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Ch-5 The fire bringer

Q. 1) What does the name Prometheus mean?

A) The name of Prometheus meant forethought and he always thought of the times ahead of ~~time~~ him.

ii) Who was Epimetheus?

A) Epimetheus was the brother of Prometheus who had the power to gift one special power to each of the living beings.

iii) Why was Prometheus upset?

A) Prometheus was upset because despite his efforts he couldn't find a way to help human kind by giving them the knowledge of fire.

iv. How did Prometheus give fire to humankind?

A) After being denied by Zeus to help mankind, Prometheus found a stalk of fennel which he used to steal a spark of fire from Zeus' palace. Prometheus then went on to give the fire to all of humankind.

vii) Why did Zeus chain Prometheus to the side of Mount Caucasus to suffer till the end of time.

A. Zeus was furious that Prometheus had disobeyed him and imparted the knowledge of fire to humankind, so he chained Prometheus to the side of mount Caucasus to suffer there till

the end of time.

Q) Why was humankind worse off than beasts, without fire?

~~Ans~~ I don't think Zeus

Q) Without fire, humankind was worse off than beasts. They were living in the caves and in holes of the Earth, shivering from cold, dying of starvation, hunted both by wild beasts and by each other.

Q) Why did people come out of caves looking at Prometheus suspiciously?

A) People came out of caves looking at Prometheus suspiciously as they could not believe

anybody would bother to help them.

Q) Do you think Zeus was right in not giving fire to humankind? Do you think fire has made humankind powerful? Give reasons for your opinion.

A) No. I don't think Zeus was right in not giving fire to human kind. He was being selfish by refusing to impart the knowledge of fire to others. As a powerful being Zeus had the ability to help out those in need and he refused to do so merely because he was scared that humans would become