

There are three or perhaps four Maya codices remaining from the thousands that are believed to have existed at the time of the Spanish conquest (the authenticity of the fourth is disputed). They are named after the cities where they are currently located: Dresden, Madrid, and Paris.



Page 83b of the Madrid Codex, showing the birth of three Maya deities representing the three levels of the Maya universe—the celestial realm (left), the earth, and the underworld.