



Comparative Study of Creation Myths in Tanzanian African Cultures

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Abstract

Creation myths are a significant aspect of African cultural heritage, playing crucial roles in explaining origins and sustaining community values. A mixed-method approach combining qualitative interviews with ethnographic data collection from eight major ethnic groups, including the Maasai, Hadza, and Sukuma. Themes such as creation through a single act or multiple stages were identified across all cultures, though specific deities and creation processes varied significantly. The study underscores the diversity within Tanzanian cultural narratives while highlighting commonalities that reflect broader African cultural patterns. Further research should explore how these myths influence contemporary social practices and education in Tanzania. Creation Myths, Tanzanian Ethnic Groups, Cultural Heritage

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