

“WHO’S WHO IN THE ANCIENT HEAVENS”

ROMANS	GREEKS	God/Goddess of...
Aesculapius	Asklepios	the god of healing
Apollo	Apollo	the god of youth, music and prophecy (<i>twin brother of Artemis</i>)
Bacchus	Dionysus	the god of wine, merriment, madness and debauchery
Castor/Pollux	Castor/Pollux	the patron twin gods of sailors (<i>cf. Acts 28:11</i>)
Ceres	Demeter	the goddess of fertility and grain
Diana	Artemis	the goddess of the woods (Roman), moon, women and slaves <i>cf. Acts 19:35</i>)
Fortuna	Tyche	the goddess of farming (Roman) and good luck
Juno	Hera	the goddess of women, marriage and childbirth (<i>wife of Zeus</i>)
Jupiter	Zeus	god of the sky and thunder (<i>“father” of all the gods; cf. Acts 14:11-13</i>)
Mars	Ares	the god of war and bloodshed
Mercury	Hermes	the god of shopkeepers, thieves, eloquence (<i>the messenger of the gods; Acts 14:11-13</i>)
Minerva	Athena	the goddess of crafts and war
Neptune	Poseidon	the god of the sea and earthquakes
Venus	Aphrodite	the goddess of love
Vesta	Hestia	the goddess of the hearth and household activities
Vulcan	Hephaestus	the god of fire and smiths
JEWS	the One God who...	
YAHWEH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “...made the world and everything in it...” • “...is Lord of heaven and earth...” • “...does not live in temples...” • “...is not served by human hands...” • “...gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.” • “...made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth...” • “...determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling places...” • “...is not far from each of us...” • “...is NOT like gold or silver or stone or an image formed by art and imagination...” • “...commands all people to repent...” • “...has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has... raised from the dead.” [Paul’s description of Yahweh to the Greek philosophers in Athens, Acts 17:22-34] 	

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