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Ancient greek weapons museum

Picture: Cierra Ayers/Moment/Getty Images If you live in the Western world, then it's all (or mostly) Greek for you. Everything from the democratic forms of government to the columns that hold up our buildings, to the sciences we use, started with the Greeks. The study of Ancient Greece is not only fascinating, it shows us a lot about where we get our ideas and habits. If you have ever thought critically about something, then ask questions to find an answer. Thank you to the Greeks. If you have admired the way in which citizens have a say in their political future, I thank the Greeks. Even if you are glad that Western Civilization exists, thank the Greeks (especially the Spartans). You can't spend a day without falling on some sign of Ancient Greece. In the morning, pull on your Nike shoes (named for Athena Nike, goddess of victory), listen to news about the upcoming elections (democratic government), and go for a run. Health is important to you, but you want to balance the body and mind, so you're also working on this book you read during the morning. Halfway through, you realize you have to eat in moderation and put back half your cereal. All this mind/body balance is what the Greeks called *sophrosyne*, and your modern ideas about what is good and healthy come from it. Before work even begins, I thank Greeks. So, do you know this part of our past well enough not to repeat it again? This quiz will take you from the basics to the slightly more difficult, knowing that even it can cause a Plato or Demosthenes! 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Further studying Greek mythology, you will discover that there were two sets of generations before the group we already know very well. The gods of Olympus organized a mutiny and deposed the generation before them, called the Titans. Meet these Olympus gods and their titan parents in this quiz. But it didn't even start with the Titans. After all, one would wonder where they came from in the first place. The first lineage of the gods is called primordial beings. These ancient deities are recognized as the first generation of gods and gods in Greek mythology. These early generations also brought children who became gods of a particular aspect of existence. And boy, there's a lot of them! Let's start with the men, okay? See which of these great and small gods handle which aspects of our lives. Open up and find out! 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In his work Cyclopean Cannibalism, Clifford updates an ancient building technique, in which workers will build walls using deformed stones and rubble taken from demolished buildings-without any mortar to keep them together. [Photo:courtesy Theme Design Studio] Clifford explores ancient construction methods and translates them into a modern frame-something he has done in the past by floating a 2,000-pound stone in the water and replicating the physics used to create Easter Island stone sculptures. Cyclopean masonry is his last focus. The technique is named after the cyclops, mythological one-eyed giants that many ancient peoples claimed were responsible for the construction of their massive stone buildings. [Photo:courtesy Theme Design Studio] Many ancient walls, which appear in various forms around the world from Greece to Peru, look cobbled together randomly-not a technical building seemingly suitable for the modern world. If a building fell down, they would look at the debris and see how to reconstruct it to make a new construction, Clifford says. That's one reason why [the walls] seem so enigmatic. They seem random and irrational. But this randomness is a byproduct of a very intelligent way of recycling their previous buildings. Clifford has a modern twist on this method: he and his students have built algorithms that can measure the sizes of stones or rubble one might have and then suggest a kind of cyclopean wall design that would be able to turn any mound of debris into a wall. Clifford measured the exact geometries of wall cyclopes around the world, then modeled how the stones fit together. Of course, not all have a perfect pattern: in some cases, Clifford and his students will find anomalies in a pattern that will frustrate their algorithm. He points to a wall in Peru as an example, where three stones fit together in an absurd pattern-a reminder that people built these walls, not computers. But there may be a historical reason for Clifford explains that Inca paid taxes in tribute to work. People will show up and build a wall as their way of contributing to society-and they may have added unique markers to the wall so they would have been able to prove that they had paid their taxes. Clifford algorithms provide something similar to recipes, with regulatory techniques and methods showing how to turn a pile of rubble into a wall. And to highlight just how it all works, Clifford has released a single publishing book called Cannibal's Cookbook with MIT graduate students Daniel Marshall, James Addison, and Mackenzie Muhonen. Designed by Johanna Lobdell, it contains both his argument for why cyclopean masonry deserves a modern comeback, its methodology for creating algorithms, and eight different recipes that present techniques for building for any interested party who want to put Clifford's theories into action. [Photo: courtesy Matter Design Studio] To prove the concept, Clifford teamed up with Madison, Wisconsin-based architecture stone company Quarra Stone to build a prototype for the Seoul Architecture Biennale in 2017. The company selected stones from the pile of e-workers and leftovers, as well as some debris from a local demolition site, and then swept them all using Clifford's algorithm. Then they chose one of the recipes-cheeky called Divinity in the details in the book-and built the wall. Clifford says it was completed in less than a week, a fast delivery time, given the company's limited time and difficulty working with Stone. So far, Cannibal's Cookbook has attracted attention from the archaeological community, but Clifford hopes to get it into the hands of construction industry-people who might be able to test cyclopean masonry in a real world context. Cyclopean cannibalism also contributes to a wider debate about sustainability in the way we build. Others have suggested converting demolition debris into new building material using mushrooms, and Clifford's idea has one serious limitation: it only works with stone and concrete. But there is definitely enough concrete debris to go around-and why not look to the builders of the ancient world for answers? Answers?

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