

## **The Story of the Weeping Camel**

"May your hump grow straight and your hooves strong."

1. What is the legend of when God gave the camel antlers about?
2. Name 3 things the camel is used for?
3. Why did the camel reject her colt?
4. What is the purpose of the Hoos ritual and what was the key elements of it?
5. Do you believe this could be an allegory of what some women experience after giving birth? If so, have you or anyone you have known experienced something similar? How did you/them overcome these feelings? Do you believe it helped spiritually as well as emotionally?

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1. God gave the camel antlers because of the goodness of his heart. A rogue deer came and asked to borrow the Camel's antlers for a celebration in the West and promised to return them, but never brought them back. The camel, always waiting for the deer to return gazes at the horizon.

Why Camels Roll in Ashes story was touched on briefly in regard to why the camel was not on the zodiac, this is the full story. You will need to scroll down to it, but there are several other stories there as well. <http://www.ezlink.com/~culturev/CulturMythology.htm>

2. Draw water, Transportation, The wool is used for rope and harnesses.

3. She had difficulties giving birth to her colt.

4. To bring peace to the colt and mother. A good violinist.  
<http://www.asia.msu.edu/eastasia/Mongolia/religion.html>

5. <http://www.postpartum.net/brief.html>