

THE INUIT PANTHEON

The Inuit Pantheon varies slightly, depending on where the particular Inuit live. The sea and sea animals play an important role in the pantheon, as does the mythical figure of the raven.

AKYCHA was the sun god of the Inuit in Alaska.

ALIGNAK was the god of the moon, storms, earthquakes and tides.

ANGUTA known as "His Father", is responsible for conveying the dead to Adlivun where they must sleep for a year; the supreme being of the Inuit.

ANINGAN was the Moon god of the Inuit in Greenland (called Igaluk in Alaska).

ATSHEN was an Inuit cannibal spirit.

EEYEEKALDUK was the god of healing.

IDLIRAGIJENGET was a sea goddess.

IGNIRTOQ was the goddess of lightning.

IINUA was a concept of the spirit which resides in people, animals and geographic features, such as lakes, mountains etc.

ISITQ was a spirit who found people who have broken taboos.

KADLU was the goddess of thunder (sometimes they are three sisters).

MALINA was the sun goddess of the Inuit who live in Greenland.

MATSHISHKAPEU was the Fart man of Inuit myth (also responsible for constipation).

NANOOK was the Bear god.

NEGAFOOK was the cold weather god.

PANA took care of the souls of humans before they are reincarnated.

PINGA transported the souls of those who have died to heaven, and watched over the actions of humans.

RAVEN created the world and the first human beings.

SEDNA was the sea spirit, the goddess of the sea animals (Arnarquagsag in Greenland; Nerivik in Alaska). According to the myth Sedna now lives at the bottom of the sea (Adlivun) with the seals and other sea animals.

TULUGAAK was the creator of light.

WENTSHUKUMISHITEU was a highly dangerous Inuit water spirit that is said to protect young animals, especially otters, from hunters.