

Once upon a time it came natural to people to acknowledge the divinity of Fire. Fire's uncanny powers were embodied in many deities: the Sun God, the God of lightning and thunder, the God of turbulent volcanoes; the God of war, expressing the fiery anger that thrives on conflict, seeking victory and conquest.

The Goddess of the Rainbow and that of the domestic heart, tamed for cooking and curing foods; the Fire in the belly helping digestion and elimination; the Fire of the forge and that of the potter's oven, to make useful and beautiful things; the Fire to keep warm on winter nights; and the Fire to light our way in the dark. The flare of ceremonial torches and sacred bonfires, and the Fire lit to purify corpses, freeing the spirit within.

Which aspect of Divine Fire are you considering worth of reverence in your life today?

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