

Culture Library

Example Progression:

I. PARENT CULTURE

Spoken Language: language (analogue)

Written Language: alphabet

Morphology: (social, economic, religious, magical)

Notes: This culture likes cats.

I.I. CHILD CULTURE

Spoken Language: Childic (French)

Written Language: Childic hieroglyphic

Morphology: (tribal chiefdom, hunter-gatherer, animist, nature magic)

Notes: This culture likes dogs.

II. PARENT CULTURE 2...

I. WAITH OF THE FOUR CITIES

Spoken Language: Inivatic (Tolkien Elvish)

Written Language: Inivatic

Morphology: (Magocratic, agrarian, centralized polytheistic, social supplication & pre-Apythian arcane)

Notes: The Four Cities of this culture were connected by the Anariima Gates, allowing them to influence the entire northern hemisphere.

I.I. POST-APYTHIAN VANHAR

Spoken Language: Inivatic (Tolkien Elvish)

Written Language: Inivatic

Morphology: (Warrior state, subterranean agrarian, deceased polytheism, no supplication)

Notes: The Vanhar are the first fully subterranean waith culture.

I.II. POST-APYTHIAN RHUN

Spoken Language: Inivatic (Tolkien Elvish)

Written Language: Inivatic

Morphology: (tribal egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, deceased polytheistic, no supplication)

Notes: The Rhun underwent a diaspora from Rhunendor after the Flood of Revelation.

II. PREHISTORIC LOSS'KELVAR

Spoken Language: Proto-Keleshi (Proto-Niger-Congo)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, animist, nature magic)

II.I. MODERN LOSS'KELVAR

Spoken Language: Keleshi (Igbo)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (tribal chiefdom, hunter-gatherer, pseudopolytheism, nature magic)

II.II. PREHISTORIC ORUN

Spoken Language: Proto-Ebo (Proto-Yoruba)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, animist, nature magic)

II.II.I. ISIKAL

Spoken Language: Isikali (Zulu)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, monotheist & pseudopolytheist, nature magic)

Notes: Isikali lizard-men perform violent sacrificial supplication directed towards the moon, their primary deity, which they believe slew all other deities. The goal of their supplication is natural balance and preservation.

II.II.II. NLA

Spoken Language: Ebo (Yoruba)

Written Language: Ebo

Morphology: (centralized city-state theocracy, agrarian & slavery, Apotheism & centralized polytheism, apotheosis)

II.II.II.I. NLASHIKIR

Spoken Language: Ebo (Yoruba)

Written Language: Ebo

Morphology: (egalitarian, hunter-gatherer & mercantile, polytheism, nature magic)

II.II.III. KEKERE

Spoken Language: Yaltalese (dia. Niger-Congo)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (tribal chiefdom, hunter-gatherer, pseudopolytheism, nature magic)

III. USADAN YFANALD CULTURE

Spoken Language: dia. Inivatic (Tolkein Elvish + PIE)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (tribal theocracy, hunter-gatherer & horticultural, animist, health magic)

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III.I. TELLIN CULTURE

Spoken Language: Wesaxian (Proto-Indo-Aryan) by 49,700 BBT

Written Language: Okos logographic

Morphology: (centralized theocracy, agrarian, centralized polytheistic [war, afterlife], prophetic magic)

III.I.I. EYASOLIAN

Spoken Language: dia. Wesaxian (mod. PIA)→ Eyasolic by 34,200 BBT

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (centralized theocracy, horticulturalist, decentralized animist-polytheistic, spirit-binding magic)

Notes: The Eyasolian magic uses some spirits to bind others to objects and people, allowing the spirit to share or control the new form.

III.II. PROTO HUROMAN

Spoken Language: Proto-Huroman (PIE+PIA+Bangala)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (gerontocracy, fishing horticultural, animist & ancestor worship, health magic)

Notes: Proto-Huroman magic takes a ‘witch-doctor’ like focus, with tribal practitioners supplicating spirits for healing, cures, and curses. They also supplicate their ancestors for guidance and guardianship.

III.II.I. NOMADIC HUROMAN

Spoken Language: Huroman (PIA+Bangala) by 48,800 BBT

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (egalitarian, mercantile & hunter-gatherer, animist, centralized health magic)

Notes: The more mature nomadic Huromans, living primarily in the north, central, and dry southeast, practice a more consolidated form of the health magic of their ancestors. Rather than a single witch-doctor from any tribe being able to supplicate to the spirits, these nomads now require a gestalt of tribal spiritualists to work together. The mercantile and social nature of these nomads brings them generally closer than others, making these gestalts not incredibly rare.

III.II.II. COASTAL HUROMAN

Spoken Language: Huroman (PIA+Bangala) by 48,800 BBT

Written Language: Huroman logographic

Morphology: (monarchical, horticultural & slavery, distributed polytheistic [social, nature], decentralized health magic)

Notes: The coastal Huromans are a settled culture with a separation between the religious authorities and state authorities, making them one of the most progressive cultures around in this respect. The decentralized and heirarchical nature of Huroman Dzers allows more levels of society to access supplication rituals.

III.III. PROTO EASTERN

Spoken Language: Proto-Eastern (PIE + Indo-Iranian)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (tribal egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, animist & ancestor worship, decentralized ancestor magic)

Notes: The Proto-Easterners were a widely nomadic people practicing local and cosmic animism with the addition of tribal ancestral guardians. The primary goal of their spiritual supplication was on these ancestral guardians, which were manifested in fetish objects carried by the tribes.

III.III.I. GHAAKAKAN

Spoken Language: Ghahakan (PIE + mod. Indo-Iranian) by 47,500 BBT

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (chiefdom, hunter-gatherer & pastoral, centralized polytheism & ancestor worship, centralized ancestor magic)

Notes: The Ghahakans call upon spirits and deities to gather the spirits of the dead in regional monoliths.

III.III.II. NORTH SAMISIAN

Spoken Language: dia. Proto-Eastern (PIE + mod. Indo-Iranian)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (tribal egalitarian, fishing horticultural, pseudopolytheism & ancestor worship, nature magic)

Notes: These early inhabitants of the Suhairi region called upon local nature gods for the main purpose of natural preservation.

III.III.II.I. SAKULA

Spoken Language: dia. Proto-Eastern (PIE + mod. Indo-Iranian)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (chiefdom, hunter-gatherer, pseudopolytheism & ancestor worship, nature magic)

Notes: Formed from the mixing of North Samisian refugees forced from the coast by Nlashikir, the Sakula took up different subsistence strategies, tribal organization, religion, and magic from their ancestors. They were far more violent.

III.III.III. EAST SAMISIAN

Spoken Language: East Samisian (mod. Indo-Iranian + Kurdish) from 48,300 BBT

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (chiefdom, hunter-gatherer & pastoral, decentralized pseudopolytheist, decentralized ancestor magic)

Notes: Territorial totems imbued with ancestral spirits similar to but more decentralized than Ghahakan monoliths

III.III.III.I. GAIRIATIC

Spoken Language: dia. Proto-Eastern (PIE + mod. Indo-Iranian)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, decentralized pseudopolytheist, spirit-tree magic)

Notes: The Gairians lived in generally smaller, more egalitarian groups than their ancestral Samisians. They were exclusively hunter-gatherers and fishers, and believed in unique local anthropomorphized spirits. The Gairians continued to make totems like their ancestors, though these totems acted as houses and conduits for spirits rather than ancestral guardians. Additionally, the totems were always carved from trees. Tribes would create totems for important spirits, and any tribe could supplicate to that totem to gain the spirits boons or use it to curse others. Generally, supplication was used for social and natural ends.

III.III.III.II. DARUNGIAN

Spoken Language: dia. East Samisian (mod. Indo-Iranian + Kurdish)

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, decentralized animist, decentralized ancestor mask-magic)

Notes: The totems of their East Samisian ancestors shrank personal masks worn by important tribal members. The masks were imbued with ancestral power, like the totems from which they were derived.

III.III.IV. VINALTAKHAN

Spoken Language: Proto-Eastern (PIE + mod. Indo-Iranian) until 38,800 BBT

Written Language: N/A

Morphology: (egalitarian, hunter-gatherer, pantheist, & ancestor worship, spirit-line social magic)

Notes: The Vinaltakh cultures practiced a unique form of animism and magic. They believed that, rather than the ancestral animistic belief of all things having spirits, all things exist as part of a single spirit. This single spirit, one with the material world itself, is marked by spiritual trails and sites. Supplication can allow tribes to communicate or travel along these spiritual lines, and general supplication goes towards sustaining this network.