



PANTHEON OF HELLENIC HEROES

Lysistrata is the hero of a hilarious comedy. Her mission is to get men to realize the folly of war. The word Lysistrata means “Liquidator of armies”. The anti-war play by the satirist Aristophanes, one of the 4 ...

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In a yearlong Internet survey, like the [www.gabby.org](#) awards in Chicago, [www.skai.gr](#) TV in Athens invited people to vote for their choice of the Greatest Greek. I was shocked that of the 10 most admired Greeks, Socrates was a distant fifth, and Aristotle was even further back. Socrates (Σωκράτης) is second to none in the Pantheon of ecumenical greats. Why? Look at the fact that his 4 evangelists are some of the greatest minds that ever graced our planet: the

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In Aristophanes' play Wealth (ΠΛΟΥΤΟΣ), a mostly honest and hardworking old farmer named Chremylus visits Delphi to inquire about his son's future. Should he turn to crime and corruption in order to get ahead in the world? It seems that this is the only way to succeed in life, as all the upstanding citizens remain poor and pitiful, while the rich are those who bribe, cheat and steal. The answer he receives is to

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The first brick in the modern edifice of cosmology was laid y Eratosthenes, a Greek philosopher of the third century BC who cleverly calculated the diameter of the earth. The Greeks sailed the seas and knew that the earth was round from observing that ships disappeared beyond the horizon with the hull disappearing before the mast. Sailors on lookout duty climbed the highest mast and sat in the crow's nest. Because the Earth is round this enabled them see the land or any oncoming ships before anyone standing on deck. Moreover, Greek astronomers had observed that during a lunar eclipse, the shadow of the Earth had a circular shape, which was another.....

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Let me start with some paradoxical thoughts: One cynical but not foolish observation is that “winners write the histories.” Another perception is that all “history is a pack of lies.” A vulgar one is Henry Ford's quip “history is more or less bunk,” which encapsulates the widespread distrust that historians...

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When we thinks of the pioneers of medicine in ancient times the name of Hippocrates is the first to come to mind. Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, the healer who's oath is still revered today. What is not widely known, however, is that in ancient times women were highly regarded physicians. Not only were they well learned in the herbal arts but also in the traditional medical arts such as surgery, pharmaceuticals, and even

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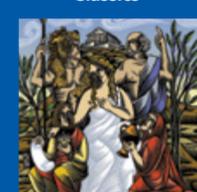
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