

Ancient Men And Modern Myths

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In Greek, he is known as the most influential of all mortals and has more strength compared to other gods. Greek people believe he assisted Olympians in overcoming the giants and Zeus; the mortal son last in his line, a man given birth by a human woman to arise as a god upon his death. During the hot sun, he takes his bow and arrow to shoot the sun in the sky, showing a lack of wisdom and intelligence. A hero or a god is supposed to be a wise person to people on the right path. Shooting the sun with an arrow shows a lack of knowledge of the sun, as no one can reach the sky. His friends and cousin Theseus rule Athens, and Heracles always gets in trouble due to strong emotions. A leader is supposed to keep his feelings in check. If the person who is a god or a hero does not control his temper, the people who respect him will lose faith in his heroism. When people in the community quarrel, he should help them to settle their disputes. A hero is a role model to people in that community, which means if he is always angry, the people around him are still going to be angry. Heracles' pride is great, and he is easily offended, while he has an extraordinary mind and unforgiving heart, which makes him hold grudges. To forgive and forget is essential to a person's mental health. A hero who can't forgive wrongs done to him cannot be a mediator when disputes arise. For a hero to stay with people, he has to equip himself with ways in which he can forget evil things, as people will keep on doing a word against his wishes. A hero is required to humble himself. People despise a leader full of himself, and their tongue only speaks curses upon him. Pride does not take a person far but brings downfall upon him. Heracles loves wine and women in a way that is equal to his strength, and high deeds occur while doing penance for stupid acts when he is angry and careless. (Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar, 2017)^[1]

Wine and women make a hero lose a sense of himself. A leader who is immoral is a bad example to people, especially small children who aspire to follow his footprints. Drinking makes a person lose the ability to think straight, thus making many mistakes. Great love for women makes many men lose their path of being a leader and a god to the people. A significant number of Greek comedies showed his character as a muscle-bound Buffon. People in Greece view him as a violent man who is brutal and primitive because he chooses a massive club as his weapon and lion skin as a customary garment, inclusive of its head attached. Heracles threatened Apollo's priestess in Delhi when his answer was not forthcoming. Whatever a person demands and wishes for at times does not come to pass. A hero should be a patient person and not a violent person. Problems experience, he mostly brings them upon himself. Heracles sacrifices for his friends when they have questions or are in trouble (Symonds and John, 2015)^[2]. He takes himself to trial when he cools down out of action he did in an angry state. People did not force a punishment on him; he gladly takes it with courage, patience, and endurance, which shows he is a strong man. When terrible things happen that are not his fault, he overcomes them. Romans respect and value him as the hero that befits their community. In the early days, Heracles was viewed as a wrong person, but with time, people came to love and adore him. Some people in Greece worship him as a god.

Comparative Analysis

A myth is a belief of a particular community about something, for example, the Greek's notion of a god known as Heracles. Art is a way people express their imagination through paintings or sculpture. Literature and myth have a relation as people show their beliefs through the creation of paintings and sculptures. In Hindu communities, they have statues of gods and goddesses that they believe represent Ishvara. They make paintings and sculptures that they display on the walls of the Temple. The Hindu community worships these gods and believes that protection and good luck will come from them. This belief has existed for centuries, and even today, they still worship Ishvara. The Hindus also make these sculptures to represent their god and goddess in their homes to guide and give them protection.

Literature refers to items that have been published, like novels, plays, and poetry and myths are mostly distributed in books so that the generation to come can read. Without literature communities, belief will be lost forever. It is vital for upcoming productions to understand the origin and expectations of their ancestors. History defines where people and a country stand for a particular time. If myth is not recorded in books, the idea of firecrackers blowing on New Year's Eve to spook away evil spirits that the Chinese value very much might be lost forever. Books last for centuries compared to the lifespan of a human being. It's important to keep records of the community's beliefs as the future generation will read.

Pop culture is a short form word for popular culture, gives details of young people's tastes and the way they live, and it changes with time. The customs and practices of people vary with time, and so do their beliefs in things around them. As time passes and the new generation emerges, the way they perceive things changes. Their myth or belief changes with time as they believe they are in the late century and the past ideas are for old people. Philosophy is the understanding of nature theories, thoughts or knowledge, while myth is the initial thought or opinion of something that a community comes to believe. A belief in a city is influenced by a person, for example, a priest who they trust. Theories are not proven to be true, and neither is myth. (Binford and Lewis, 2014)^[3]

Video games are created to entertain a person, but in a more in-depth view, the person who creates them imitates something. A person who creates video games, for example, a video game showing Heracles fighting on the battlefield, shows communities believe that Heracles is a warrior. The person who is playing the game performs to demonstrate how a hero conquered his enemies. Animation (anime) are films with characters that are not real but drawn images like cartoons. Films are used to pass a myth or a belief to people, especially to small children, to understand a community's culture.

Comics is a type of entertainment that makes people laugh. Comics are sourced mainly from novels which contain myths from different communities. Feminism refers to equal powers and rights of women to men. People in different cities have different views of the place of a woman in society and the way they believe it originates from community history. Queer theory refers to a study of gender,

for example, sexualism; communities have different views on the sexuality of women. People practice passion that they believe goes along with traditional behaviour. Performance studies refer to concerts and theatrical events. In Japan, every year, they hold an event known as Women's Day or Obi, where women in their 20s tie a belt around their stomachs. The Japanese believe this belt protects a pregnant woman; this belief has been passed on for generations.

A myth is an integral part of every community and should be respected. Everything that people do or the way they live is related to a specific belief. Books and films are necessary to safeguard our culture and make sure it is not forgotten. The myth shows that people have come from a faraway place and served as a reminder of our ancestors.

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