

YOUR XOCHIQUETZAL CHARMS

Celebrate the gentle Aztec goddess of love, beauty and flowers and ask her to fertilise your magic and imagination.

AZTEC FLOWERS

The Aztecs had a great appreciation for the beauty of flowers and this may explain why Xochiquetzal was such a well-loved goddess. Flowers were attributed with the qualities of poetry, the arts and music, love, sensuality and even sport, and every eight years a festival was held in honour of the flower goddess. The celebrants became the flowers and animals of her garden by wearing decorative masks.

Marigolds were sacred flowers.

 Xochiquetzal was a patroness of the arts and crafts and marigolds were her favourite flowers. Use this symbol to call upon Xochiquetzal's aid for a creative project. Make a mask of marigolds, put it on your face and then close your eyes and beseech the goddess for inspiration.




XOCHIPILLI

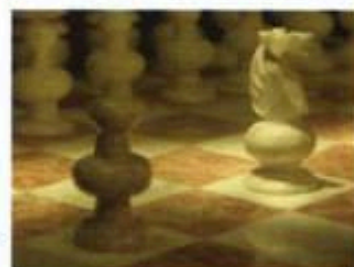
Xochiquetzal was the twin sister of the Aztec god of flowers, Xochipilli, who also held the title of 'flower prince'. Xochipilli's attributes included love, beauty, song and dance and he gave the gifts of maize and games to the Toltec tribes.

 Another name given to Xochipilli was Macuilxochitl, which means 'five flowers', and he was

Xochipilli was credited with bringing games to humankind.


married to Mayahuel, the goddess of the maguey plant.

 Perhaps not quite as charming as his twin sister, who was unusually kind for an Aztec deity, Xochipilli was often represented with a sharp-ended stick penetrating a bloody human heart.




Tlaloc

In some myths Xochiquetzal was the wife of Tlaloc, until she was abducted by Tezcatlipoca.

 Tlaloc was a very ancient god, pre-Aztec in origin, and in Aztec accounts of the five ages of the world, he rules over the third epoch. Rain and fire fell under his command and he governed the south. People who met their deaths by thunderbolts, drowning or disease were sent to dwell in Tlaloc's domain.

The ancient god Tlaloc blessed plants, trees and flowers with rain.

 Some stories mention Tlaloc as the consort of Chalchiuhtlicue, the water goddess, and others call him the father of Tecciztecatl, the Moon god.




MOON GODDESS

According to ancient myth, Xochiquetzal was originally a lunar goddess and her name meant 'flower feather'. There is a strong link between the Moon and witches in many cultures, and in this older aspect you may call upon Xochiquetzal during rituals that involve the Moon.

 When the Moon is full this is the best

Xochiquetzal's aid may be called upon in her lunar aspect to help with love spells.

time to ask the goddess to help you in new ventures.

 During the waxing Moon harness the goddess's fertile energies for good health or love spells.

