

To better understand the almanacs in the codices, it is useful to know something about the deities who are pictured. There are approximately twenty who are named with different glyphs. The most common are the creator Itzamna, the maize god Nal, the rain god Chaak, and the death god Kimil.



The creator god Itzamna and his female counterpart in a scene that may relate to the creation of humans. The glyphs above Itzamna's hands refer to 'wind, breath' and 'life'.