



Jannath *The Earthmother, the Goddess, the Greatmother*

Symbol: The Tree of Life

Alignment: N

Portfolio: Nature, the Moonshae Isles

Worshippers: Most denizens of the Moonshaes

Cleric Alignments: CN, LN, N, NG

Domains: Animal, Earth, Plant, Protection, Renewal, Water

Jannath, more commonly referred to as the Earthmother, is a goddess of nature, wild places, and the natural order of things. She advocates a simple life, conducted in harmony with one's environs and the beasts that live within it. The Moonshaes are her specific charge, because she and the islands are one and the same, and all who dwell upon them are her children. When the Moonshaes suffer, Jannath's power wanes. When they prosper, she grows in strength.

The druids of Jannath associate no images with her, as she is all around them, all the time. Although her symbol is often shown as the Tree of Life (said to be within Myrloch Vale), in truth any aspect of the natural world can serve as her symbol, whether it be a songbird, or a towering oak. The air is her breath, the earth her body; her essence is in everything that lives on the Moonshaes.

It is commonly believed by foreigners that Jannath is an aspect of Chauntea, the faerûnian goddess of agriculture. Some theologians harbor doubts about that assertion, however, as Jannath is a much more primal power. In actuality, she has more in common with Silvanus than with Chauntea. Jannath regards agriculture kindly enough, but not when it begins to dominate the land. According to the Earthmother, wild places are sacred and must be preserved.

History: By all accounts, Jannath has always been worshipped on the Moonshaes. According to the Folk, their ancestors were mainland followers of Jannath, who she called to the islands by speaking to them in their dreams.

Dogma: There is balance in all things, and all is a cycle. Find your place in this dance and be content with it. Wild places must be preserved, for they are the cradle of life, and all life must be respected. Particularly your own. Do not complicate your existence by making things more difficult for yourself than they have to be. Live a life that is simple and pure. Do not covet more than you need. Nature provides all that you need, and to claim more than that is to invite misfortune.