

# The Water Spirits

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Water is essential for life. We cannot live without it. It might be because of the close association of water and life, humanity has deified water since the beginning of time. The gods that controlled water were not to be offended and were honored with the choicest of offerings. The almost innumerable water gods and goddesses testify to the ubiquity and importance of water worship.

The ancients needed form and substance of their god. What type of idol should they worship? The answer often seemed to be the water gods were usually formless and often invisible in the water.

One afternoon, by a stroke of good luck, the gods appeared only for a moment in the face of the waterfalls.













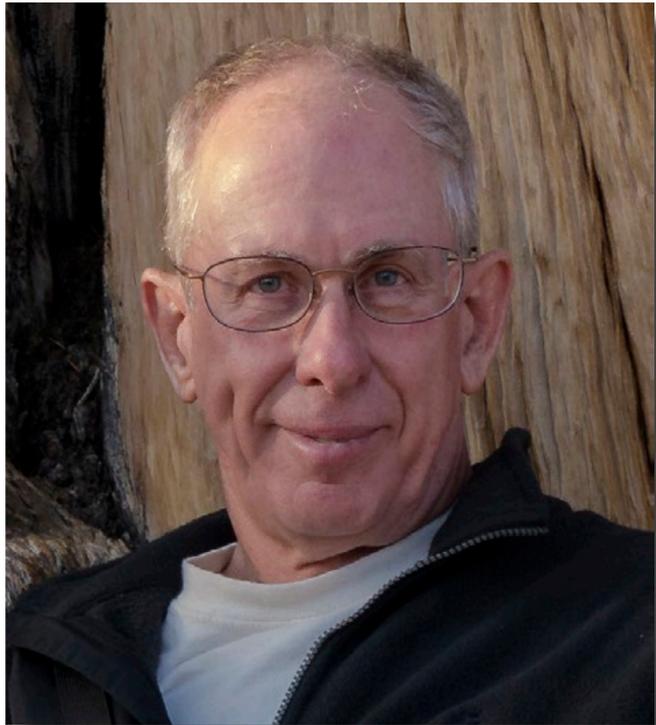












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