

some mysterious stuff

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Lee Berman — 18 Jan 2011, 14:49

Looking up he saw the carved brown face from his mother's closet.

"A Green Man is a sculpture, drawing, or other representation of a face surrounded by or made from leaves. Branches or vines may sprout from the nose, mouth, nostrils or other parts of the face and these shoots may bear flowers or fruit. Commonly used as a decorative architectural ornament, Green Men are frequently found on carvings in churches and other buildings (both secular and ecclesiastical). "The Green Man" is also a popular name for English public houses and various interpretations of the name appear on inn signs, which sometimes show a full figure rather than just the head.

To the modern observer the earlier (Romanesque and medieval) carvings often have an unnervingly eerie or numinous quality.[says who?] This is sometimes said[by whom?] to indicate the vitality of the Green Man, who was able to survive as a symbol of pre-Christian traditions despite, and at the same time complementary to, the influence of Christianity: rather than alienate their new converts, early Christian missionaries would often adopt and adapt local gods, sometimes turning them into saints.[5]"

-Wikipedia

The connection of the carved Green Man figures to Dionysus and his representations is more or less a given.