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For the Celts in close contact with ancient Rome, such as the Gauls and Celtiberians, their did not survive the Roman Empire, their subsequent conversion to Christianity and the loss of their Celtic languages. It is mainly through contemporary Roman and Christian sources that their mythology has been preserved. The Celtic peoples who maintained political or linguistic identities (such as the Gaels in Ireland and Scotland, the Welsh in Wales, and the Celtic British of southern Britain and Brittany) left vestigial vestiges of their ancestral mythologies that were put in written form in the Middle Ages. Overview The Celtic god Succellus Although the Celtic world at its peak covered much of Western and Central Europe, it was not politically unified and there was no substantial central source of cultural influence or homogeneity; as a result, there has been a great deal of variation in Of the Celtic religion (although some motives, for example the god Lugh, seem to have spread in the Celtic world). Inscriptions of more than three hundred deities, often assimilated to their Roman counterparts, survived, but most appear to have been genii locorums, local or tribal gods, and few were widely worshipped. However, from what has survived Celtic mythology, it is possible to discern commonalities that allude to a pantheon more unified than is often credited. The nature and functions of these ancient gods can be deduced from their names, the location of their inscriptions, their iconography, the Roman gods with whom they are assimilated, and similar figures from later bodies of Celtic mythology. Celtic mythology is found in a number of distinct, if related, subgroups, largely corresponding to the branches of Celtic languages: ancient Celtic religion (known mainly by archaeological sources rather than by written mythology) mythology in goideic languages, represented mainly by Irish mythology[2] (also shared with Scottish mythology) Mythological Cycle Ulster Cycle Fenian Cycle Cycles of the Kings mythology in the British languages Welsh Mythology thoughts to match the cult of Taranis. Thousands of these wheels have been found in shrines in Gallia Belgica, dating from 50 BCE to 50 CE. National Archaeological Museum of France Due to the scarcity of surviving materials bearing written Gallic characters, it is assumed that most of the Celtic writings were destroyed by the Romans, although a written form of Gallic using Northern Greek, Latin and Italic alphabets was used (as evidenced by votive objects bearing inscriptions in Gallic and the coligny calendar). Julius Caesar testifies to the literacy of the Gauls, but also writes that their priests, the Druids, are not allowed to use writing to record certain verses of religious importance[4] (Caesar, Commentarii by Bello Gallico 6.14) while noting that the Swiss had a written census (Caesar, De Bello Gallico 1.29). Rome introduced a more widespread habit of public inscriptions, and broke the power of the druids in the regions it conquered; in fact, most of the inscriptions to the deities discovered in Gaul (modern France and northern Italy), Great Britain and other regions formerly (or now) Celts post-date the Roman conquest. Although the early Gaels in Ireland and parts of modern Wales used Ogham's writing to record short inscriptions (largely personal names), more sophisticated literacy was not introduced in Celtic regions that had not been conquered by Rome before the advent of Christianity. Indeed, many Gaelic myths were first recorded by Christian monks, but without most of their original religious meanings. [5] Irish Mythology Main Article: Irish Mythology Cuchulainn carries Ferdiad on the other side of the river The oldest body of myths from the heroic age is found only from early medieval period of Ireland. As Christianity began to gain the upper hand, the gods and goddesses were slowly eliminated as such from culture. What has survived includes documents dealing with the Tuatha De Danann and the Fomorians, which forms the basis of the text Cath Maige Tuired The Battle of Mag Tuiredh, as well as parts of the story focused on Lebor Gmoga Érenn (The Book of Invasions). The Tuatha De represent the functions of human society such as royalty, crafts and war, while the Fomorians represent chaos and wilderness. The Dagda The leader of the gods of the Irish pantheon seems to have been the Dagda. [7] The Dagda was the figure on which male humans and other gods were based because it embodied ideal Irish traits. The Celtic gods were also considered a clan because of their lack of specialization and unknown origins. The particular character of the Dagda was like a burlesque lampoonery figure in Irish mythology, and some authors even conclude that he was trusted to be benevolent enough to tolerate jokes at his own expense. Irish tales portray the Dagda as a figure of power, armed with a club. In Dorset there is a famous outline of an ithyphallic giant known as Giant Carne Abbas with a club cut into the limestone soil. Although this was probably produced in a relatively modern era (the time of the English Civil War), it has long been thought to be a representation of the Dagda. This has been questioned by recent studies that show that there may have been a representation of what looks like a large drapery hanging from the horizontal arm of the figure, leading to the suspicion that this figure actually represents Hercules (Heracles), with the skin of the nemean lion on his arm and wearing the club he used to kill. In Gaul, it is speculated that the Dagda is associated with Succellus, the attacker, equipped with a hammer and a cup. Morr-gan Morgan was a tripartite battle goddess of the Celts of ancient Ireland and Scotland. [8] [9]It was known as Morgan, but the different sections it was divided into were also called Neman, Macha, and Badb (among other, less common names), each representing different aspects of combat. She is best known for her involvement in the Tuin B-Caillege. Lugh/Lug Lugh Magic Spear; illustration by H. R. Millar The god most frequently appearing in fairy tales is Lugh. It is obviously a residue of the ancient god Lugus, more widespread, whose diffusion in the Celtic religion is evident from the number of place names in which his name appears, occurring throughout the Celtic world. The most famous of these are the cities of Lugdunum modern French city of Lyon), Lugdunum Batavorum (Brittenburg, 10 kilometres west of Leiden in the Netherlands) and Lucus Augusti (Greek: the modern Galician city of Lugo). Lug is described in Celtic myths as the last to be added to the list of deities. In Ireland, a festival called the Lughnadsadh (Irish: Lunasa August) held in his honour. Other important goddesses include Brigid (or Brigit), Dagda's daughter; Albell, Ean, Macha, and the sovereign goddess, Eru. Notable is Epona, the goddess of the horse, celebrated with horse races at the summer party. Significant Irish gods include Nuada Airgetum, the first king of Tuatha De Danann; Goibniu, the blacksmith and brewer; Dian Cecht, the patron saint of healing; and the sea god Manannan mac Lir. Welsh Mythology An illustration of Llŷr and Swans by H. R. Millar Main Article: Less Welsh Mythology is known about the pre-Christian mythologies of Great Britain as those of Ireland. Important reflexes of British mythology appear in the Four Branches of the Mabinogi, especially in the name of several characters, such as Rhiannon, Teyrnnon and Brân the Blessed (Bendigeidfran, Bran [Cornelle] the Blessed). Other characters, in all likelihood, come from mythological sources, and various episodes, such as the appearance of Arawn, a king of the Other World seeking the help of a mortal in his own quarters, and the story of the hero who can only be killed in seemingly contradictory circumstances, can be traced through Indo-European myth and legend. The children of Llŷr (Sea - Irish Ler) in the second and third branches, and the children of Dón (Danu in Irish and ancient Indo-European tradition) in the Fourth Branch are major figures, but the tales themselves are not the primary mythology. While other mythological names and references appear elsewhere in Welsh storytelling and tradition, particularly in the history of Culhwch and Olwen, where, for example, Mabon ap Modron (Divine Son of the Divine Mother) and in the collected Welsh triads, little is known about the British mythological context to reconstruct either a creative narrative or a coherent pantheon of British deities. Indeed, although there is much in common with the Irish myth, there may not have been a unified British mythological tradition per se. Whatever its ultimate origins, the surviving material has been used in the service of literary masterpieces that address the cultural concerns of Wales in the early and late Middle Ages. Gallic Remains and other mythologies Main article: Gallo-Roman Religion Taranis (with Celtic wheel and love at first sight), Le Châtelet, Gourzon, Haute-Marne, France Les Celtes also worshipped a number of deities of which little is known more than their names. Classical writers retain some fragments of legends or myths that could possibly be Celtic. According to Syrian Lucian's rhetoric, Ogmios was supposed to lead a group of men chained by their ears to his tongue as a symbol of the strength of his eloquence. The Roman poet of the first century mentions the gods Taranis, Teutates and Esus, but there is little Celtic evidence that they were important deities. A number of art objects, coins and altars may depict scenes of lost myths, such as representations of Tarvos Trigaranus or an equestrian Jupiter Anquiuped (a human figure with snake legs). The Gundestrup cauldron has also been mythically interpreted. [11] With dedications giving us God names, there are also representations of deity to which no name has yet been attached. Among them are images of a three-headed or three-headed god, a crouching god, a god with a snake, a god with a wheel and a rider with a giant kneeling. Some of these images can be found in late Bronze Age peatlands in Britain,[13] indicating that the symbols were both pre-Roman and widespread in Celtic culture. The distribution of some of the images has been mapped and shows a central concentration pattern of an image as well as a wide dispersion indicating that these images were most likely attached to specific tribes and were distributed from a central point of tribal concentration outward along the trade lines. The image of the three-headed god has a central concentration among the Belgae, the Marne and the Moselle. The rider with the giant kneeling is centered on either side of the Rhine. These examples seem to indicate the regional preferences of a common image stock. Julius Caesar on the Celtic gods and their importance Golden Celtic Wheel with symbols, Balesme, Haute-Marne. National Archaeological Museum The classic entrance to the Celtic gods of Gaul is by the story of Julius Caesar of his war in Gaul. He named the five main gods worshipped in Gaul (according to the practice of his time, he gave the names of the nearest equivalent Roman gods) and described their roles: Mercury was the most revered of all the deities and many representations of him were to be discovered. Mercury was considered the initiator of all the arts (and is often taken to refer to Lugus for this reason), the supporter of adventurers and traders, and the most powerful power regarding trade and profit. Then the Gauls worshipped Apollo, Mars, Jupiter and Minerva. Among these deities, Caesar describes the Celts as having views roughly equal to those of other populations: Apollo dispels the disease, Minerva encourages skill, Jupiter rules the sky and Mars influences war. MacBain argues that Apollo corresponds to Irish Lugh, Mercury to Manannan mac Lir, Jupiter to Dagda, Mars to Neit, and Minerva to Brigit. In addition to these five, Caesar mentions that the Gauls traced their ancestry to The Dos Pater[16] (perhaps Irish Donn). See also banshee cantabrian Celtic mythology Christianity Fisher King Niskai Triskelion References - Cunniffe, Barry, (1997) The Ancient Celts. Oxford, Oxford University Press ISBN 0-19-815010-5, pp. 183 (religion), 202, 204-8. O'Rahilly, T. F. (1984) [1946, 1964, 1971]. The beginning of Irish history and Dublin. Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. ISBN 0-902202-29-4. Ross, Anne (1972). Daily life of the Pagan Celts. Carousel books. 166-167. ISBN 0-552-54021-8. Chadwick, Nora Kershaw (1970). The Celts. 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