

THE CIHUATETEO (Lady Deities) {see-hwa-te-te-o}

Five female deities parallel the male Lords of Five, the Ahuiateteo. All named calendrically as One of various day-signs, these warrior spirits of women who died in childbirth came out in the night to waylay men at crossroads and were also reputed to kidnap naughty children. The patron of their divine sorority was the powerful mother goddess Tlazolteotl.

CE CALLI (One House) {se kal-lee}



C. Aubin



C. Borgia



C. Vaticanus B

Ce Calli is paired with Macuil Xochitl, probably representing intelligence and nobility. (She shares the day-name with the goddess Itzpapalotl.)

CE CUAUHTLI (One Eagle) {se kwa-uh-tee}



C. Aubin



C. Borgia



C. Vaticanus

Ce Cuauhtli is paired with Macuil Cozcacuauhtli and may represent bravery.

CE MAZATL (One Deer) {se ma-zatl}



C. Aubin



C. Borgia



C. Vaticanus B

Ce Mazatl might be the timid one representing beauty, sex, and love and is paired with Macuil Cuetzpallin, a deity of sexual excess. (She shares the day-name with the goddess Xochiquetzal and could be her *nagual*.)

CE OZOMATLI (One Monkey) {*se o-zo-ma-tee*}



C. Aubin



C. Borgia



C. Vaticanus B

Ce Ozomatli is paired with Macuil Tochtli, a god of drunkenness, and may represent strong emotions and immorality.

CE QUIAHUITL (One Rain) {*se kee-a-hweetl*}



C. Aubin



C. Borgia



C. Vaticanus B

Ce Quiahuitl probably represents peace and plenty, and she's paired with Macuil Malinalli a deity of worship and penance.

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ITZPAPALOTL (Obsidian Butterfly) {*eets-pa-pa-lotl*}

Itzpapalotl is the ancestral goddess of the stars (Milky Way), lady of mystery and death, but also of beauty and fertility. Patron of the day Cozacuauhtli (Vulture), she is a fearsome warrior who rules over the paradise of Tamoanchan for victims of infant mortality. She may be the mother of Mixcoatl, the Cloud Serpent, and is also the chief of the Tzitzimime, star demons that devour people during solar eclipses. She's usually depicted with a skull-face and butterfly or eagle wings, often called the Clawed Butterfly.



T. Aubin



T. Borbonicus



T. Borgia



T. Vaticanus B



C. Vaticanus B (Patron of Day Vulture)



T. Yohual

TZITZIMIME (Star Demons) {tsee-tsee-mee-me}

The **Tzitzimime** are evil spirits who come out during solar eclipses and devour people. Itzpapalotl is the principle Tzitzimiltl. (Codex Tudela is a later 16th-century version of Magliabechiano and other codices.)



C. Magliabechiano



C. Tudela

CITLALICUE (Star Skirt) {see-tla-lee-kwe}

Citlalicue and her husband Citlalatonac (Star Lord) {see-tla-lato-nak} are deities of the Milky Way, creator of the stars. They are also called *Ilamacihuatl* and *Ilamatecuhtli* and are *naguals* of Ometeotl (Omecihuatl and Ometecuhtli). Citlalicue is the 13th lord of the day as shown in these calendrical thumbnails. (The Aztec daytime had 13 hours, and the 13th was when the stars came out in the evening gloaming.)



T. Borbonicus



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OXOMOCO (Goddess of Nighttime) {o-sho-mo-ko}

Oxomoco often appears with her consort Cipactonal, God of the Daytime. Here they might be playing a game, but she's probably just sewing stars like seeds from her bowl.



C. Borbonicus

METZTLI (Goddess of the Moon) {*mets-tee*}

Metzli is the first moon goddess, probably inherited from Teotihuacan times. In fact, the Mayan deity of the moon was also a female called Ix Chel. (Like the peoples of central Mexico, they also saw a rabbit in the moon.) Metzli became the consort of Tecciztecatl when the later Nahuatl peoples tried to install him as the new God of the Moon for the Fifth Sun. An ultra-orthodox sect of the Aztecs replaced him with (the head of) Coyolxauhqui.



T. Yohual

COYOLXAUHQUI (Golden Bells) {*ko-yol-sha-oo-kee*}

Coyolxauhqui is the daughter of Coatlicue by Mixcoatl and the sister of the Aztec war god Huitzilopochtli. On the legendary migration from Chicomoztoc, he emphatically dismembered her for opposing him and turned her head into the moon.



The Stone of Coyolxauhqui

TIANQUIZTLI (Goddesses of the Pleiades) {*tyan-keez-tee*}

These several nameless star-goddesses are referenced as the collective **Tianquiztli** in the Florentine Codex.

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