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Danu is a word from the ancient language of Sanskrit whose meaning is 'flowing water' and throughout the Vedas of India it describes a water goddess known as Danu, a river goddess whose name can be seen throughout Europe as the rivers Danube, Don, Dnieper and Dniester.

Danu can be found upon the Indonesian island of Bali where they build their temples upon springs and throughout their land their irrigation system is a network of temples which purify their waters and the central temple is 'Pura Ulul Danu Bratan' whose meaning is 'the goddess Danu is in charge of this lake'.

Danu is seen to be very much a part of the ancient culture of Vedic India and some 4000 years ago a civilisation arrived upon the shores of the Emerald Isles who were known as the 'Tuatha De Danam' whose meaning is the 'children of Danu'.

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The descendants of the children of Danu are known within the Celtic folklore of Ireland, Scotland and Wales as the 'sidh' the 'si' and the 'sith' a name which describes the gods, the goddesses and the nature spirits who descend from goddess Danu.

Sidh and sith, also means 'the people of the mounds' and throughout Scotland, Ireland and Wales they are to be found upon hills, mounds, rings, trees, lochs, woods and that which lies separate from the masses, the wild and untouched enclaves of mother nature.

The sidhis are also guardians and protectors of the land, the trees, the mounds, the lakes, the mountains and the forests, and for those who destroyed their lands they were cursed by these spirits of nature, hence in ancient times great care was placed upon human footprints.

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