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Prometheus is a Titan, a culture hero, who in Greek mythology is credited with the creation of man from clay and the theft of fire for human use, an act that enabled progress and civilization of mankind. He is known for his intelligence and often associated with technical developments.

The punishment of Prometheus as a consequence of the theft is a major theme of his mythology, and is a popular subject of both ancient and modern art. Zeus, king of the Olympian gods, sentenced him to eternal torment for his transgression. The immortal Prometheus was bound to a rock, where each day an eagle (Ethon) was sent to feed on his liver, only to have it grow back to be eaten again the next day. This punishment had to last forever but in some stories Prometheus is freed at last by the hero Hercules. This story suggests that the ancient greek already had knowledge of the regenerative capacity of the liver.

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