

## 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.**



**Headwear:** Quetzalcoatl, the Aztec creator god, wears a feathered snake headdress because he is known as the plumed serpent. His name actually combines the words for the quetzal, a bird known for its long, turquoise tail, and the word for serpent, coatl.

**Body:** Quetzacoatl's belt has a blue disk that represented, to the Aztecs, human blood drawn during penance. The strict schools for children of Aztec nobles required that they regularly gave blood.

**Legs:** These are the legs of the Aztec creator god, Quetzalcoatl.

**FACT:** The Aztecs believed the Quetzalcoatl would return from the east and reclaim the throne.

