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| **“The World on the Turtle’s Back”** | **Similarities** | **“When Grizzlies Walked Upright”** |
| The Sky World had a Great Tree “It had enormous roots that spread out from the floor of the Sky-World…It was a sacred tree that stood at the center of the universe.” | The spiritual leaders lived in the sky.“Far above this unpeopled world, there was a Sky-World”“Before there were people on earth, the Chief of the Sky Spirits grew tired of his home in the Above World” | The sky world was very cold“The air was always brittle with an icy cold. So he carved a hole in the sky with a stone and pushed all the snow and ice down…” |
| Only water existed below the sky land“All that she could see were the birds and the sea creatures and the sky and the ocean. | A curious female disrupts the world by falling.“But his wife was filled with curiosity…she began to fall toward the great ocean far below”“His daughter wondered what the ocean looked like, and her curiosity got the better of her…the Wind Spirit caught her long hair, pulled her out of the mountain, and blew her down..” | The snow and ice form mountains below and eventually a volcano.“He pushed all the snow and ice down below until he made a great mound that reached from the earth almost to the sky. Today it is known as Mount Shasta.” |
| The story consists of twins who constantly fight with each other.“There could be no peace between them” | Animals care about the unknown “creatures.”“The birds of the sea…immediately consulted with each other to see how to help her.”“A grizzly bear found the little girl…carried her home with him, and his wife brought her up with their family of cubs.” | The spirit daughter is close with the grizzlies she lives with.“The little red-haired girl and the cubs ate together, played together, and grew up together” |
| The twins created the plants and animals.“The twins had creative powers. They took clay and modeled it into animals, and they gave these animals life.” | Human beings are created“the right-handed twin made man”“a new race had been created that was not of his making” | The Chief of the Sky Spirits created plants and animals.“The Sky Spirt broke off the small end of his giant stick and threw the pieces into the rivers. The longer pieces turned into beaver and otter; the smaller pieces became fish.” |
|  | New rituals are established“In the daytime, the people have rituals which honor the right-handed twin….In the nighttime, the people dance and sing for the left-handed twin”“That’s why the Indians living around Mount Shasta would never kill a grizzly bear. Whenever a grizzly killed an Indian, his body was burned on the spot.” |  |
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