

The Outer Gods

the Cthonian pantheon for D&D3e by M Jason Parent (hound@ambient.on.ca)

Abhoth, Source of Uncleaness

A dark, protean resident of N kai, the underground realm of the Cthonian pantheon, Abhoth may even be a reinterpretation of the demon lord Juibilex. Abhoth is described as the ultimate source of all miscreation and abomination.

Alignment: Chaotic Evil

Domains: Animal, Chaos, Disease*, Water

Worshippers: Any non-good, non-lawful.

Favoured Weapon: None

Azathoth, Ruler of the Outer Gods

Azathoth is the ruler of the Outer Gods. Its amorphous body writhes unceasingly to the monotonous piping of a flute at the center of creation. He is described as both blind and idiotic, his almost random urges fulfilled immediately by Nyarlathotep. Direct worshippers of Azathoth are both rare and insane, calling upon him brings disasters and horror.

Alignment: Chaotic Neutral

Domains: Chaos, Destruction, Luck, Madness*

Worshippers: Criminally insane

Favoured Weapon: None

Bast, Goddess of Cats

Bast is usually represented as a tall female figure with a feline head. She has dominion on the Prime Material Plane and in the dreams of its residents. She is both a deity of the home and a lioness war goddess.

Alignment: Chaotic Neutral

Domains: Animal, Charm*, Mind*, Protection, War

Worshippers: Rogues, Rakasta, Warriors and Wives.

Favoured Weapon: None

Daoloth, the Render of Veils

Daoloth's shape is a vast and complex structure of glass and metals. Daoloth's astrologer-priests are said to see the past and future and even how objects extend to and travel between different dimensions.

Alignment: Lawful Neutral

Domains: Knowledge, Law, Travel

Worshippers: Mages, sages

Favoured Weapon: None

Lesser Other Gods

Other mindless gods dance at the centre of creation beside Azathoth. They are often worshipped as personal deities to clerics who understand the true danger of imploring Azathoth for aid. Although as mindless as Azathoth, they can provide magic and protection to their servants

Alignment: Chaotic Neutral

Domains: Chaos, Destruction, Protection

Worshippers: Clerics

Favoured Weapon: None

Nodens, Lord of the Great Abyss

Nodens takes the form of a human, gray-bearded and hoary, often riding in a chariot formed from a huge sea shell. Nodens is said to protect and aid some who are pursued or harassed by the Great Old Ones or Nyarlathotep.

Alignment: Neutral Good

Domains: Good, Protection, Storms*, Water

Worshippers: Any non-evil

Favoured Weapon: None

Nyarlathotep, the Crawling Chaos

Nyarlathotep enacts the will of the Outer Gods. He is their messenger, heart and soul. He usually appears as a tall, slim, joyous man, to whom causing madness is more important and enjoyable than death and destruction. Nyarlathotep may grant worshippers spells, servitor creatures or knowledge that can destroy minds.

Alignment: Neutral Evil

Domains: Earth, Evil, Knowledge, Madness*

Worshippers: Mages and sages

Favoured Weapon: None

Shub-Niggurath, Dark Goat of the Woods

Shub-Niggurath is a perverse fertility deity, said to be an enormous cloudy mass which extrudes black tentacles, slime-dripping mouths and short writhing goat legs. She is worshipped extensively by druidic and barbaric cults.

Alignment: Chaotic Evil

Domains: Animal, Air, Chaos, Evil, Plant, Water

Worshippers: Druidic and Barbarian cults

Favoured Weapon: None

Tulzscha, the Green Flame

A few pockets of cultists worship this obscure entity composed of sick greenish flame. In its seething combustion lies no warmth, just the clamminess of death and corruption.

Alignment: Chaotic Neutral

Domains: Chaos, Cold*, Death, Destruction, Fire

Worshippers: Cultists

Favoured Weapon: None

Ubbo-Sathla, the Unbegotten Source

A black formless mass resting in its grotto deep beneath the frozen earth, Ubbo-Sathla is said to have spawned the prototypes of all forms of life. Now it is said that wherever its pseudopods touch is forever devoid of life. Within the grotto are the Elder Keys, tablets which contain great knowledge and secrets of the Elder Gods.

Alignment: Neutral

Domains: Animal, Destruction, Knowledge

Worshippers: Any, druids.

Favoured Weapon: None

Yibb-Tstll, the Patient One

A twisted, winged reptilian humanoid, Yibb-Tstll sees all time and space as it slowly turns in the centre of the Ethereal plane. His touch brings instant change, sometimes useful, usually deadly. Its blood is known as The Black and is a weapon of its own, appearing as black snowflakes that stick to and smother a victim.

Alignment: Chaotic Evil

Domains: Chaos, Evil, Magic

Worshippers: Northern tribes

Favoured Weapon: None

Yog-Sothoth, the All-In-One

Yog-Sothoth dwells in the spaces between the planes where it manifests as a conglomeration of iridescent globes. It holds the power to travel within and through the planes. Yog-Sothoth is a preeminent deity of Sorcerers and Wizards, and grants the ability to travel between the planes and to control creatures from other planes. It is seen as the opener of the ways and is often invoked as such in ceremonies for the other Outer Gods and even some of the Great Old Ones.

Alignment: Lawful Neutral

Domains: Magic, Mind, Travel

Worshippers: Any

Favoured Weapon: None