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a new verse translation celebrating the poetry of hesiod s great works theogony and works and days

stephen scully offers a reading of hesiod s theogony and an account of the poem s classical and post classical reception up to milton s paradise lost he proposes that the poem be read as a hymn to zeus and a city state creation myth and discusses hesiod s artful narrative style in relation to homer s

the theogony is one of the most important mythical texts to survive from antiquity and we devote the first section to it it tells of the creation of the present world order under the rule of almighty zeus the works and days in the second section describes a bitter dispute between hesiod and his brother over the disposition of their father s property a theme that allows hesiod to range widely over issues of right and wrong the shield of herakles whose centerpiece is a long description of a work of art is not by hesiod at least most of it but it was always attributed to him in antiquity it is hesiodic in style and has always formed part of the hesiodic corpus it makes up the third section of this book provided by publisher

hesiod belongs to the transitional period in greek civilization between the oral tradition and the

introduction of a written alphabet his two major surviving works the theogony and the works and days address the divine and the mundane respectively the theogony traces the origins of the greek gods and recounts the events surrounding the crowning of zeus as their king a manual of moral instruction in verse the works and days was addressed to farmers and peasants introducing his celebrated translations of these two poems and of the shield a very ancient poem of disputed authorship apostolos athanassakis positions hesiod simultaneously as a philosopher poet a bard with deep roots in the culture of his native boeotia and the heir to a long tradition of hellenic poetry for this eagerly anticipated revised edition athanassakis has provided an expanded introduction on hesiod and his work subtly amended his faithful translations significantly augmented the notes and index and updated the bibliography already a classic hesiod theogony works and days shield is now more valuable than ever for students of greek mythology and literature

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the theogony of hesiod is a poem describing the origins and genealogies of the greek gods composed circa 700 bc although it is often used as a sourcebook for greek mythology the theogony is both more and less than that hesiod s theogony is a large scale synthesis of a vast variety of local greek traditions concerning the gods organized as a narrative that tells how they came to be and how they established permanent control over the cosmos it is the first greek mythical cosmogony the initial state of the universe is chaos a dark indefinite void considered a divine primordial condition from which everything else appeared theogonies are a part of greek mythology which embodies the desire to articulate reality as a whole this universalizing impulse

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the theogony and works and days hesiod the theogony i.e. the genealogy or birth of the gods is a poem by hesiod 8th-7th century bc describing the origins and genealogies of the greek gods composed circa 700 bc it is written in the epic dialect of homeric greek the works and days is a didactic poem of some 800 lines written by the ancient greek poet hesiod around 700 bce at its center the works and days is a farmer's almanac in which hesiod instructs his brother perses in the agricultural arts scholars have seen this work against a background of agrarian crisis in mainland greece which inspired a wave of colonial expeditions in search of new land in the poem hesiod also offers his brother extensive moralizing advice on how he should live his life the works and days is perhaps best known for its two mythological aetiologies for the toil and pain that define the human condition the story of prometheus and pandora and the so-called myth of five ages

in hesiod the hesiodic corpus the ancient greek poet hesiod presents a foundational text of western literature that encompasses themes of mythology agriculture and moral philosophy with a style that merges didactic verses and narrative storytelling hesiod crafts a unique voice that resonates with the concerns of everyday life in ancient greece through works like theogony and works and days he explores the origins of the cosmos and practical advice for agrarian life embedding moral teachings in his observations of nature and human existence this corpus stands as a crucial lens through which to understand greek thought and its intersection with the evolution of poetic form during the archaic period hesiod often regarded as a contemporary of

homer emerged from the region of boeotia around the 8th century bce his background as a farmer and his experiences with the societal upheavals of the time deeply influenced his perspectives on labor justice and divine order hesiod s focus on personal ethics and communal morality illustrates the struggles of his life while also providing insights into the values of early greek society capturing a shift from mythic tradition to practical wisdom recommended for scholars and enthusiasts alike hesiod the hesiodic corpus is an essential text that offers profound insights into the human condition through its exploration of myth and practical living hesiod s work invites readers to reflect on the virtues of hard work piety and the balance between human striving and divine influence making it a timeless piece that resonates even in the modern world in this enriched edition we have carefully created added value for your reading experience a succinct introduction situates the work s timeless appeal and themes the synopsis outlines the central plot highlighting key developments without spoiling critical twists a detailed historical context immerses you in the era s events and influences that shaped the writing an author biography reveals milestones in the author s life illuminating the personal insights behind the text a thorough analysis dissects symbols motifs and character arcs to unearth underlying meanings reflection questions prompt you to engage personally with the work s messages connecting them to modern life hand picked memorable quotes shine a spotlight on moments of literary brilliance interactive footnotes clarify unusual references historical allusions and archaic phrases for an effortless more informed read

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greek poet hesiod who lived sometime during the 8th and 7th century b c is regarded as one the most important poets of classical antiquity what little is known of him largely comes from his own epic poetry in which he unconventionally inserted details of his life only three of his works the theogony works and days and the shield of heracles survive to this day in their entirety the theogony is a foundational work of greek mythology which concerns the creation of the world and the origins and genealogies of the greek gods in synthesizing the variety of local greek traditions concerning the gods into a single narrative hesiod s theogony would give uniformity to his culture s myths in a way that would be highly influential also included in this volume is hesiod s works and days in which the poet argues that labor is a fundamental condition of human existence and to those who are willing to work success will most surely be achieved a treatise on the virtue of hard work works and days is a didactic poem addressed to his brother perses who has squandered his inheritance and who through bribery has deprived hesiod of part of his own patrimony lastly in this volume is the shield of heracles a work which details the conflict between the mythological figures of heracles and cynus this edition is printed on premium acid free paper and follows the translations of hugh g evelyn white

theogony and works and days hesiod hesiod was a greek poet generally thought by scholars to have been active between 750 and 650 bc around the same time as homer he is generally regarded as the first written poet in the western tradition to regard himself as an individual persona with an active role to play in his subject ancient authors credited hesiod and homer with establishing greek religious customs modern scholars refer to him as a major source on greek mythology farming techniques early economic thought he is sometimes considered history s first economist archaic greek astronomy and ancient time keeping works and days the works and days is a didactic poem of some 800 lines written by the ancient greek poet hesiod around 700 bce at its center the works and days is a farmer s almanac in which hesiod instructs his brother perses in the agricultural arts scholars have seen this work against a background of agrarian crisis in mainland greece which inspired a wave of colonial expeditions in search of new land in the poem hesiod also offers his brother extensive moralizing advice on how he should live his life the works and days is perhaps best known for its two mythological aetiologies for the toil and pain that define the human condition the story of prometheus and pandora and the so called myth of five ages the theogony the theogony i e the genealogy or birth of the gods is a poem by hesiod 8th 7th century bc describing the origins and genealogies of the greek gods composed c 700 bc it is written in the epic dialect of homeric greek

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