

# Earth Mothers: Crash Course World Mythology #4

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1. In general, the world's creation myths include some kind of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In the 1970s, British scientist **James Lovelock** updated the myth in a scientific \_\_\_\_\_, defining "**Mother Earth**", under her Greek name, \_\_\_\_\_, as "a complex entity involving the Earth's biosphere, atmosphere, oceans, and soil; the totality constituting a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ system which seeks an optimal physical and chemical \_\_\_\_\_ for life on this planet."



3. **Coeus**, **Crius**, **Theia**, **Rhea**, **Memory**, **Phoebe**, **Tethys**, and **Cronus** (God of Time) are beings called the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Why might people want to characterize Earth as a mother rather than a father?

5. Knowing that he needed to unseat his father and the other **Titans**, and also to set his siblings free from daddy's tummy, \_\_\_\_\_ released the fifty-headed **hecatoncheires**, and together, they went to war. He also freed Rhea's other children, and together, they defeated the Titans, and Zeus and his family became the \_\_\_\_\_.

a. The idea of the son rising up to \_\_\_\_\_ the father, causing a \_\_\_\_\_, is pretty common in a number of creation stories.

6. Summarize one of the world's oldest creation stories from the **Enuma Elish** from **Babylonia**:

a. Once again, we see that a parent is divided up to create the physical world; often this division is described as a \_\_\_\_\_, and used to explain \_\_\_\_\_ we find in many religions.

