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Love all the great illustrations & good info on the different Myths around the world.

Great service. Wonderful book.

WYBIWYG what you believe is what you get; somehow this idea developed in my mind after studying intensely the Illustrated Dictionary of Mythology by Philip Wilkinson; fortunately my mind was flexible to the concepts of mythic images by virtue of my hero, Joseph Campbell, and by being a penpal with his co-author of Mythic Images, MJ Abadie; however i [small ego] was still a little unprepared to the individual diversity of who the idol was [is?] and exactly what they did or what the meaning of their image is in the current people holding those ancestral images; and these people may still reside in their ancestral homeland where the 'comfort' of sharing these common, though personalized, meanings with living elders, who may have spun the mythic web with childhood bedtime stories; and CERTAINLY unprepared for the INTENSE desire to defend ANY intellectual assault on the images or simply on the rebuff of NOT including that native people in a forum DEFINED to focus on a specific other native people ??? so in this milieu, i appreciated the simplicity and even generality of Wilkinson's definitions; stay flexible cultural anthropologists! LOL

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