

Classical Mythology

LLCU 316.010/080



Class 3

Succession Myths

Up Next:

The Creation of Humans

Ages of Man

Prometheus

Reading for Thursday

Classical Mythology 84-112

Topic:

The Age of Zeus and the First Humans

*Note: For students using earlier textbook editions, there is now a 10th edition text available for short term loan at the Morris Library

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Winter 2019

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EXPLORE COURSES:

LLCU 330:
Victors and Spoils
Competition in Ancient Greece

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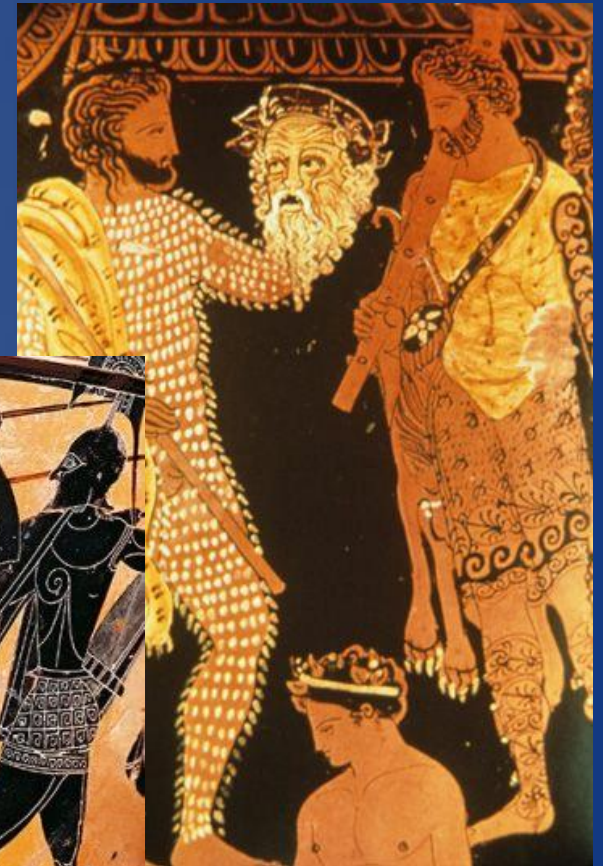
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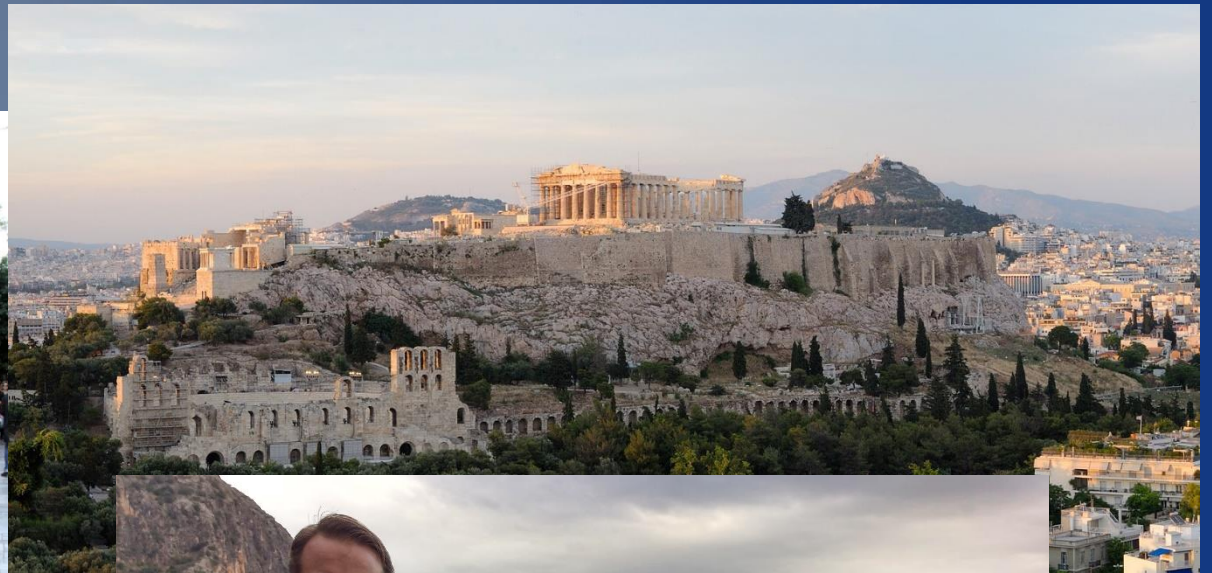
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Victors and Spoils: Competition in Ancient Greece



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Victors and Spoils: Competition in Ancient Greece



Interest Meetings:

- Monday, February 19 (1-2 pm); Gore 310
- Wednesday, February 28 (2.30-3.30 pm); Gore 310
- Monday, March 12 (3.30-4.30 pm); Gore 310

Key Themes:

Seizing and Maintaining Power

Ancient Anthropology

(What are we and where did we come from?)

Theogony

(the birth and succession of the gods)

Three Important Successions:

- (1) Uranus and Gaia/Ge (Heaven and Earth)
- (2) Kronos (aka Cronos) and Rhea (Titans)
- (3) Zeus and Hera (Olympians)

Three Important Interpretations:

- Parallels between divine and human worlds (e.g. in both there are struggles for power)
- Replacement of other beliefs (e.g. an old god “Kronos” might have been replaced by a new god “Zeus” in beliefs)
- Underlying psychological concerns (child surpassing the parent)

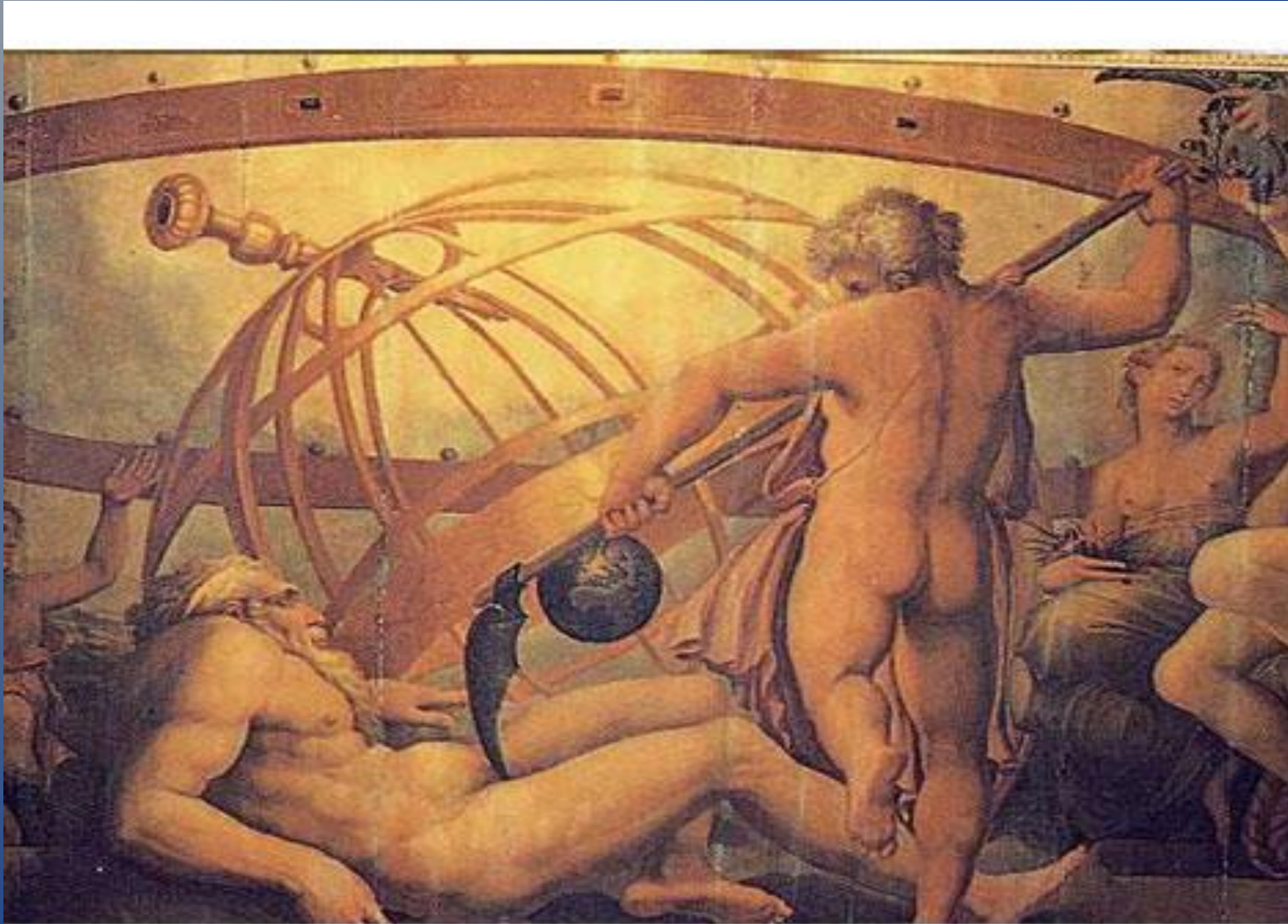
The Rule of the Titans

Gaia (Earth) was angry at Uranus (Heaven) for locking away her children in Tartarus.

She therefore devised a plan with her son Kronos.

The Rule of the **Titans**

The Castration of Uranus



The Sickle of **Adamant**

www.greek-gods

The Rule of the Titans

And the birth of **Aphrodite**



Born from the castrated testes of Uranus
mixed with the sea washed upon Cyprus

The Rule of the Titans

And the birth of Aphrodite

‘This has been her allotted province from the beginning among men and immortal gods:

the whispers of girls; smiles; deceptions;
sweet pleasure; intimacy; and tenderness’

The Rule of the Titans



Echidna: Half woman, half snake
(from Ceto and Phorcys)

The Rule of the Titans



Cerberus
(from Typhon and Echidna)

The Rule of the Titans: Children of Kronos and Rhea, AKA the Olympians

‘Hestia, Demeter, and gold-sandalled Hera,
mighty Hades who lives under the earth,
merciless of heart, and the booming Shaker
of the earth [Poseidon], and Zeus the
resourceful, father of gods and men, under
whose thunder the broad earth is shaken.’

Children (Olympians) of Kronos and Rhea eaten by Kronos (a Titan)



The Rule of the Titans (Kronos)

The final child **Zeus** hidden away



'Father Zeus' hidden away on Crete



'Father Zeus hidden away on Crete: **Amalthea** (the goat), and the Curetes (protectors)



JUPITER.
1.— La naissance de Jupiter.

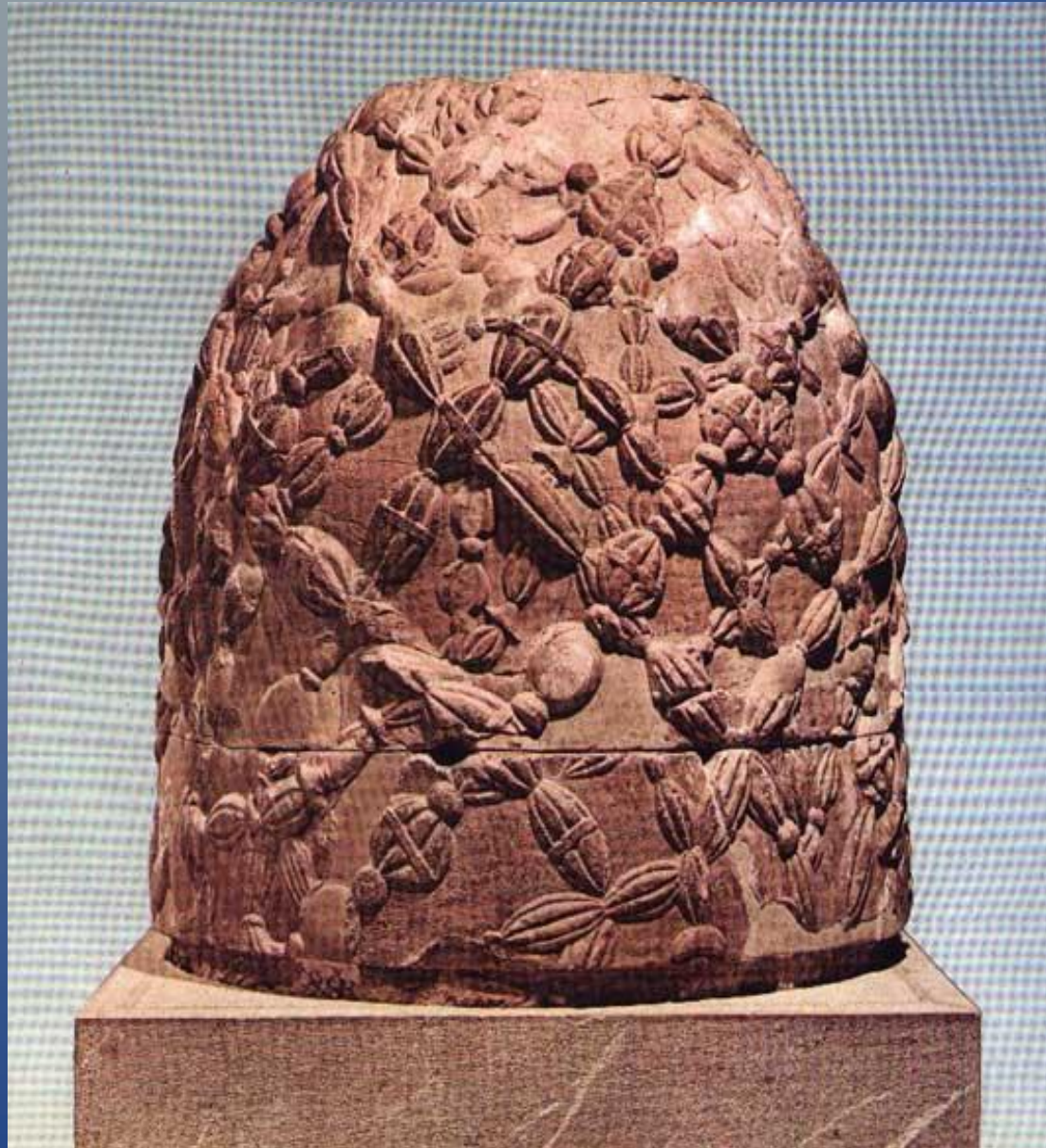
Produits Liebig,
force et saveur de la viande.

Reproduction interdite.

Explication au verso.

Kronos and the Olympians: Zeus causes Kronos to regurgitate siblings





‘**Omphalos**’ Stone,
Delphi, Greece

(stone given to
Kronos by Gaia)

Delphi, Greece The Centre of the World



<http://www.nationsonline.org/maps/Political-Mediterranean-Region-Map.jpg>

Children of Gaia Freed: Cyclopes assist Zeus



Zeus and his Thunderbolts



Parallels: Special *Tokens* of the Powerful



Titanomachy (Titans vs. Olympians) A Ten-Year War

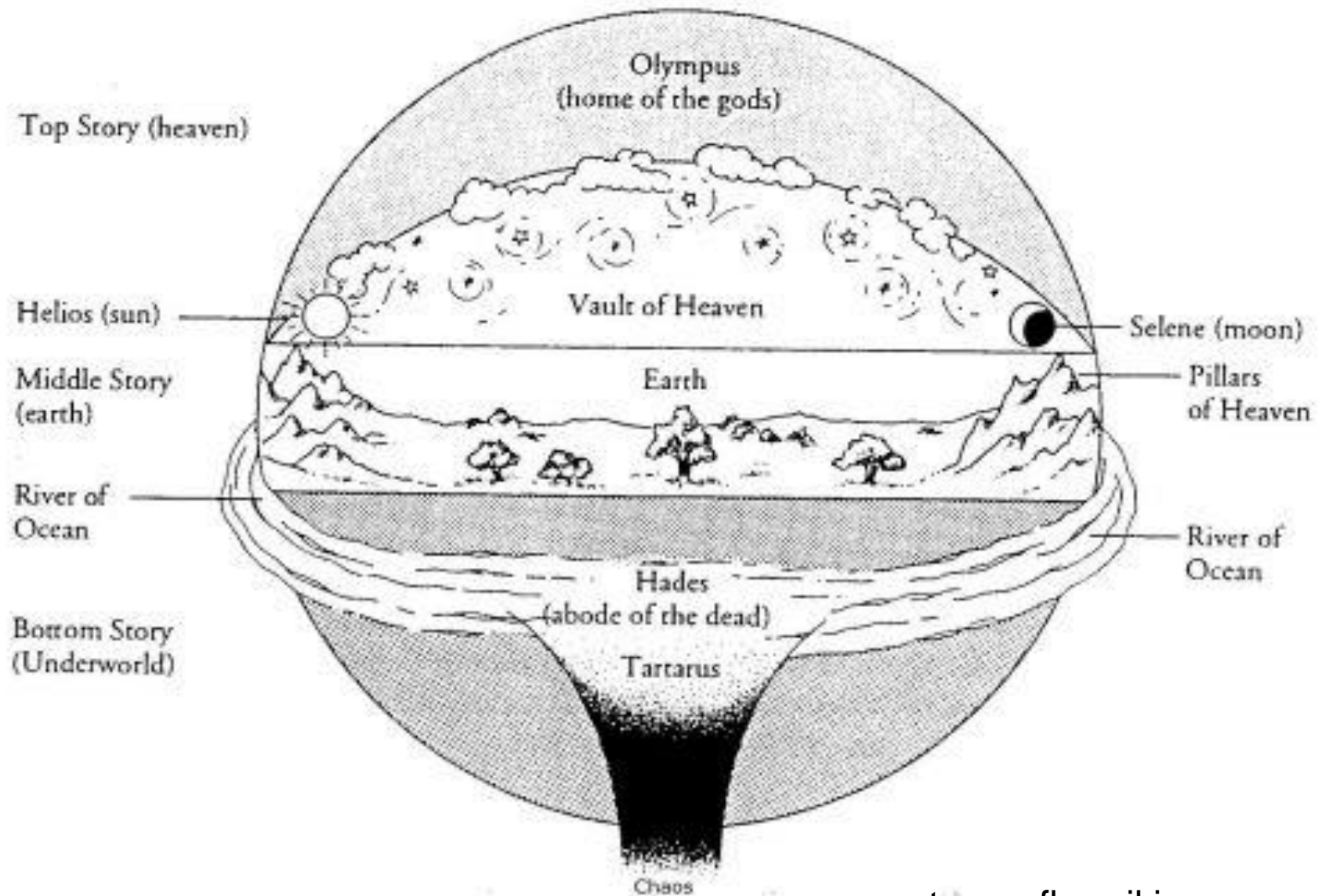


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Zeus' promise: anyone who sides with us will have a share in the victory

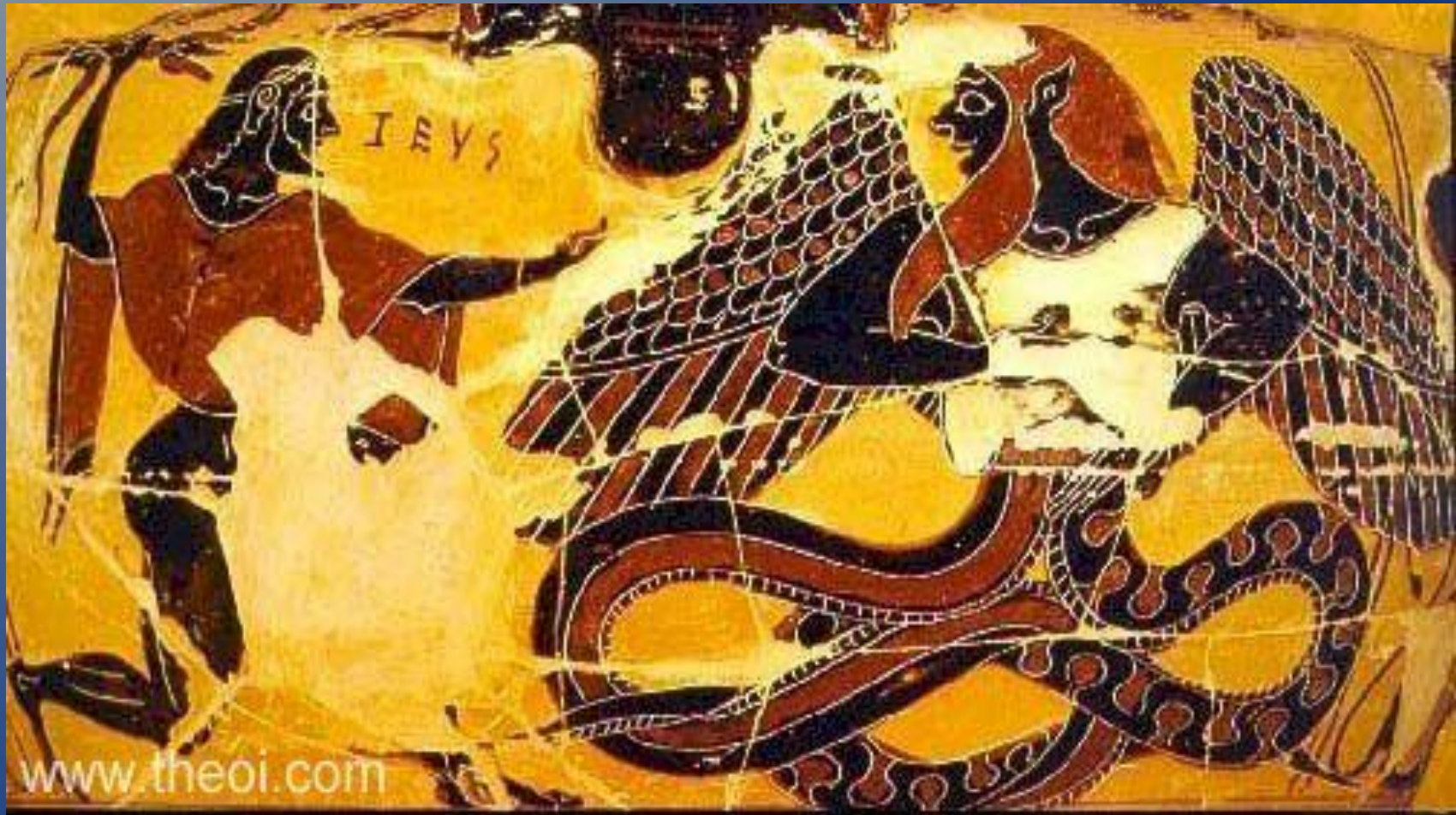
Tartarus: most Titans cast down



The Titan Atlas: Received Special Punishment for His Role (General of the Titans in the Titanomachy)



Gigantomachy:
“Battle of the Giants”
Typhoeus (last son of Gaia) and Zeus



Typhoid Microbe



http://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0803/1725/products/typhoid-fever-giant-microbes-_5B2_5D-5086-p_grande.jpeg?v=1427812994

The Age of Zeus: Asserting Power

Prelude: Some Theoretical/Historical Background

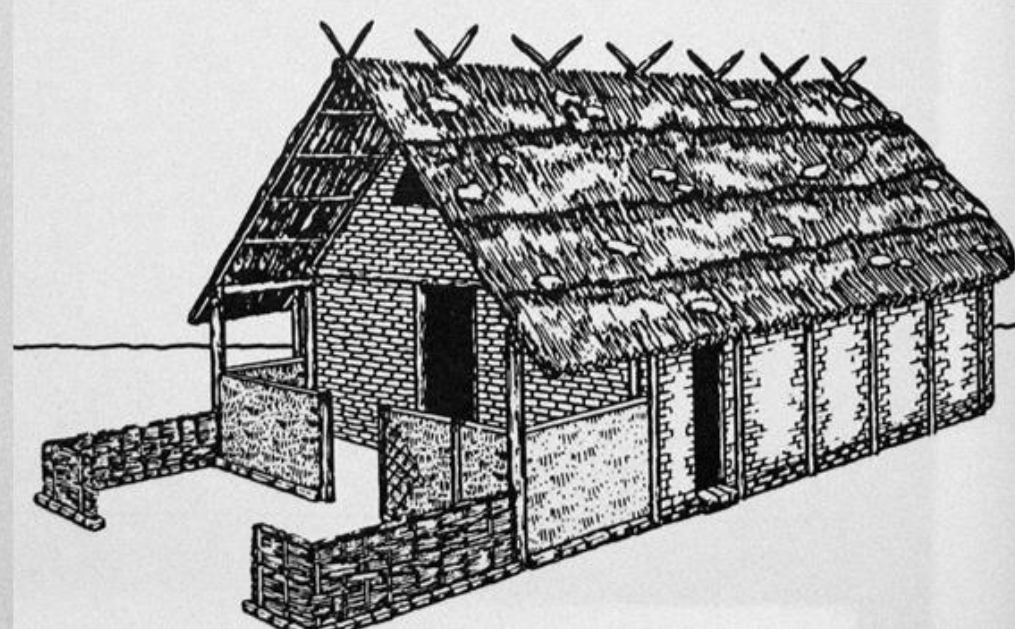


Walter Burkert on Creation of the Divine

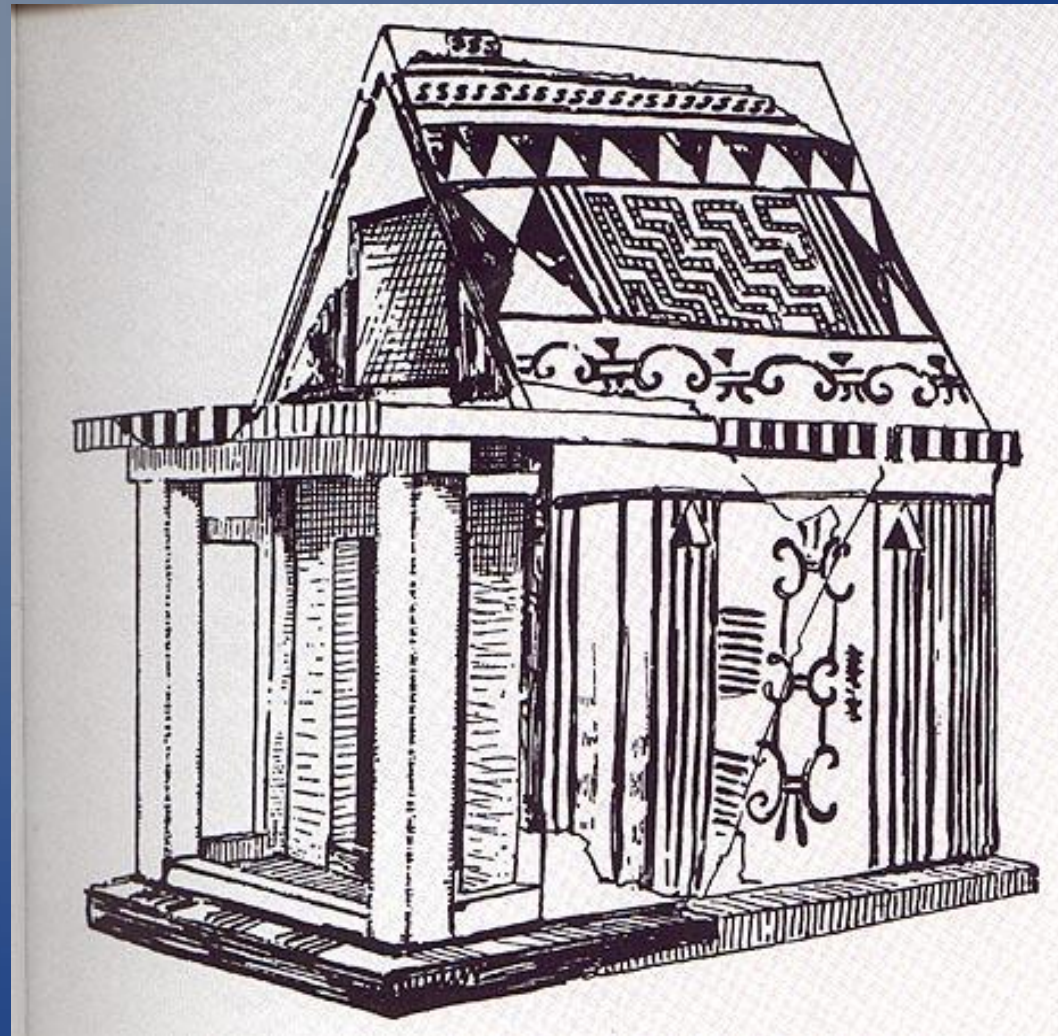
- Humans follow ancestors in “looking up” to find those more powerful
- the inevitable extension of this for him is that when the highest branch is found, humans “construct” and cast the highest power(s) into the sky



Center of Community



Later Mycenaean Megaron Shrine (i.e. a “proto-temple”)

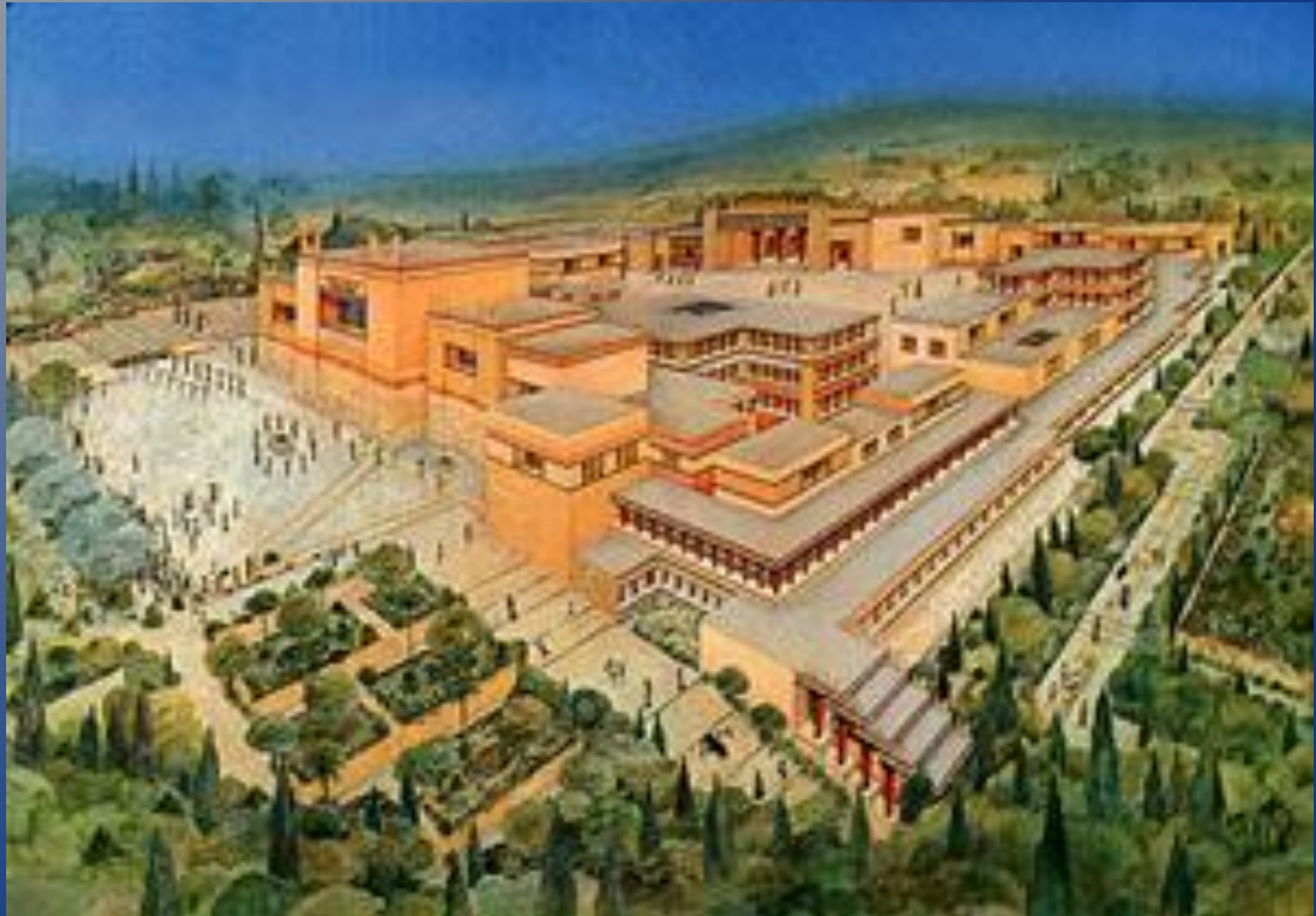


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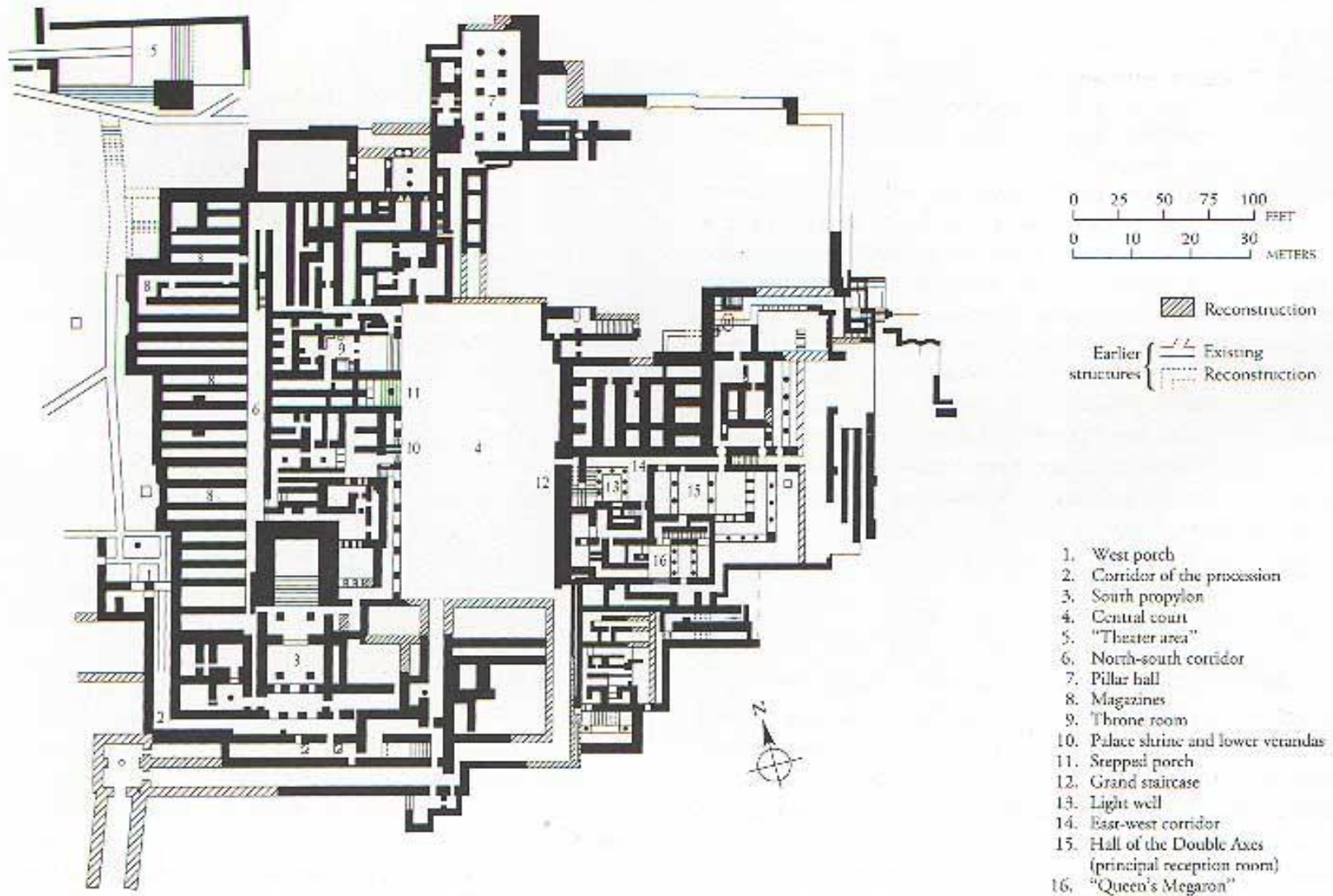
Bronze Age Greece



Bronze Age Greece: City of Knossos, Crete (ca. 1500 BCE)



Bronze Age Greece: City of Knossos, Crete



Bronze Age Greece: Minotaur



Bronze Age Greece: *Labrys* (Double-axe)



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Bronze Age Greece: 'Snake Goddess'

