

Dionysus

The Great God Of Wine.



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Greek Name

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Dionysus

Roman Name

Bacchus



Purpose

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Dionysus was
the God Of
Wine



Purpose Cont..



Dionysus was also God of Vegetation, Ritual Dances,
Parties, Drama, Ecstasy, Fertility, Intoxication, Violence,
Death & Afterlife



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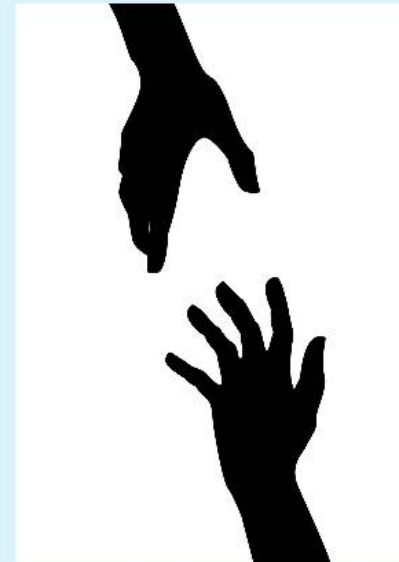
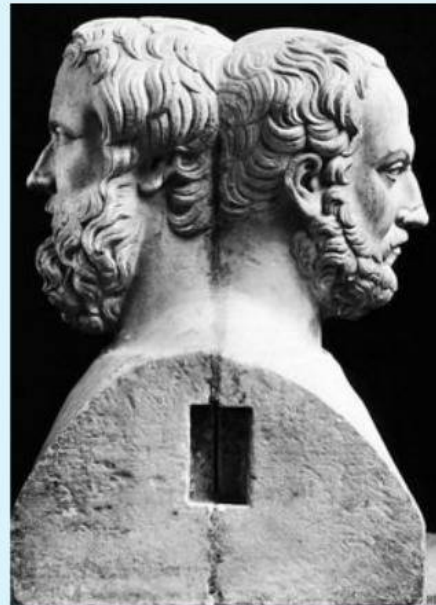
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Known For..

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*Dionysus was known for
Double Birth & Helping
Those In Need*



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Duties

As god of nature, Dionysus looked after the Earth while Apollo (sun god) was away for the Winter.



Apollo



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Duties cont..

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Dionysus was responsible for bringing crops back to life each spring.



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Duties Cont..

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Dionysus inspired animals to mate,
& bring forth their young



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Family

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Dionysus was son of Zeus & Semele.



Family Cont..

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Dionysus is the youngest of Zeus's Children.



Family Cont..

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Dionysus mother Semele was a mortal woman and one of Zeus's many lovers.



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Siblings of Dionysus are Apollo, Ares, Artemis, Persephone, Heracles & Hermes.

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Ares



Persephone



Artemis



Heracles



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Family Cont.. 12

Dionysus has 3 children. Thoas, Oenopion, Staphylus.



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Enemies

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Dionysus' enemies are Hera & the Titans

Hera



Atlas



Oceanus



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Dionysus' close friends
Nyx & Maenads.

Friends

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Dionysus' close friends were Aphrodite,
Nyx & Maenads.

Nyx



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15 Birth Myth

Zeus, God Of the Universe fell in love with Semele daughter of Camdus, the King of Thebes.



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Birth Myth Cont..

Hera, wife of Zeus found out Semele was pregnant with Zeus's baby. She became jealous and devised a plot to destroy her.



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Birth Myth Cont..

Hera disguised herself as an old nurse maid & convinced Semele to ask her lover to show himself in all his divine glory. Semele did follow Hera plans and asked Zeus, which he later on promised Semele to grant all her wishes because he was madly in love with her.



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Semele made that Zeus
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Birth Myth Cont

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There are consequences to this request Semele made that Zeus knew about but he swore on the River Styx, which cannot be taken back.

Zeus drew himself to full height, thunder echoed around him, lightning flashed around, causing fire towards the ground around Semele and destroyed her.





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Birth Myth Cont..

Zeus refused to have his child die within its mother so her snatched the unborn baby from the ashes and sewed him into his own thigh.



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Birth Myth Cont..

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Zeus later on gave birth to his twice born son.



Hera found out about Dionysus being born and ordered the Titans to eat the infant. They tore him from limb from limb.

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Birth Myth Cont..

Rhea, a Titan & Fertility Goddess interfered and hid him. She disguised him as a girl. At the court of Athamas King of Orchomenus in Greece.



Rhea

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Myth #1

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Story Of Midas

Dionysus has a companion named Silenus who became drunk visiting Phrygia.



He was later on captured and brought to Midas. He knew that Silenus was a companion of Dionysus and was released and returned to Dionysus safely.

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Dionysus gratefully granted Midas the reward. King Midas asked for a wish to become Gold. Dionysus granted his wish but it was want Midas wanted

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safely.

Myth 1 Cont..

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Dionysus gratefully granted Midas any wish as a reward. King Midas asked for everything he touched to become Gold. Dionysus knew the dangers to this but it was what Midas wanted.



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Myth 1 Cont..

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At first Midas was very excited about his Golden Touch and how wealthy he's become but when he tried to eat or drink anything that touched his lips turned to gold.



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Myth 1 Cont...

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One day King Midas hugged his daughter Marigold, and she turned into Gold. Midas noticed what he had done and begged Dionysus to relieve him of his wish.



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Myth 1 Cont..

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Dionysus instructed King Midas to bath in the River of Pactolus. Midas did as told & was cured. The River later on became sands of gold dust.



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Myth #2

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Ariadne daughter of King Minos & Queen Pasiphae of Crete. She fell in love with Theseus who was a sacrifice to the Minotaur, a half bull & half man.



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King Minos & Queen
Phaedra fell in love with
Theseus as a sacrifice to the Minotaur,



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Myth 2 Cont..²⁸

The Minotaur was kept in a maze called a Labyrinth. Ariadne gave Theseus a strand of yarn, to find his way back through the maze. Theseus killed the Minotaur and fled with Ariadne to Athens.



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Theseus abandoned Ariadne
while she was sleeping on

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Myth 2 Cont..²⁹

On the way to Athens, Theseus abandoned Ariadne on the Island of Naxos. While she was sleeping on the shore Dionysus found her & automatically knew she was going to be his wife.



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Myth 2 Cont..

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Artemis had killed Ariadne for causing the death of Minotaur. Dionysus find her and takes her to Zeus and asked to make her immortal so they can be together.

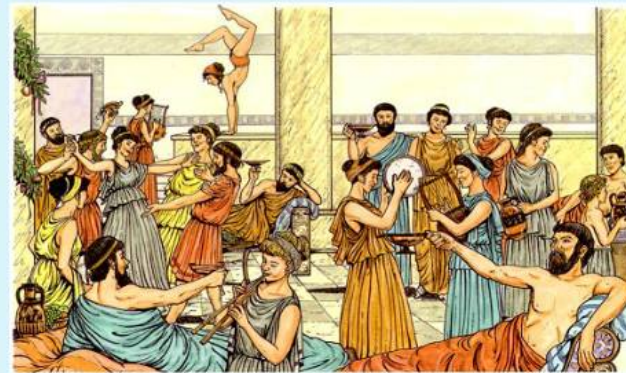


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Myth 2 Cont..

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Zeus gave Ariadne her the gift of immortality & later she and Dionysus got married and had 3 children. Two festivals were thrown to honor their marriage.



Myth # 3 ³²

Story Of Pentheus & The Maenads

Dionysus punishes anyone who refused to recognize his divine nature. People wouldn't receive him in Thebes, Greece even though its his mothers homeland.



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Myth 3 Cont...

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For revenge he struck the Thebian women with madness which made them abandon their family and fled to the mountains and became Maenads.



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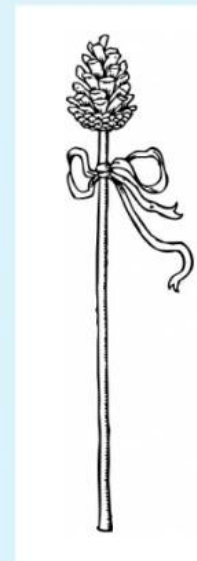
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Myth 3 Cont.. 34

The Maenads wore fawn skins, carried sacred wands of vine leaves and ivy, they laughed ,shrieked and danced through the woods in a possessed frenzy.



Myth 3 Cont.. 35

Pentheus , King of Thebes tried to spy on their revelry, and the women in their madness mistook him as a mountain lion. Daughters of Camdus and his own mother tore him apart.



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Myth # 4

Dionysus & His Mother.

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Dionysus descended into Tartarus to rescue his mother Semele. Tartarus was apart of Hades Kingdom, Land of the Dead. No way of return. Where he would have to defeat Thanatos



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Dionysus had killed Thanatos
death overshadowed by Hades



Myth 4 Cont..

Dionysus had killed Thanatos, greek god of death overshadowed by Hades to get his mother back.

Hades



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Thanatos

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Myth 4 Cont..

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Dionysus had retrieved his mother from the underworld and arranged for her to stay on Mount Olympus with him.



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Myth #5

The Pirates

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Dionysus disguised himself as a young boy and got drunk on a island. Pirates found and promised him to take him to Naxos, a place he calls home.



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was later on found

Myth 5 Cont..

⁴⁰ Pirates decided to sell him to slavery except Acoetes. Dionysus later on found out about the plan. He made tangles of grapevines cover the ships, oars turned into snakes and animals appear.



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The pirates jumped off the boat but Acoetes who was spared and took Dionysus to Naxos and was made Priest of his followers.



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Symbols



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Ivy, snakes, grapes, wine barrels, the flute, & animals like a panther and tiger.



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A painting of Dionysus former name Bacchus by Caravaggio

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Modern Day Relevance

A painting of Dionysus former roman name Bacchus by Caravaggio in 1596.



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Additional Information



Hestia is one of the three goddesses of the first Olympian generation, gave up her seat in favor of newcomer Dionysus to tend to the fire on Mount Olympus.

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