

# Mayan Gods

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### Ah-Muzen-Cab

The god of bees.

### Ah Peku

The god of thunder.

### Ah Puch

The god of death.

### Ah Tabai

The god of the hunt.

### Ah Uuc Ticab

A god of the earth.

### Ahau Chamahez

A god of medicine and good health.

### Ajbit

One of the thirteen creator gods who helped construct humanity from [maize](#).

### Ajtzak

One of the thirteen creator gods who helped construct humanity from [maize](#).

### Akhushtal

goddess of childbirth

### Akna

Meaning "Our mother," a very general title applied, amongst others, to goddesses of fertility and childbirth.

### Alom

A sky god and one of the creator deities who participated in the last two attempts at creating humanity.

### [Awilix](#)

Patron of the Nija'ib' lineage of the K'iche'.

## B

### [Bacab](#) \*L\* [ god N ]

Old god of the interior of the earth and of thunder, sky-carrier, fourfold.

### Bahlam

Jaguar God of the Underworld<sup>[3]</sup>. Also Any of a group of jaguar gods who protected people and communities.

### Bitol \*PV\*

A sky god and one of the creator deities who participated in the last two attempts at creating humanity.

### Bolon Ts'akab (Dzacab) \*L\* [ [god K](#) ]

*Ah Bolon Dzacab* 'Innumerable Generations', the Lightning god, patron of the harvest and the seeds.

Bolontiku \*CHB\*

A group of nine underworld gods.

Bolon Yokte'

'Nine Strides', mentioned in the Books of [Chilam Balam](#) and in Classic inscriptions; functions unknown.

Buluc Chabtan [ god F ]

The god of war, violence and sacrifice.

## C

Cabrakan

A god of mountains and earthquakes. He was a son of Vucub Caquix and Chimalmat.

Cacoch \*LAC\*

A creator god.

[Camazotz](#) \*PV\*

Bat monsters.

Can Tzicnal \*L\*

Bacab of the north, is assigned the color white, and the Muluc years, son of [Itzamna](#) and [Ixchel](#).

[Chaac](#) \*L\*

The god of storms and rain, enemy of Camazotz

Chaac Uayab Xoc \*L\*

A fish god and the patron deity of fishermen.

Chicchan

A group of four Chorti rain gods who live in lakes and make rain clouds from the water in those lakes. Each of the rain gods was associated with a cardinal direction, similar to the Bacabs. Chicchan was also the name of a day in the Tzolkin cycle of the maya calendar.

Cit-Bolon-Tum

A god of medicine and healing.

Chimalmat \*PV\* warrior§

A giant who, by Vucub Caquix, was the mother of Cabrakan and Zipacna.

[Chin](#)

The main god of homosexual relationships and patron of homosexual prostitutes.

Cizin

A god of death who lived in [Metnal](#).

Colel Cab

Goddess of the Bees

Colop U Uichkin \*RITUAL OF THE BACABS\*

An eclipse deity.

Coyopa

The god of thunder and brother of Cakulha.

Hum Hau

A god of death and the underworld.

## E

### [Ek Chuaj](#) \*M\* (God M)

Ek Chuaj, the "black war chief" was the patron god of warriors and merchants, depicted carrying a bag over his shoulder. In art, he was a dark-skinned man with circles around his eyes, a scorpion tail and dangling lower lip.

## G

### GI, GII, GIII

The gods I, II, and III, that is, the three patron deities (Triad) of the [Palenque](#) kingdom: GI a sea deity with a shell ear, GII a baby lightning god ([god K](#)), and GIII the [jaguar god of fire](#), also patron of the number Seven

### [Gukumatz](#) > Q'uc'umatz \*PV\*

Feathered Snake god and creator. The depiction of the feathered serpent deity is present in other cultures of Mesoamerica. Gukumatz of the K'iche' Maya is closely related to the god [Kukulcan](#) of [Yucatán](#) and to [Quetzalcoatl](#) of the Aztec.

## H

### Hachäk'yum \*LAC\*

Worshipped by the [Lacandon](#) people as their patron deity.

### Hobnil \*L\*

Bacab of the east

### Hozanek \*L\*

Bacab of the south; the *ek* element in the name may refer to a star or constellation.

### Hun-Batz \*PV\*

'One Howler Monkey', one of the two stepbrothers of the [Hero Twins](#), one of the [Howler Monkey Gods](#) and patron of the arts.

### Hun-Came \*PV\*

'One-Death', a lord of the underworld (Xibalba) who, along with Vucub-Came 'Seven-Death', killed Hun Hunahpu. They were defeated by the latter's sons, the Hero Twins.

### Hun-Chowen \*PV\*

One of the two stepbrothers of the [Hero Twins](#), one of the [Howler Monkey Gods](#) and patron of the arts.

### [Hun-Hunahpu](#) \*PV\*

The father of the Maya Hero Twins Ixbalanque and Hun-Hunahpu by a virgin. Beheaded in Xibalba, the underworld, by the rulers of Xibalba, Hun Came and Vucub Caquix. His sons found a way through MultiVerse knowledge to save their father and many other folk this time around..

### [Hunab Ku](#)

'Sole God', identical with Itzamna as the highest Yucatec god; or a more abstract upper god.

### Hun-Ahpu \*PV\*

One of the [Maya Hero Twins](#).

[Hunahpu-Gutch](#) \*PV\*

One of the thirteen creator gods who helped create humanity.

[Hunahpu Utiu](#) \*PV\*

One of the thirteen creator gods who helped create humanity.

[Hun-Ixim](#)

'One-Maize', a reading of the name glyph of the Classic [Tonsured Maize God](#)

[Hun-nal-ye](#)

A now obsolete reading of the name glyph of the Classic [Tonsured Maize God](#)

[Huracan](#) \*PV\*

'One-Leg', one of three lightning gods together called 'Heart of the Sky', and acting as world creators.

## I

[Itzamna](#)

The founder of the Maya culture, he taught his people to grow maize and [cacao](#), as well as writing, calendars, and medicine. Once mentioned as the father of the Bacabs.

Connected to Kinich Ahau and Hunab Ku.

[Itzananohk'u](#)

A patron god of the Lacandon people.

[Ixbalanque](#) > Xbalanque

[Ixchel](#) \*L\* [goddess O]

Jaguar goddess of midwifery and medicine.

[Ixmucane](#) \*PV\*

One of the thirteen creator gods who helped create humanity, grandmother of the Hero Twins. See [Maya religion](#).

[Ixpiyacoc](#) \*PV\*

A creator god who helped create humanity. Twelve other gods were also involved in creating humanity. See [Maya religion](#).

[Ixtab](#) \*L\*

## J

[Jacawitz](#) \*PV\*

Mountain god of the K'iche'.

## K

[K'awiil](#) (Kawil, Kaulil)

Assumed to have been the Classic name of God K (Bolon Dzucab). Title attested for Itzamna, Uaxac Yol, and Amaite Ku; family name; probably not meaning 'food', but 'powerful'.

[Kinich Ahau](#) \*L\*

The solar deity.

[Kinich Kakmo](#)

A solar deity represented by a macaw, patron of Izamal (Yucatan).  
Kisin(Cisin)

The most commonly depicted god of death.

### Kukulkan

'Feathered Serpent', Although heavily Mexicanised, Kukulkan has his origins among the Maya of the Classic Period, when he was known as Waxaklahun Ubah Kan (/wafakla'χu:n u:'baχ kän/), the War Serpent, and he has been identified as the Postclassic version of the Vision Serpent of Classic Maya art.

## M

### Mam

A title of respect meaning "Grandfather" and applied to a number of different Maya deities including earth spirits, mountain spirits, and the four Bacabs.

### Maximon

A god of travelers, merchants, medicine men/women, mischief and fertility, that was conflated with the Christian figure of Saint Simon and in modern times is part of the celebrations surrounding Holy Week.

## N

### Nohochacyum

A creator-destroyer deity, the brother of the death god Kisin (or possibly another earthquake god also known as Kisin). He is the sworn enemy of the world serpent Hapikern and it is said that, in the end of days, he will destroy Hapikern by wrapping him around himself to smother him. In some versions of this story, life on earth is destroyed in the process. He is related, in some stories, to Usukan, Uyitzin, Yantho and Hapikern, all of whom wish human beings ill. Also the brother of Xamaniqinquin, the patron god of travelers and merchants.

## O

### Oxlahuntiku \*CHB\*

'Thirteen Gods', possibly sky gods, opposed to Bolontiku. Mentioned in an [eschatological](#) passage.

## Q

### Qaholom \*PV\*

One of the second set of creator gods.

### Q'uq'umatz \*PV\*

Feathered Snake god and creator. The depiction of the feathered serpent deity is present in other cultures of Mesoamerica. Q'uq'umatz of the K'iche' Maya is closely related to the god [Kukulkan](#) of [Yucatán](#) and to [Quetzalcoatl](#) of the Aztecs.

## S

### Sip

a hunting god of the Yucatec Maya arguably corresponding, in the Classic period, to an elderly human with deer ears and antlers.<sup>[4]</sup>

## T

### Tepu \*PV\*

A sky god and one of the creator deities who participated in all three attempts at creating humanity.

### Tohil \*PV\*

Tohil was a patron deity of the K'iche'. There was a great temple to him at their ancient capital of Q'umarkaj.

## V

### Vatanchu

"Straight God", a mountain god of the Postclassic Manche Ch'ol.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Votan

legendary ancestral deity, Chiapas.

### Vucub-Caquix \*PV\*

Bird being, wife is Chimalmat, sons are the demonic giants Cabrakan and Zipacna.

## X

### Xaman Ek

the god of travelers and merchants, who gave offerings to him on the side of roads while traveling.

### Xbalanque \*PV\* [god CH]

War Twin, one of the Hero Twins, companion to Hunahpu

### Xcarruchan

A mountain god of the Postclassic Manche Ch'ol.<sup>[6]</sup>

### Xmucane and Xpiayoc \*PV\*

A creator god couple which helped create the first humans. They are also the parents of Hun Hunahpu and Vucub Hunahpu. They were called Grandmother of Day, Grandmother of Light and Bearer twice over, begetter twice over and given the titles midwife and matchmaker.

### Xquic

She was the daughter of one of the lords of Xibalba, called Cuchumaquic, Xibalba being the Maya Underworld. Noted particularly for being the mother of the Maya Hero Twins, Hunahpu and Xbalanque, she is sometimes considered to be the Maya goddess associated with the waning moon.

## Y

Yaluk

One of four Mopan 'Grandfathers' of the earth and chief lightning god.

[Yopaat](#)

Important rain god at Copán and Quiriguá in the southern Maya area.<sup>[7]</sup>

[Yum Kaax](#)

God of the woods, of wild nature, and of the hunt; invoked before carving out a maize field from the wilderness.

## Z

Zac Cimi \*L\*

[Bacab](#) of the west.

[Zipacna](#) \*PV\*

Demonic personification of the earth crust.

## See also

- [Maya death gods](#)