

Demeter Dionysus

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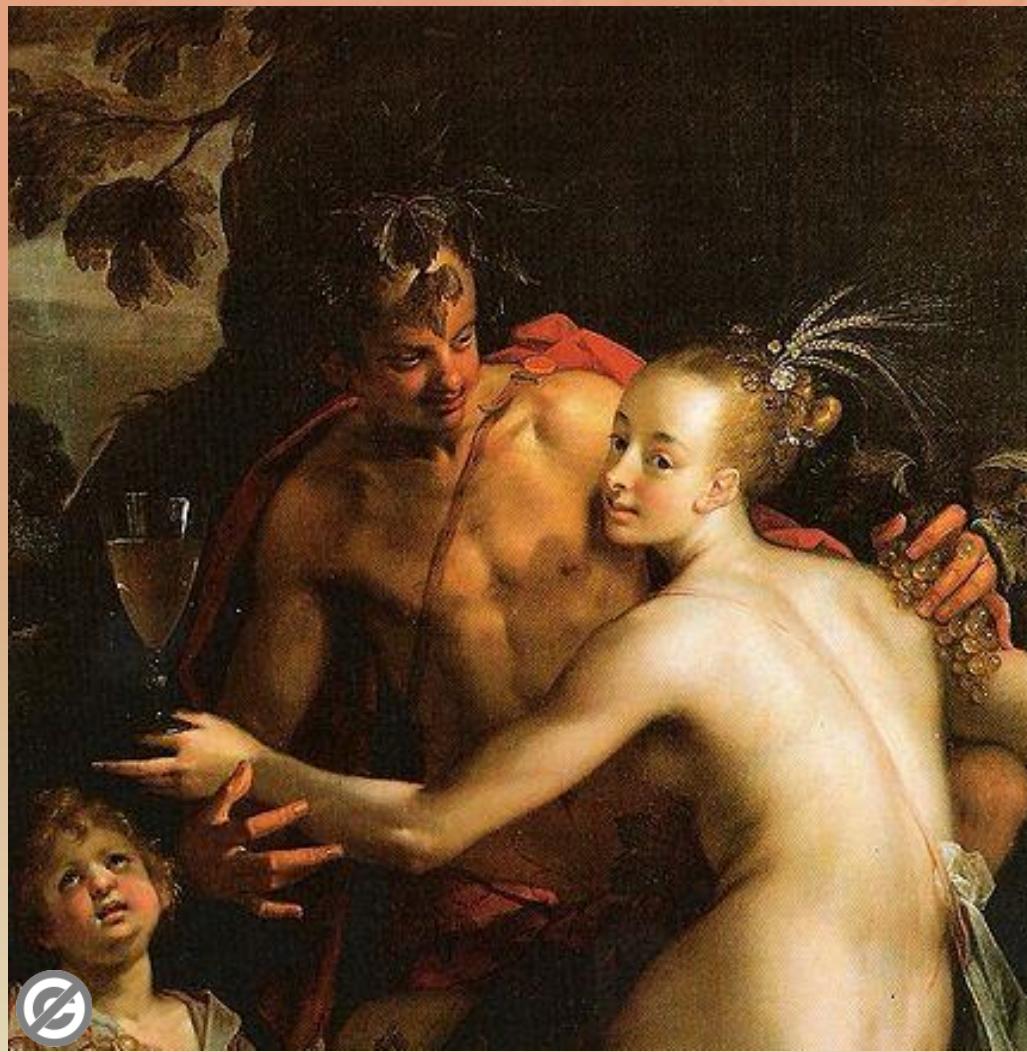
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The immortal gods were of little use to human beings for the most time and often they were quite the reverse of useful.



There were two, however,
who were, indeed human
beings' best friends.

Mankind's Best Friends



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Demeter

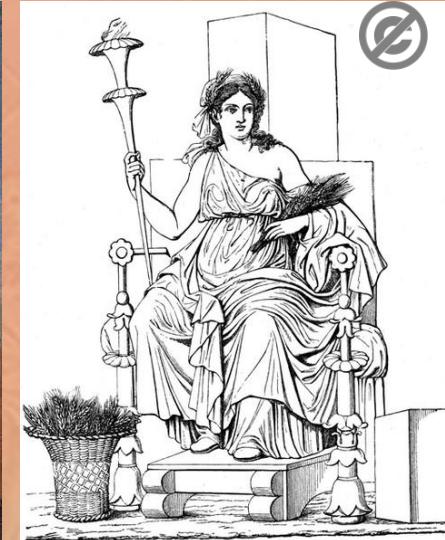
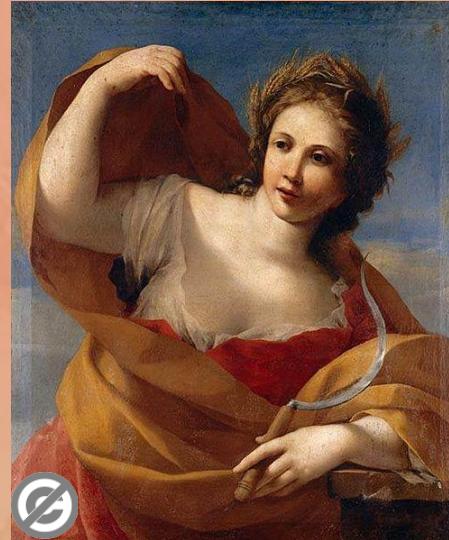


Dionysus

Demeter (Ceres)

She was the goddess of the harvest, who controlled over grains and the fertility of the earth.

She had one daughter, Persephone (the maiden of the Spring).



Persephone – the goddess of Spring



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Oncle Rêve de la Nuit. Un peu plus bas,
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One day, when Persephone was attracted by the beautiful blossom of the narcissus, Hades rides up from the Dark Underworld and carried her off.

Since Demeter lost Persephone, she in her terrible grief saved her gifts from the earth. The greenery of earth turned into a frozen desert. That year was the most dreadful and cruel year for mankind.



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The Return of Persephone

Zeus sent the gods to pacify Demeter, however, she listened to no one. In the end, Zeus realized that his brother must give way.





The Return of Persephone

To keep Persephone Hades asked her to eat a pomegranate seed. Hades knew in his heart that in this way Persephone must return to him.



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Persephone was returned to Demeter, but the deal was that she must lose

Persephone for four months every year to go down to the world of the dead

with Hades.



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Dionysus (Bacchus)

He was the god of the grape harvest, winemaking and wine, of ritual madness and ecstasy.

He was son of Zeus and the mortal Semele (Theban Princess), thus semi-divine



Dionysus and Semele

Dionysus (Bacchus)



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On the one hand, Dionysus was kind and beneficent. On the other hand, he could also be cruel, barbarian and drive men mad.



His mother, Semele, was burnt to death when Zeus showed his full splendor as King of Heaven and Lord of the Thunderbolt.

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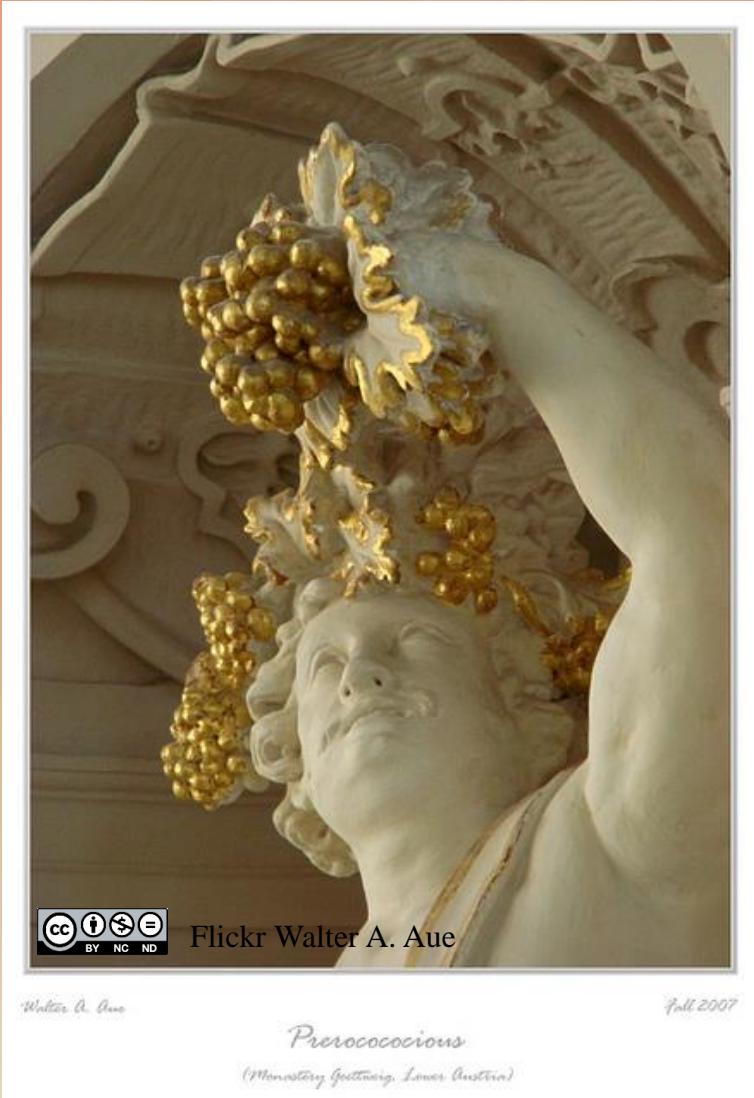


Zeus rescued Dionysus when he was near birth and hid him away from Hera's persecution.

Hermes carried Dionysus to Nysa to be cared for by the nymphs—Hyades.



Some say the nymphs were placed in the sky as stars by Zeus, and these stars would bring rain when they near the horizon.



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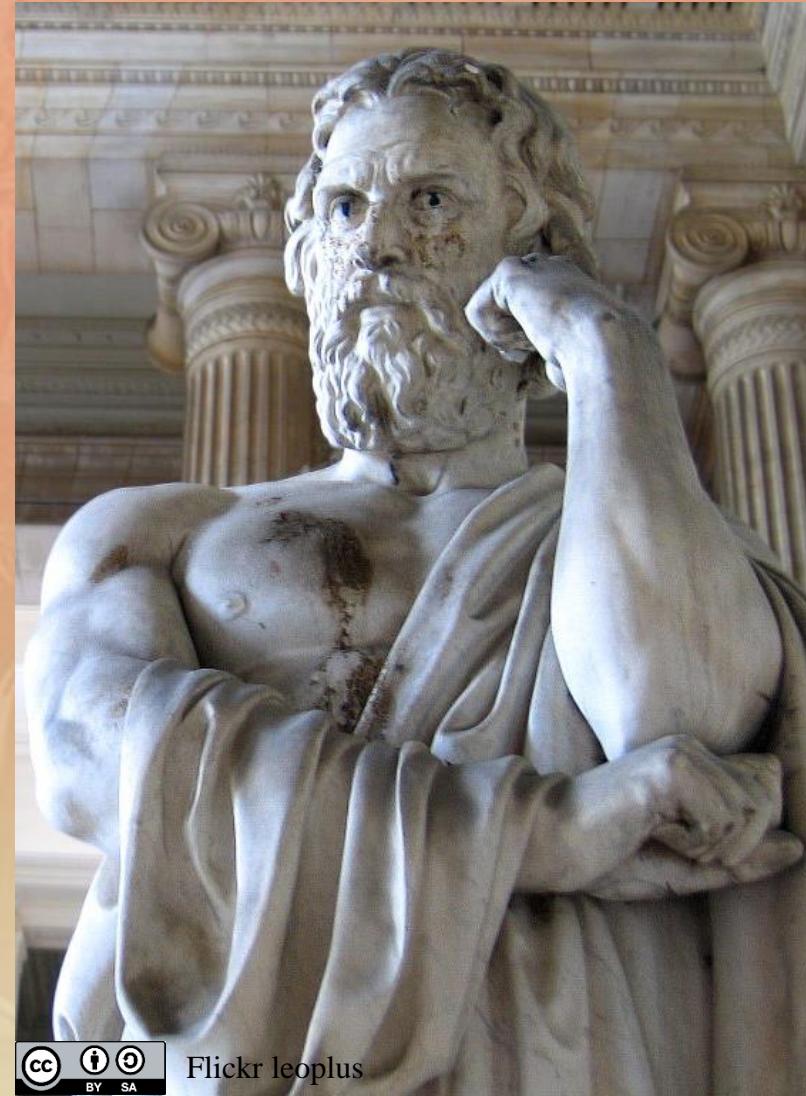
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So the Dionysus was born of fire and nursed by rain. The burning heat ripened the grapes and the water kept the plant alive. Dionysus became the god of wine.

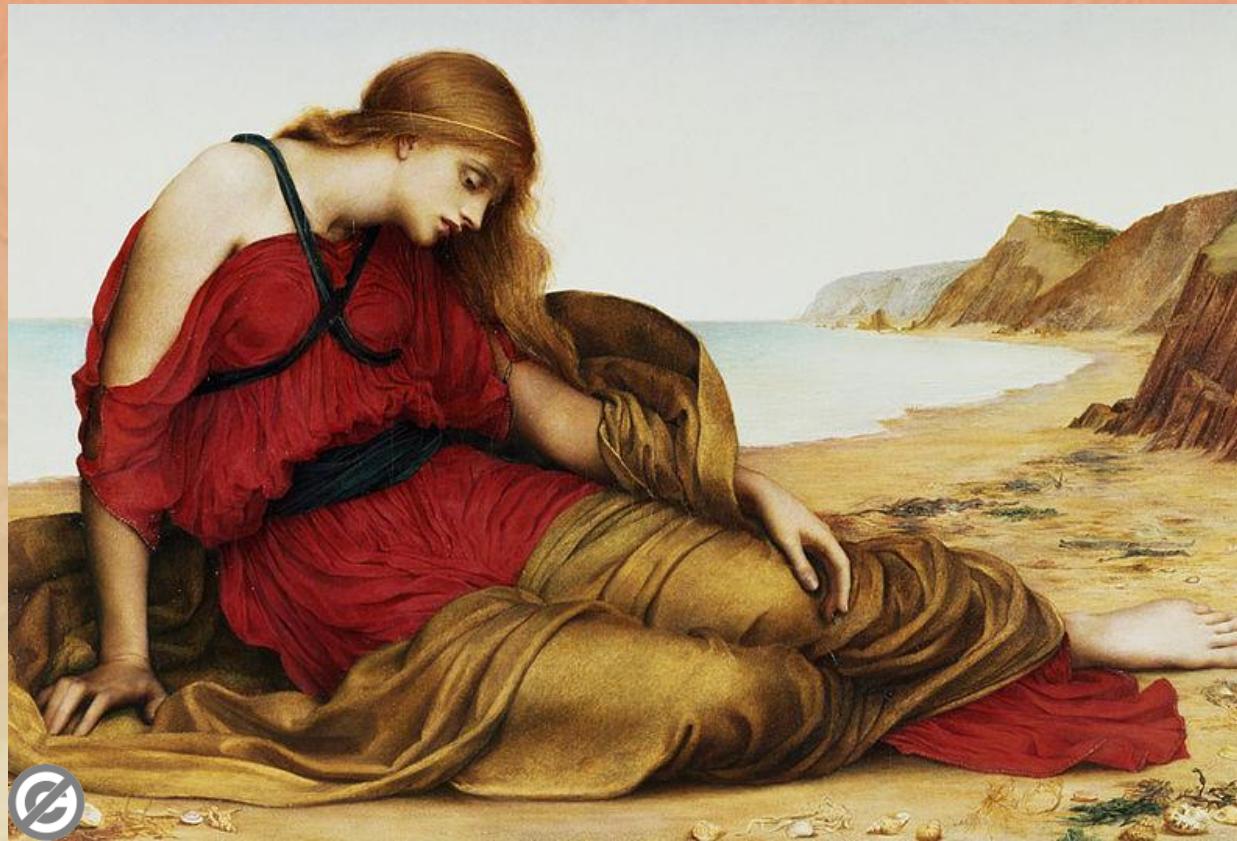
When Dionysus passed through Thrace on his way to Greece, he was insulted by one of the kings there, Lycurgus, who strongly opposed this new worship.

Zeus struck Lycurgus blind and he died after.



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During his wanderings, Dionysus met Princess of Crete, Ariandne, who was abandoned by Theseus on the shore of the island of Naxos. Dionysus saved and fell in love with her.



Dionysus also went down to the lower world to seek his mother. He defied Death to keep her away from him, and Death yielded. Then he brought Semele to Olympus and the gods consented to receive her as one of themselves.

As the god of wine, Dionysus often made people mad. Maenads, or Bacchantes, were the terms for women frenzied with wine. In craziness, they rush through the woods and tear wild creatures into pieces.



Dionysus made the Theban King, Pentheus, his cousin, torn apart by Maenads because Pentheus insulted him.





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We find Dionysus was man's benefactor and destroyer at the same time because of the double nature of wine and so of the god of wine.

Q & A

- ① Review Question:
- ② How do you like the story of Hades and Persephone?
- ③ Please list three features you observed from Dionysus and Demeter. What are they usually associated with? By what can you recognize Dionysus and Demeter from a painting?

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