

The Birth of a Hero

Retelling the myth
of Cadmus,
the 1st hero.



what is a hero?





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a person who is admired for their
courage, outstanding achievements
and noble qualities.

Hercules



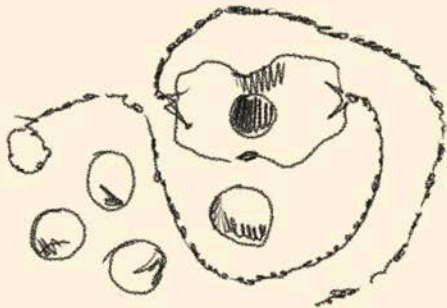
Peter Paul Rubens, Hercules and the Nemean Lion, late 18. 19 c.





David and Goliath. Painting by Osmar Schindler

David and Goliath





saint
george

Dragon-slayer



Cadmus

"The 1st Hero"

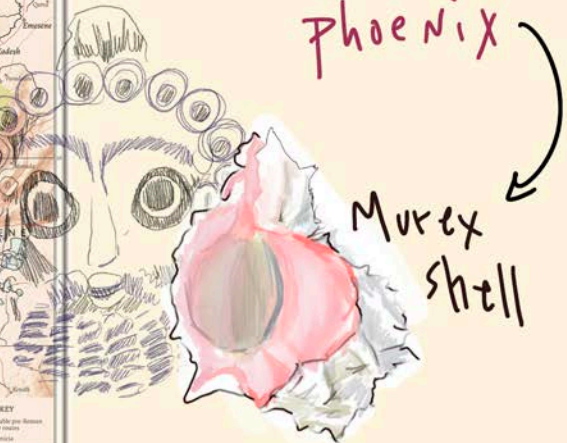
Phoenician*
Prince



Phoenicia

1200-1000 B.C

Phoenix



Murex shell

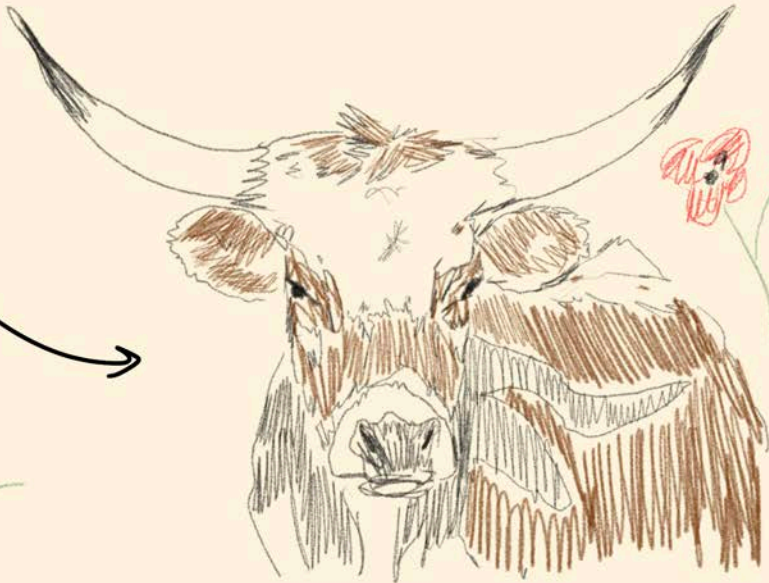
who started it?



← Europa

Princess of
Tyre

Cute
Bull
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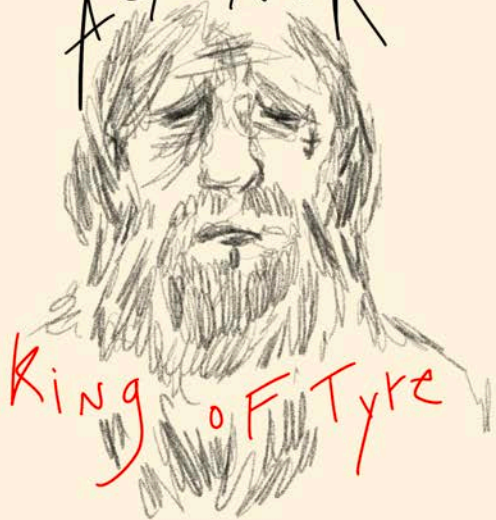


Europa und Cadmus

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AGENOR



King of Tyre

Father of
Europa,
Cilix, Phoenix
and Cadmus

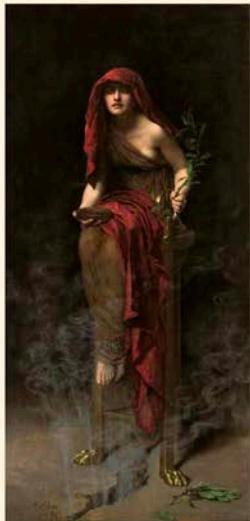
The adventure
begins...



The adventure
begins...
with no
luck.



< admrs, consults the oracle.*



priestess of Delphi
John Collier
1891

Oracle بِسْمِ اللَّهِ*

When he is lost, he humbly
seeks guidance.

Who do you go to for wisdom?

التواضع
Humility

a recognition of self in
relation to a deity and
subsequent submission
to that deity.

Follow this cow



Follow your

Fate
قدر

the development of events
outside a person's control,
regarded as predetermined
by a supernatural power.

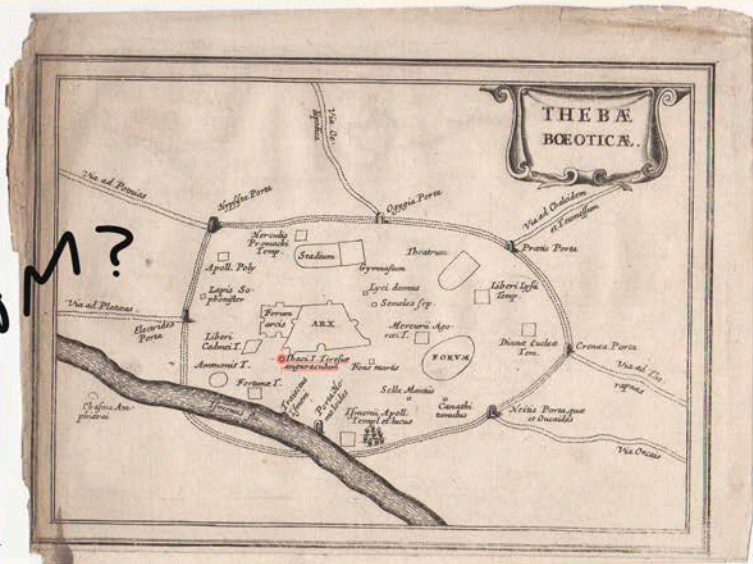
Faith ایمان

complete trust or
confidence in
someone or something

FAITH IS REWARDED



How
to build
a Kingdom?



Ancient Map of Thebes

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gratitude

the quality of being
thankful

#1

give sacrifice
to "Zeus"

god of gods
in ancient greece

Sacrifice: surrendering a possession
as an offering.

Spring of Ares



The ancient Spring of Ares, and cave of the Dragon, slain by Cadmus, Thebes, Greece.





heaven and hell dragon
Dürrer, 1498

Cadmus
slays the
Dragon*

did he ask who's
dragon it was?

شجاعة

COURAGE

The ability to control your
Fear in a dangerous or
difficult situation.



he had a
javelin too,
and **courage**
that was of
more use than
any weapon.
Metamorphosis, p. 75

Cadmus killing the serpent, from Ovid's
'Metamorphoses', Antonio Tempesta, 1606



Athena
goddess of
war and
wisdom
of Cadmus

SOW THE SEEDS
RAISE AN ARMY



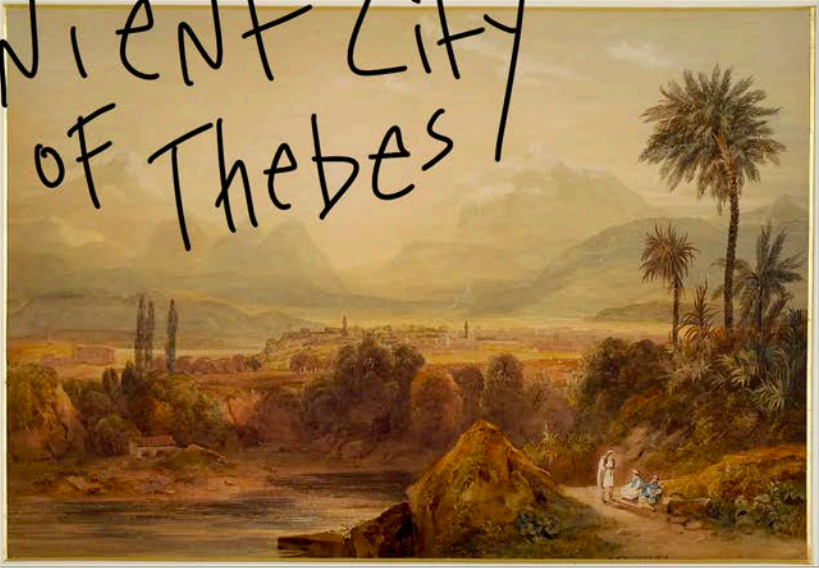
Jacob Jordaens (1693-1678)

Cadmus and Athena

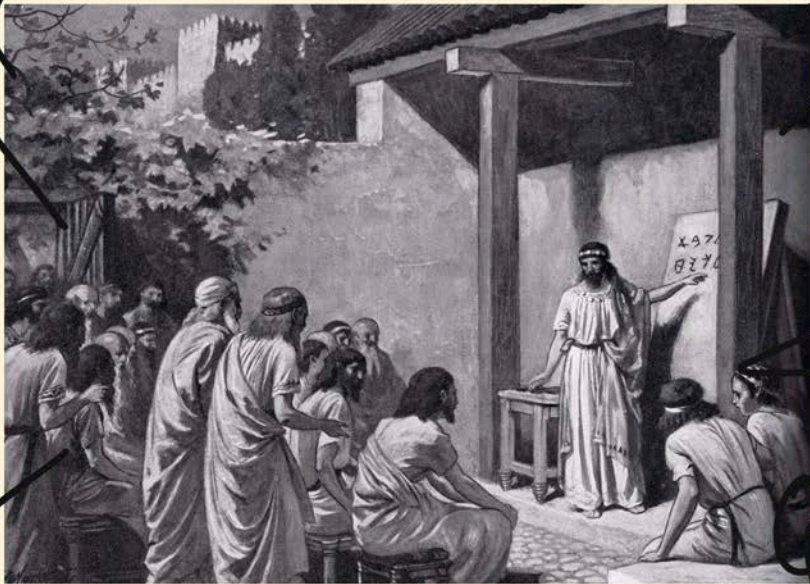
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Ancient City of Thebes



"View of Thebes", 1819, by Hugh Williams.



Cadmus gives the Greeks an alphabet artist, illustration from Hutchinsons History of the Nations, 1915

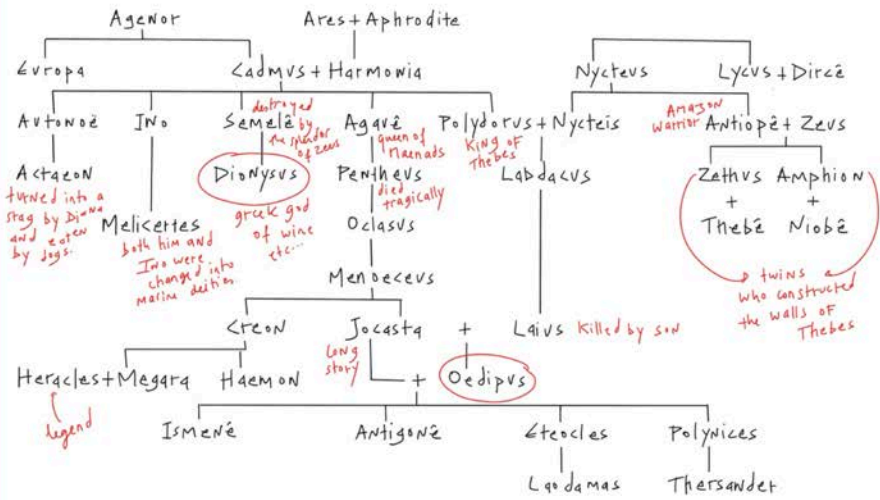
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Marriage with Harmonia



Harmony: Forming a pleasing, consistent whole



The House of Cadmus

every action
has its
consequence ...

+ Accountability: a willingness to accept responsibility for one's actions.

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Cadmus into a serpent, Book IV, illustration from Ovid's Metamorphosis, Florence, 1732 (hand-coloured engraving)



*Quid patriam fugis infelix cum comige Cadme?
Non locus, at tua te fors inimica premit.*

*Ex serpente homines producti; factus uterque
Serpens ex homine, et vita hominum aufugit.*

Crispijn van de Passe the Elder, LACHRYMA AND HARMONIA CHANGED INTO SNAKES (1602-07), engraving, 8.4 x 13.2 cm, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam



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Divine intervention

humility

wisdom

Faith

obedience

courage

leadership

sharing

love
accountability