

Coyolxauhqui – Float # 25



- Coyolxauhqui means "she with bells on her cheeks"
- Coyolxauhqui is the oldest daughter of the Aztec god Coatlicue

Historians believe that her myth was also a sacrifice ritual. When Coyolxauhqui's mother, Coatlicue, became pregnant, she and her siblings were embarrassed, so they attacked their mother. Huitzilopochtli (the child Coatlicue was pregnant with) sprang from his mother's womb in full armor and killed all of the siblings. He cut off Coyolxauhqui's limbs and then threw her head into the sky. It became the moon. Now, Coatlicue can see her daughter every night when she becomes the moon.

Ix chel – Float # 9

- Ix chel is a moon goddess in Mayan mythology.
- She is often pictured as a woman with serpents in her hair.
- She serves as the patron of floods, destruction, serpents, and war.

Chang-O Float # 12

Chang-O was the wife of Hou-Yi. Hou-Yi was an archer who was asked to save the earth by shooting down 9 of the 10 suns that were up in the sky, because it was so hot.



Well, he was a very good archer, and he shot all 9 down. It turned out that the suns were the Jade Emperor's sons, so Chang-O and her husband were banished. When the western god found out what happened, she felt sorry for them. She gave Hou-Yi a potion that would make him live forever. Chang-O heard of this potion and took it for herself. After drinking it, she felt light and floated up to the moon. Now she lives on the moon as the moon god.



Khons – Float # 17

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- Khons is an Egyptian moon god in Thebes.
- He often wears a crescent moon like a boat and a red sun disk on top of his head. He is often pictured as a falcon.

Khons, the Egyptian moon god, was playing an ancient game against Thoth, another Egyptian moon god. Thoth won the game, so as punishment Khons was only allowed to shine his full light a few days in a month. For the Egyptians, this showed how the phases of the moon occurred.

