

## Little Door to the Fourth of December

On the fourth day of December, I'd like to talk about Mesopotamia and cite a surviving translation of their creation myth. In case you do not know yet who the Mesopotamians were: they were one of the earliest civilizations on Earth (3500-1750 B.C.) with cities like Uruk and Ur that emerged during this time (one goddess you may know: Inanna or Ishra).

The following account, however, serves as an introduction to the story of "The Huluppu-Tree". I'll link to it below the post again for you to check out.

In the first days when everything needed was brought into being, In the first days when everything needed was properly nourished, When bread was baked in the shrines of the land, And bread was tasted in the homes of the land, When heaven had moved away from the earth, And earth had separated from heaven, And the name of man was fixed; When the Sky God, An, had carried off the heavens, And the Air God, Enlil, had carried off the earth . . . (Wolkstein 4)

Ki was a Sumerian goddess and personification of the earth, she was the daughter of the Primordial waters, Nammu.

She then mated with her brother An and produced Enki, Enlil, and other Sumerian deities. (source: Oxford Reference)