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ANCIENT GODS OF WATER, RIVER, AND SEA

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GODS OF WATER, RIVER, AND SEA.

- Sumerian Mythology: Enki (later known as Ea)
- Greek Mythology: Poseidon
- Roman Mythology: Neptune



Statue of Poseidon from Milos,
2nd century BC

❖ ENKI (EA)



Enki is a god of crafts, mischief, water, seawater, lake water, intelligence, and creation in Sumerian mythology, which is also known as Ea in Akkadian and Babylonian mythology.

Enki was considered as the master shaper of the world, god of wisdom and all of magic, Enki was characterized as the lord of the Abzu, the freshwater sea or groundwater located within the earth. He also made the plan of creating humans out of clay, so that they could perform works for the gods.

Enki also assisted humanity to survive the Deluge designed to kill them. In the later Legend of Atrahasis, Enlil, the king of the gods, sets out to eliminate humanity, whose noise is disturbing his rest.

Enki is often portrayed with two streams of water flowing into his shoulders, one the Tigris, the other the Euphrates. Which was the two major river in Sumerian society.

❖ POSEIDON



Poseidon statue in Prešov, Slovakia

Poseidon is one of the Gods in Greek mythology. His main domain is the ocean, and he is called the "God of the Sea". Poseidon also is referred as "Earth-Shaker" due to his power in causing earthquakes.

Poseidon was brother to Zeus and Hades. These three gods divided up creation. Zeus was ruler of the sky, Hades had got the Underworld, and Poseidon was given all water, both fresh and salt.

Poseidon was said to have had many lovers both goddesses and human, this is why he was the father of many heroes who is considered to be demigod.

Poseidon rides a chariot that was pulled by a sea-horses that could ride on the sea. He also was associated with dolphins and the tridents

❖ NEPTUNE



Statue of Neptune in Virginia Beach, Virginia

Neptune is the god of freshwater and the sea in Roman Mythology. Neptune was the brother of Jupiter and Pluto. The brothers presided over the realms of Heaven, the earthly world, and the Underworld.

As you see, Neptune actually has same ability, background, and symbol as Poseidon; you can't even tell the difference between those statues. Neptune originary was a Latin god of fresh waters; because Latin people did not had seas. After that Romans starts to appear and Roman mythology which was influenced a lot by Greek mythology was created and He becomes part of Roman mythology Gods but he was changed a lot due to the influence of the Poseidon, also Romans started sailing, so he became the Roman version of the Poseidon (some times called the Roman Poseidon)

But he yet is more associated with Fresh waters compared to Poseidon, so some Latin Neptune ideas are there somewhat.

SIMILARITY AND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE THREE GODS

- Even though they all are the Gods of waters, Poseidon is more associated with sea, Neptune is more with fresh water springs compared to Poseidon, and Enki was also considered as the God of Creation.
- Since Roman mythology has adopted lots of ideas from Greek mythology, Neptune was changed to become more like the Poseidon compared to the original old Latin Neptune, this is why most of the idea, background, and ability is similar in both Neptune and Poseidon. Ex: they both are Gods of the water, earthquakes, storms, and horses.
- In Greek mythology, Poseidon was not the only god associated with sea and waters (precisely there was other water gods also in Sumerian and Roman mythology but they were not major, and not much in number either.) This was because simply Greek mythology had more variety of Gods, and since Poseidon had lots of lovers most of his children had powers associated with water, and became God.
- Poseidon had so many Lovers compared to Enki and Neptune.
- Sadly, only Enki does not have the Trident.

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