

Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses Positive Attributes

Post by “Kalosyni” of May 10, 2025 at 1:31 PM

Since the Epicureans did attend and celebrate the monthly festivals, perhaps they focused on the positive attributes, and according to [PD01](#): "That which is blissful and immortal has no troubles itself, nor does it cause trouble for others, so that it is not affected by anger or gratitude (for all such things come about through weakness)".

Here's a list of their positive strengths (from Google search):

- **[Zeus \(Jupiter\)](#)**: King of the gods, god of the sky, law, and order, often associated with strength and justice.
- **[Hera \(Juno\)](#)**: Queen of the gods, goddess of marriage, childbirth, and family, known for her protectiveness and strength.
- **[Athena \(Minerva\)](#)**: Goddess of wisdom, strategic warfare, and crafts, embodying intelligence and skill.
- **[Apollo \(Apollo\)](#)**: God of music, healing, arts, and light, associated with beauty and inspiration.
- **[Aphrodite \(Venus\)](#)**: Goddess of love, beauty, and desire, embodying grace and passion.
- **[Demeter \(Ceres\)](#)**: Goddess of agriculture, fertility, and the harvest, symbolizing abundance and nurturing.
- **[Hephaestus \(Vulcan\)](#)**: God of fire, metalworking, and craftsmanship, known for his skill and innovation.
- **[Hermes \(Mercury\)](#)**: Messenger of the gods, god of travel, trade, and hospitality, representing swiftness and communication.

Post by “Joshua” of May 10, 2025 at 2:33 PM

Somewhere buried deep in the records of this forum is a link to an article making the argument for the preferability of polytheism over monotheism, but I cannot find it at present.

[This](#) book by Jonathan Kirsch looks promising. And I know we've talked about [The Darkening Age](#) by Catherine Nixey before as well.

More Olympians:

Poseidon, Ares, Hestia or Dionysus (depending on who and when you ask), and Artemis.

Hades was not an Olympian, but his power rivaled that of Poseidon, who was second in strength after Zeus.

I really recommend Stephen Fry's [Mythos](#) audiobooks! You should at least do yourself the favor of listening to the first chapter here:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=_SWwZq-K1O0&pp=0gcJCdgAo7VqN5tD

Post by “Godfrey” of May 10, 2025 at 3:14 PM

Jumping threads here, but I see that Aphrodite is "Goddess of love, beauty, and desire, embodying grace and passion." Not sure of the relevance to that thread, but that seems to put desire in quite pleasurable company. I admit that's a very shallow view, oversimplifying the matter. But it seems worth pointing out.

Post by “Cassius” of May 11, 2025 at 7:10 AM

[Quote from Godfrey](#)

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Excellent point Godfrey!