

CHIKCHAN

NAME TRANSLATION

GENERIC		SERPENT
GENERIC		LIFEFORCE
YUCATEC MAYA	CHIKCHAN	CELESTIAL SERPENT
QUICHE MAYA	KAN	SERPENT
MIXTEC	COO	SERPENT
NAHUATL (AZTEC)	COATL	SERPENT
ZAPOTEC	ZEE	SERPENT

GLYPHIC REPRESENTATION

GENERIC
snake with its sensing devices
serpent as Life Force

MODERN
lozange pattern
instinctual reptilian brain

MAYA
lozange pattern
serpent / Celestial Serpent, Feathered Serpent

scales of snake

MAYA VARIANT
close-up of snake scales

AZTEC
head of serpent or full-figure serpent

MIXTEC
head of serpent or full-figure serpent

MIXTEC VARIANT
Quetzalcoatl ?

ZAPOTEC
serpent



CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTION
EAST

ELEMENT
FIRE / WATER

MORPHOTYPE
ondulation / vortex

COLOR
bright red-orange (flaming vermillion)

HARMONY
tempo

NATURE
cyclone, tornado, whirlpool / lightning / water spring

ANIMAL, PLANT & MINERAL KINGDOM
snake

HUMAN PHYSICAL BODY
autonomic nervous system / sexual organs

PLANETS & WESTERN ZODIAC
Mars (Aries) / Pluto (Scorpio) / Sun (Leo) / Uranus (Aquarius) / Mercury (Gemini)

ESSENCE

Serpent Power / Life-Force

Vitality (as intensity & magnification of the life-force arising like a coiled snake from molten magma) [see also K'AN]

Igneous Power (powerhouse of raw Primal Energy)

interpenetration of life-forces and life-forms

Eros vs Thanatos (Life Instinct vs Death Drive) / Life Blood vs Venom / interpenetration of the principles of Life & Death

Kundalini = Serpentine Fire (coiled at base of spine, which once activated ascends to head crown)

Transformation & Awakening brought about by union of opposites

Evolutionary Surge leading to transformation & change

integration of physical body with subtle body

Instinct [see also K'AN]

Reptilian Brain / autonomic nervous system (control system of visceral functions operating subconsciously)

instinctual recognition (intuitive knowing inherent within every sentient being) [see also MULUK, OK, IX]

sensing & deeper instincts of the human body / innate intelligence & wisdom of the body (as a source of intuition & discernment) [see also OK]

Survival / adaptation to environment

natural flow of things & simplicity of Primal Nature / natural rhythm inside each organism

cyclical regeneration / shedding of serpent's skin leading to Renewal [see also LAMAT, BEN, KAWAK, AJAW]

MANIFESTATION

powerful transforming forces / high-voltage energy / intensity [see also KAWAK]

great upheaval

issues of harnessing and using powerful energies [see also MANIK']

eros (manifesting as vitality, motivation, creativity, passion) [see also K'AN, KAWAK]

stamina / strong will / fanaticism, extremism

irascibility

fierceness [see also CHUWEN]

sexual energy & power [see also K'AN] / heightened vs diminished sexual desire [see also OK]

charisma / sex appeal / female beauty, temporary perfection of the young female form [see also AJAW]

intimacy and in particular sexual intimacy / tantric sex, sexual union [see also AJAW]

love vs hate / physical ecstasy vs intense pain

natural flow & simplicity

autonomic visceral functions of the body (in humans: cardiac regulations (heart rate & respiratory rate), vasomotor activity (blood vessel dilatation & contraction)

salivation, swallowing, digestion, vomiting, sneezing, coughing, perspiration, urination, pupillary dilation, sexual arousal, ...

instincts & natural rhythm of the body [see also K'AN]

gut-level instinct & intuition / instinctual recognition, intuitive knowing, body wisdom [see also MULUK, OK, IX]

use of the deeper senses of smell & taste [see also OK]

visceral fear & survival / smell of danger / fascination with death vs fear of death

guardianship & protection [see also OK]

sound of drums & rattles

powerful internal conflicts & emotions ('wrestling with the serpent')

shedding the past leading to rebirth

sorrow so deep that it never ends

toxicity [see also MULUK] / curing & healing by the purging of toxicity held in the body or by transformation of disease [see also EB, KAWAK]

rejuvenation as part of cyclical renewal (e.g. shedding of snake's skin) [see also MULUK]

fertility [see also K'AN, LAMAT]

water springs & ground water [see also MULUK] / lightning as precursor of rainfall [see also ETZ'NAB, KAWAK]

awesomeness of powerful swirling natural phenomena (vortices created by the meeting of opposite currents) such as tornado, cyclone, ... / whirlpool

harnessing of the power of nature (e.g. solar, nuclear, wind, waves, geothermal, ...) vs out of control energies causing wanton destruction (e.g. nuclear explosion)

telluric current / magma / plate tectonics

high-powered propulsion (rocket, jet engine, ...)

ecstatic experiences of pure freedom (e.g. dream of flying through the air) / experience of ultimate liberation (e.g. enlightenment) [see also KAWAK, AJAW]

cyclical renewal: cycles of time (calendar cycle) & revolutions in space (planetary orbit)

SHADOW

visceral fear-related issues

resistance to change (making predictable choices based on familiarity & security rather than on intuitive wisdom)

sexual dysfunction / fear of intimacy [see also K'AN]

bondage / being enmeshed in sensual desires [see also OK] / wanting others to fit our picture of desirability

overidentification with the body / plastic surgery and related artificial alterations

power play between two individuals / using personal charisma & power to bend others to one's will [see also IX]

torture / rape / sexual abuse / sexual harassment

surfacing of previously dormant emotions (manifesting as emotional upheavals - brief or sustained)

repressed expression or deviant expression from a blocked energy center of the body

leak of subtle energy leading to a loss of vitality & potential

ASSOCIATION

PATRON	Chalchihuitlicue: beautiful young goddess of the wild forces of nature, ground water & springs - personification of youthful beauty and ardor [see also AJAW] [Aztec]
CONCEPT	kundalini ascending through sushumna nadi linking the 7 chakras once balancing of Ida & Pingala polarity is achieved [Vedic] [see also BEN]
CONCEPT	Koyopa [Maya], Malinalli [Aztec] (Blood Lightning - vital force travelling up & down the World Tree & the human body) [see also EB]
SYMBOL	Caduceus [Babylonian/Greek] and related Serpent on the Tree imagery [see also BEN]
MYTHOLOGY	Quetzalcoat/KukulK'AN as Feathered Serpent [Mesoamerica] [see also IK', BEN]
MYTHOLOGY	Serpent deity / Nagas & Nagis [Hinduism + Buddhism]
MYTHOLOGY	Chikchans (4 Celestial Serpents guarding the 4 quarters of the world) [Maya]
SYMBOL	sky-band bar (representative of the Ecliptic) [Maya]
MYTHOLOGY	Kuxan Sum (Living Cord), energy portals linking Earth realm to the Otherworld [Maya]
SYMBOL	Ouroboros (as cyclic continuity, regeneration, interpenetration of life & death) [see also IMIX]
CONCEPT	immortality (as result of cyclical renewal) [see also KIMI, MULUK]
HUMAN	DNA double helix (as an evolutionary vehicle toward greater consciousness) [see also K'AN, EB]
CONCEPT	Phi (as principle of regeneration)
FAUNA	snake
PHENOMENA	lightning (as 'sky serpent') [Maya] [see also MULUK, ETZ'NAB, KAWAK]