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**BABYLONIAN AND ASSYRIAN
CREATION MYTH**

I THE BEGINNING OF LIFE

IN THE BEGINNING WAS NOTHING BUT PRIMEVAL
WATERS FORMLESS CHAOS RESISTANT TO ORDER
IMAGINED UNDER THE FORM OF MONSTERS



THE GOD EA

When the heavens above were yet
unformed
and the earth below was still
unborn
the chaos of primeval
waters
resisted the power of order
and the gods
struggled to bring forth
life from the void.

IN THIS WATERY CHAOS
WERE SEEN
THE GOD LAMMU AND
THE GODS LAHMU
AND KISHAR

THE GOD ANSHAR MADE HIS ELDEST SON
AND HIS SON MADE
AND THE GOD ANU BECAME EA THE MACE
OF HIMSELF

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II THE STRUGGLE OF GOOD AND EVIL

THE GODS WISHED TO ESTABLISH ORDER IN CHAOS
APPU AND MUMMU PLANNED RESISTANCE THE GOD
EA MADE MAGIC

The goddess Mummu and her twin
brother Appu
planned to resist the power of
order
and the gods
struggled to bring forth
life from the void.

AND BEGAT MADDUK
EA EQUIPPED HIM AND ARMED HIM
UNTIL HE WAS EXCEEDINGLY TALL
THAT HE COULD REACH THE HEAVENS
AND THE GODS
WISHED TO ESTABLISH ORDER IN CHAOS
APPU AND MUMMU PLANNED RESISTANCE THE GOD
EA MADE MAGIC



THE GOD MADDUK



MUMMU



KISHAR

EA FEARED TO CHALLENGE THE
MIGHT OF TIAMAT AND HER
HELPERS
AND ALSO FAILED TO SUBDUCE
HER BY MAGIC

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III THE TRIUMPH OF THE POWERS OF ORDER

THE COUNCIL OF THE GODS ELECTED MARDUK TO BE
THEIR CHAMPION AGAINST THE POWERS OF EVIL

They all came to the council which
decided to elect
Marduk as their champion
against the powers of evil
and the gods
struggled to bring forth
life from the void.



THE GOD MARDUK



THE GODS MARDUK AND TIAMAT



THE GODS MARDUK AND TIAMAT

HE SET THE FOUR WINDS TO
BLAST AGAINST HER ESCAPE
HE MATCHED HIMSELF AGAINST
TIAMAT

HE MATCHED HIMSELF AGAINST
TIAMAT



THE GOD MARDUK

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IV THE MAKING OF THE WORLD AND MAN

BENEATH THE VAULT OF THE SKY OUT OF THE OTHER
HALF OF THE BODY OF TIAMAT HE FASHIONED THE
LOWER VAULT OF THE EARTH BENEATH THE EARTH HE
ASSIGNED THE WATERS TO EA TO ORDER AND RULE



THE WORLD OF THE GODS



THE RAINBOW

THE GODS MADE THE WORLD AND MAN
BENEATH THE VAULT OF THE SKY OUT OF THE OTHER
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