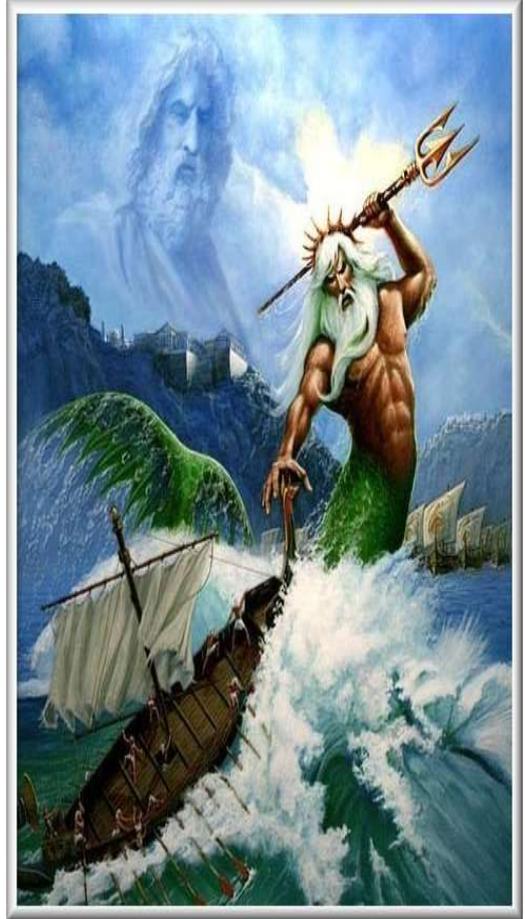
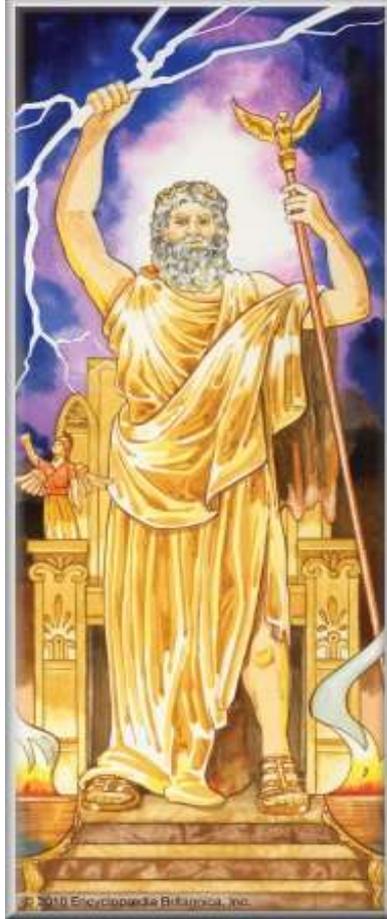
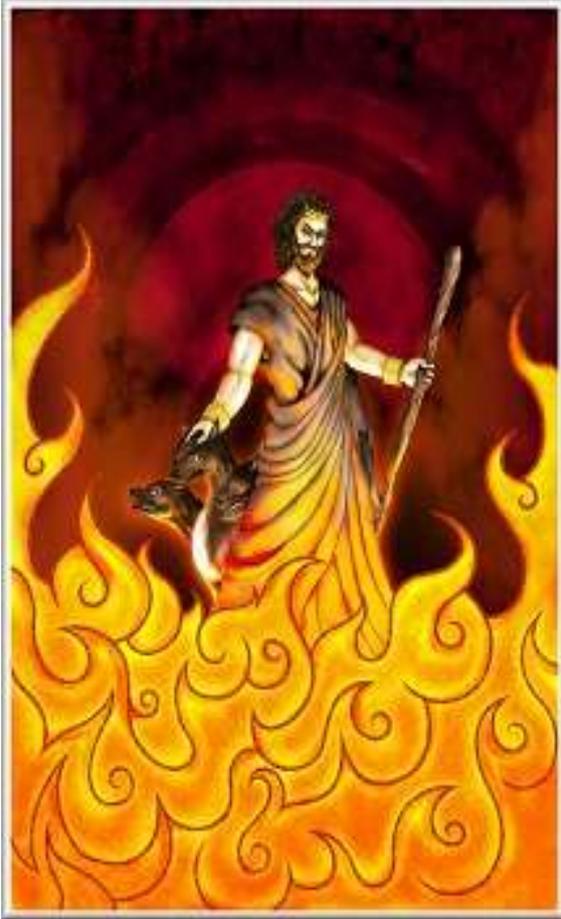


WAR OF THE GODS



Earlier this month, Gaia, the embodiment of the earth, died due to pollution, global warming, and the toxic gasses in the atmosphere. However, this has created a power vacuum that the three main Gods all want to fill. Zeus, Poseidon, and Hades have been debating in Olympus as to who should rule the earth, but none of them can agree. This has led to much fighting between them, but as their petty squabbling didn't achieve anything, Athena organised a battle to determine who should rule Earth once and for all.

Their armies are scattered across the globe, but the battleground selected is the base of Mt Olympus, Greece. Zeus's forces are based in California, USA, and will be heading across America, then crossing the Atlantic to arrive in Morocco, to go through Spain then Italy to reach Greece. Poseidon's army is based in the Indonesian islands, and will take a coastal route around India, Pakistan, and Iraq, and heading through the Suez Canal. Hades's forces are based in deep Eastern Siberia, and will take a route across Russia, through Belarus, Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria.

However, some nations are fed up with God's warmongering and hedonistic rule and believe that humanity has the power to defeat the Gods. After some African special forces freed Prometheus from his punishment on Mt Kilimanjaro, there has been a rising anti-God movement in Africa, led by Prometheus, South Africa, the DRC, Egypt and Somalia in a surprising show of strength and unity.

Furthermore, Charon, the Ferryman of the Underworld, has gone on strike over poor working conditions and he requested discussions with the UN to get them to meet his demands. He wants higher fees to be paid on each crossing, sick pay and paternity leave, and the hiring of more workers to better transport the dead. As he is on strike, the dead are all stuck on the edge of the river Styx, and eventually there will be too many of them and they will escape back to earth, wreaking even more havoc. Ferryman of the dead must volunteer willingly and work forever, so any new workers hired would be working until the end of all life on earth.

Helios, the God who brings the sun around the earth with his chariot, has been discovered to have made a deal with China to allow them control of the sun's movement. It is currently unknown what China offered Helios, but China is now using the sun to give them extra light to grow crops and power their solar energy plants. While China controls the sun, the rest of the earth has been in chaos due to extended periods of darkness.

Finally, after angering Demeter with their inability to properly control deforestation, the governments of Brazil, Germany and Australia have been transformed into various animals, such as Toucans, parrots, Kangaroos and wolves. They are currently kept safe in respective nations' zoos, but to get Demeter to change them back she must be appeased.

