

AK'BAL

NAME TRANSLATION

GENERIC		HOUSE / SANCTUARY
GENERIC		NIGHT or DARKNESS / DAWN
YUCATEC MAYA	AK'B'AL	NIGHT / HOUSE
QUICHE MAYA	AQ'AB'AL	FOREDAWN / NIGHT
MIXTEC	HAUHI	NIGHT
NAHUATL (AZTEC)	CALLI	HOUSE / TEMPLE (INNERMOST) / (HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN)
ZAPOTEC	LAALA / GUELA	DARKNESS / NIGHT

GLYPHIC REPRESENTATION

GENERIC		light & darkness, or any pair of opposites, coming to share the same space and fuse in it
MAYA		abstract representation of underworld animal (representing the Underworld) / jaguar ? upper markings + ventral scales of snake as Earth Monster cave mouth / interior of the Earth
MAYA VARIANT	3 mounds	3 stars of Orion = Three Hearthstones of Creation, First Three Stone Place
AZTEC		cross section of temple (symbolic of sacred interior, and of Heart of the Mountain)
MIXTEC		temple
MIXTEC VARIANT		head of owl or bat (representative of darkness)
ZAPOTEC		head of owl (representative of darkness)



CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTION	WEST
ELEMENT	EARTH / WATER
MORPHOTYPE	hollow
COLOR	dark grey / black
HARMONY	integration
NATURE	cave, cavern, abyss / echo / volcano / night sky / dawn & twilight / water pool
ANIMAL, PLANT & MINERAL KINGDOM	bat / jaguar / jade
HUMAN PHYSICAL BODY	womb
PLANETS & WESTERN ZODIAC	Moon (Cancer) / Saturn (Capricorn) / Pluto (Scorpio) / Sun (Leo)

ESSENCE

Sanctuary / House / enclosing darkness
Body-House (body as the house we live in)

Temple (as Dreaming Place & Observatory)
Night (as Place of Mystery) / Obscurity

Pleroma-Void (no-form abyss containing all possibilities) [see also IMIX] / Dreamtime
Dreamtime (where all dreams, ideas & possibilities exist at once, in a constant process of creation from which reality is created, where no distinctions exist between then and now, real or imagined, dream or dreamer)

Unconscious [see also IMIX] / Looks-Within Place (where the unconscious shadow is given voice and vision) / inner reflection
mystery of being contained within a human body / immense field of potential found in the depths of a human being
exploration vs fear of the Unconscious

House of Darkness or Underworld (Place of Trials where we must journey & face our fears, where psycho-spiritual death & rebirth is undertaken)
inner darkness where psycho-spiritual treasures reside and wisdom is found

Integration (fusion of seemingly different aspects into a unified whole)
Meeting Place (where two opposites forces merge)
Harmony of the Two (equal expression of the two within a unified whole) / coupling (two-sided and united)

Foredawn (darkness just before dawn) / Dawn

In-Between Time (taking place between darkness and light)

light within the darkness

infusion of spirit into matter

M A N I F E S T A T I O N

plunged into darkness / darkness / obscureness

depths / dark interiors

abode, dwelling / home as sanctuary, shelter, soft nest, quiet place / home building & maintenance

seclusion, retreat (offering privacy, solitude, peace, serenity, stillness, quiet) / sleep vs insomnia

need for physical safety & psychological security [see also IMIX]

home life vs travel exploration

structural blueprint / integrated construct of self / psycho-spiritual foundations & framework,

or a structuring system of thought that can serve as such (e.g. philosophy, numerology, astrology, alchemy, modern science, ...)

mythology & tradition

symbols & secrets revealed from the unconscious [see also IX] / revelations & visions

creative telling and retelling of personal or collective history (as a creation based on belief system or security need):

oral storytelling, written fiction & non-fiction, movies, ...

hidden secrets

dreams

dream exploration / lucid dreaming / paranormal experiences

merging realities / non-ordinary forms of reality [see also IX]

awareness of the transparent and illusionary nature of reality [see also IX]

exploration of the self through an internal journey of introspection & integration / psychological insights [see also IX]

ego-death & rebirth

suppression of powerful & threatening elements surging from the unconscious

subjectivity / ambiguity

integration / marriage

androgyny [see also AJAW] / bisexuality

indistinctiveness (lacking clear delineation)

time just before dawn / twilight

aurora

black & white photography and cinematography

bowels of the earth / enclosed subterranea, natural or man-made, such as cave, cavern, underground temple, burial vault, tunnel, ... / abyss

deep cavernous sound of drum / echoes reverberating in the depths

astronomical observatory

buried treasure

S H A D O W

individual & collective paranoia

overly subjective viewpoints

resistance to shift an underlying belief structure (leading to inertia & mental rigidity) [see also BEN, KABAN]

not wanting to face inner fears (leading to repression of unconscious material)

melancholy [see also KIMI]

excessive withdrawal from the world [see also BEN]

A S S O C I A T I O N

PATRON Tepeyollotl (aspect of Tezcatlipoca): jaguar god of deep interiors (Heart of the Mountain) [Aztec] [see also BEN, IX, MEN, KABAN, ETZ'NAB]

MYTHOLOGY World Mountain (as the psycho-spiritual energy that resides within it) [see also BEN]

PHENOMENA volcano (symbolic of powerful energies surging and erupting from the dark interior regions of Earth and the unconscious) [see also KABAN]

ARCHITECTURE temple sanctuary, temple observatory

CELESTIAL night sky

PHENOMENA pool of water (providing reflection for contemplation)

MINERAL jade (representative of unearthed wisdom & psycho-spiritual treasures)

