



# Comparative Creation Myths in Ethiopian Cultures: An Ethnographic Inquiry

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## Abstract

Creation myths play a significant role in Ethiopian cultures, reflecting diverse beliefs about the origins of the world and humanity. Fieldwork was conducted through participant observation, interviews with local scholars, and documentation of oral traditions. Data were analysed using thematic coding. A common theme in creation myths is the role of water, appearing in numerous stories across different cultures in Ethiopia. This study contributes to the understanding of Ethiopian cultural diversity by highlighting recurring motifs in creation narratives. Further research could explore the impact of these myths on contemporary religious practices and identity formation.

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