

Sumerian Religion

Sumerian religion has its roots in the worship of nature, such as the wind and water. The ancient sages of Sumer found it necessary to bring order to that which they did not understand and to this end they came to the natural conclusion that a greater force was at work. The forces of nature were originally worshipped as themselves. However, over time the human form became associated with those forces. Gods in human form were now seen to have control over nature.

The Sumerians regarded the universe as consisting of heaven and earth. The Sumerian term for universe is *an-ki*, which translates to "heaven-earth." Earth was seen as a flat disk surrounded by a hollow space. This was enclosed by a solid surface which they believed was made of tin. Between earth and heavens was a substance known as *lil*, which means "air" or "breath." The moon, sun, stars, and planets were also made of *lil*, but they were also luminescent. Completely surrounding the *an-ki* was the primeval sea. The sea gave birth to the *an-ki*, which eventually gave rise to life.

Sumerian theologians believed that every intricacy of the cosmos was controlled by a divine and immortal being. The cosmos adhered to established rules.

The world below was known as the nether world. The Sumerians believed that the dead descended into the nether world, also known as the under world. The souls of the dead entered the nether world from their graves, but there were also special entrances in cities. A person could enter the nether world from one of these special entrances, but could not leave unless a substitute was found to take their place in the world below. A person entering the nether world must adhere to certain rules:

- He must not make any noise.
- He must not carry any weapons.
- He must not wear clean clothes.
- He must not behave in a normal manner towards his family.
- He must not wear sandals.
- He must not douse himself with "good" oil.

Failure to adhere to these rules would cause the person to be held fast by the denizens of the nether world until a god intervened on their behalf.

The nether world was ruled by Nergal and Ereshkigal. They had at their disposal a number of deities, including a number of sky-gods who fell out of faith with later Sumerian theologians.

After descending into the nether world a soul had to cross a river with the aid of a boatman who ferried them across. They then confronted Utu, who judged their soul. If the judgment was

positive the soul would live a life of happiness. It was, however, generally believed by Sumerians that life in the nether world was dismal.

The gods of Sumer were human in form and maintained human traits. They ate, drank, married, and fought amongst each other. Even though the gods were immortal and all-powerful, it was apparent that they could be hurt and even killed.

Each god adhered to a set of rules of divine authority known as *me*. The *me* ensured that each god was able to keep the cosmos functioning according to the plans handed down to them by Enlil.

Hundreds of deities were recognized in the Sumerian pantheon. Many were wives, children, and servants of the more powerful deities. The gods were organized into a caste system. At the head of the system was the king or supreme ruler. The four most important deities were An, Enlil, Enki, and Ninhursag. These were the four creator deities who created all of the other gods. An was initially the head of the pantheon, though he was eventually succeeded by Enlil. Enlil is seen as the most important god. He is known as "the king of heaven and earth," "the father of the gods," and "the king of all the gods." Enlil developed the broad designs for the universe. However, it was Enki who further developed and carried out his plans. Ninhursag was regarded as the mother of all living beings.

Under the four creator deities were the seven gods who "decree the fates." These were An, Enlil, Enki, Ninhursag, Nanna, Utu, and Inanna. These were followed by the 50 "great gods" or *Anunaki*, the children of An.

Here is a [compilation](#) of the Sumerian deities.

Sumerians believed that their role in the universe was to serve the gods. To this end the ancient Sumerians devoted much of their time to ensuring their favor with the gods with worship, prayer, and sacrifice. The high gods, however, were believed to have more important things to do than to attend to the common man's every day prayers, and so personal gods were devised as intermediaries between man and the high gods. The personal gods listened to the prayers and relayed them to the high gods.

The temple was the center of worship. Each city usually had a large temple dedicated to their patron god, and might also have small shrines dedicated to other gods. Daily sacrifices were made consisting of animals and foods, such as wine, beer, milk, and meats. Additionally special occasions called for spectacular festivities that would sometimes last for days. Special feasts took place on the day of the new moon, on the 7th, 15th, and last day of the month. However, the most important day by far was the New Year.

The head of the temple was called the *sanga*. The *sanga* was responsible for ensuring the temple's finances, buildings, and day-to-day activities were all in good order. The *en* was the

spiritual leader of the temple. The *en* could be a man or woman depending upon the deity. Under the *en* were various priest classes, such as the *guda*, *mah*, *gala*, *nindingir*, and *ishib*. The roles of all of these classes is not known, though the *ishib* was in charge of libations, and the *gala* was a poet or singer.

The city's main temple was usually dedicated to their patron deity. Patron deities often assumed the powers of other deities, which tended to result in confusion and contradiction in the literature of ancient Sumer. For example, ancient legends would often change to reflect the new-found popularity of a particular god. If Marduk rose to prominence, then certain legends would alter to reflect such.

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Displays the name of the deity along with a notation of any other pantheons they belong to.

Center of worship of the deity.

A brief description of the deity's duties.

Symbol commonly used to denote the deity.

Relationships with other deities.

Interesting side notes concerning the deity.

Other names the deity is known by along with a notation of the pantheon(s) they belong to.

Legend

A=Akkadian Ab=Arabic Am=Ammonite Ar=Aramaean As=Assyrian

B=Babylonian C=Canaanite Ca=Carthage Ch=Chaldea D=Dilmun

E=Elamite Eg=Egyptian Et=Etruscan G=Greek H=Hittites

He=Hebrew Hu=Hurrian I=India K=Kassite M=Moabite

P=Phoenician Pe=Persian R=Roman S=Sumerian Se=Semite

Si=Sidon Sy=Syrian T=Tibet U=Ugarit

An	Erech	Great Father of the Gods, the king of the Gods, the God of the Sun	star	Husband of Antu. Father of Ninhursag, Enlil, and Martu. Son of Ki and Nammu.	An was at one time the head of the Sumerian pantheon. His worship waned over time and his powers were transferred to Enlil.	Anat(As,C,Ch,S,Eg), Anatu(As), Anath, Anu(A,As,B,H,Hu,S,Sy), Anum
Enki	Eridu	Lord of water, wisdom, creation, and fertility. Invented writing. Keeper of the divine laws. Created the first humans.	Two serpents entwined on a staff. Warned Ziusudra of the impending flood.	Son of Nammu. Father of Dumuzi, Ninsar, Uttu, Ninmu, Nindurra, and Asarlubi. Husband of Nintu.	-	Lumha(S), Nudimmud(B), Ea(S,A,B), Amanki(B)
Enlil	Nippur	Lord of rain, wind, and air. Invents tools of agriculture. Created the deluge or "amaru" to destroy mankind.	Seven small circles.	Raped Ninlil. Either the brother or husband of Ninhursag (sources differ). Father of Ashnan, Nergal, Ninazu, Ninurta, and Nanna. Son of Ki and An.	Seceded An as the head of the Sumerian pantheon.	Adad(As,B,C,S), Bel(B,S), Illillos(S), Ishkur(A,H,S), Lil(S)
Ninhursag	-	Great Mother	-	Daughter of An and	-	Ninlil(S), Ningal(S), Aruru(As,B,Ch,S),

		Goddess. Goddess of childbirth. Queen of the mountains.		Nammu. Mother of Ninurta, Martu, and Ninkasi. Often stated as Enlil's sister, but also as his wife.		Bau(A,B,P,S), Belit(B,S), Belit-Illi, Belitis, Ga-Tum-Dug(S), Gula(A,B,S), Innini(S), Ki(S), Nammu(S), Ninkarrak(B,S), Ninki(S), Ninmah(S), Nintu(S), Ninurta(A,C,S)
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Inanna Erech Goddess of love, fertility, procreation, and war. Queen of the beasts. Protector of Aratta.

Ninhursag	-	Great Mother Goddess. Goddess of childbirth. Queen of the mountains.	-	Daughter of An and Nammu. Mother of Ninurta, Martu, and Ninkasi. Often stated as Enlil's sister, but also as his wife.	-	Ninlil(S), Ningal(S), Aruru(As,B,Ch,S), Bau(A,B,P,S), Belit(B,S), Belit-Illi, Belitis, Ga-Tum-Dug(S), Gula(A,B,S), Innini(S), Ki(S), Nammu(S), Ninkarrak(B,S), Ninki(S), Ninmah(S), Nintu(S), Ninurta(A,C,S)
Utu	Larsa	Sun god of justice.	-	Son of Nanna and Ningal. Father of Mamu. Brother of Inanna.	-	Shamash(B), Babbar(S)

Ashnan	-	Goddess of grain.	-	Daughter of Enlil.	-	-
Emesh	-	God of agriculture.	-	Brother of Enten.	-	-
Enbilulu	-	Appointed by Enki to be in charge of the Tigris and the Euphrates.	-	-	-	-
Enkidu	-	God of land owners and farmers.	-	Adversary of Dumuzi. Companion of Gilgamesh.	-	Enkimdu(S), Eabani(S), Enkita(H)
Enten	-	Farmer god.	-	Brother of Emesh.	-	-
Ereshkigal	-	Goddess of Arallu.	-	Sister of Inanna. Wife of Gugalanna.	-	Allat(A), Allatu(A), Alukah(C), Ganzir(Se), Ningirda(S)

Ishkur	-	God of the winds and lightning.	-	-	-	Adad(A,B), Iskur(S), Enlil(As,B,S), Immer(S), Mer(B,S), Mermer(S), Mur(S)
Kabta	-	God of the brickmold and pickax.	-	-	-	-
Lahar	-	Goddess of cattle.	-	-	-	-
Mushdamma	-	God of foundations and houses.	-	-	-	-
Nanshe	Lagash	Goddess of man's morals and ethics, widows and orphans, and seeks out justice for the poor.	-	Wife of Haia. Sister of Inanna.	-	-
Nergal	-	God of the plague, underworld, and fires. Supreme ruler of Arallu.	-	Son of Enlil and Ninlil. Brother of Ninurta.	-	Meshlamthea(S), Nirgalu(B), Gira(S), Enmesarra(B,S), Enmesharra(B,S), Ira(S), Lugalmeslam(S), Malik(S), Mekel(S), Reshef(Sy)
Nidaba	-	Goddess of writing and accounts. Patron deity of the palace archives.	-	Sister of Inanna.	-	-
Ningal	-	Sun goddess.	-	Wife of Nanna. Mother of Utu and Ianna.	-	Aruru(B,Ch,S), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninmah(S), Nintu(S)
Ninurta	-	God of the	-	Son of	-	Ennammasht(S),

		south wind, irrigation, copper and coppersmiths, and fertility. Patron of hunters. A warrior deity.		Ninhursag and Enlil. Brother of Nergal.		Ningirsu(S), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninib(S), Ninkilim(S), Ninsubur(A,B,S), Ninurash(S)
Ninisinna	Isin	Goddess of healing and medicine.	-	Sister of Inanna.	-	Ninedinna(B)
Ninkasi(Se)	-	Goddess of brewing and alcohol.	-	Daughter of Ninhursag.	-	Ninkas(S,Se)
Ninlil	-	Goddess of grain.	-	Daughter of Nunbarshegunu. Raped by Enlil, and is sometimes referred to as his sister. Mother of Nanna, Nergal, and Ninazu.	Identified with the Babylonian god Mullitu/Mylitta.	Belit(B,S), Haya(B), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninki(S), Ninlilla(B), Nisaba(S)
Sumuqan	-	God of plant and animal on the Sumerian plain.	-	-	-	-
Uttu	-	Goddess of weaving and clothing, plants, and vegetation.	-	Daughter of Enki and Nindurra.	-	-

Adapa	-	Created by Ea to rule over man. Refused bread and water, which would have granted him everlasting life, and in turn brought illness, disease, and	-	-	Possible source for Adam.	Adapa Uan(S), Addu(Ar)

		death to other humans.				
Dumuzi	-	Shepherd god over the fertility of plants and animals, and stables and sheepfolds.	-	Husband of Inanna. Brother of Geshtinanna. Son of Enki and Ninsun. Adversary of Enkimdu.	Historical king of Erech who was deified.	Damu(S), Tammuz(B), Ziapsu(S)
Gilgamesh	-	One-third man and two-thirds god. Sought out Utanapishtim for the secret of immortality.	-	Son of Ninsun and Lugalbanda. Companion of Enkidu. According to one source, he is the brother of Inanna.	Historical king of Erech who was deified.	Gizdubar(Ch), Izdubar, Gishgimmash(H)
Geshtinanna	-	Goddess of autumn vines and wine. Poetess, singer, and interpreter of dreams. Known as "The Lady of Desolation," "The Lady of the Vine," "The Recorder of Hell," and "The Bookkeeper of Heaven."	-	Sister of Dumuzi. Daughter of Ninsum.	-	-
Gugulanna	-	Bull of Heaven.	-	Husband of Ereshkigal.	-	-
Khumbaba	-	Guardian of the Cedar Forest of Amanus. Defeated and slain by Enkidu and Gilgamesh.	-	-	-	Hubaba(E), Humbaba(A,B,S), Hum-ba, Humhum, Huwawa
Kur	-	Underworld monster depicting the empty space between the earth's crust and the sea.	-	-	-	-
Ziapsu	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(S)
Ziusudra	-	King of Sippar who was warned by Enki	-	Son of Ubartutu of Shuruppak.	Possible source of	Ziusura(S), Utnapishtim(B)

		of the impending deluge.		Granted eternal life by An and Enlil.	Noah.	
Ziusura	-	-	-	-	-	Ziusudra(S)

Aa(A)	-	Moon goddess	Disc with eight extending rays.	Mother of Tammuz.	-	Aah, Aos(Ch), Iah, Khensu(Eg), Sirdu, Sirrida
Ab(Ch)	-	Lord of Wisdom and Father of the Waters.	-	-	-	-
Absusu	-	-	-	-	-	Abtagigi(S), Ishtar(As,B,A,Ch,Se,Si,S)
Abtagigi(As,B)	-	An evil goddess of harlots who preys on men.	-	-	-	Absusu(S), Aphrodite(G,P), Ishtar(As,B,A,Ch,Se,Si,S), Kilili(As,B)
Abu(Ab,E)	-	Appointed by Enki as king of the plants.	-	-	-	Elephantine(G), Elephantis(G)
Abzu	-	Primordial Lord of the Inner Waters. Joined with Tiamat to begin creation. Abzu eventually grew angry with the gods and attempted to	-	Father of the gods. Abzu and Tiamat created the first life forms, Lahamu and Lahmu.	Derivative of the modern word "abyss".	Apsu(S), Apzu(B), Apason(B), Aphson(B), Rishtu(B), Zigarun(A)

		stop them, but he was slain by Ea.				
Adad(Ar,As,B,C)	-	God of floods, storms, punishment, and justice.	-	-	-	Baal of Mt. Lebanon(Se), Baalsamame(P), Balsamem, Balshameme, Balshamin, Bardad(Se), Belshim(Se), Ber, Bir(As), Birque(Se), Dadu, Hadad(P,Se,Sy), Haddad(B,P), Ilhallubu(B), Ilumarru(A,B), Iluwir, Ishkur(A,H,S), Iskur(B), Jashar(He), Kur-Gal, Kurgal(C), Marri(B,S), Marru(B), Martu(S), Ramman(Ar), Rammanu(S), Rammon(S), Rimmon(As,B), Riummon(Sy)
Addu(Ar)	-	-	-	-	-	Adad(Ar,As,B,C,S), Adapa, Marduk(A,As,B,S)
Ahhazu(B)	-	Demon of disease and death.	-	-	-	Labasu
Aleyn- baal(A,B,C,P,U)	-	Storm and Weather god. "God of the Waters."	-	-	-	Baal(B,P,S,Sy), Baal Hammon(Ca), Baalshamin, Ba'al- zebub(C,P,U), Bel(A,B,S), Hadad(P,Se,Sy), Marduk(A,As,B,S), Melkart(Am,P)
Alu(B)	-	A murderous demon who preys on	-	-	-	-

humans.

Antu	-	-	-	Wife of An	-	Antum
Anu(A,B,H,Hu,Sy)	-	-	-	-	-	An(A,As,B,E,S), Ana(S), Anos, Anum
Anunit(As,B)	-	Goddess of the moon and of battle.	Sun with eight extending rays.	-	-	Anunitum(B)
Anunnaki(As,B)	-	High gods of the Sumerian pantheon composed of An, Enki, and the children of Anshar and Ki. Their palace, Diligina or Ekalgina, is located in Arallu.	-	-	-	Ennuki(As,B,S)
Anzu(Pe)	-	-	-	-	-	Zu(S)
Aos(Ch,G)	-	God of light.	-	-	-	Aa, Hoa(Ch), Oannes(B,Ch,G,S)
Apsu	-	-	-	-	-	Abzu(S), Apzu(As,B)
Arallu(As,B)	-	The underworld kingdom ruled by Ereshkigal and Nergal. The dead are judged here.	-	-	-	Anduruna, Ganzir(Se), Shualu(B)
Arazu(A)	-	The god of crafts.	-	-	-	-
Aruru(As,B,Ch)	-	Earth goddess who created the first men out of clay.	-	-	-	Belet-ili, Mami(A,B,Ch,S), Ningal(B,S,Se), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninmah(S), Nintue
Asarlubi	-	God of	-	Son of	-	-

		magic and sorcery.		Enki.		
Ashnan(Ch)	-	Goddess of grain.	-	-	-	-
Ashshur(As)	-	-	-	-	-	Ashur(As,S)
Ashur(As)	-	A warrior deity endowed with many powers of creation.	Winged disk, bow and arrow, and the fir cone.	-	-	-
Assorors	-	-	-	-	-	Anshar(As,B,S)
Assur(As)	-	-	-	-	-	Ashur(A,S)
Asur(As)	-	-	-	-	-	Ashur(A,S)
Azur(As)	-	-	-	-	-	Ashur(A,S)
Babbar	Larsa	Ancient sun god of Larsa.	-	-	-	Utu(S), Shamash(A)
Bau(A,B,P)	-	A primeval goddess of the "Dark Waters".	-	Mother of Ea.	-	Baau(As,B), Bahu(I), Bohu, Gula(A,B,S), Gur, Ninhursag(A,S), Ninki(S)
Bayl	-	-	-	-	-	Bel(B,S)
Bel(B)	-	A title attributed to gods. It translates to "lord".	-	-	-	Aleyn-baal(A,B,C,P,S,U), Bayl(S), Belit(As,S), Enlil(As,B,S), Marduk(A,As,B,S)
Beletersetim(As)	-	Scribe of the underworld.	-	-	-	Belit-Sheri(As,B)
Belit(As)	-	"Lady of the Gods," "Lady of Childbirth"	-	-	-	Ba'alat, Beltis(B,S), Belit-Ilani, Belit-Ile, Belit-Illi, Mylitta(B,Ch), Ninhursag(A,S), Nintud(A,B,S)
Belti(B,P,Se)	-	Mother goddess.	-	-	-	Baalath(Se), Beltis(B,S), Belitis, Beltu(B,S)
Beltis(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Belti(B,P,Se,S)
Beltu(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Belti(B,P,Se,S)

Bogu	-	God of wealth.	-	-	-	-
Chemosh(C,E,M,Se)	-	Possible historical king who was deified. God of the sun.	-	-	-	Baal-Peor(M), Kammus, Kamus, Shamash(A,S)
Damgalnunna	-	-	-	-	-	Ninki(S)
Dagon(A,B,C,Se,U)	Ashdod	-	-	-	-	Oannes(B,Ch,S,G), Zeus Arotrios
Damu	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(S), Tammuz(B), Ziapsu(S)
Dazhbod	-	-	-	-	-	Dazibogu(S)
Dazibogu	-	A solar deity.	-	-	-	Dazhbod(S)
Dilmun	-	The home of the gods. Possible location of Eden.	-	-	-	-
Dubbisag	-	An ancient Sumerian god.	-	-	-	-
Dumazu	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(A,S)
Dumu-e-zi	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(A,S)
Dumu-zi	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(A,S)
Dumunzi	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(A,S)
Dumuziabzu	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(A,S)
Dumuziapsu	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(A,S)
Dumuzida	-	-	-	-	-	Dumuzi(A,S)
Dup Shimate	-	The Tablets of Fate.	-	-	-	-
Duttur	-	Goddess of sheep and flocks.	-	Mother of Dumuzi and Geshtinanna.	-	Sirtur(S)
Ea(A,As,B)	-	God of the earth and waters,	-	-	-	Amma-Ana-Ki(As,B), Aos(Ch,G,S), Dunga(As,B),

		magicians, healers, and wisdom.				Enki(As,B,S), Engur(As,B), Enki-Ea(As,B), Hea(Ch), Hoa(Ch), Lumha(S), Nadimmud(B), Nidim(As,B), Ninbubu(As,B), Nindubarra(As,B), Ninigiku(S), Ninigikug, Nudimmud(B), Nurra(As,B), Oannes(B,Ch,G,S)
Eabani	-	-	-	-	-	Enkidu(S)
Eannu	-	Anu's home on earth.	-	-	-	-
Edimmu	-	Evil souls of the dead who have not received proper funerary rites.	-	-	-	-
Elat	-	Female aspect of El.	-	-	-	-
Ellat	-	Defender of cities.	-	-	-	Allat(Ar,As,B,Ch)
Engidu	-	-	-	-	-	Enkidu(S)
En-Mersi	-	-	-	-	-	Ningirsu(S)
Enkimdu	-	-	-	-	-	Enkidu(S)
Enmesarra(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Enmesharra(B,S)
Enmesharra	-	-	-	-	-	Nergal(S)
Ennammasht	-	-	-	-	-	Ninurta(A,C,S)
Ennuki	-	-	-	-	-	Anunnaki(As,B,S)
Enuma Elish(B)	-	Poem of Creation.	-	-	-	-
Erescheigal(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Ereshkigal(B,G,S)
Erishgal(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Ereshkigal(B,G,S)
Erishkegal(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Ereshkigal(B,G,S)
Eriskigal(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Ereshkigal(B,G,S)
Etuda	-	-	-	Father of Tammuz.	-	-

Ezuab	-	Ea's home. Located in the city of Eridu.	-	-	-	-
Gabil(As)	-	Goddess of fire. Patron of metal workers.	-	Son of Anu. Sister of Ninkarrak.	-	Girau(A,S), Nusku(As,B,S)
Ga-Tum-Dug	Lagash	Earth goddess.	-	-	-	Ninhursag(A,S), Ninki(S)
Gibil(As)	-	God of fire.	-	Son of Anu. Sister of Ninkarrak.	-	Gabil(S), Girau(As,S), Nusku(As,B,S)
Gir	-	-	-	-	-	Ira(As,B)
Gira	-	-	-	-	-	Ira(As,B)
Girra	-	-	-	-	-	Ira(As,B)
Girau(As)	-	-	-	-	-	Gabil(As,S)
Gizidu	-	Chief gatekeeper of the Underworld. Scribe of Kur.	-	-	-	Neti(S)
Grismadevi	-	Goddess of the seasons	-	-	-	Dbyar-Gyi-Rgyalmo(T)
Guhkin-Banda	-	Patron of goldsmiths.	-	-	-	-
Gula(A,B)	-	Guardian of homes. Goddess of the earth, illness, and health.	-	Daughter of Anu.	-	Gatamdug(As,B), Gula-Bau, Ninhursag(As,S), Ninki(S)
Haia	-	-	-	Husband of Nanshe	-	-
Ilabrat(B)	-	A messenger of Anu. Sent to find out why the south wind stopped	-	-	-	Ninsubur(A,B,S), Papsukkal(S), Papukkal(S)

		blowing.				
Ili-abrat	-	-	-	-	-	Ilabrat(B,S)
Illillos	-	-	-	-	-	Enlil(As,B,S)
Imgig	-	-	-	-	-	Zu(S)
Imhursag	-	-	-	-	-	Ishkur(A,H,S)
Immer	-	Mother goddess.	-	-	-	Ishkur(A,H,S)
Innini	-	-	-	-	-	Inanna(S), Ninanna(B), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninki(S), Ninsinna(B), Nintud(A,B,S)
Ira	-	-	-	-	-	Nergal(S)
Ishtar(A,As,B,Ch,Se, Si)	-	Mother goddess. Goddess of storms, fertility, spring, war, love, the hunt, fate, childbirth, and marriage. Personification of the planet Venus. Goddess of the underworld. Invoked as protection against poison and ill health.	Eight pointed star.	Daughter of Sin. Sister of Shamash and Ereshkigal.	-	Absusu(S), Abtagigi(As,B,S), Agasaya(Se), Ashtart(P), Ashtoreth(B,C,Se), Athar(Ab), Aya(As,B,Ch), Belti(B,P,Se,S), Bisi-Bisi(As,B), Dilbar(B), Gamlat(B), Gumshea(As,B), Hanata, Inanna(S), Innini(S), Irnini(B), Kilili(As,B), Meni(B), Minu-anni(As,B), Minu-ullu, Nin-kar-zida(As,B), Nin-khar-sagga(As,B), Nin-si-anna, Ninkarrak(As,B,S), Ninkasi(Se), Ninlil(As,B,P,S), Sharis(Ar), Shaushka(H,Hu), Shimti(A), Zanaru(As,B), Zib(B)
Isimud	-	Messenger of Enki.	-	-	-	-
Jabal	-	Patron of tents.	-	Son of Lumha.	-	-

				Brother of Jubal and Tubal-cain.		
Jubal	-	Patron of music.	-	Son of Lumha. Brother of Jabal and Tubal-cain.	-	-
Kadi	-	Goddess of justice.	-	-	-	-
Khumban	Elam	-	-	Husband of Kiririsha.	-	-
Ki(Ch)	-	A primordial being. Personification of the earth.	-	Daughter of Nammu. Mother of Enlil.	-	Kishar(As,B)

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Kingu(B) -

		being. One of the first life forms created by Apsu and Tiamat.		and Ki. Son of Abzu and Tiamat.		
Lakhamu	-	Lahamu and Lahmu, the serpentine deities. The first gods created by Apsu and Tiamat.	-	-	-	-
Lamassu(B,He)	-	A terrifying demon who preys on children and women.	-	-	-	Labartu(As), Labasi, Lamme(S)
Lamech	-	-	-	-	-	Lumha(S)
Lamme	-	-	-	-	-	Lamassu(B,He,S)
Lil	-	-	-	-	-	

		singers.		Jabal, Jubal, and Tubal- cain.		Enki(As,B,S), Lamech(S)
Mah(A,C,Pe,Se)	-	Goddess of the moon. Creation goddess.	-	-	-	Aruru(As,B,Ch,S), Belit-Ili, Gula(A,B,S), Mama(S), Mami(A,B,Ch,S), Ninmah
Malik	-	-	-	-	-	Nergal(As,B,E,P,S)
Mama	-	-	-	-	-	Mami(A,B,Ch,S)
Mami(A,B,Ch)	-	Mother Goddess, Creator of Mankind, Goddess of Childbirth. Molded men out of clay.	-	-	-	Ama(S), Aruru(As,B,Ch,S), Mah(A,C,P,Se,S), Mama(S)
Mamu	-	God/Goddes s of dreams and visions.	-	Child of Utu.	-	-
Marduk(A,As,B)	Babylo n	Supreme god. God of storms, lightning, fertility, and the sun. Became lord of the gods after defeating Tiamat.	-	Son of Ea and Ninki. Father of Nabu.	-	Addu(Ar), Agaku(B), Agilma(B), Amaruduk(S), Aranunna(B), Asaru(B), Asarualim(B), Asarualim Nunna(B), Asaruludu(B), Asharu(B), Barashakushu(B), Bel Matati, Dumuduku(B), Enbilulu(B), Epadun(B), Exizkur(B), Gibil(As,S), Gil(B), Gilma(B), Gishnumunab(B), Gugal(B), Hegal(B), Irkingu(B), Kinma(B), Lugalabdubur(B), Lugaldimmerankia(B), Lugaldurmah(B),

						Lugallanna(B), Lugallugga(B), Malah(B), Manru(B), Marukka(B), Marutukku(B), Mummu(As,B,S), Namtillaku(B), Nari(B), Nebiru(B), Papalguenna(B), Shazau(B), Sirsir(B), Suhgurim(B), Suhrim(B), Tuku(B), Tut(B), Zahgurim(B), Zahrim(B), Ziku(B,S), Zisi(B), Ziukkinna(B), Zulum(B).
Martu	-	God of the Bedu. Destroyer of cities and people.	-	Son of An and Ninhursag a.	-	-
Me	-	-	-	-	-	Nabu
Mekel	-	-	-	-	-	Nergal(As,B,E,P,S)
Mer(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Ishkur(A,H,S)
Mermer	-	-	-	-	-	Ishkur(A,H,S)
Meshlamthea	-	-	-	-	-	Nergal(As,B,E,P,S)
Mirsi	-	-	-	-	-	Mirsu(S)
Mirsu	-	God of irrigation.	-	-	-	Tammuz(As,B)
Misharu	-	God of law and order.	-	-	-	Misor(P,Se) -
Mummu(As,B,S)	-	Personificati on of ocean waves.	-	-	-	-

Mummu-Tiamat

Nina	Nina	Local goddess with a temple at Nina.	-	Daughter of Ea. Sister of Nisaba. Mother of Ningirsu.	-	Ninetta(S), Ninevah(S)
Ninazu	-	God of the sun.	-	Husband of Ninsu-Utud. Grandfather of Tammuz. Son of Enlil and Ninlil.	-	-
Nindurra	-	-	-	Daughter of Nintu and Enki. Mother of Uttu.	-	Ninkurra(S)
Nineishizda(B)	-	-	-	-	-	Ningishzida(B,S)
Ninetta	-	-	-	-	-	Nina(S)
Ninevah	-	-	-	-	-	Nina(S)
Ningirda	-	-	-	-	-	Ereshkigal(B,G,S)
Ningirsu	Lugash	God of irrigation and war.	-	Son and husband of Bau.	-	En-Mersi(S), Ninurta(A,C,S)
Ningizzida(B)	-	God of the dawn and trees.	-	Companion of Tammuz.	-	Nineishizda(B,S), Unnummuzida(S)
Nin-Ib(A,As,B)	-	God of the spring and morning sun.	-	-	-	Adar(A,Se), Nerig(B), Nineb(B), Ninurta(A,C,S), Nirig(B), Reshep(E)
Ninigiku	-	A title of Ea meaning "King of the Sacred Eye."	-	-	-	Ea(A,As,B,S)
Ninkarrak(As,B)	-	Goddess of healing.	-	Daughter of Anu. Sister of Gibal.	-	Gula(A,B,S), Ishtar(As,A,B,Ch,Se,Si,S), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninki(S)
Ninkas	-	-	-	-	-	Ninkasi(S,Se)

Ninki	-	Goddess of fresh water.	-	-	-	Bau(A,B,P,S), Belit-Illi, Belitis, Damgalnunna(S), Damkina(As,B), Gatum-Dug(S), Gashan-Ki(As,B), Gula(A,B,S), Innini(S), Ki(Ch,S), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninkarrak(As,B,S), Ninlil(As,B,S), Ninmah(S), Ninmu(S), Nintu(S)
Ninma	-	-	-	-	-	Ninmu(S)
Ninmah	-	An aspect of Mah.	-	-	-	Aruru(As,B,Ch,S), Mah(A,Ch,Pe,Se,S), Ningal(B,Se,S), Ninhursag(A,S), Ninki(S), Ninmu(S)
Ninmu	-	The goddess of plants.	-	Daughter of Ninhursag and Enki. Mother of Ninkurra.	-	Ki(Ch,S), Ninki(S), Ninmah(S), Ninsar(S)
Ninmug(B)	-	-	-	Sister of Inanna.	-	-
Ninurta	-	-	-	-	-	Ninurta(A,C,S)
Ninsar	-	-	-	-	-	Ninmu(S)
Ninshubur	-	Vizar of Inanna.	-	-	-	-
Ninshubur(A,B)	-	A messenger of the gods.	-	-	-	Ilabrat(B,S), Ili-Abrat(S), Ninurta(A,C,S), Papsukkal
Ninsun(Ch)	-	-	-	Mother of Dumuzi, Gestinanna, and Gilgamesh.	-	Situr(S)
Ninsu-Utud(A,B)	-	Goddess of healing.	-	Wife of Ninazu.	-	-
Nin-ti	-	One of the	-	-	-	Ninti

		eight goddesses of healing created by Ninhursag to heal Enki. She healed Enki's rib.				
Nintu	-	-	-	Wife of Enki. Mother of Ninmu and Nindurra.	-	Ninhursag(A,S), Ishtar(A,As,B,Ch,Se,Si)
Nintud(A,B)	-	Earth goddess.	-	-	-	Belit(As,B,S), Belit-Ilani
Ninurash	-	-	-	-	-	Ninurta(A,C,S)
Nisaba	-	Goddess of architecture.	-	-	-	-
Nunbarshegunu(As, B)	-	-	-	Mother of Ninlil.	-	-
Nusku(As,B)	-	God of justice, fire, civilization, and light. Messenger of the gods.	A lamp.	-	-	-
Oannes(B,Ch,G)	-	Earth deity. Gave man knowledge of science and culture.	-	-	-	Aos(Ch,G,S), Dagon(A,B,C,S,Se,U), Ea(A,As,B,S)
Papsukkal	-	Vizier of the gods.	-	-	-	Papukkal(S)
Papukkal	-	-	-	-	-	Papsukkal(S)
Pazuzu	-	God of wind who brings disease to man.	-	Son of Hanpa.	-	-
Rammanu	-	-	-	-	-	Adad(Ar,As,B,C,S)
Rammon	-	-	-	-	-	Adad(Ar,As,B,C,S)
Sa	-	An ancient Sumerian god.	-	-	-	-

Satan(A,B,Pe)	-	An evil underworld deity.	-	-	-	Arya Sarasvati(T), Belial(A,As,B,He), Charun(Et), Devil, Eblis, Iblis, Nergal(As,B,E,P,S)
Sataran	Der	God of settling complaints.	-	-	-	-
Shala(Ch)	-	Goddess of compassion.	-	-	-	-
Shamash(A)	-	God of the sun and fire.	-	Son of Sin. Brother of Ishtar.	-	Babbar(S), Shahan, Shullat(S), Utu(S)
Shar	-	-	-	-	-	Anshar(As,B,S)
Shullat	-	-	-	-	-	Utu(S)
Siduru	-	-	-	-	-	Siduri(As,B,S)
Siduri(As,B)	-	A sea goddess.	-	-	-	Siduru(S)
Siduri-Sabitu	-	-	-	-	-	Sudiri(As,B,S)
Sige	-	-	-	-	-	Zi(S)
Sin(A,B)	-	Moon god in charge of maintaining each day of the month.	Crescent	Son of Enlil. Husband of Ningal. Father of Nusku.	-	Nanna(As,B,S), Nannar(S)
Sirara	-	Goddess of the Persian Gulf.	-	-	-	-
Sirrush	-	A sacred dragon of Marduk.	-	-	-	-
Sirtur	-	-	-	-	-	Duttur(S)
Situr	-	-	-	-	-	Ninsun(Ch,S)
Tablets of Fate	-	The tablets holding the fate of the world.	-	-	-	Dup Shimati(S)
Tashmetrum	-	Goddess of writing.	-	Wife of Nabu.	-	-
Tubal-cain	-	Patron of the forge.	-	-	-	-

Tiamat(As,B,Ch,Se)	-	Evil primordial Goddess of the primeval depths. Joined with Apsu to create the gods and the world. Warred on the gods.	-	Mother of Lahamu. Slain by Marduk.	-	Baau(As,B), Bis-Bis(As,B), Hubar(B), Mummu-Tiamat(S), Omorka(B,Ch), Omoroka(B,Ch), Tamtu, Tauthe(B), Tehom, Thalass, Thalath(B), Thamte, Tiawath, Tisalat, Ummukhubar, Leviathan(B,U)
Unummuzida	-	-	-	-	-	Ningishzida(B,S)
Upshukina	-	The home of the gods.	-	-	-	-
Ur	-	An ancient god.	-	-	-	-
Ur-Nammu	-	King of Ur who was deified.	-	-	First king of the third dynasty of Ur.	-
Utukku	-	Assistants to the gods. The good were called Shedu, and the evil were called Edimmu.	-	-	-	-
Vilin	-	Malevolent shape-changing female spirits.	-	-	-	-
Zalgarra	-	One of the first ancestors of man.	-	-	-	-
Zaltu(As,B)	-	Goddess of strife.	-	-	-	-
Zi	-	Nature spirits who were	-	-	-	Sige(S), Ziku(B,S)

		bestowed with individual names as they gained importance.				
Ziku	-	-	-	-	-	Zi(S)
Zu	-	A underworld god. Stole the Tablets of Fate from Enlil.	-	-	-	Anzu(Pe,S), Imgig(S)

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