

Classical Myth

Lifelong Learning Course

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syllabus

1. **Backgrounds:** ancient Mediterranean religions; what is a myth?

2. *Minoan*, *Mycenaean*, & Phoenician myth as *retold* by the fussy Greeks

3. *In the Beginning* . . . Hesiod & the creation of the world
(Gaia, Titans, Giants, Gods, mankind)

4. *Homeric tales*, the greatest stories ever told,
including Homeric hyper-texts
(i.e. click on the name of the goddess in one myth, and spiral off in a new narrative direction)

5. *Olympians* and their stories

6. lesser ^{gods} and **Heroes** and their stories

7. unhappy families--the myths of ancient Drama: the tragedy of the human condition, or
“The greatest griefs are those we cause ourselves”

8. *Other Greco-Roman myths*
(Chthonic, Dionysian, Orphic, Philosophic/Scientific)