

Native American POLYTHEISM - (animism, pantheism)

[Native American tribes](#) have maintained numerous [mythologies](#) regarding deities throughout their histories. Native American belief systems include many sacred [narratives](#). Such spiritual stories are deeply based in Nature and are rich with the symbolism of seasons, weather, plants, animals, earth, water, sky & fire. Deities play a large part in these narratives.

Before the 'White Man' came trampling all over the land, the native tribes and nations of what would one day become America had all the space in their world. They made good use of it, living close to nature in what might seem to modern society like a glorious camping vacation. If you ignore the constant threat of starvation and war.

Living so close to nature, you could see into the souls of animals — such as the [BEAVER](#) and [BADGER](#) — as they went about their business. You could feel [WAUKHEON](#) the Thunder Bird fixing the weather, and revel in the rascality of [RAVEN](#), [MANABOZHO](#) and [COYOTE](#) with their tantalizing tricks.

The Native American peoples had (and still have) a huge respect for nature. Animal spirits in particular were very powerful and it was necessary to thank them and placate them if you wanted to make a meal of them. When corn arrived courtesy of the deities, it was also given its due measure of respect. The thought of organic free-range food sounds alluring, but hunting wasn't as easy as getting up in the morning, taking a stroll and shooting a few passing bison with your bow. Even Plains societies who lived off the prolific buffalo fell under the threat of starvation at times. When herds were found, the people were grateful and thanked the gods and spirits profusely.

Say what you like about nature, whenever humans get together there's always the risk of trouble. Many Native American tribes fought terrible wars with each other, especially when the larders were getting bare. Great warriors were held in high esteem, and the gods smiled upon them - so long as the medicine men did their bit in the ritual department. And at the end, Heaven was the Happy Hunting Ground, much the same as Earth but with better weather and animals that didn't run away.

Until the White Man came, it was a hard but healthy life, with tales round the campfire and no churches, shrines or temples necessary. And it was teetotalism round the totem poles as none of the spirits drank spirits. Although they did puff on the peace pipe a bit.

AbenakiEdit

- [Azaban](#) - trickster
- [Bmola](#) - bird spirit
- [Gluskab](#) - kind protector of humanity
- [Malsumis](#) - cruel, evil god
- [Tabaldak](#) - the creator

AlgonquianEdit

- [Gitche Manitou](#) - Great Spirit
- [Matchi Manitou](#) - Evil Spirit

Blackfoot religionEdit

- [Apistotookii](#) - Creator
- [Napi](#) - trickster

HaidaEdit

- [Gyhldeptis](#)
- [Lagua](#)
- [Nañkí'lsLas](#)
- [Sin](#)
- [Ta'xet](#)
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Ho-ChunkEdit

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- [Red Horn](#)

HopiEdit

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- [Aholi](#)
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- [Kokopelli](#)
- [Koyangwuti](#)
- [Muyingwa](#)
- [Taiowa](#)

HuronEdit

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- [Airesekui](#)
- [Heng](#)
- [Iosheka](#)

Inuit[Edit](#)

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- [Igaluk](#) - lunar deity
- [Nanook](#) - master of bears
- [Nerrivik](#) - sea mother and food provider
- [Pinga](#) - Goddess of the hunt, fertility, and medicine
- [Sedna](#) - sea Goddess, ruler of the underworld
- [Torngasoak](#) - sky god

Iroquois[Edit](#)

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- [Adekagagwaa](#)
- [Gaol](#)
- [Gendenwitha](#)
- [Gohone](#)
- [Hahgwehdaetgan](#)
- [Hahgwehdiyu](#)
- [Onatha](#)

Kwakiutl[Edit](#)

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- [Kewkwaxa'we](#)

Lakota[Edit](#)

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- [Canopus](#)
- [Haokah](#)
- [Whope](#)
- [Wi](#)
- [Etu](#) - Personification of Time

Mi'kmaq[Edit](#)

- [Niskam](#)

Navajo[Edit](#)

Main article: [Diné Bahane'](#)

- [Asdzág Nádleehé](#) - creation deity, changing woman
- [Bik'eh Hózhó](#) - personification of speech
- [Haashch'ée Oot'ohí](#) - deity of the hunt
- [Haashch'éefti'í](#) - the Talking god, god of the dawn and the east
- [Hashch'éoqhan](#) - the House-god, god of evening and the west
- [Niltsi](#) - Wind god
- [Tó Neiniili](#) - 'water sprinkler', rain god
- [Jóhonaa'éí](#) - sun
- [Yootqai Asdzág](#) - 'white-shell woman', lunar deity
- [Coyote \(Navajo mythology\)](#) - trickster god

[PawneeEdit](#)

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- [Pah](#)
- [Shakuru](#)
- [Tirawa](#)

[SalishEdit](#)

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- [Amotken](#)

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- [Eagentci](#)
- [Hagones](#)
- [Hawenniyo](#)
- [Kaakvha](#)

[SnohomishEdit](#)

- [Dohkwibuhch](#) - creator

[Taíno mythologyEdit](#)

- [Yaya \(god\)](#), supreme God/Great Spirit in [Taíno](#) mythology.
- [Yayael](#), the son of Yaya.
- [Atabey \(goddess\)](#), Mother goddess of fresh water and fertility. Female counterpart of the god [Yúcahu](#).
- [Yúcahu](#), the masculine spirit of fertility in Taíno mythology along with his mother [Atabey](#) who was his feminine counterpart.

- [Guabancex](#), the top Storm Goddess; the Lady of the Winds who also deals out earthquakes and other such disasters of nature.
- [Juracán](#), the [zemi](#) or deity of chaos and disorder believed to control the weather, particularly hurricanes.
- [Guatauva](#), the god of thunder and lightning who is also responsible for rallying the other storm gods.
- [Coatrisquie](#), the torrential downpour Goddess, the terrible [Taíno](#) storm servant of Guabancex and sidekick of thunder God Guatauva.
- [Bayamanaco](#), Old man fire; the [Taíno](#) spirit of [Cohoba](#) and guardian of the secrets of sweet potato bread.
- [Boinayel](#), twin god that looked after rain, rain, and more rain.
- [Marohu](#), the sunny god of good weather; Boinayel's twin brother.
- [Maketaori Guayaba](#), the god of [Coaybay](#) or Coabey, the land of the dead.
- [Opiyel Guabiron](#), a dog-shaped god that watched over the dead; often associated with the Greek [Cerberus](#).