

# The San (Bushmen) Creation Story

The San are also known as the first peoples (the root of the tree of life)

In the timelessness of the early human race, all animals were humans, and all humans existed in the form of shape-shifting, interchangeable spiritual beings, possessing the ability to exchange body parts and assume the form of half-human, half-animal like beings. The body parts of these various early spiritual beings were all mixed up, so for example the horns and colours of the present day beautiful gemsbok used to belong to the ostrich before it was yet a bird but still an antelope. This was before there existed order in the world, before these early beings were fully human and had not learnt the manners and morals of basic humanness. In a way, you can say they were indecisive and uncultured. They were like clay, easily moulded, and not yet "hard-baked" and could all assume various forms. This was before the physical world, as we know it, existed. When early mankind only existed in spiritual form and lived in the underworld of Earth. The Earth above was a global ocean, covered in darkness and God had not yet created the mountains, valleys, streams and Gardens of Eden.

God dreamt creation into existence and therefore birthed the physical landscape from the cold, dark and lifeless ocean. Young Mother Earth was at that stage just one continuous ocean spanning the world. She was still a virgin at this young age. She had never known the presence of male energy in her company and had never experienced the masculine elements of light, heat or fire.

God established order on Earth by planting a sacred seed called the Tree of Life, inside the womb of Gaia. It was through the element of fire in the form of warm & comforting volcanic lava, that a large, bulging belly formed out of the ocean as the child of Mother Earth and Heavenly Father grew and developed in the protective womb of Gaia.

This was done without actual toiling of the soil or physical penetration of Earth's sacred surface, but instead through miracle. So in other words, this was done through internal spiritual blessing and not through external physical penetration. As the child grew, Mother Earth's belly gradually enlarged over the months.

The hot, fiery lava beneath was cooled and hardened by the icy cold waters of the ocean, forming a hardened crust of rock on the outside, and spectral colours of crystal on the inside. Like a protective eggshells crust enveloped around the embryo, developing inside from the harsh elements of the young Gaia. It was also through the establishment of order and light in the form of the presence of the glowing sun, symbol of Heavenly Father, above the previous dark skies of Earth, that the seed had a glowing goal to grow towards, and through the loving warmth of the sun, that the Earth was able to be hugged and held stable in the gravitational arms of the sun. This further created order by establishing a fixed rotation around the sun, opposed to the previous chaotic, unstructured, randomness of Mother Earth's movements. A beautiful spectral rainbow formed between the warm, loving light of the sun and the cold waters of the ocean.

This child was to be a giant tree stretching across Pangaea and bearing all the fruits of the forest, with the entire Garden of Eden tucked safely underneath its ancient, outstretched branches. The Tree of Life symbolized order, a balance, or harmony of opposites, of water and fire, of female and male, of Mother Earth and Heavenly Father, of underworld and upper world. It was a doorway, bridge, or portal between the dark, disordered chaos of the underworld, and the ordered, structured harmony of the heavenly skies. This doorway was also the birth canal of Gaia, with a sacred cave at the base of the ancient giant Tree being the vagina through which all of creation was birthed.

Right at the very top of the Tree of Life was a giant flower. As it was the largest and most sacred of all flowers, it was tended and pollinated by the gardening angels. The flower was full of golden, divine nectar and it bore a single, large round fruit, which glistened in the sun

like a giant, reflective disc, and brushed right up against the clouds due to the fact that it stood at the very upper most reaches of the Tree.

With the establishment of order came the second creation. The first creation was of the various spiritual beings of the early race, the second creation was when humankind was distinguished from the animals, and the establishment of a world of balance, harmony and order.

When everything in the Garden of Eden was ready, God allowed all the humans and the animals to ascend out of the underworld through the sacred opening at the base of the Tree of Life. The first man stepped out, later the first womban, and slowly but surely all the animals followed. In their excitement, some of the animals crawled up the inside of the trunk of the tree and pushed through the branches, and squeezed through the young buds and shoots to enter into this new world. Eventually all the animals and humans came to rest at the base of the Tree. They were all totally amazed at the beauty of the physical world and had never seen the sun before, because there was no sun in the underworld.

God then said to mankind that in this new world, they were to live in balance and harmony with nature. As it was a place of order and harmony, mankind was to live in peace with his environment, to never take more than he needed, to make full use of what he took, to practice sustainable utilization of his natural resources and to therefore be a good conservationist. God also said, that even more important than this, mankind was allowed to gather all the fruits of the forest, with the exception of fire, fire was the forbidden fruit and humankind was not permitted to make fire, collect fire or taste fire in his new environment. The animals were naturally and instinctively afraid of fire, fleeing whenever they sensed it, so in order for the animals to walk side by side with the humans, unafraid, fire should not be partaken of. Mankind agreed to the laws that God had put in place, and God left them to watch over his creation from a distance

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