

ROMAN GODS

Mars was the God of War. His favorite animals, often found on his battlefields, were the vulture and the dog or wolf.

Mars' emblem was a spear and a burning torch. He loved violence and bloodshed.

Venus was the Goddess of love and beauty, Venus conquered every heart she sought. Besides being the Goddess of Love, Venus was also the protector of gardens and flowers. She punished people who defied her power by turning them into a rock.

Cupid, the God of Love, inspired love by piercing hearts with gold-tipped arrows. To produce the opposite effect he used arrows tipped with lead. He always carried a bow and quiver of arrows, and was often presented in images and statues with his eyes covered to depict the blindness of his actions.

Minerva was gentle, fair and thoughtful and was the Goddess of wisdom and skill. She was also the Goddess of storms and the thunderbolt, and the Goddess of War but she favoured only defensive war.

The owl, cock, and crow were sacred to her, as was the olive tree which she created. Minerva invented the flute and rejoiced in music which calmed her.

Mercury was the God of trade and thievery. Mercury was a beardless youth with winged shoes fastened to his ankles, and a winged cap on his head. Also the God of Cunning and Trickery, Mercury was the Messenger of the Gods. Mercury had a wand, twined by snakes and surmounted by wings, that possessed magical powers over sleeping, waking, and dreams.

Diana is the Goddess of the Moon. She was a gentle god and a healer of ills. She also protected animals from injury and carried a bow and a quiver full of arrows. She loved music, and dancing.

Pluto was the God of the underworld and was evil and enjoyed taking people to hell. He looked like the Devil.

Jupiter was king of the Gods. He was mighty and strong and overcame the titans by blinding them. At the Council of the Gods Jupiter was chosen Sovereign of the World. His first act as King of the Gods was to condemn Atlas to bear the heavens on his shoulders. Jupiter used lightning to punish his enemies, and wore a breastplate that depicted a storm cloud. His special messenger was the eagle

Juno, was the Goddess of the light and sky. Juno was quick to anger and let out storms and thunder. Apollo was the god of the sun and medicine. He used to fly across the sky in a golden chariot drawn by white horses.