

Deity Correspondences

Gods and Goddesses from every ancient pantheon are worshipped by the modern world these days; Greek, Roman, Egyptian, Germanic, Celtic and others. Every deity from prehistoric fertility Goddesses to transformed Roman Catholic Saints is a part of one tradition or another. These figures have been worshipped for hundreds or even thousands of years by diverse cultures and the cataloging of them and their powers and quirks is a matter for anthropologists and mythologists. I cannot cover every possible minor deity here, but there is information on some of the better known ones. The information is presented in the following tables and charts. At the bottom of the page there are a large number of links to information on specific pantheons for further study. In addition, you may want to consult this site's sister site at [Full Moon Magic Deities](#) for information on Aztec, Inca, Mayan, Etruscan, Roman, Greek, Norse, Japanese, Chinese, and other Deities.

Comparison of the Deities of Ancient Religions

| God or Goddess | Germanic | Roman | Greek | Egyptian |
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| Supreme God | Frigg, Woden | Jupiter, Juno | Zeus, Hera | Ra |
| Sky | Frigg | Jupiter | Zeus | Nuit |
| Sun | - | Apollo | Helios | Ra |
| Moon | - | Diana | Artemis | Thoth |
| Earth | Sif | Tellus | Gaia | Geb |
| Fire | Hoenir | Vulcan | Hephaestus | - |
| Sea | Njord | Neptune | Poseidon | - |
| Water & Rain | Thor | Jupiter | Zeus | Tefnut |
| Light | Balder | Apollo | Apollo | - |

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| Thunder | Thor | Jupiter | Zeus | - |
| Dawn | - | Aurora | Eos | - |
| Mother Goddess | Nerthus | Venus | Aphrodite | Isis |
| Fertility | Frey | Bona Dea | Rhea | Osiris |
| Harvest | Balder | Saturn | Cronos | - |
| Vegetation | Balder | Ceres | Adonis | Osiris |
| Death | Hel | Pluto | Hades | Osiris |
| Wisdom | Nimir | Minerva | Athena | Thoth |
| War | Tiu | Mars, Bellona | Aries, Athena | - |
| Love | Freya | Cupid | Eros | - |
| Messenger | Hermod | Mercury | Hermes | - |
| Healing | Eira | Apollo | Apollo | - |
| Hunting | Uller | Diana | Artemis | - |



Gods and Goddesses of the Greek Pantheon

| Name | Information |
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| Zeus | The ruler of the sky and all atmospheric phenomena. Oracle at Dodona, worshiped in high places. Oak tree sacred. Shown as a mature man, robust; with thick, dark, curly hair and a beard. Holds a sceptre in left hand and has a thunderbolt and eagle at his feet. Color is imperial purple. |
| Hera | Goddess of marriage and all phases of women's lives. A noble and severely beautiful woman. Zeus's wife, symbols are the peacock and pomegranate. |
| Athena | Daughter of Zeus and Metis. Goddess of war, born fully armed and carrying a spear. Emblem the owl. Born from the head of her father who had swallowed her mother while she was pregnant. Goddess of wisdom. |
| Apollo | Son of Leto, former lover of Zeus. Twin brother of Artemis. Zeus his father. Hera pursued Leto who was forced to give birth on an island shielded by the sea which was raised up over the island like an umbrella by Poseidon. Oracle at Delphi. Celestial archer who's arrows never missed. God of musicians. a handsome, golden haired youth. Patron of prophesy. Represents solar force in all aspects. |
| Artemis | Sister of Apollo. Symbolic animal the bear. Animals sacred to her. Eternally virginal. Shown carrying a torch. Protector of women against personal violation, Goddess of childbirth. |

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| Hermes | God of travel and commerce. Messenger of the Gods. Shown as athletic with a round, winged hat and winged sandals. Holds the caduceus. Father of Pan, associated with air. |
| Aries | Represents blind energy and uncontrolled passion. War God. Father of Harmonia and Aphrodite. Shown as a muscled warior with a crested helmet. |
| Hephaestus | Son of Hera. Husband of Aphrodite. Lame, short and swarthy. Holds hammer and tongs. Smith to the Gods. |
| Aphrodite | Fair haired, blue eyed, beautiful and voluptuous. Goddess of love. Symbol was her girdle (belt). |
| Poseidon | God of the Sea. Brother of Zeus. Marine life and the white horse sacred to him. |
| Hestia | Goddess of the hearth. Circle sacred to her, her temples were circular. Protected hearth and home. |
| Demeter | Goddess of the soil and all growing things. Temples were located in forests and called megara. Shown as a mature, rather sad looking, lady with a crown of corn. Mother of Persephone. |
| Hades | Ruler of the underworld. Husband of Persephone. |
| Persephone | Wife of Hades, daughter of Demeter. Symbols the bat, narcissus and pomegranate. Goddess of the underworld and of Spring. |
| Hecate | Giver of wisdom, victory and wealth. Queen of the dead as Prytania. Goddess of purification, expiations, enchantments, magical charms, hauntings and crossroads. Accompanied by the infernal hounds. |
| Dionysus | Son of Zeus with a mortal woman. Wandered the earth drunch and angry for many years before being admitted to Olympus. |
| Pan | Son of Hermes. Magical pipes. Nature God. |

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| Themis | Goddess of justice. Regulated ceremonial events and kept order on Olympus. |
| Helios and Selene | The Sun and the Moon respectively. |
| Ilythia | Daughter of Hera. Original Goddess of childbirth. |
| Iris | The rainbow, a messenger of Zeus. |
| Hebe and Ganymede | Goddess of youth and Zeus's cup bearer. |
| Zagreus | Son of Zeus and Persephone. A shape changing immortal. |
| The Muses | Clio/History, Euterpe/Flute, Thalia/Comedy, Melpomene/Tragedy, Terpsicore/Lyric Poetry and Dance, Erato/Love Poetry, Polyhmnia/Mimic Art, Urania/Gastronomy, Calliope/Epic Poetry and Eloquence. |
| The Fates | Clotho/The spinner of the thread of life, Lachesis/Chance or luck, Atropos/Cuts the thread of life when the time has come and karma. |
| The Four Winds | Sons of Eos (dawn) and Astraeus (starry sky). Zephyrus/West Wind, Boreas/North Wind, Eurus/East Wind, and Notus/South Wind. |

For pictures of many of the above Gods and Goddesses see [Olympians](#) and [Minor Gods](#)

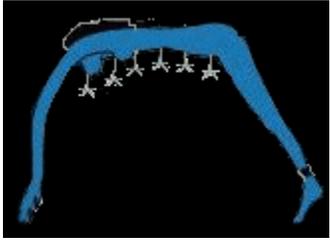
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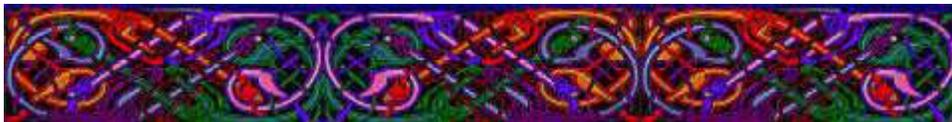
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| Osiris | Nature God and king, Universal Lord. Always accompanied by his grand vizier, Thoth and his nephew Anubis. Husband of Isis, father of Horus. Always shown with a greenish face and dressed in |  |

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| | white. Carries a crook and flail, the insignia of order and discipline. Sometimes shown seated on a throne surrounded by water and lotuses. | |
| | Symbol the djed or tet. |  |
| Isis | She was the wife and sister of Osiris. Wears a throne on her headress. Taught healing and instituted marriage. Magician. |  |
| | Symbols the knot or buckle, the throne, and the systrium | |
| Set | Brother of Osiris and Isis. Red hair. Represents chaos and destruction. Sought to destroy Osiris. |  |
| Nephtys | Sister and wife of Set, mother of Anubis. The revealer, psychic receptivity, light and truth. Colors pale green or silver. |  |
| | Symbols the lotus and the cup. | |
| Horus | Son of Isis. Color yellow or gold. Lord of prophesy, god of music and art. Patron of all things beautiful. |  |

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| | <p>Symbols the hawk and the all seeing eye.</p> |  | |
| <p>Hathor</p> | <p>Daughter of Ra. Dual aspects, the benign celestial cow that nourished the gods, protects women, confers the comforts of life, patroness of astrology and rules womens beauty and adornment. Her other aspect was Sekhmet, war goddess with a lions head. Colors coral, peach and copper.</p> | |  |
| | <p>Mirror or shield her symbol.</p> |  | |
| <p>Anubis</p> | <p>Dark hunting hound or jackal. Guardian against the forces of the lower world. Patron of anaesthetics, psychiatrists, and seekers of lost items. He guards the spirit of the unconcious. .</p> | |  |
| | <p>Color is terracotta, symbol the sarcophagus</p> |  | |
| <p>Thoth</p> | <p>Shown as a man with the head of an Ibis. Patron of history, keeper of the divine archives, lord of karma, herald of the gods. Eldest son of Ra. Symbols the cadceus and the white feather. God of medicine, learning, magic, truth, books and libraries.</p> |  | |

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| Bast | Wife of Ptah, sister of Horus, daughter of Isis and Osiris. goddess of music and dance. Sacred instrument the sistrum. Sacred animal the cat. |  |
| Ptah | Artisan god, patron of builders and craftsmen. Known as the architect of the universe. Performed miracles. Symbols the masons tools and cord. |  |
| Sekhmet | Wife of Ptah. Head of a lioness crowned with the sun disk. |  |
| Selkhet | A scorpion-goddess, shown as a beautiful woman with a scorpion poised on her head. Protectress of women in childbirth. |  |
| Nefertum | Son of Ptah and Sekhmet. Wears a lotus on his | None Available |

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| | head. Guards the sun at night. | |
| Nuit | Mother Goddess, the sky Goddess, mother of Osiris, Horus, Set, Isis, Nephthys. Protectress of the dead. Wife of Geb, earth God. |  |
| Geb | Egyptian earth god. Son of Shu and Tefnut. Brother and hisband of the sky god Nuit. Father of Osiris, Seth, Isis, and Nephthys. Geb was generally depicted with green skin. The goose was his sacred animal. |  |
| Ra | The creator and sovereign lord of the sky. Sacred object the obelisk. Created the universe. |  |



The Deities of the Tuatha De Danaans of Ireland

| Name | Information |
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| The Dagda | Known as Eochaid Ollathair (Father of All), and Ruad Ro-fhessa (Lord of Perfect Knowledge). Appeared as a gross and ugly peasant carrying a huge |

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| | magic club. possessed a cauldron which could never be emptied. Master of music and magic. |
| Lugh | Possessed magical gifts the Boat of Mananan which knew a mans thoughts and would sail wherever he wanted, a sword named Fragarach (The Answerer) which could conquer all, and the horse of Mananan which could go over land and sea. |
| Brigid | Goddess of learning, culture and skills, sovereignty, fire, healing and poetry. |
| Angus Og | Love god. Son of the Dagda. Associated with youth, beauty, music and charm. |
| Len of Killarney | Brother of the Dagda. A goldsmith. |
| Midir the Proud | Son of the Dagda. A youth of great physical beauty. Fairylike and ethereal. Golden yellow hair, grey eyes and a purple tunic. |
| Mananan | Lord of the Sea. Master of tricks and illusions. Guide to the Islands of the Dead. Wore a great cloak that could take on any color. |
| Ogma | God of learning and writing. Invented the Ogham alphabet. |
| Dana | The mother of all. Benign and beneficent, giver of plenty. |
| Aine | Corn Goddess. Giver of fertility and love. Kind watchfulness and patroness of peasants. |
| The Morrigan | War Goddess, enchantress and ruiner with considerable prognostic powers. |
| Macha | Mother Goddess, she died giving birth. |



The Deities of the Houses of Don and Llyr of Wales

| Name | Information |
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| Gwydion | Hero and God of science and light. Slayer of Pryden the son of Phyll (Head of the Underworld) and Rhiannon, he was punished for this by Math. |
| Math | God of wealth and increase. Sister Don. Giver of justice. |
| Don | The Mother Goddess. Not the literal mother, but the guide of the other deities. Wife of Beli. |
| Llew Llaw Gyffes | Solar deity. Son of Arianrod. Raised by Gwydion, her brother. |
| Arianrod | Dawn goddess. Name means Silver Circle. Sister of Gwydion. Goddess of reincarnation. |
| Gwyn | Warder of Hades, the Night Hunter. Guardian of the Dark Portal. |
| Manawyddon | Sea God, husband of Rhiannon. Nautical God of enchantment. |
| Rhiannon | Horse Goddess. First husband Phyll, second Manawyddon. Goddess of fertility and the otherworld. Three birds of Rhiannon were magical. Rode a white horse. |
| Bran and Branwen | Brother and sister. Bran a mighty giant who was killed saving his people. His severed head continued to speak after he was dead. Bran was a harpist, poet and singer. |