

# MYTHIC TIMES

Telling Tales Since the Creations

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## HOME & GARDEN



It may be winter now, but Persephone's stay in Hades won't last forever. So get ready to whip out your shovel and bury your seed, because we're gonna talk about some mythological gardening tales.

### DON'T EAT THE POMEGRANATES!

When going to Hades, resist the urge to eat or drink. The water will kill your memories more effectively than alcohol and the produce will give you an early expiration and forever trap you in the underworld. Such was the case for the goddess Persephone, who in an odious act of kidnapping was taken to Hades by the god Hades. It was only through careful diplomacy that an agreement was made and humanity spared. Persephone now only spends an annual six month period in Hades with Hades, and it is during those six months that the mortal world sees winter.

**OR THE APPLES...**It's quite fortunate that the art of gardening gets to live on thanks to Persephone's sacrifice. It makes me think of what may very well be the finest feat of gardening ever to exist. I say may because no human has been allowed inside for many thousands of years.

When Yahweh made Adam (the first man) and Eve (the first functional woman), they were allowed to live in the Garden of Eden and was welcome to enjoy the fruit of all the trees excepting one. This was the

troublesome Tree of Knowledge. God warned the couple to heed him and to not take part in the forbidden fruit. Adam was more than obedient in his abstinence. That was until Eve, convinced by a long lizard, ate the fruit in spite of God's order. The foolish temptress then brought the fruit to Adam, cursing all of humanity with knowledge and all snakes with an unattractive lack of legs. It's still contentious as to what the fruit of knowledge was, however we believe that it was a banana as its scientific name (*musa sapientum*) means "fruit of the wise men" in Latin.

### EELS MAKE GREAT FERTILIZER

Snakes are awful, armless things. This next story is about a snake of the sea (not a sea snake), an eel. Long ago, Hina (wife at the time of the demigod Maui) was being repeatedly harassed by a bothersome eel named Tuna. Tuna would shoot up from the water's edge and slap her repeatedly with his long slimy tail. This would go on for some time before the incredibly patient young woman would request for her husband to help her in some way. Maui would do just that by fighting the eel and winning, killing and burying the beast. Eel works wonders as a fertilizer, even when no magic is at play. From

that plot came a great tall tree and with it the first coconuts.

### HEAVENLY PEACHES

Coconuts are beloved by many, though they're hard work. The Chinese enjoy a softer fruit, the peach. When traveling to China, do whatever you can to obtain the pit of the rare and mysterious peaches of immortality. Where in China do they grow? Who sells them and for what price? Such is not publicly known. In mythological times, these peaches were eaten by emperors, wives of emperors, wise men, and very talented thieves. Finding and germinating one of these pits would surely make you the envy of everyone in your botanical community. Find the pits.

### SERIOUSLY, DON'T EAT THE APPLES

Peaches are lovely things, but they bruise quite easily. If you're wanting something a bit more crisp, try a golden apple. Golden apples are incredible not only for their appeal to the senses but also for their tendency to cause dramatic cascading events. In fact, their beauty can even start wars.

It all started when Eris (goddess of entropy) threw a golden apple into

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the congregation that had formed for the marriage of Peleus and Thetis. Chaos ensued, with Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite fighting one another for the right to the crisp yellow fruit. Zeus decided to employ Paris (a human known for fairness and objectivity) to decide who among the three should keep the great fruit. They gathered, each goddess appearing nude before a flustered Paris and offering him a unique bribe. Hera offered him kingship of all Eurasia, Athena offered him success and wisdom in battle, and Aphrodite offered him the love of the most beautiful woman on Earth. After much consideration, Paris gave the apple to Aphrodite, expecting a long and happy life with a woman so gorgeous as to spoil him. It would turn out that the most objectively voluptuous woman at the time was Helen of Sparta, wife at the time to King Menelaus. Paris, as well as his city of Troy, would fall after a long and terrible war with Greece. The apple, surely, was not worth all this destruction and mortal folly. But, as the French would say, c'est l'effet papillon.

### IS OLIVE THIS MAKING SENSE YET?

Apples can be a bit tart for some palates. If something more savory is needed, the Greeks have given us a story for this as well. Olives are one of Europe's finest exports. Soft and with an incredibly complex flavor, they can be stuffed with any number of fillings or be ground into tapenade. Used in salads and pasta dishes, they add a distinct flare.

Long ago, Athena and Poseidon were competing for the rights to the city of Athens. As Zeus often did, he settled the dispute by handing the decision to the judgment of mortal men. Whoever could produce from their own power the product that the Athenians most enjoyed would own the city. Poseidon used his trident to produce a great quantity of salt. The people of Athens found the salt to be less than pleasurable and indeed rather dry. Several Athenians complained of getting salt in their eyes. Athena produced a great and fruitful olive tree, its rich offerings bountiful as they dangled from its branches. The people of Athens easily preferred Athena's olives and so gave her the rights over the city. Even

today, we can see owls (Athena's favorite creature) watching us from the mighty branches of olive trees.

### LOTUS CONSIDER OTHER FLOWERS

Olives make for a fine dish, but they attract bothersome birds. The fish in your pond surely need protection from ravenous raptors.

A fine option for your koi would be the lotus flower of old.

A great symbolic addition to your garden, The Lotus flower. Long revered by Indians and Egyptians, The Lotus is a wonderful way to brighten your pool of Samsara. The Lotus flower is highly comparable to the human spirit, as it comes up from the mortal mud as a clean and beautiful blossom. Wonderful decoration and fish protector, They mediate situations that involve pools and olive trees.



### BENEFICIAL BUGS

Let's come up from the water and down from the trees, onto dry land. For a garden to flourish, It needs a few things. Rich soil, clean water, and a sunny sky. This story is about a beetle that, depending on who you ask, might help you with two of those three things.

Many gardeners will tell you that there are many insects that can hinder a garden's progress. Aphids eat your plants, ants assist the aphids. Centipedes and spiders bite the ungloved hand that sifts through the soil. Those gardeners will also surely tell you of the insects that are beneficial for not only gardens, but all environments. Butterflies and bees pollinate flowers (providing orgasmic pleasure to those plants) and mantids serve both as natural pest control and as fun pets. Indeed Insects are very important to life on Earth, especially the dung beetle. Underrated in contemporary times, the scarab

(dung) beetle is hugely important as a natural waste management system. As their name might suggest, they live in and around dung, decomposing it and cleaning the world. The Ancient Egyptians believed that the scarab had another undertaking in life. Seeing a noble beetle rolling a perfectly spherical turd to an unknown destination beyond the horizon tickled the imaginations of the Egyptians. They would credit the dung beetle with rolling the sun across the sky everyday. Gardeners of the day would have thanked the scarab beetle for the fertilizer as well as the sunlight.





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## CHICKENS CAME FIRST?!<sub>from p. 2</sub>

"My brother Epimetheus rushes all of his creations, and he thought they were so great because he stole all of the gods gifts and gave them to his creations. I took my time; I sculpted; I put thought into each one of my creations, and not only were they superior in intellect; I also stole the gift of fire from THE GODS for them." -Prometheus.

Finally, I decided to get one more clay-human creator's opinion: Nüwa. "It is true that I created the chicken on my first day of sculpting; the dogs on the second; sheep on the third; I didn't sculpt the humans until the seventh day. This is all true. This is because I needed to practice and harvest my skills to make my favorite creation, the humans. They called me 'mother' and danced and sang for me. It was beyond delightful." So, we can see a bit clearer now that we can continue to chant our reputation as the most intellectual and spiritual creatures in our animal kingdom. However, we are not the first to be created, nor will we ever be. The animals seem to be more important in precedence to us, but we seem to be what the gods care for more

## Fishermen Wanted

Most of you will have heard of the brutal mutilation of my husband Osiris. He was betrayed by his brother and cut into fourteen pieces. Horus, Nephthys, and I have found all but one piece. That piece is his... unmentionable. We have heard that it was eaten by a fish somewhere in the Nile. If you are a skilled angler, contact Isis today.

Note: The goddess, not the terrorist organization.



JAPANESE CREATION STORY linked to lost city. Was Atlantis just a mistake? New evidence found by local woman.

## ATLANTIS DISCOVERY!

Wyatt Laprise

A local woman provided evidence which links the ancestors Izanagi and Izanami with the lost city of Atlantis. It is believed that when Izanagi was creating the islands with his spear, he slipped and began creating the island of Atlantis; our sources say that he removed his spear quickly enough, so that it never fully formed.

The Japanese creation gods would not comment on the discovery, but many snorkelers and scuba divers have brought back photographic evidence of the lost city.

When you think about it, this theory of how the city was created just makes sense.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

To the Editor:

RE: World Flooding Expected, (Front page, June. 11)

As a career scientist, I was shocked and dismayed by your apocalyptic predictions that the world will be inundated by water within the next week. This prediction has no factual basis. There is not enough water on the earth to completely cover all of its land masses, even in a hypothetical situation in which the polar icecaps melted, which we all know is virtually impossible, as it would require a colossal warming in the climate. Thus, one would have to logically conclude that for the earth to entirely flood, water would have to come from some previously undiscovered source. The law of conservation of matter states that matter cannot be created or destroyed. So water cannot just "appear" on earth. The only other feasible way then for enough liquid to be created would be for large sections of the world to melt! Of course, that would require stupendous temperatures, which would have to come from a drastic increase in entropy, which would require almost unimaginable amounts of energy. This is simply not realistic.

Thus, your entire report was incorrect and based on no scientific evidence! You should be ashamed. Telling people to start building arks? Ha. Just because it has been raining for four weeks, and a few sections of the world are under water doesn't signify anything. Besides, Australia was a silly continent.

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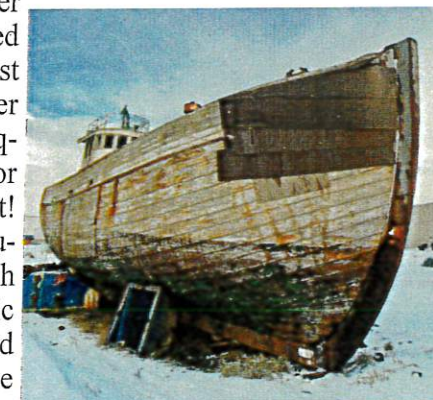
Dear Mythic Times Editor,

Thank you for your sage advice Daily Herald! Your fascinating article prompted me to take action! I began work on an ark, just like you suggested in your article. It's nearly done, with three levels and a pool. I just have to add the bar. All my neighbors are mocking me for making it, the cruel buggers. Let's see who's laughing when they are twenty feet underwater and I'm floating there in my boat sipping Piña Coladas. I'm gonna take all my pets though. I have a lot of pets too, but it's necessary. We're going to need some protein while the entire world is under water.

Noah, 42

Turkey

P.S. Here's a picture



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## HERA'S MARRIAGE COUNSELING

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Dear, Apollo when are we finna have that archery tournament at mount olympus it's been 3 weeks?- Artemis.

Dear, Artemis Every time I show up on time I wait 30 mins then leave you are always late! I'm just gonna tell you 30 mins earlier than what it really is next time  
- Apollo

Dear, Apollo I arrived at the given time why were yet you not there... - Artemas

## INSPIRATION?

Join theater workshop in Apollo's temple today. Run by Thalia and Melpomene.



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STORMS cont. from p. 1

## Is This Climate Change?

According to Shango, "I did nothing wrong, she must be upset over something else."

An unnamed source begs to differ. Our source told us that Shango is seeing one of his other wives behind Oya's back. We do not know if the wife who caused this was Oba or Oshun, but we do have a pretty good guess.

When asked about Oba, Shango said, "She cut off her ear to make me love her more, so I threw her out of the house. If she showed up at my doorstep I would throw her out again."

Currently, in the Polynesian triangle, Tawhirimatea, god of weather, seems to be waging war against his brothers. His tacts seem to be a lot of wind storms. Tawhirimatea's reason for this gusty attitude seems to be the "unjust" separation of his parents.

Rangi, god of the sky, when asked about it, said, "I am proud of my son for standing up for me and Papa. Though I wish my other sons would stand up for themselves." Tu, god of war, seems to be taking Rangi's statement into consideration. New weather may blow in soon.

Another place that the weather seems to be changing is Hawaii. Over this week, the weather went from erupting volcanoes and heavy rain to a period of calm before starting over. A unnamed worshiper of Pele claims that the goddess is trying to figure out her love life.

Hi'iaka, one of Pele's sisters said, "It is not unusual for Pele's love life to affect her work, but I never thought she would fall head over heels for a man like Kamapua'a." Kamapua'a, god of rain, refused to talk to us but his moth-

er Hina did.

Hina told us that Kamapua'a been writing letters to her about his time in Hawaii with Pele. One letter told to us was a story about Kamapua'a fighting Pele before dating her and leaving her. Locals are advised to stay away from Pele and her volcano until she cools off.

In Japan, another fight seems to be raging between Fujin and Raijin. Fujin, god of wind, claims the trouble started when Raijin stole his bag of wind.

Raijin, god of lighting and thunder, claims that he stole the bag of wind for the greater good. Locals are saying that the two have been fighting all over Japan.

Not all gods seem to be creating storms because of "personal" problems. Heavy winds seem to be happening in India and Nepal. When Vayu was asked about why he was doing this, he responded, "I am a weather god, too."

Another god, Quetzalcoatl, formerly of the Aztecs, seems to be taking the weather as a chance to prove his worth, as well. Quetzalcoatl's statement on the matter was, "Even though people think my people are gone, I am still an important god and I will contribute to the wild weather until people see that."

Reports from other weather gods seem to share the same feelings as Quetzalcoatl. So, for next few weeks ahead, expect the worst of the worst. Change may occur faster if the weather god in your local neighborhood receives more prayers, sacrifices or thank you notes.

## Who's the Real King of the Animal Kingdom?

### A MYTHIC DEBATE

GABRIEL GLIDDON

Nüwa, the creator goddess of all living species has revealed that the chicken did not only come before the egg; it also came six days before the human. Thus leaving us with the question: Do the gods favor the animals more than us? So, I decided to interview a few of the most well-known gods of our time. I began with interviewing Epimetheus, a Greek god of living creation. According to the Titan, "All of my creations were of amazing physique, and physical capabilities. They were all deemed as 'animals' by my brother's creations but they did in fact come before you mortals did." Which quickly lead me to interview his brother Prometheus, in hopes to get a little bit more into the other side of this debate.

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**CHICKENS** really are a superior life-form. Given the importance of eggs in many Creation stories, mankind should not hesitate to worship these beautiful creatures.

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### POLICE BEAT:

Medusa has turned yet another mortal to stone Totaling 6!! She is not supposed to go into public because people are continuously turning to stone. She can't help herself, she gets lonely. Medusa will be in Mythology Jail for the next 2 weeks as a repercussion. There are lots of mixed thoughts from the gods in the immortal world. Some think she deserves to serve time but others disagree. The people she turned to stone this past week were 4 teens and 2 adults. We will have updates on the victims' families soon.

### Cerberus and Charon

Why would you think that?

Fetch, ya' dumb dog.	Are you the Grim Reaper?!	Nah, I'm Charon. What gave you that <u>impre</u> ...	...ssion?



### THE GOOD EGG

Have you been craving for a universal breakfast, one that will fill you up from the beginning of time to the end. Something that's a little bit better than the egg and I but still specializes in the most important of all breakfast foods: eggs.

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**\*Pangu not included\***