

# Entrance essay



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Andromeda is a herm pillar

St. George defeats a dragon = paganism is replaced by Christianity

Perseus travels to the axis mundi (which is always a narrow passageway)

He attends Hippodameias marriage where he uses the gorgon head  
(transmutation of Athena) and changes

the dinner guests into stone (herm pillars)

He changes the whole nature of Mycenae of the Old Minoan tradition into the  
age of Zeus

The meaning of Mycenae is changed to mushroom, from what it had once  
been named after the sisterhood

The liminal hero has moved forward to Zeus role

Another story of Perseus (backwards version)

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His dads name is Proitos, and moms name is Strong Cow (Queen)

Proitoss daughters are named as the sisterhood of Proitides

The Proitides start itching because of the oestral cycle and they become  
cows

They encounter Perseus and tear him to pieces

Another Perseus

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His name is Bellerophon, which means killer of Belleros

He also rides on Pegasus just like Perseus

He comes to Strong Cows city

Strong cow gets the oestral itch and falls madly in love with Bellerophon

He keeps away from her

The queen lies to her husband Proitus and says that Bellerophon had raped her

Proitus gives Bellerophon a letter that tells him to go to Africa= underworld

Bellerophon goes to Africa and then is sent on a mission to find a deadly beast named Chimaera that is

composed of a lion with a tail of a serpent.

He is successful in finding the Chimaera.

And during his mission he sleeps with many women from the underworld.

While riding on Pegasus, Pegasus smells the mares on heat on Mt. Olympus and rushes to get there.

Bellerophon falls from Pegasus and is maimed.

He wanders in the midst of Asia.

Hercules (in Greek= Herakles)

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If one is moving towards and Olympian identity, they should leave behind their physicality.

Herakles gets his name from Hera, sinister name named after the goddess.

The false etymology of the name means killer of Hera, or the great queen's finger guy.

He leans on a pillar and is the pillar guy of the goddess.

He is associated with the entheogen of the club= the trunk of the olive tree; lion skin; archery = toxins; and

cup of wine

Antias

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He is the one who greets you when you come to the underworld.

He is an African who has a close association with mother earth, and is chthonic.

When you get to the underworld, you must wrestle with Antias

The contestants wrap themselves around each other, which is the antithetical version, they love and hate

each other at the same time

To defeat him you must raise him into the air, because when you throw him to the ground he gets stronger.

Triton

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antithetical version of what Hercules is

He must wrestle with Hercules

The fish guy

Birth of Hercules

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Dad= Amphitriton and Mom= Alkeme (strong woman)

They were cousins from Mycenae.

Amphitriton kills Alkmenes uncle and they are in exile and they are forced to go to Thebes @ the base of

the great mountain.

Amphitriton drops off Alkeme at Thebes and goes to the far west to fight with the Teleboans.

Zeus sleeps with Alkeme disguised as Amphitriton many times in one night

On the same night Amphitriton comes back and sleeps with Alkmene

Alkemene has twins, Hercules is the son of Zeus, and Iphikles is the son of Amphitriton

When Hercules is nine months old, Hera send serpents to kill him

Hercules rescues his weakling brother, Iphikles and Athena appears as the anima.

At this time, Amphitriton notices the difference between his two sons.

Since gods belong in the wilderness, Hercules is set on the mountain outside of Thebes.

Athena tricks Hera into nursing Hercules, and Hercules bites her nipple, causing a stream of milk to flow

into the sky becoming the Milky Way.

Hercules fight with the Lion

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The lion skin is Hercules emblem.

He encounters the Lion at Nemias which is a place associated with the old religion.

The lion lives in a cave that opens into the underworld.

Lion (Nemean Lion) is the consort of the goddess, and is associated with shamanism

Hero changes this entheogen from the old meaning to the new, which requires a hallucinogen.

It is harder to break the addiction from capturing the lion as you go deeper into the cave.

Spring of Lerno

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Opens up the underworld which is the stronghold of Hera.

100 mouths of water move up into the sky.

Hydra is a water monster that has 100 heads (suggestive of a plant)

As you cut off the heads of the Hydra more heads pop up,

You must play against nature herself to defeat the hydra

You must cauterize the heads so they don't grow back.

Eolaos= Hercules sidekick and the son of Iphicles, nephew of Hercules.

Hera tricks Zeus

She tricks him by making an agreement that whoever is born nine months after a certain date will inherit the

Olympian tradition.

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Zeus thinks that the child who will be born on that day is Hercules and agrees to her proposal.

Hera fastens the birth of Eurystheus born from Strong Cow, and delays the birth of Hercules from

Alkemene.

And at the appointed time Eurystheus is born instead of Hercules.

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He returns our midterms and the class is only 30 minutes long.

Every time he does his labor, he gains Olympian heritage and every site that Hercules goes to is a strong

hold of the old tradition and religion. He changes them to the tradition of Zeus => Apollo is jealous because

Hercules might be the better son of Zeus.

In all of these episodes, Herakles must travel to the underworld; always has an anima or animus; and is

always fighting another version of himself.

Herakles labors (total: 12)

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1) Defeating the Hydra with the help of Eolaos

2) He tames Kerberos the bitch who is the guardian of the underworld. It has 3 heads and a serpentine tail

and is associated with wolfsbane (sinister connotations: poison). Hercules captures and tames it by bringing

it out of the underworld. Hercules is later infected by the toxin, wolfsbane that reverses the hybridizing of

wolves. Hermes, the anima, helps him leave the underworld.

3) Capturing the boar of Mt. Eremonthos

4) He gets rid of all the long necked birds that infest the Stymphalion Lake.

5) He must capture the reindeer that turns into an olive tree once it crosses the border. The reindeer is a

female deer that grows horns. As he chases it he cannot shake the addiction, which means that the reindeer

has a botanic identity. After he captures the reindeer, he must pluck the golden horns. The horns, once

across the border, turn into an olive tree, and is said to be the third of the first olive trees (Delos, and the

one made by Athena are also considered to be the first olive trees).

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6) At Mt. Eremonthos, there are many centaurs who engage themselves by drinking and brawling. Hercules

tries to kill some of these wild centaurs and accidentally shoots Cheiron (the good centaur). Cheiron

becomes intoxicated and crazy, but since he is immortal he cannot die.

Hercules frees Prometheus who

creates a cure that ultimately kills Cheiron and rescues him from his pain.

7) Diomedes has a couple of mares that eat human flesh. Hercules feeds Diomedes to these mares.

8) He fights against the Amazon women.

9) He wrestles with the Great Cretan bull (consort of the goddess/cow queen) whom he encounters in

northern Greece.

10) He battles cattlemen.

11) Apples of Hesperides: He sends Atlas (holds earth separated from Heaven) into the garden to pick the

apple

12) He cleans the stable of Algea at Olympus.

Origin of Centaurs:

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Ixion, a crazy man, believes that he could make love to Hera. But instead of having sex with Hera, he has

sex with her mirror image Nephele cloud. The child of Ixion and Nephele is named Centaur (he may not

have been a centaur). Centaur mated with a horse, and produced more centaurs.

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Augeias= shining person.

By using the power of nature and reorienting the river, Hercules is successful in cleaning up the stables at

Augeias

The fertile plain that results is sacred to the goddess and is located on the west shore of the Northern

Peloponnesus.

Olympia

The most sacred buildings are closer to the hill commemorating the goddess.

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The Great Alter of Zeus: here, the sacrifice is given to the god by burning the inedible parts (the past

identity of the gods) and sending the smell and incense, leaving the ashes behind.

The whole Olympian family contributed to this pile of ashes, burnt at different locations from Zeus alter.

Temples are made of colonnades with a porch, either in the front or the back with a central chamber. All

temples must be approached from the eastern side.

The artist, Phidias, made a sculpture of Zeus with sheets of ivory and his clothing was made of gold. Lions

and other female symbols are placed beneath him to show the subservient nature of women. In one hand, he

holds his favorite daughter, Athena. He gives Athena to the winners of contests. The victors are the only

ones allowed in the temple.

Herakles planted the first olive tree in Olympia, and founded Olympia.

After claiming the prime land for Zeus, he should have received something, instead, Apollo received the

spot on the building inscribed next to Hippodameias marriage.

There is another Hippodameia who was the daughter of the previous king of Olympia named Oynomaos

meaning crazy. Oynomaos made everyone who courted Hippodameia to race against him. If the courter lost,

he would be hanged. The 12th one of the courters, Pilaps, wins because Merciles sides with Pilaps and

replaces Oynomaos wheel with wax. Oinomaos dies and Pilaps rescues Hippodameia and marries her.

Olympia could have also been founded by Pelops

Pilaps and his ivory shoulder

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Tantalos, Pelops dad dined with the gods, and one day served his son to the gods. The gods refused to eat

the food, and put Pilaps back together. Demeter had nibbled on Pilaps shoulder and that part was replaced

by a piece of ivory. Everyone who came after Pilaps also had ivory as his shoulder. Tantalos is put in the

underworld and is tormented by food.

There was another Hippodameia whom Hercules rescues. (there are many Hippodameias in the world

because all it means is horse woman).

Temple of Hera

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It is an old temple because the goddess feels supreme. A particular stone replaced the wooden columns

because they had rotted. There is a disc that still remains @ the apex of the roof.

The wall that surrounds Olympia marks off the sacred ground from the profane.

The roundness of one of the structures was in the shape of a tholos as well as a bee hive. It was in between

Hera and Zeus temple.

Herotus Attikus who gave Athens the theatre, gave a fountain to Zeus near the Kronian hill given in the

name of his wife Queeny.

The place where the contests are held where there are no bleachers.

Sports At Olympia

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The goal is to overcome female and mother nature. It takes place in the nude, and women are not allowed to

be present. One lady had disguised herself as a man to see her family members perform in the contests.

They discovered her, but let her stay since her family members were victors.

Athletics are done to music

thus gracefulness and strength are both important. There was no respect for the loser and the winning family

could justify aristocracy from the gods. Only wealthy people could really fight originally. Later the city

would sponsor an athlete to train to fight at these competitions.

Pentathletes were people who competed in

five events.

Weightlifting (defying the force of gravity)

Jumping with hand weights (must learn to trick nature by using the rock to jump further)

Wrestling (agnostic erotic embrace)

Boxing (gloves channel the force of nature and is weighted).

Discus Throwing

Javelin throwing

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## Running

Racing with animals (the owner, not the rider gets the glory for the victory)

There was a contest for women at the Temple of Hera where the women race called the Festival of Hera.

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## Marriage

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The Marriage moment puts the heroes career on the line. During a marriage, females often revert to female

dominance even though they are determined to be docile. (An example is seen in the theatres when women

were not allowed to go. But during the Hellenistic Age, women gained their powerful role again). Women

stumble upon their power bases.

## Hercules 2 Marriages

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1) Megara = miss chambers (can be seen in Euripides play)

2) Deianeira (can be seen in Sophocles play)

Euripides Play

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Herakles has his two fathers Zeus, and Amphitryon. Amphitryon cares for Hercules while Zeus does not

have the human love bond that the others possess. There is a saying that it is better to lose than to win, or it

is better to be human than divine. The audience who watches the play becomes emotionally involved and

cries and boos for characters. Megara says that there is no sense in trying to keep up a fight, when they

might as well be dead. She requests for them to be dressed for death when Lykos comes to kill them. Just in

time Hercules comes to rescue them, but because of Megaras love for Hercules, she reversed the world.

Hercules kills Lykos, but then he goes insane and kills his family through madness. He almost kills his dad,

but Athena stops him by throwing a stone at him. It would not have been good if he had killed his human

father, because he would have lost touch with the human world.

Lyssa = madness = the she wolf = the madness of rabies reverses the course of evolution.

Theseus buries Hercules under Athens and becomes the founder of Athens.

Sophocles Play

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Deianeira is frightened of men because she is at puberty and views men to be bestial and wanting sex.

Hercules saves her from these bestial serpent men. But shes still scared because Hercules is gone for a long

time and she feels as if she is being used. On their marriage night they were crossing a river where they

meet a centaur named Nessos. Hercules shoots poison at him and while he is dying he gives Deianeira a

potion that he says to give to Hercules if she wants control.

Hercules has sex with Omphale. Omphale is a very dominant woman, and wears the lion skin while

Hercules is made to wear a dress.

Hercules brings home a group of women that he raped. One of them is Eolae who is a princess who has no

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voice. As soon as Deianeira sees her, she believes that her beauty will cause her pain. As a result she uses

the potion by sprinkling it on some female clothing and giving it to Hercules.

Hercules is intoxicated and

Deianeira kills herself so as not to be killed by Hercules himself.

When he comes back 2 Africans attack him because they did not see any blackness on him. But

unfortunately Hercules had a black (hairy butt). He hangs them upside down.

Hercules plans his own funeral cuz he knows that hes going to die. Hercules directs his son to marry Eolae,

which adds more confusion, and he is burned after dying so he can ascend to Olympia.

Theseus

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Theseus = set = settled on a stone = herm OR he puts stones down to settle a place by burying pollution

beneath it.

Peirithoos = Theseus sidekick and best friend. They met at the marriage of Hippodameia.

These guys liked each other so much that they wanted to have a double wedding. Theseus wanted the Helen

of Troy (a powerful woman who married 5 men and didnt have sex with people before she married them).

Peirithoos wanted Persephone whom they abduct. They also abduct the Amazon women and Theseus took

one as his wife.

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Theseus is responsible for refounding Athens (made it patrilineal).

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King of Athens at that time = Aegeus = the goat man= the goat consort of the goddess is having trouble

getting a son.

Children of Pallas had the claim to the throne. Aegeus goes to Delphi (the great conduit, the cosmic axis

between the world and the underworld) and asks the priestess how he should get a son. The priestess

answers Dont untie the wine sack until you get home.

@Corinth there is a spring of the owl maiden.

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Aegeus encounters the great witch Medea = queen who comes from Africa.

Medea loves a man named Jason whom she has sex with, but he decides to marry the princess at Corinth

instead of marrying Medea. Aegeus shows up and Medea wants revenge. She takes revenge by killing her

children and thus Jason also dies. She trades the answer for Aegeus riddle to get a place to stay after she

does her deed. The answer that she provides is that Aegeus is a goat, and that he should not have sex till he

gets home to have sex with her.

Entrances to the underworld are usually very beautiful. King Pitthens = pine tree, puts Aegeus (whos drunk)

with his daughter Aithra = ether= a highly intoxicating liquid that turns to vapor. Aithra is a turncoat. She

walks across the plain and jumps into the water and makes it to Porous. She falls asleep and sleeps with

Poseidon on the same night as she sleeps with Aegeus. Aegeus placed two tokens underneath a rock, where

Aithra takes her son Theseus to when he reaches puberty. He receives a sword and one sandal.

After Aegeus goes home he sleeps with Medea and they have a child named Medos ( who will later be the ancestor of the Persians), named after the queen.

Theseus 6 Labors

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The place where the labor occurs is usually a place of the old civilization.

1. Sinos the tree man who uses 2 trees to tear apart his victims.

2. Skeron he would ask u to tie his sandal and then push you off the cliff.

There after u fell, a huge turtle

would eat u.

3. Procrustes has a bed and if you visit him u must sleep there. If your penis is to long he cuts it shorter, and

if its short he stretches it out.

4. Encounter with the Bull at Crete

5. ?

6. ?

At Marathon he probably picked up his sidekick Perethous

Medea is a witch who knows that Theseus is coming and she knows that he will be a threat because he is the

son of the father. She makes a poison, but he does not drink it and birds drink it. Aegeus recognizes his son

and they fight a great battle for patrilinity in Athens.

At Crete there is still a stronghold of the old religion. 7 males and 7 females must be sent to Knossos to be

sacrificed, or actually dance with a bull. Theseus fights this bull.

Origin of the Bull

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Broadface = Europa = the queen of Africa (has a puffed up face like the Gorgon Medusa) She has an affair

with a bull who is actually Zeus in a disguise. She goes to the ocean with her sisters and is raped by this

bull. It is not really Zeus but th older version of zeus as the consort of the Queen. He may have used an

entheogen to swoon her away. She journeys on the bull across the waters being led by a bird with a long

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neck with Eros following them. Europa gives birth to Minos at Crete. Minos gets married to Pasiphae who

is the aunt of Medea. Pasiphae has estrual lust for a bull in Minos crowd.

Daidalos (a craftsman) helps her

by building a fake cow for her to climb into so that she can sleep with the bull. She gives birth to a child

who is half bull and half human = Minotaur.

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Umphae is a female version of Apollo

You do not drink from the golden cup, it is a ritual cup usually decorated with a theme.

Daidalos built a labyrinth to house the Minotaur and he too was held in captive in the labyrinth and made

wings with beeswax. Daidalos tells Icarus, his son, not to fly too high up because the wings were melt= this

gives the name Icarian see = myth of antagonism of fathers and sons

The palace of Minos was the place of the deadly dance.



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The myth is similar to the true history = form of labyrinth which is the emblem of the mother goddess and the womb passage.

Athens was one of the cities that had to make an offering. Theseus arranged to be chosen as one of the fourteen sacrificial victims

Minos with Theseus goes on a journey and throws a ring into the sea Theseus gets it proving that Poseidon

is his father

Theseus confronts the Minotaur.

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Herakles

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Is not identified with any particular city and is a very sad figure.

There is only one story in which he goes to Olympus where he refounds the whole world to a new religion.

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(Tragedy is a losing phase).

Hippolytus

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Theseus puts a curse on the son of Hippolytus and it becomes clear that he is Poseidon's son.

In Athenian plays the hero and the wife are played by the same person (doubling of roles).

Aphrodite is mad because Hippolytus is one-sided and is in love with Artemis. Aphrodite, and Thedra is

played by Artemis actor.

Thedra wants to be Artemis and be in love with Hippolytus. She does not want to live in the liminal world.

She wants to be Artemis but is forced to be Aphrodite. This all leads to the similar solution of fasting.

Theseus cannot have a Minoan wife, matrimonial son, and horse relatives.

The remedy is that Thedra commits suicide and Hippolytus is dragged to death by horses. Human is the

civilized form of worship.

Jason

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Yasum drug man and a witch = Hera in decline and Hera becomes an anima.

Jason takes her across the

river and loses her sandal. He is sent on a Heros quest to get the golden  
fleece.

Argo ship

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Argonauts. They fight the snake and get the golden fleece. Has the wife  
Medas.

Kadnis refounds the inside of Thebes and Dirce is the first founding of  
Thebes. He follows the cow, kills

the snake, plants the teeth and a crop of men grows. He gets Harmony as his  
wife.

Re-refounding of Thebes

Antiope founds the outside and has an affair with Zeus

Sons names are Anthean and Priapos. They kill Dirce saving their mother.

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The Final class will be on Dec. 8, 1999

You must know the mythology of Thebes.

Today he passed back our Persona papers.

Myth

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