

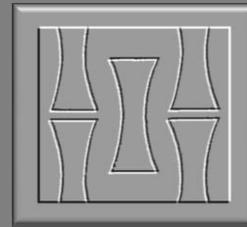
BEN

NAME TRANSLATION

GENERIC		REED
GENERIC		SACRED TREE / PILLAR
YUCATEC MAYA	B'EN	REED
QUICHE MAYA	AJ	CANEPLANT (GREAT CORNPLANT)
MIXTEC	NDOO	REED
NAHUATL (AZTEC)	ACATL	REED
ZAPOTEC	LAA / QUIJ	? / REED

GLYPHIC REPRESENTATION

GENERIC		weaved pattern (representing interconnectedness)
	central column	Central Pillar and Sacred Tree (symbolic of support and link between lower and higher realms)
	bulge	end of arrow shaft with feathering
MAYA		weaved mat made of reeds (symbol of family and high rank) ? green & unripe standing corn stalks or growing reeds ?
MAYA VARIANT	bottom section	reeds bound together ?
MAYA REPLACEMENT		phonetic sign 'te' meaning 'tree', 'wood'
AZTEC		end of arrow shaft with feathering
AZTEC VARIANT		reeds bound together ?
MIXTEC		upward growth ?
ZAPOTEC		upward growth ?



CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTION	BEN
ELEMENT	EARTH
MORPHOTYPE	pillar / labrys / grid
COLOR	pastel light pink (sunset pink) / brown
HARMONY	balance
NATURE	tree
ANIMAL, PLANT & MINERAL KINGDOM	reed, cane, bamboo / redwood
HUMAN PHYSICAL BODY	spine / heart
PLANETS & WESTERN ZODIAC	Pallas / Jupiter (Sagittarius) / Mars (Aries) / Venus (Libra)

ESSENCE

World Tree, the Sacred Tree at the Center of the World [see also IK'] / Axis Mundi

First Mountain / Primordial Mound [see also IMIX, AK'BAL]

Place of Origin / Navel of the World

Sacred Altar

Resurrection of the Corn (as Power of Regeneration)

Great Corn Plant, Cosmic Maize Plant, Reed, Cane / Young Maize, Green Maize (unripe) [see also K'AN, CHIKCHAN, LAMAT, KAWAK, AJAW]

upward growth (straight, strong, determined)

Central Pillar, supportive pillar (source of all inner power & authority)

Staff of Life (representative of Spiritual Authority) [see also OK, KIB]

Embodiment of Wisdom [see also AJAW]

Principle of Civilization (that upon which civilization is established)

Pillar of Heaven & Earth (bringing Heaven to Earth by joining those realms, by the aspiration to unite them)

Tree with its roots in the Underworld reaching into the Heavens: linking lower and higher realms, the cosmic and the telluric [see also IK'];

linking the three realms (earth, upperworld, underworld), allowing passage from one region to another

Family (intricate & dependant relationships within a family)

Extended Family (as coming together of individuals sharing a common spiritual source and feeding from it)
nourishment that brings a family together and supports it [see also IMIX]

World-Bridger through Space & Time
Bridge between Realities / weaving of Space & Time

Warrior Consciousness
Personal Destiny embodied in Nahual (guiding power of transformation) & Tona (destiny at birth) [see also IK']

connection with ancestors & future generations [see also KIMI / AJAW]

MANIFESTATION

kin / kindred spirit

family / extended family / clan, tribe, ...

relationship / right relation

interconnectedness of life on Earth, all sharing a single planet (the world as one big family) [see also MULUK]

weaving

support

issues of independence vs dependence [see also MANIK', MEN] / self-sufficiency vs difficulty of surviving alone without support [see also KAWAK, ...]

devotion / relations / 'holding hands'

responsible

family matters / household, household objects

interconnectedness of family / unified family that generates joy

awareness of family & family line / offspring

bringing Heaven to Earth in one's daily life / helping to bring the dreams and light of Heaven into the physical world

philosophy (as study of the meaning of life) / worldview, paradigm

fostering development, in particular knowledge / self-education / accumulated knowledge [see also CHUWEN] / knowledge as power

expertise vs education / learning vs teaching

humanitarianism [see also KIMI, MANIK', OK, KAWAK]

new direction / mysterious journey born of stepping into a new reality / adventure

major shift in the way one perceives and relates to one's world

exploring & expanding beyond 'growth edges' (to places that feel unsure & unfamiliar)

destiny / self-determination [see also MANIK']

entelechy (that which directs an organism toward wholeness and the fulfillment of its own nature),

manifesting as self-development, self-actualization, self-fulfillment [see also K'AN] / full realization of one's inherent potential

authentic personal vision / inspiration [see also K'AN, MULUK]

wisdom / extraordinary person such as a master or sage [see also MULUK, AJAW]

integrity / strength & firmness vs lack of flexibility (oak vs bamboo) / rectitude, straightness / persistence, tenacity

conservation of integrity issue in the face of pressure

strong intent / sense of direction / taking heart, which generates courage / force of character

crusade (fight for a cause, ethical principle, truth, or vision)

steadiness or centeredness (even in the midst of movement & change) / stance, position / commitment / non-compromise / standing ground vs blocking the flow
decisiveness

structural support & integrity / physical stability

architecture / pillar, tower / dome

personal power, personal authority, self-control, confidence [see KIB, AJAW]

respect / status / prestige / esteem / nobility [see also MEN / AJAW]

leadership / authority / official position / public office [see also KIMI, OK, AJAW]

ambassador

towering / commanding presence

freedom [see also MEN] / choice

promotion of ideas / reference point, viewpoint / strong opinion / force of persuasion / political debate, clash of opinions

ruling / judgment / decree / treaty

enshrined principle, foundational tenet, established ideal (e.g. constitution, democratic principles, ...)

ethics / morality / dogma

human rights & dignity

return to origins, return to roots / coming home

centrality / pivot, hub

beginning of cycle [see also IMIX] & ending of cycle [see also AJAW]

altar

sharp or pointed directed weapon (arrow, missile, ...)

SHADOW

inflexibility / stiffness / fixity

set reference points (holding onto specific beliefs, patterns & identities - leading to restriction & limitation) [see also AK'BAL, ETZ'NAB]

resistance to movement & change (blocking the flow of an ever changing reality) [see also AK'BAL, KABAN] / following the path of most resistance

anxiousness or fearfulness to move into the unknown

rigid attitude / being opinionated & dogmatic vs tolerance of other viewpoints

forcefulness, pushiness

self-righteousness

dependency [see also KAWAK, ...]

inability to cope

false prophet

separation from fellow human beings (going into withdrawal, retreat, isolation) [see also AK'BAL]

ASSOCIATION

PATRON	Tezcatlipoca (dual aspect of Quetzalcoatl): dark powerful magician (Lord of the Smoking Mirror) [Aztec] [see also AK'BAL, IX, MEN, KABAN, ETZ'NAB]
MYTHOLOGY	Quetzalcoatl/Kukul'KAN, the Feathered Serpent [Mesoamerica] / Sky Serpent [see also IK', CHIKCHAN]
MYTHOLOGY	resurrection myths
MYTHOLOGY	corn as Great Corn Plant, Living Ears of Green Corn, Cosmic Maize Plant / reed mat [Mesoamerica] [see also K'AN, LAMAT]
COSMOLOGY / SYMBOL / ARCHETYPE	World Tree / Tree of Life [see also IK] / World Mountain [see also IK', AK'BAL] / axis mundi [Maya: Raised-Up-Sky] / Navel of the World
FLORA	tall, straight, commanding trees (e.g. redwood, sequoia, cypress, ceiba, cedar, ...) [see also IK]
ARCHITECTURE	menhir [prehistoric world] / Djed pillar [Egyptian] / Temen (foundation peg) [Sumer]
CONCEPT	sushumna nadi linking the 7 chakras [Vedic] [see also CHIKCHAN]
HUMAN	heart (as meeting point at the center of the human body) [see also KABAN]
OTHER	staff of office as emblem of authority [see also KIB]
SYMBOL	labrys [Minoan, Greek, Thracian, ...]
ARCHITECTURE	Big House or Palace as centrally located main building of a city
FLORA	reed (as material for the manufacturing of mats and household objects)
CALENDAR	calendar: winal (20-day period) of the Sacred Calendar [Mesoamerica] [see also CHUWEN]