

SOUL SEX: Queer & Androgynous Deities

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LIST OF QUEER AND ANDROGYNOUS DEITIES

Abrao (Jupiter), **Aku** (Mercury), and **Awo** (Moon) (*Ghana*) Androgynous and transgender deities.

Adam Kadmon (*Jewish*) Androgynous form of Adam.

Adonis / Tammuz (*Phoenician/Greco–Roman/Mesopotamian*) Bisexual fertility deity.

Agdistis / Agditis (*Phrygian, Near Eastern*) A hermaphrode born of the Agdos rock, impregnated by the seed of Zeus.

Agni (*Hindu*) A serial androgyne.

Amen (*Ghana*) A bisexual deity of the planet Saturn.

Angamunggi (*Australian Aborigine*) A intersex rainbow serpent.

'aDrtani (*Navajo Diné*) Cornbeetle, the symbols of female generative power, may be represented as male or female.

Aphrodite / Aphroditos (*Cyprus*) An androgynous, bearded Aphrodite was Aphroditos. Aka in Pamphylia as an intersexed bisexual deity.

Apollo (*Greek*) Homosexual deity.

Ardhanari / Ardhanarishvara (*Hindu*) Androgynous deity of Shiva and Shakti.

Arjun (*Hindu*) Lived for a year in the disguise of a eunuch-transvestite. He is vertically divided half-man/half-woman.

Armaiti (*Iranian*) An androgynous patron(ess) of the earth..

Artemis / Diana (*Greco–Roman*) Her festivals included same–sex eroticism.

Asgaya Gigagei (*Cherokee*) An androgynous thunder deity whose name varies according to the gender of the patient. If male, Red Woman, if female, Red Man.

Asushunamir (*Sumerian/Babylonian*) The first gay spirits called the Queer Ones.

Astarte (*Phoenician/Canaanite*) Gender shapeshifter, sometimes a intersexed.

Aten (*Egyptian*) Androgynous deity.

Athena / Minerva (*Greco–Roman*) Shapeshifts into a young man.

Attr / Attar (*South Arabia*) An androgynous Venus, the morning star.

Atum (*Egyptian*) Sometimes regarded as bisexual.

Awonawilona (*Zuni*) a bisexual primordial being.

Baphomet (*Europe*) Intersex deity.

Baron Samedi (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) A transgender deity.

Bahuchara Mata (*Hindu*) Protector/patron goddess of transgender individuals.

Baron Lundy & Baron Limba (*Vodoun*) Homosexual lovers.

Baron Samedi (*Vodoun*) Transgender deity.

Bathala & Malyari (*Filipino*) Intersexed deities.

Bego-chidi / Begochidiin (*Navajo/Diné*) A transgender creator trickster deity.

Big Raven, wife Miti, son Eme'mqut (*Siberian*). Involved in transformation of sex or gender.

Bona Dea (*Roman/Italian*) Lesbian deity.

Brahma (*Hindu*) In one myth, Brahma becomes an androgyne, divides into a man and a woman who begets the race of mortals.

Buddha (*Hindu*) Deity sometimes depicted as androgynous.

Burha-Burhi (*Bengali*) An androgynous earth deity.

Catholic Saints The church canonized over 20 female saints who cross-dressed, lived as men, or wore full beards. They are: Anastasia, Appollinaria, Athanasia (Alexandria), Eugenia, Euphrosyne, Galla, Joseph (Hildegund), Margarita, Marinus (Marina), Matrona, Papula, Pelagia/Pelagius, Paula, Theodora, and Wilgefortis (Uncumber). And Pope Joan allegedly ruled as John Anglicus.

Changing One (*Native American*) A magical shape-shifter that appears in various sexual disguises.

Chaos (*Greek*) A neuter deity, the Void, from whom were born Erebus (also neuter) and Night (feminine).

Chin (*Mayan*) Introduced homoerotic relationships to the Mayan nobles.

Coyote the Trickster (*Native American*) Exhibits gender-changing and same-sex practices.

Da (*Dahomey*) An androgynous rainbow serpent.

Daksa (*Hindu*) An androgyne that divided himself into male and female to produce daughters.

Dan (*Dahomey*) A bisexual rainbow serpent deity.

Deva (*Indonesian*) An all-seeing androgynous Supreme Being.

Dionysus / Bacchus (*Thracian/Greco-Roman*) Androgynous and bisexual.

Dyava-Prthivi / Sky-Earth (*Hindu*) The earliest androgyne in India.

Erinlé Inle / Eyinle (*Yoruba*) Patron of gay individuals.

The Erzulie (*Vodoun*) Transgender or Amazonian traits. Patron to gay men and lesbians.

Eros (*Greek*) Androgynous patron and protector of homosexual love.

Fro Ing / Ingwaz (*Norse*) Worshiped by cross-dressers.

Galaturra / Kurgarra (*Sumeria*) Sexless beings.

Ganesha (*Hindu*) Androgynous deity.

Ganymede (*Greek*) Gay lover of Zeus.

Gran' Silibo / Silibo-Gweto (*Vodoun*) One of the ancient androgynous founders of the race.

Greco-Roman Deities Many Greek mythological heroes and deities cross-dressed at one time or another, including Achilles, Heracles, Dionysus, and Athena.

Ghede Masaka (*Vodoun*) An androgynous assistant of Guede Nibo.

Ghede Nibo (*Vodoun*) A intersexed deity of the dead.

Great Mother / aka Cybele (*Phrygian, Near Eastern*) A bisexual deity that later transitioned to a female.

Gwydion (*Celtic*) Turned into an animal of the opposite gender.

Gynnis (*Asia Minor*) An androgynous deity.

Hapi (*Egyptian*) Androgynous deity.

Hatshepsut (*Egyptian*) Cross dressing pharaoh.

Hecate (*Greco-Roman*) Honored by gender-variant male priests called “*semnotatoi*”.

Hera (*Greek*) First appears as an androgyne.

Hermaphrodite / Hermaphroditus (*Greek*) Intersexed deity.

Hermes/Mercury (*Greco-Roman*) Androgynous and bisexual deity.

Horus (*Egyptian*) Had homosexual intercourse with Set.

Hyacinth (*Greek*) Patron to gay individuals.

Hypnos (*Greek*) Bisexual deity.

Indra (*Hindu*) Bisexual and transgender deity.

Isis (*Egyptian*) Served by gay and transgender priests and priestesses.

Inanna/Ishtar (*Mesopotamia Sumer*) Patron of gender-variant men.

Inari (*Shintoism*) A multiple–gender spirit of agriculture and rice.

Indra (*Hindu*) An androgyne deity.

Inle Ayaya / Yemaya Mayewelo (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) Sometimes the orisha Inle merges with Yemaya to become androgynous/gynandrous. They are the patron of lesbians, gay men, and gender-variant individuals.

In P'en (*Guatemalan*) A deity of the earth with personifying both male and female spirit.

Janus (*Roman*) Androgynous deity.

Joan of Arc (*French*) Cross dressing saint.

Jok (*Ugandan*) Gynandrous deity. Jo apele were the followers of Jok.

Kahukura (*New Zealand Maori*) A androgynous personification of the rainbow. The upper band, called Kahukura-pango is male and the lower band, called Pou-te-aniwaniwa, is female.

Khandoba (*Hindu*) An androgynous representation of both sun (male) and moon (female).

Ko'lhama (*Zuni/Hopi*) Transgender kachina (supernatural ancestor spirit).

Lan Zai Gui (*Taoist*) A intersexed and androgynous Immortal.

Labarindja (*Australian Aboriginal*) Intersexed blue–skinned wild women.

Lisa-Marion (*African*) A figure which incorporates both man and woman.

Logunede (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) Androgynous orisha that spends half of each year as a male hunter and the other half as a beautiful nymph.

Loki (*Norse/Scandinavian/Germanic*) Gender shapeshifter.

Macha (*Celtic*) Male followers experience androgynous transformations.

Magna Mater (*Phrygian, Near Eastern*) Androgynous mother goddess who bore bisexual Agditis and bisexual Mise.

Mahatala–Jata (*Borneo*) An androgynous deity.

Malimeihevao (*Polynesian*) A bisexual deity.

Mer Chor (*Guatemalan*) Dual sexed deity.

Misa / Mise (*Near Eastern*) Bisexual goddess.

Mohini (*Hindu*) The female form of Krishna.

Mwari (*Zimbabwe, Rhodesian*) Androgynous creator deity.

Nana-Buluku, Nanan-bouclou The androgynous creator deity, parent of Mawu-Lisa, or Mawu and Lisa, as twins. Dahomey.

nǎ thu pen do nǎ thu pě dǎ (*Chinese*) A bisexual mother/father spirit.

Nenechen (*Chilean*) An androgynous supreme being called father/mother, young man/woman.

Nerthus-Njord (*Norse*) A gynandrous or androgynous deity who ultimately split into male and female halves, with Nerthus becoming Mother Earth and Njord becoming the deity of the sea.

Nous (*Gnosticism*) An intelligence that created humanity as androgynes but later divided these double beings into male and female.

Nyame / Nyame Amowia (*Ghana*) The androgynous Great God, both female as represented by the moon and male as represented by the sun.

Obasi (*Nigerian*) The androgynous supreme sky deity.

Obatala (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble*) Androgynous orisha. S/he divides themselves into a male-female pair, Oddudua and Yemmu. Inyangba is the feminine side of Obatala.

Odin/Wotan (*Norse/German/Scandinavian*) Cross dressing deity.

Ogun as Ogum Xoroque (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) An aspect in which Ogun merges with Exu, this male-male being is a patron of lesbian women.

Olokun (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) The androgynous ruler of the depths of the sea. He-she is not only androgynous but also a hybrid human-fish.

Ometeotl / Tloque Nahuaque (*Aztec*) As an Androgyne, s/he is the divine couple of Ometechuhtli and Omecihuatl, Lord and Lady of Duality. In their celestial manifestation they are Citlalincue ("she of the starry skirt") and Citlallatonac ("celestial body which illumines things"). As the source of life they are the Lord and Lady of our flesh, Tonacatecuhtli and Tonacacfhuatl.

Onkoy (*Peruvian*) A hybrid, both male and female, half-feline and half-reptile, supreme being.

Orunmila (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) An orisha, who in one of his manifestations, is an adodi, a gender-variant male who engages in same-sex eroticism.

Osanyin (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) A meta-meta, or androgynous and intersexed orisha.

Oshumare / Oxum Mare / Damballah / Danbala (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) An androgynous bisexual Serpent Rainbow.

Oshun / Erzulie (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*). As Oshun Yeye Iponda, Oshun Yeye Kare, and Oshun Panchagaye/Panchagarra is associated with gender-variant and lesbian women is a patron of prostitutes and gay and gender-variant males.

Oya (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) Is a woman warrior and a patron of gender-variant and homoerotically inclined males.

Oyamakui (*Shintoism*) A transgender mountain spirit.

Pan / Cernunnos / Crokesos / Faunus (*Greco-Roman, Western European*) A bisexual who often appeared as a fusion of the androgyne and a green man.

Parjanya (*Hindu*) An androgynous rain deity.

Phanes (*Greek*) A golden-winged intersexed deity. (*Egypt, Near East*) An androgynous phoenix.

Pomba Gira / Erzulie Flambeau (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) A patron of gender-variant and homosexual men.

Poreskoro (*Hindu*) A intersexed demon.

Purusha / Prakrti (*Hindu*) Deity that divides into male and female. The female counterpart is Prakrti.

Quan Yin / Kuan Yin/Guan Yin (*Buddhist*) Avalokitesvara, a male Buddhist, renounced attaining nirvana to return as a female, Quan Yin, to spread compassion.

Rudra (*Hindu*) He was created as an androgyne then divided himself into male and female.

Sedna (*Inuit*) Gynandromorphous creation served by gay shamans.

Set/Seth (*Egyptian*) Pansexual deity.

Shai/Shait (*Egyptian*) Gender neutral deity.

Shango (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) He has an effeminate road in which he dresses and behaves as a sensuous and/or Amazonian woman.

Shan Gui (*Taoist*) Deity sometimes regarded as a gender-variant male.

Siva (*Hindu*) A Splitting Androgyne, the female half becoming a separate Goddess and a Fusing Androgyne when the female half returns to Siva's body.

Siwa (*Bali*) A Divine Hermaphrodite.

So (*Dahomey*) An androgynous deity born of Mawu-Lisa.

Sx'nts (*British Columbia*) An intersexed guardian of the daughters of the supernaturals.

Ta'aroa (*Polynesia*) Androgynous creator deity.

Tano (*Ghana*) A bisexual sky and fertility deity.

Tezcatlipoca (*Aztec*) Able to shapeshift into a woman.

Teave (*Hawaii*) A primordial Father-Mother deity.

Tem (*Egyptian*) The Great “He–She”.

Te Rongo (*Polynesia*) An androgynous intersexed deity.

Tlazoteotl (*Aztec*) Transgender lesbian priestess.

Tvastr (*Hindu*) A complex androgyne, a deity who impregnates women, yet is pregnant themself.

Ungud (*Australia Aboriginal*) Snake deity who is sometimes male and sometimes female.

Angamunggi (*Australia Aboriginal*) A rainbow serpent who was thought to have a womb.

Vaikuntha Kamalaja (*Hindu*) The androgynous form of Vishnu and Lakshmi.

Venus (*Italian*) An ancient cult of the bald Venus, where Venus was bearded and had male and female organs.

Voltumna (*Etruscan*) A tutelary androgynous deity.

Vondu (*Africa*) Androgynous deity.

Wadj Wer (*Egyptian*) Androgynous deity.

White Whale Woman (*Inuit*) Was transformed into a man or a woman-man.

Wiracocha / Viracocha (*Inka*) Creator deity with both male and female attributes.

Wiya Numpa (*Lakota*) Double woman, an intersexed spirit which appears to males and females and requires them to begin cross–dressing.

Wu Tien Bao (*Chinese*) Manages love and sex between homosexual men.

Yemaya (*Yoruba/Santeria/Candomble and/or Voudou*) in one of her aspects, is capable of transforming herself into a man or a mouse. As Yemaya Okuti, she is referred to as an obini ologun, a woman warrior. She is linked to gender-variant and lesbian women.

Yansan (*Brazilian*) The man-woman.

Yurlunggur (*Australia Aboriginal*) A bisexual androgynous rainbow snake.

Xochilpilli (*Aztec*) Patron of gay men, gender variance, and male prostitution.

Xochiquetzal (*Aztec*) Protector of lesbians, patron of non–reproducing sex.

Zervan / Zurvan (*Iranian*) The androgynous deity of Time.

Zeus / Jupiter (*Greco–Roman*) His transgender form is **Zeus Arrhenothelus**, being both mother and father.

GENDER-VARIANT FOLLOWERS & PRIEST/PRIESTESSES OF THE GODDESS

GODDESS	CULTURE	GENDER-VARIANT FOLLOWERS
Artemis / Diana	Greek / Roman	Megabyzoi , Melissa
Asherah	Syrian / Phoenician / Canaanite	Qedeshim
Astarte / Ashtoreth	Greek / Syrian/Phoenician / Canaanite	Kelabim , Geri
Bellona	Roman	Bellonarii
Cybele	Greek/Roman	Archgalli, Battakes, Attises, Galli / Gallae : Bakaloi, Bakeles, Bakides, Kybebes, Metragyrtes, Metrizantes, Tribades, Fricatrices
Irodeasa (Herodias) / Arada (Aradia) / Doamna Zinelor	Eastern European	Calusari
Ishtar / Inanna	Mesopotamia Sumer	Kalbu : Gala, Assinnu, Ur.Sal, Kur.Gar.Ra, Kulu'u, Kalu[m], Sal-zikrum
Hecate	Greek	Semnotatoi, Demosioi
Kotys	Thracian/Phrygian	Baptai
Ma / Enyo	Greek	Fanatici

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Dionysus	Thracian/Greco-Roman	Ithyphaloi

GENDER-VARIANT SHAMANS & MEDICINE PEOPLE

CULTURE	TERM
Africa	Okule & Agule
Angola & Brazil	Omasenge Kimbanda
Aztecs and Incas	Bardage
Borneo	Manang Bali, Basir, Bajasa, and Bissu
Brazil	Cudinas
Burma	Acaults
China	Shih-niang
India	Hijras, Nibdasor, Sadhin
Kenya	Mugawe
Korea	Paksu Mudang, Hwarang
Native American	See list of tribal names
Nigeria	Bori
Philippines	Bayguin
Siberian	Chuckchi, Schupan
Sulawesi	Basaja
Zulu	Isangoma

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