HE IMMORTALS of the Ancient Greek pantheon can be divided into roughly eight classes.

THE FIRST of these were the PROTOGENOI or First Born gods. These were the primeval beings who emerged at creation to form the very fabric of universe: Earth, Sea, Sky, Night, Day, etc. Although they were divinities they were purely elemental in form: Gaia was the literal Earth, Pontos the Sea, and Ouiranos the Dome of Heaven. However they were sometimes represented assuming anthropomorphic shape, albeit ones that were indivisible from their native element. Gaia the earth, for example, might manifest herself as a matronly woman half-risen from the ground; and Thalassa the sea might lift her head above the waves in the shape of a sea-formed woman.

THE SECOND were the nature DAIMONES (Spirits) and NYMPHAI who nurtured life in the four elements. E.g. fresh-water Naiades, forest Dryades, beast-loving Satyroi, marine Tritoness, etc.

THE THIRD were the body- and mind-affecting DAIMONES (Spirits). E.g. Sleep (Hypnos), Love (Eros), Joy (Euphrosyne), Hate (Eris), Fear (Phobos), Death (Thanatos), Old Age (Geria), etc.

THE FOURTH class consisted of the THEOI (Gods) who controlled the forces of nature and bestowed civilised arts upon mankind.

THEOI OURANIOI (Sky Gods). E.g. Helios (Sun), Anemos (Winds), etc.
THEOI HAIIOI (Sea Gods). E.g. The Nereides, Triton, Glaukos, etc.
THEOI KITHONIOI (Underworld Gods). E.g. Persephone, Hekate, etc.
THEOI GEORGIKOI (Agricultural Earth Gods). E.g. Ploutos, etc.
THEOI NOMIOI (Pastoral Earth Gods). E.g. Pan, Aristaion, etc.
THEOI POLIOI (City Gods). E.g. Hestia, Eumonia, etc.
THEOI OLYMPIOI (Olympian Gods). E.g. The Mousai, Hebe, etc.
THEOI TITANES (Titan Gods). E.g. Themis, Kronos, Prometheus, etc.
APOTHEOFTHENAI (Deified Mortals). E.g. Herakles, Asklepios, etc.

THE FIFTH were the 12 OLYMPIAN GODS who governed the universe and commanded the legions of lesser gods and spirits. They were, namely, Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter, Artemis, Apollo, Ares, Athena, Aphrodite, Hephaistos, Hermes, Dionysos, and Hestia.

THE SIXTH of the immortals were the spirits of the CONSTELLATIONS which circled the heavenly night sky. Every constellation, including the twelve signs of the Zodiac, was possessed of one or more spirits EG Saggittarius was the centaur Kheiron, Gemini the Dioskouroi Twins, etc.

THE SEVENTH class consisted of the fabulous MONSTERS, BEASTS, GIANTS of myth. They were semi-divine creatures, closely related to the gods. E.g. GIGANTES (Giants), DRAKONES (Dragons), Kentauroi (Centauurs), Kerberos (Cerberus), Sphinx, Sirens, etc.

THE EIGHTH were the HEROI HEMITHEOI (Semi-Divine Heroes) who were worshipped after death as minor divinities. They included great heroes like Akhilleus, Theseus and Perseus; heroes such as Alkmene, Helene and Baubo; and founding kings like Erikhthonios, Kadmos and Pelops.

There were many divinities in the Greek pantheon who fell into more than one of these categories. Tykhe (Lady Fortune), for example, can easily be classified under category Two as an Okeanis Nymph. Three as fortune personified, and Four as a popularly worshipped goddess.

1) THE TWELVE OLYMPIAN GODS

The Greek Pantheon was ruled by a council of twelve great gods known as the Olympians, namely Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Demeter, Athene, Hephaistos, Ares, Aphrodite, Apollo, Artemis, Hermes, Dionysos, and sometimes Hestia.

These twelve gods demanded worship from all their subjects. Those who failed to honour any one of the Twelve with due sacrifice and libation were duly punished. Directly and through a host of divine minions the Twelve gods governed all aspects of human life.

ZEUS

Modern Spellings: Zeus (En, Fr, Es, It) Roman Name: Jupiter, Jove
Animals: Golden eagle, Wolf Plants: Oak, Celery Iconography: Lightning bolt, Lotus staff, Eagle, Oak wreath

POSEIDON

Modern Spellings: Poseidon (En), Poseidon (Fr), Poseidon (Es), Poseidon (It)
Roman Name: Neptunus (Neptune)
God of: King of the Seas, Rivers, Earthquakes, Horses Parents: Titan Kronos & Titanis Rhea Spouse: Amphitrite Offspring: Triton, others see pg 2 (below)
Animals: Horse, Bull, Dolphin Plants: Seaweed, Pine Tree Iconography: Trident, Fish

HERA

Modern Spellings: Hera (En, Es), Héra (Fr), Era (It) Roman Name: Juno
Goddess of: Queen of Heaven, the Sky, Women, Marriage, Impregnation Parents: Titan Kronos & Titanis Rhea Spouse: Zeus Offspring: Ares, Hephaistos, Eileithya, Hebe, others see pg 2 (below)
Animals: Cuckoo, Peacock, Crane, Hawk, Cow (Heifer), Lion Plants: Chaste Tree, Pomegranate Iconography: Lotus staff, Crown, Lion

DEMETER

Modern Spellings: Demeter (En), Déméter (Fr), Demètér (Es), Demetra (It) Roman Name: Ceres
Goddess of: Agriculture, Grain & Bread, The Afterlife Parents: Titan Kronos & Titanis Rhea Spouse: None Offspring: Persephone, Ploutos, others see pg 8 (below)
Animals: Serpent, Swine, Gecko
Plants: Wheat, Barley, Poppy, Mint
Iconography: Grain Sheaf, Lotus Staff, Torch, Cornucopia

**APOLLO**

Modern Spellings: Apollo (En, It), Apollon (Fr), Apol (Es)
Roman Name: Apollo
God of: Music, Prophecy, Education, Healing & Disease
Parents: God Zeus and Titanis Leto
Spouse: None
Offspring: Asklepios, others see pg 2 (below)
Animals: Swan, Raven, Mouse, Wolf
Plants: Laurel, Larkspur
Iconography: Lyre, Laurel wreath or branch, Bow & arrows, Delphic tripod

**ARTEMIS**

Modern Spellings: Artemis (En), Artémis (Fr), Artemisa (Es), Artemide (It)
Roman Name: Diana
Godess of: Hunting, Wild Animals, Children, Choirs, Disease
Parents: God Zeus & Titanis Leto
Spouse: None (Virgin Goddess)
Children: None (Virgin Goddess)
Animals: Deer, Bear, Wild boar, Guinea fowl, Quail
Plants: Cypress, Walnut, Amaranth-flower
Iconography: Bow & arrows, Hunting spears, Lyre, Deer

**ATHENE**

Modern Spellings: Athenas (En), Athéně (Fr), Atenea (Es), Atena (It)
Roman Name: Minerva
Godess of: Warecraft, Heroism, Counsel, Pottery, Weaving, Olives & Oil
Parents: God Zeus & Titanis Metis
Spouse: None (Virgin Goddess)
Offspring: None (Virgin Goddess)
Animals: Little Owl, Crow
Plants: Olive Tree
Iconography: Greek helmet, Aegis (Goat-skin breastplate), Spear

**ARES**

Modern Spellings: Ares (En, Es, It), Arēs (Fr)
Roman Name: Mars
God of: War, Battle, Manliness
Parents: God Zeus & Goddess Hera
Spouse: Perhaps Aphrodite
Offspring: Deimos, Phobos, others see pg 8 (below)
Animals: Serpent, Vulture, Woodpecker, Eagle-owl
Plants: Perhaps Manna Ash
Iconography: Helmet, Spear

**APHRODITE**

Modern Spellings: Aphrodite (En, Fr), Afrodita (Es), Afrodite (It)
Roman Name: Venus
Godess of: Love, Beauty, Pleasure, Procreation
Parents: God Zeus & Titanis Dione; or Born of the Sea-Foam
Spouse: Hephaisstos, perhaps later Ares
Offspring: Eros, others see pg 10 (below)
Animals: Turtle dove, Sparrow, Goose, Hare
Plants: Apple Tree, Rose, Myrtle, Myrth Tree, Anemone, Lettuce
Iconography: Eros (winged godling), Apple, Dove

Modern Spellings: Hermes (En, Es), Hermês (Fr), Ermes (It)
Roman Name: Mercurius (Mercury)
Parents: God Zeus & Nympha Maia
Spouse: None
Children: Pan, others see pg 9 (below)
Animals: Tortoise, Sheep, Cattle, Hawk
Plants: Crocus, Strawberry Tree
Iconography: Kerykeion (Herald's Rod), Traveller's Cap, Winged Boots

**HEPHAISTOS**

Modern Spellings: Hefhaestus (En), Héphaistos (Fr), Hefesto (Es), Efesto (It)
Roman Name: Vulcanus (Vulcan)
God of: Metalworking, Fire, Building, Sculpture, Vulcanism
Parents: Goddess Hera (no father)
Spouse: Aphrodite or Kharis
Offspring: See pg 6 (below)
Animals: Donkey, Crane
Plants: Fennel
Iconography: Hammer, Tongue, Anvil, Donkey, Crane-head

**DIONYSOS**

Modern Spellings: Dionyus (En, Fr), Dioniso (Es), Dionisio (It)
Roman Name: Liber, Bacchus
God of: Wine, Drunkenness, Madness, Parties, Vegetation, The Afterlife
Parents: God Zeus & Princess Semele
Spouse: Ariadne
Offspring: See pg 10 (below)
Animals: Leopard, Lynx, Tiger, Serpent, Bull, Goat, Donkey
Plants: Grape-vine, Ivy, Bindweed, Silver Fir
Iconography: Thyrsos (pine-cone tipped staff), Grapes, Ivy wreath, Leopard

**HESTIA**

Modern Spellings: Hestia (En, Fr, Es), Estia (It)
Roman Name: Vesta
Godess of: Home, Hearth, Family, Meals, Sacrificial offerings
Parents: Titan Kronos & Titanis Rheia
Spouse: None (Virgin Goddess)
Offspring: None (Virgin Goddess)
Animals: Swine
Plants: Chaste Tree
Iconography: Chaste tree branch, Head veil, Kettle

(II) KING & QUEEN OF THE DEAD

The thirteenth of the great gods was Hades, King of the Dead. Unlike the other 12, he was never titled Olympian, nor did he partake in the feasts of Heaven. Instead this lord remained ever enthroned within the gloom of the underworld.

**HAIDES**

Modern Spellings: Hadès (En, Es), Hadès (Fr), Ade (It)
Roman Name: Pluto, Dis
God of: King of the Underworld, the Dead, Death
Parents: Titan Kronos & Titanis Rhea
Spouse: Persephone
Offspring: See pg 1 (below)
Animals: Screech owl
Plants: Asphodel, Mint, White Poplar
Iconography: Cornucopia, Bird-tipped staff

**PERSEPHONE**

Modern Spellings: Persephone (En), Perséphone (Fr), Persefone (Es), Persefone (It)
Roman Name: Proserpina
Godess of: Queen of the Underworld, the Afterlife, Spring Growth, Grain
Parents: God Zeus & Goddess Demeter
Spouse: Hades
Offspring: See pg 1 (below)
Animals: Screech owl
Plants: Wheat, Narcissus, Black Poplar, Mint, Asphodel
Iconography: Eleusinian torch or torches, Wheat sheafs

**(3) OTHER IMPORTANT GODS**

The other Gods and Spirits of the Pantheon fell within the sphere of one or more of the twelve great Olympians. They essentially functioned as minions and, servants of the greater gods.

The most important of these gods appear below.

**HEKATE**

Modern Spellings: Hecate (En), Hécate (Fr, Es), Ecate (It)
Roman Name: Hecate, Trivia
Godess of: Witchcraft, Ghosts
Parents: Titan Perses & Titanis Aeterna
Spouse: None (perhaps a Virgin Goddess)
Offspring: See pg 1 (below)
Plants: Herbs, Asphodel
Animals: Dog, Weasel, Polecat
Iconography: Twin torches, Triple body

**THE 3 ERINYES (Furies)**

Modern Spellings: Erinies, Erinnyes (En, Fr), Erínias (Es), Ermné (It)
Roman Name: Furiae
Goddeses of: Punishment, Retribution
Parents: Progenous Ouranos & Progenos Gaia
Names: Alecto, Megara, Tisiphone
Animals: Poisonous serpent, Screech owl
Plants: Elm, Yew
Iconography: Serpentine hair, Poison serpents, Wings, Whip

**HELIOS**

Modern Spellings: Helius (En), Hélios (Fr), Helios (Es), Elo (It)
Roman Name: Sol
God of: the Sun
Parents: Titan Helos & Titanis Thea
Spouse: Rhode
Offspring: Phaethon, others see pg 3 (below)
Animals: Rooster, White Horse
Plants: Heliotrope, Frankincense
Iconography: Aureole (sun crown)

**GAIA**

Modern Spellings: Gaea (En), Gaia (Fr, Es), Gea (It)
Roman Name: Terra, Tellus
Goddess of: the Earth
Parents: None (Emerged at Creation)
Spouse: Ouranos
Offspring: Ouranos (Sky), Pontos (Sea), the Titans, the Erinies, the Kyklopes, the Hekatonkheires, the Gigantes, others see pg 1 (below)
Animals: -

Plants: -
Iconography: Half risen from earth

**RHEA**

Modern Spellings: Rhea (En, Fr), Rea (Es, It)
Roman Name: Ops
Godess of: Mother of the Gods, Motherhood, Mountains
Parents: Progenous Ouranos & Progenos Gaia
Spouse: Kronos
Offspring: Zeus, Poseidon, Haides, Hera, Demeter, Hestia
Animals: Lion
Plants: Silver Fir
Iconography: Turret crown, Lions

**THEMIS**

Modern Spellings: Themis (En), Thémis (Fr), Temis (Es), Temi (It)
Roman Name: Themis
Godess of: Custom, Order, Prophecy
Parents: Progenous Ouranos & Progenos Gaia
Spouse: Zeus
Offspring: Horai, Moirai, others see pg 1 (below)
Animals: -
Plants: -
Iconography: Delphic tripod

**LETO**

Modern Spellings: Leto (En, Es, It), Létó (Fr)
Roman Name: Latona
Godess of: Motherhood, Womanly Demure
Parents: Titan Koitos & Titanis Phoibe
Spouse: None (consort of Zeus)
Offspring: Apollo, Artemis
Animals: Rooster, Weasel (Ichneumon)
Plants: Date Palm
Iconography: Head veil

**PAN**

Modern Spellings: Pan (En, Fr, Es, It)
Roman Name: Faunus
God of: Herds & Flocks, Mountain Wilderness
Parents: God Hermes & Nymphe Penelopeia
Spouse: Aix
Offspring: See pg 1 (below)
Animals: Goat, Sheep
Plants: Pine Tree, Reeds
Iconography: Pan-pipes, Goat legs, Horns

**EILEITHYIA**

Modern Spellings: Ilithyia (En), Iliythe (Fr), Ilitia (Es), Ilizia (It)
Roman Name: Lucina
Godess of: Childbirth, Pregnancy & Labour
Parents: God Zeus & Goddess Hera
Spouse: None
Offspring: See pg 1 (below)
Animals: Weasel (Ichneumon)
Plants: -
Iconography: Raised hands

**EROS**

Modern Spellings: Eros (En, Fr, Es, It)
Roman Name: Cupidus (Cupid), Amor
God of: Love, Sexual Desire
Parents: Goddess Aphrodite & (father variously named)
Spouse: Psyche
Offspring: See pg 1 (below)
Animals: Hare
Plants: Apple, Rose, Myrtle
Iconography: Wings, Bow & arrows, Torch, Myrtle wreath

**AMPHITRITE**

Modern Spellings: Amphitrite (En), Amphitérite (Fr), Amphitría (Es)
Roman Name: Amphitrite
Godess of: Sea, Water, Fish, Fishermen
Parents: God Poseidon & Goddess Danae
Spouse: Poseidon
Offspring: Amphion, Zetes, Ovid, Neptunus (Neptune)
Animals: Dolphin, Fish, Seagull
Plants: Lemon, Rose, Myrtle
Iconography: Sea shells, Fish, Nymphs, Dolphins

**EURYNOME**

Modern Spellings: Eurynome (En), Eurïnome (Fr), Euertyme (Es)
Roman Name: Euryáno(s)
Godess of: Oceans, Rivers, Lakes
Parents: God Poseidon & Goddess Danae
Spouse: Poseidon
Offspring: Oceanus, Oceanides (Sea Nymphs), Oceanid (Sea Queen)
Animals: Fish, Seagull
Plants: Lemon, Rose, Myrtle
Iconography: Sea shells, Fish, Nymphs, Dolphins

**AEGLE**

Modern Spellings: Aegle (En), Aigle (Fr), Aigle (Es)
Roman Name: Aegle
Godess of: Winds, Storms, Weather
Parents: God Zeus & Goddess Hera
Spouse: Aigle
Offspring: None
Animals: Breeze, Wind, Storm
Plants: None
Iconography: None

**AEGIS**

Modern Spellings: Aegis (En), Aigis (Fr), Aigis (Es)
Roman Name: Aigis
Godess of: Shield, Defense, Protection
Parents: God Zeus & Goddess Hera
Spouse: Aegis
Offspring: None
Animals: None
Plants: None
Iconography: None
Modern Spellings: Amphitrite (En, Fr), Anfitrite (Es, It)  
Roman Name: Salacia  
Goddess of: Queen of the Sea, Sea Life (fish, shellfish, sea-mammals)  
Parents: Sea-God Nereus & Nympha Doris  
Spouse: Poseidon  
Offspring: Triton, others see pg 1 (below)  
Animals: Dolphin, Fish, Seal  
Plants: Seaweed  
Iconography: Dolphin, Fish, Pinched fingers

ASKLEPIOS

Modern Spellings: Ascleptus (En), Asclépios (Fr), Aselepio (Es, It)  
Roman Name: Aesculapius  
Goddess of: Medicine, Healing  
Parents: God Apollo & Princess Koronis  
Spouse: Epione  
Offspring: See pg 1 (below)  
Animals: Serpent  
Plants: Herbs, healing  
Iconography: Serpent-entwined staff

THE 9 MUSES-Muses

Modern Spellings: Muses (En, Fr), Musas (Es), Muse (It)  
Roman Name: Musae  
Goddesses of: Music, Song, Dancing, the Arts  
Parents: God Zeus & Titanis Mnemosyne  
Names: Kleio, Euterpe, Thaleia, Melpomene, Terpsikhere, Erato, Polyhymnia, Ourania, Kalliope  
Animals: Dove  
Plants: -  
Iconography: Lyre (cithara & barbiton), Laurel wreath, Scroll-chest, Scroll

THE 3 KAI RITES-Graces

Modern Spellings: Charites (En, Fr), Cárites (Es), Carite (It)  
Roman Name: Gratiae  
Goddesses of: Joy, Mirth, Beauty, Adornment, Festivities, Dancing  
Parents: God Zeus & Titanis Eurynomy  
Names: Aglaia, Euphrosyne, Thaleia  
Animals: -  
Plants: -  
Iconography: Dancing circle

THE 3 HORAI-Seasons

Modern Spellings: Horae (En), Heures (Fr), Horas (Es), Ore (It)  
Roman Name: Horae  
Goddesses of: the Seasons, Law, Good Order, Peace  
Parents: God Zeus & Titanis Themis  
Names: Eirene, Dike, Eunomia  
Animals: -  
Plants: Fruit trees  
Iconography: Branches of fruit & blossoms, Basket of fruit, Cornucopia

THE 3 MOIRAI-Fates

Modern Spellings: Moirae (En), Moires (Fr), Moras (Es), Moire (It)  
Roman Name: Parcae  
Goddesses of: Fate, Destiny  
Parents: God Zeus & Titanis Themis  
Names: Klotho, Lakheis, Atropos  
Offspring: None (Virgin goddesses)  
Animals: -  
Plants: -

Iconography: Spinning spool, Thread, Shears

HERAKLES THEOS

Modern Spellings: Heracles (En, Es), Hércules (Fr), Heracle (It)  
Roman Name: Heracles  
Goddess of: Defender against Evil  
Parents: God Zeus & Princess Alkmene  
Spouse: Hebe  
Offspring: Numerous mortal offspring  
Animals: -  
Plants: White Poplar  
Iconography: Lion skin cape, Gnarled club

Zeus

King of the gods and ruler of Mount Olympus; god of the sky and thunder. Youngest child of the Titans Cronus and Rhea. Symbols include the thunderbolt, eagle, oak tree, scepter and scales. Brother and husband of Hera, although he had many lovers. First Generation. Roman Name: Jupiter

Hera

Queen of the gods and the goddess of marriage and family. Symbols include the peacock, pomegranate, crown, cuckoo, lion and cow. Youngest daughter of Cronus and Rhea. Wife and sister of Zeus. Being the goddess of marriage, she frequently tried to get revenge on Zeus' lovers and their children. First Generation. Roman Name: Juno

Poseidon

Lord of the seas, earthquakes and horses. Symbols include the horse, bull, dolphin and trident. Middle son of Cronus and Rhea. Brother of Zeus and Hades. Married to the Nereid Amphitrite, although, like his brother Zeus, he had many lovers. First Generation. Roman Name: Neptune

Dionysus

God of wine, celebrations and ecstasy. Patron god of the art of theatre. Symbols include the grapevine, ivy, cup, tiger, panther, leopard, dolphin and goat. Son of Zeus and the mortal Theban princess Semele. Married to the Cretan princess Ariadne. The youngest Olympian, as well as the only one to have been born of a mortal woman. Second Generation. Roman Name: Bacchus

Apollo

God of light, music, poetry, prophecy and archery. Symbols include the sun, lyre, bow and arrow, raven, dolphin, wolf, swan and mouse. Twin brother of Artemis. Youngest child of Zeus and Leto. Second Generation. Roman Name: Apollo
Hermes

Messenger of the Gods; god of commerce and thieves. Symbols include the caduceus (staff entwined with two snakes), winged sandals and cap, stork and tortoise (whose shell he used to invent the lyre). Son of Zeus and the nymph Maia. The second-youngest Olympian, just older than Dionysus. He married Dryope, the daughter of Dryops, and their son Pan became the god of nature, lord of the satyrs, inventor of the panpipes and comrade of Dionysus. Second Generation. Roman Name: Mercury

Athena

Virgin goddess of wisdom, handicrafts, defence and strategic warfare. Symbols include the owl and the olive tree. Daughter of Zeus and the Oceanid Metis, she rose from her father’s head fully grown and in full battle armor after he swallowed her mother. Second Generation. Roman Name: Minerva

Ares

God of war, violence and bloodshed. Symbols include the boar, serpent, dog, vulture, spear and shield. Son of Zeus and Hera, all the other gods (excluding Aphrodite) despised him. His Latin name, Mars, gave us the word “martial.” Second Generation. Roman Name: Mars

Aphrodite

Goddess of love, beauty, and desire. Symbols include the dove, bird, apple, bee, swan, myrtle and rose. Daughter of Zeus and the Oceanid Dione, or perhaps born from the sea foam after Uranus’ blood dripped onto the earth and into the sea after being defeated by his youngest son Cronus. Married to Hephaestus, although she had many adulterous affairs, most notably with his brother Ares. Her name gave us the word "aphrodisiac." Either Second or from the Titan generation. Roman Name: Venus

Hephaestus

Master blacksmith and craftsman of the gods; god of fire and the forge. Symbols include the fire, anvil, ax, donkey, hammer, tongs and quail. Son of Hera, either by Zeus or alone. After he was born, his parents threw him off Mount Olympus, and he landed on the island of Lemnos. Married to Aphrodite, though unlike most divine husbands, he was rarely ever licentious. His Latin name, Vulcan, gave us the word “volcano.” Second Generation. Roman Name: Vulcan

Demeter

Goddess of fertility, agriculture, nature, and the seasons. Symbols include the poppy, wheat, torch, and pig. Middle daughter of Cronus and Rhea. Her Latin name, Ceres, gave us the word cereal.” First Generation. Roman Name: Ceres