

## Re-writing Greek Myth 2: Power

Jupiter as parallel for emperor Augustus

Jupiter and rape: see also **Io** *Met.* 1.568-688; **Semele** *Met.* 3.268-342; and c.f. Apollo and Daphne *Met.* 1.451-77.)

Callisto *Met.* 2.401-530 - Jupiter, Diana and Juno

Actaeon *Met.* 3.148-267 - Diana

N.B. Bk. 3 = Theban stories

c.f. Greek versions: Semele rivalry ([Hesiod] *Catalogue of Women* fragment 217A & [Apollodoros] *Library* 3.4.4);

Actaeon guilty? (Callimachus *Hymn* 5)

Challenges Artemis (Euripides *Bacchae* 337-40)

Compare: Daedalus and Icarus *Met.* 8.221-78

and: Icarus in *Art of Love* 2.20-98 (publ. 1 BCE):

'boy, made over-reckless by youthful daring' who 'soared aloft/ too close to the sun' (AA 2.84-5)

Daedalus' skill: Minos could 'not clip wings of a mortal' (97)

Compare Phaethon *Met.* 1.803-2.361

blasted by thunderbolt (c.f. Semele)

Revisited in exile: Augustus as Jupiter, Ovid as Phaethon

Ovid *Tristia* 1.1.74-83:

still I fear the gods

who did me harm...

Had Phaethon lived, he'd have stayed clear of those horses  
he once was crazy about, kept out of the sky.

What scares me is Jove's weaponry. I've been its target:  
whenever there's thunder, I'm sure  
the lightning is for me.

Arachne *Met.* 6.1-162

Minerva

Contests in the *Metamorphoses*

see also **Niobe** vs. Latona 6. 163–354; **Pierides** vs. Muses 5. 342–787; **Marsyas** vs. Apollo 6.435;–57)

Books 3 & 4: punishment of those who deny Bacchus: Pentheus (3.511-732)

IMAGES shown in class

Daphne

Bernini *Apollo e Dafne* 1622-25) Borghese Gallery, Rome

<http://www.galleriaborghese.it/borghese/it/dafne.htm>

Pollaivolo *Apollo and Daphne* (c.1470) National Gallery, London

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/antonio-del-pollaiuolo-apollo-and-daphne>

Actaeon

Athenian red figure vase c.480 BCE:

<http://155.97.32.9/~rstewart/WebOfMyth/artemisactaeon.html>

Caserta statue group: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Actaeon\\_Caserta.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Actaeon_Caserta.jpg)

Titian *Diana and Actaeon* (1556-9) National Gallery, London

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/titian-diana-and-actaeon>

Titian *The Death of Actaeon* (1559-75) National Gallery, London

<http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/titian-the-death-of-actaeon>