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Hermes (source: www.wikipedia.com)



winged sandals , winged cap, winged staff (*kerykion*)

**Wings :** -----  
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Hermes : 1) **the god of** trade, heralds, merchants, commerce, roads, thieves, trickery, sports, travelers, and athletes

2) the emissary and messenger of the gods

3) **the patron of** herdsmen, thieves, graves, and heralds

4) the conductor of souls (/psihopompos/) into the afterlife.

5) the patron of roads and travelers

Hermes : 1) fly

2) move freely between the worlds of the mortal and divine

3) carry the souls to the underworld

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Sarpedon's body carried by [Hypnos](#) and [Thanatos](#) (Sleep and Death), while Hermes watches.

## Symbol of commerce

A myth suggests that Hermes (or Mercury) saw two serpents (snakes) fighting. He separated them with his wand and he brought about peace between them. As a result, the wand with two serpents became **a sign of peace**.



of Jyväskylä, Finland

The *kerykion* (Caduceus)



Caduceus on the coat of arms (emblem)

The caduceus is also the symbol of the Customs Agency of Bulgaria.



The rod of Asclepius  
Organisation

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The flag of the World Health Organisation

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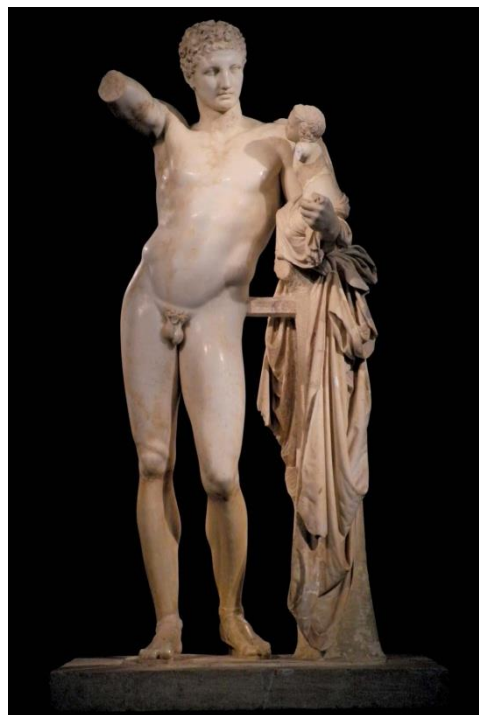
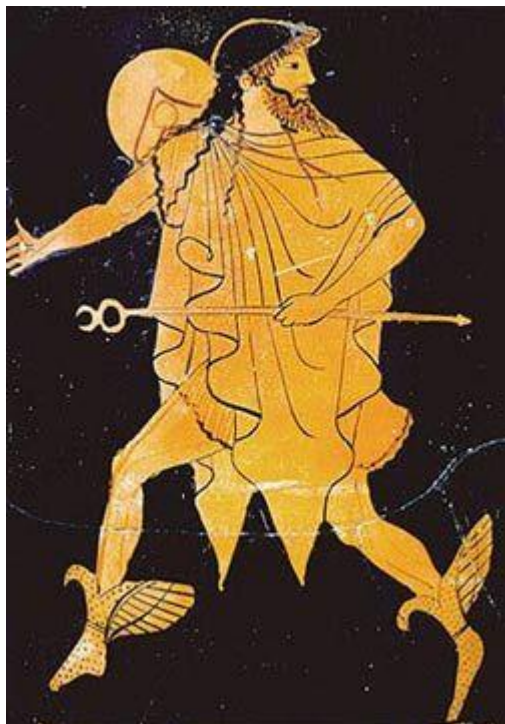
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Hermes wearing the *petasos* and carrying the *kerykion*

Compare and contrast





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**Hermes and Aphrodite**

Hermes was attracted by Aphrodite's beauty and fell in love with her. But Aphrodite refused his love, so Hermes got greatly depressed. Zeus pitied on Hermes and planned to help him.

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While Aphrodite was bathing in the river Achelous, Zeus sent an eagle to take her sandal to Amythaonia of the Egyptians and gave it to Hermes. Aphrodite sought for her sandal, so she came to Hermes, who seduced her in return for her sandal. So Hermes, pleased to have Aphrodite at last, as a reward, put the eagle in the sky, as the constellation Aquila (Latin word for *eagle*). From Hermes and Aphrodite's union Hermaphrodite was born. (source : <http://01greekmythology.blogspot.com/2013/10/hermes-and-aphrodite.html> / adapted)

