

Whereas the three deities mentioned previously (Itzamna, Nal, and Chaak) have positive associations, the death god Kimil is shown as a skeletal figure whose associations are invariably negative. His appearance in a particular scene suggests that the activity pictured should be postponed until a more favorable day.



On page 79b of the Madrid Codex, Itzamna, Kimil, and Nal are shown lying on glyphs representing the earth, smoking cigars (to celebrate a successful harvest). Itzamna is associated with a prophecy reading “abundance of food,” and the picture of Nal has a similar prophecy (“abundance of food and drink”). The death god’s prophecy, on the other hand, reads “evil omen.”