

ANSWER:

PROMETHEUS

As told in Hesiod's *Theogony* (composed c. 730-700 BCE), Zeus, king of the Olympian gods, hid fire from humankind as punishment for Prometheus deceptively inflating the value of a sacrificial offering. Prometheus stole fire back and returned it to humanity. As punishment, Zeus chained Prometheus to a rock, and sent an eagle to eat his liver, which would regenerate every night, only to be eaten again the next day – for all eternity.



The Creation of Man by Prometheus, Heinrich von Füger, 1790.