

The Myth of Prometheus



- *The Anthem*

Prometheus = Foresight

Prometheus was a Titan from Greek myth. His siblings include his twin brother Epimetheus, Menoetius, and Atlas, all of them Titans.

His father, Iapetus, led a revolt against the Gods. Menoetius and Atlas joined their father, while Prometheus and Epimetheus joined the Gods.

Menoetius was killed during the revolt and Atlas was given the weight of the world to bear for his actions.



The two surviving brothers journeyed to Boitia (Greek province) and made clay figures. Athena took the figures and breathed life into them.

Prometheus had created man out of the figures, and Man honored him. Epimetheus created beasts, and then turned and attacked him.

This angered Zeus, and he forbade the two from teaching Man the ways of civilization. Athena, though, taught these ways to Prometheus so he could teach Man.



Zeus was even more angered, and he forbade Prometheus to give fire to man.

Prometheus knew man would not survive in the cold, so he was determined to cross Zeus and help man survive.

Prometheus gives the coals to man, thus
providing them with the “spark of life.”

Prometheus lit some coal, and carried the hot
coals down the mountain in a fennel stalk so
nobody could see what he was doing.

With the help of Athena, Prometheus snuck into
Olympus, made his way to the Chariot of the Sun,
and lit a torch from the fires.

Pandora was sent to Prometheus as a gift from Zeus.



The box was filled with all the horrors of the world.

Zeus was angered and decided to set a trap for Prometheus. He gathered the gifts of the Gods and created Pandora and her box.

Prometheus knew this was a curse, so he refused the gifts. He gave it to his brother who opened the box and released all the horrors of the world.

Because of his refusal of the gift, Zeus had Prometheus chained to a rock where he was going to be tortured.

Everyday, a great eagle would come to Prometheus and eat his liver, leaving only at nightfall when the liver would begin to grow back once more. At daybreak, the eagle would return to the chained Prometheus and again attack his body, eating his liver. The ritual would repeat itself for eternity....



Zeus offered to free Prometheus if he would tell the secret of the prophecy that told of the dethroning of Zeus one day.

Prometheus refused.

However, since Prometheus's mother knew the answer and she was tortured by her son's punishment, she told Zeus the secret.

Zeus sent Heracles to free Prometheus,
but Prometheus still had to be bound to
a rock for the rest of his life.



*So, how will this relate to
Equality?*

