

## The Creation of Dios Del Agua

A long time ago, up high in the clouds was the God Kingdom. Father of the Gods, Hunab Ku, ruled over the Mayan lands with kindness and wisdom. His son, Dios Del Agua, wanted to take the throne from his Father to bring the Mayan people under his command and use them as slaves to build temples in his honour.

Dios Del Agua challenged Hunab Ku and a mighty battle took place in the skies as the two Gods fought. After 30 days and nights, Hunab Ku finally defeated his son and threw him out of the God Kingdom.

Dios Del Agua plummeted from the skies and smashed into the ocean below creating a mega wave as he hit the surface.

The massive wave travelled towards the land where the Mayans lived and as it met the coast the wave crashed down onto the shores and surged in land creating new rivers and flood plains as it swept across the Mayan lands and villages. When the waters subsided the Mayans counted the dead...3,000 had perished but the land, which had been arid before the flood had become fertile land for farming and growing crops.

From that point on the ancient Mayans honoured their new "Water God" by sacrificing 3 people every year to symbolise the 3,000 that died in the floods. They pray to Dios Del Agua for enough water for the crops and also to protect them from flooding.