



26 degree of Capricorn: 'A water sprite'

Sprite is a Middle English word derived from Old French *esprit* (originally Latin *spiritus*) meaning a disembodied spirit.

When we attempt to give a definite form to such a spirit, as in myths and fairy tales, this form is anthropomorphic, human like: a beautiful woman with long flowing hair bathing in a clear pool, or angel like babies, rosy cheeks and bottoms, happily splashing in a bubbly spring.

This Sprite is to me the animating spirit behind all our experiences of water, not only as a physical element but also as a psychic one, the source, fertility and nurturing of life, emotions, moods, imagination.

The image reminds us of the need to be reverent toward the hidden, too often forgotten magic dimension of life.

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