

Brief Descriptions of Olympian Gods

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GOD	PARENTAGE	SPOUSE	FUNCTIONS	SANCTUARIES	ANIMAL	ATTRIBUTE	ROMAN EQUIVALENT	EPITHETS
ZEUS	Cronos & Rhea	Hera	King of gods, Guardian of State, Guardian of Justice, Guardian of strangers	Olympia & Dodona	eagle	thunderbolt, scepter	JUPITER	Olympian, Savior, Father, Thundering, Cloud Gathering
HERA	Cronos & Rhea	Zeus	Queen of gods, seasonality, marriage, childbirth	Argos & Samos	cow, peacock	veil, crown	JUNO	Cow-eyed, Ox-eyed, Argive, White-armed
POSEIDON	Cronos & Rhea	Amphitrite	sea, horses, earthquakes	Sounion	dolphin, bull, horse	trident	NEPTUNE	Earthshaker
DEMETER	Cronos & Rhea	(Zeus)	agriculture, cereal	Eleusis	----	staff of wheat	CERES	Lady
APOLLO	Zeus & Leto	----	flocks, music, poetry, archery, medicine, prophesy, sun	Delphi, Delos, Didyma	----	lyre, laurel wreath, bow/quiver	APOLLO	Pythian, Phoebus, Delphinus, Musagetes, (leader of muses)
ARTEMIS	Zeus & Leto	----	hunt, animals, fertility, childbirth	Ephesus, Delos, Brauron	bear, stag	bow/quiver, crescent	DIANA	Polymastos, Cynthia
ATHENA	Zeus (& Metis)	----	Crafts, wisdom, protectress of Athens & heroes moon	Athens	owl, snake	armor, spear, aegis (shield)	MINERVA	Pallas, Tritogenia, Owl-eyed, Nike
HESTIA	Cronos & Rhea	----	hearth fire	----	----	----	VESTAL	----
HERMES	Zeus & Maia	----	messengers, heralds, merchants, thieves, magic, herdsman, dead souls, mediation, translation	----	ram	caduceus (staff), petasus (hat), winged hat/boots	MERCURY	Psychopompus ('carrier of souls'), Argeiphontes ('slayer of gods'), Cyllenian
HEPHAISTOS	Hera & Zeus	Aphrodite	forge, metallurgy	Lemos, Athens	----	forceps, double axe	VULCAN	Mulciber
ARES	Zeus & Hera	----	war	Thrace	wolf	armor	MARS	Enyalios
APHRODITE	Zeus & Dione or testacles of Ouranos	Hephaistos	love, sex, beauty	Paphos, Cythera	dove, swan	spindle, cupids	VENUS	Cypria, Cytheria, Golden, Ourania
DIONYSOS	Zeus & Alkmene	----	wine, drama, consciousness, fertility	Delphi, Athens, Lydia	bull	thyrsus, maenads, silenes, satyrs, fawn skin	BACCHUS	Bromios, Iacchus, Dithyrambos

