

Venus and Mars - "Good" vs. "Evil"?

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Mars, less complex, represents:

Whole world systems hurtling into ruin

Death, pain, strife, war, disease (like the plague with which Lucretius ends his poem),
and so on

As to Mars, that's the type of conclusion I am questioning. The tendency now is to see Mars as wholly negative, whereas it does not appear that he was viewed in such a wholly negative way in Greco-Roman mythology. Are these conclusions about Mars what we are reading into Lucretius because of our current views, or did Lucretius view Mars exactly the same way we do? Is Mars something always to be feared and hated, or something to be accepted and viewed as natural, and channeled into productive ways when possible, as Venus apparently sometimes worked with Mars in mythology?