

MYTHOLOGY

GOD - GODDESS OF

ROMAN

GREEK

Aphrodite	Venus	Goddess of love and beauty	Halcyon Days	times of happiness, tranquility, and prosperity
Apollo	Apollo	God of music and poetry	Ambrosia and Nectar	a dish fit for the gods; food and drink
Ares	Mars	God of war	Lotus-eater	person given to daydreaming and indolence
Artemis	Diana	Goddess of the hunt and of chastity	Hydra-headed	hard to eliminate or destroy
Athena	Minerva	Goddess of wisdom and of the liberal arts	Adonis	a handsome young man
Cronus	Saturn	God of time and of the harvest	aegis	protection, sponsorship, or auspices
Demeter	Ceres	Goddess of agriculture	aeolium	produced by the wind
Dionysus	Bacchus	God of wine and revelry	amazon	a large, strong, masculine woman
Eleithya	Lucina	Goddess of childbirth	Antaeus	invincible; possessing superhuman strength
Eos	Aurora	Goddess of the dawn	aphrodisiac	arousing sexual desire
Eris	Discordia	Goddess of discord and strife	argonaut	a voyager; California gold rusher of 1848-1849
Eros	Cupid, Amor	God of love	Atlas / atlas	a person who bears a great burden / a collection of maps
Gaea	Terra(Tellus)	Goddess of the earth	baecnonian	like a drunken party; orgiastic
Hades	Dis, Pluto,	God of the underworld	calliope	a musical instrument with steam whistles
Hebe	Plutus	Goddess of youth	Cassandra	a pessimistic prophet; a person whose warnings will be ignored
Hecate	Juventas	Goddess of ghosts and witchcraft	chimera	a wild dream, illusion, or an odd fancy
Helios	Trivla	God of the sun	chimerical	unreal; imaginary; visionary; absurd
Hephaestus	Sol	God of crafts and destructive fire	Cyclopean	huge, massive, gigantic
Hera	Vulcan	Goddess of marriage, childbirth, and heaven	cupidity	an inordinate desire, especially for wealth
Heraclies	Juno	Goddess of victory	eros	sexual love or desire
Hermes	Inuus, Faunus	God of physical strength	erotic	pertaining to sexual desire
Heutia	Prosperina	God of commerce; messenger of the gods	gorgon	an ugly, terrifying, or repulsive woman
Hypnos	Dis, Orcus	Goddess of health, of peace, of fire	happy	a greedy, grasping, shrewish woman
Nike	Neptune	God of sleep	hector	a bully or braggart; v. to bully, to intimidate
Pan	Diana, Luna	Goddess of the moon	herculean	of great size, courage, or strength
Panephone	Fortuna	Goddess of good fortune and luck	hercules	a strong, large person
Pluto	Coelus	God of the sky	hermetic	magical; hard to understand; well-sealed
Poseidon	Jupiter, Jove	Supreme deity	iridescent	having colors like those of a rainbow
Seiene	Prosperina	Goddess of fertility and of death	Jovial	heartily, merry, inspiring mirth
Tyche	Dis, Orcus	God of wealth and of death	Jovian	detached, aloof; powerful
Uranus	Neptune	God of the sea and horses	Labyrinth	any maze or complicated arrangement
Zeus	Diana, Luna	Goddess of the moon	mentor	warlike; military
	Fortuna	Goddess of good fortune and luck	mercator	a wise adviser; a teacher or a coach
	Coelus	God of the sky	mercuria)	volatile, changeable
	Jupiter, Jove	Supreme deity	myrmdon	a subordinate who follows orders unquestionably
			Narcissus	person who is vain about his beauty and accomplishments
			narcissism	self-love
			nemesia	just punishment; an avenger or punisher; one who is eventually defeated
			nestor	a wise elderly man
			odyssey	a long voyage or wanderings
			pacan	a song of praise; a hymn of thanksgiving
			palladium	anything believed to ensure protection or safety
			protean	very changeable; assuming different shapes and forms
			saturnalia	a period of unrestrained revelry; a wild celebration
			saturnine	gloomy; sluggish; taciturn
			siren	a seductive and dangerous woman
			stentorian	very loud
			stygian	gloomy and dark; infernal; inviolable
			tantalize	to tease
			terpsichorean	pertaining to dance
			titanic	of tremendous size

PHRASES AND WORDS FROM MYTHOLOGY

Janus-Faced	two-faced; hypocritical; looking in opposite directions
Trojan Horse	someone or something that threatens one's existence
Pandora's Box	subversion from within
Climb Parnassus	a present that is a curse
Argue-Eyed	to write poetry; pursue artistic activity
Achilles' Heel	ever alert and watchful; vigilant
Aegean Stables	a very vulnerable spot
Penelope's Web	an accumulated mess; massive corruption
Work like a Trojan	a project deliberately never finished but being worked on
Ride Pegasus	to work very hard and determinedly
Procrustean Bed	to seek poetic inspiration
	any arbitrary standard to which exact conformity is forced