The Greek legends appear in many different mythological works, and not all the authors agree about which deity gave birth to whom when. The major accounts include Hesiod's Theogony, Aeschylus' Prometheus Bound, Ovid's Metamorphoses, and, of course, Sophocles, Homer, and Virgil.

When Zeus overthrew his father, Chronos, he did not want to kill him in the same way that Chronos killed Uranus. Instead, Zeus deprived him of power by castrating him and throwing the body parts into the sea foam. However, the Titan's generative powers impregnated the sea foam, and from this arose Aphrodite, goddess of love and erotic desire. In some versions of the myth, Chronos and Uranus are the same being. In other versions, Aphrodite is the daughter of Zeus and Dione.

Zeus' Many Lovers

Zeus was particularly promiscuous, a fact that made for much strife between him and his wife Hera, the goddess of marriage. It also led jealous Hera to persecute relentlessly his half-human children and his mortal lovers.

Key:
Gold: Gods
White: Lesser Deities
Purple: Mortals or nymphs
Red: Monsters
Blue: Titans