

# chthonian *(cht-hon-ian)*

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## Definition

relating to the underworld or the earth

## Example Sentence

The **chthonian** forces she discovers beneath every layer of Western art — in Botticelli's Venus, in Elvis's pelvis, and in the Medusa's petrifying gaze — show nature's power over any civilization that forgets it.

## More Example Sentences

In ancient myths, **chthonian** creatures often lived underground and influenced the world above.

## Synonyms

infernal, subterranean

## Antonyms

celestial

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