



## *The Gods and Goddesses of Africa*

Most African cultures, if not all, believe in a Supreme Creator in one form or another. A God behind the Gods, a Supreme God who created everything. The Creator is thought to have once lived on Earth, but left it for His Kingdom in the Sky because of human infractions. Because he was no longer in direct contact with the people, Lesser Gods were created directly from His power to do certain jobs that were given to them. These Lesser Gods are the Gods of Earth, The Rains, Water, The Winds, Fire, etc. The Deities are capable of answering human prayers by use of their own power and can intercede on man's behalf with the Creator Himself. Although The Supreme Creator is usually referred to by him etc. it is beyond sex, being both male and female. It has no form and is thought of in an abstract way. It is available to any human, regardless of their position. A breath of Its Divine Being is within all animate and inanimate things.

It is known as Mulungu (East Africa), Leza (Central Africa), Nyambe (West Tropics), Nyame (Ghana), the Molder, Giver of Breath and Souls, God of Destiny, One Who Exists of Himself, God of Pity and Comfort, the Inexplicable, Ancient of Days, the One Who Bends Even Kings, the One You Meet Everywhere, etc.

Among many tribes, the creation of the Earth took four days. The fifth day was reserved for worshipping the Orisha Nla (Chief of the Deities), who actually created the Earth with the instruction and aid of the Supreme Creator. The Orisha Nla was also given the task of creating bodies out of clay. When this was complete the Supreme Creator secretly placed the spark of life within the forms. These newly created humans were then placed on the Earth to live.



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### **Adroa**

Other Names: "God in the sky", God on Earth", Creator God, River God.

Location: The Lugbara of Zaire and Uganda.

Description: He is pictured as tall and white with only half of his body visible.

Rules Over: Social order, law, death.

### **Akuj**

Location: The Turkana of Kenya.

Rules Over: Divination.

### **Ala**

Other Names: Ale, Ane.

Location: The Ibo of Nigeria.

Description: Extremely popular Goddess and Earth Mother. She is a Creator Goddess and Queen of the Dead.

Rules Over: Community laws, morality, oaths, harvest.

### **Anayaroli**

Location: The Temne.

Description: River demon.

Rules Over: Wealth.

### **Asa**

Other Names: Father God, "the strong lord."

Location: Akamba of Kenya.

Rules Over: Mercy, help, surviving the impossible.

### **Asase**

Other Names: Yaa, Aberewa, Efua, "Old Woman Earth."

Location: The Ashanti of West Africa.

Description: Goddess of creation of humans and receiver of them at death.

Rules Over: Cultivation, harvest.



### **Behanzin**

Location: West Africa.

Description: Fish God.

### **Cagn**

Location: South Central Africa among the Bushman.

Description: Creator God.

Rules Over: Sorcery and Shape-Shifting.

### **Chiuta**

Other Names: Mulengi, Mwenco, Wamtatakuya Tumbuka.

Description: Creator God, Rain God. Is self-created and omniscient.

Rules Over: Rain, help, plant growth, food.

### **Chuku**

Other Names: Chineke.

Location: The Ibo of East Nigeria.

Description: "The first great cause", "Creator", Father of Ale, The Earth Goddess.

Offerings and sacrifices were done for him in groves.

Rules Over: Help, goodness.

### **Danh**

Location: Dahomey.

Description: Snake God. Rainbow Snake shown with tail in his mouth.

Rules Over: Wholeness, unity.

### **En-Kai**

Other Names: Parsai, Emayian.

Location: Masai.

Description: Sky God. Grass is used in rituals for him.

Rules Over: Rain, vegetation, blessings.

### **Fa**

Location: Dahomey.

Rules Over: Destiny.



### **Famian**

Location: Guinea.

Rules Over: Protection, health, fertility.

### **Gauna**

Other Names: Gawa, Gawama.

Location: Among the Bushmen.

Description: Leads the spirits of the deceased.

Rules Over: Disruption, harassment, death.

### **Ge**

Location: Dahomey.

Description: Moon God.

### **Gu**

Location: The Fon of West Africa.

Rules Over: War, smiths.

### **Guruhi**

Location: Gambia.

Description: Evil God. Meteors are his sign.

Rules Over: Power and death over enemies.

### **Heitsi-Eibib**

Location: The Hottentots.

Description: Sorcerer God.

Rules Over: Shape-shifting, magick.

### **Imana**

Other Names: Hategekimana, Hashakimana, Habyarimana, Ndagijimana, Bigirimana, "Almighty God."

Location: The Banyarwands.

Rules Over: Power, goodness, children, planning.



### **Ison**

Other Names: Eka Obasi, Obasi Nsi, Ibibio, Ekoi.

Location: West Africa.

Description: Tortoise-shelled Goddess.

Rules Over: Fertility of the Earth.

### **Jok**

Other Names: Jok Odudu, Alur.

Location: Uganda and Zaire.

Description: Black goats were to be sacrificed to him when rain was needed.

Rules Over: Rain.

### **Juok**

Other Names: Shilluk, Supreme God.

Location: White Nile.

Description: Created all men on Earth.

### **Kaka-Guia**

Other Names: Nyami.

Location: The Volta areas.

Description: He brought souls to the Supreme God.

### **Katonda**

Other Names: Lissoddene, Kagingo, Ssewannaku, Lugaba, Ssebintu, Nnyiniggulu, Namuginga, Ssewaunaku, Gguluddene, Namugereka.

Location: The Ganda of East Africa.

Description: Creator God.

Rules Over: Help, Judgment, aid when the odds are against you, control over spirits, divination, oracles.

### **Kwoth**

Location: The Nuer of South Sudan.

Description: Great Spirit God.

Rules Over: Nature, help, compassion, judgement.



### **Leza**

Location: Dahomey.

Description: Chameleon God/dess.

Rules Over: Protection, divination.

### **Mbaba Mwana Waresa**

Location: The Zulu of Natal.

Description: Goddess of what she rules over.

Rules Over: Rainbows, rain, crops, cultivation, beer.

### **Mawu**

Location: Dahomey.

Description: Supreme Goddess, creator of all things. Mawu is worshipped by The Fon of Benin in West Africa as a Moon Goddess and creatrix of everything.

### **Mukuru**

Location: Macouas of Zambesi, Banayis.

Description: Supreme God, creator of everything.

Rules Over: Agriculture, architecture, the harvest.

### **Mungo**

Location: Giryama of Kenya.

Description: Rain God.

Rules Over: Rain.

### **`Nenaunir**

Other Names: The Rainbow Snake.

Location: Masai of Kenya.

Description: An Evil Storm God who was linked to the rainbow. Resided in the clouds and was a dreaded spirit.

Rules Over: Storms.

### **`Ngai**

Location: Masai.

Description: Creator God.

Rules Over: Life and Death.



### **Ngami**

Description: Moon Goddess.

### **Njambi**

Location: Lele.

Description: Creator God.

Rules Over: Protection, justice, help, forests, fertility.

### **Nyambe**

Location: Koko of Nigeria.

Description: God.

Rules Over: Restoring Life.

### **Nyambi**

Other Names: Nyambe.

Location: The Barotse of Upper Zambesi.

Description: Gread God. Creator of everything.

### **Nyame**

Location: The Twi of West Africa.

Description: Great God who prepared the soul to be reborn on the physical plane and gave out its fate.

Rules Over: Fate.

### **Nyamia Ama**

Location: Senegal.

Description: God of storms, rain and lightning. A sky god.

Rules Over: Storms, rain, lightning.

### **Nzambi**

Location: The Bankongo of the Congo.

Description: Great Goddess who created everything. She played the role of Justice and rewarded and punished according to the deeds of man.

Rules Over: Justice.



### **Oba**

Description: Santeria river goddess.

### **Ochumare**

Location: Yoruba.

Description: Santeria Goddess of the rainbow.

### **Oddudua**

Location: Yoruba.

Description: Primary Mother Goddess.

### **Ogun**

Other Names: Ogoun.

Location: The Nago and Yoruba of West Africa.

Description: God of iron and warfare.

Rules Over: Iron, warfare, removing difficulties, smoothing the path to a desired result, Justice, Smiths, Hunters, Barbers, Goldsmiths, Steel.

### **Olorun**

Other Names: Olofin-Orun, Olodumare.

Location: Yoruba.

Description: Sky God.

Rules Over: Truth, control of the Elements, Foresight, Victory when the odds are against you, Destiny.

### **Pan**

Location: Agni.

Description: Son of the Earth.

Rules Over: Cultivation.

### **Rock-Sens**

Location: The Serer of Gambia.

Description: Sky god, controlled the weather.

Rules Over: Rain, Thunder, Lightning.



### **Rugaba**

Other Names: Ruhanga, Kazooba, Mukameiguru.

Location: Ankore of Uganda.

Description: Creator God, Sun God, Sky God.

Rules Over: Life, healing, death, sickness, judgement.

### **Ruhanga**

Location: Banyoro.

Description: Great God.

Rules Over: Fertility, abundance, children, animals, harvest, health, sickness, death, judgement, rebirth.

### **Sakarabru**

Location: Agni of Guinea.

Description: God who is strongest during the main phases of the Moon. Swift to punish wrongful deeds.

Rules Over: Medicine, justice, retribution.

### **Shango**

Other Names: Schango.

Location: Yoruba of Nigeria.

Description: Carries a double-headed axe much like the nordic Thorr.

Rules Over: Thunder, Storm, War, Magick.

### **Soko**

Location: Nupe of north Nigeria.

Description: Creator God.

Rules Over: Control of the Elements, Witchcraft, Communication with the Deceased.

### **Tilo**

Location: Mozambique.

Description: Sky God.

Rules Over: Sky, Thunder, Rain.



### **Unkulunkulu**

Other Names: Nkulunkulu.

Location: The Amazulu and Ndebele of Zimbabwe.

Description: Great God, Earth God.

Rules Over: Fertility, organization, order.

### **Utixo**

Location: The Hottentots.

Description: Sky God who speaks with a voice of thunder.

Rules Over: Rain, Storms, Thunder, Harvest, Rebirth.

### **Wele**

Other Names: Khakaba, Isaywa.

Location: Abaluyia, Bantu.

Description: "The High One". Sky God, Creator God.

Rules Over: Rain, storms, lightning, creation, prosperity, harvest, celestial phenomena.

### **Were**

Location: Luo of Kenya.

Description: Great God, Father God, Creator God.

Rules Over: Birth, Death, Nature, Judgement.

### **White Lady**

Location: Tassali of the Sahara.

Description: Agricultural Goddess.

Rules Over: Agriculture, fertility.

### **Xevioso**

Location: West Africa.

Description: He used a thunder axe.

Rules Over: Thunder, rain, fertility.

### **Ymoja**

Location: Yoruba.

Description: River Goddess.

Rules Over: Women, children.