



Myth Descriptions

Lisa

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Mawu

The Fon people of Benin believe in the creator god of twin powers, known as Mawu-Lisa. Mawu, the female twin, is considered the goddess of the moon, and controls the night. The ruler of the world's wisdom and knowledge, Mawu is associated with the moon, kindness, motherhood and cooler temperatures. In some cultures, the sky gods are also regarded as the parents of seven other twin gods; earth, storm, iron, water, air, birds and beasts.

Ra

Ra is the ancient Egyptian creator god, attributed with the creation of man. He is also the sun god, and the Egyptians believed the sun's path was Ra crossing the sky in his boat.

Isis

Isis is one of the most important goddesses in Egyptian mythology. She is considered the divine mother-goddess, and mother of the god Horus, the divine prototype of pharaohs.

Quetzalcoatl

Quetzalcoatl is the Aztec god of wind, the creator god, the Feathered Serpent, and the founder of agriculture. The Aztecs believed that he changed himself into a black ant, ventured into Sustenance Mountain, and brought back corn for man to eat.

Xochiquetzal

Xochiquetzal is the Aztec goddess of love and beauty. She is also goddess of earth, flowers, plants, games and dance. She is often surrounded by flowers and butterflies, and accompanied by a hummingbird or an ocelot.

Hercules

Hercules is the mortal son of the god Zeus. His stepmother Hera was jealous of his strength, and drove him insane. To repent for the shame of his insanity, he is assigned 12 labors. In achieving these tasks, he proved his great strength.

Athena

Athena is the goddess of wisdom, war, the arts, industry, justice and skill. She became the favorite goddess of the city of Athens, Greece by presenting the city with an olive tree, which gave the people food, oil and wood.

Monkey King

The Monkey King is a popular trickster myth in China. The story combines Chinese fables, fairy tales, legends, and popular beliefs. The Monkey King is wise and skillful, but is also vain and rebellious.

Mu Lan

Mu Lan is a Chinese woman warrior. She disguised herself as her brother to take her father's place in the army. She fought for ten years and won many battles.

Darth Vader

Darth Vader's story, as seen in the Star Wars films, takes him from light to dark and back to light again. He was once a Jedi knight, and learned the ways of the Force. He grew impatient, though, and turned to the Dark side of this power. As a military commander, he used brutal and ruthless power for evil. In a final confrontation, he reveals his identity and returns to the light in the end.

Queen Amidala

Queen Amidala, a character from Star Wars: The Phantom Menace, comes from a small mountain village, and began her training early in life. She became Princess of Theed, the capital city, at age 12. She was elected Queen of Naboo at the age of 14. She is respected as a dedicated and true leader of her people. During times of danger, the Queen disguises herself as Padme, a handmaiden, in order to protect herself.

