

OUTDOOR TEMPLE GENERATOR: Feel the holy breeze about you....

RAP

Most outdoor temples will be nature related. For a basic overview, one need only roll on, or choose from, lists marked with a red dot (●). For a more detailed description, roll on the other lists, or choose as desired.

● d10 Perimeter around the grounds

- 1 None
- 2 Thorny hedge
- 3 A short stone wall
- 4 A tall stone wall
- 5 A series of large boulders (partially buried?)
- 6 A series of small ditches
- 7 A continuous ditch *
- 8 A double ditch *
- 9 A line/circle of young/ancient trees
- 10 A wooden palisade

* - *Might have a causeway at the entrance; might be spanned by a bridge*

● d8 Entrance is

- 1 Open (no official, structural entrance)
- 2 Stone arches in the cardinal directions
- 3 A single stone arch in one cardinal direction
- 4 A simple gate house
- 5 A bridge *
- 6 Between two sanding stones
- 7 Between two boulders
- 8 A natural arch formed by trees/vines/boulders/rock formations

* - *Might be spanning a gap, or be purely ceremonial*

● d20 Temple is centred on

- 1 A huge tree
- 2 A small, deep pond
- 3 A constructed altar (see below)
- 4 A boulder/rock outcropping
- 5 A spring
- 6 An ancient statue
- 7 The base of a cliff
- 8 A view from a hill/cliff/mountain
- 9 A waterfall (top? bottom?)
- 10 The entrance of a cave/complex
- 11 An open hilltop
- 12 A clearing in a thick forest/jungle
- 13 An island *
- 14 A grove of trees
- 15 A large stump of an ancient tree
- 16 On the shore of a lake/river/ocean
- 17 A thicket in a forest
- 18 A relic from a forgotten civilization **
- 19 A tree-covered mound
- 20 A structure (See below)

* - *On/overlooking the island*

** - *A pillar, ruin, animal statue, etc.*

d8 Altar consists of

- 1 A simple pile of natural stones, gathered from the nearby area
- 2 A massive, flat stone resting on a base of three large tree trunks
- 3 A round flat stone with a large hole in the middle, resting on four solidly made stone pillars
- 4 A block constructed of hand-made bricks
- 5 A substantial block of well-hewn stones, with tall pillars at the four corners
- 6 A large split log resting on a solidly built wooden base
- 7 A structure of well-hewn stones, built with a gutter down the middle to carry the blood and/or fluid away
- 8 A single, massive rock, intricately carved with hellish symbols

d8 Structure (see shape)

- 1 Solid ceiling supported by columns, no walls *
- 2 Columns around the perimeter, no roof *
- 3 A tall wall *
- 4 A short wall *
- 5 An open (lattice) ceiling supported by columns *
- 6 A wooden palisade
- 7 A henge (earth/wood/stone)
- 8 Columns/markers at the cardinal points *

* - *Could be covered with vines, ivy, etc.*

d6 Shape of the temple

- 1 Circle
- 2 Oval
- 3 Square
- 4 Rectangle
- 5 Star
- 6 Irregular

● d8 Temple dedicated to

- 1 The god/spirit present in the local area/feature
- 2 Animals (all? a specific species? an individual? mythic?)
- 3 Plant life (all? a specific species? an individual?)
- 4 Elements (air, earth, fire, water)
- 5 A local natural phenomenon
- 6 Elemental forces (weather, tides, wind, etc.)

- 7 A specific pantheon (emphasizing nature related gods?)
- 8 Nature as a whole *

* - *Prayers to any nature god are welcomed*

d10 Background for location

- 1 Natural beauty or uniqueness
- 2 A saint/prophet had a divine encounter here *
- 3 A saint/prophet rescued by natural forces here *
- 4 On a natural, significant boundary
- 5 A god/the gods commanded a temple be built here *
- 6 The builder sensed the presence of a god/spirit in this location
- 7 Powerful nature beings used to live here *
- 8 This is where creation was begun *
- 9 Religious refugees found safety here
- 10 A/the prophet was enlightened here

* - *Factual or not, this is their story....*

d12 Public rituals

- 1 Daily/weekly/monthly prayers
- 2 Daily/weekly/monthly readings
- 3 Daily/weekly/monthly sacrifices
- 4 Monthly/annual processions through town
- 5 Annual reenactments of holy stories
- 6 Annual blessings d8
 - 1 Of the temple grounds
 - 2 Of flocks and herds
 - 3 Of the earth/ground/crops (with an orgy?)
 - 4 Of fertility (with an orgy?)
 - 5 Of political leaders
 - 6 Of the forest(s)/jungle(s)
 - 7 Of the waters
 - 8 Of the hunt
- 7 Occasional blessings d6
 - 1 A birth
 - 2 A new farm
 - 3 Weapons of soldiers protecting this area/the nation from invaders
 - 4 New priests/priestesses
 - 5 Care for the temple grounds
 - 6 Initiation of new converts

- 8 Occasional cursings **d8**
- 1 External national enemies
 - 2 Heretics
 - 3 Other pantheons
 - 4 Followers of other gods
 - 5 Political leaders who challenge the prestige/privilege of the temple or its god(s)
 - 6 Usurpers for the throne
 - 7 Any who deny/reject the power of this god
 - 8 Reprobates (sinners who refuse to change their behaviour)
- 9 Acknowledging/rewarding heroes/exemplars of the faith
- 10 Lighting/tending the sacred fire
- 11 Proclaiming prophecies (hopeful? warning? mysterious?)
- 12 Scourging/humiliation/burning of criminals/heretics/reprobates
- * - *Multiple rolls possible, even likely*

d4 Any sacrifices are made

- 1 On an altar in front of the temple
- 2 On an altar inside the temple (main or secondary)
- 3 On an altar hidden from the public
- 4 Outside the temple grounds (public? private? secret?)

d6 Pilgrims come here for

- 1 To worship at the holy site
- 2 Read/see the holy runes carved nearby *
- 3 Healing (bath, prayers, etc.)
- 4 Recommit to care of the earth
- 5 Effective blessings (for birth/ revenge/a boon/inner peace)
- 6 To ask a god favour

* - *In a tree, on a cliff/stone, etc.; might only be accessible to adherents*

d6 Visitors come to see

- 1 The holy/beautiful site
- 2 The wildlife attracted to this place
- 3 The birthplace of a mysterious religion
- 4 The rare natural plants that grow here
- 5 The historical grounds
- 6 The famous gardens

d12 Worship accoutrements

- 1 A stone/wood lectern
 - 2 Torch stands
 - 3 Sacred texts *
 - 4 Ceremonial knife for sacrifices *
 - 5 Handbells/chimes *
 - 6 Robes and other vestments *
 - 7 Various musical instruments for use during worship **d6** *
 - 1 cymbals
 - 2 rattles
 - 3 flute or pipes
 - 4 horn
 - 5 drum(s) (with drumsticks?)
 - 6 lute/mandolin/other stringed instrument
- 8 Ropes/straps/manacles/other restraints for holding sacrifice victims (human, animal, whatever) in position during the ceremony *
- 9 Rod carried by the High Priest while leading processions and the like
- 10 Sacred stone(s) *
- 11 A gong for calling the faithful to worship/prayer
- 12 Ceremonial jewelry (arm bands, rings, amulets, head bands, etc.)

* - *These might be kept in a safe/ secret location on site, or be brought with worshippers from elsewhere*