

Pandora: Mythology's Eve

Shrill screams fill the air! Evil is unleashed! Pandora's Box has been opened and we owe it all to mythology's Pandora. Pandora, the first woman, was created by the gods in order to get back at Prometheus (Lindemans). She was given many gifts both physical and mental among them was a beautiful box that she was told to never open. Then Pandora was sent to earth, but her curiosity got the better of her and she opened the box unleashing evil into the world (Pontikis). According to the Christian religion Eve would be mythology's Pandora since both were created by the same thing (Holy Bible). Men will normally blame the woman for the bad things that happen, so why not the first woman hence poor Pandora. Pandora's world and Eve's world, though the same planet, were interlay different. Pandora is both similar and different to Eve.

Pandora and Eve were both created by a god, but for two different reasons. The god Hephaestus was ordered by Zeus to make Pandora, because Zeus was angry at Prometheus the titan (Cotterell 70). Eve was made by the Christian god out of love for man. Both were created to be wives of men, Pandora for Epimetheus and Eve for Adam. Epimetheus or "after thought" was the brother of Prometheus and wouldn't see the trouble Pandora would cause. Pandora was given to Epimetheus because Prometheus means "before thought" and he would have seen the trouble she would cause (Pontikis). Also he was chained to a rock getting his liver eaten, but that's another story (Vadakethu). Eve was given to Adam because he needed a partner (Holy Bible). Seeing that Pandora is female and she unleashes evil, the common blame the female is very noticeable.

Pandora and Eve are both blamed for the bad things in the world in different ways. In the Garden of Eden all was well there was peace between all living things. Then Eve is tempted by the devil to take part in a supposable very delicious fruit that will allow her to know the difference between good and evil. She later partakes of the fruit, which causes her to be cast out of the Garden along with Adam who partook of the fruit also (Holy Bible). Pandora was given the gift of curiosity and then she was given a beautiful box which she was told to never ever open. She managed to not open the box for a time, but then the poor girl's curiosity got the best of her and she opened the box unleashing evil for all time and eternity. After realizing what she had done she quickly closed the box, but she trapped Hope inside when she shut it (Pontikis). Obviously both Pandora and Eve had similar and different worlds all together.

Both of their worlds were so similar, but ever so different. In Pandora's world gods were constantly involved in people's lives. With Zeus and his thunder bolts (Lindemans "Zeus"), Hera and her jealousy (Lindemans "Hera"), and Poseidon had his need of revenge (Lindemans "Poseidon"), the world peoples fates were made for them. Pandora's world had many men, titans, beasts, and many other strange creatures. These people were a civilization (Carr). While in Eve's world there were no cities, houses, roads, or even more than one man. With Eve, God came down to teach her and Adam,

but was not directly in these few affairs. God communicated with Adam and Eve personally (Holy Bible). Mythology's gods never really spoke to you in person. In reality Eve and Pandora's world was different, but in some cases very similar.

Pandora is similar, but also different to the Christian Eve. Both were created by a god, but for two different reasons. Both Pandora and Eve are blamed, to an extent, for the evils of the world, but the reasons differ. Both of the worlds which they lived in were similar to an extent. Pandora is the Christian Eve.

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