen.

Li Ban²

Irish

[Liban]
wife of Tadhg mac Cein

She and her husband's brothers, Armealach and Eoghan, were carried off by Camthann to a foreign land called Fresen. Tadhg arrived with a force of warriors and, with the help of Camthann's nephews, conquered Fresen, killed Camthann and freed his wife and his brothers.

Li Ban³

Irish

[Liban]
daughter of Aedh Abrat
sister of Angus mac Aedh and Fand
wife of Labraid Luathlam

When her husband sought the aid of Cuchulainn to defeat his enemies, she was sent to offer Fand, her sister, in payment for his help.

Another story says that she and Fand incapacitated Cuchulainn for a whole year when they attacked him with whips.

In some accounts, she was the daughter of the goddess Flidhais.

Some accounts describe her as a goddess who sometimes took the form of a bird.

Li Chi

one of the Five Classics part of the Li Ching

Li Ching¹

Chinese

[Li T’ien Wang.Pagoda Beare.T’o-t’a-li]
a gate-keeper in heaven
father of Li No Cha

His wife gave birth to a ball of flesh which, when cut open, revealed a baby boy who immediately grew to manhood.

In some stories, the boy, Li No-cha, grew to sixty feet and had three heads and eight arms. When Li Ching tried to kill him, the gods intervened and settled the quarrel, promoting Li Ching to a more senior position in heaven.

He was originally a Hindu god of thunder taken into the Chinese pantheon as the Pagoda Bearer.

Li Ching²

[Book of Rites.Book of Rituals]
the fifth of the 9 major works of the Confucian canon, dealing with proper conduct, written by Confucius

This work has three parts: Chou Li, I Li and Li Chi.

Li Ch’un

Chinese

a spring festival

Li Erh

(see Lao-tzu)

Li Hai-t’ang

Chinese

wife of Tsao Chün

She persuaded Tsao Chün to divorce his first wife, Kuo Ting-hsiang, and marry her but, when his good fortune deserted him, she did the same.

Li Hsiu-yüan

(see Chi Kung)

Li Huan-chi

Chinese

a book-keeper in a celestial ministry

He was selected for this administrative post but he needed greater knowledge and so he was returned to earth after death for further tuition before taking up the appointment.

Li Kung

Chinese

father of Chi Kung

one of the disciples of Confucius

allowed to sacrifice in the temple of Confucius.

Li Ning-yang

(see Li T’ieh-kuai)

Li No-cha

Chinese

a Taoist god, guardian of the mythical planet, T’ai Sui, impregnated a maiden.

It was said that he was conceived when he accidentally killed an attendant of the goddess Shih-Chi-Niang-Niang, he was reborn as a sixty foot giant with three heads and eight arms. The gods made him an armour-bearer to the Jade Emperor.

Another version says that a priest, Chin-kuang Tung, appeared in a dream to a woman who subsequently bore a monstrous lump of flesh which her husband cut open with his sword to reveal a baby boy with three heads, each with three eyes, and eight arms, who was wearing the clothes and the bracelet of the priest. He grew to be sixty feet tall at the age of seven and had the power to produce blue clouds from his mouth.

He used his bracelet to kill a retainer of the Dragon King who attempted to arrest him when he disturbed the Dragon King and in the Battle of 10,000 Spirits, he defeated the immortal Feng-lin using his bracelet and his wind-fire wheel.

In some accounts, he was a reincarnation of Ling Chu-tzu.

Li Pa-pai

Chinese

an immortal

He is said to have walked 800 miles every day or, in some versions, to have lived for 800 years.

In one story, he persuaded first the servants of T’ang Kung-fang, then his wife and finally the official himself to lick the sores on his body. When the promised cure did not come about, he bathed himself in wine and was cured and the others did likewise and became youthful once again. He gave T’ang Kung-fang a copy of the Tan Ching from which he prepared a potion that made him an immortal.

Li Ping

Chinese

an official of the celestial Ministry of Time responsible for overseeing the year

Li Po

(699-762)

a celebrated poet

It was said that he was conceived when the mythical planet, T’ai Sui, impregnated a maiden.

Li Pu

Chinese

the celestial Ministry of Rites

Li Shao-chün

Chinese

a 2nd c BC alchemist

He appealed to Tsao Chün for the gift of eternal youth and persuaded the emperor that he too would become immortal. He tried to deceive the
emporer, saying that the recipe he needed was hidden inside an ox and so the beast was killed. A piece of silk with characters written on it was found in the animal’s stomach – which was not surprising since Li had given it to the animal to eat. For this crude deception he was executed.

Li-shih Chinese
part of the name Chin-kang-li-shih, referring to Guhyaka as the yaksha with the closed mouth
(see also Hang.Chin-kang)

Li-shih Hsien-kuan Chinese
a minor deity, assistant of the God of Riches

Li T‘ieh-kuai Chinese
[Iron Crutch.Kung Mu.Li Ning-yang.
Li Yuan.T‘ieh-kuai (Li)]
one of the Eight Immortals
god of apothecaries and the disabled
He was originally a student known as Li Ning-yang and he developed the power of leaving his body to visit Lao-tzu in heaven. On one occasion, his disciple, Lang Ling, thinking his master truly dead, burned his body so that, when he finally returned, he was forced to find another body, that of a lame beggar. As a result, he is depicted as a beggar using a crutch given to him by Hsi Wang Mu or Lao-tzu.

Another story says that he was taught by Hsi Wang Mu who cured him when he had an ulcer on his leg. It left him lame so she gave him the iron crutch with which he is depicted. He is said, on one occasion, to have walked unscathed. On another occasion he crossed a river by standing on a crutch with which he is depicted. He is said to have created Falerian wine with characters written on it was found in the animal’s stomach – which was not surprising since Li had given it to the animal to eat. For this crude deception he was executed.

Li T‘ien Wang (see Li Ching)
Li T’o-r‘a (see Li?)
Li Yang-p‘ing Chinese
a 9th c writer

Li Yuan (see Li T‘ieh-kuai)

Lia Irish
[Liaith]
a treasurer of the Fianna
father of Conan mac Morna

Conan’s brother, Goll, killed Finn’s father, Cumaill. In revenge, Finn killed Lia and seized his money-bags, distributing the proceeds among the poor.

In another version, Finn killed Lia to avenge the death of Glonda, a man killed by Lia, and, in so doing, took possession of the Treasure Bag of the Fianna.
Libertina  Roman
  a name for Venus as the goddess of sensual pleasures  (see also Libitinna)
Libethra  Greek
  the site of Orpheus' burial
Libicocco  European
  a name for the Devil in Dante's Inferno
Libitina  Roman
  [\textit{\text{-Greek Persephone}]
  a goddess of funerals and the underworld, death personified
  an aspect of Venus  (see also Libertina)
Libogues  East Indian
  legends of Papua New Guinea
Libra  Greek
  \[\textit{\text{Licwiglunga}}\]
  an aspect of Venus
Libra  Mesopotamian
  a representative of Nina, in some accounts
Lida  Malay
  a plant
  It is said that, if one puts an ear close to this plant, one can hear the earth speaking, passing on knowledge.
Lidoine  European
  daughter of Henry
  sister of Laris
  wife of Ladon and Claris
  When she aged first husband died, she was carried off by Savari. She was rescued by King Arthur and married Claris.
Ligdus  Greek
  \([\textit{\text{Ligdus}}]\)
  father of Aegeius, Melas and Oeonus
Lightfoot1  Phoenician
  a horse of the gods
Lightfoot2  Greek
  right spot.
Lightfoot  Irish
  a warrior of the Fianna
Light of Beauty  Phoenician
  goddess uses a mirror to flash light
Light of Beauty  English
  \([\textit{\text{Ligeia}}]\)
  a name for the Devil in Dante
Light Child  Phoenician
  offspring of Genos and Genea
Light Child  Norse
  husband of Telethusa
Lighter  Norse
  a name for Venus as the goddess of sensual pleasures
Lighter  Latin
  \([\textit{\text{Ligus}}]\)
  son of Electryon
Lighter  Latin
  \([\textit{\text{Ligus}}]\)
  eight brothers were killed.
Lighter  Greek
  \([\textit{\text{Ligdus}}]\)
  husband of Telethusa
  father of Iphis
Lighter  Greek
  \([\textit{\text{Ligdis}}]\)
  a fugitive
Lighter  British
  Having killed some of King Arthur’s men, he took shelter with St Cadoc for ten years. Cadoc paid compensation in the form of 100 cattle but these beasts all turned into ferns when being driven through a ford.
  In some accounts, others were involved in the killing besides Ligessac.
Light  English
  Offspring of Genos and Genea
  \([\textit{\text{Light}}]\)
  (see Lucifer)
Light  English
  a horn of the gods
Light  English
  (see Sgilti)
Lightning  English
  in many cultures, lightning is regarded as a weapon wielded by a god
  (1) The Chinese say that a young goddess uses a mirror to flash light on to a chosen target so that the thunder-god can release a bolt of lightning and be sure of hitting the right spot.
  (2) In Central America, some tribes say that lightning first brought illness to man.
  (3) The people of Dahomey say that the thunder-gods use lightning to punish wrongdoers and one of
them, the young god Ghaed, can kill people with a lightning shaft.

Early inhabitants of Germany blamed witches for lightning while others said that a charred log from a midsummer bonfire, if kept in the house, would protect the owner from lightning. Some say that a magic coal, found under a mugwort plant, will protect the owner from lightning.

In Greece, lightning was the weapon of Zeus and the Greeks regarded as sacred any spot where lightning struck the earth.

In New Guinea it is believed that many evil spirits can cause lightning.

The Romans regarded Jupiter as lightning.

In North America, some tribes believe that using a toothpick made from the timber of a tree that has been struck by lightning will cure toothache. Others say that a lightning strike near to the spot where a person is dying announces the arrival of the Devil to collect that person's soul. Some believe that lightning caused the raccoon or the mole while others cover their heads with raccoon skin as protection from lightning.

The Tartars regard lightning as an arrow shot from the rainbow which is the bow wielded by a great hero.

The early Vedic religion taught that lightning was a weapon wielded by several gods, including Apam Napat, Indra, the Maruts, Rudra and Treta.

Lightning (see Cakulha-Hurukan)

Lightning-flash (see Chipi-Cakulha)

Ligni (see Lygni)

Ligo-feast Baltic

a Latvian festival in honour of the sun-god

Ligoapup (see Ligoupup)

Ligobond Pacific Islands

goddess who created plants and fruit

Ligoububfanu (see Ligoupup)

Ligoupup Pacific Islands

[Ligoapup,Ligoububfanu]

a creator-goddess in the Gilbert Islands

sister or daughter of Amilap

daughter of Lugelain, some say

She is said to have created the world and now manifests her presence by causing earthquakes.

In some accounts she is regarded as the first woman.

Liguron (see Achilles)

Lijebage [Lady Turtle]

Edao was sent to Lijebage by Wulleb to get a magic tortoise shell and the goddess made him into a great magician.

Like-mighty (see Iafn-Har)

a female demon

This being is depicted as a one-eyed hag.

Likinda African

son of Lianja and Ntsongo

husband of Boale

His daughter was Ntsongo reborn.

Liknites Greek

[Child in the Harvest Basket]

a name of Dionysus as a vegetation-god, newly-born each year

Liknophoria Greek

a fertility rite used as part of the Eleusinian Mysteries

Likubala African

a name of Mulungu as ‘the counter of steps’

Likundu [Ekundu.Ikundu.Ndoki]

the Bangala god of evil: the devil

He was castrated and imprisoned in the underworld.

Lila (see Lilu)

Lilang East Indian

a Sangiang

brother of Tempon Telon

This demi-god acts as the guardian of fishermen.

Lile (see Lyle)

Lilin Mesopotamian

[Lilin=Greek Empusa]:

the winged children of Lilith

They were said to have the legs of asses and to be able to take on any form. As women, they would sleep with men, sapping their strength until they died.

Lilinai North American

a maiden woed by a phantom

She followed her phantom lover into the forest and was never seen again.

Lilins (see Lilim)

Lilis (see Lilith)

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Lilith1 Mesopotamian

[Ardat.Lil.Lilith(bu).Lilli;owl-hag']

Princess of Succubi, ‘storm-woman’:

=Sumerian Kiskil-lilla

a Babylonian goddess

She is envisaged as a winged demon-woman attacking sleeping men.

Lilith2 Hebrew

[Lilubul.Gililu.Lillu(hu)]:

=Sumerian Alul

a hairy monster who married the Devil

In some accounts, Lilith was expelled from paradise and slept with the Devil, producing the jinn. Other versions say that she flew off in the form of a vampire or took the form of a black cat, preying on new-born babies. In this context, her name is used to refer to the star Algol, previously known as Rosh ha Satan (Satan’s Head).

In some accounts, she is identified with Empusa or Lamia, while others refer to her as the queen of Zamargad, the plentiful home of lovers.

(see also Lila.Lilith1.Lilu.Naamah)

Lilith3 in astrology, the star Algol or a hypothetical planet (see also Lilith2)

Lilithu (see Lilith1)

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Lilocu East Indian

sacred myths of Papua New Guinea

Lili (see Lilith)

Lilu (see Lilu)

Lilu Mesopotamian

[Lila.Lilu]:

the male form of Lilith

He was an elf who enchanted young maidens.

Liluri Mesopotamian

a Syrian mountain-goddess consort of Manuzzi

lily Roman

the flower of Juno

Lily Maid of Astolat (see Elaine)

Lima (see Limi)

Limaloa New Zealand

a giant

He tried to kill the god Kumapua’a who had taken the form of a hog but, when the god turned into a handsome young man, they became great friends.

Limba West Indian

[Limba-Zaho.Limba-Zoua]:

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Limba-Zaho (see Limba)

Limba-Zoua (see Limba)

limbo
d the borders of hell

This area is reserved for those who...
cannot reach heaven through no fault of their own, such as children who died before baptism. There are said to be separate limbos for such children (Limbo of Children); for those born before Christ’s crucifixion (Limbo of the Fathers) and for those not responsible for their own actions (Limbo of Fools).

In Carolingian lore, the Limbo of the Moon is a storehouse for ephemeral things such as advice disregarded, time misspent, promises not kept, deadthbed wishes, etc.

Limdunani (see Lejman)

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Limi (African)

[Lima]

a name of Mulungu as the sun

Limniads (Greek)

Lake-nymphs

Limoniades (see Leimoniads)

Limos (Greek)

Famine personified

Limours, Earl of (see Limwris)

Limping Devil

(see Devil on Two Sticks)

Linu (Pacific Islands)

[Rinu]

A Tongan primaeval deity

god of the dead

Consort of Kele

Limwris (British)

[Limours]

An earl

He sheltered Geraint and Enid when Geraint was wounded by one of the three giants he had killed. Geraint killed him when he insulted Enid.

ling (ling-yen)

soul substance; the supernatural power of divinities

Ling Chih (Chinese)

[Plant of Immortality]

A fungus regarded as a sacred plant

It is said that this plant, if eaten, confers immortality.

Ling-chu (Chinese)

[Transcendental Pig]

The god of swine

He is envisaged as a pig or with a black face and elongated lips.

Ling Chu-tzu (Chinese)

[Intelligent Pearl]

A sage who was re-incarnated as

Li No Cha

Ling-kuan (see Wang*)

Ling Pao (see Tao Chun)

Ling Tzu (Chinese)

One of 3 deities regarded as patrons of tea

ling-yen (see ling)

A monster in the form of a fish with the head and limbs of a human being

Ling-yu (see lingam)

A phallus, one of the 12 symbols of Shiva

Ling-bhava (Hindu)

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When an argument arose between Vishnu and Brahma as to who had created the world, a flaming lingam rose out of the primeval waters and burst open to disclose Shiva, the supreme power. (see also Sishana)

Lingodbhava (Hindu)

A name for Shiva as ‘lord of the phallus’

One account of Shiva’s birth says that a cosmic phallus appeared to Brahma and Vishnu and out of it appeared Shiva.

Another story says that some sages put a curse on Shiva, for tempting their wives, causing his phallus to shrivel. When he then caused light to disappear from the earth, the sages quickly made an artificial organ that became the symbol of fertility, the lingam.

Linkalanaka (African)

A familiar

This is in the form of a tortoise, with a knife where its head should be, which can be used by a sorcerer to kill his enemies.

Linne (Irish)

A friend of Oscar

He was inadvertently killed by Oscar when in the grip of battle-rage.

Linoi (see Linus*)

Linos (see Linus*)

Linus (Greek)

[Laianos, Linos]

Lamentation personified

Son of Amphimarus, Apollo or Oeagus, by Urania

In some versions, his parents were Apollo and Calliope or Psamathè.

In some accounts, he was deserted by his mother but rescued and reared by shepherds. He was torn to pieces by the dogs of Crotopus though others say that he was killed by Apollo who was jealous of his prowess as a musician. (see also Linus*)

Linus* (Greek)

[see Linus*]

Son of Ismenus, some say brother of Orpheus

He was a musician who taught Orpheus. He tried to teach Heracles literature and music and was killed by Heracles who struck him with his lyre when they argued about correct musical instruction.

In some accounts, he is the same as Linus, son of Amphimarus.

Linus* (Greek)

[see Linus*]

A ghost in the Solomon Islands

These beings, said to be the spirits of dead chiefs or warriors, are invoked to help the sick. In some cases, they become manifest as large fish such as sharks, when they are known as pa’ewa.

Li’oa (Pacific Islands)

A lament or dirge addressed to Linus and Psamathè

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Liod (see Gina)

Ligach (Irish)

Sister of Fearchal mac Maolduin

She sent gifts of sweets and apples to her beloved, Cathal, king of Munster, but her brother had a spell put on the gifts with the result that the king was afflicted with the Hunger-beast.

Lion* (British)

The owner of a pet parrot won by King Arthur

Lion (Irish)

A large, fierce animal of the cat family, regarded as king of the beasts, appears in many mythologies
In Babylonia, the demon Ugallu was a form of lion and the lion was also regarded as the steed of Nergal.

In Buddhism, the lion (simha) was the favoured steed of several deities including Avalokiteshvara and Maitreya.

In China, the immortal, Chiu-shou, often took the form of a lion (shih).

Christian symbolism has the lion representing Christ and a number of saints, including Mark.

In Egypt the lion was a symbol of the sun and the sun-god and also the deities Set and Tnu.

The Greek hero, Heracles, killed the Cithaeronian Lion and wore a lion's skin as a cloak.

The Hebrews used the lion as the symbol of the tribe of Judah.

In India the lion was used as the national emblem.

The Romans regarded the lion as the animal of the god Vulcan.

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In Thailand this animal is regarded as the ancestor of the royal family.

A guardian of law

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a goddess of Cybele

Buddhist

Lion Goddess

Lion King

Lion Knight

Lion-man

Lion of the Summit

Lionel

[Lyoned]

a knight of King Arthur's court

brother of Bors

In some versions he is the cousin of Lancelot and, with Bors, was stolen by Nimue and reared in her underwater kingdom as a companion for Lancelot. Other versions say that he was Lancelot's nephew.

He was one of the many knights captured and imprisoned by Tarquin, who hated all Arthur's knights, until rescued by Lancelot.

He was once held captive by King Vagor of Estrangot and was due to fight the king's son, Marabron, in a duel. When Lionel was injured, Lancelot took his place, defeated Marabron and released Lionel.

He became king of Gaul and, after the death of King Arthur, died at the hand of Mordred's son, Melehan.

Lionesse (see Lyonesse Lyonorons)

LIONOR

African

a Swahili hero

son of Mbawaso

He was a poet, a giant who could not be wounded.

Lionors (see Lyonors)

Norse

elves of light

Their home was Alfhheim suspended between earth and heaven. They were ruled by Frey and were responsible for birds, butterflies and flowers. The fairy-rings seen in the grass are the sites of their dancing and are said to bring luck to – or, in some stories, kill – those who stand in them.

Liosalfheim

Norse

[Light elves Ljosalfar Nibelungen]

home of the Light Elves land of the righteous (see also Alfhheim)

Lioumere

a female demon of the Caroline Islands

Her iron fangs were knocked out by a man who made her laugh and then struck her with a large stone.

Liparos

Greek

father of Cyane

Lippant (see Lyppant)

Lips

Greek

[=Roman Africus]

a wind from the south-west quarter

Lipsippia

Pacific Islands

spirits of the New Hebrides

These beings, which take the form of dwarfs living in stones and trees, are quite capable of eating anybody who upsets them.

Lir

Irish

[Leir-welsh Ll(e)yr]

a sea-god

husband of Aobh and Aoife

father of Manannan and Sainred

father of Aedh, Conn, Fiahra and Fionuala

He had four children by Aobh and when she died, he married her sister, Aoife, who turned the children into swans. Later, Lir returned them to human shape but they had grown old and wrinkled. Aoife was changed by Bobb Dearg into a demon as punishment. (see Children of Lir)
careered round the room, rebounding on the walls.

Litai
Greek

drughters of Zeus
They were sent by Zeus to follow the mischief-making Ate so that mortals could have a chance, by prayer, to avoid the troubles that Ate brought upon them.

Litao lane
(see Moshanyana)

Litavis
Celtic

an early deity

Little Man

Little People

North American

Little Uncle

Litai Greek


Little Man went down. He was attacked successively by monsters with two, then three and finally four heads and killed all three of them. He rescued the three girls the monsters had kept locked up and sent them up in the kettle together with much plunder from the monsters' home. When it was his turn to go up, Broken War Club cut the rope and they took him to die but he managed to climb out. For helping them to settle an argument, a wasp, a worm and a woodpecker each gave him the power to assume their shape. He soon overtook the fleeing men and killed Broken War Club, sending Smoking Mountain packing and keeping the girls and the treasure for himself. Later, he rescued another girl from a huge monster by killing first the monster himself and then the grizzly, the brown bear, panther, wolf, wolverine, fox, rabbit, and quail that successively emerged from the last body.

The quail produced an egg which, smashed against the original monster's horn, killed him beyond hope of revival. As a result, Little Man acquired more treasure and a fourth wife.

Little Men
North American

friendly spirits of the Cheyenne

Little Men
(see Thunder Boys)

Little Orphan

North American

a boy sponsored by Ro Som

Little Orphan was a boy in Banks Island who was found by the sea-goddess, Ro Som. She built him a house, gave him pigs and great wealth and advanced him through the local secret society. When he insulted his benefactress, she returned to her home in the sea and Little Orphan found that all his trappings had disappeared.

Little Paynal

North American

dwarfs or fairies in the lore of some Indian tribes

Little People

(see Faylinn.Good Folk)

Little Sprout

(see Djuuskaha)

Little Tiger

(see Ixbalunke)

Little Turtle

North American

in the lore of the Iroquois, the animal who brought light to the world

When the earth was formed on Great Turtle's back, it was dark so he ordered Little Turtle to climb into the heavens to remedy the situation. She collected flashes of lightning from the thunderclouds, rolling them into a large ball which became the sun and a smaller ball which became the moon.

Littur
(see Lit)

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lituus
Roman
an augur's staff

This staff, hooked at one end, was used to mark out the area to be used for divination.

Lityerse
Greek

a king of Phrygia, a farmer

son of Midas, in some accounts

He challenged all-comers to do less than he in a reaping contest and killed the losers. He was about to kill Daphnis when Heracles killed him and gave Daphnis the throne.

Lityerses
Phrygian

[=Egyptian Maneros.=Greek Linus]
a dirge or lament for the death of Lityerse

Liu
Chinese

[Celestial Prince]
a deity in charge of the 5 cereals

He was in charge of barley, millet, rice, sorghum and wheat, taking over many of the functions of Hou t'u.

Liu An
Chinese

the original name of Huai-nan-tzu

Liu Ch'en
Chinese

a magician

When the governor threatened to have Liu Ch'en executed for practising his art, the magician summoned up the governor's ancestors who accused the governor of failing to honour them and then disappeared, taking Liu Ch'en with them.

Liu Hai
Chinese

an immortal

He was a 10th C minister of state, a Taoist scholar, who retired to a monastery and was given the recipe for making the pills of immortality by Lu Tung-pin.

He was the owner of a three-legged toad which would carry him wherever he wished to go and which, if it escaped, he could recapture with gold coins on the end of a line.

He was said to have lured a venomous toad which killed people out of its pond and killed it.

As a deity he is regarded as a god of the earth and patron of needle-makers.

Liu Hung
Chinese

an official of the celestial Ministry of Time, responsible for overseeing the hour

Liu Hung
Chinese

a boatman
He killed the scholar Ch’en and assumed his identity, forcing Ch’en’s wife to keep silent and live with him. When her son by Ch’en found her years later, she sent him with a message to her father, Yin K’ai-shan, who came to her rescue and killed the impostor.

Liu I (see Liu Meng)
Liu Ju (see Liu Meng)
Liu Meng Chinese
Liu T’ai-wei]
a god of agriculture
He is sometimes equated with Pa Ch’a and is said to be based on either of the two generals Liu I or Liu Ju or various others with similar names.

Liu Meng Ching-chun Chinese
a name for Liu Meng as the Fierce General Liu
Liu Pei Chinese
a Taoist god representing the emperor’s celestial authority
god of basket-makers
Liu T’ai-wei Chinese
a name for Liu Meng as Constable Liu

Liu Tsung Chinese
[Six Honoured Ones]
celestial spirits controlling the heavenly bodies, directions, rain and wind
Liufingar (see Huldru)
Living Buddha Tibetan
the Dalai Lama
Living God (see Ahura Mazda)
Livre d’Artus French
a poem adding to Boron’s Merlin
Livyanth (see Leviathan)
liwa South American
in Honduras and Nicaragua, an evil water-spirit
These beings, envisaged as white worms, are said to pull canoes under the water, drowning the occupants. They are said to have ships of their own which travel under water.

Liz British
the realm of Meljanz
Liza (see Lisa)
Lizard North American
a culture-hero of the Navaho
He gave to Child-of-the-Water a cloak of invisibility which enabled him to approach monsters unseen and kill them.

Lizard House (see Itzamna)
Ljeschi (see Leshi)
Llod (see Angerbode.Guna)
llogspo (see lCoggpo)
Ljosalféheim (see Liosalafheim)

Ljosalfar (see Liosalfar)
Ljubi Balkan
an Albanian female demon
She causes drought which can be lifted only by the sacrifice of a virgin.

Lla Luanya British
the Manx name for Lugnasad
Llacheu British
son of King Arthur
Llachew was said to know the nature of everything, like Gwalchmai and Ruwallawn. He was killed by Kay.
In some accounts, he is the same as Lobolt. (see also Borre.Lobolt)

Llaesegymyn British
[Llaesmin]
a gatekeeper at King Arthur’s palace
a deputy of Gwlewlyw
Llaesynin (see Llaesegymyn)
Llagoligua South American
a tree
The tribes of Paraguay say that this tree is used by the dead as a route to heaven.

Llalegan (see Lailoken)
Llalawe (see Emrys)
Llallogan Vyrdin (see Emrys)
Llaminawc South American
[Llaminawg]
a stone figure in the temple, Chot,
later removed by the king, Fempellec
Llamrei (see Lamiri)
Llapchilulhi South American
a servant of Naymlap

Llasar Llaes Gyfnewid Welsh
[Llassar.Llasar Llaesgywydd]
a war-god and god of death
husband of Cymideu Cymefinfol
He owned the magic cauldron which could restore the dead to life.
He was shut up by Matholwch in an iron room and the walls were then heated but he and his wife broke out and went to Wales where he gave the cauldron to Bran who later gave it to Matholwch in compensation for the damage done to his horses by Efnisien.

Llasar Llaesgywydd Welsh
(see Llasar Llaes Gyfnewid)
Llaufruddedd (see Lauffrodedd)
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Llawereint Welsh
a name of Ludd as ‘silver-handed’
(see also Lud)
Llawrnodredd Welsh
a herdsman of Nudd
Llefeleys Welsh
[Llefeleys.Llefeleys]
a king of France
son of Beli
brother of Caswallawn, Lludd and Nyniaw
On the death of Beli, Lludd took the throne and Llefeleys went to France and married a princess, later becoming king of France. He returned to meet Lludd on a ship in mid-Channel where he advised him how to deal with the plagues that were afflicting Britain – the Coranicids, the shrieking dragon and the giant thief.

Lleminawc British
[Llaminawc.Llaminawg.Lleminawc]
 LLwch Llawynyawc.Llwch Lleminawc]
a companion of King Arthur on the expedition to Annwfn to seize the magic cauldron
A similar story involves Llenleawc (who was Irish) and the expedition to Ireland to seize the magic cauldron of Diwrnach, one of the objects that Culhwch was required to get in his quest for the hand of Olwen.
In some accounts, he is identified with Bedivere.

Lleminawg (see Lleminawc)
Llen Arthur (see Gwern’)
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Llenleawe British
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Llew Welsh
(see Llew Llaw Gyffes)
Lleuched Welsh
[LLleuched]
daughter of Bwch and Hyrddyddw
Llevels Welsh
(see Llefelys)

Llew Llaw Gyffes Welsh
[Huan.Llew.Llech Llauynauch]
Nant y Llew.=Celtic Lug.=Irish Lugh
sun-god, god of light
a legendary hero
son of Aranrhod
brother of Dylan
One of two (or some say three) boys born mysteriously to Aranrhod, a herdsman of Nudd, a legendary hero, who was probably the boy’s father.

In one version, Gwydion collected a drop of blood that fell when Dylan was born, wrapped it in cloth and put it in a chest. He heard a cry from the chest and opened it to find a baby.
In another story Llew was the son of
Goewen, the previous footholder to King Math, who had been seduced by Gifaethwy, Gwydion's brother.

Aranrhod cursed the boy so that he could never marry a mortal woman so Gwydion and Math, also a magician, made a non-human wife, Blodeuedd, for him. She had an affair with Gronw and the lovers planned to kill Llew. Gronw wounded him with a spear but Llew turned into an eagle and escaped. Gwydion found him and returned him to human form, turning Blodeuedd into an owl at the same time. Llew then sought out Gronw and killed him. Llew, without a wife, got bored and finally went to live in the sea with his grandfather Llyr.

Llewellyn  
 Welsh

a chieftain

He owned the hound Gelert and killed it when he found it blood-spattered and his baby son missing. It turned out that Gelert had not eaten the child but had fought and killed the wolf that attacked the boy who was found safe and well.

Llewelyn  
 Welsh

Lleyd  
 Welsh

Lhianan-she  
 Manx

[Lhianan-Shee=Irish Leanan-sidhe]

a female spirit or fairy in the Isle of Man

Lligwy Cromlech  
 Welsh

(see Arthur’s Quoit)

Lloegyr  
 Welsh

[Loegyr(a)=British Locris.Logres]

the Welsh name for England

Llongad  
 British

a man who killed Taliesin’s son, Addaon

Llauar  
 British

a horse of Caradog Briefbas

Lluch Lluwynnauch  
 Welsh

the Welsh version of Lugh as Lluch

White-hand

(see Llew Llaw Gyffes)

Lluched  
 Welsh

(see Lleuched)

Lludd  
 Welsh

[Lludd Llaw Eraint.Lludd Llawereint. 
 Llychlyn

[=Irish Lochlan] 

the Welsh name for Norway or, in some versions, the Otherworld

Llyfr Coch Hergest  
 Welsh

(see Red Book of Hergest)

Llyfr du Caerdyddin  
 Welsh

(see Black Book of Carmarthen)

Llyfr Gwyn Rhydderch  
 Welsh

(see White Book of Rhydderch)

Llygadnudd Emrys  
 Welsh

[Llyganuddf

an uncle of King Arthur

He was killed in the hunt for the boar Twrch Trwyth.

Llyganudd  
 Welsh

a lake where King Arthur fought with an addanc

Llyn Cau  
 Welsh

a lake near Cader Idris

This lake is said to be bottomless and the home of a man-eating monster.

Llyn Cerrig Bach  
 Welsh

a sacred lake in Anglesey

Llydaw  
 [Llwyd]

a magician

son of Cil Coed

To avenge the treatment of Gwawl who had been rejected by Rhiannon in favour of Prydri and his wife Cigfa, part of which involved a plague of mice affecting their farm. When Manawydan caught the biggest mouse and was about to hang it, Llwyd, in the guise of a bishop, offered a large ransom for the mouse who was his wife. When she was released, he lifted the spell and returned Prydri and Rhiannon who had been spirited away.

Llwydaw  
 Welsh

a young boar, offspring of Twrch Trwyth

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 Welsh

a sacred lake in Anglesey

Llyn Barfog  
 Welsh

(Llwyd)

a lake in Dyfed

Merlin was said to have prophesied that Carmarthen would suffer some catastrophe if this lake ever dried up.

Llyn Feic  
 Welsh

the home of the wise old salmon consulted by Culhwch, in some accounts  
 (see also Llyn Llyw)

Llyn Lech Owen  
 Welsh

a lake in Wales

This lake is said to have been formed when one of King Arthur’s knights failed to replace the cover of a well, allowing it to overflow.  
 (see also Llyn Tegid)

Llyn Llannon  
 Welsh

[Lake of waves]

the lake which overflowed to cause the flood from which only Dwywan and his wife escaped

Llyn Llw  
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 Welsh

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Llyr  
 Welsh

[son of Lluwyri

He was the owner of the magic cup that Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Lwyrdydwyd  
 Welsh

wife of Syfwich

mother of Eisiwyed

Lwyriion  
 Welsh

father of Llwyr

When Beli died, Lludd came to the throne. During his reign the country was afflicted by three plagues and he sought advice from his brother, Lleflys, king of France, as to how to deal with them. He then killed the mysterious Coranieids by using a spray made of insects crushed in water, trapped the dragons whose shrieks had been driving people mad and trapped the giant who had been stealing food from the palace. He trapped the dragons by making them drunk on mead and then had them carried to Wales and buried on Mount Erith. They were later released by Vortigern when he built his castle there.

Some accounts assert that Lludd, son of Beli, is a different character from Lludd Silverhand.  
 (see also Nudd)

Lludd Llaw Ereint  
 Welsh

the story of these brothers, from the Mabinogion

Lludd Llaw Lawerent  
 Welsh

(see Lludd.Lud)

Lludd Llawereint  
 Welsh

(see Lludd.Lud)

Lludd’s Fort  
 Welsh

(see Caer Lludd)

Lludd Silverhand  
 Welsh

(see Lludd)

Lluch Llawyanawc  
 Welsh

(see Lleminawc)

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 Welsh

(see Lleminawc)

Llwyd  
 Welsh

[=Irish Nuada]

Llwyd Llaw Gyffes  
 Welsh

(see Lluched)

Llwyd Llawminawc  
 Welsh

(see Lleminawc)

Lluag  
 Welsh

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 Welsh

(see Llyn Llw)

the home of the wise old salmon consulted by Culhwch

Llyn Llwy  
 Welsh

(see also Llyn Feic)

Llyn Tegid  
 Welsh

the home of Ceridwen and her husband, Tegid Voel

This lake is said to have been formed when the cover was left off a well, allowing it to overflow.  
 (see also Llyn Lech Owen)
Llyn y Fan

Welsh

a lake in Dyfed

The home of a maiden of the Otherworld who married a mortal and bore three sons. When he struck her carelessly, she disappeared, taking all their possessions with her. When her sons grew up, she appeared and gave them a bag which contained all kinds of medical knowledge with the result that they became famous physicians.

Lo-hou-lo-to

Chinese

Lo-han

the king would die in combat.

Gri-gum, so fulfilling a prophecy that He fought and killed the divine king, Tibetand became his wife.

words, she resumed her former shape loved her. When Lo Aget said these remain as a cat until a man said he had been put under a spell by a sorcerer who said that she would have three sons. When he struck her carelessly, she disappeared, taking all their possessions with her. When her sons grew up, she appeared and gave them a bag which contained all kinds of medical knowledge with the result that they became famous physicians.

Llyn y Fan

Welsh

the goddess Dôn as a star in the constellation Cassiopeia.

Llys Helig

Welsh

a 6th c Welsh bard.

In some accounts, he was one of the Twenty-four Knights of King Arthur's court.

Llyr Marini

British

an ancestor of King Arthur.

father of Caradoc, in some accounts.

Llys Dôn

Welsh

the goddess Dôn as a star in the constellation Cassiopeia.

Llys Helig

(see Lafau Sands)

Llywarch

British

Lynybach (see Laffau Sands)

a 6th c Welsh bard.

father of Caradoc, in some accounts.

Llywelyn, Sion

Welsh

(c 1540-1615)

author of Hanes Taliesin

Lo

Chinese

a sacred river.

Lo Aget

Pacific Islands

a man who owned a magical cat.

His white cat was really a princess who had been put under a spell by a sorcerer who said that she would remain as a cat until a man said he loved her. When Lo Aget said these words, she resumed her former shape and became his wife.

Lo Chin Cha

Siamese

a sun-festival held at harvest time.

Lo-gNam

Tibetan

a groom at the royal palace.

He fought and killed the divine king, Gri-gum, so fulfilling a prophecy that the king would die in combat.

Lo-han

(see lohan)

Lo-hou

Chinese

[Caput Draconis,Dragon's Head.Star of Quarrels=Hindu Rahu]

the north node at the intersection of the orbits of the moon and earth.

The Chinese say that an invisible planet, home of celestial beings, exists at this point.

Lo-hou-to

the Chinese name for Rahula

Lo-hou-lo-to

the Chinese name for Rahulata

Lo Hsüan

Chinese

a sage who was deified and runs the celestial Ministry of Fire.

Lo-Lale

Pacific Islands

a Hawaiian prince.

His brother sent their cousin, Kalamakua, on a voyage to find a suitable bride for Lo-Lale. Kalamakua returned with Kelea who married Lo-Lale but, after producing three children, left him and married Kalamakua.

Lo-ma-gyon-ma

Tibetan

the Tibetan version of Parna-Savari.

Lo Phag

Tibetan

one of the Five Lands.

This realm, like Balang Cho, was said to be the home of cattle-herding giants who lived for 500 years or more.

Lo-pon

(see Rimpochhe)

Lo-tsu Ta-hsien

Chinese

a disciple of Lao-tzu.

Lo Yü

Chinese

one of the 3 deities regarded as patrons of tea.

Loa²

Pacific Islands

[Loau,Loa,Loa=Ta-Tahitian Taro]

creator-god of the Marshall Islands.

Having created the reefs, planets and birds, he then produced a god to rule each of the four cardinal points. These were Irojurikil (west), Lajbuineamuen or Lalikan (north), Lokoman (east) and Lorok (south).

In one version he was the father of the first couple, Wulleb and Lejman. This hag could transform herself into a beautiful maiden. In Arthurian lore, she appears as Ragnell or Cundrie and also, in an Arthurian context, in Chaucer's Wife of Bath's Tale. The Irish version appears in The Adventures of the sons of Eschu Mungmedon.

Loa³

(see Loa²)

Lo-be-lie-by-the-fire

British

Lob-lie-by-the-fire

a hard-working brownie.

Loba

African

a sun-god of the Duala tribe.

(see also Iruva)

Lobha

Hindu

demon.

He was opposed by one of the Matrikas, Vaishnavi.

Lobsangma

Tibetan

one of the 5 Long-Life Sisters.

Locana

Buddhist

a goddess.

a sakti of Akshobhya, some say

Loch Beal Dragan

Irish

[Lake Dragon Mouth]

the lake on which Caer, in the form of a swan, lived with 150 other swans.

Loch Garten Monster

Scottish

a flesh-eating monster, part bull, part horse.

Loch Leathghlas

Irish

a poet of the Fomoire.

Loch Mor

Irish

a warrior of Connaught, son of Mofebais.

He was trained, together with Cuchulainn and Ferdia, by the great
warrior-maid Skatha. His skin was so tough that it could not be penetrated by normal weapons so, when he fought with Cuchulainn and wounded him, Cuchulainn used the Gae Bolg to kill him.

**Loch Ness Monster** *Scottish*

[Nessie] a monster purported to be living in Loch Ness

**Loch Riach** *Irish*

this lake formed to separate two warring groups of fairies

Every seventh year, white sheep dipped in the waters of the lake turned crimson.

**Loch-Na-Fuirne** *Scottish*

a woman living underwater in a loch

Her life was coiled up inside an egg concealed in a trout inside a raven. Her only companion was the Lairdly Beast. She was destroyed by Tam.

**Lochan** *Irish*

a hero of a voyage to many strange places with Emne and Silvester

**Locheia** *Greek*

[Lochias] a name of Artemis as goddess of childbirth

**Lochia** *Greek*

[Lochias] the Irish name for Norway

**Loch Riach** *Irish*

the home of the Fomoire under the sea

**Lochann** *Irish*

[Lochann; Welsh Lychlyn] the Irish name for Norway

**Loch Ness**

the Otherworld

**Lochside**

the sea

**Loch Rhiach**

[Lochru] a name of Tir Tairmigiri with Aoife

**Lochen**

a monster of the sea

He fell in love with the captive Estrildis, daughter of Humbert, and had an affair with her despite being betrothed to Gwendolen. He married Gwendolen but kept Estrildis in an underground chamber as his mistress. He fathered a son, Maddan, on Gwendolen, and a daughter, Henben or Saba, on Estrildis. While Gwendolen was away attending the funeral of her father Corin, Locrinus abandoned her and proclaimed Estrildis queen. Gwendolen raised an army in Cornwall and killed Locrinus herself, taking over as queen.

**Locris** (see Locrinus.Logres)

[Lochris] in lore of the Navaho, Locust enlarged the hole made by Hawk which allowed the tribe to climb into the upper world

**Locust**

[North American] a hero of a voyage to many strange places

**Logan**

[Logan] the home of the Fomoire under the sea

**Logamnaig** (see Loghannaigh)

**Loghan** (see Loghan)

[Loghan] a man who was changed into a stream by Artemis to save her from the unwanted attentions of Pan

**Loghor** (see Lodur)

[Loghor] father of Maddan by Gwendolen

**Loghornaig** (see Loghannaigh)

**Loghannaigh** (see Loghannaigh)

**Loghru** *Irish*

[Lochru] a druid

He was one of those who foresaw the coming of Christianity which would destroy the power of the druids.

In some accounts, he was killed by St Patrick when they fell into argument. (see also Lucet Maol)

**Lo’cìl**

(see La’cìn-coro’mo)

**Lo’cìn-corò’mo** *Siberian*

[Lo’cìn.Yëgë’ë] a household guardian-god

**Lo’cìn-po’gìl**

[Siberian] a fire-spirit

**Locrinus** *British*

[Locrin(e).Logris] a king of Britain

**Logestilla**

a good fairy

sister of Alcina and Morgana

When Rogero and the other prisoners escaped from the enchanted castle of Alcina they went to the kingdom of Logestilla. She gave Rogero a bridle which allowed him to ride the hippocriff of Atlantes and she gave abandoned and lived in a spring but was later found and they were both reared by their father. Lodge Boy grew up to be a hero who killed many monsters.

In some accounts, they succeeded in resuscitating their mother; in others, the twin, Thrown Away, grew from a discarded placenta.

**Logestis**

a warrior-maid

She was changed into a stream by Artemis to save her from the unwanted attentions of Pan.

**Loghaire**

[a name of Loki as one of the 3 creator-gods]

He is said to have given man his physical senses or, in some versions, his blood.

**Loghornaig**

[Loghornaig] a name of Ragnar Lodbrok

Ragnar Lodbrok met her when he was on an expedition to Norway and married her. When, after three years, he returned to Denmark to repel an invasion, she refused to leave Norway so Ragnar married Thora.

**Loghornaig**

[a name of Ragnar Lodbrok]

[see also Lodur]

**Loghornaig**

[see Laeg]

**Loghornaig**

[see Laoghaire]

**Loghornaig**

[see Lloegyr]

**Loghornaig**

an attendant of Frigga

Her function was to smooth the path of lovers. She conveyed the permission of the gods for mortals to marry.

**Loghonaig**

a king of Britain

**Loghonaig**

a giant cook

He appeared as the cook in the story of Utgard-Loki and won in a contest with Loki to see who could eat the faster.

**Loghonaig**

[a name of Loki in the Wagnerian cycle]

**Loghonaig**

[‘wild fire’]

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Astolpho, who had been rescued from the form of a myrtle tree, a horn to be sounded in times of peril and a magic book which would tell him all he ever needed to know.

Logistilla (see Logestilla)

Logos1 Greek the primeval essence which gave rise to the gods: the mind of god: reason

Logos2 Greek fable personified offspring of Eris

Logos3 Hindu a name for Sarasvati as a goddess of learning (see also Vach)

Logres British [Logres=Welsh Loegr(ia)].Loegyr] the name for England in the Arthurian legends (see also Locris)

Loha-Mukha Hindu one of a race of iron-faced cannibals with only one foot

Loha Penu Hindu a god of iron, revered in Madras


(see also Eighteen Lohan)

Lohenergrain Welsh

the Welsh version of Lohengrin son of Peredur and Condwiramur

Lohengrin German

[Knight of the Swan.Lohengergrain Swan Knight=German Lohengrin] son of Parsifal and Condwiramur brother of Aribadale and Kardiez husband of Elsa and Belaye

When the princess Elsa was accused of murdering her brother Godfrey, heir to the dukedom of Brabant, Lohengrin was sent from the temple of the Grail to her rescue riding on a swan. He defeated her accuser, Frederick of Télramund, and married Elsa without revealing his name. When he was later persuaded to tell her his name, he left her and was carried by the swan back to the temple of the Grail. Before leaving, he restored Godfrey, who had been turned into a swan by the magic of Ortrud, Frederick's wife, to his human form.

He later married Belaye but her parents, believing that he had put her under a spell, had him killed.

(see also Swan Knight)

Lohnergrain (see Lohengrin)

Lohiau Pacific Islands husband of Hiiaka and Pele

This young chieftain married Pele after her first husband deserted her but Pele left him soon after the wedding to prepare a new home. It took so long for the message to reach Lohiau that he died. He was reanimated and set out with his attendants to go to Pele. Again it took a long time and Pele lost her patience and killed them all with fire.

Another variation says that Pele's sister, Hiiaka, rescued his soul from the underworld and, when he was restored to life, he fell in love with her. The jealous Pele poured lava over him and he died again. In some stories, Hiiaka again went to the underworld to await the arrival of his soul, not knowing that his soul was searching for her in the upper world. The god Kane-holani reunited Lohiau's soul with his body and gave him a magic shell in which he sailed to an island where he was reunited with Hiiaka and married her.

Lohier European

[Lotharius] son of Charlemagne

When Beuve refused to pay proper homage to Charlemagne, the king sent Lohier to threaten reprisals. Beuve killed Lohier and, when the king sent an army to exact vengeance, was forced to submit.

Lohipada (see Minanatha)

loho

(see bao)

Loholt European

[Borre.Lacheu] a Knight of the Round Table son of King Arthur by Guinevere or Lyons

In those accounts where his mother is said to be Lyons, he is the same as Borre. In other stories, he was equated with Llacheu.

In some accounts, he was killed by Kay.

Loi Hsao Mong Burmese

a sacred mountain, home of the gods

Loiguire (see Loaghaire)

Loingseachan Irish

a friend of Suibhne Geilt

When Suibhne went mad, it was Loingseachan who found him in the wilderness and restored him to his kingdom.

Loka Hindu

one of the worlds into which the universe is divided

One version postulates just three realms, the Tri-Loka, while another has seven, the Sapta-Loka, and others have eight, eleven or fourteen.

(see Sapta-Loka.Tri-Loka)

Loka Pala (see Lokapala)

Lokapala1 Hindu


This range, lying beyond the furthest sea, is said to separate the known world from outer darkness.

Lokamata Hindu a name of Lakshmi as ‘mother of the world’

Lokanatha Buddhist a form of Hayagriva or Samantabhadra as an assistant to Avalokiteshvara

Lokapala1 Hindu [Loaka Pala=Tibetan Jir-men skyona] the region guarded by the Dikpala

Lokapala2 (see Dikpala)

Lokasenna (see Aegisdrekkra)

Loke (see Loki)

Lokesvara1 Buddhist

[Loke] a name for a group of deities or for the various forms of one of them

Lokesvara2 Cambodian

[Lord of the World] the Cambodian name for Avalokiteshvara

In one story, he saved the shipwrecked merchant, Simhala, from the rakshashis by turning himself into a horse and carrying Simhala away.

Lokesvararaja Buddhist

an incarnation of the Buddha

Loki Norse

[‘fire’.Haloge.Loder.Lod(u)r.Lodurr.Loke. Lakkju.Loprt(ers).Loptr.Lothurt]: =German Loge.Sataere] the god of evil, fire and mischief son of Fibralti and Laufieia or Nal son of Bor and Bestla, some say son of Ymir, some say brother of Aegir and Kari brother of Odin, some say brother of Byleist and Heblindi, some say husband of Angerbode, Glut and Sigyn

In some versions, Loki was the son of Ymir and one of an early Trinity with his brothers Aegir and Kari. Those who regard him as a brother of Odin equate him with Ve.

He was said to have had three wives, fathering Einmyria and Eisa on his first wife, Glut; Iormungandr, Fenris and Hel on his second wife, Angerbode; and Narve and Vali on his third wife, Sigyn. He is also said to be the father of Sleipnir, Odin's eight-legged horse.
Loki was always a troublemaker. He stole the golden tresses of Sif, wife of Thor. The angry husband caught Loki and nearly strangled him, forcing him into a promise to restore the beautiful hair. Loki persuaded the dwarf, Dvalin, to fashion a replacement from golden thread which turned out to be even more beautiful than the original.

He made a wager with another dwarf, Brock, that Dvalin could make better things than Brock’s brother, Sindri, the loser to forfeit his head. The gods judged the results and said that Brock was the winner. Instead of cutting off the loser’s head, Brock sewed Loki’s lips together to stop his chatter.

When Thor went to jotunheim dressed in a bridal gown to deceive Thrym into returning the hammer of Thor which he had stolen, Loki went with him dressed as the bridesmaid to help the deception.

On one occasion, he was carried into the sky by Thiassi in the form of an eagle and was released only when he promised to lure Iduna into Thiassi’s power with some of the apples of eternal youth which she guarded. He did what he had promised but when the gods discovered what he had done they forced him to get Iduna back. Wearing Freya’s fælon-garle, he flew to Thryhmheim, turned Iduna into a nut (or, some say, a swallow) and flew to Thrymheim, turned Iduna into a flea to gain access to Freya’s bed and made off with her.

On another occasion he turned himself into a flea to gain access to Freya’s bed and made off with her beautiful necklace, Brisingamen. Heimdall saw him stealing away and, after a struggle in which both assumed different forms, Loki was forced to surrender the necklace which Heimdall then returned to Freya.

To frustrate the giant Skrymsli, Loki hid the boy that the giant had won in a wager as an egg in the roe of a fish in the ocean but Skrymsli still found the hiding place so Loki turned the boy back to his normal form, whereupon he ran off. The giant chased him but ran head-first into a pointed stake cunningly placed by Loki.

When the gods decided to build a wall round Asgard to keep out the giants, an unknown architect under-took to do the work if they would give him the sun, the moon and Freya. Loki advised acceptance but they stipulated that the work must be done in one winter and by the architect himself, aided only by his horse, Svadilfare. When it looked as if these conditions would be fulfilled, Loki changed into a mare and enticed Svadilfare into the forest so that the architect did not finish the work in time. He would have killed all the gods but Thor threw his hammer and killed the architect who turned out to be a giant in disguise.

On a visit to earth with Odin and Hoenir, Loki killed Otter, the son of Hreidmar, a king of the dwarf-folk. In compensation, the king demanded sufficient gold to cover the skin of an otter, the form in which his son had been killed. This skin kept expanding as more gold was added and Loki forced the dwarf Andvari to hand over his hoard of gold to pay the ransom demanded by the king for the release of the three gods. When Loki snatched the dwarf’s magic ring as well, Andvari put a curse on the treasure.

Loki’s final act of treachery was to persuade the blind Hoder to throw the branch of mistletoe that killed Balder and for this he was banished from Asgard.

He turned up uninvited at the feast given for the gods by Aegir and killed the sea-god’s servant Funfeng. He escaped death from Thor’s hammer by fleeing to the mountains and hiding in a hut. When Odin, Kvasir and Thor came looking for him, he turned himself into a salmon and hid at the bottom of the stream, Fraananger. When the gods made a net and started to fish for him he jumped into the air to escape but was caught by Thor. He resumed his normal shape and the gods bound him hand and foot with the entrails of his son, Narve, who had been killed by his other son, Vál, in the form of a wolf. They then turned the bonds to metal to make sure he could not escape. They left Loki in a cave and Skadi placed a huge serpent over his head which constantly dripped venom on to Loki’s face. He was saved much agony by his faithful wife Sigyn who sat beside him catching the venom in a cup until the last day.

In the final battle, leading the subjects of Hel, he defeated the gods at Ragnarok and, in his role as Sutur, the fire-god, burnt the whole world, killing Heimdall at whose hand he himself died. (see also Lodur, Sataere, Surtur)

Lokkju (see Loki)

Lokman Arab

[ Lakman] a hero, said to have a huge appetite, who lived for some 3,500 years

Loko1 African

the Fon god of trees

Loko2 African

brother of Ayaba

Loko Attiso (see Laoko)

Lokoman Pacific Islands

da deity in the Gilbert Islands

Loliersker Norse

[ Landjungfrus] invisible spirits living in woodlands

lolok Pacific Islands

gnomes, in the lore of Indonesia

Loma Indian

a supreme god of the Bongo people of the Sudan

Lomapada Hindu

a king

He adopted Shanta, a daughter of Dasha-ratha, and, to avert a drought, had his ministers find Rishya-Shringa who married Shanta.

Lomhna Irish

a jester with Finn mac Cool

He was killed by Cairbre, one of Finn’s warriors, when he told Finn that Cairbre had slept with the woman who, at that time, was Finn’s lover.

Lomi Age (see Age’s)

Lomo African

a Ngbandi goddess of peace

Iom craois (see Hunger Beast)

Lon Dubh Irish

a warrior in the Fianna

He and Ceadach loved the same girl and, when she chose Ceadach, they fought over her and both were killed. The girl was able to restore Ceadach to life.

Lon lait Irish

the light of battle

This is the light said to shine round or from the head of a great warrior in battle. It was often observed when Cuchulainn was roused to fury. A similar phenomenon is said to have shone from Achilles during the Trojan War when he retrieved the body of his friend Patroclus who had been killed by Hector. (see also riastradh).
Lonbemlech (see Lonbemlech)

Lone Man North American
[Only Man]
a demi-god of the Mandan Indians
He walked on the primordial waters with First Creator and, having been shown by a duck that earth would be brought up from the bottom, set about creating the world. He created the flat lands while First Creator made the mountains, trees and streams.

He met Coyote, who called himself First Man, and they quarrelled over who was the elder. Lone Man killed First Man with his spear but the dead man’s skeleton returned to life as Coyote and they became partners in creating the land animals as food for the tribes.

He was later born to a Mandan maiden and became a culture-hero of that tribe, teaching them many things. When he stole a white buckskin coat from Hoita, the latter exacted vengeance by collecting all the animals and enclosing them in the Dog Den. Lone Man turned himself into a hare and hid in the Dog Den where he learned that Hoita’s power came from a magic drum. He then made an even more powerful drum for himself and came back to his tribe. When his people made a pilgrimage to the lake to thank the old chief, they found nothing but water and some fish.

Long Atrwm
[Hir Atrwm]
one of King Arthur’s warriors
brother of Long Erwm
He had an enormous appetite and would eat virtually anything.

Long-Do a guardian deity

Long Eiddyl
[Hir Erwm]
one of King Arthur’s warriors
brother of Long Atrwm
He had an enormous appetite and would eat virtually anything.

Long Juju an oracle in Nigeria
A priest at the entrance to a cave gave judgment on the people. Those said to be guilty of some crime were required to enter the cave. Once inside, they were seized and sold as slaves.

Long-Life Sisters 5 attendants on Sri
These beings, who always travelled with Sri, are listed as Dinsangma, Dosangma, Lobsangma, Tashithteringma and Thinggishalsangma.
Others who are sometimes included are Miyolangsangma and Machi-pal Lah-mo.
When she found Edgar wounded and helpless after a fight with Grey-Steel, she took him to her father's castle and looked after him until he was well enough to return home. She fell in love with Grahame who stayed at the castle en route to avenge her friend's defeat and, when he killed Grey-Steel, he gave the credit to Edgar and Loosepayne married him. In later years, Grahame was killed in battle and asked for Edgar, whose wife, Winlayne, had died while Edgar was fighting the Saracens.

**Lopomudra**

Hindu

wife of Agastyā

Agastyā made this maiden from parts of animals and she was reared as the daughter of a king who gave her to Agastyā as a wife when she came of age.

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**Longshanks**

(see Gwyddno)

**Lonkundo**

African

a culture-hero of Zaire

husband of Ilankaka

father of Iononde

He made the trap in which he caught the sun-woman, Ilangaka. He married her and they had a son, Iononde, who discharged himself from his mother's womb because he was hungry.

**Lonrot**

(see Lonrot)

**Lonroth**

(see Lonrot)

**Lono**

Pacific Islands

[same as Samoan Lo'o]

god of heaven and messenger-god in Hawaiī

a name of Rongo or Tane

He and Ku helped Kane to make the world and mankind.

In some accounts, he came down to earth along a rainbow and married Laka who, some say, was his sister.

**Lonrot, Elias**

Finnish

[Lonrot(h)]

(1802-1884)

the compiler of the Kalevala

**Lonrotsingo**

African

in the lore of Zaire, a fly who flew to heaven with the sunbird Nkombe to bring back the sun

**Lo'o**

Pacific Islands

[as Hawaiian Lono]

the name for Rongo in Samoa

**Loo Seng**

(see Ngamu)

lookman

West Indian

diviner in Trinidad

It is said that a lookman can interpret dreams, diagnose illness, prescribe a cure and foretell the future.

If a vampire or a werewolf is caught, the lookman whips it to prevent it from ever resuming its human form.

(see also Lukman)

**Loom**

Siberian

the ghost of a dead shaman

This spirit appears to a descendant in a dream to reveal whether he has inherited the gifts necessary to become a shaman.

**Loon Woman**

North American

in the lore of the Wintu tribe of California this being set the world on fire

**Loosepayne**

British

daughter of Gorius

wife of Edgar and Grahame

Her lover had been killed by Grey-Steel, the tyrant of the Forbidden Island.
Lord of the Sky' (see Zeus)
Lord of the Storm (see Enlil)
Lord of the Sun Face (see Ahau Kin)
Lord of the Sylvan Tower (see Florismart)
Lord of the Underworld (see Satan)
Lord of the Universe (see Vishnu)
Lord of the Waters (see Ambu-pati)
Lord of the World (see Jagannath. Lokesvara')
Lord of Therapy (see Belimus)
Lord of Time Egyptian
a name of Khons as an aspect of Thoth
Lord of Trenteny British
a man who killed Endelienta’s cow
King Arthur killed this lord for killing
the cow but he was restored to life
by Endelienta.
Lord of Two Lands (see Har-pa-Neb-Tau)
Lord of Westerburg German
a lover of Ilse
Ilse’s father, a giant, rent the rocks apart
to form a huge cleft between his home
and Westerburg. Ilse, unable to go to
her lover, threw herself into the ravine.
Lord of Wisdom (see Monju)
Lord on High (see Shang Ti)
Lord Royns (see Royns)
Lord Sun (see Upu Lero)
Lord Uhe-Minu Japanese
[Lord Uye-Minu] an aspect of the Buddha in the form
of an eagle
Lord Uye-Minu (see Lord Uhe-Minu)
Lordly People (see Danaans)
Lords of Destiny Egyptian
the 3 gods Amon, Khnum and Ptah
Lords of Light Central American
9 Mayan deities
Lords of the Day and Night Central American
Aztec deities, each ruling one of the
22 hours of the day
Lords of the Three Worlds (see San-kua-kung)
Lore British
a lady of Garadigan
She took a sword and belt to King
Arthur’s court and Meriadec won it
as the only one present who could
unfasten the belt.
Lorelei German
[Lureli] a siren-maid
She lured sailors on the Rhine to their
deaths. When a troop of soldiers was
sent to capture her, she put them all in
a trance and escaped in her chariot to
her underwater cave.
Lorenzo, Aldonza European
the real name of Dulcina, mistress of
Don Quixote
Lorete British
sister of Griflet
Lorid British (see Lorrise)
Lorie British
in some accounts, a mistress of Gawain
Lorigal British
son of Eliaures
His father was forced by King Caradoc
to mate with a bitch, a mare and a sow.
The second coupling produced Lorigal.
Loro Jonggrang East Indian
a princess
She promised to marry a prince if he
would build 1,000 temples in one night,
knowing that this was impossible. With
the help of many trolls, the prince
would have succeeded but the princess
frustrated him by having her servants
start the rice-pounding, which was
normally done at dawn, while it was still
dark. This wakened the cockerels which
began to crow, signalling the end of the
night. The angry prince put a curse on
Loro Jonggrang who thereupon turned
to stone.
Lorok Pacific Islands
a deity in the Gilbert Islands
He was created by Loa to rule the south.
Lorrise [Loridi]
son of Thor and Sif
brother of Thrud
Lossi Pacific Islands
a guardian-god of the taro
son of Tangaloa
Losna Roman
an Etruscan moon-goddess
Lost Island, The (see Cephalonia)
Losy Siberian
a huge serpent
The sky-god Otshirvani, in the form
of the eagle Garide, grabbed the
serpent in his claws and dashed him
against the cosmic mountain, Sumbur,
so killing him.
Lot' Irish
wife of Garbh
mother of Goll
She was a warrior-woman leading the
Fomoire in battle with Partholan. She
was said to have four eyes in her back
and lips growing from her breasts.
Lot' (see Lluidd)
Lotan Canaanite
[=Hebrew Leviathan]
a seven-headed primaeval serpent
killed by Baal or Anat
Lot' (see Lot')
Lotha (see Lot')
Lothar (see Finn Eamhna)
Lotharius (see Locher)
Lothur (see Lodur)
Lottorr (see Lodur)
Lothus Llew (see Lot')
Lotis Greek
daughter of Poseidon
She was changed into a lotus tree to
escape Priapus who tried to seduce her
as she slept.
Lotophagi Greek
[=Lotus Eaters]
a race of lotus-eaters
When Odysseus landed in their
country he had to force his men to
leave otherwise they would have stayed
for ever in this land of pleasure.
Lotta Irish
a queen of Ireland
Lotus Eaters, The

shattered the sampo.

Lotus Eaters

(see Lotus Child
Lotus Mountain
(Lou-chi
Lotus Sutra

Louhi

Finnish

a goddess of evil, a plague-goddess
dughter of Tuoni and Tuonetar
sister of Kipu-Tytto and Kivutar
She was the mother of many afflictions.

Lovel

British

a Knight of the Round Table
son of Gawain
He was one of the twelve knights who
helped Agravain and Mordred when
they attempted to seize Lancelot in
Guinevere’s room. All except Mordred
were killed by Lancelot.

Lovely Obscure (see Amadis de Gaul)

Low

Hebrew

a 16th c Polish rabbi, said to have built
the automaton, Golem

Lowa

(see Loa)

Lowlan

(see Lotalani)

Lowland Hundred

(see Cantre’r Gwaelod)

Lox

North American

the wolverine in some stories
a name for Malsum as chief of the wolves

Lowia

Greek

a name of Apollo as ‘the ambiguous one’

Loys

European

son of Sibilla
His mother, a wife of Charlemagne,
was banished after being found in bed
with a dwarf and she set off for her
former home in Constantinople. She
had two sons, but one was killed by
her son, also called Loys, was educated in
his court.

Lzap

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian god of the underworld
With Nergal and Ninmug, he was
ruler of Aralu.

Lu

Burmese

an evil nat

This being is said to live by eating
dead bodies and offers of food are
made to him when a person falls ill in
the hope that it will satisfy his hunger and the sick person will not die.

Some say that there are two such nats, and the older is not so voracious.

Lu

(see ch‘i-lin.deer)

Lu Ch‘i Chinese

a man who gave up the chance to become immortal.

He was called to the palace of the Dragon King to marry the princess, T’ai Yin, but changed his mind and returned to earth where he became a famous minister.

Lu-chiang Chinese

a king brother of Liu An.

He and his brother were wrongly accused of plotting to overthrow the emperor. Lu-chiang killed himself but his brother was taken to heaven by the Eight Immortals and, with their help, restored Lu-chiang to life.

Lu Hsing Chinese

[Lu Shen,Shih Fen,Star of Dignities,Star of Emoluments,Star of Officials]
a god of good fortune and wealth one of the Fu Lu Shou.

He was the scholar Shih Fen, a 2nd c bc official at the emperor’s court.

He is sometimes depicted as, or riding on, a deer.

Lu Lung-chi Chinese

one of the disciples of Confucius allowed to sacrifice at the Temple of Confucius.

Lu-ma (see Glu-ma)

Lu Pan¹ Chinese

[Kung-shu Tzu]
a god of workmen.

He was originally the mortal, Kung-shu Tzu, born 506 bc, a carpenter who became a recluse and was later deified.

He was said to be able to work miracles, one of which involved making a statue which caused a drought when his father was wrongfully condemned to death. When he cut the hand off the statue, it rained again.

He is credited with many inventions including the adze and a wooden bird that actually flew.

He is usually depicted carrying an axe.

Lu Pan² Chinese

a name adopted by the 4th c hermit Ch‘u-ch‘í.

Lu Shen (see Lu Hsing)

Lü Tsu (see Lü Tung-pin)

Lü Tsu-ch‘ien Chinese

one of the disciples of Confucius allowed to sacrifice at the Temple of Confucius

Lü Tun-yang (see Lü Tung-pin)

Lü Tung-pin Chinese

[Lü Tsu,Lü Tung-yang,Lü Yen, Shun-yang Tzu]
one of the Eight Immortals

He was an 8th c prince and magistrate, reputed to be eight feet tall, who became one of the immortals.

He was given a magic sword by the Fire Dragon for resisting temptation and used it to kill many dragons and evil beings. He met Chiung-li and convinced by a dream, of riches gained and then lost, that material possessions were worthless, became his disciple.

He was said to have lived for over 400 years and is regarded as the guardian of the sick and patron of barbers.

He is depicted with his sword slung over his back and a fly-whisk in the other hand. This description is said to be that of Lu-tzu with whom he is sometimes confused.

Lu-tzu Chinese

patron of barbers, beggars and pedicurists.

A disciple of Lao-tzu, he, like Lü Tung-pin, is depicted holding a magic sword given to him by the Fire Dragon, but additionally has a fly-whisk in one hand. He is sometimes confused with Lü Tung-pin.

Lu Vang (see Klu-dban)

Lu Wu Chinese

an 8th c tea-master who was deified as the god of tea-merchants.

Lü Yen (see Lü Tung-pin)

Lu Yo Chinese

a Taoist sage who was deified as the minister in charge of the celestial Ministry of Epidemics.

Luo Roman

[Luo Mater,Lua Saturni]
an ancient Italian goddess of destruction.

the first consort of Saturn.

Luo-a-Milu New Zealand

[Luo-o-Milu,Milu’s Cave, ‘the pit of Milu’]

the Maori underworld.

Luo Mater (see Luo)

Luo-o-Milu (see Luo-a-Milu)

Luo Saturni (see Luo)

Luachas Irish

the kingdom of Lia: the treasurer of the Fianna: part of Connacht.

Luah African

[African]

Emerald Tablet, Mother of Books, Tablet of Emerald]

according to the Swahili, a stone created by god on which all things are recorded by Kalamu.

Luaignhe Irish

a warrior who killed Cathaoir at the Battle of Magh Agha.

Luaine Irish

daughter of a Danaan chieftain.

wife of Conor mac Nessa.

She died from blisters caused by a satire directed at her by Aithirne, who had demanded that she sleep with him and his two sons.

Luan¹ Irish

[Fei Lien,Fei Luán]
a fabulous bird, a version of the phoenix.

This bird is said to be like a phoenix when it is born but changes to a Luan, recognised by the five colours of its feathers. (see also Feng')

Luan² the moon.

The proper name for the moon was taboo so euphemisms such as ‘luan’ were used. (see also esca,gealach.re)

Luath Irish

a hound of Cuchulainn.

Luba (see Iruva)

Lubanga African

a god of good health of the Bunyoro people.

Lubangala African

[Rainbow (Monster)]
a rainbow-god of the Bakongo people.

Lubara (see Dibbara)

lubber fiend (see Lob-lie-by-the-fire)

lubberkin (see leprechaun)

Lube African

a god of Sao Tome.

lubrican (see leprechaun)

Lucan British

[Lucas (the Butler)]
a knight of King Arthur’s court.

duke of Gloucester.

brother of Bedivere, some say.

He and Bedivere helped the wounded Arthur from the field at Camlann and then died from the wounds received in that final battle, leaving Bedivere to carry the king to the boat which took him to Avalon.

Lucas (see Lucan)

Lucat Moel (see Lucet Moel)

Lucet Moel (see Lucet Maol)

Lucet Maol (see Lucet Maol)

Luce Mael (see Lucet Maol)

a druid.

He was one of those who foresaw the coming of Christianity which, he believed, would destroy the power of the druids.

He tried, unsuccessfully, to poison...
Lucien
works involving gods and heroes.

Lucius

Lucifuge Rocofale

demon, the chief justice.

In black magic, this being was a

Lucifer

the charge.

until he was able to speak and refute

tutors told contrary stories that

charge, was condemned to death. His

court and, unable to respond to the

stars not to speak for seven days. He

He and his brothers made the weapons

used by the Danaans in their battles

with the Fomori.

Luchtaine

Irish

Lucifer

He is said to have founded London

He is said to have been the first Christian monarch

He was succeeded by his brother

had a silver hand, like Nuada, and was
called Llawereint.

lud

sacrificial groves

Lud

a king of the Saxons

He invaded Gunther's kingdom and

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Ludi Apollinares

games in honour of Apollo

Ludi Capitolini

games in honour of Jupiter, held

Ludi Cerialis

games in honour of Ceres

Ludi Florialis

games in honour of Flora

Ludi Magni

[see Ludi Apollinares]

games in honour of Jupiter

Ludi Maximi

[see Ludi Cerialis]

games in honour of Jupiter

Ludi Megalenses

[see Ludi Florialis]

games in honour of Jupiter

Ludi Plebei

[see Ludi Magni]

games in honour of Jupiter

Ludi Plebei

[see Ludi Apollinares]

games in honour of Jupiter

Ludwig

a sorceress of Farnham

a king of Normandy

father of Hartmut

He killed Hettel, father of Gudrun,

when Herwig, Hettel and Siegfried

fought a battle with the Normans in a

vain attempt to rescue Gudrun who

had been abducted by Ludwig's son,

Hartmut. In a later battle which took

place when Herwig, Ortwin and Wat

took a force to Normandy, Ludwig was

killed by Herwig who was reunited

with his beloved Gudrun.
Lugaid the princess Dearbhfhorgaill
Cuchulainn was a son of Calatin.

Lugaid who fought one-handed to hand. He was killed by Conall Cuchulainn’s hand it cut off Lugaid’s

close to the crippled warrior, who had

spear that mortally wounded the

Cuchulainn in which he threw the

assault on Ulster and set a trap for

Ulster hero. When a crow settled on

swore vengeance when Cuchulainn

He was a friend of Cuchulainn but

in some accounts, a lover of Percival

(see also Lady of the Castle)

a fabulous animal

Lug

[a-Gallic Lugas]-Irish Lug:

→Welt-Llaw Gwyfes

the Celtic sky-god, god of light

husband of Eire, some say

Lugaba

a name of Katonda as ‘he who gives’

Lugaid

[Lewy.Lughaid(b)] a blind poet

son of Alill mac Mata

He killed Fergus mac Roth, who was the lover of Maeve, when Maeve’s husband, Alill, caught them swimming together in a lake.

Lugaid2

[Lewy.Lughaid(b).Son of Three Dogs] a warrior and satirist

son of Curoi and Blathnat

He was a friend of Cuchulainn but swore vengeance when Cuchulainn killed his father and abducted his mother. He led Maeve’s army in an assault on Ulster and set a trap for Cuchulainn in which he threw the spear that mortally wounded the Ulster hero. When a crow settled on Cuchulainn’s shoulder, he came in close to the crippled warrior, who had tied himself to a pillar, and cut off his head. As the sword dropped from Cuchulainn’s hand it cut off Lugaid’s hand. He was killed by Conall Cearnach who fought one-handed to equalise the contest.

Some say that the killer of Cuchulainn was a son of Calatin.

In some accounts, Cuchulainn gave Lugaid the princess Dearbhfhorgaill whom he had rescued but others say he gave her to Lugaid Riabhdhearg.

Lugaid3

[Lewy.Lughaid(b)] son of Lughna

brother of Nia

When Cormac regained his throne in a battle with Eochu Gunnat, it was Lugaid who killed Eochu.

Lugaid4

daughter of Finn mac Cool mother of Gaoine

In some accounts, Gaoine is called Mac Lughach, son of Lugaid Lagha.

In other accounts, Lugaid became a daughter of Finn who bore Gaoine to her brother, Daire Dearg.

Lugaid5

(see Molua)

Lugaid Lagae (see Lugaid Lagha)

Lugaid Lagha

[Lewy.Lughaid.Lagae.Lughaid(b)] a great warrior

brother of Alill Olom

father of Gaoine, some say

When Finn’s aunt, Uirne, was turned into a hound by the jealous first wife of Ullan, a king who wanted to marry Uirne, Lugaid killed Ulla, whereupon Uirne was restored to her former self and married her saviour.

He went to Scotland with Lugaid mac Con when the latter was exiled and fought on his side when he returned to Ireland, killing Art at the Battle of Magh Mucramha. He later served Art’s son, Cormac, when he came to the throne.

In other versions, his son, known also as Mac Lughach, was a son of Lugaid who becomes a daughter of Finn mac Cool by her brother, Daire Dearg.

Lugaid Laighde

[Lewy.Lughaid(b).Loigde] son of Daire

When hunting with his brothers they came upon an ugly old hag. Lugaid was the only one prepared to sleep with her, whereupon she turned into a beautiful maiden who foretold that he would become king.

He is sometimes equated with Lugaid mac Con, though others regard him as Mac Con’s father.

Lugaid Lambdhearg

[Lewy.Lughaid(b)] a king of Ireland

He killed Eochaid Uaircheas and took over the throne of the southern half of the country. He was later killed by Conaing, king of the northern half.

Lugaid Ro-derg

(see Lugaid Riabhdhearg)

Lugaid Luyainge

[Irib]

a high-king of Ireland

father of Cairbre, Cúromthann and Fionnbhair

He divided Ulster into two parts, giving one part to Congall, the other to Fergus mac Leda.

Lugaid mac Con

[Ireb.Lugaid.mac Con Roi.Lughaid(b)]

a king of Ireland

son of Lugaid Laighde, some say

As king of Munster, he was defeated at the Battle of Ceann Abhradh by Ailill Olom and fled to Scotland. He later returned with an army, defeated Ailill and Art at the Battle of Magh Mucramha and took the high-king’s throne. Some say that this battle arose out of an argument between Lugaid and Ailill’s son, Eoghan Mor, over a tiny harper they had found in a tree. Lugaid later handed over the throne to Art’s son, Cormac mac Airt, and tried to resume his earlier friendship with Ailill but the latter, by kissing him, infected Lugaid with the poison from an infected tooth. Ailill’s son, Fearncheas, then followed Lugaid and killed him with a spear-cast.

In some accounts, it was said that he never slept and this was accounted for by the fact that his father was an otter who took Lugaid to his underwater lair.

He is sometimes regarded as being the same as an earlier character, Lugaid mac Con Roi.

Lugaid mac Con Roi

(see Lugaid mac Con)

a king of Munster

He was defeated in a battle with forces led by Conall Guiban.

Lugaid Red Stripes

(see Lugaid Riabhdhearg)

Lugaid Reo-derg

(see Lugaid Riabhdhearg)

Lugaid Riabhdhearg

[Ireb]

a king of Ireland

foster-father of Cuchulainn

son of Clothra

In some accounts, the three sons of Eochaid Feidhleach, known as Finn Eamhna, slept with their own sister, Clothra to father Lugaid. It was said that his body was divided by red stripes
into three parts, each of which resembled one of his three fathers. In some accounts, she bore three sons, all called Lugaid. Others say that Lugaid slept with his own mother, Clothra, fathering Crimonbhain Nia Nair.

Some say that Cuchulainn rejected the love of Dearchhorgail and gave her to Lugaid. In this version, he died of grief or by his own hand when she was mutilated by a group of jealous women. Other versions say that Dearchhorgail was given to Lugaid, son of Corui.

He was killed by the three Redheads of Leinster. (see also Lugaid)

Lugal Mesopotamian
a Sumerian word for ‘king’

Lugal-abzu Mesopotamian
[Lugal-abzuuk]
a name of Enki as ‘owner of the deep waters’

Lugal-alzuuk (see Lugal-abzu)

Lugal-Dimmer-An-Ki-A Mesopotamian
a name of Marduk as ‘king of the gods’

Lugal-ida Mesopotamian
[Lugal-ida.Lugalidi]
a name of Ea or Enki as ‘lord of the river’

Lugal-irra Mesopotamian
a Sumerian underworld god

Lugal-Meslam Mesopotamian
a name for Nergal as king of Meslam, the underworld

Lugalbanda Mesopotamian
[Lugalbanda]
son of Enil, some say consort of Ninsun father of Gilgamesh

In the early myths he is said to have killed Zu to recover the Tablets of Destiny. Later stories give Marduk the credit.

Lugal (see Lugal-ida)

Lugdunensis (see Lugdunum)

Lugdunum Celtic
[Lugdunensis.Lyons]
Lug’s fort in France
a name for Lyonsese

Lugeilan Pacific Islands
the sky-god and god of agriculture of the Caroline Islanders
a founder-hero
husband of Thipelap
father of Olofat
father of Ligoupup, some say

When his son was killed by the other gods, Lugeilan brought him back to life.

In some accounts, Lugeilan is Olofat’s brother (or half-brother) and their father is Anulap. Others say that Olofat’s brother is Samonekoaner.

Lugielang (see Lugeilan)

Lugh (Irish)
[An Scaín Fidh.Chlochon.Lugh.Lugh:
Lugain.Lugh Loe: ‘Lam(h)adra.
Lomhencloch.Lomhencloch Ord-ollam.
Sanildanach The Bright One = Celtic
Lug = Gaulish Lugus = Roman Mercury:
= Welsh Llew Llaw Gyfes]
the sun-god, god of light
son of Cían and Ethhlin husband of Boi
brother of the Dagda and Ogma, some say

In some versions, Lugh is the son of Clothra or of Delbaeth by Eire but the more usual story is that three sons were born to Ethhlinn at one birth after she had been seduced by Cian. It was predicted that a son of Ethhlinn would kill his grandfather, Balor, so he had the babies thrown into the sea. Lugh was rescued by Manannan and reared by his uncle Goban, the smith-god Goibhniu, and spent his youth in the care of Duach, king of the Great Plain, the land of the dead, where his foster-mother was Taltiu, Duach’s daughter. Although Balor was of the Fomoire, Lugh served with the Danaans under Nuada, bringing with him the Boat of Manannan, the Horse of Manannan and the magic sword, Fraganach. On the death of Nuada, Lugh became a king of the Danaans.

He sent his father north to raise an army to fight the Fomori but he was waylaid and killed by the sons of Turenn. Lugh arraigned the killers before the high-king and agreed to a fine instead of execution, requiring them to perform seven (or eight) very difficult tasks.

In the second Battle of Moytura he restored all his fallen warriors to life and defeated the Fomori who were henceforth banished. During this battle Lugh killed Balor, as had earlier been predicted, by throwing a magic stone, Tathlum, into his baleful eye. The stone went right through Balor’s skull and out the other side, killing twenty-seven other warriors. Others say that he threw a spear or drove a stake through Balor’s eye and then decapitated him.

It was said that he was killed when attacked by the three sons of Gearmain (whom Lugh had killed). One of them wounded Lugh who fell into a lake and was drowned. Others say that Lugh was killed in battle by Caite.

In The Prophetic Eexty of the Phantom, Lugh appeared in the form of a horseman, claiming to be the returned son of Adam, and recited to Conn, king of Ulster, the names of all future kings.

Lugh Chromain (Irish)
a name of Lugh as a magician

When the invading Milesians conquered the Danaans, the defeated tribe retreated underground as fairies. Their leader, Lugh, became a craftsman leprechaun. His store of sunlight he buried at various sites, each to be marked by the end of a rainbow.

Lugh Laebach (Irish)
a name of Lugaid

He, together with Ai, Bechuille and Cridhinbheal, defeated the sons of Carman and took their mother prisoner. Some say that he was an aspect of the god, Lugh.

Lugh Lamfada (see Lamfada)

Lugh Lam(h)ada (see Lamfada)

Lughaidh (see Lugaidh)

Lughna (Irish)
husband of Liadan father of Ciaran

Lughna (Irish)
father of Lugaid and Nia

Lughna (Irish)
brother-in-law of Eachtach

When her husband, Art, was killed at the Battle of Magh Muircrana, Eachtach went to stay with Lugha. Her son, Cormac mac Airt, was born en route to Lugha’s house and, after being recovered from the she-wolf which sucked him, the boy was raised by Lugha alongside his own sons.

He corresponds to the Lughne referred to in the story of Achtan. In an alternative version of Cormac’s birth, he was raised by Fiachna Casan.

Lughnasadh (see Lugnasad)

Lugh’s Chain (Irish)
the Milky Way

The Milky Way is regarded as a chain by which Lugh could raise the dead to heaven.

This is also the name given to the sling which Lugh used to kill Balor.

Lugh’s Mass (see Lugnasad)

Lughtigern (Irish)
a monster cat
Lugmnair  
Irish  
father of Dil

Lugna Fer Tri  
(see Lugna)

Lugnasad  
(see Lugnasad)

Lugnasad  
Celtic

[Billberry Sunday; Bron Troghan.
Frawghan Sunday.
Lughnasadh. Lugh’s Mass. Lugnasad.]

Llug-ys=Welsh Calan Awst. Gwyr Awst]

a festival of Lugh held on August 1st to commemorate his foster-mother, Taltiu.

In some accounts, Lugnasad is a feast of marriage rites.

Lugnasadh  
(see Lugnasad)

Lugne  
Irish

a monk

He was swimming in Loch Ness when he was attacked by a monster. St Columba ordered the monster to stop and it swam off, leaving him unharmed.

Lughnasadh  
(see Lugnasad)

Lugoves  
(see Lugus)

Luguan  
British

a servant of Yder who later became a knight.

Lugulbanda  
(see Lugulbanda)

Lugus  
Celtic

[bright]. Lug:Irish Lugh:Welsh Llew
Llaw Gyfes:plus=Lugoves]

the Gaulish version of the sun-god Lug

Luh-Ka  
Mesopotamian

a Sumerian purification ceremony

Luan  
(see Eochaid mac Lucht)

Luighe  
Irish

a trapper

He found the infant Cormac mac Airt who was being suckled by a she-wolf, and returned the child to its mother.

(see also Luighna)

Luightheach  
Irish

husband of Boice

father of Conall Corc

Luin  
Irish

the spear of Celtchair

If this magic weapon smelt an enemy it twisted in the hands and, unless it spilt the blood of that enemy, it would turn on the holder. This effect could be neutralised only by immersing the spear in a vat of venom.

Luipa  
Tibetan

a Lamaist sorcerer

one of the Mahasiddhas

He is depicted seated, holding a skull cap and with a rope round his body.

Luipa  
(see Minanatha)

Luitigarde  
European

in some accounts, one of the 9 wives of Charlemagne

Lu’k  
North American

in the lore of the Klamath, the grizzly bear created by Kumush

Lu’k  
(see Lugeilin)

Luka-Kane  
Pacific Islands

a Hawaiian god of sports

Lukabal  
Cambodian

[-Hindu Dikpala]

a guardian spirit of the earth and human beings

Lukason  
(see Lycaon)

Lukelang  
(see Lugeilan)

Lukhavi  
Slav

the Devil

Lukoi  
Greek

devotees of Zeus Lycaeus who ate the flesh of wolves at religious ceremonies

Lukman  
(see Lokman)

Lukomedes  
(see Lycomedes)

Lukourgos  
(see Lycurgus)

Luktari  
Afghan

a Kafir fertility-deity

lukumans  
South American

a diviner among the Africans of Surinam

These people, male or female, are said to be able to cure sickness by questioning a person’s soul. Having brought the soul up into the patient’s head, the diviner finds answers to his questions by watching the surface of water in a bowl, by the opening and closing of a fan or by looking in a mirror.

Other varieties of diviner are known as kartaman, ohiaman, piaiman, wintiman and wisiman.

(see also lookman)

Lulal  
Mesopotamian

a minor Sumerian god

Lullu  
Mesopotamian

a man created by the gods to work for them

Lumauig  
(see Lumawig)

Lumawig  
Pacific Islands

[Lumawig]

a deity in the Philippines

He is said to have created humans from reeds which he placed in pairs on the ground. Each pair became a male and female, each pair speaking a different language. His sons wiped out the whole population, except one brother and sister, by causing a flood. The surviving couple repopulated the islands and Lumawig came to be regarded as a culture-hero who taught the people their arts and customs.

Lumbini  
Buddhist

a sacred grove said to be the birthplace of the Buddha

Lumbu  
African

the first man in the lore of the Bakongo

The androgyneous being Mahungu, created by Nzambi, was split by the tree Muti Mpunghu to form the man Lumbu and the woman Muzita.

Luminous Maiden  
Japanese

a goddess of Mount Fuji

These deities had responsibility for such things as light, meteors, and sacrificial fires.

Luminous Race  
Hindu

descendants of Agni

Luminu’t  
East Indian

[Empung Luminu’ut=Marshall Islands]

the first woman in the lore of the Celebes

wife of Toar

She was born from the sweat of a rock and, covering the rock with soil, she planted seeds and so created the earth.

In some versions, Toar was her son produced after being made pregnant by the wind. Together they produced the people and their gods.

Lumukaka  
Pacific Islands

a sea-giant

Lumukaka appeared to two boys who were fishing and, even after eating the whole of their catch, demanded more food. The elder boy successively cut off the arms and legs of his younger brother to feed the giant and managed to escape. When the remains of the younger boy were buried, a dog appeared and from this animal came the coconut palm.

Lumumba  
(see Leza)

Lun Tii  
Chinese

[Analysts.Sayings of Confucius]

the sixth of the 9 sacred books of the Confucian canon, dealing with the teachings of Confucius on political matters

one of the Four Books

Luna  
Roman

[-Greek Phoebe.Selene]

a moon-goddess

Lunang  
Afghan

a Kafir river-goddess, goddess of water-mills

Lundjungfrur  
(see Loljersker)

Lundy Island  
(see Ynys Wair)

Luned  
Welsh

[Luente]

a maidservant of the Lady of the Fountain

In some versions, she is the sister of the Lady of the Fountain, Laudine.
Lupercus  
**Roman**

a demon of the emotions

This being is one of the four zoa in the

*see also lycanthropy*

Lycanther  
**African**

brother of Ngeketo and Mbasi

He and Mbasi became jealous of

Ngeketo, who had brought maize to his

people, so they killed him. When he

reappeared as a snake, they chopped

him into pieces and, when those pieces

joined, they did the same again.

Lycabos  
**African**

a principal god in the Congo

lycanthropy  
**Latin**

a demon, ruler of the north

Lur  
**European**

Luridana

a Basque earth-goddess

Lurugur  
**see Lur**

Luna

a female attendant on Kuan Yin

Lunga

Chinese

[Lung Wang Ni]

a dragon chief of the scaly animals,

ruler of the earth (see also dragon)

Lung-Gom Pa  
**see Lunggompa**

Lung Nü  
**Chinese**

[Lung Wang Ni]

a female attendant on Kuan Yin

Lung-ta  
**see Lun-rra**

Lung Wang  
**see Lung Nü**

Lung Nü

a form of prayer-flag (see also da-cha)

Lungas

African

sister of Lenga

wife of Nsasi (see also Nsasi)

Lunggompa

Buddhist

[Lang-Gom Pa.Wind Men]

monks who, by asceticism, are said to

be able to walk great distances at

high speed without resting, in a form

trace of trance

Lanben

Chinese

the Chinese record of Korean myths

lunclus  
**see guayscatus**

Luojatar  
**see Luonnotar**

Luonnotar  
**Baltic**

[Daughter of Creation.Luojatar.Synnytar]

a Finnish goddess

This is a name for Imatar as a goddess of

birth.

In some accounts, the name of three

nature-goddesses of birth or norns.

Luot-hozjyt  
**see Luot-chozjyt**

Luot-chozjyt  
**Baltic**

[Luot-hozjyt=Russian Pots-hoznizk]

a Lappish female spirit, guardian

of reindeer

Lupe  
**Pacific Islands**

the dove created by Malamanganga'e

and Malamangangafo

Lupercalia  
**Roman**

a festival honouring Faunus, Lupercus

or the wolf that suckled Romulus

and Remus, held on February 15th

Lupercii  
**Roman**

the young men or priests who took

part in the rites of the Lupercalia

Lupercus  
**Roman**

[=Greek Pan]

an ancient Italian god of fertility,

flocks and wolves

In some accounts, he is equated with

Faunus.

Lupies  
**North American**

a mythical tribe of Plains Indians

lupinam insaniam  
(see lycanthropy)

Luppolt  
**European**

a vassal of Rother

He was in charge of the delegation

sent to Constantinople by Rother to

tue for the hand of the emperor's
daughter, Oda.

luprachain  
(see leprechaun)

Lur  
**European**

[Lurgrur]

a Basque earth-goddess

Lurugur  
(see Lur)

Luridana

a demon, ruler of the north

Lurle  
(see Lorelei)

Luseis  
(see Luisos)

Luseus  
(see Luisos)

Lusiads, The  
**Portuguese**

[Portuguese Iliad]

a 16th C story of famous Portuguese,

written by Camoens

A number of classical deities appear in

these stories.

Lusios  
**Greek**

[Lusios.Luseus]

a name for Dionysus as 'one who flees

from guilt'

lustrum  
**Roman**

a sacrificial rite of purification held

every 5 years

lutin1  
**French**

[Le Cheval Bayard.netun]

a goblin or house-spirit of Normandy

This goblin was said to be able to

transform and take on the form of a

horse when it was referred to as Le

Cheval Bayard.

lutin2  
**West Indian**

in Haiti, the ghost of an unbaptised

child

lutki

**Hungarian**

[lutky=Polish krasnoludi=Slav ludki]

benevolent dwarfs of the Otherworld

lutky

(see lutki)

Lutung Kasarung  
**East Indian**

a black monkey, the role taken by

Guru Minda

Lutung Kasarung  
**East Indian**

a Javanese epic, the story of Guru

Minda during his time on earth

Lu’ukia  
**Pacific Islands**

the Hawaiian version of Rukutia

Luvah  
**British**

a demon of the emotions

This being is one of the four zoa in the

works of William Blake.

Lwdrrys  
(see Caer Llud)

Lyada  
**Slav**

a war-god

Lyeus  
(see Dionysus)

Lymbilo  
**African**

brother of Ngeketo and Mbasi

He and Mbasi became jealous of

Ngeketo, who had brought maize to his

people, so they killed him. When he

reappeared as a snake, they chopped

him into pieces and, when those pieces

rejoined, they did the same again.

Lyangombe  
**African**

a principal god in the Congo

Lybia  
**Greek**

daughter of Epaphus and Memphis

mother of Agenor, Belus, and Lelex

by Poseidon

Lybica  
**Roman**

a sibyl

Lybius Desonus1  
**British**

a 14th c poem relating the exploits

of Gingalin

Lybius Desonus2  
**see Gingalin**

Lycabas  
**Greek**

a sailor on the ship when Dionysus

was imprisoned by the crew

Lycaca  
**Greek**

a festival in honour of Pan

Lycaeus1  
**Greek**

[Lykaions]

a mountain sacred to Pan and Zeus

Lycaeus2  
**Greek**

[Lykaious]

a name for Apollo as guardian of

wolves or for Zeus as ‘wolf-like’

Lycaeus3  
(see Lycæus)
Lycaon then tried to kill the god by stabbing him when he was asleep but Zeus let out a roar that raged the king's palace. Zeus killed Lycaon and his other sons or, in some versions, turned them into wolves, sending Deucalion's flood as further punishment.

A similar story is told of Arcas, Lycaon's grandson.

Lycaon (Greek Lychnus (Lycian Lycippe Greek to pieces.

hounds, including Lycisca, tore him

the hunter, spying on her as she

Lycisca

Lycius2

Lycimnius

Greek to

Lyceus

Greek

Lyceus (see Lycisca)

Lycometes (Greek

king of Sicyon

father of Deidamia

He sheltered Achilles who was dressed as a girl by his mother, Thetis, who tried to hide her son so that he might not have to serve with the Greek army at Troy.

He killed Theseus by pushing him over a cliff fearing that Theseus might take his throne.

Lycorea (Greek

one of the peaks of Mount

Parnassus, sacred to Apollo

Lycosena

(see also Tithorea)

Lycotheres

Greek

king of Illyria

husband of Agave

His wife, Agave, who had killed Pentheus, her son by her first husband Echion, killed Lycotheres and gave the throne to Cadmus.

Lycius (see Idomenus)

Lycourgos (Greek

[Lukouros.Lykurgos]

king of Nemea

son of Phere and Periclemene

brother of Admetus

father of Opheltes

In one account, he bought Hypsipyle and put the boy on the ground for a moment but it was bitten by a snake and died.

The Nemean games were instituted in honour of this infant.

Lycourgos (Greek

[Lukouros.Lykurgos]

king of the Edonians of Thrace

son of Dryas and Dirce.

He avenged her by killing both Lycus and his sons by Apollo, Amphion and Zethus, who put the boy on the ground for a moment but it was bitten by a snake and died.

The Nemean games were instituted in honour of this infant.

Lycourgos (Greek

[Lukouros.Lykurgos]

king of the Edonians of Thrace

son of Dryas

father of Dryas

He insulted Dionysus and opposed the new religion worshipping the god of wine for which he was blinded by Zeus. He captured the invading army of Dionysus but the god himself escaped and Rhea drove Lycourgos mad so that he killed his own son Dryas with an axe, thinking he was cutting down a vine. A curse of barrenness descended on the land and, to propitiate the god, the Edonians killed Lycourgos by pulling him apart with wild horses.

In another version, he was handed over by Dionysus to the wild animals of Mount Rhodope which killed him, though others say that he killed himself, his wife and his son.
Lyncus

**Lycaeus**

Greek

a son of Aphaeus and Arene

twin brother of Idas

Lycaeus

He joined the Calydonian boar hunt and sailed in *Argo* in which, having sharp eyes which could see beneath the earth, he acted as the look-out. He was killed by Polydeuces after a dispute over stolen cattle or, in some accounts, in the fight that ensued when Castor and Polydeuces abducted Hilaeria and Phoebe, the wives of Lyneus and his brother Idas.

Lynceus

**Greek**

son of Aphaeus and Arene

Lykeion

See *Lycaeus*.

Lykeus

Greek

one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Lynceus, tore him to pieces.

Lycus

Greek

son of Aegyptus, one of 50

husband of Hypermenestra

father of Abas

The only son to survive when they were murdered on the night of their wedding to the fifty daughters of Danaus. He killed his father-in-law and took his throne of Argos.

Lycus

**Greek**

a follower of Diomedes

He went to Italy with Diomedes and was turned into a bird by Aphrodite.

Lydia

Greek

a nymph who rejected the love of a satyr

Liesh

(see Leshi)

Lyfir

Norse

Heimdall as a mortal sent to protect Hading in battle

Lygadnudd

(see Llygadnudd)

Lygis

Greek

a son of Poseidon

Lygini

Norse

[Lyuigini] a king of the Huns.

When Hiordis rejected his suit and married the aging Sigmund, he raised an army and attacked Hunaland. In the ensuing battle, Sigmund was killed and Lygini claimed his kingdom. At that time, Sigmund's son, Sigurd, had yet to be born. When he reached manhood, Sigurd returned to kill Lygini and reclaim his father's throne.

Lykaios

(see Lycaeus.Zeus)

Lykaon

(see Lycaon)

Lykia

(see Lycia)

Lykourgos

(see Lycurgus)

Lykgurios

(see Lycurgus)

Lyle

British

[Lady of Lyle.Lile]

a lady of Avalon. She sent a maiden, Colombe, to King Arthur's court bearing a sword that only the purest knight could draw from its scabbard. It was drawn and claimed by Balin and led to his death and that of his brother Balan. The sword had once belonged to the girl's lover who had been killed by her brother.

In some accounts, it was Lyle herself who took the sword to the court.

Lymdale

Norse

the home of Brunhild, some say

Lymfa

Roman

a nature-goddess

Lyne

British

a warrior-maid

She had always wanted to be a man and, as a girl, had dressed and fought like a boy, killing one youth in combat. She spent her life studying the arts of battle and trained likely prospects to become outstanding knights. One of these was Ewain who spent most of a year at her home in Wales learning all she could teach him.

Lyneceus

British

[Linet]

sister of Lyonesse

wife of Gareth, some say

She went to King Arthur's court to enlist help for her sister, Lyonesse, against the Red Knight.

In some accounts, she married Gareth after he had rescued her sister and had been admitted as a Knight of the Round Table.

Lynge

Norse

an island in the lake Amsvartnir

Here Fennis was bound to a rock until the last battle when he broke loose and fought with Loki against the gods.

Lynor

(see Lianour)

Lyone

(see Lionel)

Lyonnaese


Leonois.Lethowstow.Liones.Lyonny;

=Welsh Cantref’s Gwaedod.Lowland

Cantref-French Kor-Ise.]

a fabled lost land

This island is said to have been situated off the far south-west of Britain, supporting a happy agricultural society. Part of it, ruled by Galahad, was known as Surluse. The island was drowned under the Atlantic by water spirits jealous of the happiness and prosperity of the inhabitants. Only Trevisian escaped when the sea overwhelmed the island.

Some say it was the land where Tristram was born, the land from which King Arthur came and the site of the final battle where he met his death.

Others say that, when King Arthur was killed, Mordred survived and drove the remaining forces of the king to Lyonnaese. The ghost of Merlin caused the land to sink beneath the waves taking Mordred's men with it while the king's men escaped.

In some accounts, Liones is a separate realm. (see also Lugdunum)

Lyonnaese

British

a lady attacked by the Red Knight

sister of Lynette

When the Red Knight besieged her castle, she sent Lynette to King Arthur's court to enlist help. The king sent Gareth who rescued Lyonnaese and, in some accounts, married her.

Lyonors

[Lyones.Lionors]

daughter of Earl Sanam

She was seduced by King Arthur and bore him a son named Borre or Loholt.

In some accounts she is the same as Lyonesse.

Lyons

(see Lugdunum)

Lyonne

British

a French knight

lord of Payanne

He and Phariance met Ulfias and Brastos when they journeyed to France to enlist help for King Arthur from Bors and Ban.

Lyppaut

British

[Lippant.Lord of Bearosche]

da duke of Bearosche

father of Obie and Obilot

When Obie rejected the suit of King Meljanz, he attacked her father's city,
Lyra helped by Percival. Gawain fought on the side of the besieged duke.

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Lytir

Norse

A name of Frey in Sweden

Lytuvonis

Baltic

A Lithuanian rain god

Lyuba

(see Iruva)
M Central American
a Mayan deity of uncertain identity
referred to as god M; perhaps Ek Chuah
This deity is depicted as black with red
lips and carrying a package on his head.

Ma a Taoist deity
one of the Four Diamond Kings
He is depicted holding a sword.

Ma the steed of the sun

Ma Egyptian
.Maet.Maht.‘truth’]
goddess of justice and truth
a form of Tefnut the sun-goddess as
a lioness
ruler of the underworld
daughter of Ra
wife of Thoth
She is depicted as wearing a single
ostich feather which she uses to weigh
the souls of the dead.

Ma (see also Mut.Nehebkau)

Ma Greek
[Great Mother-=Roman Bellona]
a primaeval Anatolian goddess
(see also Anartis’)

Ma Turkish
[=Greek Enyo-=Roman Bellona]
an Anatolian war-goddess and
fertility-goddess

Ma (see akuma)

Ma’ (see Ama2.Ba.Ba.Sin2)

Ma-Bajantibetan
mother of ‘Brug-ma’

Ma-bandanna Mesopotamian
a name for Samas as ‘boat in the sky’

Ma-Bellone (see Baba)
Ma Bumba South American
[Bumba]
a deity of Surinam, based on the
Bakongo creator-god Niambi

Ma-chung Chinese
a paper image of the kitchen-god, Tsao
Chun, displayed at the New Year
festival

Ma-Hina (see Hina’.Mahina’)

Ma-ho Chia-yeh Chinese
[Chin Ma-ho Chia Yeh.Mo-ho Chia-yeh]
the Chinese name for Kashyapa

Ma Hu Chinese
father of Ma Ku
His cruelty caused his daughter to run
away. She returned only to bathe his eyes
when he went blind through weeping at
the loss of her services and then left again, riding away on a
bird.

Ma-lha Tibetan
female demons
These black she-devils are reputed to
be the cause of disease.

Ma Mien Chinese
[Asvamukha.Horse Face.
Horse-faced Messenger]
a gaoler and assistant judge in
the underworld
an attendant on Yen Wang
He and Niu-t’ou are sent to collect the
spirit when a person dies.

Ma-mo Tibetan
dead demons

Ma Ming Chinese
the Chinese name for Asvagosha

Ma Muang Thai
a mango-goddess

Ma-niang (see T’en Hou’)

Ma Ku Chinese
[Hemp Lady]
a 2nd c female magician who
attained immortality

Ma Ku Chinese
[Hemp Lady]
a 4th c reincarnation of the 2nd c
magician of the same name
daughter of Ma Hu
Her father was so cruel that she left
him and returned only to bathe his eyes
when he went blind from weeping at
the loss of her services. She then left
again, riding on a bird.

Ma Ku Chinese
[Chen Jen.Hemp Lady]
a 12th c lady who became
a hermit

Ma Mien Chinese
[Asvamukha.Horse Face.
Horse-faced Messenger]
a gaoler and assistant judge in
the underworld
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He and Niu-t’ou are sent to collect the
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Ma-p'am-pa

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[Ma-phem-pa]
the Tibetan version of Asita

Ma-riko-riko
(see Marikoriko)

Ma-sang
Tibetan

early ancestors of the race
During this dynasty, men invented armour. Next came the miracle workers, the 'gong-po, the kiu and the rgyal-po.

Ma Shen
Chinese

son of Tou-shen
brother of Chen Shen, P'an Shen and Sha Shen
He helps his mother with cases of smallpox by removing the pock marks.

Ma Sina
(see Sina)

Ma-t'ou
Chinese

a name of Ts'an Nü as Horse Head Lady

Ma-tsu-p'o
(see T'ien Hou)

Ma-tzu
Chinese

Ma Vien
(see Bach Ma)

Ma Wang
Chinese

a celestial horse, progenitor of all horses
He is depicted as a three-faced god in the company of a crane, a dragon and a phoenix. In some accounts, he is regarded as a king, Su-ma Ta Shen.

Maa
Egyptian

da deity, sight personified

maa-alused
(see maahiset)

Maa-Emae
Baltic

[Maan-Emo]
a Finnish earth-mother

Maadit bark
(see Manjet)

Maahes
(see Mihos)

maahiset
Baltic

[Maal-myror, alva, maa-alused, maanalaiset]
a Finnish forest spirit

Ant hills are used as the site for making offerings to this spirit. In an alternative version they are small beings which live under the earth and which can cause skin diseases in humans.

Maalmanpatsas
(see Veralden tshuold)

Maamba
Australia

a culture-hero of the Aborigines in the Herbert River area

maanalaiset
(see maahiset)

Maane
(see Mani)

Mannegarm
(see Managarm)

Maapita
Pacific Islands

in the lore of the Moluccas, one of the first 2 men
brother of Masora
Having obliged the goddess Kuwe by picking lice from her body, Maapita was told to pick ripe fruit from a tree. He did so and Kuwe changed the fruit into a beautiful maiden. His brother Masora was less successful.

Maasewc
(see Masewi)

maat
Egyptian

the ostrich feather worn by Ma

Maaty
(see Ma')

Maau
Egyptian

[Mau]
the goddess Atet in the form of a cat

Mab
Celtic

a fairy-midwife
queen of the fairies

Mabel
(see Meabel)

Mabinogion, The
(see Mabinogion)

[Maal-myror, alva, maa-alused, maanalaiset]
a hound of Dermot O'Dyna

a name of Mabon in Continental tales of King Arthur in which Mabon was rescued from prison by Erec

Maboyia
West Indian

a guardian deity of snakes

Mabuz
British

a name for Mabon in Continental tales of King Arthur in which Mabon was regarded as the son of the Lady of the Lake

Mac an Choill
Irish

a hound of Dermot O'Dyna

Mac an Daimh
Irish

a servant of Mongan

His wife accompanied Mongan's wife when she was taken by Brandubh but he recovered her when Mongan tricked Brandubh with a hag made to resemble a princess.

Mac an Luin
Irish

[Son of the Spear]

Finn's sword

Mac Cecht
(see Mac Cecht)

Mac Cecht'
Irish

[Mac Cecht, Son of the Plough]
a Danaan king of Ireland
brother of Mac Cool and Mac Greine husband of Fohla

He and the other kings, Mac Cool and Mac Greine, killed Ith, leader of an expedition from Spain, so precipitating the invasion of the Milesians. He was killed by Eremon, son of Milesius.

Mac Cecht2
Irish

[Mac Cecht]a giant warrior
son of Snade Teched

When Conary and his party were besieged at Da Derga's hostel by pirates led by Conary's three foster-brothers, Mac Cecht broke through the invaders' ranks to get a drink for Conary who was dying of thirst. Magic had dried or hidden all the rivers and he searched far and wide before he could fill his cup. When he got back to the hostel it had fallen and Conary was dead. He killed the two pirates who had cut off Conary’s head and gave the severed head a drink. The head spoke to Mac Cecht and thanked him for the water.

In some accounts, Conall Cearnach appears in place of Mac Cecht.

Mac Coll
(see Mac Cool)
Mac Cool1  Irish
[Mac Coll, Mac Cuill, Son of the Hazel]
a Danaan king of Ireland
brother of Mac Cecht and Mac Greine
husband of Banba
He and the other kings, Mac Cecht and Mac Greine, killed Ith, leader of the expedition from Spain, so precipitating the invasion of the Milesians.

He was killed in battle with the Milesians.

Mac Cool1  See (see Finn mac Cool)
Mac Cuill  (see Mac Cool, Mac Goill)
Mac Da Chearda  (see Comgan)
Mac Da Tho  Irish
[Mesgora Mac DaTho, Mesroda]
a king of Leinster
son of Da Tho
He was the owner of a hound called Oscar, a whelp of the Brown Mouse, and a famous boar and he agreed to sell the hound to both Ailill, king of Connaught, and Conor, king of Ulster, stipulating that they bring their armies with them and killing the boar to serve at a feast. The warriors Cet of Connaught and Conall of Ulster disputed the right to carve the boar and a quarrel broke out which resulted in the two kings going to war. In the ensuing battle, the forces of Connaught were defeated but Ailill's charioteer, Fear Logha, killed the hound so that Mac Da Tho was left with no boar, no hound and no payment – but he had saved his kingdom from the warring kings.

Some say that he was killed by Conall who crushed his brains and mixed the powder with lime to make the missile called the 'brain-ball'. In other accounts, it was the brain of the missile called the 'brain-ball'. In mixed the powder with lime to make payment – but he had saved his kingdom from the warring kings.

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Mac Greine  Irish
[Mac Grene]
a Danaan king of Ireland
brother of Mac Cecht and Mac Cool husband of Eire
He and the other kings, Mac Cecht and Mac Cool and Mac Macin, killed Ith, leader of the expedition from Spain, so precipitating the invasion of the Milesians.

Mac Grene  (see Mac Greine)
Mac ind Oc  (see Angus Og)
Mac ind Og  (see Angus Og)
Mac Liag  Irish
a poet
When Flann's harper boasted about his master's knowledge, Mac Liag threatened to hang him but Flann arrived in time to prove what his harper had said was true and so saved his life. (see also Muircheartach1)

Mac Lughach  (see Gaoin)
the smallest warrior in the Fianna
Mac Mhaol  Irish
a giant defeated by Cuchulainn
Mac Moineanta  Irish
father of the gods in succession to the Dagda
father of the fairies
Some say that he became king of the fairies when Manannan went to Scotland but he was later deposed by Finn or Fionnpharr.

Mac Mong Ruadh  Irish
[Macha of the Red Tresses]
an early queen of Ireland
an aspect of Morrigan (see also Macha)

Mac na Michomhairle  Irish
a man who visited the Otherworld

Mac na Tri Con  (see Son of Three Dogs)
Mac Oc  (see Angus Og)
Mac Og  (see Angus Og)
Mac Riagla  Irish
a voyager
He and Sneidug went on a voyage that took them to many wonderful places.

Mac Roth  (see Fergus mac Roth)
Mac Suibhne  Irish
a leader of the Mac Sweeney sept

He invited Feidlimidh Cam O Baill to his home with the intention of killing him as part of a feud. Feidlimidh managed to escape from the house and Mac Suibhne died from his exertions in pursuit of his intended victim who got away in a boat.

Mac Telene  Irish
a boaster from Munster
He boasted that Munster was superior to Connaught and was required by the king, Guaire, to prove it. This he did by producing the jester Comgan who recited poetry, the bishop Moronoc who acted the fool and Cumane who sat on an egg without breaking it.

Mac y Leir  Manx
[Manannan Beg]
the Manx name for Manannan mac Lir

Macaire, Robert  French
in the story of Aubry's Dog, he was the murderer of Aubry (see also Macharijs)

Macan  Irish
[Maccan=Welsh Mabon]
a name for Angus Og

Macan Madungan  East Indian
a Javanese monster
This beast was envisaged as a tiger with the soul of a man.
It is said that the soul can leave the body at night and become a tiger either as the result of magic or, in some cases, unknown to the sleeper.

Macaomh an Phagain  (see Vagrant Youth)

Macaomh an Vaiginis  (see Solitary Youth)

MacOmae Mor  Irish
[Machaoma Mor]
a warrior of Leinster
When Conall Gulban carried off Eithne, daughter of the king of Leinster, Macomh was sent in pursuit. He took Eithne as Conall slept and they went overseas. Conall eventually found them and defeated Macomh but captured a Caledonian princess for him to compensate for the loss of Eithne.

Macar  (see Macareus)

Macareus1  Greek
[Macar]
son of Aeolus and Enarete
father of Issa
He fathered Issa on his own sister, Canace, and committed suicide.

(see also Macareus2)

Macareus1  Greek
[Macar]
a king of Lesbos
son of Helius

...
Macareus

He is sometimes identified with Macareus, son of Aeolus.

Macareus  
Greek
son of Lycaon

Macareus
Greek
a seaman with Odysseus

Macardit  
African
d a Dinka deity of ill-fortune

Macaria  
Greek
daughter of Heracles and Deianeira sister of Crespius, Glenus, Hodites and Hylus

An oracle had demanded the sacrifice of one of the children of Heracles so she killed herself to save Attica from the invading forces of Eurystheus.

Macariel  
a demon who carries secrets

Macaulay, Thomas  
English
(1800-1859)
a writer and historian

He wrote The Lays of Ancient Rome, Prophecy of Cappy, etc.

Macaw  
South American
brother of Yurupary

His brother stole fire from the underworld and used it to kill Macaw.

Macan  
(see Macan)

Maccha  
(see Macha)
mace  
Mesopotamian
the weapon of Baal

(see Ayamur.Yagrush)
mace  
Hindu
the weapon of Mahisha

Macgnimarthta Find  
Irish
an account of Finn mac Cool as a young man

Mach (see Macha.Morrigan)

Macha  
Irish
[Macha.Mach=Connaught Maev:Medb] a war-goddess and fertility-goddess of Ulster daughter of Aedh Ruadh, Ernmas, Midir or Sainrith wife of Kimbay wife of Nemed or Nuada, some say She appears as a prophetess, the wife of Nemed, in the early histories and later as the second wife of Nuada. As a war-goddess she, with Ana and Babd, made a trinity that equated with the goddess Morrigan.

The throne of Ulster should have been shared between Aedh's brothers, Dithorba and Kimbay but when Aedh died Macha killed Dithorba, forcibly married Kimbay and took the throne herself. She captured and imprisoned the five sons of Dithorba and forced them to build the walls of the fortress Emain Macha.

In some accounts, she was the sister of Dithorba and Kimbay, rather than their niece, and was killed by Balor. In those versions where Macha was the wife of Nuada, it was she who was killed by Balor.

She appeared mysteriously in the home of Crundchu and became his mistress. When he boasted that she could run faster than the king's horses, she was forced into a race although heavily pregnant at the time. She won the race but gave birth to twins on the spot. She cursed the men of Ulster so that when they most needed their strength to fight they would, for five days and four nights, become as weak as a woman in labour.

In some accounts, she was killed with Nuada at the Second Battle of Moytura, in others she was killed by the usurper, Reachtaidh.

In some accounts, the mortal Maha, wife of Crundchu, is a different being from the goddess Maha.

(see also Debility of the Ultonians.Mac Mong Ruadh)

Macha of the Red Tresses  
(see Mac Mong Ruadh)

Machai  
Greek
a deity, battle personified offspring of Eris (see also Hyminai)

Machanu  
Greek
a god, guardian of a lake in Patal Machanu is described as being half god, half fish, and his role is to supervise the souls of the dead who must cross his lake to enter the underworld realm of Patal.

Machaoth Mor  (see Macaomh Mor)

Machaon  
Greek
[warrior'] a physician to the Greek army at Troy son of Asclepius and Epione brother of Hygeia, Panacea and Podaleirius husband of Anticleia father of Alexanor, Gorgasus and Nichomachus He healed the wound that had caused Philoctetes to be abandoned on Lemnos enabling him to take part in the battle for Troy. He was killed by Euryphlius or Penthesilea or, some say, by Paris.

Macharijs  
European
[Macaire] an adviser at Charlemagne's court

He lusted after Sibilla, wife of Charlemagne, and, when she was found in bed with a dwarf, recommended that she be banished rather than burnt at the stake. She was escorted to the frontier by Auborijn, but Macharijs followed them and attacked their party, killing Auborijn, though Sibilla managed to escape his clutches. The murdered man's dog conveyed the news of his master's death and the identity of his killer to Charlemagne and later attacked Macharijs.

This tale is retold as the story of Aubry's dog, Dragon.

In another version, in which the queen is referred to as Blanchefluer and he is Macea, he tried to seduce the queen but failed. He incited the dwarf to do what he had failed to do and then threw the dwarf into the fire to prevent him from talking.

(see also Macaire)

machasacoins  
Irish
a name for the heads of warriors who were killed in battle and decapitated

Machentiri  
(see Khenti-irti)
machi  
South American
[=Guarani piai] shaman of the Araucanian tribes

Machi-pal Lha-mo  
Tibetan
a Buddhist goddess chief of the Long-Life Sisters, some say

Machimos  
Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Machimos, tore him to pieces.

Machorell  
Norse
a king of Syria father of Sidrat

Mackinely  
(see Cian')

Mackinly  
(see Cian')

Mackonaima  
(see Makonaima)

Macnia  
Irish
a king of Munster

Both he and Conaing were deposed by Eoghan Mor and went to the high-king for help. Conn gave him one of his daughters as a wife and forces with which to fight Eoghan. When they met the usurper in battle, Eoghan was defeated and fled to Spain. He later returned at the head of a Spanish army and Macnia submitted to his rule.

Macpherson, James  
Scottish
(1736-1796)
a Scottish poet
He was the author of several works on Celtic mythology, purporting to be translations of the poems of Ossian. In fact, they were his own work.

**Macris**  
*Greek*  
a nurse of Dionysus  
daughter of Aristaeus and  
Autone  
sister of Actaeon  
In some accounts, she was the nurse of Hera, in others one of the Nysaean nymphs who reared Dionysus.

**Macsen**  
*Welsh*  
[Macsen Wledig.Magnus  
Maximus.Maxen. Maximian(us)]  
king of Britain  
emperor of Rome  
husband of Elen  
father of Constantine and Sevira  
As emperor of Rome, he dreamed of a beautiful maiden in a castle built on an island and became convinced that she was real so he sent out emissaries to find her. She was Elen, daughter of Eudaf, but she refused to leave her home so Macsen came to Britain and married her. After seven years, he and Elen took an army and recaptured Rome. Her brothers Cynan and Gadeon, who had helped her, were given the land of Armorica and established the Breton race.

In an alternative story he fought Conan for the hand of the daughter of King Octavius, who some equate with King Arthur. In a different story he took an army and recaptured Rome. Her brothers Cynan and Gadeon, who had helped her, were given the land of Armorica and established the Breton race.

**Madeleine**  
*West Indian*  
a female Haitian voodoo spirit

**Madhava**  
*Hindu*  
a name for Krishna as the god of spring: a name for Indra, Krishna and Vishnu as 'nectar-born'

**Mahdhavi**  
*Hindu*  
an earth-goddess

**Madhu**  
*Hindu*  
a demon  
He was born, with Kaitabha, from the ear of Vishnu. When they attacked the sleeping Brahma and, some say, stole the Vedas, Vishnu killed them both and Brahma used their bodies to build the world.

**Madhuca**  
*Buddhist*  
a love-god  
He is depicted in a chariot drawn by parrots.

**Madhupamanjari**  
*Hindu*  
a heroine in a Cinderella-type story

**Madhupriya**  
*Hindu*  
a name for Balarama as ‘friend of wine’

**Madim**  
[Madime]  
a demon associated with the planet Mars and Tuesday

**Madlebe**  
*Afrian*  
a Swazi hero-king  
brother of Madlisa  
It was said that Madlebe was born wearing a bracelet that cried out whenever the boy wept, when his tears were of blood. When he broke a pot he had been forbidden to touch, his father sent him to be executed but a thunderstorm frightened the executioner who let the boy escape. He returned on the death of his father and became king.
Madness of Merlin

an unfinished drama in verse by
R. L. Binyon, published in 1947

Madoc
(see Madawg. Madog)

Madog Morfryn
[Madawg. Madog]
father of Merlin in some accounts
(see also Morgan Frych)

Mador
a Knight of the Round Table
son of the king of the Hesperides,
some say
cousin of Patrice

At a dinner given by Guinevere for twenty-four of her knights, Pinel placed a poisoned apple on the table, meant for Gawain, who had killed Pinel’s cousin, Lamerock. By mistake, Patrice ate the apple and fell dead on the spot. Mador accused Guinevere of the murder. Lancelot took up the cause on behalf of the queen and defeated Mador in single combat. The queen, saved from the stake, forgave Orlando and persuaded Merlin to put a spell on him.

Madri
wife of Kessantara

Madri
second wife of Pandu
mother of Nakula and Sahadeva

Her husband refused to sleep with her because of a curse placed on him but she received, as a gift from Kunti, Pandu’s other wife, the power to conceive by praying to a god. She prayed to the Aswins and bore twin boys, Nakula and Sahadeva.

Madrid Codex
[Troano Codex]
a manuscript source of Mayan legend and culture

Maduc
(see Madawg. Madog)

Madumba
North American
a creator-god of the Pomo tribe
brother of Coyote, some say

mae de santo
South American
[male=pai de santo=Yo-yuba iyalorisha]
a priestess in Brazil

Mael
an angel of the first heaven, associated with the north

Mael Duin
(see Maeldun)

Mael Dunn
(see Maeldun)

Mael Fothartaig
Irish
[Mail Fothartaig, Maol Fhotartaigh]
a Leinster hero
son of Ronan mac Culmain and Eithne
When Eithne died, Ronan married a younger woman who fell in love with Mael. To avoid conflict, Mael went to Scotland for a time, hunting with his dogs Dartenn and Dailin, but when he returned, the queen made further advances. His foster-brother, Congall, tried to help, by arranging a tryst for the queen with Mael and keeping the assignation himself, threatening to tell the king of the infidelity. Frustrated, she accused Mael of rape and Ronan had his son put to death by the warrior Aidan who also killed Congall when he protested. When the truth came out, Ronan died of grief and his wife poisoned herself. In another version, Mael’s sons avenged his death by killing Aidan.

Mael Ruain
(see St Mael Ruain)

Maelcen
Irish
a druid
Cormac mac Airt tried to suppress druidism so Maelcen used his powers to cause a fishbone to lodge in Cormac’s throat and the king choked to death.

Maelduin
Irish
[Mael Duin, Mael Dunn, Maeldune. Mail Duin, Maol Duin, Maildun]
a hero-voyager
a lord of Aran island
son of Allll Agach and a nun

When he grew up he learned that his father had been murdered by men from Leix, or men from the Laighis sept, and set out to avenge his death. He built a coracle for the seventeen Others, his foster-brothers, insisted on going as well. In some versions, he was accompanied by sixty men.

He travelled far and wide seeking the killers, regaining his youth by bathing in a lake. They had many strange adventures and called at many islands, such as the Island of Apples, the Island of Women where they stayed for many months, the Island of the Eagle and the Island of the Laughing People. They saw strange animals such as the beast that turned itself round inside its own skin and another which sat in a tree and ate the cattle which grazed below. When he eventually found the murderers he forgave them.

Maeldune
(see Maeldun)

Maeler
East Indian
a sun-god
father of Eau and Havoa

Maelgan
(see Maelgwn)

Maelgwn
[Maelgan, Maelgwyn, Melchinus, Melkin]
a king of Gwynedd
son of Clutarius
father of Rhun
father of Bridei, in some accounts
He imprisoned his nephew, Elphin, until he could prove his boast that his wife was the most virtuous of women and his bard, Taliesin, was the best in the land.

He sent his son Rhun to test the lady’s virtue but she changed roles with a servant and deceived him. Taliesin raised a storm that shook Maelgwn’s castle and freed Elphin. In other accounts, this story involved King Arthur, not Maelgwn.

In some accounts, he is equated with Melchius, the prophet.

Maelgyn
(see Maelgwn)

Maelid
Greek
an apple-nymph

Maelodran
Irish
[Maolodhran]
a Leinster hero
He was attacked by the three sons of Diarmaid the high-king, or, in some accounts, by two sons of Blathmac the joint-ruler, and was wounded. He managed to drive his attackers into a mill-pond and started up the mill so they were crushed to death by the wheel. These sons were known as Conall and Dunchadh and, where there were three, Maolodhar.

He married the daughter of a sub-king, Artheacuda, but she betrayed him to his enemies who surrounded the hut where she and Maelodran slept. He escaped wearing his wife’s clothes while she was killed. To avenge his daughter, Artheacuda had his son-in-law blinded with hot coals and then killed him with Maelodran’s own magic spear. It was said that the dead hero reappeared a year later and used the same spear to kill his murderer.

Maen Arthur
British
a rock in Wales said to retain the imprint of the hoof of King Arthur’s horse

Maen Dylan
[Stone of Dylan]
a stone off the coast of Gwynedd, said to be the site of Dylan’s grave

maenades
(see bacchantes)

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(see bacchantes)

Maenalig Hind
[see Ceryneian Hind]

Maenam
(see Menam)

Maenawr Penardd
Welsh
the magician-king of Arvon
He had a saw which ate carrion and was said to be Ceridwen in disguise. She was the only one immune to his magic.
Maeon

**Greek**
son of Hemon
He led a party of fifty men to ambush Tydeus. The intended victim killed all except Maeon.

**Irish**
a woman who fell in love with Finn mac Cool
She sent him some nuts that contained a love-potion but Finn, guessing what was afoot, would not eat them.

**Greek**
a dog of Icarus
When Hecuba tore out the eyes of Polyphemus, king of Thrace, and killed his two sons, she turned herself into a bitch to escape the wrath of the king’s subjects and jumped into the sea.

**Greek**
daughter of Erysichthon
She led Erigone to the grave where Icarus had been buried by the shepherds who had killed him and here Erigone hanged herself.

**North American**
dog of Erigone
Demeter punished Erigone for cutting down trees in her sacred grove, causing him to have an insatiable hunger. After selling all his possessions for food, he finally sold his own daughter. In some accounts, Poseidon enabled her to escape from her purchasers only for her to be sold again and again by her father. In other accounts, Poseidon changed her into a woman who fell in love with Maeon.

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dog of Eris
This dog, owned by the youngest son of Rhipisunt, was instrumental in finding her when she was abducted by a bear.

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**Irish**
a mother-goddess
queen of Connaught
daughter of Eochaid Feidhleach and Cloithfhionn
sister of Clothra, Ethne, Mughain and the Finn Lathma
wife of Aiill mac Mata and Conor mac Nessa
mother of Findbhair, the Maini and Orlam
She was the first wife of Conor mac Nessa but left him and returned to her father at Tara. She later married Aiill, king of Connaught, but only after other marriages to Tinné and Eochaid Dala.

She covered the Brown Bull of Cooley and Aiill, her husband, led an expedition into Ulster to seize it. The bull was captured but Cuchulainn inflicted defeat on her army and she swore revenge. She invaded seven years later with another army, aided by the Children of Catalin who conjured up phantom battalions to harass the Ulstermen.

She was killed by Furfaieth, a son of Conor mac Nessa and Clothra, Mae’s sister, who shot her with a piece of hard cheese from his sling.

**Irish**
[Mag Meld]
(a goddess who protects man from scorpions and snakes)
She is depicted as a panther or lynx.

**Irish**
[Canis Minor, Moera]
a goddess who protects man from scorpions and snakes
She was killed by Furbaidhe, a son of the king of Naples.

**Greek**
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Maeve

**Irish**
[see Maev]
Mag Da Cheo
[Mag Da Cheo, Plain of Two Mists]
part of the Otherworld
Mag Indoc
[Mag Indoc, Plain of Indoc]
the plain where Cuchulainn asked the high-king to assist him in converting to Christianity
Mag mBrag
[Mag(m) mBreg]
part of the Otherworld
Mag mBreg
[see Mag mBrag]
Mag Mel
[see Mag Mell]
Mag Mell
[see Mag Mell]
Mag Mell
[Irish]
[Field of Happiness, Mag Mell(d).
Mag Mell(a). The Pleasant Plain]
part of the Otherworld
Part of the Western Paradise ruled by Labraid Luathlam.
Mag Mor
[Magh Mor: The Great Plain]
a part of the Otherworld
land of the gods, some say
Mag Nuadat
[see Eoghan Mor]
Mag Nuadhat
[see Eoghan Mor]
Mag Rein
[Irish]
[Magh Rein]
a part of the Otherworld
Mag Sleact
[see Moyslaught]
Mag Slecht
[see Moyslaught]
Mag Tuired
[see Møyutra]
Maga
[Irish]
daughter of Angus Og
wife of Ross the Red
mother of Fachna
After the death of Ross, she married the druid Cathbad and bore three children, Dectera, Elva and Finchoom.

**Irish**
father of Anluan and Cet

**Japanese**
evil spirits from the underworld
The damage these demons cause is put right by the Naobi.

**African**
priests of Shango

**French**
daughter of the king of Naples
She fell in love with Pierre of Provence and they eloped together. A raven seized her jewel-bag and dropped it in the sea and Pierre nearly lost his life in trying to retrieve it. She was asleep at the time and, when she awoke and found Pierre missing, she assumed that he had deserted her. She then sailed to Provence where she established a hospital for the poor and sick on a small island. Here, years later, she was re-united with Pierre who had been saved from the sea by pirates who sold him to a sultan who later set him free and gave him much wealth.

**French**
an evil being which eats the brain, causing madness

**Hindi**
a goddess of fortune
one of the nakatras
daughter of Daksha
wife of Candra

**Irish**
[see Maga]
Maghegh  
*Native American*

a Tuareg jinnee who
impregnated 7 virgins
His unions resulted in seven sons and he taught them all the skills they would need when they became the founders of seven clans.

**Magi**  
*(see magus)*

**Magia**  
*Italian*
magic: enchantment: the evil eye  
*(see also jettatura)*

**Magian**  
*(see magus)*

**Magianism**  
*(see magus)*

**Magic**  
*(black art, necromancy—Hindu abhīcara, Indra-jala-maya)*
sorcery: apparent miracles produced by harnessing spirits or natural forces
Magic is classified broadly as black magic (involving the Devil), red magic (involving bloody, diabolic practices) and white magic (beneficial magic).

**Magic Breath**  
*(see Breath of Love)*

**Magic bricks**  
*Egyptian*
inscribed mud bricks, placed one on each side of a tomb, to protect the dead from evil

**Magic carpet**
a miraculous form of air transport which would carry its rider wherever he wished to go
One such carpet was that used by Solomon which carried his throne and all his entourage. Another was owned by Housain and appears in *The Arabian Nights.*

**Magic Flute**  
*(see Golden Flute)*

**Magic Lay of Groa-Galdur, The**  
*(see Groa-Galdur)*

**Magic square**  
*zahlenquadrat*
a matrix of numbers that total the same when added horizontally, vertically or diagonally
This form was used by Jews as an amulet in mediaeval times.

**Magical birth**  
*(miraculous birth)*
many cultures have stories of women bearing children after being impregnated by some magical occurrence
Stories report conception as a result of consuming various foods or drinks; being exposed to sunlight or wind; or from rain, tears, mucus, etc.

(1) In China, it was said that Yuan Shih was born through the spine of a hermit.
(2) In Finnish lore, Marjatta was impregnated after eating a cranberry; Vainamoinen was so long in the womb that he was an old man when he was born.
(3) The Greeks have stories of the impregnation of Danae by Zeus in the form of a shower of gold; of Hera bearing Ares after picking a flower and Hebe from a lettuce leaf; of Leto bearing Castor and Polydeuces after an encounter with Zeus in the form of a swan; of Pasiphae bearing the Minotaur, fathered by a bull. Athena was born from the head of Zeus and Dionysus from his thigh.
(4) In Hindu lore, Yuvanasava, a man bore a son from his side after drinking a potion; Brahma was born from Vishnu's navel; Kadru and Kaitabha were born from Vishnu's ear; Manjushri was born from the pistol of the lotus.
(5) The Irish say that Dectera produced Setanta (later, the hero Cuchulainn) as a result of swallowing a mayfly (the god Lugh in another form); Etain was turned into a butterfly by her husband's discarded first wife and later fell into a cup of tea which was drunk by the wife of Ètar, king of Ulster who, in due course, produced a child, the reincarnated Etain.
(6) In the Marshall Islands, Loa gave birth to Lejman and Wulleb from his leg and Wulleb similarly produced Edao and Jemaliwut.
(7) Norse myths include the story of Heimdall said to have been fathered by Odin on the nine Wave Maidens who simultaneously gave birth to the boy.
(8) In North American lore, the Navaho goddess Nao'tsiti was impregnated by the rainbow; Kukitit was born from his brother's shoulder; Malsum was born from his mother's armpit.
(9) Persian lore refers to Mithra having been born, fully-formed, from a rock.
(10) In South American myth, Coatlucie was impregnated by a ball of down or feathers; Chalchiuhuitlicue produced Quetzalcoatl after contact with a piece of jade; Xequi became pregnant when the severed head of Hunhunapu spat into her hand; a medicine-man, Maira-pochy, impregnated a maiden by giving her fish.

**Magician**
one who works wonders

**Magician**  
*(see Hunapu)*

**Magician**  
*(see Man Maker)*

**magicism**
a magical act

**Magi**  
*Pacific Islands*
in the Pelew Islands flood myths, one of the survivors
The other survivor was Kitimil.

**magism**  
*(see magianism)*

**magistellus**
an incubus or a succubus in intimate relationship to a witch

**Maglawa**  
*Pacific Islands*
This deity is represented in Rome by a black meteoric stone.

**Magne**  
*(see Magni)*

**Magnes**
son of Zeus by Thýoia

father of Hymenæus, in some accounts

**Magnes**  
*(see Magnus)*

**Magne**  
*(see magianism)*

**Magne**  
*European*
in some French stories, a companion of Morgan le Fay

**Magna Mater**  
*Roman*
=Phrygian Cybele
=Greek Rhea
a mother-goddess
This deity is represented in Rome by a black meteoric stone.

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*(see Magni)*

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*Greek*
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father of Hymenæus, in some accounts

**Magne**  
*Greek*
son of Aeolus

father of Dictys and Polydectes by a nymph

**Magnesian mares**
greek a group of mares in Magnesia, Thessaly
mothers of the Centaurs, some say
In some accounts, Ixion fathered the Centaurs on Nephele but others say that their son, Centaurus, fathered them on these mares.

**magnetic mountain**
a mountain which drew the nails from passing ships

**Magni**  
*Norse*

[Magne's strength']
son of Thor and larnsaxa
brother of Modi
When Thor killed the giant Hrungnir, he was struck by a fragment of flint from the giant's club and fell to the ground where he was pinned helpless. The Norse gods freed his father who gave him the giant's horse, Gullfáxí, as a reward.

He and Modi both survived Ragnarök.
magpie

a bird with black and white plumage and a long tail.

(1) The Bible story says that this bird was excluded from the ark because it chattered so much and was forced to ride on the roof.

(2) In China the magpie is used as the imperial emblem. It is regarded as the bringer of good news and, accordingly, is known as the Bird of Joy.

(3) In Rome the magpie was regarded as the bird of Mars.

Magpie Bridge

a bridge in the heavens crossing over the Milky Way and linking Aquila and Lyra.

In some accounts, a flock of magpies formed a bridge over a river (the Milky Way) to enable the lovers Ch'ien Niu and Lyra to meet once a year.

Magombe

a guardian deity of some Ugandan tribes.

magucan

a feast to propitiate the bear spirits of the tribes of Labrador.

Magula-Anna

[see Sin']

Magus

Persian

[see Sin']

Magus2

Slav

a magic golden-maned horse

Magus3

a talisman said to bring good luck

It contains parts of verses from Genesis and images of creation.

Magus of Utgard

(see Utgard-Loki)

Magus, Simon

Canaanite

a sorcerer

He was the antagonist of St Peter. He flew above Rome and broke his leg when he fell in answer to Peter's prayers.

Mah1

Persian

a moon goddess, one of the Yazatas

Mah2

Persian

a fish which supports the universe

Mah3

(see Makh,Mami)

Magora

Japanese

Mahaiswara

(see Utgard-Loki)

Mahaiswara

Irish

the story of the early years of Finn mac Cool

Magus

European

a name sometimes used by Charlemagne

Magnum Maximus

(see Macsen)

Magot

a demon

Magog1

British

the last survivor, with Gog, of an ancient race of British giants

Some say he was the son of Japhet.

Magog2

(see also Gog and Magog)

Magora

Japanese

a name sometimes used by Magnus

Magnimartha Finn

Irish

a name for Siwa in the Philippines

Mahagiri

Burmese

a hill or mountain

Mahamuni

Burmese

a name for Devi

Mahamuni

Sinhalese

a name for Ambika, Canda, Durga, Kali, Parvati, Uma and other important goddesses

Mahadevi

Hindu

Mahacutah

(see Mahacutah)

Mahadar

Hindu

queen of Shambhara

Mahadeo

Hindu

a name of Shiva as the supreme deity in Northern India

Mahadeva

Hindu

[Great God]

an aspect of Shiva with 3 heads

a name for Agni, Brahma, Rudra, Surya, Vayu, Vishnu and other major gods

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Mahadevi

a name for Devi

Mahadevi was created by the gods who gave the pre-existing Devi something of their own energy, making a visible and powerful deity capable of defeating the demons, enemies of the gods.

They also gave her weapons and a lion to ride on and, as Canda, she rode to do battle with the demons. After killing Chikusa and other leaders and hordes of their followers, she met their supreme leader, the huge buffalo, Mahisha. When she caught him in a noose, he became a lion; when she killed the lion, he became a warrior; she killed him, only to find that he had become a mad elephant and, when she cut off the animal's trunk, the demon became the huge buffalo again. Mahadevi (Canda) cut off his head, finally killing him.

When two other demons, Nishumbha and Shumbha, challenged the gods, she returned, this time as Kali (or Durga). She killed Nishumbha and felled Shumbha but contact with the earth re-invigorated him. Locked in battle, he carried her into the sky but she escaped, threw him down to earth and killed him with her arrows and lance.

Mahadeva

(see Waruna)

Mahaf

Egyptian

[Greek Charon]—East Indian Tempon

Talon—Roman Charun—Mesopotamian Arad Ea

a ferryman in the underworld

He steers the boat (meseket) which carries Ra back to the east each night ready for his next trip across the heavens.

Mahagiri

(see also Turnface)

Mahaiswara

(see Min Magaye)

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(see Karaeng Lowe)
Mahaitiac

North American

in the lore of the Hidatsa, a bird which changed into a man He and Tsakakaitiac, another bird/man, had supernatural powers which they used for the benefit of the tribe, becoming great heroes.

Mahaka Daikoku

Japanese

Daikoku depicted as a woman sitting down with a bale of rice on her head

Mahakala

[Tibetan Gon-Po Nag-Po.Mgon-po]

the fearsome Buddhist god of protection, tents and wealth one of the 8 dharmapalas

He is depicted standing on the body of a man or god. (see also Yeces mgon-po)

Mahakala

an aspect of Shiva

In this form, a violent side of Shiva, his sakti is Mahakali. He is depicted as three-eyed and riding a lion.

(see also Bhairava)

Mahakala

the male aspect of Kali

Mahakali

one of the regions of the hell, Naraka

Mahakali

Gods of the underworld These beings torture the wicked dead by tearing out lumps of their flesh.

Mahakali

Mahanaga

a snake-god

Mahapadma

a snake-god

He is depicted as having three eyes and three or four heads, guards the northern quarter and protects against snake-bite.

Mahameru

East Indian

in Javanese lore, the home of the gods (see also Mount Meru)

Mahan

(see Buddhi)

Mahanagar

(see Kur-mi-gr-a)

Mahasahasapramardani

a goddess of learning one of the 16 vidyadevis

Mahakapi

Buddhist

an early incarnation of Buddha

In this form, Buddha is depicted as an ape.

Mahakara Daikoku

Japanese

Mahakara Daikoku with the Wheel of Law (see Yasha Daikoku)

Mahakasyapa

(see Kashyapa)

Mahalakshmi

(see Lakshmi)

Mahalibya

African

a Hausa spirit which causes sores

Mahamai

Hindu

a goddess of healing one of the 6 sisters of Shitala (see also Shitala)

Mahamanasika

Jain

a goddess of learning one of the 16 vidyadevis

Mahamantranusarini

Buddhist

a protective goddess

one of the 5 Pancharakshas She is the guardian of one of the quarters of the world (east) and uses her magic to protect from diseases.

Mahamari

Hindu

a name for Durga or Kali as ‘great killer’

Mahamatares

Hindu

the goddesses acting as saktis of Shiva in his various aspects

Mahamaya

Hindu

a king of Atala, part of the underworld

Mahama

Tibetan

one of the Yi-dam

Mahamaya

(see Maya)

Mahamayuri

Buddhist

[Great Peacock Lady]-Japanese

Kujaku-myoo

an aspect of Amoghasiddhi

a female bodhisattva

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Mahapancharaja

Tibetan

[Sk-ina-rgyal-po.Ku-nga-gyal-po] any one of the Five Great Kings of Tibetan Buddhism These beings were astrologers and magicians, worshipped as deities controlling various attributes; Bihar (deeds), Chos-skyon (magic), dGra-lha (body), Klu-dban (speech) and Thok-chho (accomplishment).

They were also known as the Pancharakshas when their names were gSun-gi-rgyal-po, Prin-las-rgyal-po (magic), Tsun-rgyal-po (body), and Won-ten-rgyal-po (deeds).

Mahaparinirvanamurti

Buddhist

a representation of the Buddha reclining in paradise

Mahaprabhui

Indian

a local god of the Bondo people

Mahaprajapati

Indian

an aunt who reared the Buddha

Mahapralaya

Hindu

[Great Cataclysm] the dissolution of the universe at the end of each period of 100 years in the life of Brahma

Mahapratikasika

Buddhist

a goddess

one of the Pancharakshas

She is the three-headed guardian of the southern quarter of the world who guards against physical danger and sin.

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an aspect of Amitabha
She is sometimes depicted with three heads and three eyes and is the guardian of the south who protects from wild animals.

Mahashivaratri  Hindu
[Great Night of Lord Shiva]
a festival in honour of Shiva, held in January/February

Mahasritara  Buddhist
a goddess
an aspect of Amoghasiddhi

Mahasthama  Buddhist
[Mahasthamparata=:Chinese Ta-shih-che]
a god of wisdom
one of the bodhisattvas
He and Avalokiteshvara occupy thrones in Amitabha's heaven.

Mahasthamparata (see Mahasthama)

Mahasukha  Buddhist
eternal bliss (see also Nirvana)

mahat  (see buddhi)

Mahatala1  East Indian
[Mahatarा.Sangiąnt Dewata=:Hindu Shiva]
a creator-god of the Dayaks
father of Jata and the Satang goddesses

Mahatala2  Hindu
one of the realms of Patala, the home of monsters

Mahatara  (see Mahatala1)

mahatma  (see also rishi)

Mahatuma  Jain
the lowest of the 7 hells

Mahavairocanā  (see Dainichi.Vairocanā)

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Mahavidya1  Buddhist
a group of 10 goddesses
saktis of Shiva

Mahavidya2  (see Jangulī)

Mahavira  Jain
[Nigamag. Nātāputra.Siddhārt(h)ā]. Siddhārt(h)ā: The Naked Ascetic.
Vardhamana]
(c. 540–468 bc)
last of the 24 Tirthankaras
founder of Jainism
son of Rishabhadatta and Devananda
husband of Yasoda
father of Riyadarshana
On the orders of Sakra, he was transferred before birth from the womb of Devananda to that of Trishala. He was originally called Vardhamana but became known as Mahavira, 'great hero', when he overpowered and killed a mad elephant or a serpent while still a child. After the death of his parents, he became, at the age of thirty or thirty-two, an itinerant naked ascetic preaching the prohibition of killing. He died by fasting to death after preaching for about thirty years. In some accounts, his death is dated at 526 BC.

Mahayasa  Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala

Mahayogi  East Indian
[Siwa Mahayogi]
a name for Shiva as the Great Ascetic

Mahayuga  Hindu
a time period
1,000th of a kalpa
This period covers four yugas, totalling 10,000 or 12,000 divine years.
In his system, where a divine year equals 360 human years, a mahayuga is 4,320,000 years. 1,000 such cycles is a day of Brahma, a kalpa, lasting 4,320,000,000 human years or, including a night and day of Brahma, twice this period.

Mahādu  Hindu
da demon
He was born, with Kaitabha, from the ear of Vishnu. When they attacked the sleeping Brahma, Vishnu killed them both.

Mahendra1  Buddhist
a 2nd c bc emperor of India
son of Ashoka
brother of Mahinda and Sanghamitta

Mahendra2  Hindu
a name of Indra reflecting his association with the mountains of that name

Mahendradatta  Pacific Islands
the eleventh queen of Bali
She was banished for practising witchcraft.

Mahīo  North American
[All-spirit]
a creator-god of the Cheyenne Indians
He is said to have made the world from mud. This mud was brought from the sea bottom by the coot, who was called Earth-Diver, and Mahīo built land on the back of a huge turtle. He made man from one of his own ribs.

Mahīes  (see Mihos)

Maheshvarā  Hindu
[Mahesvarā=:Japanese Jizai-ten] an aspect of Shiva
In some accounts he married Uma and they had 3,000 children, including Sannayaka and Vinayaka.

Maheshvari1  Hindu
[Mahesvari] one of the 7 mataras
one of the 8 Matrikas
She was opposed to the demon Krodha.

Maheshvari2  Hindu
[Mahesvari] a name for Devi, Kali and Uma

Mahesvara (see Maheshvari)

Mahesvari (see Maheshvari)

Mahi1  (see also Lona)

Mahi2  (see also Sina)

Mahāśabha  Jain
an ascetic hermit
grandfather of Parsva
When Parsva disturbed his meditation, Mahīpala split a log with an axe despite his grandson's warning that he would kill two snakes in the log. Parsva was able to restore the serpents with his hymns, one as Ananta, the other as Lakṣmi.

Mahīsā  (see Mahisha)

Mahīsasura  (see Mahīshasura)

Mahisha  Hindu
[Mahisa.Mahīshasura.Mahīsh(h)ura]
a demon monster in the form of a water-buffalo armed with a mace
To meet the challenge of this awesome beast, the gods created Devi who, in the form of Mahīshasura, defeated him with her trident. When she wounded him, he turned into a warrior with 1,000 arms, each holding a weapon. The goddess threw him to the ground and killed him with an arrow or lance or, some say, his own sword. Others say that he was killed by Bhāvanī.

In the Mahībhabaratā, Mahīsha is a monster killed by Skanda.
Mahisha-Mardini

Hindu

a demon in King Lear; a Scottish demon of theft

Mahu

[=Mahuye; ==Mau]

a demon appearing in nightmares

This being may appear as an animal, a war-god in Ethiopia

Mahu

a demon said to take possession of humans

Mahi

a demon said to be a fallen angel

Mahora-nui-a-Rangi

a Polynesian goddess

wife of Maku

mother of Rangi

mahora

one of the many varieties of demon in Patala

mahound

(==Mahound; see mahoun)

Mahr

a demon appearing in nightmares

This being may appear as an animal, a dwarf or a giant. It is regarded as the soul of a dead person and is sometimes said to sit on the chest of the dreamer.

Mahre

[=Mir; see Mahriy; see Maha]

an ancient name for Adam husband of Mahrianag

Mahrem

African

a war-god in Ethiopia

Mahrianag

Persian

an ancient name for Eve wife of Mahre

Mahrkusha

Persian

demon of frost and snow

Mahtr

[see Ma; see Madr]

Mahtrigvess

(see Great Hare)

male Lumbu and female Muzita.

Mai-Gangaddi

African

a Hausa spirit which causes sleeping sickness

Mai-ja-Chikki

African

[=Dakiki]

a Hausa spirit which causes the evil eye

Mai-hesa

(see Mekhit)

Maia

Greek

[=Maia; =Mia; see Maia; see Maitreya]

a nymph of Mount Cyllene

Maid of the Hairy Arms

Irish

[M=May Moloch, Meg Mullack, Moloch May]

a banshee who engages in games and sports

Maid of the Narrow Wood

British

a maiden who tried to kill Gawain when he rejected her love

Maidari

Buddhist

[M=Faidere]

a name for Maitreya in Manchuria and Mongolia

He came to earth to teach men to revere god but was attacked with a sword by the evil Erlik. Maitreya was wounded and his blood set itself on fire with the result that the whole world, together with Erlik and his followers, was destroyed.

Maiden of Unai

Japanese

daughter of Louhi wife of Ilmarinen

Maiden of the Narrow Wood

British

a maiden wooed by 2 identical lovers

Unable to choose between Mubara and Chinu, who were alike in every respect, she threw herself into the river. Both lovers jumped in after her and all three perished together.

Maiden, The2

Canaanite

sister of Aqhat

She killed her brother's murderers.

Maiden, The3

(see Core)

Maidenhair

Japanese

a sacred tree

Maidenland

British

in some accounts, the place where Lancelot was reared by a water-fairy

Maiden's Land

Irish

a paradise in the west
Under a promise of safe-conduct from Conor on which he reneged.

Maine

Maine Andai

Maine Maghor

Maini

Mainaktes

Mailkun

Mair

Mair-monan

Mair-pochy

Maire

Maire-Monan

Maireae

Mairen

Mairne

Mairne-Mugha

Mairne-Mughash

Mairne-Menes

Mairne-Mugshan

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side. His teaching will convert even the demons and the world will be at peace. The world will gradually come to an end because, in the absence of all forms of desire, no more children will be procreated.

He is represented as a jovial fat man, with ear-lobes reaching down to his shoulders, waiting in the Tushita heaven until he is re-born in 5,000 (or 5.670 million) years, the Buddha yet to come. He carries prayer-heads and a bag.

He is equated with Hotei whom he resembles and who also carries a bag.

Maiva
a Samoan maiden
grand-daughter of Raho
She left Samoa in a boat with her grandfather and sailed west. When Raho tipped a basket of Samoan soil, into the sea, a new island, Rotuma, was created and here they settled.

Maivia Kivivia
a fish
father of Mavu and Moro
Tired of swimming, the fish rested on a bank and here it grew limbs and became a two-legged being. Alone, it produced two sons, Mavu and Moro, who became the ancestors of the tribes of New Guinea.

maiya
a Hausa warlock
Miayarab
a Thai king of the underworld realm, Patal
Maityun
the Cheyenne name for the Great Spirit
maiyunahu'ta
a Cheyenne guardian-spirit of the individual
Maize Mother
(see Saramama)
Majahaldas
(see Domovik)
Majas Gars
(see Domovik)
Majas kungs
a Latvian god of the household
Majagars
(see Domovik)
Majoi Shringa Pum
[see Majaw Shringa Pum]
a sacred mountain, home of the first man
Majibu
(see Navky)
Majok
(see Majaw Shringha Pum)
among the Dinka, a sacred ox
majores
senior flamines chosen from the patricians
Maju
a Basque spirit or deity consort of Mari
He is said to appear in the form of a snake. (see also Sugaar)
Maka
a brother of Ngunzu
When Maka died, his brother trapped Kalungangombe, king of the underworld, who gave him the seeds of plants to grow for food.

Maka
[‘earth’]
one of the 4 Superior Gods
a creator-deity of the Sioux, an aspect of Wakan Tanka
Makafonua
[‘land stones’]
the low islands

The Polynesians say that the low islands were dropped from the sky whereas the larger ones were fished up from the bottom of the sea by Maui.

Makala
(see Narmada)
Makan
(see Kur-ru-gi-a)
Makanaima
a creator-god in Guyana
one of the Twins (see also Aimon Kondi)

Makani
a Hawaiian wind-god
Makara
a monster in the form of a lion "and" a trunk
(see also gaja-simha.kalamaka)

Another story has the Makara as the crab which outwitted a crane and snapped off its head.

Makara
one of the signs of the Zodiac, Capricorn the goat (monster)

Makaravakra
a lion-headed goddess or spirit
She can confer supernatural powers on her devotees.

Make
in New Guinea, a huge snake
This snake is said to be a manifestation of the god Wunekan.

Make Make
(see Makemake)

Makemake
a Hausa spirit causing occupational ailments in smiths

Makers of the Path of Life
(see Prey-Gods)

Makeshura
a guardian deity
one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

Malk
Mesopotamian
[Belit-Itani.Mah]
a Babylonian virgin-goddess
wife of Marduk

Makha
a demon of darkness
He was overcome by Brighu and Matarisvan.

Makht
North American
[Brave Woman.Winyan Ohitika]
a Sioux maiden
daughter of Tawa Makoc
Her three brothers were killed in battles with the Crow and she refused to marry until their deaths had been avenged. In a later battle, she rode with the Sioux warriors and the Crow were finally driven away. In the battle, Wanblee Cikala, who loved her, was killed and she spent the rest of her life mourning his loss.

Maku
Mesopotamian
a Babylonian god of dreams
Maki Hiogo

Japanese
a retainer
His master, father of Princess Aya, had him wait in the peony bushes by night and he succeeded in capturing the young samurai for whom Aya was dying with longing. A wave of perfume caused Maki Hiogo to faint and, when he recovered, he found that he was grasping not the young man but a peony flower.

Maki-Syra-Zemlya
Russian
mother-earth, lover of Mikula

Makiku
Pacific Islands
a festival in honour of Lono which lasts for 4 months

Makila
North American
a culture-hero of the Californian Pomo Indians
father of Dasan
Makila and his son, Dasan, came out of the sea to bring civilisation to the tribe.

Makkal (Makishi)
Japanese
the sea to bring civilisation to the tribe.

Makilahastinen
Tibetan
a Buddha mother-goddess one of the astamataras

Mala
Pacific Islands
a supreme god of the south-eastern coastal regions

Makala (see Moloch')
Jain

Makkhaligosala
(see Moloch')

MakakhaliGosala (MalakahaliGosala)
Buddhist
a hermit
He taught that all things could attain perfection in due course but that this was a natural process, spread over many incarnations, which could not be hastened nor halted.

Maklandjalu
African
a supreme god of the south-eastern coastal regions

Makosh
(see Moloch')

Maksameri
Baltic
[=German Lebermeer]
the Estonian world of the dead

Maku
New Zealand
a Maori god
descendant of Whai-tua
husband of Mahora-nui-a-Rangi
father of Rangipotiki

Makuku
Pacific Islands
a Polynesian god
offspring of Kore-te-tamaua
husband of Mahora-nui-a-tea
father of Rangi

Makumaima (see Makanaima)

Makura Daikoku
Japanese
a name of Daikoku depicted with a mallet and lotus leaf

Makura
South American
a member of the Callao tribe who killed his daughter when she became a follower of Thunupa
He also killed Thunupa and cast his body adrift on Lake Titicaca.

Makutu
Pacific Islands
Polynesian witchcraft

Mal
Indian
[Tirunalmal]
a Tamil creator-god

Mal macRochraidh
Irish
a king of Ulster
He killed Tuathal Techtmar, the high-king.

Mala
Tibetan
a Buddhist mother-goddess one of the astamataras

MalaLith (see Cailleach)

Malacander (see Malcandre)

Malacoda
[Belteu]
a demon in Dante's Inferno

Maladisant
British
[Maladisant]
wife of Brunor

Malagant (see Mleiauganta)

Malagigi
European
[=Dutch Malagjis-French Mal-gist.
Malagis,Maugis]
an Italian enchanter
one of Charlemagne's paladins
cousin of Rinaldo

In a French version, he was Maugis, son of Beuve and twin brother of Vivien. When the Saracens invaded, Vivien was abducted but Maugis was saved by the fairy Orianda and was taught magic by his brother, Baudris. At the great tournament arranged by Charlemagne, Malagigi recognised Angelica as an enchantress and tried to kill her. Instead, he was captured by Angelica and her brother Argalia and transported to Albracca where he was imprisoned in a rock under the sea. After the defeat of the Saracens, he suspected Gano of treachery and summoned up the demon Ashtaroth, demanding that he find Rinaldo and Ricardetto and bring them quickly to Roncesvalles. When Rinaldo fell out of favour with Charlemagne and his horse Bayard was taken by the prince, Charlot, Malagigi tricked Charlot and recovered Bayard and also freed Rinaldo's brothers who had been imprisoned by the emperor.

Malagis
European
the name of Malagigi (Maugis) in Dutch stories

Malagis (see Malagigi)

Malaki
African
a benevolent spirit which can take on human form
These beings are said to sit on one's shoulder and whisper wise or beneficial advice into one's ear.

Malakel
Arab
an ancient sun-god and god of vegetation
brother of Agilbol (see also Malekbel)

Malaiac
Irish
a servant of Partholan
He is said to have introduced ale-brewing into Ireland.

Malamanganga'e
Pacific Islands
a creator-deity
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Malambruno
European
a giant in Don Quixote:
an enchanter

Malandela
African
a Zulu hero
father of Ntombe
He led his people to their present homeland.

Malapher
(see Malephar)

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Malaya
Hindu
one of the 8 Yogini, demonesses attendant on Durga

Malayatari
Hindu
an Arabian princess
She was carried off in a pomegranate by Vikrama and became his wife.

Malcam (see Moloch)

Malcander (see Malcandroz)

Malcandre
Egyptian
[Malcandre]
kings of Byblos
Needing a pole for his new palace he had his workmen fell a large tamarisk that had grown round a sealed chest. This proved to be the chest in which Set had sealed his own brother Osiris. Isis claimed the body of her husband and resurrected him but he was killed once again by Set who cut the body into fourteen pieces.

Malcandroz
Mesopotamian
[Malcandre,Malk-Addu]
a name for El as god of the underworld

Malakel
Malchidael

[Malchidael]
a demon, ruler of Aries

(see also Sarahiel)

Malchus
one of the Seven Sleepers

Malduc
a wizard

Valerin once captured Guinevere and held her prisoner. Malduc promised to free her if Erec and Gawain were delivered into his hands. When the exchange had been made, Lancelot rescued Erec and Gawain.

Maleagans
(see Meliagaunt)

Maleagant
(see Meliagaunt)

Malecasta
the lady of Castle Joyeux

lust personified (Spenser)

Maleger
British
evil passion personified (Spenser)

Malekelb
Egyptian
a sun-god (see also Malekelbel)

Malebelge
European
a part of Hell, the eighth circle (Dante)

Malebranche
[Hellraker]
a demon in Dante’s Inferno

Malebron
European
a spirit, servant of Oberon

He carried Huon and Sherasmin across the Red Sea and later carried Huon to the court of Yvoirin where he rescued Esclaramonde and Fatima.

Maledisant
(see Maladisant)

malefici
[sing=maleficus]
the tenth order of the damned, witches and sorcerers

maleficium
the art of the witch: doing harm

by magic

maleficus
a sorcerer: a witch (see also malefici)

Maleginis
(see Aguysans)

Malehaut, Lady of
(see Bloie)

Malek
Afghan
a Kafir deity of nut-trees

Malek
(see Moloch)

Malengin
British
quile personified (Spenser)

Malepartus
(see Malpertius)

Malephar
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to impart knowledge of magic and anthropomorphism and is depicted as a lion. (see also Walafar)

Malgaras
a demon of the west

Malhal Mata
Hindu
a mother-goddess

one of the 7 saptamataras

Mali
African
a shape-changing monster in the form of a hippopotamus

This monster ate all the crops and, when Karadigi attacked it with his pack of hounds, it ate those too. Faro Maka tried to kill it with spears but was eaten. His wife, Nana Miriam, finally stopped the beast by paralysing it with a magic spell.

Maliagant
(see Meliagant)

Maligernii
Roman
evil spirits

Malik
Arab
[Malik]
a god of the northern region in pre-Islamic times

Malik
(see Moloch)

Malika Habashiya
African
a queen of Ethiopia

She dreamt that she was holding a young goat and woke to find herself pregnant. Her daughter was born with one foot shaped like the cloven hoof of a goat. (see also Queen of Ethiopia)

Malinalli
South American
the twentieth of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising grass, thorns and the south, the day was ruled by Patécatl.

malingee
Australian
da demon with fiery eyes and knees which knock together when he walks

Malinke
(see Ninimina)

Malis
Persian
a ruler of the jinn

Malis
Greek
mother of Alcaeus and Cleoadeus by Heracles

Malk-Addu
(see Maldandros)

Malka
(see Malik')

Malkidiel
(see Malchidael)

Malikin
a demon

Malkosh
Persian
a rain-god

Mallerstang
British
a kingdom of Uther, in some accounts

malkcu
South American

 [=Quecha apo]
gods and spirits of the Aymara

This name is sometimes added to the name of a mountain to indicate that it is a deity.

In other parts of South America, malkcu are large conical piles of earth on which the tribes make sacrifices.

Mallory, Sir Thomas
English
d (1471)
a knight of uncertain identity

He was the author of Le Morte d’Arthur who was said to have spent some time in prison.

Malpas
[Malphas]
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to be able to construct impregnable buildings by magic and is envisaged in the form of a huge bird.

Malperdy
(see Malpertius)

Malpertius
European

the home of Reynard the Fox

Malphas
(see Malpas)

Malprimo
European
a Saracen knight

He was killed at Roncesvalles by Oliver who was wounded in the encounter.

Malpos
(see Malkosh)

Malsum
North American

[Malsum.Wolf] a creator-god of the Algonquin a wolf-god twin brother of Gluskap

He made all the evil features of this world.

He killed his mother at birth when emerging from her arm pit and he killed his brother with the feather of an owl, the only thing which could harm him. Gluskap came back to life and Malsum tried again with a pine-root but Gluskap merely laughed and drove him into the woods. Quah-beet heard Gluskap say that he could be killed by a flowering rush and he passed this on to Malsum. When the otter (or toad) asked for the wings of a bird as reward, Malsum scoffed at him so Quah-beet told Gluskap what he had done. Gluskap then dug up a fern, the only thing that could harm Malsum, and used it to kill his brother who lived as the wolf, Lox, in the underworld thereafter.

Maltegarde
European
in some accounts, one of the 9 wives of Charlemagne

Maluth
African
an Ethiopian spirit
Malvasius  

*British*

a king of Iceland which, in some accounts, was part of King Arthur’s realm

Mam  

*Central American*

a Mayan god of evil

He lives under the earth, appearing only in times of crisis, and is depicted as a scarecrow-like wooden figure.

mama  

*South American*

an Inca plant-spirit

These spirits were said to control the growth of plants and each variety had its own ‘mother’ or spirit. The spirit controlling the coca plant was cocomama, maize was controlled by saramama, the potato by acsunama, the quinoa plant by quinamama and so on.

Mama Alpa  

*South American*

an Inca earth-goddess and goddess of the harvest

She is depicted with many breasts.

Mama Brigitte  

*West Indian*

[(Mamam) Brigitte]

a Haitian voodoo spirit, guardian of the dead

wife of Ghede

Mama Cocha  

*South American*

[Mama Qoca]

an Inca sea-goddess and goddess of rain

wife of Viracocha

Mama Coro  

*South American*

an Inca maize goddess

dughter of Pirua

(see also Mama Cota)

Mama Cota  

*Mother-water*

the spirit of Lake Titicaca

This spirit was worshipped as the provider of food and was represented by two stone idols known as Copacahuna and Copaciati.

On one occasion, a man called Huaina tried to build a temple to Yatiri on an island in a lake but the god refused to acknowledge its worshippers. The same happened when he built on a second island and when he tried again on yet another island, the lake goddess became angry and called up a great storm that caused the island to disappear forever beneath the waves.

(see also Mama Coro)

Mama Coya  

(see Mama Coya)

Mama Coyo  

*South American*

[Coyo Mama,Mama Coya,Mama Ocillo]

dughter of Inti

In some versions she is Mama Ocillo, in others one of the three sisters said to be ancestors of the Incas.

*(see also Children of the Sun)*

Mama fo Dou  

*(see Gro Mama)*

Mama fo Gro  

*(see Gro Mama)*

Mama Huaco  

*South American*

one of the sisters said to be ancestors of the Incas

*(see also Children of the Sun)*

Mama Ipã Oora  

*South American*

one of the sisters said to be ancestors of the Incas

*(see also Children of the Sun)*

Mama Kilya  

*South American*

[(Mama) Quilla,Mama Quillo]

an Inca moon-goddess

sister and consort of Inti

Mama Nono  

*West Indian*

a Carib mother-goddess

Mama Ocello  

*South American*

[Cori Ocello,Mama Ocello,Mama Oella.

Mama Ogillo,Mama Oglyo.

Mama Ocello Huaco]

daughter of Inti

sister of Ayar Ayca, Ayar Cachi, Ayar Manco, Ayar Oco and Manco Capac

She married her brother, Ayar Manco or Manco Capac, and founded the Inca dynasty.

In one story she went on ahead of the others to look for a suitable place to settle and came to Cuzco. Here she killed a peasant and dismembered him. Dangling his blood-covered liver from her mouth, she entered the village and all the inhabitants fled, thinking they were about to be attacked by a cannibalistic monster. She and her brothers and sisters were then able to take over the village unopposed.

*(see also Children of the Sun)*

Mama Ocello Huaco  

*(see Mama Ocello)*

Mama Oella  

*(see Mama Ocello)*

Mama Ogillo  

*(see Mama Ocello)*

Mama Oglyo  

*(see Mama Ocello)*

Mama Pacha  

*(see Pachamama)*

Mama Qoca  

*(see Mama Cocha)*

Mama Quilla  

*(see Mama Kilya)*

Mama Quillo  

*(see Mama Kilya)*

Mama Rahua  

*South American*

[Mama Rawa]

one of the sisters said to be ancestors of the Incas

*(see also Children of the Sun)*

Mama Rawa  

*(see Mama Rahua)*

Mamacuna  

*South American*

an Inca woman in charge of the Acllacuna

Mamadi  

*African*

the man who killed the dragon Bidá

His lover had been offered in sacrifice to the dragon but Mamadi arrived on the scene and killed the beast as it was about to devour the girl.

Mamãé  

*South American*

the Xingu spirits of the dead

Mamaki  

*Buddhist*

a goddess

a sakti of Akshobhya or of Ratnasambhava

mother of Vajrapani

Mamaldi  

*Siberian*

with Kadau, the first pair of beings

Mamaloi  

*West Indian*

[males=Papaloi]

a voodoo priestess of Haiti

Maman Brigitte  

*(see Mama Brigitte)*

Mamandabari  

*Australian*

2 brothers, creator-beings in the lore of the Aborigines

Mamao  

*Pacific Island*

a Samoan sky-god

This entity merged with Ilu to form the sky and together they produced Ao and Po.

Mama’sa’a  

*North American*

the first man, in the lore of the Fox Indians

Mamau  

*Welsh*

[Y Mamau=Roman Matres]

mother-goddesses: goddesses of the household: female fairies

*(see also Tywlyth Teg)*

Mambang Kuning  

*Malay*

an evil spirit of the sunset

Mambang Tuli Harus  

*East Indian*

in Java, Malay, etc., a sea-spirit which controls currents

Mambo  

*West Indian*

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Mambo La Salle  

*West Indian*

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Mambo Zacca  

*(see Azacca)*

Mambriño  

*European*

a Saracen king

He had a golden helmet which made the wearer invulnerable or, some say, invisible. Rinaldo killed him and kept the helmet.

Mambo  

*West Indian*

a Haitian voodoo priestess

Mamdi  

*(see Nandi)*

Mamercus  

*Roman*

son of Numa Pompilius

brother of Pinis and Pompo

Mamers  

*(see Mars)*

mamh  

*Indian*

in Baluchistan, a female bear
It is said that a female bear will capture a man and break his foot so that he cannot leave the cave to which she takes him. He is then forced to mate with the animal whose offspring is yet another mamh.

Mami

[Great Mother, Mah. Mama] a name of Ninursaga as 'mother'

At the behest of Ea, Mami fashioned fourteen lumps of clay which, when placed in the wombs of women, produced seven boys and seven girls to perpetuate the human race which had been decimated by Enlil.

In some accounts, the clay had been mixed with the blood of a god, perhaps Kingu or Lamga, in others, the same as Ama-arhus.

(see also Aruru.Nunusesmea)

Mami

[Great Mother]

[Mama]

a name for Ishtar as a creator-goddess

(see also Bau Gula)

Mamikiko

Japanese

a neighbour of Yurine

The boy Koyuri had been given some sacred white sake by two Shojo and this drink restored his dying father, Yurine, to his former health. Mamikiko demanded some of the sake but, being a greedy man, found the drink tasted foul. Koyuri took him to see the Shojo of Light who, with the help of Spider Woman, a mole and several birds, reached Man-Eagle's lair and saved his wife by beating the monster in several contests of magic. In the final test, Man-Eagle was burned to ashes but his enmity of the Underwater Panthers was based on the fact that they had seized and killed his brother. His enmity of the Underwater Panthers was based on the fact that they had seized and killed his brother. His enmity of the Underwater Panthers was based on the fact that they had seized and killed his brother.

Mamitum

Babylonian goddess of the underworld
goddess of destiny
a consort of Nergal

Mammitu

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goddess of destiny
a consort of Nergal

Mammon

Aramaic

god of riches

demon of avarice or temptation

In black magic, an ambassador to England.

Manabush

He had a human head but the rest of his body was carved from wood. He gave Chacopee the magic vine and pipe and the white feather which he needed to overcome the six giants.

Man Preceding

(see Adam Kadmon)

Mama

Baltic ruler of the Finnish underworld,

Manala

In other versions, the ruler is Tuoni and his realm is Tuonela.

Mama

Hindu father of Bhrigu

Mama

Irish

[Manu=Welsh Manaw] the Irish name for the Isle of Man

Mama

North American

a nature-spirit of maize among the Pueblo tribes: a kachina dressed as a woman

Mama

Pacific Islands

a supernatural power

Mama

(see Mania)

Mama-garme

(see Managarm)

Manabosho

(see Manabozho)

Manabozho

North American

[Great Hare, Manabozho, Maniboabo] Minaboabo, Manaboojojo, Manabozo. Manabush.Winabozho=Ahmaki Ghaskap:

=Iroquois Ioskeha=Menominee Montagnais Messou:

a trickster-god of the Chipewa one of quadruplets

brother of Chibiabo and Flint

He was a shape-changer who often appeared as a rabbit.

In some versions, he was descended from Nokomis and, when the Underwater Panthers tried to kill her by causing a flood, Manabozho called on the beavers and others to bring up mud from the bottom from which he made dry land and saved Nokomis.

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As a healing deity, he instituted the medicine-feast known as Mide.

He is sometimes equated with Gluskap or Hiawatha.

His brother, Flint, had killed their mother when they were born and Manabozho killed Flint when they grew up. (see also Manabush,Michabo)

Manabush

North American

[Great Hare, Manabush, Ahmaki]
Manala

He was the only survivor of twins born to Wenonah, a daughter of Nokomis, who died in childbirth. He turned into a white rabbit who later stole fire and gave it to the tribe.

When his brother, Moqwaoi, was killed by evil spirits, he killed two of their number. The other spirits then caused a flood from which Manabush was the only one to escape which he did by climbing a pine tree and causing it to grow rapidly to beat the rising waters. When Muskrat found a small piece of dry soil after Beaver, Mink and Otter had failed, Manabush was able to recreate the world.

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He was the ruler of Emain Ablach and owned a chariot in which he could ride over the waves, a magic boat known as Wave-sweeper, a horse called Splendid Mane and a cloak and helmet that rendered him invisible.

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He was said to have three legs which, used like the spokes of a wheel, enabled him to travel at great speed.

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Manawat  Mesopotamian
a Nabataean goddess of fate

Manawydan  (see Manawyddan)

Manawyddan  Welsh
[Manawydan (fah Llyr)=Manx Mac y
Leirr,Manannan Beg=Irish
Manannan mac Lir]
a sea-god
ruler of the land of the dead
son of Llyr and Penardun
brother of Bran and Branwen

He was one of the seven survivors of the force that Bran led to Ireland to rescue his sister, Branwen, from the ill-treatment she received at the hands of her husband, Matholwch.

He was later introduced by Pryderi to his mother, Rhiannon, widow of Prywyll, and they married. By some mysterious agency, all living things disappeared from Wales so Manawyddan and Rhiannon, together with Pryderi and his wife Cigfa, moved to England. Here they worked successively as saddlemakers, shield-makers and shoemakers but they aroused the enmity of local craftsmen and eventually returned to Wales where Pryderi and Rhiannon mysteriously disappeared. When Manawyddan set up as a farmer he was plagued by mice and, having caught the largest mouse, was about to hang it when a bishop appeared and offered a large ransom for the mouse who was his wife. It turned out that he was the magician Llywd who had put a curse on the country to avenge the treatment of Gwawl, who had put a curse on the country.

Mandad-Hira  Mesopotamian
a Mandaean god of wisdom:
a saviour

Mandah  Arab
the gods of irrigation

Mandala  Buddhist
a magic circle

In Tibet this takes the form of a diagram used in invocation and meditation.

Mandalpala  (see Mandalpana)
Hindu
[ Mandalpala ]
a sage

In the Mahabharata, he was said to have been a son of a son. After much consideration, he changed himself into a bird, Sarangika, and mated with a huge female bird, a Jarita. She bore four sons, after which Mandalpala was able to go to the land of the dead.

Mandalafabul  British
a giant Irish chief

He was one of 100 warriors fighting for the Irish king, Cildadan, against 100 knights of the British king, Lisuarte. In the battle, he captured Lisuarte but was killed by Amadis who rescued the king.

Mandah  Babylonian god of justice

Mandapa  (see Mandalpana)
Mandara  (see Mount Mandara)
Mandarangan  Pacific Islands
an evil spirit in the Philippines
husband of Darago

This being is regarded as the patron of warriors and is said to live in the fumes of a volcano.

Mandaravu  Buddhist
an incarnation of a dakini accompanying Padmasambhava

Mandet  (see Manjjet)
Mandhattha  (see Manmatha)
Mandhatthri  Hindu
[King of the World]
father of Muchukundu

Mandi  (see Mon)
Mandishire  Siberian
a supporter of the earth

In one account, he can adjust the ropes that fasten three great fishes to the pillars on which the earth is supported, so enabling him to raise or lower the earth.

Others regard him as the huge tortoise on the back of which the earth rests.

Mandjunatha  (see Manjushri)
Mandjusri  (see Manjushri)
both of whom claimed the sword. The king, Agramant, ordered a contest to settle the matter and Rogero, representing himself and Gradasso, fought and killed Mandricardo.

**Mandulis**

[Greek]

- the Greek name for Merui

**Mandwa**

[African]

- a Baganda spirit substituting for Mukasa in the blood-drinking ceremony

**Manes**

[African]

- the spirit-kingdom in Rwandan lore

**Manicaba**

[Polynesian]

- in the Gilbert Islands, a large building in which Anti rest

**Manedowikamcooki**

[North American]

- heaven, the happy hunting-ground of the Shawnee

**Manko noko**

[Japanese]

- a charm in the form of a cat

**Mangabala bana**

[African]

- a clay figure used in agricultural rites

**Manga**

[Di Manes]

- a barley-god

**Mangala Bulan**

[East Indian]

- a Sumatran moon-goddess

**Manes**

[Roman]

- the spirits of the good dead

**Maneros**

[Penan]

- offspring of Mania, in some accounts

**Maneros**

[Penan]

- a name for Heracles in Egypt

**Maneros**

[Penan]

- a lament for the dead

**Manes**

[Penan]

- the spirits of the good dead

It is said that this ‘long shark’ was caught by Maui when he was fishing and he tossed it up into the sky where it became the Milky Way.

**Mangoun**

[British]

- king of Moraine

He gave Caradoc a drinking-horn which, when used by his wife, would tell Caradoc whether or not she was faithful to him.

**Mangu**

[African]

- Zande witchcraft

**Mani**

[Eastern]

- stones engraved with the mantra Om

**Mani**

[Eastern]

- the earth: a magic seed

**Mani**

[South American]

- a culture-hero of the Indians of Brazil

He is said to have revealed the uses of maniaco to man.

**Mani**

[Eastern]

- (see chinta-mani.Ratna)

**Mani-Manapa**

[Hindu]

- the palace of Ananta, ruler of the underworld

**Mani-Mani**

[South American]

- a culture-hero of the Indians of Brazil

**Mania**

[Roman]

- in the lore of the Tupari of Brazil, the river bounding the underworld

**Mania**

[Eastern]

- an Etruscan goddess, one of the guardians of hell

**Mani**

[Eastern]

- the mother of the Manes.

**Maniai**

[Greek]

- a name for the Furies as ‘senders of madness’

**Maniaka**

[Eastern]

- son of Peri Dewa

**Manibhadra**

[Tibetan]

- a Lamaist sorceress

She was said to be able to fly like a bird.

**Manibhadra**

[Eastern]

- (see Manivara)

**Manibožho**

[Eastern]

- (see Manabozho)
Egyptian

Manjet

Manji

Manji controlled the flood tide, Kanji the ebb-tide.

Manitou

Manitou1

a benevolent manitou is called

Aitche-manitou, and an evil one Matche-

Manitu

Manitu2

Manitoo

Manitou

Manitoo Manitu 'spirit'


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Tegau

a robe of Teju

This robe, said to be able to keep the wearer warm in any weather, became one of the Thirty Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

In some accounts, this robe is equated with Gwen, King Arthur's robe of invisibility.

Mantible

a bridge built of black marble

This structure, which had thirty arches, was guarded by a giant who was killed by Fierabras.

Manticora

[antygre, mantygre]

a monster, part lion, part scorpion, with the head of a man

This blood-red beast was said to have three rows of teeth and a clump of poisonous spines on the end of its long tail. Some accounts say that it could shoot the spines like arrows, others use the beast to represent the devil.

Manticore

[manticora]

a trickster-hero of the Khoisan people

He brought fire to his people by acting as Pythoness to Apollo at Delphi. In some accounts, he married Rhocius. Their son was Clitus, father of Bhrigu and Prasuti.

Mantis

Greek

dater of Clitus

He was always accompanied by guardian angels and, early in his life, was performing miracles such as restoring to life a drowned boy and replacing sheep taken by wolves.

Mantle

of Invisibility

(see Gwen)

a Theban prophetess

She was taken prisoner at Thebes and acted as Pythia to Apollo at Delphi. In some accounts, she married Alcmæon and bore two children, Alcmæus and Tisiphone. She later founded a colony in Asia Minor where she married Rhocius. Their son was Mopsus, though some say that his father was Apollo.

Mantra

Buddhist

a chant used in meditation: a charm or spell

Manus

Roman

one of the Etruscan guardians of hell

This is the period of the rule of a Manu at the end of which the world will end in a flood.

Manu

Hindu

[Chakshusa.man'.(Manu) Vaivasvata.]

a primaevl creator-god

Every kalpa has fourteen floods, each with its own version of the Manu story in which a fish warns of a coming flood. Manu built a ship, filled it with specimens of each plant and animal and was allowed to safety by the fish, allowing Manu to survive to become the progenitor of the human race. The fish is Matsya, the first avatar of Vishnu, in some stories.

An alternative story says that Manu was the first mortal, produced when Brahma mated with Sarasvati, the woman born of his own body.

In other accounts, Brahma produced ten Prakapas who produced seven Manus. The first Manu was known as Swyam-bhuva and some say that Vaivasvata is the seventh and current incarnation.

He is said to have written Manu Smritis, a book of laws.

Manu-antara

(see manvantara)

Manu Vaivasvata

(see Manu')

Manuai

East Indian

in the lore of the Admiralty Islands, the first man

He cut down a tree which, at his command, became a woman with whom he mated to start the human race.

Manu

Persian

[Manachch:Manuchchithra]

a hero in the Shah Name

Manucihir

North Indian

in the lore of Sumatra, a cosmic chicken

The primordial god mated with this blue chicken which produced three eggs from which came the three gods who created and ruled respectively the heavens, the earth and the underworld.

Manungal

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god of the underworld

Manushchitra

(see Manuchchithra)

Manushyabuddha

Buddhist

[manushyabuddha]

a future Buddha: a Buddha living in the world as a man

Manu

African

dater of Mopsus

He was always accompanied by guardian angels and, early in his life, was performing miracles such as restoring to life a drowned boy and replacing sheep taken by wolves.

He studied for a while in Wales and returned to Ireland to establish a
monastery where, merely by drawing a line in the earth with his staff, he saved a herd from invading forces. He brought back to life the king of Leinster, Brandubh, but he said that he preferred the afterlife and returned to it.

There are numerous instances where he travelled in miraculous fashion, crossing lakes that dried up before him and riding across the Irish Sea on a marine animal.

Maol3 Irish
He was forced to resign and hand over the throne to Brian Boru.

Maol[1] Irish
a high-king of Ireland
He was forced to resign and hand over the throne to Brian Boru.

Maol[1] Irish
a druid known as 'the bald'
brother of Calpait
He and his brother were tutors to Ethne and Fedelma, daughters of Laoghaire mac Crimthann.

Maol[2] Irish
a Fomoire
He ensured that his master, Balor, exercised his right to sleep with any maiden on her wedding night, a duty he preferred the afterlife and returned to it.

Maol[3] Irish
a hermit
He was a servant of Matarbun.

Maol[4] Irish
a warrior of Diarmaid mac Cearbhalli
He killed Diarmaid’s cousin, Tuathal Maolgharbh, who had won the throne of Ireland after a dispute with Diarmaid, so that his master could take the throne. He offered Tuathal, on the end of his spear, what he said was the head of Diarmaid and then plunged the spear into the king. Maol Mor was killed before he could escape.

Maol[5] Irish
Maolbhrighde
a man who killed Ragallach
There are other versions of Ragallach’s death but in the account that says he was killed by Maolbhrighde, Cathal, Ragallach’s son, avenged his father by killing Maolbhrighde.

Maol[6] Irish
Maolmordha
brother of Gormlaith
Maolochtraigh
husband of Mughain father of Comgan
When his wife died, he married a woman who fell in love with the jester, Comgan, who was her step-son.

Maol[7] Irish
Maolodhar
son of Diarmaid, the high-king
In some accounts, Conall and Dunchadh were the sons of Blathmac, in others they were the sons of Diarmaid and Maolodhar was the third son. All three of them were killed when they set upon Maolodhar who hid in ripe breadfruit which fell into a river and floated down to the sea. Ten birds, pursued by the witch Eare, threw flaming discus and thunderbolts and finally threw a flaming discus at him.

Maol[8] Irish
Maolodran
(see Maolodran)

Maon[1] Irish
[Moen]
a smith
When the infant Morann was rescued from the sea, Maon reared him and later sold him back to his father.

Maon[2] Irish
Maor[1]
(see Labraid Leisceath)

Maor[2] Irish
creator-god and sky-god of the Makoni people

Maor[4] East Indian
an ancestor of the Maori of Papua New Guinea
Ten birds, pursued by the witch Eare, hid in ripe breadfruit which fell into a river and floated down to the sea. Ten girls opened the fruit and out came ten young men, one of whom was Maor. They married the girls and became the ancestors of the tribe.

Maou (see Mawu) Mapere Pacific Islands
son of Auahi Turoa and Mahuika
brother of Koiti, Konui, Koroa and Manana

Mapico African
a ceremonial mask used in Mozambique to expel devils

Mapik Malay
a tree in Belet, the home of the dead
Souls arriving in Belet are met under this tree by the earlier arrivals and are turned into kemoits. They are then allowed to remain in Belet, living on the fruit of this tree.

Children are catered for by the milk produced by the many breasts growing at the base of the tree.

Mapoia (see Maboja) MapONUS British
[Divine Youth.Maponus=Greek Apollo: 
=Irish Angus Og=Welsh Mabon] a youthful tribal sun-god a famous musician son of Matrona

Maurus European
a servant of Matarbun
It was he who found the seven children of Oriant and Beartir alive and well years after they had been abandoned by Marcon on the orders of Matarbun. When he reported his discovery to his mistress, he was instructed to seize the silver necklaces which had been round their necks when they were born. He managed to get six of them, whereupon these children turned into swans and flew off. The seventh child was away at the time but, as Elias, later rescued his mother and his siblings.

Mar-pa Tibetan
a magician, disciple of Atisa, tutor of Milarapa

Mara[1] Baltic
a Latvian goddess
In some accounts she is an elder goddess, in others a version of the Virgin Mary.

Mara[2] Buddhist
['death’.Kama.Namilu=Hindu Mr(i)yu] a king of the demons
An assimilation of Mayi into Buddhist lore, he tempted Buddha, as he was meditating under the bo-tree, with dancing-girls, assailed him with demons then threatened him with thunderbolts and finally threw a flaming discus at him, all to no avail.

Mara[3] Hindu
a name of Kama as ‘destroyer’

mara[4] Norse
a troll-woman
The female trolls could change themselves into mars, or nightmares, but could be trapped and used as...
required if the hole through which they entered a house was stopped up.  

marad
African
a Senegal sorcerer
He walked before he was a year old.
He killed a bull with his bare hands and ate it. He killed all seven sons of Garakhe who had killed his father and, after learning the arts of the sorcerer, he killed Garakhe too, becoming king in his place.

His familiars, which he used to kill his enemies, were three dogs housed in a calabash.

maraiya
East Indian
the New Guinea land of the dead
This land is envisaged as similar to our own world without illness.

marakayika
Japanese
goblin

maraki-hau
New Zealand
a Maori half-human monster

marama
New Zealand
a Maori moon-goddess
She is said to waste physically each month, renewing herself by bathing in the sea ready for the next lunar cycle.

In some accounts, Marama is referred to as a moon-god and his wife is Ina.

maramaanik
Afghan
a Kafir god of the underworld

maramma
(see Amma)

maran-loka
Hindu
one of the 7 realms of the universe, the home of the saints

maran-siddhi
Hindu
[‘death-power’] the psychic power to kill by thought alone

mararisvan
Hindu
a god of lightning
This deity was said to have given fire to mankind.
and god of magic, wisdom and war
city god of Babylon
son of Enki and Damgalnuna, Ea and
Apzu, Ea and Damkina or El and
Damkina
consort of Sarpanitu
father of Nebo and Tasmist
He created a new world order after he
had killed Tiamat, the demon of chaos.
He cut her body in half, using one part
for the earth, the other for the sky. He
retrieved the Tablets of Destiny giving
him complete control of the world
and, mixing the blood of Kingu with
clay, he made mankind.

Another story says that Marduk cut
off his own head and used the blood to
make mankind.

Eventually, all the gods were
assimilated into Marduk who was
associated with the planets Jupiter
and Mercury.

He is described as having two
heads, four ears, four eyes and a mouth
emitting flames. (see also Iku.Shulpae)

Mare
(see Thalassa)
Maredudd
Welsh
father of lorwoerth and Madawg
mareed
(see marid)
mareikura
Pacific Islands
in Polynesian lore, nymphs of heaven
attendants of Io

Marercwana
South American
the survivor of the fire and the flood
sent by Aimon Kondi
maret
South American
guardian spirits of the Botocudo
people of Brazil
These beings live in the sky and
intercede on behalf of humans. They
can descend to earth by a sacred pillar,
if called by a shaman.

Marifa
(see Marphisa)
Margante
(see Argante)
Marganus
British

a nephew of Cordelia
He and Cunedagus led a revolt
against the queen and imprisoned her.
Cordelia killed herself in her cell.
They then shared the kingdom
between them but Cunedagus killed
Marganus soon afterwards and ruled
the whole of Britain.

Margause
(see Morgause)
Margawse
(see Morgause)
Margiste
European

mother of Aliste
She was the nurse of Bertha, daughter
of the king of Hungary, and
accompanied the young princess when
she travelled to France to marry the
Frankish king, Pepin I. She contrived
to substitute her own daughter, Aliste,
in Bertha’s place and Pepin married
Aliste in all ignorance. Margiste
ordered that Bertha be killed but the
servant charged with the deed allowed
her to escape. When the deception was
later exposed, Margiste was put to
the stake.

Margot-la-Fée
French

a fairy of Brittany

Marpye Pongi
Mongolian

a mountain
It was to this mountain that, at the end
of his mission on earth, Gesar Khan
returned to be purified.

Marhalt
(see Morholt)

Marhaus
(see Mark’.Morholt)

Marhokjuvek
North American

a Yuma culture-hero
He was chosen by Komasham’ho
to help to put the world into good order.

Marholt
(see Morholt)

Mari
Basque

a mother-goddess
consort of Maja
She can appear as a flying being, a
white cloud or as a rainbow. She is
sometimes depicted as riding in a four-
horse chariot, sometimes riding a ram.

Mari
Greek

a god of literature
one of the dharanis

Mari
Indian

a Tamil mother-goddess, goddess of
smallpox or rain

Mari
Korean

a friend of Chumong
When Chumong fled to escape death
at the hand of Kumwa, Mari and two
other friends, Hyobbu and Zoi, went
with him.

Mari
Pacific Islands
[mauri]
in Melanesia, the soul of a dead person
The soul travels to Kibu, the land of the
dead where, after being struck on
the head by a stone club, it becomes a
markai, a true ghost.

Mari Mai
Hindu

[=Tamil Mariyamman]
a plague-goddess

Mari-Morgan
(see Morgan’)

Maria
European

sister or daughter of King Juan
wife of Tristram the Younger
She was captured by an African chief
but was rescued by Tristram and
became his wife.
Marisha  
Hindu  
[Tushara]  
a moon-goddess  
daughter of Kandu and Pramlocha  
wife of Pracheta  
mother of Daksha  
She was the mother of Daksha in his second incarnation.

Marishiten  
(see Marishiten1)  
Marishiten1  
Japanese  
[Marishi-Ten]  
the Buddhist queen of heaven  
She appears in both the Chinese and Japanese pantheons and is depicted with eight arms.

In some accounts, Marishiten is a god of war, protector of the Buddhist faithful.  
(see also Marioi, Queen of Heaven)  

Marishiten1  
Hindu  
a name for Krishna  

Marissa  
West Indian  
[Marassa Jumeaux]  
a Haitian voodoo spirit representing dead twins  

Maritchi  
Hindu  
[=Buddhist Marie(h)i=Chinese Chun T’i.=Mo-li-chi.Tien Hou.Tou Ma]  
a mother-goddess  
She was originally a mortal, a Brahmin tricked into marrying an un-touchable. She committed suicide, became a deity and burned her husband to ash.  
She is depicted with three heads (one the head of a pig) and eight or more arms, holding the moon, the sun and various weapons, and riding in a chariot drawn by seven pigs.

Marhaus and is described as a deity with the features of an animal.

Marica  
British  
a king of Britain  
son of Arviragus  
He defeated the invading Picts under Sodric.

Maric(h)i  
Chinese Chun T’i.  
[Maric(h)i=Welsh March ap Meirchion]  
a king of Glamorgan  
son of Felix, some say brother of Blanchefleur, in some accounts husband of Isolde father of Andre  
Some equate Mark with Cunomorus, others with Mark, king of Glamorgan. Some say he was the brother of Meliad and Pernam. He is said to have had the ears of a horse, a secret known only to a dwarf called Frocin. When the dwarf betrayed the secret, Mark beheaded him.  
He raped his niece, Labiane, and when she bore a son called Meraugis, killed her.  
He took his nephew Tristram into his court as a young man to save him from his step-mother who had tried to poison him. Both he and Tristram were attracted to the wife of Segwairides but she preferred Tristram and invited him to her bed. Mark, with two knights, waylaid Tristram who unhorsed the king and killed the two knights. Thereafter there was bad feeling between the king and his nephew.

Mark sent Tristram to Ireland to escort his bride, Isolde, back to Cornwall. They fell in love on the journey and, although she married Mark, she continued to see Tristram until Mark finally banished him to France. He later returned and the lovers took up where they had left off.

In one of the many versions of this tale, Mark and two knights, Amant and Basules, set out to kill Tristram. Basules refused to be a party to murder so Mark killed him whereupon Amant charged Mark at Arthur’s court and, fighting him on the issue, was killed. Lancelot would have killed Mark but he surrendered and returned to Arthur’s court where he promised the king that he would make his peace with Tristram.

He tried to get Tristram killed by entering him in the lists as Lancelot who was hated by Galahaut and by Bagdemagus, but Tristram defeated them both. Mark then, on pretext of healing Tristram’s wounds, drugged him and put him in prison.

In one story, persuaded of Isolde’s infidelity, he ordered that she and her lover be burnt at the stake. Tristram escaped so Mark handed Isolde over to Ivan, the leader of a group of filthy lepers. Tristram arrived in time to save her.

Some say that Mark killed Tristram with a poisoned spear.

There are various stories of his death. In some versions, after the death of Tristram, Lancelot killed Mark; others say that he was killed by Tristram’s son or by Bellengerus; still others maintain that he survived King Arthur and Lancelot and destroyed Camelot where he was killed by Padmart.  
(see also Mark2)  

Mark2  
British  
[=Welsh March ap Meirchion]  
a king of Glamorgan  
son of Merchiaun  

In some accounts, he is equated with Mark, king of Cornwall. If they were separate characters, the rape of Labiane may be attributed to either.

In some accounts he is referred to as Markhaus and is described as a deity with the features of an animal.  

Marka  
Hindu  
a demon
markai

Pacific Islands
a Melanesian ghost of a dead person
When a person dies, the soul (mari) goes to Kibu, the land of the dead. It becomes a markai, a proper ghost, when it is struck on the head with a stone club. It is then ready to learn about life in Kibu.

Markandeya
Hindi
a sage and writer
He was the author of Devi-Mahatmya and the 9,000-verse poem Markandeya-Purana.

It is said that he saw the universe from inside Vishnu who swallowed the sage after he had survived an earlier dissolution of the universe.

Markhattu
Finnish
a blind cowherd
He caused a water-snake to kill Lemminkainen and threw the hero's body into the river.

Marko
Serbian
(Royal) Prince Marko
son of King Youkashin
brother of Andrias
Some say that he was born of the union of a dragon with a veela.

A Moorish knight demanded the Sultan's daughter as a wife and rode to Istanbul to claim her. Her parents and the princess each wrote to Marko for help and he finally agreed on the promise of a rich reward. He attacked the Moor as he rode in procession to his wedding, killed him and cut off his head.

Another Moor had imposed a wedding tax on the people of Kosovo which was ended when Marko challenged the Moor in his own tent and beheaded him.

When his friend, Milosh and two others were thrown into prison by Voutcha, Marko rode to their rescue. He killed hundreds of the general's soldiers and captured both him and his son, Velimir, releasing them only in return for the release of his countrymen and a large reward.

He married the daughter of Shishman, king of Bulgaria.

When a veela, Raviyoyla, wounded Milosh with arrows, Marko pursued her and forced her to collect herbs that cured his friend. Marko once fought a tremendous duel with Moussa, a brigand, and defeated him but only with the help of his veela. It turned out that Moussa had three hearts, in one of which lived a serpent.

When his veela told Marko that his death was imminent, he broke his weapons, killed and buried his horse Sharatz, and, leaving gold for his tomb, lay down and went peacefully to sleep, never to wake.

Some say that Marko still sleeps in a cave with his sword embedded in a rock and will return when the sword is removed.

Marlah
(see Marduk)

Marlowe, Christopher
English
(1564-1593)
a poet
He wrote Hero and Leander and The Tragedie of Dido.

Marlyn
European
son of Ogier by Morgan le Fay
He may be the same as Meurvin.

Marmar
European
a sword of King Arthur
It was said that this sword had been made by Vulcan for Hercules and given to the hero who defeated the giant Geryon. It was said that this sword had been given to the hero who defeated the giant Geryon. In some accounts, it was a magic chariot and abducted her. When Apollo, who also loved her, turned her into a kingfisher, Idas fought the god until Zeus parted them. She was asked to choose between the god and the mortal Idas and she chose Idas knowing that Apollo would be forever young while she grew older.

When Idas was later killed, she committed suicide.

Marphisa
European
a warrior-maid daughter of Rogero and Galaciella sister of Rogero
She and her brother were abandoned in a boat from which they were rescued by the magician Atlantes who reared them. She was stolen by an Arab chieftain who taught her horsemanship and military arts.

When Rogero was wounded fighting Mandricardo for possession of the sword Durindana, she nursed him back to health and fell in love with him, not realising that he was her brother.

In some accounts, she became Queen of India and, when Albracca was besieged, led an army to release Angelica. She later joined the forces of Charlemagne.

marquis
a rank in the hierarchy of demons
Marquis d’Este
European
[Lord of Albani]. Lord of Albani.
Lord of Albani
in some accounts, he was the father of Rinaldo

Marra
Serbian
a Serbian Cinderella
Her father married again after his first wife was turned into a cow and her stepmother ill-treated Marra. The story follows the well-known story of Cinderella, except that the lost slipper was made of gold instead of glass.

marré
West Indian
the power to control a supernatural being
Martian

sister of Morgan le Fay, some say

a giant

He was killed by Eglamour as one of the
tasks imposed on him in his quest
for the hand of Crystabel.

[Maroc]
a Knight of the Round Table
He was changed into a werewolf by his
sorceress wife but was restored to
human form after seven years.

Rigonometis.Silvan.Ultor:=Egyptian
Ares.Viricos]  
the war-god, god of agriculture,
fiery, fields, woods: one of the
Olympians
son of Jupiter and Juno
brother of Bellona
brother or husband of Nerio, some say
husband of Venus
father of Anteros, Biston, Cupid
and Harmonia
father of Faunus, some say
In one account, he raped Ilia (Rhea
Silvia) and fathered the twins Romulus
and Remus on her.

One story says that he employed the
old Anna Perenna as a go-between
when wooing Minerva. She told Mars
that Minerva was willing to marry him
but when he raised the bride’s veil, he
found himself looking at Anna herself.

A different version has the minor
goddess, Nerio, in place of Minerva
while others say that Nerio, rather
than Venus, was his wife.

His festivals were Armilustrium
(October) and Quinquatrus (March).

Mars as the patron of the Campus
Martius.

a name for Mars as ‘brilliant’

a god of healing
This deity was a combination of Mars,
the Roman war-god and Mullo, the
Celtic male-god.

(see Rodomont)

a name for Mars as protector of
the state

name for Mars as king of the
sacred grove

a name for Mars as Father Mars

a satyr famous as a flute-player
a Phrygian demi-god
son of Hyagnis, some say
He challenged Apollo to a music-
contest playing his double-flute or
oboe which Athena had made but
abandoned while Apollo played his
lyre. Apollo was adjudged to have won
and flayed Marsyas alive. Midas was
one of the judges at this contest and,
because he cast his vote in favour of
Marsyas, Apollo gave him the ears of
an ass.

(see Martanda)

a boastful coward appearing
in Orlando Furioso

(see Martanda)

[The Hammer]
(c. 688–741)
a king of the Franks
son of Pepin d’Heristal
grandfather of Charlemagne
father of Carloman and Pepin II
In some accounts, he was due to marry
the elder daughter of the emperor
of Constantinople, Berte, but instead
married the younger daughter, Elisent,
giving Berte to his vassal, Girart de
Roussillon. He later quarrelled with
Girart and captured his capital city,
Roussillon, but the two were later
reconciled.

He defeated the Moors led by
Abd al-Rahman at the Battle of Tours
in 732.

[Marines]
faîtes
These beings were described as large-
breasted women living in the rocks.

[Marina]
daughter of King Irion
wife of Ysae
mother of Marc

a French saint
She is said to have killed the monster,
Tarasque (Tarascon), near Marseilles.

(see Bathym)

a parson

a king of the Franks

the ape in

Reynard the Fox
It was he who set the trap in which
Hintze was caught.

[European]

the ape in

Reynard the Fox
mate of Ruckkenau

[European]

a Slovene hero who was an attendant
of the Viennese emperor

[European]
a Swiss demon, an ambassador of hell

[European]
Martunnere (see Amuru)
martwic (see upir)
Martyr, Peter European
(1455–1526)
[=Pietro Martire d’Anghiera]
an Italian historian
He wrote a book on the legends and mythology of the Americas called De Orbe Novo.

Maru1 a Sumerian tutelary-god and storm-god
god of the city of Ninab

Maru2 [see Amuru]
marvawr African
twin brother of Oyoyewa
a war-god of the Keres
twin brother of Oyoyewa
He was a culture-hero who led
the tribal ancestors out of their
underground kingdom. He killed the
Chatwena giantess when the sun told
him where she kept her heart – in a
ghost-house.

Masan a demon or ghost
This demon is said to rise from the
ashes of a funeral pyre and afflict
children with disease, especially
by scattering ashes over
them. In the north of India, the Masan
is said to take the form of a bear
roaming about in the hills.

Masani Hindu
god of the city of Ninab

Masaki African
a Hausa spirit causing occupational
ailments in weavers

masalai Pacific Islands
animal spirits
These spirits can appear in various
human disguises or as other animals or
birds, changing shape as they wish and
interbreeding with mortals.

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Chatwena giantess when the sun told
him where she kept her heart – in a
bottle made from a gourd.

In some accounts, these twins were
the sons of the sun. When they went to
visit their father he gave them the
weapons with which to kill monsters.

These twins are the equivalent of
the Zuni Ahayuta achi.

Masagbriel
an angel of the fourth heaven
associated with north and Sunday

Masha (see Mashye)

Masha Manido (see Kisha Manido)
Mashe
(see Mash Mountain)
Mashenomak
(see Misikinebik)
Mashia
(see Mashyane)
Mashiane
(see Mashyane)
Mashira
African
a Burundi sage who advised
Kanyarundil to have a sword made
and to kill the serpent living
in a cave
Mash Mountain
Mesopotamian
[Mash]
a mountain crossed by Gilgamesh
which separated the land of the
living from the land of the dead
(see also Mashthi)
Mashongavudzu
African
first wife of Mwari
Mashoyi
(see Mashyane)
Mashiti
Mesopotamian
[Mus(c)as]
a mountain encountered by
Alexander during his search for
the Water of Life (see also Mashe)
Mashu
Mesopotamian
a child of the moon-goddess, Nannar,
some say
twin of Mashtu
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twin of Mashtu
Mashya
(see Mashyane)
Mashyagh
(see Mashyhe)
Mashanagh
(see Mashyane)
Mashyane
Persian
the first woman
She is regarded as the mother of the human race and is said to have grown
like a plant from the seed of Gayomart, being born at the age of fifteen.
Mashyhe
Persian
[Mashia.Mashya(gh)]
the first man
He is regarded as the father of the human race and is said to have grown
like a plant from the seed of Gayomart, being born at the age of fifteen.
Mashyoi
(see Mashyane)
Masi
Pacific Islands
[People, of Morodo:
=Hawaiian Menelhune:
=Marshall Islands Anjirmar:Nonieb:
=Ponape Tsokela]
a Melanesian spirit of the foolish dead
Masilo
African
a legendary ancestor of the Basuto
brother of Masilonyane
He killed his brother and took his
cattle but the crime was revealed by a
bird or, in some accounts, by a dog.
Masilonyane
African
a legendary ancestor of the Basuto
brother of Masilo
He was killed by his brother who took
his cattle but the crime was revealed by
a bird or, in some accounts, by a dog.
Masjid al-aqsa
(see Bayt Al-Ma’mur)
Maslum
(see Maslum)
masokjawi
(see churchi tbobh)
Masora
Pacific Islands
in the lore of the Moluccas, one of the
first men
brother of Maapiti
His brother had been rewarded by the
goddess, Kuwe, for picking lice from
her body by turning the ripe fruit
he picked into a beautiful maiden.
Masora, less enthusiastic at removing
the lice, picked a fruit which was not
quite ripe and his reward was a some-
what ugly girl with a squint. Jealous of
his brother, Maapiti killed Masora but
he was restored to life by Kuwe.
Maspter
(see Marspiter)
Mass of St Sécaire
French
a black mass in Gascony
It is said that the person against
whom the mass is directed will fall ill
and die.
Massassi
African
the first woman in the lore of
the Makoni
the morning star
She was created by Maori and mated
with Mwuesti to produce vegetation.
Massset San
(see Sga’na)
Massin Biambe
African
a creator-god of the Mundang
This deity created the primaeval
beings, Mebeli and Phebele,
progenitors of mankind.
Mastamho
North American
a creator-god of the Mohave
brother of Matavilya
He made a cane from his own breath
and saliva and, when he pushed it into
the earth, a river flowed forth. He then
travelled down the length of the river
in a boat, forming the shape of the
country as he went.
Mastarna
Roman
an Etruscan
He rescued his friend Caeles Vibenna,
leader of the Etruscans, who had been
captured by the Romans.
In some accounts he is later known as
Servius Tullius.
Mastema
a fallen angel
a leader of evil spirits
He is said to rule those born from
those fallen angels who mated with
mortals. This name is sometimes used
as a name for the Devil.
Master
(see Hunapu)
Master Carpenter
North American
a supernatural being in the lore of
the Haida
He built himself a canoe under the
direction of The Greatest Fool and
sought out and challenged the south-
east wind, bringer of storms. The
wind-god called all his nephews to
help him and they batted Master
Carpenter until he was finally
compelled to relinquish his hold on
their uncle. Some say that the wind-
god was killed, others that he returned
to his home.
Master Kong
(see Confucius)
Master Leonard
(see Leonard)
Master of Animals
(see Desana.Hermes.Jaguar)
Master of Breath
(see Esaugetuh Emisssee)
Master of Life
North American
a supreme god of the Delaware tribe
ruler of the island of the Blessed
Master of the Drum
(see Votan)
Master of the Universe
(see Obaluwaye)
Master, The
Greek
a name and attribute of Hermes
Master Chief
Greek
a name given to various characters
noteworthy as thieves
Some of these are Autolycus, Cacus
and Hermes.
Mastro
a demon of delusion
Mastiphal
Central American
a demon, prince of darkness
mastrodor
Russian
[Mastor Pas:=Cheremis Melande-awa]
a Mordvin tutelary spirit, guardian of
the earth
Master Pas
(see Mastor-ava)
Mastralia
Roman
a festival in honour of Mater Matuta,
April 11th
Mastusius
Greek
a noble of Elaeus
When Mastusius objected to the king’s
annual practice of sacrificing a virgin
to avert plague, Demophoon took the daughter of Mastusius as the next victim. In revenge, Mastusius killed the king's daughters and gave their father a cup of their blood to drink. Demophoon killed him by throwing him and the cup into the sea.

**Masubi**  
*Japanese*

*a Shinto god of growth*

**Mat Chinoi**  
*Malayan*

*a supernatnural being*

He is regarded as the chief of a race of beings who live in trees and flowers and act as messengers for the supreme being, Tak Pern.

He is envisaged as a huge snake in whose body there are many beautiful female chinoi supervised by a male chinoi, known as Halak Ghimal, who sits on Mat Chinoi's back. To claim a bride, a male must pass successfully through a curtain of opening and closing mats made by Mat Chinoi for Tak Pern, and then through a tobacco-box with a lid that is always opening and closing.

**Mata**  
*Hindi*

[=Tamol Amma]

*a mother-goddess*

**Matebo**  
*Roman*

[=Tebo]

*a sea-goddess, goddess of growth, childbirth or the dawn*

In some versions she is equated with Leucothea (Ino).

and they were reconciled. Bearing a magic cloak, Rangi-Haupapa, given to him by his wife's father, he brought her back to the upper world and the guardian, Tiwaiwaka, closed the gate behind them so that no mortals could ever again travel to the fairy paradise.

**Matarara**  
*Hindi*

*a mother-goddess*

**Mataras**  
*Hindi*

*groups of goddesses regarded as divine mothers*

The groups may be seven (Sapamataras), eight (Astamataras or Matrikas), nine (Navasaktis) or more.

**Matarisvan**  
*Hindi*

[Matarisvan,Matariswan]

*a messenger-god, an attendant on Agni*

He helped Brighu overcome the demon Makha.

**Matarisvan**  
*(see Matarisvan)*

**Matariswan**  
*(see Matarisvan)*

**Mativilya**  
*North American*

[=Dieguemos Tuchaipai]

*a creator-god of the Mohave brother (or son) of Mastamho father of Frog*

When he upset his daughter, Frog, she ate his excrement, so causing his death.

**Matche-manitou**  
*(see Manitou)*

**Matchi Manitou**  
*North American*

*a Chippewa deity*

In some versions he was a benevolent spirit, in others the personification of evil.  
*(see also Manitou)*

**Mate-Anu**  
*Pacific Islands*

[=Space of Cold Death]

one of 4 storm-gods

*(see Multitude of Space)*

**Mateba**  
*African*

*sister of Nkongolo twin sister of Bulanda*

Her brother, King Nkongolo, allowed the visiting prince, Mbidi Kiluwe, to sleep with both his sisters. Bulanda produced Kalala Ilunga and Mateba bore twins.

**Matebo**  
*(see tebo)*

**Mater Matuta**  
*Roman*

[Mater Matuta=Greek Eos.Ino]

*a sea-goddess, goddess of growth, childbirth or the dawn*

In some versions she is equated with Leucothea (Ino).
### Mater Turrita

**Roman**

*Great Mother*—Greek Rhea: *Phrygian Cybele*

an earth-goddess, goddess of fertility

Her attendants were the noisy Corybantes.

**materialisation**

the appearance of a ghost

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### Math

**Welsh**

[Math Hen. Old Treasure]

a god of wealth and winds

king of Gwynedd

son of Mathonwy

brother of Don

He always had to rest his feet in the lap of a virgin except when he was called away to battle. In order to get access to Goewin, one of these virgins, Gilfaethwy and his brother Gwydion tricked Pryderi with phantom horses in exchange for real pigs, so causing Pryderi to invade Gwynedd. Math had to leave Goewin to lead his men, giving Gilfaethwy the chance to seduce her. When she confessed what had happened, Math married her and punished Gilfaethwy and his brother by turning them successively into male and female deer, swine and wolves. In each form they produced offspring which Math turned into boys. He later restored Gilfaethwy and Gwydion to human form and took as his new footholder Aranhod, daughter of Don, who gave birth to two (or three) sons. One of these, Llew, was raised by Gwydion who, with the help of Math, made a non-human wife for Llew. She was called Blodeuedd.

In some accounts, Math Hen, god of wealth and winds, is regarded as separate from Math, son of Mathonwy, in others he is identified with March ap Meirchion.

**Math Son of Mathonwy**

**Welsh**

the story of Math in *The Mabinogion*

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### Mathim

(see Bathym)

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### Matholch

(see Matholwch)

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### Matholwch

Irish

[Matholwch, Matholch, Matholoch]

king of Ireland

husband of Branwen

father of Gwern

When the king married Branwen, Efnisien, Bran's unstable half-brother, mutilated many of the horses of his courtiers. Although Matholwch accepted the magic Cauldron of Rebirth from Bran in compensation and the quarrel was patched up, some of the courtiers were still angry and eventually demanded that Branwen be demoted to the status of kitchen-maid. She managed to get a message carried to Bran by a starling and he came to her rescue at the head of an invading army. Matholwch surrendered and handed over the kingdom to his son Gwern. When Efnisien killed the boy by pushing him into the fire, a fight broke out in which Matholwch and all his court were killed and few of Bran's men survived. In some versions, the whole population of Ireland was killed with the exception of five pregnant women who, in time, repopulated the country.

**Mathonwy**

Welsh

a sky-god

father of Don and Math

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### Mathu

Irish

one of a triad of gods referred to in *Christian accounts as 3 heathen prophets*

The others in the group were Goibhniu and Nuada.

**Mathura**

Hindu

the birthplace of Shiva

**Mathurana**

Hindu

a name for Krishna as lord of Muttra

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### Mati-Syra-Zemlya

(see Mata-Syra-Zemla)

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### Matlalcueye

(see Mata-Syra-Zemla)

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### Matlacuete

Central American

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### Matong

African

a boy whose only possession was a bull

This animal protected Matong and even fought lions for him.

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### Matowelia

North American

a culture-hero of the Mohave Indians who led them to their homeland

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### Matrae

(see Matres)

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### Matralia

Roman

a festival in honour of Mater Matuta

held on June 11th

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### Matres

Roman

[Deae Matres, Matronae, The Mothers: *Welsh Mamau*]

Celtic mother-goddesses, goddesses of the household

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### Matrikas

Hindu

[Asamatataras]

8 goddesses attendant on Durga

They are the guardians of mortality and the enemies of the demons that lure men from the path of duty. Each one opposes the efforts of a particular spirit, thus:

- Brahmani v Mada
- Camunda v Paisunya
- Indrani v Matsarya
- Kumari v Moha
- Maheshvari v Krodha
- Vatsahnavi v Lobha
- Varaahi v Asyu
- Yogeshvari v Kama

Some say that they were created as saktis of the eight gods present at a meeting to decide how to deal with the king of the demons and his followers. Others say that they were created by Durga (Kali) as copies of herself to help her in the fight with the demon Raktavija. (see also Lasya)

**Matrirupa**

Hindu

a goddess of living things, a manifestation of Lakshmi

**Matris**

(see Gramadevata)

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### Matroco

European

a giant nephew of Archalaus

son of Arcabone

brother of Argantes and Furion

He arrived at the head of his fleet just after Esplandian had killed his uncle and brothers while rescuing the old king, Lisuarte, from the castle on the Forbidden Mountain. He fought with Esplandian and was defeated, dying after embracing the Christian faith.

**Matron of the Measure**

(see Queen of Heaven)

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### Matrona

European

[Divine Mother—Welsh Modron]

a Celtic water-goddess, goddess of the Marne

mother of Maponus

In some accounts she is equated with Morgan le Fay.

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### Matronae

(see Matres)

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### Matronae Devones

(see Fatae Devones)

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### Matronalia

Roman

a festival in honour of Juno Lucina

held on March 1st

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### Matsarya

Hindu

a demon
He was opposed by one of the Matrikas, Indrani.

**Matshehawaituk**  
*North American*  
[=Menominee Matshehawaituk]  
in the lore of the Menominee,  
evil personified

**Matsi Niouask**  
*North American*  
[=Abnaki Matsi Niouaski]  
in the lore of the Abnaki, evil personified

**Matsu**  
Japanese  
as a servant of Shinígé

**Matsue**  
Japanese  
wife of Teoyo

She loved the pine-tree near her home and made herself a dress from the pine-needles and wore it when she married Teoyo, a young man she had rescued from the sea. When the loving couple died in old age, their spirits returned to wander round the pine-tree.

**Matsui**  
Japanese  
a man who killed the spirit of a cherry-tree

Matsui tried to kill the ghost of a beautiful woman who stood beside a cherry-tree and succeeded only in killing the tree. Thereafter, the portrait of a woman in his bedroom got progressively older, blood oozed from the painting and the face eventually became a skull. Matsui was driven mad and killed himself.

**Matsumura**  
Japanese  
a priest

He went to the Shogun and asked for funds to repair his monastery and took a house where the well was always full of water, even when a drought struck the city. Many people had thrown themselves into the well for some unknown reason. Matsumura saw a beautiful woman, Yayoi, in the water and she reappeared when the drought ended. She had been forced by the Poison Dragon to lure people to their death. She disappeared again and, when Matsumura cleaned out the well, he found her mirror which he cleaned and kept safely. When she appeared again, she explained that she was the soul of the mirror. She warned Matsumura to leave as his home would be destroyed in a flood and told him to present the mirror to the Shogun. When the priest gave the mirror to the Shogun, he was rewarded with money to repair his monastery.

**Matsuo**  
Japanese  
a Shinto god of saké-makers

matsuri  
Japanese  
a Shinto festival

Matsya  
Hindu  
the first incarnation of Vishnu, as a fish

In this form, he saved Vaivasvata (Manu), the progenitor of mankind, from the flood by advising him on how to build a ship and then towing it to safety. He also killed the demon Hayagriva when he tried to steal the Vedas from the sleeping Brahma.

Matsya-avatara  
(see Matsya)

Matsya-Puranam  
Hindu  
a poem of some 14,000 couplets

This work, sets out the law of Manu with some mythological sequences, and was dictated to Manu by Vishnu.

**Matsyendra**  
Hindu  
[=Matsyendranatha:=Nepalese Avalokiteshvara:=Tibetan Luipa.]

...Minanatha]  
a 10th C sage

one of the 9 nathas

He was the founder of one of the branches of Tantrism.

Matsyendranatha  
(see Matsyendra)

**Matter of Britain, The**  
British  
the stories of King Arthur and his knights

**Matter of France, The**  
European  
the stories of Charlemagne and his paladins

**Matter of Rome, The**  
the classical myths of Greece and Rome

Mattholoch  
(see Matholoch)

**Matu**  
African  
mother of Efé

**Matuku**  
Pacific Islands  
[Whakatau]  
a cannibalistic demi-god

son of Tawhaki

brother of Tahiti Tokerau and Waheiroa

He was said to be able to walk on the bottom of the sea.

He was killed by Rata to avenge the death of Rata’s father (or grandfather) at the hand of Matuku and Wahieroa, and when Rata cut off Matuku’s head, the ogre’s spirit became the bittern.

Other versions say that Rata killed Matuku by throwing hot coals into the giant’s mouth while another had Wahieroa killed by lizards and Matuku as a shark from which Rata recovered his father’s body parts.

Rata himself was killed by lizards.

**Matuna**  
(see Khadir)

**Maturaiwiran**  
Hindu  
a local god of wine

He was a mortal, a policeman who ran away with a princess, and was later deified.

**Matuta**  
(see Mater Matuta)

**Matuu**  
Pacific Islands  
the north wind

Matuu’-tau’-ta’ua  
Pacific Islands  
In Tahiti, a huge bird which can swallow a man

**Matuyel**  
an angel of the fourth heaven  
associated with north and Sunday

**Matvutsini**  
South American  
a creator-god of the Xingu

He first made a woman from a shell and they mated to produce a son who became the ancestor of the Xingu tribe.

When some of the people died, Matvutsini tried to restore them in a ceremony in which he decorated kuarup logs and tried to bring them to life. This failed because the people failed to carry out his instructions for honouring the logs and so death became a permanent feature of the human condition.

**Maty-Tapire**  
Hindu  
a dwarf, depicted as lame

**Matyavela**  
Central American  
father of Mustamho

**Mau**  
(see Bast.Mau)

**Maudgalayana**  
Buddhist  
a disciple of the Buddha

**Maugis**  
European  
the French version of the Italian Malagigi

**Maugys**  
(see Mawgins)

**Mau**  
Pacific Islands  

Mauritius (see Moea.Tama Rangi)  
a trickster-hero and sun-god  
semi-divine son of Makea and Taranga  
or of Taranga alone  
brother of Hina-ika and Hina-kea  
brother of Sina  
husband of Rohe

As an infant, he was thrown into the sea wrapped in a tuft of his mother’s or sister’s hair and was saved from drowning by an ancestor, the sky-god Tama.

Alone he pushed up the sky to give men more room to move, trapped the sun in a net made from the hair of his sister, Hina-ika, made it slow its movement across the heavens to give a longer day and fixed the stars in the sky. He killed his grandmother so that there was no longer day and fixed the stars in the sky.

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Hindu

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husband of Rohe

As an infant, he was thrown into the sea wrapped in a tuft of his mother’s or sister’s hair and was saved from drowning by an ancestor, the sky-god Tama.

Alone he pushed up the sky to give men more room to move, trapped the sun in a net made from the hair of his sister, Hina-ika, made it slow its motion across the heavens to give a longer day and fixed the stars in the sky. He killed his grandmother so that there was no longer day and fixed the stars in the sky.
bottom and he stole fire from Mahuika in the underworld for the benefit of mankind or, some say, learned the secret of fire from the mud-hens.

When Hina left her eel-husband Te Tuna she took Maui as a lover. Twice they fought over her and on the second occasion Maui succeeded in killing Te Tuna and buried his head from which sprang the first coconut tree.

Another story tells how he hooked a monstrous fish which, as he towed it behind his boat, split into many pieces to form the islands of the Pacific or, in some versions, into two large pieces which became the two islands of New Zealand.

He crept through the body of the sleeping Hine-nui-te-po, goddess of death, in an abortive attempt to win immortality for the human race but he was killed when she squeezed him. His blood gives the rainbow its colours and causes shrimps to be red.

His weapon was the jawbone of his father. With her and she bore a son, Gearoid Iarla, the supreme spirit of the Shona people.

Maui-Pae

Maya1

Irish

Maurice

Irish

father of Gearoid larla

When the goddess Aine was bathing in a lake, Maurice stole her cloak which gave him power over her. He slept with her and she bore a son, Gearoid larla, whom she presented to his father.

Maut

(see Ma’

Mauthara

Hindu

a maid-servant of Kudra

Mau the dog

Isle of Man

[Moddey Dhoo]
a ghostly dog said to haunt Peel Castle or the Isle of Man

Mauvantara

Hindu

an age of the world

Maye

(see navky

Mayors

(see Mars

Mavu

East Indian
daughter of Maivia Kivavia

sister of Moro

She and her sister and brothers became the ancestors of the tribes of New Guinea.

Matutsinin

South American

supreme god of the Kamaua Indians

He made a woman from a shell. She produced a son and then returned to her former state.

Mawa

(see Mawu

Mawaraten

Japanese

guardian deity

one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

Maveja

African

a supreme god in the Congo

Mawgin

[Maugy]
a giant killed by Gingalin

Mawi

(see Maui

Mawn

(see Mawu)

Mawr Pen Aethir

Welsh

a supreme deity

Mawu1

[African]

Mawa,Mawn,Mawu

a moon-goddess of the Fon

a creator-god, child of Minona, some say

twin sister of Lisa

mother of Da, Gu and Legba

In some versions, Mawu is male and Lisa female. Others give her name as Mawn.

In some accounts, Mawu is synonymous with Legba.

Mawu2

[African]

Mawu,Mawn

a sky-god of Togo

Mawu

African

Mawu,Mawn

a name for god in West Africa

Mawu-Lisa

African

[Mawu-Liza]

creator-god of the Fon

twin brother of Mawu

pro creator of Agbe, Age, Dan Ayido

Hwedo, Gu, Heyeso and Naete

A dual-sex divinity, offspring of another androgynous deity Nana Buluku, combining Mawu the female aspect and Lisa the male aspect. In some versions, Mawu is male and Lisa female. They were said to have produced the first humans, seven pairs of twins.

Mawu-Liza

(see Mawu-Lisa

Maxen

(see Macsen

Maximian

(see Macsen

Maximianus1

one of the Seven Sleepers

Maximianus2

(see Macsen

Maximus1

Serbian

a prince

While his father was away, seeking the hand of the Doge’s daughter for his son, this handsome young man developed small-pox and became exceedingly ugly. Milosh took his place and wooed the maiden but Maximus fought and killed Milosh and claimed his bride who was not in the least repelled by his ugly visage. As a result of a battle between the followers of Maximus and Milosh which left very few alive, Maximus went to Turkey in disgust and embraced Islam.

Maximus2

(see Macsen

Maxtla

Central American

a king of the Tecpanec

He inherited the throne when his father died and carried on the feud with Nezahualcoyotl, the prince of Tecuco, whose father had been killed by the invading Tecpanecs. After several failed attempts to kill the prince, Maxtla invaded Tecxuco and the prince became a fugitive. Eventually, the people got tired of Maxtla’s despotic rule and rebelled. Led by the prince, they defeated the forces of Maxtla who was captured and killed.

May Bride, The

Saxon

[Mary of Egypt]
a love-goddess

May Moloch

(see Maid of the Hairy Arms

May Queen

(see Olwen

Maya

Buddhist

the Buddhist heaven

This realm is said to have thirteen layers.

Maya1

Buddhist

[Mahamaya,Maya,Maya-Bunin.

Mayadevi.Tara:=Hindu Lakshmi]
three of the Seven Sleepers

daughter of Anjana

sister of Moro

daughter of Maivia Kivavia

mother of Moro

one of the Seven Sleepers

Mawu-Lisa

see Mawu-Liza

see Mawu

see Mawu

May Bride, The

Saxon

[Mary of Egypt]
Mayasuta  Hindu
a name for Kama as son of Lakshmi

Mayauel  (see Mayahuel)

Mayavati  (see Mayarati)

maya  African
a Hausa sorcerer

Mayet  (see Ma’)

Mayi  Hindu
the god Kama as ‘the deluder’  (see also Mara’)

Mayin  Siberian
the supreme god of the Tungus

Maymon  (see Amaimon.Mammon’)

Maynom  demon said to appear in the form of
a sheep

Mayochina  North American
a Pueblo deity, the spirit of summer

Mayohu  (see Tuchiaipai)

Mayon  Indian
a Tamil creator-god, a name
for Krishna

mayura  (see peacock’)

Mazadan  British
a fairy
husband of Terdelaschuye
father of Brickus

In some accounts, he is said to be an
ancestor of King Arthur.

Mazainyon  Persian
evil demons

Mazat  Central American
the seventh of the 20 days of the
Aztec month
Symbolising the deer and west, the day
was governed by Tlaloc.

Mazda  (see Ahura Mazda)
Mazdah Ahura  (see Ahura Mazda)
mazikeen  Hebrew
[maziqim.mazzikim.mazzikin.shedeen.
s(c)hedim.=Arab jinn]
demons

In some accounts they are regarded as the
offspring of Lilith.

mazimwi  (see waiawatu)
masiqim  (see mazikeen)

Mazoe  British
sister of Morgan le Fay, in
some stories

mazzikim  (see mazikeen)
mazzikin  (see mazikeen)

Mbale  African
a mother-goddess in Zaire
wife of Itonde

Nanga took the undersea world.

Mbaiser  African
a Bantu creator-god

Mbir  South American
[Mirachucha]
a creator-god of the Guarayu

Mbir first appeared as a worm living in the
reeds that grew in the primordial
waters. The worm changed into a man,
Mirachucha, who created the world.

mbolom  African
Cameroon mountain spirits

Mbomba  African
Mbombo.Mpanbe.Njakomba.White Giant]
a creator-god of the Bakuba
father of Mweel and Woot

He quarrelled with his fellow-deity,
Nanga, and went to heaven where he
disorgested the sun, moon and stars
followed by trees, animals and humans.
Nanga took the undersea world.

Mbomba  African
[Mbombo.Sanga]
a monster river-god of the Wele people

Mbombo  (see Mbomba)
Mbon  Malay
a wind-spirit
one of the original nats created by
Chinum Way Shun
Mbongo
African
a river-god in Zaire
He is regarded as the creator of all the
black tribes.
Mbloom
(see Mbomba)
Mbori
African
supreme god of the Azande people
of Zaire
Mbotombo
African
[Mbombo] an ape-headed creator-god in the Ivory
Coast area
Mbotumbo
(see Mbotombo)
Mbulu-Mbembe
African
a water-monster
Mbomba Luangu
African
[Rainbow Snake] the rainbow
In the Congo, the rainbow is said to be
a reflection of this snake as it rises
from the water.
Mbuya
African
[Grandmother] a name for the female aspect of
Mwari
Mbwasho
African
mother of Liongo
Mchawi
African
an East African sorcerer
Mchemnito
North American
in the lore of the Potowatomi people,
evil personified
Me-log-ma
(see Puspa)
Me-phem-pa
(see Ma-p'am-pa)
Meabel
Irish
[Mabel, Mebale] one of the 3 names for the wife
of the Dagda
She was alternatively known as Breen
or Meng.
Mead of Inspiration
Norse
a magic brew made by the dwarfs Fialar
and Galar from the blood of the
sage, Kvasir
In some accounts, the giant Gilling
made the brew and the dwarfs killed
him to obtain it. They were later
forced to hand it over to Suttung who
passed it on to his daughter, Gunlod,
from whom it was stolen by Odin in the
use of the gods.
Meadhinn
(see Maev)
Meadhhiba
(see Maev)
Mean
Roman
an Etruscan deity
Meander
Greek
a Phrygian river-god
Meanderi
East Indian
a Papuan goddess
She is credited with the invention of
taro and sugar-cane.
Meantheus
Greek
[Melanthis, Meanteus] a goatherd
Meanteus
(see Meanteus)
a spirit of the Xingu
Mearacht
Irish
husband of Ailée
He was killed in battle by Oscar.
Meas Beuchalla
(see Mess Beuchalla)
Meas Corb
Irish
son of Cu Chorb
brother of Cairebr Clitheachair,
Cormac Luc and Nia Corb
Meas Deadh
Irish
a warrior of Ulster
a pupil of Cuchulainn
He was killed in one of the battles
between Ulster and Leinster.
Meas Geagha
Irish
[Mesgedra, Mesgegra] a king of Leinster
husband of Buan
He was killed in single combat and
decapitated by Connal Cearnach who
thus averted the death of his two
brothers at the hand of Meas.
Connal used the brains of Meas,
crushed and mixed with lime, to make
the ‘brain ball’ which he deposited at
Eamn Macha and which was later
used by Cet to kill Conor mac Nessa.
In other versions, it was the brains
of Mac Dá Tho, who is called Messora
Mac Dá Tho in some accounts, which
Connall used to make the ‘brain-ball’.
(see also Mac Da Tho)
Meabale
(see Mebel)
Mebege
African
a creator-god in the Congo and Gabon
He is said to have created humans by
mixing a hair from under his arm with
part of his own brain and a pebble
which he then breathed on to form an
egg.
This he gave to the spider, Diaboba,
and then fertilised it, whereupon it
cracked open and human beings
emerged. In similar fashion, he created
termites and worms which built the
world into which the humans ventured
as soon as it had hardened.
Mebei
African
the primaeva female created by
Massim Biambe
She mated with the primaeval male, Phhebele, to produce the human race.
(see also Mbale)
Mecca-stone
(see carnelian)
Mechanitis
(see Athena)
Mechi
Irish
son of Morrigan
He had three hearts, each of which
contained a serpent. Dian Ceithl killed
him to forestall the prophecy that
these serpents would ravage Ireland
when fully grown. When the hearts
were burned and the ashes scattered
on the river, all the fish died.
Mecisteus
Greek
one of the Seven against Thebes,
some say
son of Talas and Lysimache, some say
father of Euryalus
It is said that he was killed at Thebes.
Meda
Greek
wife of Idomenes
She was seduced by Leucus who, when
her husband returned from the Trojan
War, killed her and drove Idomenes
from Crete.
Medb
(see Maev)
Medar
Irish
brother of the Dagda
Meddygon Meddfai
Welsh
3 famous physicians
The name given to the three sons of
the mortal who married a maiden from the
Otherworld, living in Llyn y Fan.
Their mother returned to the lake
when her husband struck her three
careless blows but came back to hand
on to her sons the knowledge that
made them famous physicians.
Medea
Greek
[cunning].Medeia
a sorceress
a priestess of Hecate
daughter of Aetes, king of Colchis,
and Iálya or Hecate
half-sister of Apsyrtus
mother of Medus by Aegeus or Jason
mother of Mermerus and Pheres
by Jason
She fell in love with Jason when he
arrived in Colchis to get the Golden
Fleece and lulled the guardian dragon
to sleep while Jason took the fleece
from the tree where it had been hung,
fleeing with him in the Argo.
In one version, she took her half-
brother Apsyrtus aboard with her and,
when they were chased by the
Colchian fleet, killed him and threw
pieces overboard to delay the pursuers
as Aetees stopped to collect the pieces
for burial. Another version has
Apsyrtus with the pursuers, catching
up with Jason and agreeing a truce
while the king of the Brygians adjudicated on the fate of both Medea and the fleece. She lured Apsyrtus ashore where Jason ambushes and killed him.

She married Jason after they had been purified of the murder by Circe.

On the voyage back to Iolcus they were attacked by Talos, the bronze guardian of Crete but Medea first drugged him and then removed the pin in his ankle which allowed the vital fluid to drain from his single vein, so killing him. In another version, she prayed to Hades who caused Talos to graze his ankle against a rock, so letting all his blood run out. At Iolcus, Pelias had brought about the death of Jason's parents and his young brother and Medea helped him to exact vengeance. She bewitched Pelias' daughters, Evadne and Amphinome, and induced them to kill and dismember their father and then signalled to the waiting Argonauts who captured the city unopposed. In some stories, she rejuvenated Jason's father, Aeson, who had not died but had been imprisoned by Pelias.

Medea's father, Aetes, was also king of Corinth and when she arrived there with Jason and found the throne vacant she claimed it for herself, ruling with Jason as her king for ten years, bearing seven sons and seven daughters. She had, in fact, poisoned the previous king, Corinthus, and when Jason found this out he set out to divorce her with a view to marrying Glauce, the daughter of King Creon of Thebes. Others say that they lived happily in Corinth as ordinary citizens with two sons and that it was the daughter of the king of Corinth that Jason planned to marry. As a wedding-gift, Medea sent her a crown and a robe which burst into flames when the bride put them on, killing her, her father and many of the guests. Jason was lucky to escape with his life.

Zeus was greatly intrigued by her resourcefulness and fell in love with her but she rejected his advances. Hera who was always jealous of her husband's lovers was so grateful that she offered to make Medea's children immortal if she would offer them in sacrifice. Medea promptly complied and, handing the kingdom over to Sisyphus, fled to Thebes to seek protection from Heracles. Having cured Heracles of his madness, she went on to Athens and became the third wife of King Aegeus whom she had met earlier, promising to procure a son for him. She herself produced a son called Medus. Augustus had left an illegitimate son, Theseus, with his mother, Aethra, in Troad and when Theseus arrived at the court to claim his inheritance, Medea tried to poison him. Banished by Aegeus, she fled to Italy, later marrying an Asian king.

When Perses usurped the throne of Colchis, she returned there with Medus who killed Perses and reinstated Aetes as king. Some say that Medea herself killed Perses.

Medea is said finally to have become immortal and to have ruled in the Elysian Fields. In some versions, it was Medea, not Helen, who married Achilles in Hades.

Medea
- a play by Euripides

Medeia
- a book by Ovid

Medecolin
- a race of sorcerers

Medeia
- an Ethiopian earth-deity

Medus
- a minor goddess

Medhia
- a sage

Medbh
- in the lore of the Fox Indians, the spirit of the snapping turtle

Medicola
- a river flowing through the Waste Forest

Mediator
- a name and attribute of Mithra

Medica
- a witch-doctor: a shaman: a magician

Medicus
- a book by Ovid

Mediatoria
- a festival in honour of Jupiter and Meditrina

Medium
- the phenomenon alleged to be brought about by the action of a medium

Medius
- son of Codrus

Medon
- son of Oleus and Rhene

Medoro
- a Saracen soldier

Medon
- the role of king was abolished and Medon was made archon for his lifetime.

Medus
- a Saracen soldier

Medus
- a herald of Odysseus

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Medus
- a herald of Odysseus
inheritance, Medea tried to poison him. Exposed, she fled to Colchis, taking Medus with her. Perses had usurped the throne of Colchis and Medus (or his mother) killed Perses. Medus took the throne of Colchis and conquered Media.

**Medusa**

[Gorgo, 'queen', 'ruler']
one of the 3 Gorgons
doughter of Phorcos and Ceto
sister of Euryale and Stheno
She was originally a beautiful mortal but was changed into an ugly Gorgon by Athena for sleeping with Poseidon in Athena's temple or, in another story, for insulting Athena by claiming to be more beautiful than the goddess. In some versions, Artemis appears instead of Athena.

The only mortal of the three, she was killed and beheaded by Perseus who had promised her head to Polydegas as a wedding-gift. The flying-horse, Pegasus, and the warrior, Chrysaor, sprang from the blood of Medusa when she was killed though some say that Poseidon was the father of Pegasus. Medusa's blood was used by Asclepius – that from one vein to kill, that from another to restore the dead to life.

The head was finally given to Athena who bore it on the aegis, the shield of Zeus, which she carried. Another story has it that the head was buried under the market-place in Athens.

She is depicted as having snakes for hair, wings and, sometimes a beard. It is said that her look could turn people to stone.

**Medusa**

[queen', 'ruler']
daughter of Sthenelus and Nicippe
sister of Aloeus and Eurythes

**Medyr**

[Latin]
a warrior at King Arthur's court
son of Medredydd
He could split the leg of a wren with an arrow at a distance of many miles.

He was one of the party which accompanied Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

**Me'emzet**

(see solar bark)

**Me'enzet**

(see solar bark)

**Mefitis**

[Roman]
an Italian goddess of sulphurous vapours

**Meg**

(see Long Meg)

**Meg Mullach**

(see Maid of the Hairy Arms)

**Medusa**

one of the 3 Furies

**Megaira**

(see Megaira)

**Megamede**

wife of Theius

**Megapenthes**

king of Tyrrys

**Megapenthes**

son of Proetus and Anteia

He exchanged kingdoms with Theseus and took over as king of Argos.

Some say that he killed Perseus who had turned Proetus to stone by displaying the Medusa mask.

**Megapenthes**

son of Menelaus and a slave-girl

**Megara**

[Megea]

princess of Thebes
daughter of Creon

**Megara**

[Megea]

son of Creon

father of Euæchne

father of Hippomenes

some say

He was killed in action against the Seven Against Thebes where he faced Eteocles at the Neistan Gate and killed him. Some say that he sacrificed his life to save the city by jumping from the battlements. Others say that this was Menoceus.

**Megarius**

[Megeareus]

a king of Orchestus

husband of Iphinoe, some say

He fought with Nisus against Minos. Some say that he was killed, others that he lived to marry Iphinoe and become king of Megara.

**Megera**

(see Megara)

**Megas**

[Megeareus]

son of Phyleus

He was a suitor for the hand of Helen and fought at Troy.

**Mega**

[cloud]
a name for the elephant Sri-gaja

as a rain-maker

**Megamalin**

a monster attacking the twenty-third tirthankara, Parshva

**Meghanada**

a minor god

son of Ravana

**Meghavahana**

a name of Indra as 'cloud-borne'

**Meginjord**

[Me-gingjordir]

the magic belt of Thor which gave him increased strength when he wore it

**MEGINJAR**

(see Meginjord)

**MEGNIXAR**

(see Meginjord)

**MEGISOOGWON**

North American

an evil magician

This man brought disease to the tribes and was killed by Hiawatha.

**Mehen**

Egyptian

a protective serpent

This serpent is said to coil itself round the boat in which Ra travels through the underworld each night in order to protect it from the monster Apophis.

In some accounts Mehen is regarded as a god of the underworld.

**Meher**

[see Mihir]

**Mehet-Uret**

(see Mehet-weret)

**Mehet-Weret**

[Celestial Cow, Mehet-Uret, Meht-Uret, Meht-Uret, Meht-Uret, Meht-Uret]

a mother-goddess

mother of Ra

The personification either of the primitive waters or the underworld waterway used by Ra to return each night to the east, she generated the Seven Wise Ones who helped her to create the world.

In some accounts she is identified with Hathor or Neith.

She is depicted in the form of a cow with the solar disc between the horns.

(see also Neith)

**Mehit**

(see Mekhit)

**Mehod**

a demon

**Mehr**

(see Mihir)

**Mehrem**

Arab

in some accounts, an ancient creator-god

**Meht-Uret**

(see Meht-Weret)

**Mehturt**

(see Meht-Weret)

**Mehuueret**

(see Meht-Weret)

**Mehurt**

(see Meht-Weret)

**Mei Lan**

Chinese

[Ching Lin, Yu Ying Fu Jen]
thirteenth daughter of Tung Wang

Kung and Hsi Wang Mu
Mei Shan  
Chinese
a sacred mountain, home of Wu Kung  
Ching
Meiboia  
Greek
a bee-goddess
Meiche  
(see Mekhi)
Irish
Meido  
(see Yomi-tsu-kuni)
Meilanion  
(see Melanion)
Meilichian gods  
Greek
minor gods
Meilichios  
Greek
a snake-deity
Worship of this deity was superseded by worship of Zeus.  
(see also Zeus)
Meighe  
Irish
a king
His face broke out in blotches when the bard Fafne composed a satire directed at him.
Meiron  
Greek
a king of Phrygia
husband of Dindyme  
father of Cybele, some say
In some accounts, Meiron was the father of Cybele and, when he discovered that she had borne a child by Attis, he killed both the baby and its father.

Meirchiaun  
(see Merchiaun)
Meirchion  
(=British Merchiaun)
Welsh
the Welsh name for Merchiaun, father of Mark the king of Glamorgan

Meirion  
Welsh
son of Tybion
When his father, who was one of the eight sons of Cunedda, died before the family settled in Wales, Meirion took his place as one of the founders of the Welsh kingdoms.

Majdejn  
(see Medecine)
Mejnoun  
Persian
lover of Leilah

Mekala  
Hindi
[Rishi Mekala]
father of Narmada, in some accounts
Mekala  
Siamese
a lightning-goddess

Mekala  
South American
a female demon of the Aymara
This being is said to damage crops and kill cattle.

Meke Meke  
(see Makemake)
Mekhala  
Tibetan
a Lamaist sorceress  
sister of Kanakha and Kanakhala
Mekhenti-en-irty  
Egyptian
a name of Horus as god of moonless nights  
(see also Harwer)
Mekhenti-irty  
(see Horus'.Horus of Two Eyes)

Mekhit  
Egyptian
[Mai-hes-Mehit]
a lion-goddess
Sakhmet as the consort of Anhur or Osiris.

Melampe  
(see Melampus')

Melampos  
(see Melampus)

Melampus  
Greek
[Amythaonius.'blackfoot'.Melampos]
the first mortal prophet
son of Amythaon and Idomene
or Melanippe
husband of Lysippe
brother of Bias
father of Abas
He is said to have kept snakes as pets and they taught him the language of animals when they licked his ears.

His brother, Bias, was required to produce the cattle of Phylacus as the bride-price for Pero, daughter of Neleus. Melampus attempted to steal the cattle for his brother but was caught and imprisoned. While in prison, he heard the woodworm say that the roof was about to collapse and he moved out just in time to save his life. Phylacus, impressed by this feat, asked him to cure his son, Iphiclus, of his impotence and promised to give him the cattle if he succeeded. He discovered from an old vulture that, as a boy, Iphiclus had been frightened by the bloody knife that his father wielded when he was castrating his rams. He cured Iphiclus with a potion made from wine infused with rust from this old knife and was given the cattle which he then gave to Bias.

He restored to sanity the daughters of Proetus when they were driven mad by Hera for some alleged slight and ran wildily about the fields thinking they were cows. He and Bias shared the kingdom with Proetus when they were driven mad by Hera for some alleged slight and ran wildily about the fields thinking they were cows. He and Bias shared the kingdom with Proetus as reward.

Melampus  
Greek
[Melampos]
one of the Argonauts
son of Poseidon

Melampus  
Greek
[‘blackfoot’.'Melampe.Melampos']
one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Melanchoetas, tore him to pieces.

Melanchoetas  
(see Melanchoetas)

Melande-awa  
Russian
[=Mordvin Mastor-ava]
a Cheremis tutelary spirit, guardian of the earth

Melana  
(see Melanusa)

Melanusa  
Greek

Melanusa  
Welsh
daughter of a chieftain
Rather than marry the man her father had chosen for her, she ran away to the mountains where she lived in a cave and made friends with the animals and birds. Brochmael, a prince of Powys, came upon her dwelling while he was hunting and gave her land upon which she set up a convent. She was later regarded as a saint.

Melanion  
Greek
[Melanion.Melas]
son of Phrixus and Chalciope
brother of Argeus, Cythisorus and Phrontis

He and his brothers were shipwrecked but saved from drowning when they were picked up by the Argonauts.

In some accounts he is referred to as Melas.

Melanion  
Greek
the Boeotian name for the runner in the famous race with Atalanta who is otherwise known as Hippomenes  
(see also Hippomenes)

Melanippa  
(see Melanippa)

Melanippa  
Greek
[Melanippe]
a nymph  
wife of Amythaon, some say
mother of Melampus and Bias, some say

In other accounts, Amythaon’s wife was Idomene.

Melanippa  
Greek
[Melanippe]
daughter of Aeolus and Euphe
wife of Metapontes  
mother of Aeolus and Boeotus by Poseidon

When her sons by Poseidon were born, her father blinded her and...
exposed the babies who were suckled by a cow. The shepherds who found them gave the children to Theano. They were later returned to the shepherds and rescued their mother who had been imprisoned by her father whom they killed. Poseidon restored her eyesight and she married Metapontes whose wife, Theano, had killed herself. In some accounts, her name is given as Arne.

Melanippe (see Antiope)

Melanippus (see Melanippus)

Melanippus Greek

son of Oeneus and Althaia
brother of Tydeus

In some accounts, he was killed by his brother Tydeus in a hunting accident. Since it had been prophesied that he would kill Tydeus, this may have been a premeditated 'accident'.

Melanippus Greek

a famous runner
son of Theseus and Perigune
father of Ioxus

Melanippus Greek

a Theban noble
one of the Sparti
son of Astacus
brother of Amphidocus, Ismarus and Leades

In the battle against the Seven, he fought at the Proetid Gate where he killed Mecistus and met Tydeus in single combat. He was killed but mortally wounded Tydeus at the same time. Amphiaraeus cut off the head of Melanippus and gave it to Tydeus who split it open and ate the brains before dying.

Melanippus Greek

a lover of Comaetho

He made love to Comaetho who was a priestess of Artemis who then sent a plague. The people of Patrae killed both the lovers, sacrificing them to propitiate the goddess.

Melanius Greek

king of Oechalia
father of Eurytus

Melanthius (see Melanthius)

Melantheus Greek

son of Darius
brother of Melantho

He sided with the suitors of Penelope against Odysseus when the latter returned from his wanderings and was killed for his treachery.

Melanthius (see Meanaeus)

Melanthe Greek

a mistress of Eurymachus
daughter of Darius
sister of Melantheus

She sided with the suitors of Penelope against Odysseus when the latter returned from his wanderings and was killed for her treachery.

Melanthus Greek

the helmsman of the ship on which Dionysus was imprisoned by the crew

Melanthus Greek

a king of Attica
father of Codrus

Mela Greek

son of Lycaeus

He was killed when fighting for Heraclis at Oechalia.

Mela Greek

a prince of Calydon
son of Poseidon and Euryte
brother of Agrius, Alcathous and Oeneus

His eight sons were killed by his nephew, Tydeus, who was banished from Calydon.

Mela (see Melanion)

Melath North American

the lightning-bird of the Choctaws

Melcarth (see Melkarth)

Melchinos Welsh

a prophet

In some accounts, he is equated with Melkgwn.

Melchom a demon acting as a treasurer in hell

Meldos Welsh

a supposed deity, possibly the basis for Meltch as father of Mabon

Meldred Welsh

a king

It is said that Lailoken told this king that his queen was unfaithful to him.

Meleagons (see Mleagaunt)

Meleagant (see Mleagaunt)

Meleaguer (see Mleagaunt)

Meleagen Greek

son of Oeneus or Ares by Althaia
brother of Deianeira
husband of Cleopatra
father of Parthenopeus by Atalanta, some say

At his birth, the Fates decreed that when a piece of wood that they had thrown on to the fire was completely consumed, Meleager would die. His mother quickly doused the flames and hid the brand.

He was one of the Argonauts and became a champion javelin-thrower. It was he who killed the Calydonian boar and presented the skin to Atalanta who had first wounded it. He killed his uncle Plectippus and Toxeus when they objected. Althaia was so angry that, during the battle that ensued when two other uncles led troops against him, she threw the hidden brand on the fire and, as it burnt away, her son died.

In another story, he had killed his mother's brother and, when she cursed him for this deed, he refused to help Calydon when it was attacked by the Caretes. He later relented to the plea of his wife and joined the fray. Some say that he was killed in the struggle with the Caretes and his grieving sisters (whose tears turned into amber, in some accounts) were changed into guinea-fowl and his mother hanged herself.

Meleagrance (see Mleagaunt)

Meleagros (see Meleager)

Melech British

son of Mordred

In some accounts, he seized the throne of Britain when his father and King Arthur died at Camlan but was defeated by forces under Lancelot and was killed by Bors.

Melek (see Moloch)

Meleck Taos Arab

a symbol of the sun-god, Moloch, in the form of a peacock on top of a candlestick or pillar

Meles Greek

an Athenian youth

He rejected the love of Timagoras and told him to jump from the Acropolis to prove his love. He did so, killing himself, and Meles, in remorse, killed himself in the same way.

Melete Greek

[practice]

one of the Muses when there were said to be only 3 or 4 of them

Melia Greek

an ash-nymp

daughter of Oceanus and Argia

half-sister and wife of Inachus

mother of Aegialius, Io and Phoroneus

Meliad European

[Meliad]
Meliad

Melyodas.Rivalin[European
king of Lyonesse
son of Felix, some say
husband of Blanchefleur or Elizabeth
father of Tristram
In some accounts, he was the brother
of Mark and Pernam.
As a young man, he abducted
the queen of Scotland and fathered a son,
Meliad, on her.
For many years, he fought another
knight, Morgan, but they finally
made peace.
At the court of King Mark, he was
champion of a great tournament and,
when he asked for the hand of
Blanchefleur, the king's daughter, and
was refused, he eloped with her and
married her. In other accounts, his
wife was called Elizabeth.
He was captured by highwaymen
(or in some versions of his story by an
enchantress) and his wife Elizabeth,
pregnant at the time, went in search
of him and died, giving birth to
Tristram. Meliad was rescued by
Merlin who put a spell on his captors.
He later married a daughter of King
Hoel and they had three children.
When he discovered that his wife
had tried to poison Tristram, he
condemned her to be burnt at
the stake but Tristram pleaded for her
life and she was saved. He sent
Tristram to the court of King Mark
to remove him from further danger.
In some accounts, he was killed by
his old enemy, Margan.
In an Italian version, he fought a war
with King Arthur but made peace when
he married Arthur's cousin Eliabel.
Meliad[European
[Meliad(i)us.Meliodas]
son of Meliad and the queen
of Scotland
He was illegitimate so his mother cast
him adrift in a boat. He was rescued
and brought up by the Lady of
the Lake.
Meliad[British
[Meliad(i)us.Melias.Meliodas]
a squire of Bagdemagus
son of a king of Denmark
When his master was wounded in the
Grail Quest and returned to Camelot,
Meliad rode off with Galahad, leaving
him where the road forked. He
stopped to look at the roadside table
and throne with a bejewelled crown.
When he took the crown, he was
attacked by a bearded warrior and left
wounded, impaled on a spear. Galahad
rescued him and took him back to a
chapel where his wounds were tended.
Meliadice
a descendant of King Arthur
daughter of Philippon
wife of Cleriadus
Meliadus (see Meliad)
Meliador British
son of a duke of Cornwall
husband of Hermionde
He killed Camal, another suitor, to
win the hand of Hermionde.
Meliadus (see Meliad.Melot)
Melia [Meliai.Melic nymphs]
ash-tree nymphs
These nymphs, who were armed with
spears made of ash-wood, were said to
have sprung from the blood of Uranus
when he was castrated by Cronus.
(Meliai) (see also Melia)
Meliagant (see Melaigaunt)
Meliagance (see Melaigaunt)
Melaigaunt British
Melaigant.(a)uanc.Meligaunt.
Meliga(u)uance.Melyagiance:
 Welsh Melias]
son of King Bagdemagus
He loved Guinevere but could make
no progress for fear of Lancelot who
was the queen's lover, so he captured
her and ten of her knights when they
were out riding. When Lancelot rode
to the queen's rescue, Melaigaunt
submitted himself to the queen's
mercy and she forgave him. Lancelot
slept with the queen that night, leaving
blood on the sheets from a wound on
his hand received when he forced the
window-bars. Melaigaunt accused the
queen of being unfaithful to King
Arthur by sleeping with one of her ten
knights, many of whom had been
wounded when captured. Lancelot
undertook to meet him in single
combat to prove her innocence but the
treacheryous knight trapped Lancelot
in a dungeon and went off to West-
minster for the arranged meeting.
A maid released Lancelot for the price of
one kiss and he arrived at Westminster
in time to save Guinevere once again,
killing Melaigaunt even with one hand
tied behind his back.
In another version, Lancelot
defeated Melaigaunt but, at the queen's
behest, spared his life while another
says that Guinevere was rescued by
Gawain. (see also Melwas)

Meliagrides Greek
sisters of Meleager who were changed
into a guinea-fowl at his death
Meliai (see Meliae)
Meliant de Lis (see Melias de Lile)
Melianus British
an ancestor of Lot
Melias (see Meliad)
Melias de Lile British
[Meliant de Lis]
a Knight of the Round Table
He hated Lancelot who had killed his
father but he also died at the hand
of Lancelot.
Meliboea Greek
one of the Oceanids
wife of Pelasgus
mother of Lycaon
Melic nymphs (see Meliae)
Melicertes [Melicertes—Roman Portunciation]
sone of Athamas and Ino
brother of Leachus
When Athamas was driven mad by
Hera he killed his son Leachus, mistaking him for a stag, and would
have killed Melicertes had not Ino
snatched him up and plunged him
into the sea. She was changed into the
sea-goddess Leucotoea and he became
the sea-god Palaeemon.
Melichios (see Zeus)
Melikertes (see Melicertes)
Melili Mesopotamian
[Unna-Khubur]
wife of Benani
mother of the 6,000 Monsters of
the Night
Meliodas (see Meliad)
Melion of the Mountain British
a knight of King Arthur's court
He was one of the twelve knights who
helped Agrain and Mordred when
they attempted to seize Lancelot in the
queen's bedroom. All except Mordred
were killed by Lancelot.
Melior British
daughter of Elinus and Pressina
sister of Melisande and Plantina
(see also Melior)
Melior European
a queen
wife of Parthenopeus
She fell in love with Parthenopeus
from afar and sent a magic ship to
transport him to Chief d'Oire where
he lived a life of luxury, waited on by
unseen hands. As in the story of
Psyche and Cupid, but with the roles
reversed, she came to his bed every
night but decreed that he must never
see her until they were married. Inevitably, he broke the rule and was punished. Later, he was the victor in a tournament where the prize was the hand of Melior and the two were reunited and married.

**Meliot de Logris**

*British*

A Knight of the Round Table

cousin of Nimue

Nimue was forcibly dragged by Onetlacke from Arthur’s court where she had gone to reclaim her white bitch which had chased a white stag into the hall where the king’s wedding feast was in progress. Meliot challenged Onetlacke and they were fighting each other on foot when Pellimore, sent by the king to bring the lady and the intruding knight back to his court, rode up and parted them. Pellimore killed Onetlacke and, when Meliot surrendered without a fight, Pellimore took Nimue back to Camelot.

He was badly wounded in a fight in which he killed Gilbert the Bastard and was saved by Lancelot who retrieved a sword and a piece of cloth covering the dead knight in Chapel Melion.

He was one of the twelve knights who helped Agravan and Mordred when they attempted to seize Lancelot in the queen’s bedroom. All except Mordred were killed by Lancelot.

**Melisande**

*British*

[Melisma, Melusine]

A fairy

dughter of Elinus and Pressina

sister of Melior and Plantina

wife of Raymond

She became a serpent below the waist each Saturday as punishment for immuring her father in the mountains. When she married Raymond, he promised never to see her on a Saturday and, when he broke his promise, she left him. Some say that Raymond shut her up in a dungeon.

In some versions, her lower half was fish-like so that she resembled a mermaid. *(see also Melusine)*

**Melissa**

*European*

A priestess at the tomb of Merlin

She guided Bradamante in her search for Rogerio. When Rogerio and Rinaldo were chosen to fight in single combat to decide the war between the Christians and the Saracens, she appeared in the guise of Rodomont and led an attack on the Christian forces, so breaking the agreed truce.

When Astolpho was turned into a myrtle tree by Alcina, Melissa, in the form of Atlantes, rescued him by giving him her magic ring.

**Melissa**

*Greek*

[‘bee’]

daughter of Melisseus and Amlthea

sister of Adastrea and Ida

She was turned into a bee by the gods and helped her sisters care for the infant Zeus by providing honey for him.

**Melissa**

*Greek*

[‘bee’-plur=melissae, melissai]

A title given to a priestess of Artemis,

Demeter, Rhea, etc.

**Melissa**

*(see Melissa)*

**Melissae**

*(see Melissa)*

**Melisseus**

*Greek*

A king of Crete

Husband of Amlthea, some say father of Astrarde, Ida and Melissa

**Melite**

*Greek*

Mother of Hyllus by Heracles, in some accounts

**Melitess**

*Greek*

A nymph

One of the Naids

**Melius**

*Greek*

A Titan

**Melijanz**

*British*

A king of Liz

When the daughter of Duke Lippant rejected his love, Melijanz attacked her father’s province, helped by Percival. Gawan fought on the other side.

**Melm-Ashtart**

*Phoenician*

An androgynous deity

**Melkart**

*Phoenician*

A fertility-god worshipped at Tyre and Carthage

Consort of Astarte

In early tradition he was regarded as a sea-god or a god of the underworld but later was recognised as a sun-god. Others say he was first a sun-god, later a sea-god.

Some say that he is the same as Moloch or Baal. *(see also Sandan)*

**Melkin**

*(see Melkarth)*

**Melkarth**

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**Melkin**

*(see Melchrimus)*

**Melon**

*Greek*

A name of Heracles as an immortal

**Melyagraunca**

*(see Meliagaunt)*

**Melodiam**

*(see Melod)*

**Melodias**

*(see Melod)*

**Melon**

*Greek*

A name of Heracles as an immortal

After he received the apples of the Hesperides

**Melora**

*British*

A warrior-maid

Daughter of King Arthur

She was in love with Orlando, a prince of Thessaly. Mador persuaded Merlin to imprison Orlando under a spell that could be lifted only if the Lance of Longinus, the oil of the pig of Tuis and a precious stone owned by the daughter of the king of Narsinga were produced.

She defeated the king of Africa to win the Lance and she was given Levander as a servant for the rest of her quest. They were both put in prison by the king of Asia but escaped, taking with them the oil of the pig. They got their hands on the precious stone, a carbuncle, when they trapped the king of Narsinga and his daughter, Verona, who later married Levander.

With the three objects of the quest, Melora gained Orlando’s freedom and married him.

**Melot**

*British*

[Aquitaine, Melodias, Meliadus]

A dwarf at the court of King Mark

He was one of those who spied on Tristram and Isolda and reported the affair to the King.

Some say that it was he who inflicted the wound that led to Tristram’s death. He was killed by Kurneval.

In some accounts, he is called Melodies.

**Melpomene**

*Greek*

One of the 9 Muses, the Muse of tragedy

**Melqart**

*(see Melkarth)*

**Melu**

*East Indian*

A creator-god

**Melusina**

*(see Melisande)*

**(see also Melusina)**

**Melusine**

*French*

A two-tailed mermaid

*(see also Dame Blanche)*

**Melusine**

*(see Melisande)*

**Meluzina**

*European*

A wind-spirit in Bohemia

*(see also Melusina)*

**Melvas**

*(see Melvas)*
Melwas

[Melwas]
a king of Summer Land

He abducted Guinevere but King Arthur soon recovered her by the threat of force. This is the Welsh version of the abduction of Guinevere by Meliagant. (see also Meliagant)

Melyhalt, Lady (see Bloie)

Melyn Gwanwyn Welsh ox

This was one of the oxen that Ysbaddaden required Cullwch, in his quest for the hand of Olwen, to get from Gwfwlydd. (see also Nyniaw. Peihiau. Ych Brych)

Melyodas (see Meliad)

Mem Loimis (see Mem Loomis)

Mem Loomis North American

[Mem Loimis] a water-goddess of the Wintun tribe

When the first world was destroyed by fire started by Buckeye Bean and his two companions, Mem Loomis and Kahit were given the task of putting out the fires and restarting the world.

Membe African

an ancestor of the Lugbara people

Membo-Delahi West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit

Mennon1 Greek

an Ethiopian prince

son of Tithonus and Eos

brother of Emathion

nephew of Priam

He brought his army to fight with the Trojans at the siege of Troy and killed the young Antilochus. He was later killed by Achilles. To please Eos, Zeus resurrected Memnon and made him immortal.

Mennon2 Greek

a statue of Amenhotep III in Thebes (Egypt) said to salute Eos at daybreak with a musical sound

(see also Amenophis)

memnonia Greek

statues erected to commemorate Memnon

The statue of Amenhotep III is one such statue. (see Memnon’n)

Mennonides Greek

birds arising from Memnon’s funeral pyre

The grieving comrades of Memnon were changed into birds which were said to visit Memnon’s tomb every year.

Memor (see Mimir)

Memory of Blood (see Mover of Blood)

Memphis Greek

dughter of the Nile river-god wife of Epaphus

mother of Libya and Lysianassa

Memphic Britsh

son of Maddan

He killed his own brother to seize the throne and married a young boy. He was torn to pieces by wolves.

Men1 Greek

a Phrygian moon-god adopted by the Greeks

Men2 Central American

the fifteenth of the 20 ages of man, in Mayan lore, the age when perforation is reached (see also Five Men)

Men3 (see Men Shen)

Men Iguana (see Wati-kutjara)

Men Shen Chinese

[Men] Ch’en Chi (Ha) and Cheng Lun (Heng) as guardians of the doors in the palace of Yu Ti

One story says that the Men Shen are the two doorkeepers Ha and Hang.

Another version describes Men Shen as gods of the underworld and enumerates them as Ching Ch’uan, Chung-lu, Hu and Ti’ao Chün. (see also Hang Ha Erh Chiang)

Mena Hindu

a mountain goddess

wife of Himavan

mother of Ganga and Parvati

Menadriel

a demon who can be trusted with secrets

Menaduke British

a Knight of the Round Table

Menakha North American

a Mandan sun-spirit

Menak A[Malay Amir Hamza]

the Javanese name for Amir Hamza

Menaka1 Hindu

a water-nymph

mother of Sakuntala by Visvamitra

She distracted Visvamitra from his devotions long enough for him to father Sakuntala.

Menaka2 Hindu

an asparas

She is said to have married a mortal and became an ancestress of the human race.

Menam Thai

[Maenam]

a sacred river

Menanader Buddhist

[Milinda]
a 2nd c BC Greek general who conquered part of northern India

He was converted to the Buddhist faith by Nagasena and was known as Milinda.

Menat Egyptian

a talisman, in the form of a whip, said to ward off evil

Mencha Terim East Indian

a king of Sumatra

son of Sulana and Muhtabul Bahri

When he became king, he changed his name to Sapurba. (see also Sapurba)

Menchit (see Menhyt)

Mencius Chinese

[Meng K’o. Meng-tzu] (c 370-289 BC)
a disciple of Confucius, one of the Four Saints

Mend Irish

a king of Ireland

father of Blathnat

Mendean Triad Egyptian

the deities Banaded, Harpakhrad and Hetmetit

Mendes Greek

the Greek name for Banaded

Mendrion a demon of the horns of the day

Mene (see Selene)

Menechen South American

[(Guenu-) Pil(l)an]
supreme god and storm-god of the Araucanian Indians

All warriors killed in battle were absorbed by Menechen. His followers were snake-bodied humans who caused all the troubles of the world.

Menecrates Greek

a physician

Menedice (see Menodice)

Menechene Pacific Islands

a race of pygmies or gnomes in Hawaiian lore

Though very small, these beings are stronger than men and they are skilled in the arts of magic so that, if propitiated, they can be very helpful. They live deep in the forests or valleys.

Menelaur Greek

king of Sparta

son of Atreus and Aerope

brother of Agamemnon

husband of Helen

father of Hermione

In some accounts he was the son of Pleisthenes and had a son, Nicostratus,
by either Helen or a nymph and another, Megapenthes, by a slave.

He welcomed Paris, son of the king of Troy, to his court in Sparta but when he left for Crete, Paris carried off his wife Helen to Troy, so precipitating the Trojan War. During the battle, he came face to face with Paris and would have killed him had not Aphrodite intervened to save him. The Trojans might well have agreed, at that point, to hand back Helen but Pandarus, or Athena in some stories, shot and wounded Menelaus and the battle was resumed.

At the fall of Troy he was reunited with Helen but when they returned to Sparta they found that his brother Agamemnon had been killed by Clytemnestra and her lover Aegisthus. They in turn had been killed in revenge by Orestes. Menelaus was instrumental in having Orestes condemned to death. Orestes then seized Helen and Hermione, forcing Menelaus to change his mind and the death sentence was commuted to exile. When Helen was taken up to Olympus by Zeus to escape Orestes’ sword, Apollo intervened in the affair and ordered Menelaus to re-marry and to give his daughter Hermione to Orestes.

Some accounts say that the Helen he was reunited with was the substitute Helen and both of them sailed to Egypt to collect the real Helen. He was shipwrecked and rescued by Thoene.

In some versions, both Helen and Menelaus were taken up to Elysium. **Menelea**

one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Menelea, tore him in half as punishment, so accounting for the phases of the moon.

In some accounts, Menes is female and Saule is male.

**Menetheus**

son of Sperchius by Polydora

**Menetheus**

greek son of Peetes

He either usurped the throne or was made ruler of Athens by Castor and Polydeuces when they invaded Attica to rescue their sister Helen during the period when Theseus was imprisoned in Tartarus. He was one of the Greeks hidden inside the Wooden Horse and was killed at Troy or, in some versions, survived but found the throne occupied by Demophoon, son of Theseus, and became king of Melos instead of Athens.

**Menestyr**

father of Gwyddawg

**Menetus**

father of Antianeira

**Meneu**

(see Menw)

**Meng**

Irish one of the 3 names of the Dagda’s wife She was alternatively known as Breog or Meabal.

**Meng’**

(see Lady Meng)

**Meng K’o**

(see Mencius)

**Meng-p’o**

(see Lady Meng)

**Meng T’ien**

Chinese a minor deity, patron of brushmakers

He was originally a 3rd c. general and is said to have invented the brush.

**Meng-tzu**

[Book of Mencius] one of the Four Books the last of the 9 major works of the Confucian canon, dealing with the life and teachings of Mencius

**Meng-tzu’**

(see Mencius)

**Menge**

(see Menia)

**Mengi**

African a culture-hero in the Congo

He was one of ten children and one of his sisters was taken by the kisimbi. He went to look for her and saw her hand holding a pearl necklace above the surface of the river. When this happened again, they dammed the river and found the girl in a coffin. She recovered and returned home but, when she ate pork, water rose in a flood around her and carried her back to the river. Mengi could still hear her voice and jumped into the river to be with her.
Menoetius

himself, Menon hanged himself.

When Ninus demanded Semiramis for quarrel over a dice-game.

Patroclus killed another boy in a his family fled to Phthia when the boy

He was one of the Argonauts. He and between the Titans and the gods.

Menoikeus

(son of Creon and Eurydice)

When Oedipus unwittingly married his own mother, Jocasta, a plague
descended on Thebes. T eiresias warned

Menoeceus

(son of Creon and Eurydice)

Menog

(see Menog)

Menthu

same as Khepra.

The concept of genitalia that speak

in the lore of the Plains Indians, a man's penis (and, in some cases, his excrement) can speak and give him advice. It is said that the flow of speech can be silenced only by his mother-in-

law, a person whom he may not look at, eat with or speak to.

Menu

(see Menu.Min)

Menu vaivasvata

(see Vaivasvata)

Menus

(see Mnevis)

Menulis

(Menoo:—Latvian Meness)
a Lithuanian moon-god

Menuo

(see Menulis)

Menuquet

(a goddess of Amenti, the land of the dead)

Menvis

(see Mnevis)

Menw

(Welsh)
a wizard

son of Teirqwaed.

He had the power to make people invisible. He was a companion of Culchew in his quest for the hand of Olwen and tried to recover the comb and scissors from between the ears of the boar T wrch T rwyth by changing himself into a bird and diving on the boar but was unsuccessful.

Menzabac

(Central American)

Menzenitus

(Greek)

king of the Etruscans.

He was expelled from his kingdom for cruelty to his subjects and when Aeneas and his band of Trojans landed in Italy he helped the Rutulians under Turnus in their efforts to repel the settlers. He was killed by Aeneas in the battles that ensued.

Mephistopheles

(European)

the devil (or his helper) in the story of Faust

Mer

(Mesopotamian)

an Assyrian fire-god

Mer

(see Ishkur.Wer')

Mer-feast

(Persian)
a feast dedicated to the gods of nature in times of trouble such as famine or war

Mer-wer

(see Mnevis)

Meragbuto

(Pacific Islands)
a spirit in the New Hebrides

This spirit hindered Tagaro, the wise brother of Qst, in his work of creation so Tagaro demonstrated that he could survive the flames when his house burnt down (he hid in the cellar). When Meragbuto tried to do the same, he was burnt to death.

Merau

(Pacific Islands)
a goddess of death
Meraugis  
**British**
a knight of the Round Table

He was the son of King Mark by labiane as a result of rape. His mother abandoned him in the forest where he was found and brought up by foresters.

After the death of King Arthur, he joined many of the other knights in a hermitage.

**merch**
a monster in the form of a child/fish

**Merchaun**  
**British**
[Meirchiana=Welsh Meirchion]
father of King Mark
of Glamorgan

**Merciful Lord**  
(see Avalokiteshvara)

**Mercuralia**  
**Roman**
a festival in honour of Mercury held in May.

**Mercurius**  
(see Mercury)

**Mercury**  
**Roman**
the god of eloquence, merchants, theft, wisdom: messenger to the gods

one of the Olympians
father of Cupid
father by Lara of the 2 gods of the hearth, the Lares
father of Faunus, some say

He is depicted as a handsome youth wearing winged sandals and hat and holding the caduceus.

**Merddin**  
(see Merlin)

**Meresger**  
(see Mertseger)

**Meret**  
**Egyptian**
a goddess of song
an underworld goddess

She is sometimes depicted as a coiled snake with a human head.

**Meretsegger**  
(see Mertseger)

**Mergen Tengere**  
**Siberian**
an Altaic sky-god

**Meriade**  
**European**
an ancient god in Brittany

**Meriadeuc**  
**British**
[The Knight of Two Swords]
a knight of King Arthur

When Lore brought a sword-belt to the king’s court, he was the only one able to unfasten it and was awarded the sword as a prize. He later married Lore.

**Meriadeuc**  
**French**
a 13th c French poem about the Knight of Two Swords

**Meriadoc**  
**British**
a king of Wales
son of Caradoc
brother of Orwen

In some accounts, Caswallawn caused the death of Caradoc but others say that Griffith killed Caradoc, took the throne of Wales and sent Meriadoc and Orwen to be killed. They were spared and later Meriadoc secured the help of King Arthur to depose Griffith and gave the throne to Urien who had married Orwen. He went to the Continent where he rescued the daughter of the German emperor and married her.

**Merihim**  
(see Merizim)

**Merim**  
(see Merin)

**Merin**  
**Welsh**
father of Gleis

**Merones**  
**Greek**
a Cretan
son of Molus
brother of Molione

He was a companion of Idomeneus in the Trojan War and was one of those hidden inside the Trojan Horse. He helped to retrieve the body of Patroclus who had been killed by Hector.

**Meriraukka**  
(see Ravgga)

**Meritensa**  
**Egyptian**
a landowner and judge

When a peasant who had been robbed of his ass and its load by the tenant-farmer named Hamti complained, Meritensa placed the matter before the king. The latter was so impressed by the peasant’s eloquence that he offered Meritensa to strip the farmer of his possessions and to recompense the peasant.

**Merizim**  
(see Meirchium)

**Merkah**  
**Hebrew**
a book of mystic lore

**Merkinau**  
**European**
the crow in Reynard the Fox
mate of Shrafenenebe

**Merlin**  
**British**

Brecht Wodden= Welsh Emrys. Llailawe. Llallogan Vyrdrin. Myrdin (Emrys)]
a bard and magician
brother of Gwenedydd
father of Vanoc
father of Inogen, in some accounts

In one account of his origins, he was created by the forces of evil to offset the effect of Christ’s birth but he was baptised as a Christian by Blaise and so the plan failed. In some stories, his mother was Joan go-to’, in Welsh stories she was Aldan, in French stories she was Optima and in some Italian stories she was Marinaia.

His father is given as Madog or Morgan Frych though some say that he was fathered by an unknown youth, said to be a demon, on the daughter of a king and was born with a twin sister, Gwendydd, who becomes Ganieda in Italian stories. Other stories say that he came from Atlantis or that he was Taliesin reincarnated.

In some accounts his wife was Elen Lwyledawg, known in Italian stories as Gwendoloena.

When he was but a few days old, he made an impassioned plea for the life of his mother, who was on trial for associating with the Devil, and so saved her life.

He foretold the advent of Arthur and the return of Aurelius Ambrosius and Uther who had been taken to France to escape the fate that befell their brother Constans at the hand of Vortigern. When Aurelius or, in some accounts, Uther, wanted a fitting memorial to the knights slaughtered by Hengist, Merlin went to Ireland with Uther and they found a fitting memorial to the knights slaughtered by Hengist, Merlin went to Ireland and the return of Aurelius Ambrosius and Uther who had been taken to France to escape the fate that befell their brother Constans at the hand of Vortigern. When Aurelius or, in some accounts, Uther, wanted a fitting memorial to the knights slaughtered by Hengist, Merlin went to Ireland and the return of Aurelius Ambrosius and Uther who had been taken to France to escape the fate that befell their brother Constans.

He changed himself into the form of Jordans, a knight at the court of Gorlois, and brought about the seduction of Igraine by Uther Pendragon by changing Uther into the form of his husband, Gorlois, on the promise that he would be given the son of their union. This was the future king, Arthur, and Merlin took the boy and fostered him with Ector.

In some accounts, Uther objected to handing over the child, so Merlin snatched him and blinded Uther.

When Arthur was defeated in a joust with Pellimore, Merlin saved his life by putting his opponent into a trance.

He knew that his fate would be sealed by a young girl and when Pellimore brought Nimue to Arthur’s court he knew that his time had come. He fell in love with Nimue and foolishly taught her his magic arts when she led him to believe that she might yield to his persuasive talk. She
accompanied him when he went to Ban's court in Benwick and, back in Britain, he made a fabulous room in a rock in Cornwall where they could be together. When they entered, she sprang back, sealing the entrance with an unbreakable spell, and rode off leaving him to his fate. When Bagdemagus, seeking adventure, found the rock prison he was unable to break in and had to leave Merlin where he found him.

In some versions, Nimue bound him in an enchanted wood or an oak tree, in others she trapped him in a rock until he promised to love her only, entangling him forever in thorns when he refused. An alternative story says he was never so trapped and still lives on Baron Island guarding the Treasures of Britain, including King Arthur's throne, while others say that he was killed in battle or forgetfully swallowed up by the earth.

Some say that he fought at the Battle of Arthuret and was driven mad by a vision he saw there. He is credited with the creation of the magic sword, Excalibur, and the building of the Round Table.

In the stories of Charlemagne, he built a magic fountain from which Bradamante, searching for Rogero, was taken to Merlin's tomb where his spirit gave her instructions on how to find him, helped by Merlin's priestess, Melissa. Merlin

Merlin's Cave  
Merlin's Spring

Merlin's Tree  
[Priority Oak]
a tree in Carmarthen
It was said that the city would be destroyed if this tree should fall.

Merlinus  
(see Merlin)
merlion
a monster, part lion, part fish

Merlyn
mermaid
[mermaid, sea-maid, sea-woman]
a monster, part woman, part fish

These beings are said to sit on rocks, combing their long hair, and lure sailors to their death. In some versions, they are said to be able to grant three wishes. Some say that they cannot survive on land while others say that some of them married mortals and lived ashore.

In early versions, mermaids had many birdlike features, including wings. In Irish lore they are regarded as pagans banished by St Patrick. Some Greek stories say that the burning timbers of the Trojan ships turned into mermaids. (see also Merrow)

merman
[sea-man]
a monster, part man, part fish

Mermer (see mermaid)

In some accounts she left the other Pleiades in the sky in shame when her husband, the only mortal married to a Pleiad (except perhaps Corytus who, some say, married Electra) was sent to Tartarus so that only six of the seven Pleiades are now visible. Other says that the missing star is Electra. (see also Electra)

Merope  
Greek
a daughter of Oenopion, king of Chios, and Helice
She was promised to Orion as a reward for clearing Chios of wild animals but her father kept postponing the promised marriage and it never came about. When Orion raped her, her father had him blinded by satyrs.

Merope
wife of Polybus, king of Corinth
foster-mother of Oedipus
(see also Periboea)

Merope
Greek
daughter of Pandareus
sister of Aedon and Cleothera
mother of Pandareus by Hermes
She and Cleothera were carried off by the Harpies and sold as slaves to the Furies.

Meros
Greek
a king of Egypt
husband of Clymene
father of Pandareus and Phaeton

Meros
Greek
a seer, king of Percote
brother of Arisba
father of Adrastus, Amphius, and Cleite

Merophaghes
Greek
a name of Dionysus referring to his insertion into the thigh of Zeus at birth

Meroudys
(see Herodis)

Merovius
German
a Frankish king
He was said to have been fathered on the queen by a sea-giant coming ashore in the form of an ox. He is regarded as the founder of the Frankish dynasty.

merpeople
monsters, part human, part fish

Merquarius  
(see Mercury)

Merrow
Irish
[Murhluacha]
a mermaid or merman
These are generally benevolent beings, the female like a traditional mermaid while the male is ugly, greenish in colour and has arms which resemble fins. Some say they intermarry with mortals.

**Merry Dancers** *(see Fir Chlis)*

**Mersburg Charnas** *(German)*

A 9th c set of spells

**Mersekhet** *(see Ateet)*

**Mert** *(Egyptian)*

[(Watch) Merti]

Isis and Nephthys as goddesses of the Nile floods

**Mertvaya Voda** *(Slav)*

water which heals the wounds of a corpse

This water was carried by wind, hail or thunder or by birds. *(see also Shivaya Voda)*

**Meru** *(see Mount Meru)*

**Merul** *(Egyptian)*

a Nubian sun-god
twin brother of Meruil

**Meruil** *(Egyptian)*

twin brother of Merulis

**Merur** *(see Merviuil)*

**Merulles de Rigomer** *(French)*

a 13th c poem relating the adventures of Gawain and Lancelot

**Mervelleuse** *(European)*

a sword

This weapon was owned by Doolin, said by some to be the father of Ogier.

**Merwel** *(see Meruil)*

**mes** *(Menopotamian)*

[nexu]

the tree of life: a symbol of power: a divine decree

**Mes An Du** *(see Samas)*

**Mes Lam Taea** *(Menopotamian)*

[Meslam(See)]]

a Sumerian war-god

an aspect of Nergal

son of Enil and Ninil

**Mesaru** *(see Mesaru)*

**Mesca** *(Irish)*

a goddess
daughter of Badb, some say

She died of shame when she was seduced by the mortal, Garman.

**Mescamaat** *(see Lesni Zenka)*

**Mese** *(Greek)*

[‘middle’]

an alternative name for one of the Muses when it was said that there were only 3 of them

**Mesede** *(Pacific Islands)*

an archer

He saved Abele from a crocodile and was given Abele’s daughters as a reward. Mesede’s wife killed them.

**Meseket** *(see solar bark)*

**Mesenket** *(see Meshkenet)*

**Meses** *(Greek)*

a wind from the north-east quarter

**Mesgedra** *(see Mac Da Tho)*

**Mesgora** *(see Mac Da Tho)*

**Mesha** *(Hindu)*

one of the signs of the Zodiac, Aries

the ram

**Mesharu** *(Menopotamian)*

[Mesaru.Mesherum.Misharu.Misot.righteousness]\n
a Babylonian goddess,

justice personified
daughter and attendant of Samas

sister of Giru, Kittu and Nusku

In some accounts, Mesharu is male.

**Mesarum** *(see Mesaru)*

**Meshekenabec** *(see Misikinebek)*

**Meskenet** *(see Meskenet)*

**Meskenhent** *(see Meskenet)*

**Meskenhet** *(Egyptian)*

[‘brick’.Mesenet.Meshken(e)t]

a goddess of childbirth

the birth-life personified

wife of Shai

She was also to be found in the underworld, at the judgment of souls, to assist their birth into the afterlife.

**Meslam** *(see Aralu)*

**Meslamtea** *(see Mes Lam Taea.Nergal)*

**Meslamtacea** *(see Mes Lam Taea.Nergal)*

**Mesn2ee d’Hellequin** *(European)*

the French name for the Wild Hunt

**Mesroda** *(see Mac Da Tho)*

**Mess Buachalla** *(Irish)*

[Meas Buachalla.Mess Buachalla]

daughter of Cormac and Etain Oig

or of Eochaid Airenh

wife of Eterskel

Her father wanted a son so he ordered his infant daughter to be drowned. The servants charged with the task gave her instead to the cowherd of King Eterskel. He raised her secretly and when the king found out he ordered that the girl be brought to his court. Before this could be done, she was seduced by Nemglan the bird-god who came to her in the form of a Danaan youth. She married Eterskel and her son by the bird-god, who was named Conary Mor, was raised by a foster-father, Desa.

In some accounts, Mess Buachalla herself was from the Otherworld and brought an army from there to ensure that Conary was installed as king after the death of Eterskel. Others say that she was the daughter of Eterskel.

Another story has it that her children by Nemglan were birds who turned into warriors in times of need.

**Messbuachalla** *(see Mess Buachalla)*

**Messene** *(Greek)*

a princess of Sargas

**Messibizi** *(see Michabo)*

**Messor** *(Roman)*

god of agriculture

**Messon** *(see Michabo)*

**Messou** *(North American)*

[‘Abnaki Gluskap=Algonquin Manibocho.

Iroquois Ioseheh=Menominee Manabush]

the name used by the Montagnais for the Great Hare, Manaboshe

In this version, man was originally immortal as the result of a small packet given by Messou to a brave who promised never to open it. The man’s wife, however, was more inquisitive and looked inside. Immortality flew out and man has had a limited life-span ever since.

**Mesta** *(see Amset)*

**Mestha** *(see Amset)*

**Mesti** *(see Amset)*

**Mestor** *(Greek)*

son of Perseus and Andromeda

brother of Alceus, Electryon and Sthenelus

husband of Lydidice

director of hippopotoe

**Mestra** *(Greek)*

[Meta]

daughter of Erysichthon

wife of Autolycus, some say

In an attempt to satisfy the insatiable hunger which had been inflicted on him by Demeter, her father sold all his possessions and, finally, his daughter Mestra. She prayed to Poseidon who changed her shape on each occasion that she was sold so that she escaped her purchasers, only to be sold again.

**Mesca** *(Greek)*

daughter of Cormac and Etain Oig

or of Eochaid Airenh

wife of Eterskel
Metabus
king of the Volscians
father of Camilla
To save his baby daughter from the troops who were chasing him from his own country, he tied her to his spear and threw her to safety across the river Asimenus.

Metageateria Greek
a festival in honour of Apollo, held in Athens

Metakorab Pacific Islands
a Melanesian spirit
She was queen of the dogai and was shot and killed by Bu.

Metal Old Man North American
[Be chasti] in the lore of the Apache, a giant clad in black metal
The only place where this monstrous being was vulnerable was under his armpit and it was here that the young Monster Slayer shot his arrows and killed him.

Metal Planet Chinese
the planet Venus

Metamorphoses the alchemists recognised 7 metals, each of which represented a deity
The seven were listed as gold (Apollo), copper (Venus), iron (Mars), lead (Saturn), quicksilver (Mercury), silver (Diana) and tin (Jupiter).

Metameleia Greek
a deity; repentance personified

metamorphosis magical shape-changing

Metamorphoses Roman
tales from Greek mythology by Ovid

Metamorphoses' (see The Golden Ass)

Metaneira Greek
[Metanira] wife of king Celeus
mother of Abas, Demophoon, Eubuleus, Lambe and Triptolemus
When Demeter who, in the guise of an old woman, had been employed as wet-nurse, plunged Metaneira’s son into the fire to make him immortal, Metaneira snatched the child away. In some stories the boy was Demophoon, in others Triptolemus; in some he died, in others he survived but did not become immortal.

Metanira (see Metaneira)

Metapontes Greek
[Metapontus] husband of Melanippe and Theano

He and Theano adopted the two sons of Melanippe by Poseidon and later had two sons of their own. Theano incited her own sons to kill the two foundlings but Poseidon intervened and killed the other two. Theano killed herself in despair and Metapontes later married Melanippe.

Metapontus (see Metapontes)

Metascopy (see Metapontes)
divination from lines on the forehead

metempsychosis [transmigration]
the passing of a soul into another body after death

meter Arab
[falling star; shooting star]
a meteor is said to be a flaming firebrand thrown by angels to drive off evil spirits

Meter Greek
[Meter Oriae] a mother-goddess

Meter Anahita (see Anahita)

Meter Dindymene Greek
[Dindyme(n)e; Dindymus] a name for Cybele as a mountain-goddess

Meter Oriae Greek
a name of Meter as ‘mother of the mountain’

Meteres Greek
in some accounts, a Cretan fertility goddess

Metharme

Meter Dindymene

Metharme Greek
[Metharme] daughter of Pygmalion and Galatea, some say
In some accounts, she married Cinyras; others say that Paphos, not Metharme, was Pygmalion’s daughter and either the wife or the mother of Cinyras.

Metai (see Abominable Snowman)

Metiosa

Metion Greek
[Metion] a charioteer to Aeneas in Italy

Metistos Greek
daughter of Orion and Side sister of Menippe

An oracle decreed that the sacrifice of two virgins was necessary to lift the plague that had descended on Orchomenus, so the two sisters, known as the Corinides, killed themselves with the shuttles from their looms. They were placed in the heavens as comets. In some accounts, two youths, known as the Coroni, rose from the ashes of their funeral pyre.

Metion Greek
son of Erechtheus and Praxithea brother of Pandoros
father of Daedalus, in some accounts He and his brother drove Cecrops from Athens when Xuthus chose him as the successor to Erechtheus.

Metis Greek
[‘wise counsel’] one of the Oceanids the goddess of prudence daughter of Oceanus and Gaea or Tethys first wife of Zeus
She helped Zeus to overthrow Cronus and was seduced by Zeus who swallowed her (in the form of a fly, some say) to prevent the birth of a child she had foretold would be greater even than Zeus. That child was Athena who burst from the head of Zeus. Metis was sent to live in the planet Mercury.

Metis’ magical powers of healing

Metis’(see Iao’)

Metnal Central American
home of the dead, ruled by Cizin

Metope Greek
daughter of Ladon wife of Asopus mother of Ismenus, Pelagon and 20 daughters

Metra Greek
an ancient fertility-goddess and moon-goddess

Metra’(see Mestra)

Metragyrti Greek
[plus=metragyretes; metragyrooi] a wandering devotee of Cybele or Rhea These men, mostly eunuchs, travelled the country begging and making prophecies.

Metsaka Central American
a moon-goddess of the Huichol Indians consort of Tatevali

Metsanhaltia Baltic
[skogradare=Estonian metshaldijas] a Finnish guardian spirit of the forest

This being is envisaged as an old man with a grey beard, covered with lichen, and able to stretch his body so that his head is level with the tallest tree.

Metshaldijas Baltic
[skogsnjungfru=Finnish metsanhaltia] an Estonian guardian spirit of the forest
It is said that the cry of this spirit is a portent of death to the hearer.

metsaneitsyt
a Finnish female spirit of the forest
This ‘forest virgin’, said to entice humans to make love to her, appears as a beautiful woman at the front but like a tree-stump or a bough or just a pile of twigs, when seen from the rear.

Metsmees
an Estonian wind-god

Metsola
a Finnish goddess, mother of the first deity

Metteya
the Pali version of the Sanskrit Maitreya

Metzibac
(see Menzibac)

Metzli
[offspring of kami]

Metzli
[Hare of the Aloe; Mexli]
a name for Huiztiloquochitl or, some say, Tecoztecatl

Mexicotl Teohuatzin
the high priest of Huiztiloquochitl

Mexitli
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Mexolotl
the agave plant

in Aztec lore, Xolotl turned himself into this plant after becoming a maize plant.

Mexitli
(see Mexitli; Tecoztecatl)

Mezasmate
[a Latvian forest-goddess]

Mezatevs
[a Latvian forest-god]

Mezentius
[father of the Forest]
a Latvian forest-god

Meztli
[Lady of the Night; Metzli]
an Aztec moon-goddess and goddess of water

This deity is referred to as a god in some accounts and is identified with Tecoztecatl.

Metzli
(see Metzli)

Meulen
among the Alts, Meulen

Mettius Curtius
[see Curtius']

Meurig
a king of Alba Longa

When he deserted the side of Tullius Hostilius, his superior king, Tullius had him torn apart between two chariots.

Metus
[see Curtius']

a king of the Picts

When he was cast aside by Son-Gon, whose mistress she had been, she told his parents that Son-Gon’s wife had been unfaithful to him with the result that they treated the innocent wife so harshly that she killed herself.

Mewol
a servant of Son-Gon

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Mewol
[see Bast]

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[see Bast]
son of Dian Ceht
brother of Airmid

He became even more famous as a physician than his father. Where his father had made an artificial hand for Nuada from silver, Miach made him a real flesh-and-blood replacement. In one story, he replaced an eye lost by one of Nuada’s servants with the eye of a cat.

His father killed Miach out of jealousy, killing him only at the fourth attempt after Miach had healed himself after the first three sword-strokes. It is said that 365 herbs grew on his grave.

Miao Ch’eng
daughter of Miao Chuang
sister of Miao Shan and Miao Yen
She became a bodhisattva.

Miao Chuang
a king of Taiwan
father of Miao Ch’eng, Miao Shan and Miao Yen

When his daughter, Miao Shan, refused to marry and entered a convent where she was helped in her arduous manual work by a demon, a tiger and the birds. When her father set fire to the convent, she put the fire out with a miracle and, when he ordered her execution, the sword broke as it touched her neck. After meditating for nine years on an island, she became a bodhisattva. Her father was made blind for his sins. She told him that he would regain his sight if he were to swallow the eyeballs of one of his children and, when none of his children was prepared to make the necessary sacrifice, she plucked out her own eyes and cut off her hands and sent them to her father. Her own eyes and hands were miraculously restored.

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the original name of Kuan Yin
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When Finn visited him, Midac invited him to a feast at the Quicken Trees Hostel and trapped him and some of the Fianna there. After two war parties had been killed by Innsa and Fiachna as they tried to cross the ford to reach the hostel, Midac himself led a third wave of attackers but they also fell under Fiachna’s sword. A spear thrown by Dermot, leading a relieving force, killed Midac who, with his dying effort, slew Fiachna.

Midach (see Miach)
Midas Greek
[Berecyntian Hero]
king of Phrygia
son of Gordius or Gorgias by Cybele, some say
It is said that a long line of ants fed him with wheat when he was in his cradle, a sign of wealth in the future. Midas had shown kindness to Silenus, the old tutor of Dionysus and the god repaid him by granting his wish that all he touched should turn to gold. He soon discovered it was not a good idea – his food became gold and he nearly starved to death. He was freed by Dionysus when he washed himself in the river Pactolus which thereafter had gold-bearing sands.

He was given the ears of an ass by Apollo when he objected to the god being adjudged the winner of a music contest with Marsyas or, some say, with Pan. His secret was betrayed by his barber who whispered it into a hole with Pan. His secret was betrayed by Dionysus when he walked himself in the river Pactolus which thereafter had gold-bearing sands. He abandoned his wife Fuamnàch and took Etain in her place but the jealous wife turned her into a butterfly. She was reborn to the wife of the chieftain, Etar, and later married Eochaid Airemh. Midir claimed her back and took her off to fairyland but Eochaid discovered their home in a fairy-mound and stormed it with his army. Midir then surrendered but produced fifty identical versions of Etain. Eochaid chose the one he thought was his wife but chose one who was, in fact, his own daughter.

Midir was sentenced to perform four tasks for his seduction of Etain: build a causeway across Lamrachmoor, clear the plains of Meath, fell the forest of Meagh and clear all the marshes in the country.

Another version says that Midir won Etain from Eochaid by beating him at chess. His magic cauldron was once stolen by Cuchulainn. The eye he lost when struck by a wand of hazel or holly was replaced by Dian Cecht.

When the Dagda resigned, Midir objected to the election of Bodb Dearg as leader of the Danaans and enlisted the Fianna to fight on his side in a battle. In some accounts, he was the father of Blathnaid.

Midgard Norse
Midgards.Midgarth.Migard]
middle-earth, home of the first humans
Midgard Serpent (see Iormungandr)
Midgadr (see Midgard)
Midgardormen (see Iormungandr)
Midgardormr (see Iormungandr)
Midgarthr (see Midgard)
Midhna Irish
father of Ailen
Midhir (see Midir)
Midhosa (see Midir)
son of Indra and Indrani
Midir Irish
[Mider.Midhir the Proud.Mithr=:British
Hercules=Welsh Arrawn]
a god of the underworld
brother or son of the Dagda
husband of Fuamnach
consort of Etain
father of Bri, Donn and Macha, some say
foster-father of Angus Og
Some say that he had a brother or son called Donn Tetscorach.
He abandoned his wife Fuamnach and took Etain in her place but the jealous wife turned her into a butterfly. She was reborn to the wife of the chieftain, Etar, and later married Eochaid Airemh. Midir claimed her back and took her off to fairyland but Eochaid discovered their home in a fairy-mound and stormed it with his army. Midir then surrendered but produced fifty identical versions of Etain. Eochaid chose the one he thought was his wife but chose one who was, in fact, his own daughter.

Midir was sentenced to perform four tasks for his seduction of Etain: build a causeway across Lamrachmoor, clear the plains of Meath, fell the forest of Meagh and clear all the marshes in the country.

Another version says that Midir won Etain from Eochaid by beating him at chess. His magic cauldron was once stolen by Cuchulainn. The eye he lost when struck by a wand of hazel or holly was replaced by Dian Cecht.

When the Dagda resigned, Midir objected to the election of Bodb Dearg as leader of the Danaans and enlisted the Fianna to fight on his side in a battle. In some accounts, he was the father of Blathnaid.
written oracles handed out at a Shinto shrine
Milka 
Russian
a farmer
Originally a god and lover of Maki-Syra-Zemlya, he appears in an epic poem as a hero of phenomenal strength.
Mikumari 
Japanese
a Shinto water-goddess daughter of Minato
Mikura-tana
(see Amaterasu)
Mil 
(see Milesius)
Mil Easpain 
(see Milesius)
Mil Easpaine 
(see Milesius)
Mil Espaine 
(see Milesius)
Mil Espane 
(see Milesius)
Mil the Black 
British
son of Dugum
He was killed by King Arthur.
Mila 
(see Milaraspa)
Mila Fu 
(see Mi-lo-fo)
Mila-re-pa 
(see Milarepa)
Milan 
Serbian
a knight
He and his friends Milosh and Ivan were thrown into prison by the Hungarian general, Voutcha. Marko rode to their rescue and captured both the general and his son, trading them for the release of his friends.
Milanion 
(see Melanion)
milano bird 
North American
a fabulous bird
Milaraspa 
(see Milarepa)
Milarepa 
Tibetan
[Mila(easpa),Mila-re-pa] (1038-1122)
a Buddhist saint and magician
a pupil of Mar-pa
When his uncle cheated him out of his inheritance, Milarepa used his powers to kill thirty-five members of his uncle's family, to create a huge scorpion that demolished his uncle's house and to cause great hailstorms that flattened the local crops.
Milcham 
Hebrew
the phoenix
Eve, having eaten of the forbidden fruit, tempted all living things to do likewise. Only the phoenix refused the temptation. 
Milcom 
(see Moloch)
Mile Easpain 
(see Milesius)
Miled 
(see Milesius)
Miledh 
(see Milesius)
Miles 
(see Myles)
Miles Hispaniae 
Irish
[Soldier of Spain]
the Roman name for Milesius
Mileians 
Irish
[Sons of Mil(ed)]
a tribe led by Milesius
The sixth and last invaders of Ireland who came with thirty-six ships to avenge the murder of Ith. The Danaans caused a storm which wrecked many of the invaders' ships and drowned many of their crews, but some got ashore. In the Battle of Tailtinn which ensued, the three kings of Ireland and their wives were killed. The defeated Danaans then retreated underground as fairies.
Milesius 
Irish
[Golamh,Mil (Espa(i)ne),Mile(e) Easpain(e),Miled(h),Miles Hispaniae]
a Scythian warrior, king of Spain son or grandson of Breoghan husband of Scotia
He was originally called Golamh. He went to Scythia and married Seang, the king's daughter. When she died, he went to Egypt where he met and married Scotia, daughter of the pharaoh. He killed the pharaoh and returned to Spain with an army to repel invaders.
He was said to have had two sons (Aireach and Donn) by his first wife, six more (Amergin, Colptha, Eber, Erannan, Eremon and I) by Scotia and many others as a result of affairs in Spain.
Ith, his uncle or, in some accounts, his grandfather, was killed by the three Danaan kings when he landed in Ireland. Milesius raised an army and invaded. He died before reaching the island and his wife died soon afterwards but his sons defeated the Danaans.
Milet 
Greek
dughter of Hops first wife of Aegaeus
Miletus 
Greek
[Deimoiades]
son of Apollo by Areia or Deione or, some say, by Acacallis or Pasiphae father of Byblis and Caunus by Cyanea He had an affair with Sarpedon, brother of Mimos, who banished them both from Crete.
Mii 
North American
a Zuni fetish
An object, an ear of corn decorated with the feathers of a macaw, which is buried with the body of a dead medicine-man.
miligma 
Greek
an offering to the god of the underworld
Milinda 
(see Menander)
Military Emperor 
(see Wu Ti)
Military King 
(see Wu Wang)
Militza 
Serbian
a tsarina wife of Lazar
She was seduced each night by a zmay but discovered that he feared another zmay, Vook. Her husband employed Vook who flew after the zmay and smashed him to earth with his club.
Milius 
Irish
a man who held St Patrick in bondage
When, in later years, he was told that St Patrick was returning, he immobilized himself.
Milkilu 
(see Abimilki)
Milkom 
(see Moloch)
Milky Way 
Central American
in Aztec lore, this galaxy was personified in the goddess Citlanlinicue or as Chicomexochtli
Milky Way 
Greek
a broad band of stars
Hera was induced into suckling the infant Heracles who had been abandoned and a spurt of milk from her breast was said to have formed the Milky Way.
Another story says that it is the trail blazed by Phaeton in his wild ride across the heavens in the chariot of his father, Helius.
Milky Way 
North American
the Cheyenne regard this band of stars as a 'hanging road', Ekutshimmiyo, between heaven and earth
Milky Way 
(see Bifrost,Irmin's Way)
Milla 
Irish
sister of lubhar wife of Cormac mother of Aban
Millet Prince 
(see Hou t'u)
Milo 
Greek
[Milon]
a 6th c BC athlete eaten by wolves
He could carry a cow on his shoulders, kill it with one blow of his fist and eat all of it in a day. When, in his late years, he tried to pull apart the two halves of a tree that was partly split, he trapped his hand and could not get free. He was helpless when a pack of wolves attacked and ate him.
Milo 
(see Mi-lo-f) 
Milon 
European
[ Milo(ne)]
a duke of Aiglant husband of Bertha father of Roland
He was banished by Charlemagne
when he secretly married the emperor's sister, Bertha. He left his wife and young son in a cave and set out to seek his fortune. He was drowned when trying to cross a ford or, in other accounts, was killed in battle by the Saracens in Spain.

Some stories say that Charlemagne fathered Roland on his sister, Bertha, and then married her off to Milon.

In a different version, Milon was a courtier at the court of King Hugon and he seduced the king's wife, Alif. She was locked in a dungeon by her husband for seven years until she was rescued by her son, Landres. Charlemagne, her brother, restored Alif to her proper position and had Milon thrown into the same dungeon which was full of snakes and toads.

Milon
two (see Milo\n) Serbian
brother of Potrashin and Voukashin

Disguised as a Bulgar he accompanied his uncle, Doushan, to claim the hand of Roksanda, daughter of Michael, king of Leyden. He killed three of the tsar's train when they tried to take his marvellous horse, Koulash, and took upon himself the tasks set by King Michael before he would part with his daughter. These involved killing the king's champion, leaping over three horses in line, shooting an arrow upon himself the tasks set by King Michael before he would part with his daughter. These involved killing the king's champion, leaping over three horses in line, shooting an arrow and his son, trading them for the release of his three friends.

Mi\nlo\nsh the Shepherd (see Milosh') Serbian

a prince

father of Iconia

Milton, John
inglish

(1608-1674)
a poet

He wrote Comus, Paradise Lost, etc

Milo\n
[Milosh of Potzerye] a knight

He was riding with Marko and Relya when they were set upon by Bogdan the Bully and twelve of his men. Marko captured all twelve and scared Bogdan into releasing his two friends who had been captured by Bogdan.

On another occasion, he was captured by General Voutcha, together with Ivan and Milan, but Marko came to their rescue.

He killed hundreds of the general's men and then captured the general and his son, trading them for the release of his three friends.

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Mi\nlu\n
[Miru] New Zealand

a troublesome Maori chieftain

father of Kumu-Tonga-I-Te-Po

He was condemned to be god of the underworld by Kane.

Mi\nlu\nchra\n
[Milu] Irish

a trickster-spirit of the Irish

Mi\nlu\nchradh

[see Milu] Irish

a trickster-spirit of the Irish

He was condemned to be god of the underworld by Kane.

Both sisters wanted Finn mac Cool as a husband and each was jealous of the other. Realising that Finn would never choose her, Milucra, in the shape of a hind, lured Finn to an enchanted lake where she turned him into a grey-haired old man. The Fianna dug down into Culann's fairy-mound where Aine gave Finn a drink that restored his youth but left him grey-haired.

Milo\nsh's Cave (see Lua-a-Miltu) Baltic

a Lithuanian giant-spirit

Mim\n
[see Mimir]

Mimallones (see Bachantes) Norse

Mimameid (see Mimameith)

Mimameidh (see Mimameith)

Mimameithr (see Mimameidh)

Mimsas Greek

a dwarf

one of the Earthborn Giants

son of Uranus and Gaea

He was killed in the war against the gods when Hephaestus buried him beneath Mount Vesuvius.

Mime

German

[Mimir].Modognir=Norse Regin]
a dwarf

brother of Alberich

He made the Helmet of Invisibility and the Ring of Power, used by Alberich, from some of the Rhinegold.

When the treasure fell into the hands of Fainir, Mime resolved to get it for himself. He set up a forge and started to make swords hoping to find a hero who would use one of them to kill Fainir. The distraught Sieglinde arrived on his doorstep with a young baby and died soon after showing Mime the pieces of the broken Sword of Need. Mime raised the boy, Siegfried, who later reforged the sword and killed the dragon Fafnir. When Mime tried to poison Siegfried to get the treasure for himself, Siegfried killed him.

Mimer

(see Mimir)

Mimer-Nidhad (see Mirim)

Mimi\n
[see Mimir]

Mimi\n
[see Mimir]

Miming\n
[see Mimir]

Mimingus

a smith-god

In some accounts, this sword was made by Volund for his son Heime; in others, Hoder stole this sword and used it to kill Balder.

In Germanic stories, Volund is Wieland and the son receiving Miming is called Wittich. In Thidreks saga, it is called Mimung and was owned by Vigda. In other accounts, this was the sword of Walther von Wagenstein.

(see also Mistilletein)

Miming\n
(see Mimingus)
Mimmingus Norse
[Minning]
a satyr of the woods and underworld
He was the owner of the magic sword, Mistilteinn, which was stolen by Hoder who used it to kill Balder.

Minmir Norse
[Hodmir,Memir,Mimr,-Nidhad, Mim(Mimir) a god of the primordial ocean a wise sea-giant guardian of the Well of Knowledge son of Aegir and Ran son of Bolthor, some say brother of Gymir
In some stories he was one of the hostages given to the Vanir and was decapitated by them when he refused to give them the secrets of the Aesir. His head was given to Odin who preserved it by magic, giving it the power of speech so that he could consult it when needed.

Minmir (see Mime)

Minisbrunn Norse
[Well of Knowledge]
the well below Yggdrasil in Asgard
In some accounts, this well was guarded by Minmir while others say that it came into being when Odin made a shrine there with the head of Minmir who had been decapitated by the Vanir and a spring erupted at that point. Others say that the head was placed next to Urda’s Well in Midgard. This was the well from which Odin drank to gain knowledge, giving up one of his eyes in payment. The eye was placed in the well.

Mimming (see Miming)
Mimir (see Mimir)
Miumung (see Miming)

Min Egyptian
[Ansu.Isna.Menu=Greek Priapus: =Roman Murinus: a ram-headed god of fertility, hunters, mines and nomads son of Ra or Shu by Isis consort of Qebedet He is regarded as an aspect of Amen and is depicted with an erect penis and wearing a headdress with two plumes.

Min Kyawzwa Burmese
a nat, spirit of wine and merrymaking

Min Magaye Burmese
[Magari.Mahagiri,Manung Tin De] a nat, a creator-diety brother of Hnit-ma-dawgyi husband of Shwe Ne Be uncle of Shin Ne Mi He was originally a blacksmith, Nga Tinze, and beame a deity when he and his sister were burned to death by the king, his brother-in-law.

In some accounts, his sister is Shwe Met-hna. He is regarded as an aspect of Amen

Mina Hindu
one of the signs of the Zodiac, Pisces the fish

Minabozho (see Manabozho)

Minaka-Nushi Japanese
[Ama-no-Minaka-Kushi. Amanominakanushi.Lord of the Centre of Heaven] a Shinto creator-god and pole-star god

He is regarded as the oldest of the five Separate Heavenly Deities and lives in the ninth heaven.

Minakshi Hindu
[Minaki] a fish goddess a sakti of Shiva daughter of Kubera mother of Ugra

She was said to have had three breasts, one of which disappeared when she met Shiva, and was reared as a boy. In some accounts, she was regarded as a warrior-maid who took over the world by conquest.

Minaki (see Minakshi)

Minamoto no Yorimasa

Minanatha Tibetan
[Lohipada.Luipa] the name for Matsyendra in Tibet

Minata-karaa South American
a supposed race in Brazil

These people were said to have had a hole in the head which emitted whistling sounds.

Minato Japanese
a Shinto river-god son of Izanagi and Izanami father of Mikumari

Minawara Australian
an ancestral hero of the Aborigines a kangaroo-man brother of Multulu

He and his brother appeared, when the primordial waters subsided, in the form of kangaroos and they created all the other living things on earth.

Mindi Australian
a name for the Rainbow Snake as the cause of disease

Minelaphos Greek
[Stag-Minos] a sacred stag worshipped by a Cretan cult

Minerva Roman
[Blue-eyed Maid.Cap(i)ta.Medica. Minerva=Nautia=British Sirl: =Etruscan Menrfa=Greek Athena] goddess of craftsmen, education, war and wisdom: one of the Olympians Originally she was seen as the daughter of the giant, Pallas, whom she killed when he tried to rape her.

In other versions, like Athena, she was born fully grown, from the head of Jupiter.

Minervalia Roman
festivals in honour of Minerva

Minghehe African
spirits of the Lele which live in the forest

Mina African
a primaeval serpent

This was the first thing to be created and its body was split into seven parts which were used by the creator to make the world and all that is in it.

Minghe a festival held in honour of Oho-kinunishi

A dragon carved from wood was said to have had its throat cut and thereafter no longer disturbed the inhabitants by crawling over the roofs of their houses. During the festival, the deity Oho-kinunishi rides through the streets on a horse made of bronze.

Mink North American
an animal which tried to find dry land so that Manabush could recreate the world after the flood

Mink died in the attempt, as did two other animals, Beaver and Otter. The only one to succeed was Muskrat.

Minma Mingara Australian
a woman who was turned to stone

Julana, the penis of Njirana, attacked this woman so she called up a pack of dogs which attacked Julana. Njirana then retracted his penis and they all turned to stone.

Minnehaha North American
[Laughing Water.Mni-haha] wife (or some say daughter) of Hiawatha

She was offered to the Great Spirit as a sacrifice and was taken up to heaven on the back of an enormous eagle. As a result, her father was able to unify the Five Nations.
These beings were said to be covered with hair and to have horns on their heads.

Minocan British
father of Belinus, some say

Minokichi Japanese
an apprentice of Mosaku
husband of Yuki
The phantom, Yuki-Onna appeared while Minokichi and his master slept. She killed Mosaku with her icy breath as she met and married Minokichi and they had ten children. He finally realised that she was the one who had spared the younger man. Later, in the form of Yuki, a beautiful maiden, she met and married Minokichi and they had ten children. He finally realised that she was the one who had killed his master, whereupon Yuki disappeared in a cloud of cold mist, never to return.

Minona African
da demi-goddess in Dahomey
guardian of women
She is variously referred to as the mother of Fa or of Mwu or as the mother or sister of Legba.

minores Roman
junior flamines chosen from plebeians

Minos Greek
[Europaeus] a king of Crete
son of Zeus by Europa
brother of Rhadamantys and Sarpedon
husband of Pasiphae
father of Acacallis, Androgeus, Ariadne, Catreus, Chryses, Deucalion, Euryale, Eurymedon, Glauces, Nephalion, Phaedra, Philolaus and Xenodice
He and his brothers were adopted by Asterius, king of Crete. They quarrelled over the youth Miletus and Rhadamantys and Sarpedon left the island. Minos claimed the throne on the death of Asterius and proved his right by inducing Poseidon to send a white bull that swam ashore from the sea.
His son Androgeus, on a visit to Aegeus, the king of Athens, was sent on an expedition to kill a dangerous bull and was himself killed. Minos blamed Aegeus for his son's death and invaded Athens. In settlement he demanded that seven youths and seven maidens be sent to Crete every year (or every nine years) to be handed over as victims to the Minotaur, the offspring of his wife Pasiphae and the bull which he kept hidden in the labyrinth built by Daedalus. When Theseus came to Crete as one of the sacrificial victims, Minos threw his ring into the sea and challenged Theseus to prove that he was the son of Poseidon by retrieving the ring. With the help of the Nereids, Theseus recovered the ring quite easily.
He was said to be the father of a calf that changed colour three times each day from white, to red, to black. Pasiphae, enraged by his affairs with other women, gave him a potion that caused him to infect any woman he made love to. When Procris cured him, he gave her the dog Laelaps and an unerring spear.
He locked Daedalus and his son Icarus in the labyrinth and scourged the Minotaur with that name. In this version, Minos, becoming the second king of Crete with that name. In this version, Minos, one of many in mythology said to be the father of a calf that changed colour three times each day from white, to red, to black. Pasiphae, enraged by his affairs with other women, gave him a potion that caused him to infect any woman he made love to. When Procris cured him, he gave her the dog Laelaps and an unerring spear.
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In some accounts, the head of Minos, one of many in mythology said to act as an oracle, was taken to Scandinavia by the Norse god, Odin. In another version, one son of Minos was called Lycaestus and he had a son by Ida who was also called Minos, becoming the second king of Crete with that name. In this version, it was this grandson of Minos the First who married Pasiphae and his grandfather was married to Ithona.

Minotaur Greek
[Asterion.Asterius.Minotaurus]
a monster
A bull-headed man or a man-headed bull born to Pasiphae after she mated with Poseidon's white bull. It was shut up in the labyrinth built on Crete by Daedalus and was fed on the seven youths and seven maidens given every year (or every nine years) by the Athenians as compensation to Minos for the death of his son at their hands. Theseus offered himself as one of these youths and killed the monster.
In some accounts, the monster was the offspring of Europa.

Minotaur Greek
[Bull-Minos.Minotaurus]
the sacred bull worshipped by a Cretan cult

Minotaurus (see Minotaur)

Minotragos Greek
[Goat-Minos]
the sacred goat worshipped by a Cretan cult

Mintha (see Minthe)

Minthe Greek
[Menthe.Mintha]
a nymph, one of the Naiads
daughter of Coetus and Peitho
She was changed into the mint plant by Persephone to foil an attack by Hades.
An alternative version says that she was a mistress of Hades and the jealous Persephone trampled her to death, whereupon she was changed into mint.

Minu (see Meni)

Minu-anni Meopotamian
[Minu-ullu] a name for Ishtar as a goddess of fate

Minu-ullua (see Minu-anni)

Minuæa (see Minyans)

Minye (see Minyans)

Minyans Greek
[Minuæae.Minyae] the descendants of Minyas: a name for the Argonauts

Minyas Greek
king of Thessaly
son of Chryses
son or father of Orchomenus, some say
father of Aleithoe, Alsippe, Leucippe and Periclymena
father of Clymene, some say

All his daughters, except one, were turned into bats (or birds) by Dionysus for refusing to join his revels. Others say that the god drove them mad so that they killed Leucippe's son, Hippusus, and the horrified Maenads put all three sisters to death.

Some say that his daughter Clymene became the second wife of Cephalus.

Mio Cid (see El Cid)

Miodach (see Midae)

Miodchaoin (see Mochaen)

Miodhchain (see Mochaen)
When he tried to regain possession of it, she said that she would marry him if he could defeat all the Knights of the Round Table. Gawain persuaded all the knights to co-operate and Torec was able to appear victorious and claimed Mirauda's hand.

Mircuros (see Mercury)

Mirren (see Fate)

Mirmu

a war-god of the Buganda

son of Musaka

brother of Kirabura and Nende

Mirk

(see Abominable Snowman)

Mirkwood

German

the forest separating the lands of the

Germanic tribes from those of the

barbarians to the east

Miro

(see Miroku)

Miroet

a Knight of the Round Table

son of Alvarez

brother of Kamelin

Miroku

Japanese

[Buddhist Messiah.Miros=Chinese Hsiao Fo.Mio-lo-fo.Pu T’ai Ho-shang:

=Hindu Kalki=Japanese Miroku]

the Japanese version of Maitreya

(see also Hotel’)

Mirquisros

(see Mercury)

Mimirrmina

Australian

[Mirimunin.Mirrinima.Muruwul]

a water-hole, home of Yurlungur

Mimirrmina

(see Mirrimina)

Mirror of Matsuyama

Japanese

a mirror in which a young girl saw the

face of her dead mother

Mirror of Retribution

Buddhist

a mirror in hell

The wandering spirit sees itself in this

mirror; the good see themselves as

as they are while the evil see themselves as

beasts.

Mira

Russian

a Caucasian and Georgian god of light

Mirs

Mesopotamian

[Mirsu]

a name for Tammuz as a god of

irrigation

Mira1

Pacific Islands

the Polynesian goddess of the dead

mother of Tau Tati

She lives in the underworld, Hawaika.

Her daughters, the Tapairus, are sent to the upper world to ensnare mortals and take them to Hawaika where their mother cooks and eats them.

Mira2

(see Milu)

Mir-me

Japanese

[Mirume]

a female double-faced head

This object, capable of divining

secrets, assists Emma-O in the

judgment of souls in the underworld.

It is placed to the right of his throne and sees everything.

(see also Kagu-hana)

Miruk

Korean

[=Chinese Hsiao Fo.Mio-lo-fo=Buddhist Maitreya=Hindu Kalki=Japanese Miroku]

a creator-god

He is said to have created the earth,

pushing heaven and earth apart and

supporting the heavens with a copper

pillar at each corner. He created men

and women from insects which appeared in the silver and gold trays which he held while praying to heaven.

After many struggles with Sokka, the force of evil, he left the world to its own sinful ways.

Mirume

(see Miru-me)

Mis

Irish

daughter of Daire Donn

sister of Eochaid mac Maireadha

wife of Caomhghin

When her father was killed in battle with the Fianna, she drank his blood and went mad, living like a wild animal. The harper Dubh Rosi charmed her with his music and seduced her. She then regained her looks and her reason and married Dubh.

Mise

Greek

da minor goddess

In some accounts, she is referred to as bisexual.

Miseke

African

a maiden who married the thunder-

god of the Banyarwanda

Misenus

Greek

a Trojan, trumpeter to Aeneas

He was a companion of Hector who escaped with Aeneas at the fall of Troy.

He died on the long voyage that took the escapees to a new home in Italy. Some say that he was drowned by one of the Tritons who was jealous of his prowess as a trumpeter.

Misericordia

Greek

[Eleos]

goddess of mercy

a child of Erebus and Nyx

Misharu

(see Misharu)

Miche-Nahmo

North American

a monster in the form of a huge fish

This monster was overcome by Hiawatha.

Mish-Mokwa

(see Great Bear)

Mishna

(see Mishnah)
Mistral

Mitana


Mistillteinn

Norse

Mistotsozini

African

Mitottus

Greek

Mita

Japanese

Mitotsozini

Japanese

Mitstad

Japanese

Mitinal

Central American

a Mayan god of the underworld

Mito-komon

(see Tokugawa)

Mitosh

Japanese

a god of agriculture, guardian of farmers

Mitothin

(see Mjotudr-inn)

Mitra

Hindu

[‘light of day’: Persian Mithra: =Roman Mithras]

a sun-god, god of the sky, ruler of the day

one of the Adityas

brother of Aryaman and Varuna

Shiva lost his temper when excluded from a sacrifice by Daksha and wounded many of those present. Mitra had his eyes gouged out.

He is one of three judges who weigh souls in the underworld and is said to have 1,000 eyes and ears.

Mitra

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian sun-god

Mitra

(see Mithra)

Mitsusuzumi

Japanese

an amulet worn to protect from fire, flood and theft

Mitsumine

Japanese

an amulet, in the form of a dog, worn to protect from robbery

Mitys

Greek

a man who was murdered

A statue erected to commemorate Mitys exacted retribution when it fell on the murderer, killing him.

Miu

Central American

a deaf god

He forgot the date of a meeting of the gods and arrived a day late, causing much laughter among the other deities when they heard about it.

Miwai

Japanese

a deity of springs and wells

Mixcoatl

Central American

[Cloud Serpent.Iztacmixco(hu)atl.
Sky Father]

the Aztec god of hunting

son of Chihuacoatl

father of Huitzilopochtl

by Coatlicue
father of Quetzalcoatl by Xochiquetzal
In some accounts, his wife was
Ilamatecuiti who bore seven sons.
Others give his wife as Chimalmatl by
whom he fathered Ce Acatl.
Some say he was the father of
Tezcatlipoca, others that they were
the same.
He is depicted with white stripes
covering his body or with the features
of an animal and is sometimes
accompanied by a deer with two heads.
Mixcoatl-Camaxtli Central American
an Aztec war-god, god of fire and the
hunt
a form of Tezcatlipoca as fire-god
(see also Camaxtli)
miya (see yashiro)
Miya-jima Japanese
a celestial paradise
Miyake (see Miyadzu)
Miyatanzipas Mesopotamian
a Hittite grain-god
Miyadzu Japanese
[Miyake]
a princess
O-Uso-No-Makoto fell in love with
her and so neglected his wife,
Otorachibana, that she committed
suicide to leave him free. When he
realised what he had lost, Yamato lost
interest in Miyadzu.
Miyazu Japanese
a guardian-goddess of the royal family
consort of Susanowa, some say
Myane Buddhist
one of the six regions shown on the
second ring of the Tibetan Wheel of
Life, the Sipa Khorlo
Miyolangsangma Tibetan
a goddess of Mount Everest
one of the Five Long Life Sisters,
some say
She was originally an angry Bon
deity and was adopted into Buddhism.
The Tibetans give Everest the name,
Chomulungma.
Miosis Greek
[Mios.Mysis]
the Greek name of Mios
Miyul Tibetan
one of the six regions shown on the
second ring of the Tibetan Wheel of
Life, the Sipa Khorlo
This is the Buddhist realm of mankind,
site of the temple.
Mizan Arabic
the Zodiacal sign, Libra (scales)
Mizaru Japanese
[Mi-suru]
one of the Three Mystic Apes
He is depicted with his hands covering
his eyes as ‘he who sees no evil’.
Mizgitari
a demon associated with eagles
mizimu African
ancestral spirits of the Swahili
Mizkun
a demon of amulets
Mizu-Ha-No-Me Japanese
a Shinto water-goddess
She was born from the urine of
Izanami when she was dying.
Mjoduinitir (see Mjoduinitir)
Mjolnir (see Mjolnir)
Mjollner (see Mjolnir)
Mjolnir (see Mjolnir)
Mjotudr-inn Norse
[Mjolnir]
an early god
He was said to have impersonated
Odin during the latter’s absence and
fled, when Odin returned, to Finland
where, some say, he was killed.
He is regarded as an aspect of the
treacherous Loki.
Mkana Nyifwa African
a name of Tilo as ‘eternal’
mkisi (see nkisi)
Mkulumbcande African
[Great First One]
a creator-god of the Swazi people
Mlauch Roman
an Etruscan deity
Mlangeri African
[People of the Sun]
the family of the Swazi king who is a
descendant of the sun.
Mlenjavava African
a name of Tilo as ‘maker of rain’
Mlengi (see Tilo)
Mlen tengamunye African
a messenger god of the Swazi people
Mlezi African
a name of Tilo as ‘giver of food’
Mlk (see Moloch)
Mlk-ab-Anm Canaanite
a name of El as ‘master of time’
Mlk-Amuklos Semitic
a hero-god
mlungu African
[chohile]
in Tanzania, a high god
Mm British
a Celtic goddess
consort of Aywell
mmoatia African
[=Brazil saci:=Dahomey azizan:
>Surinam apuku:=Yoruba ijimere]
dwarf sorcerers or forest spirits
of the Ashanti
mna siddh Irish
a collective term for goddesses
Mne Seraphim
a name for Bne Seraphim used by
William Blake
father of Thel
Mneume Greek
one of the Muses when there were
said to be only 3 of them
Mnemosyne Greek
[‘memory’]
a Titaness
goddess of memory
daughter of Uranus and Gaea
mother of the Muses by Zeus
Mnesileos Greek
son of Polydeuces by Phoebe
Mnesimache Greek
daughter of Dexamenes
She was abducted by the Centaur,
Centaurus, but Heracles arrived in time
to kill the Centaur and save her.
Mnevis (see Mnevis)
Mnevis Egyptian
Merur.Mer-wer.Mnies.Nemur]
a sacred black bull representing Atum:
the bull of Ra: Ra incarnate as
a bull
Where the Apis bull had a white patch
on its head, the Mnevis bull was all
black.
Mni-haha (see Minnehaha)
Mo-Aedoc (see Maodhog)
Mo-Caemoc Irish
[Mo Caemoc.Mochaomhog]
a hermit
He sheltered the Children of Lir after
their sojourn at sea and baptised them
before they died.
Mo Caemoc (see Mo-Caemoc)
Mo-ho Chia-yeh (see Ma-ho Chia-yeh)
Mo-Id (see Ide)
Mo-li-chi (see Maritchi)
Mo-li Ch’ing Chinese
[Land Bearer:=Buddhist Ch’ih
Kuo:=Hindu Dharatrashthra:=
>Japanese Jikoku:
>Taoist deity, one of the Four
Diamond Kings
He is guardian of the east and owns
the magic sword, Blue Cloud, which
he uses to produce a host of flying
spears to kill his enemies or a fire to
burn them to death.
He is depicted with a white face and
holding a ring and a spear.
Mo-li Hai Chinese
[Far-Gazer:=Buddhist Kuang Mzu:=Hindu
Virupaksha:=Japanese Zocho]
Moertholl

a Taoist deity, one of the Four Diamond Kings
He is guardian of the west and is depicted with a blue face and holding a guitar, the music of which can destroy his enemies by fire.

Mo-li Hung Chinese
[Lord of Growth]=Buddhist Tseng
Chang=Hindu Virudhaka
=Japanese Konoku
a Taoist deity, one of the Four Diamond Kings
He is guardian of the south and is depicted with a red face and holding an umbrella with which he can cause storms and darkness.

Mo-li Shou Chinese
[Well-Famed]=Buddhist To Wen=Hindu Vaishravana=Japanese Bishamon
a Taoist deity, one of the Four Diamond Kings
He is guardian of the north and is depicted with a black face and holding two whips, a pearl and a bag made of panther skin which holds the rat, Hua-hu Tiao.

Mo-yech Chinese
father of Fo-hsi
His wife, while walking beside a river, found herself encircled by a rainbow. She dreamt that she was pregnant with a white elephant and, twelve years later, her son Fo-hsi was born.

Moa Pacific Islands
son of Salevao and Papa
He was said to have been born in the centre of the earth. In some accounts he is the progenitor of mankind.

Moan Central American
a Mayan vulture-spirit
This spirit was regarded as the harbinger of death.

Moana-Irakau Pacific Islands
the ocean home of the wind-god Raka
In the coconut which is the universe, this place is situated below the Hollow Grey Rocks, home of Tumatea.

Moaner (see Ochain)

Mobbli (see Becharn)

Mobog East Indian
a ceremony in Borneo to drive evil spirits from a village
A pig, carried in a basket on the back of a woman, is beaten to make it squeal. The noise attracts the spirits who then follow the procession down to the river where they are set adrift on a raft.

Moccas (see Moccus)

Moccus Roman
[Mocho]
a Celtic swine-god in Gaul

Mochae Irish
[Michan.Mieldhichhair]
a fierce warrior
father of Aedh, Conn and Corca
He was dedicated to preventing anyone from shouting on his hill, Cnoc Moidheachain, and he and his three sons killed Brian and his brothers Iuchar and Iucharba, the sons of Turenn, when they raised a shout in performing the tasks imposed for the murder of Cian. He and his sons were also killed in the fight.

Mochaidh a saint
While collecting firewood, he stopped to listen to a bird sing three separate songs. On returning to his monastery, he found everything had changed – each song had lasted for fifty years.

Mochahog (see Mo-Caemoc)

Mocha Irish
[Carthach]
a saint
He performed many miracles, including an instantaneous journey, in a flaming chariot provided for him by an angel, to administer the last rites to a dying king.
He and his followers were ejected from their monastery by the highking, Blathmac at the instigation of other abbots jealous of his influence.

mockingbird North American
in Hopi lore, the bird who allocated men, as they emerged from the underworld, to a particular tribe
It is said that, when the mockingbird ran out of songs, those who were still unallocated to a tribe returned to the underworld.

Mocumin Scottish
a servant of Columba
He was saved from the clutches of the Laidly Beast by the timely intervention of his master.

Mod Irish
a friend of Manannan
He was killed by a wild boar.

modaka Hindu
a cake used in sacrificial rites

Moddey Dhuo (see Mautha Dog)

Modeina Polish
a woodland deity

Modgud (see Modgud)
Norse
a skeleton-like figure guarding the crystal bridge leading over the river Giall to Niflheim
In some accounts Modgud is a pale maiden guarding the bridge.

Modgudr (see also Modgud)

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Modi Norse
[‘courage’]
son of Thor by Iarnsaxa
brother of Magnus
He and his brother survived Ragnarok.

Modimo African
a creator-god of the Tswana people

Modir Norse
[‘mother’]
wife of Fadir
mother of Jarl
She bore Jarl to Heimdall when he visited earth as Riger.

Modjadji (see Mujaji)

Modo British
da demon in King Lear

Modolf Norse
one of the men with Flosi when they killed the Njalssons and burnt their house

Modred (see Mordred)

Modron Welsh
[=Celtic Matrona]
a mother-goddess and river-goddess daughter of Axlalac
wife of Urien, some say mother of Owain
Some accounts equate her with Morgan le Fey and make her the mother of Owain by Urien.
(see also Lady of Little Van Lake)

Modrwy Eluned British
the ring of Eluned
This ring, which could make the wearer invisible, became one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

Modsognir Norse
Mime (or Mimir) as king of the dwarfs

Moe Pacific Islands
a Tahitian deity

Moel Arthur British
a hill in Wales where, it is said, King Arthur’s palace once stood

Moelo African
founder of the Bushongo son of Bomazi
twin of Wuto

Moen (see Labraid Loiseach.Maon)

Moera (see Mo era)

Moertholl (see Freya)
Irish

Mogh Ruith

He entered a sailing race organised by Moikeha, a Hawaiian prince, who was the wind-god in the guise of an old man, won the race and, with it, the hand of Punah’s daughter, Ho’o Ipo, who bore him seven sons.

Moin [Norse]

A dwarf

Moirai [Greek]

The Fates

These three sisters, born of Nyx alone or fathered by Erebos on Nyx or by Zeus on Themis, control the fate of humans. Clotho spins the web of life, Lachesis measures it and Atropos cuts it with her shears. Some say that they invented the alphabet.

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Molaise [see also Nirvana.Sangssara] friend of Maodhog

Molke

Moloch

Molech

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Molino [African]

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His original name is given as Ivoine. He performed this trick at the Battle of Fochaird and later helped Fiachu to defeat the invading forces of Cormac of Fochaird and later helped Fiachu to defeat the invading forces of Cormac mac Airt. In later centuries, it was said that he was a pupil of the sorcerer, Simon Magus, and had beheaded St John the Baptist.

Mokoros [see Mokons]

Mokosh [malevolent. This deity, the protector of women, was sometimes helpful, sometimes malevolent.

Moksha [Sanskrit mukti] deliverance: release from the cycle of rebirth

Moloi

a fertility-goddess

Molonia [see Aín]

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Mokoro [Pacific Islands]

Mokoiro [Pacific Islands]

Mokos [Slav]

A Pict

One of the 7 children of Cruithne

When Cruithne divided Scotland between his children,莫reabh was given Moray.

Mole Prey-god [North American]

The first man in the lore of Zaire

Mokalilo

Mokoro [Pacific Islands]

Moihe Ruau [see Ruamokoko]

Molione

Mokolino

Molione

a fertility-goddess
Moliones
Greek
[Molionidae]
the giants Cteatus and Eurytus
sons of Actor and Molione
They were Siamese twins and their
real father was Poseidon.
Molionidae (see Moliones)
Mollac (see Ain)
Moloch (see Ain)
Moloch May (see Maid of the Hairy Arms)
Molsognir Norse
the first dwarf to be made
Molmutius British
a king of Cornwall
He was said to have killed Pinner, king
of England.
Moloc (see Moloch)
Moloc¹ Mesopotamian
Molus1
an Ammonite god to whom children
were sacrificed by fire
In some versions, the rite itself.
He is depicted holding a sceptre, with
ram’s horns or with the head of an ox.
In some accounts he is identified
with Melkarth.
Moloc² English
a rebel angel in Milton’s Paradise Lost
Moloch² a demon
In black magic he is one of the
Grand Dignitaries.
Molokh (see Moloch)
moloki African
a sorcerer among the Bangala
Molochrus Greek
a peasant who gave shelter to Heracles
when he was searching for the
Nemean Lion
Molossus¹ Greek
son of Pyrrhus by Andromache
Molossus² Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the
hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she
turned him into a stag. His hounds,
including Molossus, tore him to pieces.
Molpe Greek
one of the Sirens
Molua Irish
[Lugaid]
A saint
son of Carthach and Sochla
In some accounts, he was abandoned
as a baby and found by St Congall
who gave him instruction. He was said to
be able to light a candle merely by
breathing on it but was himself
unaffected by fire. On one occasion he
freed a man from prison by offering a
ransom of wheat grains that looked
like gold but which reverted to their
natural state later.
Molus¹ Greek
brother of Idomenus
father of Meriones and Molione
Molus² Greek
an illegitimate son of Deucalion
Moly a magical herb
This was the herb given to Odysseus
by Hermes to ward off the charms of
Circe.
Moma South American
a creator-god and moon-god of the
Uitoto Indians
Having created mankind he was killed
and became god of the underworld.
Mombo Wa Ndholipfu African
an ancestral god in Mozambique
He sometimes appears as a snake.
Mombu West Indian
[Maitresse Mombu]
a female Haitian voodoo spirit
Momchilo (see Momtchilo)
Mommu (see Mummu)
Mommur British
the capital city of fairyland, ruled
by Oberon
Momo¹ (see Eire)
Momo² (see Mommu)
Momos (see Mommu)
Momotaro Japanese
a hero
He was born from a large peach found
floating in the river by a poor childless
woman. When he grew up, he
journeyed to Onigashima, an island
inhabited by demons who had seized
many young maidens and stolen
much treasure.
Helped by a monkey, a dog and a
pheasant, he killed all the demons
except their king, Akandoji, whom he
took prisoner. He returned home with
the stolen treasure which he gave to
his foster-parents.
Momoye (see Kino Momoye)
Momtchilo Serbian
[Momchilo]
a noble
His wife, Vidossava, deserted him for
Voukashin who then set an ambush in
which the nine brothers of Momtchilo
were killed while he escaped, only to
be killed at the gates of his own castle.
Dying, he warned Voukashin not to
trust a woman who had betrayed her
husband and so Voukashin had
Vidossava torn apart by horses.
Momu Afghan
a Hopi bee-spirit
Momur French
the fairy realm ruled by Oberon
Momus Greek
the god of mockery and ridicule
son of Erebus and Nyx
He constantly criticised the gods and
even complained about the noise
made by Aphrodite walking. He was
eventually evicted from heaven.
Mon Afghan
a hero, weather-god and water-god of
the Kafir
son of Imra
He rescued the gods, sun and moon
which had been locked up by giants in
a house made of gold. His function is
to defend man, whom he helped to
create, from demons.
He is envisaged as a huge giant who
lives in a lake surrounded by flame and
may be depicted as a human with a
bow and arrow, a standing stone or a
fire-breathing bull.
Mon-da-moin North American
[Mondamin]
a maize-spirit of the Algonquins
He was a handsome youth, sent from
heaven, who was killed by a mortal.
Maize sprang from his grave when the
killer buried him.
Monad a spirit: god: a divine spark
Monan South American
a creator-god of the Tupi
He tried to exterminate the human
race with fire. When a magician
caused rain to fall to put the fire out, it
caused the flood.
Moncha Irish
mother of Fiachu Muilleathan
Her father, a druid, persuaded her to
sleep with Eoghan who he knew was
doomed to die in battle on the
following day. She did so and her son
was born posthumously. It was said
that she deliberately delayed the birth
to a more appropriate day by sitting
in the river, an effort from which she
died.
Mondamin (see Mon-da-moin)
Mondoro African
in the lore of the Shona, a spiritual lion
This animal appears when danger
threatens and fights on the side of
the tribe. The good, when they die, become lions and fight on the side of their kinfolk.

**Moneiba** Canary Islands

a goddess on Hierro, protector of women

**Moneneque** [Monenequy]
a name for Tezcatlipoca as Claimer of Prayer

**Monenequi** (see Moneneque)

**Monenna** (see Moninne)

**Monenai** (see Moninne)

**Moneta** Roman

[a-African Aje]
a goddess of prosperity, an aspect of Juno.

She appeared in the form of a hen.

**Mong Hsang** Burmese

beard, the home of Hkun Hsan Long

**Mongan** Irish

king of Ulster

son of Fiachna Lurgan or Manannan by Cantigern

husband of Dubh Lacha

father of Sideng

When Fiachna was fighting the Saxons, Manannan seduced his wife who, in some accounts was Cantigern, threatening that Fiachna would die in battle if she refused him. The result of this union was Mongan. Manannan took him to the Otherworld and taught him the magic arts.

Another version of his birth has it that Fiachna was in Scandinavia and obtained, from an old woman, a cow needed to cure Eolgarg, the king, who was sick. Later, the king refused to compensate the owner of the cow and Fiachna invaded his country. When his army was repelled by Eolgarg, Manannan intervened and gave Fiachna victory and was allowed to sleep with Fiachna’s wife as reward. Mongan was born of this union and Manannan taught him the magic arts.

As a young man, Mongan had forecast that a particular pebble on the beach would cause his death. Years later, one of the Britons defeated by Mongan picked up the stone as they fled back to their ships and, using it in his sling, killed Mongan.

Some say that Mongan was a reincarnation of Finn mac Cool.

**Mongfind** (see Mongfhinn)

**Monghinn** Irish

[sister of Criomhthann]

second wife of Eochaid Mugi

She abandoned her step-son Niall as a baby and tried several times to kill him when he was a boy.

When her husband died, her brother Criomhthann took the throne but her four sons took over while he was away and divided the kingdom between themselves. When Criomhthann returned, she gave him a poisoned drink but she was forced to share it and died with her brother.

**Mongbel** British

[Mount Etna]
a mountain in Sicily

In some accounts, this was the site to which Morgan le Fay proposed to take King Arthur when he was wounded in his final battle with Mordred. Others say that the king was taken there and was seen alive.

**Monimios** Meopotamian

[Monimios=Arab Arsu]
in Syria, a star-god, the evening star personified (see also Azzizos)

**Moninne** Irish

[Darae..Monennai(i).Sarbhile] a saint

daughter of Mochta and Coman

She was credited with a number of miracles including making a dumb poet speak.
by shooting his arrows into the giant's armpit, the only part of his huge body not covered by black armour.

Monster Slayer (see Nayaneczgan)

Monsters of the Night Mesopotamian offspring of Benani and Meliti. These bird-bodied monsters, led by Kingu, helped Tiamat in her fight with Marduk.

Monstorum Historia a 17th c book about mythical birds and beasts

Mont (see Menthu, Month) the site in France where King Arthur fought a large, wild cat

Montalban European

[Montauban] Rinaldo's castle

Montauban (see Montalban)

Montezuma¹ Central American a trickster god of the Aztecs, later god of the underworld

Montezuma² Central American an Aztec ruler brother of Papan

His sister was said to have returned from the dead to warn him of the coming invasion by the Spaniards.

Montezuma³ North American

the first man, in the lore of the Papago Great Mystery formed men from clay and the first man was Montezuma. All except Montezuma and Coyote were later destroyed in the flood but Great Mystery repopulated the earth after the waters had subsided. Montezuma came to regard himself as all-powerful and even challenged Great Mystery by building a tower to reach the heavens – like the Tower of Babel. Great Mystery destroyed the tower with an earthquake and, as in the story of Mystery destroyed the tower with an evil eye. Great Mystery formed men from clay and the first man was Montezuma. All except Montezuma and Coyote were later destroyed in the flood but Great Mystery repopulated the earth after the waters had subsided. Montezuma came to regard himself as all-powerful and even challenged Great Mystery by building a tower to reach the heavens – like the Tower of Babel. Great Mystery destroyed the tower with an earthquake and, as in the story of

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Month¹ Central American

a Mayan creator-god

Month¹ Greek [Mont] the Greek version of the Egyptian Menthu

Monthu (see Menthu)
America), bruises caused when the moon was given a beating (Tierra del Fuego). In places as far apart as India, Japan, Mexico and Tibet, the shadows are seen as spots on the fur of the hare that lives in the moon.

**Moon-bearer** (see Tlehanooai)

**Moon Brother**  *Inuit*

a boy who became the moon

brother of Sun Sister

When he became the clandestine lover of his sister, she identified him by putting paint or soot on her hands. She was so horrified at the discovery that she fled to the heavens where she became the sun. The boy chased after her but, failing to catch her, became the moon.

**Moon-chief**  *African*

da deity of the Chaga

His people were rather backward and he was happy to reward Murile with many cattle when he came up from the earth and told them how to make fire.

**Moon Child**  *Japanese*

a divine maiden

She was banished from the moon for some misdemeanour and grew up in the home of a humble bamboo-cutter. She was banished from the moon for some misdemeanour and grew up in the home of a humble bamboo-cutter. After rejecting all suitors, including even the emperor, she was allowed to return to her home in the sky.

**Moon-children** (see Gletivi)

**moon-dew**

a magical potion made from menstrual blood and used by witches

**Moon Feast** (see Capac Situa)

**Moon Lady** (see Heng O)

**Moon-man** (see T’apara)

**Moon Rama** (see Rama’)

**Moon Rejoicer** (see Rama’)

**Moon Spirit** (see T’arqeq)

**Moonremur**  *Irish*

a warrior of Ulster

He was one of those present at Mac da Tho’s Feast.

**Moonsade** (see Chaya Bulan)

**Moore**  *Irish*

a young noble

When he discovered that his mother had been seduced by a sea-being to produce him, he rode his horse into the sea and disappeared.

**Moose** (see O-yun-do-ne)

**Moose Dog** (see Pono-Kamita)

**Moowis**  *North American*

a snowman which came to life

Elegant nearly died of grief when the maiden, Handsome, rejected his love, so he made a snowman which he bedecked with feathers and fine clothes and then gave it life, calling it Moowis. The maiden fell in love with Moowis and accompanied him when he left on a long journey. As the days grew warmer, Moowis melted in the heat of the sun and the girl was left with nothing but a heap of feathers.

**mopaditis**  *Australian*

spirits of the Aboriginal dead

**Mopsos**  *(see Mopsus)*

**Mopsus¹**  *Greek*

a prophet

son of Apollo or Rhacius by Manto

He entered into a contest with another seer, Calchas, who died of grief when he lost.

He quarrelled with Amphilochus and each killed the other when they fought.

In some accounts, he is the same as Mopsus, the Argonaut.

**Mopsus²**  *Greek*

son of Ampyx and Chloris

He took part in the battle between the Centaurs and the Lapiths and in the hunt for the Calydonian Boar; he also sailed with the Argonauts as soothsayer. When their ship was blown ashore in Libya, he was killed as a result of treading on a snake which bit him.

Some say that he is the same person as Mopsus, son of Apollo.

**Mopsus³**  *Greek*

a shepherd

He is said to have made an unlikely marriage to the beautiful Nisa.

**Moqueryeloa**  *Central American*

an aspect of Tetzcatlipoca as ‘mocker’

**Moqwaot**  *North American*

ruler of the dead

brother of Manabush

In the lore of the Menominee, he was killed by one of the underworld spirits, the anamqikiu who dragged Moqwaot under the sea, so causing the flood. His ghost was sent to Manabush to become the ruler of the dead.

**Mor¹**  *British*

an ancestor of Merlin

son of Ceneu

**Mor²**  *Irish*

a sun-goddess associated with Munster

**Mor³**  *Welsh*

a name for Dylan

**Mor Mumhan**  *Irish*

daughter of Aedh Beannan

After wandering for two years in a state of madness, she married the king of Munster, Cathal mac Fionghuine (or mac Aodha).

Other accounts say that she was the wife of Donncha Daoi but left him, taking their four children with her. When they grew up and left her, she went in search of Donncha but failed to find him and died a lonely old woman.

**Mor-Rhioghain** (see Morrigan)

**Mor-Rioghán** (see Morrigan)

**Mora**  *(see Domovikha)*

**Moraen** (see Moriaen)

**Morain**  *British*

the kingdom of Mangoun

**Moran** (see Morann)

**Morana**  *Slav*

a winter-goddess and goddess of death

**Morann**  *Irish*

a druid

son of Cahirbe Cateheann

His father gave instructions for him to be drowned but he was saved and reared by the smith Maon to become a famous judge, deciding, amongst other things, who should be foster-father to Cuchulainn.

It is said that he could place the remnants of the caul with which he had been born (Morann’s collar) round the neck of an accused person whom it would strangle if that person were guilty.

**Morant**  *British*

a giant

In some stories, he is the king of Ireland and Morholt is an ally; in others, the king is Anguish and Morholt is his brother-in-law; in others, Morant and Morholt are the same person. *(see also Morholt)*

**Morant** (see Morant)

**Moravaya Panna**  *Slav*

da demon of pestilence in the form of a black woman

**Morax** *(Foraii.Forax)*

da demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He appears as a bull-headed man who, it is said, can teach the sciences.

**Morborgran**

an evil spirit

He is depicted in the role of a servant.
Morc

Irish

[Moreca]
a king of the Fomoire
son of Dela
brother of Slaiae
After Conan mac Fehar was killed, Morec led the Fomoire in their defeat of the Nemedians.
Morca

(see Morec)
Morchades

(see Morgause)
Morda

[Modru]
a blind man
He was employed by Ceridwen to keep the fire going under the cauldron in which she was preparing the magic brew that would endow her ugly son Avagadda with supernatural knowledge.
Mordaf

[Welsh]
one of a triad of generous gods with Nudd and Rhydderch
Mordains

(see Mordrain)
Mordrain

[British]
the name taken by Evelake when he was baptised as a Christian
Mordo-khan

[Siberian]
a rain-god
Mordred

[British]
[Mardoc.
Medraut.
Medrawd.
Medrawt]
a Knight of the Round Table
brother of Agravain, Gaheris, Gareth and Gawain
cousin, nephew or son of King Arthur father of Melehan
In some accounts he was the incestuous son of Arthur by Morgan le Fay; others say he was fathered by Arthur on his sister Anna or Morgause, wife of King Lot.
Some say his wife was Gwenhywach, sister of Guinevere, but in the Welsh version his wife was Cywylllog.
Merlin prophesied that this boy would grow up to kill King Arthur so the king ordered that all babies of royal families born on May Day should be cast adrift in a boat. Only Mordred, saved by Nabur, an Orkney fisherman, survived the subsequent shipwreck. At the age of fourteen he was taken by Nabur to King Arthur’s court.
He was jealous of Lancelot and he and his brother Agravain told Arthur of the queen’s affair with Lancelot. Told to provide proof, he and Agravain, supported by twelve other knights, broke into Guinevere’s room when the unarmed Lancelot was with her. Only Mordred survived when Lancelot killed one man with a footstool and then took his sword with which to kill the others.
Given proof of her adultery, the king condemned Guinevere to the stake but she was saved by Lancelot who took her to his castle, Garde Joyeux. After a battle ended by the intervention of the Pope, Lancelot returned the queen to Arthur and sailed for his home in France. Arthur followed with a huge army, leaving Mordred in charge of the country.
He looted Arthur’s home in Cornwall and assaulted Guinevere who shut herself away in the Tower. He manufactured evidence to show that the king was dead and proclaimed himself king. When the Bishop of Canterbury protested, Mordred threatened to kill him and the bishop fled to Glastonbury where he became a hermit. Some say that Mordred and Guinevere went through a form of bigamous marriage. When Arthur hurried back from France to reclaim his throne, Mordred met him in several battles in which thousands of men were killed. He finally met Arthur in single combat at Camlan. He inflicted a mortal wound on the king but was himself killed by Arthur’s spear.
In some accounts, Mordred survived the final battle and drove the remnants of King Arthur’s army to Lyonesse. Here, the ghost of Merlin caused the land to sink, taking Mordred’s men with it, while Arthur’s men escaped.
Another story says that Lancelot killed Guinevere believing that she had been a willing accomplice of Mordred and shut Mordred in a room with the queen’s dead body which Mordred, driven by hunger, ate.
In the Welsh version he is Dylan or Medraut, son of Lot and Gwyar.
Mordu

Irish

[see Mord]
More

[see Morda]
a 17th C hero
He is said to have slain the dragon of Waintley which was terrorising the local people and eating their children.
More

[see Kotre]
Morfan

[see Morvan]
Morfessa

[Irish]
a wizard
He was the ruler of Falias, one of the cities cited as the origin of the Danaans, and he entrusted the Lia Fail to them when they left for Ireland.
Morfran

(see Morvan)
Morfudd

twin sister of Owain
Morgain

(see Morgan le Fay)
Morgaine

(see Morgan le Fay)
Morgan

[British]
wife of Nanters
In some accounts, she is equated with Morgan le Fay.
Morgan

[British]
a knight
He was an enemy of Meliad, Tristram’s father, with whom he made peace after fighting him for many years.
In some accounts, he later killed Meliad and was himself killed by Tristram, avenging his father’s death.
Morgan

[European]
[Ahes.
Dahut.
Mari-Morgan]
a water-fairy of Brittany
Morgan

[Irish]
king of the Land of Wonders
husband of Coinechend father of Delbhaem
He had locked his beautiful daughter in a tower to frustrate a prophecy that her mother would die when Delbhaem married but Art rescued her, killed both her parents and married her.
Morgan Frych

[Welsh]
father of Merlin, in some accounts
(see also Madog Morfrin)
Morgan-kara

[Mongol]
the first shaman
He was reputed to have the power of raising the dead.
Morgan le Fay

[British]
[Argante.
Fata Morgana.
Feimurgan.
Lady of Avalon.
Lady of the Lake.
Matrona.
Modron.
Morgain(e).
Morgan le Fay(e).
Nanters.
Nineteenth century.
Nineteenth century.
Queens of Avalon.
Queens of Cyprus.
Queens of Gore]
a sorceress
daughter of Gorlois and Igraine
sister of Cliton, Elaine, Gilten, Giltonea, Marrion, Mazoe, Moronoe, Morgause, Thitis and Tyronoe
sister of Oberon, some say half-sister of Arthur
wife of Urian
mother of Owain
Some say she is the changeling daughter of Gorlois and Igraine, others equate her with Morgause or Morgana; she is named as the Lady of the Lake and in some versions is equated with Nimue. Other versions keep Morgan and Nimue as two separate characters with Nimue as
one of the damsels of the Lady of the Lake. Some say she was the mother of Mordred by King Arthur, others that she bore Oberon to Julius Caesar, Corbon to Renoart and Pulzella Gaia to Hemison.

She was a shape-changer who was said to have wings that enabled her to fly.

Her real home was in Avalon where she was the head of a small community of women to whom she gave instruction in the magic arts. She was always accompanied by her three daughters, Carvilia, Morganetta and Nivetta, themselves fairy queens. Her other companions were Arsine and Maglore. She was reputed to have another home in Sicily where she was known as Fata Morgana.

When King Arthur upset her by executing one of her lovers, she planned to kill both the king and her husband and marry another lover, Accolan, ruling as his queen. She stole the sword Excalibur and gave it to Accolan and, by her magic, caused Arthur to fight him. Her plans went astray when Arthur won the fight and recovered Excalibur. In the belief that Accolan had won, she prepared to kill Urien with his own sword while he slept but her son, Owain, alerted by a servant, seized her in time to prevent the murder. She duped him into believing that she had been possessed by evil spirits and he forgave her when she promised to give up her magic arts – which, of course, she did not. Accolan died of his wounds.

In another attempt on Arthur's life she sent a bejewelled mantle to the king but, warned by Nimue, he made the damsel who brought it to the court put the mantle on. She fell dead, burned to a cinder.

She stole the magic scabbard of Excalibur and, chased by Arthur's men, threw it into a lake. She escaped her pursuers by turning herself and her party into standing stones. When the pursuers gave up the chase they resumed their normal shape and Morgan returned to her own country of Gore.

As Morgan, she rescued the infant Lancelot; as Nimue she was loved by Merlin.

Some say that it was she who alerted Arthur to Lancelot's affair with Guenevere when she gave him a magic drink which opened his eyes to what was going on.

In some versions she was one of the queens accompanying the dying Arthur on the boat taking him to Avalon.

After the fall of Camelot, Morgan and her daughters left Britain for the Straits of Messina where they lured ships on to the rocks. She appears in the Charlemagne stories as Morgana, where her sisters are said to be Alcina and Logestilla, and she is the mother of a son, Marlyn, by Ogier. Another such son, Meurvin, may be the same as Marlyn. In these stories she had a brother named Oberon.

(see also Morgan.Nimue)

Morgan le Fée (see Morgan le Fay)

Morgan Myufnafaw (British)

Morgan the Black (in some accounts, a son of King Arthur)

Morgan the Less (see Morganetta)

Morgan the Red (in some accounts, a son of King Arthur)

Morgan Tud (British)

chief physician at King Arthur's court

Morgana (Lady of Fortune/Lady of the Lake.

Morgan le Fay.Morgana)

an enchantress

sister of Alcina and Logestilla

She appeared at the baptism of Ogier and claimed him as her own, providing him with the sword, Cortana, when he was knighted by the emperor.

She captured Rinaldo, Florismart and several other knights and kept them as prisoners in her castle until Roland captured her and forced her to free them.

When Ogier grew old, she took him to Avalon and, in some versions, restored his youth and married him. Some say that they had a son, Marlyn. Another such son, Meurvin, may be the same as Marlyn. In these stories she has a brother named Oberon.

In the Arthurian legends, she is Morgan le Fay, half-sister of King Arthur. (see also Morgan le Fay)

Morganetta (Morgan the Less)

a fairy queen

daughter of Morgan le Fay

She and her sisters Carvilia and Nivetta always accompanied their mother and helped her in her wicked plots. After the fall of Camelot, they all left Britain for the Straits of Messina where they lured ships on to the rocks.

Morgana (see Morgan)

Morgante Maggiore  (European)

a giant converted by Orlando

He was said to have performed many great deeds but was killed by a crab that bit him.

Morgante Maggiore  (European)

an Italian poem by Pulci, published in 1485 which tells the story of Morgante the giant

Morgause  (see Morgause)

Morgawr (British)


Margaus, Margareta, Morchades. Morgana, Morgiana)

daughter of Gorlois and Igraine

sister of Elaine and Morgan le Fay

half-sister of Arthur

wife of Lot

mother of Agravain, Clarissant,

Gaheris, Gareth and Gawain

mother of Galachin by Nanters,

some say

some say she was the daughter of Uther and Igraine. She was seduced by King Arthur who fathered Mordred on her in some accounts.

She was killed by her own sons when they found her in bed with Lamerock.

Morgawr (British)

a sea-monster

This beast, said to be seen off the coast of Cornwall, is described as having a humped back and a long bristly neck bearing a head with stumpy horns.

Morgen (Welsh)

a goddess of the druids

It was said that she could change shape at will and fly on artificial wings.

It is generally accepted that she developed into Morgan le Fay.

Morgue le Fay  (see Morgan le Fay)

Morgiane  (see Morgan le Fay)

Morgiane  (Persian)

a slave of Ali Baba

It was Morgiana who discovered the thieves hidden in the jars and killed them with boiling oil and later killed their leader. As a reward, she was granted her freedom and married Ali Baba's son.

Morglay  (British)

the sword of Bevis, given to him by Ermyn

Morgue le Fay  (see Morgan le Fay)
Morholt, having killed Morold but nevertheless fell in love with him.

She saw his broken sword and realised his wounds and was nursed by Isolde. In some accounts, Morant and Morholt are two distinct characters, allies fighting together in Cornwall. Others have Marhaus as the son of Marholt. Moriaen1 [Moraien] a black knight son of Agloval or Percival.

He was born of a liaison between a Saracen princess and either Agloval or Percival. When he was twenty-four and on a quest to find his father, who had deserted his mother when Moriaen was born, he fought an inconclusive duel with Lancelot who was riding with Gawain (Walewein), also in search of Agloval, who, in this version, was Percival’s brother. The three joined forces and then separated when they came to a cross-roads, Moriaen going to the left, Lancelot to the right and Gawain straight ahead.

In saving a lady in distress, Gawain killed a knight who turned out to be the son of a man who gave them shelter for the night. The distraught father had Gawain ambushed when he left the castle and Moriaen arrived on the scene just in time to save Gawain’s life.

Lancelot, meanwhile, had killed a monster to win the hand of a queen but was wounded by a treacherous knight. Gawain saved Lancelot and they both returned to the cross-roads where they met Moriaen who had found Agloval and Percival. All five of them helped Arthur to repel an invading force of Irish and then Moriaen and Agloval returned to Moria where Agloval married Moriaen’s mother. Moriaen2 Dutch a 13th c story of the adventures of Gawain, Lancelot and Moriaen.

Moriah Irish daughter of Scoriath, wife of Labraid Loiseach.

When Labraid fled to France, Moriah sent her father’s harper, Craftiny, to convey her love. Maon came back at the head of an army, killed Covac the king, married Moriah and took over the throne of Ireland.

Morimo (see Molimo) a Pueblo spirit of spring.

Mormhaol Irish a king of the Fir Chuil clan, brother of Suigmhall. He and his brother killed Eochaid Airenh and fired his castle.

mormo1 Australian the hairy ghosts of the Aborigines.

Mormolyce Greek a queen of the Laestrygonians.

She lost all her own children and, from then on, tried to kill all other children.

Mormolyce (see Mormo2) mirmos Roman blood-sucking monsters.

Morna Irish father or, some say, mother of Goll mac Morna.

Morning Dew (see Tsuyu) a deity of the Cora tribe in Mexico.

He is said to have shot the sun because it was too hot at noon and is depicted as a young man armed with a bow and arrows.

Morning Star Central American in Aztec lore, the morning star was personified as Tlahuizcalpantecuhtli, an aspect of Quetzalcoatl.

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Morning Star (see Apisuahts) Moro East Indian daughter of Maivia Kivavia, sister of Mavu.

She and her sister and her brothers became the ancestors of the tribes of New Guinea.

Moro Orfeddawg Welsh owner of the horse Du.

Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get this horse in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Morobo West Indian a primitive being, one of the two Zemis, progenitor of the gods (see also Binatel).

Morocco (see Marocco).
Moroele Mor  British
[Fool of the Forest]
son of King Arthur
Morans  French
the French name for Murias
Morold  (see Morholt)
Morongo  African
the evening star of the Makoni
Meronoc  Irish
a bishop
He went to Guaire’s court to substantiate Mac Telene’s boast that Munster was greater than Connaught and proved it when he acted the fool.
Moroneoc  British
sister of Morgan le Fay, in some accounts
Mororoma  South American
a Bolivian thunder-god
Moros  (see Mors)
Morpheus  Greek
[‘shaper’]
the god of dreams of human beings
son of Hypnos
brother of Icelus and Phantasus
He is depicted as a winged deity carrying a bunch of poppies.
Morpho  Greek
Aphrodite as ‘the shapely one’
Morrigan  Irish
Morrighan.Morrigu.
Phantom Queen: -Connaught Maev.-Ulster Mac(ou)ta
a war-goddess
daughter of Emmas
granddaughter or wife of Neit,
some say
data of the Bagda, some say
mother of Mechi
This deity is usually regarded as a trio of war-goddesses comprising Ana (or Nemain), Badb and Macha or Badh, Macha and Morrigan, who helped the Danaans at the Battles of Moytura.
She could appear as a maiden or an old hag, a raven or a crow. In some stories, she helped Cuchulainn in the defence of Ulster, in others she opposed him because he had rejected her advances. On that occasion, she coiled herself round him in the form of an eel when he was engaged in single combat with Loch Mor. She further harassed him, in the form of a wolf and then a heifer, but he managed to kill Loch despite her efforts. At the end of his life, she attacked him in the form of a crow, helping to kill him.

In one story, she turned Odras, wife of a man from whom she had stolen a bull, into a river.

In some accounts, she is equated with Agrona, in others with Dana and is the basis for Morgan le Fay.
She rides in a chariot drawn by red horses and is frequently dressed all in red.

Morrighan  (see Morrigan)
Morrigu  (see Morrigan)
Morris, William  English
(1834-1896)
a writer
He was the author of Atalanta’s Race, Life and Death of Jason, The Earthly Paradise, etc.
Mors  Roman
[‘death’.Moros.Morus=Greek Thanatos]
god of death, controller of fate
son of Nysa
the twin brother of Somnus
He is depicted as holding an hour-glass and the scythe with which he cut down those whose life-span had expired.

In some accounts, Mors is female.

Morskoi Tsar  Russian
[‘Tsar of the Sea’]
a sea-god
father of Vassilissa
Mort Artu  French
a French version of the story of King Arthur
Morta  Roman
[‘shaper’]
the first man, in the lore of the people of Varuatu
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Morte d’Arthur  English
the story of King Arthur and his knights by Malory
a poem by Tennyson on the life and death of King Arthur
Morowr  (see Morwawr)
Morufonu  Pacific Islands
the first man, in the lore of the people of Vanuatu
consort of Jugumishanta
Jugumishanta made herself a consort from her own body and they then built the islands of the Pacific from their own excrement.
Morus  (see Mors)
Moruawr  British
[Maruawr.Moruawr.Turnwr Moruawr]
an ancestor of King Arthur
Morvo  Welsh
the Welsh name for Murias

Moroie Mor  British
[Mor(f)dan]
son of Tegid Voel and Ceridwen
brother of Avagddu and Creirwy
Avagddu was the ugly son for whom Ceridwen prepared a magic brew to make him wise in compensation for his ugliness. Morvran, in most accounts, was a handsome youth but in some stories he was one of Arthur’s warriors and even uglier since none of the enemy at the battle of Camlan would tackle Morvran, believing him to be a devil. In this version, Avagddu is merely a nickname for Morvran.
Morydd  British
an ancestor of Merlin
Morwen  British
wife of Ior
She and her husband raised Meriadoc who, with his brother, had been sent by Griffith to be killed in the woods, after he had murdered their father, Caradoc.
Mosaku  Japanese
a man killed by Yuki-Onna
Moses  North American
a 19th C Oregon shaman
He attacked Smohala and thought that he had killed him.
Moses2  (see Musa Nyame)
Moshanyana  African
[Diraolane.Litaolane]a hero of the Sotho tribe
The monster Kholumolumo ate all the people, except Moshanyana’s mother. He was born fully grown and fully armed and killed the monster, slit open its belly and released the imprisoned people.
Moshaulom  (see Ailill Olom)
Moshirikkwechep  African
Moss Maidens  Norse
wood nymphs hunted by the Wild Hunt
Most Ancient One  (see Wataneinwia)
Mot  Canaanite
[‘shaper’]
the god of death
son of El and Athirat
twin brother of Baal
He refused to release the dead god Baal so Baal’s wife, Anat, killed Mot, cut him up and ground him under her millstone.

Motsaaza  (see Munto-murt)
Mother Aloja  (see Father Aloja)
Mount Chuber  (see Tiamat)

Mother Corn  North American
an Arikana goddess
When Nesaru, disappointed with the people he had created, drowned them all, he sent Mother Corn to the underworld to guide the inhabitants to the upper world to form the new population.

Mother Da  (see Demeter)

Mother Earth  
the earth personified, regarded as a deity
a name for Akhi, Demeter, Gaea, Nerthus, Pachamama and many other goddesses  (see also Earth Mother)

Mother Nature  (see Nanuksa)

Mother of Animals  North American
the Indian deity responsible for all animal life

Mother of Books  (see Luah)

Mother of Fire  (see Urgunmate)

Mother of Heaven  (see Hsian Nu T'ien Mu)

Mother of Many  (see Timbehes)

Mother of Mendes  (see Hatmehyt)

Mother of Mind  (see Alaghorn)

Mother of Nations  (see Yahamat Liimmim)

Mother of the Earth  (see Zemesmate)

Mother of the Fields  (see Laukumate)

Mother of the Forest  (see Mezsmate)

Mother of the Gods  (see Asherah, Don, Neith, Tetetoinnen)

Mother of the Ladle  (see T'ou Mu)

Mother of the Land  Mesopotamian
a name of Ninhursaga before she married Enki

Mother of the Sea  (see Jurasmate)

Mother of the Sun  (see Lat)

Mother of the Way  (see Tao Mu)

Mother of the Wind  (see Vejasmate)

Mother of Waters  (see Attabeira, Udensmate)

Mother Pema  (see Anna Perenna)

Mother Serpent  Mesopotamian
a primaeval serpent
Eagle killed and ate all Mother Serpent's offspring so Samas arranged her death. The serpent hid inside the carcass of an ox and killed Eagle when it came to feed on the flesh.

Mother Shipton  English
[ Ursula Soutiel]
a 15th c Yorkshire witch

Mother Spirit  (see Nungeen)

Mother Tiamat  (see Tiamat)

Mother-water  (see Mama Cota)

Mothers  Celtic
goddesses of plenty, usually 3 in number  (see also Matres)

Mothers  Egyptian
mother-goddesses in the form of the Seven Hathors

Mothguthr  (see Modgud)

Mothe  Indian
[vech]
a culture-heroine
sister of Mungo

Motikiti  Pacific Islands
a semi-divine hero
He is credited with having fished up some of the islands from the bed of the ocean.

Motlaha Basetsana  African
[Plain of Women]
the home of the first women
In the lore of Botswana, women were originally separated from men and animals. It was the giraffe that led the women to meet the men.

Motoro  Pacific Islands
[Te-io-Ora]
a god of the Cook Islands

Motori  (see Intelligences)

Motu  African
a man of the Boloki people
When he discovered that fruit was disappearing from his garden, he kept watch and saw beings descending from the clouds and stealing his produce. He seized one of the women and married her, learning from her the secrets of fire and cooking. They lived happily together until Motu, in defiance of orders from his wife, opened a basket she had brought with her. There was nothing inside but the woman knew that he had opened it and left him, returning forever to the land of the clouds.

Motu-tapu  Pacific Islands
[Sacred Island]
the home of Tinirau
The Hervey Islanders envisaged the world as a coconut in which Atea lived at the top above the sacred island, Motu-tapu, home of his brother Tinirau.

Motzeiyouf  (see Arrow Boy)

Mouché Pierre  West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Mound of Mourning  Welsh
the home of the Black Worm of the Barrow

Moundongue loa  West Indian
Haitian voodoo spirits derived from the deities of the Congo

Mount Agned  British
[Breguoin, Breguoin]
the site of one of King Arthur's battles; others call it Bregouin

Mount Agung  Pacific Islands
a sacred mountain on Bali
The gods moved from Java to Bali to escape the influence of Islam and built the mountains with Agung, the highest, in the middle for their new home.

Mount Alburz  Persian
[Albors, Alburz, Hara Bereznai]
the hill that grew out of the primitive waters to reach the sky
This mountain is regarded as the source of the river Aredvi and the site on which the Gaokerena grows.

Mount Ambrius  British
the site near Salisbury on which Merlin re-erected the stones from the Giants' Ring, now known as Stonehenge

Mount Ararat  (see Ararat)

Mount Aravia  British
[Mount Aravias]
home of the giant, Retho

Mount Aravus  (see Mount Aravita)

Mount Athos  Greek
a holy mountain

Mount Atlas  Greek
home of the Graiae

Mount Badon  British
[Mount Badon]
a sacred mountain of the Skagit tribe
It is said that this was one of only two mountains which were not totally submerged by the flood.

Mount Baker  North American
[Kobath]
a sacred mountain of the Skagit tribe

Mount Caucasus  Greek
the place where Prometheus was chained to a rock

Mount Celion  the site of the cave where the Seven Sleepers were immured
Mount Ceryneia
Greek
a mountain in Greece, home of the Ceryneian Hind

Mount Churuquilla
South American
a sacred mountain in Bolivia

Mount Cithaeron
Greek
the site where Heracles slew a lion and Oedipus was abandoned as a baby, his feet pierced by a nail

Mount Condorcoto
South American
the site where 5 men were born from eggs after the flood subsided

Mount Cyllene
Greek
a mountain in Arcady, birthplace of Hermes

Mount Dan-doku
Japanese
the site of the Buddha’s meditation

Mount Dan-doku
(see Mount Dan-doku)

Mount Demavand
Persian
the place where Dahak was chained by Thraeton

Mount Dicte
Greek
the site in Crete where the infant Zeus was hidden by Rhea

Mount Dolorousq
British
the home of a giant killed by Fergus

Mount Eagle
Japanese
a mount from which, it is said, the Buddha himself preached

Mount Ebal
Hebrew
[Mount Gerizim]
a mountain which echoed any curses or blessings uttered on its slopes

Mount Emei
(see Mount Omei)

Mount Erith
Welsh
the name given to Snowdon in Arthurian tales

Mount Evora
British
the site of Vortigern’s tower

Mount Fuji
Japanese
[Blue Rain Hill.Fuji San,Fujiyama.
Immortal Mountain,Moraisan]
a volcano regarded as a sacred mountain, home of the gods

Mount GF
Greek
the smoke which issues from the anger of the god Miyoa when the god of the mountain refused to offer him hospitality.

Mount Gerizim
(see Mount Ebal)

Mount Govardhana
Hindu
the mountain that Krishna used to shelter the people and their cattle when Indra caused a flood

Mount Ho-ming
Chinese
the site where Tien-shih received a revelation

Mount Huanacauri
South American
a mountain in Peru

This is said to have been the resting place of the Children of the Sun, the place where Huana Cauri died and where some say, Ayar Cachi turned himself into stone.

Mount Hugar
Persian
the site of Urvis, the lake into which all waters flow and are purified

Mount Hursaq
Mesopotamian
a mountain built by Ninurta to hold back the flood waters of Kur

Mount Ida
Greek
a mountain near Troy, home of the nymph Idaea

Mount Ida
a sacred mountain, home of the nymph Ida and her sister Adrastrea.

Mount Illampu
South American
a sacred mountain in Bolivia

Mount Illini
South American
a sacred mountain in Bolivia

Mount Kaf
(see Mount Qaf)

Mount Kagu
Japanese
a mountain in heaven on which the sacred tree, Sakaki, grows

Mount Kaialsa
Hindu
[Silver Mountain]
the site of the paradise of Shiva

Mount Kenya
African
[Kore Nyaga]
the home of Murungu

Mount Killarans
(see Hill of Aisneach)

Mount Killarus
(see Hill of Aisneach)

Mount Killarous
(see Hill of Aisneach)

Mount Kirishima
Japanese
the site where celestial grandchildren descend to earth

Mount Kunlun
Japanese
a sacred mountain, home of the Shinto gods

Mount Lamallaka
South American
a mountain in Peru, sacred to the Quecha tribe

Mount Latmus
Greek
the site of the cave where Selene hid Endymion

Mount Maenalus
(see Mount Ceryneia)

Mount Mandara
Hindu
[=Cambodian Prah Sumer=Chinese K’un Lun]
the mountain round which the gods coiled the World Serpent to cause the Churning of the Ocean

This is also said to be the home of the Shi ‘tenno, Japanese deities guarding the cardinal points.

Mount Meru
Hindu
Lotus Mountain,Mahameru,Mount Sumeru.Ramasamuni The Mount]
the site of Brahmapura: the site of Indra’s heaven: home of the gods at the centre of the universe

On the summit, some 350,000 miles up, lay Brahma’s palace surrounded by the Ganges, while the homes of Krishna and Vishnu were built on the lower slopes.

It is said that seven underworlds exist below the mountain where the asuras live in caves.

Mount Meru also appears as the centre of the universe in Buddhism.
Mount Miwa
Japanese
home of the youth who fathered Ohotata-no-ko on Ike-take-yori-hime

Mount Mururata
South American
a volcano in Bolivia
In the lore of the Aymara, the god Viracocha knocked the top off this volcano with a sling-shot and the broken piece fell to earth to form Mount Sajama.

Mount Myrtium
(see Mount Titthium)

Mount Nissa
Egyptian
the site where Osiris was born

Mount Nisus
Mesopotamian
[Niumush.Nit(Nisus.Nisir)] the site where Utnapishtim's boat landed after the flood

Mount Nohiako
Central American
a mountain sacred to the Aztecs, home of the goddess Quetzalpetlatl

Mount Nyssa
Greek
home of the nymphs who raised the infant Dionysus who was born there

Mount Oeta
Greek
the site of Heracles' apotheosis

Mount Olympus
Greek
a mountain in Thessaly, home of the gods
In some accounts, this is the place where Deucalion's ark landed after the flood but the more general consensus is that it landed on Mount Parnassus.

Mount Omei
Chinese
[Mount Emi. Mount Omi] a sacred mountain guarded by Pu Hsien

Mount Omí (see Mount Omei)

Mount Orthrys
Greek
the site where Deucalion's ark landed, in some accounts

Mount Ossa
Greek
a mountain in Thessaly
This was one of the mountains that Ephialtes and Otus tried to pile one on the other to attack the gods.

Mount Oyo
Japanese
the home of the goblin king, Shutendoji

Mount Parichata
South American
a sacred mountain in Bolivia
The Aymara say that the spirit of the mountain took pity on the men forced to work in the silver mines and, by turning insects into mules that carried the silver away by night, ensured that the mines were soon exhausted.

Mount Parnassus
Greek
home of Dionysus
This mountain has two peaks, one dedicated to Apollo and the Muses, the other to Dionysus. It is generally said that Deucalion's ark landed here when the flood subsided though others say it landed at other sites such as Mount Ema, Mount Olympus, Mount Orthrys, etc.

Mount Pelion
Greek
a sacred mountain in Thessaly, the site of the home of the Centaurs
This was one of the mountains that Ephialtes and Otus tried to pile one on the other to attack the gods.

Mount Pindus
Greek
the place to which the Centaurs were banished when they were finally defeated by the Lapiths

Mount Pu Chou
Chinese
the mountain that was impaled on the horn of Kung Kung, causing the world to tilt

Mount Qaf
Arab
[Mount Qaf. Mount Qaf] the only spot on earth where the roc will land; the home of giants and the jinn
This mountain is said to be made of emerald and is situated on the far side of the ocean which encircles the earth. Its reflection is what causes the sky to appear blue.
In some versions, Qaf is a range of mountains rather than a single peak.

Mount Ranier
North American
[TaKahah] a sacred mountain of the Skagit tribe
It is said that this was one of the only two mountains which were not submerged by the flood.
(see also Clear Sky. Kulshan. Mount Baker)

Mount Rhedope
Greek
the site of the oracle of Rhesus

Mount Sajama
South American
a mountain in Bolivia
In the lore of the Aymara, the god Viracocha knocked the top off Mount Mururata with a sling-shot and the broken piece fell to earth as Mount Sajama.

Mount Salvat
British
[Mount Salvat. Mount Sarras] the site in the Holy Land of the Temple of the Grail built by Titurel
(see also Munsalvaesche)

Mount Samur
Hebrew
[Mount Shamur] a mountain said to be made of diamonds and known only to eagles

Mount San Francisco
North American
a sacred mountain of the Navaho
The creators Atse Estsan and Atse Hastin placed White-corn Boy and Yellow-corn Girl together on the slopes of this mountain.

Mount San Juan
North American
a sacred mountain of the Navaho
The creators Atse Estsan and Atse Hastin placed Pollen Boy and Grasshopper Girl together on the slopes of this mountain.

Mount Saphon (see Mount Zaphon)

Mount Sarras (see Mount Salvat)

Mount Shamur (see Mount Samur)

Mount Shasta
North American
a sacred mountain of the tribes of the north-west
When Kumush created this mountain, he placed Grey Wolf on its slopes.

Mount Sicasica
South American
a sacred mountain in Bolivia
This mountain was said to embody the female spirit to complement the male spirit in Mount Churiquilla.

Mount Sipylus
Greek
the site on which Niobe was turned to stone by Zeus

Mount Sumeru (see Mount Meru)

Mount T’ai (see T’ai Shan)

Mount Takachichi
Japanese
the site where the Bridge of Heaven reaches earth

Mount Tati-Turqui
South American
a sacred mountain in Bolivia
The Aymara say that the spirit of the mountain took pity on the men forced to work in the silver mines and, by turning insects into mules that carried the silver away by night, ensured that the mines were soon exhausted.

Mount Taylor
North American
a sacred mountain of the Navaho
The deities known as Turquoise Boy and Corn Girl sit on top of this mountain.

Mount The (see Mount Meru)

Mount Titthium
Greek
[Mount Myrtium] the site where Asclepius was abandoned

This mountain was originally known as Mount Myrtium. It was here that Asclepius, abandoned as a child, was suckled by a goat and guarded by a dog.

Mount Zaphon
Canaanite
[Mount Saphon]
home of the gods: the place where Baal was first buried by Anat and Saps

Mountain Chant
North American
a Navaho rite
This rite celebrates a young brave who tricked the tribe out of all its treasure and took it with him when he climbed the lightning strokes into the heavens.

**Mountain Giants**

Norse enemies of the gods

(see also:珪asutus)

**Mountain Lion Prey-god**

North American one of the 6 Prey-gods guarding the home of Po-shai-an-k’ia

He is responsible for the North.

**Mountain Man**

Japanese a male forest-demon

This being is said to look like a monkey. It frequently steals food from peasants but is always ready to help woodcutters who give him food.

**Mountain of Light**

(see Castle of Light)

**Mountain of Purgatory**

Chinese the slope by which souls purified by prayer ascend from purgatory to heaven

**Mountain People**

(see Gahe)

**Mountain Spirit**

Thai a female spirit of the mountains

It is said that the spirit is that of a princess who died when the bridge she was crossing collapsed. She now demands payment from those who travel that route.

**Mountain Spirit Dancers**

North American men dressed as mountain spirits taking part in ceremonial dances

**Mountain Spirits**

[Ga’u] guardian spirits of the White Mountain Apache

Having tried and failed to civilise the Apache, these spirits retired to a cave and were never seen again.

(see also: Gahe)

**Mountain Stem-winder**

(see guyascutus)

**Mountain Woman**

Japanese a female ogre

This being is said to be able to fly and is covered with long white hair. Some say that she eats humans.

**Mousaios**

(see Musaeus)

**Mousso Coronie**

(see Musso-koroni)

**Mover of Blood**

British the scabbard of the Sword of Strange Girdles

**Mowee**

(see Maui)

**Mowis**

North American a bridegroom made of snow who melts as soon as he leaves the wigwam

**Mwort**

(see Mot)

**Moyang Engko**

Malay a hunter

When Moyang Melur fell from the moon, Moyang Kapir lassoed it and they both climbed up the rope. He returned to earth with the rules of behaviour for humans which he had stolen from the moon.

**Moyang Melur**

Malay a moon-spirit

He fell to the earth and was helped to return to the moon by Moyang Kapir who lassoed the moon.

**Moymis**

Mesopotamian a Babylonian deity

son of Apason and Tauthe

An alternative version of Mummu.

**Moyna**

African a hero of the Dogon

He is said to have invented the bull-roarer.

**Myôyô**

African the spirit of the individual, in the lore of the Bakongo

**Moyocoyan**

(see ‘Tecatlipoca)

**Moys**

British a companion of Joseph of Arimathea

He was swallowed up by the earth when he attempted to sit in the Perilous Seat.

**Moyslaught**

Irish [Mag Slect.Mag(h) Slecht.]

Plain of Adoration

the site where the Milesians worshipped Cenn Cruach

It is said they sacrificed children on this site.

**Moytirra**

(see Moytura)

**Moytura**

Irish [Field of Towers.Mag Tuired.]

Magh Tuiredh.Maighe Tuired.

Moytira.Plain of Towers.

site of 2 famous battles

(see also: Battles of Moytura)

**Mpmbe**

(see Mbombaz)

**Mpfundlw**

(see Hlakanyana)

**Mpokalero**

South American a Tupari shaman

This giant is one of the rulers of the village of the dead. The other ruler is the giantess, Vaugh-eh. Newly arrived souls are required to have intercourse with one or other of these giant rulers.

**Mpumuti Muchuni**

African a usurper

He seized the throne of Mandwa which properly belonged to Ryangombe. Binego, Ryangombe’s son, arrived when his father was playing a board game with Muchuni. He told his father the winning moves and, when Muchuni objected, killed him.

**Mr Black**

(see Hei Lao-yeh)

**Mr Heaven**

Chinese [Lao-t’ien-yeh.Monseigneur Heaven]

a name for Yu Huang Shang Ti

**Mr Redcoat**

(see Chu I)

**Mr Spider**

(see Anansi)

**Mr White**

(see Po Lao-yeh)

**Mratna’irgin**

Siberian one of 4 dawn-goddesses

**Mragasiras**

Hindu a goddess of fortune

one of the nakstras
daughter of Daksha

wife of Candra

**Mriga**

Hindu a form of Prajipati, identified with the constellation Orion

**Mriganda**

Indian a weaver

He made cloth from lotus fibre for the gods and was given a tiger and a giant. He killed the giant for disobedience and used his bones to make the first loom.

**Mriganka**

Indian a magic sword

It was said that whoever owned this sword could conquer the world.

**Mrityu**

Hindu [Mrytu=Buddhist Mara]
a goddess of death

**Mrytu**

(see Mrityu)

**Mshiindi**

African son of Kanzi

**Msungu**

African a name of Tilo as ‘he who sustains’

**Mtanga**

(see Mulungu’)

**Mtaski**

African a name of Tilo as ‘saviour’

**m’teloun**

North American magic, in the lore of the Algolian tribes

**Mu**

Burmese one of the first nats, created by Chinun Way Shun

**Mu**

East Indian one of a race of Papuan dwarfs

These beings, no more than about two feet tall, are said to be very strong and have the power to make themselves invisible to humans.
Muchalinda: Buddhist

Much Blood Boy: (see Rabbit Boy)

Muchalinda: (see Muchalinda)

Mucalinda: (see Mucalinda)

Mucalinda: (Naga)

Mucalinda: Hindu

Mucukunda: (see Muchukunda)

Mucukunda: Hindu

Mud-kesa: Mesopotamian

Mud-kesda: Mesopotamian

Mudai: (see Mudai)

Mudati: African

Mud-kesda: Mesopotamian

Mug Neadat: (see Eoghan Mor)

Mug: Korean

Mug: shaman songs

Mugasa: African

Mug: (see Mugasa)

Muggo: Korean

Mug: a wise man

Mughain: supposed lost continent

Mughain: a female shaman

Mugnach: a tree said to have been planted

Mughai: Pacific Islands

Mughan: a ribera Su ean

Mugnas: Korean

Mugunok: Irish

Mugunok: a hero of the Ojibwa

Mugunok: a Buriat hero

Mugunok: a Korean

Mugunok: a hero of the Pygmies

Mugunok: a heaven

Mugunok: a body

Mugunok: a Russian

Mugunok: a sky-god of the Pygmies

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Mugizi  
African
[Maguzi]  
a Bunyoro god of Lake Albert

Mugna  
Irish
a tree which is said to have borne acorns, apples and nuts in never-ending supply  
(see also Mughain)

Mugol  
Korean
a wise man

He, together with Muggo and Zesa, helped Chumong to set up a new kingdom. He was later given the family name of Zungsil.

Mug's Half  
Irish
the southern half of Ireland ruled by Eoghan Mor

Mugu  
(see Mugasa)
Muguzi  
(see Mugizi)
mugwump  
North American
a fabulous bird

This bird is said to sit on a fence with its mug on one side and its wump on the other.

Muhammad al-Mahdi  
(see Mahdi)
Muinho  
African
a war-god of the Bunyoro people

Muhog  
Korean
a Buddhist priest

When General Yi deposed the king and was forced to move out of the capital, Muhog selected the site for the new capital which later became known as Seoul.

Muhongo  
African
wife of Kitamba

When she died, her grieving husband sent a sorcerer to find her. He found her in the underworld but she could not go back and instead sent her bracelet to her husband as proof that the sorcerer had found her.

Muhtabal Bahri  
Malay
a sea-princess
daughter of Aftabul Ardi
wife of Sulana
mother of Mencha Terim

She married Sulana, becoming his third wife and mother of his three sons.

Muhupudma  
Indian
the elephant which supports the earth
It is said that the earth rests on this animal's head and, when it moves its head, it causes an earthquake.

Muic  
Irish
[Pig Island]
an early name for Ireland

Muilartach  
Scottish
a water-spirit

This spirit, a form of the Cailleach Bheur, could appear either as a sea-serpent or as an ugly old hag with one eye. She was said to be able to raise storms at sea.

Muiname  
South American
spirits of ancestors, in the lore of the Witoto

Muinchninn  
Irish
wife of Donall Dualbhui

In some versions of the story of Ailill Fionn and Flisha, she takes the place of Flisha and Donall appears in place of Ailill. When Fergus killed Donall and carried off his wife, he wondered if she might betray him as she had betrayed Donall and so he drowned her.

Muirreamhar  
(see Muinremuir)

Muinremuir  
Irish
[Muirreamhar-Munremuir]  
a hero of Ulster
one of the 12 champions of the Red Branch
son of Fergend

In a fight with Cet, he was defeated and ended up with a permanently swollen neck.

At Bricciu's feast he accepted a challenge to a beheading contest.

Muircheartach1  
Irish
[Murchearacht]
a poet and adviser to Brian Boru
He was said to be a dwarf.

(see also Mac Liag)

Muircheartach2  
Irish
[Murchearacht]
a high-king of Ireland
son of Muireadhach and Earc

His father had been carried off by Eochu, king of Scotland, but the young man killed the king and returned with a wife Earc, daughter of Loarn, to Ireland where Muircheartach was born.

He was expelled from both Ireland and Scotland for murders and went to Britain where he was made king, eventually returning to his native land where he became high-king.

Other stories say that he put aside his wife, Duaidbhseach, in favour of the charms of Sin, a sorceress. She brought about his death by conjuring up hosts of warriors for him to slaughter, gradually weakening him and finally making him believe that his palace was on fire so that he jumped into a vat of ale (or wine) to escape the flames and was drowned.

Muirdris  
Irish
a water-monster killed by Fergus mac Leda

Muireadhach1  
Irish
[Cu Choingeilt]
son of Eoghan Beal, brother of Cellach
He went to visit his elder brother Cellach who had been exiled from Connought with four of his young monks. Muireadhach found that Cellach had been murdered by the four who had been bribed by Guaire, usurper of Cellach's throne. When he discovered the corpse, he was attacked by a wolf which he killed, becoming known as Cu Choingeilt.

He found the four monks, Maol Chroin, Maol Dulua, Maol Deoraidh and Maol Seanaigh, and had them brutally killed.

Guaire, feigning friendship, gave Muireadhach his daughter, Geiligheis, for a wife and promised to yield the throne to him. Instead, when Muireadhach came to visit him, Guaire had him killed.

Muireadhach2  
Irish
husband of Earc
father of Muireartach

He was carried off by the Scottish king, Eochu, but killed him and took Earc, daughter of Loarn, back to Ireland as his wife.

He was killed by a jealous rival but Earc restored him to life with a herbal remedy.

Muireadhach3  
Irish
a high-king of Ireland
son of Fiacchu

He succeeded to the throne when his father was killed by the Colla brothers, but later forgave them when they returned from exile in Scotland.

Muireadhach Meann  
Irish
a sub-king

He acted as tutor to Conor Gulban and was killed in the war between Connought and Ulster.

Muirreann  
Irish
wife of Raghallach

When her husband became enamoured of a beautiful maiden who, unknown to either of them, was his own daughter whom he had abandoned as a child, Muireann left him.

Muirreartach  
Irish
a Lochlanner woman

She was a one-eyed hag who killed many of the Fianna before she was killed by Finn mac Cool.

Muirgen  
(see Li Ban)
Muirgheil  
(see Li Ban)
Muirgheim  
(see Li Ban)
Muirn  
Irish
an Amazon
Mululu

She guarded the three treasures that Congall Claringleach came to acquire at the behest of Beuida.

Muirne (see Murna)

Muit

a name for the Rainbow Snake

Muit (see Mut)

Mujari African

[Modjadji:Rain Queen]

a rain-goddess in the Transvaal

She lived in the Drakensberg Mountains and protected her people, the Lovedu, from the Zulus.

(see also Rain Queen)

Mukakagenda African

a female drum which, together with the male kaganda, was given as a wedding present to Kanyarundi by his father Kihanga

Mukal (see Moloch’)

Mukameiguru African

a name of Rugaha as ‘ruler of the sky’

Mukusa African

a god of cattle, food and rain among the Baganda

son of Manema Mairwa and Nambubi

husband of Ndanga

father of Kirabira, Mirimu and Nende

As a child, he refused all food and disappeared. He was later found on an island in Lake Victoria but the people there feared him and built a hut for him where he lived alone or, some say, there feared him and built a hut for him where he lived alone or, some say, with three wives, the chief of whom was Ndanga. When he drank the blood and ate the heart and liver of an ox, they realised that he was a god and he became the chief god of the tribe.

(see also Mandwa’)

Mukhalinga Hindu

Shiva depicted with his face emerging from his lingam

Mukura African

the sky-god of the Herero

Mukul Mulopo

Mukunga M’bura, proposing to kill him. The god persuaded the boy merely to cut a small hole in his finger, whereupon the people that the god that had swallowed emerged. Later the boy returned and killed Mukunga M’bura and one of the god’s legs fell into a pond. When the boy looked for the leg, it had disappeared but the cattle that the god had swallowed were in the pond.

Mukuru African

Mukunga M’bura

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Mule Sans Frein

a 12th C poem telling the story of Gawain’s search for the mule’s bridle

Mula Mullo (see Mullo)

Mula Mullo African

Mula Mullo

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Mula Mullo

Mulciber Roman

father of Sahlub

Mule Sans Frein British

a brideless mule

This animal was brought to King Arthur’s court by a damsel who needed help to find its bridle. Kay failed but Gawain found it.

Mule Sans Frein French

a 12th c poem telling the story of Gawain’s search for the mule’s bridle

Mulac’ (see Ain)

Mulatib Persian

Mulac’

Multitude of Space Pacific Islands

the name for 4 storm-gods

These are listed as Matao-Anu, Mate-Anu, Whakarere-Anu and Whakatoro-Anu.

Mulltulu Australian

a kangaroo-man, an ancestral hero of the Aborigines

brother of Minawara

He and his brother appeared, after the primordial waters had subsided, in the form of kangaroos and they created all the other living things on earth.

Mulluc’ Central American

the ninth of the 20 ages of man in Mayan lore, the judgment of life’s achievements

(see also Six Mulluc’)

Mulluc’ Mulac

Mullac Mulac

a creator-god of the tribes on the Zambesi

Having created the world, he drew two beings, a man and a woman, from holes in the ground. They were so disobedient that he changed them into monkeys and the monkeys into humans.

Mullu Australian

an ancestral hero of the Aborigines

He fashioned a ladder from his long
heard so that his four daughters could follow him into the heavens.

**Mulungu**
- **African**
  - Mumbere.Munungu]
- creator-god and sky-god of
  - the Nyamwezi (see also Murungu)

**Mulungu**
- **African**
  - a name of Asa as ‘creator’

**Muma Padura**
- **Slov**
  - a Romanian sprite living in the woods

**Mumba**
- **Australian**
  - one of the 2 lizard-men, ancestors of
  - the Aborigines, known as Wati-kutjara
twin of Kurukadi

They awoke in the Dream Time and created the rocks, the plants and animals. When they met a group of women who were being chased by Kidilli, the moon-spirit, they killed him. Kidilli now appears in the sky as the moon, the women as the Pleiades and the twins as Gemini.

**Mumba’an**
- **East Indian**
  - a sun-god
  - He is said to have dried the earth after the flood subsided.

**Mumbere**
- (see Mulungu)
  - a name of Asa as ‘shaper’

**Mumbi**
- **African**
  - (see Moombi)

**mumbo-jumbo**
- a bogey: an idol

**Mombonag**
- **East Indian**
  - a god
  - father of Muntalog

**Mumham**
- (see Eire)

**Mummu**
- **Mesopotamian**
  - [Mummu.Moymis]
  - the personification of the mist forming
  - above the primitive waters
  - a name for Ea as ‘logos’

He was described as the son and chamberlain of Abzu and Tiamat.

When Abzu, Mummu and Tiamat planned to overthrow the gods, the gods retaliated.

Abzu was put to sleep, Mummu was tethered by a rope through his nose and Tiamat was killed by Marduk.

In some accounts Mummu is equated with Tiamat.

**(see also Moymis)**

**Mumu**
- **Irish**
  - an early name for Munster

**Mumhange**
- **Pacific Islands**
  - in some accounts, a wife of Tane

**Mumuna**
- (see Kunapipi)

**mumy**
- **Siberian**
  - [‘mother’]

A generic name for female nature-deities of the Votyaks.

**Mun-Ha**
- **Burmese**
  - a chief priest of the goddess
  - Tsun-Kyan-Kse
  - When Mun-Ha was killed, the cat
  - which had shared his daily worship in
  - front of a statue of the goddess
  - climbed on his shoulder and stared at
  - the statue, whereupon the cat’s yellow
eyes turned blue and its white fur
  - became the brown and gold of the
  - Burman breed.

**munajim**
- **Pacific Islands**
  - a Malaysian astrologer and diviner

**Munakata-No-Kami**
- **Japanese**
  - Shinto sea-gods, gods of poets
  - This group of three gods is part of
  - a larger group, the Sumiyoshi-
  - No-Kami. Their names are given as
  - Nakazutsuno, Sokozutsuno
  - and Uwazutsuno.

**munbaro**
- **Siberian**
  - the Samoyed rainbow
  - The rainbow is said to be the hem of
  - the sun-god’s coat.

**Munda**
- **Hindu**
  - a demon killed by Camunda

**Mundanu**
- **Camunda**
  - Egg (see Cosmic Egg)

**Mundafare**
- **(see Mundilfoeri)**

**Mundifiari**
- **(see Mundilfoeri)**

**Mundilfoeri**
- **Norse**
  - Nubilfari] a giant
  - father of Mani and Sol

**Mundilfoeri**
- **(see Mundilfoeri)**

**mundus**
- **Roman**
  - a pit in Rome which was said to lead
  - to the underworld: a pit into which
  - the first fruits are placed as
  - offerings

**Mungan-Ngana**
- **Australian**
  - a culture-hero of the Aborigines

**Mungo**
- **Indian**
  - [pulse]
  - a culture-heroine
  - sister of Motho

**Mungu**
- (see Mulungu)

**muni**
- **Hindu**
  - a sage
  - These silent ascetics are said to be able
  - to read the thoughts of others and to fly.

**Municami**
- **Indian**
  - [‘Hindu Munisvara]
  - a Tamil saint, worshipped as
  - a demi-god

**Municus**
- **Greek**
  - a seer
  - son of Dryas
  - When they were attacked by bandits
  - who set fire to their castle, Municus
  - and his family were saved from the
  - flames by Zeus who turned them into
  - birds.

**Munifican**
- **European**
  - a smith
  - He made Cortana and Sauvagine, the
  - swords used by Ogier the Dane.

**Munin**
- **Norse**
  - [‘memory’.Muninn]
  - one of the 2 ravens of Odin
  - These birds brought Odin news of
  - what was going on in the world. The
  - other raven was called Hugin.

**Muninn**
- (see Muninn)

**Munisvara**
- **Hindu**
  - [‘Tamil Municami]
  - a saint worshipped as a demi-god

**Munjem Malik**
- **Afghan**
  - a Kaffir earth-god

**Munenmur**
- (see Munenmur)

**Munsalvaesche**
- **European**
  - in Continental stories, a mountain
  - where the Holy Grail was housed or
  - the site of the castle of Amfortas
  - This appears to be a corruption of
  - Montsalvatch (Mount Salvat).

**Munsumunok**
- **East Indian**
  - wife of Kinharangan

She and her husband emerged from a rock in the sea and together they created the earth, using soil given to them by Bisagit, followed by the sky, the heavenly bodies, human beings and all the animals and plants.

**Munt**
- (see Menthu)

**Muntalog**
- **East Indian**
  - a deity
  - son of Mumbonong
  - He is said to have pulled some hair
  - from his father’s head and brought it
down to earth as fire.

**Muntsu-kuzo**
- (see Muntso-murt)

**Muntsu-murt**
- **Baltic**
  - [Muntsu-kuzo.Muntsu-ozia=
  - Russian Pyrsan-aika]
  - a Finnish bath-house spirit
  - He sometimes substitutes changlings
  - for the proper children.

**Muntsu-ozia**
- (see Muntsu-murt)

**Muntu-Untu**
- **East Indian**
  - a sun-god

**Muntu Walunga**
- **African**
  - the first being in the lore of the
  - Bakongo people
  - This being was created by Nzambi in
  - the form of a palm-tree from which
  - men and women originated. It is
  - depicted with male and female faces on
  - opposite sides.
Munume  
African

a weather-god of the Bunyoro

people

Munychus  
Greek

son of Acamas and Laodice

He was raised by Aethra, mother of Theseus.

Mupe  
African

a legendary ancestor of the Bambuti

husband of Utu

Mursu-Folasade  
Yoruba

She was deceived into marrying a man of lower caste and committed suicide.

Mursu-Precious  
Yoruba

a supreme god of many Kikuyu tribes

Murtaznu  
Persian

a Burundi sorcerer

Murtaznu  
Persian

a Babylonia storm-god

Muras  
Greek

a generic name for male nature-deities

of the Votyaks

Murtmac Mac Earc  
Irish

son of Earc

brother of Fergus

Is his brother borrowed the Stone of Destiny for his own coronation as ruler of Dal Riada but he never returned it.

Murtazimu  
Persian

one of the 4 cities from which the Danaans originated

This was the city, ruled by the wizard Simias, from which came the magic cauldron, Undry.

Muriel  
Irish

ea boy who went to the moon

In the lore of Tanzania, the boy Murile went to the moon either by riding on a magic stool that he had made or by climbing a rope. Once there, he taught the people of the Moon-chief how to make fire and was rewarded with many cattle. He later returned to earth with his cattle, having promised never to eat the flesh of such animals. When he inadvertently ate some of the fat of a bull, he disappeared into the ground.

Murmiones  
Greek

a demon of music in hell

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to appear as a huge soldier riding a vulture or a griffin.

Musa  
African

a spirit of the hunt in the lore of the Songhay people

Musa Jinni  
African

He was the son of a jinn and his father taught him magic. With it, he was able to conquer the Hira, a huge monster.

Musa Nyame  
African

a name of Apollo as leader of the Muses

Musa  
African

a king of Leinster

son of Brian Boru

brother of Donnchadh and Saba

He defeated the high-king Fergal at the Battle of Elan. He was a great warrior and was said to have repelled an invasion fleet from the Otherworld and killed the leader of the Vikings at the Battle of Clontarf where his sword became red-hot from the slaughter he inflicted on the enemy and where, finally, both he and his father were killed.

Murechtaoch (see Muichechtaoch)

Mucrach (see Muirchuga)

Murdad (see Ameretat)

Murdhuaca (see Merrow)

Murdh (see Marduk)

Murgi (see Iodhi)

Muri-Ranga-Wenhua  
Pacific Islands

an ancestress of the trickster-god

Mauri

Mau used her jawbone, with which he was invisible, as a weapon.

Muriel  
Irish

a demon

He was said to have had some 7,000 sons, all of whom were killed by Krishna.

Muruga  
Irish

(see Seyon)

Murukan  
Irish

(see Seyon)

Murungu  
Irish

(see Seyon)

Murala  
Hindu

a Brahmin maiden

She was deceived into marrying a man of lower caste and committed suicide.

Muramura  
Japanese

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Murata Ippai  
Welsh

(see Kusanagi)

Mural  
Hindu

a Brahmin maiden

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Muramura  
Australian

ancestral heroes of the Aborigines, spirits of the Dreamtime, now said to be invisible and living in trees

Murata  
Japanese

a samurai

Seeing a number of boys near a moat planted with lilies, he set about killing them with wild sword-strokes. Then, overcome by the heavy perfume of the flowers, he fell asleep. When he awoke, he found that he had cut the heads off all the flowers and committed hara-kiri in remorse.

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Mushdamma  Mesopotamian
[Mushdama,Mussdamma]  a Sumerian god of architecture and building
Mushmush  North American
the white-tailed deer created by Kumush
Mushrushu  (see Mushsuu)
Mushru  Persian
Mushuussu  Mesopotamian
[Muushushu]  one of the Eleven Mighty
Helpers created by Tiamat
This beast took the form of a snake-dragon and may be the same as the Shining Snake. Others say that it was like a griffin or ostrich.
Muskivanhu  African
a supreme god in Tanzania
a name of Mwari as creator
Musisi  African
[Winena]  a god of earthquakes and messenger-god of the Ndonga people
son of Kalunga
Muskrat  North American
one of the animals who tried to find dry soil for Manabush
In the lore of the Algonquians, four animals tried to find dry soil (oeh-da) from which Manabush could remake the world after the flood. Beaver, Mink and Otter all died in the attempt and only Muskrat succeeded.
Musmahhu  Mesopotamian
[=Greek Hydra]  a monster in the form of a seven-headed snake (see also Musmahhu)
Muso Byoye  Japanese
a fisherman
He used the fishing-rod and line given to him by Urashima to make a kite which, like the famous magic carpet, carried him to many fabulous places.
Muso Kokushi  Japanese
a priest
Taking shelter in a house where the owner had recently died, he volunteered to keep a vigil over the corpse and was able to see a mysterious shape which appeared and ate the corpse. It turned out to be a form of the priest Muso had met on the previous day and he confessed that he had been turned into a jikininki for being overly concerned with temporal matters. When Muso prayed for his soul, the jikininki and his hermitage disappeared and Muso found himself beside an ancient tomb.
Muso Koroni  (see Musso-koroni)
a rainbow-god of the Bambara
Musoke  African
the Fire Giants
sons of Surtur
Muspel  Norse
[Muspellheim(r).Muspell's-heim]  the land of fire, far to the south, ruled by Surtur
It is said that sparks flying up from this realm created the heavenly bodies.
Muspell (see Muspel)
Muspellheim (see Muspelheim)
Muspellheimr (see Muspelheim)
Mussadamma  (see Mussdamma)
Muso-koroni  African
[Mouso Coronie,Muso Koroni]  a fertility-goddess of the Bambara
She was the first woman, generated by Pemba, and mother of all living things, fathered by Pemba. She taught mankind the principles of agriculture. She is depicted as a woman with many breasts or as a panther.
Mustafa  (see Mustapha)
Mustamho  Central American
a creator-god of the Mohave
son of Matyavela
He created the tribes and saved them when the flood came by holding them in his arms until the waters had subsided.
Mustapha  Arab
[Mustafa]  a poor tailor
father of Aladdin
Mustapha Baba  Arab
[Mustafa Baba]  a cobbler who stitched together the severed parts of Kassim’s body
Mustenin  (see Custenin)
Muso  South American
[=Paraguay El Gran Moox]  ruler of a fabulous land of wealth in Quecha stories
brother of Sand Altar Woman
Musubi  Japanese
[Musubu]  a Shinto god of marriage
father of Sukanabikona
He is said to have restored Okuninushi to life on two separate occasions after he had been killed by his own brothers.
Musubu  (see Musubi)
Mut  Egyptian
[Ament.Lady of Asheru,Muit.Muut.]
Nekhbet.Sakhnet. The Great Sorceress: •Greek Hera] 
the goddess of Thebes 
consort of Amon 
mother of Khons 
She is usually depicted with the head of a vulture but sometimes has the head of a lion. 
Some say that she was a mate of Hapi; a name for Isis, in some accounts. 
(see also Amenti Hathor. 
Mast.Nekhbet.Taure) 

Mutabriqu Mesopotamian 
a Babylonian god of lightning 

Mutagava African 
son of Mwezi 
husband of Inabizozua 
father of Mwambudza 

mutameli African 
one appointed as a guardian of a graveyard among the Tsonga 

Mutangakugara African 
a name for Mwari as ‘eternal’ 

Mutinus Roman 
[Mutinus (Tunusus)=Egyptian Min: 
=Greek Priapus] 
a fertility-god 

Women made offerings to this deity in the hope of bearing children. 

Mutsoyef North American 
a Cheyenne medicine-man 
The Great Spirit, Miatun, gave Mutsoyef some magic arrows which, if 
pointed at buffalo or enemies, confused their senses so that they were 
easily overcome. 

Mutatalamman Indian 
a Tamil plague-goddess 

Mutto Greek 
a king of Tyre 
father of Dido, some say 
In other accounts, Dido’s father is 
given as Belus. 

Mutu Mesopotamian 
a dragon-headed Assyrian god of the underworld 

Mutuhei Pacific Islands 
a primordial god of silence in 
the Society Islands 

Mutunus (see Mutinus) 

Mutunus Tutunus (see Mutinus) 

Muu-muu Pacific Islands 
cannibal ogres of Guadalcanal and Mala 

These beings are said to babble in some unknown language. 

Muurup Australian 
an evil deity said to eat children 

Muut (see Mut) 

Muwakkil Arab 
a guardian angel 

If a man becomes possessed by a devil, it is the Muwakkil’s job to drive 
the devil away: 

Muy African 
an ancestral hero in Liberia 
His youngest son was a ram who 
marroned a ewe and produced many lambs. When a cannibal king 
demanded sheep to eat, Muy killed him. 

Muyinewumana North American 
a Pueblo goddess of precious stones 

Muy’inga [Muy’ingwa] 
a Hopi corn-god living in 
the underworld 
brother of Sand Altar Woman 

He is in charge of the vegetation in the underworld and is depicted in a sitting 
position, wearing a coloured mask, and surrounded by birds, butterflies and 
many-coloured fruits and grain. 

Muy’ingwa (see Muy’inga) 

Muzem-mumy Siberian 
an earth-goddess of the Votyaks 

Muzita African 
in the lore of the Bakongo, the tree 
Mutis Mpingu split the androgynous being 
Mhangu into man, Lumbu, and 
woman, Muzita. 

Mwali African 
a Swahili diviner 

Mwambu African 
the first man in the lore of 
the Abaluyia 
son of Wele 
brather and husband of Sela 
He and Sela were born in heaven 
but Wele dropped a ladder from the sky and they came down and populated 
the earth with their offspring. 

Sveri African 
son of Mutaga and Inabizozua 
father of Intare 

Mwaro Pacific Islands 
in New Caledonia, a shrine where the 
sacred stones, the bao, are kept 

Mwatuangi African 
a name of Asa as ‘distributor’ 

Mwenco African 
a name of Chiuta as ‘owner of all things’ 

Mweel African 
daughter of Mbomba 
sister and wife of Woot 
mother of Nyimi Lele 

Mwenembago African 
in the lore of Tanzania, a man defied 
as lord of the forest 

Mweri (see Weri Kumbamba) 

Mwesi African 
son of Intare and Inaruchaba 
father of Mutaga 

Mwetsi African 
the first man in the lore of the 
Makoni: the moon 
He was created by Maori and originally lived in a lake but moved on 
to dry land which was, at that time, desolate. He mated with the maiden 
Massassi who produced vegetation and 
with the woman Morongo who bore 
animals and humans. He was bitten by 
a serpent born of Morongo and fell ill. 
His own children strangled him and, 
in some accounts, hid him in the body of 
Morongo. 

Mwys Gwyddno British 
the hamper of Gwyddno 
This basket, which could change any piece of meat into a feast for a 
hundred people, was one of the Thirty Treasures of Britain 
collected by Merlin. 

My Lord Bag of Rice (see Hidesato) 

Myalism West Indian 
witchcraft 

Mydon (see Mygdon) 

Myesyats Slav 
wife of Dabog 
mother of the 2 Zorya girls 

In some accounts, Myesyats is male 
and his wife is Verchenyaya Zvezda. 

Mygdaloni Greek 
son of Cinyras 

Mygdon1 Greek 
[Mydon] 
king of the Bebrycians 
He was killed by Heracles during 
his ninth Labour. 

Mygdon1 Greek 
a king of Phrygia 
son of Acmnon 
father of Coroebus 

Myiagros Greek 
a god who chased away flies during 
sacrificial rites
Myriammo Taung  Burmese
a sacred mountain regarded as the
centre of the earth

Myles  British
[Miles]
a young knight
He was travelling with his fiancée,
Elaine, to Camelot where they were to
be married when he was attacked from
behind by Loraine le Sauvage and
badly wounded. Pellimore, Elaine’s
father rode past and, intent on a quest
for the king, failed to recognise his
daughter and refused to help her
wounded lover. When Myles died of
his wounds, Elaine killed herself with
his sword.

In some accounts, he was killed by
Pellimore in a joust.

Mylitta  Mesopotamian
[Muliitta, Mullilitu->Greek Aphrodite:
+SUMERIAN NINILI]
a Babylonian mother-goddess and
goddess of fertility
a form of Ishtar
consort of Enlil
Each woman devotee was required,
one in her life, to sell herself to a
stranger for some fee which was then
dedicated to Mylitta.

In some accounts she is identified
with Beltis.

Mynes  Greek
son of Venus
brother of Epistrophus
husband of Briseis
He and his brother were killed by
Achilles in the Trojan War and his
wife, Briseis, was given to Achilles as
a prize.

Mynio  Welsh
father of Iddawg

Mynwyd Fyrddin  Welsh
a site in Herefordshire, said to hold the
grave of Merlin

Myojo-tenshi  Japanese
an angel of the morning star
This being, in the form of a hand-
some youth, guides the virtuous
in their travels.

Myoken  Japanese
[Kagase-wo]
a Buddhist star-god, the Pole Star

myomancy  divination from the movements of mice

Myotei  Japanese
a painter
He took the young Sawara as a pupil
and wanted him as a son-in-law.

Myrddin  (see Emrys.Lailoken.Merlin)

Myrddin Wyllt  Welsh
the Welsh name for Suibhne Geilt
In some accounts, he is equated with
Merlin.

Myrddin’s Precinct  (see Clas Myrrdin)

Myrina  Greek
daughter of Thoas
sister of Hypsipyle

mykrida  (see trollkana)

Myrmidones  (see Myrmidons)

Myrrha¹  Greek
[Smyrna.Zmyrna.Zmyrne]
daughter of Cinyras
mother of Adonis by her own
father
She was changed into a myrtle tree by
Apollo to save her from her father's
sword. The infant Adonis was
delivered from the tree by a boar's tusk.
In some stories, Myrrha is Smyrna, in
others her father is Belus or Theias.

Myrrha²  Phoenician
[Smyrny.Zmyrny.Zmyrne]
a fertility goddess
mother of Kinnur

Myrtea  (see Myrto)

Myrtillus  Greek
son of Hermes by Cleobule or
Phaethusa
charioteer to Oenomaus
He was bribed by Pelops and
Hippodamia to sabotage his master’s
chariot.

Pelops had promised to let Myrtilus
sleep with Hippodamia but went back
on his promise, kicking Myrtilus into
the sea where he drowned, cursing all
the descendants of Pelops.

Hermes set the image of Myrtilus in
the heavens as Auriga, the Charioteer.

Myrtium  Greek
[Tithium]
the mountain on which, in some
accounts, the infant Asclepius was
abandoned by Apollo

myrtle¹  Egyptian
the tree sacred to Hathor

myrtle²  European
Orlando was changed into a myrtle
tree by Alcina

myrtle ²  Hebrew
crushing the leaves of myrtle enabled
one to detect witches

Myrto  Greek
[Murcia,Myrtea,Myrtorea]
a name of Aphrodite when
depicted sitting under a
myrtle tree

Myrtoessa  (see Myrto)

Mysing  Norse
[Myising]
a leader of the Vikings produced
from Frodi’s mill

He killed the Danish king, Frodi, and
captured his magic grindstones and
the two giantesses, Fenia and Menia,
who worked the the mill aboard his
ship, producing salt. He so over-
worked them that the weight of salt
sank the ship and made the whole sea
salty.

Mysis  (see Miysis)

Mysteries of Isis  Egyptian
rites concerned with the death of
Osiris and his resurrection by Isis

Mysteron  Greek
an Autumn festival in honour of
Dionysus

mystery-man  a magician: a medicine-man

Mystes  Greek
a name of Dionysus as ‘the initiated’

Mystic Apes  (see Three Mystic Apes)

mystic knot  Buddhist
one of the signs on the Buddha’s
foot, symbol of immortality and
infinity

myth  [mythos,mythus]
a story of heroes, gods, etc. belief
without foundation

Mythical Age  North American
the period before the appearance of man
In the lore of the Indian tribes, this
was a time when all the animals and
birds talked and acted like humans
and even, in some cases, looked like
them.

mythicise  [mythise]
involve or write stories of heroes and
gods: explain a miracle, etc. as a myth

mythiciser  (see mythicist)

mythicism  [mythism]
explanation of miracles as myths
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Central American

a Mayan deity of uncertain identity referred to as god N.

This deity is thought by some to be the demon Uayayab which ruled the nemontemi, the five unlucky days at the year's end.

Na Ainu

(see Hui Tarara)

Na Atibu

Pacific Islands

father of the gods of the Gilbert Islands

husband of Nei Teukez

father of Na Kika, Nareau the Younger, Nei Marena, Riiki, Te Nao, Tei Ikawai.

When Nareau had made the gods, he departed leaving Na Atibu to make the world and man. He allowed his youngest son, Nareau, to kill him using his body to make the world. A sacred tree, Kai-nu-tiku-ab, sprang from his spine which produced human beings.

Na-chen t’ien-tsun

Chinese

a minor deity, assistant to the god of riches

Na-ch’un

Tibetan

the chief sorcerer of the government, acting as an oracle

This official is regarded as an incarnation of Pe-kar and makes annual forecasts of coming events.

Na-gates

Norse

gates leading from Niflheim to Helheim

It is said that those who pass through these gates die for the second time.

Na-ka-hsi-na

Chinese

[Chia-hsi-na]

the Chinese version of Nagasena

Na Kaa

Pacific Islands

a primordial god of the Gilbert Islands

brother of Tabakea

In the lovely garden where he lived grew two trees. Men lived under one of them, women under the other. When they met, they all went to the same tree, the tree of death. Na-Kaa expelled them from his paradise and he now guards the entrance to keep out sinners.

Na Kika

Pacific Islands

[Kika Na Kika]

the octopus-god of the Gilbert Islands

son of Na Atibu and Nei Teukez

He helped Nareau to build the islands of the Pacific.

Na Kiki

(see Na Kika)

Japanese

a pheasant

Waka-hiko was away for so long that the gods sent this bird to find him. Waka-hiko shot and killed the bird but was himself killed by the same arrow.

Na-nefer-ka-Ptah

Egyptian

da deity, destroyer of snakes

Na Ngutu

Pacific Islands

a Bakongo god of the dead

a culture-hero

She was wooed by Ku who changed from a small dog into a man. When her father refused to sanction the marriage, Ku turned into a huge, fierce dog and ate many of the tribe.

Naachjeii esdzaa

(see Naste Estsan)

Naapatecuhtli

Central American

an Aztec rain-god

Naas

(see Boi)

Naasstrand

(see Nastrond)

nabaa

Arabian

a tree

Arrows made from the timber of this tree are used in divination rites.

Nabam

(see Guland)

Nabangatai

Pacific Islands

a village in the underworld, Bulu, home of the souls of the dead

Nabende

African

a supreme god in Uganda

Naberius

[Cherubus, Cerbus, Kerberos.
Kerebus, Naberus]

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to be able to teach logic and appears as a three-headed man on a crow or a black cockerel.

Naberos

(see Naberius)

Nabgodon

Irish

king of Uardha

He tried to seize Taise for himself but was killed by Congall Clairingleach to whom she was betrothed.

Nabhi

Jain

a culture-hero

Nabi Khadir

(see Khadir)

Nabi Khidir

(see Khadir)
Nabium (see Nabu')
Nabon (British)
a giant
He was the ruler of the Isle of Servage and gave it to Segwarides. He was killed by Tristram.

Nabur (see Khadir)
Nabug (see Nabu')
Nabur (British)
a fisherman of Orkney
The ship on which Mordred and other newly-born boys were set adrift was wrecked. The infant Mordred was found by Nabur and raised by him and his wife.

Nacht (see Nott)
Nachtune (Tibetan)
an incarnation of Bi-har acting as oracle and sorcerer to the government

Nachiel
one of the 7 Intelligences
ruler of the sun

Nachiketas (Hindu)
son of Aruni
When his father gave away all his possessions, Nachiketas found himself given to Yama, the god of death, with his wife. These priests served for a period of three years, during which they practised a regime of abstinence from the pleasures of the flesh.

Nadaka (Hindu)
a servant of Shiva

Nadi-Devata (Buddhist)
a river-goddess

Nadi Kashyapa (see Kashyapa)

Nadija (see Bhishma)

Nadamudd (Mesopotamian)
[Ninigkug,Nudim(mud),’shaper’]
Ea as ‘ruler of everything’

Nadrushi-Namur (Mesopotamian)
a being in the form of a man-lion
He was created by Ea to go to the underworld to rescue Ishtar.

Nadus (British)
a king of Syria in Arthurian legends

Nae-Yaku (Ceylonese)
the spirits of recent ancestors; a ceremony invoking these spirits

Naegling (see Nagelring)

Naesia (see Naisi)

Naestan (North American)
the first woman
wife of Old Hiwam
mother of Estanatlehi

Naete (African)
a sea-deity of the Fon
twin sister of Anebe
mother of Afikete

Nafanua (Pacific Islands)
a Samoan war-goddess

Nag-pa (Tibetan)
asorcerer
These men wear tall conical hats, a sheaf of bones and a magical mirror on the chest, engaging demons in battle.

Nagā (Hindu)
[‘serpent’]
one of the life forces

Naga (Hindu)
[Naia,Naja,Naje;female=Nagini]
a sacred snake
offspring of Kasyapa and Kadru
These beings could appear in many forms, such as snake-necked warriors, and could mate with humans. They are said to have a navel in the forehead and live in bejewelled underwater palaces in Bhagavati.

Nagabodhi (Tibetan)
a Lamaist sorcerer

Nagaya (African)
a goddess of the Baganda

Nagagini (East Indian)
daughter and wife of Anantaboga
mother of Anantaraja by Anantaboga
wife of B’ima

Nagah (North American)
a mountain sheep
In the lore of the Paiute, Nagah climbed a very high mountain which reached the sky and the supreme being, Shinoh, turned the sheep into the North Star, Qui-am-i Wintook.

Nagaico (see Nagaitico)

Nagaico (North American)
[Nagaico,choo=Sinkyone Kyoi=
=Yuki Taikomol]
the first man in the lore of the Kato Indians of California
As an infant, Nagaitico was saved from the flood by Tecnes.

In some accounts, he was the creator-god who made all things, including the first humans to whom he introduced the arts. The first world he created was destroyed by flood water. He then made a second world from a huge horned monster.

Nagaitico (see Nagaitico)
nagakals

Nagakals are decorated stones bearing a serpent motif, dedicated by women wanting children.

Nagakumara

Nagakumara is a weather-god, one of the 10 Bhavanavasi.

Nagaloka

Nagaloka is the realm of the Nagas. (see also Bhagavati)

Nagapasa

Nagapasa is the noose used by Varuna to bind sinners.

Nagaraja

Nagaraja is a name for the Buddha as liberator of the nagas.

Nagawonyi

Nagawonyi is a hunger-goddess of the Baganda.

Nagilfar

Nagilfar is a snake-goddess. (see Naglfari)

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Naglring

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Nagloa

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Nagpanchami

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Nagual

Nagual is a nymph of streams, lakes and rivers.

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Nahema

Nahema is a demon.

Nahbundi

Nahbundi is an Elamite sun-god.

Nahi

Nahi is a guardian god.

Nahui Ehecatl

Nahui Ehecatl is an Aztec water-god.

Nahui Ollin

Nahui Ollin is an Aztec creator-god.

Nahuatl

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Nain Rouge

French

[Red Dwarf] a house spirit, a lutin

nainden (see Dehility)

Na‘ininen Siberian

[Na‘inen] a creator-god

Nainuema South American

a creator-god of the Uitoto Indians

He created the world and made it flat by stamping on it, after which he used his own saliva to make all living things.

Nair (see Nar)

Nairamata (see Nairamata)

Nairyosangha Persian

a fire-god

He is said to have acted as a messenger between the gods and humans.

When Kay Kaus tried to take over the kingdom of heaven, Nairyosangha was about to kill the invader when the unborn spirit of Kay’s grandson, Kay Khusraw, pleaded for his grandfather’s unborn spirit of Kay’s grandson, Kay Khusraw, pleaded for his grandfather’s

Nais Greek

[Euhenais] a water-nymph

wife of Daphnis

mother of Glaucus by Anthedon, some say

She married Daphnis on the understanding that he would always be faithful to her. When he broke that promise, she blinded him and refused to help him when he was drowning.

Naisa (see Naisi)

Naise (see Naisi)

Naisi Irish

[Naisie,Naisa,Na(o)ise,Naoisi,Naosiu] one of the 12 Champions of the Red Branch

son of Usna and Elva

brother of Ardán and Aínlé

He eloped with Deirdre and fled to Scotland. His uncle, Conor, the king of Ulster, who had reared the girl to become his own wife, gave them safe conduct to return but reneged on his promise and Naisi and all the party escorting the couple on their return were killed with the exception of Buino who had betrayed them. Most versions say that Naisi was killed by Eoghan mac Durthacht but some say that he was killed by Maine, a Norse prince. Deirdre later killed herself and the tree that grew over her grave entwined itself with another growing over Naísis’s grave and the two could never be separated.

Naitaka North American

a water-serpent in the lore of the Indians of British Columbia

Naja (see Naga2)

Najara Australian an evil spirit of the Aborigines

This spirit lures young boys away from their tribes by whistling.

Naje (see Naga2)

Nake-sa-muta (see Nase)

Nakaa Pacific Islands

a creator-god of the Gilbert Islands

Having created humans, he kept men and women apart and they lived as immortals, each sex with a tree in their part of the island. When Nakaa left on a journey, the men disobeyed his injunction and visited the women. The angry god deprived them of their immortality (which is why humans now die) and left, going to the land of the dead where he sits at the entrance and traps the souls of the dead in a net. If a soul can refrain from eating or drinking for three days, Nakaa allows them to return to the land of the living.

Nakada (see Jata2)

Nakahi New Zealand

a serpent-god of the 19th c Maori Papahiruhia cult

Nakali South American

a hero in Honduras and Nicaragua

When his wife died, he journeyed to the underworld to find her, crossing a bridge no wider than a single hair. Those who have been mean during their lifetime will fall off into a boiling pot tended by a sikla bird.

Nakatsu Japanese

goddess

Nakazutsumo Japanese

one of the 3 sea and fish gods known as the Munakata-no-kami

Naked Ascetic (see Mahavira)

Naked Mountain Japanese

a barren mountain that blossomed when Kobo Daishi prayed there

Nakh (see Nakk)

Nakkhathoreb (see Nectanebus)

Nake-saha-me Japanese

goddess of streams and marshes

She was born from the tears shed by Izanagi when Isanami died.

Nakinietsi (see Nakinieu)

Nakinieu Baltic

[Na‘iniev]: a female water-spirit in Estonia

They are said to own beautiful cattle which live in water.

Nakiskat North American

in the lore of the Pawnee, one of the 5 houses of the animal spirits, the nahirak

Nakk Baltic

[Nëkk,Nëkkfem=Nakinieu]: Finnish

Nakkki

an Estonian water-spirit

These spirits, which can appear as adult humans or as children or as horses, are the spirits of those who have drowned. The males lure victimes by singing, the females, known as Nakinieu, by sitting near the water combing their long golden hair while singing. Each has a huge mouth which can swallow almost anything.

Nakki Baltic

[=Estonian Nakkki]

a Finnish water-spirit

They appear either as large humans, or as half man, half horse. The females, like their Estonian counterparts, have fine cattle living in water.

Naksatras (see Nakshatras)

Nakshatras Hindu

[Naksatras] a group of 27 star-goddesses daughters of Daksha consorts of Candra

Nakta-yamari (see Yamantaka)

Nakula3 Buddhist

[Bakula,Vakula=Chinese No Ch’u-lo, Pa-ku-la,Pa-no-ka,P’u-chu-lo] one of the Eighteen Lohan

It was said that he became young again when he became a Buddhist at the age of 120.

He is depicted with a rosary in his hand or, in some versions, with a mongoose or a three-legged toad.

Nakula3 Hindu

one of the 5 Pandava brothers son of the Aswins by Madri twin brother of Sahadeva husband of Karenumati

These twin boys were born to Madri, second wife of Pandu, when his first wife, Kunti, handed her the gift of producing a child by prayer to a god.

Nakulisha (see Lakulisha)

Nakwube African

a supreme god in Kenya

Nal Norse

a name for Laufey as 'pine needle', a reference to her thin body
Nal-gab

good demon
Despite being described as a good
demon, this being is said to teach
witchcraft.

Nala
husband of Damayanti
father of Indrasona and Indraseni

In a story in The Mahabharata, Nala
was chosen by King Bhima as a
husband for his daughter, Damayanti,
who managed to identify him from
a group of gods who had taken identical
form. The demon Kali caused him to
gamble away his kingdom to his
brother Pushkara and he left his wife.

A snake gave him a disguise in which
he appeared as a deformed man and
also a cloak which would restore him
to his proper shape. When he got the
job as charioter to King Ritaturna
who was a lucky gambler, he exchanged
his skill with the chariot for the king's
luck which he then used to win a new
fortune. He was found by Parmada,
a counsellor to Damayant's father, King
Bhima, and, using the magic cloak to
restore his former shape, he was
reunited with Damayanti.

Nala
in some stories, the monkey-king,
Sugriva

In some versions, Nala is a monkey-
engineer who built Adam's Bridge,
linking Ceylon with India, by floating
stones into position. Over this bridge
Sugriva led Rama's forces to attack
Ravana's castle.

Nalagiri
Buddhist

an elephant
Devadatta and Ajatasatru made this
elephant drunk and turned it loose,
hoping that it would kill the Buddha
as it rampaged through the streets.
Instead, the beast prostrated itself in
front of the Buddha.

Nala's Bridge
(see Adam's Bridge)

Nali
Norse

one of the dwarfs

naljor-pa
Tibetan

ascetics who, it is said, acquire magic
powers

Nama
Siberian
god of the underworld
He, like Noah, built an ark in which
he, his family and some animals
survived the world flood.

Namasangiti
Buddhist
da god personifying a sacred text
a form of Avalokiteshvara

Namazu
Japanese

a primal fish
This fish lived under the earth and
caused earthquakes when it moved.

Namaliscita
African

the first man, in the lore of the
Ambo people
He was born from an egg and grew up
to be a fine warrior.

Proclaiming that he had created
himself, he upset his real creator, the
god Kalunga, and the two met in
combat. The god prevailed and locked
Namaliscita in a sealed room but the
prisoner invoked the aid of animals
who helped him to escape.

Nambi
African

in the lore of Uganda, the first woman
daughter of Gulu
sister of Kaizuku and Walumbe
wife of Kintu

When she left the sky for earth with
Kintu, Walumbe (Death) followed.
Kaizuku tried to kill him, to save
mankind from death, but failed.

Nambo-Nansi
West Indian

a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from
Anansi, the West African spider-god

Nambroth
(see Frimost)

Nambubi
African

wife of Manema Mairwa
mother of Mukasa

Nami
(see Namo)

Nama
East Indian

a primal goddess in Papua
She impregnated herself with one of
her big toes and produced twins.
When she died, her blood gave rise to
the progenitors of the tribes.

Nammu
Mesopotamian

a Sumerian goddess of the
primaeval waters
mother of An and Ki

Namuci
Hindu

a son of An and Ki
mother of Enki and Enil, some say
She is said to have made humans from
clay. In some versions, the same as
Abzu, the sweet waters.

Some versions say that she
generated An and Ki, others that she
was An's consort.

Namo
European
[Naimes (de Baviere), Nami, Naymes]
a duke of Bavaria
adviser to Charlemagne
He acted as mentor to many of the
younger members of the emperor's
court, including Ogier.

He was placed in charge of Angelica
when she came to seek the help of
Charlemagne to separate Rinaldo and
Roland who were fighting over her.

Namora
East Indian

the first woman, in the lore of
New Guinea
mother of Maruka Akore
She is said to have emerged from Lake
Eihovu. She produced a son, Maruka
Akore, after swallowing a fish, and
mated with him to produce the tribes
of New Guinea.

Namorodo
Australian
demons of the Aborigines
They are envisaged as being made of
skin and bone with long talons, flying
by night and killing all those they
encounter.

Nampo Kundari Yasha

(see Gundari-myoo)

Namru
Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk referring to his
brilliance and power

Namtar
Mesopotamian

[Namtaru=Babylonian Irra]
the Sumerian plague-god
husband of Hushshag
He was an attendant on Ereshkigal in
the underworld. When the gods
invited Ereshkigal to send an emissary
to collect her share of a feast they had
arranged, Namtar was sent. All the
gods greeted him except Nergal.
Ereshkigal took offence at this slight
and summoned Nergal to her presence.

Namtaru
(see Namtar)

Namtilaku
Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk as 'god of life'

Namu
Siberian

the man who survived the flood
He was given advance warning by
Ulgan and built an ark in which he
survived.

Namuci
Hindu

a name of the monster otherwise
known as Vritra
(see also Mara)

Namugereka
African

a name of Katonda as 'apportioner'

Namuginga
African

a name of Katonda as 'shaper'

Nan-chi Fu Jen
(see Hua Lin)

Nan-chi Lao Jen
(see Hua Lin)

Nan Dapue
(see Lugeilan)

Namolub
Mesopotamian

a name of Manema Mairwa

Namora
Japanese

a form of Avalokiteshvara

Nan-chi Hsien-weng
(see Shou Shen)

Nan-chi Fu Jen
(see Hua Lin)

Nan-chi Lao Jen
(see Hua Lin)

Nan Dapue
(see Lugeilan)

Nan Hua Ching
(see Hua Lin)

Nan-lha
Tibetan

a household god
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African Nanaboojoo (African Nana) 
the earth-goddess of the Yoruba wife of Obalowo (see also Nana) 
a mother-goddess

African Nana Nyankopon (African Nana3) 
a Sumerian mother-goddess wife of Nabu, some say daughter of Sangarius sister of Tammuz, some say mother of Atis.

When Agdistis was castrated, an almond tree grew from the spot where his genitals fell. Nana picked some of its fruit and, as a result either of eating it or dropping it into her lap, became pregnant and bore Atis.

(see also Nana)

African Nana1 (see Inanna,Nana’) 
African Nana Buluku (see Nana Buluku) 
the creator in the lore of the Fon

This deity was an androgynous being who begot Mawu-Lisa.

African Nana Buruku (see Nana Buluku) 
African Nana Mirian 
wife of Fara Maka

Both her husband and the hunter Karadjic failed to kill the monster hippopotamus, Mali, but she paralysed it or dropping it into her lap, became pregnant and bore Atis.

(see also Nana)

South American Nana Nyankopon (South American Nanai) 
a name of Nyame as the great one

South American Nanaboojo (see Nanaboojo) 
North American Nanabozho (Great Hare,Nanaboojo,Nanabush.

Nanabozho) 
an alternative name for 
Nanaboojo

In some accounts, he was the first-born of four brothers, one of whom was Wabasso (White Hare or Wolf). 
(see also Nanaboojo,Nanabush)

Central American Nanacatlitzati 
one of quadruplets son of Hueytonanzin brother of Hueytecatl, Ixcuin and Tendentlic

Mesopotamian Nanahuatl (see Nanautzin) 
the chief Babylonian goddess

In some accounts she is identified with Nana. (see also Nanaj)

Mesopotamian Nanaja 
a Babylonian fertility-goddess and war-goddess (see also Nanaj)

Sikh Nanak

[Guru Nanak,Nanak Chand] 
(1469-1538) the founder of Sikhism first of 10 gurus

It is said that all the gods of the Hindu pantheon appeared at his birth which was accompanied by celestial music. He was later carried up to heaven by angels to receive instruction from god and returned to earth to preach his doctrines.

He appears as a wonder-worker in Sikh lore.

(see Nanak)

Japanese Nanakusa 
[a ceremony, held on January 7th, at which a bowl of rice and herbs is said to ward off disease

South American Nanan 
an earth-goddess

A version of Nana imported into Brazil with the slaves from Africa.

(see Nanautzin)

Central American Nanautzin

[Nanuatl,Nanautzin.Poor Lepre] 
an Aztec creator-god, ruler of the Fifth Sun

son of Quetzalcoatl

He was originally the god of skin diseases and is said to have burnt himself to death on a sacred fire (or was thrown there by his father) and his heart became the sun, Nahui Ollin.

In some accounts he is equated with Xolotl or Xipetotec.

South American Nanecomala 
a culture-hero of the Guayami Indians

He met the water-maiden Rutbe when the Flood receded and they mated to produce twins, who became the ancestors of the tribe.

Buddhist Nanda1 
[=Tibetan Dgah-bo] 
one of the girls who gave food to the Buddha when he broke his fast

Another account says that Nanda and Upananda, both nagas, provided water for bathing the newly-born Buddha.

(see also Nandabala)

Hindu Nanda2 
a cowherd

husband of Yasoda

Their daughter was exchanged for Shiva to save him from the hands of Kansa who was killing all new-born boys.

In some accounts he is the same as Nagaraja, a human to the waist, and a serpent below.

Hindu Nanda3 
a forest of Indra

(see Ananda’)

Buddhist Nandabala 
one of the girls who gave food to the Buddha when he broke his fast

(see also Nanda’)

Hindu Nandaka 
the sword of Vishnu

(see Svarga)

Japanese Nandaryu 
a guardian deity of the 28 Niju-hachi-Bushu

Hindu Nandi 
[father’.Mamdi,Nandin,Nandisa] 
the white bull sacred to Shiva offspring of the cow Surabhi

The symbol of Nandi is the crescent moon worn by Shiva on his forehead.

African Nandi Bear 
a monster in the form of a man-eating bear

In some accounts, this being is described as half man, half bird, with only one leg and a mouth that glows in the dark.

East Indian Nandi-Keshvara 
a name for Shiva in Java

Buddhist Nandimitra 
[Subhinda:=Chinese Nan-t’i-mi-to-lo. Su-p’in-t’e.Su-p’in-t’o] 
one of the Eighteen Lohan

He is depicted with an incense burner, a begging bowl and holding a book. He was known as ‘the sweet one’ and was believed to be the last disciple of the Buddha.

Hindu Nandin 
(see Nandi)

Hindu Nandini 
a cow of plenty

In some accounts, this was the marvellous animal that was owned by Vashishtha, in others it was equated with Surabhi.

(see Nandisha)

Hindu Nandisha 
[Naviri,Nandesa] 
Shiva as the sacred bull

Nandi personified

Shiva, as Nandisha, once assumed the guise of a dwarf with a monkey-like face. He met the demon Ravana who picked up a mountain to throw
it at the dwarf. The latter merely touched it with his toe and crushed Ravana's hands.

**Nane**
- **Armenian**
  - [Hanex:Babylonian Nana:Sumerian Nanai]
  - a god
  - son of Aramazd
  - brother of Anaht and Mihr
  - In some accounts Nane is female, a war-goddess.

**Nane Chaha**
- **North American**
  - a mound in Mississippi: ancestors of the tribe
  - The Choctaw say that this mound is piled over the entrance to the tunnel by means of which their ancestors reached the upper world.

(see also Nane Waiyah)

**Nane Waiyah**
- **North American**
  - [Nanai Wasa]
  - a sacred mountain of the Choctaw, home of the gods

**Nang Lha**
- (see Nan-lha)

**Nang-pyek-kha Yek-khi**
- **Burmese**
  - an earth-goddess
  - daughter of the first couple Ta-hsek-khi and Ya-hsek-khi
  - wife of Khur Hsang L'rong
  - She was born with the legs and ears of a tigress and her parents made her ruler of the earth and sea and gave her two gourds. When the gourds were split open by Khur Hsang L'rong, all the animals of the world emerged.
  - When the gourds were given back to Khur Hsang L'rong, he married the goddess.

**Nanga**
- **Pacific Islands**
  - a Fijian goddess of punishment
  - She lives in the underworld, Bulu, and receives the souls of bachelors which she smashes against rocks.

**Nangi-Wutr**
- **Afghan**
  - a Kafir goddess
  - wife of Sudrem, mother of Indr and Disani, some say

**Nangombe**
- **African**
  - son of Amangundu the first man
  - brother of Kanji

**Nambozho**
- (see Nanabozho)

**Nanai Waya**
- (see Nane Waiyah)

**Nanihecuatli**
- **Central American**
  - a name for Quetzalcoatl as ‘lord of the four winds’

**Nanikalstlas**
- **North American**
  - [Tlingit Naskakiyet]
  - a raven-god of the Haida

**Nanna**
- **Mesopotamian**
  - the Sumerian moon-god and god of fertility
  - son of Enlil and Ninlil
  - husband of Ningal
  - father of Inanna, Iskur and Utu
  - He was born in the underworld to where Enlil had been banished for raping Ningil.
  - In some accounts, this deity is regarded as female or bisexual while others say that Sin was the crescent moon, Nanna was the full moon and As-im-babbar was the new moon.

(see also Nanner)

**Nanna**
- **Norse**
  - a goddess of vegetation and moon-goddess
  - one of the Asynjur
  - sister of Summa
  - wife of Balder
  - mother of Forseti
  - At the sight of her dead husband on his funeral pyre, Nanna died of a broken heart and her body was placed alongside his on the pyre.
  - When Hermod rode to Nilfheim to ask for the release of Balder, Nanna sent back with him her magic ring to be given to Fulla and a carpet for Frigga.
  - Other accounts say that Nanna was the wife of Hoder who fought Balder for her hand.

**Nannam**
- (see Eire)

**Nanar**
- **Mesopotamian**
  - a Babylonian moon-god(dess)
  - Some say that Nannar is a separate deity, twin sister of Samas, but others regard Nannar as the same as Nanna who, in some accounts, had a bisexual nature.

**Nanook**
- **North American**
  - [Inuit Nanue]
  - a bear
  - This animal was chased into the sky by the Pleiades, a pack of hunting-dogs, and became the Great Bear.
  - He sometimes comes to earth to assist hunters.

**Na’nqa-ka’le**
- **Siberian**
  - a guardian-god
  - son of Quikkinna-qu and Miti

(see also Nan-kyu-ka’le)

**Nanse**
- **Mesopotamian**
  - [Nanse,Nas.Nina]
  - a Sumerian goddess of floods and justice
  - consort of Nindara or Haia

**Nanshe**
- (see Nanse)

**Nansi**
- **West Indian**
  - a name for Anncry or Anansi in Curacao

**Nanso-bo**
- **Japanese**
  - [Nanzo-bo]
  - a Buddhist monk
  - By devotion he became a serpent so that he could live long enough to hear the prophecies of Miroku. He is said to have developed eight additional heads and in this form fought an eight-headed serpent to protect his wife.

**Nant y Llew**
- **Welsh**
  - a name for Llew LLaw Gyffes in the form of an eagle

**Nantena**
- **North American**
  - fairies or spirits of the Athapascans

**Nanters**
- **British**
  - in some Continental stories, the site of King Arthur’s court

**Nantasouelta**
- (see Nantsovelta)

**Nantasouleta**
- (see Nantsovelta)

**Nantsovela**
- **Celtic**
  - [Nantsouelta:Nantasouleta]
  - a water-goddess and guardian goddess in Gaul
  - consort of Sucellos

**Nantur**
- a demon associated with writing

**Nantwa**
- **Japanese**
  - clay figures placed in a circle on a grave

**Nanu**
- (see Eire.Pisces)

**Nanue**
- **North American**
  - the Inuit name for Nanook

**Nanzo-bo**
- (see Nanso-bo)

**Naobi**
- **Japanese**
  - benevolent spirits
  - These beings are said to make good the damage done by the evil Magatsuumi.

**Naollin**
- (see Fifth Sun.Nahui Ollin)

**Namaise**
- (see Natsi)
# Napaeae

Greek

Napa

were the progenitors of the tribe.

moved away to the east. These children

Nao'tsiti

about creating plants and animals,

instructed by the spirit T sitctinako,

many years lived, underground until,

She and her sister were born and, for

pursues the father, who is the sun.

some stories), which is the moon, still

the water while the body (or head in

boys escaped when the head fell into

ran off pursued by the head while the

cut off her head. Their two children

spider's web across the trail. When his

His father had a dream from which he

including Nape, tore him to pieces.

His clever brother created the white

founded the Blackfoot tribe, creating

to know while the simple Napi

races and taught them all they needed

His clever brother created the white

He was originally a sage who visited

one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the

the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she

very many years lived, underground until,

instructed by the spirit Tsitcitaiko,

they emerged on to the surface and set

in the underworld Patala. In some

He took the form of an elephant and

one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

a guardian deity

a goddess of learning

one of the vidyadevis

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The gods, fearful of Naranayana’s increasing powers, sent a nymph to seduce him. The sage not only ignored her but produced an even more beautiful maiden, Urvashi, from his own thigh.

**Narashima** (see Narasinha)

**Narasinha** (see Narasinha)

**Narasinha** Hindu


In this incarnation he killed the demon Hiranyakashipu.

**Narayana** Hindu

[Parasurama is replaced by the ascetic demon Tavan instead of the king Bali; Krishna (Kresna) and the mortal boar Varaha, the man-lion Narasinha, fish Matsya, the tortoise Kurma, the Indian version. The list includes the beautiful maiden, Urvashi, from his own thigh.]

When he and Nara were attacked by Dambodhavaha, Nara created a host of deadly missiles from a handful of straw and put the attacking army to flight.

He is depicted as having four hands.

**Narayana** Hindu

[Hiranya-garsha.Narayan] a name of Brahma as ‘one who moves the waters’ of Vishnu

**Narayana** Hindu

[a name of Krishna or of Vishnu between creations]

**Narayana** Hindu

[Phra Narai] the Thai version of Vishnu father of Anoman

Narayana is said to have had ten incarnations which differ somewhat from those attributed to Vishnu in the Indian version. The list includes the fish Matsya, the tortoise Kurma, the boar Varaha, the man-lion Narasinha, Krishna (Kresna) and the mortal Rama.

The dwarf Vamana defeats the demon Tavan instead of the king Bali; Parasurama is replaced by the ascetic Sanyasi; a buffalo and a nymph complete the list which has no entry for Kalki, the incarnation yet to come.

**Narayana** (see Buddha’)

**Narberth** (see Arberth)

**Narberth** (see Arberth)

**Narbrooi** East Indian woodland spirits

These beings were said to take the souls of the sick who died unless gifts were offered for their return.

**Narcissus** Greek

[a flower of purple and silver the flower of Demeter]

This flower was created by Zeus to hold the attention of Core so that his brother Hades could abduct her as she went to pick it. (see also Narcissus)

**Narcissus** Greek

[son of Cepheus and Leiriope]

When Narcissus rejected his love, Ameinius committed suicide and, in punishment, Artemis caused Narcissus to fall in love with his own reflection in a stream. Unable to possess his own image he killed himself with a dagger. The flower that bears his name sprang from the soil that was stained with his blood.

In other versions, he just pined away from unrequited longings or threw himself into the water and drowned.

The voice of Echo, whom he had also rejected, grieved at his side.

(see also narcissus)

**Narcioel** a demon

**Nare** (see Narve)

**Nareau** Pacific Islands

[Nareau the Elder.Nareu,’spider-lord’ the creator-god of the Gilbert Islands father of Kobine]

He made Na Atibu and Nei Teuekz from sand and they mated to produce the gods the youngest of which, a trickster-god, was known as Nareau the Younger.

He also created the first human couple, Debabou and De-ai.

**Nareau** Pacific Islands

[Nareau the Younger.Nareu.Te Kikinto] son of Na Atibu and Nei Teuekz

Nareau killed his father, using the dead man’s eyes to make the moon and the sun. He then planted the spine which became the tree Kai-n-tiku-aba from which people developed.

**Nareu** (see Nareau)

**Narfe** (see Narve)

**Narfi** (see Narve)

**Nari** Slav

demons said to be the spirits of dead children

(see Narve)

**Nari Lugaldimmerkia** Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk as ‘deliverer’
the quest.

the knights not to take their ladies on
quest for the Holy Grail and warned
Arthur would achieve great fame in the
death of its owner, Evelake, to hold
Josephus (in some accounts, Joseph) at
red cross drawn in the blood of
He received the white shield with the

of Scotland.

Galahad. He later came to Britain and,
was repaired by Evelake, in others by
Holy Lance. He came upon Solomon's
by the blood which dripped from the
Grail and was blinded but was cured
when he was baptised as a Christian.

who changed his name to Nascien

Nascien2


Nasciens.Nasien

an ancestor of Galahad
father of Celidoin

Nascien

British

[Naacien] a cloud-spirit in Papua
This being is said to abduct young
children.

Nas

(see Boi.Nasce)

one of the 2 Aswins
twin brother of Dasa
father of Nakula by Madri
In some accounts the twins were born from their mother's nose.
Nascakiyetl

North American

[Na-Haida Nanklotlas]
a creator-god of the Tlingit
He lived in the primordial darkness by
the sacred river Nass, guarding the
stars.

In some versions, he created the
sages Heron and Yetl, but others say
that Yetl was born to Nasakiyetl's
dughter.

Nascien


British

twin brother of Narpus

Nasciens.

[Naacien] the Hermit

brother-in-law of Joseph of Arimathea

A Saracen, originally called Seraph,
who changed his name to Nascien
when he was baptised as a Christian.

He approached too close to the Holy
Grail and was blinded but was cured
by the blood which dripped from the
Holy Lance. He came upon Solomon's
ship and went aboard. There he found
the Sword of David which broke when
he picked it up since he was unworthy.
Its repair became one of the objects of
the Quest. In some accounts, it was
repaired by Evelake, in others by
Galahad. He later came to Britain and,
and it was said, became king of Scotland.

(see also Nascien'.Partinal)

Nasciens

[Naacien] the Hermit.

Nasciens.Nasien

a hermit

grandson of Nascien (Seraph)

son of Narpus

father of Eian

He received the white shield with the
red cross drawn in the blood of
Josephus (in some accounts, Joseph) at
the death of its owner, Evelake, to hold
in trust for Galahad. He foretold that
Arthur would achieve great fame in the
quest for the Holy Grail and warned
the knights not to take their ladies on
the quest.

In some accounts, Nascien the
Hermit is a separate character from
the son of Narpus. Other versions say
that all three are the original Nascien
living on through the generations.

Nascien the Hermit (see Nascien')

Nasciens

(see Nascien)

Nase

Japanese

husband of Aze

This couple were so devoted to each
other that, threatened with being
separated, they both became pine trees.

Nashak

Persian

a primaeval being

counsel of Siyamak

mother of Fravak and Fravakain

Nasien

(see Nascien)

Naielle

African

wife of Nyame

Naskeeper-ava

(see Nasciens.ava)

Nasnas

Arabian

a spirit

These jinn-like beings had only one
arm and leg and half a head or a head
on the chest. Some had wings like bats.

They were the product of the union of
similar beings known as Shiq with
human beings.

In the guise of a weak old man, such
a demon will ask a human to carry him
across a river and then drown him.

Nas

(see Ovid)

Nas

Arabian

[Naasur] an early vulture-god

Nass

North American

a sacred river of the Tlingit, home
of Nasakiyetl

Naste Ests

North American

[Naachejet esdza.Nasteetsan.

Spider Woman]

an underworld spirit of the Navaho

She gave a feather to Nayenzezani and
Tobadizitini which would protect
them from danger on their journey to
see their father, the sun-god
Toshanoai.

(see also Hahai

Wugti.Spider Woman)

Nasteetsan

(see Naste Ests)  

Nastred

Norse

[Nastrand]

hell: a part of Niflheim

This was the place to which the spirits of
criminals were sent before being
eaten by the serpent Nidhogg.

It was also the place to which the
evil gods who died at Ragnarok were
sent.

Nasu

Persian

a female demon

This demon was said to cause the
corruption of corpses. Others describe
Nasu as a fly which crawls over rotted
corpses.

Nas-ko

Japanese

a death stone

The fox-witch, Tamano-no-may-e, used
this stone as a hiding place when
pursued. Any person who touched the
stone died at once.

Nasur

(see Nasr)

nat1

[ka-luk=Thai thi=Pakistani neq]
a supernatural being

A nat may be a nature-spirit such as a
spirit of the air, earth, forest, etc., a
spirit of the dead, or some other
supernatural being. All need to be
appeased. Some may be harmful,
causiing death and disease but others
act as guardians, either of the individual
or of his property or even of groups
such as a tribe or village.

Nat2

(see Nott)

nat-kadau

Burmese

mediums officiating at the festivals
dedicated to the nats

nat-thami

Burmese

group of female nats

The function of this group is to guard
the umbrellas of the royal family.

nat-than

Burmese

spirit-songs

These songs or chants are used at the
festivals dedicated to individual nats.

Nata

Central American

[Naata] an Aztec culture-hero

husband of Nena

He and Nena were saved from
the flood when Tezcatlipoca (or
Titlacahuan, some say) warned them
of its coming and told them to build a
boat.

Another version says that they made
a hole in a tree and survived by hiding
in it. However, they had been told to
eat only one ear of maize and, when
they ignored this injunction and ate a
fish as well, they were both turned
into dogs.

Natalis

(see Juno)

Natalon

British

a king of Syria in Arthurian lore

Nataraja

Hindu

[Niritt-murti.Lord of the Dance]

Shiva as king of dancers

In this form, Shiva is depicted inside a
ring of flames with one foot resting on
a dwarf.

(see also Natesha)

Natchrantal

Irish

a champion warrior of Connaught

Some say he found the Brown Bull and
brought it to the Connaught forces;
others say this was Buic.
He fought Cuchulainn in single combat during the Cattle Raid of Cooley and was killed.

**Natesa** (see Natesha)

Natesha  
Hindu

[Lord of the Dance. Natesa]  
a name for Shiva as ‘dancer’

In this form, Shiva is depicted with his left leg raised.  
(see also Nataraja)

**Naith**  
(see Neith)

**Naith I**  
(see Daithe)

a goddess of the primitive waters

**Naith**  
Buddhist

a god worshipped in Sri Lanka

**Nath**  
an aspect of Avalokiteshvara

**Nathaliodus**  
British

an army commander under Uther

**Nathamrit**  
(see Olukan)

**Natharam**  
Indian

a seducer

When he was killed for seducing women in the north-west, his ghost still troubled women, who tried to appease him by obscene gestures and song.

**Nathurama**  
Hindu

a demon destroyed by Krishna

**Nattaputta, Nigantha** (see Mahavira)

**Natural magic**  

wonder-working by using knowledge of the forces of nature

**Nature-god**  

[nature-spirit]

god personifying some physical object or natural force

In some accounts, they are equated with the elementals.

**Nature-myth**  

a story using the symbolism of natural phenomena

**Nature-spirit**  
(see nature-god)

**Nau**  
Egyptian

a frog-headed deity

**Nau Roos**  
(see Now Ruz)

**Naubandhana**  
Hindu

the place on Mount Himavat where Manu’s boat came to rest after the flood

**Naubolus**  
Greek

son of Phocus and Antiope, some say father of Iptius

**Naugholin**  
Central American

an Aztec ceremony of sacrifice to the sun-god

Twice a year, in March and December, a captive was dressed in red and white striped clothing and was given a staff and shield to pass on to the sun-god and then sacrificed on the stone known as the Quauhxicalli.

**Naunet**  
Egyptian

[Nit, Nut, Nunet, Nut]

a goddess of the primitive waters consort of Nun

She represents, with Nun, the depth of the waters.

She is sometimes depicted as having the head of a snake, sometimes as a baboon.

**Naupiade**  
Greek

daughter of Amphodamus mother of Augeas by Helius

**Nauplios I**  
Greek

[Nauplios.‘seafarer’]

a king of Nauplia son of Poseidon by Amymone

In some accounts, he was an ancestor of Nauplius the Argonaut, in others they are the same person.

**Nauplios II**  
Greek

[Nauplios.‘seafarer’]

a king of Nauplia one of the Argonauts son of Clytoneus (see also Nauplius’)

**Nauplius**  
Greek

[Nauplios.‘seafarer’]

a king of Euobea husband of Clymene or Hesione father of Oeax, Nausimedon and Palamedes

When Catreus tried to get rid of his four children to frustrate a prophecy that one of them would kill him, he charged Nauplius with selling two of his daughters into slavery. Instead, Nauplius gave one, Aerope, to Atreus (or, in some versions, Pleisthenes) and charged Nauplius with selling two of his children to frustrate a prophecy. When Catreus tried to get rid of his four children to frustrate a prophecy that one of them would kill him, he charged Nauplius with selling two of his daughters into slavery. Instead, Nauplius gave one, Aerope, to Atreus (or, in some versions, Pleisthenes) and married the other, Clymene, himself, although some give his wife as Hesione.

When his son, Palamedes was killed at Troy, he demanded satisfaction from the Greeks, who refused. In his bitterness, he lit false beacons which lured the ships returning from Troy to destruction. Some say that he died in the same way.

In another story, he was entrusted with the sale of Auge and gave her to Teuthras who married her.

In some accounts, he was the same as Nauplius, the Argonaut.

**Nauroz**  
(see Navasard)

**Nausamon**  
Greek

son of Amphithemis and Tritonis brother of Caphaurus

**Nausicaa**  
Greek

[Nausika.‘ship-burner’] daughter of Alcinous and Arete

She found Odysseus when he was shipwrecked and alone. Her parents provided him with another ship in which to continue his journey home.

In some accounts, she married Telemachus and bore a son, Persepolis, though others say that the wife of Telemachus was Circe or Polycaste.

**Nausikaa**  
(see Nausicaa)

**Nausimedon**  
Greek

son of Nauplius and Clymene or Hesione brother of Oeax and Palamedes

**Nausineus**  
Greek

son of Odysseyus by Calypso, some say brother of Nausithous

**Nausithous**  
Greek

a king of Phaeacia son of Odysseyus by Calypso, some say brother of Nausineus father of Alcinois and Rhexenor

**Naut**  
(see Nut)

**Nautia**  
(see Minerva)

**Nautsiti**  
(see Nao’tsiti)

**Navadurgas**  
Hindu

9 forms of Durga

**Navagvas**  
Hindu

seers who helped Indra to recover the cloud-cattle stolen by Ahi

**Navaratri**  
Hindu

[Navasato-puja.Festival of Nine Nights. Homage to Durga.Navaratara] a festival in honour of Durga or Kali or celebrating the banishment of evil by Shera Wali Matha, held towards the end of September (see also Dasara)

**Navasaktis**  
Hindu

a group of virgin goddesses

the 9 matrikas

**Navasard**  
Armenian

[Navasard]  
the New Year festival presided over by Aramazd

**Navel of the Earth**  
(see Tlalzicco)

**Navi**  
(see navky)

**Navigatio Brendani**  
Irish

[Navigation of St Brendan]  
the 11th c story, in Latin, of the voyages of Brendan

**Navigation of St Brendan**  
(see Navigatio Brendani)

**Navigator**  
(see Barinthus)
Navius  Roman
a prophet
When challenged by Tarquinius Priscus, he cut a whetstone in half with a razor.

nawky  Slav
[navky, mavye, navi, nejky, novjaci] one of a group of spirits
These beings are regarded as the souls of children who died before being baptised. They could lure people into water where they drowned or they could attack women in childbirth. They developed into water-nymphs.

Nawang Wulan  East Indian
a Javanese moon-goddess
wife of Kyai Agung
mother of Roro Nawang
When she flew down to earth, in the form of a swan, to bathe, Kyai Agung killed the bird, the rock-spirit Tsenagah, and the people who were alleged to be able to kill with looks, known as the Binaye Ahani.

Nawezi  African
daughter of Nkuba and Chinawezi
sister and wife of Konde

Nawng Hkeo  Burmese
a lake
This lake was formed when Hkun Hsang L'rong cut open the gourds of children who died before being baptised. He laid two eggs out of which hatched a boy and a girl who became the progenitors of the human race.

Naye Nezyani  (see Nayenezgani)

Nayenezgani  (see Likundu)

Naymlap  South American
a hero of the Mochica of Peru
husband of Cetern
He is said to have arrived by sea with his retinue and built the temple, Chot, in which was placed a carved figure of Naymlap. After a long reign, he disappeared into the heavens.

Nazi  Mesopotamian
a Sumerian god
husband of Ninsar
He was one of the eight gods born to Ninhursaga to cure the eight afflications of Enki after he had eaten the eight plants produced by Uttu.

Nchiege  African
[Woman of the Waters]
in the lore of the Bakuba, the first woman
mother of Labama and Woto

Ndakasem  African
in the lore of the Igbo, evil spirits of ancestors

Ndendi  Pacific Islands
[Ndendi]
a snake-god, the creator-god of Fiji
father of Rokomautu
He lives in a cave in the mountains and causes earthquakes when he changes his position.

Ndji  African
a sky-god of the Herero people

dogbojusui  African
evil spirits of the Mende, appearing as old men

Ndoki  African
[=Bantu nganga]
a Bakongo sorcerer
If the soul of a ndoki enters a child at birth, that child will become a sorcerer. Such a soul can leave the body at will and assume any shape.

Ndokii  African
[see Mahungu]

Ndoliz  African
a Shaba sorcerer

Ndianahary  African
a supreme god of Malagasy
father of Ataokoloinona
He sent his son to earth to see if it was fit for men to live in. The son burrowed into the earth to escape the intense heat and has never been seen since.

Ndoli Mtwaa-roho  African
the Swahili angel of death
This being collects leaves falling from the Cedar of the End and claims those whose names are written thereon.

Ndndu  African
[Ngwa]
an old woman in charge of the Kimpasi ritual

Ndwanga  African
a python-woman
wife of Mukasa

Ne  Japanese
a sign (nat) of the Zodiac

Ne-a-go  North American
[Fawn.Neago]
a Seneca sky-god in the form of a fawn which causes the south wind
(see also Ga-oh)
Ne-esthan

(see Nehushtan)

Ne-iri-gal

(see Nergal)

Ne-kilst-luss

North American

a creator-god of the tribes of
the north-west

He is said to have got the moon and
sun from the supreme god, Settin-ki-
jas, by deception to bring light to the
human race.

Ne-no-kuni

Japanese

a name for Yomi-tsu-kuni as ‘the land
of
roots’

Ne-nokata-tsu-kuni

(see Yomi-tsu-kuni)

Ne Te-reere

(see Nei te-Reere)

Nebaz

a demon said to take possession
of humans

Neago

(see Ne-a-go)

Neara

Greek

daughter of Perseus

niece and wife of Aeus

mother of Amphidamus, Auge,
Cepheus and Lycurgus

Neara

Greek

a nymph

consort of Helias

mother of the Heliades, some say

Neachtan

(see Nechtan)

Neak Ta

Cambodian

a protective spirit of towns and
villages

Nemhain

(see Nemain)

Nera

Irish

Nessa

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Neb-er-djei

Egyptian

a name of Atum as ‘lord of the
world’

Neb-hut

(see Nephthys)

Neb-ta-djeser

Egyptian

a name of Anubis as ‘ruler of the
sacred lands’

Nebak

a demon

Nebek

a monster in the form of a hairy tyger

Nebelkappe

(see Tarmkappe)

Nebet Hotep

(see Nebethetpet)

Nebethetpet

Egyptian

[Nebet Hotep]

a primaevial sun-goddess

a consort of Atum (see also Nephthys)

Nabetu

Egyptian

[Nebrum]

a local field-goddess

Nebhet

(see Nephthys)

Nebiru

(see Nibiru)

Nebo

(see Nabu)

nebris

Greek

the fawn-skin worn by Bacchus and
his followers

Nebrophonus

Greek

one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon,
the hunter, spying on her as she
bathed, she turned him into a stag. His
hounds, including Nebrophonus, tore
him to pieces.

Nebrophonus

(see Thoas)

Nebs-hot

(see Nephthys)

Nebsyet

(see Nebetu)

Neby

(see Two Ladies)

Necessitas

Roman

[=Greek Ananke]

a goddess of destiny

Nechbeg

(see Nekhbhet)

Nechetawaj

(see Nekmataway)

necombo

African

a priest of Korekore

Nechtan Scene

(see Nechtan Scene)

Nechtain

(see Nechtan)

Nechtain

Irish

[Nechtian, Nechtan]

a water-god

a name for Nuada

In some accounts he was the husband
of Boan and owned the magic well
known as the Well of Segais.

Nechtain

Irish

[Nechtian, Nechtan]

a sailor with Bran

In the story of Bran’s voyage, it was
Nechtan who became homesick and
cribbled to dust when he sat foot on
the shores of Ireland.

Nechtain Scene

Irish

[Neachtan Scene, Nechtan Scene]

a woman from the Otherworld

mother of Fannell, Foill and Tuachell

Necker

(see Stromkarls)

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(see Stromkarls)

Necromancer

a sorcerer

Necromancy

[ necromancy, hewiglunga,
necromancy, sciomancy]

the black art: divination by observing
the symptoms of the dying or
invoking the spirits of the dead
or from bones

Some distinguish between necromancy,
which involves a reanimated body, and
sciomancy, in which the spirits of the
dead (shades) are invoked.

[=Irish Neachtan, Nechtan]

Nectanebo II

(see Nectanebus)

Nectanebo

Irish

[Nekhtorheb, Nectanebo II]

(360–343 bc)

an Egyptian pharaoh and magician
son of Tjahepimu

father of Scota

He was the last of the native Egyptian
rulers.

In some stories he was the father of
Alexander the Great.

He was forced to flee from Egypt
and went to Macedonia where he set
himself up as an astrologer. When the
queen, Olympias, consulted him about
a possible heir, the wily Egyptian
foretold that she would bear a son to
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dressed as a dragon. He died when
Alexander, the son of this union,
pushed him into a pit.

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nectar

the drink of the gods which conferred
beauty and immortality

necyomancy

(see necromancy)

Nedamik

South American

a culture-hero of the Chico tribes in
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Mesopotamian

an Akkadian god of the underworld

needfire

fire caused by friction

Some say that this fire will cure
ailments caused by sorcery, especially
diseases of cattle.

Neegyauks

North American

[Volcano Woman := Haida Dzelarhons]

a frog-spirit of the Tiingit

Neepee

South American

a mischievous spirit of the
Chaco tribes

When Cotaa created a wonderful tree
which would provide food and drink
for the tribes, Neepee poured a jugful
of tears over it so that its fruit there-
after tasted salty.

Nef

Irish

[Nep de Joie]

[Ship of Joy]

a ship made by Merlin

Nef-ter-em

Irish

(Neferetem)

Nefroth

Egyptian

an early god

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Neferhotep

(a moon-god at Thebes)

Nefertem

[Neftim,Imtum,Nefer-tem,Neferetum.
Nephtemis, ‘perfection’. Tum]

(a creator-god and god of the lotus

a form of Ra as the setting sun

son of Ptah and Sakhmet

Some say he was the son of Bastet or

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of Ra-Atum whose tears became men.

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of Maat. See also Imhotep.

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Neititua Abine
(see Nei Tirubahine)
neiky
(see navky)
Nekedzaltara
North American
Athapaskan gods or spirits acting as servants of Tena-ranide
Nekehet
(see Nekhet)
Nekkhet
Egyptian
[Great Mother, Nekhbet, Nekhebet.]
Nekhbet=Greek Ibythia
the vulture-headed mother-goddess of Upper Egypt
Nekehi
(see Nekhehi)
Nekkeli
(see Nekkeli)
Nekmet Awai
Egyptian
[Nekhen]
a goddess of justice
She was later merged with Hathor.

Nekumonta
North American
an Iroquois brave
Most of his tribe had been wiped out by plague and his own wife, Shanewis, was on the point of death. He went in search of herbs to cure her and found none but heard a voice telling him to release the healing waters under the earth. He dug until his strength ran out and released the underground stream, the water from which made him strong again. He carried some of the water back to his wife and saved her life.

Nekusia
Greek
a festival, honouring the dead, held in Athens

Nekyomanteion
Greek
an oracle of the dead

Nel
(see Niall)
nelago
African
a woman used as an intermediary by Kalunga
nelaikis
Baltic
a Lithuanian spirit
This dangerous spirit is that of a victim of murder, one who drowned or one who committed suicide.

NELAPA
an angel of the second heaven
associated with the south

neles
Central American
[=Nicaragua okuli suka]
a shaman in Panama

Neleus
Greek
king of Pyla
son of Poseidon by Tyro
twin brother of Pelias
husband of Chloris
father of Alastor, Chromius, Nestor, Periclymenus, etc.
father of Pero
He and Pelias were abandoned as babies when their mother married Cretheus but were found and reared by a horse-herder. They killed Sidero, Tyro’s stepmother (or, some say, second wife of Cretheus) who had been very cruel to her step-daughter.
He was driven from Iolcus by Pelias and fled to Pyla where he became king. Neleus and all his twelve sons, except Nestor, were killed by Heracles for helping Augeas when Heracles attacked Elis. Some say that he survived this battle and later defeated the Elians.

Nellago parjam
Siberian
the sacred lotus
celebrated for each individual 40 days after burial

nelense
(see Nelle parjam)
nelumbo
Egyptian
the sacred lotus

Nemain
Irish
a war-goddess, an aspect of Morrigan
dughter of Ernmas
wife or granddaughter of Neit
In some accounts she is one of the trio — Badb, Macha and Nemain — represented by the single war-goddess, Morrigan. In the Cattle Raid of Cooley, she caused panic and killed soldiers by her shrieking.

Neman
(see Nemain)
Nemausicae
Roman
3 Celtic mother-goddesses of Nimes

Nemda
Asian
a god or spirit said to appear in time of war to lead the people

Nemea
Greek
wife of Lycuragus
mother of Opheltes

Nemean lion
Greek
[Clionocean lion]
a lion killed by Heracles as his first Labour
offsprings of Typhon and Echidna
Some say that this beast was formed from sea-foam by Selene.
Heracles strangled the lion with his bare hands since its skin resisted all weapons and wore the skin as armour and the head as a kind of helmet.
Others say that this was the skin of the Cithaeronian Lion.

Nemed
Irish
[Neimhead(h).Neimheid(h).Nemhedh]
leader of an invading force
son of Agroman
husband of Macha
father of Anind, Artur and Fergus
Leathdearg
father of Britan, some say
He was the leader of the third invasion of Ireland in which only he and four women (and, in some stories, four men) survived disease, starvation and ship-wreck to reach Ireland. He was one of the 3,000 Nemedians who died when they were struck by plague.

nemned
Celtic
[=Nemned. Neimhead(h). Neimheid(h). Nemed(h)]
a sacred grove

Nemedians
Irish
early invaders of Ireland
Their leader was Nemed, a relative of Partholon. His invading fleet of thirty-two ships was wrecked and only five (or nine) people survived. They settled in Ireland and bred, defeating the Fomoire in three battles, but later almost all the Nemedians died from plague.

After this, the remaining few were tyrannised by the Fomoire who demanded two-thirds of all their children, produce and goods. Smol, the king of Greece, sent an army to their aid and together they defeated the Fomoire, killing their king, Conall mac Febar, and looting his castle.
When the Greek army withdrew, the Nemedians were again attacked by Morc, another Fomoire leader. Most of the Fomoire were killed and only thirty Nemedians survived. They split Ireland into three parts, each ruled by a grandson of Nemed, but this arrangement soon broke down; one grandson went to Britain, the other two to Greece where the descendants of one of them later returned to...
Ireland as the Fir Bolg and, later still, the descendants of Beothach also returned as the Danaans.

**Nemesis**
Greek
a goddess of destiny and retribution
daughter of Erebus or Oceanus

Nemesis was pursued by Zeus, both frequently changing form, until Zeus, as a swan, fertilised Nemesis as a goose. The resulting egg was found by Leda and hatched to produce Helen of Troy. The alternative version involved Leda directly with Zeus.

She is depicted as carrying a bough of an apple tree and a wheel or, in other versions, scales or a whip and bridle, or axe. Her chariot is drawn by griffins.

**Nemetaway**
(see Nehmetaway)

**nemeton**
Celtic
[sing=nemeton]
sacred groves: shrines: sanctuaries

(see also nemed²)

**Nemeta**
Roman
-[Irish Nemain]
a Celtic deity
in Britain, a goddess of groves
in Gaul, a war-god(dess)

**Nemglan**
Irish
[Nemglan]
a bird god, king of the birds
He appeared to Mess Buachalla in the form of a handsome Danaan youth and seduced her. Their son, Conary Mor, was raised by her husband, Eterskel, as his own son.

When the flight of birds that Conary was following turned into soldiers, the leader, Nemglan, protected Conary from the others and told him his destiny as king and the obligations he must fulfil to become high-king.

**Nemhain**
(see Nemain)

**Nemele**
(see Nemed)

**Nemhglan**
(see Nemian)

**Nemi wood**
Roman

a sacred grove

In the fertility rite symbolising death and resurrection, the old king-priest was killed in this grove by his young successor.

**Nenimatha**
Jain

the twenty-second tirthankara

She lured the mortal, Cloud-carrier, to her home in the sky and married him. When he longed to return to his own people, she allowed him to return on condition that he did not marry again.

He soon forgot this promise and married a girl of his own tribe but she died four days later. When he married another maiden, Nemissa recalled him and he was never seen again.

**Nemmon**
(see Nemain)

**nemontemi**
Central American

5 unlucky days at the end of the
Mayan calendar year

Such was the baleful quality of this period, governed by the demon Uayyah, that no work was done.

**Nemoralia**
Roman
[|Groove Festival|

a festival in honour of Diana,
celebrated on August 13th

**Nemquetcha**
South American

[Nemqueretche.Sugumonxe.Sugunsua]
a culture-hero of the Chibcha Indians
husband of Chia, some say

He appeared out of the east and traversed the country preaching chastity and right living and teaching the arts of painting and weaving. Having established a cult of priesthood, he disappeared.

In some accounts, he is equated with Bochica. Some say that he changed his wife into an owl or the moon.

He is depicted as an old man with long hair and beard.

(see also Chimizipagua)

**Nemterequeteba**
(see Nemquetcha)

**Nemu**
East Indian

creator-gods of the Kai people

These demi-gods invented agriculture and caused the sun, which previously shone all day, to go down at night so that they could get some sleep. They turned into stone or animals when they died and were finally destroyed in the Flood.

**Nemoralis**
Greek

wife of Nata

She and her husband Nata were saved from the flood when Tezcatlipoca (or Titiacuauan, some say) warned them of its coming and told them to build a boat.

Another version says that they made a hole in a tree and survived by hiding in it. However, they had been told to eat only one ear of maize and, when they ignored this injunction and ate a fish as well, they were both turned into dogs.

**Nenabo**
North American

a trickster-deity of the tribes of New England

He is said to have brought beans and maize to the people and to have instructed them in the art of hunting.

**Nenau**
African

a Masai storm-demon

**Nende**
African

a war-god of the Baganda

son of Mukasa
brother of Kirabira and Mirimu

**Ne’enkices**
Siberian

a creator-god of the Kamchadal people

**Nenia**
Greek

a goddess of the dying

Nennius¹
British

a 9th c monk

His Historia Brittonum, a mixture of legend and historical fact, gives much detail about King Arthur which has been used as the basis of many later writings.

Nennius²
British

[=Welsh Nyniaw]
son of Belinus
brother of Lud and Cassiellaunus

When the Romans invaded Britain, Nennius was said to have met Caesar in single combat and captured his sword but was killed soon afterwards and buried with the sword alongside him in the grave.

**Nenokatatsu**
(see Yomi-tsu-kuni)

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(see Yomi-tsu-kuni)

**Nentres**
(see Nanters)

**Nenun**
Egyptian

a falcon-headed god of Kus

He is equated with Horus in some accounts.

**nenuphas**
elementals, spirits of the air, some say

**Neol**
Welsh

father of Ellyw

**Neoptolemos**
(see Neoptolemus)

**Neoptolemus**
Greek

[Neoptolemos.'young warrior']
son of Achilles.

The name given to Pyrrhus when he went to fight at Troy after the death of his father, Achilles. (see also Pyrrhus)

**Nepele**
Australian

a name for the god Baime used by the Aborigines of the Murray River basin

brother-in-law of Ngurunderi

Ngurunderi speared a pondi (cod) which swam off but was speared again
by Nepelle. They then cut the fish into small pieces and threw them, one at a time, into a lake, naming each as they did so. In this way, all the species of fish were created.

Nepelle  
(see Nepelle)  
greek
a pain-killing drug given to Helen of Troy by Polydamia

Neper  
Egyptian
a god of agriculture
son of Renenutet

A female version of this deity is known as Nepit.

Nepheleae  
Greek
['clouds']
dughters of Uranus

Nephalion  
Greek
son of Minos

Nephene1  
Greek
['cloud']

Nephene2  
a likeness of Hera made from cloud-material

When Ixion tried to rape Hera, Zeus foiled the attempt by making Nephele whom Ixion took as a wife. She bore Cerannus to Ixion and later married Athamas bearing Helle, Leucos and Phrixus.

Nepelle  
Greek
a nymph attendant on Artemis

Nephlegeretes  
Greek
a name of Zeus as 'cloud-gatherer'

Nephilim  
Hebrew
a race of semi-divine giants
They were said to be the offspring of fallen angels or gods by mortal women.

Nephthemis  
(see Nefertem)

Nephthys  
Egyptian
guardian, with Isis, of the coffin of the dead
daughter of Geb and Nut, or Ra
and Nut
sister of Isis, Osiris and Set, some say wife of Set
mother of Anubis by Osiris
She tricked Osiris into fathering Anubis since she had no children by Set and then hid the child in the reeds to save him from her husband. When Set killed Osiris she left him.
She and Isis, sometimes said to be the mother of Anubis, were known as the Weeping Sisters from their wailing at the death of Osiris; some say that they were the same. Their tears are said to have caused the Nile to flood.  
(see also Nebbethetpet)

Nepit  
(see Neper)

Nepolkwa'i  
[=Hopi Kokopelli]
a Tewa fertility-deity
one of the kachinas

Nepri  
Egyptian
a god of grain

Nephele1  
Greek

Nephele2  
Greek

Neptunalia  
Roman
a festival in honour of Neptune, June 23rd

Neptune  
Roman
[Neptunus:=Etruscan Nethuns:=Greek Poseidon]
a sea-god, one of the Olympians
son of Saturn and Ops
brother of Jupiter and Pluto
husband of Salacia

Originally a god of irrigation and horse-racing, Neptune is generally depicted as bearded and holding a trident and may be riding a dolphin or a horse.

Neptunus  
(see Neptune)

Neptunus Equester  
(see Consus)

Neq  
[Barmese nat=Thai thi]
a spirit of the dead

Ner  
(see Aer)

Nera  
Irish
[Nera mac Niadhain]
a servant of Ailill, king of Connaught

He found a corpse on the gallows that said it was thirsty so he gave it a drink.

When he found that some of his friends had been killed by the fairies from a local sidhe, he followed the attackers into the sidhe where he married a woman of the Otherworld. He escaped with her and their child to warn Ailill of a planned attack by the people of the sidhe, but when Ailill destroyed the sidhe, Nera was trapped inside.

Some say that Ailill was killed and the sidhe destroyed by Fergus mac Roth.

In one story, a cow in his wife's herd produced a bull calf, sired by the Brown Bull of Cooley, Donn Cualinge, which fought Maev's bull, Whitehorn, and was killed. This gave Maev the idea of matching Whitehorn with the Brown Bull, an idea which led to the famous Cattle Raid of Cooley and the war with Ulster which followed.

Neraida  
Greek
daughter of Alexander the Great

a name given to Cale when she became immortal

(see also Enmesarra.Girungugal. Gugulanna.Iugal-Meslam)
Nergal
[see Nergal]
a demon acting as a spy
In black magic, one of the Ministers, head of the Service Secret.

Nergel
(see Nergal)
Nerig
(see Ninib)
Nerigal
(see Nergal)
Nerio
Roman
[warring]
a war-goddess
In some stories she is the sister or wife of Mars and equated with Bellona.

Some have Nerio in place of Minerva in the story of Anna Perenna’s deception of Mars.

Neriusang
Persian
an ancient messenger-god
Nero
British
brother of Royns
When Royns was captured by Balin and Balor, with the aid of Merlin, and handed over to King Arthur, Nero prepared his forces to rescue him. Arthur took to the field, killing Nero and defeating his army.

Nerovens
British
a Knight of the Round Table
Nerrivik
Inuit
[Great Goddess=Alaskan Sedna]
a name for Sedna in Greenland

Nerthus
German
[Aerth.Earth Mother.Hertha.Mother
Earth->Norse Frigga->Roman Tellus]
a fertility-goddess
A local name for Holda, she was identified with Frigga in Germany but regarded as a separate deity in the Norse pantheon. (see also Nerthus)

Nerthus
Norse
[Hertha.Hlodyn.Hlohyyn=German
Hludana]
an earth-goddess
In some accounts, she was the first wife of Niord who later married Skadi. One or other of these wives produced Frey and Freya. Others suggest that she is the sister of Niord or that she became Niord. In some accounts, she is Frigga. (see also Nerthus)

Nerudee
Persian
a demon of the Austatikco-Pauligaur

Nerveless One, The (see Papaztac)
Nes
(see Nessa)
Nesaru
North American
[=Dakota Wakonda]
a creator-god of the Arikara
Lucky Man and Wolf Man suddenly appeared when the whole world was covered by water and ordered the ducks to bring up earth from the bottom. Lucky Man made the hills and valleys while Wolf Man made the prairies. They then dug up two spiders who brought forth all the various animals and a race of giants. Nebaru did not much care for the giants so he introduced maize which the animals planted in the earth. The seed of the maize became a new race of people underground. He then sent a flood which drowned all the giants and then created Corn Mother and sent her to the underworld to lead into the upper world the new people who lived there. These people repopulated the earth.

Neshe
[see Nessa]
Nessa
Irish
[Asa.Neas(a).Nes(s).Niassa]
daughter of Eochaid Selbuidhe
wife of Fachtna, king of Ulster
mother of Conor
It was said that her son, Conor, was fathered by Cathbad or by a drop of magic water intended for Cathbad.
When Fachtna died, she married his half-brother, Fergus, on condition that he allowed Conor to hold the throne for a year. At the end of that time, Conor refused to give up the throne and Fergus was sent into exile.

Neshou
African
a river-god in Benin

Nessie
(see Loch Ness Monster)
Nessus
Greek
a Centaur
When acting as ferryman on the river Evenus, he tried to rape Deianeira, the wife of Heracles who shot him from the far side of the river. He told Deianeira to mix his spilt semen and blood with olive oil and save it as a love-potion in case she should ever need such a thing, indirectly bringing about the death of Heracles.

Nestor
British
brother of Ban
father of Bleoiberis

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Nestor
Greek
king of Pylos
son of Neleus and Chloris
husband of Anaxibia or Eurydice
father of Antilochus, Pisistratus, Polycaste and Thrasymedes.
He was made king of Pylos by Heracles after he had sacked the city and killed the other sons of Neleus.
In some accounts, he was one of the Argonauts and a member of the party hunting the Calydonian Boar. In a raid, he killed Mutilus and Iymoonus, capturing many horses and cattle and fifty chariots. On another occasion, he killed Ereuthalion in single combat.
He was known for his eloquence and wisdom and tried to mediate when Achilles quarrelled with Agamemnon at Troy.

Nesu
African
god of the Fon
His function is to uphold royalty and protect tribal chiefs.

Nesu
(see Lil)
Nesu-we
African
temple dedicated to Nesu

Net
Irish
a Fomoire god of war
grandfather of Balor
father of Dot

Net
Irish
an alternative name for one of the Muses when they were said to be only 3 in number

Neten
(see Gnas-btran)
Neter
Egyptian
a name for god: the creative principle

Nether World
the underworld: the land of the dead

Nethuns
Italian
[=Roman Neptune]
an Etruscan water-god

Neti
Mesopotamian
[=Akkadian Nut]
a Sumerian god of the underworld
He acts as gatekeeper and servant of Ereshkigal. He admitted the goddess Inanna to each of the seven realms of the underworld.

Neto
European
[Neto-Irish Neit]
a Gaulish war-god in Spain

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Nezahualcoyotl led them in a battle in which Maxtla was defeated and killed. Nezahualcoyotl then took his rightful place on the throne and ruled wisely and well for many years. When his eldest son had an affair with one of the king's wives, he was tried and executed with his father's approval.

**Nezahualpilli**
- **Central American**
- king of Tezcuco
- son of Nezahualcoyotl
- husband of Chachihunatenetzin

When he discovered that his wife had been unfaithful with many others he staged a large public trial at which the queen was condemned. She, and several thousand of her helpers, were garroted.

**Nezahualpilli**
- **Central American**
- a name for Tezcatlipoca as The Hungry Chief

**Nga Atua**
- **Pacific Islands**
- the sixth heaven in the lore of the Polynesians

**Nga-blut Piwe**
- **Burmese**
- a Buddhist festival of purification

**Ngaan**
- **African**
- a creator-god of the Bakuba
- He quarrelled with his companion god, Mbomba, who then took over the heavens and earth, leaving Ngaan in charge of the seas.

**Ngabal**
- **Pacific Islands**
- [Racit Ngabal]
- an Indonesian guardian-god

This deity is said to live in a fig tree. **Ngai**
- **African**
- a supreme deity of the Masai

**Ngala**
- **African**
- ['god']

the Bambara name for Pemba

**Ngalabal**
- **Australian**
- mother of Daramulum by Baima

**Ngalbjod**
- **Australian**
- [Nialyod]
- a name for the Rainbow Snake

**Ngama**
- **African**
- a witch-doctor in the Congo

**Ngamu**
- **African**
- [Loo Seng]
- a mask used in the rites of secret societies

**Nganamba**
- **African**
- king of Jerra
- father of Gassire

**Nganaoa**
- **New Zealand**
- a Maori hero
- son of Tairi

He killed a number of sea-monsters and, when he cut open the stomach of one of them, found his parents who had long been missing.

**Ngandjala-Ngandjala**
- **Australian**
- trickster-gods of the Aborigines

It is said that these beings who destroy growing foodstuffs and generally cause trouble, can sometimes be seen in the clouds.

**Nganga**
- **African**
- [Bakongo ndoki=:Swahili mganga: =Tanzanian mgonzi]
- Bantu witch-doctors who can capture night-flying spirits

**Ngara**
- **New Zealand**
- a Maori god of sleet

**Ngani-Vatu**
- **Pacific Islands**
- [Nguri-Lei=Arab Roc: =Maori Poua-Kai]
- a huge, man-eating bird in the lore of Fiji

**Ngara**
- **Australian**
- an Aboriginal monster in the form of a huge lizard (see also Ngara)

**Ngara**
- **Australian**
- [Karara-Huara.Ngarara Huara]
- a minor deity or, some say, a demon

Some accounts describe this being as a beautiful woman with a tail, others as a form of mermaid. Some say she is a lizard-woman. In the form of a woman with a tail, she tried to seduce Ruru who had called at her island in search of water but, with the help of her servants Kiore Tà and Kiore Ti, Ruru got away. He then built a hut containing a model of himself and set fire to the building. Ngara, who had coiled herself round the statue, was lucky to escape with the loss of her long tail.

**Ngara-Huara**
- (see also Ngara)

**Ngarimana**
- **Australian**
- the cat-man of the Aborigines

He got into a dispute with the Bagadjimbiri brothers and, with his followers, speared them to death. The earth goddess, Dilga, drowned the killers with a flood of milk from her breasts and restored the two giants to life.

**Ngaro**
- **Pacific Islands**
- food for the dead in the lore of the Polynesians

**Ngaru**
- **Pacific Islands**
- ['surf']
- a culture-hero of the Mangaian Islanders
- grandson of Moko
- husband of Tongatea
He was originally black and hairless but, when his wife left him, he bleached his body white and Tangaroa gave him hair. After this, his wife came back to him.

He overcame the sky-demon Amaita-Rangi and the sea-monster Tumu-I-Te-Are-Toka and when Miru tried to burn him to death in the underworld he caused a flood which extinguished the fires.

He is credited with the invention of the surf-board and is said to have taught the tribes ball-games which he learned from the spirits when he climbed up to the sky.

Ngawn-wa Mogam  
Burmese 
son of Hkrip Hkrawp and Sik Sawp 
He shaped the world with a hammer and made it fit for human beings.

Ngewo  
African 
Ngewo was a god of the Ngonde, brother of Lyambilo and Mbasi. His brothers killed him, jealous of the fact that he had introduced maize to his people. When he reappeared in the form of a snake, they cut him into pieces and, when these pieces joined up again, they cut him up once more. He revived yet again and went away.

Ngewowa  
African 
Ngewowa was a caterpillar, a form of the Bushman god, Kaang.

Ngolimeno  
African 
Ngolimeno was in the lore of the Ewe, a spirit. This is the spirit to which unborn children must pay a visit to determine their fortune.

Ngoma  
African 
Ngoma was in the lore of the Kikuyu, the spirit of the individual which becomes a ghost when that person dies.

Ngoyama  
Burmese 
Ngoyama were devils. These beings are envisaged as somewhat like humans but with tails. They are said to eat real humans.

Ngulaki  
African 
Ngulaki was a supreme god of the Kakwa people of Sudan.

Nguleso  
African 
Nguleso was a supreme god of the Kakwa people of Sudan.

Ngunzaku  
African 
Ngunzaku were protective gods of the Hua people.

Ngunuwo  
African 
Ngunuwo were protective gods of the Hua people.

Nguntow  
See also Ngunuwo.

Ngurunderi  
Australian 
Ngurunderi was a Fijian god.

Nguruweri  
Australian 
Nguruweri was a name for the god Baime used by the Aborigines of the Murray River basin.

Ngwana  
Burmese 
Ngwana was a viceroy who was deified as a god of wisdom.

Ngwokhan  
Armenian 
Ngwokhan was a malevolent spirit sometimes seen in the form of a mermaid or seal.

Ngwenbush  
North American 
Ngwenbush was a trickster-god of the Ojibwa.

Nhialio  
African 
Nhialio was a supreme god of the Dinka.

Ni  
East Indian 
Ni was a moon-goddess in New Guinea.

Ni  
South American 
Ni was a sea-god of the Chimú Indians.

Ni-o  
Japanese 
Ni-o were 2 warlike kings who guarded temple gates.

Nia  
Irish 
Nia was the son of Lughna, brother of Lugaid.

Nial  
Irish 
Nial was a Shinto fire-god.

Niall  
Irish 
Niall was a high-king of Ireland.

Nhialio  
African 
Nhialio was a god of death.

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Niall Caille

When his poet, Laidcheann, refused hospitality to Eochu, a prince of Leinster, Eochu burnt his house to the ground. Niall invaded Leinster and took Eochu hostage, later sending him in exile to Scotland. When Niall visited that country, the vengeful Eochu shot and killed him. In other versions, he was killed by Eochu's arrow in the Alps or in the Channel Islands on one of his many expeditions of conquest.

Niall Caille

Irish

a high-king of Ireland

He quarrelled with Feidlimidh, king of Munster, and defeated him at the Battle of Carman.

Niall Condail

(see Nial Frasach)

Nial Frasach

Irish

a high-king of Ireland

son of Fergal mac Maolduin

brother of Aodh Allan

It is said that, when a famine occurred, he prayed and the famine was lifted with showers of food and silver falling from heaven.

Nialyod

(see Ngalbjud)

Niam

Irish


daughter of Manannan

wife of Oisin

mother of Plur na mBan

In some stories, she is the girl who came on a white horse and carried Oisin back to her home in Tir na n-Og (or Tir Tainigiri in some versions) where they married and lived together for 300 years.

Niamh

Irish

[Niamh.Niav]

daughter of Celtchair

wife of Conganchas and Cormac Cond Longes

Her husband could be killed only by one who knew his secret. Niam discovered it and told her father who then killed Conganchas. Niam then married Cormac Cond Longes, son of Conor mac Nessa. (see also Niam')

Niamh

Irish

[Niamh.Niav]

wife of Conall Cearnach,

in some accounts

She became Cuchulainn's mistress in his later years.

In some versions, she is the same as Niam, daughter of Celtchair.

Niamh

(see Niam)

a creator-god of the Ivory Coast

Niamye

African

Niang Niang

Chinese

goddess of T'ai Shan

Niassa

(see Nessa)

Nia

(see Niam)

Nibhana

(see Nirvana)

Nibelheim

(see Alfhheim)

Nibelung

Norse

[kNiebelung]

king of the dwarfs

brother of Schibung

He quarrelled with his brother over sharing their father's estate.

Some accounts say that he authorised Siegfried to divide his treasure between his three sons. Siegfried killed both Nibelung and his brother.

Nibelungenlied, The

German

[German Iliad.Lay of the Niblungs:

»Norse Thidrek Saga«]

a 13th c epic poem from the Eddas, the basis for Wagner's cycle of operas

Nibhaz

Hebrew

a god of darkness envisaged in the form of a dog

Nibiru

Mesopotamian

[Nebiru]

the Babylonian ruler of the heavens: the planet Jupiter

Niblungs

(see Nibelungen)

Nicatagah

Central American

a Mayan deity, guardian of Iqi Balam's people

Nice

(see Nike)

niceras

(see nok)

Niechant

North American

an Algonquian god who destroyed the world by fire and flood

Nicholas

patron saint of children, Russia and sailors

He is said to be the prototype for Santa Claus (Father Christmas). In real life, he was a 4th c bishop, born in Lydia, who gave all his inherited wealth to the poor. During a famine, he persuaded sailors bound for Alexandria, to give them their cargoes of grain yet, when they arrived in Egypt their holds were still full.

His festival is held on December 6th.

Nicippe

Greek

a priestess at the grove of Demeter at Dotrium

daughter of Pelops and Hippodamia

wife of Sthenelus

mother of Eurystheus

Nickard

German

a water-monster

This being was said to steal a child from its bed, leaving a monster in its place. The mother could save her child only if she whipped the monster.

Nickel

(see Stromkarl)

Nick

(see Stromkarl)

Nickaen

Scottish

a spirit in the form of an old hag

Nicodemus

British

a Pharisee who helped to bury Jesus

In Arthurian lore, his body was brought to Britain and kept there until it was transferred to the Grail Castle. It was later returned to the Holy Land in the ship that carried Percival and his companions on the voyage to return the Holy Grail.

Nicomachus

Greek

a physician

son of Machaon and Anticleia

brother of Alexanor and Gorgasus

Niophoros

Greek

a name for Zeus as bringer of victory

Nicor

British

an ancient water-god

father of the nixes

(see also Stromkarl)

Nicor

(see Stromkarl)

Nicoran

British

a knight

He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.

Nicostrate

(see Carmenta)

Nicostrates

Greek

son of Menelaus by Helen or a nymph

After his father died, he drove Helen from Sparta.

Nicothoe

(see Harpies)

Nictymene

(see Nyctymene)

Nida

Norse

the site of the heavenly hall reserved for dwarfs

Nidaba

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian goddess of music and writing

a corn-goddess: an aspect of Ishtar
 nidanas

Birds

the links in the chain of a man's finite existence

Nidavellir

Norse

the realm of the dwarfs

Nidhad

(see Nidud)

Nidhogg

Norse

[Nidhogg.Nidhug.Nihidhogg]
a monster in the form of a dragon or serpent which gnawed at the roots of Yggdrasil and fed on corpses

Nidhogg (see Nidhogg)

Nidhug (see Nidhogg)

Nidim

(see Ea.Enki)

Nidimmud

(see Ea.Enki)

Nidra

Hindu

goddess of sleep
daughter of Brahma

Nidud

Norse

[Nidhad,Nidud,Nidung,Nithad,Nihud]
king of Sweden

father of Bodwild

When Volund and his two brothers were searching for their swan-maiden lovers, Nidud accused Volund of stealing gold, cut out the sinews of his legs and made him virtually a slave.

When the king's two sons visited Volund, he killed them both and sent their heads, decorated with precious stones, to their father. He also seduced their heads, decorated with precious stones, to their father.

They are said to cut pieces from dead bodies and insert the pieces into those whom they wish to make ill, having first put them into a deep sleep. They must return to their own bodies before dawn or die.

Night Chant

North American

a Navajo winter festival

This festival lasts for nine days and honours the spirits with dancing, sand painting and other rituals.

night hag

[nightmare]
an incubus or succubus inducing terrifying dreams

Night Lord

Mesopotamian

god of rain

It was he who, ordered by Samas, caused the heavy rains which gave rise to the flood.

Night of Tradition

Pacific Islands

the past in the lore of the islanders

night-raven

a bird variously identified as a bittern, goatsucker, heron, nightjar or owl

In Denmark, the bird is said to be the incarnation of one who was murdered or committed suicide and was buried, at the junction of roads, in a grave from which it frees itself by moving only one grain of soil per year.

Some say that this bird flies in front of the Wild Hunt.

Night Sun

(see Dionysus)

night witches

African

[baboi.baboi]

women of Botswana whose spirits leave their bodies at night to become witches

They are said to cut pieces from dead bodies and insert the pieces into those whom they wish to make ill, having first put them into a deep sleep. They must return to their own bodies before dawn or die.

Nightingale The Brigand

Russian

a monster, part human, part bird

This being lived in a tree and attacked passing travellers. He was killed by Ilya Muromets.

nightmare

(see night hag)

Nigi-haya-hi

Japanse

a sun-god

Nigi-mitama

Japanse

a gentle spirit

Nigromancy

(see necromancy)

Nihancan

(see Nihansan)

Nihansan

North American

[Nihancan]
a trickster or creator-god of the Arapaho

Nihon

Japanese

the birthplace of Amaterasu

This holy name is used to ward off evil.

Nihongi

Japanese

A book of Shinto legends written in AD 720

Nii-no-ama

(see Sui Tengu)

Niidonono

Japanese

a female sea-spirit

She conducted Antoku Tenno to her underwater realm when he was killed in the battle of Dan-no-Ura.

Nijuhachi-Bushu

Japanese

a group of 28 guardian deities

These beings, who symbolise the constellations, are sometimes regarded as the servants of Kwanon. They are listed as:

Ashira

Mogra

Bassossennin

Makeshura

Bishamon

Mansen

Daibenzaiten

Manzenshao

Daibonten

Mawaraten

Gobuju

Missshakukongo

Hibakara

Nandaryu

Karura

Naraen

Kendatsuba

Sanshi-taisho

Kinnara

Shakara

Komoku

Shimmoten

Kompira

Teishakuten

Konda

Tohoten

Konshiki

Zocho

Nik

(see Nakk.nix)

Nike

Greek

[Nice=Roman Victoria]

the goddess of victory
daughter of Pallas and Styx

sister of Bia, Cratus and Zelus

She was awarded the title of goddess of victory for the help she gave to the gods in their battle with the Titans.

She is often depicted as a winged figure.

In some accounts, she is identified with Athena.

Nike Apteros

(see also Nikephoros Athena)

a name for Nike as ‘wingless’

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Nikephoros Athena | Greek
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a name for Athena as goddess of victory

In some accounts, the goddess of victory is Nike; others have Athena holding an image of Nike.

Nikkal | Mesopotamian
[sumerian Ningal]
a Syrian moon-goddess
wife of Jarih
an aspect of Ningal as moon-goddess

Nikko Bosatsu | Japanese
a Buddhist sun-god

Nikobo | Japanese
[fire-face]
a priest

He cured the wife of a governor by exorcism but the governor, jealous of his powers, had him killed. Nikobo returned in the form of a fiery globe which hovered over the governor who was taken ill and died. It is said that the fiery globe, in which the priest’s face can be discerned, returns to the scene every year.

Niliki | Siberian
a Russian saint worshipped as a guardian god of seafarers

Nikumbha | Hindu
a king of the Asuras

Nikur | (see nix)

Nila | (see Nilagiri)

Nila Tara | (see Blue Tara)

Nila Utama | Malay
son of Sapurba

He is said to have founded Singapore and took the name Seri Turi when he became its first ruler.

Niladanda | Buddhist
a guardian god
one of the dikpalas

He is guardian of the south-western part of the world.

Niladevi | Hindu
[=tamil Pitnai]
a consort of Vishnu

Nilagiri | Indian
[Nilj]
a mythical range of mountains

Nilakantha | Hindu
[blue throat]
a name for Shiva

He was given this name when, at the Churning of the Ocean, he swallowed the poison that arose, so saving mankind. He is sometimes depicted with a blue throat caused by holding the poison in his throat.

Nilalohita | Hindu
a form of Rudra

He was a great hunter and warrior, said to have owned the clothes worn by Adam and Eve which guaranteed victory to those who wore them. He was deified and ordered the construction of the Tower of Babel for an attack on heaven itself.

It is said that, no matter how heavy the dew, none ever falls on Nimrod’s tomb in Damascus. (see also Kesil)

Nimue | British
[Lady of the Lake, Nimiane, Nineve, Niniane, Nymanche, Nymue, Nynuee, Vivian(e), Vivien(ne)]
one of the holders of the office of Lady of the Lake
daughter of King Pellinore or Dyonas

In some stories she is a nun, in others the daughter of a Sicilian siren or of Dinas. Some equate her with Morgan le Fay, others have her as a separate person. As Vivian, she was the daughter of Dylan. Some accounts place her as one of the attendants of the Lady of the Lake who later assumed that office.

At Arthur’s wedding feast the proceedings were interrupted when a white stag galloped into the hall followed by a white bitch and a pack of hounds. A knight seized the dog and rode off with it. A lady on a pony then appeared claiming that the dog was hers. She was forcibly dragged away by an unknown knight who rode into the hall. The knight was Ontelake and the girl was Nimue. She was rescued by Pellinore who killed Ontelake and brought her back to Camelot where Merlin fell madly in love with her as he had always known he would despite knowing also that she would destroy him.

When Guinevere was accused of poisoning the apple that killed Patrise, Nimue made it known that Finel was the guilty party.

She travelled with Merlin to Ban’s court in Benwick and back to England, always promising to sleep with her aging suitor if he would tell her all the secrets of his magic art which, foolishly, he did. In Cornwall, he used his powers to make a fabulous room inside a rock where they might be together but when they entered the room she sprang back and sealed the entrance with an unbreakable spell. She rode away leaving Merlin to his fate and came upon Pellias dying...
of unrequited love for Ettaarde. Nimue used her magic to cause Ettaarde to fall in love with Pellaeus but then put a spell on Pellaeus so that he rejected her love. She stayed with Pellaeus for the rest of her life; some versions say they married.

In some stories she left Merlin tied up in the magic forest, Broceliande, trapped in an oak tree or entangled forever in a thorn-bush.

In those versions where Nimue and Vivien are regarded as separate characters, it was the latter who entangled Merlin in a thorn-bush.

In some accounts, she is identified with Rhiannon.

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Nimurta

(see also Morgan le Fay)

Nimurta (see Ninurta)

Nimush (see Mount Nisu)

Nin-buba Mesopotamian

[Nin-bubu]
a name for Ea as 'god of mariners'

Nin-bubu (see Nin-buba)

Nin Edin (see Geshtinanna)

Nin Ella Mesopotamian

a virgin-goddess

consort of Ea, in some accounts

Nin Ezen (see Gula)

Nin-Gala (see Ningal)

Nin Gishzida (see Ningishzida)

Nin-Gursu (see Ningirsu)

Nin-Idu (see Ninlilu)

Nin-Imma (see Ninmah)

Nin-ip (see Ninib)

Nin Ki (see Damkina.Ninki)

Nin Mar Ki (see Ninmah)

Nin Me En (see Nimnena)

Nin-Shaeh Mesopotamian

[Nin Shakh]
a Babylonian war-god in the form of a boar

Nin Sun (see Ninsuna)

Nin Ur (see Ninurta)

Nin-Uruwa (see Ningal)

Nina1 Mesopotamian

[Ninetta=Sumerian Nanna]

the chief Babylonian goddess
daughter of Ea

sister of Ningiirsu

A form of the Great Mother or of Ishtar as a fish-goddess, she is sometimes equated with Belet-Seri.

Nina2 (see Nansce.Nena)

Nina Stahu North American

the cave from which the ancestors of the Blackfoot Indians emerged led by Napi

Ninacolla South American

a servant of Naiymap acting as throne-bearer

Ninagal (see Ninegal)

Ninamaskug Mesopotamian

a Sumerian shepherd-demon, ruler of cattle-stalls

Ninanna (see Inanna)

Ninatta (see Ninattas)

Ninattas Mesopotamian

[Ninatta]
a Hurrian deity attendant on Shaushkas or, in the Sumerian version, on Ishtar

Ninazu Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god of magic and healing

son of Enlil and Ninlil

father of Ningsi Zi Da

Like Nanna, he was born in the underworld where Ninlil had followed Enlil. In some stories he is the husband or son of Ereshkigal, in others Ninazu is used as a name for Ereshkigal.

Nindara Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god

consort of Narse

Nindub Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god, patron of shipsmenders

Nindubarra Mesopotamian

a Sumerian local god, god of Lagas

Nindukugga Mesopotamian

a Sumerian goddess of the underworld mother of Enil

wife of Endukugga

Nine Brahmarishis Hindu

the 7 Brahmarishis plus Bhrigu and Daksha

Nine Cauac Central American

the ninth of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle

On this day the creation of hell was started. (see also Cauac)

Nine Ladies Britob

a megalithic structure in Derbyshire

These ladies were said to have been turned into stones for dancing on a Sunday.

Nine Ollin Central American

an office held by a boy whose life was dedicated to the sun-god in Mexico

Having been chosen for this office at the age of nine, the appointee would serve until he reached the age of fifty-two, at which point he would be sacrificed to the sun-god and cremated.

Nine Sisters Britob

the sisters of Morgan le Fay

Nine, the (see Muses)

Nine Wave Maidens (see Wave-maidens)

Nine Worlds Norse

the realms into which the world of the Norse races was divided

These divisions are listed as Godheim (home of the Asir), Helheim (home of the dead), Jotunheim (land of the Frost Giants), Liosalfheim (land of the light elves), Mannheim (home of man-kind), Muspelheim (land of the Fire Giants), Niflheim (the underworld), Surtalheim (land of the dark elves), Vanheim (home of the Vanir).

Other lists substitute Asgard for Godheim, Hel for Helheim, Alfheim for Liosalfheim, Midgard for Mannheim and introduce Nidavellir, the home of the dwarfs.

Nine Worthy, The European

[Neuf Preux] heroes embodying the qualities of bravery and virtue

These men were listed in three groups of three. From the Bible there were David, Joshua and Judas; the classical period was represented by Alexander, Hector and Julius Caesar; and the later Christian world produced King Arthur, Charlemagne and Godfrey of Bouillon.

Nineb (see Ninib)

Ninedinna Mesopotamian

a Babylonian goddess

She kept the records of the dead in the underworld.

Ninegal Mesopotamian

[Ninagal]

a Babylonian smith-god

Ninelela (see Damkina)

Ninetta (see Ninah)

Nineve (see Nimue)

Nineveh (see Ninus)

ning wot Burmese

divination using sticks of bamboo

When heated, a bamboo stick splits open and hairlike fibres can be seen on the split edges. The diviner claims to be able to read these fibres and thereby foretell the future.

Ningal Mesopotamian

[Nin-Gala,Nin-Uruwa-Syrian Nikkal]

a Sumerian moon-goddess

daughter of Enki and Ningikugal

wife of Sin or Nanna

mother of Inanna and Utu

She refused to live with Sin until he had made the whole world fruitful.

Ningentue South American

a servant of Naiymap who acted as his cup-bearer
Ningikugal

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian reed-goddess
daughter of An and Nammu
a consort of Enki

Ningilin

Mesopotamian

[Ninkhils]a Sumerian god

Ningirama

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian god of magic

Ningirsu

Mesopotamian

son of Ninhursaga
son of Bel, in some accounts
son and husband of Baba, some say
brother of Nina

He was envisaged as a lion-headed eagle and, in some accounts, was identified with Tammuz. Some say that his mother was a goat.

He is associated with the planet Jupiter and the constellation Orion. (see also Ninib)

Ningishzida

Mesopotamian

gatekeeper for the god An
son of Ninhursag and Ereshkigal

In some stories he is a god of the underworld, equated with the restored Tammuz, or referred to as the brother of Tammuz.

Ninhursag (see Ninhursaga)

Ning Sang

Burmese

[Njamp Wa]the Buddhist supreme being

Ningis Zi Da (see Ningishzida)

Ningis Zia (see Ningishzida)

Ningizzida (see Ningishzida)

Ningsarg (see Ninhursaga)

Ningirsu (see Ningirama)

Ningyo

Japanese

a mermaid

She is depicted as a fish with a human head.

Ninhursag (see Ninhursaga)

Ninhursag (see Ninhursaga)

Ninhursaga (see Ninirsu)

Ninianne (see Ninme)

Ninib

Mesopotamian

Ninip,Nirig=Hirite.Zamana=Roman
Saturn]an Assyrian sun-god and god of repose
son of Ea, Bel or Enlil
consort of Gula and Baba

A form of Tammuz, he is associated with the planet Saturn.

In some accounts, he is the same as Ninurta or Ninsuk. (see also Ningirama)

Niniganni

East Indian

a benevolent python-goddess

Ninigi

Japanese

[Hominigi.Prince Ninigi]a Shinto ancestral god
son of Ama-no-Oshio-mimi
grandson of Taka-mi-musubi
and Amaterasu
consort of Senge
consort of Utzume, some say
father of Fire Fade and Fire Flash

He was sent from heaven, bearing three gifts from Amaterasu – the sword Kusanagi, the mirror Jata-kayami and the jewel(s) Go-shih Tai – to bring order to the land of Izumo. Three envoys went ahead to prepare the way but all proved disloyal. Two later envoys succeeded in restoring order and Ninigi descended to Izumo where he was guided by the monster Deity of the Field-paths to whom Ninigi gave Utzume as a wife. Having forced Okuni-Nushi to hand over the throne, he fell in love with Senge and married her but when he became jealous, she left him and immolated herself by setting fire to the wooden hut she lived in, after giving birth to three sons.

Ninkug (see Nadimmund)

Ninlido

Mesopotamian

[N-Nild]a Babylonian carpenter-god

Ninimina

African

[Malinke.Samano]a mountain-demon with horns

He may disgorged gold and silver for a king or, if displeased, choke the king to death in his coils.

Ninimma (see Ninmah)

Ninine

Irish

a dumb poet

He became known as Ninine after his speech was restored by St Moninne.

Ninnini (see Inanna)

Ninsimina (see Nininsimina)

Ninisimina

Mesopotamian

[Ninisima]a Sumerian fertility goddess
daughter of An and Uras
consort of Pabilsag or Nergal

Ninip (see Ninib)

Ninkarnunna

Mesopotamian

[=Sumerian Galu]a Sumerian god of barbers

Ninkarraka

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian goddess of childbirth

Ninkharsag (see Ninhursaga)

Ninkhursag (see Ninhursaga)
Ninkasi  Mesopotamian
a Sumerian goddess of pleasure
and wine
She was one of the eight deities born
to Ninhursaga to cure the eight
afflictions of Enki after he had eaten
the eight plants produced by Utu. She
cured his mouth.

Ninki  Mesopotamian
[Goshan-ki.Nin Ki]
a name for Ninhursaga as consort
of Enki or Ea
a name for Damkina as 'lady of
the earth'

Ninkigal  Mesopotamian
a Babylonian earth-god

Ninkilim  (see Ninglim)

Ninku  (see Nintu)

Ninkurra  Mesopotamian
a Babylonian artisan-god

Ninkurru  Mesopotamian
a Sumerian mother-goddess
dughter of Enki and Ninsar
In some accounts she gave birth to
Utu, fathered by her own grandfather
Enki, nine days after conception.
Other versions say that she was the
mother of Ninmah and that Utu was
Ninhursaga's daughter.

Ninlil  Mesopotamian
[Baalath.Haya.Kutushar.Ninhursaga:
=Babylonian Mylitta]
a Sumerian grain-goddess
daughter of Haia and Ninbargumgum
Ninhursaga was the wife of Enil by
whom she was raped. When he was
banished to the underworld, she followed him and their son, Nanna,
was born there. They mated again to
produce two other sons, Nergal and
Ninaz.

Ninnah  Mesopotamian
Ninimma.Ninmar.Ninna]
a name of Ninhursaga as 'great queen'
an aspect of Ki, some say
In some accounts she, rather than
Ninkurra, is the mother of Utu by
Enki, while others say that she created
the first man from clay.

Ninmar  (see Nimmah)

Ninmenna  Mesopotamian
[Nin Me En]
a Sumerian mother-goddess

Ninmu  (see Ninsar)

Ninmug  (see Ereshkigal)

Ninna  (see Ninmah)

Ninni  (see Nanna)

Ninos  (see Ninsar)

Ninsar  Mesopotamian
[Ninmu.Urbadgumgum]
a Sumerian mother-goddess
wife of Nazi
In some accounts she is the mother of
Ninkurra, fathered by her own father,
Enki, after a gestation period of only
nine days.

Ninsahargunnu  (see Ninbargumgum)

Ninshabur  Mesopotamian
[Ninshubur.Papikkal-Babylonian Ilahrat]
a Sumerian messenger god attendant on
Inanna; gatekeeper for the god An

Ninsikil  Mesopotamian
[Mah.Ninskilla, Virgin Lady]
a Sumerian guardian-goddess
of paradise
This is Ninhursaga after her marriage
to Enki. She lives in Dilmun, the
everly paradise.

Ninsinna  (see Inanna)

Ninskilla  (see Ninlil)

Ninsu-utud  (see Nintu)

Ninsubur  (see Ninshubur)

Ninsun  (see N尼斯una)

Ninsuna  Mesopotamian
[Nin Sun,Ninsun.Sirtur]
a Sumerian guardian-goddess
consort of Lugalbanda
mother of Gilgamesh and Dumuzi
an aspect of Nana, some say

Ninsusinak  Persian
a god of the Elamites

Ninsutu  Mesopotamian
[Ninsu-utud]
a goddess
wife of Ninurta
She was one of the eight deities born
to Ninhursaga to cure the eight
afflictions of Enki after he had eaten
the eight plants produced by Utu. She
cured his toothache.

Ninti  Mesopotamian
a healing deity
One of the eight deities born to
Ninhursaga to cure the eight afflictions
of Enki after he had eaten the eight
plants produced by Utu, healing his rib.

Nintinugga  (see Gula)

Nintoku  Japanese
son of Ojin
He was a benevolent emperor, deified
after his death.

Nintu  Mesopotamian
Ninhursaga as goddess of birth
consort of Enki
mother of Tagtug
In some accounts she is equated with
Belar Illi, in others she is a form of
Baha, half woman, half serpent.

Nintua Kalamma  (see Nintuama Kalamma)

Nintuama Kalamma  Mesopotamian
a name of Ninhursaga after the birth
of her children

Nintud  (see Nintu)

Nintur1  Mesopotamian
a Babylonian earth-god

Nintur2  (see Nintu)

Ninusaddii  (see Gula)

Ninurash  (see Nintu)

Ninurta  Mesopotamian
[Enurta,Ninurta.Nin Ur,Ninurash.
Sharuk=Hittite.Bel.Zamana]
the Sumerian war-god, god of
farming, floods, and wind
son of Enlil and Ninlil or Ninmah
son of Inanna, some say
consort of Gula
When Zu stole the Tablets of Destiny
from Enlil, Belet-Ili gave birth to
Ninurta and sent him to recapture the
Tablets. After a long battle, he killed
Zu and returned the Tablets to Enlil.
He fought the demon Asag with
huge stones which he later used to
make mountains to hold back the
flood-waters of Kur. He has a magic
weapon known as Sarur and a double-
edged scimitar. Some say that these
weapons, Sarur and Sargaz, were
cyclones which he controlled.
In some accounts, he is the same
as Ninib.  (see also Indugud.
Sakut.Tispak)

Ninurta2  Mesopotamian
an Akkadian war-god, god of the hunt

Ninus  Mesopotamian
[Nineveh.Ninos]
king of Assyria
son of Belus
second husband of Semiramis
father of Ninyas
He gave the throne to Semiramis who
later killed him. His tomb was the site
of the tragic story of Pyramus and
Thisbe.
He is regarded as the builder of the
city of Nineveh.

Ninvit  (see kala')
Ninyas

Mesopotamian

son of Nunus and Semiramis

When Semiramis killed his father, Ninya killed her though others say that Semiramis died of a broken heart when she failed to conquer India.

Ninzadim

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian god

Nio-san

Japanese

the collective name for the 2 gatekeepers, Udaijin and Yadaijin

Niobe

British

[‘snowy’]

a maiden who loved Sagamore

Niobe

Greek

[‘snowy’]

the first woman

mother of Argus by Zeus

mother of Pelasgus by Zeus, some say

In the lore of the Argives, she was the daughter of the first man, Phoroneus, by the nymph, Teledice. She was seduced by Zeus and bore a son, Argus, who became king of Phoronea, later called Argos.

Another version says that she was the wife of Phoroneus.

Niobe

Greek

dughter of Tantalus and Euryanessa or Dione

sister of Pelops

wife of Thespis, king of Thebes

She had seven sons and seven daughters (or six sons and six daughters, in some accounts) and boasted that, having so many children, she was greater than the goddess Leto, mother only of Apollo and Aphrodite, and should be worshipped. Apollo and Artemis killed her husband and all her children for this slight (though some say that one boy, Amydas, and one girl, Chloris, escaped) and Zeus turned the weeping boy, Amydas, and one girl, Chloris, into stone, which continued to escape) and Zeus turned the weeping

Niobe

Norse

(see Njord)

Niord

(see Njord)

[Njor] father (some say mother) of Nanna

Nipa

North American

an Algonquin moon-goddess

Niparaya

North American

a supreme creator-deity of the Pericue

husband of Anayicoyondi

father of Quaayayp

He was in conflict with Wac whom he defeated.

Nipin

(see Nipinoukhe)

Nipinger

Norse

one of the dwarfs

Nipinoukhe

North American

[‘snowy’]

a sky-god of the Montagnais people

brother of Pipinoukhe

He and his brother shared the rule as sky-gods, each ruling for six months of the year, Nipinoukhe in summer, his brother in winter.

Nira

Mesopotamian

[Nir] a Babylonian deity

son of Ea

Nirah

(see Nira)

Niraya

Buddhist

hell: the downward path to hell

Nireus

Greek

a commander at Troy

He led a small contingent from Syne, supporting the Greeks, and was killed by Euryplus.

Nirig

(see Ninib)

Nirmali

Afghan

a Kafir birth-goddess

Some regard her as an aspect of Disani, not a separate deity.

nirmana-kaya

Buddhist

one of the 3 levels of a Buddha’s existence

In this form the Buddhha appears as a physical body, an emanation of the ‘real’ Buddha or bodhisattva.

(see also Three Bodies Doctrine)

Nirmanarati

Buddhist

the home of the gods of creation

Nirpean

Cambodian

[‘snowy’]

the highest of the 26 paradises

Nirrita

Hindu

[‘snowy’]

a god of death

guardian of the south-west, some say

He is depicted as being carried on a man’s back.

Nirriti

Hindu

[‘snowy’]

a goddess of darkness and death

the female aspect of Nirrita

She is envisaged as a dark-skinned goddess and later as a god, one of the dikpalas, guardian of the south-west.

Nirta

(see Nirrita)

Nirtrit

(see Nirriti)

Nirruta

Hindu

an ancient Vedic god

Nirutu

Phoenician

a mother-goddess

She is depicted as part woman, part serpent.

(see also Baau)

Nirvana

Buddhist

[Kas(h)i].Mahasukka.Nirvana:

=Cambodian Nirvana=

[Hindu Molosha:

=Japanese Nehan=

a blissful state beyond the tribulations of individual existence, arrived at by the true devotee

In some versions it is regarded as an actual paradise. (see also Mahasukka.

Panimirvana.PureLand.

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Nirvana

Buddhist

[Kas(h)].Mahasukka.Nibbana=Cambodian Nirpean:

the concept of release and merging with the Absolute

nis

Scandinavian

[‘snowy’]

a friendly goblin; a household spirit

Nisa

Greek

wife of Mopsus the shepherd
Nisaba

Mesopotamian
an Akkadian corn-goddess

(see Nisaba)

Mesopotamian
a Babylonian goddess of agriculture

Nisada

Hindu
son of Balarama and Revati
brother of Urmuka

Nisca

South American
in Inca lore, the word of god which he used to create all things

Nishada

Hindu
the embodiment of evil

When the wicked emperor, Vena, was killed by his priests, all the evil in his body emerged in the form of the black dwarf, Nishada.

Nishtigri

Hindu
wife of Dyas
mother of Indra, some say

Nishumbha

Hindu
a demon
brother of Shumbha

He and his brother became so powerful, as a result of extreme asceticism over a period of 6,000 years, that the gods began to fear them and sent Duraga to kill them.

Nisien

Welsh
[See also: Nysienn, Nysien, Nysiann]
son of Euroswydd and Penardun
son of Llyr, some say
brother of Efnisien
half-brother to Bran, Branwen
and Manawydan

Nisima

Mesopotamian
a Babylonian artisan-god

Nisir

(see Mount Nisu)

Niske

Roman
Celtic spirits of rivers and wells in Gaul: mother-goddesses

Niske

(see Niske)

Nisros

Mesopotamian
an Assyrian god

In some accounts, he is Ashur in the form of an eagle.

Nissa

Greek
a nymph, said to be the mother of the sun

Nisaba

Mesopotamian
[See also: Nisaba]
a Sumerian goddess of wisdom and writing
daughter of An

In some accounts she is equated with Ninlil.

Nisse

(see nis)

Nisse god-dreng

Norwegian
da domestic fairy

Nissien

(see Nisien)
suffer at the hand of the nixies for
robbing them of their victim.

(see also Stromkarl)

Nix'ant
North American
a trickster-god of the Gros
Ventre people

nix german
in some accounts, priestesses of lakes,
rivers and wells

nixie (see nix)
nixy (see nix)

Niya North American
['breath']
one of the 4 Godlike Spirits of the
Sioux, an aspect of Wakan Tanka

Nizir (see Mount Nisu)
Njakaomba (see Mbomba')
Njal Norse
an Icelandic hero
husband of Bergthora
father of Grim, Helga, Helgi, Skarp-
Hedin and Thorgerd

He was the head of a family feuding
with the Sigfussons. The feud seems to
have started either when Bergthora
quarrelled with Hallgerda, wife of
Gunmar Lambson, or when one of
Njal's sons, Skarp-Hedin, killed
Thrain, a Sigfusson, and it came to a
head when the Sigfussons, led by Flosi,
attacked the Njalsons, killing all but
Kari, who escaped, and the women and
children who were allowed to leave the
house, Bergthora and his son, before it was
burnt to the ground. Njal and his wife,
knowing that they could not escape,
laid together on their bed, with their
young grandson Thord between them,
and quietly waited for the flames to
overwhelm them.

Njali Saga (see Njal's Saga)
Njali's Saga
[Njali Saga]
the story of the feud between the
Njalsons and the Sigfussons

Njambi African
[Jambi,Jambi=Akan Nyame:
=Bakongo Nzambi]
the creator-god of the Lele

Njinji (see Njinji)
Njinjya (see Njinji)
Njinjiy African
[Njinji.Njinjya.Nju wo]
the creator-god of the Bamum

Njirana Australian
an ancestral hero of the Aboriginals
father of Julana, some say
In some stories, Julana was the son of
Njirana, in others his penis which
acted separately.

When the penis attacked the woman
Minna Mangiri, she called up a pack of
dogs causing Njirana to retract his
penis. They were all turned into stone.

Njord (see Niord)
Njordr (see Niordr)
Njorfe (see Niorfe)
Njorth (see Niorth)

Njuzu African
a water-sprite, guardian of fresh water
These spirits teach young sorcerers
the healing arts and may appear as
human-headed fish. They are said to
cause tornadoes. Some say they are the
spirits of the dead.

Nkisi1 African
[=Ashanti Obosum=Dahomey Vodun:
=Ibo Alose=Yoruba Orisha]
a god: a group of minor gods of the
tribe of the Congo

nkisi2 African
[kisi=mkisi]
a fetish or talisman: statues used in
the Kimpasi ritual: witchcraft: magic:
any object inhabited by a spirit

nkita African
[plural=ankita]
in the lore of the Bakongo, the spirit
of one who has died violently
These spirits live in rivers and forests
and may sometimes take the form
of bats.

Nkok African
[Nkokon]
a mantis
son of Zamba
brother of Ngj, Otkut and Wo
Zamba allowed his four sons to make
human beings and Nkokn made
the wise.

Nkokon (see Nkokn)
koma African
[=Swahili koma]
among the Meru, spirits living on
after death

Nkombe African
a sun-bird, a sun-god of Zaire
He flew to the heavens to bring back
the sun, Jefa. Given three parcels by
Yemekonji, he opened one of them to
release the light of the sun.

Nkondi African
in the lore of the Kikongo, a charm
which causes stolen property to be
returned to its owner: a fetish

NKongolo African
[=Zulu Unkulunkulu]
a fertility-deity of the Baganda

NKulunkulu African
[a name of Katonda as 'lord of heaven']

No Cha Chinese
[Pa-ku-la.Pa-No-ka.P'a chu-lo]
the Chinese version of Nakula

No-Ide-No Shinji Japanese
a Shinto spring festival celebrating
the descent of Yama-No-Kami to
the ricefields

Non-no-kami Japanese
a field-god: god of plants

No Roz (see Now Roz)

Noa East Indian
an ancestor of the tribes
of New Guinea
He killed his own son and threw pieces
of the body far and wide, using a
different language each time. The
tribes grew out of these pieces of flesh,
each with its own language.

No'a-huruuru Pacific Islands
[=Zulu Unkulunkulu]
a fertility-deity of the Baganda

Noaide Baltic
a Lappish shaman
When Roma devoured Monoi, the
lover of her daughter, Hina, No'a-
huruuru helped Hina to kill her
mother.

Noaide Pacific Islands
[=Zulu Unkulunkulu]
a fertility-deity of the Baganda

Noakxnim North American
a deity of the tribes of
British Columbia

claimed him for himself. When the
boy developed into a great dancer, the
jealous king tried to kill him but the
young man escaped and fled to his
real father, Mbidi, whose army drove
off Nkongolo's pursuing forces and
killed Nkongolo.

He was said to have been coloured
red in life and survived after death as a
huge, coloured serpent, the rainbow.
He was said to have arrived from over the sea in a magical canoe.

**Noatun**  
*Norse*  
the home of the wind-god Niord

**Nobel**  
*European*  
[(King) Noble]  
the lion in *Reynard the Fox*

He was the ruler of the animals and called an assembly of the animals at Whitsuntide to hear complaints and settle arguments. He tried Reynard for the various offences he was charged with by the other animals and condemned him to the gallows but the wily fox saved his skin by telling the king where a hoard of gold was hidden. When Reynard was later accused of killing the crow, Sharfenebbe, Nobel summoned Reynard to appear in court again but the fox once again talked his way out of trouble.

**Noble**  
*(see Nobel)*

**Noble Lady of Felicity**  
*(see Jui-ch'ing-fu-jen)*

**Noble Isle, The**  
*(see Innis Ealga)*

**Nobori Ryu**  
*(see Innis Ealga)*

*Japanese*

a celestial dragon

**Noiciel**  
*a moon-demon*

nocnitsa  
*Russian*  
[krítɔːsːplakjoː-bulgaria gorska makva]  
an ugly hag who frightens children or sucks their blood at night.

**Nocoma**  
*(see Nocuma)*

**Nocicula**  
*(see Heroidiades)*

**Nocuma**  
*Northern American*  
*[Nocuma.Tukuma]*  
an omnipotent deity of the tribes of California

He formed the globe of earth in his hands and made it steady by inserting the black rock, Tosaute. The fish split open the rock, emptying its salt contents into the waters to make the seas. Nocuma then made the first man, Ejon, and the first woman, Ae, from whom the tribes are descended.

**Nodens**  
*British*  
*[Nodons=Irish Nuada=Welsh Nudd]*

god of the chase, dogs and water god of the Severn

*Nodes*  
[demon points]

points of intersection of the supposed orbits of the sun and moon

The ascending and descending nodes are known respectively as the Dragon's Head and the Dragon's Tail. Both are associated with a form of demonic energy.

**Nodons**  
*(see Nodens)*

**Nodotus**  
*Roman*  
a Celtic god of cereals

**Nogah**  
*(see Hogos)*

**Noh Ek**  
*Central American*  
a Mayan deity, the planet Venus personified

**Nohochacum*  
*Central American*  
*[Hachacyum]*

a Mayan creator-god brother of Sucunyum  
*(see also Nohochacyum)*

He is destined to fight the final battle with Hapikern at the end of the present world.  
*(see also Nohochacyumchac)*

**Nohochacyumchac**  
*Central American*  
*[Hachacyum]*

a supreme god of the Lacandone people  
brother of Usukun

**Noidde**  
*(see Noaide)*

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*(see Noaide)*

**Noidhiu**  
*Irish*  
*[Noidiu.Noindhiu.Noine]*

son of Fingel

Some say his father was Umhall, others that it was Angus Og who seduced Fingel whose pregnancy lasted nearly ten years.

His mother wanted to kill her baby but he saved himself by uttering nine judgments while still a baby.

Some equate him with Finn mac Cool.

**Noidiu**  
*(see Noidhu)*

**Nojin**  
*Japanese*  
Buddhist mountain gods led by Kubera

**Noinden**  
*(see Dehility)*

**Noindu**  
*(see Noidiu)*

**Noiniu**  
*(see Noidiu)*

**Noisu**  
*(see Naisi)*

**Noita**  
*(see Noaide)*

**Noj**  
*Asian*  

in some central Asian countries,  
the man who built the ark when the flood came

**Nok**  
*(see nix)*

**Nokimis**  
*North American*  
*[Noogumee]*

a love-goddess of the tribes of the north-east  
daughter of the moon  
mother of Wenonah  
grandmother of Hiawatha

She fell from the heavens into the primaeval waters when the other goddesses, jealous of her beauty, cut the rope on which she was swinging. She became pregnant and populated the world, turning herself into earth so that living things could have dry land to live on as well as the oceans.

In one account, her enemies, the Underwater Panthers, tried to drown her by causing a flood but Manabozho called on the beavers and otters to bring up mud from the bottom from which he made dry land, saving her life.

Another story says that she was the grandmother of Manubush and reared him when his mother, Wenonah, died in childbirth. A twin boy died at the same time but Nokimis placed the surviving child under a dish where he turned into a white rabbit.

In more familiar stories, she raised the infant Hiawatha whose mother, Wenonah, died in childbirth.

**Noman**  
*Greek*  
*[Oitis]*

the name used by Odysseus when he and his men escaped from the cave of the Cyclops, Polyphemus

**Nomi-No-Sukune**  
*Japanese*  
*[Nomiusakune]*

a Shinto god, patron of Sumo wrestlers

He defeated the strong man Kuyahaya in a wrestling match and killed him.

He was deified as Hashi-no-Omi, god of clayworkers.

In other versions, he is the tutelary god of writers.

**Nominosikune**  
*(see Nomi-No-Sikune)*

**Nomios1**  
*(see Nomiios)*

**Nomios2**  
*(see Nomios)*

**Nomius**  
*Greek*  
*[Nomios.Pasturer]*

a name for a guardian god of the fields such as Apollo, Hermes, Pan, etc.

**Nommo**  
*(see Nummo)*

**Nomos**  
*Greek*  

da deity, law personified

**Nompune**  
*South American*  
a legendary king of the Chibcha

He is said to have been taught the arts of agriculture, etc. and religious rites by the god Bochica.

**Nona**  
*Roman*  
one of the 3 Fates

She was originally regarded as a goddess of birth.

**Nonacris1**  
*Greek*  
wife of Lycaon

mother of Callisto and Nyctimus

**Nonacris2**  
*(see Syrrinx)*

**Nonae Capritonae**  
*Roman*  
*[Nones of the Wild Fig]*

a festival in honour of Juno, held on July 7th
Nong
Afghan
a Kafir winter-god

Nonieh
Anjimmar

Nonios
Greek
a horse of Pluto

Noogumee
Nokomis
Noogumee
North American
in the lore of the Micmac, a huge whale
This animal is used as transport by Gluskap.

Noohlum
North American
an annual ceremony of the tribes of the north-west

Noose
Hindu
the weapon of Yama

Nopatsis
North American
an Algonquin brother of Akaiyan
His evil wife accused Akaiyan of rape and Nopatsis abandoned him on an island when they were hunting together. Akaiyan survived with the help of the beavers and, when Nopatsis came to the island the following year, expecting to find his brother's bones, Akaiyan jumped on to the raft and left Nopatsis stranded. Next year, Akaiyan found his brother's bones when he came to visit his friends the beavers.

Nopitu
Pacific Islands
[=Papua New Guinea Tikis:
So. Islands Kakamora]
spirits of Banks Island

Nor
Norvi
a local god of longevity and wealth

Norid
Nordri
North American
one of the 4 dwarfs supporting the sky (North)

Noridur
Norid
one of the dwarfs norito
North American
Shinto ritual prayers

Nork
Cambodian
hell, the home of the damned
This realm, which has eight levels, lies below the earth and the torment inflicted on sinners increases with the depth. The lowest hell is called Avichi. Each level is divided into sixteen separate hells with increasing levels of torture. Spirits who have suffered torment appropriate to their sins are reborn.

Norna
Norse
a poet and musician
The Norns foretold that he would die when the taper, lit and extinguished at his birth, finally burnt out. He lived for 300 years and when he was finally converted to Christianity the taper was relit to show that his superstitious fears were groundless. He died as soon as it was burnt away.

Nornir
Norse
[=Fates.Norna.Nornir.Nornu.talar-
dii.S.Vara=Greek Moirae=Roman Parcae] daughters of the gods, giants or dwarfs

The Fates, Skuld (future, necessity), Urda (past, fate) and Verdandi (present, being), who were the guardians of Urda's well. They watered the tree Yggdrasil with water from this well and were also responsible for renewing the soil round the roots of this tree and for tending the two swans that swim on Urda's well. (see also Wyrd?)

Normu
Norvi
one of the dwarfs

Northern lights
aurora borealis

Nortia
Italian
an Etruscan goddess of fortune

Norve
Norvi
North American
[Nor,Norv] a giant father of Nott
Norns
Norse

Nos Galan-Gaef
Calan-Gaef
African
a god of the Korekore people son of Chikara
He communicates with man through an oracle known as Hore.

Jealous of Dzivaguru's wealth, he drove her from her palace. She took daylight with her so he had to make traps and catch sun-birds to restore the light.

Noshej
South American
father of El-Lal

Nostradamus
French
[Michel de Notredame] (1503-1566) a doctor and astrologer who set himself up as a prophet

Notakaya
(see Elwe'kyen)

Nothung
Norse
Sigrmund's sword (see also Balmung)

Notos
Greek

[Nacht, Nat.,'Night'] goddess of the night daughter of Norvi
By her first husband Naglfari, she bore Aud; by her second, Annar, she produced Jord; by her third, Dellinger, the boy Dag.
She is regarded as the driver of the chariot of the night.

Notu
Pacific Islands
a white tortoise

Notu was caught by Yusup and thereafter guided the young man's boat to places where he could be sure of a good catch. Notu also dived and found the magic ring which restored a sea-monster to his proper form as a prince.

Nouensides
Novensides
(see Novensides)
Nouensiles
(see Novensides)
Nourisher
African
[=Audhunla]

Novensiles
Roman
[=Roman Auster]
a group of 9 Etruscan deities

Novensides
(see Novensides)
novaci
=navky

Now Ruz
Persian
[=Nau Roz]

Nowutset
North American
one of 2 sisters, ancestors of the human race sister of Utset
These sisters were created by Sussitinnako. Her elder sister, Utset, was the ancestor of all the Indian tribes while Nowutset engendered all other races. Nowutset was killed by Utset who tore her heart out.

Nux
Roman
[=Greek Nys] a goddess of night

Npham Wa
Ning Sang

Nrisinha
Narasinha

Nritt-murti
Nritta-murti

Nyitfa
Tibetan
=Gar-ma
tibetan Gar-ma

Nytta
Niritta-murti
(see Nataraja)

Nzamanfo
African
an ancestral spirits of the Ashanti
Nsassi  African
the hero of a dog-story
WhenNsassi asked for two beautiful sisters as brides, their father agreed provided thatNsassi could discover their names. He left disappointed.
Later, his dog heard the father address the girls as Lenga andLunga but forgot their names when he tried to tellNsassi. After hearing the names several more times, the dog finally remembered them andNsassi was able to claim his brides.

Nsongo (see Ntsongo) African
a Tanzanian giant
He was swallowed byRyangombe but managed to escape by cutting openRyangombe's stomach, killing him in the process. (see alto Ntubugezi)

Ntangaire African
an Ashanti trickster
son ofAnansi
In the New World, this character is known asTacuma.

Ntombela African
founder of the Zulus
son ofMalandela

ntoro African [sensum] the spirit of the individual in the lore of theAshanti
A man'sntoro determined his general character. The Ashanti believe that humanity is divided into twelventoro groups.

Ntsongo African [Ntsongo] a moon goddess of the Upoto twin-sister and wife ofLianja
mother ofLikinda
She was born fully developed from hermother's thigh with her brotherLianja. She became her brother's wife and accompanied him on his many adventures. Herdaughter-in-law,Boale, was pregnant whenNtsongo died. The baby was born that day and wasNtsongo re-born.

Ntongo and Lianja African the epic story of these twins

Ntubugezi African a Tanzanian giant
To satisfy his voracious appetite, Ryangombe coercedNtubugezi into giving him eleven oxen which he sat down and ate immediately. (see alto Ntangaire)

Nu (see Chi'ih Nü, Nun)

Nu-boko Japanese the earth's axis: a phallus

Nu-huang Chinese the name taken byNü Kua when she became ruler

Nü Kua Chinese [Gourd Girl.]Nü-huang.Nü Wa:
- Japanese:Jokwa
a serpent-bodied creator-goddess daughter ofShui Ching-tzu, some say wife or sister ofFu-hsi
She represents the yang of Chinese philosophy, her husband representing yin.
In some stories she is the mother of the first humans, in others she made humans from clay and then splashed them with drops from a rope. The drops of clay became the upper classes while the peasants sprang from mud drops.
In the story of the flood, she (Gourd Girl) and Fu-hsi (Gourd Boy) were the sole survivors, floating in a gourd from the tree grown from thetooth of a thunder-god whom they had freed from a trap set by their father. She mated with her brother, both in the form of snakes, to stock the earth with plants and animals.
When they tried to produce human beings, they produced only a lump of unformed flesh. Fu-hsi cut this into pieces and scattered it over the world, so producing the human race.
When Fu-hsi died, she took over as ruler under the name ofNü-huang and defeated Kung Kung when he tried to usurp the throne. She repaired the hole in the heavens and the damage caused to the earth when Kung Kung tore down the mountain that supported the heavens. Having set the world to rights, she climbed up a ladder and disappeared into the sky.
She is said to have invented the flute and is credited with the introduction of marriage.

Nu Mus Da Mesopotamian a Sumerian god, city god ofKazzalu

Nü Wa Chinese the name ofNü Kua as Snail Maiden
In some accounts, it is said that the lower part ofNü Kua's body was that of a snail but she is generally regarded as having the body of a serpent below her waist.

Nü Ying Chinese one of the Hsiang Fu-jen daughter ofYao sister ofWo Huang

Nua (see Nun) Irish [Nuadhu, Nuda] a chief druid

Nuada' Irish [Airgedlamh, Airgetlamh, Argatlam, Elcmar, Ne(a)ehtan, Nuadhu (Find), NuadhU Necht, Nuadhu, Nuda] British
wife or sister of Fu-hsi daughter ofShui Ching-tzu, some say mother ofLikinda leader of theDanaans son ofDana husband ofMacha, in some accounts husband ofBoonan, some say father ofGailbe
When he lost a hand in a fight withSrong at the first Battle ofMoytura he was deposed as king, being replaced byBres, but thephysicianDian Cechtmade him a new hand of silver. In another version, his hand grew again or was replaced with a real hand by Dian Cecht's son, Miach. WhenBres proved unequal to the task and was repudiated by the people, Nuada was reinstated as king.
AsElcmar, he was the husband of Boonan who was seduced by the Dagda who had arranged for Elcmar to go on a journey. The god made the nine months seem like one day toElcmar who thought he was the father of theDagda's son, Angus Og.
In another version, Nuada was the son ofGialchad, a king of Ireland, andwas accused of rape by his father'ssecond wife. He went into exile and, after many victories overseas, returned to Ireland and inherited his father's throne.
He and his wife,Macha, were killed by Balor at the second Battle of Moytura. (see Elcmar:Neit)

Nuadu Finnegeas (see Finegas)
Nuadh (see Nuada)

Nuadhu Find (see Nuadhu)

Nuadhu Necht (see Nuadhu)

Nuada (see Nuada)

nubchi Central American a Mayan prophet

Nudilfaieri (see Mundilfoeri)

Nuc British [Nudd, Nut] a duke of Alemaigne father ofYder
He fathered a son on a noblewoman and then abandoned her. In later years, he engaged a knight in single combat, not knowing who he was. Fortunately, they realised their father and son relationship before either was harmed and Nuc sought out and married Yder's mother.
In the story of Geraint and Enid he is called Nudd and Yder is Edern.

**Nucleolus**
a mystic name for the Holy Spirit

**Nucteus**  
(see Nycyteus)

**Nuda**  
(see Nuada)

**Nudd**

[=British Nodens=Irish Nuada]  
a sky-god

son of Beli and Don

father of Ebern and Gwyn

He is regarded as Llud, one of a triad of generous gods with Mordaf and Rhydderch.  
(see also Lludd)

**Nudd**

(see Nuc)

nudida

African

a charm

This magic charm (gbo) takes the form of a small sack of kola soaked in pigeon’s blood. It is said to grant any wish which is spoken by the owner while eating early in the day.

**Nudim**

(see Nadimmud)

**Nudimmud**  
(see Nadimmud)

**Nudung**

German

son of Rudiger and Gotelinde

brother of Dietlinde

He was killed in the battle between Dietrich and the invading forces of Ermenrich.

nue

Japanese

a sky-monster

This beast is described as having the head of an ape and the body of either a badger or a tiger. In the former case, the beast had the feet of a tiger and the tail of a serpent. One appears in the story of Yorimasa.

**Nuet**

(see Nut)

**Nuinumma-Kwiten**  
Austrian

a monster in the lore of the Aborigines

The threat of this monstrous beast of prey was used to frighten children.

**Nuktemene**  
(see Nyctymene)

**Nukteus**  
(see Nycyteus)

**Nuku-mai-tore**  
(see Atua)

**Nukuchyumchakob**

(see Yumchakob)

**Nules-murt**  
Russian

a forest-god of the Votyak

This one-eyed being, normally as tall as a forest tree, can vary his height at will. He has a hoard of precious things and moves about inside a whirlwind.

**Nuliajq**  
(see Sedna)

**Nuljak**

(see Sedna)

**Nul’rahak**

[=Greenland Nerrivik=North American Sehna]  
a sea-spirit

She lives in the ocean, feeding on the bodies of the drowned.

**Nullandi**

Austrian

a happy man who became the moon-god, Bahloo

**Num**

Siberian

[=Ostyak Num-Torem:=Vogul Numitarom]

a creator-god and sky-god of the Samoyed

consort of Kaltesh

**Num-Torem**  
(see Numitarom)

**Num-Torm**  
(see Numitarom)

**Num-Turem**

Austrian

[=Ostyak Num:=Vogul Numitarom]

a sky-god of the Ostyak

**Numa Pompilius**

Roman

[=Pompiulus]

the second king of Rome

husband of Egeria and Tatia

father of Mamericus, Pinus and Ponto

He married his mistress and adviser, the water-nymph Egeria, after the death of his first wife, Tatia. When the protective shield, the ancile, fell from the sky, he had eleven copies made and hung all twelve in the temple of Mars so that any prospective thief would not know which was the real one.

He is said to have started the cult of the Vestal Virgins.

**Numbakulla**  
Austrian

a pair of beings from the sky

They came to earth to help the development of the primitive beings (inapertwa) into male and female humans. When they had finished their work the pair became lizards.

**Number Nip**  
(see Ruberzahl)

numen

[plural-numina]

a presiding deity: the spirit of an animal or plant: the breath of humans

**numerology**

divination by numbers

**Numi-Torem**  
(see Numitarom)

**Numina**

Austrian

a mother-goddess of the Aborigines

**Numina**

Roman

the early Roman abstract deities

**numina**

(see numen)

**Numitarom**

Siberian

[=Ostyak Num-Torem:=Vogul Numitarom]

[=Ostyak Num:=Vogul Numitarom]

a sea-monster of the Vogul

**Numitor**

Roman

a demi-god

king of Alba Longa

son of Proca

brother of Amulus

father of Rhea Silvia

He was deposed by his brother and sent into exile. When his grandchildren, Romulus and Remus, grew up, they killed Amulus and restored Numitor to the throne.

**Numitorem**

(see Numitarom)

**Nunmo**

African

[=Nummo]

twin spirits of light and water in the lore of the Dogon

These beings were produced when Amma first fertilised the earth or were hatched from one of the two yolks in the primordial egg created by Amma.

They were described as half-human, half snake, with red eyes and forked tongues and were covered with green hair. In some accounts, one was good, the other evil, while some say that the evil one was Ogo who hatched from the other yolk with his sister, Yasigi. The evil one was said to have been changed into a jackal while others say that this jackal was born of a union between Amma and Mother Earth before the Nunmo were born. In some accounts, Amma killed the Nunmo and, by sprinkling their blood on the earth, made plants and animals. She then restored the twins to life as human beings.

**Numokh Mukana**

North American

the first man, in the lore of the Mandan tribe

**Nun**

Egyptian

[Nui, Nu(a)=Babylonian Apsu-Rushtu=Sumerian Abzu]

a god of the primitive waters

consort of Naunet

progenitor of Atum (Ra)

He represented, with Naunet, the depth of the primitive water and is depicted as a man up to his middle in water, supporting the sun. In some versions, Nun is identified with Pth.

In another aspect he is regarded as the southern ocean, source of the Nile.

He is depicted with a frog’s head or as a baboon or as a man holding up the solar bark.

**Nun**

Muslim

[=Hebrew Leviathan]

a sea-monster

**Nun-Ura**

Mesopotamian

[Nurra]

a name of Ea as an artisan god, patron of potters
Nunammir (see Enil)
Nunbarsegum (see Nunsbergam)
[=Ninsebargunum, Nunbarsegum=
[a Semitic goddess of fate, a form

Nunammir (see Enil)
Nunbarsegum Mesopotamian
[Ninsebargunum, Nunbarsegum]
a Babylonian mother-goddess,
goddess of barley
consort of Haia, some say
mother of Ninil

Nunbarsegum (see Nunbarsegum)
Nundu African
a man-eating monster of the Bantu
This monster is said to be invisible but
is described as some form of dragon or
great lion.

Nungeen Australian
[=Mother Spirit=
)a creator-spirit
In some stories she created the birds
which ate the insects created by
Maroo. Others say that the birds were
created by Yhi.

Nunet (see Naunet)
Nunhyunwi North American
in the lore of the Cherokee,
a man-eating stone giant

Nunne Chaha North American
[=Nunne Hanmgeh=
[a great mountain
This mountain, home of the Creek
gods, emerged after the Flood and its
mud was used to make the first men.
The Choctaw regard it as the site of
the cave where some of their ancestors
sheltered to survive the Flood.

Nunne Hanmgeh (see Nunne Chaha)
Nunuoska North American
[=Mother Nature=
the progenitor of all animals
and plants, in the lore of the
tribes of British Columbia

Nunuscmia Mesopotamian
a Semitic goddess of fate, a form
of Mami

Nunuso’mikeequone’in North American
mother of Alk’unta’m
She is a cannibal woman said to be able
to appear as a mosquito.

Nuoni Egyptian
a combination of Horus and Set
This deity was represented as a two-headed human, one head that of an animal, the other of a falcon.

Numtadi Robe North American
a magic garment
A young Mandan boy, separated from
his tribe, found a bow and arrows and
with it killed a buffalo. Nearby he
found a baby girl and a coyote appeared,
passing the baby several times through the smoke of a
sagebrush fire so that she matured very
quickly. The boy later married her and
his wife told him that his foster-sister
needed another scalp for the robe she
was making. When he saw that the
robe had many scalps, each secured
under a clam-shell, and that there was
just one remaining empty space, he
realised that his foster-sister was a
supernatural being. Not wanting to be
the one whose scalp filled that empty
place, he killed his foster-sister. Her
magical powers were then transferred
to the robe which became the
medicine-bundle of his tribe.

Nure-onna Japanese
an evil spirit

Nurelli Australian
a culture-hero of the Aborigines
When he had brought law and order
to the tribe he rose to the heavens and
became a constellation.

Nurra (see Nun-Ura)
Nurrundere (see Ngurrundere)
Nursia (see Nortia)
Nurtia (see Nortia)
nusa1 Japanese
a word used by a Shinto priest to ward
off evil or to purify offenders

Nusa2 Japanese

Nuskesiu’tsta North American
a cave, home of Anaulikuts’ai

Nuskí Mesopotamian
a Babylonian god, light personified
son of Ea, Ennil, Samas or Sin
brother of Giru, Kittu and Mesharu
In some accounts, he is identified with
Gibil the Sumerian god of fire and
daylight or with Dimstar or Nimb.

Nusmeta North American
the home of the gods of the Bella

Nuter Dura Egyptian
[a Babylonian god, light personified
a mythical bird
This bird is said to have a monkey’s
head on the body of a dog, the feet of
a tiger and a tail like a snake. Eating its
flesh is said to cure hiccups.

Nuter Nu’s1 Irish
the fruit of the hazel
These (nine) nuts dropped into the
river (or Segais’ Well which became
the river Boyne) and were eaten by
the salmon, Fintan, who acquired
great wisdom which passed to Finn
when he sucked his thumb when
cooking the salmon.

Nu’u1 Pacific Islands
[a survivor of the flood in the
lore of Hawaii
Like many other flood survivors, he
was warned of the impending deluge
by a god (Tane, in this case) and built a
boat which he filled with seeds and
animals to restock the world after the
waters had subsided.

Nu’u2 (see Nin’1)

Nu’u Pule (see Nu’u’1)

Nuvarahú (see Ni’wareka)

Nuyam North American
[a myth in the lore of the Kwakiutl

Nuyú Japanese
a mythical bird
This bird is said to have a monkey’s
head on the body of a dog, the feet of
a tiger and a tail like a snake. Eating its
flesh is said to cure hiccups.

Nuzuki (see Kaya)

Nvard Armenian

Nwalí (see Nyali)

Nwython Welsh
a warrior in the battle between Gwyn
ap Nudd and Gwythyr
Nyambé  

He was killed by Gwyn who forced Nywython’s son, Cyldyr, to eat his father’s heart as a result of which the boy was driven mad.

Nywyvre  

a god of the atmosphere

Nyaamanekose  

African

a name of Nyame as ‘he who comforts’

Nyadenga  

African

a name for Mwari as a sky-god

Nyai Belorong  

(see Kidul)

Nyai Gedé Segoro  

(see Kidul)

Nyai Lara Kidul  

(see Kidul)

Nyakalaga  

African

a name of Were as ‘ancient’

Nyakang  

African

delays-god of the Shilluk

All kings of this Sudanese tribe are said to be reincarnations of Nyakang.

Nyakaya  

African

delays-goddess of the Sudan

wife of Okwa

mother of Nyikang

Nyakhaling  

African

sister of Sunjata

She is said to have discovered the secret of Sumanguru’s magic powers enabling her brother to kill the tyrant.

Nyali  

African

[Nwali=Ashanti Nyame]

a creator-god of the Banyai

Nyalla  

Buddhist

one of the 6 regions shown on the second wheel of the Tibetan Wheel of Life, the Sipa Khorlo

This is the underworld ruled by Shinje-chho-gyal which has eight realms of hot and cold torture.

Nyam (see Nyambe’-Nzambi)

Nyama  

(see Nzambi)

Nyambe’  

African

[Nyama]

a name for god in many parts of Africa (see Nzambi)

Nyambé  

(see Nyame)

Nyambi  

(see Nyame)

Nyame  

African


Otomankoma.Totobonbon.Bakongo

Nzambi=Banyak Nyali=Lele Njamb]

creator and supreme god of the Akan

and the Ashanti

husband of Nsilele

father of Opo

He appears either as Nyankopon, the sun, or as the moon, or in a third aspect as earth goddess, queen of the underworld. He wields lightning as his weapon and is worshipped in the form of a tree.

Nyami Abe  

South American

the moon-god of the Tukano Indians

brother of Page Abe

He and his brother ruled alternately, one by night, one by day, each shining as brightly as the other. When Nyami Abe tried to rape his brother’s wife, Page Abe gave him a good thrashing that so reduced his power that, thereafter, he could shine only weakly as the moon.

Nyamia  

African

da supreme god in Guinea

Nyamwezi  

(see Kazooba)

Nyangoi  

African

a name of Tilo as ‘the everlasting one’

Nyankompong  

(see Onyankopon)

Nyankopon  

(see Onyankopon)

Nyauhwe Ananu  

African

da deity in Dahomey, ruler of the earth

twin sister of Dad Zodzi

mother of Suvinenge

Nyavirenzi  

African

[Kalimulore.Lion Goddess.Nyirarang]

da goddess in Rwanda

wife of Bobingo and Vigara

mother of Nyavirungu and Ryangombe

She was originally a mortal, daughter of Vigara and Nyavirezi

wife of Bobingo and Vigara

a goddess in Rwanda

daughter of Nyavirungu and Nyavirezi

Nybras  

a demon, director of revels and publicist in hell

Nycteis  

Greek

a name for Antiope as daughter of Nycteus

Nycteus  

Greek

a king of Thebes

son of Chthonius or of Hyreus

and Chiona

brother of Lycus

father of Antiope (Nycteus)

Some say that he and Lycus were the sons of Poseidon by Celaeno.

One story says that Antiope was abducted by Epopeus. Nycteus pursued them and was killed but Lycus killed Epopeus and rescued Antiope.

Other accounts say that he went to Italy with Diomedes and was turned into a bird by Aphrodite.

Nyctimus  

Greek

son of Lycaon and Nonacris

He was killed by his brothers and served in a stew to Zeus who changed them all into wolves, restoring him to life.

(see also Arcas.Lycaon’)

Nyctymene  

Greek

daughter of Epopeus

When she was raped by her father, she ran off into the forest where she was changed into an owl by Athena.

(see also Clymenus’. Harpalyce’)

Nyengebule  

African

delays a legendary wife-killer

He killed his wife but was himself killed by her relatives who learned of her murder when the feathers she wore in her hair became a bird as she died and disclosed the secret.

Nyi  

Norse

one of the dwarfs

Nyi Pohatji  

East Indian

da tree-goddess in Java

Nyifwa  

(see Tilo)

Nyikang  

African

king god of the Shilluk

son of Okwa and Nyakaya

His father was a god, his mother a crocodile. He left his native land and parted the Nile to allow his followers to cross into the Sudan. He is said to have married a crocodile-woman and founded the royal house, being reincarnated in each subsequent king.

Nyilitimo  

Pacific Islands

dauhter of Guru ri Selong

wife of Batara Guru

She and her husband were the ancestors of the tribes of the Celebes.

Nyimi Lele  

African

an ancestral hero of the Lele people

son of Woot and Mweel

Nyina Mweru  

African

a Banyoro princess

A stranger, Simbu, made her pregnant and then disappeared. Her son, Nduala, accidentally killed the king, his grandfather.

Nyiragongo  

African

da god in Rwanda

He was in conflict with Nyangombe who threw him into the crater of a volcano and buried him under a pile of rocks.

Nyirarang  

(see Nyavirenzi)

Nyiru  

Australian

an Aboriginal ancestor whose
unwelcome attentions caused the
Seven Sisters to leave their home

Nyja    Slav
a god of the underworld

nykr    Icelandic
[Norse nix]
a water-spirit

These beings sometimes appeared in
the form of a horse. When anybody
mounted, the horse would gallop back
into the sea, drowning the rider.

Nyktelios (see Dionysus)
Nymenche (see Nimue)
Nymeue (see Nymue)
Nymo    African
a trickster-deity of the Kru people
When the king demanded that Nymo
tackle the impossible task of weaving a
new mat from grains of rice, Nymo
turned the tables by asking for the
king’s old mat so that he could match
the pattern.

nymphaeum    Greek
a shrine dedicated to nymphs: a grotto
or temple of the nymphs

Nymphagetes    Greek
a name of Poseidon as a god of
fresh water

nymph    (see nymphs’)
nympholepsy    the state of frenzy induced by nymphs

nymphs    African
water-girls of the Congo
These beings live in water but are
invisible because they are themselves
made of water.

nymphs    Greek
[nymph]:
female divinities living in some
natural feature such as water,
mountains, etc

The various groups of nymphs are
given as:
Acheleids – nymphs of the River
Achelous
Alseides – tree nymphs
Cremoeds – water nymphs
Dryads – tree nymphs
Epimelian nymphs – nymphs of
flocks and herds
Hamadryads – tree nymphs
Hydriads – water nymphs
Leimoniads – nymphs of the
meadows
Limmnids – lake nymphs
Maelids – apple nymphs
Meliae – nymphs of ash trees
Naiads – nymphs of fresh water
Napaeae – nymphs of the trees and
valleys
Nereids – nymphs of the Aegean

Nysiades – nymphs of Mount Nysa
Oceanides – sea nymphs
Oreadae – mountain nymphs
Orestiads – mountain nymphs
Potameids – water nymphs
Stygian – nymphs of Hades

In some accounts, the Pleiades are referred to
as nymphs, as are the Sirens.

nymphs    elementals, guardians of water

Nymue    Briton
[Nymeue]
an early version of Nimue

Nyniaw    Welsh
[Ningwav.Nyniaw]
son of Don, some say
brother of Peibiaw

He and his brother, both kings,
quarrelled over the stars and their
meaning and ended by fighting a war
that devastated the country. They were
both turned into oxen for their
stupidity and were the animals that
Yshaddaden required Culhwch to get
in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

(see also Melyn
Granwyn.Peiaw.Ych Brych)

Nyniaw    Welsh
[Ningwav.Nyniaw]
the Welsh version of Nennius
brother of Caswallawn, Llefelys
and Llud

Nyniaw    (see Niniau)
Nyniaw    (see Niniau)
Nyo    Japanese
[=Chinese Ju-i.=Tibetan Dorje]
a thunderbolt as the embodiment
of law

Nyoirin    Japanese
a name of Kannon as ‘the all-
powerful one’

Nyongmo    (see Ataa Naa Nyongmo)
Nyoral    Japanese
[=Buddhist Tathagata.=Chinese Ju lai]
a title given to all Buddhas

Nyorthr    (see Niord)
Nyr    Norse
one of the dwarfs

Nydrad    Norse
one of the dwarfs

Nyxa    Greek
the most beautiful of the Nysaean
nymphs: the beautiful valley
which was their home

Nysaean nymphs    Greek
[Dodoniae.Nysaid(e)s]=Roman Suculae
daughters of Atlas and Aethra or
Pleione or of Ocean and Tethys
sister of Hyas

Some say there were seven, twelve or
fifteen, others only five whose names
were Bacche, Bromie, Erato, Macris
and Nysa. They lived on Mount Nysa
where they raised the infant Dionysus.
Some say that these five were placed in
the heavens as the Hyades as a reward
and that seven (or ten) others became
the Pleiades as reward when their
brother Hyas was killed in a hunting
accident and they died of grief.

(see also Pleiades)

Nysiades    (see Nysaean nymphs)
Nysiads    (see Nysaean nymphs)
Nyrrock    [Nyrogh]
a demon acting as a chef in hell

Nysrhog    (see Nyrrock)
Nysien    (see Niisen)
Nyx    Greek
[‘night’=Rom. Nox]
goddess of night
daughter of Chaos
sister of Erebos, Gaea, Tartarus
and Tros

In one version of the story of creation,
she is the sister and wife of Erebos, in
another she is the mother of Erebos
and later his wife. They produced
Aether, Eris, the Fates, Hemera,
Hypnos, the Keres, Momus, Moros,
Morpheus, Nemesis, Thanatos and
Tyche. Some say that some of these
offspring were produced by Nyx alone.

Other accounts say that she was the
daughter and wife of Iao and mother of
Gaea and Uranus.

Nyrrikki    Finnish
son of Tapio and Mieltki
brother of Tuulikki

Nzakomba    (see Yakomba)
Nzambe    (see Nzambi)
Nzambi    African
Yamb.Zambi=Akan Nyame:
= Ghana Ataa Naa Nyongmo:
=Lele Nzambi)
creator-god and sun-god of
the Bakongo

He is said to have made the first pair
of humans or a bisexual being in the form
of a palm-tree called Muntu Walunga.
This primaeval being may be depicted
in effigy with male and female faces on
opposite sides and, in some tribes,
Nzambi is regarded as female.

Other versions say that he spat out
the heavenly bodies, followed by
animals and then, having created
human beings, returned to the sky.

(see also Ma Bumba)

Nzame    (see Nyame.Nzambi)
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A hero of the Mbundu
father of Kabundungulu and
Sudika-Mbambe
He married the daughter of the sky-god and fathered twins.
O

Central American
da Mayan deity of uncertain identity
referred to as goddess O
This deity is depicted as an old woman
engaged in spinning and is therefore
regarded as a goddess of married
women, protector of the domestic scene.

O Ai San
Japanese
daughter of Fudo
She stood naked under a waterfall
for a hundred days to cure her father's
blindness.

O-ana-mochi
Japanese
a deity of Mount Fuji, the god
of the crater

O-binzure
(see Binzuku)

O-bisha
(see bokusen)

O-bon
(see Festival of the Dead)

O Caoimh
Irish
husband of Cliona
Cliona turned her sister, Aoibheall,
who also loved O Caoimh, into a cat.
When he discovered this, O Caoimh
abandoned Cliona.

O Cho San
Japanese
a maiden
sister of Gisuke
The fisherman Shinsaku fell in love
with her and they arranged to be
married. This caused so much trouble
among the many other fishermen who
were in love with her that they put off
the wedding. When that proved
insufficient, Cho drowned herself and
Shinsaku was prevented from doing
the same only by her brother who
persuaded him to build a shrine to her
memory. The other fishermen, ashamed
of their conduct, helped him with its
construction.

O Cronagain
Irish
a man of Munster
On his way home from Brian's court,
his dogs started a hare which jumped
into his arms, changing into a beautiful
maiden. He slept with her in her home
in the Otherworld and then lived with
her in his own house for several years.

O-Ge-Tso-Hime
Japanese
a Shinto goddess
consort of Ha-Yama-To
mother of Waka-Sa-Na-Me
and Waka-Toshi
Susanowa begged food from her when
he was banned from heaven.

O-Goro
Japanese
a bird, harbinger of famine
This bird was a manifestation of a
white dragon which lived in a pond
and appeared only once in every
fifty years.

O-Iwa-Dai-Myojin
Japanese
a Shinto god of stoneworking

O-Kama-sama
(see Kamado-no-kami)

O-Maga-Tsumi
Japanese
leader of the evil Morgatsumi

O-mamori
(see mamori)

O-mikuji
(see bokusen)

O Pamé
(see Od-dpag-med)

O-Ryu
Japanese
the spirit of a willow tree
She married a warrior but they were
parted when the tree was felled.

O-somal
Japanese
a rice-cake
This cake is used to symbolise Kagami,
the magic mirror of Amaterasu.

O-Sung
(see Hod-srun)

O-Toshi
Japanese
a Shinto harvest-god
son of Susanowa and Kamu-O-Ichi,
some say
husband of Kagayo-Hime
father of Mi-Toshi, Oki-Tsu-Hiko
and Oki-Tsu-Hime

O Toyo
Japanese
a lady at the court of the
prince of Hizen
She was killed by a huge cat which
then changed into the likeness of O
Toyo. Night after night she cast
spells which made the prince ill and,
when his retainers kept watch over
him at night, she put them all to sleep
so that she could carry out her evil
designs. A soldier, Ito Soda, realised
what was afoot and tried to kill her
but O Toyo turned herself back into
her original form as a cat and
escaped. She was later killed by a
hunting party led by the prince who
had by then recovered.
O-Tsuki-sama

Japanese

a moon-deity

O-Uso-no-Mikito

Japanese

a prince
son of the emperor Keiko
twin brother of Oho-usu
husband of Otottuchibana
He killed his own brother when he was disrespectful to their father who then sent him to kill two of his worst enemies, the demons Kasamo and Takelu. He made them drunk and then killed them, becoming known as Yamato-takeru.

In another adventure, he killed Izumo Takeru after substituting a wooden sword for the outlaw's own steel blade.

He made many conquests during one of which he was trapped by a huge grass fire. His magic sword, Murakumo, cut down the grass of its own accord and so saved the hero's life. It became known as Kusanagi.

When he killed a god who appeared as a deer, the god Ibukidu struck him and forgot about Miyadzu.

Oaf

North American

[Moose.Oyandone]

the east wind in the lore of the Seneca

Oa

[see Aosö]

Oa Irirarapo

East Indian

a man who made fire

In the lore of Papua New Guinea, this man placed his hand on his daughter's stomach as her child was delivered and, when he removed his hand, flame emerged from his palm. From then on, his people had fire and could cook their food.

Oa Rove

East Indian

a shape-changer god of Papua

He gave men weapons to fight with.

Oaf

a changeling; a child left by a fairy or a demon in exchange for another child

Oak

widely distributed hardwood tree

In Celtic lore, this tree was venerated by the druids.

In Greece it was sacred to Zeus, in Mesopotamia to Baal and in Norse mythology to Thor.

It was a sacred tree in Hebrew lore and some North American Indian tribes also regard the oak as sacred.

Oak of two greens (see Hairthne)

Oanamochi (see O-anamochi)

Oanes

Mesopotamian

[Odacon.On.Onnes]
a Babylonian god of wisdom
father of Semiramis by Atargatis, some say

He lived on an island in the Persian Gulf and taught mankind the arts of writing, agriculture, etc.

He was envisaged as half man, half fish.

In some accounts he is the same as Ea. (see Kuski-handa)

Oarion (see Orionö)

Oat Stallion

German

a field-spirit personified in the last sheaf

Oath's Lake

Irish

the home of Uath mac Imoman

Oats Goat

European

a field-spirit

This spirit is invoked to frighten children to keep them out of the corn-fields and to make the reapers hurry in their work to keep out of his clutches.

OB

[plural=oboth]

an object bewitched and buried to cause illness or death to others

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He can make barren women fertile in Indonesian lore, a magic medicine that heals wounds and restores the dead to life

Obatala

African

Oshal(i)u-West Indian Obalal]
a fertility-god and sculptor-god of the Yoruba

son of Olorun
brother and husband of Osuduna,
some say husband of Yemoja, some say

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He can make barren women fertile by giving them a drink of pure water.

Obatala

(see Obatala)

Obeah1

African

[obe.obi]
a huge animal said to abduct maidens for witches
an object bewitched and buried to cause illness or death to others

(see obeahö)
obehah West Indian
[obehahism, ob(e)(ism), ob(a), obism, oby]
witchcraft, originally brought from Africa
obehism (see obehah)
obism (see obehah)
obelisk Egyptian
a tapering column, a fetish, symbol of the sun-god
Oberge, Eillart von German
a 12th c writer, author of Tristrant, another version of the Tristram and Isolde story
Oberon European
[Ausseron, Tronc:=German Alberich]
king of the fairies, king of Mommur husband of Titania
father of Glorianna, some say
In some accounts, he is said to be the son of Julius Caesar and Morgan le Fay. In the Charlemagne stories he is said to be Tronc, the son of Julius Caesar and the fairy Glorianda or Morgan le Fay and had been stunted in his growth by a jealous aunt, never growing taller than a five year old boy.
In other stories of Ogier, Oberon is given as the brother of Morgan le Fay. He befriended Huon when he met him as the young man journeyed to find Sultan Grandioso and gave him a goblet that provided unlimited quantities of wine for the true believer
to their deities
Obon (see Festival of the Dead)
Obosom (see Obosum)
Obosum [Obosum plurality=Obasum=Iahomey Vodun: =Ibo Above= Congo Nkisi: =Yoruba Orisha]
an Asanti god
a name for a group of lesser gods
oboth (see ob)
Obsidian Knife Butterfly (see Itzpapalotl)
Obatala West Indian,
[(Grand) Batala=African Obatala] the Yoruba deity Obatala
transplanted to the West Indies
oby (see obehah)
Obyda Russian
[Ar-sori]
evil spirits of the forest in the lore
de the Chuvash
In some accounts these beings are said to have feet pointing to the rear, in others they are described as half man, having but one arm, eye and leg.
Oc Central American
the tenth in the 20 ages of man
in Mayan lore, the conversion to base matter
Ocator Roman
god of agriculture
occult magical: supernatural
occult sciences those disciplines which deal with magic, the supernatural, etc.
ochulism the study of supernatural or mysterious things: theosophy
obia (see obehah)
obiaman (see obi-man)
Obidicut the spirit of lust personified
Obie daughter of Lyppard
sister of Obilot
She rejected the love of Meljanz who then invaded her father’s lands.
obism (see obehah)
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sister of Obie
She was a playmate of Gawain when they were children together.
Obin-murt Siberian
[Iadem-kuguzu=Russian Rynys-aika]
a Votyak god of kilns and threshing-bars
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Och-do-ah  North American
in the lore of the Iroquois, an evil spirit
This spirit took the form of a bat and is said to have poisoned a well it was supposed to guard.

Ochail  Irish
[Mooern.Ochaoin]
the shield of Conor mac Nessa
This shield warned the bearer of impending danger by moaning.

Ochall Ochea  Irish
a Danaan king of Connaught

Ochall Oichne  Irish
[Ochall Oochn]
a servant of Naymlap acting as his cook

Ochall  African
in the lore of the Ovimbundu, the soul
It is said that the soul can be seen as the owner's shadow. On death, it leaves the body and becomes an ocilulu, a ghost.

Ocilulu  African
a ghost
The Ovimbundu say that the soul leaves the body at death and becomes an ocilulu.

Ochialiplumba  African
an Ovimbundu witch-doctor or diviner

Ockabewis  North American
a Chippewa hero

Oenus  Greek
[Oknon]
a deity, delay personified
He lives in the underworld and is perpetually engaged, like Sisyphus, in never-ending tasks such as plaiting a straw rope which is eaten by a donkey as he works or piling sticks on to the back of a donkey, only for them to fall off to the other side.

O'Corra  (see Corra)

Ocresia  Roman
[Ocrisia]
a slave of Tarquinius Priscus
mother of Servius Tullius
She is said to have borne her son as a result of mating with a phantom phallus rising from the fire.

Ocresia  (see Ocrisia)

Octa  (see Osla)

Octavia  Welsh
a duke or king of Gwent
father of Elen
Some say that he is the same as Eudaf.

October Horse Festival  Roman
a festival in honour of Mars, held on October 15th

The off-side horse of the winning chariot in a race held at this festival was killed and its head and tail were cut off and presented to the king.

Octriallach  Irish
a Fomoire chieftain
son of Inneach
He discovered that Dian Cecht was restoring the slain Danaan warriors to life by immersing them in Slane, the Spring of Health. He and a group of other Fomoire piled rocks over the spring, so preventing its use for this purpose. He was killed in the Second battle of Moytura by Ogma.

Oevran  (see Gogvran)

Ocydroma  Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis caught Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Ocydroma, tore him to pieces.

Ocyteta  (see Ocypete)

Ocytpe  Greek
[Ocytpe.Ocyptete.'swift-flying']
one of the Harpies

Ocyrrhoë  Greek
daughter of Asclepius

Ocythoe  (see Harpies)
od1  (see odyle)

Oda  (see Odur.Tengri)

Od-dpag-med  Buddhist
[O Pamé]
the Tibetan version of Amitabha

Od-her(e)ir.Odrerer.Odrorir.  Norse
[Odher(e)ir.Odrerer.Odrorir.
Oder  (see Odrer.Odrer)

Odacon  Chaldaean
[Ovakon.]
Oannes in the form of a merman
(see also Dagan')

Odainsakar  Norse
[Gudmund's Realm.Land of Living Men]
a paradise of happiness where the inhabitants are not dead

In some accounts, this realm is ruled by Mimir.

Odakon  (see Odacon)

Odarnatan  Irish
a hostel-keeper
His daughter, Odras, was turned into a river or a pool of water by Morrigan.

Odatis  Persian
[Hudata]
a princess
daughter of Homartes
She saw Zariadres in a dream on the same night that he dreamt of her. Her father refused to sanction their union and insisted that she choose one of the nobles of her own country. She arranged for Zariadres to appear, dressed as a noble, and she chose him and eloped with him. (see also Katayun)

Odbrict  British
a king of Norway
He was killed fighting on the side of King Arthur against Mordred at the Battle of Camlann.

Odd  Norse
a hero

Od to Psyche  British
a poem by Keats

Odendoria  Irish
[Isokhe]

Oder  (see Odin.Odor)
Oderic | European
---|---
captain of the ship in which Isabella sailed for Scotland

When a storm drove the ship ashore, Oderic sold Isabella to pirates.

Odgar | Irish
---|---
a king of Ireland

son of Aedh

Odhras | (see Odras)
---|---

Odhereir | (see Od-hroerir)
---|---

Odherir | (see Od-hroerir)
---|---

Odhinn | (see Odin)
---|---

Odiar the Frank | British
---|---

[Odyar Frank]
a steward at King Arthur's court

Odilia | European
---|---

[Biblindi.Biflindi.Bolverk[in]]
daughter of the Duke of Verona
wife of Dietmar

Odin | Norse
---|---

[Alfsdr. Alfodr. Alfo-dr. All-father. All-seer.]
(The) High One. Thekhr. Thror.
Thror. Thrudr. (The) Thunderer.
Wanderer. Wayfarer. Wild Huntsman.
Wisḍ God. Yggdrasil. Yggðr:
=German Grim. Votan. Wodan. W(u)otan:
=Saxon Ærm. Woden. Wóden:
=Icelandic Oðinn. Odin.
creator-god, god of battle, the dead, inspiration and wind
son of Bor and Bestla
brother of Ve and Vili
husband of Frigg, Grid, Rinda, Saga and Skadi
father of Balder, Beldegg, Bragi,
Hermid, Heimdall, Hoder, Saemimir,
Sigó, Skiald, Thor, Vali, Vinðal, Weldegg and Yngvi
He and his brothers Ve and Vili killed the Frost Giant Ymir and built the world from his body.
He had a number of wives of whom

Odious | Greek
---|---
migrating across Europe to the northern realm, and leaving his sons Beldegg, Saemimir, Sigi, Skiald, Weldegg and Yngvi as kings of countries he conquered.

As Wotan he forced Alberich to hand over the Rhine-gold, together with the Ring and the Helmet of Brimstone made from it, but Alberich placed a curse on all of this treasure. When Fafnir killed his brother for possession of the gold and turned into a dragon to guard it, Odin decided that a warrior should kill Fafnir so that the gold could be returned to the Rhinemaidens to break the curse. He chose his own son Siegmund but, in a duel with a hunter who had abducted Siegmund’s lover, broke Siegmund’s sword allowing Siegmund to be killed by the hunter whom Odin then killed with a fierce glance.

He was the owner of a magic spear, Gungnir, a magic bow that accurately fired ten arrows at once and an eight-legged horse called Sleipnir.

When Odin felt that the end was near, he consulted the vala, Haid, who told him how the world would end but could tell him nothing about what would happen after Ragnarok. Her knowledge, combined with his own, enabled him to see the rebirth of the world repopulated by Lif and Lifthrasir, the return of Balder and the happy future contrasting with the doom-laden past.

In the final battle, Odin was killed by the wolf Fenris.

In some accounts, he is said to have brought to Scandinavia the head of Minos, king of Crete, which continued to speak, and used it as an oracle.
He is represented with a long grey beard and carrying his spear, Gungnir, usually accompanied by his ravens Hugin and Munin. On his visits to earth he wore a blue cloak and a flat cap.

(see also Rafnagud.Porun)

Odin’s Wagon
Norse
the wind (see also Great Bear)

Odin’s Tree
Norse
Yggdrasil: a name for the goddesses

Odin’s Raven Spell
Norse
(see Hrafna Galdur Odins)

Odion’s odism
Norse
[odyism]
belief in a hypothetical force, the odyle

Odius | Greek
---|---
a herald
Odlek

(see Tengri)

Odhir

(see Odin)

Odoscer

German

a usurper of Dietrich's kingdom

In some stories, Odoscer took over a large part of northern Italy and it was he, rather than Ermenrich, who seized the kingdom of Dietrich von Bern.

Odomankoma

(see Otomankoma)

Odin

(see Votan)

Odole

a demon

Odqan

Mongol

a male fire-spirit

Odr

(see Odur)

Odras

[Odras, Odrus]

daughter of Odarnatan

wife of Buchat

When Morrigan stole a bull from her husband’s herds, Odras followed her but the goddess found her asleep and turned her into a river (or a pool of water).

Odrerer

(see Od-hroerir)

Odrorir

(see Od-hroerir)

Odrus

(see Odras)

Odsmaer

Norse

a name for Freya as the wife of Odin [Od]

Oduduwa

(see Oduduwa)

Odudua

[Odudua]

a creator-goddess and war-goddess of the Yoruba

wife and sister (or, some, say, daughter) of Olodumare or Obatala

mother of Aganju, Ogun and Yemoja

Some regard her as the founder of the Yoruba.

In some accounts, Odudua is regarded as male, son of Lamurudu and brother of Obatala, marrying Aje and fathering Oranyan; in others she is female in which role her father sent her to earth to sow seeds and she became the wife of Orishako.

Odur

Norse

[Od. Odi(e)r, Odnir, Oth(o)r]

a sun-god

husband of Freya

father of Gersemi and Hnoss

He once left Freya for a long time and she wandered the face of the earth in search of him. They were eventually happily reunited. (see also Swipdag)

Odyar Frank

(see Odiar)

odyle

[od. odylic force]

a hypothetical force said to be produced by a spiritualist medium

Odyism

(see odism)

Odylic force

(see odyly)

Odysseus

Greek

[Delphinomorus, Polymentis, Sysyphides:]

«Roman Ulixes, Ulysses»

king of Ithaca

husband of Penelope

father of Telemachus

In some versions he was the son of Sisyphus and Anticleia, in others the son and successor to Laertes by Anticleia, nursed by Euryceia.

He won Penelope as his wife in a foot-race or as a reward for advice given to Tyndareus.

He tried to avoid serving with the Greek army by pretending madness and sowing his fields with salt but this ruse did not work; Palamedes placed the infant Telemaucus in front of the plough and Odysseus was sane enough to avoid the child. He eventually joined the force that had been raised to attack Troy.

After the fall of Troy he wandered for ten years before finally getting back to his home (see Odyssey).

When he did get back he found that his wife Penelope had for some years been besieged by suitors who thought her husband was dead. They refused to leave her house and were virtually eating her out of house and home. With the help of his old swineherd Eumaes, his son Telemachus and the goddess Athene he got his hands on his bow and arrows and shot the suitors in cold blood – all except Medon and the minstrel Phemus whom he spared to provide the music at the celebration of his home-coming.

His son hanged all those servants who had not remained faithful to Odysseus during his long absence.

In some accounts, he travelled to Thesprotia where he married the queen, Callidice, fathering Polypoetes. When the queen died, Odysseus returned to Penelope, leaving his son as king of Thesprotia.

Another story says that the relatives of the dead suitors brought Odysseus to trial for murder and Pyrrhus, acting as judge, sent him into exile in Anatolia where he married the daughter of the king, Thoas, and she bore him a son named Leontophonus.

He once stayed with the king of Epirus and raped his daughter, Eupiippe, on whom he fathered a son, Euryalus.

When the boy grew up, Eupiippe sent him to kill his father but, warned of his coming, Odysseus slew the youth, not knowing he was killing his own son.

Another version says that Odysseus sent the boy to live with Penelope who later accused the boy of rape, so Odysseus killed him.

At the end of his life he assembled a fleet and sailed off to the west, never to be seen again.

Another story says that he was accidentally killed by Telegronus, his own son by Circe who had sent him to look for his father, and who was unaware that the man he fought and killed was his own father. In this story, Telegronus took the body back to Aea to be buried by Circe.

Odyssey

Greek

Homer’s epic story, in 24 volumes, of the wanderings of Odysseus after the Trojan war.

At the fall of Troy, the Greeks angered Athena and Poseidon, who had helped them in the fighting, by violating Athena’s temple and by failing to sacrifice to the gods and they planned to make the Greeks suffer. They caused a storm to disperse the fleet on its homeward journey during which Memelaus was blown all the way to North Africa and Ajax the Less was drowned. Odysseus was forced to wander for ten years before finally reaching home.

The first landfall for Odysseus and his crew was the island of Ismarus where they sacked the city and lost some men in battle. Next came the land of the Lotus-eaters where his men were so enchanted that he had to chain them aboard.

Next came the encounter with the Cyclops, Polyphemus, who trapped them in his cave and ate some of the crew. The others managed to escape, by hanging underneath the giant’s sheep, only after Odysseus had blinded the giant with a fire-hardened wooden stake.

In the country of Aeolus, god of the winds, they were given all the storm winds in a sack to ensure a calm voyage but some inquisitive sailor opened the sack and caused another storm which blew them off course to the land of the giant cannibals, the Lestrygones, who destroyed all the ships except one.

They next landed at Aea, the island of Circe the witch who turned all the advance party into pigs. Hermes
gave Odysseus a herb which protected him from Circe’s magic and he forced her to return his men to human form again on pain of death. She fell in love with him and Odysseus stayed with her for a year. In some accounts, they had a son, Telegonus, who later unwittingly killed his father; in others, they had two other sons called Agrius and Latinus. Circe found out what he needed to do in order to get home safely; this required Odysseus to go down to Tartarus and find the ghost of the prophet Teiresias who warned him not to harm the oxen of Helius.

Passing the island where the Sirens lived, Odysseus made his crew stop their ears with wax while he was roped to the mast. In this way they were able to resist the seductive songs of the Sirens and they also survived the passage between Scylla and Charybdis, losing six of his crew to the voracious Scylla, in some stories.

At Trinacria, the island of the Sun, his men killed some of the ox for food and Helios avenged the insult by shattering the ship with a thunderbolt. All perished except Odysseus who drifted for some days on a piece of wreckage until he landed on Calypso’s island, Ogygia, where he was held virtually captive for several years by the nymph who fell in love with him. Athena finally gave up her vendetta and Zeus made Calypso release her captive. She sent him off on a raft and he drifted for seventeen days until Poseidon, who hadn’t relented, blew up another storm which wrecked the raft. Again Odysseus found himself in trouble but the sea-goddess Ino came to his aid, giving him her veil to protect him from the sea, and he swam to his aid, giving him her veil to protect him from the sea, and he swam.

He correctly answered the riddle of the Sphinx who thereupon killed herself and he was made king of Thebes by the citizens grateful for the removal of that monster.

He married Jocasta not knowing that she was his real mother and they had four children, Antigone, Eteocles, Ismene and Polyneices. When Teiresias revealed what had happened, Oedipus blinded himself and wandered thereafter throughout the length and breadth of Greece accompanied by his faithful daughter Antigone.

He was finally killed by the Furies at Colonus and buried by Theseus.

In some accounts, Oedipus had a second wife, Astymelusa or Euryganeia, the mother of his four children.

Oedipus at Colonus (Greek) a play by Sophocles, one of the Three Theban Plays
Oedipus the King (see Oedipus Rex) a play by Sophocles, one of the Three Theban Plays
Oedipus Tyrannus (Greek) a play by Sophocles, one of the Three Theban Plays
Oedipus for Ever (see Helmet of Invisibility)

Oe Hòa-da

African

in Malagasy, a charm which protects the wearer from headaches

 Odyssey a play by Derek Walcott based on the Greek story
 Odyssey (see Oedipus) a play by Sophocles, one of the Three Theban Plays
 Odyssey the play of the primaeval waters brought up from the bottom of the primeval waters

This mud, brought up by Muskrat, was placed on the back of a turtle, Earth-Bearer, and grew to form the world which, it is said, is still carried on the turtle’s back.

Oeillet

a demon which tempts monks to break their vows

Oenian

African

in Malagasy, a charm which protects the wearer from headaches

Oenius (see Oenius) a nymph mother of Pan, in some accounts

Oenous (see Oenous) a charm which protects the wearer from bullets

Oenous

Greek


Oeneus was taught the art of the vintner by Dionysus to whom he had offered his own wife. He forgot a sacrifice to Artemis and
the goddess sent a huge bow to ravage his country. This animal, the Calydonian Boar, was hunted and killed by a party led by Meleager.

After the death of Althaq, he married Periboea who bore Olenias and Tydeus.

His throne was seized by his nephews but his grandson, Diomedes, restored the line by putting Andraemon, husband of Gorge, on the throne. Oeneus went to Argos with Diomedes but was killed by his two nephews who had escaped his grandson’s sword.

Oenghus (see Angus)  
Oengus (see Angus)  
Oeno1 Greek  
one of the Oenotropoe  
daughter of Anius and Dorippa  
sister of Elais and Spermo  

Oeno2 Greek  
a name used by Leucippus when he disguised himself as a nymph to woo Daphne  

Oenoe Greek  
a nymph  
one of the Naiads  
wife of Thoas  
mother of Sicinus  

oenomancy  
a form of divination using wine  

Oenomaus1 Greek  
[Oinomaos]  
a Trojan soldier  
He was killed by Idomenus whose spear-throw was intended for Aeneas.  

Oenomaus2 Greek  
[Oinomaos]  
son of Pisa  
sone of Ares by Sterope  
husband of Sterope, some say father of Hippodamia  

Warned by an oracle that he would be killed by his son-in-law, he challenged all suitors for his daughter’s hand to a chariot-race with Hippodamia riding with the suitor to distract him while Oenomaus chased them in his chariot drawn by Psylla and Harpinna, horses as fleet as the wind. The losing suitors were killed. In the race against Pelops, he was stoned to death by the sons of Hippocoon and his death was avenged by his cousin, Heracles.

Oeonus Greek  
son of Lyceimnius and Perimeide  
brother of Argius and Melas  

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Oeopata (see Amazons)  
oes sidhe (see aes sidhe)  

Oese British  
a king of Kent  

Oestra (see Eastre)  

Oeth and Anoeth (see Castle of Oeth and Anoeth)  

Ofoe African  
a servant of Ogwu  
The god of death sends Ofoe to collect those who he has decreed shall die.  

He is depicted as a head on two legs with long arms.

Ofrir1  
a name of Odin as a snake  

(see also Ofrir2)  

Norse  

Ofrir2  
a snake gnawing at the twigs of Ygdrasil  
(see also Ofrir1.Svafnir)  

Ogbe-ghu  
a hornbill  

African  

In a story told by the Ibo, there was no land when Ogbe-ghu’s mother died and the bird could find nowhere to bury her body. He carried her body on his back and flew over the primordial waters seeking a burial site and finally spotted two people swimming in the ocean. They brought up land from the bottom and he was at last able to bury his mother properly.

ogdoad  
a group of 8 divine beings: the heavens  

Ogdoad of Khmun  
Egyptian  

[Ogdoad of Hermopolis]  

The 8 deities of the primitive waters  

These are listed as Amen and Amaunet, Huh and Hauhet, Kekui and Kekuit, Nun and Naunet. They created the hill which rose from the waters. They are depicted as baboons greeting the rising sun.

Ogetsu-no-hime  
Japanese  
a food goddess  

She was killed by Susanowa and the staple crops of the Japanese diet grew from her body.

Oghma  
(see Ogdoa of Khmun)  

Oghuz  

African  

[Ogma]  

A name of Odin as a snake  

[see Ogdoa of Khmun]  

Ogier  
European  

At his baptism, six fairy queens endowed him with many qualities, one of which was his power to change himself into doves. Dionysus intervened to turn them into doves.

Ogier1 Ogier the Dane. Ogarius  

[Holger (Danske).Ogier le Danois]  
one of Charlemagne’s paladins  

son of Geoffroy, king of Denmark  

husband of Bélizare  

her father was Baldwin  

He promised the hand of Merope to promise. When Orion, in drink, raped Merope, Oenopion, with the help of some satyrs, blinded him.

Oenopion Greek  
[Oinopion.‘wine-face’]  
king of Chios  
son of Dionysus and Ariadne  
husband of Helice  
father of Aëro and Merope  

He promised the hand of Merope to Orion if he would rid his island of dangerous beasts but reneged on his promise. When Orion, in drink, raped Merope, Oenopion, with the help of some satyrs, blinded him.

Oenotropoe Greek  
[Oinotropai]  
Elais, Oeno and Spermo, the 3 daughters of Anius and Dorippa  

They were given the power by Dionysus to produce cork, oil and wine at will and their father supplied the Greek fleet being assembled for the siege of Troy and later during the siege of that city. It was said that they were captured by the Greeks and forced to give them the supplies they needed. They later escaped but were recaptured and Dionysus intervened to turn them into doves.

Oeonus Greek  
son of Lyceimnius and Perimeide  
brother of Argius and Melas  

He was stoned to death by the sons of Hippocoon and his death was avenged by his cousin, Heracles.

Oeopata (see Amazons)  
oes sidhe (see aes sidhe)  

Oese British  
a king of Kent  

Oestra (see Eastre)  

Oeth and Anoeth (see Castle of Oeth and Anoeth)  

Ofoe African  
a servant of Ogwu  
The god of death sends Ofoe to collect those who he has decreed shall die.  

He is depicted as a head on two legs with long arms.
as a reward for killing a giant Saracen.

He went with the emperor's army to repel the Saracens besieging Rome and, in his first battle, took over the oriflamme from the cowardly Alory and distinguished himself by his bravery. He saved Charlemagne's life when the emperor's horse was killed and two Saracens were about to kill him and Ogier was rewarded for this with a knighthood. His sword, Cortana, was provided by Morgana.

One of the Saracens who had unhorsed the emperor was Carahue, king of Mauritania, and he challenged Ogier to single combat. Charlot, the emperor's son, also accepted the challenge of Sadon, Carahue's cousin. Charlot arrived with a troop of his followers and attacked the other three. Ogier and the two Saracens routed their attackers and became friends. He was held captive by Dannemont, a renegade Danish king fighting with the Saracens, until Carahue, in protest, surrendered himself to Charlemagne. Without their leader, the Saracens made peace with the emperor and Carahue and Ogier were exchanged.

Ogier then took an army to Denmark and repelled the forces attacking that country but his father, the king, died almost at the moment of victory. Warned by a heavenly voice, Ogier refused his father's crown and left it to his half-brother, Guyon.

When his young son Baldwin was killed by Charlot, Ogier was prevented from killing the emperor's son only by a servant who intervened. Ogier dashed a cup from the servant's hand and some of the wine splashed in the emperor's face. He left the court in disgrace but was later captured by troops led by Turpin and handed over to Charlemagne who sentenced him to prison on a diet designed to starve him to death. The archbishop gave Ogier larger rations and kept him alive and in good health. His horse, Beiffror, was taken by the Abbot of St Faron.

Ogier was released from prison only when the emperor needed him to accept the challenge thrown down by Bruhier, the Sultan of Arabia, who had invaded France. Ogier agreed to accept the challenge on the emperor's behalf on condition that Charlemagne would hand over Charlot for the punishment due to him for killing Ogier's son. Ogier allowed Charlot to live and renewed his allegiance to the emperor. He was reunited with his horse Beiffror and met Bruhier in the lists. Bruhier had a magic lotion that healed wounds and restored severed limbs as soon as it was applied. A sword-stroke from Bruhier killed Beiffror and one from Ogier cut off Bruhier's arm. When the Arab dismounted to pick up the severed arm, Ogier was able to drive Bruhier away from his own horse so that he could not reach the flask of lotion. Ogier finally killed Bruhier and claimed his horse Marchevallée, using the lotion to heal his own wounds.

Armies under Carahue and Guyon sent to release Ogier from prison found that there were no longer needed since Ogier had been released by the emperor, so they combined forces to support the French under Ogier in an attack on the Saracens in their own countries. Ogier took with him the young Walter, son of his half-brother Guyon, and after many years in the east, handed over his responsibilities to Walter and sailed for France. His ship was wrecked on a strange shore where two sea-monsters let him pass and the fire-breathing horse, Papillon, carried him to the palace of Morgana who had at last claimed him. He stayed in Avalon for a hundred (two hundred, some say) blissfully happy years, never ageing. When he finally asked to be allowed to return to France, he and Papillon were carried over the sea on the backs of the two sea-monsters.

Ogier rode Papillon to Paris where he recognised nothing and nobody. The king, Hugh Capet, told Ogier all that had happened while he had been away and Ogier helped him to rout a force of Saracens attacking Chartres. When the king died it was intended that Ogier should marry the queen and rule France but a golden crown appeared on Ogier's head and he disappeared from sight. He had been reclaimed by Morgana who transported him to Avalon where he still lives, together with King Arthur, both awaiting the call to return in the hour of need. Others say that he sleeps under the Kronenberg where his beard has grown to an enormous length.

He was said to have carried a burning brand and would die when it was extinguished.

In some accounts, he fathered a son, Marlyn, on Morgana. Meurvin, similarly described, may be the same as Marlyn.

Others say that Ogier fathered Baldwin on Belicene, the daughter of the governor of the prison in which he was held as surety for his father's allegiance to Charlemagne, while yet another story says that he rescued a lady, who turned out to be the daughter of the king of England, from the hands of the Saracens, and married her.

Ogier le Danois' a Continental story of Ogier and his exploits

Ogier le Danois' (see Ogier) Ogier the Dane (see Ogier) Ogir (see Aegir) Ogwu (see Oguwu) Ogma [Irish Ogma; =British Ogmia; =Celtic Ogmia; =Welsh Gwydion] god of eloquence husband of Etain father of Mac Cecht, Mac Cool, Mac Greine and Turenn

Some say that he was the son of the Dagda by Boann, others that his father was Ealadha and he was the brother of the Dagda and Lugh.

He is said to have invented ogham and introduced writing. He made the magic sword Orma which was owned by Tethra and, in some accounts, captured it at the second battle of Moytura where he killed Inneach and, in some accounts, was himself killed. In other accounts, the sword was seized by Manannan at Moytura.

Ogma

the British version of Ogma

Ogmos (see Ogmius)

Ogmius [Ogmos=Irish Ogma] a Celtic god of wisdom in Gaul He is described as a lion-skinned god and may be an aspect of Hercules.

He is depicted as a smiling old man whose lips are connected by a very fine chain to a large group of followers.

Ognyena Maria (see Omyena Maria)

Ogo [Yakula; Yuruga] an evil god of the Dogon son of Amma brother of Yasigi

He and Yasigi were hatched from one of the two yolks of the primordial egg created by Amma; the twins Nummo were born from the other.
In an attempt to overthrow his father, he stole his brother's semen but one of the Nummo tore out Ogo's tongue and bit the end off his penis. He was thereafter known as Yurugu.

Ogof Lanciau Eryri
British
a cave in Wales in which it is said King Arthur's men lie asleep, awaiting his return

Other sites suggested are Alderley Edge, Cadbury, Craig-y-Dinas, Mount Etna, Ogo'r Dinas, Richmond Castle and Sewingshields.

Ogof Myrrdin
(see Merlin's Hill)

Ogon
Slav
[Agoni.Ogoni=Hindu Agni] fire personified

Ogoni
(see Ogon)

Ogopogo
North American
[Ogopogo] a water-monster in British Columbia

Ogor Dinas
British
a cave, in Wales, in which it said King Arthur himself lies asleep, awaiting a call in Britain's hour of need

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Ogoun
West Indian
[Ogoun=Ougou=Ogun=Oggou=Ogoun] the warrior-god of Haiti one of 3 husbands of Erzulie

He is a trickster-god who sometimes appears as a fire-eater.

Ogoun Balanjo
(see Ogun Tonnère)

Ogoun Ferraille
(see Ogun Tonnère)

Ogun Tonnère
West Indian

This spirit may be depicted as St George.

Ogre
a man-eating monster, usually quite stupid

The ogre takes many different forms. In the Baltic regions it is a seven-headed serpent, in Greece a dragon and in Norway a troll.

Ogre
(see Tsenagahi)
ogress
a female ogre

Ogrin
British
a hermit

He befriended Tristram and Isolde and drafted the letter to Mark in which Tristram offered to restore Isolde to her husband.

Ogu
West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from St James the Great

Ogugia
Greek
king of Thebes father of Idausis

In one version of the story of the flood, he appears in place of Deucalion.

In other versions, the flood that occurred during the reign of Ogugies occurred two centuries before Deucalion's flood.

Ogugia
Greek
the island of Calypso where Odysseus was held for some years

Ogyges
(see Ogygus)

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(see Ogyges)

Ogyr Vran
[Ogyr Vran.Ogy(r)ven]=Celtic Ogrin an Edo god of death

An Edo god of death he is the ruler of the underworld and owns the blood of all things. He decrees who shall die and sends his servant Ofoe to fetch them.

Ogyr Vran
Welsh
[Ogyr Vran]=Celtic Ogrin

Ogyrges
Ogygus

Ogyrren
[Ogyrren.Ogygus]=African Ogun a Purification ceremony held in December

Ohare Akore
East Indian
in Papuan lore, the fourth person to be created

This person, born from a turtle's egg, later turned into the black coconut palm.

Ohdows
North American
[Ohodowas] one of the 3 tribes of Yogah

In the lore of the Iroquois, these dwarf beings are responsible for preventing the monsters of the underworld from escaping into the upper world.

Ohe
African
a supreme god of the Egede in Nigeria

Ohigwe
North American
an Iroquois festival of the dead

It is believed that the spirits of the dead, although unseen, continue to be present among the living and are present also at this festival staged in their honour.

Ohnivak
Slav
[=Arab phoinix] a fabulous fire-bird

Oho-ga-tsu
Japanese
a food-goddess

Ohohara-me-no-muchi
(see Amaterasu)

Oho-iva Dai-myō-jin
Japanese
a god of rocks guardian of women at childbirth

Oho-kuni-nushi1
(see Okuni-nushi)

Oho-kuni-nushi2
(see Okuni-nushi)

Oho-ku-no-be
a deity who rides through the streets on a bronze horse at the Festival of Minige

Oho-tata-ne-ko
Japanese
son of Iku-tama-yore-hime

His father was a youth who nightly visited his mother before leaving through the keyhole.

Oho-tō-to-no-be
Japanese
a primaeval deity sister of Oho-to-no-ji

Oho-tō-to-no-ji
Japanese
a primaeval deity brother of Oho-to-no-be

Oho-usu
Japanese
[Great Foot Pestle] son of Keiko twin brother of O-usu-no-Mikoto

His father sent him to escort two beautiful maidens to his court to become wives of the emperor. Instead, Oho-usu married the girls, Ye-hime and Oto-hime, and sent two others to his father's court. Keiko refused to accept them and they died of grief.

Oho-wata-tsu-mi
Japanese
a god of the waters son of Izanagi and Izanami

Oho-yama-tsu-mi
Japanese
a mountain-god son of Izanagi and Izanami

Oho-yama-naga
father of Iha-naga, Sengen and Uzume

Ohobarai
Japanese
[=Hebrew Tashchlikh] a rite of expiation in which figures or clothes are ceremonially drowned
Ohodowas  (see Ohdows)
Ohoroxtotli  Central American
a Mayan creator-god
He is said to have killed off the jaguars so that man could safely inhabit the earth.
Ohoyo-osh Chishba  North American
a Chibcha corn-goddess
Ohrmazd  (see Ahura Mazda)
Ohrmuzd  (see Ahura Mazda)
Oi  African
an East African god of sickness
Oi  South American
a mythical race of tall people
in Brazil
Oi-E  (see Kane-Oi-E)
Oicles  Greek
[Oicles]
an Arcadian seer
father of Amphiarous
by Clytemnestra
He sailed with Heracles when he sacked Troy and was killed by the Trojans when he was left to guard the beached ships.
Oidead Clainne Lir  Irish
[The Tragedy of the Children of Lir]
the story of Fionula and the
3 brothers  (see Children of Lir)
Oidipous  (see Odipius)
Oigros  (see Oeagrus)
ioik  African
ancestral spirits of the Nandi people:
1 demons causing sickness
Oilus  Greek
a king of Locris
son of Hodoedocus and Agrianome
father of Ajax the Less
father of Medon by Rhene
He was one of the Argonauts.
Oilill  (see Aliill Olom)
Oillet
a demon of riches
Oilliphist  Irish
[Oilliphist]
a fabulous monster
It is said that, in crossing towards the west, he gouged out the channel of the river Shannon.
Oilmelc  (see Imbolic)
Oilmelg  (see Imbolic)
Oimelec  (see Imbolic)
Oimeleg  (see Imbolic)
Oin  (see Ain)
Oineus  (see Oeneus)
Oinn  Norse
one of the dwarfs
Oinomaos  (see Oenomaus)
Oinone  (see Oenone)
Oinopion  (see Oenopion)
Oinotropai  (see Oenotropoe)
Oirbsen  Irish
[Oirbsiu]
an early name for Manannan
Oirbsiu  (see Oirbsen)
Oisene  (see Oisin)
Oisin  Irish
[Little Fawn. Oisene, Manx Oisin: >Scottish Ois(o)sian]
king of the Land of Youth
son of Finn mac Cool by Saba
husband of Niam
father of Oscar by Ethhir
father of Plur na mBhan by Niam
A deer run down by Finn’s dogs turned out to be a beautiful maiden, Saba, who had been turned into a deer by a druid whose love she had rejected. She married Finn but when he was called away to fight the Norsemen the druid turned up again and changed her back into a deer. Her baby by Finn would, it was said, have been a deer if she had licked him in the manner of a deer – instead he became the boy Oisin who was later found by Finn and reared by him to be a great warrior and poet.
He was one of the party of nine, led by Goll mac Morna, which recovered Finn’s hounds, Bran and Scelolan, when they were stolen by Arturh.
A beautiful girl, Niam, daughter of Manannan, arrived on a white horse. In some accounts, she had been given the head of a pig by some druidic magic. The spell was broken when Oisin married her and they lived happily on an island in the Land of Youth for some years until Oisin wanted to return to his native land. Niam lent him her white horse for the journey and warned him never to touch the ground of Ireland. When his foot slipped and touched the soil, his eternal youth vanished revealing a blind, centuries-old man. He had been away about 300 years (1,000, some say).
Some say that he lived on to pass much ancient lore to St Patrick, though others say that this was done by Calie. It is said that Patrick tried to convert Oisin to the Christian faith but he turned down the chance of heaven if he could not take his dogs and his friends.
Oisin in the Land of Youth  Irish
a 15th c book telling the story of Oisin’s visit to the Otherworld
Oizys  Greek
a deity, pain personified
son of Erebus and Nyx or of Nyx alone
Oja  (see Oya)
Ojiji  African
in the lore of the Yoruba, a spirit
Each person is said to have three spirits; the ojiji follows the owner like a shadow.
Ojkara Daikoku  Japanese
a form of Daikoku depicted with a sword and vajra
Ojin  Japanese
son of O-Uso-No-Mikoto and Jingoi deified as Hatchiman
father of Nintoku
When he grew up, the Dragon King or his son Isora gave Ojin the Tide Jewels which his mother had used to conquer Korea.
Oka  South American
a jaguar-spirit of the Bakairi Indians
father of Kame and Keri
Okanagan  North American
a lake in British Columbia
This lake is said to be the home of the water-monster, Naitaka.
Oke  North American
a personal protective deity
Oke Hede  Norse
in the lore of the Mandan, one of the
first pair of twins
Okeanides  (see Oceanids)
Okeanini  (see Oceanids)
Okeanos  (see Oceanus)
Okelim  (see Aqujim)
Okesa  Japanese
a geisha girl
Originally a cat, she became human to help the old couple who had been kind to her.
Okeus  North American
the devil, in the lore of the tribes of
Virginia
Oki  North American
[Kiussia]
a sun-god of the Hurons: a force of
nature
Oki-Tsu-Hiko  Japanese
[Kudo-no-kami]
a Shinto kitchen-god
son of O-Toshi
consort of Oki-Tsu-Hime
Oki-Tsu-Hime  Japanese
[Kobe-no-kami]
a Shinto kitchen-goddess
daughter of O-Toshi
consort of Oki-Tsu-Hiko
Okikurumi  Japanese
[Ainu-ruk-kux]
a sun-god
father of Pon Okikutumi
by Chikisani
Okirufuma  Japanese
a shadow.
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Okin Trigi  Mongolian
sister of Begze Sunen
Okinai

Okinai  North American
a young Blackfoot brother of Bearskin–woman and Sinopa
His eldest sister, Bearskin–woman, married a grizzly bear and, when her people killed her husband, she turned herself into a bear and killed them all except Okinai, his young sister Sinopa and their six brothers who were away from the lodge at that time. When they returned, she tried to kill them also but they escaped with Okinai and Sinopa when the eldest shot arrows into the sky, each one of which carried one member of the party up to the heavens where they became the Great Bear constellation.

Oknors (see Oenus)

Oko  African
a Yoruba god of agriculture son of Aganju and Yemoja

Okolner (see Okolnur)

Okolnur  Norse
[Okolnur] the region without frosts in which the heavenly hall, Brimer, was situated

Okoze  Japanese
an amulet in the form of a fish, worn to bring good luck

Okopomo  African
a priest in the Gold Coast

Okonorote  South American
a hunter-hero of the Arawak Indians
He dug a hole through the floor of heaven and climbed down a huge tree (or a rope) to earth to retrieve an arrow he had dropped. He then showed other humans the way but, when some of them mated with serpents, the god Kononatoo caused a fat woman to become wedged in the hole in the sky so preventing them from ever returning to their original home.

Okowa  Pacific Islands
a Fijian hero
His wife was seized from their fishing-boat by the monstrous man-eating bird, Ngani-Vatu. Helped by his brother-in-law, Rokoua, Okowa killed the bird and took some of its smaller feathers to use as sails.

Ola Bibi  Indian
a priest in the Gold Coast

Okuninushi (see Okuni-Nushi)

Okuni-Nushi  Japanese
[Daikokusana. Okuninushi. Onamuchi. Onamukii. Yachiho, Ya-gami-hime father of Kimata-no-kami father of Koto-shiro-nushi, some say He built the world, except the heavens, with the help of Sukuna-biko. Some say that he had eighty brothers, others that he married Ya-game-hime and many other maidens and their children populated the earth.

In some accounts, his brothers treated him as a servant and, on two occasions, killed him, once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death, and once by rolling a piece of red-hot metal down a hill, burning him to death.

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Okupa  African
a voracious giant in the lore of the Chinkook
He killed four of five brothers and was pursuing the last when they came to a river where Thunderer was fishing. The fisherman threw the youth across the river to safety and invited the giant to cross the water by walking over his prostate body. He then tipped the giant into the river where he drowned.

Okulo  South American
[-Panamanian neles] a shaman in Nicaragua (see also suka)

Old Age  North American
one of the 4 anaye left alive after the storm sent by Estanetelebi

Old Bel (see Enlil)

Old Bendy (see Satan)

Old Black God (see L)
Old Bones The Immortal (see Koschchay Bessmermyt)

Old Brass Mirror (see Ku-t’ung Ching)

Old Clootie (see Clootie)

Old Driver (see Satan)

Old Gentleman (see Satan)

Old Gloomy Woman (see Caillagh ny Groamagh)

Old God (see Xiuhtecuhlti)

Old Gooseberry (see Satan)

Old Hangie (see Satan)

Old Harry (see Satan)

Old Hornie (see Satan)

Old Huang (see Huang Shih)

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Old Man

[Old Man Coyote]
a spirit of the Wintun

Old Man Coyote

a name used in speech to refer to Coyote

Old Man Above

(see Chareya.Gudratrigakwit)

Old Man Acorn

North American

a spirit of the Wintun

This spirit is said to have fertilised the earth after it had been recreated by Olelbis.

Old Man Coyote

(see Old Man³)

Old Man of Crete

Greek

a state made of various metals

It is said that this statue produced tears which descended to the underworld and there produced the rivers of that realm.

Old Man of the Sea¹

Arab

an evil jinnee in The Arabian Nights

This being took the form of an old man and refused to get down off the ladder between earth and his heaven, he sent his brothers to construct a ladder so that they could mate.

Old Man of the South Pole

(see Shou Shen)

Old Master

(see Lao-tzu)

Old Ned

(see Satan)

Old Nick

(see Satan)

Old One

(see Old Man’Satan)

Old Philosopher, The

Chinese

a name of Lao-tzu

Old Plain, The

(see Senmag)

Old Poker

(see Satan)

Old Princess

(see Ilamatecuhtli)

Old Scratch

(see Satan)

Old Serpent

(see Satan)

Old Spider

Pacific Islands

a creator-goddess

mother of Young Spider

Old Table, The

British

the name of the Round Table when it was owned by Uther

Old Tortoise Man

(see Kashyapa)

Old Treasure

(see Math)

Old White One

(see Hen Wen)

Old White Sow

(see Ceridwen)

Old Woman

East Indian

in New Guinea, a deity who kept the moon in a jar

It is said that some mischievous boys opened the jar and released the moon. The dark markings now seen on the moon are those caused by the boys’ fingers as they tried to grab the moon as it escaped.

Old Woman

North American

an ancestor-deity of many tribes

the female counterpart of Old Man

Old Woman

(see Cailleach Bheur in Kerry)

Old Woman Bat

(see Bat)

Old Woman of Beara

(see Cailleach Beara)

Old Woman of Dingle

Irish

a name for Cailleach Bheur in Kerry

Old Woman of the Three Roads

(see Sodzu-Baba)

Old Woman of the West

(see Cathena)

Olelbis

North American

a creator-god of the Wintun people

The first world was destroyed by a fire started by Buckeye Bush and his companions, a fire which was extinguished when Mem Loomis caused the flood. Olelbis set about recreating the world which was then fertilised by Old Man Acorn.

Olelbis wished to give the people he had created the gift of immortality so he sent his brothers to construct a ladder between earth and his heaven, Olelpanti. The foolish brothers were persuaded by Sedit to desist and they demolished what they had already built. As a result, men are mortal.

Olelpanti

North American

in the lore of the Wintun, the home of Olelbis: heaven

Olelnias

Greek

son of Oeneus and Periboea

brother of Tydeus

Olenos

(see Olenus)

Olenus

Greek

[Olenos]

son of Hephaestus

husband of Lethaea

Both he and his wife were turned to stone by the gods.

Oleywey

European

the ewe in Reynard the Fox

mate of Bellin

Qif

(see Alif)

Qilat

(see Olofat)

Qila

(see Buadza)

Qin-Tonatiuh

(see Ometeucubti)

Qiliphant

(see Olimant)

Qilivant

European

[Qiliphant]

the ivory horn of Roland

Some say that this horn originally belonged to Alexander the Great.

In some accounts, Roland acquired this horn, and the sword Durindana, when he defeated the giant Jutmundus. Others say he won them when he killed Almontes. The horn, which could be heard for twenty miles, was blown finally to great effect at Roncesvalles.

Olivas

British

a knight

He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.

Olive

Greek

the tree of Athene

Oliver

European

[Oliver]

one of the paladins, Roland’s comrade-in-arms

son of Regnier

brother of Aude

father of Aquilant and Griffon

When Charlemagne fell into dispute with Montglaive, Olivier fought Roland in single combat to settle the matter. After five days, neither had gained the upper hand so they declared an honourable draw when they finally recognised each other.

While searching for the mad Roland he was challenged by Rodomont at the bridge leading to a chapel and was taken prisoner. He was released when the warrior-maid Bradamante defeated Rodomont.

He joined the Abyssinian forces under Astolpho at the siege of Biserta and was chosen with Roland and Floris to do battle with Agraman, Sobrino and Grassado to settle the war between them. Only Oliver, Sobrino and Roland survived the encounter in which both Oliver and Sobrino were badly wounded.

He was healed by the hermit who had converted Rogero to the Christian faith and, after the end of the war, went with Roland to collect the tribute exacted by Charlemagne from the
Spanish king, Marsilius. In the battle of Roncesvalles which resulted, he killed Malprimo but was himself wounded. He was later stabbed in the back and died of his wounds.

In another story, Oliver was captured by Balan, the Saracen ruler of Spain whose son, Tierabras, he had defeated in single combat and converted to the Christian faith. He was later rescued by Charlemagne's men and Balan was killed when he refused to convert.

Olivier¹ a demon of cruelty, one of the fallen archangels

Olivier² (see Oliver)

Ollamh (see ollav)

Ollamh Fodhla (see Ollav Fola)

Ollathair Irish

Daghda as 'the father'

ollav Irish

[ollamh.ollave]

the title given to the highest-ranking druids

Ollav Fola Irish

[Ollamh Fodhla]

a Milesian king of Ireland

He drew up a legal code and divided the kingdom into provinces.

In some accounts, he was equated with Dallan Forgaill or Eochaid Eigeas and his brother was Araidhe.

Ollaman Irish

[Ollamhan.Ollaman]

father of Ai

The king ordered the death of Ai but Ollaman managed to save him so that he lived to fulfil the druidic prophecy that he would become a famous poet.

Ollamhan (see Ollaman)

Ollanta South-American

lover of Curi-Coyllur

father of Yma Sumac

Ollanta, a chieftain, fell in love with Curi-Coyllur, the daughter of the Inca Pachucutic but they were not allowed to marry. The young couple defied the ban and Ollanta incited a rebellion, leading the peasants to victory over the king's forces led by Rumi-nau. Curi-Coyllur had a daughter by Ollanta and both she and the child, Yma Sumac, were incarcerated in a convent. When Pachucutic died, his son, Ypanqui, took the throne and Ollanta led a further rebellion but this time, as a result of cunning on the part of Rumi-nau, he is taken prisoner. Fortunately, the new ruler is more compassionate and pardons Ollanta, frees Curi-Coyllur and her daughter and blesses their union.

Ollin¹ Central American

the fifth sun of the Aztecs, engendered by Quetzalcoatl and Tezcatlipoca after the fourth universe was shattered

Ollin² Central American

the seventeenth of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising movement and the east, the day was governed by Xolotl.

Olloian (see Ollamain)

Ollichist (see Olliphist)

Olmaï Baltic

[Olmay] a word for god among the Lapps

Olmay (see Olmai)

Olo Keu Pacific Islands

brother of Olo-î-Namo

He and his brother rescued an owl about to be killed by a snake and the bird, which was lord of the forest, allowed them to cut down the trees they needed to make a boat.

Olo-sipa Pacific Islands

twin of Olo-sopa

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Olodumare African


He created Obatala as his deputy and created the earth by scattering dirt from a snail shell which was scratched over by a hen and a pigeon to make dry land. In some accounts, the scattering was done by Obatala on the orders of Olodumare. (see also Olorun)

Olof Norse

dughter of Thorir

wife of Throggim

mother of Trausti and Viglund

She was the daughter of a noble but married the illegitimate son of a farmer after eloping with him.

Olofad (see Olofat)

Olofat Pacific Islands


Yelofath.Yelafar]

a trickster-god, fire-god and god of death in the Carolines

son of Lugeilan and Thilpelap

He was a semi-divine being who ascended to heaven on a column of smoke and demanded recognition as a god. A long battle ensued, during which Olofat was killed but his father resurrected him and persuaded the other gods to accept him as the god of fire. He later brought fire down from heaven for the use of mankind.

He is said to have been involved in numerous escapades such as stealing food which he replaced by husks, pretending to be an old man with ringworm, seducing the wives of relatives, and so on. He so angered his relatives that they once put him in a post-hole and rammed the post in on top of him but he escaped, just as he did when they threw him into a fish-trap or tried to burn him.

Some say that he gave the shark its fearsome teeth.

In some accounts, Olofat is Lugeilan's brother (or half-brother) and their father is Anula. Other versions say that Olofat's brother was Samonekoaner and he also had a sister, Rat.

Olofat (see Olofat)

Olofin-Orun African

a name of Olorun as ‘lord of heaven’

Olokun African

a Yoruba sea-god and god of wealth

the river Olokun personified son of Osanobua brother of Olorun

Some regard this deity as male, others as female.

Olojo Oni African

a name of Oldumare or Olorun as ‘he who owns the day’

oloroten (see upir)

Olorun African


father of Obatala and Oduduwa brother of Olokan

In some accounts he is equated with Olodumare, in others he is regarded as the chief god, or a name of Olorun
as 'he who owns the heavens'.

He filled a shell with dirt which was then scattered by a hen and a pigeon, so creating the earth. Having then provided some trees, he made the first sixteen human beings.

In other accounts, all this was done by Obatala or Orishanla.

Olrik, Axel  (1864-1917)
a writer, author of many books on
Norse mythology
He formulated a set of 'epic laws' which govern the style and content of myths and legends.

Olrun  Norse
a swan-maiden
With her sisters Alvit and Svanhvit she flew to earth to bathe. They left their wings on the shore where they were seized by the brothers Egil, Slagfinn and Volund who kept the maidens as their wives for nine years before they recovered their wings and flew away.

Olufa  (see Ohatala)
Olus Vibenna  (see Aulus Vibenna)
Olwen  British
[May Queen, Niwalen, White Goddess. White Track]
dughter of Ysbadadon wife of Culhwach
It was said that four white flowers sprang up wherever her feet touched the ground.

It had been prophesied that her father, the chief giant, would die when Olwen married so he did all he could to prevent her from marrying and many lost their lives in the attempt to win her hand. He set Culhwach a series of near-impossible tasks which he managed to complete and claimed Olwen for his wife. Her father was killed as had been prophesied.

Other stories say that she was the wife of Enion whom she married in the Otherworld and bore him a son, Taliesin.

In some accounts she is identified with Blodeuedd.

Olwyd  Welsh
father of Ol

Olympium  Greek
a temple of Zeus at Athens

Olympia  Greek
a sacred valley in Elis
This valley is said to be the home of Zeus and is the site of temples of Hera and Zeus.

Olympian
one of the greater gods: one of the gods living on Mount Olympus: one with god-like qualities
The Greek Olympians were Aphrodite, Apollo, Ares, Artemis, Athena, Hades (Pluto), Hephaestus, Hera, Hermes, Hestia, Poseidon and Zeus. Other lists have Demeter in place of Hades; some substitute Dionysus for Hestia; some regard Zeus as their ruler though not himself an Olympian. Others include Asclepius, Dionysus and Heracles.

The Roman Olympians were Apollo, Diana, Juno, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, Minerva, Neptune, Pluto (Dios), Venus, Vesta, Vulcan (Muciber).

Olympia2  Greek
a wind from the north-west quarter

Olympia3  Greek
mother of Alexander the Great by Nectanebus, some say

Olympic games  Greek
a sacred festival
This took the form of four-yearly games for men in honour of Zeus.

Olympic Spirits  a group of 7 angels, rulers of the planets
These beings are listed as Aratron (Saturn), Bethor (Jupiter), Haggit (Venus), Och (Sun), Ophiel (Mercury), Phaleg (Mars) and Phul (Moon).

Olympios  (see Zeus)
Olympus  (see Mount Olympus)

Olympoun  British
a fairy king father of Tríanor

Om  Hindu
[aum. omm]
a sacred syllable: a mantra for meditation: a magic drum
(see also pranava. udgita)

Om2  Hindu
[om]
the name of a Brahmin deity

Om mani padme hum  Buddhist
a Tibetan mantra meaning 'Om, the jewel is in the lotus. Amen'
It is said that each syllable prevents the rebirth of the soul in some other form – Om, among the gods; ma, among the Titans; ni, as a human being; pad, as an animal; me, in a frustrating situation like Tartarus; hum, in the underworld.

Oma  (see Fauna)

Omacatl  Central American
[Acatl. Two Reeds]
an Aztec god of merrymaking, an aspect of Tezcatlipoca as 'ruler of feasts'

This deity is depicted as painted in black and white, squatting and wearing a papery crown and a cloak fringed with flowers.

Omadios  Greek
a name of Dionysus as 'the one who eats raw flesh'

O'Malley, Grace  (see Granuaile)

Omam  South American
a creator god of the Yanomani
He caught a woman on his line when fishing and mated with her to produce the ancestors of the tribe.

omamori  Japanese
an amulet said to give divine protection

omang  East Indian
in Sumatra, gnomes with feet pointing to the rear

Omar  African
the first man in the lore of the Shilluk people of the Sudan consort of Diang

Omartes  (see Homartes)

ombrophone  Greek
a prophet of rain

Ombos  (see Set)

Ombrios  Greek
a name of Zeus as god of rain

Ome Tochtli  Central American
[Omecihuatl. Two Rabbit]
an Aztec fertility-god and god of intoxication one of the Centzontochtli

He was killed by Tezcatlipoca.

O'meal  North American
a spirit of the Indians of British Columbia

Omechiuatl  Central American
[Catejal, Cita, Citalianicue. Cittalinicue. Lady of Our Flesh. Lady of Quality. Two Lady] an Aztec creator-goddess, consort of Ometecuhtli
She is regarded as the female name of Ometeoatl from whom the obsidian knife was born.

In some accounts she is identified with Tonacachiuatl.

Omei  (see Mount Emei)

omen  an indication or warning of future events
The idea that certain things can give warning of future events occurs in many cultures and includes such things as breaking a mirror, buzzing in the ears, comets, creaking floorboards, eclipses, having a bat enter the house, itching palms, magpies, meteors, sneezing, the cry of a banshee and tripping on the threshold.
Ometeotl (see Ometeotl)
Central American
[Lord of All Existence.Lord of the Ring.Tloque Nahuaque.Two-god]
a primordial Aztec deity

In some accounts a god, in others a goddess, an androgynous ruler of Omeyocan, the highest heaven. A combination of Omechualt and Ometeotl, she is said to have generated a stone knife from which sprang 1,600 heroes, Huitzilopochtli, Quetzalcoatl, Tezcatlipoca and Xipetotec. In some aspects she was Coatlicue. (see also Tonacachitl)

Ometochtli (see Ome'Tochtli)
Omechualt Central American
the highest heaven of the Aztecs, ruled by Om목

Omichi
Phoenician

[Omich]
the primaeval darkness

This principle merged with Pothos to produce the physical force (Aura) and spiritual force (Aer) of the universe.

Omicle (see Omichle)

Onakami (see Amaterasu)

Onikujyo (see Nikujyu)

Onisch (see Fire Flash)

Onito'fo (see A-mi-to-fo)

Onitoffo (see A-mi-to-fo)

Onittsuu (see Omitsuu)

Omitsunu Japanese

[Onitsuu]
a Shinto deity

a king of Izumo

grandson of Susanowa

He is said to have towed neighbouring islands and pieces of Korea on a rope (so-no-hagaham) to add to his kingdom.

Oniya Japanese

one of the Eight Imperial Deities

Omm (see Om)

Omnatesvara Jain

son of Gommatesvara

Omoa (see Manoa)

Omodaruu Japanese

[perfect face]

a Shinto god

consort of Ayakasikone

These two deities were produced from one of the branches of the primordial god Umashishakabihikoji.

Ono onki Japanese

a deity

He advised the assembled gods on ways to lure Amaterasu out of the cave in which she was hiding.

Onokage no Ido Japanese

a sacred well

It was said that this well was created when Kobo Daishi thrust his staff into the earth.

Onol African

[Onolu]
a Yoruban earth-deity

son of Obahulayaye and Nana

This deity is worshipped under the same name in the New World.

Ononga Pacific Islands

an Indonesian moon-goddess

onoplatoscopy
divination from splits in burning shoulder-blades

[Onoka]

a name for Tiamat

Onopha el Egyptian

[Onoroka]
a sacred mountain, home of the sun-god’s oracle

Onophale Greek

[navel]

queen of Lydia
daughter of Lardanus

wife of Imolus

After the death of her husband, she bought Heracles as a slave but made him her lover and bore him three children, Agelas, Lamus and Laomedon, though other stories refer only to Lamus. In some accounts, she made Heracles do a woman’s work.

Onomalancy
divination from knots in the umbilical cord

Omphalos (see Omphalos)

Omphales Greek

[Omphalos]

the seat of Apollo at Delphi, held to be the centre of the world

What was known as the navel stone at Delphi was in fact the stone which Rhea had wrapped and given to Cronus to swallow when he thought he was swallowing his latest son, Zeus, and which he was later forced to regurgitate together with the children he had already swallowed.

It was said that the exact centre of the earth was ascertained by Zeus who set two eagles to fly from opposite ends of the earth. They met at Delphi.

Ompu Tuhan Mula Jada Pacific Islands

a sky-god

father of Si Boru Deak, some say

He and his daughter lived in heaven. When she dropped a shuttle and descended to find it in the ocean, he gave her earth from which she made land to settle on.

Onroca Mesopotamian

the Chaldean name for Thalath

Omuli African

[plur-ovali]
a female Nande sorcerer

Onulu (see Omulu)

Omumboromboanga African

a tree from which, in the lore of the Damara people, all men and animals arose

Onuwanga (see Wele Onuwanga)

On (see Ain.Aun’Dagan’.Oannes)

On niona Cbitic

a Gaulish goddess who was worshipped in ash-groves

Onachihuionotaiuh (see Texcatlipoca)

Onamuchi Japanese

[Onamuchi]
a name for Okuni-Nushi as guardian of the eastern shrine on Mount Hiei

(see also Oyamakui)

Onagh (see Oonagh)

Onamuji (see Onamuji)

Onang Kiu Malay

a princess

one of the Deohaka daughter of Chulan

wife of Sulana

When her father’s kingdom was conquered, she married the invader, Sulana, becoming his second wife.

Onarr (see Annar)

Onatah North American

[orn]
a corn-goddess of the Seneca sister of Bean and Squash

daughter of Ethinioha

Like the Greek Core, she was seized by the god of the underworld and the earth became barren while her mother searched for her daughter. Her time is now divided between the upper and lower worlds, giving summer and winter.
Onca

Canaanite

a goddess

Once and Future King, A British

a story of King Arthur written by T. H. White
The words of the title are those used on the king's tombstone at Glastonbury built by Guinevere – 'Here lies Arthur, the Once and Future King' – a reference to the belief that he would return in the hour of need.

Onchecus Greek

ea sea-god

son of Poseidon

He was said to be the founder of a city of the same name.

Onchomenous Greek

son of Thystes

brother of Aglaus and Callileon

He was killed with his brothers by his uncle Atreus, cut up, boiled and served to his father who ate some of the meal.

Onicuss Greek

a king of Arcadia

Ondecle African

an ancestor spirit of the Ovimbundu

Ondiau Welsh

[Ondjaw]

son of the Duke of Burgundy

Ondine Greek

a water nymph

Ondoutae North American

a Huron war-god

In some accounts he is the same as Areskoui.

Ondurass Norse

a name for Uller as a ski-god

Ondyaw (see Ondiau)

One Above (see Charaya)

One Alone (see Poshaiyangkyo)

One Cheun Central American

the first of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle

On this day the heavens and earth were created. (see also Cheun)

One-eyed Norse

a name for Odin

One-horn (see Ekashringa)

One-inch Priest (see Issunboshi)

One Kan Central American

the fourteenth day of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle

On this day the creator, Month, realised that some of the things he had created were evil and regretted what he had done. (see also Kani)

One Sitting Above (see Ibofango)

Oneaea Greek

a nymph

mother of Orion by Poseidon

Oneicopompus Greek

a name of Hermes as 'conductor of dreams'

Oneiroi (see Oneiros)

oniereomancer

[oneiroscopist]

one who interprets and makes prophecies from dreams

oneiromancy

[oneiroscopy]

divination from dreams

Oneiros Greek

[Oneiroi]

da deity, dreams personified offspring of Nyx

He is depicted with large wings on his back, small ones on his head.

oneiromancer (see oneiromaner)

oneiromancy (see oneiromancy)

Oneis Greek

a nymph

mother of Pah, some say

Onga (see Onca)

ongon

[onychomancy]

divination from fingernails

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oneiromancy (see oneiromancy)

Onda Central American

(=Altai kurmes=Turkish tyus]

a Burial shamanistic fetish: a household spirit

The fetish takes the form of an image of a spirit or a god. The images can be of bears, ermine, ferrets, pigs, porcupines, etc. Some are said to cure disease or protect particular groups.

Some shamans are said to become ongons when they die.

Oni1 Buddhist

[fem=Yama-uba=Shinto Tengu]

a Japanese monster in the form of a three-horned, three-eyed flying demon

The male form of these blood-sucking demons raped women, the female form seduced priests.

Oni2 Buddhist

[=Altai kurmes=Turkish tyus]

a man who died and returned to life

When he died, Emma-o said that he had died too soon and sent him back. He was guided back to earth by the sound of the bell of Enkakuji.

Ono Yasuman Japanese

an 8th c courtier, author of the Kojiki

onom samtuar

a monster, part man, part ass

Onodja tree North American

a celestial tree, in the lore of the Iroquois

This tree, which was said to provide light for the world, was uprooted by the supreme deity and this left a hole in the sky through which he threw his wife, Awenhai, and the two with whom he suspected her of having had an affair.

Onogoro Japanese

an island

Onogoro

an island

see Onis desos

the leader of the Gadjsa

Onitsu-nu (see Omitsunu)

Oniyaraki (see oni-yaraki)

Onk (see ank')

Onkh (see ank')

Only Man North American

the Hidatsa Indian version of the Maidan hero, Lone Man

Onn (see Ain)

Onnes (see Dagan).Menon.Oannes

Onnion North American

[Onnion]

a Huron snake-god

He had a horn on his head which could pierce mountains.

Oonniont (see Onnion)

Ono Pacific Islands

[=Altai kurmes=Turkish tyus]

a goddess

Ono no-kimi Japanese

a man who died and returned to life

When he died, Emma-o said that he had died too soon and sent him back. He was guided back to earth by the sound of the bell of Enkakuji.

Ono no-Komachi Japanese

a vain young maiden

Her extreme vanity repelled potential suitors and she left the court unloved and became a recluse. When she died, nobody cared enough to bury her and her corpse rotted by the wayside.

Ono no-Yorikaze Japanese

a man who died of love

His mistress mistakenly believed that he had left her and she killed herself. Yorikaze, grief-stricken at his loss, also committed suicide. They were buried in adjoining graves and the two grasses that grew on their graves are now always seen together.

Ono pacakoti South American

the flood sent by Viracocha to destroy the first race of beings

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onom scaffold

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Onogoro Japanese

an island

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Onoko

This was the first island to be formed when Izanagi and Izanami dropped a spear into the primordial ocean. Here they mated to produce the other gods.

Onokoro  

(see Onogoro)

a sea-dragon overcome by Zas

Ophir

a land of fabled gold resources

opening of the mouth ceremony

Egyptian

a rite by which the deceased was brought to life

The ritual of cleansing and anointing was usually performed by the son of the deceased and the funerary statues were said to be transformed as well as the deceased person.

Opet  

Egyptian

a name for Tauret in Thebes

Ophetes

Greek

[Archemorus]

son of Lycurgus and Nemea

He was nursed by Hysipyle but killed by a dragon or a snake-bite as an infant. The Seven Against Thebes took this as an omen of disaster and he was then referred to as Archermus (forerunner of doom).

Some say that the Nemean Games are held in his honour.

Ophic Egg  

(see Cosmic Egg)

Ophiel

[Orphei]

one of the 7 Olympic Spirits, ruler of Mercury

Ophiogenes

Greek

[African Psille]

a race of Trojans

It was said that a mere touch from one of these people could cure snakebite. This was due to the fact that a progenitor of the race had changed from a snake to a human being.

Ophiopogon  

Greek

a serpent-god

consort of Euronyme

He was created by Euronyme from the wind and together they produced all living things including the Pelasgians born, it is said, from his teeth. He was later banished to the underworld when Cronus took over the universe. In some versions, he is equated with Typhon.

Ophiopogon  

Greek

a giant killed by Heracles

Ophioneus  

Phoenician

[a sea-dragon overcome by Zeus]

Ophir

Hebrew

a land of fabled gold resources

Solomon was reputed to have obtained
gold and precious stones from this realm. (see also Upbax)

Ophitea  Greek
a legendary snake-killer
He returned home to find a huge snake coiled round the urn in which he had placed his child for safety during his absence. He killed the snake, only to find that it had protected the child from a wolf.

Ophites
a Gnostic sect worshipping snakes

Ophiucus  Roman
[=Greek Asclepius]
a god of healing

Ophoistis  (see Ophiotes)

Opiconsivia  Roman
a festival in honour of Ops, August 25th

Opiel Guabiron  West Indian
a guardian of the entrance to the underworld

Opigina  Roman
a goddess of childbirth
Her function was to help the mother bring forth her child. She was later assimilated into Juno.

Opimicus
a monster, part lion, part dragon, a four-legged version of the griffin

Opis  Greek
[Laodice Ups]
a priestess of Artemis
She was said to be a Hyperborean virgin who arrived at Delos with Auge at the same time as Leto and her twins, Apollo and Artemis.

In some accounts, she was raped by Orion who was killed by Artemis for so doing. Others say that she killed Arruns in the battle between the Trojans under Aeneas and the Latins and Rutulians.

Opita  West Indian
souls of the dead
These spirits still walk the earth and an encounter with one of them can be fatal.

Opiku  (see Bagisht)

Opo  African
an ocean-god of the Akan people
Son of Nyame

Opo  Pacific Islands
[Opo-Gebu-Salal]
a creator-god in the Moluccas

Opo-Gebu-Salal  (see Opo)

Opochtli  Central American
[The Left-handed]
an Aztec god of hunting and fishing
This deity is depicted painted black, wearing a paper crown and feathers on his head and holding a red shield and a sceptre.

Opotonobe  Japanese
a Shinto goddess
consort of Opotonodi
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Ops 1  Roman
[=Gaulish Berecynthia=Greek Rhea]
the goddess of the harvest, plenty and wealth
wife of Consus
second wife of Saturn
mother of Jupiter and Neptune

Ops 2  (see Eire)

Opitiletois  Greek
[Opithaleitis.Oydeiceos]
a name for Athena as the goddess with keen eyesight and great intellectual gifts

Optima  Celtic
in some French stories, the mother of Merlin

Opumne  African
the divine loaves of the Shilluk which formed the universe

Ora  Balkan
an Albanian guardian goddess
It is said that each person has its own Ora to provide protection.

Ora Rove Marai  East Indian
a supreme deity in New Guinea

Oracle  Greek
the revelations of a god: a place where these revelations were made known

The two most famous oracles were those of Apollo at Delphi where the revelations were made by the Pythoress and that of Zeus at Dodona where the rustling of the leaves on the oak trees was interpreted to reveal the will of the gods. Zeus (as Ammon) had another oracle at Siwa in Libya. Others were at Amonium (Zeus), Aphaea (Aphrodite), Arcadia (Pan), Athens (Heracles), Branchidae (Apollo), Charos (Apollo), Crete (Zeus), Delos (Apollo), Epidaurus (Asclepius), Gades (Heracles), Lebadea (Trophonius), Mycenae (Athena), Paphos (Aphrodite) and Rome (Aesculapius).

Oracle of Delphi  (see Pythia)

Orahan  Canary Islands
a supreme god on the island of Gomera

Orainglais  British
an Irish princess
She was a lover of Sagramore and the mother of his son.

Oraios  an androgynous Gnostic deity
an offspring of Yaldabaoth

Oraji Briste  West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Ora  a brother of Columba
When his brother wished to build a chapel, he volunteered to die so that the ground could be consecrated with his burial.

orang  (see halak)

Orang-o-te-Ra  (see Uranga-o-te-Ra)

Orang-pendek  (see Orangpendeck)

Orangpendeck  East Indian
[Orang-pendek] a monster
This beast, a Sumatran version of the yeti, is said to be covered in red hair.

Oranmiyan  African
a king of the Edo
He stole from Olokun the coral beads which form part of the royal costume.

Oranyan  African
[Oranjan,Oranjan] a Yoruba god-king
son of Aganju or Oduduwa and Yemoja
In this version, Oduduwa is male, brother rather than sister of Obatala or Oshala. He was said to be the second king of the tribe.

Orant  Greek
a female worshipper typifying the soul of the dead

Oray  (see Lerajie)

Orb-of-Night  Hindu
a name for Soma as the moon

Orboda  (see Angrbode)

Orec  European
a sea-monster
In the Charlemagne stories, Angelica was bound to a rock and would have been devoured by the monster if Roger had not killed the orc and rescued her.

Orec Triath  (see Tore Triath)

Oreades  (see Morgaune)

Orecant  British
king of Orkney
father of Camile
He was converted to Christianity by Petrus who married his daughter, Camille.

Orchamus  Greek
a king of Persia
husband of Eurynome
father of Leucothoe
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Orestes escaped the death sentence but was harried into madness by the Erinyes for matricide. He stood trial again for the killings but was defended by Apollo and Athena and eventually acquitted.

The Delphic Oracle said that, to be rid of the Erinyes, he must seize the wooden image of Artemis which was said to have fallen from the sky and which was worshipped by the Taurians. As it turned out, the priestess in charge of the temple was Iphigenia, his sister, who had been saved from the sacrificial knife by Athena, and she was easily able to deceive Thoas, the Taurian king, who had captured Orestes and Pythias so that they were able to escape, taking the image with them. Thoas followed the ship of Orestes as far as Smintheus where he was killed by Orestes.

When he finally got back to Mycenae with the image of Artemis, the Erinyes gave up their pursuit of him but he found that Aletes, a son of Aegisthus, had usurped the throne. Orestes killed him and would have killed his sister, Ergione, had she not been carried off by Artemis.

Orestes married his cousin Hermione and fathered Tisamenus and later, with his second wife Ergione, he had another son, Penthillus.

He died at Orestia when bitten by a snake and was buried at Tegea. His bones were later recovered by Lichas and re-interred in Sparta.

Other versions of his expiation say that, in one case, he bit off one of his own fingers, in another that he was doused in pig’s blood. One story says that the Erinyes still harried him after his death and Apollo gave him a bow with which to ward them off.

Orestes’ play by Euripides dealing with the story of Aegisthus, Agamemnon and Clytemnestra

Orestes Greek

king of the Locrians

son of Deucalion

father of Phytus

He planted a stick, born of a bitch, and it grew into the vine.

Orestiads Greek

mountain nymphs

Orestrophus Greek

[Oristrophus]

one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis caught Actaeon, the
hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Orestrophus, tore him to pieces.

**Oreus**
- **Greek**
- a Centaur
- He was killed by Heracles.

**Orfeo**
- [English Orpheo-Greek Orpheus]
- a musician
- He travelled to the underworld to rescue the queen, Isabel.

**Orgelleuse**
- **British**
- [Orguelleuse.Orguelleux]
- a lady rejected by Percival lover of Gawain
- In some accounts, she is said to have had an affair with Amfortas.

- Gawain fell in love with her and she made him fight many battles that she herself had caused. On Mount Salvat, she promised to marry him if he would fight her enemy, Gramoflanz. Gawain accepted a challenge to fight Gramoflanz who sent a champion to fight for him. This turned out to be Percival who defeated Gawain but spared his life.

**Orgelmir**
- (see Ymir)
- **orgia**
- Greek
- secret winter festivals in honour of Dionysus

**Orgoglio**
- **British**
- a giant in *The Faerie Queene*
- He captured the Red Cross Knight but was killed by King Arthur who came to the knight’s rescue.

**Orgon**
- a demon associated with the west

**Orguelleuse**
- (see Orgelleuse)

**Orguelleux**
- (see Angoulaffre Orguelleuse)

**Orguelleuse de la Lande**
- **British**
- a knight
- In some accounts he takes the place of Orius. The lady in the story is his lady-love, not his wife, and Percival steals her ring rather than being given a bracelet. At his later meeting with Percival, he was defeated and sent to Arthur’s court. (see also Orius)

**Ori**
- **African**
- a Yoruba god of choice and wisdom
- Each individual chooses a future for himself in heaven before being born and Ori supervises this choice.

**ori**
- [eleda]
- in the lore of the Yoruba, the spirit of the individual

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**Orion**
- **Greek**
- one of the dogs of Actaeon
- When Artemis caught Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Oribusas, tore him to pieces.

**Oribe Shima**
- **Japanese**
- a man banished by the emperor father of Tokoyo
- His daughter went in search of her banished father and, when taking the place of a maiden about to be sacrificed to the serpent-god, Yofune-Nushi, killed the monster serpent and rescued an image of the emperor from the sea-bed. As soon as this was restored, the emperor, who had fallen ill, was restored to health and, in gratitude, recalled Oribe Shima who was reunited with his faithful daughter.

**Oriel**
- a demon of the hours of the day

**Oriens**
- [Orion]
- one of the Cardinal demons, in some accounts

**Orifield**
- a demon

**orilamb**
- (see oriflamme)

**orilambe**
- (see oriflamme)

**oriflamme**
- **European**
- [oriflambe(o)]
- the royal standard of Charlemagne

**Originator**
- (see Gainji)

**Orillo**
- **European**
- a magician
- In *Orlando Furioso*, his life is said to depend on a single hair.

**Orilus**
- **British**
- a duke of Lalande
- brother of Lahelin
- husband of Jeschuté
- His wife gave Percival a bracelet when he woke her with a kiss. Orilus put her in chains, releasing her only when, some years later, he met Percival who explained that the lady was not at fault. (see also Orguelleuse)

**Orimonde**
- **British**
- daughter of a Persian ruler
- wife of Marc

**Orion**
- **Greek**
- one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
- He is depicted riding a mule and holding a serpent in each hand or as a lion riding a horse.

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**Oribasas**
- (see Oribusas)
Hyrieus, having entertained three gods, Hermes, Poseidon and Zeus, asked them to provide him with a child. They urinated on the hide of a bull which Hyrieus then buried and from which arose a son, Orion, later Orion. Other accounts say that he was the son of Dionysus and Demeter.

He pursued the Pleiades until they were changed first into pigeons and then into stars and set in the heavens by Zeus.

Oenopion promised him the hand of his daughter Merope if he would rid his island of dangerous beasts but he went back on his promise. Orion got drunk and raped Merope and Oenopion enlisted the aid of some satyrs and blinded Orion. Guided by Cedalion, Orion sought out Helios who restored his sight.

He looked for Oenopion to exact revenge but failed to find him and spent the rest of his life in Crete where he met Artemis and went hunting with her. He was killed by an arrow shot by Artemis in the mistaken belief that he was the rapist of her priestess Opis, or out of jealousy of Eos who was also in love with Orion.

In another version, Apollo, displeased with the attachment between love with Orion. He looked for Oenopion to exact revenge but failed to find him and spent the rest of his life in Crete where he met Artemis and went hunting with her. He was killed by an arrow shot by Artemis in the mistaken belief that he was the rapist of her priestess Opis, or out of jealousy of Eos who was also in love with Orion.

Orion was set in the heavens as that constellation, with his dog, Sirius. Orion

the brightest constellation in the northern hemisphere

This constellation is referred to in the myths and legends of many cultures.

(1) The Arabic version is Al Jabbar (the Giant) – which equates with the Hebrew Gibbor or Al Babadur (the Strong) or Al Shiua (the Snake).

(2) In Babylonian lore, Orion was identified with Tammuz.

(3) The Chinese call the constellation Shen and regard it as the realm of the White Tiger.

(4) In early Egypt it was the demon, Sahu; in later times it was Horus or Osiris journeying across the sky.

(5) The Greeks had many names such as giant, warrior, double axe, etc. but earlier, the name was Kandaon or Woarion.

(6) The Hebrew version is Kesil or Gibbor, equated with Nimrod.

(7) In Mesopotamia it was Ningirsu or Tamamuz or Uru-Anna, the deity of light.

(8) The Mexicans recognise it as Atli the bowman.

(9) Norse mythology sees these stars as Odin or as Freya’s spinning-wheel.

(10) In North America it is recognised as three fishermen (Micmac), a celestial hunter or the Hanging Lines (Zuni).

(11) Siberian lore says that the stars are Erlik Khan and his three dogs and the wapiti they are chasing. In the Burial version a hunter, born of a cow, was carried to the heavens by the gods when he shot an arrow at three stags he was chasing.

(12) In South America it is recognised as condors holding two criminals in Peru, as three bolas by others, while some tribes say the stars are a leg, in some cases the leg of one of the Pleiades after it had been bitten off by an alligator.

Orion (see Orients)

Oriphiel (see Ophiel)

oripo

a sage who knows and recites the ancestry of the Tahitians

Orissanla (see Orishanla)

Orisha (African)

a primordial divine spirit of the Yoruba

His servant Eshu hated his master and rolled a huge rock on to his head, killing Orisha and splitting him into 401 fragments, the gods that collectively comprise Orishanla.

(see also Orisha)

Orisha (African)

[=Ashanti Obosum=] Dahomey Vodun

Congo Nkisi=Ibo Alose

minor gods of the Yoruba

There are said to be 1,700 of these beings and they asked Olodumare to devolve power to them. They made such a mess of running the universe that they had to hand power back to the supreme god who soon put matters right.

Orisha-Ijaye (see Obatala)

Orisha Na (see Orishanla)
Ormaddu  Arab
in Berber lore, a huge bird that mated with a female wolf to produce a griffin.

Ormazd  (see Ahura Mazda)
Ormenus¹  Greek
a Trojan soldier

Ormenus²  Greek
a king of Syria
father of Eumaeus

Ormet  (see Ormt)
Ormt  Norse
[a river in Asgard or, some say, Niflheim]

Ornithology
a 16th c book on birds
This book includes a chapter on mythical birds, including the griffin.

ornithomancy
[ornithoscopy]
divination from observing birds or their flight

ornithoscopy  (see ornithomancy)
Ornytion  Greek
son of Sisyphus
father of Phoecus

Oro¹  African
the bull-roarer or a bull-god of the Yoruba

Oro²  Pacific Islands
[=Hawaiian Ku:=New Zealand Tu]
chief god of Tahiti
son of Tangaroa and Hina
father of Ai-tupuai, Hoa-tapu, Mahu-fatu-rua and Toi-mata
A name of Tu as a war-god, later a god of peace.

When Oro got rid of his first wife, his two sisters scoured the islands for a new bride and finally came upon the beautiful Vairamutai. To provide a suitable wedding present for the new wife, Oro changed his two younger brothers into a sow and a boar which mated and produced fine offspring.

Oro-Teteña  Pacific Islands
a god
brother of Uru-Teteña
He and his brother came to earth and established the religious order, Areoi.

Orobas  [Great Prince]
a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to impart knowledge of the past, present and future and appears in the form of a horse or a horse with a man's torso.

Oroboros  (see Ouroboros)
Oroetes  Greek
a Persian satrap
He killed Polycrates, whose good fortune he envied, by luring him with false promises of an alliance and great treasure, then stabbing him when he came to his court.

Oroko  African
consort of Alajeru
father of Ifa

Oromasdes  Greek
[Oromazes]
a Greek name for Ahura Mazda
(see also Oromasis)

Oromasis  Persian
a demon in the form of a salamander
In some accounts, he was the father of Zoroaster.
(see also Oromasdes)

Oromazdez  (see Oromasdes)

Oromedon  European
a giant
father of Gemmagog

Oromuco  (see Oronuco)
Orongo  (see Rongo)

Orotat  Arab
[Oretal.Orotal:=Greek Dionysus]
a god of southern Arabia

Orphan Boy  North American
a culture-hero of the Creek Indians
An old woman found a clot of blood which she covered with a jar and the clot developed into a baby boy whom she reared as a hunter.

He wondered where the old woman, who he called Grandmother, got the maize and beans she cooked for their meals until one day he saw her scratch her thighs, producing a stream of maize from one and beans from the other. She then said that he must leave and, on her orders, set fire to the hut, destroying it and all its contents.

Before he left, she gave him a cap made of rattlesnakes and bluejays which kept him safe. The hat was stolen by Rabbit but Orphan Boy later recovered it.

He married a beautiful maiden and became chief provider for the tribe. Later, he and his wife travelled back to Grandmother's home where they found the earth covered with wonderful crops of maize and beans.

Orpheus  English
[=Greek Orpheus:=Scottish Orfeo]
a musician
He travelled to the underworld to rescue Herodis.

Orpheus  Greek
[=English Orpheo=Scottish Orfeo]
son of Oeagrus or Apollo by Calliope or Menipe
husband of Eurydice
He was given a lyre by Apollo and was taught by the Muses, becoming the most famous musician of the age.

He sailed with the Argonauts and saved the crew from the Sirens by drowning their songs with the music of his lyre. Some say that he killed to sleep the serpent guarding the Golden Fleece.

When his wife, Eurydice, running from an attempted rape by Aristaeus, was killed by snake-bite, he descended to Tartarus and charmed Hades into releasing her. He looked back, contrary to instructions, to ensure that she was following behind, and Eurydice was reclaimed by Hades and condemned to remain in Tartarus for ever.

Some say that he was killed by a thunderbolt flung by Zeus for teaching mortals the secrets of the gods, while others say that he was torn to pieces by the Maenads when he failed to acknowledge Dionysus. His head floated down the river Hebrus to Lesbos and continued to prophesy until silenced by Apollo. His lyre was installed in the heavens as the constellation Lyra.

In some accounts, it is suggested that he was an incarnation of Dionysus.

Orphic mysteries  Greek
rites practised by the followers of Dionysus who regarded Orpheus as their founder

Orphic tablets  Greek
8 golden tablets bearing the details of the rites of Orphism

Orphism  Greek
the teaching of the mysteries associated with Orpheus based on the need to atone for sin
The devotees of this cult welcomed
death as a release from the body which they regarded as impure.

**Orpheus**

Greek

a nymph of the underworld mother of Ascalaphus by Acheron, some say

**Orphic**

embroidery (gold) on a vestment

**Orphnell**

a ruler of one of the 7 supposed firmaments

**Orri**

British

a forester

He sheltered Tristram when he left Mark's court after returning Isolde to her husband.

**Orrites**

European

a giant

He is featured in some Spanish stories as ravaging Britain until he was killed by the younger Tristram.

**Orseis**

Greek

a nymph wife of Hellen mother of Aeolus, Dorus and Xuthus

**Orson**

European

son of Alexander and Bellisent twin brother of Valentine husband of Fezon

He was carried off by bears and became a wild man. He was later reclaimed by Valentine and they had many adventures together.

**Ort**

(see haltija)

**Ort-hozjin**

(see Hort-hozjin)

**Orte**

German

son of Etzel brother of Scharpfe

He and his brother, together with Dietrich's youngest brother Diether, accompanied Dietrich von Bern on one of his forays against Ermenrich. Left in the care of Elsan, the boys were one of his forays against Ermenrich.

**Ortwin**

German

a forester

He reported all that happened in the world and was said to have appeared as three pieces of straw or as a pig.

**Orthos**

(see Orthus)

**Orthia**

(see Artemis)

**Orthus**

Greek

[Orthos, Orthus] a monster two-headed dog of Geryon offspring of Typhon and Echidna This animal, once owned by Atlas, guarded the herds of Geryon and was killed by Heracles on his tenth Labour. (see also Gargittos)

**Orthus**

(see Orthus)

**Ortlieb**

son of Etzel and Krimhild

He was slain by Hagen when Brodelin, at the behest of Krimhild, had many of Gunther's nobles killed.

**Ortnit**

German

[Otnid, Otnit, Otwit] a king of the Lombards son of Siegeher husband of Sidrat

He was said to have the strength of twelve normal men. He saw a phantom castle rise out of the sea and on it a maiden with whom he fell in love. According to his uncle, Ylas, this was a vision, conjured up by the Fata Morgana, of the fortress Muntabure and the princess Sidrat, daughter of Machorell, the ruler of Syria.

Ortnit set off to find her and his mother gave him a magic ring, which made him invisible, for his protection. This brought him to a place where he met Alberich, king of the dwarfs, who told Ortnit that he, Alberich, was his real father. He then gave Ortnit a magical suit of armour and the sword, Rosen.

Ortnit and his followers sacked Tyre, laid siege to Muntabure and took Sidrat back to Lombardy where she was baptised, taking the name Liebgart, and married Ortnit.

Her father sent her two eggs which, he said, would produce magic toads. Instead, they produced monstrous dragons which ravaged the country. Ortnit hunted these beasts, despite a warning from Alberich, and was killed even though protected by his armour.

**Ortrun**

Norse

daughter of Ludwig and Gerlinda sister of Hartmut second wife of Siegfried

**Ortwine**

German

[Ortwine] son of Hettel and Hilde brother of Gudrun husband of Hildburg

When his sister, Gudrun, was abducted by Hartmut, he sailed to her rescue with her betrothed, Herwig and Wat. He married Hildburg who had been abducted with Gudrun.

**Ortwine**

German

[Ortwine] a vassal of Gunther

He was in the party, led by Gunther, that was invited to Etzel's court and died there when Krimhild took her revenge on Gunther and Hagen for the murder of Siegfried.

**Ortwine**

(see Ortwine)

**Ortygia**

Greek

an island where Leto gave birth to Apollo and Artemis, later known as Delos (see also Delos)

**Orun**

African

a Yoruba sun-god

**Orun Baburu**

African

the Yoruba heaven for the wicked

**Orun Rere**

African

the Yoruba heaven for the good

**Orungan**

(see Oranyan)

**Orunjan**

(see Oranyan)

**Orunmila**

African

the god of fate and god of mercy among the Yoruba

He defended men from the sea-god Olokur. He knows the destiny of all humans and can speak to them in every language through oracles.
In some accounts, he is equated with Ifa while others regard him as the creator-god.

**Orvandel** *(see Orvandil)*

**Orvandil** *Norse*


He was stolen as a baby by the frost-giants and rescued by Thor. One of his toes, sticking out of the basket in which Thor carried him, became frost-bitten. Thor accidentally broke it off and then threw it into the sky as a star in the constellation Orion.

In an alternative version, he was the husband of Groa and the father by her of Hadburg and Svipdas. His second wife, Sith, bore Uller, Roskva and Thialfi. *(see also Egil Horvandill)*

**Orvar- Odda Saga** *Norse*

The story of the travels and adventures of the hero, Odd.

**Orwandil** *(see Orvandil)*

**Orwen**1 *British*

[White Witch] mother of Ordru, the Black Witch.

**Orwen**2 *Welsh*

daughter of Caradoc, sister of Meriadoc, wife of Urien.

In some accounts, Caswallawn caused the death of her father, Caradoc, but others say that Griffith killed Caradoc and usurped his throne, sending Orwen and her brother, Meriadoc, to be killed in the woods. They were spared by the executioners and Orwen was abducted by Urien who married her. When Meriadoc later deposed Griffith with the help of King Arthur, she and her husband became rulers of Wales.

**Orythius** *Greek*

in some accounts, son of Phineus and Cleopatra, brother of Crambis.

When Idaea, second wife of Phineus, accused the brothers of rape, their father blinded them. In other accounts they are referred to as Polydeuces and Polydorus.

**Orythia** *(see Oreithya)*

**Osagebiel**

a demon of the hours of the day.

**Osai Tutu** *African*

an 18th c king of the Ashanti.

A golden stool, sign of sovereignty, descended from heaven when he was crowned by the sorcerer Anochi. *(see also Sunsum)*

**Osain** *African*

[=Haiti Ossanje] a Yoruba vegetation-god.

**Osaman** *(see Asamanfo)*

an ancestral god of the Ovimbundu people.

**Osanobua** *(see Osanobwe)*

a creator-god of the Edo people, father of Olokun, some say he allowed his sons to choose whatever they wanted and then sent them to earth which was, at that time, entirely covered with water. While the others chose wealth, the youngest son took only a snail shell. He turned this shell upside down and the sand that fell out into the ocean became the first dry land and he became its king. The other brothers, having nowhere to live, gave him some of their wealth for a share of the land and he became very rich and powerful.

**Osanobwe** *(see Osanobua)*

**Osantrix** *(see Osantrix)*

**Osantrix** *German*

[Osantrix] a ruler of Wilkina, brother of Hertnit.

He attacked Etzel's kingdom but, with the help of Dietrich, Etzel repelled the invaders.

**Osawa** *African*

a sky-god of the Eko people.

**Osborn** *(see Asprian)*

**Osca** *(see Oscar)*

**Osce** *(see Oscar)*

**Oscar** *Irish*


As a youth, he fought with the Fianna against the army of Lochlanners led by Colga and killed him in single combat. Later, when Colga's son, Midac, trapped Finn mac Cool and his companions in the Quicken Trees Hostel, he killed Sinsar, leader of the forces which had sailed to Ireland to help Midac against the Fianna.

He was one of the party of nine, led by Goll mac Morna, which recovered Finns' hounds, Bran and Sceolan, when they were stolen by Arthur. He later commanded the Fianna battalion known as The Terrible Broom and eventually the whole of the Fianna. He led them against the high-king, Cairbre Lifeachair, who tried to restrict the power of the Fianna, killing the king but dying from his wounds. Aidin died of grief.

Some say that the Fianna were released from hell by the prayers of St Patrick, at the behest of Osin and Caile, and it was Oscar who held back the fiends sent to recapture them, using a giant flail.

**Oschophoria** *Greek*

a festival in honour of Dionysus, held in October.

**Osci** *(see Oski)*

**Ose**

a demon one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon.

He has the power to transform humans into animals and to cause madness. He is said to appear in the form of a leopard.

**Ose-Shango** *African*

an amulet worn by Shango.

**Osgar** *(see Oscar)*

**Oshadagea** *North American*

an eagle, the bringer of rain.

In the lore of the Iroquois, this great bird was the companion, with Keneu, of the thunder-god, Hino. One of his functions was to put out forest fires started by demons by scooping up water in his wings and dropping it on the blaze. Others say that he had a hollow in his back which was full of dew which he used for this purpose.

**Oshadhi-Pati** *(see Soma)*

**Oshala** *(see Obatala)*

**Oshalla** *(see Obatala)*

**Oshinho-mimi** *(see Ama-no-Oshinho-mimi)*

**Oshin** *Manx*

the Manx name for Osin.

**Oshossi** *African*

a Yoruba vegetation-god.

**Oshun** *African*

a river-goddess, consort of Shango.

She is also worshipped in the West Indies.

**Oshummare** *African*

[=Dahomey Dan Ayido Hedo =Haitian Damballah Wedo] a serpent-deity of the Yoruba.

**Oshunmare** *(see Oshummare)*

He is also worshipped in the West Indies.

**Ossian** *(see Ossian)*
Osir-Apis  

**Osir-Apis**  
_Egyptian_  

[Osir-Hapi, Osirap, Osorapis, Uasar-api(s), Uasar-Hapi, =Greek Serapis]  
the amalgamation of Apis and Osiris as a god of the underworld who could cure diseases (see also Serapis)  

**Osir-Hapi**  
(see Osir-Apis)  

**Osirap**  
(see Osir-Apis)  

**Osrid pillar**  
_Egyptian_  
a square pillar on one face of which was carved a statue of Osiris or of a dead king  

**Osirian mysteries**  
_Egyptian_  
rites re-enacting the death and resurrection of the god Osiris  

**Osirianism**  
_Egyptian_  
the worship of Osiris  

This creed offered the promise of redemption and life eternal as against the prospect of being forever confined to the underworld.  

**Osiris**  
_Egyptian_  
[An. Andjeti. An(d)jety. Apuatru. Aasar(s).]  
the supreme god, god of dead, floods, harvest, sun, the underground, vegetation  
son of Geb and Nut or Ra and Nut  
brother of Isis, Nepthys, Seth  
He married his sister Isis and when his father abdicated and split the kingdom between Osiris and Set, they ruled the northern half. Set wanted all the kingdom and he put Osiris in a chest and threw it into the Nile. In one version, the chest landed in Phoenicia (or Byblos) where a tree (Erica) grew round it. The tree was felled to make a column for the new palace of the king, Malcandie, who restored the chest to Isis. She retrieved the body and, concealing it in a cloak, bore a son, Horus. Set again got hold of the body and cut it into fourteen (or up to forty-two) pieces which he threw into the river. Again Isis rescued the pieces, reassembled them and brought Osiris back to life but he went down to rule in the underworld, as Khenti-Amentiu, leaving the throne to Horus. In another version, she conceived Horus after leaving the throne to Horus. In another version, she conceived Horus after Osiris had been reassembled from the pieces and, in yet another, Isis buried the pieces (except the penis which had been thrown to the crocodiles or carp), at various sanctuaries.  

Osiris' symbols were the flail and the crook and he is depicted swathed like a mummy holding these implements.  
The pharaoh of the united kingdom was Osiris after his death. (see also Rhot-Amenti, Serapis, Uasar)  

**Osiris**  
_Syrian_  
a corn-god assimilated into the Egyptian pantheon  

**Osiris-Apis**  
(see Osorapis)  

**Osiris bed**  
_Egyptian_  
a frame shaped to represent Osiris, part of the funerary equipment  
This frame, filled with soil, was sown with barley seeds, the sprouting of which was regarded as a symbol of rebirth.  

**Osiris-Sokar**  
_Egyptian_  
the hidden god  

**Osk-neyjar**  
(see Valkyries)  

**Oska-stein**  
_Norse_  
the stone which gave Odin his power as grantor of wishes  

**Oski**  
_Norse_  
Odin as 'grantor of wishes'  

**Osla**  
_British_  
a warrior at King Arthur's court  
His knife, Bronllavyn, could be laid on the table, where it would become a sword and a sword in its turn a boar.  
He was one of the party that helped Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen and was drowned in the Severn in the struggle to capture the boar Twrch Trwyth.  

**Osmand**  
_British_  
a sorcerer whose powers were in his hair  
He used his magic to raise an army to fight the Christians. Six of the seven Champions of Christendom were killed in the battle and, when St George restored them to life, Osmand killed himself. (see also Osmund)  

**Osmond**  
_British_  
a Saxon sorcerer  
In Dryden's 'King Arthur', he tried to violate Emmeline and was put in prison.  

**Osong**  
_Armanian_  
a man who became a general  
As a young man, he was once lost in the mountains and came across a young girl weeping. It appeared that a priest, whose suit for her hand had been rejected, had killed all her family. Osong killed the priest who was, in fact, a tiger but, when he refused to stay with the girl, she hanged herself.  
In later years, a yellow handkerchief wrapped itself round his sword in battle and he lost the fight. The handkerchief, the spirit of the dead girl, reproached him for his heartlessness and he repented. He returned to the house, found her body and gave her a decent burial. In his next battle, the yellow handkerchief appeared again but this time it hindered his opponent so that Osong was able to win the battle.  

**Osmorom**  
(see Serapis)  

**Osmirin**  
_German_  
in the story of Walther and Hildegard, she appears as the wife of Attila  

**Osa**  
_Greek_  
[Phere]  
a god of rumour  
a messenger of Zeus  

**Osa**  
(see Mount Ossa)  

**Ossange**  
_West Indian_  
=Yoruba Osain  
a god of leaves and herbs  

**Ossar**  
_Irish_  
[Ailbe]  
the hound of Mac Da Tho  
This animal, a whelp of the Brown Mouse, was one of the animals coveted by Ailill and Conor. Mac Da Tho sold the hound and the boar to both kings who went to war over who should have them. Mac Da Tho killed the boar and the hound was killed when it raced after Ailill's chariot.  

**Ossian**  
_Scottish_  
[Osian]  
A Scottish poet, James Macpherson, claimed that Ossian was a poet and that he had collected much of Ossian's work. In fact, the works were his own.  

**Ossianic Cycle**  
(see Fenian Cycle)  

**Ostara**  
_German_  
[Norse Freya. Frigga. =Saxon Eastre]  
goddess of spring  

**Ostaraki**  
_Buddhist_  
a goddess attendant on Budhhakapal  

**Ostawegowa**  
_North American_  
an Iroquois feather-dance of thanks to the creator  

**Ostrich**  
_Arab_  
this bird is regarded as a cross between a bird and a camel, capable of becoming a jinnee  

**Ostrich**  
_Mesopotamian_  
a representation of Tiamat  

**Ostrich**  
_Persian_  
a sacred bird of the Zoroastrians  

**Osun**  
_African_  
a river-goddess and goddess of healing among the Yoruba people daughter of Oba Jumu and Oba Do consort of Shango  

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Oswald¹

Oswald²

Oswald¹ Britsh

a northern king

His hand was preserved for ever by St Aidan for his generosity to the poor. He was revered as a saint in Switzerland.

Oswald² Britsh

a king of Kent

In Dryden's *King Arthur*, Oswald appears as the king of Kent, in love with Emmeline, who was banished from Britain by King Arthur.

Ota

wife of Tuirgeis

Otafuku (see Usume)

a sky-deity, spirit of the Great Bear

Otara

(see Otter)

Oterongtongnia North American

an Iroquois creator-god

son of Awenhi's daughter

twin brother of Tawiscaron

He and his twin were enemies, even in their mother's womb and she died as the result of their birth when Oterongtongnia was born from her armpit. He made the good things in the world while his twin made all the evil things so he chased Tawiscaron who became, or created, the Rocky Mountains.

(see also Ioskeha.Tawiscara)

Otagarius (see Ogier)

goton (see otkon)

Othagwenda North American

[Fiina] an Iroquois culture-hero

twin brother of Djuiska

These boys were born to a maiden, daughter of Ataensic, impregnated by the West Wind, and Othagwenda was abandoned at birth, only to be rescued by his brother.

When they reached maturity, they went their separate ways, making plants and animals, later meeting to compare their handiwork. Djuiska made a number of improvements to things created by his brother so that they were beneficial to men whereas Othagwenda spoiled much of his brother's work. As a result, they quarrelled and Othagwenda was killed.

(see also Tawiscara)

Othere Nord

discoverer of the North Cape

father of Eadgils

His sons rebelled against him and fled to the court of Heardred. Here, they had an argument with the king and killed him.

Otheworld Celtic

[=British Avalon=Irish Ard mhac

Leinn.Tir inna N'og=Welsh Aethwr.

Annwn.Caer Wydru.Goden.Lychlyn]

home of the fairies: land of the gods

A place where another existence, in many ways similar to this life, awaits those who have died. A death in this life meant a rebirth in the Otherworld and vice versa. It was said to become visible to mortals at the Feast of Samhain.

Othere³ a general term for some supernatural place, including fairyland, heaven, hell and paradise

In many cases, the Otherworld can be reached only by the bravest heroes and after many difficulties.

Othin (see Odin)

Othin¹ (see Odin)

Othinus (see Odin)

Oto¹ European

king of England

father of Astolpho

Oto² European

husband of Emma

father of Tancred

Othr (see Odin)

Othrevir (see Od-hroerir)

Othryoneus Greek

a leader of a contingent from Cabezos helping the Trojans

He had undertaken to help Priam against the Greeks at the siege of Troy on the understanding that he would marry Cassandra after the war, but he was killed in the fighting.

Othrys Greek

the home of the Titans

Othur (see Odin)

Otionia Greek

daughter of Erechtheus

When Eumolpus invaded Athens, Erechtheus was told that he must sacrifice Otionia, one of his nine daughters, Pandora and Protagonia, her elder sisters, sacrificed themselves as well.

Otis (see Botis)

otkon North American

[otgon]

in the lore of the Iroquois, the force of evil, the converse of orenda

Oktuk (see Otukut)

the lizard

son of Zamba

brother of Ngi, Nkoku and Wo

Oktuk allowed his four sons to make human beings and Oktuk made the foolish.

Otnid (see Ortnit)

Ottnit (see Ortnit)

Oto-hime¹

[Toyoto-tama.Toyotama]

daughter of Watatsumi

sister of Tama-yori

wife of Fire Fade and Urashima

mother of Amasuhiko

She left the underwater home of her father, a Dragon King, to marry the mortal Fire Fade, but returned there after the birth of their son, Amasuhiko.

In another story, to test Urashima's kindness, she appeared as a tortoise and allowed herself to be caught on his fishing-line. Urashima threw her back into the sea and the tortoise carried him down to her underwater realm where she assumed her normal shape and married him. When he left her to visit his parents, she gave him a small casket but made him promise not to open it. He failed to keep his promise and, opening the casket, became a very old man and died on the spot. The few days he had been away from home turned out to be 300 years.

Otoku-San Japanese

[a female doll]

These dolls, which represent a child of about two years of age, are said to bring good luck if properly looked after. The male version is Tokutaro-San.

Otomankoma African

[a name of Nyame as 'eternal']

Otomo-no-Miyuki Japanese

[a noble]

He was a suitor for the hand of Kayuga and undertook to get for her the jewel set in the head of a dragon. He was so frightened by the thunder-god that he gave up the quest.

Oton (see Ottone.Votan)

Otonceultti (see Xihtuecultti)

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Otus¹ Phoenician

[reasont]

son of Aer and Aura

Otus¹ (see Otus)
Ottachibana  
Japanese
[Tachibana]
a princess
wife of 0-Uso-no-Mikito
She accompanied her husband on all his expeditions, never complaining of the hardship. When Yamato fell in love with the princess Miyadzu, she threw herself overboard in a storm at sea so that her husband would be free.

Otr  
(see Otter)
Otrera  
(see Otrere)
Otrere  
Greek
[a queen of the Amazons
mother of Penthesilea by Ares

Otrus  
Greek
a Phrygian king
He fought the Amazons at the River Sangarius with the help of the young Priam.

Ottchivani  
Siberian
[a creator-god and god of light
In the form of the eagle, Garide, he grabbed the giant serpent Losy in his claws and killed him by smashing him against a mountain.

Ötö  
Finnish
a woodland deity in the form of a bear

Ottachiero  
European
son of the king of Hungary
He and Rinaldo took an army of Hungarianians to the support of Charlemagne when France was invaded by Agramanit, Marsilius and Rodomont.

Ottar  
Nor-e
[Otta the Simple.Ottar Heimski]
a man disputing land ownership
Needling to prove his ancestry in a dispute with Angantyr over a piece of land, Ottar asked Freya for help. She turned him into a pig and rode him to the house of Hyndla, a sorceress, who told him the names of all his ancestors and gave him a magic drink so that he would not forget them. As a result, he was awarded the disputed land.

Ottar  
North American
One of the 4 animals which tried to find soil from which Manabush could re-create the world
In Algonquian lore, Beaver, Mink and Otter all died in an attempt to find soil after the flood and it was left to Muskrat to succeed.

Ottar-Heart  
North American
a young orphan
He grew up alone, except for his sister, and set off to find adventure. He met a chief who offered him his two daughters but, when he insisted that the young man should marry both Good and Wicked, Otter-Heart fled, pursued by the two maidens. When he hid in a pine tree, they chopped it down and he escaped by riding on a cone and when he hid in a cedar, he was saved when his guardian spirit broke the maidens’ axes. He came to a teepee where the woman who welcomed him exposed herself as Wicked by eating the best part of the beaver he had caught. At a second lodge, the woman gave Otter-Heart the best parts of the otter he brought with him and admitted that the otters were her relatives. She was the Good maiden and he married her.

Otto  
German
an uncle of Galien

Ottone  
European
[Otton]
a knight of Charlemagne
He was with Roland at Roncesvalles and was killed there.

Otwel  
European
son of Garcia
nephew of Ferragus
husband of Bel
Fighting Roland, who had killed Ferragus, in an effort to avenge his uncle’s death, he became Roland’s friend, converted to Christianity and became one of Charlemagne’s paladins.

Otuku-san  
(see Otoku-san)
in the sun in the form of an otter and Loki killed the animal for food. In compensation, his father demanded sufficient gold to cover the otter’s skin which expanded as more and more gold was added. Loki forced Andvari, the dwarf-king, to hand over his hoard of gold and the curse that the dwarf put on the treasure was the source of much trouble in later years.

Otus  
Greek
a giant
son of Aloeus or Poseidon by Iphimedia or Canace
twin brother of Ephialtes
His nominal father was Aloeus but his real father was Poseidon. He and his brother, known as the Alodiae, were noble beings, not monsters like the other giants.

They once imprisoned Ares in a bronze jar to show their power and they threatened to pile Pelion on Ossa to attack Olympus but were persuaded by Poseidon not to try.

They planned to carry off Artemis but she set a trap for them. Flying over the sea to Naxos, where they followed her, she put herself as a white hind in their path and they immediately set out to hunt it. Each threw a javelin from opposite sides of the hind which then disappeared. Each brother died when struck by the other's javelin.

An alternative version says that, when they tried to abduct Artemis and Hera, Artemis ran between them. Each aimed a shot at her but she avoided the arrows and each brother inadvertently killed the other.

They were said to have been bound back to back and fastened to a column by snakes when they went to Tartarus.

In some accounts, Otus was one of the Earthborn Giants, son of Uranus and Gaea, and fought in the battle between the giants and the gods.

Otuwu  
African
in the lore of the Fon, the songbird that raised the alarm when Sogbo set the world on fire

Orwit  
(see Ortnit)
Ouyggen  
Mongol
an earth-goddess

Ouanga  
West Indian
[African Wanga]
witchcraft brought from Africa

Ouadeus  
(see Udaeus)
Ouiamot  
(see Chimichinch)
Ouiot  
North American
Wiamot.Wiyot.Wy'ot]
the first being, in the lore of the
California tribes

When Ouioit grew old, his children, deeming him no longer capable of ruling, poisoned him. At his funeral, Coyote snatched a piece of the corpse from the pyre and ran off. Some of the skin fell on the ground and here the creator Chiningchinich appeared, giving Ouioit's children the power to become medicine-men for the benefit of the men he promised to make.

In another version, he was the son of Siroout and Ycaiut, and was killed by his children who ground up some of the black rock, Tissaut, and used it to kill him by sprinkling it on his chest where it ate into his body. At his funeral, Atajen appeared and gave the children of Ouioit the power to become sorcerers.

Other tribes referred to Ouioit as Atahen or Atajen. (see also Wy'ot)

Oulomos (see Oulomus)

Oulomus (Phoenician)

a being produced by Aes and Ether progenitor of Chousorous

Our Father (see Sens)

Our Grandmother (see Kokumtha)

Our Great Chief (see Torte)

Our Lady (see Isis)

ouraboros (see uroboros)

Ourania (see Urania)

Ourannus (see Ouranos)

Ouranos1 (see Phoenician)

[Auchthon.Epigeus.Ourannus: =Greek Uranus]

son of Elioun and Berouth
consort of Gea
father of Ashtart, Baitulos, Dagan, El
Pontus and Zeus Damaron

The Semitic version of the Greek Uranus.

In some versions he and Gea were two halves of a primordial egg, produced by Chousorous, from which all else came.

Ouranos2 (see Uranus)

Our sacred mountains created by Gaea

ouraboros (Greek)

[oroaboros.(o)uroboros]
a symbolic serpent with its tail in its mouth representing the cycle of life, totality, etc.

Ousel of Gilgwr (see Blackbird of Gilgwr)

Phenician

a creator-god, a giant fire-deity

brother of Hyposouranios

Ousous

Phenician

He and his brother were said to be the inventors of mankind.

Outgard (see Utgard)

Outis (see Noman)

Outlake (see Ontzlake)

Ouvin (see Odin)

Ouze of Gilgwr (see Blackbird of Gilgwr)

Phoenician

an imaginary bird

This bird is said to fly backwards and consequently never knows where it is going but always knows where it has been. A similar story is told of Jayhawk.

Ovakuru African

ancestral spirits of the Ashanti

Ovda Baltic

Amore, Fasti, Heroides, Medea, Metamorphoses, etc.

Ovik

(see Syen)

Ovinnik

Slav

a mischievous spirit

type of Domovik

This being, living in barns or, some say, in kitchens or drying kilns, is envisaged as a black cat which barks.

Ovo Okare

East Indian

in Papuan lore, the third person to be created

This person, born from a turtle's egg, later turned into the red coconut palm.

Owain British

[Owain.Ewayne.Ivain.Knight of the
Lion.Owe(i)n.Uwain(e)=Dutch
Iwai(n).Iwein=French Yvain.Ywain]
a knight of King Arthur's court

one of the Knights of Battle

son of Uren and Morgan le Fay or Morfon
twin brother of Morfudd

husband of Denw or of Penarwan

father of Galian, some say

In some accounts, he was the son of Gortoel and Igraine, in others the brother of Gawain.

Morgan planned to kill King Arthur and her husband, Urien, marry her lover Accalon and make him king. Believing that Accalon had killed Arthur in a fight, she took her husband's sword and was about to kill him as he slept. Owain, alerted by a servant, was hidden in the room and seized his mother in time to prevent murder. His mother duped him into believing that she had been possessed by evil spirits and he forgave her when she promised to give up magic arts.

King Arthur felt that he could no longer trust Urien or Owain so he banished Owain from his court. His friend Gawain opted to go with him and they set out to find adventure which would allow Owain to prove his loyalty to the king.

Their first encounter was with Morholt who quickly unhorsed two strange knights in succession. He then challenged Owain and Gawain, disposing easily of the young Owain who sustained a leg wound, and fighting an honourable draw with Gawain. All three became friends and travelled on together. They met three women who offered to lead them to adventure and Owain chose the oldest of the three.

She turned out to be Lyne, a woman who had always wanted to be a man and had made a lifetime study of knightly pursuits. She made Owain undergo ten months of intensive training at her home in Wales and then set off to find adventure. He unhorsed thirty knights at a tournament and won the prize, riding on to the Castle of the Rock. Here lived the Lady of the Rock who had all her property, except the Castle, taken from her by the brothers Edward and Hugh. Owain fought them both at once, killing Edward and forcing Hugh to surrender. The Lady of the Rock offered him the chance to live with her and run her regained estates but he chose to leave. At the crossroads, Lyne left him to await another knight errant she could train while Owain joined Gawain and Morholt and returned with them to Camelot where they were all made welcome by the king.

He was one of the knights captured and imprisoned by Tarcquin, who hated all Arthur's knights, until rescued by Lancelot.

In Welsh stories, he appeared as Owein, in the dream of Rhonabwy playing a game of chess with King Arthur and in the story of the Lady of
Owain

[Owain. Ewayne. Iwan. Owe(i)n]
son of Macsen
He fought a duel with a giant in which they were both killed.

Owain (see Lady of the Fountain)

Owain Gwynedd

British

father of Madawg, the prince said to have discovered America

Owanka wakan

North American

a sacred altar

Owasse

North American

an Algonquian bear-spirit

Owatatsumi

(see Watatsumi)

Owein

(see Owain)

Owein the Bastard

(see Owain)

Owel

(see Eoghabal)

Owen

(see Eoghan. Owain)

Owen Glendower

Welsh

a Welsh hero

He was said to own a stone, which he had obtained from a raven, which could make him invisible.

Owiot

(see Ouiot)

owl

a widely-distributed night-flying bird of prey traditionally deemed to be wise

(1) The Buddhists regard the owl as a messenger of Yama.

(2) In Central America the Aztec refer to the owl as Tlacolotl and regard it as a bird of ill-omen.

(3) In the Christian tradition the owl is an attribute of both Christ and Satan.

(4) In Egypt the owl was regarded as a symbol of death.

(5) In Greece the owl was regarded as sacred to Athene and Demeter.

(6) In Hindu lore, the owl (Shakra) was regarded as an attribute of Yama and sacred to Indra.

(7) The Japanese regard the owl as typifying filial ingratitude, as a form of Fukuro and as a god of villages.

(8) The Malay regard owls as ghosts.

(9) In North America, the Algonquian people regard the owl as an attendant on the Lord of the Dead.

(10) In Persian lore the owl, Asho-Zushta, could drive away demons by reciting passages from the Avesta.

Owl-glass

(see Tyl Eulenspiegel)

Owl of Cwm Gawhyd

Welsh

a very old bird

Culhwch consulted this bird in his quest for the hand of Olwen but the owl was unable to give any help in finding Mabon and referred him to the Eagle of Gwern Abwy.

Owlespiegle

(see Tyl Eulenspiegel)

Owner

(see Malik)

Owo

African

a supreme god of the Idoma people of Nigeria

Ox

(see bull)

Ox Boy

(see Ch’ien Niu)

Ox Head

(see Niu T’ou)

Oxheheon

North American

a Cheyenne sun-dance spirit

Oxlahun Ti Ku

Central American

[Oxlahun tiku]
a group of 13 Mayan sky-gods

In some accounts, these deities were captured by another group, the Bolon Ti Ku.

Oxlahunktiku

(see Oxlahun Ti Ku)

Oxomoco

Central American

[Oxonuco. Oxomoco]
the Aztec first man who, with the woman Cipactonal, was created by Piltzintecuhlti

In some accounts, Oxomoco is the same as Anuacane.

Oxomoco (see Oxomoco)

Oxyleieces

(see Optiletes)

Oxylus

Greek

cr-co-king of Elis with Agorius

son of Andraemon or Haemon

brother of Thermius

He was banished to Elis after accidentally killing Thermius but later returned to Aetolia and raised an army which conquered Elis of which he became co-king with Agorius, ousting the former king, Dius.

He is said to have had three eyes.

Oxyrhynchus

Egyptian

a fish sacred to Hathor

Oya

African

[Manmmy of the Water. Oba. Oja]

a river-goddess and weather-goddess of the Yoruba people

a consort of Shango

This deity, though female, was said to have a beard.

Oya

Japanese

[‘parent’]
a term used for the deity of the Tenri sect
Oya-Shima-Guni

the first 8 islands to be created when Izanagi and Izanami made the world

Oyamakui

[Ya-na-no-kami,Yama-sue-no-nushi] a mountain god guardian of the western shrine on Mount Hiei

Oyandone

(see O-yan-do-ne)

Oyazu

a woman whose spirit appeared to Kyuzaemon wife of Isaburo

She appeared at the home of Kyuzaemon and prayed before his family shrine. She told Kyuzaemon that her husband, Isaburo, had left her parents without support when she died and she wanted to correct this wrong. Next day, Kyuzaemon found that Isaburo had returned to his in-laws, having been visited by his wife's spirit in the guise of Yuki-Onna.

Oyise

in Nigeria, a mediator This being, in the form of a post carved from a tree, acts as a mediator between the Isoko people and their remote god, Cghene.

Oynyena Maria

[Fiery Mary, Mary the Fiery One. Oynyena Maria] a fire-goddess assistant of the thunder-god, Peroun sister of Elias

Oyoyewa

[Uyuyewi] a war-god of the Keres twin brother of Masewi in the lore of the Pueblo Indians

These twins are the equivalent of the Zuni Ahayuta achi. In some accounts, they were the sons of the sun and when they went to meet their father, he gave them weapons with which to kill monsters.

Oyuyewi

(see Oyoyewa)

Oyselet

(see Ambroy)

Oyuyewi

(see Oyoyewa)

Ozanna le Cure Hardy

a knight of King Arthur's court

He was defeated by Lavaine in the tournament at which he and Lancelot fought on behalf of his father, Bernard.

He was one of the knights captured with Guinevere by Meliagaunt.

Oxmatli

the eleventh of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising the monkey and west, the day was governed by Xochipilli.
Central American

a Mayan deity of uncertain identity, referred to as god P:
a frog-god
This deity is depicted as a frog and may be sowing seed or ploughing, leading some to identify him as a god of agriculture.

pa (see ba)
Pa' Chinese
a drought-goddess
daughter of Huang Ti
Pa' (see Ba')
Pa Bilalang (see Bilalang)
Pa Ch'a Chinese
[Great King]
a god of grasshoppers
He is depicted as having a blue-green human torso, a bell in place of a stomach, red hair and the beak and claws of a bird.

Some accounts say that he was originally a Mongolian peasant who was never harmed by the wolves and scorpions that abounded where he lived and whose crops were never affected by grasshoppers. Others equate him with Liu Meng, the god of agriculture.

Pa Gur Welsh
a poem relating Kay's adventures in Anglesey

Pa-hsia Chinese
very strong tortoises often depicted under gravestones

Pa Hsien (see Eight Immortals)

Pa-ku-la (see No Ch'u-lo)

Pa Kua (see Eight Diagrams)

pa-lis Persian
an evil gnome
These beings were said to kill those who slept in the desert by licking their feet to suck out their blood.

Pa-no-ka (see No Ch'u-lo)

Pa Pandir Malay
a stupid character who always does the wrong thing

Pa Pao (see Eight Precious Things)

Paao Pacific Islands
a god of Hawaii

Pabel Canaanite
a king of Udumu
father of Hurriya

In some accounts, Hurriya was his wife.

Pabid South American
the soul, in the lore of the Tupari
It is said that, when a person dies, the soul leaves the body through the eyes or the pupils leave him and become the pabid. After a perilous journey, threatened by fierce animals, the soul crosses the river Mani-Mani to live in the land of the dead. Here two worms bore into the belly and eat all the bowels before crawling out. At this point, Patokia restores the sight of the pabid by sprinkling pepper on the eyes and then the pabid is required to have sexual intercourse with one of the giants, the female Vaugh'eh or the male Mpokalero. The pabid can breed to produce children. The males breathe on a bundle of leaves which they then throw on to the back of the chosen woman who then becomes pregnant. (see also ki-apogo-pod)

Pabilsag Mesopotamian

[Pabilsang]
a Sumerian god
consort of Nininsinna

Pabilsang (see Pabilsag)

Pabujji Indian
a local god, hero of epic stories in Rajasthan

Paca-Mama (see Pachamama)

Pacari South American
Pacari Tampe.Pac(c)ari-Tambo.
Pacari tampbo.Paccarisca.Tambotocco]
a cave with 3 exits
This is the cave from which the ancestors of the Inca people were said to have emerged. Some say that there were three such caves.

In some versions, there were the four – Ayar Manco, Pachacamac, Viracocha and one other; in others, there were three – Apocatequil, Ataguchi and Piguerao. Others claim that there were three or four brothers and three or four sisters. (see also Children of the Sun)
Pacari-Tambo
(see Pacari)
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(see Pacari)
pacarina
South American
in Inca lore, dead ancestors
It was believed that these beings could intercede with the gods on behalf of their descendants.
Pacarítambo
(see Pacari)
Pacaw
(see Bacam)
Pacari-Tambo
(see Pacari)
Pacarinsca
(see Pacari)
Pachacamac
South American
[Earth-maker. Pacharurac.
Pachayachachic]
an Inca creator-god
son of Inti, some say
brother of Con
It is said that he defeated Con, the earlier creator of men, turned Con’s people into monkeys and made new beings in his wake.
In another version of his story it is believed that he created humans but forgot their need for food. The man died of starvation and the woman was fertilised by the sun. Pachacamac killed her first son and grew plants from pieces of his body. Her second son, Vichama, drove Pachacamac into the sea when Pachacamac killed the woman. He remained in the seas as a sea-god.
Some stories equate him with Ayar Ayca or Viracocha.
Pachacamama
(see Pachamama)
Pachacan
South American
a name for Thunupa as ‘servant’
Pachamama
South American
[Mama Pacha. Mother Earth.
Paca-Mama. Pachacamama]
an Inca earth-goddess
Pachari
Tibetan
a Lamaist sorcerer
Pachurarac
South American
a name for Pacchamac as ‘maker of all things’
Pachayachachic
South American
[Teacher of the World. Ticci
Viracocha-Aymara Yatun]
an Inca creator-god
father of Imaymana Viracocha and
Tocopao Viracocha
He is regarded as a form of Pachamac but, in other accounts, is said to be the same as Ticci.
Pachet
Egyptian
an early desert goddess, envisaged as a lion
Pachet
Pacific Island
an undersea paradise in the lore of the Caroline Islanders
Pachytos
Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered the hunter, Actaeon, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Pachytos, tore him to pieces.
pack
something buried under the threshold of an enemy’s house, a magic rite designed to harm him
Pacolet
European
a French dwarf who owned a winged, wooden flying horse
Pactolus
Greek
a river-god
father of Euryanassa
This was also a name for the river itself which was said to have gold-bearing sands after Midas had washed his hands in it to rid himself of the curse of gold.
Padalon
Hindu
the land of departed spirits into which there are 8 entrances
Padanjali
Hindu
a saint
Padarn Redcoat
British
owner of the magic coat, Pais Padarn
Paddern
(see Patermus)
padfoot
British
a name for the bargain in Yorkshire
Padiel
a demon of the east
Paddock
British
a witch’s familiar in Macbeth
paddy-bird
(see gelatik)
Padma
Hindu
a snake-god
one of the mahanagas
This deity is usually depicted with three eyes.
Padma
(see Kamala. Vishnu)
Padma
Hindu
a name for Lakshmi as ‘lotus’
padma
(see lotus)
Padma-mkhah-Ngro
Tibetan
the Tibetan name for Padmakini
Padma-Nabha
(see Brahma-Vishnu)
Padma-pani
(see Padmapani)
Padma-Pitha
Hindu
a deity seated on a lotus
Padma-Purana
Hindu
[Book of the Golden Lotus]
an epic, in some 50,000 couplets, which describes the creation
Padmadakini
Buddhist
[=Tibetan Padma-mkhah-Ngro]
a female deity of the air
Padmaheka
Buddhist
one of the 5 Herukabuddhas
Padmasambhava
Buddhist
a form of Avalokiteshvara with 2, 8 or 10 arms
Padmanatka
Buddhist
a guardian god
one of the Dikpalas
He is the guardian of the western region of the world.
Padmanepa
Buddhist
[‘lotus-born’. Padma-pani=Chinese Kuan Yin=Japanese Kwannon]
a bodhisattva
a form of Avalokiteshvara in Tibet
Padmanepa can appear in various forms – animal or insect, man or woman – including that of the flying horse Valahaka.
This deity is depicted as three-eyed, sometimes with eleven heads.
Padmasambhava
Hindu
a destroyer of demons appearing as a tiger-god
Padmasambhava
Hindu
[=Tibetan Lopon. Rinpochhe. sLobs-dpon]
an 8th C Indian seer
son of Amitabha
He was said to have appeared in a lotus flower at the age of eight and was forced to spend his life in penitence for killing a minister of the royal palace where he was raised.
He took Buddhism to Tibet and, having converted that country, changed into a horse and converted other races. He was said to have lived for a thousand years.
Padmatara
Buddhist
an aspect of Tara, ‘lotus’
Padmavati
Hindu
a name for Lakshmi as ‘owner of the lotus’
Padmosnisa
Buddhist
a guardian god of the west
Padraic
(see Patrick)
Padraig
(see Patrick)
Padriya
Canaanite
one of the wives of Baal
Padstow
British
called the Cornish town said by some to be the place where King Arthur was born
Padvayag
Persian
a Manichaean deity
He and Xostag are a pair involved in the ritual of prayer and the answer to that prayer.
Pacak
(see Paeon. Paiauon)
Paceon
(see Paeon)
Paeiave
(see Paiva)
Paeon

Greek

[Pa(e)on, Paeon, Paion]
a title of such gods as Asclepius and Apollo who had associations with medicine

Paeon

Greek

[Pa(e)on, Paeon, Paion]
son of Endymion and Calyce brother of Aetolus and Epeus

Paeon

Greek

in some accounts, son of Poseidon by Helle (see also Etonus)
pae'wa (see li'a)
pagab [South American] 
magic seeds, in the lore of the Tupari

These yellow seeds are said to have the power, when used by a shaman, to kill his enemies.

Pagas [Hindu]
a horse of the Aswins

Page Abe [South American]

[Sun Father] creator-god and sun-god of the Tukano Indians brother of Nyami Abe father of Abe Mango

He and his brother ruled alternately, one by night, one by day, each shining as brightly as the other. When Nyami Abe tried to rape his brother’s wife, Page Abe gave him a good thrashing that so reduced his power that, thereafter, he could shine only weakly as the moon.

Pagimon (see Paymon)

Paginet [British]
a knight of the Round Table, some say

pagoda [Buddhist]
a temple or shrine for relics (see also stupa)

Pagoda Bearer (see Li Ch’ing)

pagoda-tree Indian

a fabulous coin-producing tree

Paguk [North American]
a moving skeleton, in the lore of the Algonquian and Ojibwa tribes

This apparition, said to be the skeleton of a hunter who starved to death, is said to move through the woodlands at fantastic speed with much bone-rattling. Its presence portends the death of a friend.

Pah [North American]

[father] a moon-god of the Pawnees consort of Sakura father of Closed Man

Paga [Greek Pagasus] a horse of Pegasus

Pahua North American

in the lore of the Pawnee, one of the 5 houses of the animal spirits, the naharak

Pahuaunui (see Pahuanuiapitaaiterai)

Pahuanuiapitaaiterai Pacific Islands

[Paianui] a sea-demon of Tahiti

Pahuk North American

in the lore of the Pawnee, one of the 5 houses of the animal spirits, the naharak

Pai de santo South American

[female=made de santo=Yo’ubu babalorisha] a priest of the African immigrants in Brazil

Pai Hao Chinese

2 white cranes, messengers of the gods

Pai-ho T’ung-tzu (see White Crane Youth)

Pai Hu Chinese

[Bach-ho White Tiger] a guardian of the west

In some accounts, one of the Four Auspicious Animals in place of the unicorn, chi-lin

Pai Hutanga New Zealand

the first wife of Uenuku

Pai Lao-yeh (see Po Lao-yeh)

Pai Lung Chinese

an evil spirit

Pai Yang Chinese

[Heang Ho=Arab Al Kalah al Alaj] a later name for the constellation Aries as ‘the white sheep’

Paiarehe New Zealand
to report what is happening.

Paikua Chinese

a supernatural enchantress

These evil beings were the female counterparts of the Yatis.

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Paititi

South American

a fabulous land of gold

The Guaraní say that this realm, ruled by El Gran Moxo, was set in the lake Cuni-Cuni where it was guarded by a strange animal known as Teyu-Yagua.

Paiyaymu

North American

[Paipaymu.Paiyattunu.sun youth:]

a flute-playing spirit of the Zuni son of Sun Father and Underground Mother

In some accounts, Paiyaymu refers to a group of spirits rather than to just one.

Paiyatuma

(see Paiyaymu)

Pajainen

Baltic

a Finnish god

He killed a huge bull or pig.

Pajan Yan

Cambodian

a goddess

It is said that this healing goddess was banished to the moon to prevent her from restoring all the dead. Her face is now seen in the moon instead of the more usual hare or man-in-the-moon.

Pajanvän’i

Baltic

Finnish spirits associated with metals

pajé

South American

a Xingu shaman

Pajonn

Baltic

a Lappish thunder-god

Pak Tai

Chinese

[Hsiian T’ien Shang Ti-=Taiwanese Shang-ti Yeh]

a Taoist war-god

He was regarded as a mortal general who was deified to lead the celestial armies. He threw the demon snake and tortoise into a deep cleft and became ruler of the dark heaven. He is expected to return to earth in times of great trouble.

Paka’a

Pacific Islands

wind-god of Hawaii

He is credited with the invention of the sail.

Pakasa Uru

Pacific Islands

a wallaby

This animal is featured in stories of New Britain and is usually outwitted by the dog, Tulagola.

Pakhet

Egyptian

a god of the hunt

Palamedes

Greek

[Palaimon]

son of Hephaestus

one of the Argonauts

Palaimon

(see Palamedes)

Palamedes

Greek

[Palaimon]

a name for Heracles in his youth

Palaimon

(see Palamedes)

Palamedes

British

[Palomedes.Palomides.Palomydes]

a Saracen knight

son of Esclabor

He arrived in Ireland at the time when Tristram was recovering from his wounds after being nursed by Isolde. He wanted to claim her as a bride but Tristram defeated him in a duel and he sailed for home.

In another version, he was a guest at Mark’s wedding to Isolde and so pleased the king that Mark offered him anything he could ask for. He demanded Isolde and would have taken her back to Syria but Tristram intervened and returned her to Mark. Palamedes was heartbroken and sailed off.

Yet another account says that he and Tristram fought another duel. Palamedes surrendered and made friends with Tristram, embraced Christianity, became a loyal follower of King Arthur and was made duke of Provence.

He was one of those who hunted the Questing Beast without success.

Palamedes

European

[Palomedes.Palomides]

brother of Achilles of Lombardy and Sforza

He was a soldier in Godfrey’s army at the siege of Jerusalem.

Palamedes

Greek

[Palomedes.Palomides]

son of Nauplius and Clymene or Hesione

brother of Nausimedon and Oeax

He accompanied Agamemnon and Menelaus when they tried to persuade Odysseus to join the invasion of Troy and, when Odysseus feigned madness by ploughing salt into the earth, Palamedes placed the baby Telemachus in front of the plough. Odysseus avoided the child, revealing that he was quite sane.

During the Trojan war, Odysseus exacted revenge by bribing a servant to
plant money and a letter, said to be from Priam. As a result, Palamedes was accused of treachery and stoned to death.

In another account, he was drowned by Odysseus and Diomedes during a fishing trip or buried by them under stones when he climbed down a well in search of gold which, they told him, was hidden there.

He is said to have invented dice, lighthouses, scales and some of the alphabet.

**Palamon**

A prince of Thebes
A cousin of Arcite
Husband of Emily

He and Arcite, both captives of Theseus, fell in love with his daughter or sister-in-law, Emily. They fought for her hand and Arcite won. On his way to claim his bride, Arcite was thrown from his horse and was killed. Emily later married Palamon.

**Palan Bah** *Malay*
The island of fruit

**Palaniyantavan** *Indian*
A Tamil god, a form of Seyon

**Palantu** (see Palatia)

**Palante** *Greek*
A festival in honour of Palas held on April 21st

**Palan**

A prince of Thebes
A cousin of Tristram

After the death of his cousin, Palante invaded Cornwall and was killed there by Palamedes.

**Palato** (see Palatia)

**Palasara** *Pacific Islands*
A husband of Durgandini

**Palata**

**Palatia** *Roman*
A female deity of the north pole

**Palatium** *Roman*
A sacred hill

One of the seven hills of Rome, the Palatine.

**Palato** (see Palatia)

**Palatyi** *African*
A monster of the Bantu

**Pale Fox** *African*
A culture-hero of the Dogon

He became an outcast for stealing seeds from Amma. Marks in the earth, said to be his paw-prints, are used in divination.

**Pales** *Roman*
A goddess or god of cattle, flocks, and shepherds

**Palesmurt** *Russian*
An evil forest-spirit

This being, said to frighten travellers, is envisaged as half-man, split vertically.

**Palici** *Greek*
The twin gods of Sicily

**Palli**

**Palladium** *Greek*
A wooden statue of Pallas Athena

This image was said to have fallen from the sky and was enshrined at Troy as guardian of the city. It was said that the city would never be conquered while the statue remained at Troy and so the Greeks Odysseus and Diomedes made a night-raid into the city and stole it during the siege of Troy. Some say that this was one of many copies to be found in the city.

In some accounts, Diomedes gave this copy to Aeneas who took it with him to Italy although this could have been the original saved by Aeneas when Troy fell to the Greeks. Others say it was Numa Pomplius who brought the Palladium to Italy.

Some say that the original Palladium was made from the shoulder-bone of Pelops.

**Pallandids** *Greek*
Descendants of Pallas

**Pallas** *Greek*
Daughter of Triton

Triton reared Athena as a companion for Pallas.

It was said that, having accidentally killed Pallas, Athena had the Palladium made in her memory. (see also Pallas²)

**Pallas¹** *Greek*
A Titan

Son of Crius and Eurybia
Brother of Astraeus and Perses
Husband of Styx
Father of Bia, Cratos, Nike and Zelos

**Pallas²** *Greek*
Son of Evander

In some accounts, he was the son of Heracles and Lavinia.

He was killed by Turnus when fighting with the Trojans under Aeneas in Italy against the Latins and Rutulians.

**Pallas³** *Greek*
One of the Earthborn Giants
Son of Uranus and Gaia

He was killed in the war between the gods and the giants by Athena who flayed him and used his skin as cover for her breastplate. Thereafter, she used his name as Pallas Athena.

Another version says that Pallas was Athena’s father and she killed him when he tried to rape her. (see also Pallas⁴)

**Pallas⁴** *Greek*
A name of Athena adopted either in memory of the girl Pallas whom she had killed or of the giant Pallas (her father) she killed. (see also Pallas⁵)

**Pallas⁵** *Greek*
Son of Pandion
Half-brother of Aegeus, Lyceus and Nicus

He was the father of fifty sons, all of whom were killed by Theseus.

**Pallas Athene** (see Pallas⁶)

**Palleneos** (see Pallas⁷)

**Pallian**

An a creator-god of the Aborigines

He and his brother, Punjel, created beings from bark and clay but, when they proved to be evil, they cut them into pieces. The ancestors of the tribes sprang from these pieces.

**Pallor** *Greek*
The god of terror

**Palmistry** (see cheirognomy)

**Palomedes** (see Palamedes)

**Palomides** (see Palamedes)

**Palomir**

A knight

He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.
Palomydes 
(see Palamedes')

Palanghoya 
[ interpolated=Palanghoya]

African

Pacific Islands

a culture-hero of the Hopi

son of the sun-god
twin brother of Poquanghoya

He was one of two warriors (the other was Poquanghoya) created by

Kokyangwuti to protect human beings from demons.

In another version he was a war-god.

They are equivalent to the Zuni Ahayuta Achi twins.

Palatar 
(see Balder)

Paluc's Cat 
(see Palug's Cat)

Paluclaup 
Pacific Islands

da deity of the Caroline Islands

husband of Leofas

father of Rongelap and Rongerik

Palug's Cat 
[ interpolated=Palug's Cat]
[ interpolated=Palulukon]

Wild

a huge feline
offsprings of Hen Wen, some say

In some accounts, this beast was thrown into the sea by Coll ap Collfrewr, the swineherd in charge of Hen Wen, but was rescued and reared by the sons of Palug on the island of Anglesey. It was said to have eaten some 180 soldiers and was eventually killed by Kay.

Other versions say it was Capalu, killed by King Arthur in the French Alps; others that the beast killed the king when they fought in a swamp and afterwards came to Britain where it took over the throne.

Palulukon 
North American

[ interpolated=Paluclaup = French

C(h)apalu]

North American

a fertility-god

the plumed serpent of the Hopi

Palungahoya 
(see Palanghoya)

Pamba 
African

a creator-god of the Ovambo

Pamersiel 
a demon

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a demon

Pamlart 
British

a descendant of Ban

One version of the death of Mark relates that he sacked Camelot and died there at the hand of Pamlart.

Pamola 
North American

an evil spirit of darkness

in the lore of the Algonquians

She was one of the evil spirits killed by Gluskap.

pampahilep 
East Indian

Dayak tree-spirits

These beings can take the form of mortals and marry human partners.

Pamphagus 
Greek

day of the gods of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered the hunter, Actaeon, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Pamphagus, tore him to pieces.

Pamphylic 
daughter of Apollo

Pamphylius 
son of Aegimius

He is regarded as the founder of one of the Dorian tribes.

Pamuri-mahse 
South American

[ interpolated=divine helper]
a demi-god of the Tuakeno Indians

He helped Page Abe to create the earth and its animals.

Pan1 
African

son of Asia

Pan2 
Greek


Pasturer. Shepherd God. plus=panes:

=Roman Consentes. Faunus. Lupericus.

Silvan]

god of flocks, shepherds, woods

half-brother of Daphnis

father of lambe and lynx by Echo

and of Croetus by Eupheme

father of Priapus by Aphroditide and

of Acis by Syamaethis, in some

accounts

He was part man, part goat, with
horns, hooves and tail.

His parentage is not at all certain; according to who is telling the story he may be the son of Cronus by Rhea, Zeus by Hybris, or Hermes by Calypso, Dryope, Oeneis or Penelope and either the father or brother of Silenus. It is even suggested that he was the son of Hermes by Penelope, the wife of Odysseus.

It is said that when he pursued the nymph Syrinx, she turned into a clump of reeds by Gaea. From seven of these reeds, Pan fashioned the reed-pipe, with which he is traditionally depicted. He seduced a number of nymphs and goddesses including Echo, Eupheme and Selene. He gave Artemis three hunting dogs and seven hounds and helped Hermes restore the sinews of Zeus cut out by the monster Typhon. He was the only god to die.

He is also depicted with a crook. (see also Evander')

Pan' 
Greek

da deity, the gentle summer

breeze personified

He fell in love with the pine-tree

nymph Pitip. Boreas became jealous

and threw Pitip to her death from a

cave and she turned into a pine tree.

Pan Chhan Rin-po Cheb 
Tibetan

the first Tashi Lama, deified as an
incarnation of Amitabha

P'an Chin-lien 
Chinese

a goddess of prostitutes

wife of Wu Ta-lang

She fell in love with His-men Ch'ing

after the death of Wu Ta-lang and was
decapitated by her late husband's
brother, Wu Sang, when he caught the
lovers together. She was immortalised
after her death.

Pan-Ephialtes 
[ Prince of Incubi]
a demon causing nightmares

Pan Hu 
Chinese

a celestial dog

In the lore of the Yao people, a worm

born from the ear of a woman at the
royal court grew into the dog, Pan Hu.

When the dog saved the country from

invading forces, the king gave

Pan Hu his daughter as his wife. They
produced six sons and six daughters who
became the ancestors of the Yao.

Pan-ko 
(see Pan-ku)

Pan-ku 
Chinese

[ interpolated=Pan-ko]

the primaeval being of the Confucians

father of Yüan-shih

The primordial Great Monad separated to form the Yin and Yang. They both split to form four lesser beings which produced Pan-ku. Alternatively, he was hatched from an egg and pushed the two halves of the shell apart to form earth and sky. In some accounts he modelled the first humans from clay or, alternatively, men developed from the fleas on his body after he died. It is said that it took him 18,000 years, during which he grew bigger every day, to achieve the final position and he died from the effort. His left eye became the sun, his right eye the moon and his beard became the stars. Some say that he had a snake-like body with the head of a dragon.

He is depicted working with a hammer and chisel to make the universe from blocks of granite floating in space, assisted by his companions, a dragon, phoenix, tortoise and unicorn.
In some versions of the creation story, Pan-ku was assisted by the woman Kua.

Pan Kuan  Chinese
the registrar of hell
He later received promotion and his post as registrar was taken by Chung K’uei.

Pan Shen  Chinese
son of Tou-shen
brother of Chen Shen, Ma Shen and Sha Shen
He helps his mother to deal with those suffering from small-pox.

Pan-t’ao  Chinese
[Pan-t’ao.Shen-t’ao]
a fabulous tree
This tree was a form of peach and was said to blossom once in 3,000 years and to bear fruit only after a further period of the same length. It grew in San Hsien Shan, the Fortune Islands.

Pan-t’o-chia  Chinese
[Pan-t’o-ka]
the Chinese version of Panchaka

Pan-t’o-ka  (see Pan-t’o-chia)

Panacea  Greek
[Panacea]
a goddess of health
daughter of Asclepius

Panacea  (see Panacea)

Panaha  Tibetan
a Lamaist sorcerer
He owned a pair of magic shoes which could transport him rapidly to wherever he wished to go.

Panalcarp  an evil demon
This being is depicted as a two-headed crocodile.

Pan  Indian
[Paraiyan.Pariah]
devil-dancers
These people are said to be able to drive out devils by their dancing and drumming.

Panansang  East Indian
a Javanese prince
He sent four of his retainers to kill the sultan, Jaka Tingkir, but this ruler was under divine protection and survived. In a later battle with the sultan, Panangsang was killed and the sultan took over his lands.

Panao  Afghan
a Kafir creator-god

Panathenaea  Greek
[Panathenaea]
an annual festival in honour of Athene, founded in 566 BC and held in July/August

Panathenaia  (see Panathenaea)

Pancabrahma  Hindu
[Isana(dayasa)]
5 aspects of Shiva
These are listed as Agborra, Isana (dayas), Sadyojata, Tarpurusha and Vamadeva.

Pancamukha  Buddhist
a god
He is depicted with five heads and sixteen hands.

Pancanana  Hindu
a form of Shiva
He is depicted as a naked demon with five faces, each with three eyes and wearing snakes as a necklace.

Pancaraks  (see Parakraka)

Pancatantra  (see Panchatantra)

Pancer  European
a beaver in Reynard the Fox
He accused Reynard of attempting to murder Coart, the hare.

Pancha-Tathagata  East Indian
5 kings of Java
These rulers were regarded as the incarnation of the five Dhyanibuddhas and ruled in the 11th and 12th centuries. They were noted for their wisdom and courage, manifestations of the Fivefold Buddha. Their names are given as Jayanagara, Jayawardhana, Kartanagara, Rajasanagara and Rajasawardhara.

Panchajana  Hindu
a sea-demon
He angered Krishna by abducting the son of Sandipani and the god dived to in which Panchajana had lived and used it thereafter as a trumpet with which he killed evil-doers.

Panchajana  (see also Dhyanibuddhas)

Panchamaharat  Hindu
the divine conch-shell trumpet of Krishna
This was formerly the home of the sea-demon of the same name who was killed by Krishna.

Panchala  Hindu
the realm of King Drupada

Panchali  (see Draupadi)

Panchamaharaja  (see Mahapancharaja)

Panchamukhi-Maruti  Hindu
a name for Shiva in the west of India

Pancharaks  Buddhist
[Pancharaks]
any of the 5 goddesses of magic
These protective deities are listed as Mahamantrasarin, Mahamayuri, Mahapratissara, Mahasarapramandini and Mahasatavati.

Panchatrantra  Hindu
[Panchatrantra=Arab Kalilah wa Dinmah =English Tables of Bidpai=French Fables de Pilpay=Persian Anwar-u-Suhili]
a collection of fabulous stories

Panchayudha  Hindu
a name for Vishnu as owner of 5 weapons

Panchen Lama  Tibetan
[Tashi Lama]
the second senior leader of Tibetan Buddhists
He is regarded as an incarnation of Amitabha.

Panchika  Buddhist
husband of Abhirata
father of Priyamkara
He was said to have fathered over 500 children.

Panchita  Buddhist
t a tutelary goddess of wealth
She is the commander of a host of yakshas and is depicted with a pike (weapon) and a purse.

Pandara  Buddhist
a mother-goddess
a sakti of Amitabha

Pandaravasini  Hindu
the Sanskrit version of White Tara

Pandareos  (see Pandareus)

Pandareus  Greek
[Pandareos]
king of Miletus
son of Merops and Clymene
husband of Hermothoe
father of Aedon, Clothera and Merope
He stole Rhea’s golden mastiff made by Hephaestus and refused to give it back, giving it to Tantalus for safe-keeping.

Zeus killed him and his wife and his daughters were carried off by the Harpies and sold to the Furies.

Pandareus  Greek
[Pandareos]
son of Hermes by Merope
In some accounts, he is the same as Pandareus, king of Miletus.

Pandareus  Greek
[Pandareos]
da dog which stood guard over the infant Zeus in the Dictean Cave

Pandarus  Greek
a Trojan prince
son of Lycaon
He acted as a messenger between Troilus and Cressida.

At the siege of Troy he shot and
wounded Menelaus during a period of truce, resulting in the battle being resumed. He also wounded Diomedes who killed him.

**Pandavas** Hindu

[Pandus=East Indies Pandawas,Pandowas] the 5 sons of Pandu

Pandu had two wives, Kintu and Madri, but refused to father children because of a curse which said that he would die if he tried. His five sons were fathered by the gods – Arjuna by Indra, Bhima by Vayu, Yudhishtira by Dharma (all children of Kunti) and Nakula and Sahadeva fathered by the Aswins on Madri. They were sent to the court of their uncle, Dhartarashtra, where they came into conflict with his one hundred sons, the Kauravas, and their subsequent battles form the subject matter of the Mahabharata. After the battle, in which all the Kauravas were killed, the brothers went to Indra’s heaven on Mount Meru.

**Pandavas** East Indian

[Panadwas] the Javanese version of the Pandavas

**pandé** Pacific Islands

These men, makers of the kris, are said to have magic powers and are regarded as holy men.

**Pandemos** Greek

a name for Aphrodite as goddess of sensuality

**Pandion** Greek

a king of Athens

son of Erichthonius and Praxitea

husband of Zeuxippe

father of twins Butes and Erechtheus

father of Proco and Philomena

**Pandion** Greek

a king of Athens

son of Cecrops and Metiadusa

husband of Pylia

father of Aegeus, Lycus, Nisus and Pallas.

He was expelled from Athens by the sons of Metion, his uncle, and went to Megara where he married Pylia, the daughter of the king, Pylas. He became king of Megara when Pylas was exiled for the murder of his uncle, Bias.

**Pandion** Greek

son of Phineus and Cleopatra

brother of Plexippus

His father took another wife, Idaea, and put Cleopatra and her sons in prison. They were freed by Calais and Zetes who killed Phineus and put the brothers on the throne of Salmydessus. Pandion and his brother handed over the kingdom to their mother and joined the Argonauts.

**Pandora** Greek

[‘all gifts’]

daughter of Erechtheus and Praxithea

sister of Otionia

When Athens was invaded by Eumolpus, her father was told that he must sacrifice Otionia, one of his daughters. Pandora and another sister, Protogonia, sacrificed themselves as well.

**Pandora** Greek

[‘all gifts’]

the first woman

wife of Epimetheus

mother of Pyrrha

She was created from clay by Zeus or Hephaestus as a gift for Epimetheus who rejected her at first but married her in haste when his brother Prometheus was punished by Zeus. It was she who opened the box, given to her by the gods as a wedding gift, that contained all the ills that have since afflicted mankind. Another version says that these were items that Prometheus had left over from the creation of man and stored in a jar which Pandora foolishly opened.

In some accounts, she was the mother of Deucalion and Pyrrha by Prometheus or Epimetheus.

**Pandora’s box** Greek

a box containing all human troubles,

This box was given to Pandora as a gift when she married Epimetheus. Against instructions, she opened it and out flew all the ills that have since afflicted mankind. The last to come out of the box was Hope. In some versions a vase or jug, containing all the items left over when Prometheus created human beings, was found by Pandora who could not resist looking inside.

**Pandorus** Greek

son of Erechtheus and Praxithea

brother of Metion

He and his brother drove Cecrops from Athens when Xuthus chose him as successor to Erechtheus.

**Pandowas** (see Pandawas)

**Pandragon** (see Pendragon)

**Pandragus** British

he was said to have fathered twins on Libran

**Pandrasos** (see Pandrasus)

**Pandrasus** Greek

[‘pale’]

king of Greece

When Brutus was exiled from Rome for the accidental killing of his father, he led a revolt of the Trojan captives held as slaves by Pandrasus and captured the king. Pandrasus was released only when he gave his daughter Imogen to Brutus as wife and freed the slaves who then sailed off with Brutus, in 300 ships, allegedly to settle in Britain.

**Pandrosos** (see Pandrusos)

**Pandrosus** Greek

daughter of Cecrops

sister of Aglaurus and Hese

She and her sisters were entrusted with the care of the infant Erichthonius. In one story, they were so shocked when they saw the infant that they threw themselves to their death from the Acropolis.

**pandu** Hindu

a good spirit

**Pandu** Hindu

[‘pale’]

husband of Kunti and Madri

father of the 5 Pandavas

half-brother of Dhartarashtra

His father was said to be Vyasa, a very ugly man, who did his duty to give children to the widows of the two sons of his half-brother, Sanatru, who had died childless. Because one of the widows closed her eyes and the other went very pale when Vyasa slept with them, their sons, Dhartarashtra and Pandu, were born respectively blind and light-skinned.

Although he had two wives, he had no children of his own because he had accidentally killed a sage who had cursed him with his dying breath, proclaiming that Pandu would die if he ever slept with either of his wives.

Pandu took the throne but abdicated in favour of his half-brother and became a hermit.

Kunti bore three sons, after praying to the gods, and then handed this gift to Madri who was able to produce two more. These five sons, the Pandavas, were in conflict with their cousins, the Kauravas.

Pandu finally yielded to his desires and made love to Madri but the sage’s curse took effect and he died at that moment.

**Pandurganga** (see Vitthali)
Paneros (see Pandavas)
Panemerios (see Q'ere)
Paneros Greek
a stone said to have the power to make barren women fertile
Panesis1 Greek
the plural form of Pan
In some accounts, there are a number of gods such as Pan.
Panies North American
a festival at which the Acagchemem tribe of California sacrifice a buzzard
Panenec Afghan
[Paradik.Purron]
a group of 7 gods of the hunt
Pang Yu Chinese
a city god
He was originally a 7th C provincial governor.
Pangyu Pacific Islands
[=Chinese Pan-ku]
a creator-god in Melanesia
Pani Hindu
[Vala]
a member of a race of dwarfs, drought demons
These beings are said to live in a part of the Otherworld and are well known as thieves. When they stole some of Indra's cattle, he made the dog Sharama to recover them but she betrayed him. Indra then went himself, killed the dwarfs and recovered his cattle.
In some accounts, Panis are described as asuras.
Pani New Zealand
a Maori goddess
wife of Rongo-mau
When Hina upset Ta'aroa with the noise she made when beating tapa, he ordered her to stop. When she refused, Pani grabbed her mallet and struck her on the head with it, whereupon she flew off to the moon.
Paniec Greek
an annual festival in honour of Poseidon
Panisc Greek
[Panisk]
an attendant on Pan: an inferior god
Panisk (see Panisc)
Panji East Indian
[Chekel Waneng Pati]
a Javanese prince
husband of Chandra Kirana
He was allowed to marry his beloved Chandra Kirana only after proving himself by killing many giants and demons.
He and Chandra are regarded as incarnations of Siwa and Dewi Shri.

Panna Buddhist
the Pali version of the Sanskrit Prajna
Pannenoisance British
in some accounts, the capital city of King Arthur's realm
Pannychis Greek
a goddess, attendant on Aphrodite
Panoi Pacific Islands
the underworld (or the entrance to it) in the lore of the Banks Islanders
Panomphaecan Greek
a description of Zeus as 'all-oracular'
Panope Greek
a nymph, one of the Nereids
Panope Hindu
son of Phocus and Antiope, some say father of Aegle and Epeius
Papepene New Zealand
a stone said to have the power to fold and reading a scroll.

Pantheon Greek
a monster in the form of a star-spangled hind
Panther Greek
the animal of Dionysus
Panthoides Greek
a name for Pythagoras, who maintained that he had been Euphorbus, son of Panthous, in a previous incarnation
Panthous (see Panthous)
Panthous Greek
[Panthous]
a priest of Apollo at Troy
son of Othrys
father of Euphorbus, Hyperenor and Polydamus
He was killed at the siege of Troy.
Pantheo Pacific Islands
a bao which, it is said, contains the soul of a great hero
Panyasa-Jataka Thai
the Thai version of the Jatakas

Pao-chih Chinese
[Ch'i-h Kung]
the name taken by Pi-chia-na when he became a monk
Pao Kung Chinese
a god of magistrates
He was a 10th C mortal who was deified.
Pao-kung Ch’an-shih Chinese
a monk
He once got lost in the mountains but came across an apparently deserted monastery where he took shelter. Soon after, monks from many places arrived and floated down into the hall of the monastery through a hole in the roof. When Pao-kung talked to the last one to arrive, the others stood up, bowed and all of them, and the monastery, disappeared.
Pao Lao-yeh Chinese
a deity
the Imperial Censor
Pao-p’u-tzu (see Ko Hung)
Pao-t’a Chinese
a pagoda
Pao Yu (see Pao Yueh)
Pao Yueh Chinese
[Pao Yu]
wife of the emperor Ch’ing Te mother of Yu Huang
She dreamt that she saw Lao Chun carrying a baby when she prayed for a son and woke to find herself pregnant with a son, Yu Huang.
Paoro New Zealand
a goddess of echoes
At creation, it was she who gave women a voice.  

**Paort** French  
a shape-changing spirit in Brittany  

**Pap-nigin-gara** Mesopotamian  
a Babylonian war-god  

**Pap-sukal** (see Papukkal) New Zealand  
Papatakuu.Ku.Henua]  
earth—mother of the Maori  
wife of Rangi  
wife of Tangaroa, some say  
mother of Haumea, Rehua, Rongo, Ruamoko, Tane, Tangaroa, Tawhiri and Tu  

She and Rangi were so firmly intertwined that their children could not leave the womb until Tane-mahuta forced them apart to form earth and sky.  

In some stories, the gods Atea and Tangaroa argued about the paternity of Papa’s first child, each claiming to be the father. Papa cut the child in half and gave half to each of them.  

In Hawaii, Papa is the wife of Wakea (Atea). In some accounts, the same as Fa’ahotu. In Hervey Island, Papa is the daughter of Timatekore and Timaiti-Ngava and the wife of Atea to whom she bore Rongo, Tane, Tangaroa, Tanigila and Tongaiti.  

**Papa-hanau-moku** Pacific Islands  
earth—goddess of Hawaii  
wife of Wakea  
mother of Ho’ohoku-ka-lania  

She was the first woman and married the mortal Wakea but separated from him when he incestuously fathered children on their own daughter Ho’ohoku-ka-lania. She later remarried and had other children. In some stories, she bore a gourd which Wakea used to make the world.  

**Papa Pie** West Indian  
a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from St Peter  

He is depicted as a soldier and is said to be the cause of floods.  

**Papa Taoto** Pacific Islands  
a rock raised from the sea-bed by Tagalao  

The Samoans say that the sea-god created this rock in the primordial ocean so that his bird-child, Tuli, could have somewhere to build a nest. Tagalao later split this first rock into many pieces to form the islands of the Pacific.  

**Papa Tu Anaku** (see Papa)  
**Papachtic** Central American  
an Aztec deity, the sun’s rays  
personified an aspect of Quetzacatl  

**Papahuia** (see Jupiter) New Zealand  
a 19th c eulogizing the serpent Nakahi  

**Papaj** (see Papaya) West Indian  
[female=Mamalo]  
a voodoo priest  

**Papalut** British  
a snake  

It was said that anyone holding a bone of this snake became insensible to heat. Part of the hilt of the Sword of Strange Girdles was made from one of its ribs.  

**Papan** Central American  
a princess  
sister of Montezuma  

Soon after she died and was buried, she was seen in the garden of the palace by a young girl who told her mother. The queen was shaken to find Papan apparently still alive and called the emperor. It transpired that Papan had been met, on the other side, by an angelic youth who told her that she was not yet to cross the river but should return to warn the emperor about the forth coming invasion of the Spaniards.  

**Papa Ratu** Pacific Islands  
a moon-god  

When Aru Aru arrived, intending to kill this god, Papare explained the details of menstruation to him and sent him back to earth with a gift for his people, the yam.  

**Papas** (see Attis)  

**Papatakuu** (see Papa)  

**Papavlo** Greek  
[Paipala]  
a Hattic fate-goddess  

She and Isdustala used a mirror and spindle to determine the fate of the individual.  

**Papaztac** Central American  
[The Nerveless One]  
a god of intoxication  
one of the Centzon Totochtin  

A sacrifice made to this god would ensure that the drinker suffered no more than a headache after getting drunk.  

**Paphian** Greek  
[Cyprian]  
a devotee of Aphrodite  

**Paphos** (see Metharme)  
**Papillon** European  
a fire-breathing horse  
This animal carried Ogier, who had been shipwrecked, to the palace of Morgana where he stayed for a hundred years. He then carried Ogier to Paris.  

**Pappas** Mesopotamian  
a Hittite supreme god  

**Pappas** see also Papsukkal  
**Pappas 2** Mesopotamian  
a Babylonian messenger-god  

**Papsukkal** Mesopotamian  
[Pa-sukal.Papsukkal]  
a Babylonian voodoo spirit derived from stolen objects, is said to supply this animal carried Ogier, who had been shipwrecked, to the palace of Morgana where he stayed for a hundred years. He then carried Ogier to Paris.  

In some accounts he is the same as Ninshubur.  

**Papsukkal** (see Papukkal)  

**Papukkal** (see Ninshubur)  

**Papunius** Irish  
a fictitious king of Ireland  

**Papus**  
da demon  

**Papromancy**  
divination from paper rolling  

**Paqhat** Canaanite  
a seer  
daughter of Daniela and Danatiya  
sister of Aqhat  

She disguised herself as a man, travelled to Abelim and killed Yatpan, her brother’s murderer.  

**Paqok**  

demons of the Maya  

**Para** Baltic  
Puk.Tulihand:=Lappish Snieragatto:  
=Latvian Pukis: =Lithuanian Aitvaras.  
Kaspgoyks:Scandinavian Buttercat]  
a Finnish spirit  

This spirit, which a man can make from stolen objects, is said to supply its maker with food, drink and money. It sometimes takes the form of a cat which carries milk in its mouth or intestines. (see also Puk)  

**para** Hindu  
a period of 100 kalpas  

**para-brahman** Hindu  
the supreme absolute: ultimate reality  

**Para-Purusha** Hindu  
an evil man: all wickedness embodied in human form  

**Parabrahma** Hindu  
a spirit of the air  
This being is manifest in five forms – Akasi tatwa, Apa, Prithivi, Tatjas and Vayu.  

**parachero** Central American  
a Mexican sorcerer
Paradik (see Paneu)

Paradise
home of the blessed dead
(see also Dar al-Jannah. Fortunate Islands. heaven)

Paradisian tree
Hindu
tree which is the home of doves
which can kill the evil dragon which lives at the base of the tree

Paraeus
Greek
a poor labourer
No matter how hard he worked, Paraeus got poorer and poorer.
Phineus told him that this was due to a curse laid on him when he chopped down a tree, killing the hamadyrad living in it. As the result of a sacrifice to appease the nymph's spirit, he began to prosper.

Parallel Lives
Greek
a series of biographies by Plutarch
These stories dealt with Greek and Roman characters, real or mythical, in pairs.

Parama
Hindu
the supreme being
This name is used for the Trimurti, the triple god, which represents the supreme being.

Paramapathanatha (see Adimurti)

Parasama
Buddhism
a form of Hayagriva
In this form the deity is depicted with four legs and standing on four other gods. (see also Parameswar)

Paramesvar
Hindu
a name for Surya as a creator
(see also Paramasva)

Paramita
Buddhism
[Vas(h)ita]
y any one of 12 philosophical goddesses
These deities are given as Bala, Dana, Dhana, Jnana, Kshanti, Prajna, Pranidhara, Ratna, Shila, Upaya, Vajrakarma and Virya.
In some accounts, Ayur and Pariskara are given as Paramita goddesses.

Paramirmita Vasavarten
Buddhism
the highest heaven, home of Mara

Parasrama
Hindu
transition from this life to Nirvana

Paraparawa
South American
a culture-hero of the tribes of Brazil
A fish he had caught turned into a woman who married Paraparawa. Her father, the crocodile, brought many vegetables and fruits to the wedding-feast and those left over were planted to produce the first cultivated crops.
He is credited with the invention of agriculture.

Paras
Indian
[paraspanhar]
the philosopher's stone which transmutes all metals to gold

Parasara (see Parashara)

Parashara
Hindu
[Parasara]
a holy man
son of Kalmashapada and Adrisyanti
father of Vyasa by Satyavati
He met Satyavati who, at that time, was in the form of a fish and they produced a son, Vyasa.

Parashu
Hindu
the battle-axe given by Shiva to Parashurama
In some versions, Durga is depicted holding an axe.

Parasramana
Hindu
[Parasu Rama Parasurama]
the sixth incarnation of Vishnu, as a human
son of Jamad Agni and Renuka consort of Dharani
It is said that he was born as Rama, son of a Brahmin hermit, the rishi Jamad-Agni, and was called Parashurama when Shiva gave him a battle-axe (Parashu). His father suspected his wife, Renuka, of lustful thoughts and commanded his five sons to kill her. Only Parashurama was willing to obey and he cut off her head with one blow of the axe given to him by Shiva.
When his father offered him a reward he asked that Renuka be restored. He killed Kartavirya, the 1,000-armed king of the Himalayas, for an attack on his father's hermitage and stealing the sacred cow, Surabhi, or its calf. When the king's twenty-one sons made a further attack, killing his father, Jamad-Agni, Parashurama killed the whole kshatrya caste, the task for which he had been reincarnated, so that the priests could rule the earth.
At this point, Vishnu returned to the heavens leaving Parashurama to rule Malabar.

Parasol tree
Chinese
[dryandra wu ung shu]
the only tree on which the phoenix will land
This tree grows twelve leaves each year but thirteen in a leap-year.

Paraspatthar (see paras)

Parasu Rama (see Parashurama)

Parasrama (see Parashurama)
Paribanou   Muslim
[Peri-Banou]  a fairy  
wife of Ahmed
In The Arabian Nights, she gave Ahmed a wonderful tent and became his wife.
Paricaca   South American
a Peruvian hero  
husband of Choque Suso  
father of Huattacuri
When the flood waters subsided, five eggs on the high slopes of Mount Condorcoto hatched to produce new beings, one of whom was Paricaca. The other four produced falcons which turned into great warriors.

He went in search of the tyrant king Huallallo and destroyed his whole village, saving only one girl who had given him a drink. At another village he met the girl Choque Suso who was crying because the drought was killing her maize crop. He promised to get water if she would love him and enlisted the help of all the animals and birds to irrigate the land and bring water to the parched crops. He married Choque Suso and later turned her into stone so that she could always remain in the place she loved.

In some accounts he is the same as Pariacaca.
Parijata   Hindu
[The Tree of Knowledge]  
the tree of paradise
This tree was made of coral and could produce any object asked of it. It was originally planted in Svarga, Indra's heaven, but was stolen by Krishna who planted it in Dvaraka to please his wife. After his death, the tree was returned to Svarga.

It was the ninth thing to emerge from the waters when the gods churned the ocean to make amrita.

(see also Parisadam)
Parik   (see Parika.peri)  
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Parikshit   Hindu
a king  
son of Abhimanyu and Uttara  
father of Janamejaya
Asvathaman killed Parikshit while he was still in his mother's womb and he was still-born but Krishna gave him life.

When he insulted a hermit, the snake-king Takshaka was invoked by the hermit's son. With a group of nagas in the form of monks, Takshaka choked Parikshit to death and his followers destroyed and burnt the king's fortress which he had built in a lake.

Janamejaya avenged his father's death.

Parila   (see Palilia)  
Parina   South American
a lake said to exist in the mythical land of Manoa

Parinirvana   Buddhist
the state of one who has completed the incarnation during which he reached Nirvana

Such a being will not be born again.

Parioca   South American
a creator-god of the Quecha

After the flood receded, five men hatched from eggs left on top of a mountain. Parioca was one of these beings and he travelled the countryside changing the landscape and making water-channels. When some people mistook him for a vagrant, he destroyed the whole village.

Paris   British
a king of France
He was a friend of King Arthur who helped in the quest of Culhwch for the hand of Olwen.

Paris1   Greek
[Alexander.Alexandros.Alexandrus]  
a prince of Troy  
son of Priam and Hecuba  
brother of Deiphobos and Hector  
father of Corythus by Oenone

His mother, pregnant with Paris, dreamed that she would bear a torch that would burn down the city or a monster which would destroy it. The prophet, Aescacus, interpreted this to mean that the boy would cause the death of his family and the loss of Troy and so his parents abandoned him on Mount Ida. He was suckled by a she-bear, sheltered by the shepherd, Agelaus, and survived to manhood when he was returned to his parents.

When he was asked to judge a beauty contest between the three goddesses Aphrodite, Athene and Hera, he awarded the prize, a golden apple, to Aphrodite because she promised him access to the most beautiful girl in the world – Helen, wife of Menelaus. He abandoned his wife, the nymph Oenone, who loved him, in the hope of winning Helen and returned to Troy where he was reunited with his parents who provided the ships for his expedition to Greece. There he was a welcome guest of Menelaus but when the king was absent, Paris abducted Helen and took her off to Troy. In the Trojan War that resulted from this abduction, he met Menelaus in single combat and would have been killed had not Aphrodite carried him back to safety in the city. His son, Corythus, came to fight at Troy and, when Helen fell in love with the youth, Paris killed him. He later shot and killed Achilles from the city walls, the arrow striking the Greek hero in the only vulnerable spot, his ankle.

Another version of the death of Achilles says that Polyxena, who was given to Achilles as a prize, persuaded the Greek hero to divulge the secret of his vulnerable heel. Polyxena then told her brother Paris, and he stabbed Achilles in the heel at the wedding of Achilles and Polyxena. After the death of Achilles, Paris was shot and wounded by Philoctetes using Heracles' bow and was carried to Oenone who was reputed to know of a drug that would save Paris but she, still angry at being deserted, just let him die.

Paris Codex   Central American
[Tellerio-Remensis Codex]  
a manuscript source of Mayan legend and culture

Parisadam   Hindu
a tree said to grow only in heaven  
(see also Parijata)

Parisishtas   Hindu
sacred writings summarising the vedas

Pariskaravasita   Buddhist
a goddess  
one of the Paramita goddesses

Parirajaka   Hindu
a mendicant ascetic

Parjanya   Hindu
[Parjanya-vata]  
a rain-god  
one of the Adityas  
son of Dyau  
father of Soma, some say

In some accounts Parjanya is envisaged as a celestial cow. This beast is the embodiment of the rain-clouds, her milk forming the rain.

In some accounts, he was later assimilated with Indra.

Parjanya-vata   (see Parjanya)

Parlan   (see Fisher King)

Parmenic   British
[Armenia.Armenie]  
the realm of Rivalin

In other versions, this country becomes Ermenia.

Parmeson   (see Bhagwan')
Parna-Savari

Buddhist

[Parasnabari, Parnassavari: =Tibetan Lo-ma-gyon-ma]

a goddess

an aspect of Akshobhya

one of the dharanis

She is said to destroy diseases by treading them underfoot.

In some accounts she is equated with Pishashas and Pukkasi.

She is depicted as having three heads, three eyes and six arms.

Parna-Savari (see Parna-Savari)

Parnassavari (see Parna-Savari)

Parnassus

Greek

son of Poseidon

Parnassus (see Mount Parnassus)

Parnassian

pertaining to the Muses

Parnet

Baltic

a malevolent Finnish forest-spirit

Parpara

East Indian

a deity of Kei Island

brother of Hian

He lost the fish-hook of his elder brother, Hian, who got it back when it was returned to him by a fish. When Hian spilled some palm wine, Parpara made him dig a hole to find it. He dug so deep that he made a hole in the sky.

Both the brothers, together with another brother and a sister, accompanied by four dogs, descended through the hole on a rope and came down to earth where they became the progenitors of the islanders.

Parsai

African

a name of En-kai as ‘he who is worshipped’

Parshva

Jain

[Pars(h)vanatha, Parsva]

the twenty-third Tirthankara

founder of the Nirgrantha sect

an incarnation of Indra or Vishnu

son of King Asvasena

He upset his old grandfather, Mahipala, by interrupting his meditation but warned him not to split a log with an axe since it would kill two serpents inside. His grandfather ignored the warning and Parshva had to restore the snakes, one as Ananta the other as Lakshmi, by singing hymns. Following his grandfather’s example, he became an ascetic and finally starved himself to death.

Parshvanatha (see Parshva)

Parsival

German

[Parsival, Parsifal, Perceval]

a guileless youth

father of Lohengrin

In the Wagnerian story of the Holy Grail he innocently shot a swan in the grounds of the Temple of the Grail. The keeper allowed him to watch the knights at prayer and he resolved to regain the Sacred Spear which had been seized from Amfortas, the guardian of the Grail, by the evil magician Klingsor. He resisted the temptations of the maiden, Kundry, in Klingsor’s garden of delights and took the spear from Klingsor, using it to banish him and all his works from the face of the earth.

After wandering for many years he finally found his way back to the Temple where he cured the wound of Amfortas by laying on the Sacred Spear and he became the guardian of the Holy Grail in place of Amfortas.

Parsifal (see Parsifal, Parsival, Parzival)

Parsival (see Parsifal, Percival)

parstukai (see barstukai)

Parshva

Hindu

the first woman

consort of Manu

She was created, some say, from the drink that Manu offered to the gods when he survived the flood; others say that she was created from his rib.

Parva

(see Parshva)

Parvanatha

(see Parshva)

Parthalan (see Partholan)

Parthalon (see Partholan)

Parthanian

Irish

a harvest sprite

Parthenon

Greek

the temple of Athene

Parthenope

Greek

one of the Sirens

When Odysseus and his crew failed to succumb to her charms and escaped, she drowned herself in despair.

Parthenope

Greek

daughter of Symphalus

mother of Everes by Heracles

Parthenos

Greek

a name of Artemis, Athena and Hera as ‘virgin’

Parthonopeus

[Partholan, Partholans, Partholos, Parytholon]

leader of the second wave of invaders of Ireland

son of Sera

brother of Starn and Agnoman

husband of Dealgnaid

father of Eber, Laighlina, Rudraidhe and Slaine

He had killed his parents in Greece, expecting to take over their kingdom. When he did not become king, he sailed for Ireland with his followers and settled there after defeating the Fomoroi at the Battle of Magh nIotha.

On one occasion, while he was away from home, his wife had an affair with Togda, his servant.

In some accounts, Dealgnaid was his mother rather than his wife, and Nemed was his father or his brother.

Parthonopans

Irish

the second wave of invaders of Ireland

followers of Partholan

This group of invaders was said to have come from Spain and consisted of twenty-four married couples. They overcame the Fomoroi and took over Ireland but they were afflicted by a disease which wiped out the whole race except Tuan.

Partholans

(see Partholanians)

Partholan

(see Partholan)

Parthonopeus

European

a prince

nephew of the king of France

husband of Melior

The story of Parthonopeus and Melior is that of Cupid and Psyche, with the roles reversed.

A queen, Melior, decided that she wanted to marry Parthonopeus and sent a magic ship which took him to a fabulous palace in Chief D’Oire where he was waited on by invisible hands. By night, Melior came to his bed but decreed that he must never see her until they were married. Inevitably he broke the rule and was banished.
Later, he took part in a great tournament and, as victor of the games, won the queen’s hand.

**Partinal** British
son of Espinege
His father had been killed by Goon Desert and Partinal killed Goon Desert with the Grail Sword which shattered. One of the objects of the Grail Quest was the repair of this sword. He was himself killed by Percival.
(see also Nascien)

**Partlet** European
[Dame Partlet]
a hen in *Reynard the Fox*

**Partula** Roman
a goddess of child-birth

**Parvati**
Buddhist
the Hindu goddess adopted into the Buddhist pantheon as Buddha’s doorkeeper

**Parvati** Hindu
a mother-goddess
a name of Devi as ‘the mountaineer’
a mild form of Durga
daughter of Himavan and Mena
sister of Vishnu
wife of Shiva
mother of Ganesh and Skanda

Shiva’s first wife, Satì, immolated herself but was later reborn as Parvati. When Shiva deplored her dark skin, Brahma transformed her into Gauri, ‘the Yellow Shiva’. This story shows how Shiva deplored her dark skin, Brahma but was later reborn as Parvati. When Shiva was banished to the ocean as a fisher-girl and then sent his wife by appearing in the form of a young man and catching the shark.

In some accounts, Europa was the shining one. In some versions, Durga is depicted as a name of Yama as a mother-goddess. She fell irrationally in love with the white bull that Poseidon sent at the behest of Minos to prove that he was the rightful heir to the throne of Crete. Daedalus fashioned a hollow wooden cow in which she concealed herself to mate with the bull. The outcome of the union was the monstrous bull-headed Minotaur. Pasiphae, together with Minos and the monstrous bull-headed Minotaur, retreated to the Labyrinth, a tortuous maze constructed by Daedalus to contain the monster. When Minos imprisoned Daedalus and his son Icarus in the Labyrinth, it was Pasiphae who released them to make their famous escape on wings made by Daedalus.

In some accounts, Europa was the wife of the Minotaur.

She is sometimes depicted with four arms or with an elephant’s head.

**Parwati**
the Balinese version of Parvati
an aspect of Uma as goddess of tapas (see also Prawati)

**Parytholon** (see Partholon)

**Parzival** German
[Parzifal]
an opera by Wagner dealing with Percival’s search for the Holy Grail

**Parzival** (see Percival)
a 13th c poem, written by Eschenbach, dealing with Percival’s search for the Holy Grail

**Parzival** (see Pashabhrit)

**Paśabhrit** (see pasha)

**Pasahrit** (see Pashabhrit)

**Pasang** East Indian
an evil spirit
He turned himself into a mouse and was killed by the cat Gündupel.

**Pasaphessa** Greek
[Aphrodite] as queen of the underworld, ‘the shining one’

**Pasen** British
son of Urien

**Paschent** British
son of Vortigern and Renwein

When Vortigern was killed by Aurelius, Renwein arranged for Ambren to poison Aurelius. In another version, Paschent fled to Hibernia and later invaded Cambria with an army provided by the chieftain, Gilloman, who was angry because Merlin had stolen the stones of the Giant’s Ring. Paschent sent one of his men, Eopa, to penetrate the court in disguise where he found Aurelius ill and poisoned him. Uther defeated Paschent’s forces, killing both him and Gilloman.

**Pasha** Hindu
[passa]
a noose, a symbol of Bhairava

In some versions, Durga is depicted holding a noose.

**Pashabhrit** Hindu
[Passashrit]
a name of Varuna as ‘he who carries a noose’ (see also Pasi)

**Pashaján’’a** North American
[=Pueblo Poseyemvu-Tigua Puspiyama: =Zuni Pusahiyangkyo] the first man in the lore of the Keres tribe

**Pash-byte** Egyptian
the lioness-headed goddess of Tomba
cat-headed version of Sakhmet or Bast

**Pashupata** Hindu
the spear of Shiva

**Pashupata-yoga** Hindu
a collective name for later Shaiva doctrines

**Pashupati** Hindu
[Lord of Carle.Pasupati]
an aspect of Agni, Rudra or Shiva as god of animals

consort of Svaха, some say father of Sanmukha

**Pasi** Hindu
a name of Yama as ‘the noose-carrier’ or of Varuna as ‘judge’
(see also Pashabhrit)

**Pasiel**
a trickster-god of the Greek Indians

**Pasikola** North American
wife of Minos

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Aphrodite as queen of the underworld, ‘the shining one’

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(see also Pasiphaex2.Selene)

**Pasiphaex** Greek
a Cretan moon-goddess
Pasiphaessa

She was said to be the mother of a calf which changed colour from white to red to black each day.

In some accounts, she is the same as Pasiphae, wife of Minos.

Pasiphaessa (see Pasaphessa)

Pasiththa Greek one of the Graces, some say wife of Hypnus, in some accounts (see also Aglaia)

Passaleon British son of Estonne

He was an ancestor of Merlin and, as a child, was said to have visited hell. As a man, he killed Bruyan to avenge his father.

Passalus (see Basalus)

Passamun Afghan a Kafir rain-deity

Passe Brewell British the horse of Tristram

Passe-javre Baltic in Lappish lore, the sacred sea

Passe-jokka Baltic in Lappish lore, the sacred river

Passe-vare Baltic in Lappish lore, the sacred mountains

Passebreul (see Passe Brewell)

Passelande British a horse of King Arthur

Passover (see Pasch)

Pastour (see Nomius)

Pasupata (see Pashupata)

Pasupati (see Pashupati)

Patadharini Buddhist a guardian goddess of doorways

Patakoi Egyptian benevolent but deformed beings, children of Ptah

Phoenician sailors carried images of these dwarfish creatures as good luck charms.

Patakos (see Patakoi)

Patal Thai the underworld

This realm, ruled by Maiyarab, can be reached by sliding down inside the hollow stalk of the lotus.

Patala Hindu the underworld, a place of many pleasures

Patala has seven distinct regions, known as Atala, Mahatala, Nitala (or Patala), Rasatala, Sutala, Talatala and Vitala, each ruled by its own king. Beneath these realms are the various hells and Sesh'a the serpent that supports the world.

Others describe Patala as a magnificent house, home of the Asuras. (see also underworld)

Pataph (see Patal)

Patan Central American one of the lords of Xibalba

Patar a Greek the birthplace of Apollo, some say

Patar a Hindu the disc of the sun held by Vishnu

Patecatl Central American an Aztec god of medicine husband of Mayahuack

In some accounts, this deity is one of the gods of intoxication, the Centzon Totochtin, and is said to have discovered peyote.

Patek Egyptian [plur=Pateke] a protective spirit

Pateke (see Patek)

Pater Greek a name of Zeus as ‘father’

Paternus British [Palern] a Welsh bishop and saint

When King Arthur tried to take the saint’s cloak, the earth opened and swallowed the king and he had to plead for forgiveness before he was released.

Pathesi Mesopotamian a Babylonian prince-priest

Pathfinder (see Wepwawet)

Patinaya Nei Pacific Islands [Queen Mother] in the lore of the Moluccas, the first woman

She took the form of a banana tree and human beings were born from that tree.

Patissamana-cita Buddhist [‘uncertain reception’] a new appearance

This is the state that follows that of Cuti-cita, the moment of death.

Patoebka South American a Tupari spirit of the underworld

This shaman greets all souls arriving in the land of the dead, restores their sight and refreshes them with a drink of beer. He then presents them to the giants, Mpkakaro and Vaugh‘eh, with one or other of whom they are required to have intercourse.

Patol Central American husband of Alaghom Naun

Patollo (see Patollus)
kept him in heaven for 300 years. He then returned to earth carrying a whole branch of the sacred tree.

**Patrise**  
*British*  
[Patrice.Patrick]  
an Irish knight  
a Knight of the Round Table  
cousin of Mador

At a dinner given by Guinevere for twenty-four of her knights, Pinel planted a poisoned apple intended for Gawain who had killed his cousin Lamerock. The apple was eaten by Patrice who died on the spot. Mador accused the queen of murder and she was saved from the stake only by the intervention of Lancelot who killed Mador in single combat.

**Patrocles**  
*British*  
in Icelandic stories, a grandfather of Tristram

**Patroclus**  
*Greek*  
[Patroklos]  
son of Menoetius and Philomena

He inadvertently killed another youth, Clytonymus, over a dice game and was purified by Peleus. He became a close friend of Achilles and, when Achilles sulked in his tent at the siege of Troy, refusing to fight after a quarrel with Agamemnon, Patroclus put on the armour of Achilles and led a fresh attack on the city. He killed Sarpedon but was wounded by Euphorbus. He then came face to face with Hector and was killed. His death spurred Achilles back into action.

**Patroklos**  
(see Patroclus)

**Patshak**  
*Siberian*  
Ostiak spirits

These beings are the restless spirits of children who have been killed.

**Pattinidevi**  
*Hindu*  
a mother-goddess in Ceylon  
a guardian of marriage

She was a mortal who was wrongly executed for theft and later deified. In another account, she was born when a sacred arrow was fired into a mango.

**Patulcius**  
(see Janus)

**patupaiarehe**  
*New Zealand*  
[=Hindu aparasas-Japanese yosei: =Persian peri-Thurkis houris]  
fairies

**Pau-puk-keewis**  
*North American*  
a sorcerer who changed into a beaver and, later, into an eagle

**Pauahunt**  
*Central American*  
[Pauahunts]

He was envisaged as having four aspects, each supporting one corner of the world.

In some accounts, the name Pauahunts is regarded as that of a group of four gods.  

**Pauahunt**  
(see Pauahunt)

**Pauanne**  
*Finnish*  
a name of Ukko as god of thunder

**Paul**  
*Irish*  
a hermit  
He lived alone on an island and was kept alive by fish brought to him by an otter. When Brendan and his crew called at the island, he was able to direct them to the Land of Promise.

**Paul Bunyan**  
(see Bunyan)

**Paul et Virginie**  
*French*  
a pastoral tale by Bernadin de St Pierre

This story, about a pair of lovers raised in Mauritius, is based on the classic tale of Daphnis and Chloe.

**Paulomi**  
(see Indrani)

**Paulina**  
*Inuit*  
the spirit of the east wind

**Pauravas**  
*Hindu*  
the descendants of Puru ancestors of the Kauravas and the Pandavas

**Pautiwal**  
*North American*  
[=West Indies Zume]

**Pauane**  
(see Pauanne)

**Pauatamu**  
(see Payatami)

This being is described as part lion, part eagle, with horns and two pairs of wings.

**Pava**  
*Hindu*  
a name for Agni as purifier

**Pavaka**  
*Hindu*  
a Zuni lord of the underworld

**Pavanakeha**  
*Hindu*  
wife of Ugrasena  
mother of Kansa  
She produced a son, Kansa, after being raped by Drumalika but her husband agreed to rear the boy as his own.

**Pavor**  
*Roman*  
a deity, panic personified

**pawang**  
*Malay*  
a medicine man

These sorcerers act as mediums, prophets, controllers of weather, curers of sickness and are consulted before one embarks on any new project.

**Pawpaw Nan Chuang**  
*Burmese*  
brother of Chang-hko

In some accounts, he survived the flood as well as his sister.

**Pax**  
*Roman*  
[=Greek Eirene]  
the goddess of peace

She is depicted as a maiden with a cornucopia.

**Pay Zume**  
*South American*  
[a Paraguayan sun-god]

He taught his people the arts of agriculture and the chase.

**pa'yak**  
*South American*  
black beetles: supernatural spirits of the Toba Indians

**Payatami**  
*North American*  
[=Payatamu]

**Payetome**  
*South American*  
a culture-hero or god of ague

in Brazil

**Paymon**  
*Irish*  
one of the Cardinal demons (west)

He may be the same as Paimon.

**Paynal**  
*Central American*  
[=Little Paynal.Paynalton]

an Aztec messenger-spirit, attendant on Huiztilopochtli

**Paynalton**  
(see Paynal)

**Pazuzu**  
*Mesopotamian*  
an Assyrian monster

son of Hanpa

This being is described as part lion, part eagle, with horns and two pairs of wings.

**Pe-har**  
(see Bihar)

**Pe-kar**  
*Tibetan*  
a fiend  
patron of sorcerers  
(see also Bihar)

**Peace**  
*Roman*  
one of the 5 Appiades

**Peace Frodi**  
(see Frodi)
Peace Queen
(see Genetaska)

Peace Stead
(see Breidablikk)

peacock¹
Chinese
a sacred bird

peacock²
Greek
the bird sacred to Hera

peacock³
Hindu
the bird of Brahma, Laksmi and Sarasvati

peacock⁴
Roman
the bird sacred to Juno

Peacock Angel
(see Eblis)

peai
South American
a witch-doctor in Guiana

peai-man
(see peai)

Pea
(see Apollo.Asclepius.Paeon)

pearl
a lustrous deposit found in the oyster or other molluscs
This object is valued as a semi-precious jewel and appears in many myths.

In Borneo, they say that if a pearl is placed in a bottle with some grains of rice and the finger of a dead man is used as a stopper, more pearls will appear.

In China, it was said that some dragons could spit out pearls and, if dragons fought in the heavens, pearls could fall like rain.

Hindus say that pearls can be found in the head or stomach of elephants.

Some say that pearls lose their lustre with age, others that they become dull if the owner is ill.

Pearl powdered and dissolved in lemon juice, to form salt of pearl, was said to cure certain illnesses or act as an antidote to poison.

Pearl of Beauty
(see Fand)

Pearly Emperor
(see Yü Huang)

Pebolan
North American
the manitou of winter, in Algonquian lore

Pebin
Webb
father of Goewin

Pebble-rattler
North American
a wind-god of the Haida people

Pecchere
[King of Sessoeune.King of Tars. King of the Lake]
this person appears in some of the stories of King Arthur under various other names.

Pecos Bill
North American
a-culture-hero of the cowboys
He taught the cowboys all they needed to know, invented the six-shooter and, like Paul Bunyan, is said to have created the Grand Canyon.

Pedias
Greek
wife of Cranaus
mother of Athos and Cranae

pedomancy
[podomancy]
divination from the soles of the feet

Pedivere
British
a knight
Lancelot came upon this knight intent upon killing his own wife. He intervened but Pedivere nevertheless struck off his wife's head. Lancelot forced him to carry the head in his hand and the headless body on his back all the way to Camelot. He ended his life as a hermit.

Pedrawn
British
son of Bedivere
His son was also called Bedivere.

Pedro
Pacific Islands
a prince in the Philippines
husband of Chonguita
Chonguita was a monkey-woman and Pedro married her with great reluctance. As soon as they were wed, she turned into a beautiful woman.

peepul
(see bo-tree)

peer
(see paladin)

Pegasos
(see Pegasus)
Pegasus
Greek
[Aganippe.Pegasos:=Hindu Pagas]
the winged horse of Apollo
the horse of the Muses

This animal, fathered by Poseidon, sprang from the blood of Medusa when she was decapitated by Perseus. It was ridden by Bellerophon when he killed the Chimaera and, in some accounts, Perseus rode Pegasus when he rescued Andromeda from the sea-monster. It also carried the thunderbolts used by Zeus.

It is said that the fountain Hippocrene, on Mount Helicon, sprang from one of the horse's hoof-prints.

Pegomancy
divination from fountains and springs

Peichei
North American
a culture-hero of the Maidu Indians

Pei-chi
Chinese
[Chen(g) Wu.Pei-chi-chun]
a name for Huan Ti as Prince of the North Pole

Pei-chi-chen-chun
(see Pei-chi)

Pei-tou
Chinese
the Great Bear constellation regarded as the emperor's chariot

Peibaw
(see Peibaw)

Peibyn
British
father of Eiryn Wych

Peibaw
Welsh
son of Don, some say brother of Nyniaw
He and his brother quarrelled about the stars and their meanings and ended up by waging war on each other, devastating the country. They were both changed into oxen for their stupidity and were the animals that Ysbaddaden required Cullwch to get in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Peine
Greek
da goddess, hunger personified

Peiras
Greek
a son of Argus

Peirene
Greek
a spring to supply Corinth created by Asopus

Peirithous
Greek
[Peri-thous.Pirithoos.Pirithous. 'prancer']
king of the Lapiths
son of Ixion and Dia or Nephele or of Zeus (as a stallion) and Dia husband of Hippodamia father of Polytope

Peirithous
Welsh
Pei-chi
Chinese

Pei-chi-chen-chun
(see Pei-chi)

Pei-tou
Chinese

Peibiaw
(see Peibiaw)

Peibyn
British
father of Eiryn Wych

After the death of Hippodamia he helped Theseus in the abduction of Helen. Theseus won when they drew lots for Helen and accompanied Peirithous to Tartarus to demand Persephone as a bride for the loser. They were both trapped by Hades in the Chair of Forgetfulness and although Theseus was rescued by Hercules, Peirithous was doomed forever.

In some versions, only Theseus was trapped in the chair while Peirithous was bound to the revolving wheel to which Ixion had been bound.

Some say that he was killed by the
dog Cerberus, while other versions of the story say that the earth opened and swallowed him.

**Peiroun**  
*Chinese*
In Taiwanese lore, king of the island of Maurigasma
He received a warning that when the temple images of the gods Awun and Infonionioo changed to red, the flood would come and he was able to board a ship and escape.

**Peisinoe**  
*Greek*
one of the Sirens

**Peison**  
*Greek*
father of Ixion, some say

**Peitha**  
*(see Peitho)*

**Peitho**  
*Greek*
a title for Aphrodite
the goddess of persuasion
an attendant on Aphrodite
mother of Minthe by Coeytus, in some accounts
Some regard her as Aphrodite or her daughter.
In some accounts, she was one of the Graces.

**Peitho**  
*Greek*
a title for Aphrodite

**Peju’ipe**  
*Siberian*
guardians of animals

**Pek**  
*Central American*
the lightning-dog of the Maya

**Pekai**  
*Pacific Islands*
wife of Sido

**Pekar**  
*(see Bihar)*

**Peko**  
*Baltic*
[Pelonpekko-Estonian Peko] a Finnish corn-god

**Peko**  
*Slav*
the underworld

**Peko**  
*Baltic*
[=-Finnish Peko] an Estonian fertility-god

**Pela Orso**  
*European*
in some Italian stories, the fairy castle of Morgan le Fay

**Pelandok**  
*(see Kanchil)*

**Pelanduk**  
*(see Kanchil)*

**Pelasgi**  
*Greek*
[Pelasgians]
aboriginal Greeks

**Pelasgians**  
*(see Pelasgi)*

**Pelagus**  
*Greek*
the first man
son of Zeus by Niobe, some say husband of Cylene
father of Lycaon
He was said to have emerged from the soil and became the ancestor of the early Greek Pelasgi.
In some accounts, an ancient princess, ancestress of numerous tribes.

**Pelagus**  
*Greek*
a king of Argos
son of Agenor
brother of Iasius
He helped Danaus in his struggle with the fifty sons of Aegyptus who invaded his kingdom seeking to kill Danaus but instead married his fifty daughters.

**Pele**  
*Pacific Islands*
[=Per]
the volcano-goddess of Hawaii
goddess of fire
daughter of Kane Hoalani and Haumea
daughter of Mahuka, some say sister of Hiaka and Kapo
wife of Wahieloa and Lohiau
She was so unruly that her father sent her off to find her own house. She excavated for the foundations of a new home on many islands, finally building on Hawaii. It is said that the earlier excavations are the volcano craters of the Pacific region.

Another story says that she challenged a chief, Kahawali, to a race down the slope of a volcano on wooden sledges and erupted in fury when she lost. The winner escaped by boat.

Her first husband deserted her for another woman and Pele married the chieftain Lahiau. She left him soon after the wedding to prepare a new home but the message to say that it was ready took so long to reach him that he died. He was restored to life and set off with his attendants to go to Pele but once again it took so long that Pele lost patience and killed them all with fire.

Another variation says that she sent Hiaka to rescue his soul from the underworld. When Lahiau was restored to life, he fell in love with Hiaka so the jealous Pele poured lava over him and he died again. When he was once again restored to life by Kane Hoalani, Pele repented and gave him up to Hiaka.

**Pele Kolese**  
*Baltic*
a Finnish water-spirit
This being floated on its back as if drowning. Those who attempted rescue were attacked and killed.

**Pelear**  
*(see Bihar)*

**Peleiai**  
*Greek*
[=doves’] priestesses tending the oracle of Zeus at Dodona

**Peleias**  
*(see Pelian spear, Pelias’)*

**Pelenore**  
*(see Pellimore)*

**Pelesit**  
*Malay*
a spirit
Sorcerers are said to be able to evoke such a spirit, using the tongue of a newly dead baby, and use it in association with a polang against their enemies as a blood-sucking insect like a cricket.

**Peleur**  
*British*
the Welsh name for Peles, owner of the Grail Castle

**Peleus**  
*Greek*
[‘muddy’] a king of Phthia
son of Aeacus and Endeis
brother of Telamon
half-brother of Phocus
husband of Antigone and Thetis
father of Polydora by Antigone
father of Achilles by Thetis

He and his brother Telamon killed their half-brother, Phocus, and were exiled to Phthia by their father.
He was purified by the king, Eurytion, whose daughter Antigone he married, but he accidentally killed Eurytion during the hunt for the Calydonian boar. This time he was purified by Acastus, king of Iolcus, whose wife Hippolyta (or Astydamia) accused him of rape. Acastus tried to avenge this insult by taking his sword when Peleus fell asleep during a hunt but Peleus was saved from the Centaurs by Chiron and returned to the court where he killed both Acastus and Hippolyta.

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to Thetis, Eris threw the golden apple among the assembled guests, so setting in train the events that led to the Trojan War.

When he and Thetis disagreed over her attempts to make Achilles invulnerable by fire, she left him and returned to her home in the sea but they were later reconciled and he joined her in her underwater realm.

Zeus later gave him an army of Myrmidons and he seized the throne of Phthia. He set off to welcome his grandson Pyrrhus (Neoptolemus), safely returned from the Trojan War, and died in the journey.

**Pelham**
[see Pelham]

- a Knight of the Round Table
- husband of Nimue

At a tournament where he defeated 500 knights in three days, Pelles fell hopelessly in love with Ettard who had organised the contest. When she rejected his advances, he made a nuisance of himself and she sent her knights against him. He unhorsed ten in quick succession but then allowed himself to be tied under the belly of his horse and taken prisoner so that he could catch just another glimpse of his beloved. As soon as he was released, he did the same again. Gawain tried to help by going to Ettard in the armour of Pelles and telling her that he was dead but the plot failed when Gawain seduced Ettard and stayed with her for some time. Pelles, heart-broken, took to his bed and went into decline. Nimue found him in this state and put a spell on Ettard causing her to fall in love with Pelles. She then bewitched Pelles who rejected Ettard with scorn. Nimue then stayed with Pelles for their lifetime. In some versions, they married.

**Pelham**
[see Pelham]

**Pelles**

a name of Achilles as 'son of Pelus'
When Galahad reached the Grail at the end of his quest, he heard a voice from heaven telling him to anoint Pelles with blood from the Holy Lance. This washed away his sins and healed his wounds.

Pelles spent the last years of his life in a monastery. (see also Amfortas. Elyas. Fisher King. Henron. Nascien. Pellimore)

**Pellimore** British


Pellinor, Rich Fisher

Pellinor, a Knight of the Round Table

father of Aglovale, Alan, Dornar, Driant, Elaine, Lamerock, Melodiam, Nimue, Percival and Torre.

He issued a challenge to all-comers, killing Miles and badly wounding Griflet. He then jousted with King Arthur and defeated him. Merlin put a spell on Pellimore to save the king's life. He was later welcomed at the king's court and given a place of honour at the Round Table. At Arthur's wedding feast, he was sent to find the knight who had ridden into the hall and forcefully made off with the white bitch which had chased a white stag into the hall. He passed a damsel nursing a wounded knight but refused to stop and help her. When he found the lady, he found two knights fighting – Ontelake who was wearing a blood-stained cloak and won by night in the form of a disembodied head trailing intestines.

He was one of those who pursued the Questing Beast without success. He killed Lot and was himself killed by Gawain, Lot's son.

In some accounts, he is referred to as the Rich Fisher, is wounded in the thighs and is equated with Pelles; some describe him as the brother of Pelles; others equate him with Pelham.

**Pellinor** (see Pellimore)

**Pellinore** (see Pellimore)

**Pellonpecko** (see Pekko)

**Pelopea** (see Pelopia)

**Pelopia** Greek

| [Pelop] | a priestess |
| daughter of Thystes |
| mother of Aegisthus |

Her father raped her and she later married her uncle Atreus who raised the child of that union with her father, a boy called Aegisthus, as his own. When she found out that the masked man who had raped her was her own father she killed herself with his sword.

**Pelopids** Greek

the descendants of Pelops

**Pelopion** Greek

the grove of Pelops at Olympia

**Pelops** Greek

son of Agamemnon by Cassandra

twin brother of Teledamus

Odysseus took Cassandra and her two sons back to Greece after the fall of Troy. All four were killed by Clytemnestra and Aegisthus.

**Pelops** Greek

king of Pisa

son of Tantalus and Dione

brother of Niobe

husband of Euryanessa

or Hippodamia

father of Alcathous, Astydama, Atreus, Chrysippus, Copreus, Epidaurus, Lysidice, Nicippus, Pittheus, Syton, Troezen and Thystes

When Tantalus found himself short of food at a banquet he had laid on for the gods, he killed his son Pelops, cut him up and served him in a stew. The only one to eat any of the portions was Demeter (or Thetis, some say) who ate the shoulder. The gods restored Pelops to wholeness with Demeter contributing a new shoulder made of ivory and Poseidon carried the restored youth off to Olympus.

He fell in love with Hippodamia and won her hand after beating her father, Oenomasus, in a chariot race, driving a magic chariot given to him by Poseidon. Pelops had promised to allow Myrtilus, her father's charioteer, to sleep with Hippodamia, so persuading Myrtilus to sabotage her father's chariot. When it broke down, Pelops killed Oenomas and afterwards reneged on his promise to Myrtilus and kicked him into the sea. Purified by Hephaestus he assumed the throne of Pisa.

On his death he was taken up to Olympus as an immortal. Some say that he was carried off by Poseidon to be his cup-bearer.

**Pelorus** Greek

one of the 5 survivors of the Sown

Men known as the Sparti

**Pemba** African

[Femba. Great Thing. Njala]
a creator-god and tree-god of the Bambara: the primordial creation principle twin brother of Faro

He was made from the void and then created the world. He came down to earth as the seed from which an acacia tree grew. He made the first woman, Musso-koroni, from the wood of the tree and mated with her to generate men and animal life. She planted Pemba in the earth only for his brother, Faro the water-god, to dig him up.

(see also Faro 1)

**Pemphredo** Greek

[Pepefredo. 'spiteful']
one of the Graiae

**Pen** (see Kalamu)

**Pen Annwfn** Welsh

a name of Pwyll as 'head of Hades',

The name he assumed during his one-year tenure as king of the underworld when he exchanged roles with Arawn.

**Penanggal** Malay

a blood-sucking demon or witch

It is said that these demons are women who, by witchcraft, leave their bodies by night in the form of a disembodied head trailing intestines.

**Penardun** Welsh

daughter of Beli and Don

second wife of Llyr

wife of Euroswydd

mother of Bran, Branwen and Manawyddan by Llyr

mother of Efmsien and Nisien by Euroswydd

Some say that she was Beli's sister rather than his daughter. In some versions, she was the first wife of Llyr; others say Iweriadd was his first wife and mother of Bran and Branwen. She later married Euroswydd.

In some accounts, she was an ancestress of King Arthur.

**Penarwan** British

wife of Owain

**Penates** Roman

[Di Magni. Di Penates] household gods of the larder

Some say these deities were brought from Troy by Aeneas; some say they are Castor and Pollux; some identify them with the Cabeiri.
Penates of the Thunderer

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Odysseus won her as his wife in a foot-race.

When her son, Telemachus, was just a baby, Odysseus went off to fight in the siege of Troy. He was away for twenty years, the last ten of which were spent wandering at the whim of the gods.

Many men came to woo her, saying that Odysseus must surely be dead, and they refused to leave, slowly eating her out of house and home. She promised to give them an answer when she had finished a robe (or shroud) she was making but by night she unpicked all she had done by day so that it was never finished.

In one account, Penelope, believing that her husband was dead, threw herself into the sea but was saved by ducks.
Pepin2

[Pepon III. Pepin the Short]  
(715-768)  
king of the Franks  
son of Rother and Oda  
brother of Carloman  
husband of Aliste and Bertha  
father of Andri and Remfré by Aliste  
father of Carloman and Charlemagne by Bertha  
He was betrothed to marry Bertha but her old nurse, Magiste, substituted her own daughter, Aliste, and she became queen. When the deception was exposed some years later, Bertha, who had meanwhile sheltered with Pepin's cowherd, Symon, and his wife Constance, was installed in her proper position. 

In some accounts he was said to have abducted his nephew Valentine, brother of Orson.

Pepin1

(778-811)  
king of Italy  
son of Charlemagne  
brother of Charlot and Louis

Per-Ü-Ajit (see Edjo)

Péronu  
[=Bulgarin Perusun-=Estonian Piker:  
=Lithuanian Perkunus-=Polish Piuron:  
=Prussiana Perkonis-=Russian Pyuron:  
=Serbian Gronojit-=Slav Piron]

a Bohemian thunder-god

Percard  
[The Black Knight]

a knight  
This knight was killed by Gareth when he rode to the assistance of the lady, Lyonesse.

Perciefenst1  
[Beis]  
father of Bethides  
brother of Gaddifer

He was originally Beis, a man given the throne of Britain by Alexander the Great. He killed a magician called Damarat and became known as Perceforest thereafter. He founded a knightly order, the Knights of the Frane Palais, but when Bethides married Circe, she brought the Roman invaders who broke up the order and conquered Britain. He and his brother Gaddifer then retired to the Isle of Life.

Perciofrost1  
[Beis]  
a 14th c history of Britain in which Alexander the Great is said to have invaded the country and installed Perceforest as king

Percival  
a 13th c story of Percival's adventures written by Boron

Perceval  
(see Conte de Graal)  

Perceval1  
(see Parsifal.

Perchevaal  
the Dutch name for Percival

Perch  
(see Bertha)

Perchta  
(see Bertha)

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Percides  
a knight of King Arthur's court

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Percival de Gales  
In some versions, Percival, rather than Agloval, was the father of Moriaen.

(see also Dornel, Parsifal, Peredur)

**Percunis**

(see Perkonis)

**Perdiccas**

Greek

son of Temenus

brother of Archelaus, Creisu and Hynritho

His sister Hyrnetho married Deiphontes and, when Temenus showed that he preferred his son-in-law to his own sons, they killed him.

**Perdix**

(see Talos)

Pere

a Polynesian sea-goddess daughter of Haumea daughter of Tahinariki, some say wife of Wahiroa

She is said to have created the seas by pouring water from a jar given to her by her mother.

Pere

(see Pele)

**Peredur**

[Knight of the Mill. Longspear. The Dumb Knight. The Young Mute]

a knight of the Round Table

the Welsh version of Percival

the seventh son of Efraiw husband of Condiwiramur father of Lohenergrain

He was raised in seclusion by his mother who feared that he would be killed in fighting, just as his father and six brothers had been. Imbued with the spirit of adventure, he went to Caerleon armed only with a pointed stick. On arrival, he was greeted by a dwarf and his wife, neither of whom had ever spoken before in the court and they were ill-treated by Kay as a result. In some stories, a maiden who had never smiled takes the place of the dwarfs who had never spoken.

He killed a stranger knight who had assaulted Guinevere by throwing his pointed stick through his eye and took the knight's horse, weapons and armour, vowing never to return to the court until he had avenged the insult to the dwarfs.

At the Castle of Wonders his uncle showed him the severed head of his cousin and the spear with which he had been killed, so inciting Peredur to avenge his cousin's death. He fell in love with a maiden whose lands had been taken by a neighbouring earl and, by defeating the earl's forces, restored the property to its rightful owner. He spent three weeks at the witches' court studying the arts of horsemanship and weaponry.

In another version, the uncle was King Pécheur and the spear was the Holy Lance which he saw, together with the Holy Grail. Later, King Pécheur took these holy relics to 'a far country'.

King Arthur went searching for this young knight and when he found him, Peredur defeated many of Arthur's best knights in single combat, including Kay whose arm and shoulder were broken. He returned to Caerleon with Arthur and met Angharad Golden-hand and fell in love with her but went off to resume his adventures vowing not to speak until she came to love him. All the many men he overthrew on his journeying he forced to go to Arthur's court to submit to the king's will. He fought with a lion and a serpent and took the golden ring on which the serpent slept. At this stage of his career he was known as the Dumb Knight but on his return to Caerleon, Angharad Golden-hand declared her love and he was able to speak again.

In another adventure he met and killed the Black Oppressor, a one-eyed black man who told him how to find the Black Worm of the Barrow and then the Addanc of the Lake. He then defeated 200 of the knights protecting the Black Worm of the Barrow and killed the serpent. He used the stone held in the serpent's tail to make gold with which he paid the remaining 100 knights and then gave the stone to his attendant, Edlym.

The Addanc of the Lake killed the three sons of the King of Suffering every day and every evening their wives restored them to life by bathing them. On the way to the lake Peredur met a maiden who gave him a stone that would protect him from the evil Addanc. He killed the Addanc and cut off its head which he gave to the three princes.

At the court of the Countess of Achievements he defeated each of her 300 knights and won the hand of the Countess for Edlym. The maiden who had given him the magic stone which protected him in his encounter with the Addanc turned out to be the Empress of Constantinople or, in some accounts, Cristonabyl the Great, and, at a great tournament in her court...
Peredur Son of Efrawg

The adventures of Peredur, known as Peredur Son of Efrawg, are part of the Mabinogion, a collection of Welsh literature. Peredur is introduced as a perfect knight, seeking out the witches to kill them with the help of Arthur’s war-band. His uncle, the slain cousin who had appeared in many of his adventures in various guises including that of the ugly black girl, appeared to him. He was killed by the witches of Caer Llyw, and another black man killed all of them. Peredur sought out the witches and, with the help of Arthur’s war-band, killed all of them.

Peredur’s story is often recounted as a story from the Mabinogion relating the adventures of Peredur.

### Peredur Son of Efrawg
#### With
A story from the Mabinogion relating the adventures of Peredur

### Peredur

| Albanian storm-god
| [Perendri](#)

### Perendi

| (see Perendri)

### Perenu

| Slav
| [Norse Thor]

### Periplut

| Russian
| an ancient rain-god

### Pericus

| Greek
| son of Elatus and Laodice, brother of Aepytus, Cyllen and Stymphalus

### Perevida

| British
| in some accounts, mother of Galahad

### Perez

| Hebrew
| a spirit of the night

### Perfect Knight, The

| British
| a name for Galahad

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### Peredur's Adventures

- **Peredur the Perfect Knight**: His uncle and the slain cousin who had appeared in various guises, including that of the ugly black girl.
- **Killed by the Witches**: He was killed by the witches of Caer Llyw with the help of Arthur’s war-band.
- **Seeking Out the Witches**: Peredur sought out the witches and killed them with the help of Arthur’s war-band.
- **In Many Adventures**: Peredur’s adventures in various guises included many deaths and disappearances.

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### See Also

- **Percival**
- **Periander**
- **Pericles**
- **Perigune**
- **Pericles**
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- **Pericles**

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### Peredur's Name Origins

- **Peredur** in Albanian
- **Perendri** in Slavic (Norse Thor)
- **Periander** in Greek
- **Pericles** in Greek
- **Perigune** in Greek

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### Peredur’s Birth and Early Life

- **Father**: Efrawg
- **Uncle**: Peredur’s uncle showed him years before, so he set off to find the castle of Wonders once again.
- **Battle**: He set off to find the Castle of Lohenergrain, where he encountered another black man at the castle.
- **Loyalty to Arthur**: He helped him defeat the forces of an attacking earl and was killed by the witches of Caer Llyw.
- **Father's Spirit**: His dead father’s spirit told him a saying he had heard: “A gift to the gods is better than a gift to the devil.”

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### Peredur's Sacrifices

- **Silver Cow**: He saw a silver cow near the lake where he was bathing.
- **Steved Head**: He killed the crew who had tried to rob his protégé Arion.
- **Black Maiden**: He set off to find the Castle of Lohenergrain. At the castle he was attacked by a black man and then he encountered another black man who, unknown to Peredur, had appeared in many of his adventures in various guises including that of the ugly black girl. It appeared that he had been killed by the witches of Caer Llyw. Peredur sought out the witches and, with the help of Arthur’s war-band, killed all of them.

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### Peredur's Quest for Periboriwa

- **Origin**: The tribe is said to have sprung from drops of Periboriwa’s blood.
- **Character**: Periboriwa is a moon-spirit of the Yanomani.
- **Appearance**: In some accounts, her name is given as Merope.
over the River Brue and it was here that Excalibur was thrown back into the water.

**Perilous Cemetery** British a burial ground attached to the Perilous Chapel

Every time a knight was killed by the Black Hand a marble tombstone, bearing the knight's name appeared in the cemetery. Until the hand was struck by Gawain or Percival, the cemetery remained unconsecrated and was, as a result, haunted by ghosts.

**Perilous Chapel** British a chapel in Cornwall built by the queen, Brangemore

**Perilous Plain, The** Irish an area harbouring man-eating beasts Cuchulainn had to cross this plain to reach the fortress home of Skatha where he received his military training.


The only knight to occupy this seat without disaster was Galahad. It had earlier killed Brumart and, some say, had cracked when Percival sat in it but it was later repaired by Percival.

**Perimec** Greek sister of Creon wife of Lycimmus

**Perimedes** Greek son of Eurytheus killed by Heracles

**Perimel** Greek daughter of Admetus and Alcestis sister of Eumelus and Hipparus wife of Argos

**Perimones** British [The Red Knight] a Knight of King Arthur's court

He was defeated in single combat by Gareth.

**Perin** British a servant at King Mark's court

He was sent to ask King Arthur to adjudicate at the trial of Isolde

**Period of the Gods** Japanese a cycle of legends

**Perion**

**Perinis**

**Perionus**

Some depict him as a strong young man with a brown beard, others as an old man with an axe or hammer.

**Perkunos**

**Perlewo**

**Permessus** Greek a river-god

**Pern**

**Pernant of Inde**

**Perna**

**Pernehan**

**Peron**

**Peroun**

**Pero**

**Peroveta** East Indian prophet-songs in New Guinea

**Perpura** Slav a rain-goddess

**Persant of Inde**

**Pers**

**Persan of the Underworld** Greek a goddess of the underworld one of the Oceanids daughter of Oceanus and Tethys consort of Helios
mother of Aetes, Circe, Pasiphae and
Perses some say

Perse\(^1\) (see Percival)

persēa \(\text{Egyptian}\)
a tree of fate which bears heart-shaped fruit

Persēs \(\text{see Persēs}^2\)

Persephassa (see Persephone)

Persephone \(\text{Greek}\)

Pherephonae.Roman
Proserpina.Proserpine]

the name of Core as queen of the underworld (see also Core)

Persephone's Grove \(\text{Greek}\)

part of the underworld visited by Odysseus

Persepolis \(\text{Greek}\)

son of Telemachus and Nauciaea, some say

Perses\(^1\) \(\text{Greek}\)

son of Helius by Perse

He usurped the throne of Colchis, deposing Aetes, after Jason seized the Golden Fleece. He was killed either by Medea or her son Medus.

Perses\(^2\) \(\text{Greek}\)

son of Perseus and Andromeda

He grew up to be a great soldier and conquered much of the territory which came to be known as Persia.

Persēs \(\text{Greek}\)

[sacker]

son of Argos

son of Zeus by Danae

husband of Andromeda

father of Alceus, Electryon, Gorgophone, Helius, Mestor, Perses and Sthenelus

He was born as the result of a visit by Zeus, as a shower of gold, to Danae who had been imprisoned in a bronze tower by her father, Acrisius.

As a baby he was cast into the sea in a chest with his mother because his grandfather, Acrisius, had been warned that a son of Danae would kill him. The castaways came ashore on the island of Seriphos where they were sheltered by the fisherman, Dictys, brother of the king, Polydeuces. When the king tried to force Danae into marriage, Perseus undertook to bring him the head of Medusa as a wedding present if he married Hippodamia instead.

Armed with a sickle from Hermes and a bright shield from Athene and wearing the Helmet of Invisibility borrowed from Hades he flew in winged sandals to the land of the Hyperboreans where he stole the eye of the Gaiae and handed it back only when they told him where to find the Gorgons. He decapitated Medusa with one stroke, using the shield to see only her reflection—a direct sight would have turned him to stone. At once, the flying horse Pegasus and the warrior Chrysor sprang from the corpse.

Perseus turned several people to stone by displaying the head, including Atlas and Polydeuces who had been persecuting his mother, Danae, who had refused the king’s offer of marriage.

It was Perseus who decapitated the sea-monster, Cetus, which was about to devour Andromeda who had been chained to a rock by her father Cepheus to stone for an alleged slight to the Nereids. He married Andromeda and the wedding feast was interrupted by Phineus to whom Andromeda had been promised. In the ensuing fight, Perseus again used the Medusa mask to turn the intruder and 200 of his followers, including Amyx, Astyages and Thesclus, to stone. His own friend, Aconteus, was also petrified.

He inadvertently killed his own grand-father, Acrisius, with a discus hurled at the games and exchanged kingdoms with Megapenthes. In another story, Perseus attacked Dionysus, at the instigation of Hera, flying high in his magic sandals. As Perseus flew higher, Dionysus grew in stature until he reached the sky. Only the intervention of Hermes prevented the god from destroying the presumptious mortal.

Some say that he was killed by Megapenthes to avenge his father, Peresus, who had been turned to stone by Perseus.

When he died he was placed in the heavens near Andromeda and, in some accounts, was worshipped as a god.

Perseval (see Percival)

Persian Sibyl \(\text{Greek}\)
a prophetess

persēca \(\text{Greek}\)
a sacred rite in Gnosticism

Persids \(\text{Greek}\)
descendants of Perseus

Pertembru \(\text{Egyptian}\)
a collection of sacred writings

These were said to have been written by Thoth and contain, among other things, detailed instructions on the passage to the underworld.

Pertelepe \(\text{British}\)

[The Green Knight]
a knight of King Arthur’s court

He was defeated in single combat by Gareth who had ridden to the assistance of the lady, Lyonesse.

Peruda \(\text{South American}\)
a creator-god of the Tupi Indians

Perun \(\text{see Perno}\)

Peruna \(\text{see Perno}\)

Perusan \(\text{Slav}\)

[=Bohemian Peranu=] Estonian Piker:
[=Latvian Perkons=] Lithuanian Perkunam:
[=Polish Piorun=] Prussian Perkunas:
[=Russian Pyerun=] Slav Perno]
a Bulgarian thunder-god

Peruton \(\text{see Kere’etkun}\)

Peruwa \(\text{Mesopotamian}\)

[=Wiwa=]
a Hittite horse-god

Peryne de Monte \(\text{British}\)
a knight

When he heard that Harleus had been killed by the invisible knight, Garlon, he joined forces with Balin to continue the quest that Harleus had been engaged upon but he was also killed by Garlon.

Perys de Foreste Sauvage \(\text{British}\)
a villainous knight

He used to wait in ambush to waylay young maidens. One of these enlisted the help of Lancelot who killed the ravisher.

Peshdadius \(\text{Persian}\)
a legendary dynasty

The exploits of these kings, said to have ruled some time before 600 BC, are described in the Shab We. Name.

Pet \(\text{see Amenti}\)

peta \(\text{Buddhist}\)

the Pali version of pret(a)

Petalsharo \(\text{North American}\)
a Pawnee hero

He is said to have prevented the ceremonial sacrifice of captives.

Petara \(\text{East Indian}\)
a creator-god of the sea-Dayaks

a name for Shiva

petasus \(\text{Greek}\)

the winged travelling hat of Hermes

Petbe \(\text{Egyptian}\)
a god of revenge
Peteos

Peteos (see Peteus)
Peter de Roche
(see Bishop of the Butterfly)
Peter Klaus (see Klaus)
Peter Rugg North American
a wandering spirit in New England
For the blasphemy of swearing that a storm would not prevent him reaching home he was condemned to travel forever in his carrige between Boston and Hartford followed always by a thunderstorm.
Peteus Greek
an ancestor of the kings of Athens
dad of Menestheus
son of Orneus
Petipase of Winchelsea British
a Knight of the Round table
He was one of the twelve knights who helped Agravain and Mordred when they attempted to seize Lancelot in Guinevere’s bedroom. All except Mordred were killed by Lancelot.
Petitcruie British
a fairy dog
This tiny animal, said to have come from Avalon, was given to Tristan by Gilan. In other accounts, the dog was owned by the giant Urgar who was killed by Tristan so that he could get the dog as a present for Isolde.
Petra loa West Indian
malevolent Haitian voodoo spirits
This group of loa is said to be derived from spirits, etc. of San Domingo.
Petrashein (see Voinovitch)
Petrel North American
a water-spirit of the Tingit
This spirit was the original guardian of fresh water but Yet stole it to irrigate the barren earth.
Petro West Indian
a group of Haitian voodoo gods
(see also Dan Petro)
Petroc (see Petroc)
Petrock (see Petroc)
Petrocus British
Petroc(k),Petrok]
a 6th c Welsh bishop and saint
He lived as a hermit on Bodmin Moor and was said, by some, to be one of the survivors of the Battle of Camlan.
Petrog (see Petrocus)
Petronius Roman
a 1st c writer, author of Troiae Halosis
Petruk East Indian
son of Semar
brother of Gareng
Petrus British
a companion of Joseph of Arimathea
He came to Britain with Joseph and converted the people of Orkney where he married Camille, daughter of the king, Orcant.
Petsuchos Egyptian
a crocodile god (see also Sebek)
Petya Slav
the cockerel personified, in Slav myths
Peucadius Greek
son of Lycaon
brother of Daunus and lapux
He and his brother, having conquered the southern part of Italy, shared it between themselves.
Pey Tamil demon
These beings are said to drink the blood of the wounded or the dead.
Peyrap Cambodian
[=Hindu Vaishravana]
a version of Vaishravana
In some accounts, he takes the role of Kovero as ruler of the north.
Pfetan British
a dragon overcome by Wigalois
Phae Greek
the name of the Crommyonian sow
In some versions, she was the woman who kept the sow which, in other stories, was a boar, offspring of Typhon and Echidna.
Phaean (see Phaeacians)
Phaeacians Greek
[Phaeaceans]
a mythical island race on Phaeacia or Sceria
They were said to lead a life of great happiness, indulging in all forms of luxury. They owned ships that could guide themselves.
Phaedra Greek
[‘bright’.Phaidera.Pheidre]
dughter of Minos and Pasiphae
sister of Ariadne
second wife of Theseus
mother of Acamas and Demophon
Aphrodite caused her to fall in love with her stepson, Hippolytus. When he rejected her advances she handed herself accusing him of rape.
Phaedra1 (see Hippolytus)
Phaenna Greek
in some accounts, one of the Graces
Phaeron Greek
the first man, made from clay
by Prometheus
In some accounts he was the most beautiful youth made by Prometheus who kept the boy hidden instead of showing him to Zeus for his approval. This deception was exposed by Eros.
Zeus placed Phaenon in the heavens as the planet Jupiter.
Phaestus Greek
son of Talos, the guardian of Crete
Some say that he was the father of Rhadamanthus.
Phaethusa (see Phaetus)
Phaethon Greek
[‘bright’.Phaetona.Phaithon]
one of the horses drawing the chariot of Eos
Phaethon1 Greek
He is usually named as the son of Helius and Clymene but some stories have Rhode as his mother and Clymene as one of his sisters. Other versions say that he was the son of Cephalus and Eos. He persuaded his father to allow him to drive the chariot of the sun but lost control and came too low, scorching large areas of the earth and causing African tribes to turn black. Zeus slew him with a thunderbolt before he could do more damage. In some versions, Zeus had to send a flood to put out the fires caused by Phaethon.
His grieving sisters, Aegle, Lampetia and Phaethusa, whose tears became amber beads, were turned into poplars (or pine trees) and their lover Cynclus, king of Liguria, who collected his mortal remains and buried them, was turned into a swan by Apollo.
Phaethon1 Greek
[‘bright’.Phaetona.Phaithona]
son of Cephalus by Eos
He was carried off by Aphrodite whose priest he became.
Phaeton (see Phaethon)
Phaeton’s Bird (see Cynclus)
Phaetusa Greek
[Phaethusa]
daughter of Helius
sister of Phaeton
She and her sisters Aegle and Lampetia were turned into poplars (or pine trees) as they mourned the death of their brother, Phaeton.
Phaetusa Greek
[Phaethusa]
one of the Heliades
daughter of Danaus and Clymene
mother of Myrtilus by Hermes, some say
Phag Egyptian
a fish sacred to the Egyptians
Phags-skyes-po

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Tibetan

the Tibetan name for Virudhaka as guardian of the south

Phagu  
(see Holi)

Phaidra  
(see Phaedra)

Phaiathon  
(see Phaeton)

Phakel  
(Phakiel)

a spirit associated with the Zodiacal sign Cancer, the crab  
(see also Muriel)

Phakiel  
(see Phakel)

Phaland  
(see Volund)

Phalanthus  
(see Phalantus)

Phalanthus  
Greek

a Spartan said to have been saved by a dolphin

Phalaris  
Greek

a tyrant of Agrigentum

He had a bronze bull made by Perillus in which he could roast his victims. The first to be put to this torture was Perillus himself. His subjects, appalled at his cruelties, finally rose up against him and he was killed in the same way that he had killed Perillus.

Phaldror

a demon associated with oracles

Phaleg

one of the 7 Olympic Spirits, ruler of Mars

Phalerus  
Greek

son of Alcon

one of the Argonauts

Phalges  
Greek

a demon of judgement

Phallas  
Greek

a horse of Heraclius

Phallas  
(see Phallas)

Phan  
Thai

[=Greek Oedipus]

His father abandoned his son as a baby, hoping to frustrate a prophecy that the son would kill the father. The child was found by Phrom who handed the boy to her sister Hom to be reared. He was given the name Phan and, when he reached manhood, killed his own father and slept with his own mother who, too late, realised that Phan was her son.

Phan  
Thai

a king who bred elephant-tigers

Phanes  
(see Fan\'lao\')

Phansigar  
(see thug)

[phantasma:plur=phantasmata]  
an apparition

phantasma  
(see phantasm)

phantasmata  
(see phantasm)

phantom  
[fantons]

a ghost or apparition: experience of a vision

phantom fellow  
a person under the control of a goblin

Phantom Queen  
(see Morrigan)

Phantasos  
(see Phantasmus)

Phantasmus  
Greek

[Phantassos]  
the god responsible for dreams of inanimate objects

son of Hypnos

brother of Morpheus and Icelus

Phanus  
Greek

son of Dionysus

brother of Staphylus

one of the Argonauts

Phaon  
Greek

a ferryman

He ferried Aphrodite, who appeared in the form of an old crone, from Lesbos to Chios and was rewarded with youth and beauty. His rejection of Sappho resulted in her death when she threw herself into the sea from a clifftop.

Phaon  
[Shiverer]

a bird-god

Pharamond  
(see Faramon)

Phariance  
British

[Pharice]

a French knight

He and Lyonse met Ulfias and Brastias when the Britons visited France to enlist the aid of Bors and Ban on behalf of King Arthur.

He came to Britain as part of Ban’s army but was later banished for murder.

Pharien  
(see Phariance)

pharmakoi  
[=medicines]

the ashes cast into the sea at the festival of Thargelia

The ashes were originally those of two sacrificial victims but later were those of images made of dough. The ceremony was held to purify the city of Athens.  
(see also Pharmakos)

Pharmakos  
Greek

ill-luck personified

When disaster struck, the practice was to select a victim from amongst the ugliest citizens (in reality, this was an image) which was then burned to put an end to the troubles.  
(see also pharmakoi)

Pharmen-ma  
(see Hrmenamas)

Pharzuph

a demon of fornication

Phausius  
Greek

father of Apisao

Phayllos  
Greek

a leader of the Phocians

He is said to have seized the necklace of Harmonia from the temple of Athena to give to his mistress. His son went mad and set fire to her house, destroying both his mother and her treasures.

Phieasants

Japanese

a bird which is said to be the soul of a dead woman

Phebele

African

a primaeval male, created by Massim Biambre

He mated with the primaeval female, Mbeli, to produce the human race.

Phedre

French

a play by Racine telling the story of Phaedra and her step-son Hippolytus

Phegeus  
Greek

[Phiegeus]  
king of Psophis

father of Arsinoe

When her husband, Alcmaeon, went mad and deserted Arsinoe, Phegeus and his sons killed him and, when Arsinoe protested, he sent her as a slave to Agapenor, king of Nemea. He was killed by Acruman in revenge for the death of his father Alcmaeon at the hands of Phegeus and his sons.

Phegeus

Greek

a Trojan

son of Dares

brother of Idaeus

He was killed by Diomedes at the siege of Troy.

Phelim  
(see Felim)

Phelis  
(see Felice)

Phelot  
British

a knight at the court of the king of Northgales

He laid a trap for Lancelot and caught him unarmed when he climbed a tree to rescue the falcon owned by Phelot’s wife. Lancelot broke off a branch of the tree, felled Phelot, took his sword and lopped off his head.

Pheme

Greek

[=Roman Fama]

a goddess

rumour personified

In some accounts, Pheme was the daughter of Elpis; in others, Pheme was male and another aspect of Ossa.

Phemeus  
(see Phemus)
Phemios (see Phemus)
Phemus [Phemeus.Phemios]
Greek
a minstrel at the court of Odysseus
He was spared by Odysseus when he
slew the suitors of Penelope and was
required to provide music at the
celebrations that marked the hero’s
safe return after twenty years.

Phenios Greek
king of Salmydessus
When the Argonauts paused in their
tour to Colchis, he advised them in
their future. In return, Calais and
Zetes, drove off the Harpies who were
harassing him.

Pheredin (see Kakerdin)
Pherepatta (see Core)
Pheres [Phereus]
son of Jason and Medea
Pheres [Phereus]
son of Cretheus and Tyro
brother of Aeson and Amythaon
husband of Periclymene
father of Admetus and Lycurges

Pherephatta (see Persephone)
Pherephone (see Persephone)
phi [phi Greek]
Thot
a spirit of the dead

philamaloo bird [philamaloo North American]
fabulous bird

Philammon Greek
a poet and musician
son of Apollo by Chione
half-brother of Autolycus
father of Thamyris by Argiope
He was killed in battle by
Phlegyas when the Orphicmanns
attacked Delphi.

Philander European
a Dutch knight appearing in
Orlando Furioso

Philandros Greek
[Philandros]
twin brother of Phylacides
Both twins were abandoned at
birth but survived when suckled by
a she-goat.

Philanders (see Philandros)
Philémon Greek
husband of Baucis
He was a poor peasant but he and his
wife were the only ones to offer
hospitality to Zeus and Hermes on
their travels. While all their
neighbours perished in a flood, they
were rewarded with a wondrous new
house which they tended as a temple
to the gods until, in great old age, he
and Baucis were turned into trees, he
an oak, she a lyme, growing from
the same trunk, so that they were never
parted.

Philip Greek
a king of Macedonia
husband of Olympias
father of Alexander the Great

Philippon British
a king of England
father of Meliadice

Philippa Roman
the sword of Antony, a triumvir

philloylo (see philamaloo bird)

Philochorus Greek
a 3rd C BC mythographer

Philoctetes [Philoctetes]
a famous archer
one of the Argonauts
son of Poesas and Demonassa
It was he who, on the orders of his
father, set the torch to Heracles’
funeral pyre and Heracles bequeathed
his bow and arrows to him as reward.
Others say that the pyre was set alight
by Poesas.

He went with the Greek army when
it sailed to attack Troy but was left at
Lemnos, then uninhabited, when he
received a severe bite from a serpent
sent by Hera. Others say that he
dropped one of Heracles’ poisoned
arrows on his foot. Keeping the bow
and arrows given to him by Heracles,
he managed to survive by shooting
game. When Helenus foretold that
only someone armed with the bow of
Heracles could bring about the fall of
Troy, Odysseus and Diomedes
(or Pyrrhus, the son of Achilles)
returned to Lemnos and persuaded
Philoctetes to go back with them to
Troy where he was cured by the army
physicians Machaon and Podaleirius.
In his first action at Troy he shot and
wounded Paris who died soon
afterwards. He left the siege before it
ended and sailed to Italy where he
spent the rest of his life.

Philoctetes [Philoctetes]
a play by Sophocles dealing with the
archer’s return to help the Greeks
at Troy

Philoi Greek
a cowherd of Odysseus
He helped Odysseus in his fight with
the suitors of Penelope.

Philolaus Greek
son of Minos

Philomela (see Philomena)

Philomelus Greek
son of Iasion and Demeter,
in some accounts
brother of Pluto
He was said to have invented the
plough or the wagon.

When he died, some say that he was
placed in the heavens as Bootes; other
say that this was Icarius.

Philomena Greek
[Philomena]
daughter of Pandion, Poseidon or
Teleon by Zeuxippe
sister of Bute, Erechtheus and Proone
Her sister Proone married Tereus
but he preferred Philomena and,
pretending that Proone was dead,
persuaded Philomena to marry him.
When she discovered his deception,
Tereus cut out her tongue to prevent
her telling Proone.

In another version, it was Proone
whose tongue was cut out.

Whichever one it was communicated
with the other by weaving a message
into a tapestry. All three were turned
into birds. Since Philomena was
changed to the nightingale, a famous
singer, it seems more likely that it was
Proone who had her tongue cut out.

In other accounts, both girls melted
away in their own tears.

Philomène West Indian
[Maîtresse Philomène]
a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from
St Philomena

Philonoe Greek
[Anticleia.Cassandra]
daughter of lobates
wife of Bellerophon
mother of Deidamia, Hippolochus
and Isander

Philomone (see Philonome)
Philosophine British
in some accounts, wife of Gales and
mother of Percival

Philotanus a demon of sodomy

Philetos Greek
desire personified
daughter of Eris
She was opposed to Neikos, a version
of Aphrodite versus Ares.

philter (see philtre)
philtre
[philter]
a magic love-potion

Philyra Greek
one of the Oceanids
mother of Chiron by Cronus
She was seduced by Cronus who, when Rhea caught them together, changed both Philyra and himself into horses. The result was that her son turned out to be a Centaur, Chiron. In horror at the sight of her offspring, she prayed for deliverance and was turned into a linden tree.

Some say she lived with Chiron in his cave and helped him in his work as tutor.

**Philyrides** (see Chiron)

**Phineas** (see Phineus)

**Phineus**

- **King of Samydessus**
- **Prophecy**
- **Son of Agenor and Telephassa**
- **Father of Pandion and Plexippus**
  - by Cleopatra
  - by Maryandynus by Idaea

He married Cleopatra and, after her death, Idaea. She accused her two stepsons of attempted rape and Phineus blinded them.

Another story says that he took Idaea as his wife, not after Cleopatra's death but after he had shut her away in a prison. She was freed by Calais and Zetes who put her sons on the throne in place of Phineus and sent Idaea back to her own people.

He was blinded by the gods when he foretold the future too accurately for their liking or as punishment for maiming his sons and was harassed by the Harpies until Calais and Zetes turned to stone by the sight of the Spyphos.

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Phoenix

Arabian
[fenix=Chinese Feng.Feng Huan.Feng Huang.Luan=Egyptian bennu-bird: Greek Arabian Bird=Japanese hou]
a fabulous bird
This huge bird immolated itself at intervals of about 350 years (or 500, 1,000, 1,461 or up to 7,000 years) only to rise again from its own ashes.
Another story said that, although the bird bred in Arabia, it flew to Greece to bury its parents.
It was said to feed only on dew and was described as having a purple body, a gold neck and a blue tail. Anyone who found one of its golden feathers was sure to have good fortune. (see also simurg)

Phoenix

Greek
(Phoenix

a king of the Dolopians
son of Amyntor and Cleobule
When Amyntor took a mistress, Phoenix, at the prompting of his mother, seduced her. His father then banished him to Phthia where he became the tutor to Achilles and accompanied him to Troy. He survived the war but died on the journey home to Greece.
In another version, his father's concubine accused Phoenix of rape and his father blinded him. He was later cured by Chiron.

Phoenix

Greek
(Phoenix

son of Agenor and Telephassa
brother of Cadmus, Citlax, Europa, Phineus and Thassus
He and his brothers were sent to look for Europa when she was carried off by Zeus in the form of a bull and he was involved in the battle with the Centaurs at the wedding of Peirithous.

Phoenix

Greek
(Phoenix

son of Adonis and Alphesiboea

Phoenix

Greek

a poem about the fabulous bird, generally attributed to Lactantius

Phoenix

a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
This being is said to be able to teach poetry and the arts and appears in the form of a bird.

Phoenix

(see Ra-Atum)

Phoenix Empress

Chinese

a ruler met by Chuang-tzu in his wanderings

Phogor

demon said to take possession of humans

Phoibc

(see Phoebc)

Phoix

(see Phoenix)

Phol

Norse

a horse of Odin, in some accounts

Phol

Norse

a name for Balder

Phol

(see Vol)

Pholos

(see Pholus)

Pholus

Greek

a friendly Centaur
son of Silenus by an ash-nymph
While hunting the Erymanthian boar, Heracles stayed with Pholus in his cave. Other Centaurs, attracted by the smell of wine, attacked the cave and were driven off by Heracles. Pholus was killed when he accidentally dropped one of Heracles' poisoned arrows on his foot.

Phonic

devil, murder personified

offspring of Eris

phooka

Irish
[phooka.pouke.pecua=English pucca.Puck: Norse puki=Welsh pwea]
a mischievous hobgoblin
This hobgoblin, sometimes seen as an ass, a horse, a calf or a goat, or a combination of these, or as a ghostly black dog, is said to be a pre-Celtic deity, later downgraded.
Its favourite trick is to rise out of the ground between a person's legs and carry him off. At daybreak next day, the phooka throws his victim back, usually into the mud.
It is said that a phooka can give humans the power to understand the language of animals.

Phorbas

Greek

an Athenian hero
He was a companion of Theseus in his adventures.

Phorbas

Greek

a Phlegyan boxer
He challenged travellers en route to Delphi to a boxing match, killing them when he won. Apollo came in disguise and killed the killer.

Phorbas

Greek

king of Elis
son of Lapithes or Triopas
father of Augeas and Typhus, some say he was involved in the battle with the Centaurs at the wedding of Peirithous

and Hippodamia and is said to have rid Rhodes of snakes.

Phorcides

(see Phorcydes)

Phorcis

goddess of the dead

Phoros

Greek
Phorcos.Phorys.
Haegl.
Phorocos]
a sea-god
son of Poseidon or Pontus and Gaea or Nereus and Doris
brother and consort of Ceto
father of the Echidna, the Gorgons, the Graiae and Ladon
In some accounts he is the same as Glauceus, Nereus and Proteus. Some say that he was the father by Hecate of Scylla and by Sterope of the Sirens, the Tritons and Thoosa.

Phorcos

Greek

(see Phorcos)

Phorydes

(see Phorides)

Phorkos

Greek

the offspring of Phorcos and Ceto

Phorcydes

(see Phorides)

Phorcos

(see Phorcos)

Phorites

(see Phorcos)

Phoroneus

Greek

[Fearneus]
king of Argos
son of Inachus and Melia
brother of Aegialius, Argus, Panoptes and Io
husband of Cerdo
father of Car and Coronis
In some accounts, he was the first man and is credited with the invention of fire and building the city of Argos.
In some versions, he fathered Apis and Niobe on the nymph, Teleide, but some accounts make Niobe his wife.

Phosphor

(see Phosphoros)

Phosphoros

Greek
[Esophoros.Heosphoros.Phorphor(ous):

»Roman Lucifer"
god of light
god of the morning star
son of Astraus or Cephalus by Eos
brother of Hesperus
father of Ceyx

Phosphoros

Greek

an epitaph for Artemis and Hecate as 'bringer of light'

Phosphorous

(see Phosphoros)
Phra

(see Ra)
Phra In

[In=Hindu Indra]
a god of wealth and king of the gods
It is said that, to reward the people for good living, he created three wells from which they could obtain anything

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they wished. When some started to steal, he sent two giants who erected a huge column, the radiation from which restored nationwide virtue but eventually the people reverted to their old ways and Phra In sorrowfully had the pillar removed.

He appears at the Songkran festival to indicate future trends. If he is armed, the year ahead will be turbulent, a torch signifies hot weather, a pot foretells rain and a wand indicates peace.

Phra In Suen
the name for Shiva in Thailand

Phra Men
a sacred mountain

Phra Narai (see Narayama)

Phra Naret (see Apaturia)

Phra Sao
a god of ill-fortune, ruler of the planet Saturn

consort of Ananta Thewi

Phrasius
a Cyprian seer

son of Pygmalion and Galatea

He was sacrificed by his uncle Busiris to avert drought.

Phratra
(see Apaturia)

Phratrios
Greek

a name for Zeus as head of the clan

Phre
the divine part of the Threefold Man

Phrioxus
Greek

son of Athamas and Nephele or Themisto

brother of Helle

father of Argeus, Cytisorus, Melanion and Phrontis

His father's second wife, Ino, wanted Phrixus out of the way so that her own son could inherit the throne of Boeotia so she sabotaged the harvest and arranged for a message from the Delphic Oracle to say that only the sacrifice of Phrixus would secure the lifting of the plague.

In another story, his aunt Biadice fell in love with him and cried rape when he rejected her advances.

For one or other of these reasons, he was offered in sacrifice to Apollo by his father but was saved by Hermes and carried off with his sister on the back of a huge flying ram with a golden fleece, known as Chrysomallon, but Helle fell off into the sea (afterwards called the Hellespont) and was drowned. Phrixus sacrificed the ram to Zeus in gratitude for his escape. The fleece was hung off a tree in Colchis where it was guarded by a serpent that never slept and later became the subject of the famous quest by Jason and the Argonauts.

Phrixus married Chalciope, daughter of Aetes the king of Colchis, and, in some stories, was killed by Aetes who feared him as the stranger an oracle had prophesied would kill the king.

Phrontis
Greek

daughter of Etearchus, mother of Battus by Polymnestus

Having received instructions in a dream, the young prince captured a white elephant which he rode in battle when he defeated the forces of Khmer.

Phronime
Greek

[Boy-God]

a prince

Phryxus
Greek

son of Phrixus and Chalciope

brother of Argeus, Cytisorus and Melanion

He and his brothers were shipwrecked but were saved from drowning when they were picked up by the Argonauts.

Phryxus
Greek

a name for Iacchus by which he is distinguished from Dionysus, the Theban Bacchus

Phrygian Bacchus
Greek

a hunter of lacchus by which he is distinguished from Dionysus, the Theban Bacchus

Phrygian Sybil
Greek

a prophetess

Phryxus (see Phrixus)

Phthah (see Phthah)

Phthonos
Greek

[Zelos-Roman Invidia]

a god of envy or jealousy

Phthonos
Greek

spiteful envy, is distinguished from Zelos, admiring envy.

Phul
one of the 7 Olympic Spirits, ruler of the moon

Phul Mata
a mother-goddess

one of the saptamatras

Phuphlans (see Fuflans)

Phuon-onri
Egyptian

a priest of Apsis

Phyderi (see Pryderi)

Phyi-Sgrub
Tibetan

a Lamaist god

Phylacides
Greek

twin brother of Philandros

Both twins were abandoned at birth but survived when suckled by a she-goat.

Phylacus
Greek

a king of Phylace

son of Deion and Diomede

brother of Actor, Aenetus, Asteropha and Cephalus

husband of Clymene

father of Alceime

father of Iphiclus, some say

In some accounts, Clymene later became the second wife of Cephalus who fathered Iphiclus.

Phylacus
Greek

a hero of Delphi

He and Aegonos helped to save the city from the invading Persians.

Phylas
Greek

king of the Dryopes

When Phylas offended Apollo, Heracles overthrew him and enslaved his people, fathering a son, Antiochus, on Phylas's daughter.

Phylas
Greek

a king of Thespria

father of Aystoche or Astdamia in some accounts

In some accounts, he is called Phyleus.

Phylas
Greek

father of Polymede

Phyleus
Greek

eldest son of Augeas

brother of Agamede and Agasthenes

husband of Timandra
father of Mages
His father had promised to give Heracles a tenth of his herds for cleansing his filthy stables but reneged on the promise. When Phyleus supported the claim of Heracles, Augeas banished him from Elis and he became king of Dulichium. Heracles later wreaked vengeance on Augeas and he then installed Phyleus as king of Elis. In other accounts, Agasthenes became king.

Phyleus² (see Phylas²)
Phylla (see Psylla)
Phyllus Greek
a king of Thrace
father of Phyllis, some say
Phyllis Greek
a nymph
a Thracian princess
daughter of Sithon or Phylus, king of Thrace
She was in love with Demophoon who had returned safely from the Trojan War but, when he left her to visit Athens, she killed herself, thinking that he would never return. She was turned into an almond tree.

In some accounts, she married Demophoon; in others, she married his brother, Acamas, of whom a similar story is told.

She is sometimes identified with Artemis Caryatis.

Phyllus Greek
a lover of Cycnus
When he rejected Cycnus, the youth threw himself from a cliff and was changed into a swan.

Phylone Greek
daughter of Leda, in some accounts

Phylonome Greek
[Phalonome]
second wife of Cycnus
Tenes was the son of Cycnus by his first wife, Procleia. When he rejected his step-mother's advances, she told Cycnus lies about his son that caused him to abandon both Tenes and his sister Hemithia in a chest cast into the ocean. When Cycnus discovered that Phylonome had deceived him, he killed her.

Phynnoderee Manx
a helpful fairy or goblin

physiognomy
divination from the shape of facial features

Physiologus Greek
a book of mythical animals

Phytalmios Greek
a name of Poseidon and Dionysus as a god of vegetation

Phytalus Greek
["plantar"]
guardian of the spirit of the fig-tree
He was a mortal who entertained Demeter and, as a reward, was given the fig-tree.

Phytios (see Phytius)
Phytius² Greek
son of Orestheus
Phytius³ Greek
father of Ibysus
Phyto Greek
one of the Hyades, in some accounts

Pi-chia-na Chinese
a 5th c disciple of Sakyamuni
He returned to earth to help mankind and was found in a hawk's nest by a woman, Chu, who reared him as her own. He became a monk and took the name of Pao-chih. He was reputed to have the power to be in several places at once.

p'î-han Chinese
a type of dragon often used in effigy as prison guards

Pi-hsia Yüan-chun Chinese
[Chen.Holy Mother.Lady of T'ai-shan.
Princess of the Motley Clouds.Turquoise (Cloud) Princess.Yu Ni.Shen Mu]
In the Battle of Mu, she was trapped in a magic box which, when later opened, contained only water and blood. (see also Keng San Ku-niang)

pi-hsieh Chinese
a flying animal like a lion with horns

Pi-hsieh Ch'ien Chinese
an ornamented coin used as a talisman to ward off evil
one of the Eight Precious Things

Pi Kan Chinese
a 12th c mortal deified as Ts'ai Shen, a god of wealth
When, as a mortal, he criticised the emperor, he was killed and his heart was cut out.

In some accounts, the emperor wished to discover whether the heart of a sage has seven holes in it. (see also Chao Kung-ming)

pi-pi Chinese
a fox with wings which made a honking sound like a wild goose

piache (see peai)
piai South American
[pajé,piaiaman,piay,Araracuan
machi]
a sorcerer of the Carib and Guarani peoples (see also lukuman)
piaiman (see piai)
piao (see ch'-liin)
Piast Polish
[Prince Piast]
a wheelwright who became king of Poland
He was a poor wheelwright who generously entertained two strangers. It turned out that these men were angels and they kept their promise that his cellars would always be full of mead. They also helped him to become king.

piay (see piai)
Picmenius British
a fictitious king of England

Piccollos (see Picullus)
Pict Scottish
a dwarf living underground
pictun Central American
a period in the Mayan time scale of some 8,000 years

Picullus European
[Picollus]
an underworld-god of Prussia

Picumnus Roman
a god of marriage
brother of Pilumnus
He was one of three deities present at the birth of a child to ward off any advances by Silvanus. He ground the grain while Intercidona chopped wood and Deverra did the sweeping.

In some accounts, he is the same as Picus. (see also Picus.Sterculius)

Picus Roman
["woodpecker"]
a fertility god and god of agriculture
first king of Latium
son of Saturn
son of Pilumus, some say father of Faunus by Canens
He was betrothed to Canens but the nymph Circe fell in love with him. When he rejected her advances, she changed him into a woodpecker. Others say that he changed himself into a woodpecker and made oracular pronouncements or that he was the son of Pilumnus who proclaimed oracles by tapping on wood and was later turned into a woodpecker, the
sacred bird of Mars. Some say that he helped the she-wolf to rear Romulus and Remus.

**Picvu’cin**  
*Siberian*  
a god of the hunt of the Chukchee people

**Pidarai**  
(see Pidray)

**Pidray**  
*Canaanite*  
a fertility-goddess consort of Baal-Sapon  
mother of Tiy

**Pie**  
(see Papa Pie)

**Pic Angalo**  
*West Indian*  
a Haitian voodoo spirit

**Pic Dumballa**  
(see Damballah Wedo)

**Pied Piper**  
-European-
the man who rid Hamelin of rats
When the burghers of this German town refused to pay the fee he asked for ridding the town of a plague of rats, he played another tune on his pipe that enticed all the children of the town to follow him to the hill Koppenberg which opened at their approach and entombed them forever.

Some say that he was the god Odin in his role as leader of spirits.

**Picus**  
*Greek*  
son of Pyrrhaus and Andromache  
brother of Molossus and Pergamus

**Pien Ho**  
*Chinese*  
the sixth of the Ten Yama Kings

**Pien Ho**  
*Chinese*  
a minor deity, patron of dealers in precious stones
It is said that he presented two kings with pieces of jade. They, not knowing it was genuine, assumed that it was false and each of them cut off one of Pien Ho’s feet.

**Pier-le-pont**  
*European*  
the castle of Aymon

**Pierian spring**  
*Greek*  
a spring on Mount Olympus associated with the Muses
The waters of this spring were said to confer poetic inspiration.

**Pierides**  
*Greek*  
[sing=Pieris]

daughters of Pierus
These nine maidens challenged the Muses to a contest and, being defeated, were changed into magpies, jackdaws or wrynecks.

**Pierides**  
(see Muses)

**Pieris**  
(see Pierides)

**Pierre**  
*French*  
[Knight of the Silver Keys]
son of a count of Provence

He fell in love with Magdelona when he saw her picture and set out to win her hand by knightly deeds. Rather than marry suitors chosen by her parents, Magdelona eloped with Pierre, taking with her all her jewels, including the ring Pierre had given her. The bag containing the jewels was taken by a raven which dropped it into the sea and Pierre nearly lost his life in an effort to retrieve it. Magdelona, thinking that Pierre had deserted her, sailed to Provence where she established a hospital on an island, tending the poor and the sick. Pierre’s parents were confirmed in their belief that their son was dead when his ring turned up in the belly of a fish served at their table.

In fact, Pierre had been saved from drowning by a pirate-ship and sold to a sultan who treated him well and eventually set him free, giving him much wealth as a reward for faithful service. En route to Provence, Pierre was inadvertently stranded alone on an island and fell ill but was rescued by sailors who took him to Magdelona’s hospital where he was reunited with his beloved whom he married.

**Pierus**  
*Greek*  
a king of Macedonia  
husband of Eippe  
father of Hyacinthus by Clio  
father of Oeagrus  
husband of Euippe

**Pierus**  
*Greek*  
a Thracian fighting at Troy
He killed Diore, leader of the contingent from Elis.

**Pietas**  
*Roman*  
a goddess, respect personified

**pig**  
a mammal with bristly skin and cloven feet, found in many parts of the world, sometimes domesticated for food
(1) In the East Indies, the Sumatrans say that the souls of the dead are incarnate in wild pigs.  
(2) The Egyptians regarded the pig as unclean and capable of causing leprosy if eaten, except when used as a sacrifice at the midwinter festival.  
(3) In Greece, the pig was a sacred animal, said to have suckled Zeus.

(4) In Irish lore, the sea-god Manannan gave the Danaans pigs which, killed and eaten one day, were restored for the following day.  
(5) Some North American tribes regard the pig, who lives, they say, on the moon, as a bringer of rain.

**Pig Fairy**  
(see Chu Pa-chieh)

**Pig Island**  
(see Muic Inish)

**Pig-sty**  
*Welsh*  
a name given to Culhwch reflecting the fact that he was born in such a place

**Pigeons**  
*Greek*  
a name for the priestesses of Zeus at Dodona

**pigmy**  
(see pgmy)

**pigobara**  
*Pacific Islands*  
a bloody ghost
This spirit was regarded as the soul of a woman who had died in childbirth.

**Pigs of Manannan**  
[Mucca Mhanannain]  
food of the gods
These were pigs which, killed and eaten one day, were restored for re-use the next day.

They were one of the three gifts from Manannan to the Danaans; the others were the Feast of Giobhniu and the Veil of Invisibility.

In some accounts, these animals are the same as those given by Easal to the Sons of Turenn.

**Pigsy**  
(see Chu Pa-chieh)

**Piguerao**  
*South American*  
a sacred hero of the Incas son of Guamansuri twin brother of Apocatequil

**pigwidgin**  
[pigwidgen]  
a dwarf: a fairy

**pigwidgen**  
(a) a bloody ghost

**pigwidgen**  
(b) a female animal

**Piker**  
*Baltic*  
[=Bohemian Peranu=Bulgarian Perusan:  
=Finnish Pitkainen = Latvian Perkons:  
=Lithuanian Perkunos = Polish Piorun:  
=Prussian Perkonis = Russian Pyerun:  
=Serbian Gromovit = Slav Peroon:  
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**Pilgrim**  
*Welsh*  
a name given to Culhwch reflecting the fact that he was born in such a place

**Pile**  
*Welsh*  
a name given to Culhwch reflecting the fact that he was born in such a place

**Pilgrim**  
(see Guenu-Pillan)

**Pilgrim**  
*Norse*  
brother of Ute
**Pilgrimage of the Chariot**

**Pilgrimage to the West**

Piltzintecuhtli

Central American

Pilos

Greek

a name for Zeus as guardian of moral law

Pilzintecuhtli

Central American

Pillars of Hercules

Greek

[Herculus Columnae]

rocks set at the entrance to the Mediterranean by Hercules en route to seize the cattle of Geryon, now Gibraltar and Ceuta

One version says that the world was saucer-shaped with a rocky wall all round to keep out Ocean, the surrounding river. Geryon had climbed over the wall and swum to his island retreat and Hercules, searching for him on his fifth Labour, battered a gap in the wall and sailed through. The exposed sides of the gap are the Pillars of Hercules, now the Straits of Gibraltar.

Pilos

Greek

a name for Zeus as guardian of moral law

Pilzintecuhtli

Central American

a sun-god

a name of Tonatiuh as Young Prince

In this role he married the daughter of Xochiquetzal and begot the first humans, Cipactonal and Oxomoco.

Other accounts say that he was the son of Oxomoco and Cipactonal.

Pillnamus

Roman

a guardian-god of bakers and the newborn brother of Picumnus

father of Daunas by Danae

father of Picus, some say

His symbol is a mortar and pestle.

Pilwiz

(see Biliwis)

Pilzintecuhtli

(see Pilzintecuhtli)

Pimentola

Swedish

[Sarajas]

the gloomy home of the dead

Pimiko

Japanese

a queen, one of the Kannushi

Pimplea

Greek

[Thale(i)a]

a nymph

wife of Daphnis

She was abducted by pirates and sold as a slave to a king, Lityerses. Daphnis, who loved her, was challenged by Lityerses to a reaping contest but Heracles took his place, won the contest and killed the king. Daphnis married Pimplea and was made king of Phrygia in place of Lityerses.

In some accounts, her name is given as Thalia.

Pin-lou-lo-lo-sui-shih

Chinese

one of the Eighteen Lohan

He is equated with the second Pindola.

Pin-tu-lo-po-lo-to-she

Chinese

one of the Eighteen Lohan

In some accounts, he is equated with Pindola the Bharadvaja and is depicted as riding on the back of a tiger.

Pinabel

European

a treacherous knight

son of Count Anselm

His wife had been carried off by Atlantes and he enlisted the help of Bradamante to get her back. He led her towards the castle in which his wife was held but when he discovered that Bradamante was a member of a family which his own people had long regarded as enemies, he abandoned her in a cavern from which there was no escape.

When Gano was tried for treachery, Pinabel was matched in single combat with Roland’s squire, Thiedric, to determine Gano’s fate. Thiedric won and Gano was condemned to death.

Pinahua

South American

an Inca king

In one story of the origins of the Incas, the land was divided into four parts, each with its own king, when the waters of the flood subsided. One was Pinahua who took the west; the others were Colla, Manco Capac and Tocay.

In some accounts he is Ayar Oca.

Pinaka

Hindu

Shiva’s bow or trident

Pindar

Greek

a 5th c B.C. poet

He wrote a number of works celebrating victory in the various games instituted in memory of the great heroes, etc.

Pindola

European

an adviser to Charlemagne

This was the name taken by one of Charlemagne’s Pleiad.

Pindola

Buddhist

[Pindola the Bharadvaja:

=Japanese Binzuku:

one of the Eighteen Lohan

one of the 4 Bikshe

He was said to have a very powerful voice and the ability to fly. His emaciated appearance was due to his diet – bricks and stones – which he had to endure as punishment for his sins in an earlier existence.

He is depicted with a staff and an open book.

Pindola

Buddhist

[Pinaka the Bharadvaja.

Kanakabharadvaja—Chinese

Ko-no-ka Po-li-to-she—Japanese

one of the Eighteen Lohan

He is depicted as having a lot of body hair.

Pinebender

British

(see Sinis)

Pinel le Savage

a Knight of the Round Table

cousin of Lamorack

To avenge the death of Lamorack at the hands of Gawain and his brothers, Pinel planted a poisoned apple to kill Gawain at a dinner given by Guinevere for twenty-four of her knights. The apple was eaten by Patrice who died instantly and Mador accused Guinevere of murdering his cousin. After Guinevere had been saved from the stake by Lancelot who defeated Mador in single combat, Nimue proclaimed Pinel’s guilt and he fled the country.
Pinga' Inuit
a supreme goddess

Pinga' (see Durga.Kali)

Pingala Buddhist
son of Hariti

To punish Hariti, who seized and ate children, the Buddha hid Pingala so that his mother thought she had lost him for ever. When the Buddha returned the boy, she became a convert.

Pinikir (see Pinikirz)

Pinner British
a king of England, in some accounts
He was killed by Molmutius.

Pinning British
the black magic rite of pushing a pin into damp soil to prevent a man from urinating

Pinon South American
a culture-hero who became the constellation Orion
son of Temioua

Pinorante British
a knight
He was one of the 100 knights fighting for Lisuarte against 100 knights of the Irish king, Cildadan.

Piochan Irish
a noble
He entertained the scholar Anera on his journey to the castle of Cathal, the king affected by the Hunger-beast.

Pirua1 South American
a culture-hero of the Tupi Indians
son of Temioua
It is said that he became the constellation Orion.

Pintara Pacific Islands
a creator-god in Bali

Pinus Roman
son of Numa Pompilius
brother of Mamercus and Pompo

Pinikirz (see Pinikirz)

Pisce (see Pischas)
Pisce (see Pischas)

It is said that he became the constellation Orion.

Pinikirz

Pinikirz Persian
an Elamite mother-goddess

Pinna North American
delicious bird

Pinnai Hindu
the Tamil version of Niladivi

Piparko North American
a culture-hero who became the constellation Orion
son of Temioua

Pipinoukhe North American
a sky-god of the Montagnais people
brother of Nipinoukhe

Pipoun North American
a demon overcome by Indra

Pipu Greek
a sky-god of the Montagnais people
brother of Nipinoukhe

Pipo Latin
a servant of Ollanta

Pipinoukhe North American
a sky-god of the Montagnais people
brother of Nipinoukhe

Pipiri Pacific Islands
the Polynesian name for Castor

Pipoun (see Pipinoukhe)

Piprou Hindu
a demon overcome by Indra

Pipul English
a bo tree

Pipling British
a king of England, in some accounts
He was killed by Molmutius.

Pipuri Czech
an Elamite mother-goddess

Pipuro South American
a Pueblo spirit of sickness and sorcery

Piru English
a Pueblo spirit of sickness and death

Piru1 South American
the celestial form of Manco Capac
mother of the maize-goddess
Mama Cora

Pirwa Italian
a 13th c writer who compiled Arthurian legends

Piscas (see Pischas)
Pisakas (see Pischas)
Pisci (see Pischas)

The constellation of the fishes, known to the Babylonians as Nanu, to the Arabs as Hut, and to the Chinese as Ten Tzu (the Pig) or Shuang Yu (Two Fishes), was said in classic mythology to represent Cupid and Venus who were carried off by fishes, or turned into fishes, to escape the monster Typhon.

Pisce Persian
a king
His magic spear was said to have come down to Lugh.

Piscay British
in Cornwall, a night-flying moth

These beings are regarded as ghoulish demons of the graveyards, feeding on corpses. In some accounts, they are said to be able to enter the body of mortals. (see also Parma-Savari)

Pishogue Irish
[sphooge, shpogy]
sorcery

Pishogue (see pishogue)
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Pishgar British
a Cornish name for a pixie

Pischas (see Pischas)
Pishim (see Pischas)
Pishumi (see Pischas)
Pisistratus Greek
a Pueblo spirit of sickness and death

Pisistratus Greek
son of Nestor and Anaxibia or Eurycle

Pisky British
a name for Zeus as guardian of covenants

Pisuhand (see Puuk)
Pita Hindu
a Brahmin deity embodying creation, preservation and destruction

Pitaka Buddhist
any one of the 3 sections of the Buddhist scriptures
(see also Tripitaka)
Pitaka2

Pitaka2 (New Zealand)

a Maori hero
He became famous for killing two of the huge ocean-dwelling monsters known as taniwhas.

Pitamaha (Hindu)

a name for Brahma as ‘Grandfather’

Pitane (Greek)

a nymph of Sparta
mother of Evadne by Poseidon
She was raped by Poseidon and bore Evadne.

Pitao Coozobi (Central American)

a Zapotec maize-god

Pitana (Persian)

a monster slain by Keresaspa

Pitar (see Pitri)

Pitara (Hindu)

a consort of Shiva
a navasakti
an aspect of Kali

Pitazi (South American)

a servant of Naymap who acted as his master’s trumpeter

Pitcher (North American)

in Algonquian lore, a rogue
Gluskap caused Pitcher to be stuck in a tree and then turned him into a toad.

Pithastan (Hindu)

the site of a shrine built in honour of Sati
When Sati died, Shiva scattered parts of her immolated corpse far and wide. Where these pieces fell to earth, shrines in her honour were built.

Pitkainen (Baltic)

[Plaksha (Hindu) on 7 island continents (see Motlaba Basetsana)]

Pitkainen (see Pitkainen)

Pitri1 (Hindu)

[father’.Pitar(a)]
a spirit of the dead: an ancestor
As in life, these beings are segregated into classes such as the vairagis and somapas. It is said that they live in the realm of Yama and feast with the gods.

Pitri1 (Hindu)

sons of gods

Pitri-Loka (Hindu)

one of the 7 realms of the universe, home of the ancestors
This realm is also referred to as Tapu-Loka.

Pitripiati (Hindu)

[Lord of Ancestors] a name for Yama in his role as the one who receives the souls of the dead

Pitriyana (Hindu)

the way of the dead

Pitsanukkon (Thai)

one of the sky-lords, the Thens
He came to earth when the flood waters receded and taught the new races the arts of metalworking and weaving.

Pittacus (Greek)

one of the Seven Sages

Pithecus (Greek)

a king of Troezen
son of Pelops and Hippodamia
brother of Troezen
father of Aethra
He made Aegaeus drunk when he came to his court and allowed him to sleep with his daughter, Aethra, who became the mother of Theseus.

Pitu Salla (South American)

guardian of Yma Sumac

Pitcher (New Zealand)
a Maori demon

Pityocampes (see Sinis)

Pityreus (Greek)

a king of Epidaurus

Pitys (Greek)

[Pytis]
a pine-nymph
Pan fell in love with this nymph but Boreas became jealous and hurled her to her death from a cliff. She was turned into a pine tree.

Pixie (British)

[pisky.pixy]
a small, mischievous fairy who sometimes leads travellers astray
To avoid being led astray by a pixie, one should carry a piece of bread or turn one’s coat inside out.

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Pixys

Pitysaharana (Hindu)

a god of medicine
an incarnation of Vishnu

Pizlimtec (see Ah Kin Xoc)

Place of Seven Caves (South American)
in Aztec lore, the place where the tribes which emigrated from their homeland, Atzlan, split up and went their separate ways

Place of Sleep (see Houhou)

Place of the Dark (North American)

the underworld of the Klamath Indians

Place of the Reeds (see Arzlan.Sekher-Aaru)

Place of the Sun (Australian)

the site where the Dinggawuli sisters and their brother landed when they came over the sea from the island of the dead

Place of Thorns (see Huitzilampa)

Placentia (afterbirth)

Placa (Greek)

wife of Laomedon, in some accounts (see also Strymo)

Placidas (British)

a French knight
He and Grasian were left in charge when Bors and Ban brought their armies to Britain to help King Arthur in his battles with the rebellious barons.

Plain Feather (North American)
a young hunter
He was taught the arts of the hunter by his guardian spirit, an elk.

Plain of Adoration (see Moyslaught)

Plain of Aei (Irish)

the site of the battle between Donn, the Brown Bull of Cooley, and Whitehorn, the Bull of Connaught

Plain of Asphodel (Greek)

part of Hades

Plain of Indoc (see Mag Indoc)

Plain of Muithemne (Irish)

the site of Cuchulainn’s fortress home, Dun Dealgan

Plain of Towers (see Moytura)

Plain of Two Mists (see Mag da Cheo)

Plain of Women (see Motlaba Basetsana)

Plaksha (Hindu)

one of the 7 island continents (see Dvipa)

Platia (Greek)

[Clashing Rocks.Wandering Rocks] rocks that could move of their own accord
These rocks were said to close on and crush any ship passing between them, as did the Symplegades. Some accounts say that there were two sets of such rocks, one at each end of the Mediterranean.

Plant of Immortality (see Ling Chih)

Placidae (Greek)

the fairy inhabitants of an invisible islet off the coast of Wales

Plant Rhys Ddwfn

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These beings are said to be very tiny but they can grow to human size when they visit the world of men.

Plutina Britich
daughter of Elinus and Pressina
sister of Melior and Melisande

Plastene (see Ino)
Play-eye West Indian
an evil demon

This being takes the form of a dog with eyes which seem to grow larger the longer one looks into them.

Plateia Greek
the Greek name for Prithivii

Platus Roman
(c. 254-184 BC)
a dramatist
He wrote some twenty comedies, including Captivi and Amphitrion.

Ple Malay
a deity, companion of Karei

Pleasant Plain, The (see Mag Moll)
Plegrus Norse
a lover of Blenizbig

In the Icelandic version of the story of Tristram and Isolde, he was killed by Kalegras who became Blenizbig's lover, fathering Tristram.

Pleaid (see Charlemagne's Pleaid)
Pleaides' Greek
[Seven Sisters. Weepers: Egyptian Seven Hathors]
daughters of Atlas and Pleione or Aethra half-sisters of the Hyades

These seven daughters, Alycone, Celaeno, Electra, Maia, Merope, Sterope and Taygete, were changed into doves and set in the sky as stars to escape Orion who had pursued them relentlessly.

Others say that they died of grief at the death of their half-sisters, the Hyades or when their brother Hylas was killed in a hunting accident. In this story, their number varies from seven to ten.

As descendants of Atlas they are sometimes referred to as the Atlantides. (see also Hesperides. Nysaeian nymphs)

Pleiadese North American
[=Siberian Urgel]
a northern constellation

The Blackfoot tribe regard the stars as lost children who, through poverty, were compelled to seek refuge in the heavens. The Cherokee regard this group of stars as the home of the star-spirits, the anitsutsa, which the Huron refer to as Huti Watsi Ya.

The Inuits say that they represent a group of hunters and their dogs who chased a bear (the Great Bear) into the sky.

Pleione Greek
[Queen of Sailing]
a nymph, one of the Oceanids mother of the Hyades and the Pleiades by Atlas (see also Aethra)

Pleisthenes Greek
[Plisthenes]
son of Pelops or of Atreus and Cleoilla son of Thyestes and Aerope, some say husband of Aerope father of Agamemnon and Menelaus, in some accounts

Plenorus Britich
a Knight of the Round Table

Pleuron Greek
son of Aetolus brother of Calydon

Plexippos Greek
son of Thestius brother of Althaia and Toxeus

He was one of the party hunting the Calydonian boar and objected when the pelt was awarded to Atalanta. For this, both he and his brother Toxeus were killed by Meleager.

Plexippos' Greek
son of Phineus and Cleopatra brother of Pandion

His father took another wife, Idaea, and put Cleopatra and her sons in prison. They were freed by Calais and Zetes who killed Phineus and put the brothers on the throne of Salmymessus. Plexippos and his brother later handed over the kingdom to their mother and joined the Argonauts.

Plisthenes (see Pleisthenes)
Plough, The (see Great Bear)
Ploughing Oxen (see Great Bear)
Plouton (see Plutus)
Plumed Serpent (see Guacamatz) Plunkus (see dingball)
Plur n Ban Irish
[Flower of Women]
daughter of Oisin and Niam

Pluriphlegethon (see Phlegethon)
Plutarch Greek
a 1st c philosopher and writer
He wrote Parallel Lives, Romulus, etc.

Pluto Greek
a Titaness daughter of Cronus and Rhea daughter of Himantes, some say

Pluto' Greek
one of the Oceanides, some say daughter of Himas mother of Tantalus by Tmoilus or Zeus

Pluto' a name of Hades as 'wealth-giver'
(see also Thanatos)

Pluto' [-Greek Hades] a god of the underworld son of Saturn and Ops

Pluto' a demon
In black magic he is one of the Grand Dignitaries, lord of fire.

Pluton (see Plutus)
Plutos (see Plutus)
Plutus' Greek
[Pl(o)ton, Plutos] a god of wealth son of Iasion by Demeter brother of Philomelus

He was abandoned as a baby and reared by Erenee. He was blinded by Zeus who disapproved when he discriminated in favour of the righteous.

He is regarded as the guardian of underground treasures and is depicted as lame or, sometimes, with wings.

Plutus' Greek
a play by Aristophanes in which Plutus has his sight restored

Plutus' a god of wealth

Pluviators African
rain-making magicians of the Burundi

Pluvius (see Jupiter Pluvialis)
Plyteria Greek
a festival in honour of Athena
During this festival, statues of the goddess were washed and adorned. (see also Calunteria)

pneuma the universal soul or spirit

Po' Pacific Islands
[‘darkness’] the primaeval void
offspring of Ilu and Mamao

Po united with Ao to produce Rangima and Rangiuri or, in some accounts, Tangeroa and Te-as.

In some accounts, Po is the underworld.

Po' a white horse with a single horn
Unlike the pai-ma, this beast had a black tail and the teeth and claws of a tiger.

p'o' Chinese
the spirit which maintains the body: the physical soul

It is said that each person has seven p'o
three hun, another type of soul.
respects are not paid at the funeral, the spirit can become a kuei.

**Po Hsien**

(see Fugen)

**Po I-kao**

*Chinese*

son of Wen Wang

His father had been put in prison by the emperor, Chou Wang, and he tried to persuade this evil ruler to release his father by sending costly gifts. The emperor's concubine, T'a Chi, made advances to Po but he rejected her. When he tried to tell the emperor of her wickedness, Chou Wang had him killed and chopped into small pieces which, made into pies, were served to Wen Wang in his prison cell.

Po I-kao was immortalised as the ruler of the polar constellation.

**Po Lao-yeh**

*Chinese*

[a minor deity]

He, together with Hei Lao-yeh, is an assistant to Ch'eng-huang, the god of Walls and Moats, reporting on events occurring during the day.

**Po-lo-to-she**

(see Pin-tu-lo)

**Po-shai-an-k'ia**

(see Poshayyangkyo)

**Po-shih**

*Chinese*

a 2nd c BC priest

He arranged for the emperor to see the fabulous sea-monster, Chan, and also caused a bridge to rise out of the sea to allow the emperor to visit the land of the rising sun. When one of the emperor's entourage upset the god of the seas, the bridge sank back under the waves.

**Po Ti**

*Chinese*

[White Lord]

a sky-god responsible for the west

**Po-to-lo**

*Chinese*

[Tan-mo-lo-po-t'o] the Chinese version of Tamra Bhadra

**Poc side**

*Irish*

an elf-shot

**pochard**

this duck features in Russian and Siberian lore as a god (if white) and a devil (if black)

**Podaleirius**

*Greek*

[a physician]

son of Asclepius and Epione

brother of Hygeia, Machaon and Panacea

husband of Syma

It was he or Machaon who cured the archer Philoctetes when he rejoined the Greek forces at Troy. His brother was killed but he survived the war.

On his way home to Greece, he was shipwrecked in Asia Minor and rescued by the goatherd, Bybassus. Here, the king's daughter, Syrna, had fallen from a roof; Podaleirius cured her injuries and married her.

**Podalirius**

(see Podaleirius)

**Podarces**

*Greek*

son of Iphicles

brother of Protessilas and Clymene

He was the leader of the Thessalians in the war with Troy.

**Podarces**

(see Priam)

**Podarge**

*Greek*

[swift-foot']

a horse of Hector
dam of Xanthus

In some stories, Podarge was one of the Harpies who became the mother of Achilles' horses, Balius and Xanthus.

**Podoga**

*Slav*

a god of air

**podomancy**

(see pedomancy)

**Poe Mpalaburu**

*East Indian*

a name for Vishnu in Sulawesi

Poema del Cid

*Spanish*

a poem describing the exploits of the legendary hero, El Cid

**Poeas**

*Greek*

[Poias]

one of the Argonauts

son of Thaumacus

husband of Demonassa

father of Philoctetes

In one story he is said to have killed the bronze giant, Talos, with an arrow. Others say that it was he, rather than Philoctetes who applied the torch to Heracles' funeral pyre and was rewarded with the hero's bow and arrows.

**Poemen**

*Greek*

one of the gods of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Poemen, tore him to pieces.

**Poemen**

*Greek*

[goddess of punishment]

**Poenas**

*Greek*

[Poias] one of the Argonauts son of Thaumacus husband of Demonassa father of Philoctetes

In some stories, Podarces was immortalised as the god of the Polar constellation.

**Poena**

*Greek*

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**Podaleirius**

*Greek* a minor deity

**Pohja**

*Baltic*

the ruler of the Finnish underworld, Pohjola, is an evil spirit

**Pohjanakka**

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**Poke Mpalaburu**

*East Indian*

a sacred ball game of the Maya

*Poker Boys**

*North American*

spirits of the Pueblo tribes

**Poko-ha-rua-te-po**

*Poker Boys*

*Central American*

-a name for Vishnu in Sulawesi

Pol1* (see Pol)

*a Cornish saint*

chaplain to King Mark

When he left for Brittany, Pol asked Mark for one of his handbells but the king refused his request. Later, a Breton fisherman, cutting open a fish, found one of the bells inside and gave it to Pol.

Pol2 (see Pol)

*Poland*

a goddess of healing

one of the 6 sisters of Shitala

(see also Shitala)

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Poltergeist

[thorybism] 

a mischievous, noisy spirit alleged to throw things or move them about

Polys

Greek 

a king of Aeolus 
brother of Sarpidon 

He entertained Heracles after his ninth Labour.

Polubos

(see Polybus) 

Poludeces

(see Polydeuces) 

Poludnitsa

Russian 

a field-goddess  

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Poludnitsa

[Poludnitsa:=Polish Poloznitza: ] 

a female spirit 

She is said to play pranks on workers in the fields.  

In some accounts she is a violent being whose mere touch causes death.  
Her preferred victims are children and women who have recently given birth. 

Polukalai

Afghan 

a Kafir goddess of animals 

Poluzenas

(see Polyxenusa) 

Polyanx

Greek 

a king of the island of Melos 

He died with no heirs and the throne was given to Menestheus. 

Polyboea

Greek 

a goddess 

sister of Hyacinthus 

In some accounts, she is identified with Artemis or Core. 

Polybotes

(see Polybutes) 

Polybus1

Greek 

[Polobos] 

king of Corinth 

husband of Periboea or Merope 

He raised Oedipus as his son when the boy was abandoned by his real father, Laius. 

Polybus2

Greek 

[Polobos] 

a king of Sicyon 

son of Hermes by Chthonophyle 

father of Lymanassa 

Polybutes

Greek 

[Polyboutes] 

one of the Earthborn Giants 

son of Uranus and Gaea 

He was killed during the battle between the giants and the gods when Poseidon threw part of Cos at him, generating a new island, Nisyros. 

Polycaste

Greek 

daughter of Nestor 
wife of Telemachus, some say 

Polycaste2

Greek 

sister of Daedalus 

mother of Talos 

Polycrates

Greek 

a tyrant of Samos 

lover of Bathylus 

To forestall the ill-fortune prophesied by Amasis, he threw a valuable ring into the sea. Soon afterwards, he found the ring in the stomach of a fish. He was killed by Oroetes who envied his good fortune. 

Polydaemonism 

[polydemonism] 
belief in supernatural powers 

(see also animalism, animism) 

Polydamas

Greek 

son of Panthous 

brother of Euphorbus and Hyperenor 

He was involved in the fighting at Troy and acted as adviser to Hector. He advised him not to meet Achilles in combat but was ignored. 

Polydamna

(see Polydamnia) 

Greek 

wife of Thone 

Her husband was a governor of the mouth of the Nile and it was said, by those who maintained that the real Helen was safely installed in Egypt during the Trojan War, that Polydamna gave Helen the drug nepenthe to make her forget her troubles and her former life and also taught her the art of medicine. 

Polydeuces1

Greek 

[Poludeuces] 

a king of Seriphos 

son of Magnes by a nymph 

brother of Dictys 

Dictys had rescued the infant Perseus and his mother Danae from the sea when they were cast afloat in a chest by Acrisius. Later, Polydeuces wanted to marry Danae and Perseus undertook to bring him the head of Medusa for a wedding gift if he would marry Hippodamia instead. In the event, Danae rejected him with the result that he harried both her and Dictys. Perseus brought him the head as promised and displayed it before Polydeuces who was then turned to stone.
Polydectes  

[Poludektes]  

Greek  

a king of Sparta  
brother of Lycurgus  

Polydectes  

[Poludektes]  
a name of Hades as ‘he who receives many’  

Polydectes  

[Poludektes]  
son of Phineus and Cleopatra  
brother of Polydorus  

In some versions these brothers are referred to as Crambis and Oryithus.  

Polydorus  

[Poludoros.]  

Greek  

son of Priam and Hecuba  
or Laothea, some say  
brother of Iliou  

He was sent for safety to Polymestor, king of Thrace, who had married Iliou, a sister of Polydorus, when the Greeks attacked Troy but he was treacherously killed when he was burying some treasure. A grove of trees grew from the handles of the spears that killed him.  

In another story, Polydorus was brought up by his sister, Ilione, as her own son, though some say that Ilione was his aunt, Hecuba’s sister. She passed off her own son, Deiphylus, as Polydorus and her husband, Polymestor, killed his own son in mistake for Polydorus who then induced Iliou to kill Polymestor.  

Yet another account says that Polymestor took Polydorus to Troy and offered to return him to Priam in exchange for Helen. When the young Trojan killed for the treasure that he was attempting to bury to keep it out of Greek hands. At the fall of Troy, Hecuba was given to Odysseus and when she learned from him what had happened to her son, she attacked Polymestor, tore out his eyes and killed his children.  

In some accounts, Iliou, sister of Polydorus, passed the youth off as her own son and saved his life at the expense of her son Deiphylus who was killed by his own father.  

In another version, Polymestor took the boy to Troy and offered him back to Priam in exchange for Helen. When the offer was refused, Polymestor killed Polymedes.  

Polyneices  

[Polunikes.]  

Greek  

a king of Thera  

he who  

Polymastus  

[Polymnestor.]  

Greek  

a condition resulting in the formation of additional breasts, said to indicate virginity  

Polyneus  

(see Polyneus)  

Polynius  

(see Polyneus)  

Polyneus  

Greek  

a king of Thera  

father of Battus by Phronime  

Polyneikes  

Greek  

[Polunikes.]  

see Polyneus
co-king of Thebes with Eteocles
one of the Seven Against Thebes
son of Oedipus and Jocasta
brother of Antigone,
Eteocles, Ismene
husband of Argia
father of Thersander
father of Timeus, some say
After the abdication of Oedipus, his
two sons agreed to rule in alternate
turns. Eteocles refused to hand over
the throne at the end of his year and
banshied Polyneices. Some accounts
say that there were two other sons –
Adrastus and Timeus.

When he led the Argives to attack
Thebes he faced his brother, Eteocles,
and the Hyspiatian Gate. They fought
in single combat and each killed the
other. Creon refused to allow the body
of Polyneices to be buried but
Antigone defied the decree and buried
him secretly by night.

Polyneices (see Polyneices)
Polyenices (see Polyneices)
Polyphemon (see Procrustes)
Polyphides Greek
king of Sicyon
a prophet
Polyphem (see Polyphemus)
Polyphemus¹ Greek
[Polphem(ous).Polyphem]
a king of Crissus
one of the Argonauts
son of Elatus
Polyphemus was left behind in Mysia
when searching with Heracles for the
missing Hylas. He became king of
Crissus and was killed in battle with
the Chalybians.

Polyphemus² Greek
[Polphem(ous).Polyphem]
a Cyclops
son of Poseidon by Thoosa
He trapped Odysseus and twelve of his
men in the cave where he lived when
they came ashore on their way home
from Troy. Four of them he ate but the
others got away (by hanging beneath
the sheep that shared the cave with
him when he took them out to pasture)
after Odysseus had made him drunk
on wine and then blinded him with a
fire-hardened stake. He seems later to
have regained the sight of his one eye
(perhaps as a result of Poseidon's
power) and fell in love with a nymph,
Galatea, who just teased him. She fell
in love with Acis but even when
Polyphemus killed Acis she failed to
return his love.

Other versions say that this affair
preceded his encounter with Odysseus.

Polyphantes¹ Greek
king of Messenia
He took over the throne of Messenia
when Cresphontes was killed in a
rebellion. He also took over Merope,
the wife of the former king, who, with
her son Aeptus, brought about the
death of Polyphantes.
He and Melampus were together
when a snake bit one of his slaves.
Polyphantes killed the snake and
Melampus found its young and reared
them, learning from them the speech
of animals and birds.

Polyphantes² Greek
character to Laus
He was driving Laus, father of
Oedipus, when they came across
Oedipus on the road. They failed to
realise who he was and Polyphantes
drove the charriot over Oedipus' foot.
Oedipus, in a rage, killed both
Polyphantes and his father, whom he
did not recognise, together, in some
accounts, with several attendants.

Polyphantes³ Greek
son of Odysseus and Callidice
Odysseus travelled to Thesprotia
after he returned from his wanderings
and married Callidice, fathering
Polyphantes. When Callidice died,
Odysseus returned to Penelope,
leaving his son as king of Thesprotia.

Polybotes³ Greek
son of Perithous and Hippodamia
He was one of the leaders of the
Lapiths in the war against Troy.

Polyzena Greek
[‘hospitable’.Polyxena]
daughter of Priam and Hecuba
Achilles fell in love with her and they
were betrothed during an interval in
the fighting at Troy. It was then
that Paris fired the arrow which
killed Achilles.

In another account, she persuaded
Achilles to relate the story of his
vulnerable heel and told Paris who
stabbled Achilles in the heel at his
wedding to Polyxena.

In one version, Polyxena killed
herself on his tomb in grief, in
another she was killed on Achilles'
grave by the victorious Greeks when
the city fell.

Polyxenus Greek
[Poluxenos]
son of Agasthenes
He was a leader of the forces from Elis
fighting at Troy.

Polyx¹ Greek
[Poluxo]
wife of Tlepolemus
She hated Helen because her husband
had been killed in the Trojan War so,
when the ship carrying Menelaus and
Helen called at Rhodes on the return
journey to Greece, she attacked their
ship. Menelaus placed a slave girl,
disguised as Helen, on the deck and
the Rhodians killed her.

In another story, Helen went to
Rhodes after the death of Menelaus
and Polyx and was hanged by the
followers of Polyx. Some say that
Polyx strangled Helen.

Polyx² Greek
[Poluxo]
nurse of Hyspiatle
She caused the women of Lemnos to
kill their husbands who had left their
wives because they gave off a foul
odour brought on by Aphrodite who
felt that they had neglected her
worship. Polyx later advised the
women to mate with the visiting
Argonauts to ensure the continuity of
the race.

Polyx³ Greek
[Poluxo]
one of the Hyades, in some accounts

Pombado Indian
devil-dancers
These people claim to exercise only
the highest class of demon, the bhutas.

Pomegranate¹ Greek
the food of the dead
It was alleged that Core had eaten the
seeds of the pomegranate and she was
required to spend some of her time in
the underworld as a result.

Pomegranate² Japanese
the symbol of Kishimono-jin, the
protectress of children

Pomona Roman
the goddess of fruit and orchards
wife of Vertumnus
She resisted the approaches that
Vertumnus, in many different guises,
made to her but finally relented and
married him.

Pomona Roman
a place sacred to Pomona

Pomonus Roman
[Pupdike] 
an early Italian creator-god
Pomparles  (see Perilous Bridge)
Pompius  (see Numa Pompius)
Pompo  Roman
son of Numa Pompius
brother of Manercus and Pinus
Pon  Siberian
[Par-mo:pon-ti'-boi.Pon-yu'lec]
a creator-god of the Yakughir people
Pon Okikurumi  Japanese
[Aeoina Kamui.Ainu-rak-ku]
son of Okikurumi and Chikisani
He is regarded as the first man, ancestor of the Ainu, who descended from heaven.
Pon-o'moc  Siberian
a name of Pon as ‘he who became good’
Pon-ti'boi  Siberian
a name of Pon as ‘rain-maker’
Pon-yu'lec  Siberian
a name of Pon as ‘he who becomes dark’
ponaturi  Pacific Islands
sea-fairies: flying ogres
Ponemah  North American
the land of the hereafter in the lore of the Iroquois
It was to this land that Hiawatha sailed in his canoe when his work on earth was done.
Pongo  Italian
a sea-monster of Sicily
pongyi  Burmese
[=Pali thera]
a senior monk
Pono-Kamito  North American
in the lore of the Blackfoot tribe, the horse
When they first encountered horses, introduced into America by the Spaniards, they thought of them as large dogs.
Ponos  Greek
a deity, oil personified offspring of Eris
Ponphyoi  Burmese
one of the original nats, created by Chinun Way Shun
Pons Perilis  (see Perilous Bridge)
Pontia  Greek
a name for Aphrodite of calm seas and navigation
Pontiac  North American
a chief of the Ottowa Indians
He is said to have related a tale of a brave who met a sky-god who urged the Indians to resist the Redcoats.
pontianak  (see pontianak)
pontica  a stone said to have the power to repel demons or to conjure them up to answer questions
pontix  Roman
a high priest
In the temple of Vesta he was Pontifex Maximus, in charge of the vestal virgins who kept the sacred flame alight, and it was he who flogged those who allowed the flame to go out.
Pontos  (see Pontus)
Pontus  Greek
[Pontos]
a sea-god
son of Uranus and Gaea or of Erebos and Nyx
husband of Thalassa
father of Brionaeus, Eurybia and Nereus
father of Ceto and Phorcos, some say 'popka' (see phooka)
Pookhgyoya  see Poquanghoya
Poopo  South American
a sacred lake in Bolivia
Poor Leper  (see Nanautzijn)
poplar  Greek
a tree of Hercules: the tree into which Hades turned the nymph Leuce: in some accounts, the sisters of Phaeon, grieving at his death, were turned into poplars
Poplifugia  Roman
a festival in honour of Jupiter, held on July 5th
Popocatepetl  Central American
an Aztec sacred mountain, site of the worship of Tlaloc
Popul Vuh  Central American
Mayan sacred writings
The first section deals with the destruction of man by fire and flood and the war between the gods and the giants; the second deals with the killing of Hunhunapu and Vukub-Giants; the second deals with the killing of Hunhunapu and Vukub-Hanapu by the lords of Xibalba; the last part deals with the origins of the modern races.
Poquanghoya  North American
[Little Smiter.Poquanghoya. Pu'ukonghoya]
a Hopi war-god
a culture-hero
son of the sun-god
Twin brother of Palongahoya
He and his brother Palongahoya were created by Kokyangwuti to protect humans from demons. These twins are the equivalent of the Zuni Ahayuta Achi.
Porcus Troit  (see Twrch Trwyth)
Pora  East Indian
daughter of Marupi
sister of Aro
wife of Pipi Korovu
Pore  South American
[Pura]
a creator-god of the Indians of Guyana
Poremitius  (see Poremitius)
Poremitius  Slav
[=Poremitius.Porevit.Porovitu] a four-headed god, an aspect of Santevit
son of Poren
Porevit  (see Poremitius)
porgu  Baltic
the Estonian hell
Poro  African
a Mende secret society for men
(also Sande)
Poros  (see Puru)
Porovitu  (see Poremitius)
Porphyroon  Greek
[=purple']
a leader of the Earthborn giants
son of Uranus and Gaea
He was killed by Hercules or Zeus in the battle of the giants with the gods or by Zeus for attempting to rape Hera.
Porrec  (see Porrex)
Porrex  British
[Porrec]
son of Gorbudoc and Judon
He quarrelled with his brother Ferrex over the inheritance of the British throne and killed him. His mother and her maid cut Porrex to pieces as he slept.
Porsena  (see Lars Porsena)
Port-hozjin  Baltic
[Ort-hozjin.Port-kuguza. Port-kuvo.Port-oya]
a Lappish household spirit
This spirit, which appears as a dog, lives in the fireplace.
Port-kuguza  (see Port-hozjin)
Port-kuvo  (see Port-hozjin)
Port-oya  (see Port-hozjin)
Porte  German
son of Etzel by his first wife
brother of Sharpe
Porthon  (see Porthus)
Porthus  Greek
[Porthon]
a king of Calydon
husband of Euryte
father of Agrias, Alcathous, Melas
PORUS
Portuguese Iliad

Portunalia

Roman

a festival in honour of Portumnus, August 17th

Portuncul

Portunicus

Portune

Portus

Portus

Portus (see Portumnus)

Portzumach

French

a king in Brittany

His story is the retelling of the story of Midas.

His ears were those of a horse. He was shaved by a friend and the friend told the riverbank. When reeds, gathered from the riverbank, were made into musical pipes, they betrayed the secret.

Poseidon

Greek

[Asphalios, Earthshaker, Enosichthon, Enosigaitos, Hippo, Krenouchos, Melicertes, Palaemon, Phyta-Mon, Poseidon, Poteidan, -Hindu Varuna, -Roman Neptune]

a sea-god, god of earthquakes and horses

one of the Olympians

son of Cronos and Rhea

brother of Demeter, Hades, Hera, Hestia and Zeus

husband of Amphitrite

He was said to have married Medusa in the days before she became a monster and when she was killed by Perseus it was Poseidon who created the winged horse, Pegasus, and the warrior Chrysaor, which sprang from her body. Amphitrite ran away from his advances so he persuaded Delphinus to plead his case and she eventually agreed to marry him. In gratitude, Poseidon placed Delphinus in the heavens as the Dolphin. Like his weapon and the symbol by which he is recognised, was given to him by the Cyclopes. He is depicted as bearded, wearing a crown of seaweed and carrying his trident.

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Poseidon Hippios

a name for Poseidon as a horse-god

Poseyemu

North American

[=Keres P’ashayan’a:=Tigua Puspiyama:=Zuni Poshaiyangkyo]

the first man in the lore of the Pueblo Indians

brother of Iyatiku

He was said to have been born inside a nut.

Hunt Chief, Poshaiyangkyo

Poshaiyangkyo

North American

the first man in the lore of the Zuni Indians
son of the sky-father Apoyan Tachi and the four-wombed earth-mother Awitelin Tsta
He is said to have emerged from the primordial slime and persuaded Awanawilona to allow men and animals to emerge from the underground caves in which they had been created into the sunlight.
He lives in the City of Mists, in a house guarded by the Prey Gods, and is regarded as the founder of the tribe and father of medicine-men.

**Poshaiyankayo** (See Poshaiyangkyo)

**Poshaiyanne** North American
a Pueblo shaman
He is said to have become ruler of the Sia by winning them by gambling. When he was later killed, he was restored to life by a feather. The Sia believe that he will one day return.

**Posis Das** Greek
a sky-god
da consort of Gaea

**Possessed** controlled by a spirit

**Possession** [energunenus]
The state in which a person is said to be controlled by a spirit, usually evil

**Postumius** Roman
a leader of the Romans
He defeated the Latins at the Battle of Lake Regillus with the help of Castor and Pollux.

**Postverta** (See Carmenta)

**Pot Tilter** North American
a monster in the form of an old woman
This hog has a boiling pot which she can point at a victim who is then sucked into the pot.

**Potaka** Hindu
[=Chinese P’u-t’o]
the Sanskrit name for the island home of Kuan Yin

**Potameids** Greek
water-nymphs

**Potecidan** (See Poseidon)

**Pothos** Greek
[desire:Potos]
the god of friendly love, attendant on Aphrodite

**Pothos** Phoenician
[desire:Potos]
a primeval male principle
consort of Omichle
father of Aer and Aura

Some say he is the son of Aer and Chaos.

**Potina** Roman
a guardian goddess of infants

**Potnia Theron** Greek
a name of Artemis as ‘mistress of animals’

**Potock-Mikhailo Ivanovich** Slav
one of the bogatiri
He and his wife made a pact that, if one died, the other would commit suicide. Ivanovich’s wife died first and was buried. Ivanovich waited in her tomb until the snake-demon appeared, killed it and restored his wife to life by rubbing her body with the demon’s blood.

**Potos** (See Pothos)

**Potrimpo** (See Potrympus)
a god of rivers and vegetation

**Pots-hozjin** [male:Potos-hozjin: Lapp Luot-chozjit]
a female spirit, guardian of reindeer

**Pou-Matangatanga** New Zealand
daughter of Tawheta
third wife of Uenuku
When Henuka attacked her father’s compound, she was captured and married the victor.

**Pou-Tere Rangi** Pacific Islands
the entrance to heaven guarded by Kuwatawata

**Poua-Kai** New Zealand
[Poukai:=Arab Roc:=Fijian
Ngani-Vatu;Ngaru-Lei]
a huge man-eating bird

**Poudan** (See Wodan)

**Poukai** (See Poua-Kai)

**Pouke** British
an earlier (Old English) form of ‘puck’
This goblin is said to have had a more malicious nature than his present-day counterpart.

**Pourushaspa** Persian
a priest of the haoma
in some accounts, father of Zoroaster

**Poverty** North American
one of the 4 anaye left alive after the storm sent by Estanatlehi

**Powamu** North American
a Hopi fertility rite
powder of projection
a form of the philosopher’s stone
Projection was the last of the twelve stages in the transmutation of metals.

A powder was thrown into the molten metal and was said to transform it into pure gold.

**Power of the Two Lands** (See Sekhemtaui)

**Powerful One** North American
a creator-god of the Cherokee
Dayuni, who lived alone in the sea, brought up mud from the bottom. The Powerful One hung it on ropes and, when it dried in the form of the earth, many of the inhabitants of the overcrowded sky took up residence there.

**Powerful One** South American
a vaguely defined supreme spirit in Tierra del Fuego

**Powerful, The** (See Sakmet)

**Powers** an order of angels
In the Cabbala they are known as seraphs.

**Poxlom** Central American
a Mayan god of sickness

**Ppiz Hii Tec** (See Ab Kin Xoc)

**Prabakari** Buddhist
a goddess
one of the bhumis

**Prabhasa** Hindu
one of Indra’s 8 attendant gods (dawn)

**Prabu Makukuwan** East Indian
a Javanese king, an incarnation of Wisnu
He is said to have married a female python, an incarnation of Lakshmi.

**Pracanda** Hindu
one of the 9 Navadurgas

**Pracheta** Hindu
[Prachetas]
husband of Marisha
father of Daksha in a later incarnation

**Prachetas** (See Pracheta)

**Pracriti** (See Prakriti)

**Prahana** Hindu
primordial matter (See also Prakriti)

**Pradhan2** Hindu
a mother-goddess
one of the 9 navasaktis

**Pradipatara** Buddhist
a goddess of light

**Pradyumna** Hindu
[Dhanvantari]
a love-god
a reincarnation of Kama son of Krishna and Rukmini
husband of Rati
father of Aniruddha
Shambhara stole the infant...
Pradyumna and threw him into the sea where he was swallowed by a fish. Mayadevi found the child when she prepared the fish for a meal and reared him, falling in love with him when he reached manhood. Pradyumna killed Shambhara and married Mayadevi as Rati.

He later came to be regarded as an incarnation of Vishnu.

Pradätor

a name of Jupiter as ‘snatcher of booty’

praestigatöres

the fifth order of demons, copying the miracles of the saints, ruled by Satan

Prag Jyotisha

Hindu

a fortress built by Nara in which he held thousands of women prisoner

Prah Alit

cambodian

the sun, controlling the lion, gold and Sunday

Prah Ankea

cambodian

the planet Mars, controlling the pig, blue and Tuesday

Prah bat

cambodian

the Cambodian name for the Footprints of Buddha

Prah En

cambodian

the Cambodian name for Indra

Prah Eysoor

(see Hara)

Prah Hembopean

cambodian

a mountain

This area is said to be populated by a range of fantastic animals and is regarded as a refuge for ascetics.

Some say that Vessantara returned to this area which is also the site where the giant Yeak was defeated by Sanselchay.

Prah Kco

cambodian

a holy jewel

It is said that all things sprang from this jewel at the beginning of the universe. It may, perhaps, be a reference to the sun.

(see Prah Phrom)

Prah Ket

cambodian

an unknown planet, controlling giants and gold

Prah Noreai-Naryä

cambodian

[prah noreay]

the cambodian version of Vishnu

Prah Noreay

(see Prah Noreai-Naryä)

Prah Phrom

cambodian

the uniformed, uncreated source of all things (see also Prah Kco)

Prah Prahas

cambodian

the planet Jupiter, controlling the

elephant, red and Thursday

Prah Prohm

cambodian

the cambodian name for Brahma

Prah Put

cambodian

the planet Mercury, controlling the donkey, light colours and Wednesday

Prah Rabu

cambodian

an unknown planet, controlling Krutchreach and yellow

Prah Sau

cambodian

the planet Saturn, controlling the buffalo, blue and Saturday

Prah Shan

cambodian

the moon, controlling the tiger, silver and Monday

Prah Sok

cambodian

the planet Venus, controlling the peacock, green and Friday

Prah Sumer

cambodian

the Cambodian version of Mount Meru

Prah Thorni

cambodian

the earth

Prahulada

(see Prahulava)

Prahulava

Hindu

[prahulada]

son of Hiranyakashipu

father of Virochana

father of Bali, some say

His father became all-powerful and demanded that he be worshipped. Prahulava refused to give up his own god, Vishnu, and was tortured by his father who threw him into snake-pits, over cliffs and under the feet of elephants, all to no avail. When Vishna, as Narasinha, appeared and killed his father, Prahlava took the throne.

Prairie Falcon

North American

a hero of some Californian tribes who was said to have lost his eyes

Prajapati

Hindu


a primordial creator from the mind of Brahma: a name for Brahma as ‘Lord of Creation’

father of Ratri and Ushas

He formed the cosmic egg from his own sweat and this egg, after floating for one year in the primaeval waters, split to form the earth and sky.

Alternatively, Prajapati was born from a golden egg which formed in the primordial waters. He uttered three words, each of which caused part of the universe to appear. These words are said to be blür (the earth), bhuvar (the heavenly bodies) and swärk (the sky).

He is regarded as the thirty-fourth god, the origin of the other thirty-three in the Vedic pantheon. One of these was his daughter, Ushas, goddess of the dawn, with whom he mated to produce all living things. Seven rishis (later ten or fourteen) created from the mind of Brahma, were all referred to as Prajapati.

(see also Daksha. Dhatri. Ka'. Mriga. Seven Rishis)

Prajapati

Hindu

a name for Hiranya-garbiha, Indra, Manu Savitri or Soma as a creator-god

Prajapati

Hindu

sister of Maya

When her sister died a week after the birth of her son, the Buddha, Prajapati took the infant and raised him alongside her own son, Ananda.

Prajapati

(see Daksha)

Prajna

Buddhist

[Prajnaparamita. Vidyä = Pali Panna]

the universal female force one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, foresight personified

a sakti of Adibuddha

a consort of a Buddha or a bodhisattva

mother of all the Buddhas

Prajna

Hindu

[=Pali Panna]

a name for Tara as ‘perfect understanding’

Prajnantaka

Buddhist

a guardian god one of the Dikpalas, some say

He was guardian of the southern quarter of the world. (see also Yama)

Prajnaparamita

Buddhist

a body of Buddhist literature collected over many centuries

Prajnaparamita

(see Prajna)

Prajnapati

Jain

a goddess of wisdom one of the vidyadevis

Prajnavardhini

Buddhist

a goddess, literature defied one of the dharanis

Prakte

Afghan

a local Kafir god

Prakti

Hindu

the primitive matter from which the universe was formed

The life-force, Purusha, worked on the material, Prakriti, and together they formed the universe.

(see also Pradhana)

Prakti

Hindu

[prakriti]
Pralumba

a goddess, nature personified
consort of Purusha
She and her consort created the
living world.

Pralumba Hindu
a demon, one of the Asuras
He assumed the form of a huge
elephant and made off with Balarama
who killed him by splitting his head
open.

Pramanthi (see Agni)
Pramati Hindu
Pramen Hindu
Pramsak (see Durga)
Pramzimas Baltic

He threw into the waters of the
flood a nutshell in which two people
escaped.

Pranas Hindu
the 10 senses or vital breaths
These were the five Jnanendriyas
and the five Karmendriyas. With
Atman, they represented the eleven
sons of Rudra.

Pranasakti Hindu
a terrible goddess

Pranava Buddhist
the name for the mantric syllable ‘om’

Pranidhana Buddhist
one of the 12 Paramita goddesses,
effort personified

Prapti Hindu
a psychic power which enables
one to increase one’s size without
limit

Prasannatara Buddhist
a form of Ratnasambhava

Praset Hindu

Prasoldo European
one of the knights imprisoned by
Morgana and later released by
Roland

Prasni (see Prasni)
Prasuti Hindu
a goddess
daughter of Manu
a consort of Daksha

Pratibhanakuta Buddhist
a bodhissattva

Pratismavith Buddhist
4 goddesses representing logical
analysis

pratisarga Hindu
dissolution and recreation

Pratisvasudeva Jain
an evil spirit
Several of these beings, opposing
Baladeva and Vasudeva, are said to
appear in each earthly period.

Pratvii (see Dewi Shri)
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Pratvindhy (Hindu
son of Yudhisthura and Draupadi

Pratyangira Hindu
a terrible goddess

Pratysa Hindu
one of the 8 gods attendant on
Indra (light)

Prawati Pacific Islands
the Balinese version of Parvati
(see also Parwati)

Praxidice Greek
Prasulike

Pray Cambodian
evil spirits of women who have died
in childbirth.

Prayings (see Litai)

Praying mantis African

Pres Eyn Cambodian

Praying mantis

Prayings Eyssam Cambodian

Prayings Prohm Cambodian

Prechter British

Precious Flower Central American
an Aztec goddess
mother of Well Beloved
She bore a son, Well Beloved, who
died at birth and from whose body
sprang many of the plants needed for
man’s survival.

Precious Raft Chinese
a vessel used to convey souls from
one world to another

Precious Tree Central American
the form taken by Mayahuel when
roused by the wind-god Ehecatl:
an aspect of Quetzalcoatl
In some versions, Mayahuel and
Ehecatl united to form this tree while
others say that the tree grew on the
spot where they mated. This is a name
for Quetzalcoatl, in some accounts, as
one of those supporting the heavens at
the start of the Fifth Sun.

Precious Willow (see also Precious Willow)
the branch of the Precious Tree
which was owned by or
represented Ehecatl

Preiden Anwfn (see Spoils of Anwfn)

Prender (see Prender)

Prees Pressa British

Prees Prees British

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Preester British
[John the Presbyter]
a mysterious African or Asian
priest-king

father of Anglior, some say
son of Feirefiz and Repanse
son of Percival, some say

In some accounts, he is described as a
son of Percival who was the half-
brother of Feirefiz. Others say that,
when the Holy Grail disappeared, it
was transferred to the Far East and
given into the care of Preester John.

In other accounts, he is said to have
been a descendant of the Magi and
owned magic stones that could cause
various wonders such as turning water
into wine.

In Carolingian lore, he was a
descendant of Ogier and appears in
Orlando Furioso. In some versions of
that story in which Astolpho drove off
the harpies, Preester John as king of

843
Nubia, is the afflicted king, rather than Senapus.

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Other stories describe him as the current guardian of the Holy Grail.

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Princess Goldborough  

Princess of the Coloured Clouds  

Chinese  

a rain-goddess  

She is said to sleep in a temple near the top of the sacred mountain, T'ai Shan, but is wakened each year at the start of the rainy season.  

Princess of Carrion  

(see Counts of Carrion)  

Princess of the Motley Clouds  

(see Pi-hsia Yian-chun)  

Princess of Succubi  

(see Lilith')  

Princess Pritha  

(see Kunti)  

Princess Sanjo  

(see Sanjo)  

Princess Tasha  

(see Tasha)  

Principalitys  

an order of angels  

In the Cabbala they are known as Elohim.  

Prinsamour  

British  

father of Crystalb  

He agreed to allow his daughter to marry her lover, Eglamour, only after he had killed the giant Marrock, a wild boar and a dragon. When Crystalb produced a son, fathered by Eglamour, Prinsamour banished them.  

Priolas  

Greek  

brother of Lyucus  

Priory Oak  

(see Merlin's Tree)  

Prirachists  

European  

a Polish pig-god  

His function was to protect pigs at birth, after which they came under the protection of Kremara.  

Pripegala  

Slav  

a king of Panchala  

father of Drupada  

Prisni  

Hindu  

[Pr(a)sni.'speckled']  

a primaeval earth-deity  

wife of Rudra, some say mother of the Rudras  

In some accounts she, rather than Diti, was the wife of Rudra and mother of the Rudras (Maruts).  

This deity is envisaged, in female form, as a dappled cow and, in male form, as a dappled bull.  

(see also Prithivi)  

Pritha  

(see Kunti)  

Prithi  

(see Prithu)  

Prithivi  

Hindu  

[Dyava-matar.'earth'.Prthivi=Greek Gaea]  

the earth personified  

one of the Dikpalas, some say  

consort of Dyaus, the sky  

mother of Indra and Ushas,  

mother of Agni and Bhhaspati, some say  

She and Dyaus were forced apart by Varuna. As a pair, they are referred to as Dyavaprithivi. Some accounts say that she was the wife or daughter of Prithu, others that she was the consort of Indra.  

She acted as the final arbiter in disputes and is sometimes depicted as a cow.  

In some accounts, one of the five forms (earth) of Parabrahma.  

Prithu'  

Hindu  

[Prithi.Pruhu]  

a Vedic emperor  

son of Vena  

husband or father of Prithivi  

His father, a tyrant, was killed by his priests who, with the help of Agni, exercised the dead man's evil in the form of a black dwarf, Nishada, and then produced a new emperor, Prithu, from the dead man's right arm.  

He became a sage who learned the secrets of the sacred syllable 'om'.  

Prithu'  

Hindu  

[Prithi.Pruhu]  

a creator-god  

an incarnation of Vishnu  

He is said to have instructed man in the arts of agriculture.  

Priti  

Hindu  

a goddess  

daughter of Daksha  

consort of Kamadeva  

a sakti of Vishnu  

Priure  

British  

king of the sea  

He sent a servant to the court of King Arthur with a cup that disclosed whether the person drinking from it was honest. Only Arthur passed the test.  

(see also Queen of Cyprus)  

Priwen  

(see Prydwen)  

Pryiadarusana  

Buddhist  

a goddess attendant  

on Buddha-kapala  

Priyamkara  

Hindu  

son of Panchika and Abhirata  

Priyavrata  

Hindu  

son of Brahma and Shatarupa  

It is said that the earth was cut into seven continents by the ruts made by the wheels of his huge chariot.  

Pro of Iernesetir  

British  

in some accounts, a name used by Tristram in Ireland  

Proca  

Roman  

a king of Alba Longa  

son of Janus and Cardea or Carna  

father of Amulus and Numitor  

Procel  

(see Pucel)  

Procell  

(see Pucel)  

prock  

(see guyascatus)  

Proclea  

Greek  

[Procleia]  

first wife of Cyclus  

mother of Tenes  

Procleia  

(see Procles)  

Procles  

Greek  

a co-king of Sparta  

son of Aristodemus and argia  

twin brother of Eurysthenes  

Procone1  

Greek  

[Prokne=Latin Progne]  

daughter of Pandion, Poseidon or  

Teleon by Zexippus  

sister of Butes, Erechtheus and  

Philomena  

wife of Tereus  

mother of Ity's  

Procone married Tereus and they had a son named Iys but her husband fell in love with Philomena and went through a form of marriage with her pretending that Procone had died. In fact, he had incarcerated her in the slaves' quarters.  

There are several versions of the story: in one, Philomena was Procone's sister, in another she was her aunt, the younger sister of Pandion.  

They all agree that Tereus cut out the tongue of one of the girls but in one case it is Procone, to prevent her from making her plight known to Philomena and in the other story Philomena is the victim when she threatens to make known Tereus' duplicity. The two girls do manage to communicate by weaving a message into a robe or a tapestry and, to avenge themselves on Tereus, Procone killed her young son, Iys, cut him up and served him in a stew to her husband. When he found that he had eaten some of his own son he would have killed both of them with an axe but the gods intervened and changed all three into birds. Procone became a swallow, Philomena a nightingale and Tereus either a hawk or a hoopoe.  

Since the nightingale sings but the gods intervened and changed all three into birds. Procone became a swallow, Philomena a nightingale and Tereus either a hawk or a hoopoe. Since the nightingale sings but the swallow can only twitter, it seems more likely that it was Procone who lost her tongue.  

In some accounts, both girls melted away in their own tears.  

Procone2  

(see Procris')  

Procoptas  

(see Procrustes)
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<td>eldest of the 50 daughters of Thespius and Megamede</td>
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<td>mother of twins, Antileon and Hippalus, by Heracles</td>
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<td>Procris2</td>
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<td>[Prokne.Prokris]</td>
<td>a nymph of Diana</td>
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<td>daughter of Cephros or Erechtheus by Herse or Praxithe</td>
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<td>wife of Cephalus</td>
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<td>grandmother of Laertes, some say</td>
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<td>At her marriage to Cephalus she gave him a javelin that never missed its mark and a hunting-dog, Laelaps, which Minos had given to her for curing him of an infection brought on by Pasiphae. She remained faithful to her husband after he had been carried off for some years by Aurora. He was later returned to her but she was killed by her husband with the unerring spear in a hunting accident.</td>
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<td>Another story says that her father sacrificed her to ensure victory before setting out to do battle.</td>
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<td>son of Poseidon</td>
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<td>father of Sinis</td>
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<td>Procrustes had the habit of offering accommodation to travellers, then killing them by stretching or cutting them short to fit his bed. Theseus killed him in a similar way, by cutting off his head.</td>
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<td>[Julius]</td>
<td>a Roman senator</td>
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<td>He claimed that the dead Romulus had appeared to him and told him that, since he had now been deified, he should be worshipped as Quirinus.</td>
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<td>father of Argos, Galinthias, Iphianessa, Iphinius, Lysipo and Megapenthes</td>
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<td>He ruled jointly with his twin but was soon expelled and fled to Lydia where he married Antea, daughter of King Iobates. He later recovered part of the kingdom and ruled as king of Tiryns.</td>
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<td>It was he who purified Bellerophon after he had killed his own brother.</td>
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<td>Antea accused Bellerophon of attempting to rape her when he rejected her advances so Proetus sent him to his father-in-law, Iobates, with a letter in which Proetus asked Iobates to kill the bearer.</td>
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<td>For an alleged slight to Dionysus or Hera, his three daughters were driven mad. Proetus agreed to share his kingdom with Bias and Melampus if the latter could restore their sanity.</td>
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<td>In some accounts, he usurped the throne of Acrisius and was turned to stone by Perseus who displayed the Medusa mask.</td>
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<td>son of Aeson and Aleimede</td>
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<td>The infant, born while Jason was away on the quest for the Golden Fleece, was killed by Pelas who dashed his brains out against the floor.</td>
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<td>an ointment made from the herb on to which the blood of Prometheus fell</td>
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<td>This magic ointment was said to make the body invulnerable. It was given to Jason by Medea to protect him from the dragon.</td>
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<td>['forethought'] a Titan</td>
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<td>god of craftsmen</td>
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<td>son of Iapetus by Clymene, Gaea or Themis</td>
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<td>half-brother of Atlas and Epimetheus</td>
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<td>husband of Asia, Calaeno, Hesione, Pronoia or Pyrrha</td>
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<td>He is said to be the creator of mankind, making men from mud, and their savour when he stole fire from heaven and gave it to man. For this act of defiance, Zeus had him chained to a rock where, for 10,000 years, an eagle or a vulture pecked his liver by day only for it to renew itself every night. He was finally freed by Heracles who shot the bird. In some stories, a herb impregnated with some of the blood that fell from Prometheus’ mutilated body could make men invulnerable to fire and weapons.</td>
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<td>The centaur Chiron was still suffering from the wound inflicted by the arrow shot by Heracles but, being immortal, could not die. Prometheus was allowed to assume the burden of immortality so that Chiron could die in peace.</td>
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<td>He and Epimetheus fought on the side of the gods in their war with the Titans.</td>
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<td>Prometheus was able to warn his son Deucalion of the forthcoming flood so that he and his wife Pyrrha survived.</td>
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<td>a Gnostic female primaeval being offspring of Yaldabaoth</td>
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<td>In some accounts, Clymene, Pandora or Pasiphae takes the place of Pronoia.</td>
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Prophetic Ecstasy of the Phantom, The

Irish

a book of stories including that of Lugh's appearance in the form of a horseman

Prorsa (see Carmenta)

French

Prose Edda (see Younger Edda)

Prose Lancelot

stories in English and French about the life of Merlin

Prose Tristan

a 13th c story about Tristan and Isolde

Proserpina

[Proserpine=Greek Core.Persephone] goddess of the underworld daughter of Jupiter and Ceres wife of Pluto

Proserpine¹ a female demon In black magic, one of the Grand Dignitaries, ruler of evil spirits.

Proserpine² (see Proserpina) Protarchontes a Gnostic prince-god

Prote θ Greek daughter of Helius and Rhode sister of Phaeton When Phaeton was killed when driving his father's sun-chariot, Prote and her sisters, grieving at his death, were all turned into poplars (or pine trees). Their tears turned to amber beads.

Protennoia (see Pronoia) Protesilalus Greek a king of Phylace son of Iphiclus and Astyoche brother of Podarces husband of Laodamia uncle of Philoctetes

He was the first man ashore when the Greeks invaded Troy and was very soon killed by Achates. The gods admired his courage and sent Hermes to bring him back from Hades to see his grieving wife. She refused to be parted from him a second time and killed herself so that they might both be together in Hades.

Another story says that she became obsessed with an image of her dead husband and, when her father burned the image, she immolated herself on its pyre.

Proteus¹ Greek [Carpathian Wizard,‘first one’.Old Man of the Sea.Proteus] a sea-god son of Poseidon and Tethys, some say father of Idiothea, Theoclymenus and Theone by Psmathes father of Polygonus and Telegonus, some say Proteus was a rather lazy god who spent much of his time lying on the shore with the seals. He had the ability to foretell the future but he would never do so willingly. Since he also had the power to change shape at will, it was hard to shake the truth out of him. A few, such as Menelaus and Aristaeus, were able to hold him long enough to make him deliver the prophecies they were seeking.

In some accounts he is the same as Glaucus, Nereus and Phorcus.

Proteus² Greek a king of Egypt

In one version of the story of Helen, he substituted a spirit who went to Troy with Paris while the real Helen was brought by Hermes (or, some say, by Paris) and kept safely in a cave in Egypt until her husband, Menelaus, came back from Troy.

In some accounts, he is the same as Proteus the sea-god.

Protagenia Greek a dawn-goddess mistress of Zeus

Protogonia Greek daughter of Erechtheus and Praxithe

When Athens was invaded by Eumolpus, her father, the king, was told to sacrifice Otionia, one of his seven daughters. Protogonia and another daughter, Pandora, sacrificed themselves as well.

Protogonos¹ Greek cosmic generative power, born from an egg

Protogonos² Greek a name for Eros as 'firstborn' or as a creator

Protogonos³ Phoenician son of Klopia and Baau brother of Aion

Proud One of the Clearing Welsh a knight

He thought that Peredur had seduced his wife so he challenged him to single combat and was defeated.

Proud Ones (see Danaans) Providentia Roman a goddess of prudence

Proximae Roman a group of Celtic guardian goddesses

Prsi (see Prisni)

Prthivi (see Prithivi)

Prydderich (see Prithu)

Welsh

son of Aedh

He led an army out of Cornwall and conquered the whole of Britain. His name was used as an early name for Britain.

Pryderi [Guri.Gwri.Pryderi] a prince of Dyfed son of Pwyll and Rhiannon husband of Cigfa

A few days after Pwyll's son was born it disappeared and Rhiannon was accused of having eaten it when in fact, the boy had been stolen and left at the stable of Teynnon who christened him Gwri Golden-hair and reared him. A few years later, Teynnon learned the truth and returned the boy to his rightful parents who called him Pryderi.

When Manawydan, one of the seven survivors, returned from Ireland where he had taken part in Bran's expedition to rescue his sister Branwen from the hands of Matholwch, he married the aging but still beautiful widow, Rhiannon, Pryderi's mother. When all the things in Wales started mysteriously to disappear, Pryderi and his wife Cigfa, together with Manawydan and Rhiannon, went to England where they all worked at various trades but, rousing the enmity of local tradesmen, soon returned to Wales. Pryderi and Rhiannon mysteriously disappeared and when Manawydan set up in farming his land was overrun by a plague of mice. He caught the largest mouse and was about to hang it when a bishop offered a large ransom for the mouse who was in fact his wife. The 'bishop' was the magician Llwyd who had put a spell on the countryside to avenge the rejection of Gwawl who had been a suitor for the hand of Rhiannon at the time she had married Pwyll. With the mouse freed and restored as the magician's wife, the spell was lifted, Pryderi and Rhiannon reappeared and life returned to normal.

Pryderi owned a herd of marvellous pigs and when Gwydion and Gilfaethwy offered him a herd of horses and greyhounds in exchange he agreed to the deal but soon discovered that these animals were an illusion created by the magic of Gwydion and he marched on Gwynedd to recover...
the pigs which Gwydion had given to the king, Math. In the ensuing struggle, Pryderi was killed by Gwydion in single combat.

In another version, the duel was a contest in shape-changing which ended when Pryderi finally became a salmon and swam away.

**Prydwen** British
[Prɪdwen.Prydwin.Prytwenn]
King Arthur’s ship
In some accounts, it was Arthur’s shield which is otherwise known as Wynebgrwthucher.

**Prytwenn** (see Prydwen)

**Psai** Greek
[=Arab Sai’Al Qaum= Egyptian Sai]
a guardian god

**Psamathie** Greek
a nymph, one of the Nereids
daughter of Crotalus
daughter of Nereus, some say mother of Phocus by Aeacus, some say mother of Idotea, Theoclymenus and Theone by Proteus
mother of Linus by Apollo, some say She was condemned to death by her father when he learned of her affair with Apollo.

**Psaphon** Roman
a man who trained many birds to speak his name

**Psepolnica** Serbian
[=Lady Midday= Polish Poloznitza: =Russian Poludnitsa]
a field-spirit which harasses workers

**Psilas** (see Bacchus)

**Psille** African
[Psilik=Greek Ophiogenes]
a race of people who, by mere touch, could cure victims of snakebite

**Psilli** (see Psille)

**Pskegradus** North American
a swamp-spirit of the Penobscot
Indians of Maine
This spirit is said to wait outside the tribe’s camp, trying to entice children and men.

**Psukhe** (see Psyche)

**Psychagogue** (see Psychopomp1)

**Psychic force**
a supposed force causing various spiritualistic phenomena

**Psychism**
the doctrine that postulates a universal soul

**Psychogogue** (see Psychopomp1)

**Psychogony** origins and development of the soul or spirit

**Psychograph** (see psychogram)

**Psychogram** (psychograph)
a writing alleged to have been made by a spirit

**Psychography**
spirit-writing

**Psychokinesis**
movement of physical objects

supposed to be caused by spirit agencies

**Psychometer**
one purporting to divine the future by touching objects

**Psychometry**
divination by touching objects

**Psychopannychism**
the belief that the soul sleeps between death and resurrection

**Psychopannychist**
one who believes that the soul sleeps between death and resurrection

**Psychopomp1**
Greek

**Psychopomp2**
Roman
[psychogogue.psychogogue.psychopompus] conductor of souls

In Roman myths, the griffin is sometimes depicted as a psychopomp, carrying a cloaked figure on its back en route to the underworld.

**Psychopompus** (see Psychopomp)

**Pylla** Greek
[Phylla]
a horse of Oenomaus

**Ptah** Egyptian
a creator-god, god of artisans, artists, property and god of Memphis one of the 3 Lords of Destiny husband of Sakhmet
father of Nefertem
Ptah was born from an egg which was laid by the Nile Goose or, some say, emerged from the mouth of Amen. Others say that he existed in the beginning as Nun, or as the son of Nun and Naunet, and created the world by moulding mud, the gods by thinking of them and speaking their names and men from precious metals.

He is said to have caused a horde of rats to gnaw the bowstrings of the invading Assyrians, so saving the city of Pelusium.

He is regarded as being incarnated as the Apis bull.

He is depicted in the bandages of a mummy holding a sceptre known as the was or as a blacksmith.

(see also Imhotep.Tatenen)

**Ptah-Seker** Egyptian
the assimilation of Ptah and Seker, god of the dead

**Ptah-Seker-Osiris** Egyptian
the assimilation of the 3 gods in
the form of a bandy-legged dwarf

**Ptah-Tem** *Egyptian*
the assimilation of Ptah and Tem [Atum]

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**Pterelas** *(see Pterelas)*

**Pterelas** *Greek*
one of the dogs of Actaeon
When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Pterelas, tore him to pieces.

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**Pterelaos** *(see Pterelaos)*

**P'ti' Albert**

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This region is reserved for those who

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**Ptoophagos**

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The three men each married a princess
and, determining a site for their new homes by shooting arrows, settled down and founded three clans.

**Pu Chou Shan** *(see Imperfect Mountain)*

**P'u-chu-lo** *(see No Ch'u-lo)*

**P'u Hsien** *(see also P'u Hsien?)* *Chinese*

[A]ll Graciuous=Hindu Pushan]
a Buddhist sage
This sage is depicted with a green face and riding a white elephant which has the ability to take human form. It once fought with P'u Hsien and was defeated.

**P'u Hsien** *(see also P'u Hsien?)* *Chinese*

= Buddhist Samantabhadra=Japanese
Fugen= Tibetan Kunto [Xan Po]
a Taoist god of wisdom
(see also P'u Hsien?)

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**Pu-I-Te-Muana** *(see Tipu?)*

**Pu Lang Seung**

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**Pu Ma** *Pacific Islands*

the name given to important gods

**Pu Sa** *(see Mi-lo-fo Tsao Chün)* *Chinese*

the Chinese version of the Sanskrit bodhisattva

**Pu-sa Kuan** *(see Kuan Ti)*

**Pu T'ai Ch'an Shih** *(see Pu T'ai Ho-shang)* *Chinese*

[Calico Bag Monk. Calico Bag Zen
Master. Chang Ting-tzu. Pu T'ai Ch'an
Shih=Buddhist Maitreya=Japanese
Hotei]
a 6th c (or 10th c) monk
a Taoist immortal
one of the Eighteen Lohan, some say
He is regarded as the last incarnation of Maitreya or of Amitabha.
He is depicted with a calico bag, his shoulder or at his feet. He is sometimes shown inside the sack.

**Pu-t'o** *Chinese*

= Hindu Potaka
the island home of Kuan Yin

**Pu Tu** *Chinese*

a festival of 'saving the souls'

**Pua-ariki** *Pacific Islands*

the ship of Ru

**Pua-ne** *Pacific Islands*
a magic arrow
This arrow, owned by the demi-god Ihiku, could point in the direction its owner should travel.

**Pua Tu Tahia** *Pacific Islands*
a Tahitian water-monster

**Puang Matowa** *East Indian*
a sky-god in Celebes

**Puarata** *New Zealand*
a Maori sorcerer
He and Tautohio owned a magic head which killed all who came near. Hakawau, by superior magic, overcame his spells and killed him and all his followers.

**Puaututahi** *Pacific Islands*
sea-demons of Tahiti

**Pubidius** *Welsh*
a king of Wales
an ancestor of Merlin

**Publius Ovidius Naso** *(see Ovid)*

**Publius Vergilius Maro** *(see Virgil)*

**Puca** *(see phoaka)*

**Pucella** *(see puck?)*

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**Pucelle** *British*
a fairy
She met Gingalin when he was riding to the rescue of Blonde Esmerée and offered him her love which he rejected.

**Puck** *British*

[pouke. pucca> Irish phooka> Norse
puki> Welsh pwca]
a mischievous goblin *(see also puck?)*

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**Puck** *British*

[Robin Goodfellow]
a merry fairy
In Shakespeare he is given as the son of Oberon.

**Pudentilla** *(see Aemilia Pudentilla)*

**Pudicita** *Roman*
a goddess of chastity

**Pue di Songi** *Pacific Islands*
a supreme god in Celebes

**Pueliko** *Pacific Islands*
the underworld in the Carolines

**Puffin** *British*
a bird in which King Arthur’s soul is said to reside
Other accounts substitute the chough or the raven.

**Pug**

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a goblin

**Puge** *(see also puk, puki)*

**Pugot** *(see cafre)
pugut (see cafre)
Pu’gu (see Yeloje)
Puirse Russian
a beneficent spirit
Puk (see Para)
Pukatala Pacific Islands
[Para]
a tree in the paradise Pulotu
This tree produces the ambrosial food
on which the inhabitants live.
Poke (see Puki)
Pukelch Central American
a Mexican goddess
daughter of Tochipa
When her uncle, Hokomata,
destroyed the human race in a flood,
she survived inside a log and, after
the waters had subsided, mated with Sun-
father of Wind-Nine-Snake
Hindu
son of Danu
husband of Tochipa
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Pu'gu Pacific Islands
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an Italian poet
He wrote about the adventures and
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a monster-slaying hero of the
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Pulque North American
in Mexican lore, a drink made from
the maguey plant, said to have
magical qualities
Pulotu Pacific Islands
the Tongan land of the dead
This place was envisaged as an
invisible island to which the souls of
the dead were transported by boat and
where the tree Pukatala grew.
Pultuce Roman
an Etruscan version of Pollux
Castor and Pultuce were later merged
with the Tindaridae.
Puluga (see Bilik)
Pulvan (see Upulvan)
pulwaiya ancestors of the Aborigines
Pulzena Gaia British
daughter of Hemison by Morgan le Fay
She was carried off by Burletta but
rescued by Lancelot. Guinevere,
jealous that Gawain had rejected her in
favour of Pulzena, threatened to kill
him but Pulzena saved him. Morgan
then put her daughter in prison for
revealing her affair with a mortal but
Gawain rescued her.
Puma-Snake Central American
a primordial god of the Mixtec
brother and husband of Jaguar-snake
father of Wind-Nine-Cave
and Wind-Nine-Snake
He and his consort appeared when the
erth rose out of the primaeval waters
and built a palace in which they lived
for hundreds of years before producing
two sons. The four gods became the progenitors of
the human race.

Pun-Gel (see Pundjel)
Pun1 Pacific Islands
a malevolent spirit
He abducted Tahiti Tōkerau, used her
eyes for lights and buried her upside
down in the sand. Rata came to her
rescue and killed Pun.
Pun1 Pacific Islands
a Hawaiian king
father of Ho’o lpo
He offered his daughter’s hand as the
prize in a sailing race won by Moikeha.
Pun1 Pacific Islands
son of Ai Kanaka and Mahina
brother of Hema
Punvarvas Hindu
a goddess of fortune
one of the nakatras
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wife of Candra
Punchau Central American
an Inca sun-god
Punchkin Hindu
a giant frost-demon
Pundarika

Hindu

Agni, as one of the Dikpalas, or his
elephant

Pundi

Australian


a creator-god of the Aborigines of
Victoria

brother of Pallian

father of Binbeal

These brothers made beings from mud
and bark but, because they turned out
to be evil, cut them up and scattered
the pieces. The ancestors of the tribes
sprang from these pieces.

(see also Baime)

Pundi

(see Pundi)

Punugusse

Mongolian

a man-eating demon

This demon was killed by the hero Itje.
It is said that mosquitoes were created
from the demon's corpse.

(see also Karaty-khan)

Pung-Beg

Korean

[Earl Wind]
one of the 3 ministers who came
down to earth with Hwanung

Pungarehu

New Zealand

a Maori hero
He killed a Poua-Kai which had
carried off many of his tribe.

Punitavati

Hindu

a local goddess

a defied mortal

Punt

Egyptian

a mythical land associated with
ancient deities

This land, said to be somewhere in the
east, was regarded as the home of semi-
divine people who settled in Egypt.
Some say that they were descendants of
Ham, son of Noah.

puntianak

East Indian

[puntianak:=Malaysian langsuir]
a female ghost

These beings, depicted as naked wild
women, are said to cause the death of
children by stillbirth or miscarriage,
having themselves died in childbirth.
They sometimes take the form of
beautiful girls and seduce men but
then emasculate them.

In some versions of the story, a
puntianak is a bird (an owl or a crow)
which causes miscarriages.

(see also pigobara)

Punja

(see Pundi)

Punua

Pacific Islands

a Tahitian thunder-god

punyajana

Hindu

the friendly version of a yaksha

Punyasloka

(see Krishna)

puplem

North American

medicine-men of the tribes
of California

Pupolice

(see Pomonos)

Pupula

Australian

[‘lizard’]
a creator of the Jumu and

Pindupi tribes

p’ur-bu

(see phurbu)

Pura

South American

a purification ceremony

When a person has died as a result of
the actions of the fiofio, a sorcerer can
revive the corpse by divining the cause
of the resentment that engendered the
fiofio and then performing this
ceremony in which that cause is
removed by withdrawing it from the
victim through his mouth.

(see Purandara)

Purandara

Hindu

4th c (or later) sacred books:
verses of legend, mythology and
religion

Puranai

Indian

a Tamil mother-goddess

a navasakti

a consort of Aiyanar

Puranandara

Hindu

[‘lizard’]
Indra as ‘destroyer of forts’

Purandhi

Hindu

a goddess of plenty

Purandi

(see Purandhi)

Purba Rarang

East Indian

a princess

sister of Purba Sari

When the prince of heaven, Guru
Minda, came in the guise of a black
monkey, Latung Kasarung, to seek the
hand of her sister, Purba Rarang
agreed to the match with Purba Sari
but demanded a new palace, lake, etc.,
for herself.

Purba Sari

East Indian

a princess

sister of Purba Rarang

Garu Minda came to earth in the guise
of the black monkey, Latung Kasarung,
and asked for her hand in
marriage. Her sister, Purba Rarang,
required Latung to provide a new
palace, lake, etc., before she would
allow the match but when Latung,
with the help of some angels, provided
all she had demanded, Purba Sari and
Latung were married.

Pure August

(see Yu Huang)
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<td>Brother of Nala. He encouraged his brother to gamble, won all his wealth and his kingdom and took over his throne.</td>
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<td>Pushkamita</td>
<td>Latvian</td>
<td>A god of the underworld. He was the ruler of the spirits known as the barstukai and the kaukai and was said to have his home underneath an elder tree.</td>
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Hindu

[Putatna.'stinking']
a terrible demon
daughter of Bali

She was ordered by Kamsa to kill all new-born babies to ensure that the infant Krishna would not survive to kill him. She tried to suckle Krishna with poison on her nipples but he sucked her life from her or, in some versions, blew into her breasts and killed her.

Putana

(see Putana)

Puteri Bualu

East Indian

[Bualu]
in the lore of the Dayaks,
the first woman
wife of Tungal Garing
mother of Bunu, Sangen
and Sangiang

Her menstrual blood produced all the demons in the world but she later produced many children, ancestors of the tribes.

Puteri Sembaran

Malay

a giantess

She is reputed to be able to feed whole tribes from her enormous breasts.

Puteri Tunjung Buil

Malay

[Daughter of the Foam]
a princess

It is said that, like Aphrodite, she was produced from the foam of the waves. She was adopted by Sapurba, the king, and later married a Chinese ambassador at the king's court.

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Puteritu Tunjung Buil

(see Puteri Tunjung Buil)

Pu'ukonghoaya

North American

[Little Snitter]
a war-god of the Hopi
twin brother of Palungahoya

These twins are the equivalent of the Zuni Ahayuta achi.

(see also Poquanghoaya)

Puzur-Amurri

Mesopotamian

the steersman of the ship built
by Utanipitlim

Puzuzu

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian guardian god

Pwaronga

(see kakangora)

Pwca

Webb

[pwca:=English puck:=Irish phooka:=Norse puki]

a mischievous spirit

Pylades

Greek

[Pen Anwn]
king of Dyfed
son of Anwyn
husband of Rhiannon
father of Pryderi

A lady riding a white horse that could not be overtaken even though seeming to canter, asked his help to prevent her forced marriage to an unwanted suitor, Gwawl. This was Rhiannon and Pylwyll married herself. When their son was born it mysteriously disappeared and Rhiannon was accused of having eaten it and was punished by being forced to carry visitors to the court on her back. In fact, the baby had been left on the doorstep of Teyrnon who called the boy Gwri and raised him as his own until he learned the truth. He then returned the boy to his rightful parents who called him Pryderi.

He took the stag being chased by Arawn, lord of the underworld Annwn but they nevertheless became friends and exchanged roles for one year, during which time he killed Arawn’s great enemy, Havgan, who could be killed only with a single blow. As a reward, he was given a pig which he introduced to Wales.

Some say that he appears later as Pelles in the Arthurian legend.

Pylwyll Prince of Dyfed

Welsh

the story of Pwyll in the Mabinogion

Pyg-nya-rdo-rje

Tibetan

the Tibetan name for Vajrapani

Pyg-yo-nds-a-nya-nya

(see Chak-dor-u-isa-nya)

Pyatnitsa Prascovia

Russian

a goddess of harvests

Pyrun

Russian

[=Bohemian Peranu:=Estonian Piker:
=Hungarian Perun:=Finnish Pirkonen:
=Latvian Perkons:=Lithuanian Perkunos:
=Polish Perun:=Russian Perkon:
=Slav Peroon]
a thunder-god and god of war
husband of Zoroya Utrennya

Pygmalion

Greek

a sculptor-king of Cyprus
husband of Galatea
father of Paphos and Phrasius

A man who hated real women but a fine sculptor who carved the statue of a perfect woman and fell in love with her. When Aphrodite brought the statue to life, Pygmalion named her Galatea and married her.

Some say that their daughter was Metharme, not Paphos.

Another account says that he was married to Cynisca who was jealous of the statue and Galatea returned to her former state as a block of marble.

Pygmy

African

[pigmy]

one of a mythical race of beings just over one foot tall

Pygmy

Greek

[pigmy]

one of a race of dwarfs

In some accounts, they were in permanent conflict with the cranes who brought death to the pygmies when they migrated south each year.

They were said to ride on rams or goats, sometimes disguising themselves as these animals.

Pyin salet

Burman

magic which confers invulnerability or causes hallucinations

Various exotic constituents can be made into a mixture to achieve desired ends. If it is rubbed into the left eye, the recipient will be able to see spirits (nats); into the right eye and it turns night into day; on the hand it will open a safe; on the forehead it will make the recipient invisible. It also acts on things other than humans – it will change a lotus bud into a man, a lotus flower into a woman or a leaf into an elephant or tiger.

Invulnerability is achieved by inserting mercury or pieces of metal under the skin or by bathing in specially treated water.

Pylades

Greek

son of Strophius and Anaxibia
husband of Electra
father of Medon and Strophius

Pylades was a friend of Orestes and
married his sister, Electra. He helped Orestes in the revenge killing of Aegisthus and Clytemnestra and on the expedition to seize the wooden image of Artemis from the Taurians.

**Pylaemene**

Greek

a king of Elis

**Pylaocos**

Greek

a name for Poseidon as keeper of the keys of the underwater prison

**Pylartes**

Greek

a name for Hades as ‘fastener of gates’

**Pylas**

Greek

[Pylas,Pylus]

a king of Megara

father of Pylia

father of Sciron, in some accounts

He gave shelter to Pandion when he was driven from Athens and gave him his daughter, Pyla, for a wife.

He was himself exiled when he killed his uncle, Bias, and Pandion then became king of Megara.

Pylas founded a kingdom of the same name but was driven out by Neleus who had himself been expelled from Iolcus by his brother Pelias.

**Pylia**

Greek

daughter of Pylas, king of Megara

wife of Pandion

mother of Aegaeus, Lycus, Nisus and Pallias

**Pylos**

(see Pylas)

**Pylus**

(see Pylas)

**Pynnel**

British

a knight

He was one of the rebellious kings defeated by King Arthur at the Battle of Bedgrayne.

**Pyramon**

Greek

one of the Cyclopes

an assistant to Hephaestus

an alternative name for Arges, some say

**Pyraechmes**

Greek

a soldier of Aetolia

To settle the battle between the Aetolian forces of Oxylus and the forces of Elis under King Dius, Pyraechmes, who fought with a sling, was appointed to meet the Elian champion, Degmenus, an archer. Pyraechmes won the contest and the victory went to Oxylus who became king of Elis.

**pyralis**

an insect supposed to live in fire

**Pyramus**

Greek

a Babylonian youth

This young man fell in love with Thisbe and planned to run away with her, arranging to meet her at night by a certain mulberry bush near the tomb of Ninus. She arrived first and, being frightened by a lion, ran off dropping her cloak in the sand. Pyramus found the cloak clawed by the lion and jumped to the conclusion that she had been killed by the lion. He killed himself on the spot and his blood coloured the white berries of the mulberry crimson. Thisbe, returning, found him dying and killed herself with the same sword. The red fruit of the mulberry is a memorial to the lovers.

**Pyron**

Greek

a prophet

**Pyrichiel**

a demon of fire

**Pyrophlegethon**

Greek

a river in Hades (see also Phlegethon)

**Pyrois**

Greek

a horse of the sun-god, Helios

**pyromancy**

divination from shapes seen in fire and the smoke rising from it (see also empyromancy)

**Pyrrha**

Greek

[Clymene]

daughter of Epimetheus and Pandora wife of Deucalion

wife of Prometheus, some say mother of Amphictyon, Hellen and Idomeneus

She and her husband were given advance warning of the flood and survived by building a boat. They repopulated the earth by throwing stones over their shoulders, each of which became a human being – in Pyrrha’s case, a woman.

In some accounts, she is referred to as Clymene.

**Pyrrha’**

Greek

the name used by Achilles when he was in hiding as a girl at the court of Lycomedes

**Pyrrha’**

Greek

a daughter of Creon, king of Thebes

**Pyrrho**

(see Pyrrhus)

**Pyrrhos**

(see Pyrrhus)

**Pyrrhus**

Greek

[Neoptolemus.Pyrrho(s).Purrhos]

king of Epirus

son of Achilles and Deidamia father of Molossus, Pielus and Pergamus by Andromache

His father, Achilles, was sent to the court of Lycomedes to escape military service at Troy. While he was there, he seduced the king’s daughter, Deidamia, who bore Pyrrhus.

He was sent for after his father’s death at Troy and fought well, killing Eurypylus and others. He was one of those hidden in the wooden horse at Troy and killed the aged Priam and his son Polites and threw the infant Astyanax to his death from the city walls when the Greeks finally overran the city.

He took Andromache, Hector’s widow, as a prize but abandoned her for Hesione after fathering three sons on her.

In some stories he was killed at Delphi for defiling the shrine, in others he was killed by Orestes.

In the latter story, Menelaus gave his daughter Hermione to Pyrrhus, even though she was promised to Orestes who rescued her when he killed Pyrrhus.

A different version alleges that there were two sons of Achilles – the second Pyrrhus who killed the first and took his new name, Neoptolemus, was the one who so brutally killed Priam and the child Astyanax.

**Pyrrakhan**

Siberian

a Tartar deity son of Kudai brother of Tos-khan and Sui-lap

**Pythagoras**

Greek

[Euphorbus.Panthoides]

a 5th BC philosopher

He believed in the transmigration of souls and claimed that he was Euphorbus, son of Panthous, in an earlier incarnation.

He was sometimes called Panthoides.

**Pytheus**

(see Pythius)

**Pythia**

Greek


the prophetess of the Delphic Oracle

It is said that for a fee, she would make prophecies which were noted for their ambiguity.

**Pythian**

(see Pythia.Pythius)

**Pythian games**

Greek

games in honour of Apollo, held in August/September

This festival, commemorating Apollo’s killing of the serpent, Python, was originally held at Delphi at eight-year intervals but later took place in the third year of each Olympiad.

**Pythias**

(see Phintias.Pythius)

**Pythius**

Greek

[Pyth(e)us.Pythian.Pythias]

a name of Apollo referring to his slaying of the serpent, Python
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Qadish Mesopotamian
a servant of Asherah
Qadishtu Mesopotamian
a name for Ishtar as the patroness of temple prostitutes
Qaf (see Mount Qaf)
Qagwaai North American
a monster in the form of a whale in the lore of the Indians of the north-west
Said to be able to shoot with a bow and arrow at a very young age, Stoneribs saw how this monster was killing men by smashing their canoes and lured it to the surface where it chased his own canoe with mouth agape. Stoneribs jumped into its gaping maw and killed the monster by shooting it from inside. He then skinned the whale and, wearing this skin, was able to take the form of a whale himself.
Qalu Egyptian
a city of the gods
Qaitakalnin Siberian
a guardian deity
brother of Quinna’qu and A’na
Qalanganguase North American
an orphaned Inuit boy
When the tribe tied the boy to posts because they saw him with the spirit of his dead sister, the spirits of his dead parents took him away and he was never seen again.
Qamatha African
a creator-god of the Xhosa
He sent the chameleon to tell the tribe that they would be immortal but the lizard found out what the chameleon’s message was and ran ahead to tell the people just the opposite. When the chameleon arrived with the proper message, the people refused to believe it and, in consequence, men are mortal.
A similar story is told of Hyel by various other tribes. (see also chameleon)
Qamai’ts North American
[Ek Yakintosil.Quamay:Ti Sisnaaxil]
a creator-goddess of the Bella Coola Indians of Canada
She is said to have killed the giants who populated the world and built mountains from their dead bodies.
Qamate African
a supreme of the Kaffirs
Qamaye (see Qamai’ts)
Qandisa African
a water-demon in northern Morocco
This female being seduces men and then drives them mad.
Qaru (see Marduk.Nergal)
Qasavara Pacific Islands
a monster
It ate the eleven brothers of Qat who then killed the monster.
Qat Pacific Islands (Quat)
a creator-spirit of New Hebrides (now known as Vanuata)
brother of Tangaro
husband of Ro Lei
Qat was said to have sprung from the stone, Qatgoro, which split open, and to have grown immediately into an adult. The world already existed but Qat created plants, animals and men, carving humans from trees and bringing them to life with music and dancing.
When men became tired of perpetual daylight, Qat gave the deity who controlled darkness some pigs and, in return, received sufficient darkness to provide alternate day and night.
He had eleven brothers who were jealous of him. Once they abducted his wife and carried her off to another island but he rescued her.
An alternative version says that his wife was a swan-maiden whom he had caught and kept earthbound by burying her wings. When she found the wings, she flew back to heaven where Qat followed her by shooting a chain of arrows up which he climbed. Unfortunately for Qat, the banyan to which the chain was attached was cut through by the hoe of a careless worker with the result that Qat fell to earth and was killed while his wife, whom he had managed to retrieve, flew back again to heaven.
Qatgoro
Pacific Islands
a stone which split to allow Qat to emerge

Quaes
Arabian
the Zodiatic sign Sagittarius

Qa'wadiliquala
North American
a supreme god of the tribes of British Columbia

father of Tewi-xilak
He lives in a river and ensures a plentiful supply of salmon

Qayan
Arabian
a southern smith-god

qazah
(see qada)
Qeb
(see Geb)
Qebh
(see Geb)
Qebcheneuf
(see Qebcheneuf)
Qebehseneuf
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Qebk
(see Geb)
Qebehseneuf
(see Qesbheoneuf)

Qebh
(see Geb)

Qedesh
Egyptian
[Keheb(see),Qebsheneuf(see),Qebehsneuf(see)]
a falcon-headed or hawk-headed god one of the 4 Amenti
son of Horus
He was guardian of the west and of the intestines of the dead or, some say, the liver and gall bladder.

Qedesh
(see Qedeshet)
Qedeshat
(see Qedeshed)
Qedeshet
Egyptian
[Eye of Ra,Kadesh,Kedesh(see),Lady of Heaven,Mistress of the Gods,Qades(see),Qadshu,Qadshu(see),Qades(see),Kadesh(see),Quades(see),Kadas(see),Kedeshat(see),Kedeshet(see)]
a goddess of health

Qeskin'qu
Siberian
a spirit of daylight

Qetebsh
(see Qedeschet)
Qingu
(see Kingsu)
qigirm
Inuit
a supernatural dog

This dog is said to be virtually hairless and can cause seizures in humans if it comes near.

qivittq
Inuit
a wandering spirit in Greenland

A person who leaves his community to live alone in the wild soon develops the physical attributes of an animal such as fur, claws, etc. He depends on his own efforts for survival but sometimes steals food from the community he left to become a qivittoq.

Qodshu
(see Qedeshet,Quodges)
qollo
(see kollo)

Qoluncotun
North American
a creator-god of the Okanogon tribe

Qoph
Hebrew
[Coph,Koph,Zoph]
the realm of the seraphim

Qormusta Tengri
Mongolian
[Chormusta,Od(tok),Teng(shi)]
the creator-god and sky-god

consort of Irgan or Umair
He made humans from fire, water and wind and populated the world with his own offspring who became rivers, trees, mountains and all the other things that make up the world.

Qos
Arabian
a weather-god and god of rainbows

Q'ire
Greek
[Panemeriros=Syrian Ker]
a Cretan god of the solar year

an aspect of Zeus

son or brother of Artemis Caryatis

Quaqqua
North American
[Kimono,Shalekam=Aztec]
Quetzalcoatl=Kwakiutl Kanikilak=
=Tlingir Yel]
a creator-god of the Salish tribe

Quaayayp
North American
a god of the Pericue
son of Niparaya and Anaycincondi
He was said to be able to create men by drawing them up out of the earth.
He came to earth and lived with the early ancestors of the tribe who killed him but his body is said to remain uncorrupted and dripping fresh blood.

Quades
Mesopotamian
[Qades(see),Qodshu,Quadset,Qoedeshet]
Quades(see)
Quodes
a syncretic god of Egypt and Mesopotamia;
Qodes
a Syrian fertility-goddess
She is depicted naked, standing on a lion and was assimilated into the Egyptian pantheon as Qodshet, an aspect of Hathor.

Quades
(see Quades)
Quadriovia
Roman
mother-goddesses and goddesses of the crossroads

Quah-beet
North American
the beaver who told Malsum the secret of how Gluskap could be killed

Quahoozze
North American
a war-god of the Nootka Indians

Quail
an small game bird which appears in the mythology of various cultures

(1) In China, the symbol of the scarlet bird used by astrologers is said to be based on the quail, a bird associated with the phoenix. It symbolises courage.

(2) Regarded as sacred to Apollo, in Greek stories the form of a quail was adopted by Asteria to escape the amorous attentions of Zeus, Leto was turned into a quail by Hera and Zeus adopted the form of a quail when he mated with Leto. It was believed that this bird was immune to the effects of poison. Some say that the birds would land on ships at sea to rest during their migration in such numbers that the ships sank under the weight.

(3) The Hindus regard the quail as the harbinger of spring. It is eaten by the wolf at the onset of winter but is revived by the Aswins in the spring.

(4) In Russia, the quail is regarded as the embodiment of the sun.
Quakuinahaba (see Cathena)

Quamate (see Cuthin) African
the supreme god of the Kaffir

Quamata (see Cathin) African
the supreme god of the Xhosa people

quan (see Cuthin) Anasazi
a servant-tiger of the Dje Ba

Qoaar North American
in the lore of some Californian tribes, a creation force

Quartana (see Cuthin) (see Curtis)
Quat (see Qat) Central American
Quatlapanqui Central American
[Head-splitter]
a god of intoxication
one of the Cenzontotochcin

A sacrifice made to this god would ensure that the drinker suffered no more than a headache after getting drunk.

Quauhtli (see Curtis) Central American
[Head-splitter]
a stone on which victims were sacrificed to the Aztec sun-god

Quauitlicac (see Curtis) Central American
a festival in honour of the rain-god, Tlaloc, held on 2nd February

Quauhtlicue (see Curtis) Central American
son of Coatlicue, brother of Huitzilopochtli
He warned the unborn Huitzilopochtli that Coatlicue's other 400 children were planning to kill her to prevent the birth of Huitzilopochtli.

Qubail (see Curtis) South American
a sky-deity in Guatemala
In some accounts, Qubail and Guccumatz created the first man, Hurakan.

Quadliparmiuat (see Qudlumiu) Inuit
Quadilvivum (see Qudlumiu) (see Qudlumiu)
the home of the good dead

Quadshu (see Qedeshet)
(see Qedeshet)
Quadsu (see Qedeshet)
Quechollhi South American
a festival in honour of Mixcoatl, held on the 280th day of the year

Quedbaschemod a demon

Qedes (see Qedeshet)
queen
a presiding goddess

Queen Bee a name given to the Great Mother goddess

Queen Chen Chinese
in some accounts, the spirit of the River Lo (see also Mi Fei)

Queen Maeve (see Maeve) Indian
wife of King Siddhodana mother of the Buddha
She was mother of the Buddha by divine conception which she dreamt of with Buddha as a white elephant.

Queen Maya (see Patinaya Nei) Indian
Queen of the Mountains

Queen Mother (see Patinaya Nei) (see Hsi Wang Mu)
Queen of the West

Queen of Avalon (see Argante Morgan le Fay) British
Queen of Cotton (see Tlazolteotl) British
Queen of Cyprus (see Curtis) (see Sati’)

Queen of Eastlands British
a witch
She was one of the four witches who put Lancelot under a spell at the Chateau de la Charette and tried to make him choose one of the four as a lover.

Queen of Elephante (see Curtis) British
Queen of Elphame British
a witch
She is said to have seduced the 13th c. poet Thomas the Rhymer and given him supernatural insight. Some regard her as an incarnation of Hecate.

Queen of Ethiopia African
daughter of Malika Habashiya
She was born with one goat's foot and travelled to King Solomon's court hoping to find a cure. She walked through a pool that the king had caused to be built and stepped on a piece of ironwood. When she emerged her feet were normal. She either married or slept with the king and then returned to her own country. Her son David later went to Solomon and claimed Africa as his own.

Queen of Gods (see Edjo Vach’ Wadjet) British
Queen of Gore British
[Queen of Sorestan Queen of Sorestan]
a witch
a title of Morgan le Fay
In this role she was one of the four witches who put Lancelot under a spell at the Chateau de la Charette and tried to make him choose one of the four as a lover.

In some accounts, she is the Queen of Sorestan.

Queen of Heaven (see Anat. Astarte Edjo. Hebatar Hera Inanna Isis Juno Tara. Tien Hou VajravahriHis Wang Mu) British

Queen of Katapa (see Sartyas) British

Queen of Knowledge (see Tara’ Vidyavasini) British

Queen of Love a name for a number of goddesses, including Aphrodite, Astarte, Benten, Sarasvati and Venus

Queen of Northgales British
[Queen of Northgales.
The Snow Queen]
a fairy queen daughter of Morgan le Fay
She and her sisters Carvilia and Morganetta always accompanied their mother and helped her with her wicked plots and she was one of the four witches who put Lancelot under a spell at the Chateau de la Charette and tried to force him to choose one of the four as a lover.

She was in the boat which took Arthur to Avalon and, after the fall of Camelot, they all left Britain for the Straits of Messina where they lured ships on to the rocks.

Queen of Northgals (see Queen of Northgales)

Queen of Sailing (see Pleione)

Queen of Sheba Muslim
wife of Solomon, some say
In some accounts, she was said to be the daughter of a jinnie and had legs like a donkey.

Queen of Sorestan (see Queen of Gore)

Queen of Soreston (see Queen of Gore)

Queen of the Circling Universe (see Euynome)

Queen of the Druids (see Druantia)

Queen of the Mountains (see Atlantis’)

Queen of the Night a name for the moon

Queen of the Out Isles (see Queen of the Outer Isles)

Queen of the Outer Isles British
[Queen of the Outer Isles]
a witch
She was one of the four witches who put Lancelot under a spell at the Chateau de la Charette and tried to make him choose one of the four as a lover.

Queen of the Sea (see Asherah)
Queen of the Tides

a name for the moon

Queen of the Two Lands (see Ipet)

Queen of the Wastelands British
[Carvilla]
an enchantress
daughter of Morgan le Fay

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Queenenah North American
[=Haida Any-any-any-ah]
an evil deity of the Indians of Queen Charlotte Island

This deity is envisaged in the form of a duck and regarded as the lord of darkness having control of the sun, moon and stars. He was killed by Spaul.

Queen's Arch African
the Zulu name for the rainbow

Queevet South American
[Aharaggichi.Grandfather]
a god of the Abipones

He was identified within the Pleiades so that, when this constellation was not visible, the people feared for their god, greeting his reappearance with a great festival.

Quel Central American
a parrot

In Mayan lore, this was one of the birds that helped the gods to create human beings by bringing them maize.

Quelny (see Guatinge)

Querhet (see Qerkat)
Quern-biter Norse
the sword of Thoralf Skolinson

Quern Song (see Grottasong)

Querrana North American
in the lore of the Pueblo Indians, the second man to be created

Quedeshe (see Quades)

Quest of Skirmir (see Skirnis-Foor)

Queste del Sainte Graal French
a 13th c story about Galahad and his quest for the Holy Grail

Questing Beast British
[Beast Glatisan.Glatisat(int Beast]
a monster in the form of a leopard/ lion/serpent
offspring of the devil and a mortal maiden

It was said to have an unquenchable thirst and that the rumbling noise from the belly of this mysterious beast was like a pack of hounds baying. Both Palamedes and Pellimore hunted it.

Quetzalcoatl1 Central American
[Ce Acatl.Ecatl.Ehecatl.Feathered
Staff.(Green-feathered Serpent.
Tlatl(u)ii)calpantecuhiti.
Thapallan. White Tezcatlipoca, Yahuali-
Ehecatl=Hopi Paluhkon=Mayan
Kukulkan.Izrama=Kwakiatl
Kanikil=Salish Quaaqua=Tlingit
Yel=Zuni Kalooowise]
a god of the Aztecs, Maya and Toltecs in the form of a jade- coloured feathered serpent the sun-god of the Second Sun and god of the wind
son of Coatlicue
son of Mixcoatli and Xochiquetzal or of Ometochtli and Ometecuhiti, some say son of Tonacatecuhtli and Tonacacihuatl, some say seventh son of Iztaclxicohluate, some say twin brother of Xolotl
brother of Quetzalpetlatl
brother of Camxtolli, Huitzilopochtli,
Tezcatlipoca and Tlacahuepan father of Totec, some say
In one story, he and Tezcatlipoca split open the body of Tlaltecuhtli to form the earth and sky.

In the Aztec creation stories, he killed Tezcatlipoca, who had ruled in the period of the First Sun, and became the ruler of the Second Sun. He then created human beings. He is said to have made them from bones brought up from the underworld, sprinkled with his own blood. Some of the bones were dropped on the way and this accounts for the fact that some races are taller than others. In the form of an ant, he stole maize and gave it to the human race. After another 676 years, the wind-god Tlaloc blew away all his companions died of the cold, and slid down the far side to the shore. Here he was carried off on a raft borne by serpents, promising to return. In later years, the invading Cortez was regarded as the returned god.

He is depicted as a traveller carrying a staff or as a butterfly. (see Huemac2)

Nanihецécatl.

Papachtic. Quetzalcoatl2.

Topiltzin, Yahuali-Ehecatl)
Quetzalcoatl2 Central American
a Toltec king who was deified when he died

In some accounts, the story of the departure on a raft of serpents relates to this deity.

Quetzlalpapolotl Central American
a quetzal-butterfly god

Quetzalpetlatl Central American
sister of Quetzalcoatl

In some accounts, she was seduced by her own brother who immolated himself in remorse.

Quetzalveixochiti Central American
in Aztec lore, one of the huge trees regarded as pillars supporting the heavens

(see also Tezacaquahtli3)

Quetzpallin Central American
the fourth of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising the lizard and south, the day was governed by Huehuecoyotl.

Queux British
the French name for Kay

Qui-am-i Wintook (see Nagah)

Quiahunti Central American
[Quiahatonatiuh.Tletonatiuh]
an Aztec creator-god
the sun-god of the second age

When the world was destroyed by fire at the end of his reign, humans were changed into butterflies, dogs and turkeys.

Quiahunti Central American
the nineteenth of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising rain and the west, the day was governed by Chantico.

Quiahatonatiuh (see Quiahunti1)
This enchanted building, sometimes referred to as a palace, was built by Midac who still nursed resentment against Finn mac Cool for the death of his father and he trapped Finn and a party of the Fianna who found themselves stuck to the floor. Midac had brought in a large force of Norsemen, under Sinsar, to help him in his fight with the Fianna but, when they tried to cross the ford to reach the hostel, a battle ensued in which all the attacking forces were killed.

The quicken tree (the rowan) was regarded as the tree of immortality. (see also Battle of Fionn's Strand)

Quietus Roman
a title of Vulcan

Quijre Central American
one of the lords of Xibalba

Quijrixgag Central American
one of the lords of Xibalba

Quiquer Inuit
a mythical eight-legged dog

Quiquern Inuit
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Quiquir Inuit
a mythical eight-legged dog

Quiquern Inuit
a mythical eight-legged dog

Quiquit Quinames Central American
Aztec giants who were destroyed by earthquakes

Quinquatria Roman
festivals in honour of Minerva, 19th–23rd March

Quintilian British
a nephew of Lucius

King Arthur sent a message with Gawain to the Roman commander, Lucius. Quintilian made an insulting comment about Britain and Gawain decapitated him. (see also Gayus)

Quirina (see Kurina)

Quirina Roman
a festival in honour of Quirinus, held on February 17th

Quirinus1 Roman
a title of Janus and Mars

Quirinus2 Roman
a Sabine guardian-goddess of mothers

Quissy Quissan Kwedas North American
a Haida youth

He loved Kindawuss but they were not allowed to marry so they ran off together and lived in the woods. While he was away, she was taken off by a bear by whom she had two sons, Cunwhat and Soogaot. Years later she was found and returned to Quissan Kwedas.

Quivira a mythical city with great treasure

Quixote (see Don Quixote)

Quiyauhtonatiuh (see Don Quixote)

Quius Quissan Kwedas North American
a Haida youth

He is said to have brought up mud from the bottom of Lake Tule and used it to make the earth, before creating all the plants and animals.

Quodes (see Qedeshet.Quades)

Quon Quonomorius (see Cunomorus.Mark)

Quoots-hooi North American
a Chinook giantess

She ate the eggs of the raven, Hahness, and the first humans appeared.

Quurai (see Ngurai)

qutrub Arabian

Quzah Arabian
a mountain-god and god of weather

Some versions equate him with Qos.

Qvasir (see Kvasir)
Ra

Re-Khepra.Rhe.Ria]

a creator-god, sun-god and god of the underworld
father and husband of Hathor, some say husband of Nut
father of Isis, Osiris, Nephthys and
Set by Nut
father of Ihy by Hathor, some say
Some say he was self-created from Nun, others that he emerged from the primordial lotus flower, others that he was the son of Nut while in some accounts he was the father of Shu and Tefnut. Yet another version says that Ra emerged from an egg laid by Geb in the form of a goose. Some say his consort was Urt-Hikeu. In some accounts, he was the first pharaoh.

He created mankind from his own tears of joy at the recovery of Shu and Tefnut who had been lost. He became convinced that men were plotting to overthrow him, he sent Hathor to kill them all. She got drunk on khakadi, the red-coloured beer that he used to flood the land and forgot her mission.

Isis, wanting to know his secret name, fashioned a serpent from his saliva. The snake bit Ra and caused him violent pain from which Isis cured the god in return for learning his secret name which was Ran.

When he mutilated himself, the blood from his penis generated several other gods.
As the morning sun he was Khepra or Menthu, at noon he was Ra-Harakhta and as the evening sun he was Ra-Atum.

As god of the underworld he is depicted as having a ram's head and riding in a barque; as sun-god he appears as a falcon wearing the solar disc. In other cases, he is depicted as a scarab or dung-beetle.

In old age he retired to heaven – the Fields of Peace (Amenti) in some versions – in favour of Thoth and was lifted into the sky by Nut. (see also Auf)

[及时-nui-te-Ra.Tama-nui-ate-Ra.
Tama-nuit-ite-Ra-Maori Raa]
in Polynesian lore, the sun, created by lo

Ra

[+]Swedish Radere
an elf working in houses and workshops

Ra

Nefertem.Ra-Tem.Re-Atum]
an assimilation of the early sun-god Atum with Ra
In the form of the Bennu-bird or phoenix he dispersed the darkness of Nun while sitting on the benben stone (obelisk).

He had the ability to detach one eye and send it out alone to see what was going on and used it to locate Shu and Tefnut when they got lost. He grew another eye but kept the detachable one which he placed in his forehead.

Ra-Harakhta

[Ra-Harakhte.Re-Harakhty]
the god Horus as sun-god
This deity was an assimilation of Horus of the Horizon with Ra and was the sun-god at dusk and dawn. Other versions identify him as Shu.

Ra-Harakht (see Ra-Harakhta)

Ra-Tem (see Ra Atum)

Ra Torua

[Day of Two Sunsets]
the battle between Tawheta and Uenuku
On this occasion, the sea was red twice in one day – once from the blood of battle and again at the time of the real sunset.

Raa

[+]Polynesian Ra
the Maori sun-god
husband of Arohirohi

Rab-byor

the Tibetan version of Subhuti

rabbits

household spirits said to keep the occupants awake at night by knocking

Rabbim

Canaanite

a flood-god
He was killed by Anat.
Rabbit

North American

the animal that brought fire to the
Hitchiti people

Fire was once exclusive to the Sky
People but Rabbit thought his people
should have it as well. At the Green
Corn Festival, when the fire was lit in
the square, he soaked the top of his
head with pure oil and, as he danced
round the fire, bent his head low
enough to set the hair alight. He then
ran off, sheltering in a hollow tree
when the Sky People sent rain in a vain
effort to douse his fire.

Rabbit

(see Cottontail.
Great Hare.Hare)

Rabbit Boy

North American

[Much Blood Boy,We-Ota-Wichasha]
a Sioux hero

He was reared by a rabbit who had
come across and casually kicked about
a blood-clot from which Rabbit Boy
emerged. When he grew up, he left
his foster-parents and married a girl in
the next village. The spider-man,
Iktome, was jealous and incited the
youths of the village to kill Rabbit Boy
who sang his death-song before being
killed, cut to pieces and boiled. Using
his magic powers, Rabbit Boy
reassembled the parts and reappeared
alive. When Iktome tried to do the
same, he recited the wrong words to
the death-song and was killed, never
to return.

Rabbul-Nau

Muslim

a guardian angel of plants and
animals

Rabican

European

[Rabicane]
the horse of Argalia

This marvellous animal lived only on
air. When his master was killed by
Ferrau at Charlemagne’s great tour-
nament, he returned to his original
home in a cave protected by a giant
and a griffin. Rinaldo wounded the
giant who then fled, killed the griffin
and claimed Rabican for himself. The
horse subsequently passed to Astolpho.

Rabicane

(see Rabican)

Rabisu

Mesopotamian

a Babylonian demon of nightmares

Rabmag

Hebrew

a chief of the magi

Racilia

Roman

wife of Cincinnatus
mother of Lucius

Racine, Jean

(1639–1699)
a dramatist

He wrote Andromaque, Iphigenie and
Phedre.

Racit Ngabal

(see Ngabal)

rackabore

(see guyaecitus)

Rad

(see Cearas)

Rada loa

West Indian

benevolent Haitian voodoo spirits
derived from the deities of Dahomey

Radare

[=German Ra]
an elf working in houses and
workshops

Radbad

German

a king
father of Ortrud

Radegast

European

a Polish winter-god

He is honoured in the post-Christmas
festival of Turon.

Radegost

(see Radgost)

Radest

European

[Radegost]
a supreme deity of early Danish tribes,
appearing in the form of a goose

(see also Radigast)

Raden Abiasa

(see Abiasa)

Radha

Hindu

a milkmaid
wife of Ayanagosha

She was the favourite mistress (some
say wife) of Krishna and when her
husband caught her with Krishna the
god changed into female form as
Durga to deceive him. Other stories
say that Krishna split himself into two
parts, one of which was Radha, and
their union produced the egg floating
on the primordial waters from which
the universe developed. In some
accounts she is regarded as an
incarnation of Lakshmi.

Radha

Hindu

wife of Shatananda

Radiance

Tibetan

a primordial essence

The two things first existing were Black
Misery (black light) and Radiance
(white light) which combined to form
the cosmic egg. Black Misery produced
the evil things, Radiance the good
things.

Radigast

Baltic

[Radigast]
a war-god and god of agriculture
and wise counsel

He is depicted with the head of a bull
on his chest and a swan on his head.
(see also Rodgost)

Radigund

English

the queen of the Amazons in
The Faerie Queene

She defeated Artgallo in single
combat and forced him to dress as a
woman and perform menial tasks.

She was said to have been killed by
Britomart.

Radin

East Indian

leader of the Iban tribe of
Borneo

He killed the ghost which had been
bringing disease to his people when he
swung his kris at a bird singing in the
longhouse. Next morning, the wooden
image of the war-god Sengalang
Burong (who sometimes appeared as a
hornbill) which stood outside the
longhouse, was found to have been
cut in half.

Radion-aimo

Baltic

heaven, home of the god of the
Lapps

Radish

Chinese

[Mu-ien.-=Tibetan Maulgalyayana]
a Buddhist hero

When he left home on a long journey,
he left money with his mother, Lady
Leek Stem, to be distributed to the
poor. She kept it for herself and for
this she was sent to hell when she died.
Radish interceded with the Buddha
and she was returned to life as a dog.
He then prayed for her for a whole
week and she was returned to human
form.

Rado

Serbian

a builder

When he immured the wife of Goiko
in the walls of a fortress to placate a
veela, he left a small opening through
which she could breast-feed her infant
son, Yovo.

Radoool

Serbian

brother of Paul and Yelitza

Radsuthr

Norse

one of the dwarfs

Rae

Irish

a warrior of Connaught

He was one of those who fought
Cuchulainn in single combat during
the Cattle Raid of Cooley and was
killed.

Rafnagug

Norse

a name for Odin as a raven-god

Raft of Four Sticks

North American

in some tribes, a symbol of the four
quarters of the world

Such a structure is regarded as the
platform on which the creator rests
and was the platform used by the
animals and birds that dived into the
primordial waters to bring up mud
from which the gods made the earth.
Rafusen  
Japanese  
a fairy who scatters perfume amongst
the blossom of the plum trees

rag-bush  
a bush on which pieces of cloth are
hung to placate local spirits

Raga  
Hindu  
a deity, melody personified

Raga-Vidyaraja  (see Vidyaraja)

Ragatala  
Hindu  
a name of Rati as vine of love

Ragallach  
Irish  
[Ragallach]  
a king of Connaught
son of Uadhu
husband of Muireann
father of Cathal

He became king when he defeated
Colman at the Battle of Cean Bugga.
Fearful of being killed himself, he
killed his own nephew and, when he
was told that his own child would
cause his death, he tried to kill his
young daughter by abandoning her.
She was saved by a swineherd and
reared by a holy woman and, when she
came of age, Ragallach took her as a
mistress, neither of them knowing of
their relationship. His wife then left
him and later died of jealousy.

Accounts of his death vary. Some say
that he was killed by men arguing over
a stag they had killed, others that he
was killed by Maolbhrighe who was
latter killed by Cathal to avenge his
father, still others that his daughter
was killed by Maolbhrighe who was
a stag they had killed, others that he
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their relationship. His wife then left
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Ragnar Lodbrok  
[Norse]  
[Lodbrog.Lodbrokr.Regner]  
(c. 735–794)
a great warrior
son of Sigurd Ring and Alfild
husband of Aslaug, Lodgerda and Thora
father of Agnar and Erik

When his father died by his own hand,
Ragnar took the throne at the age of
fifteen. On an expedition to Norway,
he met and married Lodgerda, a
warrior-maid, and lived with her for
three years but was then forced to
return to Denmark to repel an
invasion. Lodgerda refused to leave
Norway and Ragnar eventually
married Thora after killing the dragon
that guarded her. She bore two sons,
Agnar and Erik, before dying at an
early age.

Ragnar came across Aslaug, at that
time called Krake, in a filthy hut where
she was virtually a slave to the peasant
couple who had reared her. He
married her and they had four sons.
When Ragnar considered putting her
aside in favour of a princess, Aslaug
discovered his plan from her pet
magpies and proved that she was
equally highborn, the daughter of
Sigurd and Brunhild. She later gave
birth to another son, Sigurd the
Snake-eyed.

Late in life, Ragnar invaded
Northumberland. Most of his men
were killed and he was captured. Ella,
the king of Northumberland, had him
thrown into a snake-pit but the magic
shirt his mother had made for him
prevented him from being killed.
He was later released and
married Thora after killing the dragon
Surt and his sons who smashed
the Frost Giants from the north. They
were reinforced by Hel and Nidhogg
and by Sur and his sons who smashed
the Bifrost bridge as they rode over it.

In the ensuing battle on Vigrid
plain the gods were defeated.

Odin was eaten by the wolf Fenris,
Frey was killed by Surtur, Heimdall
by Loki, Tyr by Garm, and Thor
drowned in the poison of the Midgard
serpent after he had killed it. Vidar,
arriving late, put his one large foot on
the bottom jaw of Fenris and, taking
the top jaw in his hands, pulled the
wolf apart. Surt then set the world on
fire with his flaming sword and the
earth sank beneath the waves.

The evil gods who died in that
battle were sent to Nàstrond, the good
ones went to the highest heaven,
Gimil, while the giants went to their
own hall, Brimer.

(see also end of the world:Twilight of
the Gods)

Ragnarok

Ragnell  
British  
[Loathly Lady]
sister of Gromersomer Joure
wife of Gawain
mother of Gingalin

Cursed by her brother, she appeared as
an old crone, a version of the Loathly
Lady, and told King Arthur the
answers to the riddle posed by Joule
but demanded Gawain as a husband.
When Gawain married her, the spell
was broken and she returned to her
normal form as a beautiful young
woman.

Ragnhild  
Norse  
wife of Hadding

She nursed the wounded Hadding and
left a ring embedded in his wound so
that, when she was later required to
choose between a group of suitors, she
was able to identify him by touch.
They married but, after some years,
he longed for his home in the sea and she
for the hills, so they parted.

Ragno  
North American  
a mother-goddess of the Hopi and
Pomo Indians

In the lore of the Pomo Indians, she
rescued the world from the attempts
to destroy it made by the brothers
Kuksu and Marumda.
Raguidel  

[Tatjurdel]  

a knight of King Arthur's court  

After he was killed by Guengasoain, his corpse was found on a ship where a note found with the body asked King Arthur to exact vengeance for his death. Gawain killed Guengasoain and was, as a result, the only man who could remove the rings from the fingers of the dead Raguidel.

Rahab  

[Barach]  

a moon-goddess and sea-goddess  

Rahab  

[see Rahab]  

North American  

a wand decorated with feathers  

The object is used in religious ceremonies by the Pawnee and symbolises the female principle and peace.

Rahaktaru  

North American  

a wand decorated with feathers  

The object is used in religious ceremonies by the Pawnee and symbolises the male principle and war.

Rahi  

Pacific Islands  

a Tahitian chieftain  

husband of Hotu Hiva  

He found a princess, Hotu Hiva, inside his long drum and she became his wife.

Rahkoi  

Baltic  

a ghost in the lore of the Finns and Lapps, said to influence the moon

Rahkonen  

Baltic  

in Finland, the man in the moon  

Raho  

Pacific Islands  

a Samoan sailor  

He left Samoa with his granddaughter, a girl named Maiva, taking a basket full of soil, and sailed westwards. When he tipped the soil into the sea, a new island, Rotuma, was formed and he settled there with Maiva.

Rahu  

Hindu  

[Abhajapach, Adhnapach, Agrabber]  

a horned demon  

son of Kayapa or Rudra  

He was sent by Jalandhara to seize Sakti, the wife of Shiva. The god created the lion-headed monster, Kirttimukha, to fight Rahu who was so frightened that he ran off.

When this demon drank some amrita, Vishnu, as Narayana, cut off its head to prevent it from becoming immortal. The head was placed in the sky where it swallows the moon at eclipses. Here it takes the form of a dark planet at the north node of the intersection of the orbits of the moon and the earth.

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Rain

[Raum, Raym]

a demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This being is said to be able to evoke love and will steal money for the sorcerer.

He appears in the form of a blackbird and, in some accounts, is equated with Alastor.

Rainimu (see Ramman)

Rainmond (see Raymond)

Raimonidi South American

an ancient Peruvian deity

Rain Beings North American

rain-spirits of the Pueblo Indians

Rain Goddess African

the second wife of Mwari

Rain Queen African

in the lore of the Lovedu, an earthly queen who is the embodiment of the rain-goddess Mujaji

The queen must have perfect health so she was required to commit suicide the first time she fell ill.

(see also Mujaji)

Rain Sun (see Quiyauhtontiuh)

Rainardo Italian

the Italian version of Reynard the Fox

rainbow1

a natural phenomenon in the form of an arc of 7 colours in the sky

The rainbow is woven into many cultures with many different interpretations.

(1) One story from Africa says that, if one cuts the rainbow in half, one half goes up into the heavens while the other half goes down into the earth, making a hole that leads to an underworld paradise.

(2) Christians liken the seven colours to the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost.

(3) The general belief in Europe is that a pot of gold lies at the rainbow’s end, treasure which was placed there by an angel which can be claimed only by a naked man.

In Brittany, the rainbow is spoken of as a snake with a bull’s head.

Others say that any person passing under a rainbow will be changed to the opposite sex.

(4) In Hebrew tradition, the rainbow symbolises God’s covenant with Israel, rebirth, etc.

(5) In Inuit lore, the rainbow is a bow wielded by the thunder-god.

(6) The Irish regard the rainbow as Lug’s sling.

(7) In Japan it is a bridge, the one on which Izanagi and Izanami stood when dipping the spear into the primaeval waters to create land.

(8) In Malay, people avoid the place where the rainbow touches the earth, believing them to be unhealthy but they also believe, as do many others, that treasure is to be found there.

(9) The Mongols regard the arc of the rainbow as the bow of a great hero from which he fires shafts of lightning.

(10) In Norse mythology, the rainbow is the Bifrost Bridge which leads from Niflheim to Asgard.

This bridge is guarded by Heimdall and will be destroyed by the pounding footsteps of the giants crossing it at Ragnarok.

(11) Some North American Indian tribes allege that, if one uses the index finger to point to the rainbow, that finger will swell up. Other tribes regard it as the road to the land of the dead.

Other tribes say that the rainbow causes drought by preventing rain from falling; that it is a means of transport for the Cloud People or a bridge to some afterworld; that it is a sign of ill-fortune or a shaman who paints himself with the colours of the arc.

(12) In Persia, its position in the sky is significant in terms of one’s future and the intensity of the colours also plays a part, red indicating war, green wealth and yellow death.

(13) The Romans regarded the rainbow as a symbol of Juno’s blessing.

(14) In Siberia, some tribes regard the rainbow as the hem of god’s coat, others say it is the sun’s tongue or the bow of the thunder-god.

(15) In South America, the Arawak say that the rainbow over land brings evil but over the sea it is beneficial.

Another story says that the rainbow is a serpent which, when small, was caught by a young girl and kept as a pet which escaped and grew to an enormous size, swallowing people as it travelled all over the country.

It was finally killed by a huge flock of birds and went to the sky.

(see also Rainbow Snake)

Rainbow2 North American

wife of Hינr

Rainbow3 South American

an incarnation of Bochica

Rainbow4 (see Is Chel Lubangala)

Rainbow King (see Nkonango)

Rainbow Monster African

a Kenyan water-monster

This beast was said to emerge at night and eat both animals and men. The rainbow in the sky is merely its reflection.

(see also Lubangala)

Rainbow Serpent (see Rainbow Snake)

Rainbow Snake [Great Father.Great Rainbow Snake.

Rainbow Serpent]
a creator or fertility symbol in many African, East Indian and Australian stories.

Some of the many names for this being include Galaru, Galeru, Kalera, Kalser(u)ru, Karia, Kumnanggur, Langal, Mindi, Muit, Ngallbjod, Ta’iian, Wolunkwa, Wonambi, Worombi and Yero.

(see Dan Ayido Hwedo.Dji.

Mbumba Luangu.Yurlungur)

Rainburn European

son of Guido of Tours

He was fostered with his father’s friend, Heraud, but was kidnapped by Russians whose ship was wrecked off the coast of Africa. Here he was sold to a king, Argus, and grew up to become the leader of the king’s army. In an attack on a neighbouring country, he found himself in single combat with Heroud who had been imprisoned there. They renewed their friendship and set off together for England. En route, Rainburn fought an honourable draw with a champion guarding a mountain pass who turned out to be Heroud’s son, Asslake, who was searching for his missing father.

Raini South American

a Tupi creator-god

He created the world when he placed a flat stone on the head of another deity.

(see also Rairu)

rainmaker

a witchdoctor or medicine-man who claims to be able to cause rain to fall

Rainoaurt European

giant

husband of Ermintru

He was stolen when a child and sold as a slave, later becoming a cook in the
say that they may be blue, green or yellow, with eyes set vertically, fingers pointing backwards, matted hair, protruding stomachs, and five feet. They are said to eat human flesh, even fouled meat and corpses. Some say that they live in trees but haunt graveyards and they are so poisonous that they kill mortals by a mere touch. They can also take possession of men, causing illness or death. Mortals who have been exceptionally cruel in life may be condemned to reappear as rakshasas.

In some versions rakshasas are the same as yaksas.

Rakshasa-Loka Hindu the home of the rakshasas
Rakshasaraja Hindu a king of the rakshasas
rakshi Hindu
- [Javanese rekshasi] a female version of a raksha
Rakta-Yamari Buddhist an aspect of Akshobhya a form of Yamari
Raktabija (see Raktavija)
Raktadanti Hindu a name for Devi, Durga, Kali and Uma as 'bloody-toothed'
Raktvija Hindu
- [Raktabija.Raktvija] a huge demon-king
Kali killed all the demon’s forces but when she wounded Raktavija a thousand giants sprang from every drop of his blood. Kali finally killed the demon by swallowing all his blood.

Raktvira (see Raktavija)
Rakush Persian
- [Raksh.Ruk(w)ish] the horse of Rustem
He and his master were both killed when they fell into a pit filled with sharp-pointed spears.

Ral-eggig-ma Tibetan the Tibetan version of Ekajata
Ralph a printing-house imp

Raluvinbha Afrikan a creator-god of the Baventa people of the Transvaal

ram1
the male sheep, featured in many mythologies
(1) In Babylon the ram was sacrificed at New Year to expiate sins.
(2) In Celtic lore the ram is the personification of Belin, the Gaulish god of light and crops.
(3) In Egypt the ram symbolises the
soul and the gods Amen-Ra, Geb, Min, Osiris and Shu.

(4) In the Greek story of the Golden Fleece the ram, named Chrysomallion, saved Phrixus and his sister Helle from death by carrying them off to Colchis.

In other contexts it is sacred to Dionysus and Zeus.

In Crete the ram was deified as the god of the waning year.

(5) Hebrews regard the ram as a symbol of sacrifice.

(6) In Hindu lore, the ram is a generic name for god and an attribute of Agni.

(7) In Muslim lore the ram was one of the ten animals allowed into heaven.

(8) In Persia the ram symbolised virility and was the emblem of the empire.

(9) To the Romans, a ram with one horn facing forwards and the other facing backwards represented the two-faced god Janus.

ram2 (see Aries)
Ram1 (see Rama)
Ram of Mendes (see Banaded.Plah)
Rama2 (see Rama)

the seventh incarnation of Vishnu, as a human
son of Dasa-Ratha and Kausalya
half-brother of Bharata, Lakshmana
and Shatrughna
husband of Sita
father of Kusha and Lava
He is the hero of the epic Ramayana
and appears in the Mahabharata.
He killed the she-dragon, Taraka,
and won the hand of Sita, daughter of Janaka, king of Videha, by bending the bow of Shiva. He should have succeeded to the throne when his earthly father died but he and his wife, Sita, together with his half-brother, Lakshmana, were exiled and Bharata, his other half-brother, took the throne.

Surpanakha, the sister of the demon-king Ravana, tried to seduce him but he and Lakshmana badly wounded her when she tried to swallow Rama when he rejected her advances. She then persuaded her brother Ravana to seize Rama’s wife.

When Sita was abducted by Ravana, Rama or Sugriva built Adam’s Bridge and attacked Trikuta, the fortress of the demons, with the monkey forces of Sugriva led by Hanuman in a battle in which all the leaders of the demons were killed. Rama himself cut off Ravana’s head.

In later years, he exiled Sita on the suspicion that she had slept with Ravana. When she asked the gods to send a sign that she had been faithful to her husband, the earth opened up and she was taken away on a golden throne. In remorse, Rama drowned himself.

Rama3 Persian
one of the yazatas, giving food its flavour

Rama-setu (see Adam's Bridge)
Rama-umi a good demon, said to teach magic
Ramacandra (see Rama1)
Ramachandra (see Rama1)
Ramajana (see Ramayana)
Ramakien Thai
[Ramakirti]
the story of Hanuman’s visit to the underworld realm, Patal
Ramakirti (see Ramakien)
Ramanavami Hindu
[Birthday of Lord Rama]
a festival celebrating the birthday of Rama, held in the month of Caitra (March/April)
ramara (see remora)

Rama's Bridge (see Adam's Bridge)
Ramsaon Tbai
a thunder-god

Ramayana Hindu
[Ramayana]
an epic recording the life and exploits of Vishnu as Rama

The original Sanskrit version of this work, in seven books and 24,000 couplets, is said to have been written by the poet Rishi Balmik in the 2nd or 3rd C BC. A 16th C version, in Hindi, was written by the poet Tulsi Das.

Rambha Hindu
[nymph
one of the Apsaras
wife of Kubera, some say
She was the sixth thing to emerge at the Churning of the Ocean and is regarded as the greatest of the group of Apsaras. Her husband's brother, the demon Ravana, is said to have raped her.

Rama-prismanas Hindu
a collection of stories about Rama
Ramiquri South American

He and Iraca made figures from clay which became men and others from keck which became women. The world at that time was without light so the two heroes went up into the heavens where Ramiquiri became the sun and Iraca the moon.

Ramiro Spanish
a king of Aragon
He was in dispute with Ferdinand and they agreed to settle the matter by single combat between Gonzalez for Ramiro and El Cid for Ferdinand.

Later, when Ferdinand was dead, he and Sancho of Navarre attacked Sancho, Ferdinand's son who was now ruler of Castile, but they were defeated by El Cid.

Ramila Hindu
a dramatic performance of the Ramayana

Ramman Mesopotamian
[Ragim.Mermer.Rainimu.Rammanu:
=Egyptian Set=Hurrian Sutekh:
=Sumerian Ishkur=]
a Babylonian thunder-god
In some accounts he is equated with Enil, others regard him as a manifestation of Adad.
Some versions give Rimmon as the Babylonian god and Ramman as his Egyptian equivalent.

Ramses (see also Murtaimu)

Ramuel (see also Rhampsinitus)

Ran1 Egyptian
the secret name of Ra

Ran2 Norse
[Rana.Robber=Swedish Sjoran]
a sea-goddess and storm-goddess
sister and wife of Aegir
mother of Gymir and Mimir
mother of the 9 Wave-maidens
mother of Gialp and Greip by Geirrod some say
She lured sailors into her net and carried them down to her home in the deep.

Rana (see Ran)

Rana-neidda Baltic
[=Norse Frigga]
a Lapp virgin-goddess

Ranakombe African

He helped Rasobemamana when she wanted a child and later set that child,
Iboniamasiboniamor, several near-impossible tasks before he was allowed to marry.

Randver (see Randver)

Randver Norse
[Randver]
son of King Ermenrich
His father sent him and a servant, Sibich, to escort the king’s proposed bride, Swanhild, to the royal palace. Sibich lied to the king that Randver had seduced Swanhild on the journey. The king had Randver hanged and Swanhild trampled to death by horses.

(see also Broder)

Rang African

a Sudanese god of the hunt

Rangahore Pacific Islands

in some accounts, a wife of Tane
who produced stone

Rangda Pacific Islands

a witch, queen of Bali
She was vanquished by Barong, the lion-king.

Rangga Australia

the first humans
sacred sticks or objects of the Aborigines

Rangi New Zealand

[Atea, Haniu-o-Rangi, La(n)gi, Raki.]

Ranginui.Ranji.T aumata.Vatea:

creator-god and sky-father of the Maori husband of Heke-Heke-i-Paperi, Poko-ha-rua-te-po or Papa husband of Tepatangato father of Haronga, Haumea, Rehua, Rongo, Ruaumoko, Tane, Tangaroa, Tawhiri and Tu
The intertwined bodies of Earth and Sky made it impossible for their children to leave the womb so they tried to push their parents apart. After failures by Haumea and Rongo to push them apart, Tangaroa to blow them apart with his winds, and Tu to cut them apart, Tane, standing on Papa, managed to push Rangi, the sky, into its present position.

It was said that he had six wives, one of whom, Papa, turned out to be the wife of Tangaroa who stabbed Rangi in the thigh with his spear when he discovered what had happened in his absence.

Rangi-Atea Pacific Islands

a name of Rangi in Tuamotu

Rangi Haupapa Pacific Islands

a magic cloak
This garment was given to Mataora by his father-in-law when he brought his wife, Niwarca, back to earth after they were reconciled.

Rangi Tuarea Pacific Islands

the tenth heaven, in Polynesian lore

Rangima Pacific Islands

[‘light sky’]
a Samoan sky-god
offspring of Ao and Po

(as also Rangjuri)

Ranganui (see Rangi)

Pacific Islands

[‘dark sky’]
a Samoan sky-god
offspring of Ao and Po

Rangkong East Indian

wife of Enggang
Her husband shut her in a tree while he was away but she was released by the servant Sidin. When Enggang returned, he destroyed the palace where she had taken refuge and was turned into a hornbill for this crime. Rangkong, who still loved her husband, changed herself into a female hornbill, Enggang Papan, to be with him.

Rangsang East Indian

[Agung]
a Javanese king
It was said that, every Friday, he would fly to Mecca on his prayer-mat to take part in prayers.

rangguma East Indian

[phur=rangguma]
a demon in the form of an evil man
This being, notable for blood-shot eyes, is said to kill children and rape women.

rangkong (see rangguma)

Ranji (see Rangi)

Rannut (see Renenutet)

Rannweig Norse

wife of Bjarni

Ran’s Ness (see Hronnesness)

Raodhatakhma (see Rustem)

Raohenga Pacific Islands

a realm below the surface of the earth, home of the Turehu

Raon Irish

a warrior at the court of Eochaid Feidhleach

raos East Indian

[tono=Indonesian rasa]
in Javanese lore, the ability to interpret cosmic events and phenomena

Rapanuate Pacific Islands

a Melanesian tribal hero

Rape of Lucrece English

a poem by Shakespeare

Rape of the Sabine Women Roman

the capture of the Sabine women by the Romans
When Romulus and Remus built Rome there was a shortage of women so they invited the Sabine tribe to the festival of Consualia. They took the women prisoner and drove the men away. In the final battle, when the Sabines attacked the city to recover their women-folk, the captives stood between the opposing armies and demanded the cessation of the fighting.

Raphael Hebrew
one of the 7 archangels, associated with Mercury or the sun.
As Suriel, he was regarded as a bull-headed angel who cured disease.

Raphael West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit derived from St Raphael

Raphael’ an angel of the third heaven, associated with the north

Rapithwin Persian
[Lord of the Noonday Heat]
an early god of summer and warmth
He is destined to preside over the creation of the earth at the end of time.

Rarach (see Svarog)

Rarog (see Svarog)

Rarohenga Pacific Islands

[Po]
the home of the fairies: the underworld

Ras al-Ghul Arabic
the Arab name for the star Algol

Ras shamsa lotan Canaanite
a seven-headed monster

Rasa Hindu
[=Greek Styx; =Norse Leipter]
the river which separates this world from the underworld

Rasa’ East Indian

[=Javanese raos]
in Indonesian lore, the ability to interpret cosmic events and phenomena

Rasa-Lila Hindu
a love-dance: the dance of Krishna

Rasap (see Resep)

Rasatala Hindu
one of the 7 realms of Patala, home of the Daityas and the Danavas
### Rashima
A Japanese fisher-boy who lived under the sea.

### Ratnajumilah
Hindu goddess.

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[Big Grandfather.Taqlikic=]  
Atec Quetzalcoatl:  
- Kwakial Kanikilak=Salish Quaaqua:  
- Tlingit Yeh.Yehil servant of the supreme god of the heavens, Sha-Lana creator-god and trickster-god of the Haida Indians
He caused the earth to rise from the primaeval ocean, or after the flood, by flapping his wings, made humans from shells and stole fire from the heavens for their use. Some say that he made men from models carved from wood and women from clay.

In one story he was the grandson of a fisherman and persuaded the old man to let him play with the moon which he kept in ten boxes, nested one inside another. When he got it, he threw it into its present position in the sky.

Another version of this tale says that Raven turned himself into a leaf which was swallowed by the daughter of a chief when she drank. She became pregnant and Raven was re-born with healing properties she had learned.

Rayma  
[see Hahness]
Raven the Giant  
Mesopotamian one of the Eleven Mighty Helpers created by Tiamat

Rygg  
[Merirauka] a Finnish fish-god

Ravi  
[see Surya] a wood-sprite, one of the veelas

She inadvertently wounded Milosh, a friend of Marko, who nearly killed her in response. She was able to heal herself and Milosh with herbs whose healing properties she had learned.

Rawana  
East Indian
the Javanese version of Ravana

Rayveno  
North American  
[Everything-maker] a creator spirit of the Iroquois rawhead-and-bloody-bones bogeys

Raxa-Cakulha  
Central American  
[Track of the Lightning] an assistant to Hurukan, the wind-god

Raym  
[see Raim]  
Raymi  
South American  
[Hatun Raymi] a harvest festival held at the summer solstice

Raymond  
French  
[Raimond] husband of Melisande

Raynbrown  
British  
a knight of King Arthur’s court son of Ironside

Raynaert  
European  
the name for Reynard the Fox in Dutch stories

Raynold  
British  
a knight of King Arthur’s court
He was one of the knights overthrown by Lancelot who was posing as Kay.

Raysiel  
European  
a demon of the north

Raz  
European  
the home of souls in Breton lore

Razanil  
a demon

Razeka  
Arab  
an early god worshipped as a provider of food

Razu  
Japanese  
a thunder-animal

Rbins  
(see Ribhus)  
Buddhist [dorje] the Tibetan name for the thunderbolt, the vajra

rDo-rje-chang  
Buddhist the Tibetan name for Vajradhara

rDo-rje-‘jigs-byed  
(see Vajrahairava)  
Buddhist the Tibetan name for Vajraputra

rDo-rje-moi-bu  
Buddhist the Tibetan name for Vajravahari

rDo-rje-sems-dip  
Buddhist the Tibetan name for Vajrasattva

re\(^1\)  
Irish the moon

The proper name for the moon was taboo so euphemisms such as 're' were used.

(see also esca.gealach.luan)

Re\(^2\)  
(see Ra)

Re-Atum  
(see Ra-Atum)

Re-Herakhty  
(see Ra-Herakhta)

Re-Khepra  
Egyptian  
the god Khepri as Ra

Re-in-ga  
(see Reinga)

Re-Tein  
(see Ra-Tein)

Rea Silvia  
(see Rhea Silvia)

Reachaa-Sey  
Cambodian a flying-lion

Reachtadh  
Irish  
a king of Ireland
In some accounts, he killed the queen, Macha, and took her throne.

Reaghhamhain  
Irish  
a hostel-keeper
Maev, needing help to feed her army before the Cattle Raid of Cooley, sent her seven sons, the Maini, to ask the hostel-keeper for cattle. His seven daughters fell in love with the Maini and eloped with them, taking their father’s herds. He agreed to allow his
daughters to marry provided that most of his cattle were returned.

Reahu
Cambodian
a Khmer demon which chases and tries to swallow the sun

Reb Low
Hebrew
a 16th c Pole who invented the Golem

Recaranus
Roman
[Garanus] a creator-deity

Recorder of Heaven and Hell
(see Geshtinanna)

Recorder of Hell
(see Chung K’uei)

Red Beard
(see Thor)

Red Bird
(see Zintkala Luta Win)

Red Book of Hergest
Welsh
[Llyfr Coch Hergest] a 14th c book of early legends

Red Boy
North American
a spirit of the Apache
He, with Holy Boy, set the sun and moon in their courses.

Red Boy Demon
Chinese
a demon encountered by Hsüan Tsang on his journey to India

Red Branch
Irish
an élite battalion guarding Ulster, bodyguard of the king
The Red Branch was founded by Ross the Red and was the counterpart of the Fianna, the bodyguard of the high-king. Its most famous champion was Cuchulainn.

The name was also used for the assembly hall for the warriors, one of three halls at Emain Macha. When the men were at meals, they hung their weapons in another hall, the Speckled House, so that they could not fight one another.

Red Branch
(see Craebruad)

Red Branch Cycle
Iris
[Ulster Cycle.Ultonian Cycle] the stories of the exploits of the warriors and champions of the Red Branch such as Cuchulainn, including the Cattle Raid of Cooley

Red-cap
Scottish
[Red-cowl] a malevolent castle goblin
He is said to dye his cap in human blood.

Red Champion
[Witch God]
a name of the god of witches
(see also Robin)

Red City
the city of fallen angels: hell

Red Coat
(see Chu I)

Red-cowl
(see Red-cap)

Red Cross Knight
British
a personification of St George in The Faerie Queene husband of Una

Red Devil Tiger
Tibetan
a demon with the head of a horse on a human body

Red Dragon
Japanese
this beast, ruler of the south, is the symbol of life

Red Dragon
(see Samael)

Red Dwarf
(see Nain Rouge)

Red God
(see Hashje Hlíchi)

Red Hawk
North American
an ape warrior
He bet his friend White Hawk that he could seduce the latter’s wife and, although he failed, he persuaded White Hawk that he had succeeded.
The angry husband locked his wife in a chest and threw it in the river from which she was rescued by a fisherman.
When she was finally restored to her husband, she had Red Hawk and an old woman who had helped him torn apart by wild horses.

Red Heads
Pacific Islands
the name for the culture-hero brothers, Gwau Meo and Sina Kwo

Red-heads of Leinster
Irish
the 3 brothers of Rumhal
These were the three riders who were seen by Conary Mor as he neared the hostel of Da Derga where he was killed.
They later slew Lugaid Riabhdhearg.

Red Heaven
African
the fifth of the 7 heavens of the Bambara
This is where Faro keeps his records.

Red Horn
North American
one of the 5 (or 8) great spirits created by Earth-maker

Red Horus
(see Horus)

Red Hugh
(see Aehd mac Ruadh)

Red Knight
British
a knight who stole a golden cup from Camelot
In some accounts he was killed by Gawain, in others by Percival. In the latter event, he may be identical with the Red Knight who stole Sigune’s dog.
(see Red Knight)

Red Knight
British
in some accounts, a title of Gawain

Red Knight
British
a knight who stole Sigune’s dog
When Sigune’s husband, Schionatlander, tried to recover the dog, the Red Knight killed him. Percival, Sigune’s cousin, avenged his death by killing the Red Knight.
(see Red Knight)

Red Knight
(see Ironside.Perimones. Tom a’Lincoln)

Red Land
a name for paradise in Aztec and Egyptian lore

Red Lord
(see Ch’i-ti.Hastelsi)

red magic
bloody diabolic practices

Red Man
(see Asgayga Gigagei. Fir Dhearg)

Red Mare
(see Feidhilm)

Red Men
(see Fir Dhearg)

Red Rose Knight
(see Tom a’Lincoln)

Red Stag of Redynvre
Welsh
[Redenure.Redynure.Rhedynfre] a very ancient stag
This was one of the animals consulted by Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Owain. He could not help with information about the prisoner Mabon but led Culhwch and his companions to the Owl of Cwm Cawhwyd who was even older.

Red Tara
Tibetan
Kurukulla as an aspect of Tara wife of Kamadeva
In some accounts she is equated with Rati.

Red Tezcatlipoca
Central American
an aspect of Tezcatlipoca as Xipototec, guardian of the east

Red Thunderbird
North American
one of the 4 elders of the Thunderbirds
He helped the other three elders to guard the nest holding the eggs from which all the other Thunderbirds were hatched. He was the guardian of the north.

Red Tiger Devil
Tibetan
a Bon deity

Red Woman
(see Asgayga Gigagei)

Red World
North American
one of the 4 worlds through which the Navaho passed on their ascent from the underworld

Redator
Roman

redbreast
a god of agriculture
(see robin)

Reddedet
Egyptian
a mythical mother of kings

Redenure
(see Red Stag of Redynvre)

Redigast
(see Radigast)

Redsword
(see Edlym Redsword)

Redynure
(see Red Stag of Redynvre)

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re’em
(see reem)
Regin

dughter of King Lear
sister of Cordelia and Goneril
She and Goneril each received half of their father's kingdom but they drove him into madness and only Cordelia succoured him. She raised an army to depose her sisters but was killed in the attempt.

Regin

[Regin:=German Mime:=Greek
[=Hephaestus:=Roman Vulcan]
a smith
son of Hreidmar
brother of Fafnir and Otter

When Loki killed Otter, Regin's brother, their father demanded a ransom which Loki paid with the hoard of gold and a magic ring which he had forced the dwarf Andvari to hand over. In doing so, the dwarf put a curse on the treasure. When Hreidmar refused to share the treasure with his sons, Fafnir killed his father and expelled Regin, keeping all the treasure for himself and turning into a monster to guard it.

When Elf placed Sigurd in his care as tutor, Regin persuaded Sigurd to slay the monster to which Sigurd agreed if Regin would provide him with an unbreakable sword. Two made by Regin proved inadequate so they forged together the pieces of Sigmund's sword which proved capable of slicing through an anvil. Having killed the dragon, Sigurd cut out its heart and cooked it at Regin's request but, having tasted it, he found that he could hear the language of the birds who warned him that Regin was planning mischief. Sigurd then killed Regin and kept the treasure for himself.

Regina

in some accounts, one of the 9 wives of Charlemagne

Regina

a name of Juno as 'queen'

Reginn (see Regin)

Regnaut (see Rinaldo)

Regner (see Ragnar Lodbrog)

Regnier

duke of Guenoa
one of Charlemagne's paladins
father of Aude and Oliver

Regulus

a hero who gave his life for his country
For his bravery, the gods placed him in the heavens as a star in Leo.

Rechtia

an early Italian goddess of good fortune

Rehua

a Polynesian star-god
son of Rangi and Papa
father of Kaitangata
He helped Tū to push Rangi and Papa apart. He is said to live in the highest heaven, Putahi-nui-o-Rehua. Some accounts refer to Rehua as female.

Reiðartyr

the Polynesian name for Pollux

Reindartyr

[Reidantyr]
a name for Thos as 'riding god'

Reidmar

(see Reidartyr)

Reinaert

the German name for Reynard

Reinecke Fuchs

the German version of Reynard the Fox

Reinga

the Maori land of the dead: the route taken by departed souls

Reinier

a Saxon duke

He attempted to take, by force, the inheritance of the Duchess of Bouillon but the Swan Knight, Elias, came to her aid, killing the duke and then decapitating him.

Reinold

(see Rinaldo)

reikh

[=Arab roc]
an eagle or phoenix

reksasi

(see reksosso)

reksosso

[female=reksasi]

Relah

demon

Related Ones (see Kindred Gods)

Rella-mancerinja

2 primeval partly-formed beings

These beings were cut apart by the lizard, Mangar-kunjer-kunja, and they became the ancestors of man.
and reared by a she-wolf aided, in some accounts, by a woodpecker.

They later killed Amulius who had usurped the throne from their grandfather, Numitor, and restored him to the throne.

Remus was killed, for jumping over the walls of the newly-founded city, by Romulus who became king of Rome or by Celer, his lieutenant. Others say that he was killed in a quarrel that broke out between the followers of the two brothers.

Remus and his brother are traditionally regarded as the founders of Rome. (see also Rhomus)

Remute (see Renenutet)
ren Egyptian
an attribute of a person’s name necessary to ensure future life (see also Ran)

Renault (see Rinaldo)

Renauld (see Rinaldo)

Renaut (see Rinaldo)

Renaut de Montauban (see Rinaldo)
Renaut de Montauban [Renaut de Montauban]
the French version of Rinaldo
son of Aymon and Beatrice
brother of Aalart, Guischart and Richart

In this version, Aymon’s brother, Beuve, killed Charlemagne’s son, Lohier, when he tried to force Beuve to fulfill his obligations to the king and Charlemagne sought revenge. Aymon supported the king’s view against his own brother and sent his four sons to court where they were knighted. It was on this occasion that Renault was given the magic horse, Bayart.

In an argument over a chess game, Renault struck Bertelai, the king’s nephew, with the chess-board and killed him. He and his brothers then fled to their father’s castle but he turned them away and they built their own castle in the Ardennes. When they were attacked by Charlemagne’s forces, the four brothers fled to Gascony with their cousin Maugis and served the king, Yon. Here they built another castle, Montauban.

When Charlemagne organised a horse-race, Renault entered riding Bayart and won the prize which included the Charlemagne’s crown. The King then attacked Montauban.

Yon betrayed them to the king’s forces but the four brothers were rescued by Maugis who, by magic, transported the king to Montauban. The protagonists failed to reach a peaceful settlement and the king was released and the siege was resumed. The brothers escaped, taking Bayart with them, through an underground passage and went to Dortmund where they were pursued by the king. Only when Renaut threatened to hang Charlot, the king’s son whom he had captured, would the king make peace, but he required Renault to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and throw Bayart into the Rhine. The horse managed to escape and fled to where Maugis lived as a hermit in the forest.

In the Holy Land, Renaut and Maugis helped in the capture of Jerusalem and Renaut refused the offer of the crown, preferring to return to the king’s court. Finding that his wife had died in his absence, he gave his property to his sons and became a monk, later working on the construction of the cathedral at Cologne. His fellow-workers, jealous of his performance, killed him and threw his body into the river. When the body was recovered and placed on a cart, the cart set off of its own accord in the direction of Dortmund where Renaut was finally buried.

In a Dutch story, Renaut killed Lodewijk (Louis) who had struck one of Renaut’s brothers with a chess-board, Bayart was drowned in the Rhine and Maugis (here Malagis) was killed in the Holy Land. (see also Rinaldo)

Renaut de Montauban (see Remaut)

Renet Egyptian
a form of Gundari-nyoo regarded as a manifestation of Kongo

Renier de Ganvres (see Regnier)

Renoart European
a French warrior in some accounts, father of Corbon by Morgan le Fay

He was taken to Avalon where he met King Arthur and became a lover of Morgan le Fay, fathering Corbon. When he deserted her, Morgan had her servant Kapalu, sink Renoart’s ship but he escaped death when the Sirens saved him.

Renpet Egyptian
a goddess of spring and youth

Renuka Hindu
wife of Jamad-Agni
mother of Parashurama

When her husband discovered that she had lustful thoughts he ordered his five sons to kill her. Parashurama obeyed and decapitated his mother with an axe but, when granted a request, he asked that she be restored to life.

Renwein British
[Hoonthyna.Ronwen.Rowena]
a witch
daughter of Hengist
sister of Sardoine
second wife of Vortigern
mother of Paschent

She married Vortigern and manipulated him with her magic arts and poisoned Vortimer, her husband’s son by his first wife.

After Vortigern’s death, she left Britain but instructed her servant, Ambron, to kill Aurelius who had killed her husband and regained his kingdom, using poison which she left with him.

Another story places the blame for the murder of Aurelius on her son, Paschent, whose soldier, Eopa, is said to have administered the dose.

Reochaid Irish
a lover of Findbhair, some say

Repansse British
[Repanss de Joie.Repanse de Schoie]
the Grail maiden
daughter of Frimutel
sister of Amfortas, Herzeloyde, Josiane and Trevrezent
wife of Feirefiz
mother of Prester John

She married Feirefiz when he converted to Christianity and they went to live in India.

Repansse de Schoie (see Repanse de Joie)

Repaim (see Anakim)

Rephah (see Chiun)

Requiel a moon-demon
Rer  
(see Tauret)

Rerenga-waitua  
Pacific Islands

underworld

Reret  
(see Tauret)

Rerir  
Norse

son of Sigi

father of Volsung

His father, king of Hunaland, was killed by his wife's relatives while Rerir was away from home. On his return, he killed the murderers and took over his father's throne.

When he was downcast at the lack of children, Gna dropped an apple sent by Frigga. His wife ate the apple and soon bore him a son, the hero Volsung.

Resef  
(see Resep)

Resep  
Canaanite

[Rasap.Res(h)ef.Res(h)eph.Reshiph-Mical:

Asyrian Sahman: «Egyptian Reshpu:

-Kenite Salmon

a war-god and god of plague

husband of Ilum

He is sometimes equated with Mot and may be depicted with the head of a gazelle on the front of his crown.

Reseph  
(see Resep)

Reshef  
(see Resep)

Reship  
(see Resep)

Reshiph-Mical  
(see Resep)

Reshpu  
Egyptian

[Great God. Lord of Eternity:"

Canaanite Resep]

the war-god Resep absorbed into the Egyptian pantheon

Restor de Tristram  
British

a hero who rejected the love of a fairy and was taken to the castle of Morgan le Fay

Resurrection  
Central American

a giant

In the lore of the Aztecs, he was one of the four giants who supported the sky at the beginning of the Fifth Sun.
After killing one of his relatives he fled to Boeotia. He later married Alcmene either on earth after the death of her first husband, Amphitryon, or in Tartarus where he was appointed as one of the three judges of souls.

**Rhadamanthus** *(see Rhadamanthus)*

**Rhaceus** *(see Rhoecus)*

**Rhamnes** *Roman*

a king

Rhamnes was also an augur and was one of those fighting on the side of the infant Poseidon who was given to Cronus a foal to swallow instead of his children as they were born. In some accounts, Rhea gave Cronus a foal to swallow instead of her first husband, Amphitryon, or in Tartarus where he was appointed as one of the three judges of souls.

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Rhodope as an oracle. His wife died of snake bites and it was she who saved Dionysus when he was torn to pieces by the Titans.

**Rhea** *Roman*

a priestess

mother of Aventinus by Hercules

Rhea Silvia *Roman*

[Ilia.Ilia.Rea Silvia.Sylvia]

a vestal virgin
daughter of Numitor

mother of Romulus and Remus by Mars

In one version of the story of Romulus and Remus, she was raped by a man as she was fetching water from a spring. As a result, she was imprisoned for breaking her vows of chastity but she was later released by her sons. In some versions she suffered the traditional penalty and was buried alive though others say that she was drowned or beheaded and was then defied.

In some stories she is referred to as Iliia, daughter of Aeneas.

*(see also Tarchetius)*

**Rhegynore** *(see Red Stag of Redynvre)*

**Rheged** *Celtic*

the ancient kingdom of the Celts, later divided into Strathclyde and Cumbria: the kingdom of Urien

**Rhegled** *Welsh*

father of Gwres

**Rheia** *(see Rhea)*

**Rheidion** *(see Rheiddwn)*

**Rheiddwn** *Welsh*

a warrior at King Arthur's court

son of Eli Adfer

He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.

**Rheie** *(see Rhea)*

**Rheingold, Das** *(see Rhinegold, The)*

**Rhene** *Greek*

mother of Medon by Oileus

**Rhesos** *(see Rhesus)*

**Rhesus** *Greek*

a king of Thrace

son of Eioneus or Strymon and Euterpe or Tersiphore

husband of Arganthe

He fought on the side of the Trojans at the siege of Troy and was killed by Diomedes and Odysseus when they made a night-raid on the city.

In some accounts, he lived on as the Thracian god of that name, in others his spirit lived in a cave on Mount Rhodope as an oracle. His wife died of grief at the news of his death.

**Rhesus** *Greek*

a play by Euripides dealing with the Trojan War

**Rhexenor** *Greek*

son of Nausithous

father of Chalciope and Arete

brother of Alcinous

He was a follower of Diomedes and went with him to Italy where he was turned into a bird by Aphrodite.

**Rhiannon** *Welsh*

[Great Queen.Rigantona.:Celtic Epona] a moon-goddess and goddess of the dawn

daughter of Hefydd Hen

wife of Pwyll

mother of Pryderi

A mysterious lady who appeared riding a white mare in front of Pwyll's court. Though she rode at what seemed a canter, none of Arthur's riders could overtake her. She asked for help to prevent her forced marriage to Gwawl, a man she did not love and Pwyll married her himself.

Soon after their first son was born, it disappeared and the nurses, fearing the wrath of the parents, said that Rhiannon had eaten the baby, putting bones beside the bed and smearing the sheets with blood as Rhiannon slept, as proof of her crime. She was condemned for a whole year to carry all visitors to the castle on her back. The baby, who had been left on the doorstep of the farmer Térryth, was later returned to its parents and was called Pryderi.

After Pwyll's death, Pryderi introduced his mother to Manawydan and they married. When all living things disappeared from Wales, she and her husband, together with Pryderi and his wife Cigfa, travelled to England but, having roused the enmity of the local tradesmen whose work they were taking, they returned to Wales. She and Pryderi were mysteriously spirited away and Manawydan's farm was overrun by a plague of mice. It was about to hang the largest of the mice when a bishop claimed her as his wife and offered a large ransom. He was the magician Llwyd who had put a spell on the countryside to avenge Rhiannon's
Rhica

Rhica (see Retho)

Rhind (see Rinda)

Rhine-daughters German

[Rhine-maidens]

nymphs who guarded the gold hidden in the Rhine.

Rhinegold German

the treasure of the Nibelungs hidden in the bed of the Rhine and guarded by the Rhine-daughters.

Rhinegold, The German

[Das Rheingold]

one of the 4 operas by Wagner, based on the Nibelungenleid.

This work tells the story of how Wotan (Odin) acquired the treasure from Alberich and its acquisition by Fafnir.

Rhinnon (see Rhynnon)

Rhigoneddin Irish

son of a king of Ireland.

Rhipisunt North American

[Rhipisant]

a Haida maiden

wife of Dzarilaw.

She was abducted by the bears and married Dzarilaw, son of the bear chief and his wife who had human heads for breasts. Rhipisunt bore two offspring as bear cubs. When one of her brothers, who had searched for her with his dog Maesk, killed Dzarilaw, rescued her and took her home, these young cubs turned into handsome youths.

Rhitta (see Retho)

Rhoda (see Rhode)

Rhode Greek

[Rhoda.Rhodos.Rose]

a nymph

dughter of Poseidon and Halia or Aphrodite

mother of Prote by Helius.

In some accounts, she bore seven sons and one daughter to Helius while others say there were only three sons, Camirus, Lysus and Lindus. Other versions say that these three were the sons of Cercubus.

Some say that she is the same as Clymene. (see Clymene)

Rhodis Greek

son of Poseidon by Aphrodite.

Rhodope1 Greek

a nymph.

Rhodope2 Greek

a sacred mountain.

This was the site of an oracle of Dionysus.

Rhodope3 Greek

(see Rhodopsis).

Rhodopsis Greek

[Rhodope]

a female slave

wife of Charous.

Charous, carrying wine to Egypt, ransomed this young slave-girl and married her. She became so wealthy that, on her death, some regarded one of the pyramids as her shrine.

Another story says that, when she was bathing in the Nile, an eagle carried off one of her sandals and dropped it in the lap of the king, Psammeticos. When the king found the owner of the sandal, he married her.

Rhodos (see Rhode)

Rhoecus1 Greek

[->Roman Rhoetus]

a Centaur.

He was killed in the battle between the Centaurs and the Lapiths which took place at the wedding of Peirithous and Hippodamia.

Rhoecus2 Greek

[Rhaceus]

a man blinded by a nymph.

He saved an oak tree from falling thereby preserving the hamadryad who lived in it. In gratitude, she promised him her love and would send a bee to tell him when to come to her. Absorbed in a game of dice, he brushed away a bee that buzzed round his head. When he remembered what the bee signified he rushed to the tree — too late, he was blind.

Rhoeco Greek

daughter of Staphylus.

mother of Anius by Apollo.

She was made pregnant by Apollo and her father cast her on the sea in a chest. She landed at Delos where her son Anius was born and later became king.

Rhoetos (see Rhoetus)

Rhoetus1 Greek

[->Rhoetus]

a giant, one of the Gigantes.

Rhoetus2 Roman

the Roman version of Rhoecus.

Rheme Roman

[might’] daughter of Aeneas.

Some say that she was a Greek slave-girl or a Trojan captured by the Greeks and taken to Italy by Aeneas.

In some accounts, she married Latinus and became the mother of Romulus and Remus; others say she was the sister of Latinus.

Rhomos (see Rhomus)

Rhomus Greek

[->Rhomus]

the Greek name for the man who founded Rome.

In some accounts, he is the son of Aeneas while others identify him as Romulus or Remus.

Rhon, Kaspar von der German

a 15th C writer, author of Heldenbuch.

Rhonabwy Welsh

a soldier of Madawg.

He was engaged in the hunt for Madawg’s brother, Iorwoerth, and, resting on a yellow ox-hide in a cottage, he slept for three nights and three days dreaming of King Arthur and his knights as they prepared for the battle of Mount Badon.

In the dream, Arthur was playing a game of chess with Owain. They were interrupted by a chieftain asking Arthur to prevent his men from harrying and killing Owain’s ravens. Later in the battle the ravens gained the upper hand and other chieftains demanded that they be called off by Owain. When peace was restored, Arthur crushed the chess pieces to dust with his hands.

Rhongomyant (see Rhongomyniad)

Rhongomyniad Welsh

[Rhongomyant.Ron(e)]

the name for King Arthur’s spear, Ron.

Rhot-Amenti Egyptian

a name for Osiris as a judge in the underworld.

Rhipisunt (see Rhipisunt)

Rhuawn Bebyr Welsh

a warrior at King Arthur’s court.

He was killed by the young boar Grugyn in the hunt for Twrch Trwyth.
Rhun, a warrior at King Arthur's court
son of Maelgwn

When Elphin boasted that his wife was more virtuous than any woman in Arthur's court, the king sent Rhun to test her virtue. Warned by Taliesin, she deceived Rhun by exchanging roles with her maid.

In some accounts, Maelgwn takes the place of King Arthur.

Rhuvann Bebyr (see Rhwan Belyr)
leader of the Red Troop of knights in Rhonabwy's dream

Rhydderch, [Rhydderch Hael Rodarchus Largus]
one of a triad of generous gods with Morfad and Nudd

In some accounts, he was a king of Strathclyde fighting at Arthur's court where he killed Gwenfroflau. Some say he was the husband of Ganaedua, others that his wife was Languoreth, still others that he married Gwenfroflaua after Merlin divorced her.

He was the owner of the sword Dyrmyn and, in some versions, a dish, Dysgyl a Grem. Rhydderch, both of which became part of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

Rhyferys
head huntsman to King Arthur

Rhygenydd, owner of a dish, one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

Rhyymhi, (see Gast Rhyymi)

Rhymon
owner of some magic bottles

These bottles, which kept milk fresh, were among the things that Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Rhys ap Sion
a servant of Gawan

Rhycyneris, (see Rhyferys)

Kri bu-mo, (see Rigs-bu-mo)

Ria, (see Ra)

Riangabair, Irish
husband of Finnabair

father of Etan, Id and Laeg

Riarasthae, (see riaradh)

Riaradh, Irish
the battle-rage of Cuchulainn

When this fury came upon him, Cuchulainn turned red, revolved inside his skin and emitted sparks from his hair and mouth, while one eye became huge, the other smaller.

Rib, Irish
brother of Eochaid Airemhi

Ribesal, (see Ruberzahl)

Ribhu, (Hindu)

one of the 3 Ribhus

Ribhus, (Hindu)
brothers, famous as artificers

In some accounts they were the twin sons of Indra and Sharan, in others they were said to be three mortals, trained by Tvashtri, who were granted immortality. Some say that they made heaven and earth, renewed the youth of their parents and made the chariot of Indra. Their names are given as Ribhu, Vaja and Vihhu.

In some accounts, they are equated with the Aswins.

Ribimbi, African
a sky-god in the Transvaal

father of Kudjana

Ribimbi is also referred to as the first man.

Rica, Welsh
the Welsh version of Gorois

father of Gormant

Richardo, European

son of Aymon and Beatrice

brother of Alardo, Bradamante, Richarciadetto and Rinaldo

Ricca, (see Rethe)

Richarda, British
wife of Ayguysans

Richarciadetto, European

son of Aymon and Beatrice

brother of Alardo, Bradamante, Ricardu and Rinaldo

He was with Rinaldo in Egypt where they were both summoned by Malagigi to return to Spain. The demons Astaroth and Foulmouth entered their horses which flew, with their riders, to Spain, setting them down in the midst of the Battle of Roncesvalles. He and Rinaldo were two of the survivors of that great battle.

Rice Mother1, Pacific Islands

a Balinese guardian of the rice-fields

Rice Mother2, (see Busi-urt)

Rice Thief, Chinese
a nickname of Chang Tao-ling

Rich Fisher, British
the name given to Hebron when he became a fisherman

(see Fisher King, Pelles.Pellimore)

Rich One, The (see Komokwa.Libana)

Richard1, British
son of a king of Jerusalem

When Jerusalem was threatened by invaders, Richard was sent to King Arthur's court to solicit help. Arthur sent an army led by Henry the Courtly and Richard later became king of Jerusalem.

Richard2, European

[Rickaert]
one of Charlemagne's paladins

son of Robert

Richard3, (see Ricardo)

Richard, European

the French version of Ricardo

Richaudel, British
a Spanish princess

wife of Titurel

mother of Frimutel and Richaudel

She married Titurel when he was over 400 years old and bore him two children, a boy, Frimutel, and a girl who was also called Richaudel.

Richaudel, British
daughter of Titurel and Richaudel

sister of Frimutel

Richmond Castle, British
a castle in Yorkshire under which, it is said, King Arthur and his men lie sleeping

A man named Thompson is said to have seen the sleeping knights who started to wake up when he attempted to draw from its scabbard a sword lying on a table.

Other sites suggested are at Alderley Edge, Cadbury, Craig-y-Dinas, Mount Etna, Ogo'r Dinas and Sewingshields.

Riculf, British
a king of Norway

He became king after Sichelm, in some accounts by election, in others by force, despite the wish of the dead king that Lot should have the throne. King Arthur invaded Norway, killed Riculf and installed Lot as king.

Riculfe, British

a king of Norway

Riculf, European

son of Robert

one of Charlemagne's paladins

an adviser to Charlemagne

Riddhi, Hindu

["prosperity"]
a goddess of good fortune

consort of Ganesha

wife of Kubera, some say

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Riddhivasita

a goddess
one of the Paramita goddesses, some say

riddle of the Sphinx

Greek

a question posed by the Sphinx to all travellers

‘What moves on four legs when young, two when mature and three when old’ was the gist of the question and those who failed to answer correctly paid with their lives. Oedipus got it right when he gave the answer ‘man’ who crawls on all-fours as a baby, walks upright later and is supported by a stick in old age.

Ridhwan

Mesopotamian

an archangel guarding the 12 gates of paradise

Ridija

Mesopotamian

a Semitic spirit, controller of rain

This being was envisaged as a calf.

Ridire

Irish

a warrior

He told Conal Gulban, who had defeated him when he attacked the king of Scandinavia, that he had met Macaomb who had carried off Eithne, king of Scandinavia, that he had met. Macaomb who had carried off Eithne, and her son was taken by Conn in the fight in which they defeated Macaomb and rescued the girl.

Rieingulid

Welsh

daughter of Anlawd and Gwen sister of Goleuddydd and Igraine mother of Ultyd

In some accounts, she was an aunt of King Arthur.

Rience

(see Retho.Royns)

Rig

(see Riger)

Rig Antona

(see Rigantona)

Rig Jarl

(see Jarl)

Rig Veda

(see Rigveda)

Riga Veda

(see Riga Veda)

rigai

South American

in the lore of the Witoto, spirits of the air, birds or insects

Rigantona

Welsh

[Rig Antona]

a name of Rhiannon (and others) as ‘Great Queen’

Rigdonn

Irish

father of Ruad

Rigenmucha

East Indian

a supreme god in New Guinea

Riger

Norse

[Rig(ir)]

the name assumed by Heimdall on a visit to earth

In this guise, Heimdall became the progenitor of the human races. He stayed for three days with each of three couples, the poor Ai and Edda, the well-off Afi and Amma, and the wealthy Fadir and Modir. After each visit, a son was born, Thrall to Edda, Karl to Amma and Jarl to Modir. Thrall married Thy and they became the forerunners of the thralls; Karl married Shor, producing husbandmen and Jarl married Erna and produced many children, one of whom, Konur, founded the royal house of Denmark.

Rigi

Pacific Islands

a caterpillar

Rigi helped Areop-Emap to force open the clam in which they were trapped. He drowned in his own sweat and was placed in the sky as the Milky Way.

Rigir

(see Riger)

Rigisamus

Roman

a Celtic war-god in Gaul

Rigones

European

a poem about the adventures of Lohengrin

Rigonometis

(Mars Rigonometis)

Rigru Roisclethan

Irish

an Otherworld queen mother of Segda, in some accounts

Her son was taken by Conn Ceadchathach to be sacrificed but was saved by Rigru who produced a cow which was sacrificed instead.

Rigs-bu-mo

Buddhist

[Ri-bu-mo]

a Tibetan female demon sister of Srog-bdag

Rigs-Kyi-bu-mo

Buddhist

a Tibetan deity

He is regarded as an assistant to Loh-Stage and is depicted riding a lion.

Rigspula

(see Rigsthula)

Rigsthula

Norse

[Discourse of Rig.Lay of Rig.Rispula]

a poem in the Elder Edda, the story of Heimdall’s visit to earth as Riger

Rigveda

Hindu

[Rig Veda.Royal Veda]

the first of the 4 Vedas, a collection of about 1,000 hymns in 6 books

Rigvedic

Hindu

[Rigvedic]

a cloud-snake

Rihitonntu

Baltic

[=Swedish Ritomte]

a Finnish grain-spirit

This spirit will steal grain from neighbours in order to help the family it protects.

Riiki

Pacific Islands

[‘eel’]

When Nareau made the world, Riiki helped by holding up the sky until it was firmly established.

Rijckaert

(see Richard)

Rim-Sin

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian giant, king of Uruk

He is reputed to have dug out the channel for the Euphrates with his bare hands.

Rimm

(see Enil)

Rimman

(see Rimmon)

Rimmon1

Mesopotamian

[Rimman=–Egyptian Set=–Hurrian Sutekh] a Babylonian storm-god

He is regarded as a manifestation of Adad and is sometimes equated with Enil.

In some accounts, Ramman is the Babylonian god and Rimmon his Egyptian equivalent.

Rimmon2

[Damas.Ramman.Rimman]

a demon, chief physician in hell

In black magic he is the ambassador to Russia.

Rimn

(see Enil)

Rimogaio

Pacific Islands

[=Ponape Kona.Liat]

a fabulous race of giants

Rimpoche

Tibetan

[Guru Rimpoché]

a title given to a tulku

Rimstein

Japanese

[Ringin.Rinjin]

a dragon-king of the sea

When his wife fell ill, she said that only the liver of a monkey could save her so Rimstein sent the jellyfish to bring a monkey to his underwater kingdom. Having persuaded a monkey to come with him, the foolish jellyfish told the monkey why his presence was required. The crafty monkey said that he had forgotten to bring his liver so the jellyfish took him back to land to fetch it. The monkey quickly jumped ashore and ran off laughing at the jellyfish’s gullibility. The angry king had the jellyfish torn from its shell and pounded into a jelly for its stupidity.

(see abo Ryujin)
 Rinaggon

a creator-bird in Borneo

Rinaggon is said to have made men from the kimpong tree.

Rinaldo

Rinaldo of Montalban]

one of the paladins

son of Aymon and Beatrice

brother of Alardo, Bradamante, Ricardo and Ricciardetto

cousin of Malagigi and Roland

husband of Clarissa

father of Aymeric

In some accounts, he was the son of the Marquis d’Este, in others his parents were Bertoldo and Sophia.

He went into the forest with Isolier to capture the horse, Bayard. This fierce animal killed Isolier but was subdued by Rinaldo. Other accounts say that the horse was given to him by his father, Aymon, when the latter thought he was near death.

At the great tournament organised by Charlemagne, Rinaldo was enchanted by Angelica but, drinking from a fountain built by Merlin, his love was turned to hate. She drank from a second fountain and fell in love with Rinaldo. She freed the magician Malagigi and enlisted his help to win Rinaldo who was taken by a magic ship to Joyous Castle on an island. Here he was sumptuously entertained but ran away when he was told that the house was his, a gift from Angelica.

He undertook to destroy a monster which was ravaging the countryside but was trapped in a room where the monster lived and escaped only when Angelica ensnared the beast in coils of rope so that Rinaldo could get on to its back and strangle it.

He met Flordalis who told him her story and, having wounded the giant and killed the griffin guarding the marvellous horse, Rabican, he claimed the horse for himself and set off with Flordalis to find her lover, Florismart, and Roland.

At Albracca, Galafron recognised the horse Rabican which he had given to his own son, Argalia, and fought with Rinaldo thinking that he must have killed Argalia. Rinaldo then found himself fighting his friend Roland. Rather than continue this fight, he went off to free Florismart who had been imprisoned by the enchantress Falerina. He was seized by the guardian of the bridge, Arridano, and imprisoned but was later released when Roland captured both Falerina and the enchantress Morgana.

He led an army of Hungarians with Ottachiero to support Charlemagne.

When France was invaded by Agramant, Marsiliius and Rodomont, but they were defeated.

Regretting his former treatment of Angelica, he set out to find her once more. He met her with Roland and the two knights fought over her, ending their duel only when separated by Charlemagne to whom Angelica fled for help. Rinaldo encountered her again in the company of Sacripant and engaged him in single combat. Once again Angelica fled and was helped by a magician who conjured up a spirit in the form of a farm-hand who intervened in the fight and told the two knights that Angelica was heading for Paris in the company of Roland.

Rinaldo broke off the fight and spurred his horse towards Paris. There he was frustrated in his efforts to find Angelica when Charlemagne sent him to England to seek help in his battles with the invading forces.

When Agramant called a truce so that he could return to deal with an attack on his own capital of Biserta by Abyssinians under Astolpho, Rinaldo was chosen to fight Rogero to settle the war. Their duel was interrupted by Melissa who, in the guise of Rodomont, led an attack on the Christians, so breaking the truce.

Rinaldo set off in pursuit of Gradasso to recover his horse but went to Africa when he heard of the exploits of Astolpho at Biserta, arriving just after the combat in which Florismart had been killed. He accompanied Roland on his voyage to seek treatment for the wounded Oliver and Sohrino.

After the war, he was in Egypt with Ricciardetto, converting the infidel, when they were summoned back to Spain by Malagigi. The demons Ashtaroth and Foulmouth entered their horses which carried their riders over the sea to Spain, putting them down in the midst of the Battle of Roncesvalles. They both survived that great battle.

He fell out of favour with Charlemagne and his son Charlot and defeated all the knights sent to bring him to the king from his castle, Montalban. Charlemagne then besieged Montalban, or another castle in the Ardennes to which they retreated and starved the occupants so that they killed most of their horses for food. His mother, Beatrice, interceded with the emperor who forgave them when they submitted to his will and gave Bayard to Charlot. He had the horse drowned in view of Rinaldo who was heart-broken. He made over his property to his son, Aymeric, and retired to live the life of a hermit.

After three years, he was recalled to fight the Saracens in the Holy Land and spent many years there before returning to France. He eventually went to Cologne where he helped to build the cathedral for Bishop Agilolphus. He worked so hard that the other workers became envious and beat him to death, throwing his body into the river. His body was donated as a holy relic to the people of Dortmund who built the church of St Rinaldo.

In Jerusalem Deliverid, Rinaldo was out of favour with Godfrey, leader of the Christian forces attacking Jerusalem, because he had killed Ginando in a duel. It turned out that Rinaldo’s help was essential if the city were ever to be taken so Godfrey forgave Rinaldo who then deserted Armida, with whom he had been living, and joined Godfrey’s forces which quickly took the city.

Another account says that the source of the quarrel with Charlemagne was the assault by Charlot on Rinaldo’s brother, Alardo, whom the prince struck with a chess-board when Alardo was beating him at chess. In this version, Rinaldo killed Charlot and fled to Montalban and it was Charlemagne who killed Bayard by drowning the horse in the Seine.

The story of the chess-game appears, in different form, in the story of Ogier’s son Baldwin.

Rinaldo

(see also Renault.St Rinaldo)

a poem by the Italian, Tasso, relating the exploits of Rinaldo

Rind

(see Rinda)

Rinda

East Indian

wife of Demong

Rinda

Norse

[Rhind.Rinde.Rind(r)]
daughter of Billing
third wife of Odin

She rejected the advances of Odin when he appeared first as victorious general, then as the craftsman, Rosterus, and finally as a handsome young man, so Odin put her under a spell and then appeared as an old crone, Vak, the only person able to break the spell. He carried her off, bound hand and foot, and forced her to become his wife.

**Rindr** (see Rinda')

**Rinfaxi** Norse

a horse drawing the chariot of the night (see also Skinfaxi)

**Ring** Norse

son of Viking and Hunvor

When Hunvor died, Viking put Ring into the care of a foster-mother and married again.

**Ring** (see Sigurd')

**Ring Cycle** German

[Ring der Nibelungen]

4 operas by Wagner

These operas, The Rhinegold, The Valkyrie, Siegfried and Twilight of the Gods, were based on the Nibelungenlied.

**Ring der Nibelungen** (see Ring Cycle)

**Ring of Power** Norse

a ring with magical power

made by Mime from some of the Rhinegold

This ring passed through many hands before it was finally returned to the Rhine-daughters by Brunhilde at her death. (see also Andvaranaut.

**Draupnir'

**Ringabur** (see Ringabair)

**Ringhorn** Norse

[Hringhorn(i)]

Balder's ship on which his funeral pyre was built

**Ringin** (see Rin-Jin)

**Rinjin** (see Rin-Jin)

**Rintra**

a demon of anger

**Rinvit** (see Rugievit)

**Riotamus** British

a king of Britain

Some writers have equated him with King Arthur or with Uther.

**Rinpoche** Tibetan

[Lopons Lob-dpon]

a name for Padmasambhava in Tibet (see also (Guru) Rimpoche)

**Rip van Winkle** North American

[a German Klaus]

a legendary hero

He met a group of dwarfs in the Catskill Mountains and they gave him a drink which put him to sleep for twenty years.

**Risabha** (see Rishabha)

**Rise of Gavain** (see De Ortu Waluani)

**Risabha** Jain

[Rīsābha.Rabhadeva]

the first Tirthankara

father of Bahubali and Bharata

father of 100 sons

He abdicated from his kingdom and retired to a monastery living a life of complete asceticism, smelling pleasant even though he spread his own excreta over his body.

Some regard him as an incarnation of Shiva.

**Risabhadatta** Jain

husband of Devananda

father of Mahavira

His son, while still an embryo, was transferred from Devananda to Trishala so that her husband, Siddhartha, became the 'father' of Mahavira.

kish<br />

[maharishi.rshi.rt(i):tem=rishika]

a holy sage, poet or seer

In some stories, rishis accumulate so much knowledge and power that they can become superior to gods.

The three classes are brahmārīshis (priests), devārīshis (gods) and rajārīshis (of royal descent).

(see also mahatma.

Nine Brahmarīshis)

**Rishi Balmik** (see Balmik)

**Rishi Mekala** (see Mekala')

**rishika**

[male=rishi]

a female seer

**Rishya-Shringa**

[Hriyastṛṅga]

son of Vibhandaka

husband of Shanta

Vibhandaka married a doe who bore him a son, Rishya-Shringa, who had a small set of antlers on his forehead.

Another story says that he was reared by his father in a remote forest, completely ignorant of the world outside. A neighbouring king was told that the current drought would be ended only when Rishya-Shringa was no longer chaste so the boy was abducted and married to the king's daughter. Almost immediately rain began to fall.

**Rishya branching** (see Rishya-Shringa)

risi (see rishi)

**Risnuch**

a demon associated with agriculture

**Rita** Hindu

[Ara]

goddess of the seasons and fate

**Rith** (see Retho)

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**Ritomte** Swedish

the Swedish version of the Finnish Ritontu

**Ritona** Roman

a Celtic goddess of fords

**Rituparna**

Hindu

son of Savarkama

He was reputed to be very lucky whereas Nala, himself a king in disguise, had been so unlucky that he had lost his kingdom by gambling. Rituparna employed Nala as his charioteer and one story says that he exchanged his luck for Nala's skill as a charioteer so that Nala was able to win back his kingdom.

**Rivalen** (see Rivalin)

**Rivaln'** British

[Rivalen]

king of Parmenie

husband of Blanchefleur

In some accounts, he is Meliad, the father of Tristram.

In other stories, Meliad was refused the hand of Blanchefleur but eloped with her and married her. Others say that he married Elizabeth.

Alternatively, Rivalin was given Blanchefleur as a wife when he helped her brother Mark, king of Cornwall, in his battles with the Scots.

(see also Rouland)

**Rivaln'**

British

[a king of Nantes]

He attacked Hoel's kingdom but was defeated in single combat by Tristram.

**Rivallo**

British

[a huge crocodile]

Selekana had worked in his under-water palace and had been rewarded with jewellery by the River Woman. When the local chief's daughter jumped into the river, she refused to do any work in the palace so he ate her.

**River of Souls** Japanese

the home of the blessed dead
River of Three Roads

River of Three Roads  
Japanese  
[Sanzu-no-Kawa=Greek Styx] 
a stage on the road taken by the dead

On the banks of this river lives Sodzu-Baba and her husband, Ten Datsu-Ba. The dead have to give her money or she takes their clothes and hangs the garments on trees.

River Woman  
African  
a Lesotho keeper of the River King’s palace

When Selekana was thrown into the river she agreed to work in the River King’s palace and the River Woman rewarded her with jewellery.

rivarlawn  
British  
son of Urien

He was said to know the nature of everything.

Riyadarshana  
Jain  
daughter of Mahavira and Yasoda

Rizieri  
Arab  
(see Rogerio)

Rizk  
Arab  
son of Jabir  
husband of Al-Khadra  
father of Barakat

rLun-orta  
Tibetan  
[Lung-ta]  
the Tibetan name for Vayuarvat

Rksavaktradakina  
Buddhist  
[-Tibetan Dom-gdon-can]  
a deity in the form of a witch with the head of a bear

She could confer supernatural powers on her devotees.

rMu  
(see dMu)

Rnam-thos-sras  
Buddhist  
the Tibetan name for Kubera as one of the Drag-shed or for Vaishravana as guardian of the north

Ro-ku  
Japanese  
a god of wealth

Ro lei  
Pacific Islands  
wife of Qat

Ro Som  
Pacific Islands  
['money']  
a sea-goddess of the Banks Islands

She found Little Orphan, built him a house and made him very prosperous. When he insulted her, she returned to her undersea home leaving Little Orphan penniless.

Roal  
South American  
a creator-god of the Qero people of Peru

He created the sun which shrivelled up the existing people, after which the Apus created Inkari and Collari, the ancestors of the new population.

roan  
Scottish  
[sea-spirit.seal-maiden]  
a race of seal-people

The females sometimes shed their skin and dance on the shore in the form of maidens. They may marry mortals but will always eventually go back to their home in the sea.

(see also selkie)

Roarer  
(see Aep)  
Roaz  
British  
an evil knight

When Roaz appropriated most of Amene’s kingdom, King Arthur sent Wdigalois to her aid. He defeated Roaz in single combat.

Robber  
(see Run)

Robe of Serpents  
(see Coatlantona)

Robert  
European  
[Robert the Devil.Robertus]  
son of Aubert  
father of Richard

He was born of a promise by his otherwise childless mother to give her child to the devil and he grew up to be a terror. At the age of seven he killed his tutor and captured a life of violence by killing seven hermits. Suddenly repenting of his evil ways, he confessed to the pope who required him to serve his penance with a hermit who sent him to the court as fool, never to speak. Here, in the white armour of a knight, he three times saved the emperor from the invading Saracens but was wounded in a fight with some of the emperor’s knights. The emperor’s daughter, who was dumb, was offered to the unknown wounded knight by way of reward for his bravery, but a chamberlain, showing a self-inflicted wound, claimed her hand. Robert was released from his penance just in time to prevent the marriage from taking place, the princess regained her speech and married Robert and he inherited his father’s dukedom.

In another version, he was forbidden by the hermit to marry the princess and spent the rest of his life as a penitent.

Robert de Boron  
(see Boron)

Robert the Devil  
(see Robert)

Robertus  
(see Robert)

Robigus  
(see Robigus)

a guardian-god of cornfields

Robin1  
British  
the god of witches

(see also Red Champion)

Robin2  
Norse  
the bird of Odin

Robin Goodfellow  
English  
a brownie: Puck

son of Oberon, in some accounts

In early tales of Robin Goodfellow he was the son of a maiden and a male fairy and ran away from home, waking up one morning, after dreaming that his father was a fairy, to find a scroll beside him. This scroll told him how to use his magic powers for good rather than for evil. One of these powers was the ability to change into any animal.

In later years, he was regarded as a household brownie which, if suitably rewarded, will do household chores.

(see also Puck)

Roches, Peter de

Robertus  
Roman  
[Robert the Devil.Robertus]

Of Peru

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Robinson, Edwin  
North American  
(1869-1935)

a poet

He wrote extensively on Arthurian themes, including the poems Lancelot and Tristram.
Rodha
Hindu
Spanish
Emperor of Africa, planned to invade Rodjenica Balkan country’s hour of need. heroes he is expected to return in his life of penance which ended when he some accounts, Roderick died in battle Sri Saracen soldiers to exact vengeance. In his father, Count Juhan, called in the Rock Crystal Boy North American a Navaho spirit He and Rock Crystal Girl were set on Pelado Peak by Atse Estsan and Atse Hastin. Rock Crystal Girl North American a Navaho spirit She and Rock Crystal Boy were set on Pelado Peak by Atse Estsan and Atse Hastin. Rock-long Princess (see Iha-naga)
Rock Sene African a god of the Serer people of Gambia
Rod Russian [Chur.Rodu=Latvian Svantevit]
a god of agriculture and light husband of Rozanica
Rodan (see Ruadan)
Rodarchus Largus (see Rhydderch)
Roderick Spanish (Ród[e]rigo)
a hero-king of Spain When Roderick raped Florinda, her father, Count Julan, called in the Saracen soldiers to exact vengeance. In some accounts, Roderick died in battle with the Saracens, in others he lived a life of penance which ended when he was eaten by snakes. Like a number of other national heroes he is expected to return in his country’s hour of need. Roderigo (see Roderick)
Rodha Hindu
a division of Naraka reserved for stranglers, cow-killers and those who plunder towns
Rondegeir Norse
the name used for Rudiger in Thidrekssaga
Rodjenica Balkan [=European Naruncici-Russian Rozanica] Croat spirits of dead mothers: fate genii
Three of these beings are present at the birth of each child.
Rodomont European
[Mars of Africa]
king of Algiers son of Ulien
Impatient at the delay when Agramant, Emperor of Africa, planned to invade France, Rodomont led his own expedition, joining forces with Marsilus who had invaded from Spain. He fought in single combat with Rinaldo but the bout was inconclusive. He then engaged another knight who turned out to be the warrior-maid, Bradamante, but they were separated by Rogero. When he met Isabella en route to a monastery with the body of her husband Zerbino, he tried to persuade her to go with him. She offered instead a herbal remedy that would make him invulnerable. She smeared the liquid over her neck and invited him to strike her with his sword to prove its effectiveness. It was, of course, a ruse to escape his clutches and the sword-stroke cut off her head. In remorse, Rodomont built a chapel to her memory in which he buried her and her husband and defended the bridge leading to the chapel against all comers until he had collected a thousand suits of armour. One of those he fought was the demented Roland; another was Florismart whom he imprisoned. When Agramant called a truce with the Saracens they were chosen to do combat to settle the war. Their duel was interrupted by Melissa who, in the guise of the warrior-maid Bradamante, but another knight who turned out to be Rodomont and the warrior-maid Bradamante. He and Bradamante were attacked by a group of knights but, although she was wounded, they routed their attackers. When he met Mandricardo, who claimed to have won the armour of Hector, they fought to decide which had the right to bear the arms of Troy but Gradasso intervened to claim an equal right, having been the defender of Hector’s armour. The quarrel was settled when Florismart promised to lead them to Roland who had the sword Durindana, sought by their grandfather, the Sultan of Africa. They were rescued by the magician Atlantes who reared Rogero after Marphisa had been stolen by an Arab chieftain. It was said that Rogero was directly descended from Hector of Troy and was kept in seclusion by Atlantes. As an adult, he was induced to join forces with Agramant for the invasion of France and was given a horse, Frontino, and a sword. He met Rinaldo in single combat but they became separated in the confusion of battle. He then came across two knights in combat and intervened. They turned out to be Rodomont and the warrior-maid Bradamante. He and Bradamante were attacked by a group of knights but, although she was wounded, they routed their attackers. When he met Mandricardo, who claimed to have won the armour of Hector, they fought to decide which had the right to bear the arms of Troy but Gradasso intervened to claim an equal right, having been the defender of Hector’s armour. The quarrel was settled when Florismart promised to lead them to Roland who had the sword Durindana, sought by Mandricardo. En route, a dwarf asked them for help to rescue his master’s daughter who had been abducted by an enchanter riding a winged horse. Rogero and Gradasso went off with him to rescue the maiden but were themselves trapped by the same enchanter who was, in fact, Rogero’s foster-father, Atlantes, who was still trying to shield Rogero from danger.
Rogero was rescued by Bradamante but when he tried to ride the hippogriff used by Atlantes he was carried off and separated from his lady-love. When the beast landed, Rogero discovered Astolpho who had been turned into a myrtle by Alcina and restored him to his normal form. He flew on and saw Angelica bound to a rock off the island of Elua as a sacrifice to the orc and rescued her. She used her magic to disappear and the hippogriff flew off leaving Rogero to proceed on foot.

He came across a knight, apparently Bradamante, being attacked by a giant and followed the giant when he ran off. This was another illusion arranged by Atlantes and Rogero was again entrapped in an enchanted palace where he found Ferrau, Flourisart, Gradasso, Roland and others. When the real Bradamante came to his rescue once again, she too was trapped but Astolpho, protected by the book and horn given to him by Logestilla, rescued all of them.

Bradamante agreed to marry him if he would embrace the Christian faith. En route to his baptism he met Mandricardo who now had the sword Durindana and they fell to quarrelling over it. Gradasso also claimed it and the emperor, Agramant, ordered a contest to settle the matter. Rogero, acting for himself and Gradasso, killed Mandricardo but the sword was awarded to Gradasso. Rogero had been badly wounded in the fight and was nursed by his sister, Marchisa, who fell in love with him but realising that he was her brother.

When Agramant proposed a truce with Charlemagne so that he could return to deal with an attack on his capital, Biserta by an Abyssinian army led by Astolpho, Rogero was chosen to fight Rinaldo in single combat to decide the war. Their fight was interrupted when Melissa, in the guise of Rodomont, started an attack on the Christian forces, so breaking the truce. Battle resumed but ended when Agramant withdrew his forces to return to the defence of Biserta. Rogero sailed for Africa with Agramant's forces but his ship was wrecked on an island and he entered a hermitage where he was baptised. Later, Roland arrived with Rinaldo and the wounded knights, Oliver and Sobrino, both of whom were cured by the hermit. Rogero then returned with his friends to France where he learned that Constantine the Greek emperor had demanded Bradamante as a wife for his son Leo. Rogero set out to challenge Leo's right to Bradamante's hand and was captured after killing many of the Greeks besieging Belgrade. He was handed over to Theodora, the emperor's sister, whose son was one of those killed by Rogero. He was released by Leo who had come to admire his skill and valour on the battlefield and, in return, Rogero promised to fight Bradamante, as Leo, to win her hand for the prince, even though he loved her himself. He won the contest and departed, leaving Leo to claim his bride. He was found by Leo, who, moved by his story, gave up his claim to Bradamante who finally married Rogero. At their wedding, Rodomont accused Rogero, in front of the emperor, of being a traitor to his original master, Agramant. For this, Rogero killed him in single combat.

For his valour at the siege of Belgrade he was made king of Bulgaria on the death of the old king.

Roges

a prince

He had been turned into a fox by a sorcerer but, helping Gawain in one of his exploits, regained his human form.

Roggenhund

a vegetation spirit

(see field spirit)

Roggenwolf

(see Rye-wolf)

Rognvald

[see Rognvaldr]

[see Rye-wolf] a 12th c poet-hero

earl of Orkney

Rogno-tumu-heren

Pacific Islands

demon-octopus

He abducted Hina-a-rauriki but her husband, Turi-a-fumea, and his father Tangara, rescued her from the monster.

Rohand

[see Kurneval]

[see Rohita]

[see Rohita] a 12th c poet-hero

a 12th c poet-hero

father of Felice

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He knighted Guy, son of his steward Segard, who later married his daughter Felice.

Rohand

[see Kurneval]

Rohine

New Zealand

wife of Maui

She left her husband and descended to the underworld where she ruled the realm of Uranga-o-te-Ra.

Rohine

a moon-goddess and goddess of fortune

one of the nakstras daughter of Daisha wife of Candra

This name is also used for the star Aldebaran.

Rohine

a princess

wife of Vasudeva

mother of Balarama

Vishnu had placed two hairs in the womb of Devaki and later transferred the embryo, that would become Balarama, from Devaki's womb to Rohini's. He then sent her to safety in the realm of Nanda out of reach of the demon Kansa who aimed to kill any child of Devaki.

She is regarded as an incarnation of Lakshmi and may be the same as either of the two Rohini goddesses.

Rohine

wife of Shiva, in some accounts

Rohine

a corn-deity

daughter of Sunabhi

Rohine

a sun-goddess and goddess of learning

one of the vidyadevis daughter of Kasyapa mother of Kamadhenu

Rohine

Hindu

[see Rohina] a goddess

In some versions, Brahma, in the form of a stag, mated with Rohita as a doe to produce all the animals.

Rohine

Hindu

[see Rohina] one of the horses pulling the chariot of the sun-god, Surya (see also Rohits)

Rohits

Hindu

horses pulling the chariot of Surya

In some accounts, the animals are equated with the Harits.

roho

African

the soul or spirit in the lore of the Swahili

Roi Mehaigne, Le (see Fisher King)
defeated the fairy king. But his two brothers also, when he thereby able to rescue not only Ellen encountered in Elfland and was of Merlin to kill everyone he rowland obeyed the instructions search of her. Two disappeared but her father refused to let her go. She was wooed by the tsar Doushan Roksanda for his master. All were achieved by Milosh who won the hand of Roksanda for his master. Rokoua Pacific Islands brother-in-law of Okova. He helped Okova to kill the monstrous bird, Nangi-Vaku. Roksanda Serbian daughter of Michael, king of Leyden wife of Doushan. She was wooed by the tsar Doushan but her father refused to let her go unless the tsar or his champion could succeed in a number of difficult tasks. All were achieved by Milosh who won the hand of Roksanda for his master. Rokugo Japanese a fencing master. When he met a beautiful girl, Rokugo suspected that she was just an illusion caused by some animal such as a fox. He slashed the air near the girl with his sword and killed the animal – in this case, an otter. (see also Kadzutoyo) Rokuro-kubi Japanese an extendible and detachable neck. It is said that such a neck allows the head of a sleeping person to stretch and turn and devour anything in reach or even to leave the body completely, rejoining at some later time. Roland British [(Childe) Rowland] in Scottish lore, a son of King Arthur brother of Ellen. When Rowland’s sister was carried off by fairies, he and his brothers went in search of her. Two disappeared but Rowland obeyed the instructions of Merlin to kill everyone he encountered in Elliland and was thereby able to rescue not only Ellen but his two brothers also, when he defeated the fairy king. Roland European [Achilles of the North.Achilles of the West.Christian Theseus.Hroudlandus. Rolland.Rolland.Rotholandus. Rotolando—Italio Orlando] a count of Brittany one of Charlemagne’s paladins son of Milan and Bertha nephew of Charlemagne husband of Aldabella, in some accounts In some accounts, he was the son of Charlemagne’s incestuous liaison with his sister, Bertha. Reared in poverty, he came to the notice of Charlemagne, his uncle or father, when he stole food from a royal banquet. When Charlemagne sent out his knights to seize a magnificent jewel worn on his shield by a knight in the Ardennes, Roland, aged fifteen, accompanied his father as armour-bearer. While his father slept, Roland took his armour and rode into the forest where he met and defeated the knight taking the jewel from his shield. For this deed of bravery, he was knighted by the emperor. He fought and killed the giant, Ferragus, and then fought the giant’s nephew, Oruel, who tried to avenge his uncle’s death. Roland defeated him and he became a Christian in the service of Charlemagne. Roland also defeated a Saracen from whom he took the sword Durindana. When Charlemagne was in dispute with Montglave, Roland fought Oliver in single combat to settle the matter. After five days, neither had gained an advantage and so they declared an honourable draw, having recognised each other. At the great tournament organised by Charlemagne, Roland was enchanted by Angelica and fought Ferrau for her. When she disappeared, he travelled far and wide to find her. At a bridge on the road to Albracca a maiden gave him a drink which made him forget the object of his search and he was imprisoned. He was freed by Angelica who had escaped from the besieged city of Albracca and, with other knights who had been held in the same prison, routed the besieging Tartars and killed their leader, Agrican. He found himself fighting his own friend, Rinaldo, and Angelica, who was in love with Rinaldo, persuaded Roland to avoid further conflict by leaving to destroy the enchanted garden of Falerina. En route, he rescued a maiden who had been tied to a tree and was given a book. The rescued maiden decamped, taking Roland’s horse and sword but he killed the dragon at the entrance to the garden with the branch of a tree and entered. He tied Falerina to a tree, took her magic sword and killed all the monsters guarding the kingdom. Falerina told him that the prisoners were held by an even greater enchantress, Morgana. Her castle was guarded by the strong man, Arridano, who could breathe under water. Roland fought with him and they both fell into the river. At the bottom, Roland killed Arridano and returned to the surface, entering the castle where he found Morgana asleep. Distracted by the mirage, Fata Morgana, he allowed her to escape but he chased her and finally caught her by the forelock, taking her keys and freeing Rinaldo, Florismart and several other prisoners. He was imprisoned in an enchanted castle by Atlantes but rescued by Astolpho and soon came across a girl, Isabella, who had been seized by pirates. He routed her captors and they travelled on together, meeting another group of men guarding a prisoner. Roland killed or wounded all of them, freeing their prisoner who turned out to be Zerbino, a prince who had secretly married Isabella. He rode on, leaving Zerbino with his wife and found a cottage where Angelica and Modero had stayed. Learning of their marriage, he was driven to madness, tearing up trees and killing flocks. Zerbino came upon this devastation but was challenged by Mandricardo for the possession of Durindana which Roland had abandoned in his madness. Zerbino was killed and Mandricardo claimed the sword. Roland seized a horse, rode to the coast and crossed to Africa riding the horse till it sank beneath him and swimming the rest of the way. He came upon the Abyssinian army, led by Astolpho, who, with the aid of a bottle given to him by St John, restored Roland to his proper senses. When Agramant withdrew from France to defend his capital, Biserta,
which was besieged by the Abyssinians, Roland, Oliver and Florismart were chosen to do battle with Agramant, Sobrino and Grassado to decide the issue. Only Roland, Oliver and Sobrino survived the battle, the latter two being badly wounded. With Agramant dead, the Africans submitted and Roland was free to take his wounded comrades to Sicily for treatment. They landed on an island and the wounded men were cured by the hermit who had recently baptised Rogero with whom they were now reunited.

When the war in Europe ended, Charlemagne entered Spain, subdued the country and exacted tribute. In one version, Roland was the leader of the rearguard when the army withdrew from Spain; in another version, Roland and Oliver were sent to the Spanish border to collect the tribute from Marsilius, the Spanish king. In either event, Gano, the treacherous paladin who hated Roland, had arranged a trap and the Spanish had three armies hidden in ambush at the pass at Roncesvales. In the battle, Roland killed King Falserson and many others but his force was greatly outnumbered and his friends were falling round him. For a long time he refused to summon help but with the death of Oliver, Roland realised that the end was near and blew three blasts on his horn, Rolandseck, spending his days in retreat on the rock known as Roncдалles. He built a retreat on the rock known as Rolandseck, spending his days in prayer. When he died, he was buried facing the grave of his beloved.

Roland de Vaux

a knight who woke Gyneth from an enchanted sleep caused by Merlin

Roland Rise (see Roland)

Rolandseck European

a rock on which Roland built a retreat

This building was sited so that he could see the nunnery to which Hildegarde had retreated, mistakenly believing that Roland had been killed at Roncesvales.

Rolf Ganger (see Rollo)

Roland (see Roland)

Rollant (see Roland)

Rollo

a giant

Some say he took a band of his followers to settle in what is now Normandy.

Rolomandri
elementals, fire spirits in some accounts

Rōma

[Rom] a goddess of strength daughter of Evander sister of Dyne

Rōma1

[Rom] a tutelary goddess

Roman Antiquities

a twenty-volume history and mythology of Rome, written by Dionysius of Halicarnassus

Roman de Brut

[Brut d’Angleterre] the Arthurian cycle in a mediaeval setting written by Wace

Roman de Renard

the French version of Reynard the Fox

Romance de Tristram, The

a 12th c French version of the story of Tristram and Isolde, written by Beroul

Romance of Perceval, The

(see Didot Perceval)
Quirinus. In another version, the magistrates and senators, tired of his demands, had him killed during an eclipse and pretended that he had been transported up to heaven.

Romulus and Remus are traditionally regarded as the founders of Rome.

(see also Remus.Rhomus)

Romulus
a poem by Plutarch
Ron
British
[Ron.=Welsh Rhongomynant. Rhongomyniad]
King Arthur’s spear
Ron Cerr (see Ron Cerr)
Ron Cerr
Irish
[Ron Cerr]
a champion warrior
He fought for Brandubh, king of Leinster, against the high-king Aedh and, penetrating the enemy camp, killed the high-king. Other stories say that Brandubh himself killed Aedh.

Rona1
New Zealand
a Maori god
He fights perpetually with the moon, causing it to wax and wane, because he cursed Suibhne with madness after he made a mock of him.

Rona2
Pacific Islands
[Long Teeth]
a female cannibal of Tahiti, mother of Hina
She devoured Monoi, her daughter’s lover and Hina, helped by No’a-huruhuru, killed her mother.

Ronan
Irish
a saint
He cursed Suibhne with madness after the poet had insulted him on two occasions.

Ronan mac Colmain
Irish
a king of Leinster
husband of Eithne
father of Mael Foithartaig
When Eithne died, Ronan married a younger woman who fell in love with Mael. When he rejected her advances, she accused him of rape and Ronan had his son put to death. When the truth came out, Ronan died of grief and his wife poisoned herself. In another version, Mael’s sons avenged his death.

Roncesvalles
European
[Roncevaux,Valley of Thorns]
the site of the battle between the Franks and the Moors at which most of Charlemagne’s paladins were killed

(see also Battle of Roncesvalles)

Roncevaux (see Roncesvalles)
Rone
(see Ron)
Roneve
[Ronoe.Ronove.Ronwe]
a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to be able to teach foreign languages.

Rong-ma-tane (see Rongomatane)
Rongelap
Pacific Islands
a hero of the Caroline Islands
son of Paluelap and Leofas
brother of Rongerik
He was lost but later found by his younger brother, Rongerik.

Rongerik
Pacific Islands
a magician of the Caroline Islands
son of Paluelap and Leofas
brother of Rongelap
He used his powers to find his elder brother, Rongelap, when he was lost.

Rongo
New Zealand
[Kahukura.Orongo.Rong-ma Tane.
Rongo-Maui.Łe Rongo.=Hawaiian Lono:
=Maarquesas Ono.=Samoan Lo’o]
a Maori god of agriculture, food, sea and war
son of Rangi and Papa
brother of Haumea, Ruaumoko, Tane, Tangaroa, Tawhiri and Tu
He came down to earth via the rainbow and married a mortal whom he killed out of jealousy. He is due to return on a floating island full of all good things. (see also Rongomatane)

Rongo-mai
Pacific Islands
[‘water-food’]
a Polynesian god of whales and comets
He is envisaged in the form of a huge whale.

Rongo-Maui
Pacific Islands
a manifestation of Rongo
who brought the yam from heaven
Rongomatane
Pacific Islands
[Rongo-ma-Tane.Romatane]
a combination of the names Rongo and Tane as a single deity

Rongoteus (see Runkateivis)
Ronobe (see Ronove)
Ronove (see Ronve)
Ronwe (see Renwe)
Ronwen (see Renwein)
Ro’o
Pacific Islands
[Ro’o-i-te-Hiripoi]
the chanter-god of Tahiti, curer of illness
son of Atea

Ro’o-i-te-Hiripoi (see Ro’o)
Roone
European
a dog in Reynard the Fox
roperite North American
a fabulous animal
Ropotou (see Coulboure)
Roque (see Roch)
Rorik
Norse
son of Hroodgar and Wealthoe
brother of Freawaru
Roro Nawang Sib East Indian
daughter of Kyai Agung and Nawang Wulan
Ros Ruadh1
Irish
[Ross the Red]
a king of Ulster
son of Rudhraigh
husband of Maga and Roch
father of Fachtna by Maga
father of Fergus mac Roh
by Roth
When Congall Clairingleach defeated Fergus mac Leda, he gave the throne of Ulster to the warrior, Ros Ruadh.

Ros Ruadh2
(see Ruad Rofessa)
Rosa
Hindu
a river in heaven

Rosabis
a demon of metals
Rosamund
German
daughter of Thursind
wife of Alboin
War between the Lombards under Alboin and the Gepidae ended with the defeat of the Gepidae and the death of Rosamund’s father and brother. She was forced into marriage with the victor but, when he tried to make her drink from the skull of her dead father, she refused and persuaded the giant, Perideus, to kill her husband.

After his death, she ruled in her own name and proposed to marry Helmigis, the dead king’s shield-bearer, but they fled together when her subjects objected to the match and were given shelter by Longinus. She later gave Helmigis a poisoned drink so that she might marry Longinus but he forced her to drink half of it and they died together.

Rose
(see Rhode)
Rose-apple Island (see Jambrivida)
rose-apple tree
Buddhist
in some accounts, the tree under which the Buddha sat while he was meditating

Rosei
Japanese
a traveller who became emperor
Roei dreamed that the emperor of Ibara abdicated in his favour and he ruled for fifty years in a land of wonders where the people lived forever. He tried to cheat death by drinking an elixir but awoke to find it had all been a dream, a theme he applied thereafter to all life.

**Rosemonde**
- **French**
- **a princess loved by Faramon

**Rosen** (see Rosse)

**Rosh ha Satan**
- **Hebrew**
- **Satan's Head**
- **the Hebrew name for the star Algol**
  - **(see also Lilith)

**Rosier**
- **a demon of love, said to be an opponent of St Basil

**Rosinante**
- **Spanish**
- **[Rocinante.Rozinante]**
- **the broken-down horse of Don Quixote

**Roskra** (see Roskva)

**Roskva**
- **Norse**
- **[Roska]**
- **a servant of Thor daughter of Egil sister of Thialfi**
- **She accompanied her brother, Thialfi, when he went with Thor and Loki to Jotunheim

**Rosmerta**
- **Roman**
- **[Maia]**
- **a Celtic fertility goddess in Gaul guardian of merchants consort of Mercury

**roso** (see raos)

**Ross the Red** (see Ros Ruadh)

**Rosse**
- **German**
- **[Rosen]**
- **a sword made by Alberich**
- **This sword was said to be so sharp that it could slice through a man's body leaving no gap. Alberich gave it to Ortmut, the king of Lombardy

**Rossthiof**
- **Norse**
- **a Finnish magician**
- **He foretold that one of Odin's sons would be murdered and advised him to woo Rinda who would provide a son to avenge the loss

**Rostem**
- **(see Rustem)

**Roster**
- **a demon

**Rosterus**
- **Norse**
- **a name assumed by Odin, as a craftsman, when he wooed Rinda

**Rosualt**
- **Irish**
- **a huge sea-monster

When it was stranded on shore in Ireland it vomited for three years (or, some say, three times) before it died. In doing so, it killed all living creatures, including humans.

**Rota**
- **Balkan**
  - **a Lapp plague-spirit

**Rota**
- **Norse**
  - **a Valkyrie

**Roth Fail**
- **Irish**
  - **a rudimentary flying machine invented by Mogh Ruith

**Rother**
- **European**
  - **a king of the Lombards husband of Oda father of Helche and Pepin**

After the death of Alboin and Rosamund, the throne passed through several hands and finally came to Rother. He fell in love with a picture of Oda, daughter of the emperor Constantine, and sent a delegation to ask for her hand in marriage. All the men were thrown into prison by Constantine and Rother, using the name Dietrich, and Berchtfer went to Constantinople in search of them when they failed to return on time. Constantine released the prisoners to help in his fight with Imelot who had invaded his kingdom and they not only routed the invading forces but captured Imelot who was king of Babylonia. Rother and his men then made off with Oda and returned to their own country.

Constantine then employed a magician who tricked Oda into going aboard his ship and sailed off with her, back to Constantinople. Rother went back to Constantinople to find her and found that Imelot, having escaped from captivity, had made a further invasion and was demanding Oda's hand for his ugly son who was a hunchback. Rother and his men helped to repel the invasion, killed both Imelot and his son and took Oda back to Lombardy where she bore a daughter, Helche, and a son, Pepin, who became the father of Charlemagne.

**Rothniamh**
- **Irish**
  - **a woman of the Otherworld**
  - **She visited Finghein each year and gave him details of what the future held. Among other things, she predicted the birth of Conn who would become high-king and unite the five provinces

**Rothlandus**
- **(see Roland)

**Rotten Straw Rope**
- **Korean**
  - **a route to heaven

When two children, in danger of being eaten by a tiger, prayed for help, god dropped the Heavenly Iron Chain and they climbed safely up to heaven. When the tiger prayed, god dropped the Rotten Straw Rope which snapped when the tiger climbed up it and he fell to the ground and was killed.

**Roua**
- **Pacific Islands**
  - **a creator-god of the Society Islands

**Rougemont**
- **(see Castle Rougemont)

**Roulard**
- **British**
  - **[Roland Rise]**
  - **a king of Ermenia**

In some accounts, he was the father of Tristram by Blanchefleur.

**Round Table, the**
- **British**
  - **a large circular table used by King Arthur and his knights: an institution of knighthood**
  - **This table, originally known as The Old Table and capable of seating fifty knights, was said to have been made by Merlin for Uther Pendragon, based on the table used at the Last Supper. It was given to Leodogrance and brought by Guinevere as part of her dowry on her marriage to King Arthur. In some accounts, it could seat thirteen, fifty, 150 or 250. In another version it was made for King Arthur to seat 1,600, including himself and the sub-kings of Britain, so that no one sat above another causing resentment.**

Yet another story says that Arthur found a large flat stone, the lost altar of St Carranog, floating in a marsh where he was seeking a monster. The saint gave the king the altar which he had made into the Round Table.

One chair (the Perilous Seat) was left empty for the knight deemed worthy of the recovery of the Holy Grail. The only one ever to sit in it without harm was Galahad.

An early story says that, before Arthur had the table made, a quarrel broke out over precedence at the table and seven knights were killed. Arthur had the originator of the fracas drowned in a swamp and cut off the
noses of that knight’s womenfolk. The king then had the Round Table made to prevent further argument.

**Rwan**
[mountain ash, quicken tree, witchen]
a deciduous tree producing red or yellow berries in autumn

The druids alleged that this tree could ward off witches.

**Rowan Tree Hostel**
(see Quicken Trees Hostel)

**Rowandiz**
(see Ravandiz)

**Rowang Riwo**
*East Indian*
in the lore of the Dayaks, a being which produced golden spittle

This being was said to have been created in the first of the three epochs of creation.

**Rowena**
(see Renwein)

**Rowland**
(see Roland)

**Royal Lady of the West**
(see His Wang Mu)

**Royal Lord of the East**
(see Tung Wang Kung)

**Royal Mother**
(see His Wang Mu)

**Royal Prince Marko**
(see Marko)

**Royal Veda**
(see Rigveda)

**Royns**
*British*
[Lord Royns, Rience, Ryence]
king of North Wales
brother of Nero

He attacked King Leodegrance and King Arthur brought his army to Camelot to defeat him. When he besieged Castle Terribil, he was ambushed by Balan and Balin who took him prisoner and handed him over to King Arthur.

He owned a magic mirror, given to him by Merlin, that warned him of treachery or invasion.

In some accounts, he is equated with Retho. *(see also Retho)*

**Rozanica**
*Russian*
[=Croat Ro(d)jenica]
wife of Rod

**Rozhanitsy**
*Slav*
mother and daughter, goddesses of the harvest

**Rozinante**
(see Rosinante)

**Rsbha**
*Hindu*
[=Jain Rshabhanatha]
son of Indra and Indrani

In some accounts he is an incarnation of Vishnu.

**Rshaba**
(see Rishabha)

**Rshabhadeva**
(see Rishabhadeva)

**Rshabhanatha**
[=Hindu Rshabha]
a god

**Rshi**
(see rishi)

**Rsi**
(see rishi)

**rTa-mgrin**
*Tibetan*
a Lamaist deity
one of the Drag-shed
a name for Hayagriva

**Rus**
*Hindu*
[=Greek Horae]
deities ruling the seasons

**Ru**
*Pacific Islands*
[Rus]
son of Tangaroa
son of Rangi and Papa, some say brother of Hina

**Rua**
(see Roua)

**Rua-i-tupra**
*Pacific Islands*
a name of Ta’aroa as ‘the cause of growth’

**Rua Kenana**
*New Zealand*
[Hepetipu.Hephizibah]
a 20th c self-proclaimed Maori messiah

He claimed to have seen the goddess Whaitiri in a vision and learned of a sacred diamond.

**Rua-Pupuke**
*New Zealand*
a Maori sage

When his son was drowned, Rua-Pupuke changed himself into a big fish and retrieved his son from the undersea palace of the sea-god. When this god and his retainers came looking for the boy, Rua-Pupuke offered them food and shelter and, when they were asleep, set fire to the hut so that their bodies were burnt and the sea-spirits had to return to the ocean.

**Rua-tapu**
*New Zealand*
[Forbidden Path]
father of Hau

**ruach**
*Hebrew*
[rch]
part of the soul

The soul is envisaged as having three parts – the nefesh which gives life, the neshemah which gives holiness and the ruach, intermediary between the two.

**ruach**
*Hebrew*
[rch]
a spirit

The ruach ra’ah is an evil spirit, the ruach tezarit causes fever and madness while the ruach zelalta merely causes headaches.

**Ruach**
*European*
an island where the inhabitants live on wind

**Ruad**
*Irish*
[Ruadh]
son of Rigdorn

When his ships became becalmed, he swam off to get help. He came to an undersea island where nine maidens entertained him for nine nights and one of them bore his son. Another version says that Ruad’s ship was held up by three goddesses. He slept with them on the bed of the sea and they collectively bore a son. He failed to keep a promise to return so they cut off the boy’s head and threw it at Ruad when they found him.

**Ruad’**
(see Cearas)

**Ruad Ro-Fheasa**
(see Ruad Rosfessa)

**Ruad Rosfessa**
*Irish*
[Lord of Great Knowledge, Ros Ruadh.
Ruad(h) Ro-Fheasa.Ruad(h) Rofhessa]
a name for the Dagda as the god of knowledge
father of Find Fili

In some contexts, the name is applied to the wise salmon which later appeared in the story of Finn mac Cool.

**Ruad Rohfhessa**
(see Ruad Rosfessa)

**Ruadan**
*Irish*
[Roan.Ruadhan.Ruan.Ruardan]
a warrior hero
son of Bres and Brigit

He fought with the Fomoire at Moytura and, while spying on the Danaans, wounded the smith-god, Goibhniu, who killed him with a spear.

**Ruadan’**
*Irish*
[Roan.Ruadhan.Ruan.Ruardan]
a saint
son of Fergus Bear

He is said to have performed many miracles, such as curing a sick queen, and owned a tree which yielded a sap which could be used as sustenance.

He sheltered a relation who had been accused of murder and was arrested for so doing. He put a curse on the high-king Diarmaid mac Cearbhall and Tara with the result that, in some accounts, Tara became desolate.

**Ruadh**
(see Ruad)

**Ruadh Ro-Feasa**
(see Ruad Rosfessa)

**Ruadh Rohfhessa**
(see Ruad Rosfessa)

**Ruadhan**
(see Ruadan)

**Ruahaku**
*Pacific Islands*
a sea-god of the Society Islands

When a fisherman’s hook became entangled in Ruahaku’s hair as he slept, he got very angry and sent the flood.

**Rual**
*British*
a demonic hag

Wigalois fought her on one of his adventures and only by prayer to god was he able to win.
Rual (see Kuoneval)
Ruan (see Ruadan)

Ruang (Pacific Islands)
wife of Akatauire

Ruanu‘u (Pacific Islands)
a Tahitian deity

Ruaangi (New Zealand)
a Maori fisherman
His wife was carried off by the king of the fairies but a priest sent a love-bird to the king’s palace and its singing reminded her of her husband’s love. She returned to her former home and the fairy king was repelled by incantations when he tried to get her back.

Ruadan (see Ruadan)
Ruau Moko (see Ruamoko) [Moko Rusau.Ruau Moko] a Maori earthquake god son of Rangi and Papa brother of Haumea, Rongo, Tane, Tangaroa, Tawhiri and Tu
He was being suckled by Papa when Tane forced his parents apart to form earth and sky and he fell into the underworld where he grew up to be the chief stoker of the fires of hell.

Rubanga (African)
a creator-god of the Alur people

Rubber Girl (see Gum Girl)
rubberado (North American) a fabulous animal in the form of a bouncing porcupine Animals which eat this prickly beast find that their flesh has become resilient like rubber.

Rubezahl (see Ruberzahl)
Rubezal (see Ruberzahl)
Ruberzahl (German) [[Number] Nip.Ribesal.Rubezal[b]] a mountain sprite
He often appears in the guise of a grey monk. In other accounts he was a giant of Silesia.

Rubicant (British) the English version of Rubican
e a demon in Dante’s *Inferno*

Rubican (European) [E=English Rubican] a precious stone, said to act as an antidote to poison or to protect from plague

Ruc (see roc) Ruch (Hindi) father of Yajna by Dakshina Ruchika (see Lou-chi)

Ruch (Irish) swineherd to Both Dearg He constantly fought with Friuch, swineherd to Ochall, both frequently changing shape. Finally, in the form of worms, they were eaten by cows and reborn as the two bulls, Whitehorn (Friuch) and the Brown Bull of Cooley (Rucht). In some accounts, his name is given as Nar or Nair. Other versions say that Rucht served Ochall and Friuch served Bodh.

Ruckenaue (see Rukinaw) a king of Cambria He was killed in battle with Dunvallo Molmutius.
ruddock (see robin2) Ruddy Branch (see Craedberg) Rudhraighe (see Rudraidhe) Rudrianos (Roman) a Gaulish war-god
Rudiger (Norse) [Rodingeir] a knight at Etzel’s court husband of Gotelinde father of Dietelinde and Nudung
In one story, he rescued Dietrich and his companions when they were besieged in a fortress while fighting with Waldemar on behalf of Etzel. He was sent to ask for the hand of Krimhild on behalf of Etzel after the death of his first wife, Helche, and the murder of Krimhild’s husband, Siegfried. Later, when Krimhild tried to kill Gunther’s party which was visiting Etzel’s court, Rudiger was forced by an oath of loyalty to help in the slaughter but he was himself killed by Gernot.
In *Thidreksaga*, he is known as Rodingeir.

Rudia (Irish) a Celtic horse-god in Gaul


Rudra (Irish) son of Praipati and Ushas husband of Aditi, Diti, Gauri, Prisni or Rudrani father of the Maruts by Diti father of Kartikeya, some say
Some say that he was born from Brahma’s forehead, others that he was the son of Ushas by her four brothers. His sons were the Maruts (Rudras) and in some versions his wife, their mother, was Prisni.
He was the embodiment of the terrible aspects of nature, eating the flesh of the dead and drinking their blood. In some accounts, he is equated with Agni, in others he is regarded as an aspect of Siva.
In the Buddhist version, the gods sent Vajrapani who killed this monster.

Rudra (Jain) [Maharudra] one of a group of gods of the underworld a type of Gana These beings torture the wicked dead by jabbing them with spears.
rudra-aksha (Hindu) a third eye, placed in the middle of the forehead, a feature of some deities

Rudracandra (Hindu) a form of Durga one of the Navadurgas

Rudracarcika (Hindu) a mother–goddess one of the Astamataras In other accounts she is a form of Durga.

Rudraidhe (Irish) [Rudhraigh.Rury] son of Partholan father of Breasal He was regarded as the founder of the royal line of Ulster. Some say that he was killed by a phantom, others that he died of plague. A lake, Lake Rury, sprang from his grave.

Rudrani (Hindu) wife of Rudra, some say As the wife of Rudra, she cursed the gods with infertility when they persuaded her husband not to procreate. She was later assimilated as an aspect of Durga.

Rudras (see Maruts)

Rudricans (Irish) descendants of Rudraidhe in Ulster

Ruevitu (see Rugievit)

Rugaba (African) [Kazoo.D.Mukameiguru] supreme god of the Ankore

Rugaba

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Ruganzu

African

son of Binego

He fought the evil spirit Inzira before inheriting his father’s kingdom.

Rugavit

(see Rugievit)

Rugievit

(see Rugievit)

Ruggiero

(see Ruggiero)

Rugievit

[Srivit,Ruevit,Rugavit.

Rugievit.Rujevit]

a tutelary god with 7 heads

In some accounts, he was a war-god and is depicted with eight swords.

Rugini

Baltic

[‘man of rye’]

a Lithuanian corn-spirit

Rugiu Boba

Baltic

a Lithuanian corn-spirit

a harvest symbol, a female figure of this spirit made from the last of the harvest

Ruhaga

African

king of Buhaa

father of Juru and Kikore

When Antare asked for Juru as a wife, Ruhaga sent Kikore, daughter of a concubine, in her place. Antare, in disguise, entered the king’s court and eloped with Kikore.

Ruhanga

African

a creator-god and fertility-god of the Banyoro

The dead could be resurrected if the living rejoiced but when one woman refused to be happy because her dog had died, Ruhanga decreed that henceforth death would be the end.

ruhu

(see roho)

Rujevit

(see Rugievit)

Rukena

(see Rukinaw)

Rukena

(see Rukinaw)

rulk

(see roc)

Ruku

Pacific Islands

an eel-god of the Gilbert Islands

son of Na-atibu and Nei Teukez

Rukinaw

European

[Ruckinaw,Rukena,Rukena]

a female ape in Reynard the Fox

wife of Martin

Rukma

(see Rukmin)

Rukmin

Hindu

[Rukma]

a prince

brother of Rukmini

Rukmini

Hindu

[Ananga=East Indies Dewi Shri]

daughter of Bhismaka

sister of Rukmin

a wife of Krishna or Knitarajas

mother of Badricharu, Charumati and Pradyumna

Rukmini came to earth when Vishnu appeared as the avatar Krishna. Her brother tried to force her into marriage with the demon, Shishupala, but Krishna abducted her from the wedding feast and married her. When he died, she immolated herself on his funeral pyre.

She is regarded as an incarnation of Lakshmi.

Rukotivo

Baltic

a later name for Runkateivas as a horse-god

Ruksh

(see Rakosh)

Rukush

(see Rakosh)

Rukutia

New Zealand

[=Hawaiian Lu‘ukia]

wife of Tamaniu

His wife ran off with Tu-te-Koropanga but Tamaniu, having learned magic from his ancestors in the sky, followed her to her new home and lured her away with a magic perfume. As she boarded his boat, he cut off her head, leaving only the body for Koropanga to find. Tamaniu buried the head in a box and in the spring, when living things started into new growth, Rukutia emerged fully restored.

Ruler, The

(see Yatin)

Ruma

Hindu

wife of Sugriva

Ruma-nai

South American

a general leading the army of the Inca

Pachacutic

Rumar

(see Rumra)

Rumber, The

(see Tohil)

Rumhal

Irish

a king of Leinster

brother of the Red-heads of Leinster

Rumia

(see Rumina)

Rumina

Roman

[Rumina]

a goddess of nursing mothers

Ruminal

(see Ruminalis)

Ruminalis

Roman

[Ruminal]

the fig-tree under which the infants Romulus and Remus were found

Rummaret

British

an Icelantic king

He submitted to the sovereignty of King Arthur and sent his son to serve at Arthur’s court.

In some accounts, his realm is known as Winetland or Weneland.

Rumolt

Norse

a squire to Gunther

He was left in charge of Brunbild and his son, Siegfried, when Gunther set off to visit Etzel, a visit from which he never returned.

Rumpelstiltskin

German

[Dancing Vargalusa.Ricidin-Ricdon.

Rumpelstilzechen.Titeliture.

Tom-Tiv-Tet]

a dwarf

He helped a girl to spin gold from straw in return for the promise of her first child. When she married the king and had a baby, the dwarf respected her grief and said that she could keep the child if she could discover his name in three days. With the help of her maid, who heard strange voices, she won the wager and kept the child, whereupon Rumpelstiltskin disappeared.

Rumpelstilzechen

Rumpelfusel

(see Rumpelstiltskin)

rumptifusel

(see rumptifusel)

runefusel

(see runefusel)

Rumeufusel

North American

[rumptifusel]

a fabulous animal

Rumra

Hindu

[=Rumra]

a name of Aruna as ‘tawny’

Run

British

son of Urien

Runalen

European

son of Hel and brother of Isolde

Whitehands in some accounts

Runan

Irish

a friend of Deaglan

He left on a rock the bell entrust to him by Deaglan and the rock floated out to sea and led them to an island where they established a monastery.

Rundas

Mesopotamian

a Hurrian god of fortune and hunting

rune

Norse

a magic inscription

runcraft

knowledge of magic inscriptions

Runkateivas

Baltic

[Rongoteus]

a Finnish god of rye (see also Rukotivo)

runo

Baltic

a Finnish short song or poem on a legendary subject

Ruotta

Baltic

a Lapp evil spirit

This being is said to attack pregnant women.

Ruotze

European

a giantess

She was put in charge of two eggs given to queen Sidrat by her father,
Macheroll, which, he said, would produce magic toads. In fact, they hatched into monstrous dragons.

rupa  Buddhist
the outward appearance (of a Buddha)

Rupa Loka  Buddhist
one of the 3 regions of the universe, the world of material form (see Triloka)

Rupasta  (see Kama)

Rupe†  New Zealand
a pigeon

This bird is said to have helped Maui when he fished up the islands from the bottom of the ocean.

Rupe‡  Pacific Islands
brother of Ina and Tangi-kuka
father of Tuhuruhruru by Hina-keha or Hina-uri, some say

Just as Hercules cleansed the Augean stables, Rupe cleaned the courtyard of Rehua which was filled with debris.

Rupini  Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala

Rurava  Hindu
a division of Naraka reserved for liars

Ruru  Pacific Islands
a Fijian hero

Ruru managed to escape the clutches of Ngarara when he landed on her island in search of water, helped by the two servants Kiore ‘Ta and Kiore ‘Ti. He and his brothers built a hut on the shore and put inside it a model of Ruru. When Ngarara arrived and seized the statue, they set fire to the hut. Ngarara escaped with the loss of her tail.

Rury  (see Rudraidhe)

Rusa  Arab
= [Babylonian Allat=Syrian Ars] a goddess of fate

Rusalka  Russian
[Rusalka:plur= The Rusalki: =Lapp Saivo-niedo] a water nymph

These beings are said to be the souls of girls who died before baptism or on their wedding night. In some accounts they are beautiful maidens living in trees near water, in others they are described as ugly hags.

They are said to spend only half of the year in water, the rest of the time being spent in the woods. When in the water, they lure sailors to their death by singing and, during Rusalnaia, approach men from the rear and tickle them to death. (see also Vodyanik)

Rusalkar  (see Rusalka)
Rusalki  (see Rusalka)
Rusalnaia  (see Rusalka)
a festival devoted to the Rusalki, held 7 weeks after Easter

Rusor  Roman
[‘ploughman’] an ancient god

Russalka  (see Rusalka)
Rustam  (see Rustem)

Rustamids  Persian
descendants of the hero Rustem

Rustem  Persian
[Rangrasyan, Raudhadakhna, Rustem, Rustam, Rustum]
a warrior-hero
son of Zal
husband of Tamine
father of Sohrab

Rustem was said to have been born with grey hair and, as a boy of ten, killed a rampaging elephant with a single blow of his club. He caught a wild stallion and tamed it for his own use, calling it Rakush. When the horse was stolen while Rustem slept, he followed the tracks to the palace of a princess who admitted that she had stolen it so that he would follow it to the palace and she could marry him. He married Tamine, for that was her name, but soon left her to take up his life as a warrior. Their son, Sohrab, was born after he left.

In some accounts, he fought and killed his son, not knowing who he was. He once fought for two whole days and nights, and recovered the king, restoring his sight by magic. The king, jealous of Rustem’s fame, lured him into a trap; he prepared a pit full of sharp spears into which Rustem fell as he rode over it on his horse, Rakush. In his death-throes, he shot the treacherous king with an arrow.

In some accounts he is called Frangrasyan.

Rustic Dionysia  Greek
[Little Dionysia] a festival in honour of Dionysus, held in December

Rustum  (see Rustem)

Rut-aimo  Baltic
[Ruta-aimo] the Lapp hell

Ruta-aimo  (see Rut-aimo)
Rutbe  South American
a culture-heroine of the Guayami Indians
a water-maiden
She met Nancomala after the Flood and bore him twins, the Sun and Moon, who became the ancestors of mankind.

Rutenderi  African
the bull with the herd found by Inaruchaba

Ruti  Egyptian
2 lions worshipped in Letopolis

Rutja’s Rapids  Baltic
[Turja’s rapids] in the lore of the Lapps, the river of the dead

Rutu¹  Baltic
the Lapp devil, torturer of the dead in the hell, Rut-aimo

Rutu²  (see Rota)
Ruu  (see Ru)

Ruwa  African
a supreme god of the Chagga in Tanzania

Ruwa made the first humans, who were mortal, and placed them in a garden on earth where they were forbidden to eat the fruit of just one plant, the yam called Utaho. The serpent of death tempted them and they ate some of the yam, losing their immortality. The plant itself was taken up to heaven and restored.

Another version says that Ruwa gave humans the power to renew themselves by sloughing their skins as a snake does. This worked for some time but eventually failed.

ruwakruwak  Malay
the hero

The nest of this bird is said to have the power to make one invisible.

Ruy Diaz  (see Rodrigo Diaz) rvch  (see ruach)¹

Ryangombe¹  African
an ancestral god in Rwanda
king of the spirits
son of Babinya and Nyavirezi
father of Binego

His spirit kingdom of Mandwa had been seized by Mpumuti Muchini with whom he was playing a board game when his son, Binego, arrived. Binego told his father the winning moves and when Muchini objected, Binego killed him.

Ryangombe was later killed by a buffalo when on a hunting-trip. Some
say that the buffalo was a sorcerer who took the animal’s form.

Some say that he lives in a volcano.

Ryangombe<sup>2</sup>  
African  
a hero of the Baziba people  
He was said to have a voracious appetite, eating a whole ox as soon as he was born. In a later episode, he demanded oxen from the giant, Ntubugezi, and ate them immediately. When he swallowed another giant, Ntangaire, it prove fatal because the giant slit his belly and escaped.

Rye-wolf  
German  
an evil spirit in the form of a ferocious animal  
(see Retho.Royns)

Rynys-aika  
Russian  
a spirit of the threshing-barn  
(see Siberian Obin-murt)

Ryo-to-bin  
Japanese  
a sage living in the middle heaven  
(see Yun-drun)

Ryobu  
(see Fujin)

Ryojusen  
Buddhist  
the Japanese version of the paradise Grhtra-kuta

Ryon  
Irish  
king of Ireland

father of Gwennere

Ryoseki  
Japanese  
a priest  
When Shinzaburo came to him for help in dealing with the ghosts of Tsuyu, the maiden who had died of love for him, and her maid Yonë, the priest gave him a statuette of the Buddha and various other talismans. These succeeded in keeping the ghosts at bay until, as a result of treachery by Shinzaburo’s servant, Tomozo, they were able to gain access once more to the house of the young samurai who was found dead the next morning.

Rython  
British  
a giant of Brittany killed by King Arthur

Ryu-kyo  
(see Rin-Jin)

Ryu Kyu  
(see Ryugu)

Ryu-wo  
(see Rin-Jin)

Ryugin  
(see Ryujin)

Ryugu  
Japanese  
[Evergreen Land. Ryu Kyo. Ryukyu]  
the undersea palace of the Dragon-King of the Sea, Ryujin

Ryujin  
Japanese  
[Ruijin.Dragon-King of the Sea. Ryujin:  
=Balinese Waruna:Indian Varuna:  
=Javanese Kala]  
a Shinto/Buddhist dragon-king, god of thunderstorms  
one of the Raijin

With the help of the Tide Jewels he controlled all the seas. (see also Rin-Jin)

Ryukyu  
(see Ryugu)

ryungdrung  
(see yun-drun)
Sa’
African
a creator-god of the Kono people.
He lived in the primordial swamp.
The other creator deity, Alatangana,
who created land and vegetation, ran
off with Sa’s daughter and they
produced the first humans, four pairs
of white children and three pairs of
black. According to this story, each
pair spoke a different language.

Sa’
Egyptian
a magic noose
Bes used this noose to truss up
evil spirits.

Sa-bdag
Tibetan
a spirit of the soil or fresh water
guardian of the house or the
Temple

Sa-ch’ing
Chinese
a Taoist deity

Sa-kala-ma
Mesopotamian
a name for Ea as ‘ruler of the earth’

Sa-Yoni
Hindu
[Sayomi]
a name for Indra in the period when
his body bore 1,000 images of the
female genital organ

Saa
Egyptian
a child of Ra

Saalah
Arab
a hideous demon
This being is said to lure people into
the forest where he torments them.

Saar
(see Saba)

Saba’
Irish
[Blai Dearg, Blai Dheurg, Saar, Sabia,
Sadb, Sadhbb]
a deer-goddess and moon-goddess
a woman of the Otherworld
daughter of Bodh Dearg
sister of Daireann
mother of Osin by Finn mac Cool
Fear Diocer, the Dark Druid, whose
love she had rejected, changed Saba
into a deer which was run down by
Finn’s dogs. Changing back to mortal
form, she lived with Finn until he was
called to do battle with the Norsemen,
whereupon the druid reappeared in
the form of Finn and changed Saba
back into a deer. Her son by Finn was
the boy Oisin who would, according to
legend, have been a deer if the mother
had licked him at birth as deer
normally do.

Saba’
Irish
[Saar, Sabia, Sadb, Sadhbb]
daughter of Brian Boru
wife of Cian

Saba’
Irish
[Saar, Sabia, Sadb, Sadhbb]
daughter of Gul
She was as bitter-tongued as her father,
a satirist, and she tricked the king,
Feidlimidh, into giving her his clothes
and horse. In revenge, the king sent
Donnuir to seduce her.

Saba’
Irish
[Saar, Sabia, Sadb, Sadhbb]
daughter of Conn Ceadchathach
sister of Art
wife of Alill Olom
foster-mother of Lugaid mac Con

Saba-Leippya
Burmese
a spirit of the soil

Sabadios
(see Sabazius)

Sabaga
Siberian
a Yakut goddess of fire
consort of Ulakhany

Sabala’
Hindu
*[Sayoni]*
a name for Indra in the period when
his body bore 1,000 images of the
female genital organ

The two dogs guarded Kalichi,
Yama’s palace in the underworld
and rounded up the souls of the dead,
leading them to judgment.

Sabala was envisaged as a spotted
dog but the other dog, Syama, was
black.

Sabala’
Jain
gods of the underworld
These beings torture the wicked dead
with hot pliers, pulling out pieces of
their flesh.

Sabaoth
a Gnostic creator-god
son of Yaldabaoth
consort of Zoe
This deity was one of the seven
androgyous offspring of Yaldabaoth
against whom he rebelled, becoming
ruler of the universe.

Sabarragimme
(see Ennugi)

Sabatu
(see Siduri)
Sabazia  
**Greek**  
orgiastic festivals in honour  
of Sabazius  
One of the features of these festivals  
was the eating of raw flesh.

**Sabazios**  
*(see Sabazius)*

**Sabazius**  
*Greek*  
[Sabados,Sabos,Sabazios,Theos Hypsistos]  
a Phrygian saviour-god, god of  
thunder and lightning  
son of Cybele or Rhea, some say  
son of Zeus by Persephone, some say  
In some accounts he is identified with  
Dionysus or Zeus. He was torn to  
pieces by the Titans.

**Sabbat**  
*[Great Sabbath,Sabbath.vaudois,erie.]*  
a meeting of witches at midnight.

**Sabbath**  
*(see Sabbath)*

**Sabe**  
*British*  
in some accounts, wife of Ban and  
mother of Liban.

**Sabene**  
*German*  
a noble at Walgand's court  
He accompanied Hildburg and her  
child, Wolfdietrich, to Constantinople  
where she married the boy's father,  
Hugdietrich. Sabene started malicious  
rumours about Hildburg and her  
son with the result that Wolfdietrich was  
sent to be reared by Berchther. When  
Hugdietrich learned the truth about  
what had happened, he banished  
Sabene from his kingdom.

**Saber**  
*British*  
an uncle of Bevis  
He reared the young Bevis when his  
brother remarried and wanted to be  
rid of the boy.

**Sabgarifia**  
*Egyptian*  
the Egyptian name for Farasi Bahari

**Sabia**  
*(see Sabia)*

**Sabine Women**  
*(see Rape of the Sabine Women)*

**Sabitu**  
*Mesopotamian*  
an underworld goddess  
She ruled over the Sea of Death.  
*(see also Siduri)*

**Sabnack**  
*[Sabnack(e),Saburac,Salmac]*  
a demon  
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon  
This demon is said to teach the arts  
of war and healing of wounds and appears  
as a lion-headed soldier astride a pale  
horse.

**Sabnack**  
*(see Sabnack)*

**Sabnacke**  
*(see Sabnack)*

**Sabos**  
*(see Sabazius)*

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**Sabra1**  
*Egyptian*  
daughter of a pharaoh  
She was rescued from a dragon by St  
George who then married her.

**Sabra2**  
*(see Habren)*

**Sabre**  
*(see Habren)*

**Sabrus**  
a demon

**Saburac**  
*(see Sabnak)*

**Sac Nicté**  
*Central American*  
a Mayan princess  
She was abducted by Ta-Itza but failed  
to return his love and drowned herself  
in a lake.

**Sacadas**  
*Greek*  
a musician of Sicyon  
The flute which Marsyas played in the  
contest with Apollo was thrown into  
the River Meander. It was found by  
Sacadas who dedicated it to Apollo.

**Sacaea**  
*Meopotamian*  
an early Babylonian sun-god  
This deity was later merged with Samas.

**Sachmet**  
*(see Sakmet)*

**Saci1**  
*Hindu*  
a king  
son of Bahu  
father of Sagara

**Saci2**  
*Meopotamian*  
an ancient name for Ireland  
*(see also animals)*

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**Sacred Animals**  
animals revered in one culture  
or another  
Many animals are sacred to a  
particular deity, race or country.  
Some of these are:

- antelope: *Set*  
- ape: *India*  
- ass: *Dionysus.Set*  
- bat: *Australian Aborigines*  
- bear: *Thor*  
- bee: *Egypt*  
- beetle: *Egypt*  
- boar: *Hera.Syria*  
- carp: *Neptune.Shiva.Zeus*  
- cat: *Japan*  
- cobra: *Egypt.Pashrt*  
- cow: *Hera.Hindu*  
- crocodile: *Egypt.Sebek.Set*  
- deer: *Hercules*  
- dog: *Huitianteuchthi*  
- dragon: *Dionysus*  
- elephant: *Buddhism*  
- fish: *Arargatis*  
- gazelle: *Asartare*  
- goat: *Aphrodite.Dionysus.Venus*  
- griffin: *Apollo.Athena*  
- hare: *Kaltesh*  
- heifer: *Hestia.Isis*  
- hippopotamus: *Set*  
- horse: *Ares.Helius*  
- ichneumon: *Wadjet*  
- jackal: *Anubis.Set*  
- kid: *Dionysus*  
- lamb: *Helius.Juno*  
- leopard: *Dahomey.Dionysus.Osiris*  
- lion: *Dionysus.Sand.d.Vulcan*  
- lynx: *Dionysus*  
- monkey: *India*  
- ox: *Dinka tribe.Dionysus.Jupiter*  
- oxyrhynus: *Hathor*  
- panther: *Dionysus.Dusara.Polynesia*  
- pig: *Angus Og.Greece*  
- ram: *Dionysus.Zeus*  
- sheep: *Nyx*  
- shrew mouse: *Wadjet*  
- snake: *Asclepius.Dayaks.*  
- snail: *Dionysus.Minerva.Sumeria*  
- stag: *Diana.Juorjin*  
- tiger: *Dionysus*  
- tortoise: *Aphrodite.Heracles.Hermes*  
- weasel: *Egypt*  
- wolf: *Apollo.Ares.Wepwawet*  
- zebu: *Asia.Hindu*  
- sacred ape: *India*  
- the hanuman  
- sacred beetle: *Egyptian*  
- the scarab  
- sacred birds: *birds revered in one culture or another*  
Many birds are sacred to a particular  
deity, race or country. Some of these are:  
albatross: *Ainu*  
cock: *Ahura Mazda.Amaterasu.*  
Apollo.Athena.Helius.  
Nyx.Tammuz.Zas  
China.Fukurokuju.Hermes.  
Perseus.Shou Shen.Thoth
Sacred Cities

Sacred History  Greek
the book in which Euhemerus set out his theory that gods were but men who lived large and that myths were real historical events

Sacred Isle  (see Motu-tapu)
sacred lake  (see Llyn Cerrig Bach)
Sacred Lance  (see Holy Lance)
Sacred Marriage
the union of Zeus and his sister Hera: the union of any two deities: the union of a deity with a mortal

Sacred Meal
a meal at which a deity is deemed to be present: a rite in which a deity is symbolically devoured

Sacred Mountains
high places often have associations with myths and religion and many cultures regard some mountains as sacred, often the home of the gods, including:

Buddhist  Everest, Ishadharma
Burma  Loi Haao Mong.
Majaw, Myimmo, Taung.
Shide, Shringa Pum

Central America
Aztec  Chapultepec, Cihuacoatlan
Colima, Iztec, Cuatlan.

Nonoalco, Popocatepetl.
China  Chi-hua, Ishadharma
Central America  Chihuacoatlan
Kuatan, Kuang-hseh, Song Shan.

T'ai Shan, Wu Yieh

Egypt  Nisa, Ompha-el

Germany  Horselberg

Greece  Cithaeron, Ida, Lycaeus.
Lycorea, Nisa, Olympus.
Orthys, Our, Paraxius.
Pelion, Rhodospe, Tithorea.

Hebrew  Ararat, Carmel, Ebal.
Gerizim, Moriah, Nebu.
Olivet, Sinai, Tabor, Zion.

Japan  Fujiyama, Kirishima.

Hindu  Mandara, Mara
Lapp  Passe-vare

North America Yellow Mountains Chiricahua  Nam Wiyah, Unne Chaha
Persia  Demavand

Siberia  Sunbur
South America  Chimborazo	
Tartar  Suo

Thailand  Phra Men
Tibet  Himavan

Trogan  Ida
West Indies  Paria

Sacred Numbers
a number having religious or magical significance

Most cultures have sacred numbers, some of which are:
three = often reflected in the grouping of deities four = Hermes’ number five = perhaps connected with the digits of one hand seven = related to the number of planets known to the ancients: Apollo’s number nine = a multiple of three twelve = corresponding with the signs of the Zodiac

Sacred One  (see Senx)
Sacred Otter  North American

a chief of the Blackfoot tribe
He and his son were caught in a blizzard when out hunting and they sheltered under a buffalo hide. He dreamt that he visited the tepee of Estonea-pesta, Lord of Cold Weather, who gave him the Snow-lodge and a magic pipe. When his tribe were caught in another blizzard the following year, he lit the pipe and the smoke drove away the storm clouds and his people were saved.

Sacred Plants

a flower, plant, or tree said to be associated with a deity

Many such plants are mentioned in myths, including:
agrus  Asclepius
almond  Phrygeus
arbutus  Muslims, Romans
aspodel  Dionysus
box  Mercury
brok tree  Kojin
cherry  Apollo
corn  Ceres and Demeter
cypress  Dis Pater, Hades
dittany  Artemis
erica  Egypt
ing  Dionysus, Pacific Islands

fire  Cybele
first fruits  Hestia
grape  Dionysus
ivy  Dionysus
laurel  Apollo
lily  Hera
lotus  Buddha, Egypt
mainenair  Hades
myrtle  Aphrodite, Venus
narcissus  Demeter, Dis Pater, Hades
nelumbo  Egypt

oak  Baal, Jupiter, Melkarth.

Thot, Zeus

olive  Athena
palm  Hermes
peyote  Mexico
Sacred Scripture (see Sacred History)
sacred serpents
snakes said to possess supernatural powers or to be connected with some deity
The Buddha was said to have become a serpent as a healer. In Egypt, the cobra, in the form of the uraeus, represented power. In Greek myths, Aesculapius is represented as, and sometimes took the form of, a snake and one manifestation of Zeus is as a huge serpent. In Indian myths, snakes play an important role. (see Naga1,2)
In many cases, the snake is associated with the rainbow. (see also Rainbow Serpent)
Sacred Spear (see Holy Lance)
sacred springs
fountains or springs said to possess some supernatural power or to be connected with some deity
In Arthurian and Carolingian lore, Merlin is said to have created fountains with magical properties. In Greek mythology, many fountains were created by deities or by fabulous creatures such as the flying horse, Pegasus, and many were inhabited by nymphs.
sacred stones
rocks or stones said to possess some supernatural power or to be connected with some deity
sacred thread
a six-stranded thread given to children of the Zoroastrian faith
This cord, given to children between the ages of twelve and fifteen, consists of seventy-two threads, equal to the numbers of chapters in the Yasna.
sacred trees (see Sacred plants. tree-worship)
Sacred Wars
3 conflicts involving various parts of Greece for alleged offences against Apollo resulting from violations of the shrine at Delphi
Sacred White Cow
a cow born of the Nile mother of Kola
This animal, created by Jo-Uk, was the precursor of the Shilluk of the Sudan.
sacrifice
an offering to god on an altar: to make an offering to god
Where the sacrifice involved animals, some were considered appropriate to particular deities. Some instances are:
as = Priapus
dog = Hecate.Iliithyia
horse = Poseidon
In some cases of human sacrifice, scapegoats were used to bear the sins of the real culprits.
Sacripant
king of Circassia
When African besieged Albracca, Sacripant led his army to relieve the city but was defeated. He was one of the many who loved Angelica and when Rinaldo found him in her company they fought a duel over her. She fled and met a magician who conjured up a spirit in the form of a farm-hand who interrupted the fight and told the combatants that Angelica was now heading for Paris with Roland. Rinaldo broke off the duel to ride after her.
sacy-perere
in Brazil, cheerful spirits of the forest
Sad
a god of fate
Sad-El [Field of God]
the home of the god El
Sadagata
a name of Vayu as ‘always moving’
Sadaijin (see Yadaijin)
Sadaki
the fourth celestial Buddha
Sadaksari
Tibetan
an aspect of Avalokiteshvara
This form of the bodhisattva is said to incarnate in each Dalai Lama.
Sad’dan Mesopotamian
a name for Atal as a goddess of fate
Sadana East Indian
[Sadana]
a Javanese name for Vishnu
Sadana Hindu
a name for Lakshmi as the ocean
Sadasapati Hindu
a name for Brhaspati as ‘lord of gatherings’
Sadb (see Saba)
Saddhuja-Sitatara Buddhist
an aspect of Amoghasiddi and Sitatara
This combination deity is depicted as having three heads.
Sadda Persian
a Zoroastrian sacred book
Saddbarranapandrika [Lotus Sutra]-Japanese Daimoku
a book of parables attributed to the Buddha
Sadhu
Hindu
[sadhu=female=sadhvi]
a mendicant ascetic holy man: a saint (see also sadhu)
Sadewa East Indian
in Javanese lore, the son of Pandu
Sadbhb (see Saba)
sadhhu (see sadhu)
Sadhumati Buddhist
a goddess one of the bhumis
sadlvi (see sadhu)
Sadiya Hindu
one of a group of minor deities: a type of Gana
one of the kindly dead, some say sadiri East Indian
a doll, made of dough, used by the Dayaks in a ceremony to cure the sick
Sadko Russian
a merchant one of the bogatiri
To placate the sea-god, to whom he had forgotten to pay tribute, Sadko offered himself as a sacrifice. He was taken to the undersea realm of the Tsar of the Sea and later restored to earth, having lost his fortune, and carried on his trade on the Volga where he paid tribute to the river-gods. When he later went back to his home town of Novgorod, a water-spirit instructed him to cast his nets into a lake and he was rewarded with a
huge catch of fish which turned into coins.

In another version, Sadko was a minstrel whose music attracted a sea-god who took Sadko to his underwater palace and compelled him to play his lute while he danced. On the advice of an old sage, Sadko broke the strings of his lute to stop the dance and, when the sea-god offered him the choice of one of his hundreds of daughters as a wife, Sadko chose the last to appear, the lovely Chernava. He had been warned not to touch his bride but he inadvertently touched her with his foot as he turned in his sleep. He woke immediately to find himself on the bank of a river with his foot in the water but, by his side, he found a large sack of gold.

Sadok  British
a Knight of the Round Table
Sadon  European
a Saracen
cousin of Carahue
He challenged Charlot to single combat when Carahue challenged Ogier but the treacherous Charlot arrived with a troop of his followers and attacked the other three. Ogier and the two Saracens routed their attackers and became friends.

Sadona  (see Sadana)'
Sador  British
husband of Chelinde
father of Apollo
He left his family and his wife, thinking him dead, remarried. Returning years later, Sador was killed by his son who did not recognise him.

Sadraba  Mesopotamian
[=Greek Satrapis]
a Syrian god of healing
Sadsta-akka  (see Sarakka)
Sadyojata  Hindu
one of the 5 aspects of Shiva known as Pancabrahma
Sadurn  Irish
a deity
sibling of Gwen
Sae-no-kami  (see Dosojin)
Saegr  Norse
[=Saegr]
a bucket
This is the bucket in which Hiuki and Bil were carrying song-mead when they were captured by the moon-god, Mani.

Saegr  (see Saegr)

Sahrimmir  Norse
[=Serimmar]
a magical boar
This animal was slaughtered every day to provide meat for the warriors in Valhalla but came to life again, fully restored, after each meal.

Saeming  Norse
[=Seming]
a king of Norway
son of Odin by Skadi
Saemund Sigfusson  Norse
(d 1133)
a Christian priest
He is said by some to have collected the works that make up the Elder Edda.

Saena  Persian
a simurgh
Prevented by a voice from heaven from feeding on the infant Zal, who had been abandoned on Mount Alburz by his father Sam, Saena took the boy to his nest and gave him a feather which, whenever he needed help, he could throw into the fire to bring Saena to his rescue.

Saera Menegha  (see simurgh')
Saetur  Norse
a deity envisaged as an old man
Saeturius  (see Saturn)
Safa  Russian
an Ossetian god of weaponry
Safekh-Aubi  (see Sefkhet-Awby)
Safer  British
[Safere, Safire]
a Knight of the Round Table
a Saracen
brother of Palamedes
He was made Duke of Languedoc.

Safere  (see Safer)
Safiran  British
a leader of a band of brigands and Picts
He was leading a force against the castle of Leodegrance when Arthur went to seek the hand of Guinevere.

Safire  (see Safer)
Safkhet-Awby  (see Sefkhet-Awby)
Safkhet-Awbi  (see Sefkhet-Awby)
Safonet  European
a Moorish king of Spain
Rinaldo and his brothers, out of favour with the emperor, served under this king for three years, helping him to achieve many victories. In the end,

when the king failed to reward them for their efforts, they killed him and went into the service of Ivo.

Sag  Egyptian
a drought-demon
This being is envisaged as having the body of a lioness, the head of a hawk and a tail with a lotus flower on the end.

Sagã¹  Norse
[Laga]
the goddess of history
one of the Asynjur
one of the wives of Odin
Sagã³  Norse
a Norse epic: a collection of legends
Sagã⁴  [femina saga: male=sage]
a wise woman: a witch
Sagalie Tyee  North American
a supreme god of the Salish people
Sagaman  one who recounts epic tales
Sangan-tengeri  (see Zojan)
Sagara¹  Buddhist
a king of the nagas
Sagara²  Hindu
a king
husband of Sumati
father of Sarajasvati
It is said that he had one son by one of his two wives and 60,000 by his other wife, Sumati.

To achieve godlike status for himself, he planned to kill the celestial horse but Indra hid it in the earth. When his host of sons started to dig up the earth to find it, the god turned them all into termites.

In another version of this story, Sagara was given a fearsome weapon, the agneyastra, by the sage Aurva, and used it to kill all his enemies who had driven his father, Sachi, into exile. He then took the throne himself. When his favourite horse was missing, his 60,000 sons dug a huge pit in which they found not only the horse but the sage Kapila who killed them all when they accused him of having stolen the horse. Sarasvati's grandson, Anshumat, eventually recovered the horse and returned it to his grandfather.

Sagaramati  Buddhist
a bodhisattva
Sagaris  (see Sagaritis)
Sagaritis  Mesopotamian
[=Sagaris]
the nymph for whom Attis deserted Cybele
### Sagbata

**African**

[=Ashanti Asa-ase=] 

- a smallpox god in Dahomey
- son of Lisa and Mawu
- brother of Sogo

**sage**

- [female=saga]
- a wise man; a wizard

**Sage of the Toad** *(see Kosensei)*

**Sagittarius**

[=Centaur=Arab Qaus=]  

- the ninth sign of the Zodiac, the archer

**sagittary**

- Greek

- a Centaur armed with bow and arrows

It was said that these beings could kill merely by looking.

**Sagramore** *(British)*

[=Sagramour=Sagris=Sagremor=]  

- a Knight of the Round Table

In some accounts, he was the son of the king of Hungary and brother of Claire.

- He seduced Orainglais who bore a son.

- He was one of the many knights captured and imprisoned by Tärquin, who hated all Arthur's knights, until rescued by Lancelot.

**Sagmour** *(see Sagmure)*

**Sagremor** *(see Sagmure)*

**Sagris** *(see Sagmure)*

**Saguar** *(South American)*  

- a chief of the Guarani tribe

- father of Tacuaree

When his daughter left home to meet the man she loved, Saguaa followed her, stopping at frequent intervals to put his ear to the ground to follow the sound of her footsteps. When he became exhausted and rested with his ear still to the ground, the ear put down roots and became the timbo tree, the fruit of which is ear-shaped.

**Sah** *(Egyptian)*  

- a god, personification of the constellation of Orion

- husband of Sopdet

- father of Soped

**Sahadeva** *(Hindu)*  

- one of the 5 Pandavas

- son of the Aswins by Madri

- twin brother of Nakula

- husband of Vijaya

These twin boys were born to Madri, second wife of Pandu, when his first wife, Kunti, handed her the gift of producing a child by prayer to the gods.

**Sahagun, Bernardino** *(Central American)*  

- a Spanish monk in Mexico who recorded many of the Aztec myths

- His manuscript, written in about 1530, was lost for about 300 years.

**Sahe-no-kami** *(Japanese)*  

- guardian deities said to ward off disease

**Sahib** *(Persian)*  

- son of Mulatib

- He was sent by Azazil as an envoy to the rebellious jinn who killed him.

**Sahar** *(Mesopotamian)*  


- an Aramaic moon-god *(see atu Salem)*

**Sahar** *(Muslim)*  

- a giant jinn

- Solomon, wishing to find out how to cut metal noiselessly, had the water in a well replaced with wine and so made Sahar drunk. He then persuaded the jinn to tell him the secret and was referred to the raven. The king hid two of the bird's eggs under a crystal bowl and the raven then arrived with a stone called a samur in its beak and used it to crack the bowl. Solomon then despatched his jinn to find the source of this mystery stone and they returned with enough for all his workmen who could thereafter work without disturbing others.

**Sahassaras** *(Mesopotamian)*  

- a Hittite goddess

- consort of Teshub

**Sahisn-po** *(see Kshitigarbha)*

**Sahirim** *(see Scrim)*

**Sahobiko** *(Japanese)*  

- brother of Saho-hime

- sister of Saho-biko

- wife of Suinin

- She betrayed her husband out of love for her brother.

**Sah-o-rama** *(Japanese)*  

- a goddess of spring

**Sahsnot** *(see Saxnot)*

**Sahsome** *(North American)*  

- a god of destruction in the lore of the Tuleyone Indians

- a malevolent aspect of Coyote

- He set the world on fire but the flames were extinguished by the Flood sent by Coyote.

**Sahu** *(Egyptian)*  

- the spiritual body of the individual

**Sahu** *(Egyptian)*  

- a cannibal ogre

- This being appears in the heavens as the constellation Orion and is said to be roaming the heavens searching for food in the shape of men or gods.

**Sai** *(Egyptian)*  

[=Arab Sai’Al Qaum=] *(Greek Psais)*  

- a guardian god

### Sai-no-Kawara

**Japanese**

- [Dry Bed of the River of Souls]  

- the subterranean home of dead children

**Sai nyin po** *(see Kshitigarbha)*

**Sai’Al Qaum** *(Arab)*  

[=Egyptian Sai=] *(Greek Psais)*  

- a guardian god

**Saidthe** *(Irish)*  

- a hound

**Saigremor** *(see Sagremore)*

**Saijosen** *(Japanese)*  

- a woman skilled in embroidery

At the request of an old man, she embroidered a pair of phoenix. As soon as the piece was finished, the birds came to life and carried off both Saijosen and the old man on their backs.

**Saijan** *(Japanese)*  

- a building used by a Shinto priest to prepare himself for a ceremony

**Sainnuth** *(Irish)*  

- son of Imbath

- father of Macha, some say

**Sainred** *(Irish)*  

- son of Lir

- brother of Manannan

### Saint Seoiré Mass

**French**

- a form of black mass in Gascony, designed to kill an enemy

**Saion Zenji** *(Japanese)*  

- a hermit

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**Sair** *(Egyptian)*  

- a demon associated with minerals

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**Egyptian**

- an Egyptian version of Athena

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**Egyptian**

- the Arab version of Satan

### Saivo-neida

*(see Saivo-neita)*

**Saivo-neita** *(Russian Rusalka)*

### Saivsan

**Japanese**

- a guardian god

**Sakao-neida** *(Japanese)*  

- a hermit

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**Central American**

- Mayan dwarfs

These beings, which existed in the early days of creation, were fed by a pipeline from heaven. They are
regarded as the builders of the ancient cities of the Maya. Later, when the sun appeared, the dwarfs were turned to stone.

**Sajara**

* African

A rainbow god of the Songhai people, he took the form of a multi-coloured serpent.

**Sajigor**

* Pakotani

A god in the Hindu Kush region.

**Saka**

* Hindi

One of the 7 island-continents (see also Divpaa)

**Saka-bashira**

* Japanese

[Sakasa-bakira]

An unlucky post

If a post is fixed so that it is upside down in relation to its original position in the tree from which it came, it will emit moans and groans at night.

**Sakadonomaki**

* Japanese

[Tosuya-mone]

A god of the drink, sake

**Sakaki**

* Japanese

A tree sacred in Shinto

This tree, which grows on the celestial Mount Kagu, is hung with precious objects. (see also shinboku)

**Sakaldakama**

* South American

A pot

In the lore of the Indians of Honduras and Nicaragua, this pot is situated under the narrow bridge in the underworld. It is tended by a sikla bird who keeps it boiling ready to receive those who, as a result of meanness in life, fall off the bridge.

**Sakar**

* (see Saqar)

A Lamaist sorcerer

**Sakara**

* Tibetan

A god of darkness of the Agni people

**Sakari**

* African

The father of Kintaro by Yaégiri

**Sakari**

* African

A god of darkness of the Agni people

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* Tibetan

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**Sakara**

* African

The fifth stage of the Swahili hell, reserved for women who have committed adultery and for sorcerers

**Sakari**

* Japanese

The name given to Kintaro when he became one of Yorimitsu's retainers

**Sakura**

* Japanese

The name given to Kintaro when he became one of Yorimitsu's retainers

**Sakura**

* Japanese

A soldier

Father of Kintaro by Yaégiri

He fell in love with Yaégiri but, when he was dismissed from the emperor's bodyguard, he killed himself. His son, Kintaro, was born after Sakata's death.

**Sakha**

* Indian

Son of Skanda

**Sakha**

* East Indian

A name for Nikura as god of the rising sun

**Sakura**

* Japanese

A name for Nikura as god of the rising sun

**Sakura**

* North American

A pawnee sun-goddess consort of Pah

**Sakura**

* Mesopotamian

The rising sun

**Sakura**

* Hindu

A demon

While Solomon was doing penance in the desert, Sakhar took his place and stole his magic ring which he threw into the sea. On his return, Solomon recovered the ring from a fish's stomach, captured Sakhar and threw him into the sea weighted with stones.

In later years, the ropes rotted and Sakhar escaped to carry on his evil work.

**Sakhdavati**

* (see Sukhavati)

**Sakmet**

* Egyptian

[Eye of Ra.

Great Cat. Lady of the West.

Mekhit. Mighty One. Sachmet.


The Powerful-

Babylonian Allat: >Greek Sakhmis]

Sakkarabru

* African

A rainbow god of the Fon

**Sakkarabru**

* African

The earth-god of the Fon

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A Babylonian cattle-god

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A Babylonian cattle-goda
In some accounts he is equated with Sahar.

**Salem**  
Arab  
an ancient god of good health  

**Saleos**  
(see Zaleos)  
a god of rocks  

**Salevao**  
Pacific Islands  
brother of Savea S’uleo  
consort of Papa  
father of Moa  

**Sali**  
African  
sister of Akaf  

By custom, her brother, king of Kordofan, was due to be killed on a day decreed by the priests who read the stars. She was due to die with him so she induced the story-teller Far-li-mas to recite such marvellous stories that the priests forgot the stars and no date for the execution was ever fixed.

**Salians**  
(see Salii)  

colleges of priests  

They were the guardians of the Ancile, the shield that fell from heaven. The Salii Palatini served Mars, the Salii Consilo served Jupiter, and the Salii Curti served Minerva. Each college consisted of twelve priests.

**Salilus**  
a demon said to open doors  

**Salim**  
Mesopotamian  
[=Canaanite Salem]  
a Syrian god of twilight  

**Salim**  
(see Salma)  

**Sallamannu**  
(see Sallamannu)  
sallekama  
Japanese  

the ritual of fasting to death  

**Salm**  
Persian  

[Salm of Wisdom]  

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a wise old fish  

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(see Salmon of Llyn Llyw)  

**Salmon of Wisdom**  
(see Salmon of Knowledge)  

**Salmoneus**  
Greek  

a fountain nymph who was merged with Hermaphroditus to form one body  

**Salmakis**  
Greek  

a fountain in Cariait; it was said that all who bathed here became hermaphrodites  

**Salmakis**  
(see Salmakis)  

**Salmala**  
Hindu  
one of the 7 island-continents  
(see also Dvipa)  

**Salman**  
Arab  

[Su Salman]  
Salm of Mahram.Salmon:  
Saraamana.Selamanes.Sulmanu:  
=Babylonian Salmanus=Canaanite Resep=  
a pre-Islamic god of the northern region  

**Salmaone**  
Mesopotamian  
a goddess of the east  
(see also Salma)  

**Salmon**  
(see Salman)  

**Salmon Boy**  
North American  

time of many adventures  

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This fish was consulted by Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen. It led him to the prison where Mabon was held.

In some versions, it carried Gwyrhy and Kay on its back to Mabon’s prison. Some say this fish lived in Llyn Feic.

**Salmon of Wisdom**  
(see Salmon of Knowledge)  

**Salmoneus**  
Greek  

king of Elis  

son of Aeolus and Enarete  
brother of Athamas, Cretheus and Sisyphus  
husband of Alcidice and Sidero  
father of Tyro by Alcidice  

He fathered Tyro by his first wife, Alcidice, and, when Alcidice died, he married Sidero.
He was expelled from Thessaly by Sisyphus who, having raped Tyro, persuaded the people that Salmoneus had an incestuous relationship with his own daughter, and fled to Elis. When Tyro became the mother of Tyro and Poseidon, Sidero treated her with great cruelty.

In other stories, Sidero was the second wife of Creteus who abandoned Tyro, his first wife.

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| Sama Veda | (see Samaveda) |
| Samadhi | Hindu |
| a merchant |
| He had been cheated out of all his wealth and became a recluse in the hermitage of the sage, Medhas, where he met Suratha. Together they started a new cult, worshipping Devi, who granted each of them one wish. Samadhi asked to be free of greed and self-regard. |
| Samael | (Red Dragon) |
| a fallen angel, a demon of the planet Mars |
| king of volcanoes |
| In some accounts, he is equated with the devil. Samain (see Samhain) |
| Samain Feis | (see Feis na Samhna) |
| Samal | Canaanite |
| mother of vultures |
| She ate Aqhat's body when he was killed by Yatpan. Samaliel | European |
| a famous warrior |
| son of Frollo |
| Samalithach | Irish |
| a follower of Partholan |
| He is said to have introduced ale into Ireland. Saman | Hindu |
| a name of Yama as ‘the settler’ Samanala | (see Adan’s Peak) |
| Samano | (see Niminima) |

| Samantabhadra | Buddhist |
| [Lokanatha:=Chinese P‘u Hsien:=Japanese Fugen:==Tibetan Kuntu ban Po] | the final Buddha |
| an aspect of Vairocana one of the 5 Dhyani-buddhissattvas of Mahayana Buddhism |
| A celestial bodhisattva who distributes instructions on how to avert disaster. As Lokanatha he is an assistant to Avalokiteshvara. He rides a white elephant. |
| Samantaprabha | Buddhist |
| a goddess one of the bhumis |
| Samas | Mesopotamian |
| [=Hindu Samba] | |
| Samas | Canaanite |
| son of Sin |
| brother of Ishtar and Ismu |
| twin brother of Nannar, some say consort of Aa father of Giru, Kuttu, Mesharu and Nusku|
| A form of Marduk as ‘lawgiver’, originally the same as Tammuz but later regarded as a separate deity. He is depicted holding a sword with a serrated edge and with flames round his head and shoulders. |

Samavarti | Hindu |
| a name for Yama as the judge of the souls of the dead |

| Sambara | (see Shambhara) |
| Sambhoga-kaya | Buddhist |
| the communal body of the Buddha or a bodhisattva: one of the 3 jewels of a Buddha’s existence: the body |

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in which he appears to other bodhisattvas
(see also Three Bodies Doctrine)
Sambo-kojin
(see Kojin)
Samébito
Japanese
a shark-man, retainer of the
Dragon Kings
When Samébito was dismissed from
his post in the palace of the Dragon
Kings, Totaro gave him a home in his
lily-pond. Totaro met a lovely girl,
Tamana, but she refused to marry him
unless he could give her 10,000 jewels.
Knowing he could never win her,
Totaro pined away and Samébito
wept at the sight of his dying patron.
The tears turned into rubies and
Totaro soon recovered his health and
persuaded Samébito to produce
enough rubies for him to claim
Tamana as his wife.
Samandari
Irish
father of Buan
Samedigi
a demon
Samgut yusa
Korean
a 12th c book of mythology compiled
by Iryon
Samhailt
Irish
a spectre or apparition (see also soulth)
Samhain
Irish
[Allanite.Festival of Mongfhinn.
Samaon.Samhusi.Samp'in=Irish
Feis na Samhna. Geimred=Welsh
Calan Gaet: Nos Calan-Gaet]
a festival on October 31st/November
1st, the Celtic New Year
This was the one occasion when the
Otherworld became visible to mortals.
The gates were opened so that those
who had been wronged by those still
living could exact vengeance.
It was adapted by Christianity as
St Martin's Mass or All Hallows, and
the night of October 31st became
Hallowe'en, a night when demons
are let loose on the earth to entrap the
innocent.
Samhain
Irish
[Swan]
a god
brother of Cian and Goibhniu
He was in charge of Cian’s magical
cow, Glas Gabnach, when it was stolen
by Balor who assumed the guise of a
small boy and tricked Samhain into
letting him hold the cow’s halter.
Samhaidh
Irish
a mysterious object which
grants all wishes
Samhail
Irish
a demon of the hours of the day
Samhain2
Irish
a name of Lugh as ‘the many-gifted’
Samhaid
Irish
[Illdanach]
the complete self-enlightened one;
the Buddha Gautama
Samurumant
(see Semiramis)
Samonekoaner
Pacific Islands
[see also Semenkoror]
Samothea
British
[White Goddess]
a goddess
Samosas
British
a giant
He was said to be the inventor of
letters.
samovily
(see vila)
Sampou
Irish
a huge eagle
son of Garuda
brother of Jatayu
His brother had been killed by the
demon Ravana, so he was glad to help
Rama in his search for Rama’s wife,
Sita, who had been abducted by Ravana.
Samp’ in
(see Samhain)
Sampo
Finnish
a mysterious object which
grants all wishes
In some versions it was a magic mill
which produced endless supplies of
salt, flour and money. One such mill
was made by Ilmarinen, in his quest
for the hand of the Maiden of Pohjola,
by loading his furnace with many
unusual things such as sheep’s milk and
swansdown, over which he recited
spells. On successive days, the furnace
produced a golden bowl, a ship made
of copper, a golden-horned cow and a
gold and silver plough. He melted
these things down again and, on the
following day, the furnace produced
the magic mill that he was seeking.
Sampsa Pellervo
Baltic
[Sampsa Pellervoinesi]
a Finnish god of vegetation
He is said to have arrived in a corn-
ship.
Sampsa Pellervoinesi
(see Sampsa Pellervo)
Samradh
(see Beltane)
Samraj
Hindu
a name of Indra as ‘supreme ruler’
as a duality with Varuna
Samru
(see Simurghs)
Sams
Arab
[Shams(bu)]=Akkadian
Babbar=Babylonian
Samaras=Canaanite Sapa=Moabite
Chemosh=Persian Afrash=Phoenician
Astarte=Semitic Samos=Sumerian Utu]
a sun-déity
Some accounts say that, in Arabia,
Astarte became a northern god and a
southern goddess as Sams.
samsara
Buddhist
the passage of the soul into another
state or body
samsara
Hindu
the continuous cycle of rebirth
Samsara-Guru
Hindu
a name for Kama as ‘leader of
the world’
Samson
European
a Frankish knight, one of
Charlemagne’s paladins
He was one of the first to be
killed when the second army of
Saracens descended on Roland’s
force at Roncesvalles.
Samson Carrasco
European
[Knight of the White Moon]
a friend of Don Quixote
He took the part of a knight and
overthrew Don Quixote in an effort to
make him give up his adventures and
return home.
Samudra
Tibetan
a Lamaist sorcerer
Samulayo  Pacific Islands

a Fijian god of war
He lives in the underworld, Bulu, and requires the souls of dead warriors arriving in that realm to fight with him.

Sanmu  (see semnerv)

Samvara  Tibetan

[bDe-mchog.Cakra-Samvara]
a Buddhist-Lamaist god
one of the Yi-dam
an aspect of Akshobhya
The Lamaist version depicts him as having four heads and twelve arms.

Samvara  (see Semiazas)

Samyasa  (see Semiazas)

Samyong-Dang  Korean

a magician
He challenged another magician, Sosan-Desa, to a contest in magic.
They both swallowed live fish and regurgitated them; those swallowed by Sosan-Desa lived, Samyong-Dang's died. When they built a pile of eggs, Samyong-Dang started at the bottom, Sosan-Desa started at the top. Sosan-Desa finally offered his guest a bowl of soup. Samyong-Dang refused them
Desa started at the top. Sosan-Desa, to a contest in magic.
San-chiao  Chinese

San Dui  Tibetan

a Lamaist guardian-god
He is one of the gods acting as guardians of the individual.
He is depicted as having three eyes and three heads.
San Hsien Shan  (see Fortunate Isles³)
San Hsing  Chinese

the Fu Lu Shou as the Three Stars of Happiness
San-ku  (see Keng San Ku-niang)
San-kuan-ta-ti  (see San Kuan)
San-kuai-kung  Chinese

Three Agents
3 deities who record good and evil
These deities are listed as Shui-kuan (water), Ti-kuan (earth) and T’ien-kuan (heaven). They could distribute various benefits and receive the confession of sinners.
San-kuan-ta-ti  Chinese

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San-shen Kuo  Chinese

a mythical land where the inhabitants have 3 heads
San-shin  Korean

a mountain-god
This ruler of all the mountains is depicted as an old man with a long white beard, often in the company of a tiger which he used as a messenger.
In some accounts, the hero-king, Tangun, became identified with San-shin when he died.
San Ta Shih  (see Three Great Beings)
San Tung  Chinese

[Three Vauls. Three Purities]
one of the 2 parts of Tao Tsang, the Taoist canon
The other part of the canon is the Su Fu.
Sanagran  British

a giant
He was in the mercenary band of Saxons and giants, led by Chaos, who looted London while King Arthur was away at his wedding feast. Gawain and his brothers, en route to Arthur's court to be made knights, routed the looters, killing both Sanagran and Chaos.
Sanam³  British

an earl
father of Lyenorons
Sancho³  Spanish

[Don Sancho]
son of Ferdinand brother of Alfonso, Elvira, Garcia, and Urraca
On his father's death, he was given the province of Castile. His realm was attacked by Ramiro of Aragon and Sancho of Navarre but they were defeated by El Cid. He later sent an army to help his sister, Urraca, whose city of Zamora had been seized by her brother Garcia.
El Cid defeated Garcia and his kingdom, together with that of Alfonso who had helped Garcia, was taken over by Sancho. Greedy for more, he seized Toro from his other sister, Elvira, and laid siege to Urraca at Zamora. He sent El Cid to demand her surrender and when she refused, he dismissed El Cid from his service. He found he could not manage without his champion and soon restored him to favour. One of the defenders of Zamora, a man named Dolfos, crept out of the city under cover of darkness, killed Sancho, and returned safely to the city.
Sancho²  Spanish

a king of Navarre
He and Ramiro attacked his namesake, Sancho of Castile but they were defeated by El Cid.
Sancho Panza  Spanish

the squire of Don Quixote
He is depicted as a squat, pot-bellied character, who rides on his donkey, Dapple.
In the story of Don Quixote, Sancho Panza became governor of Barataria.
Sanctum Regnum  a book about a form of ceremonial magic listing the spirits of the signs of the Zodiac
Sancheus  Italian

[=Greek Zeus Pistios=Roman Fidius] a Sabine god of marriage and oaths
(see also Semo)
Sand Altar Woman  North American
[Child Medicine Woman,Child Water Woman,Tihkuyi]
a Hopi spirit of childbirth and guardian of animals
wife of Masauwu
sister of Mu’ingwa
It is said that she suffered a miscarriage while she was out walking with Snake Clan Woman.

sand squink North American
a fabulous animal

Sanda1 Hindu
a demon

Sanda2 Hittite
a fertility-god

Sandaf (see Sandda)

Sandalphon Hebrew
an angel of fire

Sandan Mesopotamian
[Sandas,Sandes,Sandon,Santas:
= BABYLONIAN MARDUK (= HITTITE SANDA)]
a fire-god, god of Tarsus
an aspect of Melkarth, some say
He is depicted with a double-headed axe and his animal is the lion.

Sandas (see Sandan)
San dav (see Sandda)
Sandda British
[Angel-face.Sandaf.Sandav:
He was so beautiful that the enemy at the battle of Camlan were afraid to attack him, thinking that he was an angel supporting the other side.
He was one of those who accompanied Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Sandde-Byrd-Angel (see Sandda)
Sandaff (see Sandda)
Sandde African
[Sane]
a Mende secret society for women
(see also Poro)

Sandes (see Sandan)
sandhill perch North American
a fabulous fish

Sandipani Hindu
a man whose son was abducted by Panchajana
This deed so angered Krishna that he dived to the bottom of the ocean, killed the demon, taking his conch-shell for use as a trumpet.

Sando ces Greek
a Syrian
father of Cinyras, in some accounts

Sandhya Hindu
[twilight']
daughter of Brahma
a consort of Shiva, some say
In some accounts, Brahma raped his own daughter and Shiva cut off one of his five heads as punishment. Others say that Shiva married Sandhya, then turned her into a doe and killed her to prevent Brahma from raping her. (see also Sarasvati, Shatarupa)

Sandon (see Sandan)
Sandraudiga German
a minor deity

Sane (see Sande)
Sanemori Japanese
a warrior

He was killed by his enemy when his horse missed its footing and fell into a rice-field. The dead Sanemori became an insect pest which ate the rice-crops.

Sang Gala Raja Jin Malay
[Sangkara]
the black king of the demons

Sang Hyang Tunggal East Indian
a supreme god in Java

Sang Pertala Dewa East Indian
a Sumatran
father of Peri Dewa
After his death, he sent a message to his son that he should marry the girl, sent by the gods, who had first appeared as a silver cow.

Sangarios (see Sangarius)

Sangarius Greek
[Sangarios]
a river-god in Phrygia
father of Nana
father of Heuba, some say

Sangen East Indian
son of Tunggal Garing and Puteri Buala
brother of Buni and Sangiang
It is said that he was one of the sons of the first couple and became the first agriculturalist.

Sangha Buddhist
the community of monks

Sanghamitta Buddhist
daughter of Ashoka
sister of Mahanda and Mahinda
She became a nun and took a bodhi tree to the monastery established by her brother Mahinda.

San grata-Parvata Hindu
a mountain in the underworld
The souls of sinners are forced to traverse a narrow cleft between this mountain and the one adjoining. Occasionally, the two mountains clash together, crushing the unfortunates who happen to be passing at that moment.

Sangiang1 East Indian
[= PHILIPPINES SANIAN]
a demi-god

Sangiang2 East Indian
son of Tunggal Garing and Puteri Buala
brother of Buni and Sangiang
He was one of the sons of the first couple and became the first metal worker.

Sangiang Dewata (see Mahatala')

Sangiang Sari East Indian
a rice-goddess

Sangika Hindu
the saint Mandalpana as a bird
When Mandalpana was debarred from heaven because he had no son, he became a bird, Sangika, and mated with the huge female bird, Jarita, who bore him four sons.

Sangive British
sister of King Arthur's wife Lot, some say
mother of Cundrie

Sangkara (see Sang Gala Raja Jin)

Sangke (see ILAMARNEN, JUMALAN)

Sangkuruwira East Indian
in the lore of Celebes, one of the first beings
brother of Guru ri Sleng
father of Batara Guru

Sanglamore British
[Sanglamort]
the sword of Braggadochio in The Faerie Queene

Sanglamort (see Sanglamore)

Sango (see Shango)

Sangoma African
a priest or witch-doctor in some tribes of South Africa
These people claim to see visions and to cure the sick with herbal remedies, using ancient wisdom transmitted to them from their ancestors (amadlozis).

Sangraal British
[Sangalamort]
see Holy Grail

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[Sangalamort]
see Holy Grail

Sangrail (see Holy Grail)

Sangvara Japanese
a form of Nirvana

Sangu1 African
a Ngbandi hippo-goddess, guardian of women in childbirth

Sangu2 (see Mbomba')

Sangumah Pacific Islands
a way of killing by sorcery
It is said that evil spirits, appearing as human beings, can use this method to kill people or to drive them out of their minds.

Sangyas (see 'Tshangs-pa')

Sanhita Hindu
a sub-division of a veda dealing with ganas and mantras

San1 Buddhist
a sky-god

San2 (see Shani)

Sanian Pacific Islands
[= EAST INDIAN SANGIANG]
a demi-god of the Philippines
saniva

a sacred plot, covered with white cobbles, used as a site for religious ceremonies (see also shinji)

sanja
takusen

the oracles of Amaterasu and Kasuga. These oracles were said to have appeared on the surface of a lake in the thirteenth century.

Sanjana

(see Sanjna)

Sanjaya

Hindu

a charioteer to Dhartarashtra

Sanjana

Hindu

[‘conscience’.Sanjana.S(h)aranyu.Savarna] daughter of Vishvakarma

wife of Surya

mother of the Aswins, Revanta, Vaivasvata, Yama and Yami

She had to leave Surya because she could not stand the heat of his glance but she left one of her maids, Chhaya, to take her place. She went to live in the forest as a mare but Surya, in the form of a stallion, found her and they mated producing the warrior Revanta and the twin Aswins. They were reconciled when her father reduced Surya’s intensity.

She is the Puranic version of the Vedic Sharanyu.

Sanjo

Japanese

a princess

She discovered the tiny boy, Issunboshi, and made him her page. She also found a hammer, formerly owned by a demon, which would grant any wish.

Sanju

Afghan

[Sanu.Sulmech] a Kafir goddess of the harvest daughter of Sanu consort of Gish

In some cases, she is depicted as a bird or a goat.

Sanjuban-shin

Japanese

30 deities, one for each day of the month

Sankara

(see Shankara)

Sankari

(see Shankari)

Sanke

(see Ilmarinen Jumala)

sanki

Japanese

a shrine

Sankha

(see Shanka’)

sankha’

(see shanka’)

Sankhapadya

(see Shankhapadya)

Sankhapatra

(see Shanka’)

Sankichi

Japanese

a dumb man

Sankichi dived into the sea at the point where Tarada had seen the vision of a girl dressed in white, expecting to find a corpse. Instead, he found a marvellous sword which he took up to the surface and placed in a shrine. The spirit of the sword, the maiden in white, was then satisfied and the fish, long absent from the bay, returned.

Sankpana

(see Shankpana)

sanmudra

Buddhist

an emblem made from human bones, used in necromancy

Sanmukha

Hindu

a god of the calendar an aspect of Skanda son of Pasupati and Svadhya

Sannayaka

Japanese daughter of Maheshvara and Uma sister of Vinayaka

She married her violent brother who became a reformed character. Their embracing figures are depicted in the form of Kwanpyuden.

She is regarded as a manifestation of Avalokiteshvara.

Sannde

(see Sandda)

sannyasa

Jain

a vow renouncing the world

Sannayasi

Hindu

an ascetic or mendicant: the fourth stage of the orthodox Brahmin’s progression

Sano

Japanese

a samurai

Sano was cheated out of his estates by relatives and lived as a poor farmer. When the regent, Tokiyori, called unrecognised at his house, Sano and his wife made him welcome and gave him what little food they had. Later, when he received a call to arms, Sano was surprised to be presented to the regent whom he had taken to be an itinerant priest and he had all his estates returned to him.

Sanru

(see Sanu’)

Sanskelay

Cambodian

a hero

He defeated the giant Yeak and rescued his aunt who had been captured by the giant.

Sansfoy

British

a knight, faithlessness personified, in The Faerie Queene brother of Sansjoy and Sansloy

He was killed by the Red Cross Knight.

sanshi

Japanese

3 worms living in the body of each person

On monkey-day, the fifty-seventh day of the sixty-day cycle, these three worms ascend to heaven while the person is asleep and report on that person’s behaviour.

It is said that the worms are black, green and white.

Sanshi-taisho

Japanese

a guardian deity one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Busho

sanshin gak

Korean

shrines dedicated to the mountain-god, San-shin

sanshu no shinki

Japanese

the imperial regalia

The regalia consists of three items – the mirror of Amaterasu (yata no kagami), the sword of Susanowa (kusanagi no tsurugi), and Amaterasu’s string of pearls (yasakani no magatama).

Sansjoy

British

a knight, misery personified, in The Faerie Queene brother of Sansjoy and Sansloy

He abducted Una and killed the lion which had protected her.

Sanssonnet

European

[Sansonetto] a knight of Charlemagne

He was challenged by Rodomont at the bridge leading to the chapel and was taken prisoner but released when the warrior-maid, Bradamante, defeated Rodomont.

He was at the battle of Roncesvalles where he was killed by Grandonio.

Sansonnetto

(see Sanssonnet)

Santa

Hindu

a mother-goddess one of the saptamataras one of the astamataras

Santa’

Roman

a Sabine fertility-goddess

Santa Barbara

West Indian

the name for the Yoruban thunder-god in Cuba

Santakrodhamandala

Buddhist

a group of gods in the afterworld

Santanu

(see Shantanu)

Santara-kitsita

Buddhist

da defiled monk who taught the tantric doctrine
Santas

Santer (see Sandan)
North American
a fabulous animal

Santeria
African
a god of the Yoruba

Santi Hindu
da goddess
consort of Tivikrama

Santiago South American
a later version of Ilyapa derived from the Spanish St James

Santoshi Mata Hindu
a mother-goddess

Sanu Afghan
a Kafir god
father of Sanju

Sanu (see Sanju)

Sanu2

Sanu (see Sanju)

Sanugu Japanese
a bamboo-cutter

He found the tiny Kaguya in the heart of a reed and reared her. He then found gold in the reeds and became wealthy.

Sanzu-No-Kawa (see River of Three Roads)

Sao Ch'ing Niang (see San Chou Niang)
Chinese
the Broom Star, home of San Chou Niang

Sao Kang Burmese
a fertility-spirit living in a lake

Saon Greek
a Boeotian envoy

When his people were told to consult the oracle of Trophonius to find the cause of the drought that afflicted them, he followed a swarm of bees that led him to a cave where the shade of Trophonius appeared.

Saoshyan Persian
[Saoshyan.Soshans.Soshyan]
a saviour-god
son of Vispa-Taurvairi

In some accounts, this saviour is born every 1,000 years from the sperm of Zoroaster which is preserved in Lake Kasavya so that it impregnates virgins who swim in its waters.

Some say that there are three such saviours – Astvat-eva, Hushedar (Ukhsiyat-ereta) and Hushedar-mah (Ukhsiyat-nemah). The third such deity conquers evil in the final battle to allow the world to start a new cycle.

(see also Frashkart)

Sao Inca (see Saoshyan)
South American
son of the sun-god Inti

Sanpan
Mesopotamian
the palace of Baal

Sapos
Sapases (Babylonian Sama:)
>Sumerian Utu
a sun-god

In some accounts, Sapos is female.

Saphon (see Mount Zaphon)

Sapling (see Djuakaha.Ioskeha)

Saps
Sapta-Loka Hindu
the 7 realms of the universe

In some versions, the universe has three realms (Tri-Loka). In the version that postulates seven, Sapta-Loka, they are listed as:

1. Bhur-Loka, the earth
2. Bhuvar-Loka, the home of the sage in the sky
3. Jana-Loka, the home of Brahma’s children
4. Marar-Loka, the home of the saints
5. Satya-Loka, the home of the gods
6. Svar-Loka, the heaven of Indra
7. Tapo-Loka, the home of the demi-gods

At the end of each cycle of Brahma’s life, these seven worlds will also come to an end and time and the universe will start all over again.

Some accounts envisage additional realms such as Gandhara-Loka, Indra-Loka, Pishasha-Loka, Ratshasha-Loka and Yaksha-Loka for various demons and spirits and Soma-Loka for the moon and planets.

(see also Tri-Loka)

Saptatrasa Hindu
the Hindu version of the Seven Treasures of Buddhism

Saptakasa Buddhist
a form of Heruka

In this version, the god is depicted as blue with three heads each with three eyes, and six arms, surrounded by six goddesses.

Saptamatasas Hindu
a group of 7 minor goddesses

Saptarshi (see Seven Rishis)

Saptasati Hindu
a poem of some 700 couplets in honour of Devi’s conquest of demons

Sapurba East Indian
a king of Sumatra
son of Sulana and Muhtabal Bahri father of Nila Utama

He was originally known as Mencha Terim, the eldest of Sulana’s three sons, and adopted the name Sapurba when he took the throne.

He was said to have killed a huge serpent which was ravaging the area and adopted a maiden, Puteri Tunjung Buih, who came, like Aphrodite, from the sea.

Sar (see Shar)

Sara1 Buddhist
an arrow used in rites designed to ward off evil spirits (see also capa)

Sara2 Mesopotamian
a war god, Babylonian and Sumerian son of Inanna, some say

Sara-mama (see Saramama)

Saracura South American
a water-hen

When Anatiwa caused the flood, this bird saved the ancestors of the tribes by carrying earth to build up the mountains on which the survivors stood.

Sarada Devi Hindu
the daughter of Ramakrishna

Sarada Devi Tibetan
a Buddhist-Lamaist fertility-goddess

and goddess of autumn and vegetation

an attendant of Sridevi

Sarala Buddhist
a great sorcerer

Sarahlie an angel, ruler of the Zodiacal sign Aries, the ram (see also Malchidael)

Saraide British
a servant of the Lady of the Lake

She was able, by the use of magic powers, to rescue Bors and Lionel when they were held by Claudias.

Saraith Irish
the daughter of Conn Ceadchathach mother of Cahir and Dubhthind

She married Conaire mac Mogha Lamha who succeeded her father on the throne of Ireland. When he was killed, she married his killer, Neimheadh mac Sraibhghind.

Sarajas (see Pimentola)

Sarakka Baltic
[Sadsta-akka]
a Lapp goddess, guardian of birth daughter of Mader Akka

It was said that she assisted both deer and humans.

Sarakyuel a demon

Sarama (see Sharama)

Saramama South American
[Maize Mother.Sara-mama]
an Inca spirit controlling the growth of maize (see also huanta-sara)

Saramana (see Salman)

Saran Irish
the man who killed Brandubh, the king of Leinster

He regretted what he had done and
was forgiven but was punished when his arm fell off.  
**Saranyu** (see Sharanyu)  
**Saraplastai** Greek  
devotees of Serapis  
**Sarapis** (see Serapis)  
**Sararsaksha** Hindi  
a name for Indra as ‘thousand-eyed’  
**Saravant** Hindi  
a female water-spirit  
**Sarasvati**

- a name for Indra as a warrior-hero  
- a name for Ishtar as a creator-goddess  
- a goddess of music and poetry  
- She is sometimes depicted playing the flute.  
**Sarasvati**

- a male Bodhisattva  
- goddess of the arts and wisdom  
- daughter of Sagara  
- wife of Vishnu and later of Brahma  
In her earlier role as mother-goddess she killed the demon Ahi.  
In some stories, she was born from the body of Brahma with whom she mated to produce the first man, Manu, and was so beautiful that Brahma grew four more heads so that he could see her from all directions.  
The latter part of this tale is also told of Shatarupa who some equate with Sarasvati.  
Shiva lost his temper when he was excluded from a sacrifice by Daksha and wounded many of those present including Sarasvati who had her nose cut off. Vishnu found her too quarrelsome for his liking and gave her to Brahma.  
She is credited with the invention of Sanskrit and sometimes identified with Vach.  
She is depicted with either two or four arms, sometimes with three heads, and riding a peacock or a swan. (see also Sandhya.Shatarupa)  
**Sarasvati-puja**

- [Homage to Sarasvati]  
a festival of homage to Sarasvati in January or February  
**Saraspatai**

- Pacific Islands  
- the Balinese version of Sarasvati  
**Saratan**

- Arab  
- the Zodiacal sign, Cancer  
**Sarbhile**

- (see Moninne)  
**Sardion**

- [see Adrammelech]  
**Sardkapala**

- a tantric symbol in the form of a garland made of severed heads  
**Sarga**

- a creation  
**Sarga**

- a minor god  
- son of Shiva (Bhima) and Disa  
**Sargaz**

- (see Sarur)  
**Sargy**

- South American  
- father of one of a pair of twin boys  
- His wife was raped by the god Maire and gave birth to twins, Aricote and Tamendonare, one fathered by the god, one by himself. They never found out which was which.  
**Sarkin Bakka**

- African  
the Hausa ‘lord of animals’  
He is said to be able to induce madness in humans.  
**Sarindiel**

- a demon  
**Sariputra**

- (see Shariputra)  
- the Pali version of the Sanskrit S(h)ariputra  
**Sarit**

- British  
in Arthurian lore, a king of Hungary  
He was killed in battle by Laris.  
**Saritel**

- a demon, ruler of the sign Sagittarius  
(see also Adnachiel)  
**Saritor**

- Roman  
a god of weeds  
**Sarkany**

- European  
a Hungarian demon  
He has the power to turn people to stone. His function is to control the weather and he can be seen riding his horse in the thunder clouds.  
In some versions he is regarded as a dragon.  
He is depicted with seven or nine heads.  
**Sark**

- [Beheader]  
a warrior-hero  
He earned the name Beheader from his habit of decapitating those whom he defeated in games.  
**Sarpedon**

- one of the burkhan  
- a name for Ishtar as a creator-goddess  
- a name for Belit, in some accounts consort of Marduk  
**Sarpaz**

- Meopotamian  
-Semitic Succoth Benoth]  
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- Greek  
a king of Lycia  
- son of Zeus by Europa  
- brother of Minos and Rhadamanthus  
father of Evander  
When he was expelled from Crete by his brother Minos, after they quarrelled over a boy called Miletus, Sarpedon conquered and became king of what was later called Lycia.  
He was said to have lived, in the form of a serpent, for three generations and was revered at some shrines. This was to account for his identification, in some accounts, with his grandson of the same name.  
**Sarpaz**

- Greek  
a king of Lycia  
- son of Evander and Deidameia  
son of Zeus by Laodamia,  
some say  
When Isander and Hippolochus contended for the throne of Lycia, Deidameia offered the child Sarpedon to bear on his chest the ring that the
two men would use as a target for their arrows to settle the succession.
He fought on the side of the Trojans in the war against Greece and killed T'pleolernus but was himself killed by Patroclus.
In some accounts, he is equated with his grandfather of the same name.

**Sarpedon**
- **Greek**
- son of Poseidon
- brother of Polyts

He was shot and killed by Heracles after his ninth Labour.

**Sarquamiel**
a demon of the hours of the day

**Sarra Itu**  
Mesopotamian  
[Sar(a)hitu]  
a Babylonian-Sumerian fertility-goddess

**Sarras**
- (see Sarra Itu)
- British
- the city of the Holy Grail

It was to Sarras that Galahad returned the Holy Grail and where he was made king. Despite the fact that the Saracens were said, in some accounts, to have taken their name from this city, some say it was in Brittany, not the Holy Land. In some accounts, the king of Sarras was the giant Alchendic.

**Sarrhitu**  
(see Sarra Itu)

**Sarvagha**  
Hindu

a cow owned by Indra
daughter of Surabhi

This animal is the supporter of the north corner of the heavens.

**Sarvakarmavaranavisodhani**  
Buddhist

a group of 7 midwife-goddesses

daughters of Baal

**Satey-perere**  
(see Cay taperere)

**Sata**  
(see Zada)

**Satabhisa**  
Hindu

daughter of Indra

**Sata**  
(see Zada)

daugther of Baal

**Sataere**  
German

a god of agriculture regarded as a manifestation of Loki

**Satan**  
Hebrew  
[Lord of Fire.Lord of the Underworld.


Old Hornie.Nick.Old Driver.


Sathan(as).The Adversary:

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(see also Yazid)

**Sasabonsam**  
(see Sasabonsam)

**Sasanadevata**  
Jain
one of the messenger goddesses

**Sashi-mi-rig-gha**  
Buddhist
Tibetan earth-gods

**Sasquatch**  
(see Bigfoot)

**Sassu-wunnu**  
Mesopotamian

e as a sea-monster

**Sasti**  
Hindu

goddess

She is the guardian of the sixth day after the birth of a child and protects her devotees from smallpox.

**Sasuratum**  
Canaanite

[=Hebrew Kosharot]
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**Satapatha Brahmana**

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god of literature
one of the dharanis

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**Satan**

demon of sorcery

In black magic, one of the Grand Dignitaries, leader of the opposition.

**Satang goddesses**

East Indian

the 7 daughters of Mahatala

sisters of Jata

These Dayak deities are the arbiters of fate who take it in turns to descend to earth on brooms to judge human beings.

**Satan's Head**

(see Rosh ha Satan)

**Satapatha Brahmana**  
Hindu

a collection of stories including the story of Manu and the fish
Hindu Satarupa (see Shatarupa)
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Satarusa Hindu a god of medicine
He also acts as a judge.
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Sau Telur

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sauba (see Saubha) (Hindu) a flying city
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Saubhagya-Bhuvanesvari (Buddhist) a goddess of good fortune
Saubhari (Hindu) a hermit
Though he was old and shrivelled after years of asceticism, he demanded one of the king's fifty daughters as a wife. He turned himself into a handsome young man so that all fifty of them agreed to marry him and he ended up with a hundred and fifty sons.
sauer (see guascutus) Saul (Mesopotamian) a Babylonian god
Saule (Baltic) a Latvian sun-goddess daughter of Perkunas consort of Dies and Meness
She drives across the sky each day in a chariot and, each night, she washes the horses in the sea.
When her husband, Meness, had an affair with Ausrine, Perkunas cut him in half.

The berries of the shrubs on the hills were said to be her tears.
In some accounts, Saule is male and Meness is female.
Saules meitas (Baltic) daughters of Saule
They rake up the hay mown by the Dievadeli in the celestial meadows.
Sauna (Inuit) the spirit of the west wind
Saunanda (Hindu) the club of Balarama
Sauste (Pacific Islands) a magician in the Marianas brother of Sipe
To honour their ancestors and the deity Lugeilan, the brothers built monuments using their magic to cause stones to fly into position.
Saura (Persian) a demon, 'misgovernment', opposing Ksathra Varya
Sauru (see Saura) Sauska (Mesopotamian) [-Syrian Kabala] a Hurrian mother-goddess and fertility-goddess
Sauvagine (European) [Sauvagine] a sword of Ogier, made by Munifican
Sauvagine (see Sauvagine) sauvastika (see svastika)
Saw Meya (see Hnit-ma-dawgyi) Sava (Pacific Islands) brother of i'
He and his sister are regarded as the first to settle on Savai'i, becoming the ancestors of the people of that island.
Savala (see Kamadhenu) Savali (Pacific Islands) a Samoan messenger-god
Savari' (British) a king of Spain
He carried off Lidoine after the death of her husband, Ladon. She was rescued by King Arthur.
Savari' (Tibetan) a fearsome Buddhist-Lamaist goddess, one of the gauris
Savarkama (Hindu) a king father of Rituparna
Savarna (see Sanjna.Sharanyu) Savarni (Hindu) son of Surya brother of Shani
Savary (European) a duke of Aquitaine father of Fezon
Savea Si'uleo (Pacific Islands) a god of the dead brother of Salevao
Savitar (see Savitri') Savitr (see Savitri')
Savitr' (Hindu) [Maro]uanda.Popatapi.Savit(tri) a god of the morning and evening sun a version of Martanda son of Aditi one of the Adityas
He has the power to grant immortality and longevity and arranges the rotation of the seasons. He was later assimilated into Surya.
He is depicted riding in a golden chariot drawn by white horses.
In some accounts he is equated with Agni.
Savitri' (Hindu) daughter of the sun-god wife of Brahma
(see also Sarasvati.Shatarupa)
Savitri' (Hindu) a princess daughter of Ashvapati wife of Satyavana

When her husband died, as had been prophesied, within a year of marriage, she followed him into the underworld. Yama rewarded her devotion by granting her three wishes. The first wish restored her father-in-law, Dyumatseni, to his throne, the second restored his eyesight. The third wish was that she might have many children. Yama, realising that he had been tricked, since she could have children only if she had a husband, restored Satyavana to life.
Savul (see Saul) Sawan (see Samhain') Sauvora (Japanese) an artist
He loved Kimi, the niece of his tutor, Tenko, but when he left to learn more from Myokei, this great artist wanted Sawara to marry his daughter. Kimi, distraught at this news, disappeared and, when Sawara returned to Tenko's house, she was nowhere to be found so he married a farmer's daughter named Kiku. When he later met Kiku, she stabbed herself to death on learning that her beloved had married another. He painted a picture of the dead Kimi which came to life and visited him every night. He finally gave the picture to be hung in a temple and put aside his wife, Kiku.
Sawoye (African) husband of Marwe
He had a terrible skin disease but when he married Marwe it miraculously disappeared.
He was killed by men jealous of his wealth but Marwe used her magic to restore him to life.
Saxneat (see Saxnot) Saxnot (Saxon) [Saxnot.S(e)xneat.Swordbearer: =German Tiwaz=Norse Cheru. Heimdall.Tyr] a war-god
He is regarded as a manifestation of Heimdall or Tyr.
Saxo Grammaticus (Danish) a writer
He was the author of Gesta Danorum.
Say (Egyptian) [Shay:=Greek Agathos Daimon] a god of fate
He attends the weighing of the individual's heart in the underworld.
sayadaw  Burmese
a title for the head of a monastery

Sayadio  North American
an Iroquois brave
He was greatly grieved when his sister died and travelled to Shadowland in the hope of rescuing her. With the help of the keeper and Tarenaywago, the master of ceremonies, he captured her spirit and took it home with him. As he prepared to revivify his sister’s corpse, a foolish brave (or, in some accounts, a young girl) lifted the lid of the gourd. The trapped spirit flew off to a realm of the afterworld from which Cuchulainn is said to have seized much treasure.

Sayings of Confucius  (see Lun Yu)

Sayings of Odin  (see Havamal)

Sayon  (see Saw-yon)
saytan  (see shaytan)
Sayuka-hime  (see Sengen)
Sazquel  a demon of the hours of the day

sBed-byed  (see Gobaka)

Scen gates  Greek
the entrance gates to the city of Troy where Paris shot Achilles

Sceavola  Roman
a young noble
When the Italians besieged Rome, he entered their camp to assassinate their leader, Lars Porsena, but killed the wrong man. When captured, he plunged his hand into a blazing fire without flinching and, by his bravery, persuaded Lars Porsena to make peace.

scald  (see skald)

Scala Coeli  (see Scalia Coeli)
a 12th c book by Honorius describing many mythical animals

Scales  (see Libra)

Scalliotta  British  [Scalott]
the Italian name for Astatol, home of Elaine

Scalot  (see Scalliotta)

Scamander  Greek  [Scamandro(u)s.Scamandros.
Xanthos.Xanthus]
a river-god of Troy
father of Strymo
father of Teucer by Idaea
He was a Cretan who founded a colony in Phrygia. He fell into the river Xanthus, which thereafter became the Scamander, the source of fertility for maidens who bathed in its waters, and fathered Teucer on a river-nymph.

He was said to have fought Achilles who had filled the river with corpses to avenge the death of Patroclus.

Scamandrius  (see Astyanax)

Scamandros  (see Scamander)

Scamandrous  (see Scamander)

scapulimancy  divination from shoulder blades
(see also omoplatoscopy)

scapulomancy  (see scapulimancy)

scarab  Egyptian  [scarabaeus.scarabee]
a sacred beetle: the personification of Kephra

scarabeus  (see scarab)

scarabee  (see scarab)

Scaramallion  a demon in Dante’s Inferno

Scarmiglione  [Scaramallion]
a demon of the hours of the days

Scarth  Irish
a realm of the afterworld from which Cuchulainn is said to have seized much treasure.

Scathach  (see Scathach.Skatha)
scatromancy  divination from inspecting faeces

Scauf  Norse  [Sceinnng.Skeaf.Skidd(r).
Skold.Skold.Stigarde]  
king of the Danes
son of Odin
husband of Gefjon
He arrived mysteriously on the shores of Denmark in an open boat with a sheaf of corn for a pillow and was made king. When he died, he was placed in a boat which drifted out to sea.

In some accounts he was a form of Heimdal.

Scenan  Irish  wife of Craftyn
She had an affair with Cormac Cond Longes and her jealous husband had him killed.

Sceif  (see Sceaf)

Sciffin  (see Sceaf)

Sceine  (see Scena)

Sceiron  (see Sciron)

Scena  Irish  [Scine.Skena]  
wife of Amergin Glunghreal
She died on the voyage to Ireland and was buried there.

Scenmed  Irish  sister of Forgall
Cuchulainn killed Forgall who had refused him the hand of his daughter Emer, abducting Emer and making her his wife. Scenmed raised an army and pursued them but Cuchulainn defeated her forces and killed Scenmed.

Sceloing  (see Sceolan)

a hound of Finn
Finn’s sister (or, in other accounts, his sister-in-law or aunt) was Urine and she was to be married to Iollan. When she was pregnant, Iollan’s jealous mistress, a druidess, put a spell on Urine, turning her into a bitch, with the result that her children, Sceolan and Bran, were born as hounds.
In other accounts, Urine was restored to her former self by Lugaid Lagha, whom she married, and the pups were born to them at the same time as human triplets.

In some versions, Bran and Scoelan were originally owned by a giant who stole children. When Finn killed the giant and rescued the children, he also took the giant's bitch and her two whelps. Finn kept the brindled one, Bran, and the other, called Scoelan, was left with the children's father. Later the hound was captured by invading Lochlanners and turned loose in Glen More where it became a wild, ravaging beast. Finn, who was later captured by the Lochlanners, was left bound at the mercy of the hound but he tamed Scoelan by showing it the golden leash he used for Bran. When Finn was rescued by the Fianna, he took Scoelan with him and he was reunited with Bran.

On one occasion, both Bran and Scoelan were stolen by Arthur, a son of the British king, Arthur, who had come to Ireland with twenty-eight warriors to seek adventure. Nine Fianna warriors followed them to Scotland and killed all of them, taking Arthur prisoner, and recovering the hounds.

When Angus Og said that the hounds could not kill a single pig in his herd, Finn set them to work and they killed all the herd of a hundred, including a famous black boar.

Schacabac
[Schacabac]
Persian
in The Arabian Nights, a beggar who was the subject of the cruel jest of Barmecide's feast

Schachil
a demon associated with the sun's rays

Schal-jime
[Schaljime]
Russian
a hero of the flood in Tartar lore
He became the ruler of the realm to which dead children go.

Schala
[Schala] (see Sala)

Schaltiel
[Schaltiel] a demon, ruler of the Zodiac sign of Virgo, the virgin (see also Hamaliel)

Schamir
[Norse] a magic stone said to make the holder invisible

Scharpie
[Norse] son of Etzel by his first wife brother of Porte

Schastel Marveil
[Schastel Marveil] British
the home of Kingsor
It was here that Gawain slept in the magic bed that moved of its own accord.

Schedbarchemoth
a demon of the moon

schedim
(see shedecm)

Schedius
Greek
son of Iphitus
brother of Epistophius

He and his brother were the leaders of the Phocian contingent at Troy.

Scherazade
Persian
[Shahrazad] wife of King Shahiryah
In The Arabian Nights, she told her husband a story each night for 1001 nights, leaving the tale unfinished, to escape execution, the fate of all the king's previous wives.

Scheiel
a moon-demon

Schentreurs
[Schentreurs] Britib
son of Gornemant
brother of Gurzgi, Laze and Lascyot

Scheria
Greek
an island ruled by Alcinous
This is where Odysseus came ashore after his raft was wrecked and where he was found by Nausicaa.

Scheithalim
a demon

Schickron
a demon associated with lust

Schilbung
Norse
brother of Nibelung

He quarreled with his brother over sharing their father's estate; both were killed by Siegfried.

Schionatulander
[Schionatulander] British
[Tichionatlander] husband of Sigune
He was killed by the Red Knight when he tried to recover the pet dog that had been stolen from Sigune.

Schirim
a demon in the form of a goat

Schlauraffenland
German
the German version of Cockaigne

Schlemihl
a man who sold his soul to the devil

Schoeniuss
Greek
a king of Orchemenus
son of Athamas and Themisto
husband of Clymene
father of Atalanta, in some accounts

Schrott
German
[=Celtic Dus] a goblin (see also Scrat)

sciapod
a mythical one-footed man with one large foot

Schiathbhrreag
Irish
a warrior of the Fianna

scomiency
(see necromancy)

Sciron 1
Greek
[Sciron] an outlaw
son of Poseidon

A bandit who demanded that travellers should wash his feet and then kicked them over the cliff where a tortoise ate the bodies. Theseus, on his journey to Athens to find his father, dealt with Sciron in the same fashion.

(see also Sciron 2)

Sciron 2
Greek
son of Pylas
father of Endeis

He and Nius were both claimants for the throne of Megara. Aeacus arbitrated and gave the throne to Nius, making Sciron his army commander.

In some accounts, he is the same as Sciron the outlaw.

Sciron 3
Greek
a wind from the north-west quarter

Scirphoria
Greek
a festival in honour of Athena or of Core and Demeter, at which pigs were killed, held in June/July

Scobelleum
British
a fruitful country

The inhabitants of this country had all the vices that afflict humanity and were punished for it—the women were turned into cows and the men into various other animals.

Scothlithion
a wife of Finn mac Cool, some say

clopolandra
English
a fabulous fish (Spenser)

scopelism
in black magic, curses written on paper attached to stones thrown into gardens, etc.

Scoriath
Irish
father of Moriath

Some versions say he was king of Feramore in Munster, others of the Fir Morca in Gaul. Covac, king of Ireland, had killed the father and grandfather of Maon (Lugaid Loiseach) and forced the boy to eat parts of their hearts. The boy was either previously dumb or was rendered dumb by the experience and fled to Gaul. He fell in love with Moriath, the daughter of Scorath, either in Munster or in Gaul, and her father not only agreed to let Maon marry his daughter but raised an army which invaded Ireland, killed
Scorpio

[Scorpion=Arab Aqrab=Hebrew Akrah] the eighth sign of the Zodiac, the scorpion

scorpion

an arachnid with a sting in its tail:

(1) In Babylonian lore the scorpion appears as Scorpion Man. (see separate entry)

(2) In Egypt the scorpion was regarded as the personification of Serket and was sacred to Isis.

(3) In Greece, a scorpion was sent by Artemis or Gaia to kill Orion, who had boasted that he could kill any animal, and was set in the heavens as the constellation Scorpio as a reward.

It was said that oil extracted from a scorpion acted as an antidote to the poison from its sting.

(4) The Hebrews regarded the scorpion as a symbol of evil.

(5) In Persia this animal represents the strength of life, in summer and the scorpion nibbles away at the bull's testicles representing the fading of summer and the onset of autumn.

(6) In Toltec lore, the god Yappon and his wife Tlahuitzin were both turned into scorpions when they were killed by Yaotl.

Scorpio³ (see Scorpio)

Scorpio Man Mesopotamian

[Girtabili] one of the Eleven Mighty Helpers created by Tiamat.

Scota¹ Irish

[Bera] a Milesian queen daughter of Niul mother of Maeldun encountered this glass-whale. She was killed by Heracles when she stole some of Geryon's cattle from him but she was revivified by Phorcos. Others say that she was turned into a rock.

Scyris Greek

a king of Scyros father of Aegeus

Scyros Greek

the island ruled by Lycomedes

Scythes Greek

son of Heracles brother of Agathamys and Gelonos

On his way back to Greece after seizing Geryon's cattle, Heracles had his horses stolen by a snake-tailed woman (Echidna, some say) who returned the horses only when he slept with her. She bore him three sons. Scythes became the first king of Scythia.

Scyrius Greek

[Ceirim] a king of Scyros

sea-spirit²

Scyros Irish

a sea-serpent

sea-spirit²

Scylla¹ Greek

[Ciris.Skulla.Skulle.Skylls.'whelp']

daughter of Nisus She was nursed by Carme, a slave-woman from Crete. Her father, a king of Megara had been warned that he must never cut his purple hair or his kingdom would fall. When Minos attacked Megara, the siege lasted six months until Scylla fell in love with him and killed her father by cutting off a lock of his hair to give to Minos who seduced and then deserted her. She drowned when she tried to swim after his departing ship and her father's spirit, in the form of a sea-eagle, attacked her. She was changed into a lark, Ciris.

Scylla² Greek

[Skulla.Skulle.'whelp']

a nymph daughter of Zeus and Lamia daughter of Phorcus and Cratais or Hecate, some say

Some say she spurned the love of the sea-god Glaucus and Circe, who wanted Glaucus herself, turned her into a six-headed monster with three rows of teeth and twelve feet destroying everything that came within range of the cliff on which she was fixed, opposite the whirlpool Charybdis.

Scyphon Girtabili

a sea-spirit

Se-irim Hebrew

[Ceirim] hairy, goatlike monsters

sea-dog sea-king

da a monster in the form of a dog with fins and a beaver's tail

da a monster, part dragon, part fish

da a monster in the form of a horse with a fish's tail

da the king of the mer-people

da a monster, part lion, part fish

da (see mermaid)

sea-man (see merman)

sea-nymph (see mermaid) a minor sea-goddess

Sea of Clear Glass Irish

an area of smooth sea

Maelidun encountered this glass-smooth sea during his voyage.

Sea of Death Mesopotamian part of the underworld ruled by Sabitu

Sea of Two Knives Egyptian a sacred lake

A symbol of the primaeval waters holding the Isle of Flames.

sea-serpent

da a monster in the form of a marine animal

Sea Spirit¹ (see Sedna)

sea-spirit² (see roane.selkie)
sea-unicorn
a monster, part unicorn, part fish

sea-wolf
a monster, part wolf, part fish

sea-woman (see mermaid)

Seachnasach Irish
a king of Tara

Seachran Irish
a giant

Finn mac Cool made friends with this giant who took him to his home. His family were hostile and tried to kill Seachran. A huge claw appeared and grabbed hold of him and, in his efforts to escape, he accidentally knocked his mother in a boiling cauldron. Both Seachran and Finn fled the scene but were overtaken by Seachran’s brother who killed Seachran. Finn avenged his death by killing the brother and then resurrected Seachran with the aid of his magic ring.

Seaghdha (see Segda)
seal
an occult or demonic device in the form of a diagram or picture

Seal-maiden (see roane.selkie)

Sean mac Semais Irish
a young man of Munster

He fell dead at his engagement party but was carried off and restored to life by Cliona. When Caitlin Og, his betrothed, demanded a large ransom from Cliona, she released him.

Seanaigh Irish
Maol Seanaigh

When Cellach was deposed by Guaire, king of Connaught, he was challenged to recite the story of the Cattle Raid of Cooley. He knew this story because he had raised the dead king, Fergus mac Roth, and learned the whole story from him before allowing him to return to his grave.

Seanchan Torpest (see Seanchan Torpest)
Seang (see Sharvan)
Seasins (see Horae)
Seat of Danger (see Perilous Seat)
Seat of Dread (see Perilous Seat)
Seat Perilous (see Perilous Seat)
Seathrun Ceitinn Irish
a priest

He collected and distributed much Irish lore.

Seanneat (see Saxnot)
Seb Egyptian
in some versions, a name of Geb

Seba Egyptian
in some accounts, a serpent

Sebak (see Sebek)

Sebastian European
a king of Portugal

He was killed in a battle against the Moors but is said to lie sleeping, awaiting a call to rule Brazil.

Sebek Egyptian
Sochos(S(o)uchos]
a crocodile-god
son of Neith
father of Khons by Hathor, some say
In some accounts he is identified with Maka or Set.

He is depicted as a crocodile or as a crocodile with the head of a hawk.

Secret Commonwealth, The
British
a treatise on Gaelic fairy lore, written by Robert Kirk
Secular Games

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Greek

a festival held every 4 years in honour of Hades

Secular Games

Roman

a festival held at intervals of 100 years (at the beginning of a new saeculum) in honour of Dis and Proserpina

Securita

Roman

[Securitas]
a guardian goddess protecting the empire

Securitas (see Securitas)

Sed

Hebrew

[plural=Sedim]
a demon with magical powers to whom children were sacrificed

Sed

Egyptian

a cannibalistic feast

If the king was still alive after thirty years on the throne he was killed and eaten so that his strength would pass to his successor.

Sed

Egyptian

a jackal-god, guardian of the individual

Sed

Mesopotamian

a Semitic sun-god

Seder

(see Pasch)

Sedim

(see Sed)

Sedanta

(see Setanta)

Sedeq

(see Sydyk)

Sedhu

(see Sedu)

Sedhu-Lal

Hindu

an attendant on the smallpox goddess, Shitala

Sedit

North American

[Coyote]
a trickster-god of the Wintun people

Ollibis sent his brothers to earth with orders to build a ladder from earth to heaven so that men could ascend to renew their youth. Sedit persuaded the brothers to dismantle the work that they had already done but suddenly realised that he himself was now cut off from heaven. He tried to reach heaven, flying on a pair of home-made wings, but they shrivelled in the heat of the sun and Sedit was killed when he fell back to earth.

Sedna

North American

[Arnaknegas, Arnaknegak, Arnak negak. Arn(a)quagsaq, Arn(a)rr(u)aqsaq. Great Goddess, Inmap Uku, Nuilaqjoq, Nuilaqjak, 'old woman'. Sea Spirit:

Greenland Nerrivik:

Siberian Nuli'rahak]a one-eyed sea-goddess of the underworld in Alaska daughter of Anguta

She was one of the three spirits controlling the forces of nature.

When she started to eat her parents, they threw her into the sea from their boat and when she clung to the sides, they cut off her fingers which became fish, whales, etc.

In another version, she rejected humans in favour of animal lovers and was thrown into the sea by her father when he was taking her home from a meeting with one of these lovers.

In yet another version Sedna was a mortal who was carried off from a boat by a petrel. Her parents tried to drive the bird away but it then attacked them so they threw their daughter into the sea, cutting off her fingers when she tried to climb back into the boat.

Sedra

Mesopotamian

[Sedrac=Hebrew Sed]
a Babylonian spirit of the underworld

He and the female Kariatu were installed as guardians at the entrance of palaces and both were depicted as winged bull/human hybrids.

Seelie Court

Scottish

benevolent fairies

Seere

a demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

This being is said to be able to make anything happen instantaneously and appears as a man riding a horse.

Seeta

Hindu

an attendant on the smallpox goddess, Shitala

Seide

Norse

male magicians

Seide

Lapp

a sacred object in the form of a weathered stone or tree-stump, said to predict the future

Seide

Baltic

a Lithuanian love-goddess

Seewisken

German

a water-spirit

Seif

Egyptian

a lion-god

ruler of yesterday

brother of Du, some say

Sefkhet-Awby

Egyptian

[Sefekh-Awbi+Sefket-Awbi+Safkhat-Awbi.

Ses(h)at.Ses(h)et.Sesheta] a goddess of writing and libraries

She is often depicted wearing a long dress made of panther-skin.

Segais' Well

(see Well of Segais)

Segard

British

steward to Rohand, father of Guy of Warwick

Segda

Irish

[Seghdhu, Segda Saerladhraid]
a prince of the Otherworld

son of Manannan and Fand or Rigrn Roiselethan

When Conn, the high-king, was told to sacrifice the son of sinless parents, he sailed to the Land of Wonder and took Segda. The youth's life was saved when Conn was persuaded to sacrifice a cow instead.

Seger

(see Seker)

Segesta

(see Egesta)

Segomo

Celtic

a war-god in Gaul

In some accounts he is equated with Cociodius.

Segun

North American

the manitou of summer, in the lore of the Algonquin

Segurant

British

[King of the Dragon, Knight of the Old Table]
a knight at Uther's court

Segvarides

British

a knight of King Mark's court

Both Tristram and King Mark were attracted to this knight's wife. She preferred Tristram who seduced her and then defeated Segvarides when he challenged the seducer.

Sehem

Egyptian

divine energy personified

Sei-O-Ba

Japanese

[Seioboo=Chinese Hsi Wang Mu] goddess of the west

Seiobo

(see Sei-O-Ba)

Seia

Roman

a guardian-goddess of newly-planted corn

Seian Horse

Roman

a horse apparently bringing ill-fortune to its owner

Seid

Norse

female magicians

Seidhkomna

Norse

male magicians

Seid

Irish

(see seid')

Seileni

(see Silenus')

Seilinos

(see Silenus)

Seilinu

(see Silenus)

Seimia

(see Simi)

Seirines

(see siren)
Se'irim: (see Serim)

Seishi: Japanese
a Shinto deity

Seistron: Egyptian
a priest’s staff imbued with protective powers

Seit Ka-doji: Japanese
an attendant on, or an aspect of, Fudo-myoo

Seitaka: Japanese
an attendant on, or an aspect of, Fudo-myoo

Seithenyn: Welsh
a man who, in some accounts, caused Caintref Gwaelod to be overwhelmed by the sea

Seithr: (see seid'1)

Seizam: (see Tokugawa)

Sejarab Melayu: Malay
a 12th c book of history and myths

Sek-ya: Burmese
da deity, lord of supernatural weapons

One of his weapons was a magic drum which, when sounded, drove off the enemy. He gave this drum to Lan Yiein and A-mong when they descended to earth.

Seker: Egyptian
[Close of the Day:Seger.Sokar(i):
=Greek Sokaris.Soucharis]
a falcon-headed god of mercy

Seker: (see Sakhmet)

Sekhmet: (see Sakhmet)

Sekhmet: (see Sakhmet)

Sekonopis: (see Souchos)

Sel: Welsh
a warrior at King Arthur’s court

son of Selgi

Sela: African

in the lore of the Abaluyia, the first woman
daughter of Wele
sister and wife of Mwambu

She and Mwambu were born in heaven but Wele dropped a ladder down from the sky and they descended to earth and populated it with their offspring.

Selamanes: (see Salman)

Selardi: Armenian

[Selardib]
a moon-god

Selardib: (see Selardi)

in the lore of the Lesotho, a girl who was thrown into a river

She met the River Woman and worked in the underwater palace of the River King for which she was rewarded with jewellery. The daughter of the village chieftain jumped into the river, hoping for similar rewards, but she refused to work in the palace and was eaten by the River King, a huge crocodile.

Selena: (see Selene)

Selenus: Greek

a shepherd

This handsome young man was in love with Argyra and almost died of grief when she left him. Aphrodite turned the love-lorn fellow into the River Selenus.

Selenus: (see Selene)

Selerina: (see Seleri)

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Selenus: Greek

a moon-goddess and goddess of magicians

a Titaness
daughter of Hyperion and Thea
daughter of Pallas or Helius by Euryphaessa, some say

sister of Helius and Eos

She fell in love with the mortal Endymion and put him to sleep for ever so that she might visit him every night.

She is said to be the mother of his fifty sons.

Another story says that she slept with Pan who gave her a white fleece or appeared in the form of a white ram.

Some equate her with Artemis, Hera, Io or Pasiphae.

Selgi: British
father of Sel

Selindung Dalima: Malay
daughter of Dewa Laksana and Seri Bunian

Selinus1: Greek

a king of Aegialus

father of Helice

Selinus2: Greek

a river-god

Selises: British

a Knight of the Round Table

Selivant: British

a knight of King Arthur’s court

brother of Blant

He and Blaint looked after Lancelot at Castle Blank for over a year and a half, during the period of Lancelot’s madness.

Selk: (see Selket)

Selket: Egyptian

[Selk(t),Selq(var.etc.Serket(-hetu)].

Selket-hetyr.Serq(u)et:=Greek Selkis

a fertility-goddess and mortuary goddess

She guards the entrails of the dead and, in her role as scorpion-goddess, guards the king’s throne. She is also said to guard the serpent, Aeppe.

She is depicted as having the head of a scorpion or as a scorpion with a woman’s head and is personified in the scorpion.

Selkie: Scottish

[sea-spirit.seal-maiden.silkie]
one of the sea-spirits, a seal race of the Orkneys (see also roane)

Selkis: Greek

the Greek name for Selket

Selk: (see Selket)

Sellen: a demon

Selli: Greek

[Helli]
the inhabitants of Dodona who made bread from acorns; priests of Zeus at Dodona

Selqet: (see Selket)

Selquet: (see Selket)

Selu: North American

[Cori Mother]
the first woman, in the lore of the Cherokee

wife of Kanati

mother of the Thunder Boys
Selvans  | Senapus
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**Selvans**  | **Senapus**
Roman  | Greek
Selwanga  | Greek
African  | a Titaness
Selyf  | an Athenian goddess of the underworld
Welsh  | mother of the Horae, some say
son of Cynan Whiteshank  | Semnai
He appears as one of Owain’s companions in *The Dream of Rhonabwy* where he is killed in battle.
| Semnai Theai
| Greek
[Eueneides .venerable goddesses’]
earth-goddesses at Athens and Colonus
In some accounts, they became identified with the Furies.
Semagunga  | Semmocous
( see Semagunga)  | Roman
Semagunga African  | a Spanish war-god
[Semagunga] a high priest of Mukasa
| Semep
| Roman
Semangat  | a vegetation-god, sower of seed
( see sumangat) He was later absorbed into Sancus as Semo-Sancus.
| Semo
| African
Semangko East Indian  | a demon leader
the ghosts of the dead in Papua
| Semaqueel
| a Balinese god of love
a demon, ruler of the Zodiacal sign
( see also Hanael)
Capricorn, the goat
| Semar
| a Javanese god brother of Batara Guru
East Indian father of Garang and Petruk
He was said to live on earth to protect the Pandawas.
| Semara
| a Balinese god of love
Pacific Islands
| Semargl
| a family god, the god of barley
Slav
|SEMBADRA
| an apparition
( see Subandra)
| Semelket
| ( see solar bark)
( see solar bark)
| Semele
| Greek
[Kerairia. Stimula. Thyone • Phrygian]
[Zemelo • Roman Fauna] a princess of Thebes
daughter of Cadmus and Harmonia sister of Agave, Autonoe, Ino
She was the mother of Dionysus by Zeus and, at the instigation of Hera in the guise of Semele’s old nurse, Beroe, foolishly demanded that he show himself to her in all his full glory and died before the divine light. Her unborn baby was placed by Hermes in the thigh of Zeus or, in some stories, Zeus himself saved the child by inserting it into his own side. In either event, the child, Dionysus was born at full term and, years later, descended to Tartarus and successfully demanded that Hades release the mother he had never seen. She was carried up to Olympus and, though a mortal, was received by the gods and deified by Zeus. Thereafter she was known as Thyone.
Another story says that Dionysus was born in the normal fashion but, when Semele claimed that Zeus was the father, Cadmus cast both Semele and her son adrift in a chest. Semele died but Dionysus was saved and reared by Ino. ( see also Zagreus)
| Semenkoror
| ( see Samonekoaner)
| Semeon
| ( see Semion)
| Semetet
| ( see Sakmeth)
| Semias
| ( see Simias)
Semiazas
[Samyasa. Samyaza] a demon leader
| Semiramis
Armenian a goddess
| Semiramis
| ( see furiae’)
| Seming
Irish
| Semion
| ( see He) an ancestor of the Fir Bolg grandson of Nemed son of Stariat
Semion
| Roman
| Senapus
| African
| Sena
Hindu the Hindu equivalent of baccante
| Sena
| ( see Devasena)
| Sena-pati
Hindu a name of Karttikeya as ‘commander of armies’
| Sena-pati
| ( see Senapatia)
| Senach
Irish a warrior
Fand, the wife of Manannan, had been promised to Cuchulainn if he would protect her from her enemies. One of his tasks was to fight Senach.
| Senan
| ( see Seanan)
| Senapati
| East Indian
[Senapati] a Javanese king
The sea-goddess Kidul took him to her underwater palace where he became her lover and learned to control the sea-spirits. When he returned home, walking on the surface of the sea, he became king of Java. Attempts to kill him by the assassin, Bochor, and by Ratna Jumilah failed because, as a divine king, he was invulnerable.
| Senapos
| European a king of Abyssinia
As a young man, he had attempted to invade the earthly paradise at the source of the Nile and for this presumption he was struck blind. He was also harried by the Harpies and, at the time of Astolpho’s arrival, was dying from starvation since the Harpies snatched or fouled all his food. Astolpho drove off the Harpies
and cured the king's blindness with a magic herb. In return, the king gave Astolpho a large army with which to support Charlemagne in his war with the Saracens.

In some accounts, it was Prester John, king of Nubia, who was harried by the Harpies until Astolpho drove them off.

Sen'kah
North American
(see Sendai Kuji Hongi)
Japanese

He fought alongside Conary at the siege of Da Derga's hostel and was one of the few to escape.

Sencha
Irish
a warrior at the court of Conor mac Nessa
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Seanchan
Irish
a judge and poet
He was a tutor of the young Cuchulainn.

Seanchan
Irish
(see Seanchan)

Sen'dah
North American
[Sen'dah Old Man]
a trickster-god of the Kiowa

Sen'dah Old Man
(see Sen'dah)

Sendai Kuji Hongi
Japanese
a (probably) 9th C record of the early ages of the gods, etc., in ten parts

Sengalang Burong
East Indian
a bird-god of the Iban tribe of Borneo
He was the grandfather of Surong Gunting and instructed him in the rituals of the birds.

In some accounts, he is described as a war-god appearing in the form of a hornbill.

Sengann
Irish
son of Dela
leader of the invading Fir Bolg
He and his brother Gann shared the province of Munster.

Sengen
Japanese
goddess of Mount Fuji
guardian of the cherry and plum blossoms
daughter of Oho-yama
sister of Itha-Naga
wife of Ninigi
mother of Fire Fade and Fire Flash
She married Ninigi but left him when he became jealous, immolating herself by setting fire to the wooden hut she lived in, after giving birth to three sons.

Senjemand
Norse
a mountain-giant
He fell in love with Juterna-jesta who preferred Torge. In a rage, Senjemand shot a huge arrow that would have killed her had not Torge thrown his hat to deflect it. When Senjemand tried to ride off, the sun came up and he was turned to stone.

Senju-Kannon
[Senj(i)u-Kannon]
a name of Kannon as the thousand-handed one
In this version, she is depicted as having forty rather than a thousand hands, each of which holds some object.

Senju-Kannon
(see Senju Kannon)

Senko
Japanese
one of a race with a hole right through the chest
A senko who was tired or ill could be carried by two others on a pole through the hole in his chest.

Senko
Japanese
a paradisal realm, home of the sennin, on Cosmic Mountain

Senmag
Irish
[The Old Plain]
the plain where the Partholians buried their dead

Senmerv
Persian
[Samur,Senmurv,Seymorg]
a fabulous bird
This enemy of snakes was said to be part bird, part mammal.

Senmerv
(see also simurgh)

Sennan Holy Well
British
a site where King Arthur and the kings of Cornwall gave thanks after they had defeated the Danes at Vellendrucher

Sennin
Japanese
a recluse
These beings appear as humans but they are in fact immortal. They are said to be skilled magicians, able to perform miracles such as producing an image of themselves from the mouth, walking on water and flying through the air.

Their home, the Cosmic Mountain, is said to be supported by a turtle.

Senotikle
North American
a serpent-like monster, in the lore of the tribes of the northwest

Sensum
(see Ntorto)

Senta
Norse
daughter of Daland
She loved the Flying Dutchman and would have married him but he put to sea without her. She threw herself to her death from the cliff-top.

Sentait
Egyptian
an ancient corn-goddess, later merged with his

Sentaro
Japanese
a man who travelled to the Land of Eternal Youth
When Sentaro prayed at the shrine of Jofuku, he received a small crate made of paper which turned into a real bird that carried him to the land where all the inhabitants, blessed (or cursed) with eternal life, longed for death.

When he returned to his home, he found that he had been away for 300 years.

Sentraille du Lushon
British
a knight, attendant on Tristram
He helped Tristram to escape from the prison into which he had been thrown by Andred.

Senx
North American
[Our Father.Sacred One.Sonx]
a sun-god of the Bella Coola Indians of Canada

Seoritsu-hime
Japanese
a water-goddess living in rapids

Sep
(see Sept)

Seya
(see Sept)

Separ
(see Vepar)

Separate Heavenly Deities
Japanese
[Kotosamatsukami]
the 5 primordial gods of the Shinto pantheon
These five gods, from whom all other deities are said to be descended, are Amanominkamushi, Amanotokotachi, Kaniimiusubu, Takamimusubu and Umashishikubikiko.

Sepd
Egyptian
a form of Bes as a handsome, lion-faced man
(see also Sept(u))

Sepi Malosi
Pacific Islands
[Sepo Malosi]
a Samoan war-god
This deity took the form of a bat and indicated victory by flying in front of the eventual winners.

(see also Taisumale)

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(see Sepi Malosi)

Seppset
Egyptian
a goddess of the underworld
She is present when the hearts of the dead are weighed.

Sept
Egyptian
[Sep]
the god of Sirius, the Dog-star
(see also Sepd)

Septentrio
(see Aquilo)
Septentrional Signs

the first 6 signs of the Zodiac

Seru

(a bull)

This beast, together with Hurri, was a companion of Ishkur

Seri

(Malay)

the name taken by Nila Utama when he became the first ruler of Singapore

Seraph

(Babylonian A-a)

a Sumerian mother-goddess

Seraphe

(Semitic)

mythical hairy, goat-like beings living in desert areas; satyrs

Sermir

(see Sæhrimnir)

Serket

(see Selket)

Serkhet-hetyt

(see Serket-hetyt)

Serpent-god

a deified snake

Serpent-goddess

a deified snake

Serpent of the Obsidian Knives

an Aztec symbol of sacrifice

He was originally regarded as one of the four giants supporting the sky at the beginning of the Fifth Sun.

Serpent of the Sea

(see Kukoozise)

Serpent of Wisdom

(see Python)

Serpent Skirt

(see Coatlantona)

Serpent-stone

(see Copacati)

Serpent Woman

(see Cihuacoatl)

Serquet

(see Selket)

Serra

(a griffin-like monster, said to breathe fire

In some accounts, this beast has the head of a lion and the tail of a fox.

Seru

(North American)

corn-spirit of the Cherokee

wife of Kanati

mother of Wild Boy

Servage

(see Isle of Servage)

Servant Rupert

(see Knecht Ruprecht)

Servius Tullius

(Roman)

the sixth king of Rome

son of Ocrezia

father of Tullia

He was said to have been born when his mother mated with Vulcan in the form of a phantom phallus rising from the fire.

He was reared by Tarquin and his queen, Tanaquil, and married their daughter, becoming king when Tarquin was assassinated.

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(see Ananta.Basuki)

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(see Open Sesame)

Sesana

(see Ananta)

Sesat

(see Sefkhet-Awy)

Sese

(African)

an earth-god(dess) of the Ngbandi people

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(see Sezmu)

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(Egyptian)

magic rituals

Seshet

(see Sefkhet-Awy)

Sesheta

(see Sefkhet-Awy)

Sesmu

(see Sezmu)

Sesnotis

(Egyptian)

a mythical king said to have conquered much of Africa and Asia

Sesshiu

(Japanese)

an artist

At a very early age he was tied up in a temple for some misdemeanour and, using his tears for ink, and his toe for a brush, painted rats on the roof. These animals came to life and freed the boy by gnawing through his bonds.

Sessrumnir

(see Sessrymnir)

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(Norse)

the palace of Freya in Folkvang

It was to this palace that Freya took her share of the warriors slain in battle.

Sessyonym

(see Sessrymnir)

Set

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Seta

Seth

Setanta

Setebos

Setek

Seven Champions

Seven Ancient Elders

Seven Caves, The

Seven Chaban

Seven Champions

Seven national saints

animal-headed god of darkness,
sky-god and storm-god
son of Geb and Nut or Ra and
Nut
brother of Isis, Nephthys and
Osiris
husband of Nephtys
When Geb abdicated, he divided the kingdom leaving the south to Set. Set wanted the whole of the kingdom so, in an attempt to get the north as well, he put his brother Osiris in a box and threw it into the Nile. When Isis recovered the body, Set cut it into fourteen pieces and threw them back into the river. Isis recovered and reassembled the pieces, restoring her husband to life, but he went off to rule in the underworld, leaving the northern kingdom to Horus.

Set later fought a battle with Horus for the whole kingdom. Set was castrated but, in the form of a pig, put out one of Horus’ eyes. In another version, he gouged out both the eyes and buried them. Lotus blossom sprouted from the ground where the eyes were buried and Horus had his sight restored by the gods. In the end, the case was put to the gods for a decision and Horus won. Set was then transferred either to the heavens as a storm-god or the Great Bear or to the north, leaving the northern kingdom to Horus.

He was one of the gods protecting Ra in his nightly journey through the underworld and once saved Ra when the serpent Apophis was about to swallow him.

He is sometimes depicted as a boar or as part ass, part pig, but, having been born prematurely and shapeless, he can take many different animal shapes.

In some accounts he is equated with Sebek (see also Bebon.Nuoni. Typhonian Beast). Sebek was a fertility-goddess of East Africa, consort of Tororit, mother of Arawa, Ilat and Topoh.

Thebans, all of whom he killed.

Each of them took station opposite one of the seven gates of the city with Acastus facing Megareus (the Neistan Gate), Amphiarus facing Lasthenes (the Homoloid Gate), Cephasus facing Polyphantes (the Electrian Gate), Hippomedon facing Hyperbius (the Oncaean Gate), Parthenopes facing Actor (the Borrhaean Gate), Polynices facing Eteocles (the Hypsistian Gate) and Tydeus facing Melanippe (the Proetid Gate). The twin brothers tried to settle the issue in face-to-face combat but each killed the other.

In some accounts, Eteocles is given in place of Acastus and Mecisteus in place of Polynices. Of the seven, only Acastus survived the battle which ended in the defeat of the Argives. Creon, who took over Thebes, refused to allow the Argives to collect the bodies of the dead for burial causing grave offence. Adrastus reported this to Theseus who marched on Thebes, captured Creon and returned the dead to the families. The sons of the seven champions, known as the Epigoni, later avenged the death of their fathers when they attacked Thebes ten years later.

Seven Against Thebes Greek

a play by Aeschylus

Seven Ancient Elders Mesopotamian

Babylonian sages

These sages, who took the form of birds or fish, were said to have written down the arts of magic and divination.

Seven Brahma-rishis

(see Seven Rishis)

Seven Caves, The (see Tulkan-Zuiva)

Seven Chaban Central American

the seventh of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle

On this day the earth itself was created.

Seven Champions (see also Chaban)

seven national saints

These are listed as:

(1) St Andrew (Scotland), said to have lived for seven years as a swan.
(2) St Anthony (Italy) who used water from an enchanted fountain to perform miracles.
(3) St David (Wales) who was a prisoner in an enchanted garden for seven years.
(4) St Denis (France) who lived for seven years as a deer.
(5) St George (England) who was a prisoner of the king of Morocco.
(6) St James (Spain) who was struck dumb for seven years when he fell in love.
(7) St Patrick (Ireland) who dug his own grave with his hands when he was locked in a cell.

**Seven Flowers**

**Seven Gems**

Symbols used in Chinese Buddhism as amulets.

These seven objects are given as the image of Chu T'ang, the image of Chu Ping Ch'en, the image of Yü Nü, Ma the steed of the sun, Hsiang the elephant, Chin Lun the Wheel of Victory, and Ju'i Chu a pearl.

(see also Seven Treasures)

**Seven Gods of Happiness**

(see Ch'î-fu-shen)

**Seven Hathors, The**

Egyptian deities of fate.

7 aspects of Hathor.

These were seven maidens, attendants of the souls of new-born babies. They were later identified with the Pleiades.

(see also Mothers)

**Seven Judges**

(see Anunnaki)

**Seven Kings of Cornwall**

British those rulers who joined forces with King Arthur to defeat the Danes at Velendrucher.

**Seven League Boots**

British a pair of boots, made by Merlin, which enabled the wearer to cover about 20 miles at each stride.

**Seven Macaw**

(see Vucub Caquix)

**Seven Precious Stones**

Malay jewels held by the Seven Sages.

These jewels were used to predict the future and one of them, the moonstone, was said to display portraits of the king's enemies.

**Seven Rishis, The**

Hindu

[Manasa Putra, Manasaputra, Prajapati. Seven Brahna Rishis. Seven Sages. Seven Seers, Saptarshi]

wise men, created from the brain of Brahma.

They are listed as Atri, Bharadvaja, Gotama, Jamad-agni, Kashyapa, Vashishtha and Vishwamitra. Vishnu, in his sixth avatar as Parasaruma, delivered the world into their hands and they now appear in the sky as the seven stars of the Plough constellation.

Another list gives Agasty, Angiras, Atri, Bharigu, Kashyapa, Vashishtha and Vishwamitra while another lists Angiras, Bharigu, Daksha, Kashyapa, Narada, Vashishtha and Vishvamitra.

Yet another list gives ten, omitting Vishvamitra and adding Atri, Kratu, Pulaha and Pulastya.

Some accounts list fourteen: Angiras, Atri, Bharadvaja, Brighu, Daksha, Gorama, Jamad-agni, Kashyapa, Kratu, Marichi, Pulaha, Pulastya, Vashishtha and Vishvamitra.

These personages are often referred to as the Prajapati. (see also rishi)

**Seven Sages, The**

British advisers to the Roman emperor.

One such group was killed by Herowdes, on the advice of Merlin, to cure the emperor's blindness.

**Seven Sages, The**

Greek 7 wise men of ancient Greece.

They are given as Bias, Chilon, Cleobulus, Periander (or Epimenides), Pittacus, Solon and Thales.

**Seven Sages, The**

Malay seers at the court of the king.

**Seven Sages, The**

(see Apkallu, Seven Rishis)

**Seven Seers, The**

(see Chicomecohuatl)

**Seven Sages, The**

Australian

[Kungarakalpa]

ancestral heroines of the Aborigines.

To escape the attentions of Nyiru, the sisters left their home and travelled south until they reached the coast. Here they entered the sea and then ascended into the sky as the Pleiades.

**Seven Sages, The**

(see Pleiades)

**Seven Sleepers, The**

[The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus]

7 Christians who were persecuted.

They were said to have been holed up in a cave on Mount Celion for 200 years until 497. They fell asleep, awaiting the Resurrection. Their names are given as Constantius, Dionysius, Joannes, Malchus, Martinianus, Maximianus and Serapion.

**Seven Stars, Mother**

Chinese a goddess of the constellation Ursa Major.

**Seven Stars of the North**

Korean the Korean version of the constellation Ursa Major.

It is said that these stars are seven brothers who were exceptionally good to their widowed mother and were set in the heavens as a reward.

**Seven Treasures of Buddhism**

[=Hindu Sapta Rama] Chinese revered objects of a universal sovereign.

These objects are listed as Divine Guardians of the Treasury, Elephants, Gemmoneous Maidens, Gold Wheel, Horses, Military Governors and Pearl.

(see also Seven Gems)

**Seven Wise Masters**

Persian sages who instructed Prince Lucien.

When the prince, who had been warned that he would die if he spoke within seven days of returning to court, was accused of rape by a female at the court, the Wise Masters told contrary tales which postponed his execution day by day until he was able to speak and refute the charge.

**Seven Wise Ones**

Egyptian deities created in the form of hawks by Mehet-Weret to help to create the world.

**Sevenfold Buddha**

Buddhist a group of 7 Buddhas.

This group comprises Lokesvara and Vajrapani plus the Ie Dhyani-buddhas (Akhobhaya, Amitabha, Amoghasiddhi, Ratnasambhara and Vairocana).

**Seventh Heaven**

Hebrew the highest, hence the happiest, of the 7 heavens postulated in the secret lore of the rabbis.

**Severa**

(see Sevara)

**Severin**

(see Sevirus)

**Sevirus**

European [Severin] duke of Bordeaux.

husband of Alice.

father of Girard and Huon.

He was killed in battle, and his servant, Sherasmin, was taken prisoner, by the Saracens.

**Sevira**

British [Severa] daughter of Macesen and Elen.

first wife of Vortigern.

mother of Vortimer.

**Sewingshields**

British a site in Northumberland where King Arthur and his knights are said to be sleeping.

In this case, a horn had to be blown and a garter severed with a sword to waken the sleeping warriors.

Other sites suggested are Alderley Edge, Cadbury, Craig-y-Dinas, Mount Etna, Ogof Lanciau Eryri, Ogo'r Dinas and Richmond Castle.

** Sextus Tarquinius**

(see Tarquinius Sextus)

**seymorg**

(see semmerv)

**Seyon**

Hindu

[Ceyon, Muruga(n), Murukan: =Hindu Skanda]
Shahapet

Shaddad

A Tamils creator-god son of Korrawi This deity is regarded as a hunter and is depicted riding an elephant. He holds a spear and a garland of flowers.

Shazabil

Shaddah

A Tamil creator-god son of Korrawi

This deity is regarded as a hunter and is depicted riding an elephant. He holds a spear and a garland of flowers.

Sezarbil

Shaddai

a deity regarded as a hunter and is depicted riding an elephant. He holds a spear and a garland of flowers.

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Shahar

a spirit, ruler of the land
He can appear either as a man or as a serpent.

Shahabar (see Sahabar)

Shahbrevar (see Kshathra Varya)

Shahrijah Persia

Shahryar

a sultan in The Arabian Nights
He had killed each of his many wives on their wedding night but Scherherazade managed to avoid this fate by telling him a story each night.

Shahryar (see Sharijah)

Shai Egyptian

Shab

a god of fate
husband of Meshkenet
He was depicted as a man, a goat or a snake.

Shabiba Hindu

a devoted wife
Her husband, being a sinner, went through many incarnations as a bird or an animal before he was born again as a man. Shaibya, who lived through all these generations, recognised him and they were made man and wife again.

Shait Egyptian

a goddess of destiny

Shaitan Arab

[ablili.shai(y)tan.she:ta:tan.shey:tan:
plur=shayatin=Hebrew Satan]
an evil spirit; a devil: one of the forms of the jinn
These beings sometimes appear as snakes which can enter a mortal’s body.

Shaka Japanese

[Shaka Muni.Shaka-Nyorai]

the Japanese version of Shakyamuni

Shaka Muni (see Shakyamuni)

Shaka-nyorai (see Shaka)

Shakan (see Shakan)

Shakani North American

a serpent-like monster of the Choctaws

Shakara Japanese

a guardian deity
one of the 28 Nijuhachi-Bushu

Shakini Hindu

a demoness attendant on Durga

Shakespeare, William English

(1564-1616)

a poet and playwright
He wrote The Rape of Lucrece, Venus and Adonis, etc.

Shakkan Mesopotamian

[Shakan]
an Akkadian god of animals
In some accounts, he was said to have married his sister, Tiamat.

Shakpono (see Obaluwaye)

Shakra1

Buddhist

[Sakra=Hindu Indra]
a god of the calendar
He helped the Buddha to perform miracles.

When intervention in human affairs is required, his throne becomes very hot.

Shakra2 Hindu

the third eye of Shiva, in the centre of his forehead

Shakra3 Hindu

a name for Indra as ‘powerful’

Shakra4 Hindu

the owl, a bird sacred to Indra

Shakti Hindu

one who worships a skakti

Shaktar Hindu

the king Kalashapada in the form of a man-eating demon (see Kalashapada)

Shakti1 Hindu

[=East Indies kesakten]

Shakti2 Hindu

the female aspect of a deity

Shakti3 Hindu

[Sakti.Sekti:=Cambodian Bentei Srei]

Shakti4 Hindu

[=East Indies kesakten]

Shakuntala Hindu

[Sakuntala]
a moon-goddess
doughter of Vishvamitra and Menaka
wife of King Dushyanta
mother of the Bharatas

She was abandoned by her parents and was reared by the hermit Kanwa.

She and her husband separated but, when their son, Bharata, was born, she set out to find his father. The ring by which she would be recognised was lost when she was bathing but was recovered from the belly of a fish and she was then reunited with the king.

Shakur North American

[Atnus]
a sun-god of the Pawnee tribe

Shakya Buddhist

a name for the historical Buddha

Shakyamuni Buddhist

[Amoghasiddhi.Sakyamuni.Sha (Muni):
=Chinese Shih-chia(-mu-ni):=Japanese
Shaka(-nyorai)=Korean Sokka]
a name of Buddha as ‘the silent sage’, one of the 5 Dhyani-bodhisattvas, in some accounts

Shahar

son of Suddhodana and Maya
husband of Yashodara
father of Rahula

In this form, he is revered in Zen Buddhism and is regarded as one of the seven manushibuddhas.

He is said to have given parts of his body to save threatened animals and birds and to have given one of his eyes to a blind man. Some say that, in various incarnations, he appeared four times as a horse, six as an elephant and ten as a deer.

He is depicted sitting on a lotus with his right hand raised, though sometimes he is seen holding the shuttle of a loom. When regarded as female, ‘he’ is the fertility goddess, depicted holding a grain of rice and a pot. Some images include Ananda and Kashaya on his right and left respectively. (see also Shenrab Miwo)

Shakysinhasa Buddhist

[Sakysinhasa]
a name for the Buddha as ‘lion’

Shala Canaanite

a storm-goddess

Shalakapurusha Jain

a spiritual leader
It is said that sixty-three such leaders appear during each of the earthly periods. They will include nine groups of three, each comprised of a Baladeva, a Pratisvasudeva and a Vasudeva.

Shalako North American

[=Zuni Niman]
a Zuni festival
This festival, which lasts for nine days in July, celebrates the return of the spirits to their underground home in Shipap where they will remain until winter returns.

Shalem (see Salem)

Shalim Canaanite

a goddess of dusk

Shalott British

another name for Astolat, home of Elaine

Shalya Hindu

a king

He fought on the side of the Kauravas against the Pandavas and was killed in battle.

Shalyat Canaanite

a seven-headed monster
This beast, in some accounts the same as Lotan, was killed by Anat.

(see also Lotan)

Shaman Asian

[chaman:female=shamanka]
a sacred person: a magician-priest or witch-doctor
Shamanism

Shamanism  Asian
a religion largely based on magic, sorcery and spirit-worship

shamanka  Asian
[shenanka: male=shaman]
a female witch-doctor

Shams  (see Samas)

Shamash  (see Samas)

Shamba  African
a cultural hero of the Bushongo
He travelled widely and learned many skills which he passed on to his people.

Shamba  Hindu
[Samba= Tami Samu]
son of Krishna and Rukmini
brother of Kama
consort of Indukari

Brahmins whom he had mocked laid a curse on Shamba saying that he would give birth to an iron club which would be the cause of his father's death. When this weapon eventually appeared, Shamba smashed it and threw the pieces into the sea. His father died from a wound inflicted by an iron arrowhead and it turned out that this had been made from one of the pieces of the broken club recovered from the belly of a fish.

Shamba was captured by Duryodhana in the war with the Pandavas and was kept in prison until Balarama secured his release when he demolished the walls of the city by ploughing beneath them.

Another story says that, for some slight to the sage Durvasas, he was cursed with leprosy but was cured by Surya whom he had mocked laid a Brama.

A local god of good fortune

Shanga  Tibetan
a creator-god and sky-god
He is regarded as a celestial emperor with his own court and ministers like the earthly institutions.

He allocated the planet Jupiter to Balarama and Revati in the time of the coming of Maitreya.

Shanga  Chinese[Shanka (pala)]
son of Surya and Chhaya or of Balarama and Revati
brother of Savarni

He is regarded as the planet Saturn personified.

In one account, it was his fierce gaze that burned the head off the infant Ganesha which Parvati (or Vishnu) replaced with the head of an elephant.

He is depicted as black-skinned and riding a vulture or a raven.

Shanka-Sura  in some accounts, a demon killed by Krishna

Shankapala  (see Shankha)

Shankara  Hindu
[Sankara: Shankpana]
a manifestation of Bhairava: a name used in ceremonial rites

for Shiva as 'the auspicious one', 'peace' or 'healer'

Shankari  Hindu
[Sankara]
a mother-goddess

one of the saptamataras

Shanka  Buddhist
a raven. (＝Taiwanese Pak Tai)

Shanka  Hindu
[Sanka]
the horn of victory

This was a conch-shell, one of the attributes of Vishnu, which was the twelfth object to be created at the Churning of the Ocean.

Shanka  Hindu
[S(h)anka(pala)]
a snake-god

of the mahanagas

Shankhapadua  Buddhist
a trumpet made from a thigh-bone, used in ceremonial rites

Shankpana  African
[Sankpaen: Shankpanna]
son of Shango

a plague-god of the Yoruba

Shankpana  (see Shankpana)
Shanta
daughter of Dasha-ratha
wife of Risha-Shringa
She was adopted by the king, Lomopada, and married Risha Shringa, a youth born of a doe.

Shantanu
Hindu
[Sanatan]
a king
half-brother of Vyasa
husband of Gangā and Satyavati
father of Bhishma by Ganga
father of Vichitravirya
His first wife, Gangā, bore him eight sons and then reverted to her normal form as the river Ganges.

He said he would marry the young Satyavati on condition that any son of the union should inherit the throne instead of Bhishma, one of his sons by Ganga. Bhishma renounced his claim to the throne and the marriage went ahead, producing two sons, both of whom died childless.

Shanti
Hindu
goddess of peace
Shanti-Niketa
Hindu
the heaven of Shanti, goddess of peace
shao hui t’ un fu
Chinese
swallow-ashes charm
incantations to ward off demons
These incantations, written on paper, were burned and ground to ashes which were then swallowed.

Shapash
(see Sapa)
shape
a spirit or apparition
shape-changer
a being made from fire and air, capable of assuming any form, including that of a human, and of mating with mortals

Shar
Mesopotamian
[ɪl lʊ ʊ:=Babylonian Aŋšar]
an early Syrian god of the dawn capable of assuming any shape, including that of a human, and of mating with mortals

Shara
Armenian
a storm-demon
son of Armains

Sharabda
Mesopotamian
a Babylonian deity, slander personified

Sharabha
Hindu
a huge monster
a form of Shiva
This beast is envisaged as having tusks and claws and a body over 100 miles long supported on eight legs.

Sharabhangha
Hindu
a hermit
When his great desire to meet a god was granted as a reward for his pious life, he burnt himself to death and went to heaven.

sharada
Hindu
the lute, symbol of Sarasvati

Sharada
[ Sarana]
a divine bitch

When some Panis stole some of Indra’s cattle, he created this animal to retrieve them. Instead, the dog was given some milk by the Panis and reported that she could not find the cattle so Indra had to retrieve them himself, killing the Panis in the process.

Sharama
Hindu
[ Sarana]
a dawn-goddess
mother of Sharamaya
In some accounts an attendant on Indra but in others referred to as a dog.

Sharamaya
Hindu
god of the air
offspring of Sharama
In some accounts the Sharamayas are two dogs guarding the underworld.

sharanga
(see peacock)
Sharanyaku
Hindu
[Sanjña,Saranyu,Savarna]
a primaeval goddess and sun-goddess
doughter of Tvashtri
mother by Vivasvat of the Aswins, Yama and Yami
mother by Indra of the minor gods, the Ribhus
The Vedic version of Sanjña.

Sharat
Serbian
[Sharin,Sharo]
the horse of Marko
This piebald animal was given to Marko by a veela or, in some stories, reared by Marko who bought him as a foal afflicted with leprosy. Other versions say that it came as a reward for three years faithful service to his master. Marko always tested a horse by swinging it round by its tail but Sharatz, though a young foal, could not be budged.

The horse, which was said to breathe blue flame, lived with Marko for 160 years.

Sharaw
Mesopotamian
a Sumerian god of Umma

Sharazad
(see Scheherazade)

Sharavenbe
European
a female crow
mate of Merkinau
She was killed by Reynard the Fox.

Shargaz
(see Sharat)
Sharin
(see Sharatz)
Shariputtra
Buddhist
[Sariputra,Upatissa:=Pali Sariputta] an early disciple of the Buddha
He turned himself into a garuda to defeat the heretic Agnidatta who had assumed the form of a serpent with many heads.

sharira
Buddhist
a substance found in the cremation ashes of saints
This material, in the form of pellets, is said to be indestructible.

Sharis
Mesopotamian
[=Akkadian Ishtar] a Urartian goddess

Sharmas
(see Sarruma)
Sharo
(see Sharatz)
Sharpeak
European
a female rook in Reynard the Fox consort of Corbant
She was killed and eaten by Reynard.

Sharpe
German
son of Etzel
brother of Orte
He and his brother, together with Dietrich’s youngest brother, Diether, accompanied Dietrich von Bern on one of his forays against Ermenrich. Left in charge of Eler, they were allowed to go riding and all three were killed by the traitor, Wittich.

Sharrumasa
(see Sarruma)
Sharuk
(see Ninurta.Sarur)
Sharuma
(see Sarruma)
Sharure
(see Sarur)
Sharvan
Irish
[Lochlannach,Searbhán,Sharvan the Surl] a one-eyed giant
A magic quicken berry, dropped by one of the Danaans, grew into a tree in the Forest of Dooros and produced many berries which could restore youth to the aged. The Danaans decided to send Sharvan to guard the tree to ensure that no mortals ate any of the fruit.

When Grania developed a hunger for quicken berries, Dermot asked Sharovan for permission to take some for her. When the giant refused Dermot killed him with three blows of Sharvan’s own iron club, which was the only way he could be killed.
Shasha

Hindu

a hare, said to live in the moon

see also Shashi

Shashi

Hindu

the moon

It is said that the hare lives on the moon or that the moon-goddess herself is a hare. see also Shasha

Shashin

Hindu

She fought alongside Rama in the battle with the demon Ravana and, some say, killed Ravana.

Shaumya

Hindu

a name for Shiva in his peaceful aspect

Shashthi

Hindu

an aspect of Siva Sheshastha

Shashti

Hindu

a Hindu goddess of the underworld

Shaushkas

Mesopotamian

a deity in white magic

Shazii

Mesopotamian

a female demon of the Berbers

She-Wang

Chinese

Fang Cheng-hsieh. The Snake King

Sheba

Egyptian

a deity in white magic

Shed

Mesopotamian

a tribe of clawed demons led by Asmodeus

Sheela Na Gig

Irish

Sile na gCioch

Shee folk

British

the English version of the Irish fairies, the aes sidhe

Sheela Na Cioch

Irish

[Sheila Na Cioch. Sheala-No-Gig.

Sheela-No-Gig

Irish

a mother goddess

This being was later downgraded to the level of a demon.

Shea

Norse

a name for the moon

Sheeere

African

a female demon of the Berbers

Sheik Ali

Ali

Sheik Khaleel

Sheila Na Cioch

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Sheita

Shel

North American

a sun-god of the Klamath Indians

He came into being when Kumush
and his daughter danced with the spirits of the underworld who were all turned into dry bones when the light of the sun fell on them. Kumush collected the bones and, following in the tracks of Shel, scattered the bones over the face of the land to produce the various tribes.

Shelan Nara  
Persian

a demon

Shelartish  
Mesopotamian

a Urartian mood-god

Shell  
a demon, one of those who populate the 7 firmaments

Shelley, Percy Bysshe  
English

(1792-1822)
a poet

He wrote the four-act play *Prometheus Unbound.*

shellycoat  
Scottish

a water goblin

shem  
Hebrew

a charm such as that used to activate a golem

shemanka  
(see shamanka)

Shemesh  
(see Samas.Zemen)

Shemhaziel  
a fallen angel

shen  
[Japanese shin]
gods collectively: a guardian god or goddess: the spirit or the numinous influence inherent in a particular object  
(see also hsien)

Shen  
Chinese

the constellation Orion, ruled by the White Tiger

shen  
Egyptian

a symbol of eternal life or of eternity

Shen-hsien  
Chinese

celestial spirits who return as mortals and later resume their existence as immortals

Shen Hsien Chuan  
(see Biographies of the Gods)

Shen I  
(see I')

Shen Kung-pao  
Chinese

a magician

He pitted his skills against those of his former friend, Chiang Tzu-ya, hoping to win a list of ways of achieving immortality that the Old Man of the South Pole had given to the general. Shen cut off his own head and caused it to float in the air, claiming to have won. The Old Man of the South Pole sent the Crane Youth to carry the airborne head away but Chiang persuaded him to return it and it was rejoined to Shen's body.

Shen Lou  
(see Shou Shen)

Shen Mu  
(see Pi-hsia Yuan-chun)

Shen Nung  
[Divine Farmer.Ardent Emperor]

an early emperor, one of the Three Sovereigns

god of agriculture and medicine

son of An Teng and a dragon

husband of Hsien Tsan

father of Chih Yu

He was the product of a miraculous birth and was nearly nine feet tall when born, with the head of a bull on a man's body.

He taught mankind the art of agriculture and introduced the art of medicine which he learned by studying nature and finding out secrets of herbal remedies. He was said to have a transparent stomach that allowed observation of the effects of medicinal plants, etc. He died when testing a species of grass which cut open his intestines and was defied.

He runs the Ministry of Healing with Fu-hsi and Huang Ti and is credited with the invention of the plough and the discovery of medicinal herbs, becoming the patron of chemists. He is regarded as a kitchen-god in some accounts. Others equate him with Yen Ti.

He died at the age of 168 and was defied.

Shen P’ao  
Chinese

the name of the defied Lao-tzu, in some accounts

Shen Seng-chao  
Chinese

a 5th c monk

It was said that once a month, after his normal duties, he took on the role of secretary to a celestial ministry and so acquired supernatural powers.

Shen Shu  
Chinese

door-god

brother of Yü Lu

He and his brother lived on Mount Tu Shuo under a magical peach tree, the branches of which formed the Door of the Spirits through which every soul passed after death. They bound those with wicked spirits and fed them to tigers. Their image is put in doorways of houses to protect against evil spirits.

Shen-tsan  
[La T’san]
an 8th c kitchen worker in a monastery who became a minister one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts

He was said to be able to work miracles such as moving large rocks with a mere touch. When he left the monastery, wild beasts became a nuisance so he came back to remove the plague of beasts which all disappeared when he mounted a tiger and rode away, never to be seen again.

He is depicted with a staff and a hat slung over his shoulder.

Shen Wan-san  
Chinese

god of wealth, in some accounts

Shen Yung-pao  
(see White Crane Youth)

Sheng  
Chinese

[Holy One]
a title given to many deities, including Confucius

Sheng-mu  
Chinese

a name for Pi-hsia Yuan-chun

as Holy Mother

Sheng Ti  
Chinese

[Holy Emperor]
god of the sacred mountain T’ai Shan

a Taoist god of destiny, lord of the underworld  
(see also Shang Ti)

Sheng-jen  
Chinese

defied mortals: saints

Shenrab Miwo  
Tibetan

founder of a modified form of Bon

He was said to have come from the mythical land Zhang Thung, and was later equated with Shakyamuni.

Shen’  
Irish

a fairy

She’ol  
Hebrew

[=Greek Hades]
hell: the home of the dead  
(see also Belial)

Shepherd God  
Greek

a name for Pan

Shepherd of the Clouds  
(see Sitondo)

shepherd’s crook  
Egyptian

the symbol of Seker

Shera Wali Matha  
Hindu

goddess

Sherah  
Mesopotamian

[Shahan]
a Sumerian deity, the generative power of the sun’s rays personified

Sherasmin  
European

[Gerasmes,Gerasmin,Geri] jaume.Solario]
a servant of Sevinus

brother of Guire

He was taken prisoner by the Saracens when his master was killed in battle but escaped after three years and lived alone in the deserts of Palestine until
the arrival of Huon to whom he attached himself as guide on his journey to find the Sultan Gaudisso. When Huon was imprisoned by Gaudisso, Sherasmin planned his escape with the help of Clarimunda and, pretending to be Gaudisso's nephew, Solario, obtained some of the Sultan's beard and four of his teeth, the objects required by Huon, when the Sultan was killed on the orders of the Caliph.

**Shesha**

(see Ananta)

**Sheshanaga**

(see Ananta)

**Sheshu**

an African supreme god of some Nigerian tribes

**Shesmet girdle**

**Shetan**

as a demoness

**Shih Ching**

a sacred tree

**Shih Fen**

a scholar

**Shih-te Tzu**

a spirit, said to ward off evil influences

**Shih Chieh-hsien**

one of the Eighteen Lohan, one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, and raised by monks.

**Shih T'ien-yen-wang**

in the lore of the Swahili, shooting stars

These are regarded as arrows fired by angels at demons attempting to gain entry to heaven in order to read the future written in Luah. (see also shihab)

**Shihai**

a wind-god

**Shibetu**

a demoness

**Shich-Fuku-Jin. Seven Gods of Luck**

the Shinto deities of good fortune

**Shi-itau**

the Choctaw name for the Great Spirit

**Shikimi**

a sacred tree

**Shila**

the Choctaw name for the Great Spirit

**Shimben-Kidoku-Shu**

a shrines used in sun-worship

**Shimbei**

one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, good conduct personified

**Shirá**

the individual's soul, in the lore of the Choctaws

**Shlip Chito Osh**

the Choctaw name for the Great Spirit

**Shliup**

a sacred tree

**Shlitstone**

the heron, servant of the owl Fukuo

**Shimben-Kidoku-Shu**

a form of sake

**Shitab**

a magic drink given to Raiko by the gods to help him in his quest to...
Shimegi

He was created by Chinun Way Shun, taking the form of a pumpkin. When the world flood subsided, Shingrawa refashioned the earth with his hammer and then ascended into the heavens.

Shining Brow (see Tâlièsin) sacred Shinto scriptures
Shining Jewel (see Ratna Dûmulâh) a form of spirit-worship
Shining Snake (see also Mushussu) a god of justice
Shinjê-cho-gyal (see also Mushussu) a god of justice
Shinhara (see Hôli) a form of spirit-worship
Shinji (see also saniwa) ceremonies performed by the one being judged.
Shinji-cho-gyal (see also Mushussu) a god of justice
shintai some physical object in which a deity is inherent
Shinten sacred Shinto scriptures
Shinto [Kami-no-Michi.S(h)intu] literally ‘gods’ or ‘spirits’
Shintu (see Shinto) a samurai
Shinzaburo (see Shinto) a samurai
He fell in love with Tsuyu who died of grief when he was prevented from seeing her again. She and her maid, Youé, who had died of grief at the loss of her mistress, returned to visit Shinzaburo at the Feast of the Dead and came night after night, leaving before dawn. To the besotted Shinzaburo, Tsuyu was the lovely maiden he had fallen in love with but his servant, Tomo, who spied on them, could see that she was a dead woman. Shinzaburo was advised by the wise Yusai that he was consorting with the dead and that this could lead to his own death, so he went in search of the two women but found only their tombs. The priest, Rôyôkî, gave Shinzaburo various talismans to ward off the ghosts of the dead and, when they next came, Shinzaburo locked the doors and they could not get in. Youé bribed Tomo to give them access and the affair started up again.

Next morning, Tomo found Shinzaburo dead, lying beside the bones of Tsuyu.

Ship of joy (see Nef de Joie) the Pueblo land of the dead, the underground kingdom of the corn-goddess, Iyatiku

This place is regarded not only as the place to which the dead go but also as the place from which the tribes emerged and whence babies come.

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people, descended from the creator, Shintara

**Shippeitaro**  
*Japanese*

a dog

A cat-monster every year demanded a maiden who was safely fastened in a cage and then devoured her. This happened until a knight took pity on the villagers and put himself in the cage with the dog, Shippeitaro. When the cat appeared, the dog seized it while the knight killed it with his sword. The dog then killed all the cat's attendants.

**Shipton**  
*(see Mother Shipton)*

*Muslim*

a form of jinn

These beings were envisaged as half human, split vertically, and were said to mate with proper humans to produce nasnas.

**Shirī-kume-na-nawa**  
*Japanese*

a rope

Tajikara-wo placed this rope across the entrance to the cave where Amaterasu had hidden herself to prevent her from re-entering after she had been coaxed from hiding.

**Shiro**  
*Japanese*

an attendant Buddhist god

The Shinto god, Daikoku, often manifested himself as a rat. Shiro was sent by the Buddhist gods to get rid of the rat but the rat drove Shiro off with a holly branch.

**Shirt of Nessus**  
*Greek*

the robe sent by Deianeira to Hercules

This robe, impregnated with the poisoned blood of the centaur Nessus, killed Hercules when he put it on.

**Shishi**  
*Japanese*

lionlike beasts guarding the entrance to temples and shrines

**Shishi-o**  
*(see Shishi-wo)*

**Shishi-wo**  
*Japanese*

[King of Lions. Shishi-wo]  
a sword

This weapon was given to Yorimasa as a reward for killing the sky-monster which had been harassing the emperor.

**Shishupala**  
*Hindu*

[Shisupala, Sis(h)upala]  
the third and final manifestation of the demon Ravana

son of Dama Ghosha and Shrutadeva

He was originally manifest as Hiranyakashipu and then as Ravana.

In this form, the demon-king had three eyes and only four, instead of twenty, arms. Some say that he was the son of Shiva by a mortal woman.

It was said that, should he ever sit on the knee of the one who would eventually kill him, his extra eye and arms would disappear and that is just what happened when he climbed up on to Shiva's knee. His mother made the god promise to give her son a hundred lives but that, in the end, was not enough because each time Shishupala tried to kill Shiva he failed and, when he tried once more, Shiva called upon the sun-disc which cut Shishupala in half from head to foot.

**Shisre**  
*Buddhist*

a king of Lanka

consort of Sri, the goddess of disease

**Shisupala**  
*(see Shisupala)*

*Japanese*

daughter of Susanowa  
wife of Waka-Hiko

**Shita**  
*Hindu*

[Marimmanai, Shitalamata, Sitala(mata)]  
an guardian goddess  
an aspect of Devi

Shital is one of seven goddesses all of whom are connected with various diseases. She protected children from smallpox. The others are Agwani, Basanti, Lamkarya, Mahamai, Masani and Polamde.

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**Shitalamata**  
*(see Shitala)*

**Shitenno**  
*(see Shi Tenno)*

**Shitkur**  
*Siberian*

[Sholmo]  
the Devil

It was this being who pushed his stick into the earth, so creating all the harmful creatures such as the snake.

He turned himself into a mouse and tried to gnaw through the timbers of the ark, ordered by the god Burkhan to save the people from the flood, but he was frustrated when the god created the cat.

**Shito dama**  
*Japanese*

the astral spirit of a dead person

**Shitta**  
*Burmese*

the nat of the moon  
one of the original nats, created by Chinun Way Shun

In another version, he appeared when a cosmic lingam rose out of the ocean and burst open to settle an argument between Brahma and Vishnu as to who had created the universe.

He killed Kama when he interrupted his meditations and to assert his authority he cut off Brahma's fifth head which he was condemned to carry for a long time before he was purified in the Ganges.
His first wife, Sati, immolated herself but was reborn as Parvati. When she (or Uma) covered his eyes, the world was put into darkness and Shiva developed a third eye in his forehead. This third eye can transmit his inner radiance with such power that it can destroy demons.

In the story where Sati immolated herself because Shiva was not invited to the feast of the gods, he became Nataraja, Lord of the Dance, and performed a funeral dance in her honour. He then spent many days in meditation and restored Sati to life as Uma.

His wife Devi, as Kali, killed the demon Raktavija and in the excitement of her victory she killed Shiva and danced on his body.

He is said to hold in his throat the poison visha that arose during the Churning of the Ocean to prevent mankind from being killed by it and, in some cases, he is depicted with a blue throat indicating this event.

When the sage Bhagiratha persuaded Vishnu to divert the waters of the Ganges from heaven to earth, which was barren from lack of water, Shiva allowed the torrent to pass through his hair, dividing it into seven separate streams, so that the force of the water streaming from heaven would not destroy the world.

At the end of each cycle he destroys the universe by opening his third eye and dancing the Tandava dance.

He is depicted as having two, four or ten arms, four faces and three eyes and sometimes wears a tiger skin and a snake round his neck and holds a flaming ball. Alternatively, he is represented in the form of Hari-Hara as a combined figure with Shiva on the right and Vishnu on the left. They as a combined figure with Shiva on the right, Vishnu on the left, and sometimes wears a tiger skin and a snake round his neck and holds a flaming ball. Alternatively, he is represented in the form of Hari-Hara, the sacred writings of Shaivism.

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Shrivener (see Phaon') a devout king

Shivi (Hindi) an insect cucumber-pest

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Shoden Sama (see Shoten) The beast was said to have had red scales covering a body some 200 miles long. Despite having a human face, it had horns, the tail of a horse, hooves at

Shodo Shonin (Japanese) a primaeval being in the lore of the Zuni

Shokunsha (Japanese) a shrine dedicated to the spirits of heroes such as the war-dead

Shokuin (Japanese) a huge dragon

Shoki (Japanese) a monster, half man, half ape, the spirit of sake

Shokien (Japanese) These benevolent monsters have pink skin covered with red hair and are said to be very partial to sake which makes them immortal.

Shokien (Japanese) (see also shokuin) His weapons are the bow Ajagava, fire and lightning and his animal is the white bull, Nandi.

Shiva' (Buddhist) the Hindu god adopted into the Buddhist pantheon as Buddha’s doorkeeper

Shiva Bhuteswara (Hindu) a name of Shiva as ‘haunter of cemeteries’

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Shivam (see Essaunien) This water, like the Mertyava, is carried by the wind, hail and thunder and by birds.

Shivener (see Phaon') Shivi (Hindi) a devout king

Agni or, some say, Dharma, took the form of a dove and asked Shivi for shelter from a pursuing hawk – actually Indra. Rather than betray the dove when the raptor demanded his natural prey, the king cut off his own leg and offered it to the hawk. At that point, both gods returned to their proper form and restored Shivi’s leg.

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the back and claws at the front. Its sleep pattern caused day and night and its breathing caused the seasons.

(see also shojo)

She is depicted as riding a cat.

Hindu

Shosha

Japanese

a man who tried to capture a god
Knowing that the thunder-god, Raiden, ate navel, he killed the maiden Chiyo, cut out her navel and flew it on a kite to attract the god. Raiden took Chiyo into the heavens and they both came down when they saw the kite. Strangely, Chiyo forgave her killer.

Sh蹄

(see Tanabata)

Shokuro

Japanese

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Shosha

Japanese

a god of wisdom
He is depicted either as a human with the head of an elephant or as two such figures embracing. The single-bodied version may have two, four or six arms and is yellowish-red in colour.Ñ

(see Shosha)

Shoten1

Japanese

[Daisho] Kwangiden, Daishoden.
Kwangiten, Sho Ten, Shoden (sama):
>Hindu Ganesha

a god of longevity.
In some accounts he is the same as Lao-tzu. In some accounts he is the same as Lao-tzu.

Sho-ho

Chinese

a god of longevity
In some accounts he is the same as Lao-tzu.

Shou Hsing

Chinese

the star of longevity, home of Shou Shen
In some accounts, the god of longevity.

Shou-hsing Lao Tou-tzu

(see Fu Lu Shou, Shou Shen)

Shou Lao

Chinese

[Shou Lou]

the original name of Shou Shen

Shou Lou

(see Shou Lao)

Shou Shan

Chinese

[Hills of Longevity]

the Taoist paradise

Shou Shen

Chinese


a god of longevity
one of the Fu Lu Shou

He was originally the mortal Shou Lao who became the head of the celestial department which determines a person's lifespan and is said to visit earth once a year.

He gave Chiang Tzu-ya a list of ways to achieve immortality when the general visited the Jade Palace.

He is depicted with a very tall forehead and sometimes riding a deer.

His sacred bird is the crane and his home is in Shou Hsing, the star of longevity.

(see also P'eng Tsu, Shou Hsing)

Showa

Tibetan

a deer-god

Showano

North American

an Algonquian hero
He was one of quadruplets born to a primordial being who died in childbirth. He represented south; the others were Kabisonokka (north), Kabun (west) and Wabun (east).

Shozu-ga-no-Baba

(see Shozuka Baba)

Shozuka Baba

Japanese

[Shouzuka-ga-no-Baba]
an underworld guardian of crossroads (see also Shozuka Baba)

Shradda

Hindu

[Sraddha]
a goddess of faith
wife of Dharma
mother of Kama, some say

shradda

Hindu

a festival of the dead: food and flowers offered to the spirits of ancestors

Shri

(see Shi)

Shrikey

British

a name for the bargait, used in Lancashire

This name reflects the beast's habit of shrieking.

Sbrimad-Bhagavata

(see Bhagavata-Purana)

Shrimala

Buddhist

[Srimala]
an Indian queen
a female bodhisattva

Shrivatsa

Hindu

a mark on the breast of Vishnu

Shroudeds Gods

Italian

a group of gods of higher rank than the Senators of the Gods or the Penates of the Thunderer

Shru

(see Sri)

Shrutadeva

Hindu

sister of Vasudeva
mother of Shishupala by Dama Ghosha
Finally, the Asuras killed Kacha, burned his body and mixed his ashes with Shukra's wine which he unwittingly drank. He then recited the magic formula that restored Kacha to life inside his stomach from where he was delivered by a surgeon. Shukra did not survive the operation but Kacha was now able to revive his master. (see also Kavya)

Shulamite  
[Shulammite]  
a dove-goddess

Shulammite (see Shulamite)

Shullat  
Mesopotamian

[Arab Hirmis=Babylonian Samas:  
=Greek Hermes]  
an Akkadian deity, herald of storms

Shulmanu  
(see Shulmus)

Shulmus  
Siberian

[Shulman]  
a devil opposing Otshirvani

Shulpaes  
Mesopotamian

an Akkadian god of feasting  
an aspect of Marduk

Shumbha  
Hindu

a demon brother of Nishumbha

He and his brother became so powerful, as the result of extreme asceticism lasting for over 6,000 years, that the gods became afraid and sent Durga to kill them.

Shun  
Chinese

one of the Five Emperors  
husband of Hsien Fu-jen

He married the two daughters of the emperor Yao and succeeded to his throne. When ten suns appeared in the sky all at once, Shun sent for the archer, I, who shot down nine of them. In some accounts, he is said to have had two pupils in each eye; in others he is equated with Chuan Hsiu.

Shun-feng Erh  
(see Kao Chio)

Shun-yang Tzu  
(see Lü Tung-pin)

Shunem  
(see El)

Shunk-Manitou  
(see Coyote)

shu’nun  
North American

the soul, in the lore of the Tubatulabal tribe

These people say that the soul resides in the heart and can leave the body through the ears during sleep. If it should be caught by a shaman, the owner of the soul goes mad. At death, the soul leaves the body and becomes a ghost known as an abawinal.
Shuqamuna  Mesopotamian
a Babylonian war-god

Shu  Japanese
an angry spirit of a dead warrior

These beings live in the sky and the noise of their battles is heard on earth as thunder.

Shurala  Russian
a Tartar spirit of the forest

Shurdi  Balkan
an Albanian storm-god

Shurem  Russian
a Cheremis festival, driving away the Devil, held in May

Shurpa-Naka  (see Shurpanakha)
Shurpanakha  Hindi
[Shurpa-Naka:Shurpanakha:Surpanakha]
a rakshasi sister of Ravana

She was in love with Rama who rejected her so, in revenge, she attacked Sita, Rama's wife. When Rama and Lakshmana came to the rescue, Shurpanakha tried to swallow Rama but was driven off, badly wounded and minus her ears and nose. In reprisal, Ravana abducted Sita, precipitating the battle with Rama who came to rescue his wife.

In some accounts she is the sister of Hidimba.

Shurripak  Mesopotamian
a Babylonian city

It was said that this city was used as a meeting place for the gods.

Shurrupak  (see Shurripak)
Shuten Doji  (see Shutendoji)

Shutendoji  Japanese
the Goblin-king of Mount Oye

He carried off young maidens, made them his slaves and even ate them. When he captured Kimitaka, daughter of the emperor Ichijo, the emperor sent Raiko and five of his companions to kill the goblin who drank the magic drink, Shimben-Kidoku-Shu, offered by Raiko, and fell asleep so that he was easily overcome and killed.

In some accounts, Yorimitsu appears in place of Raiko.

Shutu  Mesopotamian
a Babylonian demoness, the south-west wind

Shuwe  (see Nirmali)
Shuzaiana  (see Bigirhush)

Shvaz  Armenian
a name for Shahapet as 'ruler'

Shvod  Armenian
a name for Shahapet as a guardian-spirit of the household

Shwe Myet-hna  (see Hnit-ma-dawgyi)
Shwe Na Be  Burmese
wife of Min Maganye

Shwe Pyin-gyi  (see Shwe Pyin Nyi Naung)
Shwe Pyin-nye  (see Shwe Pyin Nyi Naung)
[Shwe Pyin-gyi:Shwe Pyin-nye]
2 nats in the form of nature spirits
Two children cast adrift on a river were rescued by a monk who named them Byat Ta and Byat Twei. The former had two sons who were put in a jar and sent down the river where they were rescued by a king who named them Shwe Pyin-gyi and Shwe Pyin-nye. When the courtiers became jealous, they castrated the pair who became known as Shwe Pyin Nyi Naung.

Si  African
a supreme god of the Bambileke

si  Irish
[sidi:sio]
fairies: women of the Otherworld (see also sidhe)

Si  South American
an ore-Incan moon-god of the Indians of Peru

si-bean  Irish
[bean si(dhe):si-bhean]
a woman of the Otherworld (see also banshee)

si-bhean  (see si-bean)

Si Boru Deak  East Indian
daughter of Ompu Tuhan Mula Jadi

She descended from heaven to find a shuttle which she had dropped, a shuttle with which she had been weaving the world. When a young man from heaven joined her, they stayed on earth and became the ancestors of the tribes of Sumatra.

Si Jari  Malay
[Finger Man]
a midget who outwitted a rekoso

Si Junaha  Pacific Islands
a confidence trickster
He invented preposterous objects, such as a guitar which killed weeds when it was played, and traded them to offset his debts.

Si Luncai  Malay
[Si Luncas]
a peasant

He managed to escape when the king condemned him to death and, by telling stories which convinced the king that he had been to heaven and returned to life, Si Luncai was allowed to marry the king's daughter.

Si Luncai  (see Si Luncai)
Si Raya  Malay
in Java, Malaya, etc., the spirit which controls the seas from low-water mark to the middle of the ocean

Sia  Egyptian
a god of perception
He was one of the deities formed from the drops of blood that fell from Ra's penis when he mutilated himself and he travels with Ra in his boat.

Sia  Phoenician
a minor goddess

siabbra  Irish
spirits and elves collectively

Sialul  a demon associated with property

Siambuka  East Indian
a Papuan creator-god
He came to earth and, forming a vagina in the first created woman, impregnated her so that she produced all living things.

Siarr  Norse
one of the dwarfs

Siau  Egyptian
[Sau]
a god, the personification of taste

Sib  Anglo-Saxon
[German Sippia]
a goddess

sibaso  East Indian
a Sumatran shaman

Sibauk  East Indian
a culture-hero of Sarawak
He is said to have climbed a tree which, in the early days of creation, had its roots at the top, planted in the sky, and met the souls of the dead in that celestial realm.

Sibech  (see Sibich)
Sibeche  (see Sibich)
Sibecche  (see Sibich)
Sibhol  (see Eire)
Sibich  Norse
[Sibeche:Si-beche]
a servant of King Ermenrich
He was sent with Randwer, the king's son, to escort Svanhild, betrothed to the king, to the royal palace. Sibich coveted the kingdom and plotted the death of the royal family so he lied to the king that Randwer had seduced Svanhild on the journey. The king
had his son hanged and Swanhild trampled to death by horses.

In the Germanic stories, he was an adviser to Ermenrich but vowed vengeance when his wife said she had been insulted by the king during his absence. He told malicious stories about the king’s eldest son and the king had him killed. Sibich then arranged for the second son to be drowned and, finally, told the king that his third son, Randwer, was having an affair with Swanhild, his step-mother. Ermenrich hanged his son and had Swanhild trampled to death by horses. Sibich was killed by Dietreich for his treachery. (see also Bikki)

Sibilla
a wife of Charlemagne
mother of Loys.
When she was found in bed with a dwarf, Charlemagne banished her and appointed Auberijn to escort her to the frontier. Macherijn, who lusted after her, attacked her party, killing Auberijn. Sibilla escaped and was sheltered by a farmer named Baroquel Auberijn. Sibilla gave birth to a son, Loys, who later accompanied her on a journey to her home in Constantinople. They got as far as Hungary and installed Lot, Duke of Lothian as king. Macherijn, who lusted after her, attacked her party, killing Auberijn. Sibilla escaped and was sheltered by a farmer named Baroquel Auberijn. Sibilla gave birth to a son, Loys, who later accompanied her on a journey to her home in Constantinople. They got as far as Hungary and installed Lot, Duke of Lothian as king. Macherijn, who lusted after her, attacked her party, killing Auberijn. Sibilla escaped and was sheltered by a farmer named Baroquel Auberijn. Sibilla gave birth to a son, Loys, who later accompanied her on a journey to her home in Constantinople. They got as far as Hungary and installed Lot, Duke of Lothian as king.

Sibylla
a fairy queen

Sibu
a name for the Great Spirit in Panama

Sibyl
a prophetess: a sorceress: a witch

Sibylline Books
9 books of prophecies written by the Sibyl of Cumae (see also Sibyl of Cumae)

Sib Ezanna
Greek
a name for Tammuz as a god of hunters and shepherds

Sicinus
Greek
son of Thoas and Oenoe

sickle
the symbol of Cronos

Sickness Woman
(see Yama Enda)

Sicun
North American
one of the Godlike Spirits of the Sioux

Sicynym
Central American
a Mayan god of the underworld

Sicyon
Greek
son of Pelops and Hippodamia

Siculus
Greek
an ancestor of the people of Sicily

in some accounts, he was said to have built a city on the site of what was later Rome, before Aeneas arrived in Italy.

Sicyon
Greek
brother of Corinthus

His father shared his kingdom between Sicyon and his two sons.

sid[1]
Irish
a hill under which the Danaans lived after they were defeated by the Milesians: a mound-dwelling of the fairies (see also sidhe)

Sid[2]
Irish
= Welsh Annwn. Caer Ffeddwd

the underworld (see sidhe)

sida[1]
(see si)

Sidanu
Mesopotamian
a Babylonian deity of sickness

Siddata (see Buddha’. Mahavira)

Siddha
Hindu
a demi-god

Some 88,000 of these beings, ruled by Vasvavasu, are said to live in a realm somewhere between the earth and the sun and are regarded as mortals who have achieved perfection.

Siddha Sila
Hindu
the heavenly home of the siddhas

Siddhaikaviramanjughosha
Buddhist
one of the 4 aspects of Manjushri, the white one with a soft voice

Siddarta (see Mahavira.Siddartha)

Siddarth (see Mahavira.Siddartha)

Siddhartha (see Mahavira Siddhartha)

Siddhartha[1]
Buddhist
[Siddarta.Siddharta.Sidda.Siddhath]
the personal name of Gautama

Siddhartha[2]
Jain
[Siddarta.Siddharta.Sidda.Siddhath]
= Pali Siddhattha
husband of Trishala. He became the ‘father’ of Mahavira when the boy, while still an embryo, was transferred from the womb of his real mother, Devananda, to Siddhartha’s wife, Trishala.

**Siddhara**

[Siddhantha]

the Pali name for the Sanskrit Siddhartha

**Siddhartha** (see Mahavira. Siddhartha)

*spiritual powers derived from meditation*

**Siddhi**

[achievement]

a goddess of good fortune

a consort of Bhaga or Ganesha

She is sometimes depicted as seated on Ganesha’s knee.

**siddhu**

an ascetic: religious instruction: a variety of yoga

**Siddhartha’s wife, Trishala.**

a Papuan fertility-god

He shaped the earth, stocked the seas with fish and taught men to speak.

In one story, Sido was taught the art of shedding his skin like a snake, so achieving immortality, but he was once disturbed during the change and lost this power. His body died but his spirit survived to roam the earth until he married a mortal. At her death, his body died but his spirit survived and he could make fire by rubbing his teeth together. He became the ‘father’ of Mahavira when the boy, while still an embryo, was transferred from the womb of his real mother, Devananda, to Siddhartha’s wife, Trishala.

**Siddhi**

*a mother-goddess daughter of Kutkhu consort of Ti’zil Kutkhu mother of Amle’i*

**Siddhi**

[Sabatu. Sidura. Shidurru: Egyptian Tenemet]

a Babylonian goddess of brewing

a manifestation of Ishtar

She tried to persuade Gilgamesh to give up his search for immortality in favour of earthly pleasures and, when he refused, told him how to find Utnapishtim.

She is depicted as a serpent. (see also Sidnapishtim)

**Siddha** (see Siddha)

*Irish*

[see sidhe, siddi: Welsh Caer Feddwid]

a later name for side, the enchanted mounds

The people of the mounds were the aess sidhe and, by extension, sidhe is used to mean ‘fairies’. (see also sid)

**sidhe goaiteq**

*Irish*

[see siddhu, sidhe goaiteq: Welsh Caer Feddwid]

the Irish version of the fairy wind

**Sidin**

*East Indian*

a servant of Enggang

He released Rangkong, wife of Enggang, who had been shut in a tree by her husband.

**Sidhottr**

*Norse*

a name for Odin referring to his broad hat (see also Breit-hut)

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As Sosum, he could cause the plants to grow merely by twirling his penis which made a noise like a bull-roarer. Another version, in which he is Soido, says that he married a mortal woman who died at their first love-making but all the plants of the earth sprouted at the spot where she was buried. Soido later married another mortal, Pekai, and became the god of agriculture.

Some say that Sido was the first man to die and married Dirivo. From their union came all the plants of Adiri, the underworld, where they lived. Here he built a house, miles long, to accommodate all those who died after him. It was said that he could make fire by rubbing his teeth with wood.

In some accounts, Sido, Sosum and Soido are separate beings.

**Sidomay**

[see Asmodeus]

**Sidpa Bardo**

*Tibetan*

an after-death period, seeking rebirth

(see Bardo Thodol)

**Sidrat**

*European*

[liegift]

daughter of Macheroll, king of Syria wife of Ortnit

Ortnit fell in love with her when he saw a phantom image conjured up by the Fata Morgana. He set out to find her, and with the help of Albernich, sacked Tyre, besieged the fortress Mountabure, where she was held, and took her back to Lombardy. There she was baptised as a Christian, taking the name Liebgart, and married Ortnit.

Her father sent her, as a present, two eggs which, he said, would produce magic toads. She gave the eggs to the giantess Ruohte to care for and they hatched to produce monstrous dragons which ravaged the countryside. Ortnit was killed in an attempt to destroy the dragons and Sidrat was opposed by her nobles and reduced to penury, waiting patiently for the knight who, Ortnit had said, would one day arrive with his magic ring. This prediction came true when Wolfdietrich killed the dragons and claimed her hand.

**Sidoku**

*Siberian*

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**Siduri**

*Mesopotamian*

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**Siduru**

(see Siduri)

**Siegrdrifa**

*Norse*

[Sigdrifa]

a name for Brunhild as bringer of victory

**Siege of Troy**

(see Trojan War)

**Siege Perilous**

(see Perilous Seat)

**Siegelind**

(see Siegelinde)

**Siegfried**

*German*

[Siegfred. Sigfrid. Sigfrit]

a king of Moorland husband of Ortnit

He was one of the suitors for the hand of Gudrun, daughter of Hettel and Hilde. While Herwig, another suitor,
Siegfried

Siegfried

German

the Germanic version of the
Norse Sigurd

son of Siegmund and Sieglinde

husband of Krimhild

father of Gunther

His mother died when he was a baby and he was raised by the dwarf Mime who was seeking a hero to kill the dragon Fafnir so that he could seize the treasure guarded by the dragon. He raised Siegfried to be such a hero and, armed with his father's Sword of Need which he had re-forged, Siegfried killed the dragon and took the treasure. When Mime tried to poison him, Siegfried killed the dwarf as well. The blood of the dragon made him invulnerable and gave him the power to understand the language of the birds and they told him of the plight of Brunhild. He sought her out and, armed with his magic sword, the Sword of Need, he married Brunhild. "see also Sieglinde"

Siegfried

German

son of Gunther and Brunhild

one of the four Wagnerian operas based on the Nibelungenlied

This work tells of Siegfried's slaying of the dragon, Fafnir, and his meeting with Brunhild. "see Sieglinde"

Sieglinde

Norse

a childhood companion of Siegmund
daughter of Sigeher
dutiful wife of Siegmund

In the Wagnerian story, she was carried off by a hunter and Siegmund vowed vengeance but could not find her. Years later, she was restored to Siegmund but the hunter followed her and killed Siegmund in a duel when Odin intervened to break Siegmund's magic sword, the Sword of Need. Sieglinde was carried off by a hunter and Siegmund vowed vengeance but could not find her. She handed the baby to the dwarf, Mime, to be reared. "see also Signy"

Sieglinde

Norse

a niece of Hadburg

a swan-maiden

She prophesied death when Hagen saw her bathing as he was on his way to Etzel's court with Gunther.

Siegmund

German

the Germanic version of the Norse Sigurd

son of Odin

husband of Sieglinde

father of Siegfried

His beloved Sieglinde was carried off by a hunter and Siegmund vowed vengeance but could not find her. One day, exhausted, he took shelter in a hut where a maiden, who turned out to be Sieglinde, gave him food and drink. Here he found the Sword of Need, left by his father Odin against his hour of need, stuck into the trunk of the oak-tree which grew through the roof of the hut. He took the sword and fled with Sieglinde from the hut which was, in fact, the home of the hunter who had abducted Sieglinde years before.

Odin ordered Brunhild to help Siegmund in his fight with the hunter who followed the fleeing lovers and met Siegmund in a duel. He then changed his mind when Frigga asserted that justice demanded the return of the girl to the hunter and he intervened in the fight to break the Sword of Need so that the hunter was able to kill Siegmund. Odin then killed the hunter with a single glance. "see also Sieglinde"

Siela

Baltic

the life-force

This force is said not to leave with the soul of the departed but is reincarnated in animals and plants.

Sif

Norse

a corn-goddess

one of the Asynjur

second wife of Thor

mother of Lorride, Thrud and Uller

In some accounts she was formerly Sibyl, a prophetess.

Her long golden hair was cut off and stolen (in some accounts, burnt off) by Loki. Thor caught him and would have strangled him had Loki not promised to restore the hair. The replacement, made from gold thread by the dwarf Dvalin, grew and was said to be even more beautiful than the original.

Sifka

Norse

a usurper

In Thidreksaga, he seized power after the death of Erminrik but was defeated by Thidrek.
Sigard

A king of Denmark
father of Sigur

When Hagbard, Signy’s lover, killed Sigar’s sons, he had Hagbard executed.

Sigel

(see Sigefrith)

Sigefrith

Norse

At his wedding to Signy, he failed to pull the sword Gram out of the oak tree, Branstock, where it had been planted by Odin, and became so jealous of Signy’s twin brother, Sigmund, who succeeded and claimed the sword that he planned to kill the whole Volsung family. He invited them to his palace and, despite warnings of treachery, they accepted. The Goths ambushed them, killing Volsung and tying his sons to fallen trees in the forest where they were left to their fate. All except Sigmund were eaten by wolves.

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Sigmund raised the boy in the warrior tradition. When they discovered two werewolves asleep they took their skins and rampaged through the forest killing everything they came upon and finally fought each other. Sigmund killed his son but, by the intervention of the gods, restored him to life with a magic herb. He then told his son what they had to do and they both hid in Siggeir’s palace but were betrayed by the sons of Siggeir who were promptly killed by Sinfiotli. Overpowered by the numbers of Goths, they were buried alive in tombs from which they escaped with the help of Sigmund’s magic sword Gram, which Signy managed to smuggle to them. Once free, they set fire to the palace, destroying all inside except the women. Signy, however, entered the burning building and died with her husband in true Norse tradition.

Father and son then returned to Hunaland where Sigmund married Borghild and fathered two more sons, Hamond and Helgi. When Borghild poisoned Sinfiotli, Sigmund deposed her and married Hiordis whose unsuccessful suitor, Lygni, then led an army against Sigmund. In the ensuing battle, Odin appeared and shattered Sigmund’s magic sword. Deprived of any means of defence, Sigmund was killed but used his dying breath to instruct Hiordis to collect the broken pieces of his sword and save them for his son, soon to be born. The victorious Lygni took over Sigmund’s kingdom.

In the Germanic version, Sigmund becomes Siegmund and Sigurd, his son by Hiordis, becomes Siegfried.

(see also Sigmund)
She was herself re-born as the Valkyrie, Kara. (see also Kara.Svava)

Sigtuna

a city in Sweden

When Odin spent some time on earth, Gylfi, the king of Sweden, gave him land on which to build a new city and temple.

Sigtyr

a name of Odin as god of victory (see Sidford)

Sigurdr

ruler of animals

son of Aimon Kondi

When the flood came he saved the animals by herding them into a cave and himself by climbing a tree.

Sigyn

goddess of the dawn
twin sister of Sigmund
wife of Siggeir

mother of Sinfiotli

She married Siggeir, whom she despised for his puny stature and grim nature, without seeing him before the wedding. At the wedding, Odin appeared in disguise and planted a sword in the oak, Branstock. All tried to draw it from the tree but only Sigmund succeeded.

When Siggeir killed her father and all her brothers with the exception of Sigmund, she plotted to have him killed by Sigmund and another of the same blood. She sent two of her children by Siggeir to Sigmund to help in the task but they proved useless so she disguised herself and slept with her brother, producing a son, Sinfiotli, who, when old enough, helped his father to kill all Siggeir's children and Siggeir himself by shutting him in the palace and setting it alight. Sigyn then entered the burning building and died with her husband. (see also Sieglinde)

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He killed Lygni to reclaim his father in the battle with Lygni in which Sigmund's magic sword, Balmung, was shattered by Odin and after his mother, Hiordis, had remarried to Elf, king of the Vikings who treated him as his own son. He was tutored in all the manly arts by Regin and, at maturity, was given the horse, Grane.

It was Regin who told Sigurd the story of how Loki had killed his brother Otter and then forced Andvari to hand over his hoard of gold to pay the ransom demanded by their father, Hreidmar, and how his other brother, Fafnir, had killed their father for the treasure and turned himself into a monstrous serpent to guard it. He then persuaded Sigurd to seek out the monster and kill it. Sigurd agreed provided that Regin would make him an unbreakable sword. Two made by Regin broke when tested and they finally forged together the pieces of Sigmund's sword which Hiordis had saved and which proved capable of slicing through an anvil.

On the voyage back to Hunaland he picked up a man who was walking on the surface of the sea and who said his name was Feng. He was really Odin in disguise and he taught Sigurd how to look out for and recognise auspicious signs.

He killed Lygni to reclaim his father's throne and then set out with Regin to kill Fafnir. Again Odin appeared to him, this time advising Sigurd to dig a trench in the route used by the dragon on its way to drink. Hidden in the trench, Sigurd was able to strike at the dragon's heart as it slithered overhead. At Regin's behest, he cut out and cooked the dragon's heart and found when he tasted it that he could hear the language of the birds who warned him that Regin was planning mischief. He killed Regin, ate the heart and blood of Fafnir, seized the Helmet of Dread and the magic ring, Andvaranaut and as much of the gold as he could carry. The birds then told him of the plight of Brunhild so he rode off to where she was imprisoned within a wall of flame on the Hindarfall. His horse, Grane, took him straight through the flames to the palace where Brunhild, clad in armour, lay in a trance. When he removed the armour, she awoke and immediately fell in love with her saviour. She had been a Valkyrie and had been banished from Valhalla for dis-obeying the wishes of Odin. Sigurd gave her the ring and Brunhild in betrothal. In one version, they married and had a daughter, Aslaug, who was reared by Brunhild's father, but more usually it is said that Sigurd left her after a few days to seek further adventures abroad.

In the land of the Nibelungs he was entertained by Giuki and Grimhild, the king and queen, who had three sons, Gunnar, Guttorm and Hogni, and one daughter, Guðrun, with whom Sigurd fell in love and married. He also became the blood-brother of Gunnar and Hogni. Later, when
Gunnar became king in succession to his father and wanted to claim Brunhild as his bride, his horse refused to carry him through the flames so Sigurd took on the appearance of Gunnar, rode once again through the flaming barrier and spent three days with Brunhild, wooing her as Gunnar. He retrieved the ring he had given her, replacing it with a ring from Gunnar and later gave Andvaranaut to Gudrun.

Brunhild married Gunnar but was bitter at the trick played on her by Sigurd whom she still loved. When she quarrelled with Gudrun over Sigurd whom she still loved. When she quarrelled with Gudrun over Sigurd, she asked her husband to kill Sigurd. Both he and Hogni were bound by their blood-oaths but Guttorm was not so bound and he stabbed Sigurd in the back with a sword which cut Guttorm in half. Sigurd killed his murderer using his last ounce of strength to throw his spear. Sigurd tried to take Alfsol by force, her father poisoned her. Sigmund was so grief-stricken that he jumped aboard the ship in which her funeral pyre was built, stabbed himself and died with her.

**Sigurd the Snake-eyed**  
Norse  
son of Ragnar Lodbrok and Aslaug

He was fostered with the pirate, Hastings, who taught him the arts of war.

**Sigurd the Volsung**  
British  
a 19th c poem by William Morris, in 4 books, Brynhild, Gudrun, Regin and Sigmund

**Sigurdr**  
(see Sigurd)

**Sigurthr**  
(see Sigurd)

**Sigyn**  
Norse

[Sigyn,Sigun,Siguna]

the third wife of Loki  
mother of Narve and Vali

When Loki was imprisoned in a cave for plotting the death of Balder, she sat beside him and caught in a cup the venom that constantly dripped on to his face from the jaws of the huge serpent above his head.

**Sihai**  
East Indian  
a wind-god

In some accounts, Sihai was the first man, made by the god Sira. The moon and sun came from his eyes and the world-tree grew from his heart.

**Sihon**  
an evil demon, said to be king of the Amorites

**sihr**  
Arab

sorcery: magic

**Sijobang**  
(see Anggun Nan Tunnga)

**Sikandari**  
African

the Swahili name for Alexander the Great

**Sikantapetewada**  
Thai

one of the sky-lords, the Thens  
He came to earth when the flood waters receded to instruct the new race in the arts of music and dance.

**Sikhin**  
Hindu

one of the manushibuddhas

a demon

**Sikhandin**  
Hindu

one of the videsyvaras

an aspect of Shiva

**Sikhi**  
Buddhist

one of the 7 manushibuddhas

**Sikh**  
Tibetan

a Buddhist god of medicine  
one of the SMan-bla

**Sikis**  
Mesopotamian

a Babylonian deity

**sikla bird**  
South American

in the lore of the Indians of Honduras and Nicaragua, the bird which tends the boiling pot, Sakaldakama, in the underworld

Siksawp  
Burmese

a female spirit of heaven  
consort of Hkrip Hkrawp

mother of Chanum, Ngawn-wa-Mogam and Woi-shun

**Sikulokobuzuka**  
(see Chilube)

**sikun**  
North American

a supernatural power for good or evil

**Sikuna-bikona**  
(see Sukunu-biko)

**Sila**  
Inuit

[Air Spirit,Sila Inua,Silap Inna]

one of the 3 spirits controlling the forces of nature

Sila lives in the sky and controls rain and snow.

**Sila**  
Jain

a heaven for perfect souls

This realm, in the shape of a conch-shell, lies just above the paradise Isapragbhara.

**Sila Inua**  
(see Sila)

**Silap Inna**  
(see Sila)

**Silparamita**  
(see Shila)

**Silappadikaram**  
Hindu

a Tamil name for Balarama

husband of Korralav

**Silas**  
(see Silvan)

**Silat**  
Muslim

a lightning-jinnee: a she-devil living in the forest

**Silcharde**  
a demon

**Sile na gCioch**  
(see Sheela Na Gig)

**Sileinos**  
(see Silenus)

**Silen**  
(see Silenus’)

**Silene**  
(see Silenus’)

**Silent Country**  
Pacific Islands

in the lore of the Cook Islands, a realm on the bottom of the primordial ocean

**Silent One**  
North American

a Hopi rain-god

**Silent, The**  
(see Vidar)

**Silenus**  
Greek

[Psaposilenus.S(e)ilinus.S(e)ileinos. Silen=Roman Silenus]  
a satyr

king of Nysa  
son of Pan or of Hermes by Calypso  
son of Gaea, some say father of Pholus

A fat, jovial fellow who rode on a donkey because he was usually too drunk to walk. He was the tutor and friend of Dionysus.

He was once captured by Midas who tried to extract from him the secret of life.
**Silenus**

Greek

[Silvan=Silenus.Silenos.Silen:]

one of a race of beings, part horse, part man, who unlike the Centaurs, had horses' ears and walked on 2 feet

Silenus

He was one of the people who descended from heaven in a ship with Faro.

**Simbu**

African

father of Nduala

In the lore of the Banyoro, he appeared as a stranger to the princess Nyina Mweru and disappeared again, leaving her pregnant.

**Simha**

Hindu

one of the signs of the Zodiac, Leo the lion

**Simha-nadamanjushri**

(see Simhanada)

**Simha-Rathi**

Hindu

a name for Devi or Durga

riding a lion

**Simha-Sana**

Buddhist

the lotus throne of Avalokiteshvara supported by lions

**Simha-Vahini**

Hindu

a name for Devi, Durga, Kali or Uma riding on a lion

**Simha-Vaktra**

Buddhist

a goddess of the air one of the Dakinis

She is depicted as having the head of a lion.

**Simhala**

Cambodian

When his ship was wrecked on an island where he was in danger from the rakshasas, Lokesvara turned himself into a horse and carried the merchant to safety.

**Simhanada**

Buddhist

[Simhamanjughosha. Simha-nadamanjushri]

a name for Manjushri as 'lion-voiced'

one of the 4 aspects of Manjushri

**Simhanara Lokesvara**

Cambodian

a name for Avalokiteshvara with 5 buddhas emanating from his body

**Sime**

Mesopotamian

[Siemia.Shima.Shimi]

a Syrian goddess of fate

**Simias**

Irish

a wizard

He was the ruler of the mythical city of Muras and provided the Danaans with the magic cauldron of the Dagda.

**Simig**

Mesopotamian

[Simig.Simigig.Simigig:]

a Hurrian sun-god

**Simil**

(see Kunhild)

**Simmm**

(see Simmos)
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simurg
 Persian
[akra,samru, simorg, simurg, sinurgh] a fabulous bird
This huge bird, which lived on Mount Alburz, was said to have rescued the god Zal when he was abandoned as a baby by his parents. In some accounts, it lived for 1,700 years and burned to death when its young hatched.

In one account, all the birds set out to look for the mysterious simurg but only thirty survived the long search. These remaining birds merged into one, becoming the simurg.

In the Avesta, one such bird is known as Saena Meregha (dragon-pearl). (see also phoenix, saena. senerv, simargh)

simurgh
 Persian
in some accounts, a secret name for god

simyr
(see simurgh)

Sin
Arab
a pre-Islamic moon-god and god of wealth

Sin
Irish
[Maine Maghor] son of Ailill and Maeve
He was one of seven sons all known as Maine.

He went to woo the maiden, Fearbh, and when Conor mac Ness heard of his presence he attacked her father’s house. Despite the intervention of Maeve, Conor won the battle and sacked the house, killing Sin.

Sin
Irish
a sorcerer
She beguiled the king, Muircheartach, persuaded him to put aside his wife, Duibhseach, and took her place. By conjuring up hosts of warriors for him to slaughter, she gradually weakened him and finally brought about his death. She later confessed that she had done it all to avenge the death of her family at the hands of the king and died of grief.

Sin
Mesopotamian
[Ma.Magar.Magula-Anna.Suen.Udsar:
=Assyrian Suin:=Sumerian Nanna
Mesopotamian
Simois
Siberian
a guardian god son of Kutkhu

simul
Norse
a pole or yoke
This is the pole used by Hiuki and Bil for carrying the bucket, Saegir.

simurg
(see simurgh)
He is said to have created the world, propping up the sky on a stick. He visited Uaica in dreams and told him how to make life better for the Juruna. The world will end when he removes the stick that holds up the heavens.

**Sinainn** (see Sionan)

**sinamru** (see sinam)

**Sinann** (see Sionan)

**Sindri** (Norse)

the golden hall of the dwarfs after Ragnarok

**Sindur** (Norse)

a giantess

She was one of the nine wave-maidens said to have simultaneously given birth to Heimdall, fathered by Odin.

**Sineach Cro** (Irish)

a woman who acted as foster-mother to Diarmaid mac Aodha Slaine

**Sinebomatu** (Pacific Islands)

[Woman of the North-east Wind] keeper of the Melanesian afterworld, Beebweso

She and her husband care for the spirits of dead children until their parents also die and can take over.

**Sinend** (see Sionan)

**Sinfiotli** (see Sionan)

**Sinfiotli** (Norse)

son of Sigmund and Signy

He was born of an incestuous liaison to provide a worthy helper for Sigmund in his efforts to exact vengeance on Siggeir, Signy's husband, who had treacherously killed her father, Volung, and tied her four brothers to fallen trees in the forest where all except Sigmund were eaten by wolves. Sigmund trained the boy in the arts of the warrior and on one occasion they fought in their path, after which they fought each other and Sinfiotli was killed. The gods intervened and Sigmund was able to restore his son to life with the aid of a magic herb.

When they hid in Siggeir's palace they were betrayed by Siggeir's sons who were promptly killed by Sinfiotli. He and his father were overpowered and buried alive in stone tombs but escaped with the help of Sigmund's magic sword, Balmung, which Signy managed to smuggle to them. They then set fire to the palace, killing all inside except the women. Signy refused safe passage and died with her husband.

They then returned to Hunaland where Sigmund married Borghild. Her brother quarrelled with Sinfiotli and was killed. Borghild poisoned Sinfiotli and Sigmund carried the body of his dead son to the shore where Odin received it into his boat and sailed off into the west.

**Sinjotli** (see Sinfiotli)

**Singa** (Pacific Islands)

in Bali, an image of Agni in the form of a winged lion

**Singala**

a local god

**Singalang Burong** (East Indian)

dayak bird-god, progenitor of the tribe

**Singbanga**

[Son of the Lion:=Chinese Shih-teu-pi-ch'in] a supreme god of the Munda people

**Singhalaputra** (Buddhist)

[=Ho Sirma Thakur] one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts He was originally an Indian Brahmin who became a Buddhist and a leader of that faith who was executed when he upset some officials of the court.

He is depicted standing and holding a staff.

**Sinh** (Burmese)

da cat

This animal shared daily worship with his master, the chief priest Mun-Ha, in front of the statue of the goddess Tsu-Kyan-Kse. When the priest was killed, the cat climbed on to his shoulders and looked hard into the face of the statue. The cat's yellow eyes became blue, like those of the goddess, and the white fur became the brown and gold of the present day Birman cat.

**Sinhana**

Tibetan a Buddhist god of medicine an aspect of Avalokiteshvara one of the Sman-bla

**Sini**

Norse

a horse of the gods

**Sinis**

Greek [Pinebender/Pityocamptes,Sinnis] son of Procrustes father of Perigune He was an outlaw who killed travellers by tying them to a pine tree bent to the ground and hurling them into the air when the tree was released, or to two trees which tore the victims apart. Theseus killed him by the same method.

**Sinivali**

Hindu a moon-goddess and goddess of good fortune

**Sinlap** (Burmese)

one of the first nats, created by Chinum Way Shun a giver of wisdom
Sinner Lord

(see Le Roi Pècheur)

Sinner King, The

(see Chevalier Mal Fit)

Sininis

(see Sinis)

Sinon

Greek

a Greek soldier at Troy
son of Sisyphus, some say
Sinon was left on shore when the
Greeks apparently sailed from Troy
and it was he who convinced the
Trojans that they should take the
wooden horse into the city and lit
the beacon which summoned the
Greeks back.

Sinnópa

North American

an Algonquian girl
sister of Bearskin Woman and
Okina
Her elder sister married a grizzly bear
which was killed by her angry family.
She then became a bear and killed all
her people except Sinnópa and her six
brothers who were away on a hunting
trip. To escape death at the hands of
the bear-woman, Okina, the eldest
brother, shot arrows carrying Sinnópa
and her other brothers high into the
sky. They became the constellation
known as the Great Bear.

Sinope

Greek

a nymph
When Apollo made advances to her,
she asked a single favour before
accepting him. When the god agreed,
she asked to be allowed to remain a
virgin all her life.

Sins Sga'nagwai

North American

a supreme god of the Haida
Indians

Sinsar

Irish

[King of the World.Sinsear]
father of Borba
He took a large force to Ireland to
help Midac in his struggle with the
Fianna. Midac trapped Finn mac Cool
and some of the Fianna in the
Quicken Trees Hostel but the ford
leading to the hostel was held by
Dermot, Innsa, Fiachna and Fotla and
successive waves of attackers were
slaughtered. Finally, Sinsar himself
gathered the remaining warriors and
led an attack on the defenders of
the ford. The rest of the Fianna
reached the ford at about the same
time and a great battle ensued. Sinsar
was killed by Oscar and the invaders
fled when they saw their king go
down. (see also Daire Donn)

Sinsear

(see Sinsar)

Sinta

East Indian

[Dewi Shri=Hindu Sita]
The Javanese version of Sita
wife of Wisnu
mother of Watu Gunung
She was carried off by the demon
Rawana but Rama and Hanuman came
to her rescue.

In one story, she inadvertently
married her own son, Watu Gunung.

Sinthgunt

Norse

brother of Sunna

Síntram

German

a knight
He became a devoted follower of
Dietrich von Bern when the hero
rescued him from a dragon.

Síntu

(see Shinto)

sinurgh (see sinurgh)

Sío Calakoq

North American

a Hopi giant

Sío Húmis

North American

a Hopi rain-god

siod (see sid)

Síoda

Irish

mother of Eoghan Mor by Aíill

Olom

siodbrad (see corpan side)

Síofn

Norse

[Síof(n)(a)]
a goddess of love, attendant on Frigga
sioga (see si)

Síonan

Irish

[Síoin(i)nn.Sinend]
a river-goddess
daughter of Ladan

When she visited the Well of Know-
ledge in defiance of the prohibition on
such visits, the water rose up and
flooded over. She ran westwards but
the water overtook her and she
drowned. The course which the water
followed became the Shannon.

Síosíre

Egyptian

a sorcerer-prince
son of Setna
He claimed to be the ancient sorcerer,
Horus, son of Paneshe, and was
known for defeating a Nubian
sorcerer in a contest of magic.

Siovilli

Pacific Islands

chief priest of an eponymous cult
found in Samoa

Sípa Khorlo

Buddhist

the Tibetan Wheel of Life
This is a device with three circles
setting out the cycle of existence, etc.

The outer circle has twelve scenes
which illustrate the reasons for rebirth
such as ignorance, covetousness and
similar vices. The second wheel has
six triangles, each of which deals with
one of the various realms, given as
Chayula (home of the gods), Lamayin
(home of demi-gods), Miyul (home of
mankind), Yiddak (home of ghosts),
Gholsong (home of animals) and
Nyabwa (the underworld).

The third, innermost, circle portrays
the three worlds of passion
using a cock to portray desire or lust,
a pig for ignorance or sloth and a
snake for anger or hatred.

Sipapu

North American

the hole or cave from which the
ancestors of the Shoshone or Zuni
Indians emerged
By extension, this name is applied to
the hole in the floor of the kiva, the
underground ceremonial room.

sipar

Hindu

a shield, one of the weapons of Durga

Sipe

Pacific Islands

a magician in the Marianas
brother of Saupe
To honour their ancestor, the deity
Lugellan, the brothers instituted
festivals and built monuments, causing
stones to fly into position by magic.

Sipe Gialmo

Tibetan

[Sipe Gyalmo]
a Bon mother-goddess
She is depicted with three eyes and
six arms, riding a red mule.

Sipe Gyalmo

(see Sipe Gialmo)
siposo

African

a mythical missile wielded by a
sorcerer in Zambia

Sippia

German

 [=Anglo-Saxon Sib]
a goddess

Sipra

Indian

a sacred river

Sipylene

Mesopotamian

an Anatolian mother-goddess

Sir Gawain and Carl of Carlisle

a 15th C poem relating the encounter
between Gawain and Carl

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

a 15th C poem relating the encounter
between Gawain and Bercilak de
Hautdesert (see Green Knight)

Sir Perceval de Galles

a 14th C story about the adventures
of Percival
Sir-syv-kten | Sisyphides
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**Sir-syv-kten** (see Sir-syv-kudegen) | **Sisimataiia** Pacific Islands
**Sir-syv-kudegen** Russian | son of the sun in the lore of the Tongans
בר Lenovo | On his marriage in Samoa, his father
gave him two parcels, one of which
must remain unopened until they
reached Tonga. His bride disobeyed
this instruction as they sailed back
to Tonga and the weight of all the
things that emerged from the parcel
was enough to sink the boat and they
both drowned.

**Sisimataiia** Pacific Islands | **Sisinjori** East Indian
son of the sun in the lore of the
Tonga | in the lore of New Guinea, son of the
kangaroo, Amori

He was born after the female
c kangaroo, Amori, swallowed sperm
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He owned a magic sword which
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propitiated the god Phra Sao. If he forgot, it was
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Sisyphus

Greek
king of Corinth
son of Aeolus and Enarete
brother of Athamas and Salmoneus
husband of Merope
father of Almus, Glauclus, Ornytion
and Thersander
father of Odysseus by Anticleia, some say
He is said to have founded Corinth, rearing a race from mushrooms to populate it and to have instituted the Isthmian Games.

When Autolycus began stealing his cattle, Sisyphus fixed lead markers inscribed ‘Stolen by Autolycus’ to their hooves and was so able to prove the theft.

He seduced Anticleia, daughter of Autolycus, on the morning of her wedding to Laertes, either in revenge for the theft of his cattle or, some say, with the connivance of Autolycus with whom he became friends. In this way, he, rather than Laertes, became the father of Odysseus.

He raped Tyro, daughter of his brother Salmoneus, and she killed the children born of this union. Sisyphus persuaded the people that the infants were the result of incest between Tyro and her own father with the result that Salmoneus was banished and Sisyphus took the throne.

He imprisoned Hades (or Thanatos) when he came to take him down to the underworld as punishment for the rape of Tyro or for betraying the fact that Zeus had abducted Aegina. He was handed over to Hades when the latter was freed by Ares but he talked Persephone into releasing him. He was eventually brought back to Tartarus by Hermes and punished by being condemned everlastingly to roll a huge stone up a mountain, only for it to roll back to the bottom just before he reaches the top.

In some accounts he is regarded as a sun-god.

Sisyphus

[see Xithuthros]
Sisyphos

[see Xithuthros]
Set

[see Set]
Sita

[Hindu]
‘furrow’.Seeta.Vedavati=Javanese Sinta
an earth-goddess
daughter of Janaka
sister of Urmila
wife of Rama
mother of Kusha and Lava

She was said to have been born from a plough-furrow as an incarnation of Lakshmi and was the wife of Rama, the seventh incarnation of Vishnu, although some accounts have her as a consort of Indra and Parjanya. Rama was said to have won her hand by winning an archery contest organised by her father.

When she was carried off by Ravana, the king of the demons, her husband raised an attacking force under Hanuman and raised the demons’ fortress, killing Ravana. To prove that she had been faithful during her captivity she invoked her dharma and was taken into a furrow in Mother Earth.

A variation of this story, Rama rejected her when she became pregnant, believing that she had slept with Ravana, and sent her into exile where she gave birth to twin sons, Kusha and Lava. Despairing of winning back her husband she prayed to mother-earth for help. A golden throne rose out of the ground to receive her and she returned to the earth she came from.

Yet another story says that Sita underwent trial by fire but walked unharmed from the pyre due to the intervention of Agni.

Sita

White Brahman
one of the 8 Dharmapalas
Sita

(see Shitala)
Sitalamata

(see Shitala)
Sitamahakala

[Great White Lord]
a god of wealth
guardian of science
one of the 8 Dharmapalas
Sitanjughoshha

(see Siddhaikaviramanjughoshha)
Sitatapatra

[a parasol-goddess]
an aspect of Vairocana
one of the bodhisattvas
She may be depicted with three heads and three eyes.
Sitatapatra-Aparajita

[a version of Sitapatra with 8 arms]
Sitatarā

[a Buddhist-Lamaist goddess]
a form of Tara
an aspect of Amoghasiddhi
or Vairocana

She is depicted with either three or seven eyes.

Sitatapatra

(see also White Tara).

Sita

North American
father of Phyllis, in some accounts

Sithconskii

North American

Sithchean

[see Sithcheenn]

Sithcheann

[see Sithcheenn]

Sithcheen

Irish

a druid

He worked as a smith and, when asked to foretell the future for Niall and his brothers, he set fire to his forge and watched to see what they would save from the blaze. Niall rescued the anvil which led Sithcheen to prophesy that he would become a high-king of Ireland.

In another test, he sent them into a forest where they met a hideous hag at a well. She would allow only the one who kissed her to drink. Only Niall complied and she thereupon turned into a beautiful woman.

Sithhan

Greek

a king of Thrace
father of Phyllis, in some accounts

Sitkonski

North American

[see Sithconskii]

Sithcheen

North American

a trickster-deity of the Assiniboine
Siton

[see Dagan’]
sitondo

African

[Shepherd of the Clouds:
plur=basitondo]
a rain-maker in Zambia

Sitri

[see Sytry]

Sits-by-the-door

North American

a Blackfoot maiden

She was captured by Crows but the wife of the brave by whom she had been seized took pity on her and helped her to escape. On the long journey back to her own people, she would have died of hunger but for the help of a wolf which followed her and killed game to keep her alive.

Situa

South American

an Inca festival held in September

This festival involved offerings to the gods to avert sickness and disaster.

Sitting Above

(see Aabinetili)
siudleratuin

North American

ghosts of the Inuit

See also

Sita: A 9 armed goddess.

Sita

[see Xithuthros]
Sisyphus

[see Xithuthros]
The lowest division is hell. The others are the realms of the brutes, men, demi-gods and gods, plus one known as Yi-dag for a race of beings with large stomachs and thin necks.

(see also Sipa Karlo, Wheel of Law)

sixth sense
(see extra sensory perception)

Siyakmak (see Siyamak)

Siyamak Persian

a primordial being
son of Mashie and Mashyane
son of Gayomart, some say
consort of Nashak
father of Fravak, Fravakain, Guzhak
and Hoshang
Siyamak was said to be the first king and was killed in battle with Angra Manya.

Siyawlash (see Siyawush)

Siyawarshan (see Siyawush)

Siyawush Persian

[Siyawush,Siyavarshan]
son of Kay Kaus and Sudabe

His stepmother made advances which he rejected and she told her husband that his son had tried to rape her. The young man fled from the court but was killed by Afrasiyab.

Sizajazel an angel, ruler of the Zodiacal sign

Sagittarius, the archer

Sjarr (see Siarr)

sjen Slav

[sjenvik]
the soul of a man or an animal acting as the spirit controlling features such as forests and mountains

sjenvik (see sjen)

Sjoen (see Sjofn)

Sjoyn (see Sjofn)

Sjora (see Sjoradare)

Sjoradare (see Sjorand)

Sjoran Swedish

[Sjorandare]=Norse Ran]
a malevolent sea-spirit

Skade (see Skadi)

Skadhi (see Skadi)

Skadi Norse

[Skade,Skadhi]=Skathi]
a giantess
goddess of winter
one of the Asynjur
daughter of Thiassi
wife of Niord, Odin or Uller
mother of Frey and Freya, some say
When her father was killed in Asgard, she demanded that the gods compensate her for the loss. They offered any one of their number as a husband but she must choose by looking only at their feet. She hoped to choose Balder but got Niord. She was unhappy in the warmth of Nioord and so they moved to her old home, Thrymheim. Niord hated the cold and they finally separated although some stories say that they merely alternated between her home and his, every three days. She is said to have married Odin, bearing his son, Saeming; in other accounts she married Uller, god of winter, after leaving Niord.

When Loki was finally captured and bound, she placed over his head the serpent that constantly dripped venom on him.

She is depicted as a huntress in armour, short-skirted and bearing a spear.

In some accounts Skadi is male and Niord is female.

skagi North American
a medicine-man of the Haida

skald Norse
[skald]
a bard

The skalds were the authors of the Eddas.

Skaldatar (see Skaldskaparmal)

Skaldskaparmal Norse
[Skaldatar]
part of the Younger Edda, a book about the skalds and their poetry

Skamandrios (see Astyanax)

Skamandros (see Scamander)

Skamba (see Skambha)

Skambha Hindu
[Skamba]=Greek Atlas]
a name for Purusha in his role supporting the universe

Skran North American
['sky']
one of the 4 Superior Gods of the Sioux
an aspect of Wakan Tanka

Skanda Hindu
['attacker',Gajavahanaka.K(a)umara.

Kartikaya,Karttikeya.Subrahmanya= Greek Ares=Tamil Gajavahanaka.Seyon]
a war-god and god of Mars
son of Shiva and Parvati
consort of Devasena, Kumari and Vaii
father of Naigameya, Sena, Sakha and Visakha

He was said to have been generated after thousands of years from a huge pile of semen left over when Shiva and Parvati reduced their love-making. Some say that his father was Agni and his mother was either Ganga, Parvati
or Uma, while others say that he was created to defeat the demon, Taraka.

He is depicted with six faces and twelve arms, riding the peacock, Paravani.  

Skandar  

Norse

a dwarf, one of the Lovar

Skar-Hedin  

Norse

son of Njal and Berghorra

brother of Grim, Helga, Helgi and Thorgerd

It was he who had earlier killed Thrain, one of the Sigfussons, so starting the feud that led to the slaughter of his kinsmen.

He died with the rest of the Njalsson clan when they were trapped in their house, Berghorskoll, which was burnt to the ground by Flosi and his men but, before he died, Skarp-Hedin killed Gunnar, one of the attacking force, by hurling at him the jawbone which he had cut from the head of Thrain and kept.

Skate  

Icelandic

the Icelandic version of Seyld

father of Bele

Skate Woman  

North American

a spirit in the lore of the Yurok tribe

When the original race, known as the Woge, finally died out, Skate Woman carried their creator to another land somewhere over the sea.

Skatha  

Irish

[Scathach]

a warrior-maid

daughter of Ard and Greimne

sister of Aifa

mother of Cuare and Uathach

She lived in the Land of Shadows and taught Cuchulainn and many others the arts of war.

Skathi  

(see Skadi)

Skøaf  

Norse

son of Thorstein

He grew up to become an even greater hero than his father.

Skidbladnir  

(see Skidbladnir)

Skidbladnir  

Norse

[Skidbladnir,Skjoldnir,Skjolthlathnir]

Frey’s ship

This magic ship, built by the dwarf Dvalin and presented to the gods by Loki, was capable of expanding to carry all the gods but could be folded up and carried in the pocket.

Skidbrim  

Norse

[Skidbrimnir]

a horse of the gods

Skidd  

(see Sceaf)

Skiddr  

Norse

a name for Odin referring to his long beard

Skidi  

(see Sceaf)

Skidi  

Skidskegg  

Norse

Skidju  

Norse

Skilli  

North American

in the lore of the Cherokee, evil witches

These beings were said sometimes to appear at night in the form of owls.

Skiflin  

Norse

a horse drawing the chariot of Dag, god of daylight  

(see also Ringfasi)

Skioblonir  

(see Skidbladnir)

Skild  

(see Sceaf)

Skilding  

(see Skjolding)

Skirflir  

Norse

a dwarf, one of the Lovar

Skirnir  

Norse

a servant of Frey

When Frey fell in love with Gerda, Skirnir volunteered to woo her on his master’s behalf in return for Frey’s magic sword. Riding Bludog-hofi and carrying the sword, the magic ring Draupnir, some golden apples and a reflected image of Frey, he rode to Jotunheim and persuaded Gerda to marry his master.

He was the one who fetched the magic fetter Gelgia from the realm of the dwarfs to fasten the wolf Fenris to the rock.

Skirnir  

in some accounts, a name for Svipdag

Skirnis-For  

Norse

[Quest of Skirnir]

a story in the Elder Edda about the wooing of Gerda by Skirnir

Skithblathnir  

(see Skidbladnir)

Skjaldarass  

(see Skjaldarass)

Skjaldeynjar  

Norse

[Skjaldeynjar]

shield-maidens: Valkyries

Skialf  

Norse

wife of Agni

a name of Freya in Sweden

She killed her husband with her necklace.

Skobeleff  

Russian

a sleeping hero awaiting recall in the hour of his country’s need

Skofnung  

Norse

the magic sword of the Danish king, Hrolf Krakki

skogsfru  

Norse

[=Danish skogsmufa=Swedish skogsra]

a female wood-spirit

These beings are said to be drawn to camp-fires at night and try to lure away the young men.

skogsmufa  

Danish

[=Norse skogsfuru=Swedish skogsra]

a female wood-spirit

skogsra  

Swedish

[=Danish skogsmufa=Norse skogsfuru]

skogsrudare  

(see metsanhalta)

skogsyngfru  

(see metsanaisyt)

Skogra  

Norse

one of the Valkyries

Skolawn  

(see Scolan)

Skoll  

Norse

a wolf

offspring of Fenris and Gollweig

one of the Varns

This animal was one of the wolves which pursued the sun and moon, trying to swallow them. When he and Hati succeeded in this, an eclipse ensued. They fed on the marrow from the bones of dead criminals. As crime increased they grew stronger and in the final days they overtook the sun and moon and swallowed them finally.

Skoyo  

North American

man-eating monsters, in the lore of the Pueblo Indians

Skrata  

(see Skritek)

Skætti  

[=German Scrat]

an imp or devil

Skritek  

Slav

[Skrata,Skrætt(ek),Skræt]

a Slovene spirit of the household

This being is depicted as a boy wearing a crown.

Skirimir  

[=Vasty]

a lord of the Frost Giants

He was an illusion created by the frost-giants to perplex Thor when he and Loki travelled to Jotunheim.  

(see also Utgard-Loki)

Skrymsli  

Norse

a giant

He won a wager with a peasant and demanded the peasant’s son as a prize but agreed to forfeit the prize if the
father could hide the child. Odin changed the boy into a grain of wheat hidden in an ear of corn in a wheat-field; Hoenir changed him into a small down feather and concealed him in the breast of a swan; Loki changed him into a fish-egg hidden in the ree of a fish swimming in the ocean: in every case, the giant found the boy. On the last occasion, the boy ran off and, chasing after him, Skrymsli ran head-first into a pointed stake cunningly placed by Loki and was killed.

Shrzat (see Skritek)  
Skrotek (see Skritek)  
Skritot (see Skritek)

Sk-Ku-in-gyal-po (see Mahapancharaja)  
S-Kui-i-gyal-po Tibetan  
one of the Panchmaharajas  
king of the body

He is depicted riding a white lion.

Skuld Norse  
[Skuldr]  
one of the 3 Norns – the future, necessity daughter of Mimir, some say  
brother of Egil and Volund  
brother of the body

Skuld sometimes rode with the Valkyries. She is depicted as veiled and holding an unopened book.

Skuldr (see Skuld)  
Skulla (see Scylla)  
Skulle (see Scylla)  
Skunk North American  
a character in Navaho lore  
In a typical Tar-baby story, Skunk got stuck to a dummy which he had kicked while engaged in stealing corn.

Sky El North American  
a sky-spirit of the Iroquois

Sky Father North American  
[Father Sky]  
the supreme deity of the Pueblo tribes  
husband of Earth-Mother  
father of One Alone

Sky Father Pacific Islands  
a creator-god

Sky Father (see Jupiter.Mixcoatl)  
Sky People North American  
the inhabitants of a supposed Otherworld in the heavens

Sky Woman (see Ataensic)  
Sky Youth North American  
a sky-spirit of the Kwakiutl  
The cannibalistic female, Tsonqua, fell in love with Sky Youth when she saw a reflection of him in a pool but he was appalled by her advances and killed her.

Skyamsen (see Thunderbird!)

Skylla (see Scylla)  
Slakalekam (see Quaquau)  
Slagdfir (see Slagfinn)  
Slagfin (see Slagfinn)

Slagfinn Norse  
[Slagdfir.Slagfinn]  
son of Badi  
brother of Egil and Volund

When the swan-maidens, Alvit, Olrun and Svanhvit, flew to earth to bathe they left their wings on the shore. Slagfinn and his brothers seized the wings and kept the maidens as their wives for nine years before, homesick, they recovered their wings and flew away. Slagfinn searched in vain for his wife.

Slagfinn Norse  
Slagfinn-Giuki (see Hiuki)  
Slaine (see Slaine)

Slaine Irish  
[a physician]  
son of Partholan

Slaine (see Slane)  
Slaine the Firbolg Irish  
[Slaine]  
son of Dela  
brother of Morca

He was the first high-king of Ireland.

Slane Irish  
[Spring of Health.(Tiopra) Slaine]  
the magic well of Dian Cecht

This well (or spring) was reputed to be able to restore dead and dying warriors immersed in its waters. The Fomoirne, led by Ostriallach, prevented this by piling rocks over the spring.

Slaning Eyes (see Tsal Kalu)  
Slaughtbridge British  
a site on Bodmin Moor said to be the site of the Battle of Camlan

Slave of the Wheel (see Mogh Ruith)  
Sleemish Irish  
[Slaihab Mos]  
the site of Curoi’s fortress

It was said that the entrance to this fort, which would revolve on Curoi’s command, could never be found after dark.

Sleep Heaven African  
the sixth of the 7 heavens of the Bambara, used as a store for secrets

Sleep-joy Norse  
a name for night

Sleetcold Norse  
the palace of Hel

Sleipnir Norse  
the eight-legged horse of Odin

offspring of Loki and Svaldilfare

In some accounts, this animal had only one eye.

Slemin Irish  
a bull owned by Morrigan

Sliabh Mos (see Sleemish)  
Slid Norse  
[Slith]  
a river in Niflheim filled with swords, one of the 12 rivers known as Elivagar

Slidrugtanni Norse  
one of the 2 boars that drew Frey’s chariot

In some accounts, this animal is the same as Gullinbursti.

slide-rock bolter North American  
a fabulous animal

Sliewe Fuad Irish  
the home of Lir

Sliewe Gallion Irish  
the mountain home of Cullan

It was here that Finn was put under a spell by Milucera.

Sliavenamon Irish  
a fairy mountain

Sliith (see Slid)  
silver cat North American  
a fabulous animal

Slob-dpon (see Rinpoche)  
slogute Baltic  
a Lithuanian spirit: a nightmare

Slugagh Scottish  
a fairy race, souls of the dead, seen fighting in the sky

Sma Egyptian  
an amulet worn as a love-charm

Smallback a name for death

SMan Bla Tibetan  
one of the (one) Buddhas of medicine

Smara Hindu  
a name for Kama as ‘memory’

Smashana Hindu  
the place where Shiva dances

Smertrios Celtic  
[Smerttlos]  
a god of war in Gaul

Smerttulos (see Smerttrios)  
Smicrus Greek  
a servant of Patron  
father of Branchus

He and some other servants caught a swan and gave it to their master, whereby it turned into a woman who told Patron that Smicrus would bring him good fortune because, it was said, he was descended from Apollo. Patron gave Smicrus his daughter as wife.
Smieragatto

Baltic

[a Lappish spirit in the form of a cat]

This spirit is said to bring its own butter, cream and milk.

Smilax

Greek

a nymph

When she rejected the love of Crocus the gods changed him into a flower of that name.

Smintheus

(see Sminthius)

Irish

little dwarf who came out from a deep hole.

Sminthius

(see Sminthius)

Greek

[Smithius.Smithian]

a name for Apollo as guardian against mice.

Smirgat

(see Smirnat)

Irish

[Smirgat]

daughter of Fothadh Canainne wife of Finn mac Cool, in some accounts

She warned Finn that, if he ever drank from a horn, he would die.

Smohala

North American

a 19th c shaman

He founded the cult of the Dreamers in the early part of the century.

Another shaman, Moses, attacked him and thought he had killed him but Smohala survived and was rescued from the river.

He took advantage of this episode to claim that he had, in fact, been drowned, had gone to heaven where his spirit had talked with the Great Spirit and had been sent back to earth to spread the Great Spirit's teachings.

Smok

(see Zinek)

Smoking Mirror

(see Tezcatlipoca)

Smoking Mountain

North American

a Metis hunter

brother of Broken War Club

Smoking Mountain and his brother, Broken War Club, met a very hairy and very strong person called Little Man and together they went looking for adventure. One day Broken War Club stayed in the lodge they had found to do the cooking and the other pair went hunting. When they returned, Broken War Club was still moaning from a beating he had received from a tiny dwarf and the same thing happened next day to Smoking Mountain. Little Man stayed home the next day and killed the ugly dwarf who came out from a deep hole. They lowered first Broken War Club and then Smoking Mountain into the hole in a kettle on a rope and they were scared by the noises they heard so Little Man went down. He was attacked successively by monsters with two, then three and finally four heads and killed all three of them. He rescued the three girls the monsters had kept locked up and sent them up in the kettle together with much plunder from the monsters' home. When it was his turn to go up, Broken War Club cut the rope and they left him to die but he managed to climb out. For helping them to settle an argument, a wasp, a worm and a woodpecker each gave him the power to assume their shape. He soon overtook the fleeing men and killed Broken War Club, sending Smoking Mountain packing and keeping the girls and the treasure for himself.

Smol

Irish

a king of Greece

When the Nemdians were decimated by plague and oppressed by the Fomoire, they appealed to Smol for help and he sent supplies and an army to help them.

Smrti

Buddhist

a minor god

Smulkin

British

[Soulsbug]

a demon in King Lear

Smyrna

(see Myrrha)

Snade Teched

Irish

father of Mac Cecht

Snaer

(see Snoer)

Snaggletooth Woman

(see Kukumthena)

Snail Maidan

(see Nū Wa)

snake

a scaly, legless reptile with a forked tongue, sometimes venomous

This reptile, often under the name of serpent, appears in many mythologies.

(1) In African lore the snake is often depicted with its tail in its mouth as a symbol of eternity. (see also ouroboros)

(2) In the East Indies they say that a woman's menstruation is produced from a snake inside her body and that babies are produced from the snake's body.

The Dayaks believe that their ancestors are reincarnated as snakes and so refuse to kill them.

In Sumatra, Naga Pahoda appears as a serpent in the primaeval waters.

Some tribes believe that, if a snake enters a house, the person who sees it first will die.

(3) In Hindu tradition the snake (naga) is a sacred animal. It is said to take many forms and is described as having a navel in its forehead. Some say that the nagas can mate with humans.

(4) In Muslim lore, an evil spirit, in the form of a snake, lives inside a woman's body.

(5) Norse stories include the snakes Offir and Svafrir who were continuously gnawing at the twigs of the world-tree, Yggdrasil.

(6) In North America, the Navaho snake-spirit was involved in a plan with Bear, Frog and Turtle to capture two maidens from an underwater village but the plan went awry and the two girls were killed. Frog and Turtle were lucky to escape with their lives but Bear and Snake fared better. This pair captured two girls who were overcome by the smoke from the kidnappers' pipes, which made Snake and Bear appear as handsome braves with whom the girls mated. One of the girls, Glipsa, escaped when Snake reverted to his former shape but he later found her and, once again as a young man, wooed her. He taught her many things, including the Hozoni chant, and eventually allowed her to return to her own people.

(7) In Sumeria, the snake was regarded as a sacred animal. They say that it acquired the ability to slough its skin when it swallowed the 'Never-grow-old' plant which it stole from Gilgamesh.

Snake2

(see Nāga:Vidhogg-Rainbow Snake:White Snake of Hangchow)

Snake Clan Woman

North American

a spirit of the Hopi

She was with Sand Altar Woman when the latter suffered a miscarriage.

Snake Dance

North American

a fertility rite of the Hopi

This ceremony, used to bring rain and fertility to the land, involves live snakes and represents the marriage of Snake Youth, a sky-spirit, and Snake Girl, a spirit of the underworld.

Snake Girl

North American

a snake-spirit of the Hopi

She is regarded as an ancestor of the Hopi and also of many reptiles.

Snake King, The

(see Ch'ang Hao.She Wang)
**Snake People**

**North American**

Snake People
- in the lore of the Navaho, a race who lived in the underworld, one of whom abducted Glipsa

Snake Stone
- (see ammonite)

Snake Woman
- (see Gihuacoatl)

Snake Youth
- a sky-spirit of the Hopi

Snallygaster
- North American
- [Snallygaster]
- a monster in Maryland
- This beast is envisaged as a huge reptile-like bird which carries off children at night.

Snarayatra
- (see Dipa)
- a festival in honour of Jagannath

Snawdika
- Persan
- a sleet-demon
- This being was killed by Keresaspa.

Snedgus
- (see Snaer)
- [Snow Lodge]
- [The Snow Maiden]
- a Finnish mermaid
- [Snow Woman]
- [Snow Maiden, The]
- [Snow Queen]
- (see Devi, Haimavati, Parvati, Queen of Northgales)

Snorkl
- a fabulous snake
- This venomous, pink-eyed snake has a white body and hence is virtually invisible to its enemies when there is snow on the ground.

Snow Lodge
- (see Snow Lodge)
- [Snow Tepee, Yellow Paint Lodge]
- a magic tepee given to Sacred Otter by Estoneapaesta

Snow Maiden, The
- (see Snegurotchka)

Snow Queen
- (see Devi, Haimavati, Parvati, Queen of Northgales)

Snow Tepee
- (see Snow Lodge)

Snow Wassel
- North American
- a fabulous animal

Snow Woman
- (see Yuki-onna)

Snowbird
- (see Smulkin)

Snowflake
- [Snowflake]
- a primeval god of the Bella

Snydal
- a fabulous animal

So
- African
- a weather-god of the Ewe people

So-at-sa-ki
- (see Soatsaki)
- [So-at-sa-ki]
- a rope
- This rope was used by Oimitsumu to tow parts of Korea across the sea to increase the size of his own kingdom.

Soatsaki
- North American
- [Feather Woman, So-at-sa-ki]
- a Blackfoot maiden
- wife of Apisuahts
- mother of Pōia (see also Scarface)

Sobek
- (see Sebek)

Sochi-Si
- West Indian
- a Haitian voodoo spirit depicted as a soldier

Sobh
- (see Sebek)

Sobrino
- European
- a Saracen
- a counsellor of Agramant

Socht
- Irish
- son of Fitheal
- He who owned a sword formerly owned by Cuchulainn. When his grandfather was killed by Duibhdhriu with Socht's sword, the killer was ordered to pay compensation to Socht.

Socht's sword
- Irish
- a sword formerly owned by Cuchulainn
- This wonderful sword once belonged to Cuchulainn and came down to Socht. It was once stolen by Duibhdhriu who used it to kill Socht's grandfather. As the result of a judgment by Fitheal, the sword was given to Cormac mac Airt.

It was said that the sword could split a man in half and one half of the body would be unaware that anything untoward had happened to the other half until they fell apart. It was also said that it could split a hair floating on water.

Soctothbenoth
- a demon said to take possession of humans

Sodasi
- Hindu
- a minor goddess
- a sakti of Shiva

Sodem
- (see Sotem)

Sodric
- British
- a leader of the Picts in Arthurian lore

Sodza
- African
- a sky-god of the Hua
- With Soghlen, he is regarded as So.
Sodzu Baba
[Japanese]
[Old Woman of the Three Roads]
a woman receiving the souls of the dead
wife of Ten Datsu-Ba
She demands money from all who arrive at her home on the bank of the River of Three Roads and, if it is not paid, takes their garments.

(see also Shozuka Baba)

Soft–Rot
Pacific Islands
one of the 8 Spitters (see Spitter)

Soga Sadayoshi
[Japanese]
a silkworm breeder
She made a silk cap to keep warm the head of an image of Jizo. When she died, Jizo himself interceded on her behalf with Emma-O, god of the dead, and she was returned to life.

Sogbelen
[European]
a messenger-god of the Hua
Acting with Sodza, he is regarded as So.

Sogbo
[African]
a storm-god and god of fire of the Fon people
son of Lisa and Mawu
brother of Sagbata
He set fire to the earth with his lightning but Ottoo, the songbird, gave the alarm and Mawa sent the rain to put out the flames.

In some accounts, Sogbo is synonymous with Mawu, who, confusingly, is female and the mother of Agbe. Others say that Sogbo is the same as Agbe.

Sogpu
[see Abominable Snowman]

Sohodo-No-Kami
Japanese
a Shinto god of scarecrows, guardian of fields

Sohrab
[Persian]
son of Rustem and Tamine
He was born after Rustem left Tamine and so did not know his father. In later years, they met in combat and the father unwittingly killed his own son.

Soido
[see Sido]

Sojo-bo
[Japanese]
a storm-demon, leader of the Tengu

Sokar
[see Seker]

Sokai
[see Seker]

Sokaris
[Greek]
[Soucharis]
the Greek name for Seker

Sokka
[Korean]
[=Buddhist Shakyamuni]
the force of evil personified
He appeared after Miruk had created the universe and fought many battles with him. Miruk finally abandoned the world and returned to the heavens.

Sokkavabek
[see Sokkavabek]

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[see Sokkavabek]

Soko
[African]
[Tsoche]
a creator-god of the Nupe people

Soko
[Japanese]
a guardian god
He and Fuokaoto were derived from Kongorikishi.

Soko-no-kuni
[Japanese]
a name for the underworld,
Yomi-tsu-kuni, as ‘the hollow land’

Sokogba
[African]
a Nupe god of anger

Sokozutsumo
[Japanese]
a sea and fish-god

Sokumapi
[North American]
a Blackfoot brave
He was captured by a bear who taught him the arts of magic and instructed him to make a spear decorated with parts of a bear and eagle feathers. When Sokumapi returned to his tribe, he made such a spear, the power of which routed the Crows who attacked his tribe and he became a famous war-chief.

Sokkavbek
[Norse]
[Sokkavbek(r)]
the home of Odin and Saga, goddess of history
This crystal palace was built under the waters of a clear stream, the ‘stream of time and events’.

Sol
[British]
a warrior at King Arthur’s court
He was said to be able to stand all day on one foot and was one of the party that accompanied Culhwch in his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Sol
[Norse]
a sun-goddess
dughter of Mundilfoeri
sister of Mani
wife of Glaur
wife of Ivald, some say
mother of Iduna, some say
She guided the chariot of the sun on its journey through the heavens.
In some accounts she is called Sunna.

Sol
[Roman]
[Sol Indiges, Sol Invictus, =Greek Helius]
the sun-god: a name for Mithra

Sol
[see Apollo, Helius]

Sol Indiges
[see Sol]

Sol Invictus
[see Sol]
She promised to marry the slave Gol if he would kill an unwanted suitor but, when he did what she asked, she changed places with a servant-girl who married Gol in her place. She then left the court and went into the remote area of the country where Vilmund lived. He found her lost shoe and, after many adventures with Hiarandi, returned her to her family.

**Solitary Youth**

**[Mac(h)aomh an Uaignis]**
son of the Vagrant Youth by a princess of Orkney

**Solomon**

(see Saloman)

Muslim

king of the world, animals and spirits:
dragon-slayer

He killed Jarada’s father but she nevertheless married him and persuaded him to worship her father’s image, whereupon god stripped him of his magic powers.

These powers were invested in a ring made of twelve jewels presented by the four animals, the four angels and the four spiritual beings who paid homage to Solomon when he became king. Each of these stones bore a secret mark or character. When he finally recovered the ring, his powers returned and he forced Jarada to convert to Islam.

It was said that he travelled on a flying carpet which was supported by jinns who were so huge and ugly that they frightened all into paying homage to Solomon when he appeared in the guise of a beggar. The god rewarded him with a straw rope which, when placed across the doorway of the house, protected the occupants from disease.

**Sonmonacodum**

Thai

a saviour god

**Sommus**

Greek

diegod of sleep

son of Nyx
twin brother of Mors

**Somtus**

(see Harsomtus)

**Son**

Norse

a bowl, ‘expiation’

This was one of the three vessels into which the dwarfs Fialar and Galar drained the blood of Kvasir, whom they had killed to obtain his knowledge, from which they brewed the magic drink which endowed all who drank it with the power of poetry and music. Another was known as Boden.

**Son-Gon**

Korean

son of a nobleman

He dreamed about a heavenly maiden who later became his wife and they had two children. While Son-Gon was away from home, a servant-girl named Mewol, who had been Son-Gon’s mistress, told his parents that his wife had been unfaithful to him. They treated her so cruelly that she killed herself with a dagger but, though her spirit returned to heaven, her body remained as fresh as ever and, when Mewol confessed her wicked lies and repented, Son-Gon’s wife was allowed to return to her husband.

**Son of Ammon**

(see Alexander*)

**Son of Heaven**

Chinese

the ruler of China, regarded as a deity

**Son of Heaven**

(see Tenshi)

**Son of Light**

North American

a hero of Hopi myths

When his wife was abducted by Man-Eagle, Son of Light set out to recover her. With the help of Spider Woman, a mole and several birds, he reached Man-Eagle’s lair and defeated him in several contests of magic in the last of which Man-Eagle was burned to death. Spider Woman restored the ashes to a young man who undertook to mend his ways.

**Son of Svarog**

(see Dabog)

**Son of the Hazel**

(see Mac Cool)

**Son of the Lion**

(see Shih-tzu-pi-ch’iu.
Singhalaputra)

**Son of the Plough**

(see Mac an Luin)

**Son of the Spear**

(see Mac an Luin)
Son of the Waves  
(see Dylan) 
Irish

Son of the Waves
a handsome young man who had carried off several maidens who had been involved in lewd dancing. Sonobé was sent by his master to tell Yenoki that the tree in which his spirit lived would be cut down unless he stopped seizing the village girls. Yenoki told Sonobé where he could find the girls, who had been tied to trees, and he released them.

Song of the Sun  
Song of Ullikummi
Hurrian

Song of the Guru
Sonnillon
Sonjara
between men.

sleep during the Dreamtime they sang
When the ancestors rose from their
dead and the 4 quarters of the
deceased and the 4 quarters of the
earth

A long poem by Longfellow relating the
dead and the 4 quarters of the
earth

Song of Roland
Song of the Blessed Lord
Song of the Guru
Song of God
Song of God
Song of the Ruler
Song of the Sun
Song of Ulikkummi
Hurren

the story of the conflict between
the gods

Song-tsen Gam-po
Tibetan

[son-tsen-gam-po] a warrior-king
He married Wen-Cheng and Bhrkuti to increase his realm. They converted him to Buddhism and they lived in a statue of Avalokiteshvara.

Songkran

a festival in honour of the god Phra In
It is said that Brahma lost his head in a wager with Phra In and the head was handed into the safekeeping of seven goddesses. They pass the head from one to another to signal the start of the New Year.

Songlines
Australian

[dreaming lines] the trails of music and words left by ancestors of the Aborigines
When the ancestors rose from their sleep during the Dreamtime they sang men into existence. Each left a musical trail as a means of communication between men.

Sonjara
(see Sunjata)

Sonna
(see Sundee Kwannin)

Sonneillon
[sonnillon]
a demon of hate opposed to St Stephen

Sonneillon
(see Sonneillon)

Sonobé
Japanese

a retainer of the Lord of Kishiwada
When the spirit of Yenoki appeared as
He is said to have written some 120 plays, including Ajax, Antigone, Electra, Iphigenia in Aulis, Oedipus at Colonus, Oedipus Rex, Oedipus Tyrannus, Philoctetes, Triptolemus and Teucrigniae.

Sophrosyne
Greek
a goddess, temperance personified

Sopona
African
the small-pox god of the Yoruba

Soranus
Roman
an Italian god

Sorath
a demon of the sun

sorcerer
one who performs magic or witchcraft

sorcery
divination aided by evil spirits:
magic: witchcraft

Sore-Gus
African
[Sun-ram]
a sky-god and sun-god of the Hottentot

He is envisaged as a golden-fleeced ram.

Soredamor
British
daughter of Lot
sister of Gawain
wife of Alexander
mother of Cligés

soreisha
Japanese
[tam-ya]
a small Shinto household shrine
dedicated to ancestors

Sorgalant
European
a Saracen king
husband of Esclaramonde
His wife had an affair with his captive,
Vivien, and the lovers fled together
when the king found out.

Soripa
East Indian
a Sumatran earth-goddess

Sorli
Norwegian
son of Jonakur and Gudrun

In some versions of the story of Gudrun and Atli, Gudrun survived an attempted suicide by drowning and married King Jonakur by whom she had three more sons, Erp, Hamdir and Sorli.

When her daughter, Swanhill, was killed by King Ermenrich, Gudrun ordered her three sons to avenge Swanhill's death.

En route, Hamdir and Sorli killed their younger brother, Erp, deeming him to be too young for such a mission. When they found the king, they cut off his hands and feet and would have killed him, had not Odin intervened. The brothers were stoned to death, on the orders of Odin, by the king's subjects.

Sorlus of the Forest
British
a knight of King Arthur's court
brother of Brian of the Forest

He fought his brother to decide which of them should chase the white stag that had interrupted Arthur's wedding feast. Gawain, who had been given this task by the king, stopped the fight and sent them to submit themselves to the king.

soroka
African
oracles of the Zande

Sororia
(see Juno)

Sorlog
Celtic
Lord of Old Sarum
husband of Eigrn

Sors
Roman
a god of fortune

Sorta ketse
(see Toste-mari)

Sorta pairam
(see Toste-mari)

sortes
divination by random opening
of a book

‘Sortes Biblicae’ refers to this practice when the Bible was used.

‘Sortes Homericae’ involved the use of a text by this poet, such as his Odyssey.

‘Sortes Preneestinae’ involves scattering letters of the alphabet from a jar and using words so found as prophetic.

‘Sortes Sibyllinae’ involves drawing verses of prophecy from a jar or throwing dice to choose such verses.

‘Sortes Virgilianae’ refers to the practice when the book used was Virgil's Aeneid.

(sortilegium)
divination by drawing lots:
foretelling the future

sortilég (see sortilege)

sortition
the casting of lots by such means
as throwing dice, spinning pointers,
etc.

Sos
Greek
the Greek form of the Egyptian Shu.

Sosan-Desa
Korean
a magician

He was challenged to a contest of magic by Samyong-Dang. They each swallowed live fish and regurgitated them; those swallowed by Sosan-Desa lived, Samyong-Dang's died. When they each built a pile of eggs, Samyong-Dang started at the bottom but Sosan-Desa started at the top. Sosan-Desa finally offered his guest a bowl full of needles, saying they were noodle soup. Samyong-Dang refused them but his host ate them all and Samyong-Dang was forced to concede that his host was the greater magician.

Soshans
(see Saoshyant)

Soshyant
(see Saoshyant)

Sosil
(see Muggo)

Sosioch
(see Sraosta)

Sosipolis
Greek
a city, Greek name of Sipolis

Sosipolis
a child who became a serpent

When the Arcadians attacked Ells, a woman apareened who gave her new baby to the Eleans as she had been instructed to do in a dream. When the child was placed in front of the Elean troops, it turned into a fearsome snake, the sight of which routed the Arcadians. The snake then disappeared into the earth.

Sosol
an angel, ruler of the Zodiacal sign Scorpio

Sosom
(see Sido)

Sosondowah
North American
an Iroquois hunter

He had been taken up to heaven to guard the goddess of the dawn but fell in love with the mortal princess, Glennenwitha. When he took the form of a hawk and carried the maiden up to heaven, the goddess was so angry that she changed her into the morning star.

Sospita
(see Sispe)

Soté
Norse
a pirate

He stole a magic armlet from Volund and buried himself alive with his treasure. The armlet was recovered by Angantyr, Belé and Thorsten on one of their many voyages.

Sotem
Egyptian
a god of hearing

[Sodem.Sozem]

Soter
Greek
a name of Zeus as 'saviour'

Sothis
Egyptian
the Greek name for Sopdet

Sotre
European
an ugly French imp

He is said to appear in the form of a whirlwind, causing women and children to be carried away.

Sotuknag
North American
a creator-god of the Hopi nation
son of Taiowa
father of Kokyangwuti

When the first humans, created by Kokyangwuti, became wicked, he
sent a flood to kill them but their creator led many of them from the lower regions to the earth's surface and they survived to spread across the face of the land.

**Soucharis** *(see Sokaris)*

**Souchos** *(see Sokoris)*

**Souconna** *(Celtic)*

a goddess of the Saône

**Soul**

an immortal part of man and, in some authors, of animals

The idea of a soul appears in many religions and mythologies and is thought variously to reside in blood, the brain, the intestines or in such organs as the heart, liver or kidneys.

1. In some African societies, a man has four souls, women and children only three. One of these souls can leave the body during sleep.

2. In the East Indies, the Papuans say that the soul (sovai) survives death.

3. The Chinese envisage two types of soul, the hun and the po. Everybody has three hun (the spirit soul) and seven po (the spirit which maintains the body).

4. In Egypt, it was said that there were two souls, the ba which could leave the body and take any form, usually that of a bird, and the ka which lives on after death.

5. Early Hebrew lore tells of a three-part soul, comprising the neshemah, the refesh and the ruach.

6. The Malay soul (sumangat) is usually that of a bird, and the ka (the spirit which maintains the body).

7. Muslim lore says that all humans, animals and plants have souls. After death, the soul may live in the form of a white dove, sheltered by god's throne, though others say that souls are kept in the crops of green birds in heaven.

8. Some North American Indian tribes also believe in two souls – a small one in the heart which goes west at death and which can be reborn four times, and a large one. The latter was given by the hero, Wisaka, whereas the small soul is the gift of the supreme deity. Other tribes believe that the soul has a separate existence as a star. Still others believe that some animals have souls which leave the body finally only after it has been killed four times.

9. In Siberia, the Buriats say that there are three souls in each person; one dies, one becomes a ghost and one is reborn.

10. In South America, some equate the soul with a reflection in a mirror or in water, or with one's shadow; others say a person has several souls situated in various parts of the body. Some say there are only two souls, one kind, the other vicious. The soul is not always thought of as immortal.

11. In the West Indies, the Haitian zombie is the body of one whose soul has been taken over by a sorcerer who uses it to control them.

**Soul Animal**

an animal into which the soul of a human is reborn

Another type of soul animal is an animal born at the same time as a human being, perhaps even a long way off, both being linked by fate.

**Soul of Grief** *(see Tristram)*

**Soul of the Mirror** *(see Yayoi)*

**Soul Worship**

the worship of ghosts

**Souleth** *(see somlth)*

**Souliu** *(African)*

god of vegetation and wealth of the Hua people

**Soumilliot** *(British)*

father of Fergus, king of Lothian

**Soundia** *(see Sunjata)*

**Sourakata** *(African)*

the first bard among the Mande people, said to have descended from heaven

**Source of Flowers** *(see Xochipilli)*

**Sousson-Pannan** *(West Indian)*

a Haitian voodoo spirit

This being is reputed to be covered with sores and to drink blood.

**Southiel, Ursula** *(see Mother Shipton)*

**Souw** *(see Sido)*

**Soval** *(East Indian)*

[sovar]
in Papuan lore, the soul

[sovar] *(see sovai)*

**Sovali** *(see Sido)*

**Sovereignty** *(see Soval)*

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[Sovali]*

**Sovranity of Ireland** *(Irish)*

[Sovereignty of Ireland.*Spirit of Ireland*] the personification of kingship

A female, usually old and wrinkled but turning into a beautiful maiden, who determines the rightful claimant to the throne.

**sowlth** *(see somlth)*

**Sown-man** *(Greek)*

a race of warriors

When Cadmus killed the guardian water-dragon of the Castilian spring, that had slain some of his companions, he sowed its teeth in the ground. Immediately, warriors sprang into being, fully armed, and when Cadmus threw a stone amongst them, they fought amongst themselves until only five were left. These five were Chthonius, Echion, Hyperenor, Pelorus and Udaeus, and they served Cadmus and helped him to build the city of Thebes.

The teeth left over from this operation were later sown by Jason with similar results. *(see also Sparti)*

**Soyal** *(North American)*

[a nine-day Hopi festival, held at the winter solstice, instigating the return of the Kachinas]

**Soyala** *(see Soyaluna)*

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**Sozemen** *(see Sotem)*

**Space of Cold Death** *(see Mate-Anu)*

**Space of Extreme Cold** *(see Whakerere-Anu)*

**soyoko** *(North American)*

monsters of the Hopi

**spadisir** *(Norse)*

[snakonur.spakonur.vol(yna)]

wise women: witches: spae-wives: a description of the Norns *(see also disir.vala)*

**spae** *(Scottish)*

divine: foretell: prophesy

**spaeman** *(Scottish)*

[a diviner: prophet]

**spæwives** *(Scottish)*

witches: fairies: female soothsayers

**spagyric**

pertaining to alchemy

**spagyric food** *(see elixir of life)*

**Spain** *(Irish)*

a name used for the Land of the Dead: the home of the Milesians

**spakonur** *(see spadisir)*

**Spandaramet** *(Persian)*

[Spantaramet.Spandaramet] a name for hell

**Spandaramet** *(see Armaiti)*

**Spantaramet** *(see Armaiti.Spandaramet)*

**sparrow** *(Greek)*

a bird sacred to Aphrodite
Sparte
Greek
daughter of Eurotas, wife of Lacedaemon, mother of Amyelas and Eurydice

Spartoi
Greek
[see Sparti]
the 5 surviving Sown-men and their descendants

The five were Chthoniüs, Echion, Hyperenor, Pelorus and Udeaus. Their descendants were said to have a birthmark in the shape of a spear-head.

(see also Sown-men)

Spatulomancy

divination from burning shoulder-blades

Spaul
North American
the supreme god of the Indians of Queen Charlotte Island

This being is envisaged as a benevolent raven who killed the evil Queenah.

Spalan
Irish
a noble

He gave a feast to which he invited Cormac mac Airt after he had given up the throne in favour of his son Cairbre. Cormac died at the feast when a fish bone got stuck in his throat.

Spear-bhean
Irish
a woman seen in a dream or vision: a sorrowing spirit

Spear of Pisear
Irish
a name for lightning, the magic spear of Lugh which he received from Pisear

Spearmasters
African
priests of the Dinka people

Speckled Knight
British
one of the knights defeated by The Great Fool

Speckled Hen, The
Irish
one of the halls at Emain Macha

(see also Red Branch)

Spectre
a ghost

Spectre Huntsman
Malay
a hunter

His wife gave birth to twins while he was away looking for a mouse-deer which she had asked him to get for her and he had promised never to return until he found one. This he never did. His son, when he grew up, looked for his missing father and found him in the forest, covered with moss. He had learned magic by which he made many people ill and he instructed his son as a doctor so that he could cure them.

Spectre Huntsman

Spewah
Australian
a fictitious cattle-station where everything is bigger or better

Spell
an incantation used by witches, etc. to entrance

Spell of Odin’s Ravens
(see Hrafna Galdur Odins)

Spenag Menog
(see Spenta Mainya)

Spendarmad
(see Armaiti)

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Spenjaghyra
Persian
a demon killed by Vazishta (lightning)

Spenkaramet
(see Armaiti.Spandaramet)

Spenka
Irish
a name and attribute of Ahura Mazda as ‘the bounteous spirit’, the good principle of one of the 7 Ameshas

Spenta Mainya
(see Spenta Mainya)

Spenta Armaiti
(see Armaiti)

Spenta Mainyu
(see Spenta Mainya)

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Sperta
a female creator-spirit

African
a trickster-god of the Temne

This being is also regarded as a wise deity.

spider
North American
a female creator-spirit

Some tribes assert that the spider wove earthly phenomena (including plants, animals and mankind), the web of fate and the alphabet.

Spider Man
(see Ictinike)

Spider, Mr
(see Anansi)

Spider Woman
North American
a Hopi spirit

She helped Son of Light to recover his wife who had been abducted by Man–Eagle. (see also Hahai Wugtu. Kokyangwuti.Naste Estsan. Old Spider)

spigena
(see laumé)

Spinagros
European
a giant in Italy

Spiniensis
European
a god of agriculture

Spirit
a ghost: a disembodied soul; the breath of life

Spirit Dog
(see Pono-Kamita)

Sphinx
Greek
[Phis. The Strangler]
a winged monster, part woman, part lion, with the tail of a serpent

This beast, daughter either of Orthrus and Chimaera or of Typhon and Chimaera or the serpent Echidna, was sent by Artemis to ravage Thebes after Laius had abducted Chrysippus. Some accounts say it was sent by Hera, others by Apollo or Dionysus.

In all versions, she killed and ate any traveller who failed to answer the riddle given to her by the Muses and was herself killed when Oedipus successfully replied. Some accounts say that she threw herself over a cliff, others that Oedipus drove her over the cliff at sword-point.

(see also Riddle of the Sphinx)

Sphondulomancy
divination from spindles

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Spirit-land (see Ghost-land)
Spirit of Ireland (see Sovrancy)
Spirit of Rain *Japanese* an attribute of Inari as embodied in the fox
Spirit of the Stranger (see Komba Ralingki)
Spirit of the Wind *Chinese* a spirit which leads those souls due for reincarnation over the bridge to the Tower of Forgetfulness
Spirit Star *North American* a Pawnee sky-spirit
spirit trap *South American* a plaited object of great intricacy
This object is used by the natives of the Guianas to frustrate the activities of spirits. It can be left on a path so that any following spirit will waste time puzzling over it, allowing the intended victim time to escape.
spirit world the land of the dead
Spirits of Solomon *Mesopotamian* 72 rebellious demons Solomon is said to have put these beings into a ‘brass vessel’ and thrown it into a lake from where it was recovered by the Babylonians who thought it contained great treasures. When they opened it, the demons escaped.
Spiritual Dragon *Chinese* one of 4 Dragon Kings, responsible for rain and wind
spiritualism the belief that we can communicate with the spirit world, generally through the agency of a medium
spiritus mendaciorum the second order of demons, the spirits of falsehood, ruled by Python
Spitter* Pacific Islands* a spirit of the Philippines
There are said to be eight of these spirits who take charge of the newly dead. If one of them spits on a living person, that person will fall ill with some disease, probably leprosy. They can be guarded against by two other spirits known as ‘Tudong and Sreng’, a similar story is that of Bran’s invasion of Ireland to recover Branwen.
Spook a ghost
Spotted Eagle (see Wanblee Geshka) a Cornish goblin living in stones
spiggan *British* divination from ashes
Spills of Annwfn, The *British* a poem by Taliesin
This poem relates the exploits of King Arthur in his quest to win the magic cauldron in the underworld. He took three shiploads of warriors on the expedition but only Arthur and seven others survived.
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spora...
Sreng

Irish

[Seang]
a Firbog warrior

When the Danaans landed in Ireland, they suggested that they share the island with the Fir Bolg. They could not agree and fought the first Battle of Moytura, during which Sreng met Nuada and cut off his hand (or arm, in some accounts) which Dian Cecht later replaced with a silver model.

He became the king of the Firbolg.

Sri

Hindu

[Anushayina.Shrig.Shru.Sridevi]
a early goddess

and later to Ireland by Milesius. They were led to Spain by Breoghan after quarrelling with the Scythians, they were led to Spain by Breoghan and later to Ireland by Milesius.

Sru

Irish

an ancestor of the Irish

grandson of Gaedheal Glas

son of Esru

father of Eber Scot

He led his people from Egypt, where they were persecuted, to Scythia, crossing the Red Sea with four ships holding twenty-four wedded couples.

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Srong-btsan-sgam-po

(see Song-ten Gam-po)

Srosh

Persian

a messenger of the gods

It was his duty to tell the king when his time on earth was up.

Srva

Persian

a group of Be deities assimilated into the Buddhist pantheon

Svarta

Persian

a storm-demon

This being was slain by Keresaspa.

Sbeinatu

African

a name of Katonda as ‘lord of all’

Ssewannaku

African

a name of Katonda as ‘eternal one’

Ssr

Korean

a fabulous dog or the unicorn

Ssu

Chinese

one of the parts of the Tao Tsang, the canon of Taoist literature

One of the works in this part of the Tao Tsang contains the Tao Te Ching. The other part is known as the San Tsang.

Ssu-bhshen

(see Four Saints)

Ssu-Ling

(see Four Auspicious Animals)

Ssu-ma Kuang

Chinese

one of the disciples of Confucius allowed to sacrifice in the Temple of Confucius

Ssu-ma Ta Shan

(see Ma Wang)

Ssu Ming

Chinese

a legendary hero

He assisted the gods in controlling events on earth. In some accounts he is divided into two, the deities Shang T’ai and Wen Ch’ang.

Ssu Ming

(see Tsao Chiin)

ssu-niu

Chinese

dragons said to appreciate music

St Brendan’s Isle

(see Island of the Blessed)

St Patrick’s purgatory

Irish

a cave said to be an entrance to the underworld

Sta-au

North American

ghosts of the wicked in the lore of the Blackfoot Indians

Stackalee

North American

[Stackerlee.Stagolee]
a black stoker on a steamboat

He sold his soul to the Devil for a magic stetson which made him invulnerable to fire and enabled him to change shape as he wished. Even the Devil got fed up with his troublemaking and arranged for his hat to be stolen by a man who Stackalee shot.

Staff of Fate

(see Kala-danda)

stag

the male deer

Technically, a stag is over four years old; over five years it is referred to as a hart.

(1) In Greece the deer was regarded as the animal of Diana.

(2) The Japanese regard the deer as the animal of Jurojin.

(3) In Mesopotamian lore the deer was a symbol of fertility.

(4) In Norse mythology four harts, Dain, Dvalin, Duneyr and Durathor, grazed on the shoots of the world-tree Yggdrasil.

(5) In Welsh stories the Red Stag of Redynvre is one of the animals
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| Staphylus'                  | Greek                | a king of Delos In some stories, he married Chrysothemis when she fled to Delos to escape death at the hand of Orestes. star Mesopotamian the symbol of An Star Boy North American the son of a maiden who rose up to heaven and married Star Husband Star Country North American the sky, in the lore of the Hopi Star Creator South American a creator-god of Tierra del Fuego After the original giants inhabiting the earth had been killed, Star Creator made the ancestors of the present tribes from clay. Star Festival (see Hoshi matsuri) Star-folk North American in the lore of the Algonquians, the beings who live in the heavens. These handsome beings sometimes descend from their beautiful Star country to earth on ropes spun by the spider. Star Husband North American a heavenly being who married an earthly maiden when she rose up to heaven Star-maiden North American a fairy who came to earth in a basket One such being married Algon, another married Cloud Carrier. In the story of Algon, he found a fairy-ring on the prairie and watched as twelve star-maidens descended from the sky in a basket and danced round the ring. He tried several times to catch the youngest star-maiden, without success, and finally turned himself into a mouse. When she tried to kill him, he returned to his normal form and carried her off. They married and had one son. Some years later, she made another wicker-basket and, taking the child with her, ascended to her home in the sky. When the boy was grown up, he asked to see his father so they came back to earth in the basket. Algon returned to the skies with them, taking parts of all the animals and birds with him. The star-people each took one of the fragments and became the animal or bird whose part they had chosen. Algon, his wife and son, all became falcons. Star of Dignities (see Lu Hsing) Star of Emoluments (see Lu Hsing) Star of Happiness (see Fu Hsing) Star of Longevity (see Shou Shen) Star of Officials (see Lu Hsing) Star of Quarrels (see Lo-hou) Star of the Sea (see Isis) Star Woman South American a supernatural female An ugly man, whom no woman would marry, wished for a star as a wife. A woman then appeared who married him and he immediately became handsome and very successful. The Star Woman then took him to her own home in the sky but he found it too cold up there and died. Starthiat Irish an ancestor of the Fir Bolg son of Nemed father of Semion Starkad (see Starkader) Starkader Norse [Hrosvarsgrani.Starkad(0).Starkath(0)] an eight-handed warrior He was a favourite of Odin and was given the gift of poetry. Starkad (see Starkader) Starkath (see Starkader) Starkath (see Starkader) Starkn Irish son of Sera brother of Agnoman and Partholan, in some accounts father of Tuan mac Carell Starkn2 Irish son of Nemed, in some accounts Stata Mater Roman a fire-goddess She was said to be able to make fires stand still. Stater British [Staterius] a Welsh king He fought against Dunwallo Molmutius and was killed in battle. Staterius (see Stater) Statius Roman a 1st c bc poet He was the author of Achilles, Tebais, etc. Statue of Zeus Greek a huge statue, in gold and ivory on wood, made by Phidias This statue was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Staurus Egyptian the tree of life: the cross of Osiris as the symbol of immortality Steingud Norse a woman due to be born after Ragnarok as the progenitor of a new race Stella Maris Greek the Greek name for Isis Stellio Greek a young boy He was changed into a lizard by Demeter for making a joke about the rate at which she ate her food. Stentor Greek a herald at Troy His voice was said to be as loud as the combined voices of fifty other men. He died in a shouting match with Hermes. Stephan Serbian a hero brother of Demitrius When the Turks attacked Belgrade, Demitrius fled and Stephan was captured. Despite offers of wealth and power, he resisted all attempts to...
make him embrace the faith of the Turks and escaped death only when the princess, Haykoona, fled with him and, converting to the Christian faith, married him.

Sterculia tree  
Korean

the tree of life; the tree supporting the world

Sterculia tree  
Roman

[Sterculus,Sterquilinius]  
a name for Picumnus as a god of manuring

Sterculia tree  
(see Sterculius)

Stercopus  
Greek

[Atseria,Atserope]

a nymph, one of the Pleiades  
daughter of Atlas by Hippodamia  
or Pleione  
mother of Oenomaus by Ares  
wife of Oenomaus, some say  
(see also Electra3)

Stercopus  
Greek

[Atserope]

daughter of Acastus and Hippolyta  
or Astydamaia  
sister of Laodamia and Sthenele

Stercopus  
Greek

[Cepheus]

one of the 3 original Cyclopes  
on of Uranus and Gaea

Sterculius tree  
(see Sterculius)

Sterculius tree  
Greek

[Stenelaus]

son of Capaneus and Evadne  
father of Cometes and Cylarabes  
Heracles made them rulers of Thasos.

Sthenelus  
Greek

[Stenelaus]

son of Androgeus or of Actor  
brother of Alceaus  
He and his brother served as slaves to Heracles on his ninth labour to atone for the murder of two of Heracles' crewmen by subjects of his brother, Alceaus. Heracles made them rulers of Thasos.

Sthenelus  
Greek

[Stenelaus]

a king of Mycenae  
son of Perseus and Andromeda  
brother of Eleuctryon  
husband of Nicippe  
father of Alcinoe, Eurystheus and Medusa  
He seized the throne of Mycenae when Electryon was accidentally killed by Amphitryon.

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Sthenno  
(see Thethenly)

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[Stenelaus]

a name for Scaef in some stories

Stihi  
Balkan

a female demon in Albania  
In some accounts she is a fire-breathing dragon who guards a hoard of treasure.

Stilbe  
Greek

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Stone Coat  
North American
ia giant in the lore of the Ute

A young boy of immense strength came to Stone Coat’s lodge, despite a warning from his father, and was challenged to eat one bear before Stone Coat could eat the other. By deception, the boy won and was challenged to kick a log higher than the giant could. The boy won, kicking the log very high so that when it fell on Stone Coat it killed him. The boy had earlier killed a family of thunder-spirits and later killed a gambler who had made a practice of decapitating those who lost to him at dice. He also helped the Bear and Wolf tribes to win a ball game and they invited him to become their chief, an honour he gave to his father.

Stone Giant  
South American
ia giant of the Yahgan people of Tierra del Fuego

The only vulnerable parts of his body were the soles of his feet and he was killed by a humming-bird who discovered this and attacked him.

Stone Giants  
North American

the original inhabitants of the land of the Iroquois

These giants were defeated by the thunder-god, Hinun, who persuaded his brother, the west wind, to blow the giants over the edge of a deep ravine where they all perished.

Stone Man  
(see Darukaviterè)

Stone Men  
(see Hayunu)
Stone of Destiny

[Coronation Stone,Fal(stone),Jacob's Pillow,Jacob's Stone,Lia Fail,Stone of Fal. Stone of Scone,Tara Stone]

the stone on which the Pictish kings sat at their coronation

It is said to be the stone used as a pillow by Jacob, mentioned in Genesis, which was brought to Ireland by a princess called Tea or by Gaedheal. It was later taken to Iona and thence to Scone in Scotland, finally ending up in England as the Coronation Stone. It was said to roar when a new monarch sat on it, so confirming his right to the throne.

Other versions say that there were two such stones, the Lia Fail of Ireland, discovered by Conn Creadchathach, and a similar stone (Jacob's Pillow) in Scotland brought to Scotland from Egypt by Gaedheal.

***Stone of Dylan*** (see Maen Dylan)

***Stone of Fal*** (see Stone of Destiny)

***Stone of Scone*** (see Stone of Destiny)

***Stone People***

Greek

a race created after the flood

The sole survivors of the flood, Deucalion and Pyrrha, threw stones over their shoulders, creating a new race to repopulate the earth.

***Stone Woman***

(see Maiso)

***Stonehenge***

British

a megalith on Salisbury Plain

Some say that these stones were originally standing in Ireland as the Giant's Ring. In some versions, they were brought over to England and re-erected by Merlin's magic or, some say, with the help of the Devil. In other stories, the structure was built by the druids.

***Stoneribs***

North American

a hero of the tribes of the north-west son of Volcano Woman

He skinned the halibut which an eagle dropped on to the shore and, wearing the skin, took the form of a halibut and swam south towards the sound of voices calling for help. He found a tribe starving and helped them to collect mussels for food. When the monster whale, Qagwai, wrecked some of the tribe's canoes, killing the occupants, Stoneribs lured the monster to the surface and, when it chased his canoe, mouth agape, Stoneribs jumped into the gaping maw and killed the monster by shooting it from the inside. He then skinned the whale and, by wearing the skin, was able to become a whale himself. Another monster trapped Stoneribs but he was able to escape by changing back to a halibut.

When he finally returned home, he took off the halibut skin and hung it up to dry. An eagle swooped down and carried off the skin and, thereafter, Stoneribs remained his normal human shape but became known as Crystalibs.

**stones**

some stones are said to have the power to conjure up or to ward off demons

Among the many stones to which such powers are attributed are anachitis, anacithidus, antiphates, chrisoletus, chrysolite, coral, kinocetus, pontica and synochitis. (see also sacred stones)

***Stones of King Arthur's Knights***

See Cerrig Marchogion)

***Stoorworm***

Scottish

a huge water-monster with venomous breath

Asspattle killed this monster, after thirty-six great warriors had failed. The stoorworm swallowed him when he went out in his little boat to fight it, so he cut open its liver and pushed in burning peats which he had brought with him. The dead body became Iceland and the monster's teeth fell out to form the Orkney Islands.

**stopan**

a Bulgarian spirit of an ancestor acting as guardian of the house

***Storia del Merlino***

Italian

a 14th c Italian life of Merlin

**stork**

a sacred bird in Sweden

**stork**

Greek

the bird sacred to Hera

***Storm-serene***

(see Bilskimrir)

***Storm Winds***

Mesopotamian

one of the Eleven Mighty Helpers created by Tiamat

***Stormalong***

British

a sailor-hero

One explanation for the white cliffs of Dover is that his great ship, CONNOR, scraped the sides of the Dover Straits as it passed through. It also carved out the Panama Canal when driven ashore by a storm.

***Story-tree***

African

in the lore of the Chaga, a tree that reached the sky

This tree grew on the spot where a sheep and a cow had been sacrificed, following the death of a young girl who had sunk into a quagmire at that point. Two boys who climbed the tree disappeared into the heavens and were never seen again.

***Stove God***

(see Kitchen God)

**Stoymir***

Slav

a sleeping knight

He sleeps, with his companions-in-arms, in a cave in Bohemia awaiting a call to arms in an alternative version of the Wenceslas story.

***Stradwawl***

Welsh

wife of Coel and mother of Gwawl, in some accounts

***Strangler, The***

(see Sphinx)

***Strassburg, Gottfried von***

German

a 13th c writer who contributed to the Arthurian legends

**strenae**

Roman

twigs used in the New Year festival

These twigs were taken from a grove sacred to Strenia and were given as tokens of good fortune.

***Strenia***

Roman

[=Greek Hygeia=Roman Salus]
a Sabine goddess of the New Year festivities

***Stretcher***

(see Procrustes)

***Stribog***

Slav

a wind-god and god of wealth

***Stribogu***

(see Stribog)

***Stricta***

Greek

[Stricta]
one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis caught Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Stricta, tore him to pieces.

***Stricta***

(see Stricta)

***striges***

Roman

blood-sucking monsters

***String Man***

(see Hi Haela)

***String of Lights***

(see Deepavali)

***Striped marten***

(see Huu-huu Tiao)

***Stroke Lad***

(see Amadan)

***Stromkarl***

Scandinavian

[Stricte]

a fish-tailed water-spirit, male

In Norway, this being is a spirit of the waterfall and a wonderful musician.

In Sweden, it is the spirit of any body of freshwater.

***Strong One***

(see Guhyaka)

***Srophades Island***

Greek

the home of the Harpies

***Srophius***

Greek

king of Phocis

husband of Anabixia

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father of Pylades
He sheltered the young Orestes when he fled after the murder of his father Agamemnon by Clytemnestra.

Strophius² Greek
king of Phocis
son of Pylades and Electra

Stymphalides (see Stymphalian Birds)

Styrge
a ghost or vampire

Styrmo Greek
daughter of Scamander
wife of Laomedon
mother of Antigone, Clytius, Hesione, Hicetaon, Lampos, Podarces, Thymoetes and Tithonus

In some accounts, she is referred to as Placia.

Stymyon Greek
a river-god
father of Boreas by Eos, some say father of Phesus by Euterpe, some say

Studas German
father of Heime

He gave Heime the sword Blutgang with which to challenge Dietrich.

Stupa Buddhist
[caitya.dagaba.dagoba.tope⇒Pali thupa]
a mound or shrine containing relics of the Buddha or a saint

(see also pagoda)

Sturlason (see Snorri Sturluson)

Sturleson (see Snorri Sturluson)

Stux

Stybjorn Norse

[Stybjorn]
an enemy of Eric the Victorious
He fought with Eric who swore to sacrifice himself to Odin if he were granted victory. The god intervened on the side of Eric and Stybjorn's men were rendered blind and then swallowed up in an avalanche.

Stygeros Greek

a name for Hades as ‘hateful one’

Stygiannon Greek

an oath sworn on the River Styx which was regarded as irrevocable

Stygian nymphs Greek

nymphs in Hades

These nymphs were in charge of the accoutrements of Hades – the helmet of invisibility, the winged sandals and the magic wallet – which were borrowed by Perseus when he set out to kill the Medusa.

Stymphalian Marshes Greek

Stymphalian Marshes were dispersed or killed by Heracles as his sixth Labour. Those that escaped flew to the island of Aretius where they later harassed the Argonauts.

They were described as being part crane, part eagle, part stork, and having feathers like arrows.

Stymphalian Marshes Greek

the home of the Stymphalian birds

Stymphalides (see Stymphalian Birds)

Stymphalus Greek

a king of Arcadia
son of Elatus and Laodice
brother of Aepytus, Cyllen and Pereus
father of Parthenope

Pelops pretended to be his friend but murdered him during his attempt to conquer Arcadia.

Stybjorn (see Stybjorn)

Styx¹ Greek

[hateful].Stux:⇒Japanese Sodzu Baba]
a sea-goddess, chief of the Oceanids
daughter of Oceanus and Tethys
wife of Pallas
wife of Hades, some say
mother of Bia, Cratus, Nike and Zelos

She sent her four sons to help the gods in the battle with the giants and was rewarded with a place as the river of oaths in the underworld. (see Styx²)

Styx² Greek

[hateful].Stux⇒Babylonian Hubur:
⇒Hindu Rasa⇒Norse Leipter]
one of the rivers in Hades

The Styx was said to encircle the underworld nine times and was regarded as the river of the unbreakable oath. A god who broke an undertaking sworn on the Styx was rendered unconscious for nine years, followed by nine years (some say one year) in exile. Mortals were poisoned by the waters of the river if they broke an oath.

Some say it was this river, rather than Acheron, over which Charon ferried the souls of the dead.

Su South-American

a legendary monster
This cruel beast had the head of a woman, the forelegs of a tiger, the hindlegs of a wolf and a tail like a huge leaf which it used to protect its young in times of danger.

It was reputed to kill its own young rather than allow them to be captured.

Su (see Shu¹)

Su-Mitra Hindu

[Sumitra]
third wife of Dasa-ratha

mother of Lakshmana and Shatrughna Vishnu gave the childless Dasa-ratha a portion which he shared between his three wives. Si-Mitra received a quarter and produced twin boys, Lakshmana and Shatrughna.

Su-p’in-t’ê Chinese

[Su-p’in-t’ô] the Chinese version of Subhinda

Su-p’in-t’ô (see Su-p’in-t’ê)

Sua South American

a sun-god and culture-hero of the Muyscaya Indians
consort of Cuchaviva

In some accounts he is equated with Bochica.

Suac Pacific Islands

a hero of the Philippines
His fame was due to the club which he stole from one of the giant bungisngis which enabled him to kill other monsters and all his enemies.

Suadela Roman

[⇒Greek Peitho]

the goddess of persuasion, particularly in romance, seduction and love

Suaxitis Prussian

[Suatitix]
a god of light

Suaxitis (see Suaxitis)

Suaddaim (see Sualtam)

Sualdairn (see Sualtam)

Sualdamh (see Sualtam)

Sualdan (see Sualtam)

Suait Irish

an ancestor of Finn mac Cool
son of Eiltan
father of Trenmor

Suulam mac Roth Irish

[Suulam(om)h.Suulain]
an Ulster chieftain
husband of Deictera
the earthly father of Cuchulainn

In some accounts, Cuchulainn was the son of Deictera by Lugh who had spirited her away to the Otherworld on her wedding eve but he was raised by Suulam as his own son, then called Setanta.

In the battle with the forces of Connaught, he rallied the warriors of Ulster to save the province. In doing so, he spoke before the druid Cathbad and, for this breach of protocol, cut off his own head on the sharp edge of his shield but the head still gave out the rallying cry.

suan-i Chinese

dragons depicted as seated under the feet of the Buddha
suan side  Irish
sleep induced by the fairies
Suana  Irish
a poet at the court of Conor mac Nessa
Suanteade  Irish
a harpist
son of Uaithne and Boann
brother of Gentrade and Goltrade
He and his brothers played music
so sad that men died weeping as
they listened.
Suarga  (see Svaraga)
Subhada  East Indian
[Semhadra=Indian Subhadra]
sister of Baladewa
wife of Arjuna
Subhaga  African
in the lore of the people of Mali, these
are people who can leave their own
bodies and enter those of others.
Subahu  Hindu
a king
father of Sunanda
When Damayanti arrived at his court
after weeks of wandering, he gave her
shelter and made her an attendant on
his daughter, Sunanda.
Subala  Hindu
a king
father of Gandhari
Subhadrade  Hindu
[=East Indies Dewi Shri.Sembadra.Subadra]
a goddess
daugher of Surabhi or Vasudeva
sister of Krishna
mother of Abhimanyu by Arjuna
Subhaga  Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala
Subhamekhala  Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala
Subhinda  (see Nandimitra)
Subhuta  Buddhist
[=Tibetan Rab-'byor]
an incarnation of the Grand Lama
He is said to have been a Naga in a
previous existence.
Subrahmanya  Hindu
[Brahmayus.Subrahmanya]
a minister at the court of Shanka
husband of Brahnavati
father of Maitreya
In some accounts, the husband of
Brahnavati and father of Maitreya is
referred to as Brahmaus.
Subrahmanyade  Hindu
[Subrahmanyaya]
a warrior-god
a form of Karttikeya or Skanda
son of Agni and Svaha
brother of Ganesha, some say
He was created by Shiva to kill an
asura who was attacking a rishi. By
looking into the depths of a lake, Shiva
engendered six infants. Parvati
embraced the babies and compressed
them into one child with six heads.
This hero cut the asura in half, using
one half to make the peacock which he
uses as his vahana. The other half
became the cockerel which is one of
his symbols.
In this form, he was consort of
Dewanei and Wallamei.
His various symbols include a bow
and a cockerel.
Subramanya  (see Subrahmanyaya)
a nickname for St Patrick
Succor Benoth  a demon of jealousy
He is said to be a eunuch in hell and a
personal favourite of Persephone.
In black magic he is the chief
eunuch of the Royal Houshold.
(see also Succoth Benoth)
Succoth Benoth  Mesopotamian
the Semitic version of Sarpanitu
succubi  (see succubus)
succubus  (see succubus)
succubus  [succubus: plur=succubi]
a demon in the form of a female
which attacks sleeping men and
has intercourse with them
Sucellos  (see Sucellus)
Succellus  Roman
[Sucellos.The Good Striker.The Hammer
God.=Irish Dagda.=Roman Dis.Silvanus]
a Celtic thunder-god in Gaul
consort of Nantsovelta
He is sometimes depicted with a three-
headed dog and a raven and holding a
mallet (or hammer) which he used in
two ways. When he struck the earth
with it, plants appeared. He also used
it to strike the dying to give them a
quick release.
When depicted beside Nantsovelta, they
are accompanied by symbols of
prosperity and domesticity.
Suchada  (see Sujata)
Suchiloma  Hindu
one of the Yakshas
Suchimukha  Hindu
one of the realms of hell
This region is reserved for the
punishment of misers who have
strands of barbed wire wound round
their bodies.
Suchos  (see Souchos)
Sucking Monster  North American
in Indian lore, a monster which sucks
in his victims instead of eating them
Suclagus  a fire-demon
Suculae  Roman
[=Greek Hyades]
the Roman name for the Nysaean
ymphs (Hyades)
Sucunyum  Central American
a Mayan creator-god and god of
the underworld
brother of Hachayum
He carried the sun-god Ah Kin back
through the underworld each night
ready for his next journey across the
sky.
Sudahah  (see Sudab)
Sudabe  Persian
[Sudahab]
a Yemeni princess
wife of Kay Kaus
mother of Siyawush
Sudaram  (see Sudrem)
sudarshana  Hindu
Vishnu’s discus which he used as
a weapon
Suddhodama  (see Shuddhodhana)
Suddhodana  (see Shuddhodhana)
Suddhodhana  (see Shuddhodhana)
Sudha  Hindu
a Brahmin
He acted as a counsellor to King Bhima
who sent him out with 100 others to
search for his daughter, Damayanti,
who had disappeared when her
husband, Nala, left her. Sudava found
the missing princess at the court of
King Subahu.
sudha  (see amrita.soma)
sudhan  (see amrita.soma)
Sudhapani  (see Dhanvantari)
Sudharmar  (see Shuddharm)
Sudharmam  (see Shuddharm)
Sudhavhan  Hindu
an archer-god
Sudika-Mbambi  African
[‘thunderbolt’]
a hero of the Mbundu people of
Angola
son of Nzuadia
twin brother of Kabundungulu
He was said to have been born armed
and holding the tree of life, the
Kilembe, and immediately set off in
pursuit of the evil Makishi who had
attacked his tribal village, assisted by
the four Kipalende. His first wife was
the daughter of a witch but he married
a second wife, daughter of the king of
the underworld, where he had been
swallowed by the fish (or crocodile),
Kimbuji, but rescued by his own

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brother, Kabundungulu. The brothers later fell out and fought, after which they went their separate ways.

**Sudjumna**

Hindu

son of Vaivasvata

He is said to have changed sex quite often.

**Sudolisa**

Slav

a princess

The ogre Kostey cast a spell on her which put her into a long sleep. She was rescued by the prince, Junak.

In some versions she is described as a fairy, wisdom personified.

**Sudrem**

Afghan

[Sataram.Sudaram.Sujum]

a Kafir weather-god

husband of Nangi-Wutr

father of Disari

He was created either from the branch of a juniper bush or from the breath of Imra.

**Sudri**

Norse

one of the 4 dwarfs supporting the sky (south)

**Sudurjaya**

Buddhist

a minor goddess

one of the bhumis

**Sudurmuha**

Hindu

an evil king, the second incarnation of Kubera (see Kubera)

sueje (see suje)

Sueje-loodde

Baltic

a Lapp which reveals the names of those about to die

This spirit is said to appear in the form of a man.

**Suen**

(see Sin'.Suin)

**Suffete of the River**

Phoenician

a river-beast

This animal fought on the side of Kosovo in his battle with Baal.

**Sugaar**

European

a male spirit of the Basques

This being takes the form of a snake which lives underground but can fly. Some say that Sugaar is the devil while others regard him as a form of Maju.

**Sugariof Mountain**

North American

the home of the Karok guardian spirit, Al'ker

Sugata

Buddhist

a name for the Buddha as one who follows the proper path (see also Tathagata)

sugi

Japanese

a tree often planted near a shrine, the favourite home of the Tengu

**Sugiwara-no-Michizane**

(see Michizane-no-Sugiwara)

**Sugnedydd**

Welsh

father of Sugyn

**Sugriva**

Hindu

[Nala]

a monkey-god, king of monkeys

son of Surya

husband of Ruma

His brother, Balin, deposed Sugriva but Hanuman sought the help of Rama who killed Balin and restored Sugriva to the throne. In gratitude, Sugriva helped Rama in his attack on the fortress of Ravana who had abducted Sita, the wife of Rama, building a bridge of floating stones from India to Ceylon (see also Nala)

**Sugmonxone**

(see Nemquetcha)

**Sugunsua**

(see Bohica.Nemquetcha)

**Sugyn**

British

a warrior at King Arthur's court

son of Sugnedydd

He could suck up a huge area of the sea, leaving it dry, to cool a fever in his breast. In one story he is said to have caused a fleet of 300 ships to be stranded when he drank the sea-water.

**Suhgurim**

(see Marduk)

**Suhab**

(see Sohrab)

**Sui Jen**

Japanese

a man who learned how to produce fire by watching a bird pecking a tree

**Sui Tengu**

Japanese

a sea-god

He was a deified emperor who drowned at sea, aged seven.

This deity is sometimes depicted in the form of a woman, Nii-no-ama, holding a baby. (see also Niidomo)

**Suijina**

Japanese

Shinto water-gods: a water-nymph

**Suijin-matsuri**

Japanese

a feast in honour of the water-deities, held on December 1st

**Suijun**

Siberian

a feast in honour of the water-deities, held on December 1st

**Suijinsatsu**

Japanese

husband of Shintosu

**Sukhna**

Sumerian

husband of Ruma

**Suhgurim**

(see Suibhne Meann)

**Suijike**

Irish

the place where Moring sat when he adjudicated between the joint high-kings, Diarmaid and Blathmac

**Sujata**

Japanese

husband of Rona

He was killed by his cousin, Aech Slaine, who was then killed by Suibhne's son, Conall.

**Suibhne Colmain**

Irish

father of Conall

He was killed by his cousin, Aedh Slaine, who was then killed by Suibhne's son, Conall.

**Suibhne Meann**

Irish

[Suibhne Meand.Sweeney]

a high-king of Ireland

son of Fiacna

husband of Rona

He was killed by Cognall Caesar so that his foster-father, Domhann mac Aodha, could become king. In his dying moments, Suibhne threw a chess-piece which blinded Cognall's previously damaged eye.

**Suibhne Mend**

(see Suibhne Meann)

**Suibhne Moling**

Irish

husband of Saho-bime.

He was killed by his cousin, Aedh Slaine, who was then killed by Suibhne's son, Conall.

**Suijina**

Siberian

husband of Shintosu

**Suchada**

Thai heroine

She sustained the Buddha with milk and rice during his sojourn under the bo-tree.

In another story, she donated to a monastery a large pumpkin. This changed into a diamond from which a mystery man carved a statue of the Buddha.

When she was accused of witchcraft and beheaded, her head flew up to heaven.
Sujum

Sukhanabikona (see Sudrem)
Sukhanabikona
son of Musubi
He fell from heaven when he was very young and was found by Okuni-Nushi.
He became Okuni-Nushi’s constant companion, helping him to clear the land. One day, he climbed a tall millet plant which bent under his weight and then sprang back, throwing the young god back to the land of Eternity, Tokoyo-no-kuni.

Sukhavati
Buddhist

Sukra (see Sukkamielli)
Baltic

Sukka
Hindu
dughter of King Saryata
wife of Chyavana
She married the sage Chyavana despite his emaciated condition arising from asceticism. When he grew old, she tricked the Aswins into restoring his youth by offering them the status of gods. When they bathed the sage in a lake and restored his youth, he offered to worship them, the only one to do so.

Sukara
Hindu
da division of Naraka reserved for drunkards and stealers of gold

Sukarasya
Buddhist
a minor goddess

Sukhanka
Hindu
the capital of Varuna’s undersea realm, Pushpagiri

Sukhavati
Buddhist
the Pure Land of the west, ruled by Amitabha

Sukkamielli
Baltic
a Finnish goddess of orgiastic love

Sukla-Tara (see White Tara)
Buddhist

Sukra (see Shukra)

Sukramukha
Hindu
one of the realms of hell
This region is reserved for the punishment of tyrants – they are crushed between huge rollers.

Sukkamielli
Baltic
a Finnish deity of nightmares
This being can act either as a succubus or as an incubus to have intercourse with sleeping mortals.

Sukma
Hindu
a minor god
one of the vidyesvaras

Suku
African
a creator-god of the Ovimbundu people

Sukkana-biko (see Sukkana-biko)
Sukkana-Hikona (see Sukkana-Hikona)
Sukkana-Hikona
Japanese
[Sukkana-Hikoni:=Buddhist Yakushi]
a Shinto god of healing and traders

Sukkana-biko
Japanese
[Sukkana-hikona.Sukkana-biko]
a dwarf Shinto god of medicine
a king of Izumo

He was reputed to know everything and he helped Okuni-Nushi to build the world.

In some accounts, he assisted Okuni-Nushi to quell unrest in his realm.

sukuyan
West Indian
[sukuyan:=Surinam azeman]
a female vampire of Trinidad

sukya
South American
[Panamanian neles]
in Honduras and Nicaragua, a shaman
These people are said to be able to cure illness by exercising the spirit which caused it and prevent it from returning by tying round the patient a thread which the shaman has passed through a hole in his tongue until it is soaked with blood.

sul1
Mesopotamian
[Sumana2]
Sulmanu
Sulman2
Sula
Sul2
Sul
Sulmanu
Sulmanu
Sumana
Suman
Suman
Suman1
Sumana
Sumana

husband of Mutahbul Bahri
and Onang Kiu
He is said to have conquered some of Malaya and married the ruler’s sister.
He later conquered Siam and took another wife, Onang Kiu, daughter of the king, Chulan. His third wife was Mutahbul Bahri, daughter of a sea-king, Aftabul Ardi.

After many more conquests, he returned to his home in Malaya riding the sea-horse, Farasul Bahri.

Suman1
Buddhist

Sulbundu
Siberian
a shepherd-god

Sulevia
Roman
[Sul-s-Minerva]:plur=Suleviae:
=British Sul
a Celtic goddess of thermal springs

In some accounts, as Sulis, she is described as a goddess of the underworld and prophecy. Often conceived as a nourishing, life-giving mother-goddess.

Suleviae
(see Sulevia)
Sulini
Hindu
a minor goddess

Sulis
(see Sulevia)
Sulis-Minerva
(see Sulevia)
Sulla
Sullat
Mesopotamian
[Sulla]
a minor god, attendant on Samas

Sulmanitu
Mesopotamian
[Sulman:=Assyrian Salman]
a Semitic fertility and war-goddess

Sulman
(see Suman)
Sulmanu
Mesopotamian
[Sulmanu:=Assyrian Salman]
a Babylonian fertility and war-god

Sulmech
(see Sanju)

Sulpa
Mesopotamian
a Sumerian god of the planet Jupiter
consort of Ninhursaga, some say

Sulpicius
British
a pope who, it is said, knighted Gawain before he joined King Arthur’s court

Sulis
Mesopotamian
a Sumerian sky-goddess

Sumalini
Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala

Suman
African
[plur=asuman]
among the Ashanti, a talisman against evil

Sumani
Buddhist
consort of Champeyya
When her husband, in the form of a naga, was captured by a snake-charmer, she pleaded with the king who obtained Champeyya’s release.

Sumani
Hindu
wife of Dama

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Sumanakuta
the native name for Adam's Peak, regarded as the home of Sumana

sumangat
[sumangat.tanoana.tondi]
the soul which, it is said, wanders away from the body during illness

sumangat negari
Malay
a guardian spirit of the town

Sumangurur
African
a tyrant with magic powers

His magic powers were derived from his father, a jinnee, who could be killed only with an arrow pointed with a cockerel's spur. He killed Sunjata's brothers and usurped the kingdom. When Sunjata's sister, Nyakhaleng, discovered the secret of the magic, Sunjata was able to kill the jinnee and Sumangurur lost his powers, changing into a bird which flew away leaving Sunjata in control of his kingdom.

Sunamitra
Indra's heavenly palace

sunars blot
Norse
spring sacrifices to the gods

Sunati
a deity, literature personified one of the dharkanis

Sumbha
Buddhist
a guardian goddess one of the dikpalas

She and Sumbharaja are responsible for guarding of the lowest point of the universe.

Sumbharaja
Buddhist
a guardian god one of the dikpalas

He and Sumbha are responsible for guarding of the lowest point of the universe. He is blue in colour and his three faces are blue, white and red. His appearance is wrathful.

Sumbula
Arab
the Zodiacal sign Virgo

Sumbur
Siberian
[Sumner.Sumur]
a sacred mountain

This mountain appeared out of the navel of the frog which, lying on its back, supports the earth.

Sumer
(see Sumbur)

Sume
South American
a Brazilian culture-hero

He performed many miracles and taught the tribes the art of agriculture before departing for the heavens, leaving his footprints in the rocks.

Sumeru
(see Mount Meru)

Sumitra
(see Su Mitra)
Sumiyoshi-No-Kami
Japanese
sea-gods and gods of poets

They include Munakata-No-Kami and are worshipped by the Jingu-kugo sect.

Summa
Norse
a sun-goddess sister of Nanna

Summanus
Roman
[‘biggest’] an Italian storm-god

In the Roman pantheon, he was regarded as the god of the night sky. His festival was celebrated on 20th June.

Summer Country
(see Summer Land)

Summer Land
British

[Summer Country]
the Otherworld, ruled by Melwas

Summer Mother
North American
a guardian spirit of the Tewa tribe

She guarded one of the two caves in which humans sheltered while the earth dried out after the primordial ocean had receded. The other cave was guarded by Winter Mother.

Summer-snake charm
(see ch’iu-she)

Sumono
Japanese
a spirit of the plum tree

This spirit appeared, weeping, to the gardener Hambei when a noble proposed to transplant Hambei’s plum tree to his own garden. When the noble tried to kill Hambei, he succeeded only in cutting off a branch of the tree, which fell on his head.

Sumplegadai
(see Symplegades)

Sumua
Pacific Islands
a forest-spirit

Sumua was born, a handsome boy, from the union of a woman and a cassowary and is credited with giving many gifts, including that of fire, to his people.

He is said to have had ten wives, all mortals. His function as a deity is to receive the souls of the dead.

Sumburugur
North American
a creator-deity of the Zuni

consort of Underground Mother

father of Paiyatemu

Sun Father
(see Page Abe)

Sun Halo
North American
a sky-spirit of the Klamath

He followed the sun-spirit, Shel and eventually lived in the sky-lodge built by Kumush.

Sun
the star at the centre of our solar system

This star is central to many mythologies and systems of worship.

(1) In Australia, some tribes say that the sun is derived from an emu’s egg which was thrown into the sky.

(2) In parts of Central America the sun is regarded as the home of the dead.

(3) The Chinese say that the sun was created by Pan-ku and regard it as an emblem of the emperor.

(4) In Christian tradition the sun is regarded as the emblem of the Virgin Mary and typifies Christ.

(5) In Egyptian lore the sun is Ra’s golden boat in which he traverses the sky and came from a golden egg laid by the Nile Goose.

(6) Hebrew’s regard the sun as a symbol of Jahwe’s power.

(7) Hindus regard the sun as the eye of Mitra or Varuna.

(8) Muslim lore has the sun as the guardian of financiers and princes.

(9) In Norse mythology the sun was projected into the heavens from Muspelheim, the land of fire.

(10) In Persia the sun-god, Mithra, was the supreme deity of a major cult of sun-worship.

(11) In South America, the Inca cult of sun-worship was centred on their sun-god, Inti.
Sun Hou-shih (see Sun Hou-tzu)

Sun Hou-tzu [Chinese]

[Monkey King, Sun Hou-shih, Sun Wu-k'ung—Indian Hinman]
a monkey-god

He was a companion of Hsüan Tsang on his journey to India to bring back the Buddhist scriptures, a story related in Pilgrimage to the West.

On the journey to India, he recovered Hsüan Tsang's robe which had been taken by the Black Bear spirit and helped to rescue him when he was captured by monks and again when he was held captive by the White Bone Lady. In one adventure, he met his identical self, in another he recovered the treasure stolen by a monster with nine heads and, when Hsüan Tsang was trapped by seven spider-women, he sought the help of a Hindu god who rescued the prisoner and his companions. In another country, he overcame a demon who had put a spell on the king who was about to eat the hearts of over 1,000 young boys and, when his companions were captured by the Leopard Spirit, he turned himself into a firefly to effect their rescue.

In India, a woman killed her husband and accused Hsüan Tsang of the crime but she received her just deserts when Sun Hou-tzu restored the man to life.

Some say that he was born from a fruit-stone and was made king of the monkeys by the emperor. He once made war on the hosts of heaven but was captured by the celestial dog, Ti'en Kou. He was said to be able to cover 3,000 miles in one leap and once leaped to the edge of the universe in a vain attempt to prove himself greater than the Buddha.

He is also described, in another story, as a monkey-fairy who stole the peaches of immortality from the magic tree at the home of Hsi Wang Mu and the pills of immortality from Lao Chun. When he tried to assume the role of Governor of Heaven, the Buddha shut him up in a mountain from which he was released after 500 years by Kuan Yin.

Sun of Water [See First Sun, Fourth Sun]

Sun Pi [Sun Pi]
a minor deity, patron of shoemakers and cobblers

He was originally a 4th c. general who invented the boot to cover his mutilated feet after having had his toes cut off.

Sun-ram [See Sor-Gus]
a girl who became the sun sister of Moon Brother

This girl was visited by a clandestine lover and, by putting paint or soot on her hands, was able to identify him as her own brother. Appalled, she cut off her breasts and flew up into the heavens where she became the sun. Her brother chased her and, failing to catch her, became the moon.

Sun Snarer [North American]
in the lore of the Seneca, a boy who captured the sun

This boy, whose clothes were burnt by the sun, made a noose of pubic hair and lassoed the sun. As a result, the sun nearly died from strangulation and the earth grew dark. The animals became afraid and, one after the other, chewed at the rope until it finally parted and the sun shone once again.

Sun Tear [Irish]

the name given to Der Greine, in some accounts

Sun Wu-k'ung [See Sun Hou-tzu]

Sunah-sepa [Hindu]

son of a Brahmin

Harischandra had promised to sacrifice his son to Varuna but delayed it by various ploys. When the boy came of age, he hid in the forest to escape death and eventually persuaded a Brahmin to sacrifice his son, Sunah-sepa, in his place in exchange for several herds of cattle. The young victim prayed to the gods and his bonds fell away. He became a pupil of Vishvakarma and later became a great sage.

Sunama [Hindu]

brother of Kansa

He was one of those killed by the young Krishna.

Sunan Ambu [See Ambu Dewi]

Sunanda [Hindu]
a princess
daughter of Subahu

When Damayanti arrived at her father's court after weeks of wandering, Sunanda took her as one of her attendants.

Sunanda [Hindu]

one of the Yogini, 8 demonesses attendant on Durga

Sunasira [Hindu]
a god of ploughshares

Sunawawi [North American]

[=Paine Cunawabi] a creator-god and culture-hero of the Ute

When Sunawawi urinated on a small rock it reported this to its father who then chased the hero, killing all the various animals that tried to halt its progress. Finally, it smashed itself to pieces when it collided with another boulder behind which the fugitive had taken shelter. As a result, Sunawawi decreed that rocks should last for ever.

In some accounts he is the brother of Coyote.

Sunbearer [see Tsohanoai]

Sunda [Hindu]
a god of the seasons

brother of Upasunda

These brothers were never apart and ruled together in harmony. Brahma, at their request, made each brother invulnerable, except to each other, but then asked Vishvakarma to create the beautiful Tilottama with whom both brothers fell in love. They fought over her and each killed the other.

Sundara [Buddhist]
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala

Sundara [Hindu]
a goddess

an aspect of Shiva as 'prosperous'

Sunde [see Jundei Kwannon]

Sung [Chinese]
a minor deity of the underworld

Sung Chiang [Chinese]
a minor deity: a mortal who became the patron god of thieves

Sung-gi-gval-po [see also Chi]

Sung Shan [Chinese]
a sacred mountain, one of the Five Holy Mountains known as Wu Yüeh

Sung Su-k'ung [Chinese]
one of the 3 deities regarded as patrons of tea

Sung-ta [Tibetan]
a horoscope used in fortune-telling

Sung Ti [Chinese]

the third of the Ten Yama Kings
subsided, he and Waterfall mated with
After the flood sent by Hokomata had
was returning on foot to the
Pura Land carrying one sandal in his
hand.

Suniti Hindu
wife of Uttanapada
mother of Dhruva
Her husband expelled Suniti and her young son, Dhruva, from his court at the behest of his younger wife and they lived together in the forest until Dhruva was seven when he left to find his father.

Sunjata African
[Sonjara.Soundiata]
a Mali prince
son of Fata Kung Makhong and Sukulung
He was seven years in the womb and seven years old before he walked. When Sumanguru killed Sunjata's brothers and usurped the kingdom, Sunjata's sister, Nyakhaleng, slept with Sunjata and discovered his secret. She told her brother who shot Sumanguru's father, a jinnee, with an arrow tipped with a cockerel's spur, the only thing that could kill him. As a result, Sumanguru lost his magic arrow and was killed by Itonde, a race of semi-divine people, who was returning on foot to the plains when, one by one, they threw themselves into the flames of their camp-fire. They took aboard their canoe a woman whose hands they had burned and took her with them to an island where a wizard painted them and they became the Supernatural People.

They appear in the stories of Blue Jay and his sister, Ioi, as the beings who restored to life the corpse that Blue Jay had married.

Superwise (see Atrahasis)
Superlatus a dust-demon
Supidini [sueje] a Shinto goddess
consort of Upidini
These two deities were produced from a branch of the primeval god, Umashishikabihikoji.

Suppinabiles British
a knight at King Hoel's court
He went to the court of King Arthur and told of Tristram's marriage to Isolde, Hoel's daughter. There he heard that Tristram was false to his lady.

Suppliant Women Greek
a play by Aeschylus about the Theban wars

Suppliant, The Greek
a play by Euripides about the Theban wars

Suprabha East Indian
in the Javanese version of the Mahabharata, she was the wife of Arjuna

Supratika Hindu
one of the Dikpalas or the elephant helping him

Supreme August Jade Emperor [see Yu Huang Shang Ti] Hindu

Supreme Goddess Hindu
a name for Devi

Supreme Lord Hindu
a name for Shiva

Supreme Lord of the August Heaven [see Huang-t'ien Shang Ti] Hindu

Suqe-mutua Pacific Islands a bad spirit of the New Hebrides the fork-headed ruler of the dead

Sur-mumy Russian
a river-goddess of the Votyaks

Sura Hindu
a king of Mathura
father of Kunti

Sura Hindu
a benevolent minor god
These gods were opposed by the Asuras.

Sura (see Varuni)

Sura Uthaka Thai
a Khmer king
When he upset Thanamun, the snake-king, that king's followers undermined
the capital city which then sank into
the ground. Thanamun coiled himself
round Sura Uthaka and drowned him
in the river.

**Surabhi** Hindu
[Nandini.Surabhi] the cow of plenty
mother of Hamsika and Nandi
mother of Rohini and Subhadra,
some say
This sacred animal was the tenth
thing to be produced at the Churning
of the Ocean.
It had the power to grant wishes
and was the mother of Shiva’s white
bull, Nandi.
Some say that Brahma granted
Surabhi a heaven of her own, called
Goloka, into which devotees who have
given cows are permitted to enter.
In some accounts, Surabhi is the
same as Nandini though others say
that Nandini was the cow owned by
Vashishtha which was one of the many
calves of Surabhi, as was the bull
Nandi.
In others she is equated with
Kamadhenu.
**Surabja** (see Surabhi)
**Suradevi** (see Varuni)
**Suraksini** Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Buddhakapala
**Surali** (see Odva)
**Suran** (see Sulana)
**Surangama** Buddhist
a bodhisattva
**Surasa** Hindu
a female demon
She was a defender of the fortress of
Ravana against the attack led by
Hanuman and she pulled Hanuman
under water by his shadow and
swallowed him. He escaped by
increasing his size to force her to open
her mouth and then reducing his size
and shooting out through her ear.

**Suran-tura** Russian
a celestial god, guardian of women
in childbirth
**Suratha** Hindu
a king
When Suratha was deposed, he
became a hermit and met Somadhi at
the hermitage of the sage Medhas.
Together they started a new cult,
worshiping Devi, who granted each
of them one wish. Suratha was given a
kingdom to rule over.

**Suresvara** Hindu
a god
one of the ekadasarudras

**Surgat** (see Aqiel)
**Suria** East Indian
[=Hindu Surya]
a javanese sun-god

**Surid** Egyptian
a king
He ordered the construction of two
pyramids in which were stored written
accounts of all current knowledge.

**Surites** (see Curicaberis)
**Surlude** British
the realm of Galahad in Lyonesse

**Surma** Baltic
a monster guarding the Finnish
underworld, Tuohela
This beast was envisaged as an
enormous pair of fanged jaws without
a body.

**Suringx** (see Syrinx)
**Suro** Russian
a sacred mountain, home of the gods
This mountain is in the third storey
of heaven.

**Surong Gunting** East Indian
a culture-hero of the Iban people
He learned the arts of agriculture from
the stars and the rituals of birds from
his grandfather, Sengalong Burong,
and passed his knowledge on to the
tribe.

**Surpanaka** (see Shurpanakha)
**Surpanakha** (see Shurpanakha)
**Sursunabi** Hindu
a jinn

**Surita** (see Surtur)
**Surtr** (see Surtur)
**Surtur** Norse

**Surja** Hindu
a sun-prince, in the lore of Borneo
husband of Surya or Savitri

**Surya** Hindu
[=shiner.’sun’.Surya-Bai]
a sun-goddess
a Javanese sun-god
son of Dyaus and Aditi or Prithivi
son of Brahma or Kasyapa, some say
husband of Sanjna
father of Mana, Revanta, Yama and Yami
father of Karna by Kunti
father of the Aswins, Soma and Ushas,
some say
He is regarded as one of the Dikpalas,
guardian of the south-west with his
elephant Kumuda.
He assimilated Savitri and Vivasvat.
His wife, Sanjna, unable to face his
brilliance, left him to become a mare
in the forest where he found her. They
mated, with Surya in the form of a
stallion, producing the Aswin twins
and the warrior, Revanta. Sanjna left
her maid, Chhaya, to take her place
and Surya fathered three children on
her during his wife’s absence. His
brightness was later reduced by
Vishvakarma, Sanjna’s father.
In some accounts, Surya is Agni,
worshipped as the sun and these two
forms, plus Trita (lightning) are
referred to as Tryambaka.
He is depicted as dark-red, three-
eyed, and four-armed, sometimes
riding in a one-wheeled chariot drawn
by four or seven red or white horses
driven by Aruna.

**Surya-Bai** (see Surya)
**Surya Narayana** (see Surya)
**Suryaa** Hindu
[‘shiner.’sun’.Surya-Bai]
a sun-goddess
daughter of Surya or Savitri
wife of Chandra
She rides in a chariot with the
Aswin twins and, in some accounts,
is their consort.
Others regard her as a female aspect
of Surya.

**Suryabhama** Hindu
one of the Dikpalas or the elephant
helping him (see also Kumuda’)

**Suryananta** East Indian
a sun-prince, in the lore of Borneo
husband of Tungung Buih
He found the maiden Tunung Buih
standing in a waterfall and married
her.

**Suryaprabha** (see Jalinprabha)
**Suryapuja** Hindu
a spring festival in honour of Surya

**Susa-no-o** (see Susanowa)
**Susabo** a demon associated with voyages
In this supremely happy age, it was said that all women bore twins and died a few weeks later, so avoiding the infirmities of old age. All that was required for existence could be found growing on trees in addition to lots of fruit. Life was perfect, without pain or sin.

Susanowa, a Japanese Impetuous Male, was born from the nose of Izanagi, the ox-headed Shinto sea-god and god of fertility and storms. Izanagi was son of Izanagi and Izanami, brother of Amaterasu and Tsuki-yoni, and father of Ikiteru and Okuninushi.

In some stories, Okuninushi is not his son but a son-in-law who eloped with his daughter Suseri-hime after tying the sleeping Susanowa to a beam with his hair. Susanowa was able to kill the dragon with sake which made it so drunk that Susanowa was able to kill it, and then restored the girl to her normal form and married her.

When his brother (in some accounts, his father) Gilling and his wife were killed by the dwarfs Filar and Galar, Suttung captured them but was prevailed upon to spare their lives when they promised to give him the magical brew they had made from the blood of the sage, Kvasir, whom they had killed earlier. Suttung entrusted the three containers of this wondrous brew to his daughter, Gunlod, who concealed them in the centre of a mountain. When Odin, in disguise, seduced Gunlod and drank all the brew, making off in the form of an eagle, Suttung flew after him but just failed to catch him. The gods lit a fire on the battlements which burnt Suttung’s wings and he fell into the fire and was killed.

His function is to transport offerings made to the gods and to act as their messenger. He is envisaged as having a bald human head on the body of a vulture. Suwa is an early sun-goddess, and was killed. In some accounts he is identified with Kompira.

Retrieved from the dragon’s tail, the animal helped its owner to build the wall round Asgard but was failed to catch him. The gods lit a fire on the battlements which burnt Suttung’s wings and he fell into the fire and was killed.

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seduced by Loki, in the form of a mare, so that the work was not finished within the stipulated period. The offspring of this union was the eight-legged horse, Sleipnir.

**Svadilfari** (see Svadilfare)

Svafnir

a name of Odin as a snake

(see also Ofrier)

Svafnir

a snake which gnawed the twigs of the ash-tree Yggdrasil

(see also Ofrier)

Svaha

a minor goddess

daughter of Daksha and Prasuti

wife of Agni, some say

In one story of the birth of Karttikeya, Svaha seduced Agni, taking the form of each of the wives of the Seven Rishis whom the god had seen bathing. The result of this episode was the six-headed boy, Karttikeya.

Svaha

the food of the gods

Svadd (see Ivald)

Svalin

[cooler]

a shield

This shield was made by the gods to protect the sun-chariot and the horses drawing it from the direct heat of the sun.

Svalk

(see Svaal)

Svandonit

(see Svantevit)

Svannahild

(see Swanhild)

Svannahit

[energy], Jarovit, Svandonit, Svantevit.

Svantevit

Swetovit, Svetowid, Svetovitu.

Jarovit.Triglav:=Slav Purenatus.

Rod.Rugievit.Svarog

a Latvian god of crops and war

In some accounts he is the father of Dazhbog and Svarozic.

He is depicted as having four heads and riding a white horse.

(see also Svarog)

Svantevit

(see Svantevit)
and returned to Sweden with many tales of adventure to tell.

**Svetambaras** Jain
a Jain sect

**Sventovit** (see Svantevit)
son of Orvandel and Groa
brother of Hadding
a mortal who wooted Freya as Menglod

In some accounts he rescued her from the giant Fiolsvid, took her back to Asgard and married her.

In another story, his father was captured by Halfdan who forced Orvandel to shoot an apple from his son's head. Svipdag later killed Halfdan.

Svipdag was killed by Hadding who mistook him for the monster he was disguised as.

Some regard Svipdag as an aspect of Odhr.

**Svipdag** Norse
son of Orvandel and Groa
brother of Hadding

**Svichod** Norse
a home of Odin and defied heroes,
some say

**Svurtalfar** (see dwarfs)

**Svutaf** Roman
an Italian god in the form of a youth with wings

**Svyatogor** Russian
a giant
He boasted that he could lift the world but, when he tried to lift a small bag that had been left lying in the road, the weight forced him into the earth from which he never escaped.

In later, Christian myths, he became Ilya Muromets.

**Swaikhway** North American
a ceremony of the tribes of the northwest

This rite celebrates a boy who was said to have met spirits living in a lake and was given magic powers.

**Swaixwe** North American
a sky-spirit of the tribes of the northwest

This spirit was said to have come down to earth and lived in a lake. Some say that he gave magic powers to the boy who dived into the lake and who is remembered in the Svaikhway ceremony.

**swallow** Greek
a bird sacred to Aphrodite

It was said that dead children could revisit their homes in the form of swallows.

**swallow** Muslim
a sacred bird which is said to make an annual pilgrimage to Mecca

**swallow** Roman
a bird sacred to the Penates

**Swallow-Ashes Charm** (see shao hui t'un fu)

**Swallow People** North American
the inhabitants of the Blue World

In their ascent to the upper world, the Navaho spent some time in the Blue World but were forced to move on upwards when one of their number seduced the wife of the chief of the Swallow People.

**swampanger** North American
a fabulous animal (see also augerino)

**swan** European
a graceful water bird with a long neck, usually white

(1) In Greek myths the swan is sacred to Apollo whose soul was said to reside in it.

Zeus himself took the form of a swan to seduce Leto.

(2) In the German story of Lohengrin the Swan Knight, the hero travelled in a boat drawn by swans and when rescuing Elsa, restored her brother Godfrey, who had been turned into a swan, to his former self.

In a different story of the Swan Knight, the six children of Oriant and Beatrix were turned into swans. The seventh child, the boy Elias, escaped and appeared later as the Swan Knight to rescue his mother from the stake.

Another servant, Maquaures, later found the children, recognising them by the silver necklets which had been round their necks at birth. On the orders of Matabrune, he took the necklets from six of the children who immediately turned into swans and flew off. The seventh child, a boy, was away at the time and was saved from this fate. The necklets were to be melted and made into goblets but the silversmith made two goblets from one necklet and kept the other five.

Sixteen years later, Matabrune persuaded Oriant to put his wife to the stake but the remaining son, who had been baptised as Elias in the meantime, defeated a champion appointed by Matabrune and saved his mother's life. At the same time, the children who had been turned into swans regained their human form – except for the boy whose necklet had been melted down.

Elias took up the cause of the Duchess of Bouillon, killing and decapitating the usurper Reiner and marrying the duchess's daughter, Beatrix, whom he instructed never to ask about his real identity.

En route to their new home, they were attacked by Saxons. Galien,
leader of the escort was killed but the Saxons were defeated and the party reached Bouillon safely. Seven years later, Beatrix asked the forbidden question and Elias left her, travelling in a boat drawn by the remaining swan-brother who was later restored to human form in a ritual involving the two goblets made from his necklet.

On the death of his father, Elias succeeded to the throne of Illefort but later abdicated in favour of his brother, Oriant, and became a monk.

In a separate German tradition, the Swan Knight was Lohengrin. To return the swan-maiden, a Valkyrie: a girl who can change into a swan, to the king's son, Broder. Her fate was the same.

Svanhild, wife of Iarmerik, and she was hanged and Swanhild trampled to death by horses.

Randwer had seduced Swanhild on the journey and the king had his son Swemmel and a servant, Sibich, to escort her to the royal palace. Sibich lied to the king, claiming that Randwer and a sister, Sibich, to escort her to the royal palace. Sibich lied to the king, claiming that Randwer was betrothed to Ermenrich, a step-father, Elf, she took the young Swanhild with her. When she was later forced into an unhappy marriage with Atli, Gudrun left her daughter with Elf and his wife Thora.

In some stories, Swanhild was reunited with her mother after she had killed Atli and fled to become the wife of King Jonakur. Swanhild became betrothed to Ermenrich, king of the Goths, who sent his son Randwer and a servant, Sibich, to escort her to the royal palace. Sibich lied to the king, claiming that Randwer had seduced Swanhild on the journey and the king had his son hanged and Swanhild trampled to death by horses.

In a Danish version, she was Swanhild, wife of Jarmerik, and she was accused by Bikki of adultery with the king's son, Broder. Her fate was the same.

Swarga (see Svarga)

Swastika [fylfot.grammadion=Hindu svastika] a Buddhist cross: a magical sun-symbol

Sweat Lodge [North American] a creator-god of the Sanpoil tribe

He is said to have created animals and birds.

Sweeney (see Suibhne)

Swed-eyes Pacific Islands daughter of Degei

Sweet Medicine North American a culture-hero of the Cheyenne

Born to an unmarried maiden, he was abandoned as a baby but grew up to be a great medicine-man. His story of how he is instructed by the spirits and then teaches his people how to live properly is another version of the story of Arrow Boy.

Swelling Earth Chinese a magical substance, stolen by K’un from Huang Ti, used to construct dams

Swem African a rock from which the Tiv people originated and which radiates the vital energy, Tsav

Swemmel German a musician at the court of Etzel

He and Werbel were sent to invite Gunther and his nobles to visit Etzel's court at midsummer.

Swietowit (see Svantovit)

Swinburne, Algernon (1837-1909) a poet and dramatist

He wrote Atlanta in Calydon, Erechtheus, Tristram of Lyonesse, etc.

Swinging the Lord Krishna (see Jhulanayatra) a weapon, often with magical properties, featured in many myths

Some of the more famous swords are listed below:

sword of:

Ali Zafilar
Agrican Tranchera
Antar Djamy
Arthgalo Chrysaoar
Beowulf Hrunting, Nagelrnig
Biausdous Honorée
Brahma Asi
Charlemagme Flarnberger, Joyeuse
Cuchulainn Caladin
Dietieb Weissun
Dietrich von Bern Nagelrnig
Doolin Merveilleuse
Ecke Eckesax
El Cid Colada.Tizona
Fergus Caladchol
Finn mac Cool Mac an Luin
Frithiof Angurvadel
Gassire Dama Ngile

Swallow was the same.

Gwnmack Dymwyn
Heimdall Hofud
Heime Blutgang.Miming
Hogini Dainskef
Hrolf Krakki Skofnung
Irung WaDe
Izanagi Ame-no-wo-ha bari
Kanyarundi Inkoto
Kari Life-taker
King Arthur Caleburn.Chastiefol
Excalibur.Marmyadose
Sequence
King Ban Courthouse
Koll Greysteel
Lugh Answerer.Claidhinh Solais
Fragarach.Freagarthach
Sword of Light
Manannan Answerer.Diolacht
Fragarach.Freagarthach
Mimingus Mistilthenn
Mo-li Ch’ing Blue Cloud
Muhammed Al bhattar.Da’bul Fakar
Hatief Medham
Ogier the Dane Cortana.Courtain Sauvagine
Oliver Glorious.Hauteclare
Ortnit Rosen.Rosse
Otel Corrouge
Partinal Grail Sword
Rhydderch Dywyn
Rinaldo Flamberge.Floberge
Fusberta
Rogero Balsardo
Roland Durindana
Sigmund Balmung.Gram.Nothing
Sword of Need
Sir Bevis Morglay
Sir Galahad Sword in the Stone
Sword of Strange Girldes
Sir Lancelot Arondight
St George Ascalon.Askalon
Tethra Orna
Thoralf Skolinson Quernhier
Foos-breadth
Vishnu Nandaka
Wittich Miming
Yamato Kusanagi.Lramakumo
Yorimasa Shishi-o

Sword in the Stone British one of the 4 agespd referred to in the Eddas

Sword in the Stone set in a block of stone

There are two such swords. The more famous of the two is the sword which could be drawn only by the man destined to be king of Britain. The other was destined for Galahad.

When a successor to Uther was sought, Merlin arranged for a sword
embedded in a block of stone (and, in some versions, an anvil as well) to appear in the churchyard near to where the assembled peers were to make their choice. Only Arthur was able to draw the sword from the stone, so establishing his claim to the throne. In some stories, this sword was Excalibur and had that name engraved upon it; in other versions, Excalibur was the sword which Arthur received from the hand rising from the lake, an event organised by Merlin when Arthur told him he was without a sword.

The second sword, set in a block of red stone, floated down the river to Camelot where Galahad had just arrived. He was the only knight able to withdraw the sword which he claimed and put into his empty scabbard.

**Sword of Light**
(see Claidhimh Soluis)

Sigmund's sword, Gram

**Sword of Need**

Norse

**Sword of Strange Girdles**

British

[Sword of Strange Hangings; Sword of Strange Renges; Sword of the Strange Belt] the sword of David appearing in the Grail Quest

The hilt of this sword was made of the rib-bones of the papalust and the ornament. It had been used by Varlan to kill Lambor and had once been found by Nascien who drew the sword to defend himself from a giant, but the blade broke into two pieces. Evelake put the two pieces together and they became rejoined. Other versions say that it was mended by Galahad.

In another story, Parlan drew the sword and was pierced through the thighs by a flying lance.

This sword was found by Galahad and his companions on the Grail Quest when they boarded a ship covered in white samite. It was originally the sword of David and was placed in the ship by Solomon whose wife had made the original hangings. When it was found by Galahad and Percival, Dindrane made new hangings, using her hair.

**Sword of Strange Hangings**
(see Sword of Strange Girdles)

**Sword of Strange Renges**
(see Sword of Strange Girdles)

**Sword of Tethra**
(see Orna)

**Sword of the Strange Belt**
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**Swordbearer**
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<td>[Sunstone] a precious stone</td>
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<td>He was killed by Dido's brother Pygmalion but Dido escaped taking much of her husband's wealth with her.</td>
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<td>In Babylonian lore, Sydyk is referred to as Kittu.</td>
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<td>He was the owner of a dog called Gleisad and a horse called CaFF. He was one of those whose help Culhwch was required by Ysbadadden to obtain in the hunt for Twrch Trwyth, as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen.</td>
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Sumplegadai. Wandering Rocks: rocks or islands at the entrance to the Black Sea. These rocks, regarded as living beings, the offspring of Gaea, moved towards one another threatening to smash passing ships. They finally became fixed in position after failing to smash the *Argo* on her voyage to Colchis. (see also Planctae)

Syn (see Sin*')
Synafor European
a Saracen king
He captured Guillaume and held him prisoner for seven years until Guillaume's nephew raised an army and rescued his uncle. Synafor was killed in the subsequent fighting.

Synge, J. M. Irish
(1871–1909)
a dramatist
He was the author of the play *Deirdre of the Sorrows*.

Synia (see Sin*')
Synnytar (see Luonnotar)
synochitis a stone said to have the power to conjure up demons and compel them to answer questions
Syr Norse
a name of Freya as 'sow'
Syria Dea (see Anat.Syrian Goddess)
Syrian God (see Adonis)
Syrian Goddess Mesopotamian
[Dea Syria,Syria Dea-Greek Aphrodite]
a name of Astarte or Atargatis
Syrix Greek
[Nonacris.Surings]
a nymph
daughter of Peneus
She was changed into a tuft of reeds to escape the advances of Pan who took seven pieces of the reed and fashioned a set of pipes.

Syra Greek
wife of Podaleirius
She was a king's daughter who fell from a roof and injured herself. Podaleirius was shipwrecked on the shore of her father's kingdom and, when he cured her, she married him.

Sytry [Biru.Sitri]
a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
This being is said to control love affairs and appears in the form of a man with wings and the head of an animal.

Szelene Greek
wife of Endymion
Szeuka North American
a creator-god of the Pima tribe
son of Earth-maker
His father had created the world and human beings but the water-spirit, Great Eagle, who preyed on humans, sent a flood to destroy the god's handiwork. Only Szeuka survived and, when the waters subsided, he killed Great Eagle and re-created humans from the bones and bodies left behind by the flood. It turned out that the eagle had not caused the flood – it had merely brought a warning of its impending arrival.
Ta-aroa  
Pacific Islands  
[Rua-i-tupra= Marshall Islands Loa]

a Tahitian creator-god  
father of Rai-tubu

Some say that he hatched from a cosmic egg and used the shell to create earth (Fa’ahotu) and sky (Atea), others that he created the world inside the shell of a mussel, others that he built the universe from his own body. Some say that he pulled up the islands from the bottom of the ocean on a hook and fishing-line.  
He also made men from red clay and later put a man to sleep, took a bone from his body and, from it, made the first woman. (see also Tagaloa. Tangaloa. Tangaroa)

Ta-Bitjet  
Egyptian

a scorpion-goddess  
consort of Horus

T’a Chi  
Chinese

a concubine of Chou Wang  
T’a Chi was a particularly wicked woman who incited the emperor to deeds of great cruelty.  
In some accounts she was executed while others say that she changed herself into a puff of smoke to escape death at the hand of T’ai Sui, Chou Wang’s son.

Ta-chun  
Chinese

a Taoist immortal, one of a celestial trinity

Ta-hsek-khi  
Burmese

the first man, created by Hkun Hsang Long  
He and the female Ta-hsek-khi were born in tadpole form. After eating a gourd, they mated and were given new names. He became Ta-hsang-khi (Yatawn) and they produced a daughter called Nang-kyek-kha Yek-ki.

Ta Hsüeh  
Chinese

[Great Learning]  
the seventh of the 9 major works of the Confucian canon, dealing with ethics  
one of the Four Books

Ta-hui Ch’an-shih  
(see I-hsing)

Ta-Itza  
Central American

a Mayan chief  
He loved the maiden Sac Niché and abducted her. She, however, did not love him and drowned herself in a lake to escape his attentions.

Ta-jo  
Chinese

the highest of the 36 Taoist heavens

Ta-mo  
Chinese

[=Indian Bodhidharma= Japanese Daruma]  
a Brahmin  
the founder of the Ch’an Tsang school of Buddhism  
the Chinese version of Bodhidharma  
the first tea plants grew where the eyelids landed. He is said to have crossed a river riding on a single reed.

Ta-no-Kami  
Japanese

a Shinto god of agriculture  
He is sometimes identified with Ebisu or Daikoku.

Ta Pedn  
Pacific Islands

the god of a negrito Malaysian tribe the Semang  
He is envisaged as seated alongside his wife on a multi-coloured mat in the sky.

Ta-ren-ya-wa-gon  
(see Tarenyawagon)

Ta-shih-che  
Chinese

[Ta-shih-chih]  
the Chinese version of Mahasthama  
In this version the bodhisattva is female.

Ta-shih-chih  
(see Ta-shih-che)

Ta-urate  
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Ta-uz  
Mesopotamian

a festival in honour of Tammuz

Ta Wei  
Chinese

the constellation Ursa Major, the Great Bear, site of the Jade Palace of Yü Huang

Ta Yü  
(see Yü)

Taapac  
(see Thunupa)

Taara  
Baltic

[Tharapita]  
an Estonian sky-god, in some accounts

Taaroa  
Pacific Islands

a Polynesian creator-god  
He emerged from an egg which
existed in the primaeval waters and produced Rai-tubu.
In Tahiti they say that he created Hina and mated with her to produce the world while in Hawaii the earth and sky were produced by Rai-tubu.
In some accounts, the seas resulted from the sweat of Taaroa's labours.

**Taut**

Phoenician
-
Egyptian Thoth
A deity said to have invented writing

**Tabakea**

Pacific Islands
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[Turtle]
A primordial god of the Gilbert Islands
brother of Nā-kaa
He and Tituahine produced all the other deities of the Gilbertese pantheon.

**Tabasco**

(see Tlapallan)

**Tabele**

African
-a royal drum
This instrument was fetched from heaven by a vulture at the behest of Lagare. When he beat the drum, a new city, Wagandoo, sprang up in the desert.

**Tabi**

Arab
-the familiar of the Arab sorcerer
This spirit is said to pass on secret knowledge to the sorcerer.

**Tabiti**

-Russian
-a winged Scythian fire-goddess

**Table Man**

British
-a rock on which the 7 kings of Cornwall celebrated their victory at Vellendrucher

**Table of the Sun**

(see Ethiopian Table)

**Table of the Wandering Companions**

British
-a table at the court of King Arthur
Not all the knights were members of the Round Table. For those others, this table was used.

**table-rapping**

knocking sounds said to impart communications from the spirit-world

**table-turning**

movements of a table said to imply the presence of departed spirits

**Tablet of Emerald**

(see Luah)

**Tablet of the Soul**

Chinese
-a board inscribed with the name of a deceased emperor

**Tablets of Destiny**

Mesopotamian
-[Book of Destinies.Dup Shimati. Dupshimati.Tupsimati]
tablets recording the fate of the living and the decrees of the god of the underworld

These tablets, made by Marduk's scribe, were said to confer great power on the holder. They were carried by Kingu leading the primal forces in their struggle with the gods and taken by Marduk when he killed Kingu. They were later stolen by Zu but recovered by Ninurta.

**taboo**

-[tabu, tapu]
a prohibition on something considered to be holy or unclean

**Tabris**

a demon of free will

**Tabuariki**

Pacific Islands
-[Tabuerik]
a thunder-god of the Gilbert Islands

**Tabuale Iguvine**

(see Iguvine Tablets)
a semi-divine ancestor of the Gilbert Islanders
son of Bakoa and Nai Nguiriki
father of Te-ariki-n-tarawa
Bakao's first offspring were fishes, then came Taburimai, a human, and Teanoi, a shark. The fishes intended to kill 'the fish with legs' so Teanoi carried him on his back to the safety of Samoa.

**Tacatecutli**

Central American
-an Aztec god of pedlars and travellers

**Tachbrane**

European
-a horse of Ogier

**Tachi**

African
-a mischievous deity
He is said to be visible only to those married women with whom he consorts. The children of such unions are deformed.

**Tachibana**

(see Ototachibana)

**Tachti**

Baltic
-a Finnish god of the Pole Star

**tachtli**

Central American
-an Aztec ball-game
It was believed that this game was played by the gods.

**Tacitan**

-a demon of earth-magic

**Tacu**

North American
-husband of Auzar
father of Chinigichinich, some say

**Tacurece**

South American
-a Guaraní maiden
daugether of Saguaya

**Tacuma**

African
-the name for the Ashanti character
Ntikuma in the Americas and the West Indies

**Tadaklam**

Pacific Islands
-a thunder-god in Luzon
He owns the lightning-dog, Kimat.

**Tadanobu**

Japanese
-[Tadonobu]
a servant of Yoshitsune
When his master used the skin of a vixen to make a drum, the animal's son entered Tadanobu in revenge, making him a fox-man.

**Tadhg mac Cein**

Irish
-son of Cian of Munster
brother of Aimrealach and Eoghan
husband of Li Ban
He fought against Ulster at the Battle of Crippona in alliance with Cormac mac Airt, the high-king, who promised a reward of as much land as he could drive round in his chariot. The king bribed the driver to traverse an L-shape to exclude Tara, the home of the high-kings of Ireland.

When his wife and sons were carried off by Camthann, king of Fresen, he set sail in pursuit but found himself in the Otherworld where he and his crew were entertained by Cessair, the first woman to reach Ireland. They stayed for a year which seemed like a single day and then sailed for Fresen. Tadhg killed Camthann, installed his nephew as king and brought his family safely home.

**Tadhg mac Nuadhat**

Irish
-father of Murna
When Cumaill eloped with Tadhg's daughter Murna, he ordered Goll mac Morna to kill him.

**Taditkara**

Buddhist
-[Vidyadhara]
a goddess of light
consort of Yamataka

**Taepo**

East Indian
-a priestess in the Celebes
These women have a role interceding with the gods when a mortal dies.

(see also walian)

**Tae**

South American
-a goddess of the Tukuna tribe

**Tae Kieh**

(see T'ai Chi)

**Taema-mandara**

Japanese
-the paradise of Amida
(see also Kwango-mandara,Sukhavati)

**Taenaru**

(see Cape Taenaru)

**Taeo**

New Zealand
-a Maori ghost which has power only during the hours of darkness
T'ai Chi

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Tafai (see Tawhaki)

Tafaki New Zealand

a shaman who was said to have visited heaven

Tafen Egyptian

wife of Horus of Two Eyes

a form of Hathor

Tafua Pacific Islands

a Polynesian rain-god

Tagaloa Pacific Islands

[Hawaiian Kanaloa = Maori Tangaroa: Taheke (Tongan Tagaloa)]
a Samoan sea-god

father of Fue and Tuli

His offspring, Tuli, was a bird and Tagaloa caused a rock to rise from the bed of the primordial ocean so that Tuli had somewhere to build a nest. He later split the rock into many parts to form the islands of the Pacific.

Tagaloa, a type of Buso

This being alternates between a human being and a Buso, changing each month.

Tagaro Pacific Islands

a creator-god of the New Hebrides (Vanuatu)

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husband of Vinmara

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Tages' Roman

[Tago]
an Etruscan deity or first man

He was said to have been uncovered when a field was being ploughed and took the form of a grey-headed child of immense wisdom which he passed on to the rulers of Etruscan cities. He then returned to the earth from which he arose.

His words were passed down the generations and recorded in the Twelve Books of Tages.

In some accounts, the ploughman was Tarchon while others say that Tages is the same as Tarchies.

tages' Roman

Etruscan deities

These beings take their name from the deity, Tages, and were said to read the future from the entrails of animals.

Tageuk (see Tahu1)

taghairm Scottish

divination: seeking inspiration by lying on an oxhide behind a waterfall

Taghut Arab

da deity worshipped in pre-Islamic times

Tagil a moon-demon

Tago (see Tages')

Tagtur	Metopotamian

[Tartur = Babylonian Marduk]

a Sumerian hero who was deified son of Ea or Enki, some say son of Nintu, some say

In some accounts he was originally a deity who lost his immortality and is condemned to a life as a worker. As Tagtur he is a tailor; as Tibir he is a metalworker and as Uttukki he is a weaver.

Tahaki (see Tawhaki)

Tahekeroa New Zealand

the Maori land of the spirits in the centre of the earth (see also Aratia.Irihia)

Tahgook Korean

[Tahgook = Chinese T’ai Chi: = Japanese Tomoyo]

a symbol representing the 2 opposing principles of nature with a red comma and a blue comma inside a circle

Tahinariki Pacific Islands

mother of Pere, some say

Tahit North American

a Tlingit god of fate

Tahiti Tokerau Pacific Islands

daughter of Tawhaki

mother of Rata

Puna abducted her, made lights from her eyes and then buried her upside down in the sand. Rata came to her rescue and killed Puna.

Tahli Hindu

[Talec.Tali]
a talisman bearing the image of Lakshmi worn by Brahmin women

tahmahnavis North American

supernatural power, in the lore of the Chinook

Tahmurath Persian

[Takhma Urupi]
a hero-king

son of Vivahvant

brother of Yima

His exploits are recorded in the Shab Name. He is said to have taught his people the arts of agriculture and spinning wool.

He overcame Angra Mainyu but the angry god turned on Tahmurath, who was riding on his back, and ate him.

Taho Japanese

a form of Amida

one of the 5 Dhyani bodhisattvas, in some accounts

Tahquitz North American

an evil spirit of the Indian tribes

tahu A[1]

African

[sau]
in the lore of the Efe, forbidden fruit eaten by Baati’s wife

Tahu2 Pacific Islands

a magician in the lore of the Tuomotuans

son of Atea and Fa’ahotu

Tahu2 New Zealand

a Maori hero

He was the only man to escape when Tiuwhakapau laid an ambush for Manawa who came to arrange the wedding of his son to Tiuwhakapau’s daughter.

tahu2 Pacific Islands

teacher-priests of ancient lore, magic and medicine

Tahuantin-Suyu-Kapac South American

the 4 sons of Inti, the Inca sun-god

These four are given as Ayar Ayca, Ayar Cachi, Ayar Manco and Ayar Oco. (see also Children of the Sun)

Tahuti Greek

[Tehuti]
the Greek version of Thoth

Tai Chen Chinese

a king

husband of Wan

T’ai Chi Chinese

[Tae Kieh. The Great Pole]
the first fixed point in time and space to emerge from the primordial chaos: the origin of all creation; a circular symbol representing the opposing forces of Yin and Yang with black and white comma shapes

(see Hun-tun.Tahgook)
T'ai Ch'u  Chinese
[The Great First]
the first stage of the Great Change, T'ai I
In this period, it is said that form (Hsing) developed.

T'ai I  Chinese
[The Great Change]
the state which evolved after the creation of T'ai Chi, involving 2 periods of change, T'ai Ch'u and T'ai Shih

T'ai I  Chinese
[T'ai Yo Ta Ti]
god of the Pole Star
god of the eastern peak of T'ai Shan
He determined the date of the birth and death of all humans and animals

T'ai I  Chinese
[Chi-kung T'ai I: The Great Monad]
a primordial Taoist god
He lives in the constellation Tzu-kung.

T'ai I Ching  Chinese
the essence of the great creator

T'ai Kung Wang  Chinese
the second Taoist god, an emanation of Yü Huang

T'ai Shan  Chinese
(Mount T'ai)
a sacred mountain, one of the Five Holy Mountains known as Wu Yüeh
This site is regarded as the starting point of the sun-chariot's journey or, some say, is the site of the underworld.

T'ai Shan  Chinese
a goddess of the mountain T'ai Shan
the lady of the whirlwind
doughter of Tung Hai
wife of Hsi Hai  (see also Niang Niang)

T'ai Shan  Chinese
[T'ai Shang]
the third Taoist god, controller of earth
an emanation of Yü Huang
He is regarded as the deity in charge of the celestial Ministry of the Five Sacred Mountains, Wu Yüeh, and acts as a guide of souls.

T'ai Shan Kun  Chinese
the seventh of the Ten Yama Kings

T'ai-shang  (see T'ai Shan')

T'ai-shang lao  (see Yü Huang)

T'ai Shih  Chinese
[The Great Beginning]
the second stage of The Great Change, T'ai I
In this period breath (Ch'i) developed.

T'ai Su  Chinese
[The Great Primordial]
the combination of form and breath,
giving rise to substance (Chih)

T'ai Sui  Chinese
a god of astrology
son of Chou Wang and Chiang
On the advice of the evil concubine T'a Chi, the child T'ai Sui was abandoned and the queen, Chiang, was thrown to her death from a high building. The boy was rescued and raised by Ho Hsien-ku and, when he reached maturity, sought vengeance. He was about to execute T'a Chi when she changed into a puff of smoke and vanished.  (see also Yin Chiao)

T'ai Sui Hsing  Chinese
a god of time, Jupiter personified

T'ai Sung  Chinese
[T'ai-tsong]
an emperor
When he dreamt of demons, three of his ministers took turns in guarding his door. They were later immortalised as the Three Door Gods.

T'ai-tsung  (see T'ai Sung)

T'ai Yang  Chinese
the sun, in astrology

T'ai Yin  Chinese
the moon, in astrology

T'ai Yin  Chinese
a celestial princess
She chose the mortal Lu Chi for her husband but he, after meeting her in the palace of the Dragon King, changed his mind and returned to earth.

T'ai Yo Ta Ti  (see T'ai I F)

T'ai Yuan  Chinese
a primordial goddess
consort of Pen-ku
mother of Yuan Shih

Taihchue  Pacific Islands
a sea-god

Taiki  African
a Hausa spirit said to cause stomach illness

Taijas  Hindu
fire, one of the 5 forms of Parabrahma

Taikomo  North American
[Kato Nagaitco=Sinkone Kyoi]
a creator-god of the Yuki tribe of the southwest coastal area
He created the earth and made men from sticks but it was all destroyed in a flood. The second world he made had no animals for the people to eat so they ate each other until the world was destroyed by fire. He then made a third world and placed animals under the corners of the earth to hold it steady. When it still wobbled, he made the animals lie down and thereafter, apart from earthquakes caused when one of them moved, the world remained steady.
He again created men from sticks and, when the first one died, Taikomo buried him. He allowed him to return to life the next day but the others complained of the smell of decay so Taikomo gave up the idea of resurrecting the dead.

tailed men  European
a fictitious race of humans with tails

Tailteann Games  Irish
an event honouring Taltiu, foster-mother of Lugh

Taiti'  (see Battle of Tailtiun)

Taitiu  (see Taltiu)

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Tain bo Cuailnge  Irish
the story of the Cattle Raid of Cooley

Tain bo Fraich  (see Tain bo Fraoch)

Tain bo Fraoch  Irish
[Tain bo Fraich]
a tale of a cattle-raid
In the story, Fraoch a handsome warrior, sought the hand of Findbhair, daughter of Maev and Ailill, and retrieved Findbhair, their three children and their herds which had been carried off in a cattle-raid.
In some accounts, they had been taken to a castle in the Alps and Fraoch was helped in their rescue by Connall Cearnach.

Taiowa  North American
[Zuni Paiyatemu]
a Hopi creator-god
father of Sotuknang

Taipan  a name for the Rainbow Snake

Taiiri  New Zealand
father of Nganaoa
He had been missing for many years when his son killed three monsters and found both his father, Tairi, and his mother alive in the belly of one of them.

taisch  (see taish)

Taise  Irish
daughter of Donn, king of the Otherworld
She was betrothed to Congall Claringseach and, when Nabgodon tried to seize her for himself, Congall killed him.

Another story says that she loved Finn mac Cool and was rescued by Goll mac Morna and Oscar when her father's soldiers held her prisoner.

Taish [Scottish]
an apparition of the dying: second-sight

Taischak [Japanese] the Japanese name for Indra

Taiso Issaiya [Buddhist] the complete Buddhist scriptures in Chinese, occupying 55 volumes

Taistalach [Irish] a warrior of the Fianna

A very strong man, he defeated the wrestling champion of Daire Don at the Battle of Fionn's Strand.

Taismale [Pacific Islands] a strong man from Daire Don who was defeated by Taistealach.

Takama-ga-hara [Japanese] the home of the early deities, the Shinto heaven

Taishaku [Japanese] a sacred mountain

This is the site where Ninigi landed when he came down to earth.

Takadai [Japanese] a samurai

He committed suicide by drowning but his soul was reborn as a seagull.

Takahama [Japanese] an old man living near a cemetery

He had been betrothed to Akiko but she died just before they were to be married and he spent the rest of his life visiting and tending her grave. When he became too ill to visit the grave, Akiko came to him in the form of a white butterfly just before he died.

Takama-no-hana [Japanese] the grave of Akiko

It is said that the Mikado joins the gods on this heaven when he dies.

Takemikadzuchi [Japanese] a Shinto god of mountain rains in the form of a dragon (see Kura-okami)

Taka-Okami [Japanese] a Shinto god of mountain rains

He was asked by the son of a hermit to help avenge an insult offered to his father.

Taka Pern [Malay] the supreme being

In some accounts, Jalang was his sister.

Taka-gi-no-kami [Japanese] a Shinto god of mountain rains

Taka-Mi-Musubi [Japanese] a sacred mountain

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Take-haya Susanowo [Japanese] a creator-god in the New Hebrides

Take-Mika-Dzuchi [Japanese] (see Takemikadzuchi)

Take-Mika-Zuchi [Japanese] (see Takemikadzuchi)

Take-minakata [Japanese] son of Susanowa

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the king had built in a lake and choked
Parish to death while his monks
burnt the building to ashes.
Takshaka
a name for Vishvakarma
as ‘carpenter’
takusen
an oracle conveyed by a medium from
a spirit or a deity
Takuskanskan
a trickster-god of the Dakotas
tala
oil found in a well in the underworld
In the lore of Java, this oil makes one
invulnerable.
T’a’lab
a moon-god of the southern region
Talac
a vassal of King Arthur
When Talac rebelled against the king,
Arthur besieged his home, the Castle
Rougement. Yder decided to help
Talac and defeated all Arthur’s knights.
When Kay treacherously plunged a
sword into Yder’s back, the others
were so appalled that they called a
truce and Talac and the king were
reconciled.
Talaio
a name for Zeus in Crete
Talaipo
a magic canoe
This boat, made by the bird-spirits
during the course of just one night, was
given to the Samoans and is handed
down through generations of chiefs.
talar-disir
evil spirits: a description used
for the Norns (see also disir.vala)
talaria
the winged sandals presented by the
gods to Hermes
Talatala
one of the 7 realms of the
underworld, Patala
Talatumsi
a Pueblo dawn-goddess
Talaus
a king of Argos
son of Bias and Pero
husband of Lyssianessa or Lysimaže
father of Ardrastus, Aristoclaus,
Erphyle, Mecisteus and Pronax
Talay
Mesopotamian
[‘dew’]
doughter of Baal
Talee
a bard on the boat which carried the
dead King Arthur to Avalon
Tali
(see Tahli)
Taliesin
a 6th c poet, author of The Book
of Taliesin
Taliesin
a bard and wizard
father of Addaon
Ceridwen, a witch, boiled a magic
brew to yield just three drops of a
liquid which would give all knowledge
to whoever drank it, intending it for
her ugly son, Avagddu. The boy
Gwion whom she employed to stir the
brew inadvertently swallowed the
drops when they splashed on to his
hand and he licked them off, so
acquiring the supernatural knowledge.
Ceridwen chased after him when he ran
off and, after several shape-changes,
eventually caught him, she in
the shape of a hen, he as a grain of
wheat. She swallowed the wheat-grain
and found herself pregnant with
Gwion who, when born again, was
thrown into the sea in a sack. He was
caught in a fish-trap (or, some say,
found inside a leather wallet at the
weir) and rescued by Elphin who
reared him, calling him Taliesin.
Another version makes him the son
of Eimom and Olwen while others
maintain that he was created by the
magician Gwydion.
When Elphin was thrown into
prison by his uncle Maelgwn, for
boasting that his bard, Taliesin, was
the best in the country, Taliesin
obtained his release by winning a
bardic contest.
He was one of the seven survivors of
the battle between Bran and Matholwch.
Some writers have suggested that he
was reincarnated as Merlin.
Taliesin
the story of the bard in one version of
The Mabinogian
Taliesin, Book of (see Book of Taliesin)
Taliesin Through Logres
a book by C. W. Williams about the
bard of Arthurian legend
The Logres of the title is an old name
for England.
Taliesin
(also talismen)
an object which gives protection,
strength or magic powers
to its owner
Some say that a talisman made under
the influence of a particular planet
will communicate that influence to
the wearer.
In African lore, such an object may
sometimes be active, attacking the
owner’s enemies.
Muslims may carry a talisman, in
the form of words from the Koran
written on a scrap of paper, as
protection from illness.
Talking God
(see Hashje-Altye)
talking heads
a frequent theme in mythology is
that of the head which continues
to speak after it has been severed
from the body
(1) In the Arthurian story of Gawain
and the Green Knight, the Green
Knight’s head spoke and challenged
Gawain to a rematch after Gawain
had cut it off in a beheading contest.
(2) The German fairy tale, The
Goose Girl, mentions the horse,
Falada, which continued to speak
to the girl through its decapitated
head nailed over a gateway.
(3) The Greeks say that the severed
head of Orpheus floated down the
river still singing.
(4) In Irish lore, Bran’s head con-
tinued to speak for many years
till it was buried at the White
Mount, and Conary Mor’s head
spoke to thank Mac Cecht for the
drink of water he had brought.
(5) In Norse mythology, Odin
preserved the head of the giant
Mimir and frequently consulted it
while another story says that he
brought the head of the king,
Minos, from Crete and used that
as an oracle.
(6) The North American Natchez
tribe have the story of Elder
Brother and Younger Brother in
which the head of the latter harries
the former.
(7) The Philippine god, Montinig,
carried on speaking, after being
decapitated, mocking his attackers.
Tall Towers
the building in which Gingalin was
trapped by the Hags of Gloucester
Tallas
a king of Denmark
He besieged Urien’s castle and cap-
tured Laris. King Arthur came to the
rescue and lifted the siege. Claris
rescued Laris who became king of
Denmark when Tallas was defeated.
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**Tamape** (see Tamapo)

**Tamapo** Pacific Islands

-Tamape. Tamapoulialamafoa-

a sky-god of Tonga

**Tamapoulialamafoa** (see Tamapo)

**Tamar** Hebrew

-[Mesopotamian Ashkoreh.Ishtar]-
a goddess tamas Hindu

one of the 3 guṇas governing the transmigration of the soul

**Tamate** Pacific Islands

a ghost of the New Hebrides

**Tamats Polike**

**Tamatsumemusubi** Japanese

**Tamayeke** Central American

a wind-god and messenger-god of the Huichol Indians

**Tamayori** (see Tama-yori)

one of the Eight Imperial Deities

**Tambarinang** East Indian

a creator-god

Some of the people of Borneo claim that their ancestors were made by this being who is envisaged in the form of a hornbill.

**Tamboeja** East Indian

a hero who climbed up to heaven and stole fire for the benefit of his people

**Tambon** East Indian

the original name of the goddess Djita

**Tambotoceo** (see Pacari)

**Tamdrin Dorje** Tibetan

a Bon guardian god

**Tame Boy** North American

a thunder-god of the Cherokee

one of the Thunder Boys

son of Kanati and Seru

brother of Wild Boy

**Tamek-vui** (see Tuoni)

**Tamendonar** South American

-Tamenduare,.Tamendonare-

twin brother of Ariconte

These twins were born to a mortal mother, one fathered by the god Maire, the other by her mortal husband, Sangoys. One was killed by the demon, Agnen, the other by the clashing rock, Itha-Iraji; in each case, the dead brother was restored to life by his sibling but they never found out which one of them was the son of a god.

In some accounts the twins are Aricente and Arikute.

**Tamendonare** (see Tamendonar)

**Tamesis** British

a water-goddess, goddess of the Thames

**Tametomo** Japanese

a hero

brother of Yoshitomo

He is said to have sunk a ship with just one arrow.

**Tamial** (see Tamiel)

**Tamiel**

[a demon, one of the 7 Ischin]

He reputedly taught men the science of astronomy.

**Tamine** Persian

a princess

wife of Rustem

mother of Sohrab

She stole Rustem’s horse, knowing that he would follow its tracks to the palace. When he arrived, she proposed marriage. Rustem soon left his new wife to resume his warlike career and their son, Sohrab, was born after he left.

**Tamjin** Tibetan

a horse-faced demon

husband of Dorge, some say

**Tammus** (see Tammuz)

**Tammuz** Mesopotamian

[Dao(m)s.Du’uzu.Ninib.Tammus.]

-Tamowa.Tamumm.Tamam.]

Marduk=Greek Adonis=Phrygian Attis:

-Sumerian Damu(zui.-(Abzu).Dumuzida]-

an Akkadian sun-god and god of fertility

brother of Beil and Belet-Seri

son and husband of Ishtar, some say

brother of Ningishzida, some say

In some accounts, Tammuz was found floating on water, in others he was the son of Ishtar who had him torn to pieces and thrown into the sea. When, as a result, the earth became barren she regretted what she had done and descended to the underworld to demand his release from her sister Ereshkigal. Some say that he returned as Damu or as Ningishzida, others that he died every year, rising again in the spring, still others that he spent half the year with each of the sisters.

In some accounts, he is equated with Hey-Tau, Kingu or Ningirsu; others say that Tammuz was killed by a boar.

He was one of the doorkeepers of heaven and was associated with the constellation Orion.

(see also Mirsi.Sibziann)

**Tammuz of the Abyss Mesopotamian**

a name for Dumuzi

**Tamoan of the Abyss Mesopotamian**

**Tamoanchan** Central American

[Palace of the West.]

Tamoanchan. Xochitlapan part of the Aztec underworld, home of the ciuateteo, ruled by Chihuacoatl.

In other accounts, this is regarded as one of the three homes of the Aztec gods.

**Tamo** (see Izo-tamoi)

**Tamón** (see Bishamon)

**Tamosi** South American

[Tamosikabotano]

a supreme god in Guyana

**Tamosikabotano** (see Tamosi)

**Tamora** (see Tammuz)

**Tamrah Bhadra** Buddhist

-[Chinese Po-to-lo.Tan-mo-lo-po-to]-

one of the Eighteen Lohan

He is depicted holding his prayer-beads.

**Tamsika** Hindu

those who worship ghosts and spirits such as bhutas, pretas, etc.

**Tamtanamka** South American

a Bolivian tribal chief

He fell ill and it turned out that the illness was caused by his wife’s adultery — two serpents over his house were slowly eating his life away.

Huathiacuri learned the cause of the illness when he overheard two foxes talking and he was able to cure the chief whose daughter he subsequently married.

**Tamatu'** Mesopotamian

the bitter waters of creation

**Tamatu’** (see Tiamat)

**Tamu** South American

[Tume.=Arawak Kamu.=Karaya Kaboi:

=Paraguayan Pay Zume=]

a Carib culture-hero

**Tamukujen** African

a supreme god of the Didinga people

**Tamuls** (see Votan)

**Tamulu** South American

a warrior created by Amana to guard the sun

brother of Tamusi

Tamulu was responsible for the hours of darkness, his brother Tamusi for daylight. When the sun sent serpents to attack the earth, Tamulu killed them by smothering them with his dark
cloak. He created all the monsters and evil beings.

Tamusi South American
[=Guarani Tamoi]
a warrior created by Amana to guard the sun
a creator-deity of the Caribs
brother of Tamulu
Tamusi was responsible for the daylight hours, his brother Tamulu for darkness. When the sun sent serpents to attack the earth, Tamusi killed them with his sword, the lightning flash, and made meteors by cutting them up and throwing the pieces into the heavens.

He created human beings and animals.

Tamusra Hindu
one of the realms of hell
This region is reserved for the punishment of adulterers and thieves.

Tan'1 Celtic
the sacred fire of the druids

Tan'2 Chinese
a dawn-god
son of Chang
twin brother of Fat

Tan Ching Chinese
[Cinnabar Classic]
a book of alchemy containing, inter alia, a recipe for immortality

Tan-gur (see Tanjur)

Tan-gyur. Tibetan
commentaries on the Kah-gyur

Tan-ma Tibetan
[bsTan-ma]
12 furies, ruled by Ekagata, riding wild animals

Tan-mo-lo-po-t'o (see Po-to-lo)

Tan-tad European
in Breton fire-worship a log, representing the deity, which is burnt

Tanabata1 Japanese
[Heavenly Weaver Girl.Lyra. Shokujo,Weaving Lady,Weaving Maiden].=Chinese Chih Nü]
a Shinto goddess of weaving
daughter of the god of the firmament She spent much of her time weaving but neglected her work when she fell in love with Hikoboshi whose ox was then allowed to wander free, doing much damage. Her father caused her to be separated from him by a celestial river (The Milky Way) and they met thereafter only once a year when flocks of magpies formed a bridge spanning the river.

In some accounts, the name is used for the festival (7th July or 7th August) dedicated to the Weaving Lady and Hikoboshi.

(see also Chih Nu.Waka-Hiru-Me)

Tanabata Japanese
[Weaver's Festival]
a festival, held on July 7th, in honour of Hikoboshi and Tanabata

Tanaburs British
a wizard
His magic powers were almost the equal of Merlin's.

Tanais Greek
son of Lyssippe
He was a man who scorned women so Aphrodite caused him to fall in love with his own mother. To escape, he drowned himself.

Tanala African
in the lore of the Baganda, a harp dedicated to Kibuka

Tana'oa Pacific Islands
[=darkness.'Tanava]
a Polynesian primal god of darkness the name of Tangaroa in the Marquesas

Tanaquil Roman
the Roman name for Caecilia

Tanara Serbian
a sky-god of the Yakuts

Taranos Celtic
a thunder-god
This deity may be the same as Taran.

Tanava (see Tana'oa)

Tanacayno South American
a Peruvian giant

Tancred European
(d. 1112)
a Norman knight
son of Otho and Emma
He appears in Jerusalem Delivered as a knight serving under Godfrey and is portrayed as a great warrior, second only to Rinaldo.

Tancrec British
a niece of King Arthur
wife of Guinganbresil

Tandivada Hindu
a dance performed by Shiva at the end of each cycle of the universe

Tandim (see tTa-mgrim) taudratinian African
tandritaniti
curse
In some tribes, such a curse is accepted by the victim as fatal and he inevitably wastes away and dies.

Tandu Hindu
a god of the dance
the chief disciple of Shiva

Tane New Zealand
[Tanemahuta,Tapairu,Tuanmutu:
-Hawaiian Kane]
a Maori light-god and god of forests
son of Rangi and Papa
brother of Haumea, Rongo, Tangaroa, Tawhiri and Tu
husband of Hine-ahu-one
father of Hine Taitama
He forced apart his entwined parents, raising the sky (Rangi) above the earth (Papa) and used the thunderbolts of Fatu-tiri to kill Atea who, in the Tahitian version, was father.

In some stories, his first wife was Hine-ahu-one whom he created from sand or carved from stone. He also mated with their daughter Hine Taitama who died of shame and became Hine-nui-te-po, a goddess in the underworld, having produced a daughter, Hine Titamauri.

Other versions say that Tane had three other wives – Hine-tuanange who gave birth to reptiles and mountain streams, Mumuhango who produced grass and Rangahore who produced stone. The woman he made from sand was, in this version, Hine-tau-ira and it was she who killed herself when she realised that she had married her father, becoming goddess of the underworld.

Yet another story says that Tane made Tiki and Hina-ahu-one who mated to become the progenitors of the human race. Alternatively, Tane, Ku and Lono worked together to create mankind.

Taneborc British
one of the homes of King Arthur

Tanemahuta New Zealand
a name for Tane as god of the forests

Tanen (see Tatenen) Pacific Islands
a Beru warrior who invaded the Gilbert Islands

Tang' Chinese
tang's celestial swallow
This bird is regarded as a heavenly messenger and redeemer who overcame the prince of hell.

T'ang1 (see Ch'eng T'ang) Chinese

T'ang Kung-fang Chinese
an official at the emperor's court
He asked the immortal Li Pa-pai for the secret of eternal youth which the sage promised to give him if T'ang could cure him of the boils which covered his body by licking them. When licking by T'ang's servants and then his wife failed, T'ang collected a million bottles of wine in which Li
Pa-pai bathed. This not only cured the sage's boils but restored the youth of T'ang, his wife and his servants when they also bathed in the wine.

An alternative version says that lancing by his servants, his wife and finally by T'ang himself failed to effect a cure but, having passed the test set by Li Pa-pai, T'ang was raised to the status of an immortal by the agency of a potion he prepared from a copy of the Tan Ching given to him by Li Pa-pai.

T'ang Pin Chinese one of the disciples of Confucius who was allowed to sacrifice in the Temple of Confucius

T'ang Sao-erh Chinese a 15th c Taoist sorceress
She claimed to have a magic sword and led a short-lived uprising.

T'ang Seng (see Tripitaka)

Tangalimbilo African daughter of a tribal chief in Zaire
She was under a taboo to walk only by night. When she fetched water from the river by day, she offended the river-god who held her captive, so she slept with him. When Hina-a-rauriki, wife of Turi-a-Faumea was abducted by the demon octopus, Rogo-tumuhere, he and Turi-a-Faumea fished the monster up from the depths of the ocean and killed him, rescuing Turi-a-Faumea's wife.
He and Atea both claimed to be the father of Papa's first child, so she cut the baby in half for them. Atea threw her half into the heavens where it became the sun and later Tangaroa did the same, making the moon.

Another story makes Tangaroa and Rongo twins and says that he was born from his mother's arm.

Tanga Tanga South American in Peru, a three-headed god of birth, life and death

Tangaloa Pacific Islands [=New Zealand Tangaroa]
a creator-god, in the lore of Tonga
He made himself a wife by carving her from stone and, when he threw the spare fragments of stone into the primordial ocean, they became the islands of the Pacific.

Tangara Siberian [=Buriat Esege-Malan-Tengeri]
Montol Qrumnuta Tengri
a Yakut sky-god

Tangaro Gilagilala Pacific Islands brother of Qat
He was said to know everything.

Tangaro Loloqong Pacific Islands brother of Qat
He was said to know nothing.

Tangaroa Pacific Islands
[Tangaroa.Tongaiti.Upao.Vahu:
=Hawaiian Kanaloa.=Marquesas Islands
Tana'a:=Samoa 'Tagaloa.=Tahitian
Ta'aroa:= Tongan Tangaloa]
a creator-god and sea-god
a squid-god of Hawaii
a fish-god and god of reptiles of Tuamotu
son of Rangi and Papa
son of Atea and Papa, some say
son of Te-More-tu, some say
brother Haumea, Rongo, Ruaumoko,
Tane, Tawhiri and Tu
husband of Korero
father of Pili,Tu-nui-ka-rere and
Turi-a-Faumea

One story of the origin of Tangaroa says that he emerged from Po.
In one version of the creation story he created the world when, in the form of a bird, he laid an egg which, after floating on the primaeval waters, broke to form the sky and the earth.

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(see also Ta'aroa.Tangaroa.
Tangaroa.Tangaloa)

Tangi-kuku Pacific Islands
brother of Ina and Rupe

tangle Scottish
[tang=Scottish kelpie=Shetland shoopiltee]
a water spirit of the Orkneys in the form of a sea-horse or a man drapped with seaweed

Tangira Pacific Islands
a chief-fain of Rarotonga
who was deified after his death

Tango Pacific Islands
a god of the Hervey Islanders
son of Vari-ma-te-takere brother of Atea and Tinirau
In the coconut which is the universe, he lives in Enua-kura, the Land of Red Parrot Feathers, which is the realm below the home of Tinirau.
tangoma African
Swazi diviners

Tangotango New Zealand
a heavenly fairy
mother of Arahuta
She found the god Tawhaki in the woods and seduced him, bearing a daughter, Arabuta. She later met Tawhaki in heaven and they lived together thereafter.

Tangun Korean
[Dan-Gun.Wang-Gum]
son of Hwanung
His mother was a woman who had been changed from a bear by eating herbs given to her by Hwanung. Tangun became the founder of the first kingdom and, on his death, was identified with San-shin, god of the mountains.

Ta'aroa.'na North American a supreme god of the Haida Indians
tanha (see trishna)

Tani New Zealand
a Moari tree-god
He is said to hold up the heavens with his feet while his hair is represented as underground roots.

Tanin Mesopotamian
a Semitic monster in the form of a huge sea-serpent (see also Tannin)

Tanit Carthaginian
[Dido.Rat-Tanit.Tanith.Thinith:
=Egyptian Hathor.=Phoenician Astarte:
=Roman (Junco) Caelestis]
a moon-goddess and guardian goddess of Carthage

After her death, Dido became identified with Tanit.

Tanith (see Tanit)
taniwha New Zealand
a Moari water-monster

Tanjuur Tibetan
[Tan-gur]
a sacred book (see also Kanjur)

Tanlibik a demon associated with fascination

Tanngnjiostr Norse
[Tanngnjiostr.Toothcracker.Toothgrinder]
one of the goats pulling Thor's chariot

Tannggjnjonstr (see Tanngnjiostr)

Tanngrisnir Norse
[Toothmasher]
one of the goats pulling Thor's chariot

Tannhauser1 German
[Knight of Song]
a knight at the court of the German king

He fell under the spell of the goddess Holda (as Frau Venus) and, for a year, indulged in all the sensual pleasures she offered. Finally sickened, he returned to the king's court at Wartburg where he was rejected by the other knights, so he sought absolution in Rome only to be told that he had as much chance
of a pardon as his wooden staff had of producing flowers.
While he was away, Elizabeth, the king's daughter, who loved him, died of grief. He intended to return to Holda's cave but learned just in time that the staff had produced almond blossoms and he was pardoned after all. He died with his beloved Elizabeth.

**Tannhauser** [German]

an opera by Wagner

**Tannin** [Canaanite]

[=Phoenician Ophioneus]
a sea-dragon subdued by Anat or Bael

(see also Tanin)

**Tannus** (see Tinnus)

**Tao** [African]

a river-god of the Akan

son of the sun-god

brother of Bia

He should have been allocated the deserts but he disguised himself as his brother and was given the fertile parts of the earth.

**Tanoana** (see sumangat)

**Tans** [North American]

local deities of the Hupa tribe

These beings are said to tend huge herds of deer hidden in the mountains, occasionally allowing a few out to provide sport and food for the hunters.

**Tantalus** [British]

wife of Alexander

mother of Alexander and Alis

**Tantalos** (see Tantalus)

**Tantalus** [Greek]

[Tantalos]

king of Argos, Corinth or Lydia

son of Zeus or Tmolus by Pluto

husband of Dione or Euryanassa

father of Broteas, Niobe and Pelops

He kept the golden dog stolen from Tantalos (provide sport and food for the hunters.

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He killed his son Pelops, cut him into small pieces and served him in stew to the gods. As punishment, Zeus condemned him to eternal torment. Immersed in water up to his chin which recedes whenever he tries to drink and with a fruit tree over his head which moves away each time he reaches out a hand, he can never satisfy his hunger or thirst.

In other versions, his punishment was for divulging secrets of the gods, for stealing ambrosia and nectar or for keeping the golden dog.

Some stories substitute a rock poised over the head of Tantalus for the fruit generally mentioned.

**Tantalus**

[Tantalo]

king of Pisa

son of Thyeses

first husband of Clytemnestra

He was killed by Agamemnon who then took Clytemnestra as his wife.

**Tantra** [Buddhist]

sacred writing: the worship of male and female energies

These works are said to have been recorded by Dattatreya.

**Tantrika** [Indian]

a seer or magician

**Tantris** [British]

[Tantris(t)]

the name used by Tristram when, in the guise of a minstrel, he first met Isolde (see also Pro of Iernesetir)

**Tanuki** [Japanese]

a fox-spirit: the badger, said to have magical powers

Some say that the tanuki can change into a human being or a bottle of sake.

**Tanunapat** [Hindu]

a name for Agni as 'always young'

**Tanushi** (see Asoom)

**Tanuta** [Siberian]

a Koryak earth-guardian

consort of Yine'ane'ut

**Tao** [Chinese]

[‘the way’:=Japanese To]

the governing principle of the Taoist universe, combining yin and yang: the all-pervading basis of being: emptiness

**Tao Chi** [Chinese]

the name taken by Chi Kung when he became a monk

**Tao Chung** [Chinese]

[Chang Tsao-wang.Ling Pao]

the mortal form of a Taoist deity, one of the San Ch'ing, the Three Pure Ones

He controls the yang and the yin and regulates time. His home is the Higher Azure Palace, Shang Ch'ing.

**Tao Hua Hsien-nu** [Chinese]

a guardian goddess

**Tao-jen** [Chinese]

[female=tao-nii]

a sorcerer: one who practises Taoist magic

**Tao ming** [Chinese]

an assistant in the underworld

**Tao Mu** [Chinese]

Tou Mu as the Mother of the Way

**Tao-nü** [Chinese]

[male=tao-jen]

a sorcerer: a female practitioner of Taoist magic

**Tao Sha Shen Chun** [Chinese]

god of the ancestral tablets

**Tai-suan** [Chinese]

a 7th c monk

He went mad and claimed to have received revelations from the many gods who visited him.

**Tao Te Ching** [Chinese]

[Treatise of the Way and of Virtue]

the principal work of Taoist philosophy, said to have been written by Lao-tzu in the 6th c

This work describes the essence and source of the world which underlies everything.

**T’ao-‘t’ieh** [Chinese]

[Beast of Greed.Monster Face]

a monster with one head, 2 bodies and 6 legs

This beast may be a water-buffalo or it may have the face of a man, a lion or a tiger.

The term is also used to refer to the formalised depiction of some unidentified mythical animal.

**Tao Tsang** [Chinese]

the canon of Taoist literature

The present canon comprises over 1,100 volumes; an earlier one, burned in 1281, was even bigger.

The canon comprises two parts known as the San T'ing and the San Fu.

**Tao-t'ung** [Chinese]

one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts

He is depicted seated on a mat hugging his knees.

**Tao T'ung Shih** (see Yao)

**Tao-üeh** [Chinese]

one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts

He is depicted in a sitting position, meditating, with his head supported on his hand.

**Taoucuris** (see Tauret)

**Taoui-Ho-Oi** [Japanese]

a Shinto god of carpenters

When Amaterasu hid herself in a cave, he built a beautiful hall which, together with other lures, was used to entice her out again.

**Taounou** [Pacific Islands]

mother of the stars, in the lore of the Society Islanders

**Taouris** (see Tauret)
Tara
(see Tauret)

Tara
Tara

Tara
(see Gaap)

Tara
Hindu

one of the 7 realms of the universe, the home of the demi-gods
(see also Pitri-Loka)

Tara
(see Thunupa)

a name for Tane as king of the fairies
tapairu
Pacific Islands

a Polynesian nymph
daughter of Miru, goddess of the dead
Their mother used these nymphs to lure mortals to the underworld so that she could cook and eat them.

Taparimaru
South American

consort of Purrunaminari
mother of Stiri

Tapati
Hindu

[‘heat’]
daughter of the sun-god

Taphthartharath
a demon of the planet Mercury

Tapi
Baltic

a Finnish god of the hunt and forests
a male version of Virava
husband of Melki
father of Nyyrikki and Tuulikki
He is envisaged as the forested landscape of Finland.

Taqlikic
North American

a name for Yetl, the raven, as ‘hammer-father’, reflecting his toughness (see Raven)

Tar
African

a Nigerian earth-god

Tar-baby

a sticky figure featured in many cultures (see also Gum Girl)

Tara
Buddhist

Parnassavari.Prajinaramita).
Queen of Heaven,Queen of Knowledge.
Vajratara.Vasya-Tara.Vidyajyani:
=Chinese Kuan Yin.=Tibetan
Dolma.Grol-ma]
a Tibetan goddess of mercy, sailors and wisdom
wife of Avalokiteshvara
The name may be applied to Maya, the mother of the Buddha.
Some say that there were twenty-one versions of Tara.
In some accounts, Tara is said to have been generated from a tear-drop shed by Avalokiteshvara.
She is depicted, sometimes with seven eyes, sitting on a lion, holding the sun, or as a maiden holding a lotus.
(see also Blue Tara,Green Tara,Red Tara,sGrol-ma.Sitara,Tara Amba,White Tara)

Tara
Hindu

[Tara=Tibetan Dolma.sGrol-ma]
a three-eyed goddess
one of the mahavidyas
a sakti of Shiva
wife of Brhaspati
mother of Budha
She was carried off by Chandra but rescued by Brahma. She claimed that Chandra was the father of her son, Budha.

Tara
Irish

[Teamhair (na Riogh).Temair.
Temuir.Tiathdrom]
hom of the high-kings
This was originally the fortress of the Fir Bolg taken over by the Danaans and later the seat of the high-kings of Ireland.

One story says that the site was abandoned after St Ruadan cursed it, others that it continued in use long after the suggested date of that incident.

Tara
Pacific Islands

a Polynesian sea-goddess

Tara
(see Dara)

Tara Amba
Buddhist

a form of Tara as patron of sailors

Tara Bai
Hindu

an ever-youthful star-maiden who lured mortals with her songs

Tara Dharani
(see Green Tara)

Tara Dharami
(see Green Tara)

Tara Stone
(see Stone of Destiny)

Tara Utpala
(see Green Tara)

Tara

a demon of extortion

Tarakad
Japanese

a ship’s captain
He saw a vision of a maiden, dressed in white, standing on the surface of the sea to which she soon returned. She turned out to be the spirit of a wonderful sword which was recovered from the sea by the diver, Sankichi, and placed in a shrine. This satisfied the spirit and the fish, long absent from the bay, returned.

Tarade
African

a bard who sang the praises of Samba

Tarai
Indian

da deity of the Andaman Islands
wife or sister of Bilik
She controls the south-west monsoon while Bilik controls that from the north-east.

Taraino
New Zealand

the first canoe, given to Rata by the bird-spirits

Taraka
Hindu

[‘star’]
a female, man-eating demon killed by Rama
mother of Maricha

Taraka
(see Tara)

Tarakamaya
Hindu

the war between the followers of Soma and Brhaspati
This conflict was precipitated when Soma abducted Brhaspati’s wife, Tara.
It was ended by the intervention of Brahma who ordered Soma to return Tara to her husband.

Tarakee
Hindu

a hero who lived to the age of 1100

Taramusubi
Japanese

one of the Eight Imperial Deities

Taran
Celtic

the restless spirit of a child who died before being baptised

Taran
Welsh

father of Gluneu

Taranga
Pacific Islands

a mortal queen
mother of Maui by Makea

Tarani
Hindu

a name for the sun: a saviour deity

Taranis
(see Tar’an)

Taranos
(see Tar’an)

Taranuces
(see Tar’an)

Taranus
(see Tar’an)

Taranushi
(see Asoom)

Tarapaca
(see Thumapu)

Taras
Greek

a man who was saved from drowning by a dolphin

Tarasque
European

a French monster
This beast was said to have the head of a lion, scales, six clawed legs and the tail of a serpent. In some accounts, it was killed by St Martha near Marseilles.

Taraswin
Hindu

a name for Garuda as ‘swift one’

Tarawg
British

a warrior at King Arthur’s court
He was killed by the boar Twrch Trwyth.
Tarquinia

Tarquin the Proud

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Korean

father of Chopstick

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(see tarot)
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(see tarot)
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Pacific Islands

an evil spirit which seduces humans

These beings, of either sex, are said to kill their victims by cutting their genitalia.

tarok

(see tarot)

Tarol

Pacific Islands

a giant

tatar cards

[toroccio,tarok] a pack of 78 cards used in divination and fortune-telling

Taronhiawagon

North American

the supreme god of the Onondago

Tarpuntitaca-cuma

South American

Incas who performed human sacrifice

Tarqueq

Inuit

[Moond Spirit.Tarquiqu Inua] one of the 3 spirits controlling the forces of nature

He is a hunter-spirit who controls fertility and animals.

Tarquin

(see Turkin)

Tarin

(see Taru)

Tarenyawagon

North American


The Iroquois spirit who came to earth as Hiawatha.

Tari

Pacific Islands

an aspect of Viracocha as ‘judge’

Tark

(see Teshub)

Tarksyra

(see Dadhikra)

Tarku

(see Teshub)

Tarn

Siberian

an evil deity of the Ostyak god of war and disease

In some cases, Tarn is depicted as female.

Tarnhelm

Norse

the Helmet of Invisibility

(see also Tarnkappe)

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(Cap of Invisibility.Hel-kappe. Nebelkappe Tarnhut] the red cap worn by some dwarfs These tiny beings hid behind rocks and repeated the last words of anything they overheard, giving rise to dwarf-talk or echoes. The red cap protected them from the daylight which would otherwise have turned them to stone.

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Tarquinius Arruns¹

[Arruns.Tarquin]

Roman

town to the tender mercies of his despotic father.

While the Roman leaders were engaged at Ardea, he raped Lucretia, wife of Collatinus. The enraged citizens rose up in anger, the monarchy was overthrown and a republic instituted. Expelled from Rome, he returned to Gabii where he was killed.

Tarquinius Superbus

[Ar(r)uns.Tarquin]

Roman

seventh and last king of Rome

He killed his first wife and his brother Arruns and married his brother's wife, Tullia. At her instigation, he then killed her father, the sixth king Servius Tullius, and took the throne.

His son's rape of Lucretia incensed the citizens, leading to the abolition of the monarchy.

He fled to Caere and came back with an Etruscan force to attack Rome. He was driven off and his second attempt, led by Lars Porsena, was no more successful. He was wounded in his final battle with Rome, at Lake Regillus, and died some time later at Cumae.

Tarquinius Inua (see Tarqeq)

tarroo-ushtey

[Lucumo.Tarquin]

Mans

a monster in the form of a water-bull

This is said to have the habit of pulling mortals under the water and drowning them.

Tarso

[Collatinus.Egerius.Tarquin]

British

brother of Bagdemagus

He was killed when fighting for King Arthur.

Tarsanesyde

British

in some accounts, mother of Enid by Liconaus or Yniol

Tartach

[Enid]

a demon said to take possession of humans

Tartak

Hebrew

da deity of the Avites

Tartaro

European

[Telepinu]

a Basque monster

In some accounts, Tartaro is a one-eyed giant, rather like a Cyclops, while in others he may appear as a hunter or shepherd or as some strange animal.

He owned a ring which could speak. When it spoke to the girl to whom he gave the ring, she cut off her finger and threw both finger and ring into a pond.

Tartaros (see Tartarus)

[Tartaros]

Greek

Hades.

hell: the home of the dead

The underworld which was ruled by Hades was divided into three areas: the Asphodel Fields for the souls of heroes, Erebos where the palace of Hades and his queen was situated and Elysium, the home of the souls of the virtuous. Sometimes it is regarded as having two divisions, Tartarus, the lower, and Erebos, in which case Elysium is regarded as a separate place away to the west. Other stories use either name to refer to the underworld as a whole.

Entry was by two gates, one of ivory for false dreams and one of horn for true dreams.

Newly-arrived souls were judged by three judges, Aeacus, Minos and Rhadamanths.

Tartarus¹

[Tartaros]

Greek

Mesopotamian

a primaeval god of the underworld

son of Aither by Gaea

Taru

Hittite

a Hattic weather-god

husband of Wurusemu

father of Huila

father of Telepinu, some say

Tarutius

Roman

husband of Acca Larentia

In the story that identifies Acca Larentia with the prostitute Fabula, he married her after she gave up prostitution, a wealthy woman.

Tarvaa

Mongolian

a shaman

When, as a youth, he became unconscious, it was thought he was dead. His body was left outside and the crows pecked his eyes out. His soul was refused entry to the land of the dead but was given great wisdom so that, when he recovered consciousness, he was blind but very wise.

Tarvos

Roman

[(Tarvos) T(r)igaranos.(Tarvos) T(r)igaranus.Tigeranos.Tigeranus]

a Celtic bull-god in Gaul

He is depicted sometimes as a three-horned bull, sometimes as a bull with three cranies on his back.

Tascar

[Ar(r)uns.Tarquin]

a ruler of one of the 7 supposed firmaments
**Taschlikh**  
Hebrew  
[=Japanese Ohobarai]  
a rite for the expiation of sin in  
which clothes or figures are  
ceremonially burnt  

**tase**  
Burmese  
evil spirits, vengeful souls  
of the dead  

These beings appear in various forms  
known as hminza, thabet and thaye.  
They can be scared off by very loud  
opti.

**Tasenetnofret**  
Egyptian  
a goddess  
an aspect of Hathor  
consort of Haraeris  

**Tash**  
British  
an evil deity in the works of  
C. S. Lewis  
He is depicted as manlike, with four  
arms and the head of a bird of prey,  
and is regarded as a form of Abriman.  

**Tasha**  
Irish  
[=Princess Tasha]  
a maiden of the Otherworld  
She was one of many said to be the  
wife of Finn mac Cool to whom she  
was given for military assistance  
rendered by Finn to her father.  

**Tashan**  
Persian  
a creator-god  

**Tashi Lama**  
(see Panchen Lama)  

**Tashi Toeringma**  
Tibetan  
[=Tashireringma]  
a goddess of the Himalayas  
one of the 5 Long Life Sisters,  
some say  
This deity lives on the peak Gauri-  
shankar, west of Everest.  

**Tashitsheringma**  
(see Tashi Toeringma)  

**Tashmetu**  
(see Tasmisu)  

**Tasmisu**  
Mesopotamian  
[Tasmish(u), Tasmisu]  
a Hurrian deity  
brother and attendant on Teshub  
He was one of the three gods spat out  
by Kumarbi or, as others say, produced  
from the earth, and he helped his  
brother, Teshub, in his fight with the  
demon Illuyanka. The other two were  
Aranzak and Teshub.  

**Tasmisus**  
(see Tasmisu)  

**Tasmir**  
(see Tasmisu)  

tasoom  
North American  
the soul, in the lore of  
the Cheyenne  

**Tasso, Torquato**  
Italian  
(1544-95)  
an Italian poet  
He wrote about the exploits of  
Charlemagne and his paladins, including  
the book Jerusalem Delivered.  

**Tastar**  
(see Tashtri)  

**Tat**  
(see Ded.Thoth)  

**Tata1**  
Siberian  
progenitor of the Tartars and keeper  
of the Tree of Life  

**Tata2**  
(see Nata.Xiuhtecuhtli)  

tatabu  
Pacific Islands  
a fetish in which a spirit is said  
to be trapped  

**tattari**  
Japanese  
a curse laid on an individual by  
a deity or a spirit  

**tattari-ishii**  
Japanese  
a stone said to bring bad luck or  
even death  

**Tataro**  
(see Tartaro)  

**Tate**  
North American  
a creator-god and wind-god of the  
Sioux Indians  

**Tate Hautse Kupuri**  
Central American  
a rain-goddess of the Huichol Indians  

**Tate Kyewimoka**  
Central American  
a rain-goddess of the Huichol Indians  

**Tate Naaliwahi**  
Central American  
a rain-goddess of the Huichol Indians  

**Tate Oteganaka**  
Central American  
a corn-goddess of the Huichol Indians  

**Tate Rapawiyema**  
Central American  
a rain-goddess of the Huichol Indians  

**Tate-Vali**  
Central American  
a fire-god of the Huichol Indians  

**Tate Velia Vimali**  
Central American  
a sun-goddess of the Huichol Indians  

**Taten**  
(see Tatenen)  

**Tatenen**  
Egyptian  
[Taten, Taten, Tatenen, Tatamen.  
Tatamen, Ten(en)]  
a pramaenal vegetation god  
an androgynous aspect of Ptah  
This deity was regarded as the  

**personification of the dead king's  
phallus and guardian of the solar  
bark.**  
He is depicted as bearded with  
a crown of ram's horns.  

**Tathagata**  
Buddhist  
[=Chinese Ju-lai=Japanese Nyorai]  
a name for the Buddha as one who  
follows the path of his ancestors  
(see also Sugata)  

**Tathatasvita**  
Buddhist  
a minor goddess  
one of the vasitas  

**Tathlum**  
Irish  
the magic stone flung from a  
catapult by Lugh to kill Balor at  
the Second Battle of Moytura  

**Tatia**  
Roman  
a Sabine king  
He is said to have captured the  
Capitol following the rape of the  
Sabine women and ruled jointly with  
Romulus.  

**Tajenen**  
(see Tateten)  

**Tatosi**  
Central American  
a fire-god of the Huichol Indians  

**Tatpurusa**  
(see Tatpurusha)  

**Tatpurusha**  
Hindu  
[=Tatpurusa]  
one of 5 aspects of Shiva known  
as Pancabrahma  

**Taqahcinin**  
Siberian  
a Koryak vegetation-god  

**Tatsu**  
Japanese  
a sign (dragon) of the Zodiac  

**Tatsuta-hiko**  
Japanese  
a minor wind-god  

**Tatsuta-hime**  
Japanese  
a minor wind-goddess  

**Tatu-Karasia**  
South American  
a legendary race of people  
It was believed that these people lived  
underground and were killed, when  
they came out of their dwellings, by  
the Xingu.  

**Tatumen**  
(see Tatenen)  

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(see Tatamen)  

**Tatzelwurm**  
European  
a mythical dragon in the Alps  

**Tatzitze**  
South American  
a supreme god of the Chaco tribe  
of Colombia  
father of Carabagi  

**Tau**  
(see Tayau)  

**Tau Titi**  
New Zealand  
son of Miru  

**Tau-uta**  
Pacific Islands  
a Tahitian deity  

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taua

Pacific Islands
evil spirits which may appear as animals or as monsters made of various animal parts

Taua Fatuna

Pacific Islands
offspring of Limu, god of the dead

Taueret (see Tauret)

the first man, in the lore of Botswana

He lived in the cave known as Lowe in the centre of the country.

Taurira-Ahua

Pacific Islands
son of Tura and Turakihau

Taulat

British
a knight-killer

He killed a knight at King Arthur’s court and threatened to return each year to kill another. Jaufré was ordered to follow him and killed him in single combat.

Taulurd

British
a giant in Cornwall brother of Taulus

He ravaged the lands of earl Fergus until he was killed by Morholt.

Taulus

British
[Taullus]
a giant in Cornwall brother of Taulurd

Taumata-Atua

Pacific Islands
a vegetation god

Tauni-kapi-kapi

East Indian
a man-eating giant of New Guinea

He was killed by a man and his mother who climbed a beanstalk to his home in the sky.

Taunggyi-shin (see Hnit-ma-dawgyi)

Taunting of Loki (see Aegisdrekka)

Taurean

Western
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Tauret

Egyptian
a hippopotamus-goddess; goddess of childbirth wife of Bes or Set

Depicted as having the head of a hippopotamus, the legs of a lion and the tail of a crocodile, her fearsome appearance drove off evil spirits at the birth of a child.

In later stories, Horus won her from Seb and she was put in charge of souls returning from the underworld for rebirth.

She was later assimilated into Hator.

Taurica

(see Artemis)

taurobolium

Roman
the sacrificial slaughter of bulls to Mithras or Cybele when devotees bathed in the blood of the slaughtered animals

Tauropolos

Greek
a name for Artemis as a fertility-goddess associated with bulls

Tauropolos

Greek
son of Dionysus and Ariadne

Taurt

(see Tauret)

Taurua

Pacific Islands
daughter of Hua‘atu’a

Taurus

[=Arab Thaur]
the second symbol of the Zodiac, the bull

Taurvi

Persian
a demon opposing Ameretat

Taut

Egyptian
a name of the young Horus

Tautabaoth

a Gnostic angel with a bear’s head

Tauhe

Mesopotamian
a demon of chaos

the Syrian version of Tiamat consort of Apapson mother of Lache, Lachos and Muynis

Tautohito

New Zealand
a Maori sorcerer

He and Puarata owned a magic head that killed all who came near. Hakawau overcame his spells by superior magic and killed him and all his followers.

Tavan

Thai
a demon

The fifth incarnation of Vishnu, in the Indian version, was Vamana the dwarf who was sent to deal with the king, Bali. In the Thai version, Vamana is an incarnation of Narayana who is sent to defeat the demon Tavan.

Tavatimsa

Hindu
one of the lower regions of heaven, ruled by Sakka

It was this heaven that the Buddha ascended to when he passed on his teachings to his mother.

Taverik

(see Tayau)

Tavi-ayik

(see Virava)

Tavola Ritonda

Italian
a 14th c book of Arthurian legends

Tawa

North American
a creator-god and sun-god of the Pueblo Indians

Tawa Makoe

North American
a Sioux chief father of Makhta

His three sons were all killed in battles with their enemies, the Crow, but his daughter avenged their deaths in a later battle.

Tawadeintha

Burmese
[=Siamese Taweda]
the land of the nats

Tawals

Polish
a field-god

Tawara Toda (see Hidesato)

Taweda

Siamese
the Siamese version of Tawadeintha

Tawendauare

South American
a culture-hero of the Tupi Indians brother of Arikute

In one version, he quarrelled with his brother and caused a flood when he stamped his foot. They saved themselves and their families by taking to the trees.

An alternative story regards him as god of the day in permanent conflict with Arikute, god of the night.

Taweret (see Tauret)

Tawert (see Tauret)

Taweskar (see Tawiscara)

Tawhaki

New Zealand
[Tahaki=Papuan Sido]
a semi-divine culture-hero a Maori thunder-god son of Hema and Urotonga brother of Kariki husband of Hine Piripiri father of Matuku, Tahiti Tokerau and Wahieroa father of Arahuta by Tangotango

He led souls across the rainbow bridge to meet their ancestors while his son, Rata, followed in his canoe.

When he married Hine Piripiri, her relatives tried to kill Tawhaki but he drove them off with lightning flashes and drowned them in a heavy rainstorm. Their father, Hema, had been killed by the ponaturi and these flying demons had taken over his house. Tawhaki and Kariki sealed the house so that the demons could see no light and, when dawn came, Tawhaki opened the door and the demons perished in the light of the sun. Only two, Kanae and Tonga-Hiti, escaped.

At the end of his life on earth, he climbed to heaven up a vine lowered by his grandmother, Whaitiri. In the sixth heaven, Nga Atua, he was reunited with Tangotango, a nymph who had seduced him, and he lived with her and their daughter, Arahuta, thereafter.

In some accounts he is the grand-father of Rata.
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Tawhiri was a New Zealand Maori storm-god, son of Rangi and Papa, brother of Huia, Tohu, and Puhoi. With his twin brother, Tawheta, he rebelled against his father, Tu-matauenga, because he had been killed by bears. Although only a tiny dwarf, he was immensely strong and used trees as arrows.

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Te Atua Wera | New Zealand
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Te Po | New Zealand
a primaeval deity, god of night
son of Te Kore
Like his father, Te Po had many aspects
– Te Po-whawha, Te Po-teki, Te Po-teroa, etc.

Te Putahi Nui | Pacific Islands
a place in Rangi Tuarea, the home of the
star-god Rehua

Te Rangi Whakaputa
(see Whakaputa)

Te Reinga | Pacific Islands
Te Rongo | Pacific Islands
Te Tanga Enaeg | Pacific Islands
a creator god of the Hervey islanders
He is envisaged as a huge worm. The
world is seen as a coconut the root of
which is inhabited by three such beings. Te Tanga Enaeg lives in the
middle.
(see also Te Aka i Roe, Te Manava Roa)

Te Toi-o-nga Rangi | Pacific Islands
the highest heaven

Te Tumu | Pacific Islands
[Kiho Tumu = Tahitian Atea:]
>
New Zealand Rangi]
a supreme god in the Society Islands
As Kiho, he is equated in some
accounts with the Maori god Io.

Te Tuna | Pacific Islands
[Tea(roa)]
a monster in the form of an eel
He seduced Hina when she came to
dearth to bathe.

In another version, he seduced a
girl named Ina Moe-Aitu and then
ordered her to cut off his head and
bury it. The first coconut tree grew
from the buried head.

Some say that it was Raukura, the
wife of Maui, who was seduced and
the angry god chopped Te Tuna into
pieces from which came not only the
cconut palm but many species of
fish.

Tea | Irish
[Tea-Tephi]
an eastern princess
wife of Eremon
In some accounts, she is said to have
been the daughter of the Biblical
Zedekiah and to have brought the
Stone of Destiny to Ireland.

tea plant | Buddhist
a plant said to be grown from an
eyelid of Bodhidharma

Tea-Tephi | (see Tea)
Teach Dhionn | (see Teach Duinn)
Teach Duinn | (see Teach Duinn)
Teach-na-deinedh | Irish
a rite of purification by fire

Teacher of the World
(see Pachayachachic)
a fabulous animal

Teamhair | (see Tara)
Teamhair Luachra | Irish
[Catair Curoi, Cathair Chon Roi]
the fortress of Curoi, in some accounts
It was said that Curoi uttered a chant
each night, causing the building to
revolve so that its entrance could
never be found after sunset.

Teamhair na Riogh
(see Tara)
Teanoi | Pacific Islands
son of Bakoa and Nei Nguiriki
The first children of Bakoa were the
fishes. Next came the human, called
Taburimai, and the shark, Teanoi. When Teanoi learned that the fishes
planned to kill Taburimai, he carried
him on his back to the safety of Samoa.
He was rewarded by being made a star
in the sky.
tearai | Japanese
a basin in a shrine
This vessel is used in purification rites
on entering the shrine.

tears of Eos | Greek
dew
The dew was regarded as the tearsshed
by Eos over the death of her son
Mmemon.

Teatlahuiani | Central American
a god of intoxication
one of the Centzon Totochtin
A sacrifice made to this god would
ensure that the drinker did not die
drawn from drowning when drunk.
tebo | African
[plur=matebo]
an evil spirit of the Bakongo
This spirit appears in the form of an
ugly, wrinkled dwarf.

Tecacated | Central American
one of the leaders of the Aztecs when
they left their homeland, Aztlán

Tecciztecatl | Central American
[Metzli. Mex(i)tli]
a moon-god of the Aztecs
son of Tlaloc, some say
He is said to have cremated himself
and the moon represents his heart.

He is depicted as an old man carrying
a white shell.

Tech Duinn | Irish
[Teach Dhionn, Teach Duinn]
the island home of Donn
home of the dead
This land is envisaged as an island to
the south-west of Ireland.

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Te Maharo | Pacific Islands
a Tahitian deity

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Te Mangai | New Zealand
(see Wiremu Ratana)

Te More-tu | New Zealand
a deity, personified
father of Tangaroa

Te-nadzuchi | Japanese
wife of Ashi-nadzuchi
mother of Inada-hime

Te Nao | Pacific Islands
a sea-god of the Gilbert Islands
son of Na Atibu and Nei Teukez

Te Parai Tea | Pacific Islands
[The Hollow Grey Rocks]
the home of Tumutanana below
the home of Tango in the world
cocoanut

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Te Ikawai | Pacific Islands
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Teirnyon

Teirnyon  (see Thoth)

Teemessa  Greek
t [Teemessa]
dughter of Teleutas or Theubras
mother of Euryascar by Ajax

When Ajax raided her father's kingdom during the Trojan War, her father was killed and she was carried off as a prize by Ajax.

Tecolotl  Central American
a ruler of the underworld in
the form of an owl

Tecpatl  (see Tepatl)
[see Tepatl]
from below.

Along the tunnel and shot the beast point beneath where the monster was burrowed under the ground to a plain with no cover so a ground-rat came to California from the north

T eelget lived in the middle of a huge plain with no cover so a ground-rat burrowed under the ground to a point beneath where the monster was standing. Nayenezgani then crawled along the tunnel and shot the beast from below.

Tefnet  (see Tefnut)
Tefnut  Egyptian
[M(a(yet).Tefnet.The.Spitter]
a rain-goddess
dughter of Atum (Ra) or Khepra
wife and sister of Shu
mother of Geb and Nut

She and her brother Shu were created when Ra span on the ground.

In some accounts, she went into the desert as a lynx and was recovered by Shu and Thoth. Some say that she married Thoth.

She is depicted as having a lion's head and wearing a solar disc or sometimes as a snake.

Tegau Efron  (see Tegau Eufron)
Tegau Eufron  Welsh
[Tegau Efron.Tegau Eufron]
in Welsh accounts, wife of Caradoc
Briefbas and mother of Meuric

She owned a famous carving knife, cup and mantle, the last of which is sometimes in the list of the Thirteen Treasures collected by Merlin.

In other versions, Caradoc's wife is Guimer.

Tegau Eufron  (see Tegau Eufron)
Tegid Foel  (see Tegid Foel)

Tegid Foel  Welsh

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Teiresis  British

[see Teiresis]

A poem by Tennyson

Teirgwedd  Welsh

[Teirgwedd]
father of Menw

Teirgwedd  (see Teirgwedd)

Teirwyn  Welsh

[Teirwyn.Tiernon.Turf Liant]
a farmer, Lord of Gwent

Watching a mare foal, he saw a clawed hand appear through the window and grab the young colt. He cut off the hand with his sword and went out of the stable expecting to find a dragon. He saw nothing but found a baby abandoned on the doorstep when he re-entered the stable. He and his wife reared the baby as their own, calling him Gwri. When they discovered that He was said to combine male and female characteristics and lived for seven generations.

When he saw two snakes mating, he struck them with a stick, killing the female, and became a woman. When this happened again, he struck the male and became a man again and was thus able to settle an argument between Zeus and Hera by saying that women got nine times more pleasure from sexual intercourse than did men.

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he was the son of Pwyll and Rhiannon they returned him to his parents who called him Pryderi.

**Teirtu**  
*Welsh*  
owner of a harp that could play itself  
Culhwch was required by Yshaddaden to get this harp as part of his quest for the hand of Olwen.

Some equate Teirtu with the Dagda, owner of such a harp.

**Teishas**  
*Armenian*  
a god

**Teishakuten**  
*Japanese*  
a guardian deity  
one of the 28 Nijuichi-Bushu

**Teisiphone**  
*(see Tisiphone)*

**Tete**  
*Irish*  
sister of Fothadh Canainne  
When her brother said that he would drink at Finn mac Cool’s feast only in the presence of the dead, Finn killed both Tete and her husband to meet this condition.

**Teithion**  
*Welsh*  
father of Madawg

**Teiwa**  
*(see Tyr)*

**Tejosnisa**  
*Buddhist*  
a god

**Tekkei**  
*Japanese*  
a sennin who blew his own soul into the heavens

**Tekmesssa**  
*(see Tecmessa)*

**Tekotoko**  
*New Zealand*  
a wooden figure  
These carved figures, which depict animals, demons and men, are erected at the entrance to Maori villages and are said to protect the people with their magical powers.

**Telamon**  
*Greek*  
king of Salamis  
son of Aeacus and Endeis  
brother of Peleus  
half-brother of Phocus  
husband of Glauce and Periboea  
father of Ajax by Periboea  
father of Teucer by Hesione

He was one of the party hunting the Calydonian boar and sailed with the Argonauts. He also sailed with Heracles in his attack on Troy and, for his help, was given Hesione, Laomedon’s sister, as a prize, fathering Telamon being sent to Salamis. Here he married the king’s daughter, Glauce, and himself became king. He later married Periboea and was the father by her of Ajax the Great.

Some say that he was killed when helping Heracles in his war against Elis. Sculptured male figures used as supporting columns are called telamones.

**Telchines**  
*(see Telchines)*

**Telchines**  
*Greek*  
the original inhabitants of Rhodes  
or, some say, Crete  
children of Thalassa, some say

These people, who were said to be skilled both in magic and in the arts of metalwork, abandoned the island before Deucalion’s flood. They were said to use their magic powers for evil purposes and Zeus came to hate them. Some say that Zeus, or Poseidon, drowned them all in the flood but others say that they were expelled by the sons of Helius and Rhodes.

In some accounts they are described as being like dogs with fins instead of feet and are said to have raised the infant Poseidon.

**Tele**  
*Pacific Islands*  
the first man, in Samoan lore

**Teledamus**  
*Greek*  
son of Agamemnon by Cassandra  
twin brother of Pelaos  
Agamemnon took Cassandra and her two sons back to Greece after the fall of Troy. All four were killed by Clytemnestra and her lover, Aegisthus.

**Teledece**  
*Greek*  
a nymph  
mother of Apis by Phoroneus

**Teleonia**  
*Greek*  
one of the poems in the Epic Cycle, telling the story of Telegonus

**Telegonus**  
*(see Telegonos)*

**Telegonos**  
*Greek*  
son of Odysseus and Circe  
brother of Agrius and Latinus  
father of Italus by Penelope

In some stories he killed Odysseus not knowing that he was killing his father. He then took Penelope and Telemachus, wife and son of Odysseus, back to Aeaea.

He is said to have married Penelope and Telemachus married Circe.  
*(see also Telemachus)*

**Telegonus**  
*(see Telegonos)*  
a king of Egypt

He married Io after she was restored to human form from a white cow.

**Telegonus**  
*Greek*  
son of Proteus  
When he challenged Heracles to a wrestling match he was killed.

**Teleia**  
*Greek*  
a name for Hera as ‘matron’

**Teleios**  
*(see Talaios)*

**Telemachus**  
*Greek*  
son of Odysseus and Penelope

He was a baby when the Trojan War broke out and his father feigned madness to escape military service, sowing his fields with salt. Palamedes put the infant Telemachus in front of the plough and Odysseus quickly demonstrated that he was not mad.

Twenty years later he set out to find his father who had not returned from Troy. He travelled to Pylos to consult Nestor who knew nothing and then to Sparta only to find that Menelaus could tell him only that his father was held captive on an island by Calypso. When Odysseus did finally get home after all his wanderings, Telemachus helped him in the killing of the many suitors who had been pestering his mother, Penelope, for many years and they rounded up all the servants who had been unfaithful to Odysseus and hanged them.

In another story, Telegonus, a son of Odysseus by Circe, killed Odysseus and took Penelope to Aeaea where he married her. Telemachus, in this version, married Circe, on whom he fathered Latinus, while others say that he married Nausicaa who bore him a son, Persepolis. Still others say that he married Polycaste.

**Telemakhos**  
*(see Telemachus)*

**Telemus**  
*Greek*  
a prophet  
son of Eurymus  
He foretold that Polyphemus would be blinded by Odysseus.

**Teleon**  
*Greek*  
father of Butes and Erechtheus by Zeuxippe, in some accounts

**Teleos**  
*Greek*  
a name for Zeus as guardian of the family

**Telephassa**  
*Greek*  
wife of Agenor

**Telipinu**  
mother of Cadmus, Cilix, Phineus, Phoenix, Thasus and a daughter, Europa
Her daughter was abducted by Zeus in the form of a bull. Telephassa died during the long search for her missing daughter.

**Telephus**

Greek

a king of Teuthrania

son of Heracles and Auge

husband of Arigiope, Astyoche or Laodice

father of Eurypylus by Astyoche

He was abandoned as a baby, found by shepherds, suckled by a deer and later found his mother who was then queen of Mysia. He became king on the death of his husband, Teuthras.

In some accounts, he was given Auge, the wife or adopted daughter of Teuthras, as a wife but they discovered their relationship in time to avoid marriage. He then married Arigiope, the real daughter of Teuthras or, in some accounts, Astyoche or Laodice.

He killed Thersander but was wounded by Achilles when the Greeks, on route to Troy, mistakenly landed in Mysia. He was cured with the rust from the spear of Achilles and set the fleet on its proper course.

**Telepinu**

(see Telipinu)

**Telepinus**

(see Telipinu)

**Telepuna**

(see Telipinu)

telsm

(see talisman)

**Telesphorus**

Greek

[Acis. Aciso]

a child-god, assistant to Asclepius

**Telethusa**

Greek

wife of Ligdus

mother of Iphí

She raised her daughter as a boy because her husband had ordered that any female children should be abandoned.

**Teleutas**

Greek

a king of Phrygia

father of Tecmessa, some say

In some accounts, Tecmessa was the daughter of Teuthras.

deze-awa

Russian

[=Moravian kov-ava]

a Cheremis tutelary spirit, guardian of the moon

**Teli**

Tibetan

a Lamaist sorcerer

**Teliko**

African

a wind-god of the Bambara people

He was killed by Faro who smashed him against the side of a mountain.

**Telipinu**

[Hittite]

[Telepinus. Telepuna]

a fertility-god and god of agriculture

son of Taru or Teshub

Once, when he disappeared wearing his boots on the wrong feet, the earth became desolate and all things started to die off. He was stung by a bee sent by Hannananna to find him but that only further angered him and caused him to send major floods. When Kamrusepa, the goddess of magic, dispelled his anger, or cured his illness, some say, he returned to his palace and the earth was saved.

In some accounts, Telpinu, as son of Teshub, retrieved the god’s eyes and heart from the monster, Illuyankas, when he married the monster’s daughter.

**Teljavelik**

Baltic

[Teljavelik]

a Lithuanian creator-god and smith-god

telpenu

African

a sand-diviner of Liberia

**Tellumo**

Roman

an ancient earth-god

consort of Tellus

(see also Tellurus. Tellus)

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Roman

an ancient earth-god

consort of Tellus

(see also Tellus. Tellumo. Tellus)

**Tellus Mater**

(see Tellus)

**Telphusa**

Greek

[Telphusa(s)al]

a spring-nymph of Boeotia

Apollo asked advice on founding his own oracle and she deliberately sent him to face the Python. On his return, the god covered her spring with rocks. The water of this spring later poisoned the seer, Teiresias.

**Telpochli**

Central American

a name for Tezcatlipoca as Youthful Warrior

**Telque-huecuve**

South American

a cuttlefish in the lore of the Araucanians

This fearsome beast has a hoof on the end of each tentacle. (see also Manta)

**Telramund**

(see Frederick)

**Telta**

(see Talitha)

**Telyaveli**

(see Teljavelik)

**Telyavelik**

(see Tellus. Tellurus)

**Tem**

(see Atum)

**Temair**

(see Tara)

temalacati

Central American

a stone to which a prisoner could be tethered

A prisoner tied to this ‘spindle-stone’ could fight for his life against his captors and, if he managed to defeat seven, was set free. Failure resulted in sacrificial death.

**Temaukel**

South American

the supreme god of the Ona Indians of Tierra del Fuego

**TEMazcalteci**

Central American

an Aztec goddess of the baths

a name for Chihuauatli as ‘grandmother of the baths’

In some accounts, she is equated with Tlazoteotl.

**Tembo**

African

a legendary king of the Baganda grandson of Kimera

His mother told Tembo that his father had been killed by his grandfather, Kimera, and Tembo took the opportunity when Kimera was alone, to kill him with his club. He later went mad but was cured by the sacrifice of a human being.

**Temenus**

Greek

a king of Argos

son of Aristodemus

brother of Aristodemus and Cresphontes

father of Archielaus, Creisu, Hynetho and Perdicas

He was a descendant of Heracles who led an attack on the Peloponnesian by the Heraclidae. The attackers defeated Tisamenus and shared the country, Temenus taking Argos.

When his daughter Hynetho married Deiphontes, Temenus showed that he preferred his son-in-law to his own sons, who then killed him.

**Temenus**

Greek

a king of Symphalus

son of Pelasgus

Temenus was said to have reared the goddess Hera.

**Temenus**

Greek

son of Phgeus

brother of Arsinoe and Axion

His sister, Arsinoe, married Alcmæon and, when he abandoned her, Temenus, with his brother and father, killed him.

**temenus**

Greek

a sacred enclosure

**Temgu**

(see Tengu)

**Temiuia**

South American

an ancestral heroine of the Tupi
mother of Pinon

Fleeing from an unwanted marriage, she produced two eggs. From one of these emerged the boy Pinon, from the other a girl. The two children
became constellations, he Orion, she the Pleiades.

Temmangu Japanese
the name for Tenjin in some accounts
(see also Michizane Sugawara)

Tempe Greek
a most beautiful valley in Thessaly
It was here, between Mount Osso and Olympus, that Apollo was purified after killing the Python.

tempestor [tempestuary]
a witch or wizard said to cause storms

tempestuary (see tempestor)

Templars British
the knights helping Titurel to guard the Holy Grail in the temple
on Mount Salvat (see also Templeise)

Temple of Heaven (see T’ien T’ang)
The temple in which the Holy Grail was kept
This temple was built on Mount Salvat by Titurel, the knight who first found the Holy Grail. He guarded it day and night during his lifetime, a duty taken over by his son, Amfortas, when Titurel died. (see also Templars)

Temple of the High Head

Temple of the Stars
(see Glastonbury Zodiac)

Templeise British
in some accounts, the knights who acted as guardians of the Holy Grail (see also Templars)

Tempon Telon East Indian
[Tempun Telon=Greek Charon:
=Egyptian Turnface=Eruscan Charun:
=Mesopotamian Arad Ea]
a sangiang brother of Lilang
This demi-god’s function is to conduct souls to the land of the dead.

Tempulcagne [tempestuary]

Temuir

Temu1

Temu2

Ten Corn Maidens North American
[Corn Maidens]
corn spirits in the lore of the Zuni
These beings were underworld spirits who came to the upper world only to find themselves turned into mortals and locked up by witches. Their absence caused the crops to fail but fertility was restored when the maidens were rescued by Payatami.

Another version of this story says that these ten deities followed the Ashiwi from the underworld and were given the seeds of maize and squash by two witches. They were found by the twin gods, Kowiwituma and Watususi, who took them to perform their dance in front of the tribes but they were frightened by Payatami and ran away, causing a great famine. The two gods managed to persuade the maidens to return and they performed their ritual dance once more, restoring the fertility of the land, before finally disappearing for ever.

Ten Datsu-Ba Japanese
husband of Sodzu Baba

Ten Geris Siberian
a thunder-god of the Buriats

Ten-gu (see Tengu)

Ten Rishis (see Seven Rishis)

Ten Scholars Chinese
[Shih Che]
10 disciples of Confucius

Ten Suns Chinese
offspring of Ti Chün and Hsi Ho
The suns lived in the giant tree, Fu Sang, in the east. They took it in turns to cross the sky each day, accompanied by their mother. When they decided to appear in the sky all at the same time, the earth was in danger of being burnt to a cinder but was saved when the archer, I, shot down nine of them.

Ten Yama Kings Chinese
Shih Wang]
judges of the dead
Each of these beings had his own court in the underworld. The first judge, T’ien-kuang, decided whether the soul should be released to a new life or passed on for judgment; the second, Chi-chiang, held court over the corrupt and incompetent; the third, Sung Ti, dealt with liars; the fourth, Wu Kuan, with misers and the fifth, Yin Wang, with murderers. Atheists were tried in the court of the sixth judge, Pien-ch’eng, while slaves appeared in the seventh ruled by T’ai Shan Kun. The eighth court, ruled by Ping-teng, judged those who failed to honour their ancestors and the ninth, that of T’u-shih, dealt with arsonists. If they survived the punishments meted out by these courts, souls passed to the tenth and final court where the judge, Chuan Lun, made a decision on their future.

Tena-ranide North American
a plague-god of the Athapascans, god of death

Tenanto’mni Siberian
a creator-god of the Chukchee people

Tenanto’mwan Siberian
[Yu’qigin=Chukchee Va’irgin] a creator-god of the Koryak people consort of I’lena
tenochrio a night spirit

Tenen [see Tatenen]

Tenes Greek
[Teiones] king of Tenedos
son of Cycnus and Procleia
His real father was said to be Apollo. Cycnus married a second wife, called Phylonomo, who fell in love with Tenes and lied about him when he rejected her advances. Cycnus cast both Tenes and his sister Hemithea adrift in a chest but Poseidon kept them safe and they landed at Tenedos where Tenes became king.

In some stories, Cycnus, having discovered his wife’s deceit, killed her and went to Tenedos but was rejected by Tenes who was killed by Achilles when defending Hemithea.

In another version, father and son were reconciled and fought together at Troy where both were killed by Achilles.

Tenenit Egyptian
a goddess of beer

Teng Kao Chinese
[Climbing the Hills]
a harvest festival

Tenga Japanese
[AMA-no-Yasu-no-gawa]
the Milky Way regarded as a river in which the gods catch fish

Tengri (see Tengri)

Tengri’ Mongol
[‘Tengri.Tura]
divine beings
children of the sky-god, Tengri
Some of them are Tangara, Esege-Malan-Tengri and Qormustu Tengri.
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These beings looked human but were hatched from eggs and lived in trees. They were adept in the arts of dancing and the use of the sword and were said to take possession of humans who then became proficient in these arts. Some say that they carried off humans and hid them; when they were recovered, these people were found to be mad.

In some accounts, they are regarded as female demons with huge noses and long ears who could fly great distances carrying a man and could bite through steel.

They are depicted as having wings, claws and beaks or as largely human with a fan.

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A deity worshipped by the Tenrikyo movement.

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He forecast that a new world would appear in the early years of the 19th century.

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When Carcai caused the flood, Tenten raised the mountains and so saved some of the people and animals.

In some accounts, Tenten was the peak on which humans assembled when Guecubu caused the flood and the mountains were raised by Guene-Pillan.

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When the earth rose out of the primordial ocean, Tepeu and Guacamatz made men from soil but they were disappointed with the results and destroyed them in a flood. Next they...
carved a race of beings from wood but these too were not satisfactory and the gods had them torn to pieces by four huge birds, Camazotz, Cotzbalam, Tecumbalam and Xocotcovach. The following race of giants was destroyed by Hunapu and Ixbalanque and the final population was created by Tepeu and Gucamatz who made the ancestors of the tribes, Balam Agah, Balam Quitzé, Iqi Balam and Mahautah.

**Tepeyollotl** (see also Hurakan)

*Tepeolotlec.Votan*

an Aztec earth-god, a jaguar-god He was regarded as a manifestation of Tezcatlipoca as the cause of earthquakes.

**Tepitonen**

Central American household gods of the Aztecs

**Teponaztli**

Central American a sacred drum of the Aztecs

**Tepotzotlal**

Pacific Islands wife of Rangi, some say

**Tepoxtecatl** (see Tepotzotlal)

**Tepotzotlal**

Central American

an Aztec fertility-god

In some accounts he was one of the Centzon Totochtin.

**Tepy-dju-ef**

Egyptian a name of Anubis as 'the one on the mountain'

**Tequichemecauiani**

Central American a god of intoxication one of the Centzon Totochtin

A sacrifice made to this god would ensure that the drinker did not die from hanging when drunk.

**Tequendama**

Central American a waterfall

This feature was created when Bochica appeared in the form of a rainbow when the world was flooded by Chibchacum.

**Tequiuia**

Central American a name used by Tezcatlipoca in the form of a warrior

In this guise, the god invited all the inhabitants of Tollan to a flower-garden known as Xochitla and then attacked them with a hoe, killing many of them.

**Terafim**

(see Teraphim)

**Terah**

(see Elom)

**Teraphim**

Hebrew images of household gods used in divination

**Teraphim**

Mesopotamian Sumerian household gods

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**Teratius**

*Roman* a man who was ordered to kill Romulus and Remus

In the stories that ascribe the birth of Romulus and Remus to the servant of a daughter of Tarqetius, the twins were given to Teratius who was ordered to kill them. Instead, he left them on the bank of the Tiber where they were found by a cowherd.

**Terdelaschoye**

British a fairy wife of Mazadan mother of Brickus

**Tere**

East Indian the first man

When he died, he went to Boigu, the land of the dead, and he now leads souls from Beg to Boigu by an undersea route.

**Terez**

Greek a king of Thrace son of Ares father of Iys

He married Procne and fathered a son, Iys. He later went through a form of marriage with Philomela, Procne's younger sister, pretending that Procne was dead. In fact, she was incarcerated in the slave quarters. In some versions of the tale, Tereus had cut out Procne's tongue to prevent her from any communication with her sister, in others he cut out Philomela's tongue when she tried to denounce him as the monster he undoubtedly was.

The sisters did manage to communicate through words and pictures woven into a tapestry and they avenged themselves by killing Iys, cutting him up and serving him to Tereus in a stew.

Tereus would have slain them with an axe but the gods intervened and turned all three into birds, Tereus into a hawk (or owl or hoopoe), Philomela into a nightingale, Procne into a sandpiper. Since the nightingale sings while the swallow can merely twitter, it seems perhaps more likely that it was Procne who had her tongue cut out.

In some accounts, the roles of Philomela and Procne are reversed.

**Terelay**

Malay [terlain]

a violent storm

It is said that such a storm can be called up by imitating bird calls or by teasing animals such as monkeys, cats, or dogs.
Tevne

He fought well at Troy and was one of the party concealed in the Wooden Horse but, because he had failed to avenge the death of Ajax, his father refused to welcome him on his return from Troy so he went off to Cyprus and founded Salamis.

Teucrī

descendants of Teucer: the Trojans

Teuchatī

an Aztec war-god

Teukros

(see Teucer)

Teumessian Vixen

(see Cadmeian Vixen)

Teutamīdes

Greek

a king of Thessaly

It was he who organised the games at which Perseus inadvertently killed his grandfather, Acrisius, with a wayward discus.

Teutates

Celtic

[Albiorix.T(o)utatis.T(o)utates.T(o)utatis:]

=British 'Totates'

a war-god in Gaul

Teutās

(see Teutates)

Teutās

Greek

king of Teuthrania in Mysia

father of Argiope and Thespius

father of Tecmessa, some say

Ajax raided his kingdom during the Trojan War, killed Teutras and carried off his daughter, Tecmessa. In other accounts, Tecmessa was the daughter of Telutas.

He bought Auge as a slave and either married her or adopted her as his daughter. When Telephus, her son by Heracles, came to his court, he gave him Argiope as a wife and made him heir to the throne.

Tevennec

European

in Breton lore, the land of the dead

This realm is an island to which the souls of the dead are transferred every night in boats.

Teven

Mongolian

a man who married a princess

Teven trapped a servant of the princess in a deep pit and forced her to reveal the identity of her mistress.

The king tried to frustrate Teven by parading a number of identically-dressed girls in front of him but he picked out the real princess and married her. The king then used his book of divinations to locate the person who had betrayed him and, when he failed, burned the book. Later, some sheep ate the ashes of the book. That is why sheep, it is said, have divine insight.

Terrible, The

Irish

a demon conjured up by Bricciu (see Bricciu’s Feast)

Tertiana

(see Fehris)

teruteru-bozu

Japanese

dolls used as talismans

These dolls are fastened to trees or to the eaves of houses to bring fine weather.

terivil

Norse

evil demons with the gift of prophecy

Tescatlipoca

(see Tezcatlipoca)

Teshub

Mesopotamian

[Tarhuis.Tarhun(t).Tarhuntas.Tark(u).
Tes(h)up.Tesub.Tusshup:=Canaanite Baal:
=Hattic Taru=Sumarian Ishkur]

the Hittite and Hurrian storm-god

son of Kumarbi

brother of Ishtar and Tasmis

consort of Hebati, Huwassanas,
Sabarras and Tasmis

consort of Shoushkas, some say

father of Inara, Sharrumas and Telipinu

When Kumarbi overthrew Anu, he spat out three new gods, Teshub, Tesub and Tasmis.

Teshub replaced Kumarbi as supreme god and married the daughter of the sea-god, producing the giant Ullikummi who was made of diorite. Others say that Kumarbi married the sea-god’s daughter who bore Ullikummi or that this stone giant was created by Kumarbi to avenge his dethronement by Teshub.

When Ullikummi grew so large that he threatened the whole world, Teshub (or Ea, in other versions) cut off the giant’s feet and it fell into the ocean.

When his son Telipinu disappeared he searched for him in vain.

In one story he was defeated by the demon Illuyankas but Inara gave the dragon and his brood so much food that they got stuck in the opening to their lair. Hupasiyas then tied them up so that Teshub could kill them.

Alternatively, when the dragon Teshub defeated Teshub, he took his eyes and heart. Telipinu, a son of Teshub, married a daughter of Illuyankas and received the eyes and heart as a wedding gift. He returned them to his father who then slew both his son and the dragon. (see also Sutekh)

Teshup

(see Teshub)

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(see Teshub)

Tesp

(see Atabyrus.Teshub)

Tet

Egyptian

a symbol of stability

This is one of the three symbols held by Ptah; the others are the ankh and was.

Tet

(see Ded)

Tete Brec

Irish

[Twinkling Hoard]

one of the homes of Ulster

tetel

East Indian

doll used in a ceremony to cure the sick

Tete Innan Teteo

Central American

an Aztec fire-god

Teteoinnan

Central American

[Mother of the Gods.Teteoinnan.Toci(tzin)]

an Aztec maize-goddess and goddess of physicians

an aspect of Chiuacoatl, Tlazolteotl or Tonantzin, in some accounts

In those accounts which say that Huizilopochtli had two mothers, Teteoinnan was one of them. The other was Coatlicue.

Tethra

Irish

a Formorian god of the underwater world

He was the owner of the magic speaking sword, Orna, which was seized by Ogmna.

Tethys

Greek

a sea-goddess

a Titaness

grandmother of Thetis

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(see Teteoinnan)

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Pacific Islands

tetragrammaton

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Central American

an Aztec war-god

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(see Tyr)

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tevoda

Cambodian
one of the blessed living in Indra’s paradise or living in the forest to record the sins of humans
Some of these beings act as guardians of the world.

Tew
(see Tyr)

Siamese

the land of the nats

Tewada

North American

a god of the hunt in the lore of the Indians of British Columbia

Teyu-Yagua

Central American

a name for Tezcatlipoca as creator of men

Teyrnon
(see Teirrnon)

South American

a monster in the form of a jaguar-lizard

In the lore of the Guarani people of Paraguay, this beast is said to guard Paitiri, the land of gold.

Tecatzoncatl
(see Tezcatlipoca)

Central American

a name for Tezcatlipoca as consort of Tlazolteotl

Teyocoyani

Central American

see also Moquequelas.Pantecatle.

Teyozomoc

Central American

a Mexican who recorded many Aztec myths

Tezpi
(see Coxcox)

Thaah
(see Thah)

Tibetan

a Bon hearth-god

thabet

Burmese

monsters, spirits of women who have died in childbirth

a form of tásé

These beings take the form of giants with very long, slimy tongues.

(thag)

Thagrinus

Greek

A nymph, one of the Nereids

mother of the Palici by Zeus

Seduced by Zeus, she feared the wrath of Hera and prayed to be swallowed up by the earth. This prayer was granted and her two sons were born below ground.

Thalia

Greek

see also Aethalian.Jollity:Thale(i)a

one of the 3 Graces – good cheer, jollity, bringer of flowers

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Thallo Greek a goddess of flowers and spring
one of the Horae, in some accounts

Thanai Burmese
in the lore of the Karen the first man,
made by Ea-pe
consort of E-U

Thanatos Greek
[death]=Roman Mors.Orcus
god of night
death personified
Pluto as King of the Dead
son of Erebus and Nyx
brother of Hypnos
He collected those whose time on earth had expired, cut a lock of hair from their beards and took them to Hades.

Thanai (see Thanai)

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Thanor British
a king of Cornwall
He enlisted the help of the Irish king in his struggle with King Pelias and, as a result, was required to pay an annual tribute to Ireland. This tribute

Thanos Greek
a giant
He was killed by the Parcae in the war between the gods and the giants.

Thanor (see Thanor)

Their story was later the cause of the fight between Tristram and Morholt.

Thasus Greek
son of Agenor and Telephassa

This giant was also a cannibal, hunting and killing tribesmen for their flesh.
When he killed a young, newly-married man, the two wives of the dead man lured the giant into a cave and built a huge fire at the entrance so that he was burnt to death when he tried to escape.

Thaon Greek
a giant

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Thamos Greek
a sailor who was told by a mysterious voice to announce the death of Pan

Thamyras Greek
(see Thamyris)

He was one of those who fell in love with Hyacinthus.

Thea Greek
[divine'.Euryphaessa.Theia]
a Titaness
daughter of Uranus and Gaea
sister and wife of Hyperion
mother of Eos, Helios and Selene by Hyperion
mother of Acmon and Passalus (the Cercopes) by Oceanus

Theano1 Greek
daughter of Cisseus
wife of Antenor
mother of Acamas, Agenor and Archelochus

Theano2 Greek
[Theano]
wife of Metapontus
She adopted Aeolus and Boeotus, the two sons of Melanippe by Poseidon, who had been abandoned. She later had two sons of her own and encouraged them to kill the foundlings but Poseidon intervened and killed her real sons, whereupon she killed herself.

Theban Bacchus Greek
a name for Dionysus by which he is distinguished from Iacchus, the Phrygian Bacchus

Theban Legend, The Greek
the story of Oedipus and Jocasta

Thebe Greek
daughter of Asopus and Metope or of Zeus and Iodama
wife of Zethus
(see also Aedon1.Iodama)

Theelgeth (see Teelget)

Theia Greek
(see Thea)

Theias Greek
a king of Syria
father of Adonis by Myrrha
In some stories, he, not Cinyras, was seduced by his own daughter, to beget Adonis. Other stories say that the father was Belus.

Thein Burmese
rain-nats
It is said that rain is caused by battles between these nats.
Thelmites learn the secrets of hell.
by William Blake and was allowed to
Helle, Leucon and Phrixus. Others
wife of Athamas and mother of
In some accounts, she was the first
Greek
Themisto

in the underworld and, in some
accounts, is equated with Gaea.

[Th(e)iodamas]
king of Euboea
father of Hylas by Menodice
When Heracles killed and ate one of
his oxen, Theodamus attacked him but
was killed. Heracles spared his son,
Hylas, and took him as his armour-bearer.

[Th(e)iodamas]
Thermodora
sister of Constantine, emperor
of Greece
Rogero killed her son at the siege of
Belgrade and, when Rogero was captured,
the emperor handed him over to
his sister for punishment. Before she
could exact her revenge, Leo, her nephew,
released the prisoner.

a knight of St John
When several knights failed to return
after going in search of the Dragon of
Rhodes, the Grand Master of the
Order ordered that no others should
make the attempt.

Theodoric
Serbian
a hero
Urged by his mother to find a wife,
he searched for a long time until he
saw the maiden, Iconia. Knowing that
she was betrothed to Sredoi, he seized
her and made her his wife.

Theodore

German
the name taken by Dietrich von Bern
when he was crowned Emperor of
the West

see

Greek

Theodorus

(Th(e)odorus)

european

a knight of Charlemagne
He was the last knight to be killed at
the Battle of Roncesvalles.

Theogamy
(see hieros gamos)

Theogony
Greek
[Birth of the Gods]
Hesiod's genealogy of the Greek deities

Theoi patrooi
Greek
[=Roman Di patrii]
ancestral gods: traditional gods

Theomachist
one at war with the gods

Theomachy
war of the gods

Theomancy
divination by oracles: divine inspiration
Theomorphous Greek
the state or condition of having the form of a god

Theone Greek
daughter of Proteus and Psamathe sister of Theoclymenus

In one version of Helen's story, the real Helen was secreted in Egypt during the Trojan War. When Menelaus came to collect her after the war, he found her in hiding to escape a forced marriage to Theoclymenus. Theone helped them to escape.

Theophane Greek
daughter of Bisaltes

When she caught the eye of Poseidon, he changed her into a ewe so that she would not be attractive to other suitors. He then mated with her, in the form of a ram, producing the golden-fleeced ram that saved Phrixus and carried him to Colchis.

Thesae Greek
[=Roman deus]
god: one of the great gods

Theos Hypsistos (see Sabazius)

Thow
a monster in the form of a wolf with cloven feet

Theoxenia Greek
[a ceremony held in honour of a particular deity said to be visiting the city and present at the feast

Thepla Mesopotamian
an evil Armenian demon

Thera Buddhist
[=Burmese pongyi=:Sanskrit sthavira]
a senior monk: an arhat

Thera Greek
(see Calliste)

Theraphone Greek
twin sister of Theronice

Therapeutae Hebrew
[Healers]
Egyptian ascetics who practised magic and divination

Theras Greek
son of Autesian
brother of Argia

He acted as guardian to his sister's twin boys, Eurythennes and Procles.

In some accounts, he led a contingent of Spartans and Minyans to settle on Calliste where he became king.

Theras Greek
one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis discovered Actaeon, the hunter, spying on her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag.

Thesius

His hounds, including Theras, tore him to pieces.

Theseus British
a Roman emperor

In some accounts, he invaded Britain during the reign of King Arthur and was defeated.

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Therismachus Greek
son of Polynices and Argia brother of Oxylus

He was accidentally killed by his own brother.

Theritukos Greek
[Attic Hercules]
husband of Demonassa father of Tisamanus

When Alcmaeon was reluctant to join the Epigoni in their assault on Thebes, he bribed Eriphyle to persuade her son to join them by giving her the wedding veil of Harmonia. He survived the battle at Thebes and later joined the expedition to Troy but, when they landed in Mysia, he was killed by Telephus.

Thersander Greek
son of Sisyphus and Merope brother of Acrastus and Timeas father of Coronus and Haliartius

Thersites Greek
a Greek soldier at Troy son of Agrius

He mocked Achilles for grieving at the death of Penthesilea whom Achilles had just killed in the battle with the Trojans. Achilles killed him and was purified at Lesbos.

Thetis Greek
a wild man who, with Oreois, captured Silenus

Thesania Roman
ean Etruscan goddess of the dawn and childbirth

Thesiceus Greek
a supporter of Agenor

He was one of those who interrupted the wedding of Perseus and Andromeda and was turned to stone by a sight of the Medusa mask.

Theseia Greek
a festival in honour of Theseus

Theseus Greek
[Antic Hercules]
king of Athens
son of Poseidon by Aethra husband of Antiope and Phaedra father of Demophon or Hippolytus by Antiope father of Acamas and Demophon by Phaedra, some say father of Melanippus by Perigune

Theseus was the son of Poseidon by Aethra but accepted by Aegeus as his own son since he had slept with Aethra on the same night as Poseidon.

He was tutored by Connidas and, at sixteen, recovered the sword and sandals hidden by Aegeus behind a rock and set off to Athens to meet his father, performing various labours in imitation of Heracles en route. He killed a number of outlaws including the crippled Periphetes with his own club which he then kept for himself; then Sinis, by tying him to two trees which tore him apart when released from the bent position – just as he had killed many a wayfarer – and Sciron by hurling him into the sea. He killed Cercyon by smashing him to earth and took over his kingdom of Eleusis and he killed Procrustes in the same way he had killed so many others – by ‘adjusting his length to fit his bed’.

He also killed the Crommyonian sow which had been terrorising the locals and found time to father Melanippus on Perigune.

Some say he was one of the Argonauts and a member of the party hunting the Calydonian boar.

Aegeus, now king of Athens, had married the sorceress Medea and she tried to poison Theseus so that her son, Medus, might inherit the throne, but Aegeus recognised his son in time to prevent the tragedy and Medea fled the country.

After being reunited with his father Theseus crushed the revolt by Pallas
and his fifty sons and captured and killed Poseidon's white bull which had been brought to Greece from Crete by Heracles and was now known as the Marathonian Bull, sacrificing it to the gods. In this adventure, he was given hospitality by Hecate.

The Athenians were still paying the tribute demanded by Minos and Theseus offered himself as one of those to be sacrificed to the Minotaur. When he arrived in Crete, Minos threw his ring into the sea and challenged Theseus to prove that he was a son of Poseidon by retrieving it from the sea-bed. With the help of the Nereids, Theseus recovered it easily. Using a ball of magic thread given to Minos' daughter Ariadne by Daedalus, he entered the Labyrinth, killed the Minotaur and was able to escape from the maze. He left Crete accompanied by Ariadne but soon abandoned her on Naxos. Or did he? In some versions, he put her ashore because she was seasick and returned to his ship to work on it. A storm blew him offshore and delayed his return. When he did get back, Ariadne was gone and he was told she had died. Another story has it that he saw the arrival of the ship of Dionysus, who rescued Ariadne, and was frightened off.

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In some stories he married the Amazon queen and married Phaedra after her death but others say that he married Phaedra and, at that wedding, Antiope (or Hippolyta) broke in and would have killed those present had not Theseus killed her. Aphrodite caused Phaedra to fall in love with Hippolyta who rejected her advances. She then falsely accused him of rape and hanged herself, whereupon Theseus invoked the help of his father Poseidon to kill his son to avenge her death.

When the survivors of the defeat of the Seven Against Thebes encounter sought his help, Theseus led a force against Creon, defeated him and recovered the bodies of the dead for the decent burial that Creon had refused.

With the help of Periiceus he abducted Helen and won when they drew lots for her. In compensation, he went with his friend to Tartarus and demanded Persephone as a bride for Periiceus.

Trapped by Hades in the Chair of Forgetfulness, he spent four years in torment before being rescued by Heracles. He found, on his return to Athens, that Menestheus had been installed in his place by Castor and Pollux who had invaded and rescued their sister Helen and that there was much disorder. He left for Crete but landed on the island of Scyros where he was killed by Lycomedes, the king of that island, who pushed Theseus over a cliff and pretended that it had been an accident.

Later stories say that Theseus returned from the dead to help the Athenians at the Battle of Marathon.

Theseus
- a duke of Thebes in Chaucer's Knight's Tale
- husband of Ypolita, father of Emily

He offered his daughter's hand to the winner of a contest which was won by Arcites who was killed en route to claim his bride. She married his cousin, Palamon, instead.

In some accounts, Emily is Ypolita's sister.

Thesmophoria
- a corn festival for married women, in honour of Demeter, held at Athens in October or November

Thesmophoriazusae
- a play by Aristophanes about the women's festival honouring Demeter

Thesmophorus (see Demeter)

Thespian lion (see Cithaeronian lion)

Theseus
- a king, host to Heracles during the hunt for the Cithaeronian Lion

He had fifty daughters and Heracles slept with each one of them in turn during the fifty days that it took to find and kill the lion, fathering fifty-one sons.
enter the water and remained a weak spot which eventually brought about his death.

After a disagreement with Peleus, she left him and returned to her home in the sea but they were later reconciled and he joined her in her underwater realm.

In some accounts she is equated with Tethys.

Thetleif Norse
the name of Dietlieb in Thidrekssaga

Theurgy
a miracle-worker

Theurgy Greek
divine intervention: miracle-working

Theutus
a demon of gambling

Thewi Suthat
[Thewi Suthata]
a mythical princess
lover of Sion
They had been lovers in several previous existences but never married until they met again as king and princess.

Thewi Suthata
(see Thewi Suthat)
[Thai]
[→ Burmese nat = Pakistani neq]
a spirit of the dead

Thia Norse
(see Thea)

Thialfi Norse
[Thiálfí]
a servant of Thor
a champion runner
son of Egil
brother of Roska
He was the son of a peasant who had been given by her father to serve Thor after she disobeyed the god's instructions to return the bones of the goats they had all fed on so that Thor could restore the goats to life.

He and his sister Roska accompanied Thor and Loki on their trip to Jotunheim where Thialfi lost in a race with Hugi.

When Thor met Hringnir in a duel, Thialfi acted as the god's squire and killed with a spade the huge creature, Mokerkialfi, that the giants had made to act as squire to Hringnir.

Thiasos (see thiasus)

Thiassa Greek
wife of Pericles
She was restored to life by Cerimon.

Thiassi Norse
a Frost-giant
god of storms

Thiassa Norse
brother of Beli and Thrym
father of Skadi
He coveted Iduna and her apples of eternal youth. In the form of an eagle, he carried off Loki and kept him dangling from a staff with which he had struck the bird until he promised to get for Thiassi the two things he wanted most.

Loki tricked Iduna into going outside the borders of Asgard with a bowl of apples and she was immediately abducted by Thiassi. She refused to let him eat any of the apples and, when the gods found out what had happened, they ordered Loki to get Iduna back. He borrowed Freya's falcon-garb and flew to Thryheim where Iduna was held, changed her into a nut - or, some say, a swallow - and carried her back to Asgard hotly pursued by Thiassi. The gods saw them coming and lit a fire which burned Thiassi's feathers and he crashed to the ground and was killed by the angry gods. His eyes were placed in the heavens as a constellation.

In some accounts he is regarded as an aspect of Volund.

Thiasos Greek
a Bacchic revel: a band of worshippers

Thiazi Norse
a man killed by witches
The story relates that he was attacked by nine hags dressed all in black and, although he was armed with a sword and defended himself, they killed him.

Thidrandi Norse
the Norse version of Theodoric

Thiedric European
a squire of Roland
When Gano was tried for treachery, Thiedric met Pinabel in single combat to determine Gano's fate. Thiedric won and Gano was condemned to death.

Thierry European
a king of Maurienne
father of Blanchefleur

Thierry African
Thierry² (see Thierry)

Thiga wa wairumbi
a Kikuyu prophet who relayed messages from En-kai to the Kikuyu people

Thin Man
(see Cailte)

Thinggishatsangma
one of the Five Long Life Sisters

Thingyan Pwe Burmese
the New Year festival
During this festival much water is thrown by and at the participants and the chief nat, Thagya Min, appears on earth. The fortunes of the coming year are determined by whatever he decides to bring with him, be it a sword, fire or water.

Thinit
(see Tanit)

Thinland Pacific Islands
the highest part of the coconut which is the universe, home of Atea

Thiodamus
(see Theodamus)

Thipelas Pacific Islands
in the lore of the Carolines, a woman who married the god Lui gelan mother of Olofat

Third Lady
(see Keng San Ku-niang)

Third Lady of the Privy
(see Keng San Ku-niang)

Third Person
(see Thridi)

Third Sun Central American
[Four Rain. Sun of Fire. Sun of Rain]
the third age in the Aztec creation cycle
The Second Sun, ruled over by Quetzalcoatl, ended after 676 years when Tlaloc caused a great wind to blow away the race of humans that Quetzalcoatl had created. Thaloc then took over as ruler of the Third Sun which ended after a further 364 years when fire destroyed the earth. The next ruler was Chalchiuhuiltlcue.
Another story calls this period the Sun of Fire and says that the fire which destroyed the earth either fell from heaven or was started by the couple who had escaped destruction at the end of the Second Sun.

(see also Quiyauhtoniatiuh.sun)

Thirteen Akbal Central American
the thirteenth day of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle
On this day Month formed humans from clay. (see also Akbal)

Thirteen Treasures (see Treasures of Britain)
Thirty-three Places Japanese
shrines to the goddess Kwanon

Thisbe Greek
a Babylonian maiden
She loved Pyramus but was forbidden to marry him. They planned to run away and arranged to meet by a certain mulberry bush near the tomb of Nins. She arrived first but was scared by a lion and ran off, dropping her cloak. When Pyramus arrived he drew the wrong conclusions from the paw-marks in the sand and the abandoned cloak and killed himself in grief. Thisbe found him dying and killed herself with the same sword.

Thirmanet Menopotamian
daughter of Keret

Thitis British
in some accounts, a sister of Morgan le Fay

Thixo (see Dxui)

Thjasse (see Thiai)

Thjazi (see Thiai)

Thjodrorir (see Theodoric)

Thjoldolf Norse
author of the Ynglingatal

Thlawe North American
in the lore of the Zuni, a plant growing in the underworld

Th’hu-kluts (see Kalaitch)

Thoas1 Greek
[Thoas]
one of the Earthborn Giants
son of Uranus and Gaea
Thoas was killed by the Fates during the battle between the giants and the gods.

Thoas2 Greek
king of Lemnos
son of Dionysus and Ariadne
husband of Myrina
father of Hypsipyle
father of Sicinus by Oene, some say

Thoas3 Greek
[Deiphilus.Nebrophonus]
a king of Lemnos
son of Jason and Hypsipyle
brother of Euneus
He became king after his grandfather, also Thoas, had been cast adrift by Hypsipyle.

He and his brother Euneus rescued their mother from Lycurgus.

Thoas4 Greek
a king of Aetolia
son of Andraemon and Gorge
father of Haemon

He led the Aetolians in the Trojan War and was one of those concealed inside the Wooden Horse.

Thoas5 Greek
a king of Tauris
son of Borysthenes.

He was the guardian of an image of Artemis said to have fallen from the sky and sacrificed all prisoners to this image. When Orestes and Pylades came to seize this image, he captured them but they were saved by the intervention of Iphigenia who was acting as a priestess in the temple. He pursued the escaping party but was killed by Orestes.

Thobadestchin (see Tobadzistsini)

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Thocin Greek
[Thoek(=).Thokk]
a giantess
She was the only living thing refusing to weep at the death of Balder so Hela refused to release him. It is suggested that she was Loki in one of his many disguises.

Thok-Buddhist
[Thahog-chos-rgyal-po]
one of the 5 Mahapancharajas
king of accomplishments
(see also Tsun-gyi-rgyal-po)

Thokk (see Thok)

Tholomer British
[a king of Babylon]

Thoosa Greek
[Tolemne la Feintes]
a nymph

In some accounts, he was the king of Sarras and is referred to as Tollemne la Feintes. Some say that he was converted to Christianity by Joseph of Arimathea.

Thom (see Arum)

Thomas of Enceldourne (see Thomas the Rhymer)

Thomas of the Mountain British
father of Tom Thumb

Thomas the Rhymer British
[Thomas of Enceldourne.True Thomas]
(c. 1220-1297)
a poet and seer

He was said to have visited Elfland with the queen of that realm and was given the gift of prophecy. As a result, he was able to see the future and foretold the Battle of Bannockburn.

Thompson British
a potter

He was said to have found King Arthur and his knights asleep under Richmond Castle. When he tried to draw the sword which was lying on a table, some of the knights started to wake up so he dropped the sword and ran off.

Thon (see Thone)

Thon Pan Hla (see Hnit-ma-dawgyi)

Thonamun Thais
a king of the snakes

When the king, Sura Uthaka, upset the snake-king, the latter had his subjects dig tunnels under the capital city so that it subsided. He then coiled himself round Sura Uthaka and drowned him in the river.

Thonapa (see Thunupa)

Thone Greek
[Tbonos.Thonos]
a provincial governor in Egypt
husband of Polydamnia

In the stories that say that Helen was taken to Egypt, not Troy, she was said to have been held in the province governed by Thone.

Thonenli North American
a Navaho rain-spirit
one of the Yei

Thoon (see Thoos)

Thong Tilo African
da deity, the king above

Thonis (see Thone)

Thonus (see Thous)

Thoosa Greek
a nymph

one of the Nereids
daughter of Phorcos and Ceto,

some say

mother of Polyphemus by Poseidon
Thor

Norse

[Ake-Thor.Aku-Thor.Átli.Hercules
Red Beard.Thunderer.Vingthor:
«Anglo-Saxon Thunor=German
Dietrich.Donar=French.Lapp.Horagalles:
«Norman Thor=Saxon
Thun(e)=Thor=Slav.Perun=
Thunor=German,Anglo-Saxon Thunor:=

Norse
Thor

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Some accounts make Thor the father
father of Lorride, Magni, Modi
husband of Iarnsaxa and Sif
brother of Balder, Hoder and
Hermod

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As an infant he was so strong and
unpredictable that his mother could
not control him and he was tutored by
Hlora and Vingmir.

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of Thrudheim where he built a huge
palace, Bilskirnir. It was said that,
when he was angry, sparks came off
his red hair and beard and he
generated so much body heat that he
was not allowed to use the Bifrost
Bridge, wading through the river
instead. His chariot was drawn by two
goats, Tanngrisnr and Tannngiost and
when he was riding in the chariot he
was known as Aku-Thor. He was given
a magic belt, Megingiord, that
doubled his strength when he wore it
and a magical hammer, Mjolnir, which
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flowers. On the way, they collected
two young helpers, Thialfi and and his
sister Roskva. They slept one night in
what they thought was a house but
which, by daylight, turned out to be
merely the glove of the giant Skrymir
who then led them to the palace of
Utgard-Loki, king of the giants. To
test the powers of the gods, the king
arranged various contests. Loki tried
to out-eat Logi, the king's cook; Thor
tried to drink the contents of the
giant's horn; Thialfi ran a race against
Hugi; all to no avail. When Thor tried
to lift the paw of the giant's cat he
failed even to move it and he was
beaten in a wrestling match by Elli, the
old nurse pf Utgard-Loki. When they
left Jotunheim, Skrymir admitted that
he had won all these events by the use
of magic.

He once fought a duel with the
giant Hrungnir who boasted that he
would take over Asgard and, with it,
Thor's wife, Sif. Thor killed the giant
with his hammer but was himself
wounded from a fragment from the
giant's shattered flint club. As he fell
to the ground, the dead giant's leg
fell across his body so that he was
unable to move until his young son,
Magni, easily lifted the leg and freed
his father. Thor gave Magni the
giant's horse, Gullfaxi, as a reward.
Goro, a sorcerer, tried to remove the
flint fragment from his forehead but,
forgetting where she had got to in
her recitation of runes, failed to extract
it.

His hammer was once stolen by the
giant Thrym who would return it only
if he were given Freya as a wife. Freya
refused to leave her husband so Thor,
dressed in her bridal clothes and with
Loki similarly attired as a bridesmaid,
presented himself to Thrym in Jotunheim.
When Thrym produced the hammer, Thor seized it and killed
tall the giants present.

When the gods were invited by
Aegir to a feast in his undersea
kingdom, Thor and Tyr asked the giant
Hymir for a kettle large enough to
hold drink for all the gods. He and
Hyimir went fishing for breakfast.
Hyimir caught two whales, just
enough for their meal, and Thor
fished for the Midgard serpent by
baiting his hook with the head of
Hyimir's ox, Himinbrioter. He caught
it and hauled it to the surface and
would have killed it if Hymir, in fear,
had not cut the line. When the two
gods left with the huge kettle, the
giants attacked them but Thor killed
all of them with his hammer.

In the final battle, Thor killed the
Midgard serpent but died in the flood
of venom that poured from its jaws.
Some say that he also killed Garm.
(see also Hafra-drottin.
Reidartyr.Valdi Kjola)

Thora1 daughter of King Hakon
wife of Elf

She married Elf after the death of
his first wife, Hiordis.

Thora2 daughter of Jarl Herrand
wife of Ragnar Lodbrok

Her father gave her an egg from which
hatched a dragon which coiled itself
around her house, allowing access only
to her servant. Ragnar Lodbrok killed
the dragon and claimed her hand in
marriage.

Thora3 (see Kaang)

Thorah (see Torah)

Thoralf Skolinson owner of the sword Quern-biter

Thorarin father of Thorstein

Thorbjorg wife of Holmkell

mothers of Ketelrid

Thord1 son of Kari

This young boy was one of the
Njalssons trapped in the house of
his grandfather, Njal, when it was
attacked by forces led by Flosi who
burnt the house to the ground. He
refused to leave his grandparents who
put him between them as they lay
quietly on their bed waiting to be
overcome by the smoke and flames.

Thor2

head groom of Bjarni

An argument with Thorstein about
the result of a horse-fight led to blows
and Thorjord struck Thorstein with his
staff, cutting open his head. When
later Thorstein sought an apology, he
was rebuffed so he killed Thorjord.

Thor Freysgothi a priest of Frey

Thor Freysgodi
[Thor Freysgodi)

Thordis1 a man who sacrificed a bull to the
Light Elves to heal his wounds

Thordis2 sister of Jokul

Thordis3 mother of Ingimund
He and Thorvald were sent by Bjarni to kill Thorstein who had killed Bjarni's head-groom, Thord. They were both killed by their intended victim who sent them back to Bjarni tied on to a horse. (see also Thorkell)

Thorhalla Norse
daughter of Asgrim
wife of Helgi

She was trapped when Flosi's men surrounded the house but, with the other women and children, she was given safe passage before the house was burnt to the ground.

Thorbhild Norse
a woman of Njal's household

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Thorir Norse

a man in dispute with Glum

father of Olof

Sigmund, and was forced to give up the land which, at least according to Glum, he had illegally acquired from Glum's estate.

Thorkei Norse

[Thorkei-Thorkel]

son of Geitr

In one version of the story of Bjarni, Helgi's father was killed by his brother-in-law, Geitir, and Bjarni killed Geitir to avenge his father's death. Thorkel then tried to exact vengeance on Bjarni but, after fighting and wounding each other, they became firm friends. In some versions, Thorstein takes the place of Thorkel and in others Geitir was not killed by Helgi but became his friend.

Thorn of Sleep Norse

[Thorhall-Thorkel]
a Danish hero

He led a band of warriors to the underworld in search of treasure. Most of them were killed when they touched things or ate food in the underworld and few returned. Thorkel himself was so badly scarred as to be scarcely recognizable.

Thorkell Norse

(see Thorkel)

Thorkil Norse

(see Thorkel)

Thorleif Norse

[Thorleif-Thorkell]
a rich merchant

Helgi and Geitir killed Thorleif's partner for his money but were frustrated when Thorleif sent the dead man's possessions to his heirs. Helgi then employed a man called Ketill to kill Thorleif but the two became friends, once again frustrating Helgi's plans.

Thorleif Norse

(see Thorkell)

Thorn of Glastonbury Norse

(see Glastonbury Thorn)

Thorn of Sleep Norse

Odin's magic thorn which could induce sleep without aging or loss of beauty

Thorny Flowers Central American

an Aztec giant

At the beginning of the Fifth Sun, he and three other giants, Falling Eagle, Serpent of the Obsidian Knives and Resurrection, were given the task of holding up the sky.

Thorod Norse

a witch

With her sister Thorgrim she raised a storm that nearly wrecked Frithiof's ship en route to the Orkneys.

In other accounts, the two witches are Ham and Heid.

Thorgrim Norse

[Thorgrim-Thorkell]
a priest of Frey

He was killed by the outlaw, Gisi, who was his brother-in-law.

Thorgrim Norse

[Thorgrim-Thorkell]
husband of Olof

father of Trausti and Viglund

He was in love with Olof, the daughter of an earl, but her parents wanted her to marry a rich man, not the illegitimate son of a farmer. Thorgrim abducted her from the wedding ceremony and they eloped together and married.

Thorgrim Norse

(see Thorgrim)

Thorhall Norse

[Thorhall-Thorkel]
a her who sailed to Vinland

Thorhall Norse

[Thorhall-Thorkel]
a servant of Bjarni

Thorer Norse

one of the 9 sons of Viking

by his second wife

When the nine sons of Viking were attacked by the eight sons of Niorfe to avenge the death of their brother, Thorer and Thorsten were the only two survivors.

Thorgerd Norse

a storm-goddess

Thorgerther Norse

[Thorsiva of Helgi-Thorghersa Holmarburgarde. Thorgersber Holmarburcher]
a fertility goddess

Thorgerd Norse

daughter of Njal and
Berghora

sister of Grim, Helga, Helgi
and Skarp-Hedinn

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Thorgerda Holmarbudge

(see Thorgerd)

Thorgersber Holmarburcher

(see Thorgerd)

Thorgest Norse

(see Tuirgevis)

Thorgils Norse

(see Tuirgevis)

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With her sister Thorod she raised a storm that nearly wrecked Frithiof's ship en route to the Orkneys.

In other accounts, the two witches are Ham and Heid.

Thorgrim Norse

[Thorgrim-Thorkell]
a priest of Frey

He was killed by the outlaw, Gisi, who was his brother-in-law.

Thorgrim Norse

[Thorgrim-Thorkell]
husband of Olof

father of Trausti and Viglund

He was in love with Olof, the daughter of an earl, but her parents wanted her to marry a rich man, not the illegitimate son of a farmer. Thorgrim abducted her from the wedding ceremony and they eloped together and married.

Thorgrim Norse

(see Thorgrim)

Thorhall Norse

[Thorhall-Thorkel]
a her who sailed to Vinland

Thorhall Norse

[Thorhall-Thorkel]
a servant of Bjarni
He and Thorhall were sent by Bjarni to kill Thorstein who had killed Bjarni's head-groom, Thord. They were both killed by their intended victim who sent them back to Bjarni tied on to a horse.

Thorvald Norse
in the story of the feud between Bjarni and Thorkel, Thorvaror, who was Bjarni's doctor, also treated Thorkel when they were both wounded.

Thorwald (see Thorvald)
thorybism (see poltergeist)
Thot
Thoth Egyptian
=Greek Hermes.Tehuti.Tehuti:
=Phoenician Taut:
god of art, law, magic, the moon, science, time, writing, wisdom
god of Khnum
consort of Ma or Nehmetaway
father of Neferhor
He is sometimes regarded as the son of Ra but others say he was the son of Seth born from his father's head or from a lotus.
Originally he was a creator-god who brought into being the four pairs of deities from the primitive waters. He became the scribe and keeper of records, credited with the invention of hieroglyphics.
In the form of a baboon, he acted as a judge in the underworld, recording the weighing of souls in the balance.
He helped Isis in the resurrection of Osiris after he had been killed by Set.
He took over when Ra retired and was elevated to the heavens, though others say that Shu took over as supreme ruler. One of his duties was to stand in the prow of Ra's sun-barque, Manjet, to ward off enemies.
It was he who gambled with the moon and won five intercalary days which allowed Nut, who had been cursed by Ra so that she could not bear children in any normal month, to give birth to her five children.
He is depicted as having the head of an ibis or baboon.

Thorstein' Norse
[Thorstein Ketilsson]
husband of Thordis
father of Ingimund
He attacked and wounded a high-wayman named Jokul but the bandit overpowered Thorstein and forgave him for the attack. Thorstein was even allowed to marry Jokul's sister, called Thordis.

Thorstein' Norse
[Thorstein]
son of Ingimund
father of Ingolf
He avenged the death of his father, who had been killed by a young relative, and then took over his late father's chieftainship and cleared the country of all the sorcerers and evil doers.

Thorsten Norse
the eldest of the 9 sons of Viking by his second wife
husband of Ingeborg
father of Frithiof
When one of the brothers killed one of the nine sons of Niorfe in a quarrel, Viking banished him but all nine decided to go into exile. Viking gave Thorsten his sword, Angurvadel, and they went off to an island in Lake Wener where they were attacked by Niorfe's sons and only Thorsten and Thorsten survived. The eldest son of Niorfe, Jokul, had conquered Sogn, killed the king, exiled his son Belé and turned his daughter Ingeborg into a witch. When Jokul twice called up storms that shipwrecked Thorsten, Ingeborg saved Thorsten from the sea.
In gratitude, he found her brother Ingeborg to her former self and restored his throne, returned Ingeborg to her former self and married her.
He and Belé, together with a former foe, Angantyr, mounted many raids at sea, recovering the ship Ellida stolen from his father, seizing the magic armlet from the tomb of Soté the pirate and conquering the Orkneys which were given to Angantyr.
Settling down after these adventures, Thorsten fathered a son, Frithiof, who, as a child, played with the children of Belé, especially his daughter, also known as Ingeborg. When he and Belé died, they were interred in barrows in sight of one another.

Thorvald Norse
[Thorvald]
a servant of Bjarni

Thouart (see Tauret)
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| son of Nestor   | *a demi-god*
| brother of Antilochnus | father of Keresaspa and Thraetona |
| He, his father and his brother, fought with the Greeks at Troy. | His function was to protect man from disease and death. He was killed by Azhi Dahak who was killed by Thraetona to avenge his father’s death. |
| **Three Door Gods** | **Three Isles of the Genii** |
| *(see San-kuan)* | *(see Fortunate Islands)* |
| **Three Agents** | **Three Lavatory Ladies** |
| *(see San-kuan)* | *(see Keng San Ku-niang)* |
| **Three Ben** | **Three Mothers** |
| *Central American* | *(see Duc Ba)* |
| the third of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle | the 3 deities Chang Fei, Liu Pei and Kuan-ti |
| On this day many of the living things on earth, in the sea or in the sky were made. | **Three Mystic Apes** |
| *(see also Ben)* | *(Japanese)* |
| **Three Cimi** | **Three Poisons** |
| *(Central American)* | *(Chinese)* |
| the sixteenth of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle | the 3 animals at the centre of the Wheel of Law |
| On this day death is said to have come into existence. | These animals, a bird, a pig and a snake, are linked together inside the central boss of the wheel. |
| *(see also Cimi)* | **Three Pure Ones** |
| **Three Door Gods** | *(see San Ch’ing)* |
| *(Chinese)* | **Three Purities, The** |
| guardians of entrances | *(Chinese)* |
| These beings were given the status of gods for devotion to the emperor, T’ai Sung, when they guarded his door against the demons of his dreams. | **Three Stars** |
| Their names are given as Hu Ching-t’e, Ch’in Shu-p’o and Wei Cheng. | *(see Fu Lu Shou)* |
| They are said to live near a peach tree, three million miles in circumference, in which there is a door through which the ghosts of the dead can return. The Door Gods are in charge of that door and throw evil ghosts to be eaten by tigers. | **Three Theban Plays** |
| *(see Fu Lu Shou)* | *(Greek)* |
| **Three Great Beings** | 3 plays by Sophocles based on the story of Oedipus |
| *(see San Ta Shih)* | *(see Oedipus)* |
| a triad of deities | **Three Vaults** |
| These three are the bodhisattvas Manjushri (or Wen Shu), Samantabhadra (or P’u Hsien) and Avalokitsevara (or Kuan Yin). | *(see San Tung)* |
| **Three Great Men** | **Threefold Man** |
| *(Thai)* | the theory that man is composed of 3 parts |
| the rulers of the earth at the time of the flood | The physical body was regarded as comprising a mortal part, a divine part (the phren) and an ethereal part (the thumos). |
| These three, Khun Kan, Khun Ket and Pu Lang Seung, went to see the king of the Thens and returned to repopulate the world when the waters receded. | The Romans regarded the soul as threefold – the manes, the anima and the umbra. |
| **Three Isles of the Blest** | **Thriai** |
| *(see Fortunate Islands)* | *(Greek)* |
| *Thriai* | the nymphs of Mount Parnassus |
| They were regarded as prophetesses and nursed the infant Apollo. | **Thriai** | *(see Thriai)* |
| **Thriad** | *(see Thriadi)* |
| *(Norse)* | one of 3 mysterious deities visited by Gylfi, probably a manifestation of Odin |
| **Thrisinsvída** | *(see Hammarsheim)* |
| *(Norse)* | **Thrita Athwa** |
| *(Persian)* | *[Hindu Treta Aptya]* |
| *a demi-god* | father of Keresaspa and Thraetona |
| **Throv** | **Thror** |
| *(Norse)* | *(see Odin)* |
| one of the dwarfs | **Thror** |
| *(Ne to Odin)* | *(Norse)* |
| **Thrown Away** | **Thrudur** |
| *(North American)* | *(see Odin)* |
| *(Spring Boy)* | *(Norse)* |
| in Creek lore, a boy who grew from a placenta | **Thrudur** |
| son of Turkey-Killer | **Thrudur** |
| When his wife was killed by a monster, Turkey-Killer cut open her abdomen and rescued their unborn son. The placenta, which he threw into the bushes, developed into another boy and Turkey-Killer reared them together. They caused a great deal of trouble and eventually killed their own father who became a crow. After that, the boys separated, one going east, the other west. | **Thrudur** |
| In another version, he was the twin of Lodge Boy who takes the major role. | *(see also Lodge Boy)* |
| **Thrudur** | **Thrudur** |
| *(Norse)* | *(Norse)* |
| a six-headed giant son of Ymir | one of the Valkyries |
| father of Bergelmir | **Thrudur** |
| He was the offspring of the first giant, Ymir, produced from the sweat of his feet. | *(see Odin)* |
| **Thrudheim** | *(Norse)* |
| *(Norse)* | *(Norse)* |
| *[Thrudvangar].Thrudvarg;Thrudhiheim]* | the realm of Thor, site of his palace Bilskirnir |
| the realm of Thor, site of his palace Bilskirnir | *(see Odin)* |
| **Thrudur** | *(see Odin)* |
| *(Norse)* | *(Norse)* |
| **Thrudur** | *(Norse)* |
| *(Norse)* | one of the Valkyries |
Norse

Thrung
(see Freya)

Thurin
Norse

one of the dwarfs

Thurheim
(see Thrudheim)

Thyrn
Norse

[Thyrn(Or)

a Frost Giant
god of ice

king of Jotunheim

son of Kari

brother of Beli and Thiassi

father of Drifta, Frosti, Johul

and Snoer

He stole Thor’s hammer and said he

would return it only if he were given

Freya as a wife. When Freya refused
to leave Odin, Thor dressed himself

as a bride and, with Loki dressed as a

bridesmaid in attendance, went to

Jotunheim in the role of Freya. When

Thyrn produced the hammer, Thor

seized it and killed all the giants

present.

Thyheim
Norse

[Thursar]
a forest glade, home of giants

to which Íðuna was abducted

Thyrmir
(see Thyrm)

Thyrmr
(see Thyrm)

Thyrmaskvida
(see Hammarsheim)

Thúban
Muslim

 [=Arab Tinmin

a fire-breathing dragon

gag

[Mahtisgar.thag.

a devotee of Kali

thuggee
Hindu

the practice of strangling victims,

used by the thugs

Thule
Greek

[Thoule.Thyle]

the most northerly country known to

the ancient Greeks

This country could be Iceland, Norway

or Skeland. (see also Ultima)

Thulr
Norse

a river in Niflheim, one of the

12 rivers known as Elivagar

Thum
(see Atum)

Thummin
(see Urim and Thumin)

thumos
Greek

the eatheral part of Threefold

Man

Thun-gy-gyal-po
(see Chos-skyon)

Thunargar
(see Thrudheim)

Thud

Norse

a river which runs round

the grove, Glasir, site

of Valhalla

Thunder
North American

a god of many Indian tribes

The Coeur d’Alene people have a

story that tells how Thunder kid-
napped the wife of a hunter who then

followed the couple to the god’s home.

When Thunder went to sleep, the

hunter stole all the god’s shirts. These

garments enabled the god to fly and

without them he was quite helpless.

The Lipan say that Thunder

quarreled with the wind-god.

In Oregon, Thunder is regarded as

an old man married to an old woman

or, some say, to a tree.

In the lore of the White Mountain

Apache, the contest for supremacy was

between Thunder and the Sun.

Thunder Animal
(see Raiju)

Thunderbearer
Roman

a name of Jupiter

Thunder bird
(see Raicho)

Thunder Boys
North American

[Little Men]

twin male spirits of thunder

and lightning

sons of Kanati and Selu

These twins were known as Tame

Boy, god of thunder, and Wild Boy,

god of lightning. They are envisaged

as wearing snakes for necklaces and

but have beaks with large fangs.

It is believed that they can make

thunder by flapping their wings and

lightning flashes come from their

eyes.

Some tribes regard them as ancestors

of the human race who played a part

in the creation of the world.

Thunderbird
(see also Thunderbird1)

North American

[Skyamsen.Thunderer.-Siberian

=Japanese Nyoi.=Tibetan Dorje]

a totem figure of the American Indians

This sacred figure was represented as

an eagle, capable of lifting a whale,

whose wings caused the sound of

thunder and whose beak produced

lightning. It is depicted as having a

second head on its belly.

Thunderbird
(see also Thunderbird1)

Siberian

rain-spirits

In this case, the birds are ducks and it

is said that it rains when they sneeze.

Thunderbird
South American

a spirit of thunder and

lightning

This being features in the lore of

several tribes who believe that the

Thunderbird causes thunder by

flapping its wings.

Thunderbolt
Buddhist

[=Chinese Diamond Mace.Ju-i:

=Japanese Nyoi.=Tibetan Dorje]

the embodiment of the power

of the law

Thunderbolt
Greek

the weapon of Zeus

Thunderbolt
Hindu

the weapon of Indra

Thunderbolt
North American

(see also Thunderstone.Vajra)

the weapon of Jupiter, known as

fulgur

Thunderbolt
(see Sudika-Mbambi)
North American Thunderers was said to have brought the sun, he was able to raise mountains and from the north with five disciples.

Thunupa was said to have appeared called Okulam, into the river where he drowned.

Thunderers (see Elia, Thunderbird)

3 emissaries of Hinun Their function was to keep order on earth and to destroy evil monsters.

2 fawns who were put in the sky as Thunders

A bear killed a deer and would have killed her two young fawns but they ran off. When the bear followed them, a lizard gave them shelter and killed the bear by inducing it to swallow some red-hot stones. To save the fawns from further trouble with bears he sent them into the skies where they make the noise of thunder as they move about wearing the dry, crackly skin of the bear which the lizard gave them.

Thunderstone the weapon of Indra: a thunderbolt

Thung

a king

When the people complained that wild animals, which the king's decree protected, were eating their crops, he told them to build fences. When this failed, he told them to build bamboo stars round their fields and these symbols effectively stopped the loss of their crops.

Thunor the Pali version of the Sanskrit stupa

Thur

the Norman name for the Norse god Thor

Thuremlin (see Daramulun)

a king of the Gepidae father of Rosamund

Thursar (see Thrymheim)

Thurses (see Thursir)

Thursir

[Thurses] a name for the giants

These beings were envisaged as very hairy and with large ears.

Thivi the boulder sunk into the ground on the island of Lyngvi to which Fennis was forever bound

Thyestes' son, Aegisthus.

The boy, when he was seven years old, was told by Atreus to kill Thyestes whom he had imprisoned but, recognising the sword the lad was carrying, Thyestes knew him for his own son and so avoided being killed.

When Thyestes confessed to Pelopia that he was the masked rapist, she killed herself with his sword. He gave the sword back to Aegisthus and ordered him to kill Atreus. This time there was no escape and Thyestes took over the throne of Mycenae once again. He was later driven from the throne by Agamemnon, son of Atreus, and fled to Cythera where he died.

Thyia Greek the first woman devotee of Dionysus

Thyiaides (see Bacchantes)

Thyle (see Thule)

an altar to Dionysus in the orchestra of a theatre

Thymius Greek son of Phineus by his second wife, Idaea

Thymoetes' Greek son of Laomedon and Strymo brother of Priam father of Thymoetes

Thymoetes' Greek son of Thymoetes grandson of Priam

Thyone Greek [Semele.'the raving queen'] In some accounts, wife of Dionysus, in others the name of Semele, his mother, after he rescued her from Hades and took her to Olympus. (see also Dione')

Thyoneus (see Dionysus)

Thyr Norse wife of Thrall She and Thrall are regarded as the founders of the class of thralls or serfs.

Thyrsus Greek the staff of Dionysus with a tip of pine-cone and twined with ivy, used by satyrs and maenads

Ti Chinese a title for an emperor regarded as a divine being

Ti Chinese an earth-goddess consort of Tien Earth (Ti) and sky (Ti'en) later joined to become the all-powerful creator-god, Shang-ti.
Ti Chün Chinese [Lord of Heaven]
god of the eastern sky
husband of Heng Hsi and
Hsi Ho
He was the father, by Hsi Ho, of
the ten suns which one day appeared in
the sky all together, instead of one per
day. The heat was so unbearable
that the archer I shot down nine of
the suns, each of which fell to the earth
in the form of a crow with three legs.
He also had ten sons by Heng Hsi
who were moons.

Ti Isen Chinese a Taoist immortal living on
earth: a living saint

Ti Jean Canadian a hero
He killed a seven-headed monster and
cut out all its tongues so that, when
another man produced the seven heads
and claimed to have killed the beast, Ti
Jean was able to prove him right.

Ti Jean Quinto Wet Indian a Haitian voodoo spirit envisaged
as a policeman

Ti K'ang Wang Chinese a lord of the underworld
He was originally a monk and, when
he died, he collected together a group
of like-minded monks in the under-
world. They made such a nuisance of
themselves that the ruler returned Ti
K'ang Wang's mother to the upper
world as an animal and he was made a
lord of the underworld.

Ti-kuan Chinese [Agent of Earth]
one of the San-kuan
He had the power to grant absolution
for sinners whose confessions, written
on paper, were then buried in the
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dirt. His mother was impregnated by the
rainbow and bore two sons. She gave
one, Ti-mikan, to her sister Ia'tiku and,
when the boy reached manhood, he
mated with Ia'liku to produce the
forrunners of the tribe.

Ti-kuan (see Anency)

Ti-mikan (see Erem Taug)

Ti-t'ang Chinese a shrine in which ancestral records
are kept

Earth-womb King Ti-ts'ang Wang. Yu-
ing Chiio-shih=Indian
Kshitigarbha=Japanese Jizo]
a ruler of hell
Ti-ts'ang was originally a Korean
monk, Chin Chi'o-chi, who founded
a Buddhist sect in China and was
known as Chin Ti-ts'ang by his
followers. He died at the age of 99 and
was deified as Ti-ts'ang Wang.
In one of many lives, some say he
was a girl whose mother was an
incurably wicked cannibal but Ti-
ts'ang prayed so fervently for her when
die that she was saved from
damnation.
He is depicted dressed as a priest
and holding a khalkara.

Ti-ts'ang Wang (see Ti-ts'ang)

Ti Ya (see Ti Mu)

Ti Yao (see Yao)

Ti-yü Chinese [Earth Prison]
hell: the underworld, ruled by Ti-
ts'ang

Ts'ang Chinese a god of death of the Haida Indians

Tiacapan (see Ticapan)

Tiahuanaco South American a ruined city
Said to be the home of a race of giants
who lived before the sun was made.
They killed the prophet who foretold
the coming of the sun and were
punished by being turned into stones
when the sun finally rose.
Another account say they were
killed for worshipping the moon-
goddess, Ka-Ata-Killa.

Tiamat Mesopotamian [Amorokka. Chaos Mother.
Great Mother. Mother Chuber.
Mother Tiamat. Tantu. Thoh. Tham.
=Sumerian Labbu=Syrian Tathue] a Babylonian monster in the form of
a she-dragon
deity of the salt-water
the female principle
consort of Abzu and Kingu
mother of Lahmu and Lahamu
mother of An and Kingu,
some say
When Ea killed Abzu, Tiamat attacked
him with a horde of demons to which
she gave birth. Ea and the other gods
chose Marduk to lead them. Tiamat
was slain by Marduk and her body
was used to build the world. Her second
husband (or son), Kingu, was killed at
the same time and his blood was used
to make mankind.
In some accounts, she was the sister of Shallak whom she married.

Tiamun North American the first man, in the lore of the
Acoma tribe
son of Nao'tsi
His mother was impregnated by the
rainbow and bore two sons. She gave
one, Tiamunu, to her sister Ia'tiku and,
when the boy reached manhood, he
mated with Ia'liku to produce the
forrunners of the tribe.

Tiang malch rupa East Indian a formula which, it is said, will turn a
man into a crocodile

Tiathdrom (see Tara')

Tiawath (see Tiamat)

Tiberinus Roman [Father Tiber. Volturnus]
a river-god, the Tiber personified
king of Alba Longa, some say
son of Janus and Camise
son of Capetus, some say
He was drowned in the river which
was named after him.

Tiberus Roman son of Brutus
brother of Titus
When their father deposed Tarquinus
Superbus and set up the Republic,
Tiberius and his brother plotted to
restore the king. They were betrayed
by a slave, tried and convicted. Their
father pronounced sentence and
watched while they were flogged and
executed.

Tibbert European the name for Tybert in Dutch versions
of Reynard the Fox

Tibert (see Tybert)

Tibetan Book of the Dead (see Bardo Thodol)

Tibir (see Tagtug)

Tiburtine Sibyl Greek a prophetess

Ticapan Central American [Ticapan]
an Aztec deity
sister of Teiuc, Iaco and Xcuitin
These beings are regarded as four
aspects of Tlazolteotl as a witch.

Ticci (see Tici)

Ticci Viracocha (see Tici)
### Tide of the Returning Ghosts

#### (see Hotoke-umi)

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T'ien had the power to grant happiness and confessions made to him were written down on paper and burned. He is depicted in the robes of a mandarin, holding a scroll.

T'ien-chu was a name of Viracocha, Ticcu, a name of Viracocha as ‘beginning’ (see also Ilia).

T'ien-chi was a name of Viracocha as ‘beginning’ (see also Ilia).
Tiermes | Baltic
da Lapp thunder-god
---|---
Tiermes | (see Tigermas)
Tiermon | (see Tiermon)
Tifenua | Pacific Islands

[Ti(t)e-Muana]
a fertility god
son of Pusi

Tig | Anglo-Saxon

[Tiw] = German Tiu. Tiw(s).
[Tiwaz] = Norse Tyr

a war-god

Tigaranos | (see Tarvos)
Tigaranus | (see Tarvos)
Tigbanua | Pacific Islands

a type of Buso

These beings are the most feared of the Buso since, not content with digging up corpses, they are forever trying to kill live humans to eat.

tiger | a large feline with a striped coat found in many eastern countries and their mythologies

(1) In Chinese lore the tiger is third of the Twelve Terrestrial Branches.
The north and winter are represented by the Black Tiger; the south and fire by the Red Tiger; the east and vegetation by the Blue Tiger; the centre and the sun by the Yellow Tiger.

It is also depicted as the favoured transport for various deities.

(2) In the East Indies it is said that there is a race of men who can appear as tigers.

In Sumatran lore, a sinner who prays for reincarnation may leave his grave in the form of a tiger.

(3) In Hindu lore the tiger is the mount of Shiva.

The Rajputs claim to be descended from tigers.

(4) In Japan the tiger is said to live for 1,000 years and its image is used as the emblem of warriors.

(5) In Malaysia these animals are said to be the incarnation of the dead or of the souls of sorcerers.

It is said that a man can buy a magic means of transforming himself into a tiger both in life and after death.

Tiger of the Moon | (see Iqi Balam)
Tiger of the Night | (see Balam Agab)
Tiger with the Sweet Smile | (see Balam Quitze)

Tigeranos | (see Tarvos)
Tigeranus | (see Tarvos)

Tigermas | Irish

[Lord of Death. Tigermans.
Tighermans. Tigernach]
a Milesian high-king
son of Follach

He worshipped the idol Cenn Cruichad and indulged in human sacrifices. He was killed when the frenzy of the worshippers got out of hand.

Tigernmas | (see Tigermas)
Tigernones | Celtic

a title, meaning 'great king', given to various deities

Tiger's Claw | (see Hu Chao)

Tighearnach | (see Tigernmas)

a culture hero, a sun-god brother of Tigranukti

His sister warned Tigernmas that her husband Azdahah planned to kill him so Tigernmas took the initiative and killed Azdahah.

Tigranuki | Armenian

a sister of Tigernas wife of Azdahah

Her husband, god of darkness, the winter dragon, planned to kill her brother so she warned Tigernmas who then killed Azdahah.

Tigridia | British

sister of Darerca and St Patrick wife of Grallo

She was said to be an ancestress of King Arthur.

Tigris | Greek

one of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis caught Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Tigris, tore him to pieces.

Tihkuyi | (see Sand Altar Woman)

T'hmarr | Siberian

a supreme god of the Tungus

Tihugun | North-American

a good spirit of the Athapascans

He is said to live in the sun and the moon.

Tii | (see Tiki)

Tii-tapu | Pacific Islands

son of Tiki

In some accounts, he is regarded as the father of the human race.

Tijaz | (see Tiwaz)

Tikdoshe | African

a half-bodied dwarf god of the Zulus

Any man who fights with this dwarf is killed if he loses but is given powers should he manage to win.

Tikdoshe | (see also Tikoloshe)

Tiki | Pacific Islands

[Ti' = Hawaiian Ki'i]

the first man or a creator-god

the procreative power of Tane

father of Ti-tapu and Tik-ahua

In one version he was the first man, made by clay from Tane or fathered by Tane on Hine-ahu-one, the woman he made from sand. Alternatively he was the son of Rangi and Papa. In this version the first woman was Iowahine.

Another version says that both Tiki and Hina-ahu-one were made from sand by Tane and they mated to produce the human race.

Yet another version says that Tiki created a child in the sand which, when he returned later, had turned into a lovely woman, Hina. He married her and they produced children who populated the islands. Tiki created new islands as the population increased.

(see Kumu-honua. Tiki-ahua)

Tiki | (see Veeteni)

Tiki-ahu | Pacific Islands

a primaeval god of the Marquesas son of Tiki husband of Iowahine

He is said to have fished up the land from the bottom of the sea.

In some accounts, he was the first man, made by Tane. (see also Tiki)

Tiki-kapakapa | (see Hine Titama)

Tiki-wananga | Pacific Islands

'god stick': a charm in the shape of a phallus: a small statue of a deity

Tikikapaka | (see Hine Titama)

Tikoloshe | Polynesian sea-god

[Tokalosh. Tokoloshe]
a Xhosa monster

This ugly, hairy black dwarf lives in the river and chokes women who reject his sexual advances. He is said to be capable of becoming invisible from time to time. (see also Tikoloshe)

Tikshanujghoshah | Buddhist

one of the 4 Manjushri seated on a lion

Tiksnosnisa | Buddhist

a god of the north-western direction

Tilantongo | Central American

the realm of Eight Deer

Tilla | Mesopotamian

a Hurrian bull-god, attendant on Teshub
Tilleulenspiegel

Tito

African
Nyiwa.Wanzhazize] the sky-god of the Tonga

Tilokha

Buddhist
the Pali version of the Sanskrit Tri-loka

Tilottama

Hindu
a beautiful woman created by Vishvakarma
The brothers Sunda and Upasunda fought over her and each killed the other.
In some accounts she is referred to as a love-goddess created by Brahma.

Tilphusa

(see Telphusa)

Tilphussa

(see Telphusa)

Tilpin

European (c. 753-800) an archbishop of Rheims
He may be the same as the Carolingian archbishop, Turpin.

Tima-te-kore

(see Timatekore)

Timagoras

Greek a metic living in Athens
He loved the youth Meles who told him to jump from the Acropolis to prove his love. When he did so, Meles, in remorse, killed himself in the same way.

Timaiti-Ngava

Pacific Islands a primaeval female being in the lore of the Hervey Islanders
This being combined with Timatekore, the male principle, to produce Papa.

Timandra

Greek daughter of Tyndareus wife of Echenus mother of Laodacus
She left Echenus in favour of Phyleus, king of Dulichium

Timatekore

Pacific Islands [Tima-te-kore] a primaeval male being in the lore of the Hervey Islanders
This being combined with Timaiti-Ngava, the female principle, to produce Papa.

Timbehle

East Indies [Mother of Many] a mother-goddess in New Guinea mother of Bangar, Lean and Susianlik
She is said to have produced her children by impregnating herself with a banana. She taught them the art of reproduction and they became the ancestors of the tribes.

time different cultures have different modes of reckoning time, some of which are based on religious or mythological concepts

~Aztec
Time was reckoned in twenty-day periods known as cempohualli, each divided into five four-day periods. Four years were regarded as a year of the sun, and thirteen years as a bundle (xiumalpilli). Four xiumalpilli made up a nixtuichihuitzli. At the end of each cycle of fifty-two years, the world was expected to end and there was great rejoicing when the cycle passed and the prophesied doom failed to materialise.

~Hindu
The world has gone through four ages of varying lengths which, together with dawn and twilight periods, total 12,000 years. Each of these divine years equals 360 earthly years giving 4,320,000 for a complete cycle, the mahayuga. Yet 2,000 mahayugas are but one night and day of Brahma, a period, known as a kalpa, which equals 8,640,000 earthly years. One hundred kalpas equal a para which is the life of the universe and the universe is created anew by Brahma at the end of each such period. A fourteenth part of a kalpa is known as a manvantara. (see also yuga)

~Mayan
The solar year, the haab, had 365 days made up of twenty-eighteen-day periods plus five intercalary days. The cycle of twenty periods was a tun and increments of this basic unit, multiplied successively by twenty, yielded the katun (c. 200 years), the baktun (c. 400 years), the shotun (c. 8,000 years), the calabtun (c. 160,000 years), the kinchiltun (c. 3,200,000 years) and the alautun (c. 64,000,000 years).

Another period, the tzolkin, had twenty thirteen-day periods, the month had twenty days and the day had twenty hours.

~Chinese
He made a wooden figure of his dead mother which he and his wife consulted as if it were his real mother.

~Greek
The figure indicated that his wife should not lend a certain kitchen tool to a neighbour who, angry at the refusal, struck the effigy. Ting Lan got to hear about this and gave the neighbour a beating. Charged with assault, he told the magistrate what had happened and the magistrate came to inspect the statue for himself. He found the statue was shedding tears and acquitted Ting Lan.

~Pacific Islands
a mythical land where the inhabitants have hooves like horses and hair growing out of their knees

~Hebrew
a spirit of the underworld which spread diseases

~English
a squire of King Arthur (Spenser)

~Tibetan
one of the Panchamaharajas king of magic or religious services

~African
He is depicted with three faces and six arms, riding a lion. (see also Bihar)

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son of Vari-Ma-Te-Take
He abandoned Hina-uri, the moon-goddess who loved him, after their son was born. When Kae killed and ate Tiriniru's pet whale, the sea-god killed Kae and ate him.

His home in the world coconut is below that of Atea and on the island of Motu-Tapu, the Sacred Isle.

He sometimes appeared as a handsome youth but is usually depicted as half-man, half-fish.

**Tinna mac Conrach**

Irish

a king of Connaught
second husband of Maev,
some say

He was promised the province by Eochaid Feidhleach, king of Ireland, but when he killed Fiodhach, who was a rival for the hand of the king's daughter, Maev, Eochaid deposed him and gave the province to Maev.

In some accounts, Maev took him as her second husband after leaving Conor mac Ness who later killed Tinne in battle.

**Tinnin**

Arab

[=Muslim Thuban]
a sea-serpent said to have been killed by Alexander

**Tinnit**

(see Tanit)

**Tinnus**

Roman

[Tannus]
a thunder-god in Gaul

**Tino Tatta**

Pacific Islands

a creator-god of the Society Islanders

**Tinoso**

Pacific Islands

[Tinoso]
a hero of the Philippines

He is said to have had many adventures, both sexual and physical, including the liberation of the giant, Mauleon.

**Tintagel**

British

[Dundale.Tintagil]
home of Gorlais
birthplace of Arthur

In later stories, this is the home of Mark, king of Cornwall.

**Tintagil**

(see Tintagel)

**Tintiya**

Pacific Islands

the supreme god of Bali

**Tiny Flower**

North American

a Tewa hunter
husband of White Corn

When his wife was lured away by a Kachina rain-spirit, he sought help from Spider Woman and, using the magic pipe and lightning bolts which she gave him, he killed the Kachina and rescued his wife.

**Tinnyoso**

(see Tinoso)

**Tibraide**

Irish

a king of Ulster

Eochaid Yellowmouth, who was in Ulster, was killed by men sent by his brother, the high-king Conn, to watch Eochaid who was a troublemaker. Tibraide took some warriors, disguised as women, to Tara where they killed the high-king.

(see also Fergus mac Leda)

**Tibiidhe**

Irish

a monk

Mongan once assumed the guise of Tibraide to gain access to his own wife, Dubh Lacha, who had been taken by Brandubh.

**Tirpala Slaine**

(see Slane)

**Tip of the Single Feather**

Pacific Islands

an invincible hero of Flight of the Chiefs
son of The Eldest

**Tiptaka**

(see Tripitaka)

**Tippakahaulam**

(see Mailkun)

tipperu

a bull-roarer used in initiation rites in New Guinea

**Tippett, Michael**

English

a composer

He wrote the opera *King Priam*

**tipua**

New Zealand

in Maori lore, these are shape-changing demons

**Tir**

Armenian

a god of wisdom and writing

**Tir**

Hindi

an arrow, one of the weapons of Durga

**Tir**

Muslim

an evil spirit causing disasters

the son of Eblis

**Tir fa Thonn**

Irish

[Land under the Sea: Land under the Waves: Tir fa Thonn: Tir fa Thuan. Tir fo-Thuinn.

Tir fo-Thuinn]

paradise: Elysium

It was to this land that Gilla Dacar abducted some of Finn's men.

**Tir fa Thonn**

(see Tir fa Thonn)

**Tir fa Thuinn**

(see Tir fa Thonn)

**Tir fo-Thuinn**

(see Tir fa Thonn)

**Tir ina mBann**

Irish

[Is]land of Women. Tir na mBann:

=Welsh Aenfaw

a fabulous country visited by Bran

Bran and his crew stayed happily in this land for several centuries which passed like a single year. When they returned to Ireland, the one crew member who jumped ashore crumbled to dust. The island was also visited by Maeldun.

**Tir ina mBenn**

Irish

[Land of Life. Land of the Living. Tir na mBenn. Tir nam Beo]

the land of eternal life and good health: paradise: a fairyland away to the west

**Tir ina nlongnadh**

Irish

[Land of Wonders. Tir na nlongnadh] an island visited by Conn in his search for a sinless couple

**Tir na mBana**

(see Tir ina mBann)

**Tir na mBeo**

(see Tir ina mBenn)

**Tir ina n-Og**

Irish

[Land of Youth. Tir na nOc. Tir na n-Og. Tir-na-Og=Welsh Underland]

the home of the blessed dead: Elysium: a part of the Western Paradise

**Tir na nlongnadh**

(see Tir ina nlongnadh)

**Tir-nam-Beo**

(see Tir ina mBenn)

**Tir na n-Oc**

(see Tir ina mBann)

**Tir na n-Og**

(see Tir ina mBenn)

**Tir-nan-Og**

(see Tir ina mBenn)

**Tir na n-Og**

(see Tir ina n-Og)

**Tir-nan-Og**

(see Tir na n-Og)

**Tir Tairngire**

Irish

[Land of Promise. Tir Tairngiri. Tir Tairngire]

a fabulous island, home of Manannan

This was one of the islands visited by Brendan.

**Tirawa**

(see Atius-Tirawa)

**Tirawa-Atius**

(see Atius-Tirawa)

**Tirawahat**

(see Tirawahut)

**Tirawahat**

North American

[Tirawahat]

the celestial kingdom of Atius-Tirawa

**Tireisias**

(see Teiresias)

**Tiresias**

(see Teiresias)

**Tiri**

South American

a hunter or nature-spirit in Bolivia

son of Ule

He was a hunter whose mother was killed by one of the four young jaguars whose lair she shared. Tiri was born as she died and continued to live with the
Tirthakara

ament, organised by Arthur, when he Lancelot used his shield in the tour-

Tirthankara (Jain)

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Tirthankara

Jain

tirthakara (see tirthankara)
tirthamkara (see tirthankara)
tirthakar (see tirthankara)
tirthanker (see tirthankara)
tirthankara Jain

It is said that with each fresh cycle of the universe forty-eight tirthankaras are produced who are regarded as superior to any gods and who are detached from all terrestrial matters and unaffected by change.

Other accounts refer to twenty-four such beings, all ascetics, who existed and preached the lore of Jainism even before Mahavira.

Tirukural Hindu

a collection of poetic texts used in Shaivism in place of the 4 Vedas

Tirumal (see Mal)

Tiryak Hindu

[Tiryakloka]
one of the 6 gati, the region of beasts

Tiryakloka (see Tiryakloka)

Tirynthian Greek

a name for Heracles used by Spenser

tisalt Central American

a white powder

This was used by the Cihuata Teo to whiten their arms.

Tisameses (see Tisamenus)

Tisamenus Greek

[Tisameses]
a king of Sparta

son of Orestes and Hermione

father of Cometes

He was driven from the throne by the Heracleidae and was later killed in battle.

Tisamenus Greek

a king of Thebes

son of Thersander and Demonassa

father of Autesion

Tisander Greek

son of Jason and Medea,
in some accounts

Tisphak (see Tispak)

Tisphone Greek

[Tisphone.Tisphone.'avenger']
one of the 3 Furies

Tisiphone Greek

[Tisphone.Tisphone]'daughter of Alemaeon by Manto sister of Amphilocharus

Her father handed her over to Creon to be reared but Creon's wife sold her as a slave. Her father later rescued her.

Tisnavati East Indian

[=Indian Trishna]
a Javanese rice-goddess

Tispat Meopotamian

[Tispat] a guardian god of Esnumma

a name for Ninurta, some say

Tistrya Persian

[Tistrya=Roman Pluvius]
a rain-god and god of fertility

the star Sirius personified

one of the Yazatas

When the land was affected by drought, Tistrya descended into the sea, Vourukasha, and, in the form of a white horse, fought the demon of drought, Apaoshia, as a black one.

He is sometimes depicted as a bull with golden horns, at others as a radiant youth.

Tisiphone (see Tisphone)

Titaia Greek

[=Celtic Mab]

a name for Gaia as mother of the Titans

Titaia (see Titaia)

Titan Greek

any one of the 6 giants fathered by Uranus on Gaia

The six giants are listed as Coeus, Crius, Cronus, Hyperion, Iapetus and Oceanus. Other versions include Atlas, Epimetheus and Prometheus. They had six sisters, the Titanesses.

Uranus had imprisoned his other offspring, the Cyclopes, in Tartarus and Gaia incited the Titans to attack their father and release the prisoners.

In another version, all the Titans, Cyclopes and the Hundred-handed Ones were chained up in Tartarus. The leader of the Titans, Cronus, castrated his father with a flint sickle and took over the throne, marrying his sister Rhea, and putting the Cyclopes back into Tartarus. When the sons of Cronus, led by Zeus, rebelled, a ten-year war between the Titans and the younger gods ensued at the end of which the Titans were defeated and Zeus took on the role of Cronus as ruler of the universe. The defeated Titans (except Atlas who was condemned to bear the sky on his shoulders) were themselves incarcerated in Tartarus.

Some say that Zeus destroyed and burnt the Titans, making mankind from their ashes.

Titan Greek

a name for Helius

Titanesses Greek

[=Titanesses=Titans] the 6 giantesses fathered by Uranus on Gaia

The six are listed as Mnemosyne, Phoebe, Rhea, Tethys and Thea. Other lists include Dione, Eurybia and Titania.

Titania British

[=Celtic Mab]

queen of the fairies

wife of Oberon

Titania Greek

gaea, some say

the moon personified

Titania (see Gaia)

Titanides (see Titanesses)

Titanis (see Titanesses)

Titanomachia Greek

[Titanomachy] the war between the Titans and the Greek gods

Titanomachia Greek

[Titanomachy]
Titanomachy (see Titanomachia)
Titil'Iture (see Rumpelstiltskin)
Tithaca
Tithia (Hindu)
a name of Kama as fire
Tithoons (see 'Tithonus)
Tithonus (see 'Titheus)
a poem by Tennyson
a prince of Troy
son of Laomedon and Strymo
brother of Priam
husband of Eos
father of Emathion and Memnon
Eos kidnapped Ganymede and Tithonus to become her lovers. She chose to marry Tithonus and asked Zeus to make her husband immortal which he did. But she had forgotten to ask Zeus to give him eternal youth with the result that Tithonus just got older and older but could not die. When he was reduced to a mere shrivelled husk, Eos changed him into a grasshopper.
Tithonus (see Tithone)
the Greek name for the Nubian god, Dedwen
Tithorea (Greek)
one of the 2 peaks of Mount Parnassus, sacred to Dionysus (see also Lycorea)
Titi
a progenitor of the Anti tribe
After the world had been destroyed by fire, Titi split open a tree from which emerged a maiden and the culture-hero Ule who mated and produced a new race.
Titia
a champion boxer
He fought Heracles at the games and was beaten.
Titias (Greek)
king of Mariandyne
father of Mariandyus
In some accounts he is equated with Tityus.
Titica (South American)
a lake in Bolivia
In some accounts, this is the lake from which the sun first arose and also the place of origin of the god Viracocha. Others say that Ayar Manco and Mama Oclo came down from the heavens to an island in this lake.
Titivili (see Tutivillus)

Tithonus
a malevolent god of the Aztecs
an aspect of Tezcatlipoca as guardian of the north
As part of his everlasting struggle with Quetzalcoatl, Tezcatlipoca, as Tithonus, took the form of a physician and offered to cure his rival of the sickness caused by the demons that harassed Quetzalcoatl. The cure consisted of getting him drunk on wine and, in that sorry state, Quetzalcoatl seduced a girl (his sister, in some accounts) and, having been guilty of drinking and seduction, Quetzalcoatl was banished.

He or Tezcatlipoca warned Nata and Nena of the impending flood.

Tithachesuan (see Tichachuan)
Titiham (see Myrtium)
Titiabine
a primordial female deity of the Gilbert Islands
consort of Tabakea
She and Tabakea produced all the other deities of the Gilbertese pantheon.

Titouos (see Tityus)
Titrele (British)
son of Tiritone
husband of Richauade
father of Frimutel and Richauda

He or Tiritone advised the Grail Temple to house the Holy Grail which he guarded with the help of the Templars.

He married Richauade, a Spanish princess, when he was over 400 years old and, when she died, he handed responsibility for guarding the Grail to his son Frimutel or, in some accounts, Amfortas.

Titirise (British)
father of Tituere
son of Brutus
brother of Tiberius
When their father deposed Tarquinius Superbus and set up the Republic, Titus and his brother plotted to restore the king. They were betrayed by a slave, tried and sentenced. Their father pronounced sentence and watched while they were flogged and executed.

Titus Herminius (Roman)
[Herminius]
a friend of Horatius
With Spurius Lartius, he helped Horatius to defend the Sublician Bridge over the Tiber against the attacking Etruscans led by Lars Porsena.

Titus Tatius (Roman)
a king of the Sabines
brother of Arruns
son of Tarquinius Superbus
He attacked Rome to try to recover the women who had been captured by the Romans. The treachery of Tarpeia gave the Sabines an advantage and Romulus sought the help of Jupiter to stop the battle. The women ran between the contestants and peace was restored with Titus and Romulus installed as co-rulers.

Tityos (see 'Titius)
Tityus (see 'Titius)
[Titus.Tityos]
a giant
son of Zeus and Gaea or Elare
father of Europe

Some say he was one of the Earthborn Giants, son of Uranus and Gaea, others equate him with Titas.

He was killed by Apollo, Artemis or Zeus when attempting to rape Artemis or Leto and was condemned to Tartarus where he was stretched out and fastened by his arms and legs to the ground, covering nine acres, while his liver was eaten by vultures.

Tityus (Greek)
god of the waning year
It was said that he was killed by Heracles at the winter games.

Ti (see Tig.Tyr)

Tiuhi Tiuhi
a Guatemalan creator-spirit in the form of a hawk
He is said to have killed Coyote after which he created humans from the blood of animals mixed with ground maize. When these humans bred to create the tribes, he led a force of warriors to the shore where, when a red staff was thrust into the water, the sea parted to allow them to pass.

Tiur (Mesopotamian)
scribe of the Armenian gods
He conducted souls to the underworld and recorded their deeds on their forehead.

Tiu (Mesopotamian)
an Etruscan moon-deity

Tivikrama (Hindu)
husband of Santi

Tivr (East Indian)
an ancestral hero of New Guinea
He sent a bird to discover the cause of
the noise in his wife's womb and the first bullroarer, Tokijenjeni, emerged.

Tiw

(see Tiwaz)

Tiwva

(see Tiwaz)

Tiwawaiwa

Pacific Islands

a guardian on the road to paradise

Tiwakumu

South American

the home of Viracocha

Tiwara

African

a Bambara spirit of the wind

Tiwaz

[F(o):Erchtag.Ir.Tiw(a).Zio
Ziu(-Wara),Ziu(men)]=Saxon Tīg

a Norse Tyr]

a war-god

He is said to have had only one arm and, in some versions, was a huge wooden pillar or tree, holding up the universe, like Yggdrasil.

(see Hermensul)

Tiwaz

Meoapotamian

[Tijaz]

a sun-god

Tixe

African

a supreme god of the Zulu

Ty

Egyptian

wife of Amenhotep or Amenophis

Tykity

Siberian

a sun-god of the Yakut

T'il-Kuh-Khu

Siberian

a guardian of the Kamchadal people

son of Kutku

Tizona

Spanish

a sword of El Cid which was interred with him

Tijon Arang

Pacific Islands

a Balinese witch

It is said that she and her followers brought diseases which killed many people. Soldiers, sent by the king to kill her, were routed by the fire flashing from her eyes and the killing went on. The god Siwa told the king that only Bharada could help and the sage managed to get hold of the witch's book of spells. He was then able to cure those still alive and killed the witch.

Tjephepinu

Egyptian

a pharaoh

father of Nectanebo

Tjapara

Australian

[Moon Man]

a moon-god of the Bathurst and Melville Islands

He went off with the wife of Purukupali who left her son to die in the heat of the sun. Tjapara fought with Purukupali who took his son's body and walked into the sea. Tjapara then became the moon.

Tjeneneyt

Egyptian

a goddess of Thebes

consort of Menthu

Tjetjat

Finnish

shamans: wizards

Tjinimin

Australian

an ancestral hat

son of Kunmangur

He stabbed his father in an argument about their sexual prowess and his father then dived into the sea taking all the fire with him.

Tjukui

Australian

the name for the dreamtime used by the tribes of the west and south

(see also aether)

Tjuringa

(see churinga)

Tlacahuepan

Central American

an Aztec war-god

brother of Quetzalcoatl, some say

It is said that on one occasion he went to Tollan with Tezcatlipoca who fascinated the inhabitants by displaying a tiny infant (who was in fact, the god Huitzilopochtli) dancing on the palm of his hand. Many died in the crush to see this marvel and the remainder, angry at the loss of their friends, killed both Tezcatlipoca and the infant. The bodies then gave off a stench that killed many thousands of the Toltecs and more died when they tried to remove the bodies.

Tlacaelel

Central American

an Aztec sage

Tlachtga

Irish

a goddess

daughter of Mug Ruith

She was said to have been raped by Simon Magus. In another story she managed to produce three sons at one birth, each of them by a different father. She died in the effort.

In some accounts she is the same as Eire.

Tlachtihyu

Central American

[=Mayan Pok-ta-Pok]

a sacred ball-game of the Aztecs

Tlaco

Central American

an Aztec deity

sister of Teicu, Ticapan and Xocutin

These beings are regarded as four aspects of Tlazolteotl as a witch.

Tlacolectot

Central American

the owl which, in Aztec lore, is an omen of evil

Tlazolteotl

(see Tlazolteotl.Xochiquetzal)

Tlacotecuhtli

Central American

an Aztec water-god

husband of Chalchiuhltlicue, some say

Tlaczuqani

(see Tlaczuqani)

Tlaczuqani

Central American

[Fifth-eater. Tlaczuqani]

a name for Tlazolteotl as ‘cleanser’

Tlahuicalpantecuhtli

Central American

[Lord of the (House of) Dawn.

Lord of the Light of Dawn.

Tlahuicalpantecuhtli]

an Aztec star-god, god of dawn

an aspect of Quetzalcoatl

He is regarded as the ruler of Teotl, Tlatlauban, the twelfth of the thirteen Aztec heavens and the supporter of the eastern corner of the heavens.

Tlahuiztjin

Central American

wife of Yapot

She and her husband were killed by Yapot and became scorpions.

Tlahuicalpantecuhtli

(see Tlahuicalpantecuhtli)

Tlaik

North American

a sky-chief in the lore of the tribes of the northwest

He was killed by two sky-spirits and eaten by a sky-serpent.

Tlaecluhtli

Central American

a Toltec deity

ruler of the second hour of the day

Tlalhuicole

Central American

a warrior of Tlascala

He was captured on the battlefield and brought before the Aztec king, Montezuma, who was so impressed with the young man's prowess that he offered him his freedom. When he refused, asking to be sacrificed to the gods, the king put him in charge of a force which defeated the Tarascans. Again the king offered him his liberty and again Tlalhuicole refused. This time the king granted his wish and the Tlascalan was chained to the temalacatl (a commemorative stone) and faced combat with the best of Montezuma's warriors. After killing eight and wounding many others he was finally overcome and hauled to the teocalli (sacred pyramid) where his heart was torn out by the priest.

Tlalli-yiyoletl

Central American

a name for Xochiquetzal as a love-goddess and goddess of flowers

Tlapantla

Central American

a sacred site

This was the spot where Quetzalcoatl rested and wept, leaving a hand-print in the rock.
Tlaloc  Central American
[TlalocTeuchti] = Mayan (Xib) Chac:
«Mictec Tzahui» = Tonon Eejajin;
«Zapotoc Cocijo»
a rain-god of the Aztecs and Toltecs
an aspect (south) of Tezcatlipoca
husband and brother
of Chalchihuitlicue
husband of Toci, some say
father of the Tlalocs

In the Aztec creation stories, he
became the ruler of the Third Sun.
Quetzalcoatl had ruled for the 676
years of the Second Sun and had
created a new race of people. Tlaloc
caused a great wind which blew all
these people away (except for a few
who became monkeys) and took over
for the period of the Third Sun which
lasted for 364 years, after which
Chalchihuitlicue became ruler of
the Fourth Sun.

He is regarded as the ruler of
Ilhuicatl Xoxouhcan, the eighth of the
thirteen Aztec heavens, or of Tlalocan,
the lowest of the three heavens.

In some accounts he is the father of
Tecciztecatl whom he burnt to make
the moon. He owns four jugs from
which he can pour rain, not all of it
beneficial.

Other accounts make him an
aspect of Tezcatlipoca as guardian of
the south.

He is depicted as black, blue, red or
white, with teeth like tusks, or as a toad
wearing a serpent headress or as a
feathered serpent.

(see also Quiyauhtonatiuh)

Tlalocan  Central American
an Aztec heaven, lowest of 3, the
home of Tlaloc and reserved for
those drowned or killed by storms.

Some say that this was the realm that
provided a measure of happiness for
the souls of the dead who spent their
time eating, playing games and
singing. After four years, they were
reborn, allowing the posibility of
improved status giving access to a
higher heaven later on.

(see also Chamecacuiatl.
Ilhuicatl Xoxouhcan)

Tlalocs  Central American
[Clouds]. Tlaloces-Quinay Bacasb
minor Aztec rain-gods, the offspring
of Tlaloc and Chalchihuitlicue
(see also Tlaloc-Tepitoton)

Tlaloctecuhtli  (see Tlaloc)

Tlaloque-Tepitoton  Central American
Aztec rain-gods, assistants to Tlaloc

These spirits supervised Tlalocan,
the land of the dead. (see also Tlalocs)

TlalocTeuchti  Central American
[TlalocTeuchti]
an Aztec creator-god and earth-god
of god of death, some say
consort of Coatlicue, some say
This deity was said to have a huge
body like a toad which was used by
Quetzalcoatl and Tezcatlipoca to make
the universe.

In some accounts, this deity is
regarded as female and is the ruler of
Ilhuicatl Tlalocan Ilpan Meztli, second
of the thirteen Aztec heavens.

(see IlmatlTeuchti)

Tlalcecuin  Central American
one of the 4 sages of the Aztec
migration

These four (the other sages were
known as Chipactonal, Ooxomoco and
Xochicahuaca) were said to have
invented the Aztec calendar.

Tlaticitpec  Central American
the home of XiuhTeuchti, the lowest
of the 13 Aztec heavens

Tlalizco  Central American
[Navel of the Earth]
another name for Mitlcan, the abode
of the dead

Tlam  African
in the lore of the Kabyle, the
place below the earth from
which the primaeval buffalo
and calf emerged

Tlamatzincatl  (see Tezcatlipoca)

Tlanuwa  (see Great Hawk)

Tlapallan  Central American
[Land of Bright Colours. Tabasco. Xalac]
the land from which Quetzalcoatl
came and to which he returned
In some accounts, this name is given
to Quetzalcoatl himself.

TlalTeuchti  (see TlalTeuchti)

Tlauiicalpantecuhtli  Central American
[loit of the (House of) Dawn]

Lord of the (House of) Dawn.
a name for Quetzalcoatl as
the morning star

In Toltec lore, ruler of the twelfth
hour of the day.

Tlaualcoatli  Central American
[Itzcuinen. Itzcuinin. Itzcuinas. Ixhuinizin.
Queen of Cotton. Temazcalteci.
Tetein. Tlalcoatli. Tlaealquimi.
Tlzazelotli. Toci, Toci.
an unclean goddess of the Aztecs
consort of Tezcatlipoca

In Tlaloc lore, ruler of the fifth
hour of the day and the seventh
hour of the night.

Devotees of this goddess were
trained as prostitutes and killed after
serving the soldiery.

In some accounts, she has four
aspects, the sisters Tici, Ticapan,
Tlaq and Xochuqui.

In some versions she is an aspect
of Coatlicue as the eater of filth.

Tlazolteotl  (see Tlazolteotl)
tlecuil  Central American
a brazier representing one of
the gods, in the lore of the Aztecs

Tehanoa  North American
[Bekotshire. Khlenonoiai. Moon-bearer]
a moon-god of the Navaho Indians
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He and Tsohanoa found some soil and
grew a reed that allowed the Navaho,
on their journey from the underworld,
to escape from the flood. As a reward,
he was appointed Moon-bearer.

He is said to have created game and
domestic animals.

Tepeolemeia  Greek
a festival in honour of Tepeolemos,
held in Rhodes

Tepeolemos  (see Tepeolemus)

Tepeolemus  Greek
[Tepeolemos]
a king of Argos
son of Heracles by Astyoche
or Astydamia
husband of Pulyco
father of Deipylus
He killed his uncle Licymnius and fled
to Rhodes. He fought at Troy and was
killed by Sarpedon.

Tesim  Greek
one of the Epigoni, some say

Tlemoniuq  (see Quihualui)

Tiewatuwadjigican  North American
in the lore of the tribes of
the northwest, a servant of
Nascaikyiti

Thillan-Tlapallan  Central American
the inhabitants of the second-highest
Aztec heaven

These beings were believed to be
fleshless.

In other accounts, Thillan-Tlapallan
was the second highest of the three
original Aztec heavens, rather than its
inhabitants.

Tloci  Central American
a hawk used as a messenger by the
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mother of Cinteotl and Xochiquetzal

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Tloque Nahuaque  
(see Ometeotl)
Tly  
Mesopotamian
daughter of Baal-Sapon and Piipray
Tm  
(see Atum)
Tmolus  
Greek
king of Lydia
husband of Omphale
father of Tantalus
He was the judge of the music
competition between Apollo and Pan.
He also judged the similar
contest between Apollo and Maryas
though others say that this contest was
judged by the Muses.
Tmu  
(see Atum)
Tna'nto  
Siberian
a dawn goddess of the Koryak
people
Tnece'vune  
Siberian
one of the 4 dawn goddesses of
the Chukchee people
Tne'sgan  
Siberian
one of the 4 dawn goddesses of the
Chukchee people
to  
Burmese
a monster, part lion, part deer
Tnong  
Malay
a sun god in the Malacca peninsula
This deity is envisaged as a
dragonfly.
To  
Japanese
[the way=Chinese Tao]
the guiding principle
To Fu  
Chinese
the yellow phoenix  
(see also ch’i-lin)
To-Kabina  
Pacific Islands
an ancestor hero in New Britain
twin brother of To-Karvuvu
A primordial god drew two figures in
the earth and sprinkled them with his
own blood, so producing To-
Kabina, the sun, and his brother
To-Karvuvu, the moon.
He produced women by climbing a
tree and throwing down two coconuts
which broke open to disclose two
beautiful girls. He also carved a
tree and throwing down two coconuts
flat noses because he dropped the
coconuts the wrong way up and the
fish he carved was a shark which, far
from driving fish ashore for him to
collect, ate them.
He is said to have eaten the first
woman.
To-Kwatsu  
Buddhist
in Japanese lore, the 8 hot hells
(see also Abuda)
T’o-t’a-li  
(see Li Ching)
To Wen  
Chinese
[=Hindu Vaishravana=Japanese
Bishamon=Taoist Mo-li Shou]
a Buddhist guardian spirit of the
north and winter
To Wo  
Buddhist
angry deities in Tibet
To’a-hiti  
a Tahitian deity
Toad  
an amphibian with long back legs in
the manner of a frog
(1) In China, a three-legged toad is
said to live in the moon and is
regarded as a symbol of Liu Hai.
(2) The Greeks regard the toad as a
symbol of Sabazius.
(3) The Romans believed that the
toad carried in its head a stone
known as the borax.
Toadpipe  
British
a demon in The Screwtape Letters by
C. S. Lewis
On one occasion he was turned into a
centipede by Screwtape.
Toal’alit  
North American
[T’oal’alit]
a god of hunting of the Bella
Coola tribe
Toar  
East Indian
a priest of the sun god of the
Celebes
Toar  
East Indian
son of Lumimu’, ut, the
first woman
His mother was made pregnant by the
wind to produce Toar who, as a man,
mated with his mother to produce the
people and their gods.
Tob Tob  
North American
the 16 deities of the Sioux,
aspects of Wakan Tanka
These deities are referred to as the
Superior Gods, the Associated Gods,
the Kindred Gods and the God-like.
Toba  
Japanese
an emperor of Japan
He took a fox woman, Toji, as his
concubine.

Tobachischini  
(see Tobadzistsini)
Tobadzistsini  
North American
[Thobadestchin,Thobadzistshini.
Tobachischini]
a Navaho war god and god
of darkness
one of the Yei-bechi
son of Tsohanoai and Estanatlehi
Tobais  
He and his brother Nayenezgani were
given feathers, to protect them from
all dangers, by the spider-woman
Naste Estsan. They travelled to the
house of their father, the sun-god
Tsohanoai, who accepted them as his
sons only after testing them with
spikes, scalding steam and poison. He
then gave them weapons such as
lightning with which to rid the land of
monsters, the anayu.
They first killed the giant Yeitso
and then the monster Teelget. They
also killed the enormous beasts, with
talons like eagles, known as the
Tsenahale and plucked their feathers
which changed into small singing
birds. Other versions include
adventures involving the killing of an
enormous bear, the rock spirit
Tsenagahi and the people alleged to
be able to kill just by looking, known as
the Binafe Ahani.
Tobats  
North American
[=Navaho Tobadzistsini]
a trickster deity of the Paiute
brother of Cunawabi
Tobias  
Hebrew
son of Tobit
When his father was blinded by the
excruciation of sparrows, Tobias cured
him by using fish gall.
Tobikawa  
Japanese
a hunter
For a joke, he dressed as a tengu
and climbed into a tree. The local peasants,
thinking him a real deity, brought
offerings and worshipped beneath the
tree. When he tried to copy the antics of the
tengu, he fell out of the tree and
was killed.
Tobinu Streat de Montroy  
British
a knight of King Arthur’s court
Tobit  
Hebrew
an ancient sun god
father of Tobias
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sparrows but his son cured him by
using fish gall.

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Tokosaku | Japanese
---|---
[=Chinese Shou Shen]
a god of longevity
one of the Sennin
(see also Fukurokuju, Jurojin)

Tocapo Viracocha | South American
---|---
[Tocapay, Tunapa]
son of Pachayachachic
brother of Imaymana
Viracocha
When his father created the earth, he
gave Tocapo the task of naming all the
things he had created. When the job
was done, Tocapo resumed his place in
the heavens. (see also Tocay)

Tochmarc Emire | Irish
---|---
[=Wooing of Emer]
the story of Cuchulainn and Emer

Tochmarc Etaine | Irish
---|---
[=Wooing of Elaine]
the story of Cuchulainn and Elaine

Tocho | Japanese
---|---
one of the 5 dhyanibuddhas, in some accounts

Tochopa | Central American
---|---
the creator-god of the Mohave Indians
son of the earth-goddess
twin brother of Kukumatz father of Pukeheh

In some accounts, his brother caused the flood which drowned all the people with the exception of Tocipa's daughter, Pukeheh, who survived because her father had sealed her inside a tree. The human race was renewed when Pukeheh mated with Xilonen.

Tokito | Japanese
---|---
a servant of Partholan
He had an affair with his master's wife, Dealgnaid, when Partholan was away. Some say he was killed by the angry Partholan.

Toha | Japanese
---|---
a god of wrestlers
He was the tutelary deity of the clan of Balam Quitzé and was said to have brought them the gift of fire. He was turned to stone when the rays of the newly-formed sun fell on him.

Tohu | Hebrew
---|---
[=Babylonian Tiamat]
a monster of primaeval chaos

Tohuwaba | Hebrew
---|---
[=Hawaiian kaumakaiwa]
a god of fire of the Quiche Indians

Toi-mata | Pacific Islands
---|---
[=Axe-Eye]
a Tahitian goddess
daughter of Oro
sister of Al-Tupuai, Hoa-Tapu and Mata-Fatu-Rau
She and her sisters accompanied their father in battle.

Toirdheallbach | Irish
---|---
a sub-king
father of St Flannan
He was so impressed by the preaching of his son that he gave up his throne and became a monk himself.

Toji | Japanese
---|---
a fox-woman
She was a concubine of the emperor Toba.

Tokakami | Mesopotamian
---|---
a god of death of the Huichol Indians

Tokalosh | (see Tikoloshe)
---|---
Tokay | (see Tocay)
---|---
Toki | Norse
---|---
a famous archer

Tokijenjeni | East Indian
---|---
the spirit of the bullroarer, in the lore of New Guinea

Tiv sent a bird to discover the cause of the roaring in his wife's womb and Tokijenjeni, the first bullroarer, emerged.

Tokiuwa | Japanese
---|---
wife of Yoshitomo mother of Yoshitsune
When her husband was killed by Kiyomori, leader of the Taira clan, she agreed to marry Kiyomori to save her children from death at his hands. She hated him and taught her son, Yoshitsune, to hate him too.

Tokiyora | Japanese
---|---
a regent
He travelled the country to find out how the poor lived and was entertained by Sano, an impoverished samurai who had been cheated out of his estates. When, at a later date, Sano appeared, very poorly equipped, to answer a call to arms, he was taken before Tokiyora who restored his lands and rewarded him with other villages.

Tokloko | (see Dogedoi)
---|---
Tokôte | (see Tokotachi)
---|---
Tokoloshe | (see Tikoloshe)
---|---
Tokotachi | Japanese
[=Amanotokotachi, Toko-Tachi]
a Shinto creator-god, one of the 5 Separate Heavenly Deities

Tokoyo | Japanese
---|---
daughter of Orie Shima
When her father was banished to a far off land by the emperor, Tokoyo went in search of him. She came upon a priest about to throw a maiden into the sea as a sacrifice to the serpent-god, Yofumé-Nushi, and volunteered to take
the girl's place. Jumping into the sea, she met the serpent-god and killed him. She found an image of the emperor on the sea-bed and took this, together with the dead serpent, back to land. The return of the image returned the emperor to full health and, in gratitude, she recalled Oribe Shima who was re-united with Tokoyo.

Tokoyo-naganaki-dori splash

Tokoyo-no-kuni the world of the spirits: paradise

Tokyo a guardian deity of the Koryak people

In some stories he is the father of Miti.

Tokubei a 17th C robber

He successfully eluded his pursuers by the use of magic and disguise, sometimes taking the form of one of the group of frogs he lived with.

Tokudo Shonin a Buddhist abbot

When he died, Tokudo found himself in the presence of Emma-O who instructed him to make known the existence of the Thirty-three Places, shrines sacred to Kwannon, giving him a seal which he could show to the doubters. Tokudo then returned to life and sent his disciples on a pilgrimage to the thirty-three shrines.

Tokugawa1 [Gangan Sama.Gengen Sama. Ieyasu Tokugawa] (1542-1616) a shogun who unified the country

He was deified as Tosho dai-gongen.

Tokugawa2 [Giko.Mito-Komon.Mitsukum Tokugawa.Seizan] (1628-1700) grandson of Ieyasu, but Tokugawa was the name of a new shogunate created by the Edo period

He was responsible for the destruction of hundreds of Buddhist monasteries and was deified on his death.

Tokutaro a man deceived by foxes

Tokutaro refused to believe that foxes had power over humans and accepted a challenge to prove it. When a woman appeared, he suspected that she was a fox-woman and killed her, but she was a normal human and he was saved from death at the hands of her parents only when a priest pleaded for him. He undertook to become a priest and have his head shaved – only to wake up to find that his head had in fact been shaved by the cunning foxes.

Tokutaro-san a male doll

These dolls, which represent a child of about two years of age, are said to bring good fortune if they are properly looked after. The female version is Otoku-san.

tol-ava a Mordvin tutelary spirit, guardian of fire

Tola a chief priestess of Osun among the Yoruba

tolbarubang a statue of an ancestor venerated as a guardian of the village

Toli a metal mirror used by a shaman in divination

Tollan a city ruled by the Aztec god, Quetzalcoatl, in some accounts

In some versions, Quetzalcoatl destroyed this city when he left but others say that it was still in existence some 200 years later.

Tollan2 (see Ilhuicatl Tonatiuh) Tollome la Feintes (see 'Tholomer')

Tollen [Collen] He is said to have fought and defeated Gwyn ap Nudd.

tolmen in Druid lore, large stones placed so as to leave a hole

It was claimed that one could expiate one’s sins by passing through this hole.

tolokende a ceremony to cure the sick

In this ceremony, a doll made of leaves is offered to the spirits in the belief that they will cure a sick person.

Tomoe a chaplain, Merlin’s scribe

Some say he was later made a cardinal.

Toltec a giant

son of Quetzalcoatl, some say

He is regarded as the progenitor of the Toltec people

Toltec1 (see Toltec)
Tomo...
Tonttu  Baltic
[Tonto]
a benevolent Finnish spirit of
the household

Tonwenna  British
wife of Dunwallo Molmutius
mother of Belinius and Brennius

Too-lux  North American
the Chinook god of the south wind
He cut open a whale and released
the raven Hahness.

Toolsey  (see tulasi1)
toori akuma  (see akuma)
Toothcracker  (see Tanngnostr)
Toothgnasher  (see Tanngrisn)
Toothgrinder  (see Tanngnostr)
Topa  (see Togda)
Topa Huaco  South American
one of 4 sisters, ancestresses of the
Incas
(see also Children of the Sun)

Topa Ayar Cachi  (see Ayar Cachi)
Tope1  Norse
a torture-demon
tope2  (see stupa)
Topileta  East Indian
a gatekeeper in paradise
He intercepts souls en route to the
land of the spirits and allows them to
pass only when they give him a gift
which, in the case of women, may be
sex.
He is depicted as having very large
ears.

Topiltzin  (see Topiltzin)
Topiltzin  Central American
[Topiltcin]
a 10th c king of the Toltecs
This man, the last king of the Toltecs,
was identified with Quetzalcoatl in
some accounts.

Tophet  Hebrew
a place of torment; hell
Tophet is a valley, south of Jerusalem,
where, it is said, children were sacrifi-
ced to Moloch. The name, said to be
an oven in which the victims were
burnt, has been adopted as a synonym
for hell.

Topoh  African
a sky-god of the Pokot, the
evening star
son of Tororut and Seta

Tor  (see Torre)
Tor Inis  (see Tory Island)
Tor Mor  Irish
the site of Balor’s tower in Tory Island
tora  Japanese
a sign (tiger) of the Zodiac

Tor Galles  (see Horagalles)
Torach  (see Tory Island)

Toran  Buddhist
[torana]
the gateway to a Buddhist temple

Torana.  (see Toran)

Tore Triath  Irish
[Orc Triath; Teirhinne; Welsh
Twich Twyth]
the chief boar
This animal was said to be owned by
Brigit, the Dagda’s daughter.

Tore1  African
an ancestral hero or forest-god
of the Pygmies
This being is said to appear in the
guise of a wind or a storm or as an
animal such as a leopard.

Tore2  African
a god of death among the
Bambuti

Tore3  African
a supreme god of the Logo
people

Torec  British
son of King Ydor and Tristoise

A circlet that had belonged to Torec’s
grandmother, Mariole, had been
stolen by Bruant. Torec defeated
Bruant who told him that the diadem
was now held by Miraude. When he
tried to regain the circlet, Miraude
said that she would marry him if he
could defeat all the Knights of the
Round Table. Gawain persuaded all
the knights to co-operate and Torec
was able to appear victorious, claiming
the hand of Miraude.

Torem  Siberian
[=Lappish Torms]
a Vogul sky-god
He lives in a tent near the north pole
to which he tethers his reindeer.

Totem-Talmas  Siberian
deities, son of Torec

Torge  Norse
lover of Joterna-jesta
The maiden he loved rejected the
advances of the giant Senjemand who
then tried to shoot her with a huge
arrow. Torge threw his hat to deflect
the missile and saved her life.

tori  Japanese
a sign (cock) of the Zodiac
torii  Japanese
a gateway to a Shinto temple
Some say that the gods sometimes use
the torii as a perch.

Torito  South American
a bird woman in the lore of
the Incas
sister of Aqua

Tornait 2
an Inuit spirit controlling a shaman or,
some say, the earth
a form of inua
These beings are said to take the form
of bears, humans or stones.

Tornasuk  North American
[Great Tornak; Tornasuk; Torgarsak]
a supreme Inuit deity
ruler of the tornait
He lives in the underworld and may
be variously depicted as a large seal, a
bear, a warrior or a tiny midget.

Tornarsuk  (see Tornasuk)
tornat  (see tornaq)

Torgarsak  (see Tornasuk; Torgasou)

Torgasou  North American
a supreme deity of the Inuit

(see also Tornasuk)

Tornit1  North American
an mythical race of giants in the lore
of the Inuit

(see also tornait)

Tornit2  (see tornaq)

Toro  African
a creator-god of the Ngbandi
people
son of Kanglogba, the dragon-fly

Torongoi  Mongol
the first man
consort of Edji

Two brothers who escaped the flood
came back to their hut one day to find
food and drink already prepared. The
elder brother watched and discovered
that Aqua and Torito were responsible
but they were frightened when they
saw him and failed to return for some
time. When they did come back, the
younger brother trapped one of the
bird-women and she lived with him for
a long time, bearing a number of
children who became the ancestors of
the Canaris tribe.

Tork  Armenian
a hideous mountain-god
torna  Buddhist
holy food; a cake used in rituals
tornaq  North American
[tornak; plur-torna(ot)]
an Inuit spirit controlling a shaman or,
some say, the earth
a form of inua

(see also Torgasou)
Tororut  
African  
a creator-god of the Pokot  
brother of Asis  
husband of Seta  
father of Arawa, Ilat and Topoh  

Torquemada, Juan de  
Central American  
a Spanish monk in Mexico who recorded much of Aztec religion and mythology  

Torre  
British  
[Tor]  
a Knight of the Round Table  
son of Pellimore  
brother of Elaine  
He was taken to Arthur’s court as a youth by his cowherd father, Aries, who convinced Arthur to knight him before his wedding began. Merlin disclosed that he was, in fact, a son of Pellimore, who had forced himself on Torre’s mother. At Arthur’s wedding feast Torre was sent off to find the knight who had seized and ridden away with the white bitch that had chased the white stag into the hall, interrupting the proceedings.  

He rode off and met a dwarf who required him to joust with two knights. He defeated them both and sent them to Arthur’s court. The dwarf then attached himself as servant to Torre and led him to the knight he was seeking. Torre retrieved the bitch from the knight’s lady and set off back to Camelot. The knight, Arbellus, rode after him and they fought, with Torre toppling his opponent. He might have spared him, but a damsel rode up and demanded his head, claiming that Arbellus had killed her brother. He ran away but Torre overtook and killed him. When he returned to Camelot with the white bitch and the dead Arbellus, he was rewarded by the king who gave him an earldom.  

He was one of those killed by Lancelot when he rescued Guinevere from the stake.  

Tortain  
British  
son of Eliaures  
His father was forced by King Caradoc to mate with a bitch, a mare and a sow. The third coupling produced Tortain.  

Torto  
European  
a Basque demon  
This being, whose only one eye is in his forehead, captures young people, cuts them up and eats them.  

Tortoise  
a reptile with a hard carapace which moves very slowly  
This beast is used to symbolise slowness of movement in many stories.  
(1) The African Bulu tribe regard the tortoise as a quick-thinking trickster-deity rather than a plodder in the European tradition.  
In one tale, he responded to a demand to bring water in a basket by asking for a strap on which to carry it – the strap to be made of smoke.  
(2) The Chinese regard the tortoise as the animal on which the world is supported.  
It is said that this animal can live for 3,000 years without food or air. There are said to be ten types including a celestial tortoise which is described as having the head of a snake on a dragon’s neck and its skeleton on the outside of the flesh. Its four feet represent the four corners of the world.  
It is regarded as the ruler of the north and the winter season and is known as Black Tortoise, Kuei Shen or Sombre Warrior. It is sometimes envisaged as the Great Triad, its body representing the earth with the upper and lower shells as the sky and oceans respectively.  
(3) In Greek myths the tortoise is the symbol of Aphrodite, Hermes and Pan.  
(4) In Hindu lore, the tortoise is said to be the form in which Vishnu appeared in his second incarnation, as Kurma. The tortoise Chukwa supports on its back the elephant Maha-pudwa which in turn supports the earth.  
(5) In Japan this animal is said to support the Cosmic Mountain, home of the sennin.  
(6) In North America, some tribes believe that the world is supported by a turtle (or by four such animals) while others say that the world itself is a huge tortoise floating in the primordial waters. The Delaware tribe say that the tree of life grows on the back of a tortoise.  
(7) Some Siberian tribes say that Mandishire the supporter of the earth, is a huge tortoise which carries the world on its back.  

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Totaro  
Japanese  
a man who befriended a shark-man  
Samébito had been dismissed from his post as servant to the Dragon Kings so Totaro gave him a home in his garden pond. Totaro fell in love with
the lovely Tamana who would marry only the man who could give her 10,000 jewels. Totaro pined away and Samébito wept in sorrow. When Totaro saw the tears turn into rubies, he soon recovered. He persuaded Samébito to weep until he had collected 10,000 rubies and then claimed Tamana as his wife.

**Totates**  
*British*  
[Toates] > *Roman Teutates*  
a war-god

**Totalma'il**  
*Central American*  
an androgynous Mayan creator-deity

**tote-road shagamaw**  
*North American*  
a fabulous animal

**Totec**  
[Our Great Chief]  
a Zapotec sun-god adopted into the Aztec pantheon

totem  
a revered animal or object:  
a symbol of a tribe, etc

**totem pole**  
*North American*  
a carved and painted pole used by the Indians as a symbol of a tribe

**totemism**  
the use of totems: belief in a supernatural connection between humans and animals or objects

**totemism**  
*North American*  
the belief that certain animals and birds were the ancestors of the tribes. Admiring the qualities in animals which they would like to possess themselves, qualities such as cunning and speed, the tribes came to name themselves after the animal they most admired which became regarded as their ancestor and, eventually, as their tribal god.

totemist  
a person or group indicated by a totem

**Totochin**  
*Central American*  
a god of intoxication

**Totoima**  
*East Indian*  
a monster in Papua New Guinea

Totoima married a mortal woman and they mated, both in human form, producing children which were promptly eaten by their father who revered to the form of a boar when they were born. When twins were born, he ate the girl but a shaman saved the boy and inserted the infant into Totoima's body where it grew immediately to manhood and burst out into the world and killed Totoima.

**Totomono**  
*Japanese*  
a name for Kobo Daishi as a boy

**Totoltecatl**  
*Central American*  
an Aztec fertility god

**Totonge**  
*African*  
in Zaire, a huge mythical animal

**Totrobonso**  
*African*  
a name of Nyame as 'rain-giver'

**Tou Chi**  
(see Shang Ti)

**Tou Fu**  
*Chinese*  
husband of Tou Mu  
father of the 9 Jen Wang

**Tou Mu**  
*[Tao Mu]*  
a name for Chun T'i as Mother of the Ladle  
wife of Tou Fu  
mother of the 9 Jen Wang

In this role, she is the goddess of the constellation of the Southern Bushel (Sagittarius) and keeper of the registers of mortals and gods.

She was killed by Jan-teng Tao-jen who struck her with a pearl. She is depicted with three eyes and eight arms, seated on a lotus.

(see also *Tien Mu*)

**Tou Shen**  
*Chinese*  
a tutelary goddess of smallpox  
mother of Chen Shen, Ma Shen,  
P'an Shen and Sha Shen

Her four sons help their mother in dealing with cases of smallpox.

**Tou-sheng Kuei**  
(see *Heavenly Dog Star*)

**Touart**  
(see *Tauret*)

toucan  
*Malay*  
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**Toveyo**  
*North American*  
twin brother of Tow-us-tussin

These twins are the Haida version of the War Twins.

**Tow**  
*North American*  
a guardian spirit or ancestral deity in Dahomey

**Tow-us-tussin**  
(see *Tow*)

**Tow-asendo**  
*North American*  
the Tewa version of the War Twins

**Tower of Diamonds**  
(see *Burju Alamasi*)

**Tower of Forgetfulness**  
*a tower in the tenth Taoist hell*

Souls due for reincarnation are led by the Spirit of the Wind across a bridge to this tower where they are given a drink which causes them to forget their previous life.

**Tower of the Winds**  
*Greek*  
a hexagonal temple in Athens devoted to Aeolus, god of the winds

**Toxcatl Festival**  
*Central American*  
an Aztec festival in honour of Tezcatlipoca

This festival was held in the fifth month of each year and involved a youth who, for one year, reigned as the earthly embodiment of the god. His days were spent in idle pleasure in the upper world. He also destroyed a bridge on which thousands of people were standing and they too perished in the river below. As a result of this and the ensuing plagues the king repented his evil ways.

**Toxey**  
*Greek*  
son of Thestius and Eurythemis  
brother of Althaea and Plexippus  
He was one of the party hunting...
the Calydonian Boar and he objected when the pelt was awarded to Atalanta. For this, both he and his brother, Plexippus, were killed by Meleager.

Toxeus² Greek
son of Eurytus

Toxeus³ Greek
son of Oeneus and Althaea
He was killed by his own father for disrespect when he jumped over the ditch being dug to protect Calydon.

Toxi Central American
a name for Tiazioteotl

Toyo Kumono (see Toyokumo)
Toyo Kuni (see Toyokuni)
Toyo-tama (see Otohime)
Toyo-uke-hime Japanese
[Toyo-uke no kami]
a Shinto food-goddess
She separated to form Kayanu-hime and Kayonohi.
In some accounts, this deity is regarded as an aspect of Ame-nomakina-nushi.

Toyo-uke no kami (see Toyo-uke-hime)

Toyokumo Japanese
a Shinto goddess
cousin of Kuni-toko-tachi
These two deities were produced from one of the branches of the primaeval god Umi-mashihikabikojii.

Toyokuni Japanese
[Toyo Kuni]
the name given to Hideyoshi when he was deified

Toyotama (see Otohime)

Toyuga-nome (see Sakadonomaki)

Tozi Central American
an Aztec goddess of healing

Tperakl Pacific Islands
[Tperakl]
a creator-god
husband of Latmika
He lived in the sky but his wife lived in the depths of the ocean.

Tperakl (see Tperakl)

Trahes West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

Trachiniae (see Women of Trachis)

Trachmir British
[Trachmir:Trachmyr]
one of King Arthur’s head huntsmen

Trachmir (see Trachmir)

Trachmyr (see Trachmir)

Track of the Lightning (see Raxa-Cakulha)

Traditions of Huarochari South American
a book of Inca ritual and mythology
written in Quecha

Tragedy of Dido, The English
a poem by Christopher Marlowe

Tragedy of the Children of Lir (see Oidead Clainne Lir)

tragelaph a monster, part stag, part goat
[see hircocervus]

tragopan a monster in the form of an eagle
[see Turie]
with horns

Trailokyavaya Buddhists
the 3 worlds

Trajan Roman
an emperor who was deified with the name Trojanus

Tramtris (see Tantras)

Tramtrist (see Tantras)

Tran-vu (see Huyen-thien)

Tranchera European
the sword of Agrican

Tranga (see Saubha²)

trano masino African
in Madagascar, a house built as the home for the spirit of a dead king

Transcendent Dignitary Chinese
the doorkeeper in the palace of Yu Ti

Transcendent Goat (see Yang Ching)

Transcendent Pig (see Lind-chu)

Transcine British
in some accounts, a niece of King Arthur

transfiguration (see metempsychosis)

transformation
many cultures (Buddhist, Egyptian, Hindu) believe that the soul can appear in new form (animal, plant or human) once or many times

Transformer North American
a trickster or culture-hero of some Indian tribes

This being, variously known as Kivati, Mink, Blue-Jay, Raven and Chief Child of the Root, is said to travel the country changing the scenery and animals into new forms.

transvection
the reputed flight of witches through the air

Such flight was said to be on a broomstick, a poker or a spade. In later times, animals such as a dog, a goat, a ram or a wolf were said to carry the witches on their nocturnal journeys.

trapa Buddhist
a Tibetan monk
pair of shears once owned by the king of Alba. It was said that these items could be seen only when the tide was in and vanished from human sight when it ebbed.

**Treasure Crown**

(see Crown of Brahma)

**Treasure-ship**

(see Takara-bune)

**Treasures of Britain**

[Thirteen Treasures]

a collection of marvellous objects put together by Merlin

This list varies from one account to another and can include any of the following:

- chariot of Morgan (Cadair)
- coat of Padarn Redcoat (Pais Padarn)
- cauldron of Drynog or Diwrnach (Pair Drynog)
- dish of Rhadamnus (Dysgyl a Gren Rhymderch)
- gwyddbwlw board of Gwenddolau (Tawlwrdd)
- halter of Clydno
- hamper of Gwyddno (Mwyw Gwyddno)
- horn of Bran Galed (Corn Brangedl)
- knife of Llaufrodedd (Cylfel Llaufrodedd)
- mantle of King Arthur (Llen Arthur)
- mantle of Tegau (Mantell)
- ring of Eluned (Modrwy Eluned)
- stone of Eluned
- sword of Rhymderch (Dyrwnyn)
- whetstone of Tudwal (Hogalen Tudo)

**Treatise of the Way and of Virtue**

(see Tao Te Ching)

**Trebizond**

European

a horse of Guarinos

**Trebuchet**

British

a smith

He is said to have made the Grail Sword and repaired it after it was broken when Partinal used it to kill Goon Desert.

**Trébuerden**

British

a site in Brittany where a dolmen is said to be King Arthur’s tomb

**Tree maidens**

[Norse]

elves living in the trees and woods

**Tree of Buddha**

(see bo tree)

**Tree of Heaven**

Egyptian

the tree producing the fruit which gave the gods their immortality

**Tree of Intelligence**

(see bo tree)

**Tree of Knowledge**

(see bo tree, Jambubstring, Parijata)

**Tree of Life**

a tree appearing in many mythologies, often of unspecified species and having various functions, but always revered

(1) In Africa, Kilimbe, the magical tree of life, was brought by the hero Sadika-mbambi when he was born.
(2) In Central America, the Nahua call the agave, from which they make pulque, by this name. The Mexicans call it Tonacacuatl.
(3) Arthurian legends say that, in taking the fruit of this tree, Eve broke off a small branch which, after she and Adam had been evicted from Eden, she planted. It grew into a tree, all white, and cuttings from it produced white trees. It turned green when Abel was conceived and red when he was killed by Cain.

Solomon’s wife had him build a ship which would last for hundreds of years to convey to Galahad his ancestry. The ship contained a bed with white, green and red posts, cut from trees propagated from the originals, and on this bed Solomon placed his own sword, inherited from his father, David, which later became known as the Sword of Strange Girrels.

(4) In the lore of the Dyaks, a tree which links heaven and earth.
(5) In Egypt, the Staurus, the cross of Horus, is also known as the Toh.
(6) The Hindu tree of life, known as Jambu and growing on Mount Meru, is regarded as the axis of the earth and the source of soma.
(7) The Irish version of the tree of life is called Cram Bethadh.
(8) The Korean version of the tree of life is called Sereuldi tree.
(9) In Mesopotamian lore it is the symbol of Ishtar and Tammu.
(10) In Siberia, the Yakut tree of life is known as Zambu and is said to grow in paradise. A dragon lives at the base of the tree and the goddess Kybai-Khotun uses the tree as her home. Two rivers are said to emerge from the base of the tree.
(11) The Tibetan version is known as Zampu which grows on the sacred mountain Himavan.
(12) In the West Indies, the Haitian tree of life is referred to as Grand Bois.

**Tree of Mirrors**

Central American

a name for Tezcatlipoca

Tezcatlipoca was given this name when he and Quetzalcoatl helped the four giants support the heavens at the beginning of the period of the Fifth Sun.

**Tree of Wisdom**

(see bo tree)

**Tree of the End**

(see Cedar of the End)

**tree-squeak**

North American

a fabulous animal

**Tree-trunk God**

Japanese

a name for Kimata-no-kami who was found in a tree when he was abandoned by his mother

**tree-worship**

[dendrolatry]

In Crete trees were regarded as deities.

In Greece, some trees and groves were regarded as sacred and dedicated to a particular deity.

Trees were the domain of the Dryads and some individual trees were the home of the Hamadryads who died when their tree was cut down or died.

(see also sacred plants)

**trees**

Hindu

an eagle carrying amrita to the moon was struck by an arrow fired by one of the asuras and the feathers thereby dislodged fell to earth and grew as trees

**Trefulfingiid Tre-Eochair**

Irish

an ancient giant

He lived on the acorns, apples and hazel-nuts which grew on the branch of a tree he had brought from the Lebanon and told the council at Tara that the sun, of which he was the controller, had not shone that day because Jesus had been crucified.

**Tregalen**

British

in Welsh lore, the site of King Arthur’s final battle

In this version he was not killed by Mordred but died when archers shot him when he was chasing the survivors of the Battle of Tregalen through the pass of Bwlch-y-Saethu.

**Trefeagle, Jan**

British

a magistrate

He was said to have sold his soul to the Devil and, for his cruelty, he was condemned to empty Dosmary Pool on Bodmin Moor using a leaking limpet shell or to bind together a truss of sand.

Some say that his spirit is chased by the Wild Hunt.

**Treithirne**

(see Torc Triath)
treleque huecuvu  
(see huecuvu)

Tremeur  
[British]
son of Cunomorus and Trephina
Cunomorus beheaded his wife Trephina to prevent the birth of the son who, it was foretold, would kill him. He left it too late and Trephina bore a son, Tremeur.
In some accounts, he is the son of Trephina by Jonas and is also referred to as Judwal.

Trendhorn  
(see Trendorn)

Trendorn  
[Irish]
a servant of Conor
He had his eye knocked out by a chess piece thrown by Naisi when Trendorn was spying on him and Deirdre after their return from Scotland.

Trenmor  
[South American]
a supernatural serpent
The Araucanians say that this huge serpent, and another called Kaikai, caused the flood.

Treon  
(see Trewn)

Trephina  
[British]
daughter of Warok
wife of Cunomorus
mother of Tremen
Her second husband, Cunomorus, had her beheaded to prevent the birth of a son who, it was foretold, would kill him. He left it too late – she produced a son, Tremen. The magician Gildas brought her back to life and, carrying a son, Tremeur. The magician Gildas had his eye knocked out by a chess piece thrown by Naisi when Trendorn was spying on him and Deirdre after their return from Scotland.

Tresnawati  
[East Indian]
a Javanese rice-goddess
daughter of Bataru Guru
She fell in love with a farmer and came down to earth to marry him. Her father turned her into an ear of rice for her disobedience and the farmer then turned himself into a rice stalk, so that the two were united as the Pari Penganten.

Treta Yuga  
(see Tretayuga)

Tretayuga  
[Hindu]
an age of the world – the second – in which changes begin and men become less bound by duty  
(see also yuga)

Treliant  
[British]
the only man to escape when the sea overwhelmed Lyons

Trelvaæ  
[Roman]
Celtic mother-goddesses of Trier

Trevrenzënt  
[British]
son of Frimutel
brother of Amfortas, Herzeloyde, Josiane and Repanse
He became a hermit and was able to tell Percival, when he arrived at his cell, that he could cure Amfortas if he would ask the right question.

Trevrein  
[see Trevrenzënt]

Trewn  
[Irish]
a giant
king of the Land of Maidens
father of Bebhionn

Tri de Dana  
[Irish]
the 3 artisan gods of the Danaans
Credne the bronze-worker, Goibhniu the smith and Luchta the carpenter made the weapons used at the second Battle of Motyura. Not only were the weapons made at great speed, they were always fatal to those struck by them.
In some accounts the title refers to the three sons of Turenn.

Tri-Lochana  
[Hindu]
a name for Shiva as ‘three-eyed’

Tri-loka  
[Hindu]
[=Pali Tiloka]
the 3 realms of the universe
In some versions, the universe is divided into three realms, the underworld, earth and heaven, or Arupa-loka (the formless world), Kama-loka (the world of the five senses) and Rupa-loka (the formed but invisible world). An alternative version has seven or more realms.  
(see also Sapta-Loka)

Tri-Novantum  
(see New Troy)

Tria Fata  
[Roman]
[Fata]
goddesses of fate, assimilated to the Parcae or the Moirae

triad  
a group of 3 deities
In many cases where a given culture has many gods, a group of three is especially revered. The Christian religion is said to be monotheistic and the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are to be regarded as one deity. This view would put them in the same category as many of the gods of other religions which have various names for one god according to the aspect under consideration, rather than in the groups of three separate gods. The membership of any triad may vary over time. Some of these are:

Arab: Agibbol, Bel, Yarhibol
Alilat, Manat, Uzza
Armenian: Anahit, Aramazd, Vahagn
Babylo
tian: Addad, Samas, Sin
Anu, Bel, Ea
Anu, Ea, Enil
Istar, Samas, Sin
Baltic: Patollus, Perkunos, Potnymnus
Buddhist: Jan-teng Fo, Mi-lo Fo, Shih-ch’i’-mou-ni
Chinese: Lao-tzu, Pan-ku, Yu Huang
Lao-tzu, Ta-chun, Yuan Shih
Tai-lao-tao, T’ai-shang-lao
Christian: Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Egyptian: Amun-Ra, Khons, Mut
Anuket, Khnum, Sat
Atum, Menthu, Ra
Banaded, Harpakkrad, Hetmetit
Horus, Neith, Osiris
Horus, Renenutet, Sebek
Imhotep, Nut, Ptah
Imhotep, Ptah, Sakhmet
Isis, Osiris, Set
Kadesh, Min, Reshpun
Menthu, Seker, Ra
Nefertum, Ptah, Sakhmet
Osiris, Ptah, Seker
Sah, Sopdet, Soped
Etrucoin: Juno, Menfira, Tinia
German: Donar, Tyr, Wodan
Greek: Athena, Hera, Zeus
Core, Demeter, Iaclehus
Hades, Poseidon, Zeus
Hephaestus, Poseidon, Zeus
Hawaiian: Kane, Ku, Lono
Hindu: Agni, Indra, Surya
Agni, Indra, Yam
Agni, Surya, Trita
Agni, Surya, Vayu
Brahma, Shiva, Vishnu
Brahma, Rudra, Vishnu
Irish: Ana, Badh, Macha
Badh, Brigit, Goibhniu
Badh, Macha, Nemain
Banba, Eire, Folfia
Japanese
Buddhist: Amita, Kannon, Seishi
Amita, Fugen, Monju
Shinto: Amaterasu, Susanowa, Tsukiyomo
Minaka-Nushi, Kamimusubi, Takamimusubi
Triads, The

[Triads Ynys Prydein] a 6th c collection of poems which includes some Arthurian legends

[Triad] [Tripitaka]

[trisula(trisul)]

trident

the symbol of Shiva as Bhairava

trick

a magic charm used for personal gain

Trickster

deity, demigod or a culture hero

in many countries

(1) In Africa, the spider is the trickster in West Africa and in Dahomey it is Legba.

(2) In North America, Trickster is one of the five (or eight) great spirits created by Earth-maker.

The most widely known trickster is Coyote but there are others such as Inkotomi (Sioux), Manabozho (Chippewa), Rhode (south-east), Sen' dah (Kiowa), Sitkonski (Assiniboine) and Wisagatcak (Cree).

(3) In South America, Trickster is a deity in the Guianas where it is said that, in the early days, fish swam inside a large tree and men were permitted to shoot all but the large fish. Trickster ignored this rule and shot a dorado. As a result, the earth was flooded. Trickster saved the day by using his spear to open up a channel which drained the waters off to the sea.

In other stories, the fox plays the part of the trickster in Chaco lore, the moon in Apinaye lore.

Trigaranos

(see Tarvos)

Trigaranus

(see Tarvos)

Trigelawus

(see Triglav)

Triglav

[Briog.Trigelawus]

a war-god

an aspect of Svantevit

He was depicted as having three heads covered with veils and was later regarded as a god of disease.

trigon

the junction of 3 astrological signs

There are four such junctions said to represent the airy, earthly, fiery and watery aspects.

Trikantikadevi

Hindu

a terrible goddess

Trikaya (see Three Bodies Doctrine)

Trikona

Buddhist

triangle: the Buddha in a seated position

Trikurat

Burmes

a forest-spirit

a nat who helps the hunter

Trikuta

Hindu

Ravana’s fortress, destroyed by Rama

Triloka

(see Tri-loka)

Trimurti

Hindu

the trinity of gods, Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu

They are sometimes depicted as a triple-headed deity.

Trinavarta

Hindu

demon

In one story, he took the form of a whirlwind to kidnap the infant Krishna but the god kicked him over a cliff and killed him.

Tringad

Welsh

father of Gwyn

He was able to tell King Arthur where to find the bitcoin Rhylli and her two whales which had been attacking his flocks.

Trinovantum

(see Trinoventum)

Trinoventum

British

an early name for London

(see also New Troy)

Triops

(see Triads)

Triops

Greek

[Triops.'three-eye']

a king of Dolion

son of Poseidon and Canace

father of Erysichton and Iphimedia

In some accounts, he is the same as Triops, son of Helius and Rhode.

Triops

Greek

[Triops.'three-eye']

an ancient sky-god

son of Helius and Rhode

In some accounts, he is the same as Triops, son of Poseidon and Canace.

Triops

Greek

[Triops.'three-eye']

a king of Argus

son of Phorbas

father of Agenor, Iasus and Pelasgus

Triops

(see Triops)

Tripada

Hindu

da god of fever

Triphis

Egyptian

a lion-goddess of the Upper Kingdom

Triphis

(see Hathor)

Tripipta

Buddhist

[Tripitaka.Tripipta] the complete canon of Buddhist writings

The work comprises three collections, the Abhidharma Pitaka – there are different versions of this collection but they all contain similar ideas and
material, the *Sutta Pitaka* which contains accounts of Buddha's teachings and the *Vinaya Pitaka*, a code of ethics.

In English, it runs to 136 volumes.

**Tripitaka**


the name taken by Ch’en Kuang-jui when he became a monk

He travelled from China to India to obtain the Buddhist scriptures.

In one version, the emperor gave him a white horse for the journey but this animal was swallowed by a dragon so Tripitaka rode the dragon instead. His mortal companion on the journey was the priest, Sha Ho-shang, and they were guided and advised by the monkey-god, Hanuman, in the form of Sun Hou-tzu, and helped by Chu Pa-chieh, a piglike god. Buddha had arranged eighty-one tests for the pilgrim, all of which, with the help of his companions, he overcame.

An alternative story says that Ch’en married Wen-chiao, daughter of Yin K’ai Shan. She caught the fancy of the boatman, Liu Hung, who killed Ch’en and assumed his identity. When her child by Ch’en was born, Wen-chiao cast the baby adrift on the Yangtze and was rescued by a monk, Chang Lao. When the boy was of age, he took the name Hsüan T sang and became a monk. His mortal companion on the journey was the priest, Sha Pa-chieh, a piglike god. Buddha had given him a white horse for the journey but this animal was swallowed by a dragon so Tripitaka rode the dragon instead.

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(see Tipitaka)

**Triple Goddess**

[Triune Goddess]

a group of 3 goddesses regarded as a triune goddess or as 3 aspects of the same deity

Ana, Badb and Macha, were sometimes regarded as comprising the triune goddess Morrigan. Banha, Eire and Fohla were regarded as aspects of Brigit.  

**Triple Muse**

[see also trial]

the 3 original Muses, Calliope, Erato and Urania

**tripod**

Greek

a fabulous animal with 3 legs

**tripodero**

North American

the three-legged stool of the priestess of the oracle of Delphi

**Triptolemos**

(see Triptolemus)

Greek

a prince of Eleusis

son of Celeus and Metaneira or of Ocean and Gaea

son of Dyasules in some accounts brother of Demaphoon

In some stories it was he who, as a baby, was placed in the fire to achieve immortality by Demeter who was temporarily employed as his wet nurse; in other versions, the baby was his brother Demaphoon. In either case, the baby was snatched back by its mother and, though unharmed, did not achieve immortality. Some versions say that Demaphoon was burned to death.

Other stories say that it was he who told Demeter where to find her daughter who had been abducted by Hades and, after Demeter had got her daughter back, she returned to teach Triptolemus the science of agriculture which he spread throughout the land. When Lycurgus, king of Scythia, tried to kill her protégé, Demeter turned the king into a lynx.

Some versions describe him as a god depicted aboard the chariot drawn by winged serpents which Demeter gave him to compensate for the loss of his brother. Others say that he became a judge in the underworld with Rhadamantus and Minos.

He said he was to have promulgated the law of Triptolemus which requires a man to honour his parents, offer sacrifices to the gods and do nothing to harm any man or animal. He is also credited with establishing the Eleusinian mysteries.
that his father had been killed by Morgan. He rode straight to Morgan's castle and killed him. The Irish king, Angus, sent his huge brother-in-law, Morholt, to demand tribute from Mark but Tristram, though wounded by Morholt's spear, killed him in single combat, leaving a piece of his sword-blade buried in Morholt's head. In some versions he killed Morholt and sent his severed head back to Ireland. Other versions say that Morholt was merely wounded and returned to Ireland where he died. In either event, his sister, the queen, discovered the piece of the sword-blade and kept it.

Tristram's own wound refused to heal and, in one version, he sailed for Camelot to seek help from Merlin but a storm landed him in Ireland. He had been taught music at an early age and was a fine harpist and in another version he went to Ireland to recuperate in the guise of Tantris, a minstrel. He was tended by the king's daughter, Isolde, with whom he fell in love. When Palamedes, a Syrian prince, arrived and asked for the hand of Isolde, Tristram met him in single combat and defeated him so that he sailed for home in disgrace.

The queen noticed his broken sword and, and, comparing the broken pieces, realised that it was he who had killed Morholt. She tried to kill Tristram with his own sword but failed. Leaving the court, Tristram returned to Cornwall where both he and King Mark were attracted by the wife of Segwarides. She invited Tristram to meet her and, when Mark and two knights waylaid him, he defeated Mark and killed the two knights. He later defeated Segwarides who challenged him for sleeping with his wife.

Mark and Tristram were now enemies and the king sent Tristram to Ireland to ask for the hand of Isolde, hoping that he would be killed. In one story, Tristram's ship was thrown back by strong winds and he landed at Camelot at the same time as King Angus who had been summoned to Arthur's court to answer a charge of treason. Tristram repaid the king's earlier kindness by taking the charge upon himself and fighting Blamor de Ganis, one of the king's accusers. He defeated Blamor but refused to kill him and they became friends. He went on to Ireland with Anguish and sued for the hand of Isolde on behalf of Mark. In another version, he saved the Irish king who was being attacked by an ogre or, some say, he killed a fearsome dragon which was ravaging the countryside.

Isolde's mother prepared a love potion to ensure that her daughter would come to love her husband, Mark, whom she had never seen, and entrusted it to Branwen, Isolde's maid, who was to travel with them on the journey to Cornwall. The potion was drunk by the young couple who fell hopelessly in love. Despite that, Isolde went through with the marriage to Mark but continued to meet Tristram at every opportunity.

Andred spied on Tristram and caught him in bed with Isolde. Tristram was captured and put in prison but escaped after seizing Andred's sword and killing ten knights. He rescued Isolde who had been immured by Mark and took her to a manor house in the forest. He was wounded by an arrow fired by a man whose brother Tristram had killed earlier and the wound refused to heal. He was told that he could be cured only by Isolde of the White Hands, another daughter of King Hoel. He went to France where Isolde healed his wounds and he married her. While there, he defeated the giant, Beliagog, and forced him to build a palace decorated with scenes of Cornwall.

Other variations of the story say that when Mark was told of his wife's adultery, he condemned both the lovers to be burned at the stake. Tristram asked to be allowed to pray in a small chapel and made his escape through a window, dropping down the cliff to the shore where his squire Gouvernail waited with horses and armour. Mark handed over Isolde to Ivan, leader of a band of filthy lepers, instead of burning her and Tristram arrived in time to rescue her from a fate worse than the stake. Isolde was reconciled with Mark but further spying by Godron and Guerlon persuaded Mark that she really was unfaithful and a trial was arranged, in front of King Arthur and his knights, in which Isolde was declared innocent.

The lovers then resumed their meetings and, en route to one of these assignations, Tristram killed Donelan...
and then shot an arrow through the eye of Godwin as he spied on them. Mark finally found them together and killed Tristram with a poisoned spear.

Other stories say Tristram was banished by King Mark. During this banishment he wandered the land seeking adventure and saved the life of King Arthur. The king had been ensnared by the enchantress, Vivien, who had given him a magic ring that held him in power. Tristram killed the three robbers who were attacking the king and, taking the girl servant of Vivien who had led him to Arthur, returned to Camelot with the king who made him a Knight of the Round Table. Mark came to Camelot intent upon killing Tristram and when Isolde was contacted by Bruce the Pitiless, it was Tristram who rescued her, killing her captor. In another story, Tristram carried off Isolde, who was being ill-treated by King Mark, and took her to Garde Joyeuse where she lived for some time with Guinevere. To avoid further conflict with Mark over his love for Isolde, Tristram went to Brittany where he married Isolde of the White Hands.

His abandonment of the first Isolde was condemned by Lancelot and they fought each other to a standstill when Tristram next returned to Britain.

Another version of this encounter says that Tristram fought Lancelot in the belief that he was Palamedes who had promised to meet him to settle their differences.

One version says that Lancelot and Tristram patched up their quarrel and Arthur installed Tristram as a Knight of the Round Table in the seat formerly occupied by Morholt. Mark offered a false hand of friendship to Tristram who went back to Cornwall with the king. At the behest of Mark, who hoped to see Tristram killed by Bagdemagus and Galahaut who hated Lancelot, he took part in a tournament in the guise of Lancelot and frustrated Mark's scheme by defeating both of Lancelot's enemies.

He allowed Mark to treat his wounds and was dragged and put in prison. He was rescued by Percival with the help of Dinas who temporarily imprisoned Mark.

There are many versions of how Tristram came to receive the wound that caused his death. Some say it was inflicted in the struggle with Melot, others that Mark wounded him with a poisoned spear, some that he was wounded in a duel with a Breton knight in defence of Isolde's brother, some that it resulted from a rock dropped on his head as he scaled a castle wall when fighting King Hoel's enemies. When he lay wounded, Tristram sent Kaherdin, his brother-in-law, or Gesnes a mariner, to England to fetch his true love, the first Isolde, who came at his command in a ship with white sails, a pre-arranged signal. Tristram's wife lied to him, saying that the ship was carrying black sails and he died in despair. The beloved Isolde died at the sight of her dead lover and both were carried back to Cornwall and buried side by side. Two yew trees (in some accounts, a rose and a vine) planted on their graves entwined their branches and could not be separated.

In the Wagnereian version, Isolde had been betrothed to Morholt and wanted to avenge his death. She found a piece of a sword-blade embedded in Morholt's severed head and kept it hidden. Tristram had been wounded by a poisoned spear thrown by Morholt during their encounter and the wound refused to heal. He went to Ireland in the guise of Tantris, a minstrel, and Isolde ministered to his poisoned wound. When she saw his broken sword she realised that it was he who had killed Morholt. They fell in love but Tristram returned to Cornwall without her. Mark was so impressed by his description of Isolde that he sent Tristram back to Ireland to ask for her hand as his queen. Isolde, deeply unhappy that she was to be the wife of Mark, not Tristram, brewed a poisonous drink, intending to kill both herself and Tristram but Branwen, her maid, gave them instead a love-potion entrusted to her by Isolde's mother. They continued to meet after her marriage to Mark but were betrayed by Melot. Tristram was banished to France and when Isolde elected to go with him, Melot tried to prevent their departure and wounded Tristram who went off with Kurneval, who had killed Melot in the encounter, leaving Isolde in Cornwall. She came at his request when he was dying from the wound but arrived too late and died of a broken heart.

Tristram2

British

a poem by the American Edwin Arlington Robinson

Tritram in Lyonesse

British

a poem by Swinburne

Tristram the Dwarf

European

a man appearing in the Norwegian version of the Tristram story

Despite his title, he was a big man but still needed the help of the real Tristram to recover his property which had been taken from him by another.

Tristram the Stranger

British

a man appearing in a Norwegian version of the Tristram story

Like Tristram the Dwarf, he had been robbed of his property, in this case by seven brothers, and needed the help of the real Tristram to recover it.

Tristram the Younger

British

son of Tristram and Isolde

brother of Iseo

husband of Maria

He features in the Continental versions of the Tristram and Isolde story and married Maria, sister of the king of Castile, whom he rescued from the clutches of an African chief, after rejecting the love of Guinevere. In some accounts, he killed King Mark to avenge his father and became king of Cornwall.

Tristram's Saga

European

a 13th c Norwegian version of the Tristram and Isolde story

Tristram and Isolde

Norse

an Icelandic version of the story of Tristram and Isolde

Tristrano Panciatochio

European

a 14th c Italian version of the Tristram and Isolde story

Tristrano Riccardiano

European

a 13th c Italian version of the Tristram and Isolde story

Tristram

European

a version of the Tristram and Isolde story written by Eilhart von Oberge

Tristrem (see Tristram)

Tristubh

Hindu
dughter of Suparni

sister of Jagati and Gayatri

She changed into a bird and flew to heaven to bring back soma but failed. Her mother and her sister Jagati had failed earlier but Gayatri finally succeeded in the task.

trisul (see trident)

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Trita

Hindu

[Aptra->Greek Triton->Persian Athwyra.

Thrita.Thraetona]
a water-deity
a form of Indra
brother of Dvita and Ekata
His brothers pushed 'Trita into a well and placed a heavy stone over the top but failed to kill their sibling who burst through the cover and escaped. He is said to have brought fire from heaven to earth.

In other accounts, 'Trita is a name for Agni in the form of lightning, one of three forms (with Agni and Surya) known as Tryamabaka.

**Tritogeneia**

a name for Athena as a goddess of water

**Triton**

ea sea-god: a merman
son of Poseidon or Hermes and Amphitrite
father of 'Pallas, some say
This god could cause storms or calm the seas by blowing on his conch-shell trumpet.

In some accounts, he was king of Libya, and, when the Argonauts were stranded inland, he appeared as Euryalus and dragged the Argo overland to the sea. He also gave Euphemus a clod of earth which, when later dropped into the sea, developed into the island of Calliste.

Some say that he had a daughter named 'Pallas who was killed by Athena. As a sea-god, he is depicted as half-man, half-fish.

Some accounts speak of 'Tritons in the plural, attendants on Poseidon, sons of Phorcus and Ceto.

**Tritonis**

a lake-nymph in Libya, one of the Naiads
mother of Caphaurus and Nausamon by Amphithemis

**Tritopatores**

ghosts: spirits of the dead

**Tritos**

a name for Zeus as lord of the winds

**Triumphator**

a named of Jupiter as 'the triumphant'

**triumphus**

a celebration at the return of a victorious general when sacrifices were offered to Jupiter

**Triune Goddess**

(see Triple Goddess)

**Trivika**

['three steps']
a name of Visnu as Yamana consort of Santi

**Tro**

(see trovos)

**Troades**

(see Trojan Women)

**Troano Codex**

(see Madrid Codex)

**Tros**

a king of 'Thessaly
father of Troian
A Trojan, said to be descended from the hero Hektor.

**Troezen**

son of Pelops and Hippodamia
brother of 'Pytheus

**troglodytes**

a legendary, uncivilised race, living in caves or holes, said to eat snakes

**trogodice**

a monstrous reindeer with forward-curving horns

**Trograin**

Irish

an early tribal god

**Troia Nova**

(see New Troy)

**Troi**

(see Troilus)

**Troilos**

(see Troilus)

**Troilus**

Greek

['Troilos']

son of Priam or Apollo by Hecuba
He was in love with Cressida and was heart-broken when she was handed over to the Greeks in exchange for a prisoner-of-war during the siege of Troy. She had promised to remain faithful to him and when she fell in love with the Greek hero Diomedes, Troilus rushed straight into the battle and was killed by Achilles.

In some accounts, he was ambushed by Achilles who killed him when he refused to become the Greek's lover: in others he died when his horses bolted.

In an earlier version, Cressida was Briseis, daughter of Calchas who had defected to the Greeks. She was escorted to join her father by Diomedes who fell in love with her.

**Troilos and Cressida**

Greek

a play by William Shakespeare based on the story of these lovers

**Troilos and Cressida**

Greek

a 20th c opera by William Walton (libretto by Hassall)

**Trojan Horse, The**

Greek

[Wooden Horse]

the hollow horse built by Epeius which enabled Greek soldiers to smuggle themselves into the city of Troy (see also Trojan War)

**Trojan War**

Greek

[Siege of Troy]

a war between the Greeks and the Trojans

This ten-year struggle was precipitated by the abduction of the Greek Helen, the wife of Menelaus, by Paris, the son of Priam, king of Troy.

The battle raged backwards and forwards outside the impregnable walls of the city, built by Apollo and Poseidon, with many great heroes on both sides being killed.

The arch-schemer on the Greek side was Odysseus and it was he who finally conceived the plan that led to the fall of Troy. He had a skilled carpenter, Epeius, construct a huge wooden horse. hollow inside, in which he, Pyrrhus and a few others could hide. The horse was left outside the gates of Troy at night and the Greek army embarked and sailed out of sight of the city.

By daylight, the Trojans were deceived into hauling the huge horse into Troy, in some accounts demolishing part of the city walls to allow it to enter. During the following night the occupants descended and opened the city gates to the army who had sailed back under cover of darkness.

The city was sacked and burnt, nearly all the men were slaughtered and the women were taken as slaves and concubines. Aphrodite ensured that Aeneas escaped with his father and young son and Helen was returned to Menelaus.

**Trojan Women,Tbe**

Greek

[Troades]

a play by Euripides about Hecuba and her daughters

**Trojanu**

Russian

the Russian version of Trojanus

**Trojanus**

Roman

a god, the Roman Emperor Trajan deified
troll  Scandinavian  [droll≈Orkney trow]  a supernatural dwarf goblin, originally a giant  It was said that a troll would burst if the sun ever shone on its face.
trollkonan  Scandinavian  [kveldrida.myrkrida]  witches who rode by night  Sometimes they were mounted on wolves and used snakes for bridles.
Troynt  (see New Troy)  a minor deity, patron of story-tellers  He is said to have invented writing based on the footsteps left in the sand by birds.
Troyntovant  (see Chretien de Troyes)  a wife of the Jade Emperor  a rain-deity, patriotism personified
Troynt  (see Cefn)  the Welsh name for Tristram  the Welsh version of the story of Tristram and Isolde.
True Prince  British  an epithet for Galahad  in leaf, the other when they are leafless. March chose the winter period but Trystan pointed out that evergreens never lose their leaves and so claimed Esyllt for himself.
TRYSTAN and ISOLDE  British  the Cornish version of the story of Tristam and Isolde
Tv’ai Shen  Chinese  [Tsai Shen Ye.Tsao Kung-ming]  a Taoist god of wealth
Tv’ai Shen Yeh  (see Tv’ai Shen)  in the lore of the Hidatsa, a bird who changed into a man
Tronc  European  in some accounts, the original name of Oberon
Tryphonius  Greek  an architect  son of Erginus  step-brother of Agamedes
He and his brother built a temple to Apollo, who some say was his father, and, after six days of merry-making, they died in their sleep.
In another story, they built a treasury for King Hyrieus, leaving a secret access so that they were able to steal its contents. The king set a trap which caught Agamedes and Tryphonius cut off his brother's head so that he could not betray their secret. He died when the earth opened to swallow him and he became an oracle.
A very similar story is told of Rhampsinitus.
Tros  Greek  the first king of Troy  son of Erichnius and Astyoche  husband of Callirrhoe  father of Assaracus, Ganymede and Illus
When his son Ganymede was abducted by Zeus to serve as a lover and cupbearer, Thos was given a golden vine and two horses by Hermes, as compensation.
(see also Teucer)
trow  Scottish  [drow≈Scandinavian troll]  a dwarf goblin of the hills and sea
trowo  African  [sing-tro]  the gods of the Ewe people
Troyes,Chretien de  (see Chretien de Troyes)  an epithet for Galahad
Tsao Hou

Kung-Tsao Shen, Tsao Wang, Tung Chu] a Taoist kitchen-god husband of Kuo Ting-hsiang and Li Hai-t’ang

Chang was a mortal who was blinded by the gods when he deserted his first wife and took his mistress, Li Hai-t’ang, as his second wife. Begging for his living, he was handsomely entertained by his former wife and, in shame at his treatment of her, he killed himself by jumping into the fire. Taken up to heaven, he was made a kitchen-god. He laid down a long list of rules of hygiene and proper conduct in the kitchen and is said to travel once a year (or several times a month in some accounts) between heaven and earth to report to Cheng-huang on the state of the family.

In some accounts, Tsao Chün and Tsao Shen are separate beings. (see also Ho-shen)

### Ts’ao Hou

*Chinese*

an empress

sister of Ts’ao Kuo-chiu

### Tsao Kung

*see Tsao Chün*

Ts’ao Kung’s son was a 10th C warrior (Tse-mgon) between heaven and earth to report to Cheng-huang on the state of the family.

This is the place where a shaman entertained by his former wife and, in shame at his treatment of her, he killed himself by jumping into the fire. Taken up to heaven, he was made a kitchen-god. He laid down a long list of rules of hygiene and proper conduct in the kitchen and is said to travel once a year (or several times a month in some accounts) between heaven and earth to report to Cheng-huang on the state of the family.

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### Ts’ao Pin

*Chinese*

father of Ching-chieh, and Tsao Hou and

Ts’ao Kuo-chiu

### Tsao Shen

*see Tsao Chün*

### Tsao Wang

*see Tsao Chün*

### Tsa’qamae

*North American*

god of salmon in British Columbia

### Tsar of the Sea

*Russian*

a sea-god

### tsav

*African*

vital energy given off by swmm, the rock which was the origin of the Ivi

### Tse-mgon

*see Tshe-gon*

### Tse-ring Chhe-nga

*Tibetan*

5 sisters, of Mount Everest

They are depicted in floating robes and holding various fertility symbols.

### Tyen Kuang

*Chinese*

the first of the Ten Yama Kings

The ninth Yama King, Tu-shih, is regarded as a manifestation of Ts’en-kuang.

### T’se-ny-gyal

*(see Ban-rgyal)*

### Tsen Tsze

*North American*

a site sacred to the Navaho

This is the place where a shaman was taught the night-chant by one of the Yeibechi and brought it back to the tribe.

### Tsanagahi

*North American*

[Oge]
a rock-spirit killed by Nayenezgani

This monster’s favourite pastime was kicking people off a rocky path near his lair. His unlucky victims fell a long way on to the rocks below where the monster’s wife and family cut them up, cooked them and ate them. He was safe from falling because his long hair grew into the rocks but Nayenezgani cut through the hair and the monster fell, suffering the same fate as his victims.

### Tsenahale

*North American*

eagle-beasts of the Navaho Indians, killed by Nayenezgani with thunderbolts

### Tseng Chang

*Chinese*

[a Buddhist Virudhaka: =Hindu Virudkha: =Japanese Komoku: =Taoist Mo-li Hung]*

guardian spirit of the south and summer

### Tsent

*North American*

[Tsentsa]

the Huron name for loskeha

### Tsentsa Bumba

*African*

the Bushongo spirit which brings fire

### Tshan-pa

*(see Tshangs-pa)*

### Tshangs-pa

*Buddhist*

[Sangyas.Tshan-pa]
a Tibetan name for the Buddha as one of the Drag-shed

### Tshe-dpag-med

*Buddhist*

[Tshe-pa-me]

the Tibetan name for Amitayus

### Tshe-gon

*Tibetan*

[Tshe-mgon]

the Buddhist lord of life

### Tshe-pa-me

*(see Tshe-dpag-med)*

### Tshi-Paz

*(see Shka-Pas)*

### Tshindi

*North American*

venomous spirits of the Navaho

### Tshog-shing

*Tibetan*

a family tree of the gods in order of rank

### Tshohanoai

*(see Tshohanai)*

### Tshoichnaka

*see Tsichtinaka*

### Tshiskagili

*North American*

the red crayfish

This being is said to have got his red colouring when scorched by the sun during the creation period.

### Tsichtinaka

*North American*

[Tsichtinaka]

in Pueblo lore, a creator-spirit

She conveyed the instructions of the creator, Uct’siti, to his two daughters, Ia’tiku and Nao’sit, who emerged from below the earth to create animals and plants and to start the human race.

In some accounts she was the leader of the people who came up from the underworld.

### Tsitsenuts

*North American*

a rain-god of the Acoma, created by la’icu

### Tsmok

*(see Domovik)*

### Tsoche

*(see Soko)*

### Tsoede

*African*

[Tsosed]

a founder-hero of the Nupé

### Tsoedi

*(see Tsode)*

### Tshohanai

*North American*

[Sunbears,Tshohanai] sun-god of the Navaho Indians

husband of Estsanatlehi, father of Nayenezgani, Tobadzistsini and Yeitso

He and Tlehanoai found some soil and grew a reed that allowed the Navaho, on their journey up from the underworld, to escape the flood. As a reward, he was appointed Sun-bearer. He was said to carry the sun on his back by day and hang it from a peg in his house by night. He may walk over the rainbow and ride a blue horse.

### Tsokelai

*Pacific Islands*

 [=Hawaiian Menhine:=Marshall Islands Anjimir Nonieb:=Melanesian Mase]

the ‘little people’ of Ponape
Tsob

Central American
the people of the second world
These people took over after the destruction of the first race, the Sajamkoob, but were themselves eventually destroyed by a flood.

Tson-ka-pa (see Tsong-kha-po)
Tsong-kha-pa (see Tsong-kha-po)
Tsong-kha-po
[Tson-ka-pa, Tsong-kha-po] a Buddhist reformer
He was said to be the bodhisattva Vajrapani reincarnated or a form of Manjushri.

Tsönoqua (see Tsongoqua)
Tsongoqua
[Snæniktlala], Tsonoqua
a cannibal mother, in the lore of the Kwakiutl tribe
She is said to have eaten corpses as well as young children. When she fell in love with Sky Youth, he failed to return her affection and killed her.

Her offspring were said to be wolves. (see Baxbakulanuchiwae)
tso'po (see serou)

Tsotil
[Tsotil]
a mountain sacred to the Navaho home of Yeito

Tsotsil (see Tsotil)
Tsu-pao
[Chines]
a minor deity, assistant to Pi Kan

T'sui (Chinese)
a minor deity of the underworld

T'sui (see Dxui, Tsungoab)
Tsui-erh
[Chines]
a poor bride
Her widowed mother was too poor to buy her a wedding dress until Lu Pan, a servant of the emperor, gave it to her. The smoke from the burning dress still emerges from that mountain, now called Fujiyama.

Tsuki-yomi-otoko (see Tsukiyomo)

Tsuki-yumi (see Tsukiyomo)

Tsukiyomi
[Japanese]
a Shinto deity or a manifestation of another deity comprising
the supreme Tenrikoyo deity, Tenri-O-No-Mikoto

Tsukiyomi
[Japanese]
[Tsuki-yomi-otoko, Tsuki-yumi, Tsukiyomo]
a Shinto moon-god
son of Izanagi and Izanami
brother of Amaterasu and Susanowa
consort of Amaterasu
He was created from the right eye of Izanagi and killed the food-goddess Uke-Mochi who offered him some disgusting food.

Tsukiyomo (see Tsukiyomo)
Tsukuba
[Japanese]
a god of Mount Tsukuba
He welcomed the creator-god, Mioya, and that god rewarded him by making the mountain green and pleasant.

Tsukuba
[Japanese]
He is envisaged as a huge deer living in the mountains.

Tsukuyomi
[Japanese]
He is represented in the lore of the Pawnee, one of the 5 houses of the animal-spirits, the nahurak

Tsugina'i
[Japanese]
the Cherokee land of ghosts
This place is part of Usunhi'ya, the dark land in the west.

Tsuyu
[Japanese]
a maiden who died of love
Tsuyu fell in love with Shinzaburo and, when he was prevented from seeing her again, she was cast away and died. Her servant, Yone, died of grief at the loss of her mistress. At the Festival of the Dead, they both found it impossible to leave the womb

Tsun-Kyan-Kse
[Burme]
a goddess
When her chief priest, Mun-ha, was wounded and died, the white cat with yellow eyes, known as Sinh, climbed on to his shoulders and gazed into the eyes of the statue of this goddess before which they had both worshipped. The cat's eyes changed from yellow to blue, the colour of Tsun-Kyan-Kse's own eyes, and its white fur changed to the brown and gold of the present-day Burmese cat.

Tsun-Kyan-Kse
[Burme]

Tsuna
[Japanese]
Cousin of Haumea, Rongo, Tane, Tangaroa and Tawhiri
When the children of Rangi and Papa found it impossible to leave the womb because their parents were so tightly entwined, Tu-matauenga wanted to kill them. In the conflict between parents and children, only Tawhirima-tea sided with his parents and sent great storms and waves. Tu-matauenga destroyed all his brothers for deserting him in the struggle against Tawhirima-tea.

Tu'
[New Zealand]
a war-god of the Maoris
son of Rangi and Papa
brother of Haumea, Rongo, Tane, Tangaroa and Tawhiri

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[Polynesian Maru
=Polynesian Maru]
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A god of the Hervey Islanders, brother of Tu-te-Koropanga. He was said to have the power of flight.

Tu-te-Wehiwehi  
A god of the soil, regarded as a protector of graves and a god of the earth, responsible for the growth of crops.

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Tuau

Egyptian
a lion-god, ruler of today

Tubal Cain
Mesopotamian
a Kenite goat-god

In some accounts he was the offspring of the fallen angels Shamdon and Naamah and brother of Asmodeus.

Tubilstrium
Roman
a festival held in March in honour of Mars

Tubua
(see Roua)

Tuchai
North American
| Chaipakomat. Chakumat. Kokoma (th.), Mayshu = Mohave Matavilya:
| Yuma Kwikumar

a creator-spirit of the Dieguenos brother of Yokomatis.

He and his brother were born at the bottom of the sea and pushed up the sky so that there was room for them to move about and then created all the things in the world, including men and women.

In some accounts, Tuchai is referred to as Kokomat and his blind brother as Bakothal.

Tudava
Pacific Islands
a hero of the Tiobrand Islands

Tudewus
(see Tydeus)

Tudno
(see Tudwal)

Tudo-myoo
Japanese
the Buddhist saviour of souls

Tudong
Pacific Islands
a guardian spirit of the Philippines

(see also Spitter)

Tudwal
[ Tudno. Tuwal ]
an ancestor of King Arthur

(see also Tudwal?)

Tudwal
[British]
[ Tudno. Tudwal. Tudlyd. Tuwal ]
the owner of a whetstone that was one of the Thirteen Treasures collected by Merlin.

In some accounts, he is the same as Tudwal, ancestor of King Arthur.

Tuesco
(see Tvisto)

Tueret
(see Tauret)

Tueva
Pacific Islands
father of Veeteni

Tugarin
Russian
a dragon-hero killed by Aljosa Popovic

Tuhururu
Pacific Islands
son of Rupe or Tinirau by Hina-khea or Hina-uri

Tui
[Deallbhaoth]
in some accounts, father by Dana, of 3 sons

In other versions, Tuireall, or Deallbhaoth, was Dana’s father.

Tuireann
(see Tuirenn.Uirne)

Tuiren
(see Tuirenn.Uirne)

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(see Tuirenn.Uirne)

Tuigeis
Irish
[ Thorgerst. Thorgilis. Turgesius ]
a Viking leader

He became ruler of much of Ireland and demanded the beautiful daughter of Maolsheachlann for himself and five other maidens for his chiefains.

Young warriors, dressed as girls, were sent with the daughter and they killed the Viking chiefs and captured Tuigeis and drowned him.

Tuirill
(see Tuirenn)

Tuis
British
a king of Greece

He owned a wine-skin which could turn water into wine. In the story of the Sons of Tuirenn, this was the pigskin which could heal any wound.

In the story of Melora, the warrior-maid, Tuis owned a pig from which Melora was required to get some oil, one of the three items needed to lift the spell placed on her lover, Orlando.

Tuireann
(see Tuirenn)

Tuisko
(see Tvisto)

Tuisto
(see Tvisto)

tuk
Mongolian
the sacred standard of the khans

This emblem was made from nine yak tails.

Tuka heresy
Pacific Islands
the teaching of Ndogomoi

The Fijian priest asserted that there were two gods, Jehovah and the snake-god, Ndengei.

Tukiphat
a demon

Tukis
East Indian

[ = Banks Islands Nopitu = Solomon Islands Kakamora ]
spirits in Papua New Guinea

Tukma
(see Nocuma)

Tuku
Mesopotamian
a name of Marduk as ‘enchanter’

Tukupay
(see Tocapo Viracocha)

tul-awa
Russian
[ = Mordvin tol-ava ]
a Cheremis tutelary spirit, guardian of fire

tul-wodez
Russian
an evil fire-spirit

Tula
Hindu
one of the signs of the Zodiac, Libra

the scales

Tula
(see Tollan)

Tulagola
Pacific Islands
a dog

This animal, said to have invented the drum, is featured in stories in New Britain in which it usually manages to outwit the wallaby, Pakasa Uru.

Tulan
(see Tollan)

Tulan-Zuiva
(see Tulkan-Zuiva)

tulasí
Hindu
[ tootsey.tulis ]
a sacred plant, emblem of Vishnu: basil

Tulasí
(see Tulis)

Tulasi Dasa
(see Tulasi Das)

Tulca
(see Tulcha)

Tulcha
Irish
[ Tulca ]
brother of Finn mac Cool, some say

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When he eloped with Dil, she insisted on taking her two beloved oxen, Fea and Felmhean, with her. Morrigan used her magic to transport them across the sea from the Isle of Falga to Ireland.

**Tulius Hostilius**
- **Roman**
- the third king of Rome
- For destroying Alba and its inhabitants, he and all his family were killed by Poseidon.

**Tullius Servius** (see Servius Tullius)

**Tullus Hostilius** (see Tullius Hostilius)

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[1] A manifestation of Lakshmi or Sita
[4] A Finnish thunder-god revered in the lore of the Tobriand Islands
[8] A druid
[9] A god of seal-hunting
[10] A period of 360 days, in the Mayan time-scale
[12] Adopted son of Mungan-Ngana
[13] He is regarded as the ancestor of the Kurnei tribe.
[14] A legendary hero
[16] Father of T’ai Shan
[17] Son of Hukai Ai
[18] He could find no way to reach the island on which his beloved lived so his mother, a serpent-woman, made a bridge with her back.
father of Chung Wo, Hsien Hsiu,
Hua Lin, Mei Lan, Yao Chi and Wan
He was the embodiment of the male
yang principle and combined with Hsi
Wang Mu to produce the world and all
that is in it.
He was said to have the face of a
bird and the tail of a tiger and he lived
in the Cloud Palace.
(see also Mu Kung,
Tung Huang Tai I)
Tung Yueh Ta Ti
Chinese
the deity in charge of the Ministry of
Five Sacred Mountains, Wu Yueh
Tung Yung
(see Ch'ien Niu)
Tunggal Garing
East Indian
the first man, in the lore of the
Dayaks
husband of Puteri Buala
father of Bunu, Sangen and Sangiang
He was created by Mahatala who
carved him from a stick.
Tung-Pok
Siberian
a Yakut deity
He chased a huge six-legged stag
across the heavens and captured it
but the sky-god turned it into a stone.
The Milky Way represents the hunter's
ski-trail.
Tuniai
East Indian
a creator-god who made the earth
(see also Lahatala)
Tunjung Buih
East Indian
a princess who came out of the sea
Like Aphrodite, she was a daughter of
the foam. When she appeared on the
shore of Sumatra, she was adopted by the
king, Sapurba, and married an
ambassador at his court.
In another story, she was found
standing in a waterfall by Suryananta
who married her.
Tunkan
North American
a Dakota earth-spirit
Tunkashila
(see Grandfather Mystery)
Tunrinda
Scandinavian
a sorcerer
He would sit on a hedge or a roof and
cast a spell on a house.
Tunogupi
Japanese
[Tsunu-guh]a Shinto god
consort of ikugupi
These two deities were produced
from a branch of the primaeval god
Umashiasahikabihojiko.
Tuntu
(see Kamui)
Tuonela
Baltic
the Finnish underworld ruled by Tuoni
This realm is described as an island
which can be reached only by crossing
a black river which is totally devoid
of light.
In some accounts, Tuonela is the
same as Pobijaola. (see also Manala)
Tuonenen-portti
Baltic
[=Norse Helgrind]
the gate at the entrance to the Finnish
underworld, Tuonela
Tuonetar
Baltic
[Manata]
wife of Mana or Tuoni
mother of Kipu-Tyttö, Kivutas
and Vammata
In some accounts, she was the
daughter of Tuoni or Mana and took
Vainamoinen across the black river to
Tuonela in a boat.
Tuoni
Baltic
[Kiymat-tora, Timmek-rui]
ruler of the Finnish underworld,
Tuonela
husband of Tuonetar
father of Kipu-Tyttö, Kivutas
and Vammata (see also Manan)
Tupa
(see Tupan)
Tupan
South American
[Tupa, Tuppy]
the thunder-god of the Guarani
Indians
Tupan was originally a demon who
caused thunder when he crossed the
heavens, but was later promoted to the
status of deity.
He was one of the two brothers who
survived the Flood. Some versions say
he was one of four survivors, the
others being Coem, Hermitten and
Krimen.
He is depicted as a short man with
curly hair, attended by two storm-
birds.
Tuparan
(see Wac)
Tuphoios
(see Typhon)
Tuphon
(see Typhon)
Tupi
(see Tupan)
tupilaq1
Inuit
in Greenland, a magic animal
invoked by a shaman
This beast is usually envisaged as a seal
and a model of the seal is used as the
shaman's familiar.
tupilaq2
Inuit
spirits of the underworld, Adlivum
Some of these spirits return to their
villages, dressed in ragged clothes,
and cause illness and disease.
After a year in Adlivum, the spirit
goes to Adliparmiut where it becomes
an Adliparmio and no longer harmful.
Tupiles
Central American
a low social caste in Mayan society
Tupimare
South American
the hill where the ancestors of
the Karaya Indians took refuge
from the Flood
Tupsimati
(see Tablets of Destiny)
Tur
Persian
[Tura]
son of Thraetona by Ahaharnaz or
Aranvaz
brother of Eraj and Salm
When his father divided his empire
between his three sons, Tur received
Asia.
He and Salm killed their brother
Eraj of whom they were jealous.
Tur
Asian
a mythical hero in Turkestan
Tur Bhalair
(see Dun Bhalair)
Tura
Pacific Islands
husband of Turakihau
father of Tauri-Ahua
It was only when his new bride took
him to her home in a tree that 'Tura
realised that he had married a spirit,
one of the atua. Being a mortal, he
died but his wife lived on as an
immortal spirit.
Tura
(see Tengri, Tur)
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Turakihau
a spirit-woman
one of the atua
wife of Tur
mother of Tauri-Ahua
Turan
Roman
[=Greek Aphrodite—Roman Venus]
a winged Etruscan fertility-goddess
and goddess of love
Turbe Tragmar
Irish
[Tuirbe Tragmar]
a deity
father of Goibhniu
It is said that he threw his axe so that
it landed on the shore and the sea
obeyed his command not to pass
beyond the axe.
Turchans
British
in Arthurian lore, a king of
Armenia
Ture
(see Tule)
Turechu
Pacific Islands
fairies
These beings live in the land known as
Rarohenga, which is believed to be
below the earth's surface.
Turel
a demon
Turenn
Irish
[Tuireann, Tuirenn(n), Tuirill, Tuirren]
a god of night
son of Ogma
husband of Brigit
father of Brian, luchar and lucharba
His family feuded with the family of Cian who was killed by Turenn's sons. When his three sons were killed and Lugh refused to revive them, Turenn dropped dead and was buried with them. In some versions, Dana was the mother of his children. (see also Sons of Turenn)

Turer
the first man, some say
He later acted as guide for the souls of the dead on their journey from Beg to Boigu.

Turf Liant
(see Teirnyon)
Turgesius
(see Turgeis)
Turi-a-faumea
Pacific Islands
son of Tangaro and Faumea
husband of Hina-a-rauriki
His wife was carried off by the demon octopus, Rogo-tumu-heri. Turi-a-faumea and his brother and father set out to rescue her but his brother, Tunui-la-rere, was lost in the sky. The other two hauled the monster up from the depths on a hook baited with sacred feathers, and cut off all his tentacles and his head, releasing Hina-a-rauriki.

Turilas
(see Turris)
Turinoro
British
in Italian stories, a Carthaginian noble
When King Arthur was waging war on Lancelot in France, Turinoro came to help the beleaguered knight. Some versions say that Gawain was killed in the fighting, rather than on his return to Britain when the king was recalled to deal with Mordred's rebellion.

Turisas
(see Turris)
Turja's Rapids
(see Rustja's Rapids)
Turk and Gawain
British
a 16th c poem relating the story of Gawain and Gromer
turkey
South American
Jewelled Fowl, Great Xolotl
a bird sacred to the Aztecs, Maya and Toltecs
Turkey Girl
North American
a character in Pueblo myths
Like Cinderella, she was a poor girl befriended by turkeys who gave her fine clothes and a carriage and sent her to a ball where she met a lover.

Turkey Haectin
[Holy One]
a spirit of agriculture
He is said to have brought corn and tobacco to the Jicarilla Apache.

Turkey-Killer
North American
a bead-spitter in Creek lore
father of Thrown Away
When he met two maidens seeking a bead-spitter, he tested their virginity with a sieve and water, marrying the one who was still a virgin – the other had been raped by Rabbit pretending to be a bead-spitter.

Turnus
Roman
a Latin
He opposed Tarquinius Superbus in an assembly and the king had him killed by drowning.

Turnon
Polish
a festival in honour of Radegast, following Christmas

Turnson
Polish
a fabulous beast
A head of this beast is one of the costumes worn at the post-Christmas festival.

Turpin
European
8th c archbishop of Rheims, one of Charlemagne's paladins
He appears in the Charlemagne stories and is said to have recorded the exploits of the emperor and his paladins. In some stories, he acted as adviser to the emperor and he was with Roland at Roncesvalles. Some say that he caused the walls of Pamplona to collapse as a result of prayer alone.
He came into possession of Fastrade's magic ring when she died and found that, as a result, the emperor became very attached to his adviser. Embarrassed by this new departure, Turpin eventually threw the ring into a pool. (see also Tilpin)

Turpy
Scottish
a little dog
He barked to keep the hobyahs at bay but his master was so upset by his barking that he killed the dog. The hobyahs then attacked the house and took the owner's wife captive. Her husband restored Turpy to life and together they rescued the woman and Turpy killed and ate all the hobyahs.

Turquin
(see Turkin)
Turquine
(see Turquin)
Turquoise Boy
(see Turquoise Man)

Turquoise Cloud Princess
(see Pi-hsia Yüan-chun)
Turquoise Princess
(see Pi-hsia Yüan-chun)

Turquoise Man
North American
[Turquoise Boy]
consort of Turquoise Woman
In one story of the ascent of the Navaho from the underworld, Asa Estsan and Asa Hastin placed Turquoise Boy and Corn Girl on the newly-created Mount Taylor in the south and other deities on the three other cardinal points.

Another version has Ahsonmutli as Turquoise Man who placed men at
these points while some accounts have him as the companion of Salt Woman. (see also Ahsonnutli)

**Turquoise Woman** (see Estanatlehi) **Turris** Baltic
a god of war in Estonia and Finland (see also Turtras)

**Tursa** Roman
an early goddess of terror (see also Tursas)

**Tursas** Baltic
a Finnish demon living in the sea, attendant on the sea-god, Ahti

**Turtin, Heinrich von dem** German
a 13th c poet who wrote the story of Gawain's Grail Quest, Diu Crone

**Turtle** North American
a turtle-spirit of the Navaho
He was involved with Bear, Frog and Snake in a plan to capture two maidens from an underwater village. The plan went awry and the two girls were killed.

Frog and Turtle were lucky to escape with their lives but Bear and Snake fared better. This pair captured two girls who were overcome by the smoke from the kidnappers' pipes which made Bear and Snake appear as handsome braves with whom the girls mated.

**Turtle** North American
a character in the lore of many Indian tribes
This character is usually regarded as the animal on the back of which the world is carried.

**Tutukawa** Pacific Islands
a primeval bird
This hawk and Degei the serpent were the only two living things on earth.

The hawk laid two eggs and the serpent incubated them, hatching a serpent, but once grown, the snake fared better. This pair captured two girls who were overcome by the smoke from the kidnappers' pipes which made Bear and Snake appear as handsome braves with whom the girls mated.

**Tutukawa** Pacific Islands
a character in the lore of the Chaco people of Colombia, a destructivel spirit opposed to Caragabi

**Tutu** South American
in the lore of the Chaco people of Colombia, a destructive spirit opposed to Caragabi

**Tutu** (see Tagtug: Tutu) **Tutu** Menopotamian
[Ag-zag:Tutu]
a spirit that collects words omitted from speeches, divine service, etc.

**Tutu** [Ag-zag:Tutu]
a name of Marduk as ‘father of gods’

**Tutu** [Ag-zag:Tutu]
a character in the lore of parts of Samoa (see also Atu:Tele)

**Tuvalu** (see Tuwal)

**Tuvalu** Finnish
daughter of Tapio and Mielkki

**Tuvalaw** East Indian
a sun-god

He asked for the hand of Dapie but, as he appeared in the guise of a beggar, (or, some say, with a pimply face) her parents dressed a pig to take Dapie's place. When he discovered the deceit, the pig ran into the river but promised to appear again in three days.

**Tvawpontamsi** North American
[Manzauromauna] a hideous Pueblo earth-goddess

**Tuwhakapau** New Zealand
a Maori chief
One of his sons was killed by men of Manawa's clan so, when Manawa came to visit Tuwhakapau to arrange a marriage between their children, the chief set an ambush from which only one man of Manawa's party, a man named Tahua, escaped alive.

**Tuylebela** African
a familiar in the form of an animal such as the hyena or jackal
They eat human flesh and will kill the owner's relatives to get food.

**Tvashtrar** (see Tvashtri)
**Tvashtri** Hindu
[Prjapati.Tvastar.Tvash(tr)ar.Tvast.]
Tvashtrar.Twisthri,Visvakarma:
-Greek Hephæstus
a creator-god and sun-god
an aditya
son of Prithivi and Dyaus
brother of Indra
father of Chakshusha, Sharanyu and Vishvarupa
father of Indra, some say father of Indra by Nishtigri, some say
In some versions he is the same as Visvakarma, in others he is the father-in-law of Visvakarma.

He acted as artificer to the gods and made the thunderbolt, Vajra, for Indra, Shiva's trident and the magic bowl perpetually full of soma.

**Tvashtri** Hindu
a sage
When his three-headed son was killed by Indra, the sage created the monster Vita which swallowed the god's cloud-cattle and the god himself.

**Tvastar** (see Tvashtri)
**Tvastre** (see Tvashtri)

**Tvisto** German
[Tuescu.Tuiscu.Tuisto.Twisto] a double god
father of Mannus
This androgynous being came up out of the earth and made his home in the sky. He is regarded as the precursor of the human race.

**Twaddell** British
in Arthurian lore, a pigmwy king
He was defeated by Tom Thumb at a tournament but nevertheless sent his physician to minister to the midget when he was taken ill.
Twain, the

Greek
the goddesses Demeter and Persephone
These two deities were worshipped at ceremonies attended only by women.
Twaniyakata (see Twaniyakata)
[Twaniyakata]
a mountain-spirit whose voice is that of the bull-roarer
He taught his people the rite of circumcision.
Twansler
Twashtri (see Twashtri)
Twe
African
a lake-god of Ghana
He fathered a son, Twe Adodo, on an old leper woman.
Twe Adodo
African
son of Twe
Twelve Books of Tages
Roman
[Acherontian Books. Books of Tages]
a record of the wisdom passed to the Etruscans by the god Tages
Twelve Ik
Central American
the twentieth of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle
On this day the wind was created.
Twelve Terrestrial Branches
Chinese
the Chinese Zodiac
This version has six domestic and six wild animals as signs. These are the boar, cock, dog, dragon, goat, hare, horse, monkey, ox, rat, snake and tiger.
Twenty-four Examples of Filial Devotion
Chinese
a collection of stories, examples of respect for one’s elders, collected by Kuei Chu-ching
Twenty-four Knights
British
an early list of the knights at King Arthur’s court
The more famous of the names on this list included Bors, Galahad, Gawain, Lancelot, Mordred, Owain, Percival, and Tristram.
Others mentioned were Aron, Blaes, Cadog, Cyon, Drudwas, Eiddigl, Eliwold, Glewlywld, Hoel, Llywarch, Menw, Morfran, Nascien, Petroc and Sanda.
Twice-born
Greek
a name and attribute of Dionysus
Twilight of the Gods, The
German
[Götterdämmerung: Norse Ragnarok]
one of the 4 Wagnerian operas based on the Nibelungenlied
This work tells the story of the death of Siegfried and Brunhild and the end of the kingdom of the gods.
Twinkling Hoard
Twins
Twins are the subject of many and varied beliefs in cultures throughout the world
(1) In Africa, the Ibo regard twins with horror whereas other tribes, including the Yoruba, revere them.
(2) In Greek mythology, the twins Castor and Polyneices (Pollux), sons of Zeus and Leda, were placed in the heavens as the constellation Gemini (Twins).
(3) In Mexico, the Aztec killed one twin at birth, in the belief that it saved the life of a parent, and the surviving twin was said to have evil power; the Tarascans regard twins as gifted in the matter of medicine and say that the plants grown by twins will yield double fruits which, if eaten by a pregnant woman, will result in the birth of further twins; the Popaluca say that twins are good horse-breakers and can cure colic in domestic animals and such ailments as toothache in humans.
(4) In North America, the Apache have their heroes in the twins Child-of-the-Water and Killer-of-Enemies.
The Cherokee say that twins are able to see the 'little people'.
The Iroquois twins, Flint and Sapling, acted as transformers and creators.
The Kiowa talk of the Split Boys who have many strange adventures.
The Lillooet say that twins are the children of bears.
The Micmac creator, Gluskap, is the twin of Malsum.
In the lore of the Ojibwa, the trickster, Nanabozho is the twin of Wolf.
In the story of Anpu and Bata
The Winnebago have stories of the hero twins, Flesh and Stump (see also Twins).
(5) In Roman lore, the twins Romulus and Remus, founders of Rome, were suckled by a wolf after they were abandoned.
(6) In South America, the Bakairi twins, Kame and Keri ate the moon and sun respectively personified.
The Miskito father of twins, believing he could father only one child at a time, killed one or abandoned both.
The Yaghan talk of divine twins, culture-heroes, who taught the tribe the use of fire and the art of hunting.
A widespread theme has one clever and strong twin, the other stupid and clumsy, often regarded as sun and moon respectively. Another common motif is that of the woman killed, by jaguars who rear her twins; they, when they discover the truth, kill the jaguars and climb up to heaven on an arrow-ladder and become the moon and sun.
(7) Other beliefs about twins: twins result from adultery; they may have separate fathers; a woman who eats a double fruit will bear twins; twins are lucky or have second sight.

Two Chiccan
North American
creators and culture-heroes of the Pueblo tribes
These primordial beings, Preceder and Follower, were given power over all the creatures on earth. Using their thunderbolts, they made cracks in the earth and descended into the depths on spider webs, finding partly-formed beings buried in the first womb of the earth. They led them up to the second womb, those that failed to ascend up through the fourth womb until they reached the outer world as men and women.

Twins
Twisto (see Gemini)

Two Brothers
Egyptian
the story of Anpu and Bata (see Bata)

Two Chiccan
Central American
the fifteenth of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle
On this day evil appeared amongst men. (see also Chiccan)

Two Eb Central American

the second of the 20 days of the Mayan creation cycle

On this day Month created a ladder from earth to heaven. (see also Eb)

Two-God (see Omechiutl)

Two Goddesses Greek

[Great Goddesses]

the 2 deities Demeter and her daughter Kore (Persephone)

Two-horned Greek

an epithet of Alexander the Great in Ethiopia

Two Ladies Egyptian

[Nebty]

the goddesses Nekhbet and Wadjet

Two Lady (see Ometeucihuatl)

Two Men (see Wati-kutjara)

Two-Rabbit (see Ome Tochti)

Two Reeds (see Omacatl)

Two Swineherds, The Irish

[Cophur in da muccida]

the story of Friuch and Rucht

Twrch Llawin Welsh

a young boar

one of the offspring of Twrch Trwyth

Twrch Trwyd (see Twrch Trwyth)

Twrch Trwyth Welsh

[Porcus Troit:Troyn:Twrch Trwyd.

White Turc:=Irish Torc:=Triath]

a king transformed into a huge boar

for his sins

son of Taredid Wledig

One of the tasks set for Culhwch by Twrch Trwyth was to have a band of ferocious pigs.

On his way back, he was ambushed by fifty Twrch and killed all of them.

In the attack on Thebes, he faced Melanippus at the Proetid Gate and killed him in single combat, receiving a fatal wound at the same time. When Amphiaraus decapitated Melanippus and gave the head to Tydeus, he split it open and ate the brains. Athena, who had arrived on the scene to save him, was so appalled that she left him to die.

Tydides Greek

a name for Diomedes as a son of Tydeus
tyet Egyptian

an amulet of bloodstone worn by Isis: a sacred symbol in the form of a girdle or knot

Tyfing (see Tyrting)
tyger a monster, part lion, part wolf

Tyll Eulenspiegel German

[Tybert:=Dutch Tibeert]

a mythical clown

Tyewith Teg Welsh

[Bendith y Mamau]

the brownies or fairies ruled by Gwynn ap Nudd

These beings are said to vanish if they touch iron.

Tymborychos Greek

a name of Aphrodite as ‘gravedigger’

Tyndareus (see Tyndareus)

Tyndareus¹ Greek

[Tounder. Tyndareus]

a king of Sparta with Icarius son of Oebalus or Perieres and Gorgophone or Batia brother of Aphares, Hippocoon, Icarius and Leucippus husband of Leda father of Philionæ, Pheobe and Timandra

He was banished from Sparta by Hippocoon and fled to Aetolia where he married Leda.

Of the four children born to his wife Leda, there are conflicting stories. In some, they are the natural parents of Clytemnestra only, in others of both Clytemnestra and Castor and in others of these two and Polydeuces, the fair Helen being the daughter of Zeus and Leda. It seems most likely that Clytemnestra and Castor were the children of Tyndareus and that Zeus was the father of Helen and Polydeuces, with Tyndareus adopting Polydeuces as his own son.

He sheltered Agamemnon and Menelaus who fled to Sparta when Aegisthus killed their father Atreus.
and later he helped them to recover their father's throne. Heacles killed Hippocoon and his sons and restored Tyndareus and his brother Icarius to the throne. Tyndareus finally abdicated in favour of Menelaus.

So many princes wanted to marry Helen that he had them all stand on the skin of a sacrificial animal and swear to support whichever of them was chosen as her husband. She married Menelaus and, when she was later abducted by Paris, they were reminded of their oath and rallied to the Greek cause against the Trojans.

Tyndareus Greek a name for Zeus as 'thunderer'

Tyndaridae Greek the descendants of Tyndareus

Tyndaris Greek a daughter of Tyndareus (Helen or Clytemnestra)

Tyno Helig (see Lafau Sands)

Tytolet British a knight who spoke with animals

He had been brought up in the forests where he learned the language of the wild beasts.

To please the daughter of the king of Britain, he killed the lions which guarded a white stag and presented the stag's foot to this lady who then became his wife.

Typanon Thai a dancing angel holding a thunderbolt

Typhoeus Greek a monster

Typhon (see Typhon)

Typhis (see Typhus)

Typhus Greek helmsman of the Argo

Typhoeos Greek a monster

Typhonian Beast Egyptian a monster

This animal, which is depicted as having a long snout, square ears and a tufted tail, was the symbol of Set.

Typhon Mesopotamian

[=Egyptian Set=Greek Typhon]

This monster is half man, half serpent. This beast was slain by Tarku (Teshub).

Typhos (see also Typhoeus)

Typhus Greek

Tyrophantos Greek

Tyros British a magic cauldron

This vessel was said to boil food for brave warriors but not for cowards. It was one of the Treasures of Britain.

Tyro Greek a dawn-goddess daughter of Salmoneus and Alcidice wife of Cretheus mother of Aeson, Amythaon and Pheres by Cretheus mother of Neleus and Pelias by Poseidon

She was raped by Sisyphus who tried to persuade the people that she had had an incestuous affair with her own father, Salmoneus. She loved Enipeus but had an affair with Poseidon, in the guise of Enipeus, and bore the twins Neleus and Pelias. She abandoned them but they were found and reared by a horse-herder and adopted by Salmoneus and his wife. Her father's second wife, Sidero, treated Tyro very badly. Tyro married Cretheus and bore him a son, Aeson, who became the father of Jason.

In another version, Cretheus adopted the twins as his own, in others, when he learned of her affair with Poseidon, he abandoned Tyro and took Sidero, her maid, in her place. Tyro was badly treated and lived in very poor circumstances until the boys grew to manhood and went to look for him. When they found her, they were quick to exact revenge by killing Sidero.

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Tyronoe British in some accounts, a sister of Morgan le Fay

Tyrrenhus Italian son of Aty

He was said to have emigrated from Lydia during a famine and is regarded as the founder of the Etruscans.
Tyrxis
Greek
a name for Apollo as keeper of wells

Tyselin
(see Tiecelin)

Tyurin-muzykay
Siberian
a hero who killed a man-eating sea-monster

tyus
Turkish
[=Altai Kurmes=Buriat ongon]
a shamanist fetish in the form of an image
(see also ongon)

Tyw
(see Tyr)

Tzahui
Central American
[=Aztec Tlaloc=Maya Chac=Toomac T Ajin=Zapotec Cocijo]
the Mixtec name for Tezcatlipoca as Tlaloc

Tzakmaqiel
da demon, ruler of the Zodiacal sign, Aquarius
(see also Gambiel)

Tzatzitepec
Central American
a sacred hill on which Quetzalcoatl's instructions were announced

Tzedec
(see Zedex)

Tzequiles
Central American
a Mayan race of seafarers said to be descendants of Votan

Tzi-daltai
North American
carved wooden figures worn as protection by the Apache Indians

Tzinteoit
Central American
an Aztec goddess of birth an aspect of Cinteotl or of Tonacahuitl
Another version gives Tzinteoit as male, an aspect of Tonacatecuhtli as god of lightning.

tziře
Central American
a plant
The berries of this plant were used, according to Aztec lore, by Gucumatz and Tepeu as a divining tool, helping them to decide what form they should use to create human beings. The wooden figures that they carved as a result proved to be unsatisfactory and were destroyed by huge predatory birds.

Tzitzimime
Central American
[=Tzitzimine] an Aztec star-spirit
These malevolent spirits are said to attack humans in the form of an eagle or vulture, causing fits in children and lust in men. At the end of the world they will devour all mankind.
In some accounts, they are the same as the Cihuateteo.

Tzitzimitl
Central American
[=Tzitzimine] the old woman who guarded the sleeping maiden Mayahuel

Tzizhui
North American
da sky-spirit of the Osage

Tzitzimime
(see Tzitzimite)

Tzitzimitl
(see Tzitzimitl)

Tzolkin
Central American
[=Aztec Tonalpohualli] a period of 260 days in the Mayan sacred calendar

Tzontemoc
(see Mictlantecuhtli)

Tzu-kung
Chinese
the constellation in which the sky-god, T'ai l, lives

Tzu-ssu
Chinese
one of the Four Saints grandson of Confucius

Tzu Sun Niang Niang
Chinese
a mother-goddess patroness of marriage
She was a mortal who committed suicide to escape the advances of the king and was later deified.

Tzu-tsai
Chinese
one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts
He is said to have been buried alive and decapitated five times.
He is depicted with a fly-whisk in his hand.

Tzu-t'ung
Chinese
a god of literature, in some accounts
(see also Wen Ch'ang Ti Chun)

Tzu Wei
Chinese
[Purple Crepe Myrtle] god of the Pole Star

Tzultaiah
Central American
Mayan thunder-gods
These deities, of which there are at least thirteen, live in streams and rivers and each has his own mountain. They are said to send snakes to punish mankind for various offences.

Tzununiha
Central American
[House of the Water] a woman created by the gods as a wife for Mahucutah
U-Sa  
Korean  
[Chancellor Rain]  
one of the 3 ministers who came to  
earth with Hwanung

Ua  
New Zealand  
[Ua-nganga, Ua-nui, Ua-roa, Ua-whatu]  
a Maori rain-god  
father of Hau Maringi

Ua-Ildak  
Mesopotamian  
a Babylonian goddess of vegetation

Ua-nganga  
New Zealand  
a name for Ua as ‘rain-storm’

Ua-nui  
New Zealand  
a name for Ua as ‘heavy rain’

Ua-roa  
New Zealand  
a name for Ua as ‘long rain’

Ua-whatu  
New Zealand  
a name for Ua as ‘long rain’

Uac-metun-ahau  
(see Itzamna)

Uachit  
(see Edjo,Wadjet)

Uacilla  
Russian  
an Ossetian rain-spirit

Uadha  
(see Uadu)

Uadjit  
(see Edjo,Wadjet)

Uadu  
Irish  
[Uadha]  
father of Ragallach

Uaicca  
South American  
a medicine-man of the Juruna Indians

Uair  
Irish  
He had three sons who were said to  
spread venom on anything they  
touched.

Uair-Gaeth-Sceo-Luchair-Sceo  
Irish  
a giant  
Some say that this name, essentially  
gibberish, is used to conceal the name  
of a divine being.

Uairad Garad  
Irish  
[Uaran Garaid]  
a river in Connacht

This is the river where Mac Cecht  
filled the cup with water to take back  
to Conary when he was besieged at  
Da Derga’s hostel.

In other stories it was Conall  
Cearnach, not Mac Cecht.

Uarahlulu  
South American  
wife of Darukavaitere  
mother of Uazale

When she gave birth to a series of  
parrots and other birds, her mother-  
in-law, Maiso, intervened and caused  
er to bear the first of the Paressi  
tribe, the boy Uazale.

Uarad Garaid  
(see Uarad Garad)

Uas  
Irish  
(see was)

Uasar  
Egyptian  
a name for Osiris during the winter  
period when he slept

Uatchit  
(see Wadjet)

Uath mac Imoman  
Irish  
[Horror.Uath mac Immomuin]  
a shape-changing god

He lived at Oath’s Lake and was asked
to judge which of three warriors, Conall, Cuchulainn and Laoghaire, was the greatest. Uath proposed a beheading contest. In some versions, Conall and Laoghaire refused the challenge, in others they cut off Uath’s head but refused to submit themselves for the axe. Cuchulainn accepted the challenge and when Uath tried to behead him, the axe turned on the executioner.

It is said that, when Cuchulainn put his head on the block, Uath resumed the executioner.

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He was envisaged as having a tail and a bat-like membrane between his arms and legs.

Uazit (see Wadjet)
Uba (see Wadjet)

A type of ghul
This being lives in the desert and rapes male travellers. As a result, the victim may develop worms in his anus, a condition which is invariably fatal.

Ubar (see Ulbasa)

A demon

See also: Uchchusma

A Sumerian deity, messenger for the gods assembled

Ubaschapchusva

This being is regarded as the spirit of the nemontemi, the five-day period of fasting and ill-luck at the end of each year

See also: Uba

Ubbu

A druidess

She loved Iolann but he married Urine. Jealous, Uchtdeblb turned her into a bitch and her twin children were born as the hounds Bran and Sceolan.

In another story, she was the wife of Manannan and, when Ailen fell in love with her, the god gave her to Ailen and took Ailen’s sister, Aine.

Uchtsiti

Father of the gods of the Acoma tribe

See also: Ughtchulturnu

A minor god
one of the 10 Bhanavasi

Udadwes

Greek

one of the 5 surviving Sown-men

Udai

Japanese

one of the 2 gatekeepers at the entrance to a Buddhist shrine known as Nio-san

This being stands on the right side of the entrance Nionom.

Udarn

Arabian

A name used by Argala at Charlemagne’s great tournament

A house or court of the Sumerian gods assembled

A Finnish god said to drink blood

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Uema
(see Huemac)
Uenuku New Zealand
a Maori chief
husband of Pai Hutanga, Pou
Matangatanga and Taka-Rita
His second wife, Taka-Rita, slept with two other men so Uenuku killed all three of them. Her brother, Tawheta, exacted vengeance by killing all five of Uenuku's sons by his first wife, Pai Hutanga. Uenuku attacked Tawheta's compound and killed many of his men but some, including Tawheta, escaped and hid in the forest. Uenuku then seized Tawheta's sister, Pou Matangatanga and married her. When Tawheta's hiding place was discovered, Uenuku killed Tawheta and his men. The blood-stained water was as red as the sea at sunset and the battle became known as The Day of Two Sunsets.
Ueret (see Tauret)
Uergo (see Huerigo)
Uert-Heket (see Iusas)
Uetonga Pacific Islands
a king of the turehu
grandson of Ruamokou
Ueeccoyotl Central American
[=North American Coyote]
a trickster-god of the Aztecs
Uffen (see Anwnfn)
Ufir (see Upir)
Uga-no-kami (see Ugonomitama)
Uga-no-Mitama (see Ugaine Mor)
Ugaine Mor Irish
a high-king of Ireland
husband of Cessair
brother of Bodhbhcha
father of Covac and Laoghaire Lorc
When he died the country was divided into equal parts and shared among his twenty-five children.
In some accounts, he was killed by his brother, Bodhbhcha, who was himself killed by Ugaine's son, Laoghaire.
Ugaine Mor (see Ugaine Mor)
Ugallu Mesopotamian
[=Sumerian Urudimmu]
Babylonian demons
These beings took the form of men with the head of a lion, the horns of a bull, and the claws of an eagle assisting Tiamat in her struggle with Marduk.
Ugar
Mesopotamian
a Syrian god of vegetation
Ugarthilocus European
the Danish name for Ugard-Loki
Ugatya African
an incubus in the form of a snake
Uggerus (see Odin)
Ugahaine Mor (see Ugaine Mor)
Ugesla Serbian
a noble
brother of Goiko and Yukashin
He and his brothers were building a fortress at Scutari when a veela warned them that it would never stand unless the infant twins, Stoyan and Stoyana, were buried beneath the walls. When these children could not be found, Goiko's wife was immersed in the walls instead.
ugohingquongo African
a name of Unkulunkulu as 'overthrower of kings'
Ugoine Mor (see Ugaine Mor)
Ugonomitama Japanese
[Ugo-no-kami: Uga-no-Mitama]
a Shinto goddess of agriculture
(see also Inari, Uke-mochi)
Ugony Mor (see Ugaine Mor)
Ugra Hindu
a god
a name for Agni or Shiva as 'fierce one'
c共识t of Diksa
father of Santana
Ugracangika Hindu
a form of Durga
one of the navadurgas
Ugrasena Hindu
a king
husband of Pavanarekha
His wife produced the demon Kansa, after being raped by the demon Drumalika, and Ugrasena raised Kansa as his own son. Kansa deposed his father but was killed by Krishna who restored Ugrasena to his throne. Ugrasena immolated himself on the god’s pyre when he was killed.
Ugrasura Hindu
a snake-demon
He swallowed the infant Krishna but the boy grew to full stature in an instant and escaped by splitting open the snake's gullet.
Ugratara Hindu
a terrible goddess
She is depicted as carrying a corpse on her head.
Ugunmate Baltic
[=Mother of Fire]
a Latvian fire-goddess
Uguquabadele African
a name of Unkulunkulu as 'the irresistible one'
Uh Panga Lwe Zizwe African
the reed from which, in the lore of the Zulus, the human race emerged
Uhe Minu (see Lord Uhe Minu)
Uheita Japanese
a peasant
He captured a witch and threw her on the fire in his house. She jumped off but could not escape from the room so she turned herself into a copy of the statue of Kvannon which stood on the peasant’s shrine. He chose the right one by making an offering at which the real goddess smiled and quickly threw the other into a pot of boiling water where she died.
Uhepona North American
da giant in the lore of the Zuni
This woolly-skinned monster with huge eyes is said to live in the underworld.
Uhiji-ni Japanese
[=Lord Mud Earth]
one of the early Shinto gods
brother of Shuhiji-ni
Uhlakanyana (see Hlakanyana)
Uhlathu Yesizibi African
son of a Zulu king and queen
The queen gave birth to a huge snake. When its skin peeled away, five boys and five girls were revealed. Uhlathu was the first boy to emerge.
Uhubaput Central American
a Mexican creator-god and sun-god
husband of Udo
Ui Neill Irish
descendants of Niall
In some accounts, they are identified as the Milesians.
Ui Tarsig Irish
a clan of the Fir Gailean of which Finn mac Cool was a member
Uigreann Irish
[=U(i)rgria]
a warrior
When he was killed by Finn mac Cool, his five sons set out to avenge his death. In the Battle of Gabhra, each threw a spear at Finn at the same moment so that they could share in his death. In another version, Finn was killed by Aichleach, one of the five sons.
Uigrui (see Uigreann)
Uillin Irish
[=Aillen]
grandson of Nuada
In some accounts, Uillin drowned Manannan in Loch Corrib.
Unde (see Undry)
Uira (see Kanapu)
Uirgriu (see Uigreann)
Uirne Irish
[=Tuirean, Tuiren(n), Tyren]
an aunt of Finn mac Cool
She was promised in marriage to a
king, Iollan, whose jealous first wife turned her into a hound and gave her to Fergus Fionnlat as a present. When Lugaid Legha killed Iollan, she was restored to human form and married Lugaid. She later gave birth to triplets and, at the same time, two pups which became Finn’s hounds, Bran and Scoelan. In some accounts, she is referred to as Finn’s sister and called Tuiréann (Tyren) and the jealous woman was not his first wife but his mistress, the druidess Uchtdeallb.

Uisneach (see Usna) Uisnech (see Hill of Uisnech) UisnÚ (see Usna) Uittlechar (see Uitechar) Uitzilopochti (see Huizilopochti) Uixtocihuatl Central American

[Huitzilopochtli] the Aztec goddess of salt water

Uixtocihuatl (see Uitzicohuatl) Uj Biblical

a giant

He was so tall that the flood reached no higher than his waist, so he was able to survive.

Ujigami Japanese

[Ujikami] an ancestral god: the ghost of a former ruler

Ujikami (see Ujigami) Uka-no-gami (see Inari?) Ukahö African

in the lore of the Chagga people, a yam

This plant grew in the earthly paradise where the first humans, then immortal, lived. They were forbidden to eat the produce of Ukaho but were tempted by the serpent of death and, when the snake bit the daughter of the sun by mistake, the monster gave up the attempt and was banished.

Ukubuyisa African

a Zulu rite said to bring back the spirit of a venerated ancestor

Ukulan-Tojon Mongolian

a Yakut water-spirit

Ukupanipo Pacific Islands

a shark-god in Hawaii

This being, who controls the fish population, is said to adopt a young child and endow it with the power to change into a shark.

Ukura African

an ancestral hero of the Shilluk
grandson of Kolá

Ulakhany Siberian

a Yakut fire-god

consort of Sabaga

In some versions, Inari is female, in others the partners are regarded as aspects of Ugomonitama.

Ukeomochi (see Uke-mochi) Ukhat (see Shamhat) Ukshyey-ereta (see Hushedar) Ukshyey-nemah (see Hushedar-mah) Ukko Baltic

[Ake-Thor.‘old one’.Pauanne,Ukkonen] a Finnish sky-god and god of thunder husband of Rauni

The noise of his chariot wheels is heard as thunder. When he sent fire to earth in the form of a thunderbolt it was swallowed by a fish but recovered from the fish’s stomach by Vainamoinen.

He is regarded as a later version of Jumala, Ukkonen (see Ukko) Ukobach a demon in hell

He is responsible for attending the oil-fired boilers in hell and is depicted as enveloped in flames.

uKqêli African

a name of Unkulunkulu as ‘wise’

Uksakka Baltic

[=Swedish Dorr-karing] a Lapp door-goddess

She is said to live under the door and protects those going in and out. She is also regarded as a guardian of infants.

Uktena North American

a Cherokee water-monster

This huge horned beast was made by the Little Men to kill the sun so that its heat would no longer kill men and women. It went into the sky with a rattlesnake and, when the snake bit the daughter of the sun by mistake, the monster gave up the attempt and was banished.

Ulala North American

[Walala] a female monster of the Haida, said to eat men

Ulama European

a queen

She sent to Charlemagne a shield made of gold as a prize for the bravest of his paladins. Whoever won it could claim the queen’s hand in marriage.

Ulajii Australian

a spirit-snake of the Aborigines

Ulard Irish

an early name for Ulster

Ulath Pacific Islands

(a Philippine prince

He fell in love with a beautiful girl, who was really a witch, but left her and married another girl. The witch was so angry that she turned his father’s city into a forest, his people into animals and Ulay himself into a monkey, a form he was destined to keep for 500 years.

Uldr Baltic

[Ullda] a fairy race in Lapland, living under the earth (see also Huldrafolk)

Ule South American

an ancestral hero of the Anti

Indians of Bolivia

father of Tiri

After the destruction of mankind by fire, Tiri, the progenitor of the tribe, split open a tree and a beautiful maiden emerged from the tree and Ule married her. Together they became the ancestors of the Anti.

Another story says that he was torn to pieces by a jaguar but his wife reassembled the parts she could find and restored him to life. Ule realised that part of his face was missing and went off, leaving his wife and young son. His wife was later killed by jaguars but her son, Tiri, avenged her death when he grew up.

Ulfin British

a counsellor of Uther Pendragon

Ulfius British

[ Urfin.Ursin] a knight of Uther’s court

a chamberlain to King Arthur

He helped Uther to gain access to Igraine, taking the form of Mark’s knight, Brastias. In later years, he went with Brastias to the Continent to enlist the help of Bors and Ban on behalf of King Arthur in his battles with the rebellious barons.
Ulfrun
Norse
a giantess
daughter of Aegir and Ran
One of the nine wave-maidens said simultaneously to have given birth to Heimdall, fathered by Odin.

Ulkan
Siberian
[Ulgen-Yakuts Yrin-ai-tojon]
a creator-god of the Burjats
Ulkan used fish swimming in the primaeval waters to support the newly-created earth which he had formed in the shape of a huge, flat dish. Parts of the dish which broke off became the islands and land masses of earth and the god used one small part to make the first human, who was called Erlik.

He warned Nama of the impending flood, giving him time to build an ark in which he survived.

When Erlik killed Madere who had been sent to earth as a saviour by Ulkan, the sky-god destroyed Erlik.

Ulgen
(see Ulgan)

Ull
European
father of Rodomont

Ullixes
(see Ulysses)

Ull
(see Uller)

Ullakupera
Australian
hawk-men of the Aborigines

Ullan
(see Iollann)

Ullda
(see Udra)

Uller1
Norse
Skialdarass.Ullerus.Ull(r).Veidiass:
=Anglo-Saxon Vulder.Wulder:
=German Holder.Holler]
the god of archery, death, justice, oaths and winter
son of Sif by a giant husband of Skadi
He took over from Odin and ruled during the winter months and ruled for ten years when Odin was banished from Asgard but was himself banished to Sweden when Odin returned.

He was a rider with, and sometimes leader of, the Wild Hunt. His home was known as Ydalir. In some accounts, he was the second husband of Skadi after he left Niord.

Uller2
Norse
[Ullerus.Ull(r)]
a son of Orvandel or of Egil and Sith

Ullerus
(see Uller)

Ulikummi
Mesopotamian
[Ulkinummis]
a Hurrian giant made of stone by Kumarbi
Placed on the shoulder of Upelluri he grew to enormous size, even reaching the heavens. Ea, or Teshub in some versions, cut off his feet with the cosmic copper saw, so destroying him.

Ulikummis
(see Ulikummi)

Ull
(see Uller)

Ulmuka
Hindu
son of Balarama and Revati brother of Nisatha

Ulster Cycle
(see Red Branch Cycle)

Ultan
Irish
a monk

He served under Deaglan and was sent by him to confront an invasion fleet that threatened Ireland. It was said that Ulutan merely raised his hand and the fleet sank beneath the waves and the sailors became rocks offshore.

Ultima Thule
the supposed end of the world

Ultonian Cycle
(see also Thule)

Ultor
Irish
a Fijian rice-goddess

Ulu
Irish
a name for Devi as ‘gracious’ or ‘light’
sister of Ganga

Ulfrun
Norse

Ulysses
Roman
[Ullixes]
the Roman name for Odysseus

Um
Korean
[=Chinese Yin:=Japanese Yo]
the female principle

Uma
Hindu
Kotari.Mahadevi.Mahes(h)vari.
Sati.Shakti.Shas(b)h(i).Simha-
Vahini=Cambodian Lady Po Nagar:
=East Indies Dewi-Japanese Uma]i
a name for Devi as ‘gracious’ or ‘light’
sister of Ganga
consort of Shiva

In some accounts, Sati is said to have immolated herself when Shiva was excluded from a feast of the gods and Shiva, having performed a frenzied funeral dance as Narajana, restored his wife to life as Uma.

Other accounts say that Uma was a formless goddess who, from time to time, entered the bodies of other goddesses. As a result, many of them are known as Uma. In this version, she could be Ambika, Devi, Durga, Parvati or Rudrani.

Some say that she married Maheshvara and bore 3,000 children, including Sannayaka and Vinayaka. (see also Devi)

Uma
Japanese
[=Hindu Uma]
a goddess
wife of Jizanten

Umahi
Irish
a famous piper

Umah
Mongol
a mother-goddess

Umah-hullhya-wit
North American
a water-monster of the lore of the tribes of California

His enormous body was burnt and from it came all things such as rituals and laws, songs and language.

Umal
Irish
[=Hindu Uma]
a goddess
wife of Jizanten

Umah
Mongol
a mother-goddess

Uma
Japanese
[=Hindu Uma]
a goddess
wife of Jizanten

Umai
Irish
a malevolent creator-god of the Yakuts

Ulysses
British
a poem by Tennyson

Ulysses
Irish
a novel by James Joyce based on the Odyssey

Ulysses
Roman
[Ullixes]
the Roman name for Odysseus

Ullikummi
Mesopotamian
[Ulkinummis]
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Ulikummis
(see Ulikummi)
Umash-Ashi-Kabi-Hiko-Ji

[see Umashashikabihikoji]

Umashashikabihikoji
a Shinto creator-god
one of the 5 Separate Heavenly Deities
He was created from reeds from the primaeval waters and grew six branches, each of which produced a male and a female deity. The last pair were Izanagi and Izanami from whom many other gods were descended.

The other five pairs were Omoradaru and Ayakinone; Opotondori and Opotonohe; Tinogupi and Ikugupi; Upidini and Supidini; Kuni-toko-tachi and Toyokumono.

Umbara Tutu Mesopotamian
father of Utnapishtim

umbera Roman
a ghost
in the theory of a threefold soul, the umbra hovered over the body at death

Umhall Irish
[Umall]
father of Finn, some say
Umhall is regarded as a variant of Cumail. In other accounts, he is regarded as the father of Noidhui by Fingel.

Umhor Irish
a leader of the Fir Bolg
His four sons were slain when he led a rebellion against the king of Tara, Cairbre Nia Fear.

Um-i-no-kami (see Kajjin)
Um-i-no-o Japanese
a sea-god or sea-dragon
father of Otohime

umiarissat Inuit
phantom boats
These boats, which are crewed by women are said to cause storms.

Umisachi (see Fire Flash)
Umikovu African
the familiar of the Zulu sorcerer
The Zulu sorcerer uses a corpse which he has exhumed and revivified. After he has slit the tongue of the corpse and run a hot needle through the forehead, he can send the umikovu out at night to do his bidding.

Ummanu Mesopotamian
7 sages said to have written the epic story of Gilgamesh

Um-mu-Khubur (see Melili)

a female demon, the bird of illness
This demoness can render animals and women barren and wither crops. She obtained these powers by eating her own children.
In one account, she is said to have appeared to Solomon as a beautiful young woman, naked except for her long hair, who turned into a white-haired old woman at the sight of the angel Solomon called upon for help.
It is said that she can appear as a dog or a snake.

Umngoma African
a legendary ancestor of the Vuyus people

Um-Daprutu Mesopotamian
Babylonian spirits
These beings helped Tiamat in her fight with Marduk.

Umubumhi African
a supreme god in parts of Uganda

Umulu Mesopotamian
a name for the Sumerian sun-god in benevolent mode

Umunseiga Mesopotamian
a name for the Sumerian sun-god in malevolent mode

Umamumutanku Mesopotamian
a Babylonian temple-god

Umvelinkwangi [Umvelinkwangi] African
a Zulu creator-god
father of Unkulunkulu

Umvelingwani (see Umvelinkwangi) Un (see Osiris)

Un Sa Korean
[Chancellor Cloud]
one of the 3 ministers who came to earth with Hwanung

Una British
the personification of truth in The Faerie Queen
wife of the Red Cross Knight

Una-bará Japanese
the sea-plain, realm of Susanowa

Unakami-aze (see Aze)

Unas Egyptian
a deified king
He became a sun-god after eating his predecessor.

Unatamo Finnish
brother of Kalervo
uncle of Kullervo
He killed his own brother, Kalervo, incurring the lifelong hatred of Kullervo.

Unbu (see Osiris)

Uncegilæ (see Unktahë)

Unci (see Grandmother Earth)

Uncle Bouki (see Bouki)

Unconquerable, The Roman
a Roman name for Heraclès

undead (see revenant)

Underground Mother North American
a deity of the Zuni
consort of Sun Father
mother of Paiyatemu

Underland Webb
[=Irish Tir inna N’og]
a land of eternal youth: a fairy kingdom beneath the earth: the underworld

Undersea Island, The Irish
an island encountered by Maeldun on his voyage
Through the water, Maeldun could see a submerged island, with houses and castles, where a warrior tended herds. When they tried to destroy Nokomis in one such flood, the trickster god, Manabazho, called on the beavers and others to bring up mud from the bottom from which he made dry land, so saving her life.

underworld [afterworld, Otherworld, paradise]
the place to which the dead (or the souls of the dead) are said to go
Each culture has its own version of what happens to humans when they die. Many postulate a place where departed souls receive reward or punishment based on their conduct on earth. Some of these are–African

(1) The Bantu say that the souls of the dead go to Ku-zimu, an underground world and, if they cause a commotion, an earthquake results.

(2) In Dahomey, some say that the land of the dead is in the sky, others that it is under the earth.
The underworld
was ruled by Ti-ts'ang.

In China, the underworld was
known as Ti-yü, Earth Prison, and
was ruled by Ti-ts'ang.

The Armenian underworld,
Dzokhk, is envisaged as a fiery
abyss below the earth's surface. A
bridge known as Maze leads from
hell to heaven. This bridge is very
fragile and collapses under the
weight of sin, casting the soul back
into torment.

The Assyrian underworld is
called Ekurra.

Arulu, a kingdom ruled by
Ereshkigal. In another story it is
called Cathah.

The Buddhists envisage a hell on
seven levels, the lowest of which
is Avici.

The Central American
(1) The Aztecs envisaged a nine-
layered underworld, Mictlan, the
land of the dead, as a gloomy place
at the centre of the earth. To reach
the underworld, the dead had to
cross eight forests, eight deserts
and eight mountains, each full of
great dangers, and finally cross a
river into the first layer of the
underworld itself. Included in the
hazards of the journey were the
cruelest alligator, Xochitonal, the
demon Izpuzteque and the fiend
Nextepueha. Souls who survived
the journey finally found rest in the
last of these underworld realms,
Chicuahmictlan.

(2) The Maya envisaged hell not as
a place of permanent torment but
as one stage in the progress of each
individual between birth and finally
reaching heaven. This region was
called Xibalba. The place reserved
for the punishment of the wicked is
Mintnal.

The Chinese underworld was
known as Ti-yü, Earth Prison, and
was ruled by Ti-ts'ang.

(see also Taoist)

East Indian
The Papuan underworld, ruled by
Tumudureure, is known as Hiyoyoa
and lies under the sea.

Egyptian
The underworld, Amenti, is divided
into twelve provinces containing a
Hall of Judgement where souls
were weighed in the balance by
Anubis against a feather in front of
Osiris and forty-two judges. Those
who pass the test proceed to the
paradise Aalu; those who fail are
condemned to everlasting torment.

Inuit
(1) The home of the good dead is
known as Quilivium as opposed to
Adlivum, the underworld for
sinners; some of whom suffer less
torment in the lower section
known as Adliparmit.

(2) The souls of the dead of the
Caribou Inuits go to the house of
Pana, a realm in the sky which is
full of holes to allow rain to fall.
Here they are born again and
brought back to earth by the moon
and live out another life, sometimes
as humans, sometimes as animals
or birds.

Greek
Tartarus, ruled by Hades, had three
sections, the Asphodel Fields,
Erebus and Elysium.

Hindu
In Patala, the record of each soul is
read out by Chitragupta and judged
by Yama. As a result, the soul may
be sent to heaven, to one of the
different layers of Patala, or be
sent to earth for reincarnation.

Hell itself has twenty-eight (or
twenty-one) regions, each reserved
for a particular type of sinner.
Some of these regions are:

- Asipatravana for heretics
- Avichimat for liars
- Kalasutra for those who have
  killed a Brahmin
- Krimibhoja for the selfish
- Kumbhiika for the cruel
- Raurava for sadists
- Suchimikha for misers
- Sukramukha for tyrants
- Tamusra for adulterers
- Vajrakantaka for those who
  married into another caste

(see also Patala)

Irish
The underworld is variously Tech
Duinn, the home of Donn, The
Land of Women when regarded as
ruled by a goddess or Sid, the Land
of the Fairies or Dun Scath, ruled
by Midir.

Jain
The Jain hell has seven layers, the
lowest of which is Mahatuma.
Another, filled with hot sand, is
known as Valuka, home of the
Vul.

Fiendish tortures are applied by
various underworld gods known as
Ambas, Ambaras, Asipalas, Dhanu,
Kala, Kharasvara, Kumbha,
Mahakali, Maharudra, Sabala,
Sama, Valu and Vetaran.

Japanese
The Maori home of the ordinary
death is Lua-a-Milu under the earth
or the sea; the souls of the exalted
go to an island in the sky, the home
of the gods.

Other accounts refer to the
nether world of Reinga or
Uranga-o-te-Ra.

Norse
Niflheim, said to be beneath the
earth and bounded by the river
Giall. Spirits of the slain warriors
went to Valhalla in Asgard, home of
the gods, or were taken by Freya to
her palace, but others entered
Niflheim by crossing the bridge
ever the Giall guarded by Modgod
to whom they had to pay a tribute
of blood. Next came the area of
Ironwood where the trees had
metal leaves and then the entrance
gates guarded by the dog Garm.
Inside, in the cold and darkness,
was Elvidnir, the hall of Hel, ruler
of Niflheim, where spirits were
judged. Criminals were consigned
to Nastrond and were eaten by the
serpent Nidhogg.

North American
(1) The Cherokee envisage a world
below which is the exact counter-
part of their own world except that
the seasons are reversed.

(2) The Klamash underworld is
known as the Place of the Dark.

(3) Some tribes, including the
Navaho, regard the underworld as
the place where their ancestors
came from, rather than as the
home of the dead.

(see also Taoist)
(4) The Omaha dead reach a seven-layered underworld by way of the Milky Way, directed by an old man who sits there.

–Pacific Islands

(1) The Banks Islanders called the underworld Panoi.
(2) In the Carolines, the good dead go to Pachet, a paradise under the sea; the others go to Pueliko, a gloomy hell under the earth.

Another version says there is a heaven in the sky for those who can reach it in the form of sea birds, another reserved for warriors where they can carry on their profession and a third for women who die in childbirth. This last one is situated where earth and sky meet.

(3) The Fijian underworld is Bulu and only the married can go there— single men are smashed to death on the rocks by Nangananga. The married man must be provided with the tooth of a whale which he must throw at a particular tree. Hitting it, he is allowed to proceed; if he misses, he is sent back to the grave. Those that pass now meet their former wives and they travel on together. If he defeats the demon that attacks them, they can proceed; if not, he is eaten by the demon. Passing through the two caves, Cibaciba and Draku, couples are taken by boat to Nabangatai and then before Dengei who acts as their judge.

(4) In Hawaii, the underworld is known as Hawaiki or Poluta and is the home of the spirits of the dead, either in the sky or under the earth.

(5) In the Marquesas, they envisage one superior heaven for gods and three lower ones for the rest, graded from the top (the harshest) to the most pleasant at the bottom. Where the soul ends up depends on the number of pigs sacrificed by the dead man during his lifetime.

(6) In Melanesia, the afterworld is Bwewbreso, ruled by Sinebomatu and Kekwage. Most spirits reach this hill of the dead when sufficiently rotted, though some are condemned to roam the hill of lice, Koikatu, and those who have been mutilated in life become fish with human heads living in a swamp at the foot of the hill. Others refer to Kib which is envisaged as an island, home of the dead, far off to the west. (see also Dokanikani)

(7) The people of Mindanao call their underworld Gimokodan. One part contains the spirits of slain warriors, the other contains all the other dead. A giantess with many nipples suckles the spirits of dead infants.

(8) In the New Hebrides, the underworld is known as Banoi or Abokas.

(9) In some parts of the Philippines the underworld is known as Maglawa, in others it is Kilot, the home of the left hand kalaloa (soul). The right hand one goes to a heaven in the sky.

(10) The Polynesian underworld is known as Hawaika.

(11) In Samoa the underworld is known as Poluta.

(12) In the Society Islands, some versions say that Po is the underworld where the soul is deified after being eaten three times by a god, rather than a deity, son of Ilo and Mamamo.

(13) In Tahiti, the underworld is known as Kalitik.

(14) The Tongan underworld is also called Poluta.

–Persian

Souls were assessed by three judges, Mithra, Rashnu and Sraosha. The worthy crossed a bridge to heaven, the unworthy fell into a place of torment known as Druj.

–Shinto

Yomi, a hell with two entrances, containing a huge chasm into which all the waters of the earth discharge. Yomi-tsu-kuni, 'land of gloom'.

–South American

(1) In Bolivia it is said that the soul travels to the land of Grandfather. First it must cross two rivers, one by ferry, the other by a floating log. Those who fall off are eaten by fish. Next they are judged by Izoi-tamoi who splits evil ones in half. Those who pass the test journey through a land of darkness using as a torch a small straw which had been placed in the grave. Gathering feathers from the hummingbird to give to Tamoi (Grandfather), they then must pass between the clashing rocks known as Hacaru. Having been tested by a gallinazo bird, tickled by a monkey and passed the speaking tree, they finally reach the land of Tamoi where they live happily, much as they had done on earth.

(2) In Brazil, the Caingang Indians say that the dead are instructed by the tribal shaman on how to survive the dangerous journey to the underworld where it is always day, youth is restored and the forests are full of game to be hunted. But first the soul must avoid the path that leads to a giant spider's web, a trap in the form of a boiling pit and a slippery path where one false step will throw the soul into the lair of a giant crab. The happy life ends in a second death when the individual becomes some form of insect. When that insect dies it is the final end.

(3) The Incas believe that their ancestors came from the underworld which many tribes regard as the source of life on earth.

–Sumerian

The underworld is known as Kur-nu-gi-a or Makan.

–Taoist

Yellow Springs, sited on the sacred mountain of the east, T'ai Shan, was divided into ten hells for different types of sinner. (see also Ten Yama Kings)

–Thai

The underworld realm, Patal, is ruled by Maiyarab. Entering it through the hollow stalk of the lotus, souls must cross a lake guarded by Machanu before being judged.

–Welsh

The underworld is known as Annwfn and is ruled by Arawn. (see also Caer Feddwid, hell)

Undine

greek

a water nymph

Undine

Norse

a fish-tailed female water-deity

Undine

an elemental spirit, guardian of water

It was said that these beings were born
without a soul but could acquire one if they married humans and bore children.

Undry  
[=Irish]
[a magic cauldron owned by Dagda]

The cauldron, which was never empty, provided food for all according to their worthiness. It also had the power to restore life to the dead.

Unferth  
[=Danish]
[a counsellor of Hrothgar]

He gave Beowulf the sword Hrunting with which to attack Grendel but Grendel was too large to enter the ark at the time of the flood; others that it did enter but was thrown overboard and left to drown. It could be captured or killed if a maiden sat under a tree and waited for it to emerge from its lair. The animal would then lay its head on her lap, admiring her beauty and could easily be taken by a hunter.

Some versions say that the unicorn was too large to enter the ark at the time of the flood; others that it did enter but was thrown overboard and left to drown. It could be captured or killed if a maiden sat under a tree and waited for it to emerge from its lair. The animal would then lay its head on her lap, admiring her beauty and could easily be taken by a hunter.

Some versions say that the unicorn died with its head in the virgin's lap but not before sucking at her breast.

This animal was regarded as a symbol of purity and marriage and was said to have the power of purifying polluted water while others say that any person who drinks from the horn of a unicorn will never be ill. It was said that a unicorn could tell whether water was poisoned merely by dipping a hoof into it. An ointment made from the unicorn's liver would cure leprosy and a belt made from its hide would ward off illness. The stories of the health-giving properties of the horn led to its adoption as the symbol of the apothecaries.

One description of the unicorn include:

(1) Horse with the head of a dragon and the legs of a deer which emits flame at its tail and its joints.

(2) Horse with the head of a stag, the feet of an elephant and a horn three feet in length.

(3) White horse with cloven hoofs and spiral horns, a beard like a goat and a lion's tail.

(4) White horse with a red head and blue eyes, the legs of a deer and a red, black and white horn. This animal was variously described as being as big as a goat, a horse or an elephant and its horns as being four inches and four feet in length.

Some versions say that the unicorn was too large to enter the ark at the time of the flood; others that it did enter but was thrown overboard and left to drown. It could be captured or killed if a maiden sat under a tree and waited for it to emerge from its lair. The animal would then lay its head on her lap, admiring her beauty and could easily be taken by a hunter.

Some versions say that the unicorn died with its head in the virgin's lap but not before sucking at her breast.

This animal was regarded as a symbol of purity and marriage and was said to have the power of purifying polluted water while others say that any person who drinks from the horn of a unicorn will never be ill. It was said that a unicorn could tell whether water was poisoned merely by dipping a hoof into it. An ointment made from the unicorn's liver would cure leprosy and a belt made from its hide would ward off illness. The stories of the health-giving properties of the horn led to its adoption as the symbol of the apothecaries.

Universal King, The  
[=Chinese reem]

a name for Yama after he had been reborn as a Buddha

Universal magic  
[white magic used to oppose black magic]

Unknoingly  
[=North American Grandfather Power]

a spirit of the Sioux in the form of a huge water-snake

In the first age, Wakan Tanka created human beings and the monstrous Unkteh and Unkre, thinking they were ants, drowned them with water spouting from their horns. Wakan Tanka and the other Thunderbirds killed all the monsters with their thunderbolts.

In another version, Unkteh lived in the sea but, once in a while, came up the river Missouri, causing floods. The beast had only one vulnerable spot but this was known to twin boys who killed the monster with a well-aimed arrow. They cut out its heart and buried it, and found it gave them powers of prophecy until they allowed others to see it when it exploded.

Unkteh  
[see Unkteh]

Unkome  
[see Ictinike]

Unktomi  
[see Ictinike]

Unkulunkulu  
[=African uDumukade.uGobungqongqo. uGqubedele. uKqili.uZivelele: =Ndebele Nkulunkulu]

a creator-god and sky-god of the Zulus

He was an androgynous deity, created from a reed, who made mankind from grass or reeds.

Unneffer  
[=Egyptian Ani.Wenneffer.Wennoffer.Winefred]

the name of Osiris as ruler of Ashet

Uno  
[see Osiris]

Uno  
[see Osiris]

Unseelic court  
[Scottish malevolent spirits or fairies

Unt  
[see Isis]

Unt-tongk  
[=Baltic a Finnish forest-spirit

He is represented by a face carved into the trunk of a tree. Devotees feed the god by pressing food into the mouth of the carving.

Untamo  
[=Finnish a god of dreams

He killed his brother and sent Kalervo's son, Kullervo, as a slave to Ilmarinen.
Untar (see Undutar)
unterirdische (see Dwarfs)
Untombinde African
a daughter of a Zulu chiefman
When she was swallowed by the river-monster, Usiqqumadevu, her father sent soldiers to rescue her but the monster swallowed them as well and then swallowed all the tribe. One man escaped and he killed the monster which, as it died, disgorged unhurt all the people it had swallowed.

Untunkahe (see Unkha)
Unumbote African
[Unumbotta] a creator-god in Togo
[Unumbotta] (see Unumbote)
Unut Egyptian
a goddess of the Upper Kingdom
Originally envisaged as a hare, later as a lioness, she eventually became a guardian goddess.

Unwaba African
the chameleon in the Zulu story of creation

Unxia Roman
a goddess of marriage

Uokesahs (see Eckesax)
Uor Siberian
a Yakut spirit of the dead which haunts its former home

Uote (see Ute)
Upadhyaya Buddhist
[-Tibetan Hva-sen.Hva-sheng] one of the Eighteen Lohan, some say

Upaka Burmese
a nat, a snapper-up of human beings

Upakesini Buddhist
a god attendant on Arapacana

Upali Buddhist
one of the 5 chief disciples of the Buddha

Upanananda Buddhist
one of the nagas
This being, together with Nanda, provided water for the new-born Buddha.

Upayanaya Hindu
the sacred thread ceremony at puberty

Upangas Hindu
one of the groups of sacred writings covering puranas, ritual etc.

Upansad (see Upashad)
Upanshad Hindu
[Janas.Upansad] a philosophical or religious treatise: sacred writings; the doctrine of the forest hermits stressing unity of the individual with Brahma: the last section of the Veda

Upao (see Tangaroa)
Upapattivasita Buddhist
a minor goddess

Uparat (see Vananti)
upas East Indian
[upas tree] a fabulous tree of Java, said to poison everything within miles

Upashruti Hindu
a voice predicting disaster
which can be heard in the night-watches

Upasunda Hindu
a god of the seasons
brother of Sunda

Brahma, at their request, made each brother invulnerable except to the other but then asked Vishvakarma to create the beautiful Tilottama with whom both the brothers fell in love. They fought over her and each killed the other.

Upatissa (see Shariputra)
Upavedas Hindu
one of the groups of sacred writings covering the arts, etc.

Upaya Buddhist
[Upayaparamita], one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, learning personified

Upayaparamita (see Upaya)
Upelluri Mesopotamian
[Ubelluris>Greek Atlas] a Hurrian mountain-god
This giant being, standing in the ocean, was said to support the earth on his shoulders.

Uphir [Uitr] a demon said to act as physician to devils

Upholder of the Heavens
one of the 4 Singhalese gods

Uphukinaku (see Tarenyawagon)
Uphukinak Mesopotamian
a hall, meeting-place of the Babylonian gods

Upidini Japanese
['muu-lord'] a Shinto god

upior (see upir) a river-god
upir Slow
[kruivnik.matwiec.olorolen.upior. vedonec.wieszczy] a vampire

These are said to be the souls of sorcerers or of the evil dead.

Upis (see Artemis.Opis)
Upkong African
the Efik name for a bush soul
upland trout North American
a fabulous fish

Upolu Pacific Islands
the first woman, in the lore of Samoa

Upsala (see Upsala)
Norse
[Upsal] the home of Frey

Upshukinaku Mesopotamian
the great hall of the gods

Upsouranios (see Hyposouranios)

Upu Lero Pacific Islands
[Lord Sun] a creator-god and sun-god in the Moluccas

Upuat (see Wepwawet)
Upuat (see Wepwawet)

Upulevo East Indian
a sun-god in Timor

Upulvan Sri Lankan
[Pulvan-Hindo Vishnu] the chief of 4 Singhaese gods
He is said to have helped Buddha in his fight against Mara.

Ur (see Iubhar²) a primaeval cow

This animal was slain, by Yma some say, and its body used to make men. At the end of the world, its fat will be used by Mithra to make men immortal.

Ur-mer Egyptian
a bull, symbol of Ptah

Ur-shanabi (see Urshanapi) a Babylonian plague-god

Uraeus Egyptian
[Eye of Ra.iaret] a snake symbol worn by pharaohs and gods on the forehead or headdress

Uraboro (see Festival of the Dead)

Urakabarameel New Zealand
[Orang-o-te-Ra] part of the underworld, ruled by Roho

Urania² Greek
[Ourania] one of the 9 Muses – astronomy
In some accounts, she was the mother of Linus by Amphimarus, Apollo or Oeagus or of Hymenaeus by Apollo.
from which a small cloud emerged and for 300 years, although it had seemed and it transpired that he had been away.

On land, he found everything changed. Otohime gave him a box to ensure his
day and he had caught in the form of a tortoise, daughter of the Dragon King, whom
He married a sea-maiden, Otohime, (Uras2)

**Urania**

Greek

a name for Aphrodite as daughter of Uranus

**Uranian deities**

[~Roman Di superi]
sky-gods

**Uranids** (see Hundred-handed Ones)

**Uranus**

Greek

either of the dogs of Actaeon

When Artemis caught Actaeon, the hunter, watching her as she bathed, she turned him into a stag. His hounds, including Uranis, tore him to pieces.

**Uranos** (see Uranus)

**Uranus**

[~Aucthon. 'heaven'. Ouranos. Uranos: Phoenician Ouranos: ~Roman Cacus. Coelus] one of the elder gods

*when he confined the unruly Cyclopes to Tartarus, his sons, the Titans, led by Cronus, rose against him. Cronus castrated his father and took over the throne of the gods. The blood from the wound fertilised Gaea and produced the Furies and Giants.**

**Urash**

Mesopotamian

[Urash] a Sumerian earth-goddess a consort of An mother of Nininsinna

**Urashima**

Japanese

a young fisherman husband of Otohime

He married a sea-maiden, Otohime, daughter of the Dragon King, whom he had caught in the form of a tortoise, and lived under the sea, never aging. When he returned to visit his parents, Otohime gave him a box to ensure his safe return to their underwater palace.

On land, he found everything changed and it transpired that he had been away for 300 years, although it had seemed like a few days. He opened the box, from which a small cloud emerged and floated away and he immediately grew old and died.

(see also Fire Fade)

Urbadda

(see Kussug)

Urbadgumgum (see Ninsar)

**Urban of the Black Thorn**

British

a knight guarding a ford

He had a number of birds to help him but still Percival defeated him, killing one of the birds which then regained her former shape as a maiden.

**Urban**

British an ancestor of King Arthur

urchin-show a manifestation of goblins, etc.

**Urd** (see Urda)

Norse


She was regarded as the chief of the Norns and is depicted as an old woman looking backwards.

(see also Hel. Wyrd1)

**Urdarbrunn**

Norse

[Udar. Urd's well. Wyrd's Brook] a sacred well in Midgard

This well or fountain, situated beside that root of Yggdrasil which leads up to Asgard and guarded by the three Norns, was so holy that nobody was allowed to drink from it.

In some accounts, the decapitated head of Mimir was placed beside this well, rather than beside Mimisbrunnr in Asgard.

**Urdar** (see Udarbrunn)

**Urd's well** (see Udarbrunn)

**Urdawl Ben** (see Urdawl Ben)

**Urdawl Ben** British

[noble head: Urdawl Ben. Venerable Head] the head of Bran

Bran's head was cut off and brought back to Britain to be buried when he was killed in his battle with Matholwch in Ireland. It continued to speak and drink in the years that elapsed before it was finally buried at Tower Hill to protect the kingdom. It was later dug up by King Arthur who felt he could defend the country himself.

**Urdh** (see Urda)

**Urdhr** (see Urda)

**Urdi-bishiht** (see Asha Vahishta)

**Urd** (see Urda)

**Urdur** (see Urda)

**Uresi** (see Narucnici)

**Urethekau**

Egyptian

A deity, supernatural power personified

Urethekau

[Wereurethekau]

a name for Isis and other

**Uresici**

Egyptian
demigoddesses

**Uresiti**

North American

[Lureki]
a creator-goddess of the Cochiti

**Urfin**

British

giant

He was the owner of the magic fairy dog, Pericrieu. Tristram killed him in order to obtain the dog as a present for Isolde.

Other stories say that the dog was given to Tristram by Gilan.

In another version, Urgan was a boy, stolen by fairies, who was transformed into an ugly pixie, returning to the form of a handsome youth when a beautiful girl kissed him.

**Urganda**

Spanish

in Spanish stories, a sister of King Arthur

She secured her brother's release when he was imprisoned in a cage by the king of Constantinople. In this account, she is equated with Morgan le Fay.

In the stories of Amadis, she was a benevolent fairy who carried his son, Esplanid, in her magic ship, Green Serpent, to the rescue of his grandfather, Lisuarte, who had been imprisoned by her great enemy, the enchanter, Archalaus.

**Urgel**

Siberian

the Yak name for the Pleiades

**Ugrirui**

(see Uigreann)

**Urian**

(see Urien)

**Urian**

(a devil, ruler of witches)

**Urien**

(see Urien)

**Urias** Irish

a sage of the city of Gorias

**Uricus**

one of the cardinal demons (east)

**Uridimmu**

Mesopotamian

[Babylonian Ugarti] a Sumerian demon

This demon took the form of a terrible lion which helped Tiamat in her fight with Marduk.

**Uriel**

[Uriel]
a demon

**Urien**

British

twin brother of Efredd
husband of Morgan le Fay, some say
father of Marine, Owain, Pasecn
Riwallawn and Run
father of Owain by Morgan le Fay or Modron

He was hunting with King Arthur and Accolon when a ship sailing on a lake came in to the shore. They boarded the ship and were bewitched by Morgan le Fay. Urien found himself back with his wife while Arthur fought and killed Accolon.

In some accounts, Urien was a king in Scotland who abducted Orwen and married her, becoming king of Wales when her brother, Meriadoc, ousted Griffith who had usurped the throne after killing their father, Caradoc.

In other accounts, he is equated with King Arthur or Nanters; others say his wife was Brimesent or Modron.

Urien² (see Bran¹)
Gwyddno Caranhirtan

Urience (see Urien¹)

Uriens (see Urien¹)

Urikọ (see Urien¹)

wife of Chopstick

She and her two sisters were kidnapped by a gang of robbers but the tiny Chopstick rode to their rescue, routing their kidnappers. She married her rescuer who, after praying to a Tiny Chopstick rode to their rescue, kidnapped by a gang of robbers but the tiny Chopstick rode to their rescue, routing their kidnappers. She married her rescuer who, after praying to a

Urim and Thurrin Hebrew

fire and truth or light and perfection: figures on the breastplate of a high-priest: a divine oracle

Urion Greek

the original name of Orion

Urisnici (see Naurucnici)

urisk Scottish

a supernatural being: a brownie

Urizen a demon associated with reason: one of the 4 zoa, in the works of William Blake

Urja (see Urmila)

daughter of Daksha

wife of Vashishtha, some say

Urme European
da female spirits of fate

These beings, usually three, are regarded by the gypsies of Poland, Russia, Serbia, etc, as being the arbiters of fate.

Urmila (see Urmita)

Urmita (see Urmila)

[Urmila] sister of Sita

wife of Lakshmana

mother of Angada and Chandraketu

urna Buddhist

a tuft of woolly hair, a third eye or a small jewel between the eyebrows of Shiva or the Buddha

URNES Egyptian

a river in the underworld said by some to be the source of the Nile

Uroboros (see ouroboros)

Uroica Irish

a Gaelic heather-goddess

Urpi-huachac South American

a Quechua fish-goddess

She had two daughters by Pachacamac. Coniraya called at her house when she was away and slept with one of the daughters and would have done the same with the other but she turned into a pigeon and flew away. Coniraya then took the fish out of Urpi-huachac's pond and threw them into the sea where they became the ancestors of all fish.

Urpr (see Urda)

Urpraca Spanish

[Dona Urraca]

doughter of Ferdinand

sister of Alfonso, Elvira, Garcia, and Sancho

On her father's death, she was given the city of Zamora. Her brother, Garcia, seized the city and she went to her eldest brother, Sancho of Castile, for help. He sent an army under El Cid to her aid.

Urré of Hungary Britot

[a Knight of the Round Table]

He was miraculously healed of his wounds by Lancelot.

Urré (see Urré)

Ursa Major (see Great Bear)

Ursanapi Mesopotamian

[Sursunabi, Sursunabu, Ur-shanabi, Ushanabi]

a ferryman in the underworld

He was Utanapishtim’s boatman during the flood and carried Gilgamesh across the waters of death to meet Utanapishtim.

Ursceal Irish

a romance or saga

Ursel (see Ursula¹)

Urshanabi (see Ursanapi)

Ursin (see Ulfinus)

Ursula¹ Britot

a 5th c princess

daughter of Dionotus

She led either 11, 1100 or 11000 virgins on a pilgrimage to Rome. All were murdered by the Huns at Cologne on their return journey because Ursula refused to marry their pagan leader.

An alternative version says that Conan in Armorica sent to Dionotus asking for wives for his soldier settlers. Dionotus sent 1100 noble ladies and 60,000 commoners, all of whom perished when storms scattered their ships.

Usula² Norse

[Ursel]

a moon-goddess

Ursula Southiel (see Mother Shipton)

urt Egyptian

Urt-Hikeu (see Urd)

Urtzhong a demon associated with imagination: one of the 4 zoa in the works of William Blake

Urtir (see Urd)

Urtigernus (see Vortigern)

Urtzi European

a Basque sky-god and thunder-god

Uru-Ana Mesopotamian

a deity, the light of heaven, identified with the constellation Orion

Uru-Rangi New Zealand

a Maori wind-god

Uru-Tetefa Pacific Islands

a god brother of Oro-Tetefa

He and his brother came down to earth and established the religious order, Areoi.

Uruasi (see Urvashi)

Urubutsin South American

king of the vultures

He was captured by Kuat and Iae who released him only after he had handed over the gift of light.

Urukagura Mesopotamian

a priest-king of Lagash

He drastically reduced the fee payable to the clergy for presiding at a funeral.

Uruki (see Urvashi)

URUS South American

a race of people in Bolivia

This race was created, it is said, when the sun shone on the slime which was floating on Lake Titicaca.

Ututonga New Zealand

wife of Hema

Uruvilva Kashyapa (see Kashyapa¹)

Urvakhshaya Persian

a wise counsellor

brother of Keresaspa
He was killed by the demon Hiraspa but Keresaspa avenged his brother's death by killing the demon.

**Urvan**  
Persian  
the soul

**Urvara**  
Hindu  
a god of arable fields

**Urvashi**  
Hindu  
[Urvasi,Uras,Urvasi]  
a nymph or a dawn-goddess  
one of the Apsarases  
wife of Pururavas  
mother of Ayu  
mother of Agni, some say

The gods sent a beautiful nymph to upset the meditations of Naranarayana who, they felt, was acquiring too much power. The sage was not in the least disturbed – he merely placed a flower on his thigh and from it emerged Urvashi, an even more beautiful nymph. Both were sent to heaven by Naranarayana.

She was rescued from the clutches of a demon by Pururavas and married him, stipulating that she must never see him naked. The jealous Gandharvas arranged that this should happen, whereupon Urvashi disappeared immediately. Her husband found her much later and she arranged to meet him once a year for five years. On each occasion, she presented him with a son, the first being Ayu. They were later reunited and had three more sons.

**Urvasi**  
(Urvashi)  
Urvazishta  
Persian  
one of the 5 types of sacred fire  
This type is the fire which exists in plants or is caused by friction.

**Urvis**  
Persian  
a lake on Mount Hugar  
All the waters flow into this lake and are purified. It is said that its source is the lake Ardisvara Anahita.

**Uryens**  
(see Urien')  
Usagi²  
Usanās  
(see Shukra')  
Usar-Api  
(see Serapis)  
Usar-Apis  
(see Serapis)  
Usar-Hapi  
(see Serapis)  
Usas  
(see Usahas)  
Uschkin  
Baltic  
a horse-god

**Uscias**  
Irish  
a wizard

He lived in Finias, one of the four cities cited as the origin of the Danaans, and provided them with Nuada's famous sword.

**Usert**  
Egyptian  
an early earth-goddess, sometimes identified with Isis

**Usba**  
Hindu  
daughter of Bana  
When she fell in love with Krishna's grandson, Aniruddha, from a painting by Chitralekha, her father imprisoned him but Krishna rescued him and Usba was reunited with her beloved.

**Usabdi**  
(see shabdi)

**Usbanas**  
(see Shukra')

**Usapati**  
Hindu  
a god of the dawn

**Usas**  
[Dyotana,Usac=Greek Athena,Eos]  
goddess of the dawn, light, piety and wealth  
daughter of Dyaus and Prithivi  
daughter of Prajapati, some say  
daughter or wife of Surya, some say  
sister of Agni and Ratri

In some accounts, she mated with her father, Prajapati, to produce all living things, in others she was born from the head of Dyaus. She may be depicted as a cow or riding in a chariot.

**Ushebti**  
(see shabti)

**Ushebtiu**  
(see shabti)

**ushi**  
Japanese  
a sign (ox) of the Zodiac

**ushi-oni**  
Japanese  
['castle-demon']  
a sea-monster in the form of a whale-like dragon

**Ushtoro-no-Konjin**  
Japanese  
[Konjin]  
a primal Taoist deity

It was said that, if this deity were to be offended, he would kill seven people.

**Usnisa**  
(see Ushnisha)

**Usnisha¹**  
[Buddhist]  
[Ush(h)nis]|  
one of the Dipalkas  
one of the Dhyanibuddhas  
He is responsible for guarding the region above the earth.

In some accounts the term embraces all eight Dhyanibuddhas.

**Usnisha²**  
[Buddhist]  
[Ush(h)nis]|  
a dome depicted on top of the Buddha's head, said to contain his wisdom

**Usnisavijaya**  
(see Usnishavijaya)

**Usnishavijaya**  
[Buddhist]  
[Ush(h)nis]|  
a deity variously given as male or female

This deity is regarded as the guardian of travellers and killer of demons and is depicted with three faces and eight arms or sometimes a thousand arms and heads.

**Usnumgal**  
(see Usumgal)

**Usnumgalanana**  
Mesopotamian  
a Sumerian fertility-god: a celestial serpent

**Usiel**  
a demon associated with buried treasure

**Usil**  
(see Cautha)

**Usins**  
Baltic  
a Latvian god of the morning and evening star

**Usiqquemadevu**  
African  
a Zulu river-monster

This huge monster swallowed the maiden Untombinde, the soldiers sent to rescue her and all her tribe except one man. He managed to kill the monster which then disgorged unharmed all the people it had swallowed.

**Usire**  
(see Asari')

**Uslo**  
Siberian  
a Yakut mountain-deity

**Usmu**  
(see Usumu)

**Usna**  
Irish  
[Usnin,Usne(e)(ch),Usnach,Usnche]  
husband of Elva  
father of Ainle, Ardun and Naisi

**Usnach**  
(see Usna)

**Usnech**  
(see Usna)

**Usnisa**  
(see Usnisha)

**Usnisavijaya**  
(see Usnishavijaya)

**Uso-Dori**  
Japanese  
a bullfinch

Fukuro the owl fell in love with her and changed into a monk when she was killed by the jealous eagle, Uye-Minu.

**Usukun**  
Central American  
an earthquake god  
brother of Nohochayum

**Usum**  
(see Shomde)

**Usumgal**  
Mesopotamian  
[Usumgal]  
a monstrous serpent in Sumerian lore

**Usumu**  
Mesopotamian  
[Usumu]  
the Akkadian version of Isinu

**Usunhiya**  
Hindu  
[Darkening Land]  
the Cherokee home of the dead

**Ut**  
Baltic  
a Finnish fire-goddess

**Uta**  
(see Ute)

**Uta-napishtim**  
(see Utnapishtim)

**Utanapishtim**  
(see Utnapishtim)

**Uthateya**  
Hindu  
[Utatha,Utathys]  
a god of spring
Uthyr Bendragon

[Roethamus:Uth(e)r Bendragon.Uther Ben.
Uthyr Ben=:Irish Uthair
king of Britain

Uther Bendragon

(see Uther Pendragon)

Uthyr Ben

(see Uther Pendragon)
Uttama

Hindu

son of Uttanapada
brother of Dhrueva

Uttanapada

Hindu

a king
husband of Suniti
father of Dhrueva and Uttama

His second wife persuaded the king to expel his senior wife, Suniti, together with her young son Dhrueva who later became the Pole Star.

Uttanka

Hindu

a saint
He was blind as a result of severe asceticism but his sight was restored by asceticism but his sight was restored by

Uttara

Hindu

wife of Abhimanyu
mother of Parikshit

Uttara Kuru

Hindu

[=Greek Hyperboreans] one of the 4 island-continents mentioned in the Mahabharata

In some references, they are the inhabitants of this realm, said by some to be the ancestors of the Siddhas.

Uttarabhadrapada

Hindu

a goddess of fortune one of the naksatras daughter of Daksha wife of Candra

Uttarpalalumi

Hindu

a goddess of fortune one of the naksatras daughter of Daksha wife of Candra

day of Daksha wife of Candra

Uttarasadha

Hindu

a goddess of fortune one of the naksatras daughter of Daksha wife of Candra

Uttanapada

Hindu

a goddess of fortune one of the naksatras daughter of Daksha wife of Candra

utthana

Hindu

(see laghiman.levitation)

Uttu

Mesopotamian

[Utukki.Uttukku.Uttu.Uttu]
a Sumerian spider-goddess, goddess of weaving goddess of earth and plants, some say daughter of Enki and Ninkurra Enki fathered Ninsar on Ninhursaga, then Ninkurra on Ninsar and finally Uttu on Ninkurra, each birth requiring only a nine-day gestation. Other accounts say that she was Ninhursaga's daughter. She was seduced and abandoned by Enki whose wife, Ninhursaga, recovered some of his semen from Uttu's body and grew eight plants. (see also Tagtug) Uttu (see Utu) Uttukki (see Tagtug.Uttu) Uttukku (see Utu.Uttukku) Uttuku (see Utu.Uttukku)

[Utukki.Uttukku] Akkadian armed monsters with the body of a man and the head and limbs of an animal. These monsters become the evil Sebetti.

Uttuku

(see Utu)

Utu

Mesopotamian

[Utu.Utu.Utuki>Babylonian Samas: =Canaanite Sapas]
a Sumerian sun-god and god of justice son of Nanna and Ningal or created by Enil brother of Inanna He acted as judge of men by day and of the dead by night.

Utag

(see Utu)

Utki

(see Samas.Utu)

Utkuku

(see Uttukku)

Uutumu

Baltic

Finnish spirits of the unknown dead It is said that if pests are attacking crops, the spirits are demanding offerings and a feast is held to propitiate them.

Uumbwar

African

a supreme god of the Konkomba people

Uuodan

(see Wodan)

Uwabami

(see Yamato-no-Orochi)

Uwain

(see Owain)

Uwaine

(see Owain)
V

Va (see Vayu')

Va'tale Pacific Islands
the canoe built by Olo Keu and Olo-i-Nano

Vab South American
a magician in the lore of the Tupari
brother of Valedjad
Vab and his brother were born when a
large black stone split open.

Vabam a demon

Vabusi Pacific Islands
a home of the spirits of the dead

Vac (see Vach)

Vacabiel a demon, ruler of the Zodiacal sign
Pisces, the fish (see also Bauchieli)

Vach1 Buddhist
[Vac.Vak]
a god
an aspect of Amithaba
a form of Manjushri

Vach2 Hindu
[Logos.Queen of Gods.Vac.Vak]
the goddess of eloquence
doughter of Kamo or Brahma
consort of Prajapati
In those accounts where she is the
doughter of Brahma, their incestuous
relationship created mankind.

Originally thunder-goddess, she is
sometimes identified with Sarasvati.
(see also Vagdevi)

Vach3 Hindu
a lioness guarding a temple

Vachmiel a demon of the hours of the day

Vacuna Roman
a Sabine goddess of horticulture

vada North American
among the tribes of the south-
west, sorcery
Practitioners are able to kill a person
by placing a curse on him or her.

Vadali Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Marici

Vadatajs Baltic
a Latvian demon leading travellers
astray

Vadi (see Badi2)

Vadja (see vajra)

Vadriel a demon of the hours of the day

vaetter (see vaettir)

vaettir Norse
[vaett(e)rr.vetter]
guardian spirits of the land or house
These spirits, originally beneficent
beings, later wizards, are said to be
visible only to those endowed with
second sight.

vaettir (see vaettir)

Vafrudnir (see Vafruahnir)

Vafruahnir Norse
[fafhrudin]
the wisest of the giants
He made a practice of killing those
who, in a contest of knowledge, failed
to tell him something he did not
already know.

He took part in such a contest of
knowledge with Odin who was
disguised as Gangrad and who wished
to test his own newly acquired
wisdom resulting from drinking at the
Well of Knowledge, the loser to
forfeit his life. At the end of the near-
equal contest, the giant recognised his
opponent and declared himself to be
the loser. He predicted that the final
battle would take place on the field of
Vigrid.

He was killed by Odin (Jalk).

Vafthruthnis-Kvida (see Vafthruthnismal)

Vafthruthnismal Norse
[The Lay of Vafthruthnir.
Vafthruthnis-Kvida]
the story in the Elder Edda of
Vafthruthnir's contest with Odin.

Vafud (see Vegtam)

Vagdevercustis German
a minor deity

Vagdevi Hindu
a name of Sarasvati as goddess
of speech (see also Vach)

vagina dentata a condition where a woman's vagina
is said to have teeth

In the usual story, these teeth are
knocked out by the hero. In other
cases, it is said that a serpent or carniv-
orous fish has entered the woman's
vagina and bites off anything that
enters.
Vagisvara  

Buddhist

a god of the spoken word

Vagitanus  

Roman

a guardian god of babies who caused them to utter their first cry

Vagon  

British

owner of a castle of the same name

Vagonhilde  

Norwegian

giant

Vagonionus  

(see Guaguiguana)

Vagor  

British

a king of Estrangot

father of Marabron

He once held Lionel prisoner and required him to fight a duel with his son, Marabron. Lionel fell ill, so Lancelot took his place, defeating Marabron and securing the release of his cousin.

Vagrant Youth  

Irish

(Mac(h)son an Fhagain)

father of the Solitary Youth

When Cian was in bed, nursing a broken leg, this young man arrived claiming to be his nephew and healed the leg with a poultice. He said he had married a German princess who had borne him three sons and he also had a son, the Solitary Youth, by a princess of Orkney.

Vahagn  

Armenian

(Vasapkhal:=Greek Heracles:=Hindu

Vritravan:=Persian Verethragna)

the sun-god, god of fire, lightning and war

husband of Anahit and Astlik

He is said to have been born from a plant or, in other accounts from fire, and created all living things.

He is regarded as the creator of the Milky Way out of the straw scattered by his horse running through the heavens.

(see also Bahram)

Vahama  

Hindu

(Vahama.vahanam.'vehicle')

a vehicle of a god, often a bird or an animal

Vahanam  

(see vahana)

Vahaguru  

Sikh

[Govinda.Hari.Vahiguru]

a creator-god

When Ukko sent fire to earth in the form of a thunderbolt, it was swallowed by a fish. Vainamoinen caught the fish and recovered the fire from its stomach.

He fought the giant Joukahainen and buried him chin-deep in a bog. Joukahainen gave him his sister, Aino, as the price for being released but she jumped into the sea rather than marry an old man. He then sought a wife in Pohjola and Louhi promised him her daughter if he would make her a sampo. The daughter also imposed a number of near-impossible tasks, such as tying a knot in an egg, which he failed to complete only because three evil spirits caused him to cut himself with an axe.

When building a boat, he recited spells that bound the various parts securely together but, when he came to build a boat (with oak collected by Samps Pellervo) as one of the tasks set by Louhi's daughter, he forgot the appropriate words and could find them nowhere on earth, so he went to Tuionela, the underworld. He escaped the clutches of Tiuonetar by turning himself into a steel serpent and returned home empty-handed. He next went to Antero Vipunen who swallowed him but Vainamoinen hammered on his heart until the giant released him and told him the magic words he needed to complete the building of the ship. When the ship was finished, he returned to Pohjola where Ilmarinen had made the required sampo. Unhappily, Louhi's daughter had married Ilmarinen in preference to Vainamoinen. He later returned to Pohjola with Ilmarinen and Lemminkainen and stole the sampo but it was broken when Louhi caused a storm that wrecked his ship. He saved some of the fragments of the sampo which alone brought prosperity to the land.

In one story he caused a fir-tree to grow until it reached the sky and Ilmarinen climbed the tree in a vain attempt to capture the moon.

In another story Vainamoinen played such beautiful music on his kantele that even the sun and moon came down to listen and were captured by the mistress of Pohjola. Vainamoinen found them and released them.
He finally left the earth, sailing off in a copper boat. He is credited with the invention of music and the zither.

**vainnan tytto**  
Baltic
[vainnan tytar]  
Finnish water-maidens

**vainnan tytar**  
(see vainnan tytto)

**Vairacocha**  
(see Viracocha)

**Vairagi**  
[Hindu]  
[Vairaga]

one of the demi-gods: the spirit of an ascetic, a form of Priti

These beings live in Tapa-Loka.

**Vairaja**  
[Hindu]

**Vaisakha**  
[Hindu]

This site is used for the sacrifice of animals to the gods.

**Vaisakha**  
[see Kul]

**Vaisakha**  
[Buddhist]

the Sanskrit version of Wesak

**Vaishnavi**  
[Hindu]

[Vaishnavi]

a goddess

da sakti of Vishnu, a form of Lakshmi

one of the navasaktis

one of the 8 Matrikas

She was opposed to the demon Lobha.

**Vaishno Devi**  
[Hindu]

a mother-goddess

**Vaishravana**  
[Buddhist]

a minor deity

one of the Dikpalas, some say king of the yaksas

**Vaishravana**  
[Hindu]

[Kubera, Vaishravana; =Cambodian Peyarap; =Pali Vesavana; =Chinese To Wen; =Taoist Mo-li Shou; =Javanese Grahmatika; =Japanese Dainichi]

a name for Kubera as ‘master of Ravana’

**Vaisnavi**  
[Hindu]

**Vaitakere**  
[Pacific Islands]

[‘Vaitere’]

father of Ina

**Vaitaranī**  
[Hindu]

one of the 28 realms of hell

This realm is reserved for pillagers and those who have destroyed beehives.

(see also Vaitarani)

**Vaitaranī**  
[Hindu]

‘Vaitarani’

a river of death in hell

Into this river, full of the foulest things imaginable, which separates the land of the living from the land of the dead (Yamapura), were thrown religious dissidents. To cross the river, the dead had to grab the tail of a cow which towed them across. (see also Vaitarani)

**Vaitere**  
(see Vaitakere)

**Vaiyarta**  
(see Brahma)

**Vaiyavasa**  
[Hindu]

[Menu.Vaiyavasa]

son of Vivasvat and Sanjna

In some accounts, he was the seventh incarnation of Manu. Others equate him with Yama. (see Manu)

**Vaiyavasa**  
(see Vaiyavasa)

**Vaiyvoo**  
[Persian]

a demon, one of the Ausatitiko-Pauligaur

**Vaja**  
[Hindu]

one of the 3 Rubhus

**Vajgats**  
[Baltic]

a holy island in Finnish lore

This site is used for the sacrifice of animals to the gods.

**va:jra**  
[Hindu]

[vajrā; =Javanese wajro; =Japanese kongo:]

->Polynesian wajero;

->Tibetan ‘jigs-byed]

the thunderbolt of Indra: a penis: an instrument shaped like a thunderbolt, used in incantation

It was said that this thunderbolt was made from the bones of the seer Dadhica. (see also thunderstone)

**Vajra**  
(see Chin-kang)

**Vajrabhairava**  
[Buddhist]

[Do-ri; =jigs-byed]

a Tibetan Adi-Buddha

(see also Vajradhara)

**Vajracarica**  
[Buddhist]

an aspect of Akshobhya

She is depicted as having three eyes and standing on a corpse.

**Vajraka**  
[Buddhist]

an aspect of Akshobhya

consort of Vajravahi

**Vajradakini**  
[Buddhist]

a goddess of the air

She can confer supernatural powers on her devotees.

**Vajradhara**  
[Buddhist]

[=Tibetan rDo-rje-chang]

a form of Adi-Buddha in Tibet: supreme Buddha-hood

(see also Vajrabhairava)

**Vajradhvisvari**  
[Buddhist]

a goddess

da sakti of Vairocana

a form of Mariichi

**Vajragandhari**  
[Buddhist]

a goddess

**Vajragarba**  
[Buddhist]

a bodhisattva

**Vajraheruka**  
[Buddhist]

one of the 5 Herukabuddhas

**Vajrakantaka**  
[Hindu]

one of the realms of hell

This region is reserved for the punishment of those who have married into another caste. Here they are forced to clasp red-hot statues made of metal.

**Vajrakarma**  
[Buddhist]

[Vajrakarmaparamita]  
one of the 12 Paramita goddesses, perseverance personified

**Vajrakarmaparamita**  
[see Vajrakarma]

**Vajrapani**  
[Buddhist]

[Acarya-Vajrapani; Acala-Vajrapani; =Chinese Lou-chi; Wei-t’o; =Tibetan ‘jigs-byed]

a god of holy teaching

one of the Dhyanibodhisattvas of Mahayana Buddhism

son of Akshobhya and Mamaki

In the Buddhist version of the story of Rahu and the stolen amrita, Vajrapani was left in charge of the elixir. Rahu stole it and left his own urine in its place. Vajrapani was forced to drink the urine and, when Rahu was caught, cut off his head.

He is regarded as a guardian against snakebite and is depicted holding a thunderbolt.

**Vajrapani**  
[Hindu]

a name of Indra holding the thunderbolt (see also Vajri)

**Vajrapalin**  
[Buddhist]

[=Chinese Chin-kang-li-shih]

a name of the door-guardian, Chin-kang

He is regarded as a guardian against snakebite and is depicted holding a thunderbolt.

**Vajrapani**  
[Buddhist]

a name of Indra holding the thunderbolt (see also Vajri)
Vajraputra

She is responsible for guarding the southern region.

Vajraputra  
Buddhist  
[= Fa-shê-lo Fu-to-lo.Fa-shê-na-fu-to:  
"<Tibetan rDo-rje-moi-bu:"
one of the Eighteen Lohan  
He is depicted as very hairy but so thin  
that his ribs are evident.

Vajrasana  
Buddhist  
a form of Akshobhya

Vajrasattva  
Buddhist  
[Ghartapani-Indian Adi-Buddha:  
"<Japanese Kongo:  
"<Tibetan rDo-rje-sens-dpa:"

Vajravidarani  
Buddhist  
a goddess  
an aspect of Amoghasiddhi

Vajravahini  
Buddhist  
(see Vajravarahi)

Vajravarahi  
Buddhist  
[Adamantine Sow.Queen of Heaven.  
Vajravahini-Tibetan rDo-rje-ph-mo]

Vajrayogini  
Buddhist  
a goddess  
an aspect of Vairocana  
a sakti of Hevajra or Vajradaka  
(see also Bhavani)

Vajravayu  
Buddhist  
a goddess  
She is depicted as having five heads.

Vajrakilaya  
(see Kongo-yasha-myoo)

Vajryogini  
Buddhist  
a goddess  
She is sometimes depicted as carrying  
her own severed head.

Vajri  
Hindu  
a name for Indra as ‘thunderer’  
(see also Vajrapani)

Vajrosnava  
Buddhist  
a god  
one of the dikpalas  
He is responsible for guarding the  
eastern region.

Vak  
Norse  
[Vax.Vech(a)]  
the name of Odin when he appeared  
as an old woman in his wooing  
of Rinda

In this guise, he claimed to be able to  
free Rinda from the spell he had put  
on her in an earlier encounter and  
carried her off as his wife.

Vak  
Buddhist  
the crone, a sacred bird

Vaka  
Hindu  
a demon  
Bhima is said to have killed this being,  
tearing him apart.

Vaksastra  
Baltic  
a Finnish spirit of water-mills

Vakula  
Hindu  
a cave  
The celestial cows were kept in this  
cave. The name was also applied to the  
guardian of the cave.  
(see also Pani)

Valac  
a demon  
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon  
He is said to be the ruler of reptiles and  
can indicate the site of hidden treasure.  
He appears as a small boy with  
wings, astride a two-headed dragon.

Valahaka  
Buddhist  
[Cloud]

a flying horse  
(see also Padmapani)

Valanu  
a good demon, said to teach the arts  
of magic

Valaskilaf  
Norse  
[Valaskjalf.Valaskjalf.Valaskjolf]

one of Odin’s halls in Asgard  
This thatched hall was built of silver.  
(see also Valhalla)

Valaskjalf  
(see Valaskjalf)

Valaskjolf  
(see Valaskjalf)

Valdi Kyola  
Norse  
a name for Thor as ruler of wagons

Valdichiana  
Italian  
a swamp in Tuscany, home of demons

Valledjád  
South American  
the first man, in the lore of the Tupari  
brother of Vab  
He and his brother were born when a  
large black stone split open. He was an  
evil magician who tried to destroy the  
earth’s creatures by causing a flood but  
the magician, Arkaonyo, bound the  
giant and had him taken off to the  
mountains in the far north by a flock of  
huge birds.

The brothers were said to have  
killed an agouti and each made himself  
a wife from one of the animal’s teeth.

Valefar  
European  
son of Alexander and Bellisent  
twin brother of Orson  
husband of Clerimond

He was abducted by his uncle, Pepin  
the Short, but, in later years, was  
reunited with his brother Orson, who  
had been reared by bears, and they had  
many adventures together.

Valerín  
British  
[King of the Tangled Wood]  
a king

He ruled a kingdom that was guarded  
by dragons. He claimed to have been  
betrothed to Guinevere before she  
made King Arthur and, although  
Lancelot fought and defeated him on  
this issue, he abducted her and kept  
her in his castle in an enchanted sleep.  
The sorcerer, Malduc, secured her  
release when Erec and Gawain were  
headed over to him.

Valerigato  
Romanda  
[=Greek Hygeia]  
a goddess of health  
In some accounts she is the same  
as Salus.

Valfreya  
Roman  
[see Freyja]

Valgrind  
(see Helgrind)

Valhalla  
Valholl.Walhall(a):  
[=Hindu Amaravata]  
the hall of the chosen slain or  
the palace of the dead in Asgard:  
heaven

This palace of Odin was situated in the  
grove of Glasir and was said to have  
540 huge doors. The walls were  
composed of shining spears, the roof  
of golden shields.

The 800 occupants fought and died  
every day and were revived every  
night, training to fight on the side of  
the gods in the final battle, Ragnarok.

The building was destroyed after  
Ragnarok. In the Wagnerian version,  
it was destroyed by fire as the final act  
in the curse of the Ring when the ring  
was thrown into the Rhine by  
Brunhild on the death of Siegfried.
In some accounts, Valhalla is a corruption of Valaskialf, the home of Vali.

**Valhalla**
Norse

[falcon garb, Feather Cloak]

a flying-suit owned by Freya

This garment enabled the wearer to fly. Freya occasionally lent it to others and it was used by Loki when he went to Jotunheim to bring back Idun.

**Valhall**
(see Valhalla)

**Vali**
(see Valkyries)


a god of light

son of Odin and Rinda

He was fathered by Odin on Rinda on the advice of the magician Rossthof and he grew to manhood in a single day. Carrying a bow and arrows, he went immediately to Asgard to avenge the murder of Balder by shooting him.

He was destined to be one of the survivors of Ragnarok.

**Vali**

[Vali]

son of Loki and Sigyn

brother of Narve

When the gods finally banished Loki and bound him hand and foot in a cave, the bonds they used were the entrails of Narve who had been torn to pieces by Vali in the form of a wolf.

Another version says that the entrails used were those of Vali who was torn to pieces by Narve as a wolf.

**Valin**
(see Valhall)

**Valkjosandi**

Norse

a name for Odin as the one who chooses the warriors to go to Valhalla

**Valkyr**
(see Valkyries)

**Valkyrie, The**

German

one of the 4 Wagnerian operas based on theNibelungenlied

This work tells the story of Brunhild.

**Valkyries**

Norse


Osk-meyjar/Shield Maidens.

Skialmeyjar/Skjalmandsen.

Valkylvir.Valkylvir.Lylvir.

Wish-maidens.sing=Wyky.

= Muslims houri [Allin]

minor goddesses acting as handmaidens of Freya and choosers of the slain

It was the work of the Valkyries to decide who should fall in battle and to bring the bodies of some of the fallen to Valhalla; the others were taken by Freya. Those chosen for Valhalla were destined to fight on the side of the gods at Ragnarok and, having conducted the warriors to Valhalla, the Valkyries then waited on their needs.

Some depict them as bloodthirsty giants, rather than maidens, and various accounts put their numbers at three, six, nine or twenty-seven. They had the ability to put on swan-plumage and fly down to earth and, on one occasion, three of them (Alvit, Olrun and Svanhvit) left their wings on the shore while they bathed. The brothers Egil, Slagfimn and Volund seized the wings and kept the maidens as their wives for nine years.

Some say they could change into wolves or ravens.

**Valkyior**
(see Valkyries)

**Valkyriur**
(see Valkyries)

**Valkyrja**
(see Valkyries)

**Vallant**
(see Volund)

**Valldemar**

Norse

the name of Waldemar in Thidrekssaga

**Valley of Thorns**
(see Roncevalles)

**Valli**

Hindu

a goddess

a consort of Skanda

**Valmi**

(see Balmik)

**Valmiki**

(see Balmik)

**Vallam**

Norse

father of Vegtam

**Valtar**

Norse

[Vaskasteini]

the name for Walter von Wasgenstein in Thidrekssaga

**Valu**

Jain

gods of the underworld

These beings, who live in Valuka, torture the wicked dead by burying them in hot sand.

**Valuka**

Jain

one of the 7 hells, home of the Valu

**Valvant**

British

a king of Wales, said to be related to Lancelot

**Vamacharins**

Hindu

a left-handed sect of Hindus who revere Sakti (see also Daksinacharins)

**Vamadeva**

Hindu

one of the 5 aspects of Shiva known as the Pancabrahma

**Vamana**

Hindu

[Trivikrama.Vamana-avatara.Vamen]

the fifth incarnation of Vishnu, as a dwarf

son of Kasyapa and Aditi

The king Bali tried to take over the home of the Vanir under the earth or, some say, in the air and sea

**Vanainti**

Persian

goddess of victory (see also Vanant)

**Van1**

Armenian

a feathered dragon

**Van 2**

(see Vanir)

**Van Xuong**

Burmese

dragon—god of literature

**Vana-mother**

(see Wave-maidens)

**Vana-ryantara**

(see vyantara)

**Vana-devata**

Hindu

ea tree spirit

**Vana-bride**

(see Freya)

**Vana-dish**

(see Freya)

**Vana-god**

(see Vanir)

**Vanaheim**

Norse

[Vanheim]

the home of the Vanir under the earth

**Vanir**

Persian

goddess of victory (see also Vanant)
Vanand (see Vanant)
Vanant Persian
[Vanand]
a guardian star-deity of the west
This star-deity is one of the leaders of the stars fighting on the side of Ahura Mazda against the forces of evil.
(see also Vanant)
Vanaprastha (see brahmin)
Vanaprasati Hindu
a deity who passes sacrificial offerings to the gods
Vanavasa Buddhist
[=Chinese Fa-na-p’o-ssu]
one of the Eighteen Lohan
He is depicted in a contemplative posture, sitting inside a cave.
Vanbride (see Freya)
Vanderdecker (see Flying Dutchman)
Vanemuine (see Vanemuine)
Vanemuine Estonian
[Vanemuine=Finnish Vanaimoinen]
a god of music
This deity is based on the Finnish Vanaimoinen.
Vanen (see Vanir)
Vaner Norse
the later deities of the Norse pantheon, earth-gods

Vaporise
to turn oneself into vapour
This is said to be one of the powers of a witch.
Vapula a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to impart knowledge of science and philosophy and appears as a winged lion.
Vapushmat Hindu
a demon
This being was killed by Dama whose father had been killed by Vapushmat.

Var1 Persian
a cave or enclosure built by Yima in which he and the selected species survived the Flood

Var2 (see Vara)
Vara Norse
[Var’] a goddess of oaths, attendant on Frigga
Her job was to hear oaths and punish those who lied.
In some versions she is the same as Vori.

Varagana Persian
an incarnation of Verethragna as a falcon or raven

Varaha Hindu
in Vedic myth, a manifestation of Brahma
In this version, Brahma dived to the bottom of the primordial ocean, seeking the root of the lotus which floated on the surface, and discovered land. He changed into a huge boar and raised the land above the surface of the ocean on his back.
Another story says that the earth was so overpopulated that the weight of the people caused the earth to sink. The boar lifted its back into position on one tusk. When he moves the earth from one tusk to another, an earthquake results. (see also Varaha)

Varaha’ Hindu
[Adivaraha.Varaha-avatara]
the third incarnation of Vishnu, as a boar
In this incarnation he fought, for a thousand years, and finally killed the giant Hiranyaksha who had dragged the earth down to the sea-bottom.
(see also Varaha’)

Varaha-avatara (see Vara’)
Varahi Hindu
a mother-goddess
one of the 8 Matrikas
She was opposed by the demon Assu.

Varahmukhi Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Marici

Varali Buddhist
a goddess attendant on Marici

Varalden-Olmei Lapp
[=Norse Frey]
a fertility-god
His pole, spattered with blood, supports the earth.

Varcin Hindu
a drought-god

Var chattaman (see Varhadhamana)
Varhadhamana (see Mahavira.

Varadhamana (see Vanaimoinen)

Vanar heaven
This region is depicted as four-cornered and was the site of the battle between Azhi Dahak and Thraetoa.

Vareswaha Persian
a monster slain by Keresaspa

Varhagn (see Verethragna)

Vai Ma Te Takere Pacific Islands
[Varima Te Takere]
a mother-goddess of the Hervey Islands
mother of Atea, Raka, Tango, Tinirau, Tu-Metua and Tutumeanaoa.
Three of her children were born from her left side, three from the right.
She is said to live curled up in the lowest part of the world coconut or in an egg on the bed of the primordial ocean.

Variloma Hindu
a name of Varuna as sea-god, ‘he with the watery hair’

Varima Te Takere (see Varima Te Takere)

Varjohaltia (see Varjohaltia)
Varjohaltia Baltic
[Varjohaltia]
in Finnish lore, a man’s shadow-ruler
This being is said to be able to forecast the future. (see also halitia)

Varlan British
a king of Gaels
His army met the army of Lambor on a beach where a mysterious ship came ashore. He used the sword he found on the ship to kill Lambor but, when he returned to replace the sword in its scabbard, he fell down dead.

When he killed Lambor, his realm and that of Lambor became desolate,
and were known as the Waste Land. In some accounts, the sword-stroke that killed Lambor was known as the Dolorous Stroke.

As Hur Lane, he is described as a Saracen king who made peace with Lambor but killed him when Lambor treacherously killed some of his men when he re-entered his ship to put away his sword.

**varm-ava**

[~Cheremis mendez-ava] a Mordvin tutelary spirit, guardian of the wind

**Varns**

an adviser to Charlemagne

**Varno**

a demon, one of the

**Austaliko-Pauligaur**

**Varoci**

a demon

**Varoony**

warlocks in Zimbabwe

**Varnulis**

a Czech god of storms

**Vartrad**

in Sweden, a sacred tree which delivered oracles

If such a tree were felled, the house where it grew would no longer prosper.

**Varuna**


a creator-god, ruler of the heavens, the night sky, seas and rivers

son of Aditi

son of Kasyapa and Vinata, some say

brother of Aryaman and Mitra

consort of Ganga, Jumna or Varuni

father of Pushkara and Vashishtha

He resigned in favour of Indra and became a sea-god with his own heaven, Pushpagiri, in the sea. He is sometimes regarded as one of the Dikpalas responsible for guarding the west with his elephant, Anjana, or as one of the adityas.

He is depicted as having four heads, 1,000 arms and a fat stomach and may ride on a fish or in a seven-horse chariot or on the water-monster, Makara.

**Varunapragbh**

Hindu

a festival in honour of Varuna

**Varunani**

(see Varuni)

**Varuni**

[Hauri,Mada,Sura.Varunani: -Greek Hebe]

a goddess of wine

consort of Varuna

She was the fourth thing to emerge when the gods churned the ocean to make amrita.

Some say that she was the daughter of Varuna; in other accounts, she is called Sura.

**Vasa (see Kul)**

**Vasa Iniquitatis**

[Voels of Anger]

the third order of demons, spirits of iniquity, ruled by Belial

**Vasa Mortis**

British

an old English monster

**Vasanta**

(Hindu)

[Visantadevi]

a goddess, spring personified

**Vasanta-Bandhu**

Hindu

an aspect of Kama as god of spring

**Vasanta Devi**

(see Vasanta)

**Vasapkala**

[Visapaklal]

a name for Vahagn as Dragon-Slayer

**Vasava**

(see Indra.Vrtra)

**Vashishtha**

Hindu

[Prajapati.Vashishtra.Vasistha]

a sage

one of the Seven Rishis

one of the Prajapatis

son of Varuna and Mitra

husband of Arundhati or Urja

father of Shakti

He was so depressed when a raakhsha ate all his 100 sons that he tried to kill himself but jumping from the top of a mountain, entering a blazing forest and jumping into the ocean and a river all left him unscathed.

He owned the sacred cow Nandini which could grant any wish. He became the enemy of Vishvamitra when the latter tried to steal the cow and Vashishtha used his fiery breath to incinerate his enemy’s 100 sons. He also fell out with the rishi Gotama over the supervision of a sacrifice for King Nimi resulting in a curse which caused him to lose his body which was later restored by the gods.

**Vashishta**

(see Vashishta)

**Vashita**

(see Paramita)

**Vasita**

(see Paramita)

**Vaskasteini**

(see Valtari)

**Vasolt**

Norse

a storm-demon

**Vassago**

a demon

one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to be able to impart knowledge of the past and the future.

**Vassilissa**

Russian

a peasant girl

When her mother died, she gave Vassilissa a doll which would protect her. Her father then married again and his new wife and her two daughters became jealous of Vassilissa and sent her on an errand to the witch Baba-Yaga, hoping that she would be killed. The witch gave the girl several near-impossible tasks which, with the help of the doll, Vassilissa was able to accomplish. She waited until the witch fell asleep and then ran home, taking one of the many skulls from the witch’s house. This skull had glowing eyes and it burned the stepmother and her daughters to ashes. Thereafter, Vassilissa lived happily with her old father.

(see also Vassilissa)

**Vassilissa**

Slav

daughter of Morskoizar wife of Ivan

Prince Ivan stole her feather dress while she was swimming and later married her.

(see also Vassilissa)

**Vastospati**

Hindu

a guardian house-spirit

**vasty**

(see Skrymir)

**Vasu**

Hindu

one of a group of minor gods attendant on Indra: a type of Gana

These deities are listed as Anala, Anila, Apa, Dhara, Dhruva, Prabhasa, Pratyusha and Soma. Others include Antariksha (sky) and Vasu (wealth).

The leader of the vasus is Agni or Indra.

**Vasu**

(see Vishnu)

**Vasud**

Norse

god of icy winds

father of Vindual

**Vasudeva**

Hindu

[Devadeva: -Pacific Basudewa]

a god

son of Yadu

brother of Kunti

consort of Devaki and Rohini

father of Balarama and Krishna

father of Subhadra, some say

He is said to have immolated himself
on Krishna’s funeral pyre and returned to heaven.

**Vasudeva**

[Hindu]

-a name for Krishna as ‘good god’

**Vasudeva**

-Jain

-a spiritual leader
-a Shalakapurusha

Nine such leaders appear in each of the earthly periods.

**Vasudhara**

-Buddhist

-a female bodisattva
-a sakti of Vajrasattva
-a form of Akshobhya

(see also Bhumidevi)

**Vasudhara**

-Hindu

-a fertility-goddess
-a sakti of Kubera

**Vasuki**

-Hindu

-[=Pacific Basuki]

-king of the nagas

He is regarded as the ruler of Nitala, one of the seven realms of Patala and home of the nagas.

In some accounts, Vasuki is identified with the world-serpent, Ananta; others say that they are separate and Vasuki is Ananta’s son. Shiva is said to wear this serpent round his neck. (see also Ananta)

**Vasumatisri**

-Buddhist

-[Vasusri]

-a goddess attendant on Vasudhara

**Vasusri**

-Hindu

-a consort of Anjana

**Vaswa-Tara**

-Buddhist

-[Arya-Tara]

-an aspect of Amoghasiddhi, some say

**Vata**

-East Indian

-a disease-bearing demon in Papua

**Vata**

-Hindu

-[anjina,vatavritsha]

-the fig-tree

This tree is an object of worship for some women wishing to become mothers.

**Vata**

-Persian

-an ancient wind-god

**Vata**

-(see Vayu)

**Vatak**

-(see Autak)

**vatavritsha**

-(see vata)

**Vatea**

-(see Atea,Rangi)

**vates**

-Roman

-a prophet

**Vathek**

-Muslim

-a king who made a compact with Iblis

He soon found himself forever doomed to a place of torture.

**Vatican Codex**

-Central American

-a manuscript source of Aztec and Mayan mythology

**Vatavrita Saga**

-Norse

-the story of Thorstein and his descendants

**vatsa**

-Hindu

-a mark on Shiva’s breast

This mark was caused when water was thrown over Shiva by a sage, whose meditations the god had interrupted.

**Vatsasura**

-Hindu

-one of the demons, in the form of a cow, sent by Kansa to kill the infant Krishna

**Vatuka**

-Hindu

-one of a group of minor female deities

**vauderie**

-(see sabbat)

**vaudoiserie**

-(see sabbat)

**vaudoo**

-(see voodoo)

**vaudou**

-(see voodoo)

**vaudoux**

-(see voodoo,Votan)

**Vaugh’ch**

-South American

-a female shaman of the Tupari

This giantess is one of the rulers of the village of the dead; the other is the giant Mpokalero. Newly-arrived souls are required to have intercourse with one or the other of these rulers.

**Vaux, Roland de**

-(see Roland de Vaux)

**Vax**

-(see Vak)

**Vaya**

-(see Vaya)

**Vaybrama**

-(see Vayhbrahma)

**Vayu**

-[Va]

-a god of air and wind

(see also Vayuvarvat)

**Vayuvarvat**

-Hindu

-one of the 49 Maruts

**Vayumandala**

-one of the 49 Maruts

**Vayukumara**

-Jain

-a minor god

-one of the 10 Bhavananavisi

**Vayuvatra**

-Buddhist

-[Ary Horze,=Tibetan rLun-rta.Lung-ta]

-a deity

-the horse of the wind

This animal carries the cintimani on its back.

**Vayunega**

-Hindu

-one of the 49 Maruts

**Vazizista**

-Persian

-one of the 5 types of sacred fire

This type of fire is lightning.

**Ve**

-Norse

-[Ve]

-son of Bor and Bestla

He helped his brothers Odin and Vili kill the Frost Giant, Ymir, from whose body they built the world.

(see also Hoenir)

**Ve’ai**

-Siberian

-a vegetation-goddess of the Koryak people
-a consort of Eme’mqut

**Vech**

-(see Vak)

**Vecho**

-(see Vak)

**Vecu**

-(see Begoe)

**ved-ava**

-Russian

-[=Cheremis wut-awa]

-a Murdvin tutelary spirit, guardian of water

**Veda**

-Hindu

-[‘knowledge’]

-one of 4 holy books in the Hindu canon

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**Veda Yaka**

-(see Bilindi)

-one of the Yazatas

He formed the ocean round Mount Alhurz by blowing raindrops together.

In some accounts he is equated with varas, in others with Rama.

He is depicted wearing a suit of armour and carrying a spear and sword.

**Vayu**

-Persian

-a demon

This being is an aspect of Vayu the wind-god in the form of an evil demon.

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**Veda Yaka**

-(see Bilindi)
**Vedantas**
Hindu
one of the groups of sacred writings covering poetry, religious ceremonies, etc.

**Vedavati**
Hindu
daughter of Kushadhvaja
As a practising ascetic, devoted to Vishnu, she felt defiled when the demon Ravana, seeking to marry her, touched her hair, and she burnt herself to death, only to be reborn as Sita. In that incarnation, she was the wife of Rama and was abducted by Ravana.

(see also Sita)

**Vedavyasa**
(see Vyasa)

**Vedenhaltia**
(see Vedenhaltija)

**Vedenhaltija**
Baltic
[Vedenhaltia.Vederaj.Vestaeraj:
-Lapp Kul=-Russian Vodyanoi]
an evil Finnish water-spirit

Vederaj
(see Vedenhaltija)

Vedfolnir
Norse
a falcon
This bird sat on an eagle perched on the highest branch of Yggdrasil and watched and reported on all that happened in the realms below.

(see also Gullinkambi)

**Vediosis**
(see Veiovis)

**Vedius**
(see Veiovis)

vedomec
(see upir)

**Vecho**
North American
[Vhio]
a Cheyenne trickster

He once stole a pair of magic leggings from the sun and got burned for his trouble.

**veela**
European
[plur=veele=Norse Volva]
a woodland sprite
The equivalent in southern Europe of the vila of the northern parts, they were fond of dancing and occasionally married mortal men.

(see also vila)

**veele**
(see veela)

**veeran**
Hindu
spirit-soldiers
These beings, controlled by Ayyanar, nightly rode out to fight demons.

**Veeteni**
Pacific Islands
the first man to die on the island of Mangaia
son of Tueva and Manga
brother of Tiki
As a result of the grief experienced by his family on the death of Veeteni, the gods allowed his spirit to return during the day and even lengthened the day to allow him as much time as possible with his friends before he had to return to the land of the spirits at sunset.

**Vegliantino**
European
a horse of Orlando in some Italian stories (see also Veillantif)

**Vegetam**
Norse
[Vafud.Vegtum]
son of Valtam
a name used by Odin when he went to Niflheim to consult Volva about the future of his son Balder

**Vegtamskvida**
Norse
[Valdr's Dream.Baldr's Drauma.
Lay of Vegtan]
the story of Balder’s dream of death and the subsequent events

**Veguaniel**
a demon of the hours of the day

**Vehine hae**
Pacific Islands
wild women
These beings were said to carry off men and rape them.

**Vediass**
Norse
a name for Ulther as god of the hunt

**Veigur**
Irish
[Feat Fiada.Feth Fiadha]
a protective cloak that made Danaans invisible to mortals and gave them immortality

This cloak was said to have been one of the three gifts to the Danaans by Manannan. The others were the Feast of Giothiniu and the Pigs of Manannan.

It was said that the power to become invisible was exercised by some druids. St Patrick is said to have acquired this power and used it to turn himself into a deer and his companion into a fawn so that they would not be recognised by enemies who lay in wait for them.

**Veillantif**
European
a horse of Roland in some French stories
Some say that the dying Roland killed the horse at Roncesvalles to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Saracens. (see also Vegliantino)

**Veliovis**
Roman
-Greek Apollu]
a youthful Etruscan god of shepherds whose festival, the Agonium, was held on May 21st

**Veive**
(see Veiovis)

**Vejasmatie**
Baltic
[Mother of the Wind.Veja Mate]
a Lithuanian wind-goddess, goddess of birds and woods

**Vejopatis**
Baltic
a Lithuanian wind-god

**Vejovis**
(see Veiovis)

**Velaute'mtlan**
Siberian
a Koryak vegetation-deity

**Velchanos**
Greek
a Cretan cock-demon
He became the Roman god Vulcan.

**vele**
Baltic
[-Latvian vesis]
a Lithuanian spirit of the dead
(see also vela)

**Veleda**
Norse
one of the Vola, a prophetess in Roman times, who foretold the death of the general, Drusus

**Veleda**
Pacific Islands
a Fijian poet and seer
He composed many tales which were recorded by B H Querin in The Flight of the Chiefs, derived, he said, from predecessors or from direct contact with the spirits of his ancestors.

**Ves**
European
[-Lithuanian Ganyklos=-Russian Vlas(ov)=-Slav Volos.Volous.Vyes]
a Czech god of domestic animals and the underworld

**Veslu**
(see Vlas)

**Velimir**
Serbian
son of Voutcha
He and his father were captured by Marko and released only when Marko’s friends Ivan, Milan and Milosh, who had been cast into prison by Voutcha, were released.

**Velint**
(see Volund)

**velis**
Baltic
[-Lithuanian vele]
a Lithuanian spirit of the dead

**Vellamo**
Finnish
[Wellamu]
a sea-goddess consort of the sea-god, Ahti

**Vellendrucher**
British
a site, in Cornwall, of the battle in which King Arthur, with the help of the Seven Kings, defeated the Danes

**Vellido**
(see Dolfos)

**velnias**
Baltic
a wicked Lithuanian spirit of the dead: the devil (see also vele.vila)

**velns**
Baltic
[-juods=-Estonian juudas=-Finnish juutas]
a Lithuanian devil
### Velo men

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<td>in the lore of Madagascar, a race of men created when god breathed life into small clay figures</td>
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### Veltis

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### Vena

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<td>When he tried to abolish the rite of sacrifice, the priests killed him and, with the help of Agni, produced a new ruler, Prithu, from the dead man's right arm. (see Prithu)</td>
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### Vendidad

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<td>['law against demons']</td>
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This work deals with the creation of the earth and the coming of Ahura Mazda; it also describes the various laws, rites of purification, etc.

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### Venerable Head

| (see Urddawl Ben) |

### Venerable Teacher

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### Veneralia

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| (see Amphitrite) |

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### Venkatesa

| (see Venkata) |

### Veneti

| (see winds) |

### Venus

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Originally an Italian goddess of vegetation, Venus was adopted into the Roman pantheon and was given the attributes of the Greek Aphrodite. The Romans claim that she was the mother of Aeneas.

In some accounts, she was carried on the back of, or turned into, a fish to escape the monster Typhon. The pair of them are represented in the heavens as Pisces.

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### Venus and Adonis

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### Venus Callipyges

| (see Callipyges) |

### Venus Erycina

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<td>a sacred mountain, site of the cave occupied by a witch</td>
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It was here that Tannhauser was seduced from the path of righteousness by earthly pleasures.

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| (see 72 Spirits of Solomon |

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| Appearing as a mermaid, he is said to control the seas and can cause storms that wreck ships. |

### Ver

| (see Mer) |

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| He is said to support the heavens. |

### Veralden-rade

| (see Veralden-olmai) |

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<td>trees which help Veralden-olmai to support the world</td>
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| These trees, which are erected at altars, are daubed with the blood of animals sacrificed. |

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| In some accounts, Myesdats is male and Verchenyaya Zvezda is his wife rather than the wife of Meness. |

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| She is depicted as youthful and active. |

### Verdelet

| demon acting as master of ceremonies in hell who carried witches to Sabbat |

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| In some accounts Mitsotsozini was the first man and he taught Vere how to make fire. |

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a god of victory
one of the Yazatas
This four-faced, irresistible god had ten incarnations — a wind, a golden-horned bull, a white horse, a camel, a boar, a fifteen-year-old youth, a bird (Varagna), a ram, a buck and a man with a golden sword. As a boar, he was used by Mithra to kill his enemies.
He was born in the primordial ocean and some say he overcame the demon Azhi Dahak, chaining him to Mount Demavand. (see also Atar1.Brahm. Thraetona. Vareghna)

Vereticus British
a king of Wales
It was said that he was changed into a wolf by St Patrick.

Verenia (see Verginia)
Verena Roman
daughter of Verginia
She was betrothed to Icilius but Appius Claudius lusted after her and arranged for her to be declared a slave. Her father, to prevent her from being taken by Appius, stabbed her to death.

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Verena British
daughter of the king of Narsinga
She owned the carbuncle sought by Verona and her lover, Orlando, from the spell put on him by Merlin. Verona and her father became friends with Melora and Verona gave Melora the stone. She married Levander who had accompanied Melora in the later part of her quest.

Veronica (Verrine')
the patron saint of drapers
She wiped Christ’s face at the Crucifixion with a cloth that allegedly retained an imprint of his face. In an alternative version, she is said to have asked St Luke to paint a portrait of Christ on a piece of cloth but, when she appeared dissatisfied with the result, Christ pressed the cloth to his face to produce a better likeness. The cloth is said to have effected miraculous cures. In Arthurian lore, she appears as Verrine and cured Vespasian’s leprosy with the cloth.

Verrine a demon of disobedience
Verrine' (Verrini)
a demon of impatience
Verrine' (see Veronica)
versacrum Roman
a dedication to the gods of the produce of spring
Versaria British
wife of Ferrugunze
versipelle a werewolf
versipellous pertaining to lycanthropy

Verna
(see Verine')
verjuice a potion used by witches

This concoction is said to turn human beings into animals.
vermiculate a witch’s amulet
Vermilion Bird (see Feng')
Vermilion Hills Chinese
the home of the bird Feng (the phoenix)
Verg (=[Catalan Ber]n—[Irish Bran]
Verga
a Majorcan god
Verina British
daughter of the king of Narsinga
Vespasia
Rome
a Roman emperor
In Arthurian lore, he released Joseph of Arimathea from a Jerusalem prison. Verrine cured him of leprosy by wiping his face with a cloth that bore Christ’s image.

Vesper Roman
[Hesper—Greek Hesperus]
Vesuvius the evening star

Vesandar Buddhist
[=Cambodian Vesandar: Hindu Vishvantara]
the Cambodian version of Vessantara
veshtitza (see veshtitze)
veshtitze Serbian
female evil spirits

Vse Slav
a goddess of spring

Vespa
a goddess of spring
Vespasian British
a Roman emperor
His father banished him for giving away all his possessions but that did not stop him from giving his children to the mendicant, Jujaka. His father ransomed the children and lifted the ban on Vessantara.
He was regarded as the last incarnation of the Buddha before Siddhartha.

Vessantara-Jataka Buddhist
the story of Vessantara and Madri
Vessavana Hindu
the Pali version of Vaishravana
Vessels of Anger (see Vasa Iniquitatis)
Vesta Roman
[=Greek Hestia]
the goddess of fire, the hearth, the household
Vesta Iniquitatis)

He approached Pomona in many different guises before finally winning her love.
Vercator Roman
goddess of agriculture
Vervain (see herba sacra)

Vesak Buddhist
the Sinhalese version of Vesak
Vesakha Buddhist
the Pali version of Vesak
Vessandar Catholic
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a goddess of fertility, fruit trees and gardens
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[=Greek Hestia]
the goddess of fire, the hearth, the household
one of the 5 Appiades
A sacred fire in her temple, brought from Troy by Aeneas, was never allowed to go out and was tended by the Vestal Virgins.
She is depicted with a bowl and a torch. (see also Fornax)
failed to prevent from seizing Sita.

Ceylon for helping Rama in his battle

He was made the immortal king of Vibhishana

Hindu

Vibenna

Vibhishana

Vichayanamaya

South American

a name for Thunupa as ‘preacher’

Vichama

South American

son of the sun-god in Peru

half-brother of Pachacamac

The first woman was fertilised by the sun. Her first son was killed by the god Pachacamac who used the body to grow plants. When Pachacamac killed the woman as well, Vichama, her second son, drove him into the sea where he remained as a sea-god.

Vichitra

Vichitravirya

Hindu

son of Shantanu and Satyavati

half-brother of Bhima

husband of Ambalika and Ambika

He died before he had fathered any children and so the duty fell to his half-brother, Bhisma.

Victimarius

Roman

an official who carried out the slaughter of those animals and humans brought for sacrifice

Victoria

[=Greek Nike]

goddess of victory

Her festival is held on 12th April.

Victrix

[=Greek Nike]

Vidar

Norse

'Olympian', 'Vittari', 'Vidur', 'Vigor', 'Vitharr'

He is depicted as having one foot

much larger than the other.

Vidarr

Vidolfus

Roman

a name for Odin as one who travels far

Vidhant

Hindu

god of death

Vidjii Milanda

African

an Angolan prince

He was bewitched as he lay asleep on a river-bank and could be wakened only by a maiden who wept eleven jugfuls of tears. Fenda Maria did this but foolishly gave one jugful to a slave-girl.

Tired of crying, she asked the slave to weep the last jugful, which she did. She also claimed the sleeping prince, pretending to be Fenda Maria who then became her slave called Kamaria.

When the prince gave Kamaria the present she had asked for (a lamp which lit itself, a razor which sharpened itself, scissors which cut unaided and a stone which told the truth), the girl was able to prove that she was the real Fenda Maria and they married, burning the imposter in a barrel of tar.

Vidolfus

Norse

[Vidolfus, Vidolf, Vitolfus]

giant living in the woods

an ancestor of witches and wizards

(see also Vilmeth)

Vidolfus

Serbian

wife of Momtchilo

She left her husband for Voukashin who then ambushed her husband. The nine brothers of Momtchilo were killed but he managed to escape, only to be killed later at the gates of his own castle. Dying, Momtchilo warned Voukashin not to trust Vidolusov, so he had her torn apart by horses.

Vidur

(see Vidar)

Vidya

(see Prajna)

Vidyadevi

Jain

a group of 16 goddesses of knowledge

Vidyadhara

Hindu

demi-gods

These beings, whose realm is between heaven and earth, can assume any shape they choose and sometimes marry mortals.

Vidyadhara

(see 'Taditkara')

Vidyadhari

Hindu

[bhajadhari-Javanese widyadhari]

=Pacific bidadari

a nymph

These beings live in the forests and rivers.
**Vikramā**

**Vidyarāja**  
_Buddhist_

[Vaga-vidyaraja—Japanese

Aizen-Myoo]

a god of law: spirits of frightening appearance who defend the sacred lore of the faithful

**Vidyarajini**  
_Hindu_

a name for Tāra as Queen of Knowledge

**Vigesvara**  
_Hindu_

a group of 8 goddesses aspects of Shiva

**Vidyuvālakarilī**  
_Buddhist_

goddess

a form of Ekājata

She is said to have been created from the sweat of the Buddha and is depicted as black with bared fangs, twelve heads and twenty-four arms.

**Vidyutkumara**  
_Jain_

a minor god

one of the 10 Bhavanavasi

**Vienna Codex**  
(see Codex Vindobonensis)

**Vīga-Glum’s Saga**  
_Norse_

the story of Glum, his dispute with Thorkel and his dreams

**Vigar**  
(see Vidar)

**Vigara**  
_African_

first husband of Nyāvirezi

**Vibhu**  
_Hindu_

father of Nyāvirezi

When he discovered that his wife could become a lioness, she killed and ate him.

**Vighnantaka**  
_Buddhist_

[Vignari—Hindu Ganesha]

da door-god

an aspect of Akshobhya

**Viglund**  
_Norse_

son of Thorgrim and Olof

brother of Trausti

husband of Ketelrid

He fell in love with Ketelrid but her parents had promised her to a rich merchant called Hakon who, with Ketelrid’s brothers, ambushed Viglund and his brother Trausti, after which these two brothers went overseas. When they returned to Iceland, Ketelrid was married to a farmer called Kettill but it turned out that this was an arranged marriage to protect Ketelrid who was finally allowed to marry Viglund.

**Viglundar Saga**  
_Norse_

the story of Viglund and his family

**Viglundr**  
(see Viglund)

**Vignari**  
(see Vighnantaka)

**Vigneshava**  
_Hindu_

[Vigneshvara]

a name of Ganesha as ‘lord of obstacles’

**Vigneshvara**  
(see Vigneshava)

**Vignir**  
(see Vingnir)

**Vigna**  
_Pacific Islands_

term for a figona in the Solomon Islands

**Vigridr**  
_Norse_

[Vigris-Divigirhr]

a plain, the site of the final battle (Ragnarok) when the gods are defeated

**Vigrid**  
_Norse_

[=Burmese Kyoung]

a god

Vigridr. Vigridhr

[Vigrid]

**Vihara**  
_Buddhist_

[=Burmese Kyoung]

a god of the light of the morning

**Vihio**  
_Serbian_

a god of lightning

His eyelids are so heavy that a pitchfork is needed to raise them. He can incinerate men and whole cities with his fiery glance.

**Vijaya**  
_Hindu_

a god

one of the Ekadasarudras

**Vijaya1**

**Vijaya2**

**Vijaya3**

**Vijaya4**

**Vijaya**

a goddess

an aspect of Parvati as ‘victorious’ wife of Sahadeva

**Vijaya1**

**Vijaya2**

**Vijaya3**

**Vijaya4**

**Vijaya**

a goddess

domestic of Niorfe and one of the latter was killed. Viking banished his offending son, whereupon the other eight decided to go with him into exile.

Viking gave his sword, Angurvadel, to his two surviving sons, Thorsten and Thorer, to stay with his friend Haldan.

He was once able to render a service to the sea-god, Aegir, and had been rewarded with the gift of a magic ship, Eldil, which was stolen from him but later recovered by his son Thorsten.

**Vikrama**  
_Hindu_

[Vikramaditya]

a god of the light of the morning

4th c king

He acquired great knowledge from a wise priest who was, in fact, the god Vishnu who taught him also how to change his shape by transferring his soul to a dead body. Vikrama then changed himself into a bird and flew to the the home of the princess Malayavati who slept in a pomegranate. He brought the fruit back, resumed his normal shape and,
when the princess emerged, made her his wife.

Vikramaditya (see Vikrama)  
Vila  
[see veela.vele.velnrias]  
Vil-cinus  
husband of Watchilt  
father of Badi

Vili  
(see vila)

Vili  
[Wil]  
son of Bor and Bestla

He helped his brothers Odin and Ve kill the Frost Giant, Ymir, from whose body they built the world.  
(see also Hoenir)

Vilino Kollo  
[Veino Kollo]  
dance-rings of the veele

Vilkacis (see Vilkakis)  
Vilkakis  
[Baltic]  
[=Latvian Vilkatas: Slav Vikodlak]  
a Latvian werewolf

Vilkatas  
[Baltic]  
[=Latvian Vilkakas-Slav Vikodlak]  
a Lithuanian werewolf

Vikolakis  
a Lithuanian wolf-spirit

Ville au Camp  
(an underwater city, home of the Haitian voodoo spirits)

Viliars the Valiant  
[=Irish Find]  
a Knight of the Round Table  
After the death of King Arthur, he joined Lancelot, Bedivere and the other knights in a hermitage.

Vilmeth  
an ancestor of witches and wizards (see also Vidolf)

Vilmund  
[Vilmundr]  
a hero  
He lived with his parents in a remote area and knew no other people. One day, he heard a voice from behind a rock declare that the owner of the shoe, which Vilmund had just found, would marry only the man who returned it to her.

Vilmund then set off to explore the world and came to a kingdom ruled by King Visivald and, after defeating the king’s son Hjarandi in a wrestling match, became his friend. He joined forces with Hjarandi to destroy the army of a suitor for the hand of Hjarandi’s half-sister, Gullbra, and then they killed Kolr who had married Soley, Gullbra’s sister. In fact, the girl Kolr had married was a servant-girl substituted for Soley who had disappeared. Her father believed that Vilmund had killed her and banished him. To prove his innocence, Vilmund returned to the rock, handed over the shoe to Soley who was living there and took her back to her father’s palace.

Vilmundar Saga  (see vila)  
the story of Vilmund and Soley

Vilmundr  
(see Vilmund)  
vily  
(see vila)

Vimala  
a goddess  
one of the bhumi

Vimana  
[Samovily.veela.wile.willi:plur=vile.vily:  
 stump  
= Norse Volva]  
= Norse Vila)

Vimur  
(see vila)

Vina  
a goddess of music

Vinalia  
a wine festival in honour of Bacchus or Jupiter, held on 23rd April

Vinata  
a daughter of Daksha  
sister of Kadru, some say  
a consort of Kasyapa  
mother of Aruna and Garuda  
mother of all birds

Her sister, Kadru, another wife of Kasyapa, bore a thousand snake-children (nagas) while Vinata had only two children – Aruna and Garuda. She quarrelled with Kadru and was imprisoned in the underworld. Garuda secured her release by providing the ransom demanded – amrita in one story, the moon itself to illuminate the gloomy underworld in another.

In some versions, they argued over the colour of Surya’s horses and Kadru won by cheating, having the nagas spit all over these animals, making them appear darker. As a result of losing, Vinata became Kadru’s slave rather than being imprisoned in the underworld but the ransom was still the same – amrita, stolen from heaven by Garuda who killed the children of Kadru. It was as a result of this episode that Garuda became the implacable enemy of all snakes.

Vinaya Pitaka  
Hindu  
(Book of Sermons)

the rules of Buddhism, part of the Tripitaka

Vinayaka  
Japanese  
son of Maheshvara and Uma

brother of Sannayaka

He was a very violent character but reformed when he married his sister, Sannayaka.

Their embracing figures are depicted in the form of Kwangiden.

In some accounts he is a Buddhist demon and is depicted as having the head of an elephant, often dancing on a rat.

Vindalf  
one of the dwarfs

Vindhjalmsbru  (see Bifrost)  
Vindhyā  
a mountain  
This mountain, in its efforts to grow higher than Mount Meru, threatened to block out the light of the sun. Agastya, at the request of the gods, put a stop to its growth. He merely asked the mountain to pause for a while until Agastya returned – which he never did.  
(see also Vindhyā’)

Vindhyā  
a mountain-god (see Vindhyā’)

Vindhyā-Vasini  
a evil aspect of Parvati

Vindhyavāli  
his wife of Bali, king of Sutala

Vindir  
(see Heimdall)

Vindoninus  
[Celtic  
[=Irish Find]  
a Gaulish deity, wisdom personified

Vindsual  
[Norse]  
an early god  
son of Vasud

Vindsval  (see Vindsual)  
a demon  
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon

He is said to be able to build impregnable towers and can impart knowledge of the past and the future. He is often depicted as a lion on a black horse.

Vine  
the tree of Bacchus
Virginal

virga medicinus

Virginal

Virginal, Germany

Virgin

Virdani, German

Virdavi, German

Vird zusammen mit ihrem Ehegatten

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Vird sammen med sin egen"
led a force to free him, killing many giants, led by Wicram, in the process.

**Virgins of Helicon**

Greek

the name given to the Muses in Spenser’s works

**Virgins of the Sun**

South American

the maidens who attended the fires in the temple of the sun-god, Inti, or acted as concubines of Sapa Inca, son of the Sun

**Virgins of the Sun**

South American

the female members of the Children of the Sun

**Virgins of the Waves**

Finnish

sea-nymphs

**Virgins of Helicon**

Greek

a constellation of nine goddesses, who were the name of the Muses in Spenser’s works

The Muses were the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, and the most celebrated of them was Virgo, the Virgin. They were the goddesses of music, poetry, and the arts, and were often depicted as beautiful maidens who resided in the world of the gods.

Virgo was depicted as a young woman, often holding a cornucopia or lyre, and was associated with the planet Mercury. She was also sometimes depicted as a virgin, symbolizing her purity and beauty.

Drawing from ancient Greek mythology, the Muses were often associated with creativity and inspiration, and were considered to be the protectors of the arts and sciences. They were also seen as the bringers of knowledge and wisdom, and were often consulted by poets and philosophers in search of inspiration.

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Vishatsapa

Persian

[Gushtaspas, Hystaspas]
a fertility lord

a prince who protected Zoroaster

brother of Zariadres

Later, as king, he became Zoroaster's first convert and fought several battles with Arejataspa who tried to suppress the new religion.

Vishvabhu

Buddhist

one of the 7 manushibuddhas

Vishvakarma

Hindu

[Takshaka, Vishvakarman, Visvakarma] a creator-god and god of artisans

an aspect of Brahma, Indra

or Prajapati

son of Bhuvana and Yogasiddha

father of Sanjna

The brilliance of Surya the sun-god was too overpowering for his wife, Sanjna, so her father shaved away some of his power on a lathe. He used the shavings to make Visnu's discus, Shiva's trident, and, some say, the elephant Airavata. He is said to have established the art and science of architecture, built chariots for the gods, a hall for Yudhishthira, and created the city of Chandrapura and created the monkey-king, Nala. He is also credited with the creation of Jagannath when he attempted to put new flesh on the bones of the dead Vishnu and was interrupted by Krishna so that the job was never completed, leaving the deformed version.

In some versions, this is a later name for Tvashti. Others say he was Tvashti's son-in-law.

Vishvakarman (see Vishvakarma)

Vishvamitra

Buddhist

a sage, teacher of Shakyamuni

Vishvamitra

Hindu

[Prajapati, Visvamitra, Visvamitra] a sage

one of the Seven Rishis

son of Gadhi

father of Shukantala by Menaka

He was once seduced by a nymph, Menaka, who bore a daughter named Shakuntala, and also by the nymph Rambha, and then did penance, living as an ascetic for 100 years in the Himalayas. He caused a demon to possess Kalimashapada so that he ate the 100 sons of Vishishtha, his great rival. He was involved in a feud with Vishishtha (or Kamadhenu) over the ownership of the cow Nandini which he had tried to steal. In the battle over the cow, he was defeated and his 100 sons were killed by the fiery glance of Vishishtha with whom he was finally reconciled.

Vishvanatha

Hindu

a name for Shiva as 'lord of all things'

Vishvantara

Hindu

the Hindu version of Vessantara

Vishvapani

Buddhist

[Visvapani] one of the 5 Dhyani-buddhas of Mahayana Buddhism

an aspect of Amoghasiddhi

Vishvarupa

Hindu

[Viratapurusa, Visvarupa] a serpent-god

an incarnation of Vishnu, some say son of Tvashtri

This three-headed being was slain by Indra and his father then created a demon, Vritra, to avenge his death.

Vision of Mac Conglirne

(see Aislinge meic Conglirne)

Vision Serpent

Central American

a Mayan creation spirit

This being is sometimes depicted as spitting out gods or kings.

Visit of Grey Ham

Irish

a book of legends, including the story of Ailleann, the woman of the Otherworld

visitant

a supernatural visitor: a spirit

visitation

a divine dispensation: a visit from a god: the appearance of a ghost

Visvald

Norse

a king

father of Gullbra, Hjarandi and Soley

Visnu

(see Vishnu)

Vispa-Taurvairi

Mesopotamian

mother, by a virgin birth, of Saoshyant

Vispala

Hindu

an early deity

When his leg was cut off in battle, it was replaced with one made of iron.

Visparad

(see Visperad)

Vispati

(see Grahapati)

Visperad

Persian

[Visparad, Visperad] the second part of the Avesta: a liturgy in the Avesta

Vipersed

(see Visperad)

Visra-vajra

Buddhist

an emblem, in the form of crossed thunderbolts, held by some statues

Vishravas

(see Vishravas)

Vistasaur

Persian

a hero who attacked idolaters

It was said that once, when he was pursued by enemies, a river dried up to allow him to cross and so escape.

Visu

Japanese

a woodman

He and his family were witnesses to the creation of Mount Fuji which took place in a single night. He later left his family and climbed the mountain where he saw two ladies playing go. For what seemed like one summer afternoon, he watched them play but, when he disturbed them, they turned into foxes and ran off. He discovered then that he had grown very old and, when he returned to his own lands, all sign of his house and family had long since disappeared – he had been away for 300 years.

Visvadakini

Buddhist

a spirit of air

Visvakarma

(see Vishvakarma)

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(see Vishvakarma)

Visvamitra

(see Vishvamitra)

Visvapani

(see Vishvapani)

Visvarupa

(see Visvarupa)

Visvasu

Hindu

one of the Gandharvas

father of Yama by a water-nymph

Visvedeva

Hindu

one of a group of minor deities: a type of Gana

Visvosnisa

Buddhist

god

one of the Ushnishas

Visvakarma

(see Vishvakarma)

Visvamitra

(see Vishvamitra)

Vita Merlini

British

the 12th c life story of Merlin, written in Latin by Geoffrey of Monmouth

Vitala

Hindu

one of the 7 realms of Patala

Vith

Norse

a river in Niflheim, one of the 12 rivers known as Elivagar

Vithafinir

(see Gullinkambi)

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(see Gullinkambi)

Vitharr

(see Vidar)

Vithi

Norse

the realm of Vidar

Vithoba

(see Vithal)

Vithofnir

(see Gullinkambi)

Vitholf

(see Vidolf)

Vithur

Norse

one of the dwarfs

Viticus

(see Mars)
Vivien, the first woman, in the lore of Fiji
Vizada-guazu, a Finnish spirit of the cattleyard
Vizada-kuva, a female version of Vizada-guazu
Vitzilopochtli, (see Huizilopochtli)
Vivahvant, (see Huizilopochtli)
Vivahvant, Persian
a sun-god
father of Jamahid or Yima and Yimeh
Vivanghvant, (see Vivahvant)
Vivar, Rodrigo, (see Bivar)
Vivavan, (see Vivasvat)
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[Varmanta, Vivasvata(t):
-a Persian/Vivahvant]
god of the rising sun, assimilated into Surya
one of the Adityas
son of Kasypa
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Vivien1, European
son of Beuve
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Vivien3, European
twin brother of Maugis
He was captured at birth by the Saracens but his twin was saved by the fairy Oriande whose brother, Baudris, taught the young Maugis the art of magic.
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Vjedogonja, Slav
the soul
It is said that the soul can leave the body in the form of a small insect or bird.
Vjesitzha, Slav
an ogrish succubus
Vjofn, (see Viofn)
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Vlad the Impaler, (see Dracula)
Vlah-Ali, Serbian
a Turkish rebel
He abducted the wife of Banovitch but the Serb killed him after a tremendous fight and rescued her.
Vlas, Russian
[Blasius.Velesu.Vlassy:
=Slav:Vlas]
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Vlaska, (see Dracula)
Vlasta, a warrior-maid, leader of the Amazons
Vlkkodlak, Slav
[Volkun, Vokkolak, Vokolak, Vulakodlak:
=Lithuanian:Valkakas
Voros, (see Dracula)
Voros, a werewolf: an evil spirit
Children who are born with teeth or are delivered feet first are said to develop into Vlkodlaks who, it is said, attack various animals and are the cause of eclipses.
Voc, Central American
a huge bird, messenger of the god Hurakan
Voden, (see Odin.Woden)
Vodnik, Slav
[=Russian:Vodnik]
a water-spirit or demon
These beings are said to be the spirits of unbaptised children who have drowned.
Vodnipanny, Slav
[Bile-panny]
a water-nymph
vodou, (see Vodun.voodoo)
vodouch, (see Vodun.voodoo)
Vodun1, African
[hum:plur=Vodous=Asanté Wodu:
=Ibo Alose=Congo Nkisi:]
a worshipper of the gods of Dahomey
Vodunsi1, African
[=Russian:Vodun]
da worshipper of the voodoo gods derived from African deities
Vodyanik, Russian
[=Lithuanian:Vodyanik:]
a female version of Vitza-kuguzu
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Vodyanoi (see Vodyanik) water spirits
Vodyz (see Vorsud)
Volfonius Italian
an ancient Umbrian deity
Vohu Fryana Persian
one of the 5 types of sacred fire
This type is the one that keeps warm the bodies of animals and humans.
(see also Bahram fire)
Vohu Manah Persian
[Bahman.'good thought' Vahman]
one of the 7 Amesha Spentas
an aspect of Ahura Mazda as ‘wisdom’.
This being is said to be in charge of animals and records the deeds of men.
He was opposed by the demon Akhan Manah.
Voil an angel, ruler of the Zodiacal sign
Virgo, the virgin
Voinovitch1 Serbian
[Petrasinh Voinovitch]
brother of Milosh and Voukashin
nephew of Doushan
Voinovitch2 Serbian
[Voukashin Voinovitch]
brother of Milosh and Petrasinh
nephew of Doushan
Voinovitch3 (see Milosh3)
Vol Norse
[Volh]
a fertility god
consort of Volla (see also Volla)
Vola1 (see Vulla)
vol1 (see val1)
Voland (see Volund)
Volcanalia (see Vulcanalia)
Volcanis (see Vulcanatis)
Volcanus (see Vulcan)
Volcano Woman (see Dzelarhons.)
Neegyaus
Volga (see Volkh)
Voli Norse
another version of Vali
In this version, Bildr (Balder) is a rival of Hromund for the hand of Svanhit.
He killed both Bildr and Voli with the magic sword Mistellteimm.
Volkanus (see Vulcan)
Volker1 German
a minstrel at Gunther’s court
Volker2 Norse
a wind-deity
Volkh Russian
[Volga]
a hero of Kiev, one of the Bogatiri
Volkh was a shape-changer with superhuman strength who often appeared as an animal or a bird. He is said to have saved the city from the invading King of India.
volkun (see vlodklak)
Volla Norse
a goddess
sister of Fruwa
consort of Vol
In some accounts she is Fulla. Others say Vol is her alternative name.
Vollmar (see Gorlemar)
Volumnia Norse
an Etruscan goddess of vegetation and the south-east wind
Volturnia (see Volturnna)
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Volturnus1 Roman
[Volturnus.=Greek Caicas.Eurus]
the east wind
Volturnus2 (see Tiberinus)
Volumna Roman
a goddess of infants
Volumnia Roman
mother of Coriolanus, in some accounts, in others, his wife
(see also Vergilia.Veturia)
Volund Norse
Volundr.Volunthr.Wise Elf.Woland:
>British Wayland.—French Galand:
>German Woland
king of the Elves
a blacksmith
son of Badi
brother of Egil and Slagfinn
husband of Alvit
father of Heime, in some accounts
It is said that when the three swan-maidens, Alvit, Orlun and Svanhit, flew to earth to bathe, they left their wings on the shore and Volund and his brothers seized the wings and kept the maidens as their wives for nine years until they recovered their wings and flew away. Alvit had given Volund a ring and, instead of going on a fruitless search for her, he occupied himself with making 700 copies of this ring.
He was captured by Nidud who accused him of theft and cut the sinews of Volund’s legs, forcing him to work ceaselessly making ornaments and weapons. Volund killed the two sons of Nidud and sent their heads, decorated with precious metals and stones, to their father. He also put Nidud’s daughter, Bodwild, into a trance and raped her then, using wings that he had made himself, flew to Alfhheim where he was reunited with Alvit. There, he carried on his trade as smith, forging many wonderful weapons including the swords Miming for his son Heime, Joyeuse for Charlemagne and, some say, Excalibur for King Arthur.
In the Germanic stories, his son was Wittich and his brother was Amelias. (see also Thiassi)
Volundarhaus Norse
a labyrinth
Volund was forced to build this maze when he was held captive by Nidud.

**Volundarkvida**  
[Norse]  
*a poem in the Elder Edda, the tale of Volund and his exploits*

**Volun**

(see Volund)

**Volunthr**  
(see Volund)

**Volupta**  
[Roman]  
[Joy:Voluptas]  
the goddess of pleasure  
daughter of Cupid and Psyche

**Voluptas**  
(see Volupta)

**volur**  
(see spadisir)

**Voluspa**  
[Norse]  
[Wise Woman's Prophecy]  
an epic poem in the *Elder Edda*  
dealing with prophecies of the doom of the gods

In some accounts, these prophecies were made by a vala, Haid or by Volva.

**Voluspa**  
(see *Voluspa*]

**Vor**  
[Norse]  
a goddess of wisdom, attendant on Frigga

She knew everything that was to happen.

In some versions she is the same as Var.

**Vorsud**  
[Baltic]  
[Vöysy]

a Finnish guardian-spirit who brings good fortune

**Vortigern**  
[Brittish]  
[overlord:Urtigernu=Welsh Gwythhyn]

a prince of Gwen

a king of Britain  
blood of Renwein and Sevira  
father of Catigern, Faustus, Paschent and Vortimer

He killed King Constantine and put his eldest son, Constans, in his place, treating him as a puppet. He later killed Constans to become king himself.

In another version it was Moines, son of Constans, who was killed when Vortigern took the throne.

After the death of Sevira, he married Renwein, a daughter of Hengist the Saxon, who poisoned Vortigern's son, Vortimer. When Hengist treacherously killed many of Vortigern's nobles, the king retreated to Wales and built a castle at Dinas Emrys on Mount Erith. When the walls started to sink, he tried using magic. A boy, fathered by an incubus, said that the subsidence was caused by two dragons, red and white, hidden years before by Lud. In one version, the boy was Ambrosius, later called Emrys Gwledig; others say he was the wizard Merlin. Some say the two dragons fought and the red one killed the white one. Another version says that the dragons were Aurelius and Uther who flew off to Brittany, returning later in human form at the head of an army which reclaimed the kingdom. In this version, they burned down Vortigern's tower and killed him.

In some accounts, the fortress was being built on Salisbury Plain.

**Vortimer**  
[British]  
son of Vortigern and Sevira

He was poisoned by his father's second wife, Renwein.
Voutché

and, after killing hundreds of the Hungarian troops, captured both Voutcha and his son, Velimir, trading them for the release of his friends.

Voutché [Serbian]
one of the 3 men who tried to steal Goulash, the horse of Milosh, and was killed

Vozdushnui [Slav]
a stormspirit
a type of Karlik

Vran [see Bran]

Vhvaspati [see Brhashpati]

Vretil [see Pravuöl]

Viřidhi [Hindu]
[a goddess of growth
a manifestation of Lakshmi
consort of Kubera

Viřidi [see Viřidhi]

Viřhaspati [see Brhashpati]

Viřkodara [Hindu]
[=Javanese Werkudara]
a name for Bhima as 'wolf's belly', reflecting his voracious appetite

Viřindavana [Hindu]
a wood
This wood is regarded as the site of Krishna's birth.

Viřinda [Hindu]
a female demon
consort of Jalandhara

When the gods decided that her husband's power was becoming a threat to them, Vishnu took the form of her husband and seduced her. Viśnū COMMITTED suicide in shame when she realised what had happened and Jalandhara was angry enough to attack the gods who were then able to kill him. The same story is told of Tulsi. [see also Tuši]

Višashaba [Hindu]
one of the signs of the Zodiac, Taurus the bull

Višakapi [Hindu]
a monkey-god
a friend of Indra

Višchika [Hindu]
one of the signs of the Zodiac, Scorpio the scorpion

Višhni [Hindu]
an ancestor of Krishna
one of the Yadavas

Višta [see Vištra]

Vištra [Hindu]
Višta.Vištra.Viśtrasūra.Vištra]
a drought-demon

When Indra killed the three-headed son of Tvashtri, the sage is said to have created a monster, in the likeness of Ahi, which swallowed the god's cloud-cattle and Indra himself. The other gods forced it to open its jaws, allowing Indra to escape and Vishnu, in the form of a knife, cut off the monster's head.

In some accounts, this monster is referred to as Namuci. [see also Ahi]

Viśtrasura [Viśtra]

Viśtrahana [Hindu]
[=Armenian Vahagn=Greek Heracles:
Persian Verethragna]
a title of Indra as the killer of Vṛtra

Viškola [see Viškol]

Vrou-Elde [Dutch]
a name for Holda in Holland [see also Frigga]

Vrthragana [see Verethragna]

Vrtrra [see Vištra]

Vrtragnæ [see Verethragna]

Vržino Kollo [see Višino Kollo]

Vu-kuzo [see Vu-murt]

Vu-murt [Russian]
[=Vu-kuzo]
a Votyak river-god

He is generally regarded as an evil being but is sometimes helpful to fishermen.

He is said to appear on the bank of a river, either as a man or a woman, completely naked, combing his or her long black hair, disappearing if a human approaches.

Vu-toza [Russian]
a water-spirit
This being is said to capture both animals and humans.

Vual [Egyptian Demon.Vual]
a demon
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He can impart knowledge of the past and the future and can cause a woman to fall in love.

He appears as a camel or sometimes as a man.

Vuall [see Vual]

Vućub Apha [see Vućub-Hanapu]

Vućub Came [Central American]
[=Vućubcame.Vukubcame]
one of the rulers of Xibalba, the Aztec underworld

He shared the sovereignty of Xibalba with Huncame. They were both killed when they tried to copy the feat of Hunapu and Ixbalanque who had imomolated themselves and had been restored.

Vućub-Caquix [Central American]
[=Vucub Ahpu.Vukub-Hunapu]
a culture-hero of the Quiche Indians
son of Xmucane and Xiypacoc
brother of Hunapu
He and his brother were invited to a game of tlachtli by Huncame and Vućub-Came, rulers of the underworld, Xibalba. After spending a night in the House of Gloom, they were killed.

Their deaths were later avenged by Hunapu and Ixbalanque, sons of Hunnapu and Xquia.

Vućubcame [see Vućub Came]

Vue [Pacific Islands]
an ancient race regarded as the builders of the megaliths in the islands

Vui [Pacific Islands]
a spirit or demi-god

Vukashin [Serbian]
a noble
brother of Goiko and Uglesha

The three brothers were warned by a veela that the fortress they were building at Scutari would never stand unless the infant twins, Stoyan and Stoyana, were buried under the walls. He sent the servant, Dessimir, to find the twins but he failed. The veela then said that the wife of one of the brothers must be immured in the walls. Goiko's wife, bringing their food the next morning, was chosen as the victim. Responding to her pleas, the builder, Rado, left an opening in the walls.
wall at breast level through which, for a whole year, she fed her baby son, Yovo.

Vukodlak  
(see Vlkdolak)

Vukub-Cakix  
(see Vucub-Caquix)

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(see Vucub-Caquix)

Vukub-Hunapu  
(see Vucub-Hunapu)

Vukubcame  
(see Vucubcame)

Vulcan  
Roman
[Mulciber, Quietus, Volubanos.  
Volcanus, Volkanus, Vulcanus:  
Etruscan Sethlans: Greek Hephaestus]  
god of fire and metalwork  
son of Jupiter and Juno  
husband of Venus  
He was lame as the result of being thrown out of heaven and set up his forge in Mount Etna where he made a golden throne for Juno, the thunderbolts hurled by Jupiter and the arrows for Cupid’s bow.

He was also the owner of a mirror which could tell the past, the present and the future.

In one story, angered by the infidelities of Venus, he made a special robe. All who wore it became wicked.

Vulcanalia  
Roman  
[Volcanalia: Greek Hephaestia]  
a festival in honour of the gods,  
including Vulcan, held on 23rd August

Vulcanis  
(see Vulcanatis)

Vulcanus  
(see Vulcan)

Vulder  
Anglo-Saxon  
[Wulder, Wulder: Norse Uller]  
the god of winter

Vulgare Cycle  
(see Vulgate Version)

Vulgare Version  
English  
the name given to a 13th c collection of Arthurian stories

Vulnerarius  
(see Archagathus)

vulture’  
Egyptian

[Pharaoh’s Hen]  
the emblem of Isis and Mat

vulture’  
Greek  
the bird of Apollo and Ares  
This bird was also sacred to Hercules who had killed the vulture that attacked the liver of Prometheus.

vulture Roman  
the bird of Mars

vulture  
a scavenging bird

Some say that this bird bears live young rather than laying eggs. Others, that it can, by dipping its beak into food or drink, tell if it has been poisoned. Sweet smells, pomegranates or myrrh were said to kill the vulture.

Vulturnus  
(see Volturnus)

Vyasa  
Hindu  
[‘gatherer’. (Krishna) Dvaipayana.  
Vedavyasa: Javanese Abiasa]  
a god of wisdom  
an incarnation of Vishnu, some say  
son of Parashara and Satyavati  
half-brother of Santhanu, some say  
father of Dhartarashthra by Ambika  
father of Pandu by Ambalika  
He is said to have written the Vedas and the Puranas and The Mahabharata, which, it is said, he dictated to Ganesha.

He was said to have been extremely ugly but when the two sons of Sanatan died childless, he performed his duty to give their widows, Ambalika and Ambika, children.

Vyeles  
(see Volos)
Wa’a (see Waka)

Wa’banang North American
- a star-god of the Menominee tribe
- Originally a flint, he developed into a rabbit and later into a man.

Wabanunaqwiot North American
- in Algonquian lore, a mythical race of dawn-people

Wabasso North American
- [Wabosso=Menominee Wabus]
- brother of Nanabozho
- the Potawatomi version of the Great Hare
- He was turned into the White Hare when the sun first appeared and later became a deity. (see also White Hare)

Wabosso (see Wabasso)

Wabun North American
- a sun-god
- an Algonquian hero
- husband of Wabund Annung
- He was one of the quadruplets born of the primordial being who died in childbirth. He represented east; the other three were Kabibonokka (north), Kabun (west) and Shawano (south).
- He chased away darkness, heralding the day.
- In some accounts he is equated with Michabo.

Wabund Annung North American
- the morning star
- wife of Wabun

Wabus North American
- [Potawatomi Wabasso]
- the Menominee version of the Great Hare
- It is said that he later became the mortal Manabush.

Wae North American
- [Tiparan]
- a god of the Pericue people
- He made war on Niparaya and lost, being then cast out of heaven into an undersea cave guarded by whales.

Wacabe (see Black Bear)

Wacanda (see wakanda)

Wakanda (see Wakan Tanka)

Wace, Robert French
- a 12th c Norman poet, author of Roman de Brut

Wachilde (see Watchilt)

Wachilt (see Watchilt)

Wackerlos European
- the dog in Reynard the Fox
- He accused Reynard of stealing his sausage.

Wada (see Badi)

Wadarimba (see Wakonyingo)

Wadd (see Il’Sahar)

Wade British
- [=Norse Badi]
- father of Wayland

Wadj Wer Egyptian
- a fertility-god

Wadjet Egyptian
- [B(o)mo.Edjo.Lady of Heaven,Queen of Gods,Uadjiit,Us(t)chit.Uaz(it).
- Uto,Wadjyt,Wa(t)chet
- a snake-goddess of Lower Egypt

Waga (see Waka)

Wagadoo African
- a city in the desert
- This city sprang into being when Lagarre beat the royal drum, Tabele. It was guarded by the dragon, Bida, who allowed Lagarre to enter and become king in return for the provision of a young maiden every year.

Wagalik (see Wawalag)

Waganga African
- medicine men of the Makoni

Wagner, Wilhelm Richard German
- (1813-83)
- a composer
- He wrote the operas Parsifal, Lohengrin, Tristan und Isolde, and also the four in the Ring Cycle, based on the Nibelungenleid, entitled Götterdämmerung, Siegfried, Das Rheingold and Die Walküre.

Wagon Priest (see Hotei)
Wagoner  (see Great Bear)
wagtail<sup>1</sup>  *Hindu*
a prophetic bird
Prophecies are made based on the direction from which the bird arrives and from the place where it alights.
wagtail<sup>2</sup>  *Japanese*
a bird sacred to Izanagi and Izanami
Wagu  *Australian*
a culture-hero of the Aborigines
He and Biliiya laid down rules of marriage to avoid incest. Both became birds as a result of tricks played on each other, Wagu becoming a crow.
Wahari  *South American*
brother of Bucka
When Wahari found that his brother had seduced all the women in the tribe, he cut off his over-long penis.
Wahie Loa  (see Wahieloa)
Wahie Roa  (see Wahieroa)
Wahieroa  *Pacific Islands*
[Wahie Loa]  a god of comets
husband of Pele
Wahieloa  *Pacific Islands*
[Wahie Roa]  son of Tawhaki, some say
brother of Matuku and Tahiti Tokerau
husband of Pere
father of Rata, some say
He was killed and eaten by the giant cannnal Maluku. His son, born posthumously, avenged his father's death, killing Matuku by throwing hot coals into his mouth.
Wai  *African*
a sun-god in Zaire
father of Mokele
Wai<sup>2</sup>  *Hindu*
an evil aspect of Vayu
Wai-gla-a-Tane  *New Zealand*
a river
The Maori say that the moon bathes in this river to restore her health.
Waiet  *East Indian*
a culture-hero of New Guinea
Waimarivi  *Australian*
one of the Wawalagi sisters
Wain Harrow  (see Great Bear)
Wainadula  *Pacific Islands*
a well of forgetfulness in Fiji
It is said that the dead drink the water of this well in order to forget the sorrows of this world.
Waimamoine  (see Waimamoine)
Wiaola  (see Waiora)
Waiora<sup>1</sup>  *Pacific Islands*
[Kaioira.Vai-Ola.Waiola]
a goddess of health
Sick people who bathed in her well were restored to health.
Waiora<sup>2</sup>  *Pacific Islands*
[Kaioira.Vai-Ola.Waiola]
in Polynesian lore, a lake said to restore the youth of those who drank or bathed in its waters
Wai-a or Wai popularly as Waiora in Polynesian lore, a place where the dead drink the water to restore her health.
Wairi  *Australian*
the heavens: a sky-god
wairom  (see werewolf)
Waisa  (see Gro Mama)
Waitiri  (see Whaitiri)
wajera  *Pacific Islands*
[-Indian vajra=-Javanese wajro]  the Polynesian version of Indra's lightning-bolt, Vajra
wajro  *East Indian*
[-Indian vajra=-Pacific wajera]  the Javanese version of Indra's lightning-bolt, Vajra
Wak  (see Waka)
Waka  *African*
[Wa'a.Waga.Wak]
a creator-god of the Galla tribe of Ethiopia
He made the first man and then the first woman from a drop of the man's blood. They soon produced thirty children but hid half of them in holes when Waka called to see them. These hidden children became the progenitors of all the demons and wild animals while the other fifteen became the ancestors of the human race.
Waka-Hiko  *Japanese*
[Wakiash.Waha-Hiko]
a Shinto sun-goddess of Amaterasu
husband of Pele
Waka-Hiru-Me  *Japanese*
a Shinto sun-goddess of Amaterasu
sister of Amaterasu
Wakanda<sup>1</sup>  (see Wakan)
Wakanda<sup>2</sup>  (see wakan)
Wakdunkaga  *North American*
a trickster-god of the Winnebago tribe
In some accounts, he is equated with Hereshguina.
Wakea  *Pacific Islands*
[-Maori Rangi=-Polynesian Atea]  an ancestral chief of Hawaii
Although a mortal, he was the husband of the earth goddess, Papa, by whom he had a daughter, Ho'ohoku-ka-lani. His wife left him when he fathered children on his own daughter; the first was a root which grew into a plant, the second was a human, Ha-Loa.
In one story he made the world from a gourd borne by Papa.
Wakias  *North American*
a Kwakiutl chief
Seeking a dance of his own, he was carried off on the back of a raven. He landed in a house full of animals which
had adopted human form and was allowed to take some of their dances and songs. Back home, he found that he had been away not four days but four years. He taught his people the songs and his new dance and made a totem pole, Kalakuyu, and took this name for himself.

**Wakinyan**  
*North American*  
[The Flyers. Thunderbird.  
Walab, Waak]  
a Thunderbird god, a manifestation of Wakan Tanka.

In the lore of the Dakota Indians, they are ‘The Flyers, the deities which bring storm-winds.

**Wakinyan**  
*(see Wakinyan)*

**Wakonda**  
*(see Wakan)*

The spirit of the individual, in the lore of the Sioux *(see ako wakan)*

**Walakinyingo**  
*African*  
[Wadarrimba]  
dwarfs living on Mount Kilamanjaro.

It is said that these people have very large heads and sleep sitting up because, if they lie down, they cannot get up again unaided. They own ladders with which they can reach the heavens.

**Wakyet-wa**  
*(see Chinun Way Shun)*

**Wala**  
*North American*  
a dawn-spirit of the Fox Indians.

**Walafar**  
*(see Malephar)*

**Walahanda**  
*Australian*  
a Wandjina who became the Milky Way.

**Walala**  
*(see Ulala)*

**Walawatu**  
*African*  
[mazimwi]  
ogres of the Swahili.

**Walcott, Derek**  
*West Indian*  
(1930- )  
a poet and dramatist, author of the play *Odyssey*, based on the Greek story.

**Walezerz**  
*Polish*  
the name of Walther in the Polish version of the story of Walther and Hildegunde.

In this version, his wife is known as Helgunda.

**Waldegrave, Richard de**  
*British*  
a 13th c hero  
He is said to have banished a dragon by driving it into a marsh.

**Waldemar**  
*German*  
[Valdemarr]  
a king of Reussen.

In a war with Etzel, Waldemar’s forces surrounded Dietrich and some of his men in a fortress from which they were rescued by Rudiger. They killed Waldemar and took his son prisoner.

In *Thidreks saga*, he is Valldemarr.

**Walewein**  
*European*  
[Valwain, Valga, Valnus, Valwanus]  
the name used by the Dutch for Gawain.

**Walewein**  
*European*  
a 13th c Dutch story of Gawain’s exploits, written by Pieter Vostaert.

**Walgainus**  
*(see Walganus)*

**Walganus**  
*British*  
[Valganus]  
the Latin name for Gawain.

**Walgin**  
*Polish*  
a god of cattle.

**Walgrund**  
*German*  
a king of Thessalonica.

**Walhall**  
*(see Valhalla)*

**Walhalla**  
*(see Valhalla)*

**Walí**  
*(see vali)*

**Walían**  
*East Indian*  
a priestess of the Celebes *(see adu tudu)*.

**Waliala-Allah**  
*Arabian*  
the Arab version of wali.

**Walichu**  
*South American*  
evil spirits of the Araucanian people.

**Walkers in the Sky**  
*(see Dakinis)*

**Walküre, Die**  
*(The Valkyrie)*

**Walkyríes**  
*(see Valkyries)*

**Wall**  
a demon, a duke in hell.

**Walla-gudjail-uan**  
*Australian*  
a god of birth.

**Walla-guroon-buan**  
*Australian*  
a god of birth.

**Wallaby**  
*East Indian*  
a progenitor of the human race.

In Papua they say that the maggots that bred in the body of a dead female wallaby turned into the first human beings.

**Wallace**  
*Scottish*  
a storm-demon.

This being is said to throw large rocks.

**Wallanganda**  
*Australian*  
a sky-god who created the world, helped by Ungud.

**Valleyneup**  
*a supreme god*  
husband of Doronop.

**Waltheo**  
*German*  
a 13th c hero.

**Walther**  
*German*  
husband of Doronop.

His son was wounded and Waltheo, though a supreme god, could not heal his wounds and this son died. As a result, Valleyneup decided that mankind should no longer be immortal.

**Wallamei**  
*Hindu*  
one of the consorts of Subramanya.

**Walluma Olum**  
*North American*  
the Lenape Indian story of creation.

**Walozí**  
*Swahili*  
warlocks.

**Walpurgis Night**  
the eve of May Day.

On this night, all the witches come out and are led in their revelry by the devil himself.

**Walter**  
*European*  
son of Guyon.

He was adopted by Ogier who took him on the expedition to the Middle East where the combined forces of Carahu, Guyon and Ogier attacked the Saracens in their own country. When Ogier, feeling homesick for Charlemagne’s court, sailed for France, he handed over his responsibilities to Walter.

**Walther**  
*German*  
one of the kobolds.

**Waltherius**  
*(see Walther von Wasgenstein)*

**Walther von Wasgenstein**  
*German*  
[Valtar, Vaskasteini, Walcerz, Walhartus]  
a duke of Aquitaine.

**Walther von Wasgenstein**  
*(see Walther von Wasgenstein)*

**Walther von Wasgenstein**  
*German*  
[Valtar, Vaskasteini, Walcerz, Walhartus]  
a duke of Aquitaine.

His father had handed the young Walther over to Attila (Etzel) as a hostage to avoid having his kingdom overrun by the invading Huns. At the Hun’s court he met another hostage, Hildegunde, daughter of Hereric and the girl with whom he later fell in love, and a third hostage, young Hagen. The two boys were taught the arts of war by Attila while Hildegunde was schooled in the management of the household.

When he reached manhood, Walther and Hildegunde escaped, taking with them a large part of Attila’s treasure on Walther’s horse, Lion. Hagen had escaped some time before, joining Gunther who was now king of Burgundy. These two set out to find Walther and Hildegunde in order to kill them and seize the treasure, but Walther killed all the warriors sent against him and, when he met the two leaders in combat, he cut off Gunther’s leg and knocked out one of Hagen’s eyes. Walther lost his right hand, but the three men were reconciled and Walther and Hildegunde were able to continue their journey to his home in Aquitaine where they were married.

In *Thidreks saga*, he is known as Valtari or Vaskasteini and his wife is Hildegundr.

**Waltherius**  
*German*  
a 9th c Latin version of the story of Walther von Wasgenstein.

**Walther**  
*European*  
husband of Doronop.

He is said to have banished a dragon by driving it into a marsh.
walum olum  

North American
sticks, painted red, used as records by the Delaware Indians
These sticks are used to record details of the tribe’s origins and migrations.

Walumbe  
African
a Baganda god of death
son of Gulu
brother of Kaizuki and Nambi
When Kintu went to heaven to ask for a wife, Gulu gave him his daughter, Nambi. When the couple left to return to earth, Nambi’s brother Walumbe (death) followed them. His brother, Kaizuki, tried to kill Walumbe so that mankind would not be subject to death but Walumbe escaped to the underworld.

Walwain  
(see Walewain)
Walwanus  
(see Walewain)
Walweitha  
British
Gawain’s realm

Wamala  
African
a fertility-god of the Bunyoro people
brother of Mukasa

Wampus Cat  
North American
a fabulous animal

Wamatakuya  
African
a name of Chiuta as ‘the eternal one’

Wal  
[Lady of the Jade Flower]
youngest daughter of Tung Wang
Kung and Hsi Wang Mu
wife of Tai Chen
She played music of such beauty that even the birds gathered round to listen.

Wan’  
North American
the red fox, created by Kumash

Wan Hui  
(see Chang)

Wanagemeswak  
North American
one of the ‘little people’ in Penobscot lore

These people, who live in streams and pools, are said to be so thin that they can be seen only when viewed from the side. Their faces are said to be hatchet-shaped.

Wanagi  
North American
a ghost or spirit
The Sioux assert that the soul of a dead person stays close to the body for four days before departing to the land of the spirits, the Happy Hunting Ground. In the case of a child, the father might take some of the dead child’s hair and keep it in a tent where the child’s soul could be kept for perhaps a year.

Wanagi-wachipi  
North American
a ghost-dance of the Sioux

Wanja (see Wonajo)
Wanakawri (see Huana Cauri)
wananga  
Pacific Islands
secret lore
Wanax  
Mesopotaminian
a deity
Wanblee Cikala (Little Eagle)  
North American
a Sioux brave
He was killed in the final battle between the Sioux and the Crow and was mourned by Makhta whom he loved and who had fought alongside him.

Wanblee Galeshka (North American)
an eagle which acted as a messenger for Wakan Tanka
He rescued a girl when all the people had perished in a flood caused by Untake and carried her up to his nest on a high peak. They mated and produced a boy and girl who became the progenitors of a new tribe.

Wanblee Geshka  
North American
[Spotted Eagle]
a Sioux brave
He was left to die on a narrow ledge by his friend, Kangi Sapa, but survived when fed by the eagles who carried him safely to the ground.

Wand of Jacob  
a rod which was said to have the power to conjure up or repel demons

Wanderer  
Norse
a name used by Odin on some of his visits to Midgard
(see also Gradgrind.Wayfarer)

Wandering Rocks  
(see Plantaceae.Symplegades)
wandi  
a sea-dragon

Wandjina  
Australian
[Wondjina]
rain-spirits of the Aborigines

Disgusted with the behaviour of the first humans, these beings caused the flood which destroyed them all and then created another, more civilised race. Satisfied with their handiwork, they became invisible and retreated to live in water-holes.

They are said to control the weather and can appear in various forms such as birds and human beings.

These beings are depicted as semi-human with a bony face which has no mouth. Sometimes limbs are missing. The Aborigines say that, if the spirit had a mouth, it would rain all the time.

Wanema (see Manema Mairwa.Musisi)
Wang  
Chinese
a minor deity of the underworld
Wang’  
Chinese
a title for a king regarded as a divine being

Wang  
African
a young man who was deified

The God of Walls and Moats appeared to Wang and told the young man that he was to be appointed to that office. Wang told his family and friends of the vision and said that he would die ten days later. He did just that and was said to have appeared to others in dreams in the role of God of Walls and Moats.

Wang  
Chinese
[Li-kuan]
a porter in the highest heaven, Ta-lo
He is depicted in full armour and holding a staff. (see Wei-t’o)

Wang-chug-mas  
28 Buddhist goddesses of fate
These deities are envisaged as having the heads of birds or animals and are regarded as part of the Bardo group of goddesses.

Wang Chung-kao (see Huai-nan-tzu)
Wang-gon  
(see Dian-gon)
Wang-Gum  
(see Tangun)
Wang Mu  
Chinese
a widow who supported l-hsing as a young student

Wang Mu’  
(see IHi Wang Mu)
Wang Mu Niang Niang  
(see IHi Wang Mu)

Wang Shou-jen  
Chinese
[Yang Ming] one of the disciples of Confucius allowed to sacrifice in the Temple of Confucius

Wang Shu  
Chinese
[Hsin O] the spirit of the moon

Wang-szu Ch’eng  
Chinese
[City of the Dead by Accident] a place in the ninth hell from which sinners never return to be born again

Wang un keng  
(see erawng mot krak)

Wang Yang  
Chinese
a devoted son
It is said that he lay on the ice until it melted so that he could catch fish for his step-mother.

Wang-yang Tzu (see Han Chung-li)
Wanga  
African
a Baganda god of earthquakes

Wanga  
[=West Indian Ouanga] witchcraft and sorcery: wizards
These people are said to knock on the door of a house at night and lure those who answer into the forest where they kill and eat them.
Wanga  

A HAITIAN CHARM  

This type of magic charm is said to work evil as opposed to the arret, drogue or garde which protect from evil.

Wanganga  

AFRICAN medicine-men of the Makoni  

Wangarr  

AUSTRALIAN creator-beings of the Aborigines  

Wango  

AFRICAN a child of Faran Maka  

Wangol loa  

EAST INDIAN  

A LAPP creator-god  

Wanka  

SOUTH AMERICAN an Inca guardian deity, the personification of the huaca monumental stones  

Wantharizose  

AFRICAN a name of Tilo as ‘the almighty one’  

Wantley dragon  

BRITISH a legendary monster  

Wapaloosie  

NORTH AMERICAN a fabulous animal  

Wapanananagwa  

NORTH AMERICAN the morning star in the lore of the Fox Indians son of Wapassaiya  

Wapaq  

SIBERIAN a spirit said by the Koryaks to inhabit the fly agaric toadstool  

Wapassaiya  

NORTH AMERICAN a hero of the Fox Indians son of Wapanananagwa  

War Brothers  

(see Ahayuta achi)  

War Twins  

NORTH AMERICAN [=Haida Tow.Tow-us-Tussin:  

=Iawa Towaesendo:Zani Ahayuta achi] twin war-gods of the Acoma  

These twins, gods and culture-heroes, were said to have stolen the staffs that control the weather from the Direction Chiefs when they were asleep. When they realised their loss, these weather guardians sent a water-snake after the culprits, followed by a huge flood. The tribe escaped by climbing to high ground while the twins killed the serpent.  

(see also Ahayuta achi)  

Warah  

(see Il’.Sarah’)  

Warai-botoke  

JAPANESE guardian of the sacred scriptures  

He is regarded as the Laughing Buddha.  

(see also Maitreya)  

Waralden Olmai  

BALTIC a Lapp creator-god

Waramurungundju  

(see Imberombera)  

Warayana  

HINDU a name of Vishnu  

Warden of the Pass  

(see Yin Hsi)  

Ware  

SOUTH AMERICAN a shaman  

He killed many of the anchunga by setting fire to their long hair.  

waringin  

(see fig-tree)  

warlock  

[female=witch] a magician: a demon  

Warohonuga  

PACIFIC ISLANDS a creator-god in the Solomon Islands  

Warok  

BRITISH father of Trephina  

Wartburgkrieg  

BRITISH a collection of stories in which the magician, Klingsor, challenges Wolfram von Eschenbach to a contest of riddles which Wolfram wins  

Waruna  


He acted as guardian of the west.  

was  

EGYPTIAN  

[vas] a rod of power held by Ptah  

This rod took the form of a sceptre with an animal’s head at the top and two prongs at the bottom. It is also the name for a talisman worn to ensure prosperity.  

(see also ankh.tet)  

Wasboga  

a demon  

Wasco  

NORTH AMERICAN [=Tingit Konakadset] a hero of the Haida  

He was envisaged as an aquatic beast, a kind of wolf-whale.  

Wasahliyas  

MENOPATAMIAN a Hittite deity  

Washer by the Ford  

IRISH  

[bean nighe.Grey Washer by the Ford:=Scottish ban nighechain.  

nigheag na h-ath: Welsh  

=Gwrach y Rhŷhin] a hag who sits beside a stream washing the clothes and bloody limbs of slain warriors  

She is always dressed in black and is said to have the wings of a bat and red, webbed feet.

She is regarded as an aspect of Morrigan and sometimes appears as a beautiful woman.  

Wasis  

NORTH AMERICAN an Algonquian baby  

This tiny infant ignored Gluskap, making the god very angry and frustrated. In some accounts, Wasis was the son of Gluskap.  

Waske  

GERMAN the sword of Iring  

Waso-byoye  

JAPANESE a legendary traveller  

He visited many strange lands such as those of immortality, antiquities, vanity, etc. When he came to the land of the giants, one of them carried him to his home town, Nagasaki, and set him down there.  

Wasserman  

GERMAN a man-shaped sea monster  

Waste Forest  

BRITISH the place where Galahad was attacked by Lancelot and Percival  

Both his attackers failed to recognise Galahad and he defeated them both.  

Waste Land  

ENGLISH a poem by T. S. Eliot  

wasure-gai  

JAPANESE a shell said to induce forgetfulness  

Wat  

GERMAN a warrior at Hettel’s court  

He, with Frute and Horant, abducted Hilde who married Hettel and he later raised Ortwin, Hettel’s son, in the warrior tradition.  

Wata Rian  

PACIFIC ISLANDS an Indonesian fisherman  

It is said that he discovered the wild woman Bota Hi and made her drunk. When he cut off her body hair, he found that she was a real woman and married her.  

Wata-tsu-mi  

(see Watatsumi)  

Watatsumi  

JAPANESE [Owatatsumi.Wata-tsu-mi] a sea-god father of Tama-yori and Toyo-Tama  

He gave the ‘Tide Jewels to Fire Fade when he married Toyotama-hime.
Watuineiwa  
**South American**

[Most Ancient One]
a supreme god of the Yahgan Indians of Tierra del Fuego

**Watch Meri** (see Isis.Mert.Nephthys)

**Watchilt** (see Isis.Mert.Nephthys)

[a sea-witch]
wife of Vilcinus
mother of Badi

She rose out of the sea and halted the ship of Vilcinus. He took her with him and she bore his giant son, Badi. She then disappeared but later rose again from the sea to save her grandson Witrich when he plunged into the sea to escape the vengeance of Dietrich whose brother, Dietmar, he had killed.

**Wate** (see Wat)

in the lore of the Swahili, those possessed by spirits

**water babies**  
**North American**

spirits living in water sources such as streams, lakes, etc.

These beings, met in the lore of several Indian tribes, are small but not necessarily young. They may appear in the guise of an old man who tugs at a fisherman’s line or as an old woman who appears on the bank of the stream at dusk.

**Water Beetle** (see Dayunsi)

water-bull

[=Scottish tarbh uisge]
an amphibious monster in the form of a bull

**Water-carrier** (see Aquarius)

**Water Door**  
**South American**
da door which caused the flood when it was opened

In the lore of the Barasana people, the female shaman, Romi Kumu, opened this door, which stood at the eastern edge of the world, and water poured through, flooding the earth.

**Water Feast** (see Thingyan Pwe)

**Water Girl** (see kisimbi)

**Water Nymph** (see kisimbi)

**Water of Life**  
**African**

the water in the Well of Life under the Sahara

This water had the power to restore health and vigour. When El Khidr drank it, he turned a bluish-green.

**Water of Parrots**

**Water of Precious Stones** (see Cozzaapa)

**Water-olla Boy**  
**North American**

the Pueblo version of the Cheyenne story of Arrow Boy

**Water People**  
**African**
a mythical race living in the rivers of Liberia

These people were said to have the body of a fish.

**Water Serpent**  
**North American**
a monster in the lore of the Pueblo tribes

This beast takes the form of a water-snake with horns.

**Waterfall**  
**Central American**
a Mexican deity

After the flood sent by Hokomata had subsided, Waterfall and Sunshaft mated with Pukeheh to repopulate the world.

**Waterfall** (see Dripping Water)

**Waterlord**

the Fulani name for the Hydra

He took the mortal, Jinde Sirinde, as a wife but she called on her lover for help. He killed the monster and cut off his seven heads.

**waterman**

mythical being living in water

**Wathi-wathi**  
**Australian**

the paradise of the Aborigines

**Wati-kutjara**  
**Australian**

[Two lizard-men, creator-ancestors of the Aborigines]

Kurukadi and Mumba killed Kidilli when he tried to rape one of the first women. Kidilli became the moon, the women became the Pleiades and the two men became the constellation Gemini.

**W'Atira**  
**North American**
a Pawnee corn-spirit

**Watsuisi**  
**North American**
a Zuni war-god

twin brother of Kowwituma

He and his brother found the Corn Maidens and later persuaded them to return to the tribe after they had fled to escape from Patayami.

**Watun Gunung**  
**East Indian**

[=Greek Oedipus]
a king

son and husband of Sinta

He inadvertently married his own mother, Sinta.

**Watwat**  
**Egyptian**

the bat, which is said to be the spirit of a dead persona

**Waukeon** (see Wainkian)

**Waukheon** (see Wainkian)

**Wave-maidens** (see Ocean-sweeper)

**Waves** (see Wave-maidens)

**Wawalag sisters**  
**Australian**

ancestral heroines of the Aborigines

These beings were regarded as the daughters of the elder of the two Djanggawul sisters and, in some accounts, their names are given as Boaliri and Waimariwi.

They angered Yurlunggur who swallowed them and vomited them up repeatedly. Each time, the green ants revived them.

They are said to have travelled throughout northern Australia, prodding the ground with their sticks. Waterholes formed at each such site.

**Wawalik** (see Wawalag)

**Wawilik** (see Wawalag)

**Wawki**  
**South American**
an Inca guardian-deity, the personification of the emperor’s huaca

**Wawn**  
**Burmese**
one of the original nats created by Chinnun Way Shun

**Waxmuth**  
**German**

son of Hugdietrich and Hildburg

brother of Bogen and Wolfdietrich

**Wayfarer**  
**Norse**
a name used by Odin on some of his visits to Midgard

In this role, Odin claimed to be the son of Longbeard. (see also Wanderer)
Wayland  British
[Wayland Smith, We(i)land, Weyland;  
French Galand; German Weiland;  
Norse Ylund]
the smith-god, god of craftsmen
son of Wade
father of Witi
Wayland's Smithy  British
[Wayland's Stocc]
a megalithic circle in
Berksire
A horse left here with some money (sixpence) will be shod by an invisible smith.
Wayland's Stocc  (see Wayland's Smithy)
wazimi  African
in Tanzania, spirits of the dead
We  African
a supreme god of the Ashanti
We  (see Ve)
We-e  Mesopotamian
a leader of the Igigi
He led the Igigi in a rebellion against the god Enil but was killed in the battle by Enill's wife.
We-Ota-Wichasha  (see Rabbit Boy)
Wealthew  Danish
[Wealthew]
wife of Hodgar
mother of Frej
She was said to have owned the necklace, Brisingamen, and gave it to Beowulf when he killed Grendel and his monster's mother.
Wealthew  (see Wealthew)
Wealthy Father  (see Dis Pater)
weasel  
a small carnivore
(1) The Chinese say that this animal has the power to bewitch humans.
(2) In Egypt the weasel is regarded as a sacred animal.
(3) In ancient Greece the Thebans worshipped the weasel.
(4) Some tribes of North American Indians say the weasel can detect hidden meanings and, using its fabled insight, forecast the arrival of the white man.
Weaver's Festival  (see 'Tanabata')
Weaving Lady  (see Chih Nü 'Tanabata')
Weaving Maiden  (see Chih Nü 'Tanabata')
Wecta  Anglo-Saxon
son of Woden
wedjat-eye  (see Eye of Horus)
Wee Folk  (see Faylinn)
Weeper  (see Pleiades)
Weeping Sisters  Egyptian
Isis and Nephthys, so-called from their wailing at the death of Osiris
Weglam  (see Vegtarn)
wehr wolf  (see werewolf)
Wei Cheng  Chinese
one of the 3 Door Gods
Wei Po-yang  Chinese
2nd c writer, author of Ts'an Tung
Chi-t'o  Chinese
[Buddhist Vajrapani; Hindu Indra; Japanese Ida Ten]
a god of the kitchen or a war-god
a guardian deity of temples
and monasteries
a bodhisattva
It is said that this deity will become the last Buddha of this era, Lou-chi.
He is depicted in full armour and holding a knotty staff or club.
(see also Ti-shih, Wang)
Weikare  African
a child of Faran Maka
Weiland  (see Wayland)
Weird  (see Wyrd)
Weisse Frauen  Norse
spirits of women
It is said that these spirits bathe at midday and try to induce mortals to help them.
Weibo  Japanese
a goddess, queen of the west
She is described as a beautiful, eternally young woman, ruler of the sennin.
Wekwek  North American
a falcon
In one version of the legends of the Indians of the south-west coastal area, this bird stole fire and accidentally set the world ablaze when he dropped it. The fire was put out by Olle.
Another story says that he was killed when he was defeated by the giant, Kelok, in a stone-slinging contest, but Coyote restored him back to life. It was the body of Kelok, which was burned, which started the world-wide blaze.
Weland  (see Wayland)
Weldeg  Norse
king of East Saxony
son of Odin
Wele  African
[ 'high one'. Isaiwa, Isaywa, Khakaba]
the creator-god of the Abaluya
Like the Christian god, he was said to have created all things in six days and rested on the seventh. The first couple created in this story were Mwambu and Sela.
Wele Gumali  African
[Gumali]
an Ethiopian god of evil
the 'black' version of Wele
Wele Omuwanga  African
[Omuwanga]
the 'white' version of Wele, the benevolent aspect
Well Beloved  Central American
son of Precious Flower
He died at birth and was buried. All the plants needed to sustain human life grew from his body.
Well Famed  (see Mo-li Shou)
Well of Conlai  (see Well of Segais)
Well of Knowledge  (see Minishmunr: Well of Segais)
Well of Life  a source of water giving immortality
Well of Life  African
a magical water-source said to lie beneath the Sahara
Alexander the Great was said to have ridden under the desert to look for this water-source.
Well of Segais  Irish
[Conlai's Well, Conlai's Well, Segais' Well, Well of Conlai, Well of Knowledge]
a magic well owned by the water-god, Nechtan
This magic well, a source of knowledge, was said to be under the sea in Tir na nOg.
In some accounts, this is the well in which the salmon Fintan lived, eating the Nuts of Knowledge which fell from the overhanging hazel tree. Some say that it overflowed to become the River Boyne when Boann, in defiance of instructions to keep away from the well, walked all round it.
(see also Sinend)
Wellamo  (see Vellamo)
Wellgunde  German
one of the 3 Rhine-daughters
Wels  Baltic
a sea-god
A festival in his honour is held in October.
Welsung  German
the sword of Dietlieb
wemawe  Zuni animal-spirits
Wemicus  North American
a trickster-deity of the Ojibwa
Wen  Chinese
a Taoist deity
one of the Four Diamond Kings
He is depicted as holding a spiked club.
Wen Ch'ang

(see Wen Ch'ang Ti Chün)

Wen Ch'ang Ti Chün  Chinese
[Chang Ya-tzu.Wen Ch'ang, Wen Ti]  a god of literature and scholars
He was originally the Taoist scholar known as Chang Ya-tzu who became an immortal.
In some accounts, the god of literature was Tzu-tung while others say that it was Chung K'uei.
He is usually depicted in a long blue gown with his four attendants.  (see also Ssu Ming)

Wen Chiao  Chinese
daughter of Yin K'ai-shan mother of Hsüan Tsang
A boatman, Liu Hung, killed her husband Ch'en and assumed his identity. She was forced to remain silent and live with the murderer until years later, Hsüan Tsang, her son by Ch'en, whom she had abandoned as an infant, came to find her. He took a message to her father who came to her rescue and killed Liu Hung.

Wen Chung T'ai-shih  Chinese
[Lei Tzu]  a minister at the court of the emperor Chou Wang who became the deity Lei Tzu

Wen Fang  (see Wen Wang)

Wen kamui  Japanese
evil spirits of the Ainu  (see also Nitne kamui)

Wen Kung  (see Han Yu)

Wen Liang  Chinese
an official in the celestial Ministry of Time, responsible for the daytime

Wen Shu  Chinese
[-Buddhist Manjushri]  a Chinese buddha of great wisdom
He is depicted riding an elephant or the lion, Chiu-shou.

Wen Ti  (see Chung K'uei.Wen Ch'ang Ti Chün)

Wen Wang  Chinese
[Hi Po.Hsi Pei.Literary King.Wen Fang]  (1231-1135 BC)
father of Fa and Po I-kao
He was originally the prince, Hsi Po, and received the title of Wen Wang, Literary King, after his death.
At one stage of his life, he was thrown into prison by the emperor, Chou Wang, and was forced to eat pies made from pieces of the body of his own son, Po I-kao. During this period he compiled the I Ching.

Wen Wang  Chinese
general
When his men brought him the infant Lei Jen Tsu, he handed him to a hermit who reared him. Later, when Wen Wang was taken prisoner, Lei Jen Tsu repaid the general's kindness by turning himself into a dragon and rescuing him.

Wenceslas  Slav
[ Wenceslaus.Wenzel]  a duke or king of Bohemia a saint
He was murdered by his brother, Boleslav, and later sanctified, becoming the patron saint of Czechoslovakia and brewers. His feast is celebrated on September 28th.
He is said to be sleeping with his knights under a mountain, awaiting a call to save his country.  (see also Stoymir)

Wenceslaus  (see Wenceslas)
Wendigo  (see Windigo)
Wene-boozhoo  North American
son of Gleesis brother of Stone Boy
An Ojibway maiden, daughter of the first woman on earth, was impregnated by the sun, Gleesis, and gave birth to twin boys, Wene-boozhoo and Stone Boy.

Weneland  (see Wineland)

Wenzelam  German
a Slavic prince
He represented Odoacer, who had seized Dietrich's kingdom, in single combat with Dietrich. Dietrich won and retrieved his kingdom, releasing his friends who had been captured by Odoacer.

Weng Cheng  Tibetan
the original name of White Tara

Weng Ming  (see Yü')

Wenhaver  British
the name for Guinevere in Brut

Wenneffer  (see Unneffer)

Wennonah  (see Unneffer)

Wennonah  North American
daughter of Nakomis wife of Mudjekeewis mother of Hiawatha
She died in childbirth and Hiawatha was raised by his grandmother, Nakomis.

Wenzel  (see Wenceslas)

Weohstan  Norse
father of Wiglaf

Wepwawet  Egyptian
Pathfinder.Sekhmettau.Upua(u)t]
a wolf-god, god of the underworld brother of Anubis
Depicted as having the body of a dog, jackal or wolf, he sits in the front and guides the boat Meseket which ferries Auf on his nightly journey through the underworld.
He was said to be the first to find the road to the underworld.
In some accounts he is identified with Khenti-Amentiu, in others he is the son of Osiris, while some regard him as a jackal-headed version of Anubis.

Wer  Egyptian
an early god
His eyes were the sun and the moon. He became assimilated as Harwer, an aspect of Horus.

Wer  Mesopotamian
[Mer]  a Babylonian storm-god

Werbel  German
a musician at the court of Etzel
He and Swemmell were sent by Etzel to invite Gunther and his nobles to visit the king's court at midsummer.

Were  Afrian
He controls birth and death and all nature. His weapon is the thunderbolt, used on sinners.

Were  (see Vere)

Werethekau  (see Urethekau)
werewolf
loublin.Neure.versipelle.wairon.
weht.wolf.werewolf.werwulf.
>ht legerau]  a human said to be able to change into a wolf
In those cases where men were turned into wolves by others, it was said that, if they refrained from eating human flesh for eight years, they would be restored to their human form.
Other animals take the place of wolves in those places where the wolf is not feared. Examples include the bear (North America), boar (Greece.Turkey), crocodile (Africa), fox (China.Japan), hyena (Africa), jaguar (South America), leopard (Africa), lion (Africa) and tiger (Borneo.China.Japan).
In European belief, a werewolf removes his skin and resumes his human shape at daybreak and will die if the skin is found and destroyed. A German story says that a person wearing a belt made from the skin of a wolf or a man who has been hanged will become a werewolf. In the lore of some North American Indians, werewolves can be either men or women. It is said that those who can become werewolves also practise witchcraft when in their normal human shape.

Werewolf [werewolf] (see werewolf)
werewolf (see werewolf)
Wesak [Buddhist]
[Wesak Day=Pali Vesakha=Sanskrit Vaisakha=Sinhalese Vesak]
a festival in honour of the Buddha, May 14th (April 8th in Japan)
West Wind (see Kabeyun.Zephyr)
Western Desert [Egyptian]
a part of the underworld ruled by Seker
Western Paradise [Chinese]
a place on the sacred mountain, K’un Lun, identified as India
This paradise was the home of Hsi Wang Mu and, later, of Kuan Yin. Admission was granted to those who constantly repeated the name of the Buddha.

Western Royal Mother (see Emain Ablach)
Western Paradise (see Emain Ablach)
Western Royal Mother
Western Paradise (see Emain Ablach)
Western Tengri (see White Tengri)
Westmer [British]
a king of Britain
Westri [Norse]
one of the 4 dwarfs supporting the sky (west)
Westwoods [British]
a site in Cambridgeshire suggested by some as the site of the Battle of Camlan
Weto [Chinese]
a Buddhist divine general
He is the guide who leads souls to heaven and is depicted in full armour.
Weyland (see Wayland)
Weza [Burmese]
necromancers
There are eight different types of weza,
each working with specific elements.

Whai-tua [New Zealand]
a Maori deity
offspring of Te Kore
progenitor of Maku
and Mahora-nui-a-Rangi

Whaitari (see Whaitiri)

Whaitiri [New Zealand]
[Whaitari,Whaitiri]
a Maori cannibal sky-goddess
wife of Kai Tangata
mother of Hema
She descended from the sky and married Kai Tangata whom she taught to fish with hooks. When he offended her, she left him and returned to the sky.

In some accounts, Whaitiri was a cannibal chief and Kai Tangata was the sky-goddess he married.

Whakaputa [Pacific Islands]
[Te Rangi Whakaputa]
a Polynesian chief
Maru had promised his daughter's hand to Whakaputa's son and, when she married Tuakeha, Whakaputa killed one of Maru's servants, so precipitating a battle between the two clans.

Whakarere-Anu [Pacific Islands; [Space of Extreme Cold]
one of 4 storm-gods
(see Multitude of Space)

Whakatata (see Matuku)
Whakatooro-Anu [Pacific Islands; [Cold Space Creeping On]
one of 4 storm-gods
(see Multitude of Space)

whale the largest marine mammal
(1) The Arabs say the whale supports the world on its back.
(2) In the Christian tradition, Jonah was saved from shipwreck when he was swallowed by a whale and vomited safely on shore after three days.
(3) In Japan the whale was a protected species, and one is said to have saved a shipwrecked emperor.
(4) In Norse mythology, these animals were often used as transport by witches and were credited with magical powers.
(5) Slav lore says that four of these animals support the world.
(6) In Taiwan the whale is said to have brought millet to the island.

Whale’s Ness (see Hronesness)
whangdoodle [North American]
a fabulous animal
whapperknocker [North American]
a fabulous animal in Connecticut

Whatu [New Zealand]
a Maori god of hail

Wheel-eyed (see Cyclops)
Wheel of 1000 Spokes
(see Wheel of the Law)
Wheel of Good Law [North American]
the heaven of some tribes, envisaged as an eight-spoked wheel
Wheel of Life (see Sipa Khorlo)
Wheel of the Law [Buddhist]
[Holy Wheel.Wheel of 1000 Spokes.
Wheel of Life.Wheel of Truth:
-Hindo Dharmachakra,
a symbol of the powerful effect of Buddhism on other faiths
an exposition of the law of dharma
This is based on the Buddha's concept of life as a closed chain with twelve links. In the final stages of their journey through hell, the spirits of evil-doers pass through the spokes of this wheel and their life after reincarnation is determined by which gap between the spokes they escape through.

In the Lamaist version of the wheel, the central boss contains a bird, a pig and a snake linked together, representing the Three Poisons. The middle section has six divisions, the lower three comprising hell, Yiddak and the brute division; the upper three representing the homes of man, demi-gods and the gods. The outer rim of the wheel is divided into twelve sections (the links of the chain) representing the various stages of life.

(see also Sipa Khorlo)

Wheel of Truth (see Wheel of the Law)
Whememeowah [North American]
[great chief’.Great Chief
Above.Whee-me-me-ow-ah
a creator-god of the Yakima tribe
In the beginning, only this deity existed in the sky. To cure his boredom, he paddled in the primordial waters and made the world and all things in it from the mud at the bottom of the ocean.

Whereuua (see Papa’)
Where-Ao [Pacific Islands]
an ancestral god
Whetstone of Tudwal [British]
[Hogalen Tudno]
a stone that would sharpen only the weapons of the brave

Whetstone of Tudwal [British]
[Hogalen Tudno]
This stone became one of the Thirteen Treasures of Britain collected by Merlin.

Whi (see Lisa)  
whiftenpoof (see giddy fish)  
whiftenpuff (see giddy fish)  
whifflepoof (see giddy fish)  
whifflepoof (see giddy fish)  
Whinnymoor  Celtic  
in Gaul, an area of gorse which the souls of the dead pass through  
whintossa Central American  
a fabulous animal  
Whirling-wheel  Norse  
a name for the wind  
whirling wimpus North American  
a fabulous animal  
whirpool  
a sea-monster like a whale  
Whirlwind North American  
a spirit of the Hidatsa Indians  
It is said that, when a person is buried, the spirit rises from the grave in the form of a small whirlwind.  
Whirlwind North American  
one of the Four Kindred Gods of the Sioux  
Whiro New Zealand  
an evil Maori lizard-god, god of the dead  
Whiskey Jack (see Wisagatcak)  
Whistle-gust Norse  
a name for the wind  
whistler  
a mythical bird whose whistle was fatal to all who heard it  
Whistling God (see Hasje Iditchonsi)  
Whistling Grandmother North American  
an evil spirit of the tribes of the north-west  
This being is said to breathe out sickness which causes the death of young children.  
White Body North American  
a Navaho god  
It is said that this was one of four gods encountered by the tribe during their ascent from below the earth into the upper world.  
White Bone Lady Chinese  
a spirit who captured Hsüan Tsang  
In one of his adventures on his journey to India, Hsüan Tsang was captured by this being but Sun Hou-tzu rescued him.  
White Book of Rhydderch Welsh  
[Llyfr Gwyn Rhydderch]  
a 14th c book of early legends  
White Brother (see Bahana)  
White Buffalo Woman North American  
[Pesan-Wi,White She-Buffalo]  
an ancestral heroine of the Sioux  
This maiden brought to the tribe the sacred pipe used in their ceremonies and drops of milk which, when planted, produced maize. Having taught the tribes the secrets of agriculture and magic ritual, she changed into a buffalo and left.  
White Bull, The (see Whitehorn)  
White Castle (see Castle Blank)  
White Corn North American  
a Tewa maiden  
wife of Tiny Flower  
It is said that she was lured away by a Kachina rain-spirit who lived on top of a mountain. Her husband rescued her with the help of a magic pipe and lightning bolts given to him by Spider Woman.  
White-corn Boy North American  
a Navaho deity  
He, together with Yellow-corn Girl, was placed on Mount San Francisco by Atse Estsan and Atse Hastin when they formed the land of the Navaho on their ascent from the underworld.  
White Corn Maiden North American  
wife of Deerhunter  
This young Tewa maiden was the prettiest and most talented girl of her tribe and she fell in love with their finest hunter, a youth named Deerhunter. They married and became inseparable, neglecting everything so that they could be together. When White Corn Maiden died soon afterwards, Deerhunter was inconsolable and wandered the plains seeking her spirit. He found her, apparently unchanged, and persuaded her to return with him. Soon the smells and signs of death appeared and her husband was repelled but she would not be parted from him and followed him wherever he went. Eventually a spirit in the form of a tall hunter with a huge bow appeared and told the couple that they had offended the gods by their behaviour. ‘To ensure that they always remained together, he shot each of them into the heavens where they now appear as two stars, the smaller one forever following the other across the sky. (see also Willow Flower)  
White Crane Youth Chinese  
[Pai-ho T’ung-tzu]  
a disciple of Yüan-shih  
This youth was sent by the Old Man of the South Pole to intervene in the contest of magic between Chiang Tzu-ya and Shen Yung-pao who had cut off his own head and caused it to float in the air. The youth would have carried the head off but Chiang persuaded him to rejoin it to Shen’s body.  
He killed Chan Shao with his jade club when Chan tried to kill his master with hot sand.  
White Deity Malay  
a sun-god, god of the noonday sun (see also Yellow Deity)  
White Demon, The (see Dew-i-Safid)  
White Feather (see Chacoppee)  
White Ghost (see Yuki-Onna)  
White Giant (see Mbomba)  
White Goddess Greek  
a name variously given to Albina, Alphito, Artemis, Belili, Cybele, Demeter, Ino, Io, Leucippe and Marpessa  
White Goddess (see Freya.Hag of the Mill.Owen.Samothea)  
White Hactcin North American  
a supernatural being of the Apache  
He gave Holy Boy the sun which he placed in the heavens.  
White Haoma (see Gaokerana)  
White Hare North American  
[Maker of White.Wabasso.Wabossos]  
the name for Great Hare in the lore of the Potawatomi people  
He is regarded as a brother of Nanabozho and, it is said, he was turned into a white hare (or rabbit) when the sun first appeared. He later became a deity.  
In some accounts he is called Wolf. (see also Chibiabos)  
White Hart British  
a deer that changed into a man  
Bors, Galahad and Percival, on the Grail Quest, followed this animal, which was attended by four lions, to a hermitage. The hart became a man, the lions became a man, a beast, a calf and an eagle, all with wings. The four lifted the deer/man on a throne and disappeared through a window without breaking the glass.  
White Hawk (see Gwalchgwyn)  
White Hom (see Gaokerena)  
White Horse Chinese  
the steed given to Hsüan Tsang for use on his journey to India  
In some accounts, this horse was swallowed by a water-monster but Kuan Yin intervened to obtain a pardon for the convicted son of a Dragon King, turning him into an identical copy of the horse which then
carried Hsuan Tsang during the remainder of his journey.

White Horse¹ (see Bach-ma)
White House (see Aigirtheach)
White Island (see Leuce²)
White Kingdom Pacific Islands
White Lord British
White Lady¹ (see Bertha¹)
White Lady of Avenel (see White Buffalo Woman)
White Lady ² (see Bertha¹)
White Lady² (see Bertha¹)
White Mage wonder-working without the aid of evil spirits, with beneficial intent: a form of witchcraft
White Mare¹ British
White Mare² Irish
White Magic (see also Dame Blanche)
White Mount British
White Merle (see also lair ban)
White One (see Gwenhwyfar.Ioskeha)
White Painted Woman¹ North American
the earth-mother, the female principle of the Chirichaua tribe
White Painted Woman² (see Yokli Estsan)
White Serpent (see Lady of the Lake)
White She-Buffalo (see White Buffalo Woman)
White Shell Woman (see Yokli Estsan)
White Snake of Hangchow Chinese
This beast lived for thousands of years and brought many disasters on the city. Then she changed into a woman who married a young man but, when she drank some wine, she turned back into a snake, causing her husband to flee in terror. A priest captured her spirit in a box which he buried on the shore.

White Sow Goddess (see Alhina.Alphito.Ceridwen)
White Swan, The (see Gwen³)
White, T. H. English
a 20th c writer, author of A Once and Future King, stories of King Arthur and his knights
White Tara Buddhist
[Arayajunitara.Sukla= Tara=Hindu Pandaravasini: =Tibetan stGrol-dkar] a Tibetan queen regarded as an incarnation of Tara
wife of Song-tsen Gam-po
She was originally the Chinese princess Weng Cheng who married a Tibetan warrior-king and came to be regarded as an incarnation of Sitatara.

White Tezcatlipoca Central American
an aspect of Tezcatlipoca as Quetzalcocul, guardian of the west

White Thunderbird North American
one of the elders of the Thunderbirds
He and the other three elders guarded the nest holding the eggs from which other Thunderbirds were hatched.
He was the guardian of the south and, in some accounts, was referred to as Blue Thunderbird.

White Tiger¹ Japanese
guardian of the western quadrant of the Zodiac

White Tiger² (see Pai Hu.Yin Chen Hsin)
White Track (see Niwalen)
White Turk (see 'Trwch 'Trwyth')
white witch¹ a witch practising white magic

White Witch¹ (see Orwen)
White Woman (see Iztac Cluat³)

White Youth Baltic
a Finnish deity regarded as the father of mankind

Whitehorn Irish
[Find Bennach.Finnlb(h)e(a)mach. Fincmenach.White Bull]
It is said that Friuch and Rucht changed shape many times in their feuding and, in the form of worms, were swallowed by cows and reborn as bulls. Whitehorn was born into Mae's herd but regarded it as an indignity to be owned by a woman, even the queen of Connaught, so he moved to the herd owned by her husband, Ailill. Mae then coveted the Brown Bull of Cooley and persuaded her husband to raid Ulster to seize it for her. The two bulls fought and Whitehorn was killed. In one story, the Brown Bull carried the dead Whitehorn back to Ulster on its horns. (see also Friuch)

Whooper Norwegian
a name for the wind

Whope North American
daughter of Wi
She was sent to earth to bring the pipe of peace.

Wi¹ [sun']
a sun-god, one of the Four Superior Gods of the Sioux father of Whope
He was regarded as an aspect of Wakan Tanka.

Wiamot (see Ouiot)
wicca¹ an old name for a male witch
wicca² paganism: witchcraft
Wicca³ a cult practising witchcraft

Wiccan North American
a member of the Wicca cult

Wichama (see Vichama)
Wicked Spirit (see Couloubre)

Wicram Norwegian
a giant
He helped Nitger to capture and imprison Dietrich von Bern.

Widerolf, Bishop (see Bishop Widerolf)

Widia Anglo-Saxon
son of Wayland
In some accounts he is equated with Witege.

Widjingara Australian
in the lore of the Aborigines, the first human to die
He was killed by Wandjara and is regarded as incarnate in the native cat.

widodari (see widyadhari)

Widow (see Rangda)

Widukind European

[Guitechin.Guiteclin.Wittekind]
a Saxon king
He led a revolt against the rule of Charlemagne but his army was defeated and he was killed. Others say
that he was captured and died in captivity shortly afterwards.

widya
dharin East Indian

the Javanese version of vidyadhari

Wieland German

the German form of Volund or Wayland

Windigo (see Windigo)

Wieszczyn (see Upir)

Wigaloi British

son of Gawain and Florie

husband of Lari

He did not know his father and, when he grew up, sent out to find him. He joined King Arthur's court and was sent on a quest to help the widowed queen Amene who was being oppressed by Roaz. Having defeated Roaz, Wigalois married the queen's daughter, Larie.

Another version says that the besieged Lady of Kornton herself was Larie and Wigalois could marry her only after defeating Roaz which he did after various other adventures, during the course of which he defeated the hag Rual and killed the dragon Pètàn with divine help.

Wigalois a 13th c German story about Wigalois, son of Gawain, written by Grafenberg

Wigan Pacific Islands

brother and husband of Bugar

This couple were the sole survivors of the flood in the lore of the Philippines.

Wigit North American

a raven-spirit of the Haida Indians

wiggle-wiffit Norse

a fabulous animal

Wiglaf Danish

a follower of Beowulf

son of Weohstan

When one of Othere's sons killed Heardred, Wiglaf promptly slew the killer.

It is said that in a fight with the Firedrake, Wiglaf was the only one to stay and help Beowulf who, despite killing the dragon, was mortally wounded. As a final act, Beowulf gave the young man his armour and weapons.

Wihlo North American

a trickster-god of the Cheyenne

Wihtgils British

an ancestor of Hengist

Wiikita North American

a solstice festival of the Papago tribe

widya
dharin (see widya
dhari)

Wikramadatta East Indian

a king of the giants in Java

He made the people surrender all their weapons with the result that there was no more strife on the island.

Wild Boar (see Wildeber)

Wild Boy North American

a lightning-god of the Cherokee

one of the Thunder Boys

son of Kanati and Seru

brother of Tame Boy

Wild Cat North American

a hunter-god of some Indian tribes

brother of Coyote

Wild Edric British

a man who married an elf-maiden

It is said that the elf-maiden married Edric on the understanding that he would never reproach her and, when he broke his promise, she vanished.

Wild Herdsman: a name given to various characters

with power over wild animals

Two such characters are Custennin in the story of Culhwch and Olwen and the black giant in the story of the Lady of the Fountain.

Wild Hunt European


= Anglo-Saxon Chasse Artur: English Herla, Herod's Hunt: French Mesnée d'Hellequin: Norse Asgardreid.Gandr(i)eid:

a noisy phantom host rushing through the sky on horseback accompanied by a pack of hounds

One explanation of the origins of the Wild Hunt involves the Cornish priest, Dando, who was a keen huntsman. Finding that all the flasks of his hunting-party were empty, he declared that he 'would go to hell for a drink', whereupon the Devil, in the form of a huntsman, gave him a full cup but then put Dando in front of him on his horse which galloped off with both of them. When they crossed a stream, fire blazed from the water and the horse, riders and dogs disappeared forever.

It is said that anyone who sees the Wild Hunt will be whisked away; those who joined in the hullabaloo might be rewarded with the leg of a horse thrown down from the sky which would miraculously turn into gold the following day. The Hunt presaged an on-coming storm, a plague, the outbreak of war or some similar misfortune. On occasions, a black dog would be left behind by the Hunt and this could be exercised only by brewing beer in egg-shells. Some say the hunt was led by King Arthur, others that it was chasing the criminal, Tregagale.

Some people say that the bird known as the night-raven flies with the Wild Hunt.

Wild Reindeer Buck (see Elwe'kyen) Wildeber German

[Wild Boar] a warrior in Dietrich's forces

He seized the plumage of a mermaid and, to get it back, she gave him a magic bracelet which gave him great strength.

When Wittich was captured and imprisoned by Hertnit, Wildeber, dressed as a dancing bear, got access to the prison, killed Hertnit and rescued Wittich.

Wile (see vila)

Wili (see Vili)

will-am-alone North American

a fabulous animal

Wili (see Vila)

William of Malmesbury British

a 12th c historian

His historical work Gesta Regum Anglorum includes stories of King Arthur in which the king is depicted as a great warrior.

Williams, C. W. English

(1886-1945) a poet and novelist

He was the author of several works on Arthurian themes, including Taliesin Through Logres.
Wiltonama

a lightning-spirit of the Zuni

She took the form of a flying mare to carry the sage Durna from India to Java. His sperm impregnated her and she bore a son called Aswatama.

Wind

–Greek and Roman

Winds (venti) play an important part in Greek and Roman myths, sometimes personified or deified. There are a number of variations in the names given to the winds, some of which are listed below:

**North:**
- Aparctias. Aquilo(n).
- Boreas. Septentrio.
- Ap(b)eloiotes.Caicias.
- Meses. Solanus.
- Thr(a)sias.
- Olympus. Sciron.

**East:**
- Ap(b)eloiotes. Eurus.
- Auster. Notus.
- Eurus. Phoenicia.
- Volturinus.

**South:**
- Auster. Notus.

**West:**
- Libr.

In some accounts, they are the offspring of Aeolus and Eos. In others the benevolent winds are sons of Atraeus and Eos while the stormy winds are the offspring of Typhoeus. (see also Aeolus)

–Pacific Islands

Winds are very important in the life of the Polynesians, fine sailors and fishermen. The north wind was Matuu, the south wind was Hakona Tipu or Tua-to-Loa and the south-west wind was Tonga. A soft breeze was called Fisaga.

Winetland

British

[Winet.Winet] in some accounts, the realm of Rummaret

winged disc

Egyptian

[py wer] the solar disc with the wings of a hawk on either side, symbol of Horus

Wingi

(see Knefrud)

windjan

Thai

the soul of the individual which leaves the body at death

Winjarning Brothers

Australian

2 great wirunus

These brothers spent the whole of their lives helping those who appealed to them for help and were responsible for the extermination of the Keen Keengs and many other monsters.

Winlaye

British
daughter of Bragas

This haughty maiden rejected the love of Edgar, saying that she would consider him only when he had proved himself the greatest champion. She had to humble herself when, as the result of an elaborate trick involving Edgar’s friend Grahame, it appeared that Edgar had killed the tyrant, Greysteel, and they were married. When she learned the truth, that it was Grahame who had killed Greysteel, she left Edgar and retired to a convent where she died.

Winlodge

British
da carved figure in the cathedral in Modena, said by some to represent Guinevere

Winner of Battles

(see Laoghaire Buadhach)

Wine

North American

[Winpe.Winpe] a giant Algonquian sorcerer

In a struggle with Gluskap, he abducted Gluskap’s family and took them off in a canoe. Gluskap rode on the back of a fish to overtake them and rescue his family. Winpe grew taller than a tree but Gluskap grew even higher and killed him by striking him with the end of his bow.

Winter Ghost

(see Yuki-Onna)

Winter Mother

North American

guardian spirit of the Tewa tribe

She guarded one of the two caves in which humans sheltered while the earth dried out after the primordial ocean had receded. The other cave was guarded by Summer Mother.
Winter-snake charm

Winter-snake charm (see ch’iu-she)  
Winti  
[Winnta]  
a wind-spirit in the Guianas; a priest practising magic  
Wintima  
(see winti)  
wintiman  
(see lukuman)  
Winwina  
North American  
a guardian deity of the salmon among the tribes of British Columbia  
Winyan Ohitika  
(see Makhta)  
Wip  
(see Anubis)  
Wirachita  
Pacific Islands  
son of Diarsa  
His parents gave hospitality to a beggar even though they had little to spare. The beggar took Wirachita as a follower and then, revealing himself to be Siwa, took the youth to heaven where he became stronger than any mortal and was returned to earth as a king.  
Wiraqocha  
(see Viracocha)  
wirereeneen  
(see wirinun)  
wirinun  
[Australian]  
an Aboriginal sorcerer or medicine-man  
Wiremu Ratana  
[New Zealand]  
Ratana Te Mangai  
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[Scottish]  
a hobboglin  
wirinun  
(see wirunun)  
Wisaaka  
(see Wisaka)  
Wisagatcat  
[North American]  
[Whiskey Jack; Wisakedjak; Wisagatcat. Wolverine=Fox Wisaka]  
a trickster-god of the Cree Indians  
He annoyed Gitchi Manitou by stirring up trouble between man and animals so the supreme god sent a flood which only a few (including Wisagatcat) survived to repopulate the world.  
Another version says that when he failed to spear a beaver, he brought down their dam. The beavers used their magic to keep the waters flowing until they covered the whole world. Wisagatcat made a raft and saved as many animals as he could. Several died trying to find land under the waters and finally the wolf spread moss over the raft. Earth grew in the moss and kept on growing until it covered the raft and finally the whole world.

Wisaka  
North American  
[Wisaka=Abnaki Gluskap; "Cree; Wisagatcat]  
an ancestral hero of the Fox Indians  
He is said to have given man a large soul; the small soul came from the supreme deity.  
Wisakedjakk  
(see Wisagatcat)  
Wisdom Buddhhas  
(see Dhyanibuddhas)  
Wise Elf  
(see Volund)  
Wise Lips  
(see Fergus)  
Wise Lord  
(see Ahura Mazda)  
Wise One  
[North American]  
brother of Killer-of-Enemies  
Wise One of the Sea  
[see Daiera]  
Wise Woman's Prophecy  
(see Voluspa)  
Wisagatcat  
(see Wisagatcat)  
Wisconsin  
Wisgatcat  
(see Odin)  
Wish Hounds  
[see also Wild Hunt]  
Wish Hunt  
[see also Yeth Hounds]  
Wish Maidens  
[see Valkyries]  
Wishnu  
(see Vishnu)  
Wishpoosh  
[North American]  
a monster in the form of a beaver  
This monster appears in the lore of the Nez Percé Indians, and they are his descendants. The trickster-god, Coyote, fought a titanic battle with the monster, winning when he turned himself first into a branch that the monster swallowed and then back into his normal shape, stabbing the monster in the heart. Coyote then created new tribes from the immense carcass of Wishpoosh.

Wisiman  
(see lukuman)  
Wisnu  
[Pacific Islands]  
[Narrai; Narayana; Prabu Makakuwan: "Cambodian Hari; Hindu Vishnu]  
a Balinese god, guardian of the north son of Batara Guru consort of Dewi Sri  
Witburgis  
(see Guibourc)  
Witch  
[see jiu man; medicine-man]  
African  
one who smells out witches and casts or counteracts magic spells  
Witch Doctor  
[see Red Champion; Robin]  
Witch Mark  
an extra breast or nipple  
It was said that a witch could be recognised by the presence of such a feature which provided nourishment for the witch's familiar.

Witchcraft  
[fatimid; black magic; necromancy; the black art; witchery]  
the art of the witch: the exercise of supernatural powers: sorcery: wizardry  
Witches of Caer Llyw  
[Welsh]  
The Welsh version of the Hags of Gloucester  
Witches' Sabbath  
(see Sabbath)  
Witch Knot  
[a knot in the hair of horses, etc. resulting from witchcraft  
Wiete  
[British]  
a smith  
He made some of King Arthur’s armour. In some accounts he is identified as Wida, son of the smith-god, Wayland.  
Wiete  
(see Wittich)  
Witherer  
(see Sushna)  
Withering Wind of Summer  
(see Susanowa)  
Witij  
[Australian]  
a snake-spirit of the Aborigines who was said to cause the monsoon rains  
Witta  
[Anglo-Saxon]  
an ancestor of Hengist

These beings are said to have two pupils in each eye and the power of flight, sometimes riding on a broomstick or besom. Others say that the witch was a vampire who fed on human flesh and particularly that of new-born babies. Many convicted of witchcraft were burnt at the stake.  
It was said that a witch could shed only three tears (always from her left eye), had a birthmark in her armpit or under her nose and had poisonous spittle so that a bite from a witch was fatal.  
In Africa, witches are said to ride hyenas by night; others say that they can become hyenas at will.

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Witsanukam Thai
a supreme god, architect of the gods

Wittich German
[Vigda.Witezge.Wittig-Anglo-Saxon Widow]
son of Wieland
husband of Bolfriana
It is said that his father made him a suit of armour and gave him the magic sword, Minning, before he set off to challenge Dietrich. En route to the encounter, he met Hildebrand who stole Minning to save his friend Dietrich from its blows and, when Wittich fought Dietrich with the sword that Hildebrand had substituted, it broke in his hand. Hildebrand then returned Minning to its rightful owner and with it Wittich defeated Dietrich but became one of its devoted followers.

In the battle with Ostantrix, when Dietrich and his warriors helped Etzel, Wittich was imprisoned by Hermit, brother of Ostantrix. He was rescued by Wildeber who dressed in the skin of a bear and killed Hermit.

After helping Dietrich in the defeat of the rebellious Rimsinius, he was given the hand of Bolfrana.

He later turned traitor and killed Dietrich, brother of Dietrich who would have killed Wittich had he not plunged into the sea where his grandmother, the sea-witch Watchilt, plunged into the sea where his grandmother, the sea-witch Watchilt, took him to safety. (see also Heime)

Wittig
Wiu African
a Sudanese war-god and god of storms

wivern [wyvern]
a winged monster in the form of a dragon with 2 legs

The wingless form of this beast is known as the lindworm.

Wixalagillis North American
a guardian deity of the Kwakiutl tribe

Wiyot (see Outiot.Wy’ot)
wizard [cunning man]
one skilled in magic

Wizard’s Foot (see pentacle)

Wlening British
son of Aelle
brother of Cissa and Cymen

Wo African
the chimpanseee
son of Zamba

brother of Ngi, Nkoko and Otikut
Zamba allowed his four sons to make human beings and Wo made the inquisitive ones.

Wo Huang Chinese
one of the Hsien Fu-jen daughter of Yao
sister of Nü Ying

Wo-usu Japanese
a name for Ō-Uso-No-Mikoto (Yamato Take) as Little Foot Pestle

Wo-Wakan North American
in the lore of the Sioux, the supernatural, one of the 7 forms of mankind developed from We-Ota-Wachisha

Woaion Greek
an early name for Orion

Wodan German
W(o)otan=Anglo-Saxon.Woden:
>German Wodan:
>German Odin]
a war-god
the German form of Odin
(see also Woonnaz)

wodehouse
a monster in the form of a man covered with green hair

Wode (see Frau Gode.Wudes Heer)

Woden Anglo-Saxon
[Voten.Votan.Wotan:=German Woden:
>German Odin]
a war-god
father of Wecta (see also Woonnaz)

Woden’s Hunt (see Wild Hunt)
wodez Russian
an evil spirit
There are many such spirits, each connected with one specific item such as fire, a house, water, etc.

Wodoy Australian
a culture-hero of the Aborigines
He and Djunggun each married the other's daughter and, when Djunggun tried to keep his own daughter, Wodoy killed him. Both men were turned into nightjars.

Wodzibow North American
a 19th c Paiute medicine-man
He proclaimed a vision of ancestors returning and the destruction of the white man to be brought about by Ghost Dances which he had been taught and which he passed on to his adherents. (see also Wovoka)

Woge North American
in the lore of the Yurok Indians, the race of beings which first inhabited the world

Wogline German
one of the 3 Rhine-daughters

Wohpekummen North American
a creator-god of the Yurok
He was the creator of the Woge and, when they finally died out, Skate Woman carried him away to a country across the sea.

Woi-shun Burmese
offspring of Hkrip Hkrawp and Sik Sawp
consort of Chanun
parent of Ngaiwa Ma-gam
Woi-shun and Chanun are regarded as the creators of all things.

Woinunggur (see Yurlungur)
Wokuk North American
a mythical bird
The Wintun tribe say that many of the animals sprang from a feather of this huge bird.

Wokulos African
Mali bush-spirits
These beings are said to be about three feet tall with large heads and feet pointing to the rear. They can see through solid objects and can make themselves invisible at will. They act as slaves to Dume, a devil.

Woland (see Volund)
Wolaro Australian
a creator-spirit of the Gwini tribe
father of Dagubal
He is said to have created the world and all that is in it with the help of the birds, his son and the Rainbow Serpent.

wolf
a fierce carnivore
(1) In Greece, the wolf was regarded as the animal of both Apollo and Ares.
(2) In Egypt, the wolf was sacred to Wepwawet.
(3) In Irish lore, a she-wolf suckled Cormac mac Airt.
(4) Some North American Indian tribes say that a man's soul can pass into a wolf while others claim wolves as their ancestors.
(5) Roman lore claims that Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were suckled by a she-wolf.

It was also said that, if a man saw a wolf with its mouth shut, the beast would never be able to open it again. On the other hand, if a wolf saw a man with his mouth shut, that man would lose the power of speech.

Wolf North American
a creator-deity of the Shoshone
Coyote asked Wolf to restore his son who had been killed by a snake-bite but Wolf reminded him of an earlier discussion in which Coyote had said that the dead should not be brought back to life, otherwise the world would soon become overcrowded.

**Wolf Age**

one of the 4 ages referred to in the *Eddas*

**wolf madness** *(see lycanthropy)*

**Wolf-Man** *North American*

a creator-deity of the Arikara

He and Lucky Man appeared over the primordial waters and created the world from soil brought up by the ducks. He created the prairies while Lucky Man created the hills and valleys. *(see also Lucky Man)*

**Wolf Prey God**

one of the 6 Prey Gods guarding the home of Po-shai-an-K'ia

It is believed that this being is responsible for the east.

**Wolfdietrich** *German*

son of Hugdietrich and Hildburg

brother of Bogen and Waxmuth

husband of Sigeminne and Liebgart

father of Hugdietrich and Hildurg

As a baby, he was taken by wolves but was recovered by his grandfather, Walgund, and Berchther.

He inherited the sovereignty of Constantipole when his father died but the nobles, who had been turned against Wolfdietrich and his mother by malicious rumours started by Sabene, refused to accept him and gave the throne to Sabene who banished Hildurb and her sons.

Wolfdietrich raised a force to recover his kingdom but was defeated. He drew back to a castle where he was besieged for some years by Sabene’s army, finally slipping out to seek help from Ortnit.

En route, he met the bear-woman, Rauch-Else, who gave him a magic root to eat. It is said that when he proposed to marry her, she was restored to her former self as the beautiful princess Sigeminne. Forgetting his besieged family and friends, he lived with Sigeminne for some time. She was once abducted by the magician, Drusian, but Wolfdietrich managed to rescue her. When she died, he set off again to find help for the besieged.

After killing the tyrant Belligan, who adorned the city walls with the skulls of Christians he had killed, Wolfdietrich met a giantess who told him how Ortnit had been killed by the dragons. He met the grieving Liebgart and went off to fight the dragons but was overcome and thrown to the young dragons for food. He found the magic ring of Ortnit and his sword, Rosen, which he used to kill all the dragons. A knight named Gerhart claimed to have killed the dragons but Wolfdietrich was able to produce the dragons’ tongues which he had cut out, so proving his own claim. Liebhart recognised her late husband’s ring and realised that Wolfdietrich was the knight who Ortnit had said would help her.

He married Liebgart and later took an army to Constantinople to rescue his family and friends. He had Sabene executed and became emperor. He and Liebgart had a son whom they called Kunhild. He was also one of the party captured by Ermenrich.

**Wolfram** *German*

a friend of Tannhauser

a suitor for the hand of Elizabeth

**wolfsbane** *(see aconite)*

**Wolkenthur** *Norse*

one of the Valkyries

**Wolunkwa**

a name for the Rainbow Snake

**Wolverine** *(see Wisagatcak)*

a trickster-deity of some Algonquian tribes

**Wolverine** *(see Wisagatcak)*

**Wolf-Chun** *(see Meng-xiu)*

**Woman Chun** *(see Meng-xiu)*

a woman who was defied

She was exposed on a mountainside as a sacrifice to lift a drought and died in the heat of the sun.

Her shrivelled body was defied.

**Woman Kua** *(see Meng-xiu)*

a primordial being

In some versions of the creation story, she assisted Pan-k’u by making humans from clay.

In later years she was regarded as the initiator of marriage.

**Woman of the North-east Wind** *(see Sinebomatu)*

**Woman of the Sea** *(see Al-Makhlugat)*

**Woman of the Waters** *(see Nchienge)*

**Woman Shamaan** *(see Romikumu)*

**Women of the Sea** *(see Dionysus)*

**Women of Trachis** *(see Trachiniae)*

**Wood of Two Sallows** *(see Two Sallows)*

**Wood Maidens** *(see Tree Maidens)*

**Wood of Two Sallows** *(see Wondjina)*

**Wood of the Sea** *(see Nchienge)*

**Wood-spirit** *(see Dermot, who escaped by his own efforts and was reunited with Grania in the Wood of Two Sallows. Dermot escaped by his own efforts and was reunited with Grania in the Wood of Two Sallows.**

**Wood of the Sea** *(see Grania)*

**Wood of the Waters** *(see Wondjina)*

**Wood of the Waters** *(see Kodo-yanpe.Kodo-yapeu.Kodo-yaponi)*

**Wood of Trachis** *(see Wonders of Creation)*

**Wood of Two Sallows** *(see Wood of Two Sallows)*

**Wood of the West** *(see wood-spirit)*

**Wood of the Waters** *(see Wood of the Waters)*

**Wood-spirit** *(see Wood-spirit)*
Wooden Horse

Wooden Horse (Spanish) [Clavileño]
a magic horse
This animal could be controlled by a peg protruding from its head to take its rider wherever he wished to go. (see also Brazen Horse)

Wooden Horse (see also Trojan Horse: Trojan War)

woodhouse
[woodhouse.(w)ooser]
a satyr or faun: a minor woodland god: a god of shepherds

woodpecker (Greek)
a bird sacred to Ares: a form sometimes assumed by Zeus

Woodtick
[woodwose]
a magic horse

Coyote was soon starving again. She kept them well supplied with meat by calling the deer to her tent where she pierced the ears of two and let the rest go free. Coyote thought that he could do the same so he killed Woodtick. When he tried to do what she had done, all the meat in the tent turned into deer and ran away and Coyote was soon starving again.

woodwose (see woodhouse)

Wooing of Emer (see Tochmarc Emire)

Wooing of Etain (see Tochmarc Etaine)

woolsaw
[woosjer]
an evil spirit

wooser (see woodhouse)

Woot
[African]
an ancestral king of the Bakuba
son of Mbomba
brother and husband of Mweel father of Nyimi Lele
It is said that he was one of nine sons of Mbomba, all called Woot, all of whom helped their father in different aspects of creation. One of the sons was banished for sleeping with his sister, Mweel, and he put a curse on the village so that all the women living there became barren as a result. He eventually relented and became the ancestor of the Bakuba royal family.

Wordsworth, William
[English]
(1770-1850)
a poet
He wrote Laodamia.

Works and Days
[Greek]
a poem by Hesiod
Although the theme of this work is agriculture, it contains much information on myths.

World Maintainer (see Vishnu)

World Mill (see Grotte)

World Serpent (see Ananta,Jormungandr)

World Tree (see Yggdrasil)

worm
an old name for a dragon or serpent

Wormwood
[Latin]
a young devil in The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Worombi (see Wonambi)

worricow (see wirricow)

worrycow (see wirricow)

Worshipful Master (see Batara Guru)

Worshipful Personages
[Buddhist]
those to whom reverence is due, including bodhisattvas, Buddhas, gods, saints, etc.

Worties (see Eighteen Lohan,Nine Worthies)

Wosret
[Egyptian]
a guardian goddess, protector of Horus

Wosyet (see Wosret)

Wotan [Odin, Wodan]
a founder of the Bushongo
son of Bomazi
twin brother of Moelo
Some stories say that he was the first man, son of Nchienge and brother and husband of Labama.
He became king of the Bushongo and owned a magic horn that could make trees grow, cause bamboos to speak and attract crocodiles from the river.

Wounded King (see Fisher King)

Wovoka
[North American]
a 19th c Paiute medicine-man
He foretold that the dead and the living would be reunited in a new world full of happiness and free from death and instituted a further series of Ghost Dances. (see also Wodziswob)

Woyengi
[African]
a creator-goddess
She came down to earth and created humans from mud, breathing life into them and giving them the choice of sex and occupation.

wraith
[fetch:=German doppelganger]
an apparition: the spirit of one dead or alive

Wrath
[Norse]
a name for Sigmund’s sword, Gram

wren
[Greek]
a bird sacred to Triptolemus

In Norse stories, the wren was regarded as the king of the birds

This title was awarded to the bird which could fly nearest to the sun. The eagle flew higher than any of the other birds in the contest but lost to the wren who, cunningly, had ridden on the eagle’s back.

In another story, a siren who lured men to their death at sea escaped death herself only by turning into a wren. The bird returned every year, was killed but always came again the following year.

wren
[Welsh]
the bird of Taliesin

Wrnach (see Gwrnach)

Wyrmach (see Gwrnach)

Wu
[African]
[Hoo-Hwu]
a sea-god of the Uwe people

wu
[Chinese]
a magician: worker of miracles:

Wu
[a witch or wizard]

Wu
[Chinese]
a witch
She organised the annual sacrifice of a maiden to the god of the Yellow River until she herself was forced to become the sacrificial victim by Hsi-men Pao.

Wu-an Wang
[Chinese]
a name for Kuan Ti as King of Military Pacification

Wu Chang (see Wu-ch’ang Kuei)

Wu-ch’ang Kuei
[Chinese]
[Ghosts of Impermanence. Unpredictable Ghosts]
messegers for Yin Wang, king of the underworld
These beings are the male ghost, Yang Wu-ch’ang, and the female ghost, Yin Wu-ch’ang. Yang deals with the souls of those who died before the age of fifty, his sister with the older ones.
In some accounts Wu-ch’ang Kuei is a god of wealth and patron of merchants.

Wu Chi
[Chinese]
the unlimited state that arose when the Tao came into existence
It is said that from this state came Hun-tun, the state of chaos, from which evolved time and space.

Wu I
[Chinese]
a king
He shot an arrow at the heavens and was killed by a bolt of lightning.
Wu Kang

Chinese

Wu T'ai Shan

a sacred mountain

Chinese

Wu Ti

an emperor

one of the Eighteen Lohan, in some accounts

Chinese

Wu-ti

worship, of the Five Emperors

Chinese

Wu Ti

a name for Kuan Ti as Military Emperor

Chinese

Wu Tao Tsu

a book about dragons and their offspring

Wu T'ai-su

god of the Chekiang river

Wu Wang

[Fa-Military King]

son of Wen Wang

His original name, as son of Hsi Po, was Fa and he was credited with completing the sacred book, the I Ching, which his father had begun while imprisoned.

In some accounts, he is referred to as Chou.

Wu-wu

nothigness, the state that existed before the Tao came into existence

Wu Yo

(see Wu Yüeh)

Wu Yüeh

[Fa-Military King]

5 mountains regarded as the home of the gods

These are named as Heng Shan (in Hunan), Heng Shan (in Shansi), Hua Shan, Sung Shan and T'ai Shan.

The celestial Ministry of the Five Sacred Mountains (also Wu Yüeh) is run by Tung Yüeh Ta Ti.

Wude

(see Wudes Heer)

Wudes Heer

[Norse]

[Wode,Wude,Wuentunde Her,Wute]

a storm-god

In some accounts he is the leader of the Wild Hunt.

Wuentunde Her

(see Wudes Heer)

Wulbari

[African]

a sky-god of the Akan

mate of Asase Yao

Wulder

(see Vulder)

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(see Vulder)

Wuldeb

Pacific Islands

the first man in the lore of the

Marshall Islands

consort of Lejman

father of Edao and Jemaliwut

He was said to have been born with Lejman from the leg of Loa.

The sons of Lejman, known as Lanej and Lewoj, tried to kill Wulde but he managed to escape. In doing so, he fell to earth, splitting open the blood blister on his leg, bringing forth two more children, the boys Edao and Jemaliwut.

In another version, he and Lejman, worms living in a shell, became the first humans. They raised the upper half of the shell to form the sky, leaving the lower half as the world. Wulde is said now to live on an island in the west known as Eb Island.

Wunderer

[Norse]

a giant

When he tried to eat a beautiful, princess, she ran to Etzel's court for protection. Dietrich von Bern fought a long duel with the giant and beheaded him. The princess, who turned out to be Frau Seld, then disappeared.

Wuneke

[East Indian]

a sun-god and creator-god in New Guinea

He is sometimes seen in the form of the huge snake, Make.

wunk

[North American]

a fabulous animal

Wunschelwybere

[German]

young girls who became swan-maidens

Wuon Kwere

(see Were)

Wuon Lowo

(see Were)

Wuon Ogendi

(see Were)

Wuon Ora

[African]

a name of Were as 'controller of the future'

Wuonji

(see Were)

Wuonwa

[African]

a name of Were as 'father'

Wuo
tan

(see Odin.Wodan)

Wuraka

[Australian]

a creator-spirit of the Kakadu tribe

When Wuraka met Imberombera, they mated and instantly produced all living things to which Wuraka gave names. When it was all over, they both walked out into the sea, whence they had come, and disappeared.

Wurake

[East Indian]

spirits, in the lore of the Celebes

Wurd

(see Urd.Wyrd)

Wurekaddo

[South American]

an Arawak goddess

wife of Kururumany
Wurruri Australian
an old woman in the lore of the Aborigines
It was said that she was responsible for the fact that the tribes spoke different languages. In life, she had a habit of scattering fires with the stick she carried and, when she died, people celebrated and ate her body. Those eating different parts of the body thereafter spoke different languages.

Wurukatti Mesopotamian
[King of the Land. Wurukatte: =Sumerian Zubaba]
a Hattic war-god

Wurulu-Wurulu Australian
trickster-spirits of the Aborigines

Wurukatti (see Wurukatti)

Wurusema Mesopotamian
[Warunsemu]
a Hattic sun-goddess
wife of Taru
mother of Hull and Mezula

Warunsemu (see Wurusema)

Wushum (see Shomde)

Wu'squus Siberian
a god of night of the Chukchee people
brother of Na’chitna’irgin

Wusuns (see Asiani)

Wut-awa Russian
[Mordvin ved-ava]
a Cheremis tutelary spirit, guardian of water

Wut-ia (see wut-wodaz)

Wut-ian uder Russian
a female sea-spirit

These beautiful spirits, offspring of wut-wodaz, may sometimes marry humans.

Wut-ozu (see wut-wodaz)

Wut-wodaz Russian
[wut-ia.wut-ozu]
an evil water-spirit

Wut (see Wades Heer)

Wuwuchim North American
a Pueblo male initiation ceremony

The initiates are said to descend to the underworld, Shipap, and rise again.

Wygar British
King Arthur's hauberk

This piece of the king's armour was made by the smith Witege, in some accounts.

Wyrrawarre Australian
[Warrawarre]
the Aboriginal sky or heaven

Wyngwrthucher British
King Arthur's shield

Wy'ot North American
[Wiyot]
in the lore of the Luisenos of California, the first man

In some accounts, Frog was jealous of Wy’ot, envying his beautifully shaped legs, so she spat into the water from which Wy’ot drank and he died. From his ashes grew an oak tree which bore huge acorns which became food for the tribe. (see also Ouiot)

Wyrd¹ Anglo-Saxon
[Weird. Wurd. Wyrd. =Norse Urda]
one of the 3 Fates

Wyrd² Norse
[Weird. Ward. Wyrd]
a goddess of fate

In some accounts, she is the same as Urda; in others she is all three of the Fates in one; in others, she is their mother.

Wyrd British
(see Wyrd)

Wyrd’s Brook (see Urdarbrunn)

Wyungare Australian
a legendary hunter

He was created from excrement and grew to be a great hunter. He tied a rope to his spear and threw it into the heavens and then he and his two wives climbed the rope into the sky where they are now seen as stars.

Wyvern (see wivern)
Xalac  (see Tlapallan)  
Xalaquia  Central American  
an Aztec festival in honour of Chicomecohuan!
This festival took place at the end of June when the maize was fully grown and featured the Xalaquia, a female slave, painted to represent a maize plant. She was required to dance throughout the sixteen days of the festival until, on the last morning, she was led to the teocalli and killed by the officiating priest who tore out her heart and offered it to the goddess.

Xam  South American  
[Jan]  
a servant of Naymlap, acting as a sort of make-up artist

Xaman Ek  Central American  
the Mayan god of merchants, the north star

Xan  Central American  
an animal, in the lore of the Maya
It is said that this animal, of unspecified species, was sent ahead of Hanapu and Ixbalanque when they went to Xibalba, to find out the names of the rulers. He did this by pricking each one, causing them to shout out, so that the others would call to ask what the fuss was about.

Xan'  (see Xam)

Xanthos  (see Xanthus)  
Xanthus  Greek  
a horse fathered by Zephyrus or Zeus on Podarge, together with Balios  
These animals were originally given to Peleus by Poseidon as a wedding present. Later they acted as the horses of Achilles at Troy. Xanthus told Achilles that, following the death of Patroclus (for which Achilles blamed the horses) he too would soon be dead – as, of course, he was. The horse never spoke again thereafter.

Xanthus'  (see Scamander)

Xaphan  [Shafan]  
a demon of the second order  
He induced the rebel angels to try to set the heavens on fire by blowing flames to kill off the hosts of angels. After the rebels were defeated, Xaphan was condemned forever to stoke the furnaces in hell.

Xasce  (see Hashje)

Xax-coc-ahmut  (see Izamna)

Xaya Icita  Siberian  
a mountain-god of the Yakuts

Xbakiyalo  Central American  
wife of Hunhunanpu

Xbalanque  (see Ixbalanque)

Xecotcovach  Central American  
a huge bird, in the lore of the Maya
In one of their early attempts to create humans, the Mayan gods Tepeu and Guacamatz carved them from wood. When they proved unsuccessful, the gods sent four huge birds to destroy their creation. The others were known as Camazotz, Cotzbalam and Tecumbalam.

Xelas  North American  
a culture-hero of the Lummi people of the north-west

Xelhua  Central American  
an Aztec culture-hero  
He was a giant who survived the Flood by climbing to the top of a mountain.
Another version says that he built a brick tower to escape the flood but the building was destroyed by lightning.

Xenia  Greek  
a maiden
She fell in love with Daphnis, who had vowed to be faithful to Nais, and seduced him. Nais blinded him for his infidelity.
In another version, Daphnis died of longing for Xenia.

Xenios  Greek  
a name for Zeus as the guardian of strangers

Xenoclea  Xenocleia  
Xenocleia  Greek  
[Janocla]  
a prophetess: the Pythia of Delphi

Xenodice  Greek  
daughter of Minos and Pasiphae

Xenogenesis  the power of enchantment, said to be given to witches: the generation of life from foul matter
xenoglossia

knowledge of languages never learned
This phenomenon is said to be observed in some cases of possession.
(see also glossolalia)

xenoglossy (see xenoglossia)

Xevioso (see Xewioso)

Xewioso African [Khebioso.Xevioso]
a fertility-god and god of thunder
in Dahomey
Some say that the Xewioso are minor thunder-gods and their leader is So.

Xezbeth [Shebeth:=Arab Al-kazzab]
a demon of falsehood

Xhindi Balkan spirits
These beings are usually beneficent and betray their presence in the house
by causing stairs to creak and lights to flicker.

Xib Chac (see Chac)

Xibalba Central American
[Xibalba:=Guatemalan Xibalbay]
the Mayan underworld or, in some
versions, its inhabitants or its
ruler Vucub-Caquix

Xibalbay Central American
[=Mayan Xibalba]
the Guatemalan underworld

Xibalpa (see Xibalba)

Xil Sga'nagwai North American
a god of medicine of the Haida
Indians

Xilvenen Central American
an Aztec goddess of vegetation
a form of Chicomecohualt
In some accounts she is equated with Toci.

Ximena Spanish [Dona Ximena]
daughter of Gomez
wife of El Cid
mother of Elvira and Sul
When El Cid killed her father, she went to King Ferdinand to seek
revenge but fell in love with El Cid
and married him.

Ximenes, Francisco Central American
a Spanish monk
He copied the Popol Vuh in the
original Quiche language and made a
translation into Spanish.

Xipe (see Xipetotec)

Xipe Totec (see Xipetotec)

Xipetotec Central American
[Red Tezcatlipoca.Xipe (Totec)]
an Aztec flayed god of agriculture,
fortune, metallurgists and spring
offspring of Ometeotl and Ometeuctli
In one aspect he brought food to man
by allowing himself to be skinned
alive; in another he is responsible
for many of the diseases that afflict
mankind.

He is regarded as an aspect of
Tezcatlipoca, Nanahuatl or Quetzalcoatl.
He could be envisaged in any one of
three different forms: a spoonbill,
a blue conga or a tiger, representing
heaven, earth and hell or fire, earth
and water, but was most often depicted
as a red god carrying a round shield.

Xiquipat Central American
one of the lords of Xibalba

Xisuthros (see Xithuthros)

Xithuthros Mesopotamian
[Sisynus,Sisythus,Xisuthros]
a survivor of the flood
He is variously described as Armenian,
Babylonian and Chaldaean. In the
Babylonian version he was king of
Babylon and son of Orpastes. He built
an ark in which he and his family and
a few others survived the Flood. When
the ark landed on Ravandiz, Xithuthros
became an immortal.

In some accounts this is the Greek
name for Ziusudra.

Xiuhcoatl Central American
a serpent-torch
The god Huitzilopochtli was born
holding this torch and he used it to kill
his sister, Coyolxauhqui.

Xiuhcoatl is usually described as a
fire-serpent with a segmented body and
a backward-pointing snout.

Xiutecuhltli Central American
[Huehuetotl,Tezozomoc,Old God.
Oxomoco,Chipactonal,Chipacton,Chipac.
Tata]
an Aztec god of fire and volcanoes
He acted as guide to the souls of the
dead and is the ruler of the Tlalticpac,
lowest of the thirteen heavens.

He is said to support the universe
on a pillar of fire and acts as the
guardian of the centre.

He is depicted as an old man
carrying a brazier or mirror and a
yellow serpent.

Ximulpilli Central American
a group of 13 years in the Aztec
calendar
Four such groups constituted a unit
known as a nahuatlitzli.

Xixiquipilihui Central American
an Aztec sea-goddess
a form of Chalchihuitlicue

Xmucane Central American
[=Mayan creator-goddess
husband of Xpiyacoc
father of Hunhunapu and Vucub-Hunapu
(also Oxomoco)

Xmukan (see Xmucane)

Xoana (see xoanon)

Xoanon Greek [plur=xoana]
a wooden statue used as a fetish
a statue alleged to have fallen from
heaven

Xoblah a demon

Xoc Bilum (see Xoc Bitum)

Xoc Bitum Central American
[Xoc Bilum]
a Mayan god of song

Xochicahua Central American
one of the 4 sages of the Aztec
migration
These four (the others were
Chipactonal, Oxomoco and Tlaltecuin)
were said to have invented the Aztec
calendar.

Xochimalca Central American
[‘flower-weavers’] the priests of an Aztec sect using
hallucinogenic drugs

Xochipilli (see Xochipiilli)

Xochipilli Central American
[Five Flower,Flower Prince.
Huitzilopochtli,Macuilxochitl.
Source of Flowers.
Flower Feathers,
he is depicted as a jaguar or a
white butterfly.]

Xochiquetzal Central American
[Flower Feather,Flower Prince.
an Aztec fertility-goddess and
a statue of an Aztec sect using
goddess of childbirth, craftsmen
flowers
and flowers
sister of Xochipilli
wife of Cinteotl, Mixcoatl or Tlaloc
wife of Coxcox or Xochipilli,
some say
In some accounts, she was the queen
of a paradise for those killed in battle.
Some say that she was the wife of
Tlaloc and that she was abducted by
Tezcatlipoca who fell in love with her.

Xochiticacan Central American
[Palace of Flowers]
one of the 3 celestial homes of the
Aztec gods
Xochitla Central American
a flower-garden

Tezcatlipoca, in the guise of the warrior, Tequiu, invited all the inhabitants of Tollan to this garden and killed many of them with a hoe.

Xochitlalpan Central American
the Toltec paradise

Xochiti Central American
the last of the 20 days of the Aztec month

Symbolising the flower and the south, the day was governed by Xochiquetzal.

Xochitonal Central American
a fierce alligator in the lore of the Aztecs

This beast was one of the many hazards faced by the souls of the dead in their journey through the various layers of the underworld.

Xocotl Central American
an Aztec fire-god and god of the stars

Xocotl Vetzi Central American
an Aztec festival in honour of the dead, held in August

Xocutin Central American
[=Maya Pek]

Xocutzin Central American
an Aztec deity
sister of Teicu, Ticapan and Tlaco
These beings are regarded as four aspects of Tlazolteotl.

Xocutzin (see Xocutin)
oxol Siberian
a figure used in sorcery
This figure has a body made of wood and a head made from the skull of the dead shaman it is supposed to represent. The success or otherwise of any project could be predicted by the effort required to lift the figure from the floor.

Xolas South American
a supreme deity in parts of Tierra del Fuego

Xolotl Central American
an Aztec sun-god or god of misfortune
twin brother of Quetzalcoatl
He took the form of a dog in some aspects and his feet were said to point towards the rear. In his role as lord of the evening star he caused the sun to sink each night.

He descended into the underworld and brought out bones from which mankind was created.

In the story that tells how the gods sacrificed themselves to create man, he acted as their executioner and then killed himself.

Another version says that the gods died to persuade the sun to resume its journey across the sky and, in this version, Xolotl executed the other gods but refused to kill himself. To escape, he changed himself first into the maize-plant xolotl, then into the agave mexolotl and finally into the larval salamander axolotl. He was eventually sacrificed and the sun started to move again. Some say that he was killed by being boiled in a kettle.

He is depicted as a dwarf jester and has empty eye-sockets because, it is said, his eyes fell out when he cried over the death of the other gods.

In some accounts he is equated with Nanahualt or Xipetotec.

Xorgina (see Bruxae)

Xomimitl Central American
one of the leaders of the Aztecs when they left their homeland, Atzlan

Xochitlatlpan (see Tamoanchan)

Xpiyacoc Central American
wife of Xmucane
mother of Hunahunapu and Ixbalanque

Xuhé Central American
[=Lord Xuhé]
a name for Bochica as the visible sun

Xulu Central American
a Mayan sorcerer
He and Bacam arranged for the resurrection of Hunapu and Ixbalanque in Xibalba after they had been killed on a pyre.

Xulimalpan Central American
in Aztec lore, the first woman
She and Cipactonal existed before the deluge. In some accounts they were created by Hometeuli.

Xursu Dazibogu (see Dabog)
Xutlizic Siberian
sister of Kutkhu

Xuthus Greek
god of darkness
son of Hellen and Orseis or of Aeolus and Enarate
brother of Aeolus and Dorus
husband of Creusa
father of Achaeus and Ion
He was expelled from Iolus, where he was king, by his brothers Aeolus and Dorus, and fled to Athens where he married the king’s daughter, Creusa. He chose Cecrops as the new king of Athens when Erichtheus died and was driven from the city by the brother of Cecrops, an unsuccessful claimant, and fled with his family to Aegilia.

In another account, Creusa had borne a son, Ion, to Apollo before she met Xanthus. The boy was abandoned at birth. When it appeared that Creusa and Xuthus could not produce a child of their own, they consulted the oracle at Delphi. A young priest of the temple turned out to be the abandoned son of Creusa and they were happily reunited.

He was killed in single combat by Codrus.

xylomancy
divination using wooden rods or twigs
(see also rhabdomancy)
Y Brenhin Bychan  Welsh
the Welsh name for Gwiffred Petit

Y Gododdin  (see Gododdin)
Y Mamau  (see Mamau)

Y Saint Greal  Welsh
the Welsh version of the story of the Holy Grail

Y-Wyddla  British
a mountain
It is said that King Arthur sleeps here, awaiting a call to return.

Ya-daganu  Mesopotamian
a Semitic fish-god and god of agriculture

Ya-gami-hime  Japanese
first or second wife of Okuninushi
mother of Kimata-no-kami

Ya-hsang-kahsi  (see Ya-hsek-khi)
Ya-hsek-khi  Burmese
the first woman, created by Hkun Hsang L’rong
He and the male Ta-hsek-khi were born in tadpole form. After eating a gourd they mated and were given new names. She became Ya-hsang-kahsi (Yatai). They produced a daughter called Nang-pyek-kha Y ek-ki.

ya-kut  (see iya-kut)

Ya-o-ga  North American
[Bear:Ya-o-gah]
the north wind in the lore of the Seneca
He took the form of a bear tethered at the entrance to Ga-oh’s cave.

(see also Ga-oh)

Ya-o-gah  (see Ya-o-ga)
Ya-Shima-Ji-Nu-Mi  Japanese
son of Susanowa and Inada

Yaai  North American
spirits living on the tops of mountains in Vancouver Island

Yaaru  Egyptian
the fields of the afterlife
These peaceful fields, where the wheat grew taller than a man, were in the lower reaches of Amenti, the realm of the dead.

Ya’askidi  North American
a humpbacked Navaho god
one of the Yeibeki

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Yab  Tibetan
[=Chinese Yang=Japanese In]
the Buddhist male principle: eternity

Yab-Yum  Tibetan
[=Chinese Yin-Yang=Hindu Sri Yantra: Japanese In-Yo]
a state experienced by devotees of Tantric Buddhism of oneness with the primaeval essence: the union of a bodhisattva with his female aspect: the eternal peace of Nirvana

Yabamat Liimmim  Mesopotamian
a name for Anat as ‘Mother of Nations’

Yabmeaimo  Baltic
the Lapp underworld, home of the dead, ruled by Yabmeakka

Yabmeakka  Baltic
a god of the dead, ruler of the underworld Yabmeaimo

Yabuling  East Indian
a Papuan god
He is said to have created pigs.

Yabune  Japanese
a Shinto house-god

Yabusame  Japanese
archery on horseback
This military art was used as a form of divination. (see also bokusen)

Yaboutchilo  Serbian
[Tchile]
the winged horse of Momtchilo

Yac  Central American
a wild cat
This was one of the four animals which brought to the gods the maize from which they made human beings.

Yacaleouhqu  (see Yacatecuhtli)

Yacahuiztli  Central American
an Aztec goddess of the underworld consort of Yoaltecuhtli

Yaca-mama  South American
a monster in the form of a sea-snake

Yacapitzahuac  Central American
an Aztec god of trade

Yacatecuhtli  Central American
[Yaacolihuiqui]
an Aztec god of trade
He is depicted as carrying a bundle of twigs, his symbol of power.

Yachi-Mata  Japanese
one of 3 guardians of boundaries and roads
one of the Yakushin deities, some say.

Yachihoko  (see Okuni-mushii)
Ya'china'ut

Ya'china'ut  
Siberian  
a moon-goddess of the Koryak people

Yadageri  
Siberian  
a form of magic used to control the weather

Yadahpati (see Yadahpati)

Yadahpati  
Japanese  
ones of the 2 gatekeepers at the entrance to a Buddhist shrine, known as Nio-san
He stands on the left side of the entrance, Niomon. (see also Udajjin)

Yadas  
Hindu  
ancestors of Krishna
descendants of Yadu

Yadhapati  
Hindu  
[Yadhapati]  
a name of Varuna in his role as a sea-god, ‘king of sea creatures’

Yadilyil  
North American  
father of Estanatlehi by Naestan

Yadu  
Hindu  
an ancestor of Krishna
son of Yayati and Devayani  
brother of Turvasu
father of Kunti and Vasudeva

Dhumavarna, king of the sea-serpents, seized Yadu and took him to his under-water palace where he married the king’s five daughters.

Yae-koto-shiro-nushi  
(see Koto-shiro-nushi)

Yaégiri  
Japanese  
a mountain spirit  
one of the Yama-uba

She fell in love with Sakata Kurando who was a soldier. When he was dismissed from the emperor’s bodyguard, he killed himself and she went off into the mountains where her son was born.

She was an evil spirit who became a beautiful woman to lure men into the mountains. There she became a terrible demon and killed her victims.

Yaga  
South American  
a plant which produces a powerful hallucinatory drug used in divination

Yaghot  
Arabian  
an early god, time personified

Yagis  
North American  
a man-eating sea-monster in the lore of the Kwakiutl

Yagrush  
Mesopotamian  
[Chaser.Expeller]  
a mace of Baal

This was one of the two maces (the other was Aymur) made by Kothar for Baal to use in his fight with Yam.

Yaguarogin  
South American  
[Yaguarogu]  
a green tiger

Some tribes in Bolivia say that this animal lives in the sky and causes eclipses of the sun when he first swallows and then regurgitates it.

Yaguarogu  
(see Yaguarogin)

Yah  
Egyptian  
a moon-god(dess)

Yah-li-Yah  
a good demon associated with virgins

Yahalna'ut  
Siberian  
a guardian-god of the Koryak people
son of Tenanto’mwan  
consort of Yine’an’ut

In some stories he is the son of Ina’hitelan. (see also Yahalna’ut)

Yahhalna’ut  
Siberian  
a guardian-deity of the Koryak people
(see also Yahhalna’ut)

Yahata  
(see Hachiman)

Yahia  
Spanish  
son of Alimaymon

When his father died, he inherited the city of Toledo which was under siege by Alfonso. In the absence of El Cid, he broke out of the city but Alfonso recalled El Cid who soon completed the capture of Toledo.

Yahwah  
Hebrew  
an ancient moon-god sometimes equated with Baal (see also Elom)

Yajña  
Hindu  
a god, personifying ritual  
an avatar of Vishnu
son of Ruchi and Dakshina

He resides in the heavens as a minor constellation and is depicted as having the head of a deer.

Yajnesha  
Hindu  
[Yajneshvara]  
a name for Vishnu as ‘lord of sacrifice’

Yajneshvara  
(see Yajnesha)

Yajuj  
Arabian  
the Arab version of Gog

He, with Majuj, will lead the barbarian hordes that will destroy the world.

Yajur Veda  
Hindu  
one of the 4 Vedas, a collection of prayers relating to sacrificial rites

This work was passed to Yajnavalkya by Surya who, at that period, took the form of a horse.

Yak  
Indian  
a ghost, guardian of treasure, in Bengal

These beings are the spirits of young boys who have been buried alive by wealthy men, with their treasure, in the hope of regaining their wealth in a later existence.

Yak Lepeh  
Malay  
mother of Yulang

Yaka  
(see yaku)

Yakami  
Japanese  
a princess

She was wooed by eighty-one brothers of whom only one was gentle and peaceful. It was he who, for his kindness to a white hare which had lost its fur, won the hand of the lovely Yakami.

Yakha  
(see yaksha)

Yakho  
(see yaksha)

Yakirai  
(see yakiri)

Yakiri  
East Indian  
[sky-demons of Papua

Yakkha  
(see yaksha)

Yakkus  
North American  
in the lore of the Indian tribes, spirits which cause disease

Yakomba  
African  
[Naakomba]
a god of morals

Yaksa  
(see yaksha)

Yaksha  
Buddhist  
a god of fertility, forests, streams, and wells

Yaksha  
Hindu  
[yaksha.yak(k)ha.yaksa:]  
female=yakshi

Yaksha  
Hindu  
a forest or mountain demon  
offspring of Hariti

These beings are shape-changers and can appear in the form of handsome youths or fat black dwarfs, or even as objects such as trees. In a friendly role they are the pungiya

Yaksha-Loka  
Hindu  
the home of the yakshas

Yakshagaha  
Hindu  
a version of a yaksha which can take possession of mortals and drive them mad

Yakshi  
Hindu  
[yakshi.hin.yaksi]  
a female version of a yaksha

It is said that these beings often appear in the guise of attractive females who bewitch travellers. Some, known as Ashramukhi, are in the form of women with the face of a horse.
Yakshi 1  
Hindu

Yam-Nahar  
[Charvi.K(a)uveri.Yaksi]
a goddess
daughter of Mura
consort of Kubera

Yakshi 2

Yaksha

Yaku

Ceylonese

yakshi

(see yakshi 1)
yaksi

(see yakshi 2)
Yaksi

(see Yakshi 2)
yaksini

(see yakshi 1)
yaku

Ceylonese

spirits of dead ancestors

[see also Nae-yaku]

Yakushi

Japanese

Yam-us

Mongol

a female fire-spirit

Yalafath

Pacific Islands

a creator-god of the Caroline Islands

Yalahau

Central American

a Mayan water-god; god of the dead

Yalaing

Australian

a paradise for the gods

spirits on their way to Yalaing can kill and eat the two forty-mile-long snakes that guard the road.
yale

British

[African eale=Welsh bagwyn]
a monster in the form of an antelope

some versions describe the yale as a horse-bodied animal, with swivelling horns, tusks and the tail of an elephant.

Others say it is a combination of boar, elephant, horse, stag and unicorn.

(see also yali)

Ya'ilgi

Siberian

a drum

this instrument is used to represent a lake into which a shaman can dive to gain access to the underworld.
yali

a mythical lion-like beast

(see also yale)

Yalnavakia

Hindu

a hermit

He wrote some of the Upanishads. It was said that he so soundly defeated his teacher in a philosophical debate that the teacher's head fell off.

Yalungur

Australian

['eagle-hawk']
a creator-spirit of some of the northern tribes

Yalungur was originally male but Gingrich, the other creator of the Dreamtime, cut off his penis and inserted a doll into the wound (which became the vagina) where it was brought to life and born as the first human being.

yalwalu

body-painting on women designed to promote fertility

Yam 1

Canaanite

[Yam-Nahar.Yam(nu)=Biblical Leviathan]
a sea-god

He fought with Baal for control of the earth and was defeated when Baal struck him with his two clubs, Ayamur and Yagrush.
yam 2

East Indian

a sacred plant

Yam-Nahar

(see Yam 1)

Yama

Buddhist

[Universal King=Chinese Yen-lo (Wang), Yen Wang=Tibetan Chos-rgyal. gShin-nge Phyi-sgrub]
a god of the dead

ruler of one of the courts of the underworld

He was originally one of the first pair of humans and later came to be regarded as an evil deity who will one day be reborn as a Buddha known as the Universal King. In one story of his origins, he was a Tibetan saint who was killed and decapitated by robbers who had stolen and killed a bull. The saint immediately came to life again, took the bull's head in place of his own head and became a rampaging demon who was finally subdued and converted to Buddhism by Manjushri who had assumed the form of an even more terrifying demon, Yamantaka.

(see also Emma-O.Ten Yama, Kings. Yama'. Yen Wang)

Yama 2

Hindu

the first man; god of the dead

one of the Dikpalas

son of Vivasvat or Surya by Sanjna twin brother and husband of Yami

consort of Dhumorna, some say Yama was the appointed god of the dead, lord of the underworld, who owned two four-eyed hounds, Sabala and Syama, which guarded his palace, Kali, and surrounded the souls of the dead. Some say that his messengers, the owl and the pigeon, tied the spirits of the dead in a noose and transported them across the river Painterani to Yamapura. When souls reached his capital city of Yamapura, he greeted them as Pitrpati, Lord of Ancestors, as their judge, Samavarti, and as Dandadara, but the judge's verdict into effect. His verdict on a soul determined which it was returned for rebirth, sent to heaven or dispatched to one of twenty-one hells.

As a Dikpala he was responsible, with his elephant Yamana, for the southern region.

He is depicted as green, dressed in red, carrying a club and a noose, riding a buffalo. (see also Vaivasvata.Yama 2)

Yama 3

Persian

god of the underworld, controller of Chinvat Bridge

Yama 4

Tibetan

a Buddhist guardian-god an aspect of Akshobhya one of the Dharmapalas one of the Dikpalas

He is one of the guardians of the Dalai Lama and, as a Dikpala, is responsible for the eastern region. His sakti is Vidyaadhara.

Yama Enda

East Indian

[Sickness Woman]
a female demon in Papua

She takes the form of a beautiful maiden to attract men and then eats them.

Yama-miya

Japanese

a Shinto mountain shrine

Yama-No-Kami

(see Oyamakai)

Yama-amba

Japanese

a female demon

Yama-Donko

Pacific Islands

[=Greek Hades=Hindu Yama=Indian Ratnasambhava=Japanese Emma-O= Norse Ymir=Persian Yama]
a Buddhist god of judgment in Bali

This terrifying god sits in judgment on the souls of the dead in the underworld.

He is depicted with claws and tusks.

Yama-sue-no-o-nushi

(see Oyamakai)

Yama-tsu-mi

Japanese

a mountain-god
Yama-uba

Japanese

Yama-uba [Yamauba: male=oni] a female mountain-spirit

These spirits were said to have snakes for hair and a mouth on top of the head.

Yamadeva Buddhist

[Japanese: Emme-ten] an underworld deity

Yamadi Burmese

a lord

He rescued a drowning youth and the young man's mother gave the rescuer a dead bird which, though very old, had not decayed. Yamadi found a seed lodged in the bird's throat and removed it, whereupon the body immediately started to rot. The seed, planted in holy ground, became the first tea tree.

Yamaduta Hindu

a servant of Yama

His function is to guide the souls of the dead from this world to the underworld.

Yamaduti Hindu

a goddess attendant on Yama

Yamagoshi-no-Amida Japanese

a form of Amida appearing behind mountains

Yamano Japanese

a mountain deity, guardian of women in childbirth

In some accounts, Yamano and Ubugami are the same.

Yamataka (see Yamantaka) Japanese

Yamato-no-Orochi Japanese

[Koshi.Uwalami] an eight-headed dragon

This beast, which was large enough to cover eight mountains and valleys and even had trees growing on its back, was attacking the maiden Inadahime when Susanowa arrived on the scene. He killed the dragon and married the girl.

In some stories, the killer of this beast was Yegaro-no-Iteida.

Yamatake (see O-Uso-No-Mikoto) Japanese

Yamatodake (see O-Uso-No-Mikoto) Japanese

Yamauba (see Yam-uba) Japanese

Yambe (see Norean) Japanese

Yambe-akka Aap a woman in charge of the underworld

Yami1 [Yamuna:=Persian Yimeh] the first woman daughter of Vivasvat or Surya by Sanjna twin sister and wife of Yama She became the goddess Yamuna, goddess of the river Jumna. Yami2 (see Camunda) Japanese

Yamikka Arabian

a disaster story from the Arabian Nights

The story relates how a star fell from heaven and killed the family of a serpent-king.

Yammar (see Yam') Japanese

Yammaru (see Yam') Japanese

Yamari (see Imra) Japanese

Yumuna (see Yami') Japanese

Yamurbo Metopotamian

a Sumerian storm-demon

This monster took the form of a six-headed ram. It was killed by Ningursu.

Yananacca Intanacca South American

a huaca in the form of a man He was in conflict with Huallallo and was defeated.

Yamari Japanese

an earthquake goblin

Yanaulua South American

a medicine man of the Zuni Indians He taught mankind the arts of agriculture, etc.

When he tapped the earth with his staff, four eggs appeared, two white and two blue. Some people chose white; these hatched into colourful macaws which flew south. Those who chose blue fed the whitish birds that emerged, only to find that these changed into ravens. These two groups evolved into the active and strong on the one hand and the gentle and wise on the other.

Vandu (see Kari) Chinese

[‘light’-Japanese In] the positive, light, dry, hot, male principle, representing creation, dominance and heaven, as opposed to the female principle, Yin

The symbol for Yang is a short undivided line. (see also Yin.Yin-Yang)

Yang2 [Chinese Yang=Japanese In] the male principle, as opposed to the female principle, Um

Yang Ch'eng Chinese

[Yang-hsi-chi] the original name of Fu Hsing, in some accounts

Yang Chien Chinese

[Goat Spirit.Transcendent Goat] a celestial god, god of the star Fan Yin

Yang-hsi-chi (see Yang Ch'eng) Chinese

Yang Kai-sheng Chinese

a god of the city of Peking (Beijing) He was originally a 16th c official at the emperor's court.

Yang Ming Chinese

the original name of Wang Shou-jen

Yang Wu-ch'ang Chinese

a spirit of the underworld His job was to collect the souls of those who died young. Older ones were collected by Yin Wu-ch'ang. (see Wu-ch'ang Kuei)

Yang-wu Chinese

[Japanese: Yatagarasu] a sun-crow


Yanko

Serbian

one of the 3 men who tried to steal Goulash, the horse of Milosh, and were killed

Yansan

African

a Yoruba wind-god

yantra

Hindu

a magical diagram used in meditation and worship

Yao

Chinese

[Tao Tung Shih Ti Yao]
a sage who became one of the Five Emperors

father of Nü Ying and Wu Huang

He ruled for seventy years and then gave the throne to Shun who married his daughter.

He is credited with the invention of the calendar and the construction of the first observatory.

Yao Chi

Chinese

[Lady of the Flowered Clouds]
twenty-third daughter of Tung Wang Kung and Hsi Wang Mu

She is said to have provided the emperor Yu with the magic formula for evoking spirits.

Yao-shih

Chinese

[Yao-shih to, Yao-shih-wang-fo, Yao-shih-wang-wang-wang-Fo-Tibetan Bhaishajyaguru]
a physician-god

Yao-shih-to

(see Yao-shih)

Yao-shih-wang-fo

(see Yao-shih)

Yao Wang

Chinese

a hermit-physician, later deified

He was said to live on air and wine and once saved the life of a snake and removed a bone lodged in a tiger's throat. The grateful feline guarded the physician's house thereafter. When he was taken to the home of the dragon-king, Ching Yang, the king's daughter thanked him for saving her child's life – the snake had been that child.

As a deity, he became head of the Ministry of Medicine.

Yao Wang' (see Ch'ien')

Yao-yoru-no-kami

Japanese

term which covers all the deities and spirits (kami), the 80 myriad kami

Yaatel

Central American

tolttec drought-demon

He was sent to kill Yappon and his wife Tlahuitzin. Having done so, he was turned into a locust.

Yaothecoc

Central American

an aspect of Tezcatlipoca as the cause of strife

Yaozatin

Central American

an aspect of Tezcatlipoca as a bringer of disease and famine

Yappon

Central American

tolttec fertility-god

husband of Tlahuitzin

When Yappon sinned with Tlazotleotl, the drought-demon Yaat killed both Yappon and his wife and they both became scorpions.

Ya'qhiucin

Siervan

a creator-god of the Koryak people

the Christian version of Tenantomwan

Yara

South American

a siren in Brazilian lore

Yarihbol

Arabian

an early sunk-god and god of spring

Yarih

Mesopotamian

[Varik.Yerah]
a Canaanite moon-god

husband of Nikkal

He sent Hirohbi to ask Baal for Nikkal's hand in marriage.

Yarik

(see Yarih)

Yarilo

Slovak

a sun-god and fertility-god

Yarnwid

(see Ironwood)

Yar

African

[Erro]
a creator-god in Ethiopia

Yarovit

Baltic

a war-god and god of agriculture

Yaru

(see Yaru)

Yaruba

African

a supreme god of the Tangale people

Yasakani no magatama

Japanese

[Yasaka]
a string of pearls

This ornament, said to have belonged to Amaterasu, now forms part of the imperial regalia.

Yasakatome no mikoto

Japanese

a deity of Lake Suwa

(see also Takeminakatamotio)

Yasapani

Buddhist

a king

His prime minister, Kalaka, jealous of the bodhisattva who was the king's senior judge, persuaded Yasapani to instruct the judge to make a pleasure garden, then a lake and finally a palace. With the help of Indra, all these tasks were accomplished overnight and the judge was made prime minister in place of Kalaka.

Yasas

Buddhist

the son of a banker

He became an early disciple of the Buddha.

Yasha

Japanese

a vampire bat, said to be the spirit of a woman

Yasha Daikoku

Japanese

a form of Daikoku holding the Wheel of Law

In some accounts, Yasha is female.

(see also Mahakara Daikoku)

Yashiro

Japanese

a Shinto shrine or ghost-house

Yashodhara

Buddhist

[Gopa, Yasodhara]
daughter of Dandapani

consort of the Buddha

mother of Rahula

Some say that the Buddha won his wife at sixteen, in an armed contest against Devadatta, others that he chose her from a group of 500 princesses. When her husband left her for his new life, Yashodhara entered a monastery.

Yashts

Persian

[hymns in the Avesta: stories of the gods (yazatas); hymns to the angels and heroes

Yasib

Mesopotamian

[Yasih, Yasub]

son of Keret

He was suckled by the goddess Anat. As a young man, he led an unsuccessful rebellion against his father.

Yasiggi

African

in the lore of the Dogon, sister of Ogo

She and Ogo were hatched from one of the two yolks of the primordial egg created by Amma. She mated with Amma to populate the world.

Yasna

Persian

the third part of the Zend-Avesta

Yasoda

Hindu

wife of Nanda

She and her husband exchanged their baby daughter for the infant Krishna to save him from Kansa who was killing all new-born boys.

Yasoda' Jain

wife of Mahavira

mother of Riyadarshana

Yasodhara

(see Yashodhara)

Yassib

(see Yasib)

Yasub

(see Yasib)

Yasts

Persian

a creator-god of the Koryak people

A Form of Daikoku holding the Wheel of Law

Yasumaro

Persian

(on Ono Yasuman)

Yata

(see Jata-Kagami)

Yata-kagami

(see Kagami)

Yatagarasu

Japanese

[=Chinese Yang-wu]

the sun-crow of Amaterasu
Yatai  (see Ya-hsek-khi)
Yatawn  (see Ta-hsek-khi)
Yati  Hindu
an ascetic
A group of these men were killed by Indra who fed them to the hyenas.
Yati  Persian
[Ja,Jaatu] sorcerers: male counterparts of the Parika
Yatim Mustafa  (see Asmara Dewa)
Yatim Nustapa  (see Asmara Dewa)
Yatin South American
[The Ruler] the Aymara name for Pachayachachic
Yatiri South American
a priest or diviner of the Aymara
Yatpan  Canaanite
a soldier
Anat collected him from Abelim when he was drunk, carried him over Aqhat and dropped him to kill Aqhat who had refused to give Anat his marvellous bow. Paqhat, sister of the dead man, disguised herself as a man, travelled to Abelim and killed Yatpan to avenge her brother.
Yatu  (see Yatis)
Yatus Hindu
demons in the form of dogs or vultures
Yaudhya Hindu
son of Yathishthira and Devika
Yauhqueme Central American
an Aztec fertility-god
Yau-n-Goicoa Basque
a supreme god
He is said to have created three principles: Begia, the light of the body which is the eye, Egia, the light of the spirit, and Ekha, the light of the world which is the sun.
Yau'u Arabian
an early deity, one of the Aliha
Yavishta (see Agni)
Yavishtu (see Agni)
Yawata (see Hachiman)
Yawning Gap (see Gimmungagap)
yawo South American
an initiate in the worship of the voodoo gods (see also vodunsi)
Yaxche Central American
a tree in the paradise of the Maya
The souls of warriors killed in battle were transported to Yaxche by Ixtab.
Yaxcocahmut (see Itzamna)
Yaxzatas (see Yazatas)
Yaya West Indian
a supreme spirit
His son was rebellious so Yaya killed him, putting his bones in a gourd hung from the roof. These bones turned to fish which Yaya and his wife lived on.
Another version says that four brothers seized the gourd and ate some of the fish but the gourd broke and the water which flooded out became the seas, full of fish.
Yay'ai Siberian
a guardian of the household
This being takes the form of a drum and speaks through a drumstick made of whalebone.
Yayati Hindu
a king
husband of Devayani
father of Yudu by Devayani
father of Anu, Puru and Turvasu by Sarmishtha
He found Devayani lying in a well, where she had been thrown by the princess Sarmishtha, and married her. Sarmishtha was made a servant at the court of Yayati who had an affair with her, fathering three sons. As a result, Devayani left him and her father, the priest Shukra, placed a curse of impotence on Yayati.
In some versions, Turvasu was the son of Devayani.
Yayoi Japanese
[Soul of the Mirror]
a maiden controlled by a dragon
Yayoi fell into the clutches of the Poison Dragon who lived in a well in the house occupied by Matsumura, a priest. When the dragon was forced to leave the well, she was freed and warned Matsumura to leave the house which would be destroyed by floods. He did as she said and also, as instructed, presented her mirror to the shogun who then gave him the funds he needed to repair his monastery.
Yayu African
a sky-god of the Ngbandi people
Yazad (see Yazata)
Yazata Persian
['the wonderful one'].Yazzata.Yazad. Yazdan.Yzed]
one of the ancient gods of the Zoroastrian pantheon, attendant on Ahura Mazda: guardian spirits: the embodiment of abstract ideas
Yazdan Persian
a Zoroastrian god: protector of the most holy place
Yazid Armenian
the devil
This name is given to the devil by the Yezidis who allege that he was reinstated as an angel.
When Talac's castle again came under siege, Yder rode to help his friend but the siege had already been lifted when he arrived. There he found a maiden who asked him to discover the identity of a knight who visited her in her tent every day. Yder found the man and a great fight ensued which ended only when the knight recognised Yder as his own son.

Arthur, who was jealous of Yder, decided to get rid of him and when Gwenloie asked his help in finding a husband, told her to marry the man who could kill two giants and bring her their knife. Yder did just that and claimed her hand. Kay gave Yder some poisoned water and he was left for dead but he recovered and returned to court. Arthur then made Yder a king and he married Gwenloie.

One story tells how he went with King Arthur in a foray against three giants and went on ahead of the others. He visited her in her tent every day. Yder was the hill where the giants lived, they claimed her hand. Kay gave Yder some sceptre, he lifted when he arrived. There he found all three of them dead. Yder was the son of Torec and he married Gwenloie. One story tells how he went with King Arthur in a foray against three giants and went on ahead of the others.

When the rest of the party arrived at the hill where the giants lived, they found all three of them dead. Yder was also killed in the fight. Some accounts say he killed Gwengasoin's bear and married the giant's daughter, Belinette. In the story of Geraint and Enid he is known as Edern.

Ydor

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Paul's jealous wife persuaded him that his sister had killed their son, so Paul had Yelitza pulled apart by horses. A church arose on the spot where she died.

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One of the four gods encountered by the tribe during their journey from the underworld into the upper world.

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She quarrelled with Blue Corn-ear Maiden who used magic to turn her into a coyote. This animal was captured and taken to Spider Woman who returned the girl to her proper form and gave her a magic cup. When Blue Corn-ear Maiden drank from this cup, she was turned into a snake.

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She, together with White-corn Boy,
Chinese

Yellow Dragon

a guardian of the east.

Yellow Devi

one of the Ten Corn Maidens

She and her sisters were changed into mortals and locked up by witches. Payatami, who was in love with Yellow Corn Maiden, rescued them all from their prison.

Yellow-corn Maiden

2 sisters, Pueblo witches

These maidens were jealous when Nahchurachu married the moon so they drowned her in a well. All the birds and animals searched in vain until the buzzard spotted a mound with flowers on it. Nahchurachu placed one of the white flowers between two roses and sang over it until at last his wife emerged restored to life and beauty.

With the help of a magic hoop made by her husband, the moon turned the Yellow-corn Maidens into snakes.

Yellow Deity

a sun-god, god of the setting sun

Yellow Devi

(see also White Deity)

Yellow Dragon

ruler of the centre

This beast is said to have emerged from the River Lo to impart the secret of writing to the emperor. Others say it brought the secret from heaven.

Yellow Emperor

(see Huang Ti)

Yellow Lion Demon

one of the many demons overcome by Hsüan Tsang and his friends on their journey to India

Yellow Lord

(see Huang Ti)

Yellow Mountains

North American sacred mountains of the Navaho

Yellow Muileartach, The

Irish

da female demon slain by Finn mac Cool

Yellow Paint Lodge

(see Snow Lodge)

Yellow River

a celestial river

Yellow Springs

Japanese

the Taoist underworld: purgatory

Yellow Tara

(see Brhkuti Tara)

Yellow Thunderbird

North American

one of the elders of the Thunderbirds

He, together with the other three elders, guarded the nest containing the eggs from which all the other Thunderbirds hatched. He was the guardian of the east.

Yellow World

one of the 4 worlds that the Navaho passed through before emerging into the upper world

The Navaho arrived here after being expelled from the Blue World and found it occupied by the Grasshopper People. They were soon expelled from this world also when some of their number seduced the women of the Yellow World.

Yeloje

Siberian

[Po’gu.Ye’rpeyen]
a sun-god and guardian of the oppressed

Yemaja

(see Yemoja)

Yeman’gnyem

Siberian

an Ostyak fish-god

The aurora borealis, it is said, is a fire that this god lights to guide travellers.

Yemaya

(see Yemoja)

Yemay

a Yoruba sea-god

Yemaya

(see Yemoja)

Yemekonji

African

a creator-god in Zaire

It is said that he gave Nkombe three parcels; one of them, opened by Nkombe, released the light of the sun.

Yemma

(see Emma-O)

Yemma-Dai-O

(see Emma-O)

Yemma-O

(see Emma-O)

Yemoja

African

[Yemoja.Yemaya.Yemowa]
a water-goddess of the Yoruba people
daughter of Odudua
sister and wife of Aganju
mother of Oranyan, some say consort of Obatala, some say mother of Ogun, Oko, Olokun, Orunjan, Shango and Shankanpana

Yemowa

(see Yemoja)

Yen Hui

Chinese

da sage, pupil of Confucius

Yen Kuang Niang Niang

Chinese

a mother-goddess

One of her functions is to cure eye diseases.

Yen Kung

Chinese

a sea-god

He is said to have caused a huge wave which wrecked the ship of the pirates who were attacking Shanghai.

Yen-lo

(see Yen Wang)

Yen Ti

Chinese

one of the Three Sovereigns

In some accounts, he is regarded as the same as Shen Nung, in others they are separate characters.

Yen Wang

Chinese

[Yanluo,Yen-lo (Wang),Yen Wang Yeh: «Hindu Yama»-Japanese Emma-O] the double-bodied Buddhist god of death

the fifth and chief of the Ten Yama Kings (see also Cheng-huang)

Yenluo

Chinese

a king of hell

the supreme Yama

He was the overseer of the ten courts of the underworld in which souls were judged and he himself presided over the first court. (see Yen Wang)

Yen Wang Yeh

(see Yen Wang)

Yen Yüan

Chinese

one of the disciples of Confucius

allowed to sacrifice in the temple of Confucius

Yen-uzu

Chinese

the favourite disciple of Confucius

one of the Four Saints

Yenesei

Serbian

a holy river

This river rises in heaven and passes through the earth to the underworld.

Yen-jo

(see Yen Wang)

Yenoki

Japanese

a priest at a shrine dedicated to Fudo

He broke the rules by looking at the ugly god in the shrine for which he was blinded in one eye and turned into a tengu.

When he died, his spirit entered the cryptomeria tree. He appeared in the form of a handsome youth and enticed many maidens from the nearby village where they were taking part in wicked rites. When a priest threatened to chop his tree down, Yenoki admitted that he had taken the girls and tied them to trees. They now repented and led blameless lives.

Yerah

(see Yarih)

Yeren

Chinese

[Yeh-jen]

a mythical humanoid said to live in the mountains of China

Yero

a name for the Rainbow Snake

Yero

(see Yaro)

Ye’rpeyen

(see Yeloje)

Yerro

(see Kuri)

Yerunthully

Australian

a rope

When a person dies, this rope is lowered from the heavens so that the spirit can climb up. When the spirit reaches the top, the rope falls as a meteor.
Yggdrasill was a home of the gods. The shoots were accounts, a further root reached Asgard, the home of the gods. This huge tree was said to support the universe. It had three main roots, one in Niflheim was constantly gnawed by the spirits of unbaptised children in the negative, dark, moist, cold, female principle, representing earth and passivity, as opposed to the male principle, Yang.

When, as Do Son had predicted, he came down to earth in the form of a radiant goddess who, with her warmth and light, woke all the plants, birds and animals into life. She then retired to the heavens in the form of a glowing ball and became the sun. She was a semi-divine being, said to have ruled for 700 years, who, in his attempt to make men immortal, sacrificed a bull, so upsetting the gods whose prerogative this was. For his presumption he was killed either by Spiyurma or by the demon Azhi Dahak as Zahak.

When Voukashin killed her brother, Yima, he later came to love her and he was forced to move out of the capital. He appointed Mahag to find a site for his new capital which later became Seoul.

When, as Do Son had predicted, he killed but lost his own immortality, he was deified as the god of the celestial Ministry of Time. Some accounts describe Yima himself as the first man, son of Vivahvant, the first man, son of Vivahvant, the leader of a group of Kihunai, who inhabited the area before the Hupa, when he left for a new home across the sea to the north.

Yin is said to have hung for nine days on this tree in one of his efforts to acquire wisdom. One of the Eighteen Lohan, a Taoist sage, a disciple of Lao-tzu and when Ahura Mazda set out to destroy mankind he was warned in advance and constructed a vast cave, Var, in which he sheltered the best of all species with which to repopulate the world. He was deified as the god of astrology and when Ahura Mazda set out to destroy mankind he was warned in advance and constructed a vast cave, Var, in which he sheltered the best of all species with which to repopulate the world. He was deified as the god of astrology and when Ahura Mazda set out to destroy mankind he was warned in advance and constructed a vast cave, Var, in which he sheltered the best of all species with which to repopulate the world.
the souls of those who died in middle age or later. The younger ones were collected by Yang Wu-ch'ang.

(see Wu-ch'ang Kuei)

**Yin-Yang**

Chinese

- [Hindu Sri-Yantra-Japanese In-Yo
  ➔Tibetan Yin-Yab]

Yin-Yang

Chinese

Ying-chou

Norse

Yingi

to a child by a common chieftain that he locked both mother and daughter in a convent. When the old ruler died, Yma Sumac pleaded with the new Inca, Yupanqui, who released them and blessed her parents’ union.

Ymer

father of Hoel by Gwyar, some say

Ymer

(see Ymir)

Ymir

[Augelnir.Fornjot(nr).Orgelmir.Ymer]

the first giant

father of Aegir, Hymir, Kari, Loki, and

Thrudgelmir, some say

He was formed from the frost that came from the condensing of the warm mists of Muspelheim when they met the cold from the icy rivers of Niflheim. The cow, Audhumbla, was formed at the same time and Ymir survived by drinking her milk. From the sweat of his armpit he produced a son and a daughter and from his feet came the six-headed giant Thrudgelmir.

Ymir

(see also Fortunate Islands)

Odin and his brothers Ve and Vili killed Ymir and made the earth from his body. The rush of blood from the giant's body killed all the other giants with the exception of Bergelmir and his wife who survived to produce more giants. Dwarfs grew from Ymir's dead body. The rush of blood from the giant's body, his skull became the heavens and his brains the clouds.

**Ynawc**

Welsh

Ynawc1

a dwarf, one of the Lobar

Ynawc2

(see Ingvi-Frey)

Ynawc

Norse

[see Ingvi-Frey]

the story of Yngvarr's travels and adventures

Yngvi

Norse

a creator-god of the Bambara people: 'the word'

Yngvi

(see Ingvi-Frey)

Yngvi-Frey

(see Ingvi-Frey)

Ynolf

(see Enid)

Yniol

(see also Erec)

Ynywl

(see Yniol)

Ynys Avallach

Welsh

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Welsh

[see Bardsey]

Ynys Fanaw

Welsh

the Welsh name for the Isle of Man, home of Ulyr

Ynys Wair

Welsh

[see Bardsey]

the island home of Gywdion

Ynys Witrin

Welsh

the name for Glastonbury, in Welsh legends

Yo

[African

[the word]

Yo

African

to a trickster-deity in Dahomey

Yo

Japanese

[see Bardsey]
the dark, negative, female principle
opposed to In: earth
Yo combined with In to form the cosmic
egg which split to form the earth, Yo,
and the sky, In, while the embryo
formed the Separate Heavenly Deities
(see also In)
Yo Fei
a minor deity, patron of actors.
He was a general who was deified as
the god of Hangchow.
Yo-ko-mat-is (see Yokomatis)
Yo-shin-shi
grass growing in paradise which can
confer eternal youth on those who
eat it
Yo Wang
a god of healing
Yoalax
a culture-hero of the tribes of Tierra
del Fuego
Yoalli Ehecatl
a name for Teczatlipoca as ‘night-wind’
Yoaltecuhtli
an Aztec creator-god
consort of Yacahuztili
He was the ruler of Teotlcozauhcan,
the sixth of the thirteen heavens.
Yoamatzli
(see Coamatzli. Teczatlipoca)
Yoaht Ehecatl (see Yoalli Ehecatl)
Yoanua-borna
a rain-deity of the Taino people
Yobin-Pogli
a god of the forests
Yocahu
[Coacuvague-Maorocon.
[Marconi.
Yocahuquama]
a guardian god
In some accounts, he is the same
as Guamaonocon.
Yocahuquama
(see Yocahu)
Yodo Emon
an emperor said to have been saved by
a whale when his ship was wrecked
yol
the wheel of the wind symbolised by
a sacred pentagram
Yofune Nushi
a serpent-god
He lived in a cave under the sea and
demanded the yearly sacrifice of a
young maiden. On one occasion,
Tokoyo, who was searching for her
exiled father, took the place of the
maiden due to be sacrificed and killed
the great white serpent.
Yog-klu
the underworld, ruled by leogpo,
in the world gling
Yoga1
a sage referred to in the
Mahabharata
Yoga2
a system of mystic philosophy based
on breathing and physical exercise
It is said that yoga can make a man
invisible, cause him to grow so tall he
can reach the heavens or transport
him to any place in the world. He can
also learn to communicate with the
dead, foretell the future and read the
past
Yogadayu
a general
As the result of a dream, he was able to
rout his enemies by using bees stored
in 1,000 jars.
Yogambra
a Buddhist god
an aspect of Vajradhara
consort of Digambara
Yoganidra
son of Nanda and Yasoda
The infant Krishna was taken by
Nanda and his wife to save the child
from the clutches of the demon Kansa
and they handed over their own baby
son to replace him. When Kansa tried
to kill the boy, he flew away.
Yogasiddha
mother of Vishvakarma by Bhuvana
yogee
[see yogi)
Yogeshvari
a mother-goddess
one of the 8 Magrikas
one of the saptamataras
She was opposed to the demon Kama.
Yogeshvari
(see Yogeshvari)
yogi
[yogee=’female yogini’
a practitioner of yoga: a sorcerer
Yogini
female door guardians
These four beings are depicted as
having the heads of birds or animals.
yogini
a female yogi
Yogini
one of a group of minor goddesses:
female demons
aspects of Durga
These deities are variously said to
number from eight to over sixty (or
over ten million).
Yohualticetl
a name for Metzli as Lady of the
Night
Yohualticetl
a moon-goddess, guardian of babies
Yoishta
a legendary hero
He solved the ninety-nine riddles
posed by Akhtya who, failing to answer
Yoishta’s three riddles, was killed.
Yokomatis
a creator-spirit of the Dieguenos
brother of Tuchaipai
He and his brother were born under
the sea and Yokomatis was blinded by
the effect of the salt water on his eyes.
They pushed up the sky so that they
did not have room to move about and then
created all the things in the world,
including men and women. He is
regarded as the one who caused death
while his brother is the giver of life.
In some accounts, this blind god was
known as Bakothal and his brother
Tuchaipai was Kokomah.
Yolkai Estan (see Yolkai Estsan)
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[White Painted Woman. White Shell
Woman.
Yolkai Estan. Yolkaiisn]
a sea-goddess and fertility-goddess
of the Navaho Indians
sister of Estanatlehi
wife of Tlehanati
mother of Tobadzisatin, some say
She was created by Hasteyalti and
Hastehogan from white shell though
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were created by Changing Woman
from flakes of skin from beneath her
brevets.
In some versions, she, rather than
Estanatlehi, created humans from
maize-flour. (see Estanatlehi)
Yolkaiisn (see Yolkai Estsan)
Yomi (see Yomi-estu-kuni)
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Yon-tan-rgyal-po

Tibetan

one of the 5 Panchamaharaja
king of deeds

He is said to ride a blue horse.

Yon-ten-gyal-po (see Yon-tan-rgyal-po)

a servant of Tsuyu

She died of grief when her mistress
died of unrequited love for the
samurai, Shinzaburo. At the Festival of
the Dead, they both visited Shinzaburo
and came to his house every night.
When finally Shinzaburo was advised
by the priest, Ryoseki, that he was
entertaining ghosts of the dead and
could himself lose his life, he locked
the doors against them and used the
talisman given to him by Ryoseki to
keep the dead at bay.

Yoné bribed Tomozo, Shinzaburo’s
servant, to let them in and the
affair was resumed. Next day, Shinzaburo
was found dead beside the bones of
Tsuyu.

Yon-riJapanese

a noble

He saw the young Kintaro performing
a feat of great physical strength and
took him as his retainer, calling him
Sakata Kintoki. (see also Raiko1)

YoritomoJapanese

a samurai

son of Yoshitomo

Hiding in a hollow tree after fleeing
from a lost battle with Kage-chika, he
was saved by two doves which flew out
of the tree, so convincing Kage-chika
that nobody could be hidden inside.
The birds had saved the lives of the
man who became shogun.

YorokuSouth American

[Yoroka]

the malevolent ghost of an ancestor in
Guiana (Surinam)

YorokaJapanese

[=Greek cteis]

female genitalia as the symbol of the
goddess, Shakti

Yon-riKorean

a maiden

wife of Willow

Her father remarried when her mother
died and the step-mother forced her to go out in the snow to
find fresh vegetables. A young man
called Willow gave her some fresh
vegetables and three bottles of magic
fluid. After several visits, each time
bringing back the fresh food, her
stepmother discovered the secret and
killed Willow. Yoni gathered his bones,
sprinkled them with the three fluids
and he was restored to life. It
transpired that he was a heavenly
being in charge of spring rains and he
took Yoni back to heaven where she
became his wife.

YonjasHindu

worshippers of the yoni

YorimasaJapanese

[Mimamoto no Yorimasa]
a knight
husband of Ayame

He killed a nue, a huge sky-monster
with the body of a tiger and the head of
an ape, which had been harassing the
emperor. As a reward, he was
given the sword, Shishi-wo, and
married Ayame, a lady of the court.

YorimitsuJapanese

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YoshisawaJapanese

da doctor

He saved the life of the princess
Shingé who had been frightened or
bitten by a large snake and they fell
in love. Shingé’s father refused to
sanction their marriage and she killed herself
by jumping into the well near
where they first met. When he heard
of her death, Yoshisawa died in the
same way.

YoshitomoJapanese

a hero

brother of Tametomo

husband of Tokiwa

father of Yorimoto and Yoshitsune

He was killed by Kiyomori, leader of
the Taira clan, but his death was finally
avenged by his son, Yoshitsune, with
the help of Benkei.

YoshitsuneJapanese

a hero

son of Yoshitomo and Tokiwa

His father had been killed by
Kiyomori, leader of the Taira clan, and
he grew up intent upon revenge. He
was taught the art of swordsmanship by
the king of the tengu and became
extremely agile. When he met the
giant, Benkei, he defeated him without
a weapon merely by dodging all
Benkei’s blows. The giant became his
lifelong friend and servant and
Together they defeated the Taira and
drove them into the sea. When, on a
later voyage, Yoshitsune’s ship was
assailed by the ghosts of the Taira,
Benkei warded them off by reading
Buddhist prayers.

YosheJapanese

(870-901)
a sennin

He lived the life of an ascetic and, in
later life, existed on a grain of millet
per day. He was reputed to have
returned in spirit form after his death
to visit his grieving father.

YoshoJapanese

(see Ioskeha)

a youth who met the goddess of
Mount Fuji

When his mother fell ill, Yoshogi
consulted a magician, Kamo Yamakiko,
who advised him to get water from a
stream on the slopes of Mount Fuji. On
each of five occasions, he was met by
the goddess of the mountain who
guided him to the stream, the water
from which cured his mother.

YoshoJapanese

(see Yoshogi)

Young God (see Angus Og)

Young ImmortalChinese

an attendant on the god Tung Wang

Kung

Young Prince (see Pilzintecuhtli)

Young SpiderPacific Islands

son of Old Spider

This deity is credited with the creation of
fire.

Young Unknown, The (see Gingalin)

Younger Brother1North American

culture hero of the Pima

He helped Elder Brother to fashion the
first humans. (see also Elder Brother)

Younger Brother2North American

culture hero of the Pima

He helped Elder Brother to fashion the
first humans. (see also Elder Brother)

Younger EddaNorse

[The Prose Edda]

the more recent of the 2 major books
of epic stories, collected by Snorri
Sturluson

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1123
The various works included in this collection are entitled Braga Ræder, Eptirmati, Fomati, Gyfla-ginning, Hattatal and Skaldskaparmal.

**Youth**  
Irish  
the maiden who placed the love-spot on Dermot's forehead

**Youthful Warrior**  
(see Telphochti)

**Yovo**  
Serbian  
son of Gaiko

To placate a veela, Yovo's mother was immured in the walls of the fortress being built at Scutari by Voukashin and his brothers but the builder, Rado, left a small opening through which she was able to breast-feed Yovo for a year.

**yoyolche**  
Central American  
monsters of the Maya

**Ypolina**  
Greek  
[Hippolyta]  
wife of Theseus, duke of Athens, in Chaucer's Knight's Tale  
sister of Emily

**Ypotrill**  
a monster, said to be part camel, part goat

**Yryn-ai-tojon**  
Siberian  
[Yryn-ajy-tojon:=Buriat Ulgan]  
the supreme god of the Yakuts

He challenged Satan to bring up land from the bottom of the primordial waters and when Satan, in the form of a swallow, did what he was asked, Yryn floated down to earth and sat on it. It grew and grew until it formed the world.

**Yryn-ajy-tojon**  
(see Yryn-ai-tojon)

**Yrid**  
West Indian  
a Carib beneficent spirit, one of a pair with Akambou

**Ys**  
European  
[Ker Is.Ker Ys]  
a city in Brittany, the French version of Lynese

This city is said to have been submerged under the sea as the result of the activities of Ahes.

**Ysabelē**  
British  
in some accounts, wife of Gawain

**Ysaiē**  
British  
son of Tristram and Isolde  
husband of Martha  
father of Marc

**Ysaiē**  
(see Ysenne)

**Ysambras**  
(see Isumbras)

**Ysbadadden**  
(see Ysbaddaden)

**Ysbadadden**  
Welsh  
[Hawthorn.Ysbadadden.  
Yspaddaden (Pencawr)]  
the chief giant  
son of Anlawd, some say brother of Custennin  
father of Olwen

He had deprived Custennin of his rightful inheritance and had killed all his brother's twenty-four sons, except Goreu.

It had been foretold that he would die when his daughter married so he required would-be suitors to meet thirty-nine conditions which none of them could meet until Culhwch, helped by King Arthur and his men, did what the giant asked and won her hand. The prophecy of his death was fulfilled when Goreu killed him and cut off his head.

**Ysengrimus**  
(see Isengrim)

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(see Isengrim)

**Ysengrin**  
(see Isengrim)

**Ysene**  
British  
[niece of King Arthur]  
wife of Caradoc, king of Vannes  
mother of Caradoc

She had an affair with the wizard, Eliaures, and bore him a son.

**Ysent**  
(see Isoldē)

**Yseldudd**  
(see Ysgudyll)

**Yscult**  
(see Isoldē)

**Ysgawd**  
Welsh  
father of Glew

**Ysgithyrwyn**  
Welsh  
the chief boar

Ysbaddaden required Culhwch to get a tusk from this boar as one of the conditions to be fulfilled in his quest for the hand of Olwen. The tusk was cut out by Cadw who used it to shave Ysbaddaden.

**Ysgudyll**  
British  
[Ysgudyll]  
a servant of Guinevere

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**Yshiel**  
a demon

**Yskal-pydo-murt**  
Russian  
[Syry-ajak]  
an evil forest-spirit with hoofs and hairy legs

**Yskyrda**  
(see Ysgyrdaf)

**Ysolde**  
(see Isoldē)

**Ysourē**  
European  
a Saracen king

When this king besieged King Louis, Guillaume left the hermitage to which he had retired and killed Ysorē in single combat.

**Ysoud**  
(see Isoldē)

**Ysbadadden**  
(see Ysbaddaden)

**Ystoria Trystan**  
British  
the story of Tristram and Isolde in the Celtic language

**Yū**  
Chinese  
[Ti Yū.The Great Yu.Weng Ming.  
Yellow Emperor]  
a winged dragon with horns  
father of Chī

This monster emerged from the body of K'un three years after he was killed by Chu-jung for stealing the magic Swelling Earth from Huang Ti. Yū was given permission by Huang Ti to use the Swelling Earth and became a famous builder of dams and irrigation engineer, controlling the flood-waters. He later became a master smith, making nine cauldrons on which he inscribed all the details of his works. Others say that the inscriptions were made on a stone tablet which he erected on a mountain peak.

He sometimes took the form of a bear and when his wife saw him in this guise she turned to stone.

In another account, he was the son of Hsiu-chi and was born with a nose like the muzzle of a tiger but with three nostrils. He grew to be over nine feet tall.

He became emperor in 2205 BC when Shun abdicated and is regarded as the founder of the first dynasty.

**Yū Ch'iang**  
Chinese  
[Yū Hu]  
god of the winds of the Northern Sea

He guarded the islands of P'eng-lai in the form of a being with a human head, the body of a bird and with serpents hanging from his ears.

**Yū Ch'ien**  
Chinese  
a god of the city of Nanking (Nanjing)

He was originally a 15th C minister for war.

**Yū Ch'ih Ching-te**  
(see Ch'ih Ching-te)

**Yū Ch'ing**  
(see Yū Huang)
Yü Hu (see Yü Ch’üang)
Yü Huang Chinese
Yü Nü (see Pi-hsia Yuan-chun)
Yü Po Chinese
a fish-god
Yü-Ryakcu Japanese
an emperor
Yü Shih (see Yüan Shih)
Yü-Shih (see Yüan Shih)
Yü Tsu Chinese
a rain-god
Yü Yin Chinese
a goddess of justice
Yü Lan Hui (see Festival of Hungry Ghosts)
Yü Shih (see Yüan Shih)
Yüan Shih
[‘Tien Pao. Yü Shih]
a supreme Taoist god and rain-god son of Pan-ku and Tai Yüan
When Pan-ku had finished creating the universe he entered through the mouth of an ascetic hermaphroditic in the form of a ray of light. Twelve years later the hermit gave birth to Yüan Shih, allegedly through his spine.

In another account the ascetic hermit is replaced by the holy virgin T’ai Yüan.
Yüan Shih lives in a palace on Jade Mountain and learns about the people on earth from the kitchen-god, Tsao Chüan.
Others say that he was reincarnated as Chen Wu or Pei-chi-chen-chun.
In some accounts, he is equated with Yü Huang.
Yüan-tan Chinese
[‘Hsuan Tan]
a god of wealth
He owned a magic bowl, Chu-pao P’en, which produced all the gold he could ever want.
He is depicted riding a tiger and holding a club.
Yucahu West Indian
a god of the Taite people, the spirit of cassava
Yudhisthira Hindu
[‘Yudhisthira: Javanese Yudistira]
the eldest of the 5 Pandavas son of Pandu and Kunti
father of Yaudheyah by Devika
father of Pratvindhaya by Draupadi
He was born when Kunti prayed to Dharma.

When, after the war with the Kauravas, the Pandavas made a pilgrimage to Mount Meru, he was the only one to survive the journey. After a journey to hell where he saw the tortures of the wicked, he bathed in the Ganges to wash away his mortal existence and was transported to heaven where he found the rest of his family living in peace with their former enemies.

Yudhisthira (see Yudhishtihira)
Yudhisthira (see Yudhishtihira)
Yudistira East Indian
[‘Darma]
the Javanese version of Yudhishtihira
Yaeh Lao (see Chieh Lin)
Yufugawo Japanese
a mistress of Genji
It is said that she died of fright when she saw a ghost.
yug (see yuga)
yuga Hindu
[yug]
one of 4 ages of the world
These are given as:
1. krita-yuga, lasting 4,000 years
2. treta-yuga, lasting 3,000 years
3. dvapara-yuga, lasting 2,000 years
4. kali-yuga, the present age, lasting 1,000 years

In some accounts the four ages total 12,000 years, made up as follows:
1. krita-yuga, 4,800
2. treta-yuga, 3,600
3. dvapara-yuga, 2,400
4. kali-yuga, 1,200 including dawn and twilight periods.
The years referred to are divine years, and, since each divine year equals 360 human years, the complete cycle of four ages, a mahayuga, equals 4,320,000 human years.

Yuguru African
the name for Ogo after he was maimed by one of the Nommo

Yuhwa Korean
daughter of a river-earl mother of Chumong
When she was raped by one of the rulers of heaven, she was banished by her family and was found wandering on a mountainside by the king, Kumowa, who gave her shelter. She became pregnant and eventually gave birth to a large egg from which emerged the boy Chumong.
Yuki-onna  
"Japanese"
an evil female spirit of winter
She appeared to Mosaku and Minokichi and killed the former with her icy breath but spared the younger man. She later married him but disappeared in a cloud of cold mist when he finally recognised her as the phantom who had killed his master.

In another story, she appeared in the guise of Oyazu, a woman who had died and whose husband then left her parents without support.

Yuki-onna  
(see Yuki-onna)

Yul-khor-bsrun  
(see Yul-khor-srung)

Yul-khor-srung  
"Tibetan"
[YPakhar-bsrung]  
the Tibetan name for Dhritarashtra [Dhutarashtra] as guardian of the east

Yul-lha  
"Tibetan"
lord gods, of which there are 8 classes

Yule  
"Norse"
a festival in honour of the Aesir, January 14th

Yum  
"Central American"
[Chinese Yin: Japanese YO]  
the Buddhist female principle: time

Yum Caax  
"Central American"
[=Aztec Cinteotl]  
Mayan maize-god, an aspect of Kukulcan

Yum Cimil  
"Central American"
a name of Ah Puch as 'lord of death'

Yum Kaax  
(see Yum Caax)
yumbalamob  
"Central American"
Mayan spirits in the first heaven, guardians of the villages

Yumchabob  
"Central American"
[nukuchyumchakob]  
Mayan spirits of the sixth heaven, envisaged as old men controlling rain

Yün Chung-chun  
(see Yun Chung-tzu)
Yün Chung-tzu  
"Chinese"
[=Chinese Yin: Japanese YO]  
a son of the clouds
He raised the infant Lei Chen-tzu. After the Battle of Mu, he surrounded Wen-chung 'Tai-shih with eight columns of fire so that he was burnt to ashes and was elevated to divine status as Lei Tsu.

yun-drun  
"Tibetan"
[ryungdrun]  
the swastika, a symbol of the sun
In the Buddhist form, it has the arms bent to the right; the Bon version has them bent to the left.

Yün Fan  
(=Han Chung-ly)  
Chinese
a weather-god
He is envisaged as a young boy playing with the clouds.

Yün Tun  
(see Hua Lin)  
Chinese
an early god of the city of Hangchow

Yung-chen  
(see Hua Lin)  
Chinese
a guardian spirit of the Philippines
[see also Spitter]

Yupa  
"Hindu"
apost used in Brahmin sacrificial rites

Yurine  
"Japanese"
a peasant father of Koyuri
On his deathbed, Yurine craved a drink of saké and his son set out with a gourd to find some. The boy met two shojo who took pity on him and gave him some of their sacred white saké which restored Yurine's youth and allowed him to live for 300 years.

Yuriwaka  
"Japanese"
a warrior
He made many conquests using his magic bow and arrows until two of his men, Jigo and Taro, marooned him on an island and stole his weapons. Yuriwaka's wife, persuaded that her husband was dead, agreed to marry Taro, but Yuriwaka escaped from the island, arrived just in time to stop the wedding and, recovering his bow and arrows, killed the treacherous Taro.

Yurlunggar  
(see Yurlunggur)  
"Australian"
ring lost in the ocean which restored-Northern Australia

Yurlunggur  
(see Yurlunggar)  
"Australian"
Notu, which he then carried in the ocean

Yurupari  
"South American"
a bush-demon of the Tupi of Brazil

Yurupary  
"South American"
[Manioc Stick Anaconda]  
a culture-hero of Colombia
brother of Macaw
He stole fire from the underworld and killed his brother with it. He was himself burnt to death.

Yusai  
"Japanese"
a sage
Yusai advised Shinzaburo that the woman who came to him each night during the Festival of the Dead was not the maiden he had fallen in love with but the ghost of the dead, and referred him to the priest, Ryoseki, for further help.

Yusuf ibn Wasif  
="Persian"
an envoy to the jinn
Azazil sent him to the rebellious jinn who had killed several earlier envoys. He reported back and Azazil led his forces to put down the rebellion.

Yusup  
"Pacific Islands"
a Polynesian fisherman
He caught the magic white tortoise, Notu, which he then carried in the front of his boat. The tortoise could lead him to sites where he was sure of a good catch of fish and, when they met a sea-monster, Notu found the ring lost in the ocean which restored the monster to its proper form as a prince, a feat for which Yusup was well rewarded.

Yuttoere  
"North American"
the supreme deity of the Carrier tribe

Yuvanasva  
"Hindu"
a man who, after drinking a potion, bore a boy from his side

Yuzu  
"Japanese"
a holy tree
This is the citron, the fruit and needles of which are said to cure the sick.

Yvain  
"French"
the French name for Owain

Yvain1  
"French"
[Le Chevalier au Lion]  
Yvain2

Yvan  
"British"
a magician
He and Mabon had turned the Lady of Sinadun into a snake. When Gingalin came to her aid, they attacked him. Mabon was killed but Yvan vanished into thin air in time to save himself.
Yvoirin

uncle of Escaramonde

European

Yvonet

a squire at the court of King Arthur

British

He helped the unworldly Percival to remove the armour of the Red Knight after Percival had killed him and took the golden cup that Percival had recovered back to Camelot from where the Red Knight had stolen it.

Ywain¹ (see Yvain¹)

Ywain² (see Yvain²)

Ywein

an earl

Welsh

He owned the valley which held the hedge of mist and where enchanted games were held which were ended only when Geraint overcame the champion of the games.

Ywerit

British

in some accounts, father of Bran
Zaazuash
a demon

Zababa  Mesopotamian
[Hattic Wurukatti:= Hittite Zamama]
a Babylonian war-god

Zabel of the Sea  Phoenician
a sea-beast
This animal was used by Khoser in his fight with Baal.

Zabiba  Arab
a princess
mother of Antar
She was freed from captivity by Shaddad when he conquered the Sudan and became his wife.

Zac Cimi  Central American
a Mayan god
one of the 4 Bacabs
He supported the western corner of the world (black).

Zac-Mitun-Ahau  Central American
a Mayan deity, guardian of the city

Zac-u-Uayeyab  Central American
a Mayan deity, guardian of the city

Zacharias  (see Zechariah)
Zactecauh  Central American
a Guatemalan warrior

Zad  (see Ded)
Zada  Siberian
[Sata]
a wind-spirit

Zaden  Spanish
a guardian god of fishermen

Zadusnica  European
[=Russian Dziady]
a guardian spirit

Zaebos  a demon of hell
He is depicted as a crocodile with a man's head.

Zagam  (see Zagan)
Zagan  (Zagam]
a demon of forgers
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is said to be able to perform miracles such as turning water into wine and appears in the form of a winged bull.

Zagmak  Mesopotamian
[Zagmak]
a festival in honour of Marduk held at the Spring equinox

Zagmuk  (see Zagmak)
Zagreus  Greek
[=Greek Dionysus]
a Cretan vegetation-god
Zeus mated with Persephone to produce Zagreus with the intention of handing over his own powers to this son, but the jealous Hera incited the Titans to kill him. He tried to escape by changing shape but was killed in the shape of a bull and the Titans tore him to pieces and ate him. Some say that man was created from his body and the soul from his blood. Athena rescued the boy's heart and returned it to Zeus who swallowed it and used it in his coupling with Semele to produce Dionysus. (see also Dionysus)

Zaguaguaya  South American
a sun-god of the Guarayo tribe
brother of Abaangui
It is said that the country he lives in is lit by small birds, each of which carries a small light in its beak.

Zahadolchahi  North American
a god of the Navaho
one of the Yeibechi

Zahak  Persian
[Zahhak.Zohak.Zuhak]
a tyrant
a form of the demon Ahzi Dahak
A prince who followed the path of corruption and developed snakes growing one from each shoulder which fed on human brains. He killed Yima or Jamshid by cutting him in half but was himself overthrown and imprisoned by Thraetona.

Zahgurim  Mesopotamian
a name of Marduk as 'helper of friends'

Zahlurin  Mesopotamian

Zahlak  (see Azhi Dahak.Zahak)
Zahi  West Indian
a Haitian voodoo spirit

zahlenquadrat  (see magic square)
Zahorí.  
Spanish sorcerers  
These people are said to have made a pact with the Devil who has given them the power to see through solid objects.  
Zahrí.  
Mesopotamian  
a name of Marduk as ‘scourge of wickedness’

Zahun.

demon associated with scandal

Zain  
Arab  
a nocturnal manifestation of the devil

Zainigav  
Arab  
a storm-demon

This demon overran Persia but was driven out by Afrasiyab.

Zairicha.

Mesopotamian  
a demon opposing Hauravat

Zairivairi  
(see Zariadres)

Zajan  
Siberian  
[Sagan-tengeri]

a Buriait god of fate

Zakar  
Mesopotamian  
an Assyrian supreme god

Zakar  
Mesopotamian  
a Babylonian god of dreams

Zakiooxol  
Central American  
a Guatemalan fire-spirit

Zakitzunum  
Central American  
a Guatemalan warrior
He accompanied Zactecauh on a trip to the top of a mountain.

Zal.

Persian  
a sun-god  
son of Sam  
father of Rustem by Rudabah
He was said to have been born with white hair and was abandoned by his parents on Mount Alburz from where he was rescued by the simurgh, Saena.

Zalambur  
Arab  
a demon of dishonest trading  
son of Ebilis

Zalburis.

da demon associated with healing

Zaleos  
[Seleos]  
a demon  
one of the 72 Spirits of Solomon
He is depicted as a soldier riding a crocodile.

Zaleukos  
Greek  
a sun-god of Locris

Zalkis  
[Lithuanian Zaltys]  
a Latvian snake-god

Zalmokhs  
Greek  
a Thracian sky-god who became a god of the underworld
In some accounts, he is equated with Cronus.

Zalumbur  
(see Zalumbur)

Zalys  
Baltic  
[=Latvian Zalkis]
a Lithuanian snake-god: a green snake revered as a fertility symbol

Zam-Armatay  
Persian  
an earth-goddess

Zamama.

Mesopotamian  
[=Assyrian Ninib:=Babylonian Zababa:=sumerian Ninurta]
a Hittite sun-god and god of war
He was later equated with Marduk.

Zamana.

(see Zamana)

Zamangad  
Hebrew  
[=Zaburijad]
an emerald kingdom ruled by Lilith
This pleasant land was regarded as the home of lovers.

Zamba.

African  
a supreme god of the Yuande  
father of Ngí, Nkok, Otkut and Wo

Zambanta  
(see Irke)

Zambi  
(see Nzambi)

Zambu.

Siberian  
[=Hindu Jambu:=Tibetan Zampu]
the yakut tree of life, growing in paradise

The goddess Kypai-khotun lived in this tree and gave nourishment from the tree, from which emerged four rivers, lay a dragon.

Zam-Mata  
(see Bhumidevi)

Zamin.

Persian  
an earth-goddess

Zamna  
(see Itzamna)

Zampu.

Tibetan  
[=Hindu Jambu:=Siberian Zambu]
the tree of Life which grows on the sacred mountain, Himavan

Zamzummin

Hebrew  
a race of giants: drought demons
(see also Zazim)

Zan.

Greek  
a name for Zeus in Crete

Zana.

Balkan  
[=Roman Diama]
an Albanian fairy
She is said to be protected by goats.

Zannahary  
African  
[Railanitra]
the supreme god of Madagascar  
husband of Andriamanitra
He created the universe and breathed life into the first humans made from clay by Ratovoantany.

Another story asserts that Zannahary existed in two forms, Light and Dark. The latter made humans from clay and persuaded the other to give them life in exchange for some female versions. When Dark reneged on his promise, the two separated, Light remaining in the heavens while Dark came to earth.

(Zamana)  
(see also Andriamanitra)

Zand.

(see Zend)

Zanges.

(see loa')

Zangze.

Korean  
a cruel man

When he gave a beggar a bag of horse manure to eat, Zangze’s daughter ran after the beggar and gave him rice instead. The beggar disappeared just as a clap of thunder shook the heavens and Zangze and his house disappeared and a lake appeared where the house had stood. A statue of the Buddha was found on the shore of the lake on the following day.

Zaothra.

Persian  
holy water used in Zoroastrian rites

Zapala.

(see Viracocha)

Zaphon.

(see Mount Zaphon)

Zapottantenan.

Central American  
an Aztec goddess of healing

Zappu.

Mesopotamian  
a Babylonian star-god, the Pleiades  
personified

Zar.

African  
an early Ethiopian sky-god

Zara.

(see Zariadres)

Zara-Mama.

South American  
a maize-goddess in Peru

Zaradusht.

(see Zoroaster)

Zaradushhti.

(see Zoroaster)

Zarathustra.

(see Zoroaster)

Zarathushtra.

(see Zoroaster)

Zaran.

(see Sarpanitu)

Zardusht.

(see Zoroaster)

Zaren.

an avenging demon

Zariadres.

Persian  
a hero  
lover of Katayun
Their story is told in ancient epic poems. In some versions, Hystaspes takes the place of Zariadres and Odatis replaces Katayun.

Zarir.

(see Zariadres)

Zariran.

(see Zariadres)

Zarivari.

(see Zariadres)

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In some accounts, an ancestor of Merlin.

**Zephyr**

[West Wind.Zephyros.Zephyros. Zephyrus:=Roman Favonius] god of the west wind son of Aeolus or Astraus and Eos husband of Chloris, some say husband of Iris, some say father of Carpus, some say When Psyche threw herself from the top of a cliff to escape the harassment of Aphrodite who was jealous of her beauty, Zephyr caught her in mid-air and wafted her off to a splendid palace where she lived with Eros who visited her every night.

In one account, he killed Hyacinthus when the youth rejected him as a lover and, in remorse, changed his boisterous ways and became a gentle breeze. In the Roman version he is the husband of Flora.

In some accounts, he fathered Batus and Xanthus, the horses of Achilles, on Podarge; in others he was the father of Carpus by Chloris and of Eos by Aphrodite.

**Zephyros** (see Zephyr1) **Zephyrus**

[Zephyros] a horse, sire of Xanthus

**Zephyrus**2 (see Zephyr1) **Zerbino**

son of a king of Scotland husband of Isabella He attended a tournament arranged by the king of Galicia and fell in love with the king's daughter, Isabella. Her father refused to sanction their marriage because she was a Muslim, he a Christian, so they married secretly. He was recalled to Scotland to lead an army to the assistance of Charlemagne, leaving his wife behind. During that campaign he was taken prisoner by armed bandits. Roland, who had earlier rescued Isabella from pirates, freed Zerbino who was reunited with his wife. He was leading a troop of soldiers when they came across Medoro and Claridin who had crept from their camp in the night to recover the dead body of their leader, Dardinel. Claridin was killed and Medoro was wounded in the encounter. When Roland went mad at the news that Angelica had married Medoro, Zerbino found the armour and sword that Roland had abandoned. He was challenged by Mandricardo for the ownership of the sword, Durindana, and was killed by the Saracen.

**Zernebock** (see Chernobog) **Zerpanitu** (see Sarpanitu) **Zerpanitum** (see Sarpanitu) **Zervan** (see Zurvan) **Zesa**

a wise man

He, together with Muggo and Mugol, helped Chumong to set up a new kingdom. He was later given the family name of Gagsi.

**Zetes**

Greek winged son of Boreas and Oreithyia twin brother of Calais brother of Chione and Cleopatra He sailed with the Argonauts and, with his brother Calais, chased off the Harpies that had been harassing King Phineus. It had been decreed that the twins must catch whatever they pursued and, because they failed to catch the Harpies, they died.

Other versions of the story say that the brothers were killed by Heracles when they persuaded the Argonauts to sail off without Heracles when he was searching for his armour-bearer, Hylus.

Other accounts say that their sister, Cleopatra, had been imprisoned by her husband Phineus. Zetes and Calais freed Cleopatra and put her on the throne of Salmydessus in place of Phineus.

**Zethes** (see Zethus) **Zethos** (see Zethus) **Zethus**

[Zeetheus.Zeth(b)hos] son of Lycur or Zeus by Antiope, wife of Lycur twin brother of Amphion husband of Aedon or Thbe father of Ilytus and Neis He and his brother were abandoned as babies on a mountainside but were found and brought up by a herdsman. Together they built the walls of Thebes, using Amphion's music to move the stones into position and named the city after Thebe, wife of Zethus.

Another version of the story says that Zethus married Aedon who accidentally killed Ilytus and was turned into a nightingale while Zethus himself died of grief at the death of his young son.

**Zetos** (see Zethus)

**Zeus**


He led the gods in the war against the Titans and killed Campe, the female guardian of Tartarus, releasing the Cyclopes and the hundred-handed Giants who helped in the fight against the Titans. After a ten-year struggle the gods were the victors and the three brothers shared the world between them, Pluto taking the underworld, Poseidon the sea and Zeus the earth and heavens.

He was defeated in a single-handed fight with Typhon who cut out all his sinews. Pan and Hermes restored them and Zeus carried on the fight with Typhon finally burying him for all time when he threw Mount Etna at him.

Angered by the impiety of the sons of Lycaon, he caused a universal flood from which only Deucalion with his wife Pyrrha and a few others managed to escape.
He is said to have created Pandora, the most beautiful of all women, as a gift to Epimetheus who rejected her and to have placed the Pleiades in the sky as stars to escape the attentions of Orion who had pursued them relentlessly.

In the form of an eagle, he abducted the beautiful youth Ganymede and made him cup-bearer to the gods after Hebe.

He married his sister Hera and they had three children, Ares, Hebe and Hephaestus (and, some say, Ilithyia) but he is said to have raped his mother, Rhea, both of them in the form of serpents, and to have fathered many other children on various goddesses, nymphs and mortals.

One of these children was Athena. Zeus had seduced Metis and she was expecting his child. When he heard that the child would be a girl but any second child would be a boy who would dethrone him, Zeus swallowed Metis and her unborn baby. When he later developed a headache, Hephaestus split open his skull and out sprang Athena fully armed.

Another child was Heracles. When he decided there was a need for a protector of both gods and man, he set out to produce such a champion, selecting Alcmene, the wife of Amphitryon as his partner. He caused the motions of the earth to slow so that one night lasted for three as he lay with Alcmene in the guise of her husband. The son of this union was the hero Heracles.

In the form of a white bull he carried off Europa and then, changing to an eagle, fathered Minor, Rhadamantys and Sarpedon on her and he also abducted Aegina, fathering Aeacus on her and turning himself into a huge rock to escape the vengeance of his father Asopus.

In the case of Castor, Pollux, Helen and Clytemnestra, there is some dispute but there is no doubt that Zeus was involved in some way with their mother Leda. In some tales he seduced Leda taking the form of a swan on a night when she had also lain with her husband Tyndareus. Four children resulted and these are attributed variously to the two potential fathers. In another version, Helen was fathered on Nemesis (as a goose) by Zeus (as a swan).

Amongst others, he was the father of:

- Aeacus by Aegina or Europa
- Aegipan by Aex
- Agdistis by Cybele
- Amphion by Antiope
- Aphrodite by Dione, some say Apollo by Leto (as quails)
- Ares by Hera
- Argus by Niobe
- Aroas by Callisto
- Artemis by Leto (as quails)
- Astraea by Themis
- Athena by Metis (from his head)
- Balio by Podarge, some say Britomartis by Carme
- Castor by Leda (as swan)
- Charities by Eurynome
- Clytemnestra by Pyrrha
- Core (Persephone) by Demeter
- Dardanus by Electra
- Dike by Themis
- Dionysus by Semelce or by Demeter
- Eirene by Themis
- Eunomia by Themis
- Epaphus by Io
- Eros by Aphrodite, some say Harmonia by Electra, some say Hebe by Hera
- Helen by Pyrrha
- Hephaestus by Hera
- Heracles by Alcmene
- Hermes by Maia
- Herophile by Lamia
- Horae by Themis
- Iasion by Electra
- Ilithyia by Hera
- Lacedemon by Taygete
- Magnes by Thyia
- Minos by Europa (as bull or eagle)
- Moirae by Themis
- Muses by Mnemosyne
- Orchomenus by Isonoe
- Pan by Aphrodite, some say Peirithous by Dia (as a stallion)
- Pelasgus by Niobe
- Perseus by Danae
- Pollix (Polyneices) by Leda (as swan)
- Rhadamantus by Europa (as bull or eagle)
- Sarpedon by Europa (as bull or eagle), or by Laodamia
- Scylla by Lamia, some say Tantalus by Pluto, some say The Graces by Eurynome
- The Moirae by Themis
- The Muses by Mnemosyne
- The Seasons by Themis
- Thebe by Iodamia
- Tityus by Elare, some say Xanthus by Podarge
- Zagreus by Persephone
- Zethus by Antiope

He killed Tantalus when he put pieces of his son Pelops in a stew served to the gods and, when Nyctimus was similarly treated by his brothers, Zeus restored him to life and turned all his brothers into wolves. He killed Salmones for pretending to be Zeus himself, Iasion for seducing Demeter and he killed Asclepius when the physician tried to restore Hippolytus to life.

His bird was the eagle, his tree the oak, his weapon the thunderbolt and his oracle was at Dodona.

Zeus-Ammon Greek

Zeus in the form of Amphiiron when he seduced Alcmena and begot Heracles

Zeus Curos (see Zeus Kouros)

Zeus Demaros Phoenician

son of Ouranos and Gea

Zeus Herkios Greek

a name of Zeus as god of courtyards

Zeus Hikesios Greek

a name of Zeus as god of those seeking sanctuary

Zeus Horkios Greek

a name for Zeus as god of oaths (see also Zeus Pistios)

Zeus Hypsistos Greek

title of Zeus as supreme god

Zeus Kasios Mesopotamian

a Semitic weather-god or mountain-god, identified with Zeus

Zeus Katachthonios Greek

a name for Hades as supreme god of the underworld

Zeus Kouroso Greek

[Zeus Curos] an early Cretan fertility-god: the boy Zeus

Zeus Ktesios Greek

Zeus as the protector of property

Zeus Lycaeus Greek

a name of Zeus as a wolf-god

Any man who ate the flesh of a victim sacrificed to this god would turn into a wolf. They were called lukoii.
Zeus Maimaktes

Greek

Zeus Melichios

[‘melid’]
a bloody aspect of Zeus Meilichios

Zeus Polieus

Greek

a name of Zeus as god of the state

Zeus Xenios

Greek

a name of Zeus as sustainer of friendship

Zeuxippe

Greek

a nymph, one of the Naiads daughter of Eridanus wife of Pandion mother of Butes, Erechtheus, Philomena, and Proene

Zeveac

[Lebanah]
a demon associated with the moon and Monday

Zhang Thung

Tibetan

a mythical land

The realm was said to be the home of Shenrab Miwo.

Zhiwud

Afghan

[Zhizhivud]
a Kafir messenger-goddess

She took messages to Mono during his struggle to save the gods who had been imprisoned by the giants.

Zhouti

(see Thoth)

Zhuwut

(see Zhiwud)

Zi

Mesopotamian

[=Babylonian Sige:Sumerian Ziku]

a demon or devil

Zikum

Mesopotamian

a Sumerian mother-goddess

Zimbabwe

African

a sun-god of the Shona

Zimwi

African

da demon or devil

Zin

African

a Songhay water-spirit

Zintkala Luta Win

North American

[Red Bird]
a Sioux maiden wife of Kangi Sapa and Wanblee Gleshka She grieved at the reported death of Wanblee Gleshka and married his friend Kangi Sapa who had left his friend to die in the mountains. Wanblee survived and returned to his tribe and when Kangi Sapa was killed in battle, Zintkala Luta Win married the man she really loved.

Zintui

Mesopotamian

a granddaughter of Wurusema

Zinbihya

Mesopotamian

a Hittite deity

Zio

(see Tiwaz.Tyr.Zeus)

Zipaanca

Central American

[Chockspr.Earth-heaper.Zipacka]a Mayan dawn-god and god of earthquakes son of Vucub-Caquix and Chimalmat brother of Cabraca

He and his brother were giants whose power threatened that of the gods. The twins Hunapu and Ishbalacque trapped him in a pit and piled trees on top, then built a house over it. The giant broke out, killing the 400 young men who had helped the twins, but they later trapped him in a ravine, dropped huge boulders on him to kill him, and finally used their magical powers to turn him into stone.

Zipakna

(see Zipacna)

Ziparwas

Mesopotamian

a Hittite deity

Zirat-panitu

(see Sarpanitu)

Zisi

(see Marduk)

Zitus

European

the name for King Arthur in some Spanish stories

Ziu

(see Tiwaz.Tyr)

Ziu-Wara

(see Tiwaz.Tyr)

Ziusudda

(see Ziusudra)

Ziu-Wara

Mesopotamian

a name of Marduk as ‘leader of gods’

Ziusuttu

(see Ziusudra)

Ziuns

(see Tiwaz.Tyr)

Ziusudra

Mesopotamian


(see also Xithuthros)

Ziv

(see Ziz)

Ziva

Slav

[Siva=Polsih Zywic] a goddess of life

Zivena Vizcatl

Central American

the highest heaven of the Aztecs

Ziz

(see Tiwaz.Tyr)

Ziz

Hebrew

[Ziz]
a monstrous bird

This bird was so large that its wings bloated out the light of the sun.

Ziza

(see Ziz)

Zizal

Central American

a plant sacred to the Maya

This plant was said to be immortal but harmful to all who touched it.

Zizi

(see Ziza)

Zizupph

a demon associated with mysteries

Zi doossi

Serbian

evil spirits

Zlotababa

Russian

[Golden Old Woman] an idol representing an old woman and 2 children, worshipped by the Vogul
Zluidni Slav
malevolent fairies

Zmay Serbian
a dragon
He was turned into a handsome youth by the love of a princess.

Zmayevska Vatra Serbian
[Fire of the Dragons]
fire as an object of worship

Zmei Gorunich Slav
a winter-demon
This being, said to capture maidens, is envisaged as a snake with many heads.

Zmek Slav
[Cmok.Smok=German Hospodaricek]
a guardian spirit
This being is said to take the form of a snake.

Zmyrna (see Myrrha)

Zmyrne Slav

Zo-Han-Zun Korean
a poor man who became a stone buddha
For his public-spiritedness in collecting money to build a bridge, Zo was rewarded by the King of Heaven who arranged for him to be reborn as a princess to the emperor of China. If he had not used some of the money to buy himself a pair of sandals, he would have been born a prince. The Emperor, fearing that the child was an evil spirit, had it killed and Zo's spirit became a stone buddha protecting his descendants.

Zoa1 African
a sage and ancestral-hero of the Songhay
He was said to have cut open a pregnant slave and saw the unborn child eating sheep's liver which had earlier been given to the mother.
He grew angry when his son cried over the death of a bird which Zoa had killed with a single word and caused a huge fissure to appear in the earth. He jumped into the crack, which closed after him, and four trees grew on the site which became a shrine.

ZOA British
4 demons in the works of William Blake
These beings are given as Luvah, Tharmas, Urizen and Urthona.

Zobop West Indian
a voodoo sorcerer in Haiti

Zocho Japanese
[Zochoten=Chinese Kuang Mu=Hindu Virupaksha=Thai Mo-li Hai]
a guardian-god of the south one of the Shi Tenno

In some accounts he is guardian of the west and is one of the twenty-eight Nijuhachi-Bushu.

Zochoten (see Zoko)

Zodiac
the circle of the sky, divided into 12 parts, each of 30 degrees
Each part of the circle is identified by one of the Zodiacal signs used in casting horoscopes. These signs are given as six in the northern hemisphere (Aries, Cancer, Gemini, Leo, Taurus and Virgo) and six more in the southern hemisphere (Aquarius, Capricorn, Libra, Pisces, Sagittarius and Scorpio).

1 The Arabic names are Aqrab (Scorpio), Asad (Leo), Dalu (Aquarius), Hamal (Aries), Hut (Pisces), Jadi (Capricorn), Jauza (Gemini), Mizan (Libra), Qaus (Sagittarius), Saratan (Cancer), Sumbula (Virgo) and Thaur (Taurus).
2 The Babylonian Zodiac has Aqrabu (Scorpio), Aru (Leo), Enzu (Capricorn), Gu (Aquarius), Ku or Sarikku (Aries), Masu (Gemini), Pa (Sagittarius), Pululka (Cancer), Seru (Virgo), Te or Mennu (Taurus), Zib (Pisces) and Zibanitu (Libra).
3 In the Chinese Zodiac, one bird and eleven animals appear. These are Cockerel, Dog, Dragon, Horse, Monkey, Ox (or Buffalo), Pig (or Wild Boar), Rabbit (or Hare), Rat, Sheep (or Goat), Snake and Tiger.
4 In Egypt, in the denderah as it is known, the scarab is used in place of the crab (Cancer) and the goat has the tail of a fish.
5 The Hebrew names are given as Akav (Scorpio), Aryeh (Leo), Betulah (Virgo), Dagim (Pisces), D’lee (Aquarius), G’d’e (Capricorn), Keshet (Sagittarius), Moznyaim (Libra), Sartan (Cancer), Shor (Taurus), T’leh (Aries) and T’omim (Gemini).
6 A similar system to that used in Egypt is used by Hindus in their Rasi Chakra, which has the chariot of the sun as its centre.
7 In the Japanese version, based on the Chinese, the names are respectively tori, iu, umu, saru, ushi, u, ne, hitsujiri, mi and tora.
8 The Muslim version has three signs that are dry and hot (east/fire) represented by Aries, Leo and Sagittarius; three dry and cold (south/east) represented by Capricorn, Taurus and Virgo; three wet and hot (west/air) represented by Aquarius, Gemini and Libra; and three wet and cold (north/water) represented by Cancer, Pisces and Scorpio.

Zoe a Gnostist goddess of life daughter of Pistoia Sophia consort of Sabaoth
She and her consort were said to have been the creators of Jesus and the angels.

Zohak (see Zahak)
Zohar Hebrew
a book of secret doctrine telling of the creation

Zoi Korean
a friend of Chunmong
When Chunmong fled to escape death at the hand of Kumwa, Zo and two other friends, Hyobbu and Mari, went with him.

Zoka-no-kami Japanese
a deity of creation
(see also Zoka-no-san shin)

Zoka-no-san shin Japanese
the 3 gods of creation
These deities are usually referred to as Ame-no-minaka-nushi, Kaminusubi and Takaminusubi.

Zombi (see zombie)
zombie1 African
[zombi.zumbi]
an enslaved spirit: a state between life and death, physically mobile but without a soul: a python-god

zombie1 West Indian
[zombi.zumbi]
a living body without a soul: the power in such a body: a snake-god

In Haiti, a zombie is said to be under the control of the hougan who raised the body from death and will do anything the priest orders.
Some say that the zombie can be turned into an animal and killed so that its flesh can be eaten.

zombie errant West Indian
the spirit of one who has died as the result of an accident
These spirits are not controlled by a hougan but are free to roam at night. They are finally laid to rest when the term of life originally allotted to them runs out.

zombiism West Indian
belief in snake-gods, and voodooism
Zoonysos (see Dionysus)
Zool Fakari (see Dhu'l Fakar)
zoomancy
divination from watching animals
zoomorph
an image of a god in the form of an animal
zoomorphism
[zoomorph]
representing god in animal form
zoomorphy (see zoomorphism)
zootheism
the attribution to animals of divine qualities
Zoph (see Qoph)
Zophias
da demon associated with pentacles
Zophiel
an angel in Paradise Lost
Zora
Balkan
da deity of the dawn in Illyria
Zorasa
a demon of the east
Zoroaster
Persian
[Zaradashhi], [Zarathushtra].
(628-551 BC)
the Greek form of Zarathustra
a prophet or priest
son of Hushedar
son of Pourushaspa, some say
He was the son of one of the first four men to press the divine drink, haoma, from the fruit of the Gaokerena tree and was the founder or reformer of the old Persian religion based on the writings of the Zend-Avesta.

Some say that Hushedar absorbed the fravashi of Zoroaster from a haoma tree and so produced his son. In some accounts, as an infant he was thrown on the fire to die but the burning logs turned into a bed of roses. As a young man of twenty he left his home and took up a life of solitude, protected by Ahura Mazda when he confronted Ahriman and resisted the temptations that he offered. He prophesied that, in the final battle between good and evil, Ahriman would be defeated by Saoshyan.

His sperm was preserved in Lake Kasaya (which is now Hamoun) and impregnated any virgins who swam in its waters. As a result, every 1,000 years, a Saoshyan is born.
Zoroya Utrennyaya
[Zarya.Zoorya.]
a goddess of the dawn daughter of Dabog and Myesyats sister of Zoroya Vechernyaya wife of Pyerun
Zoroya Vechernyaya
Slav
[Zarya.Zoorya.]
a goddess of the evening daughter of Dabog and Myesyats sister of Utrennyaya
Zorya
(see Zoorya)
Zosim
(see Zorya)
a bee-god and god of mead
Zot
(see Camazotz)
Zotzils
Central American
in the lore of the Maya, bat people
These people are said to be able to see in the dark
Zotzilaha Chimalman
(see Camazotz)
Zrvan Akarana
(see Zurvan)
Ztak
Mesopotamian
a supreme deity of the Hittites
Ze
Mesopotamian
Anu
a Babylonian lion-headed storm bird
Zu (or Imdugud) once stole the Tablets of Destiny, originally belonging to Tiamat, from Enlil, threatening to become supreme ruler of the world, but Lugalbanda found Zu's nest and recovered the tablets.
In some accounts, the tablets were recovered by Marduk, in others by Ninurta.
(see also Erin-bird. Imdugud. Imrug.)
Zu-en
(see Nanna)
Zu-ena
(see Nanna)
Zu-mong
(see Chumonga)
Zubaba
(see Zababa)
Zuen
(see Nanna)
Zulaghar
Arab
the sword of Ali
Zugia
Greek
a name for Hera as 'yoker'
Zuhak
(see Zahak)
Zuhé
(see Xuhé)
Zujijn
Japanese
guardian deities armed with bows and arrows (see also Kado-mori)
Zuib
(see Nanna)
Zul Fikari
(see Dhu'l Fakar)
Zul-Qarnain
Arab
[Dhu'l Karnain. Dhul-Qarnayn]
the Arab name for Alexander the Great, in some accounts
He is said to have built a metal wall in the north to keep out Majuj and Vajuj. (see also Al-Iskandar)
Zulayka
(see Zeleikha)
Zulimas
Mesopotamian
a Hittite deity
Zulum
Mesopotamian
a name of Marduk as 'clay-cutter'
Zulumnmar
(see Enil)
zumbi
(see zombe)
Zume
West Indian
[Arawak. Carib. Tamu.]
Tume=Karaya Kaboi=Pareagu Pay Zume
a culture-hero and sun-god
He taught the people the arts of agriculture and the chase.
Zungisel
(see Mugol)
Zuphlas
a demon associated with forests
Zurbarijad
(see Zamangad)
Zuriel
a demon ruling the Zodiacal sign Libra, the scales (see also Chadakiel)
Zurvan
Persian
[Acen, 'infinite time'. Zarvan. Zervan.]
Zorvan
(see Zurvan)
Zutibur
Slav
a forest-spirit
Zutup
Central American
in the lore of the Iraya, a magic herb which can restore the power of speech to the dumb
Zuyua
Central American
a sacred language of the Maya
Zuzim
Hebrew
a race of giants (see also Zamzummin)
Zvezda Dennitsa
Slav
the morning star daughter of Dabog sister of Verchernyaya Zvezda wife of Meness, some say
Zwisi
African
days which the Shona regard as sacred to Mwari
Zya
Siberian
a figure in shamanism
It is said that if one draws the figure of an enemy on cloth or paper and hides the drawing in that person's house, he will fall ill and die.
Zyed
(see Yazata)
Zywie
European
[Slav Ziva]
a Polish goddess of life
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