



Circle 4: Plutus

- Who is the monster who is in charge of Circle 4?
 - Plutus
- Why is he an appropriate guard of this circle?
 - He is the Greek god of wealth



Circle 4: The Wasters and the Hoarders

- Who are the sinners in Circle 4?
 - The Wasters and the Hoarders
- What was their sin?
 - They wasted and hoarded money on earth.
They either abused money or underused it in excess



Circle 4: The Wasters and the Hoarders

- What is their punishment?
 - They are punished by rolling enormous boulders towards each other yelling at each “You spend too much!” and “You save too much!”
 - These sinners are also oblivious to anything other than the boulders



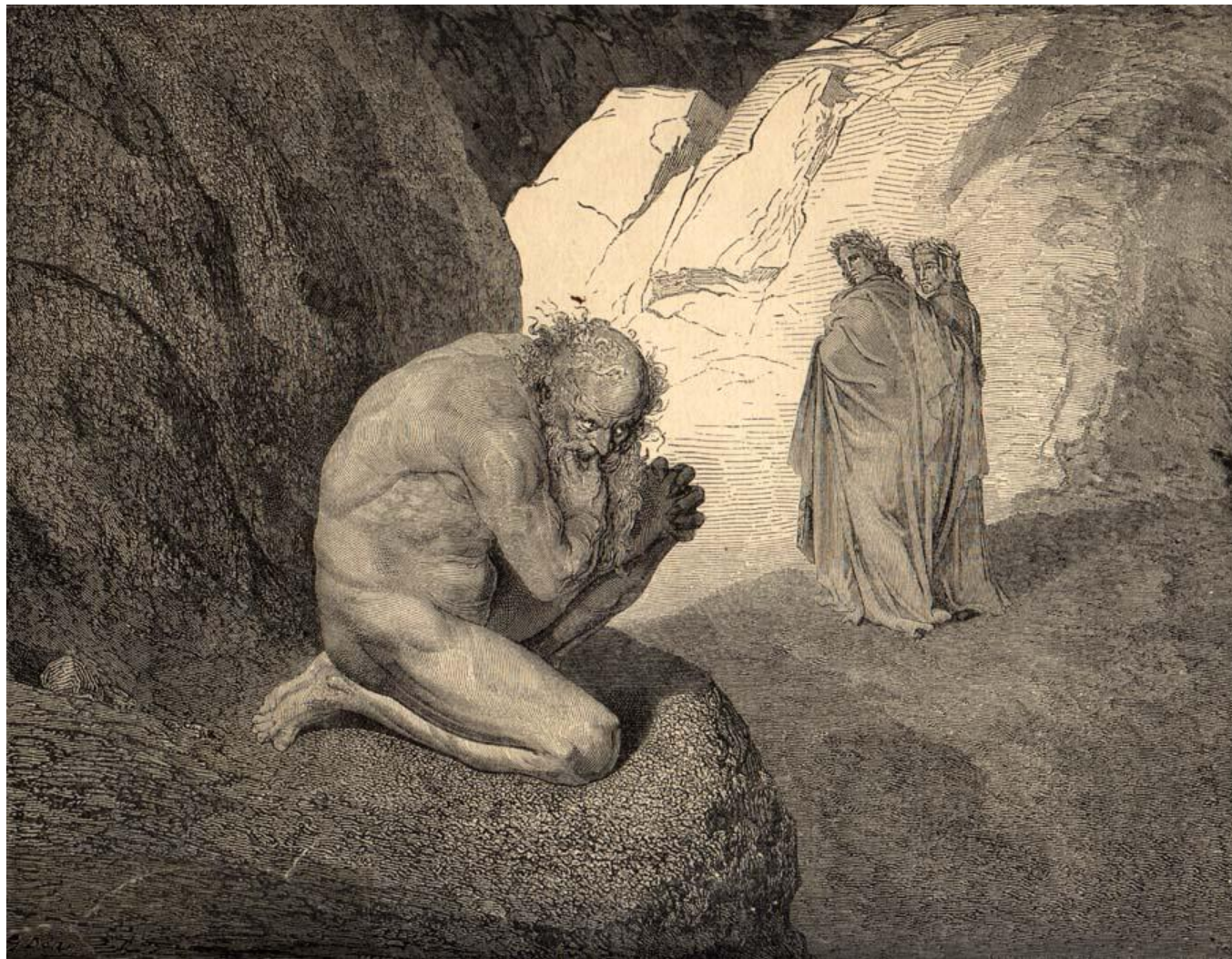
Circle 4: The Wasters and the Hoarders

- What is the Law of Retribution for these sinners?
 - Just as they opposed each other in life, so now they oppose each other in death
 - They were consumed with money in life, so now they are consumed with money in death



Circle 4: The Wasters and the Hoarders

- Who are some of the sinners here?
 - Greedy clergy members
 - Priests
 - Cardinals
 - Popes
- Who is the Dame of Fortune?
 - She is a medieval mythological character who holds a revolving spinning wheel of Chance









Qui vi l'è gente per dar alcune doppie.
E d'una parte e d'altra, con gnomi belli.
Tuttavia perai per farne di gruppo.





Hell's Second Waterway: The Styx

- What is the name of the second waterway in Hell?
 - The Styx River
- What is the geography of this river?
 - The water is foul and black, with rocks and swampland and malignant to all those who drown in it



Hell's Second Waterway: The Styx

- Who are sinners in the Styx River?
 - They are the Wrathful and the Sullen
- What was their sin on earth?
 - The Wrathful were angry people on earth, always fighting
 - The Sullen were depressed people who always complain of things



Hell's Second Waterway: The Styx

- What is their punishment?
 - The Wrathful fight and bite each other on the banks of the Styx River
 - The Sullen drown in the muddy water and sing praises to God
- What is the Law of Retribution for these sinners?
 - Since the Wrathful always were angry on Earth, so now they fight in Hell
 - Since the Sullen always complained on Earth, so now they must praise God in Hell



Circle 5: The Wrathful and the Sullen

- Who is the monster that Dante and Virgil meet on the Styx River?
 - Phlegyas, who is the Boatman of the Styx River
- Who is the sinner who tries to gain access to the boat?
 - Filippo Argenti- he is a Florentine who was wrathful
- What is Virgil's reaction to Dante's harsh words?
 - He approves of Dante not feeling remorse for this sinner



















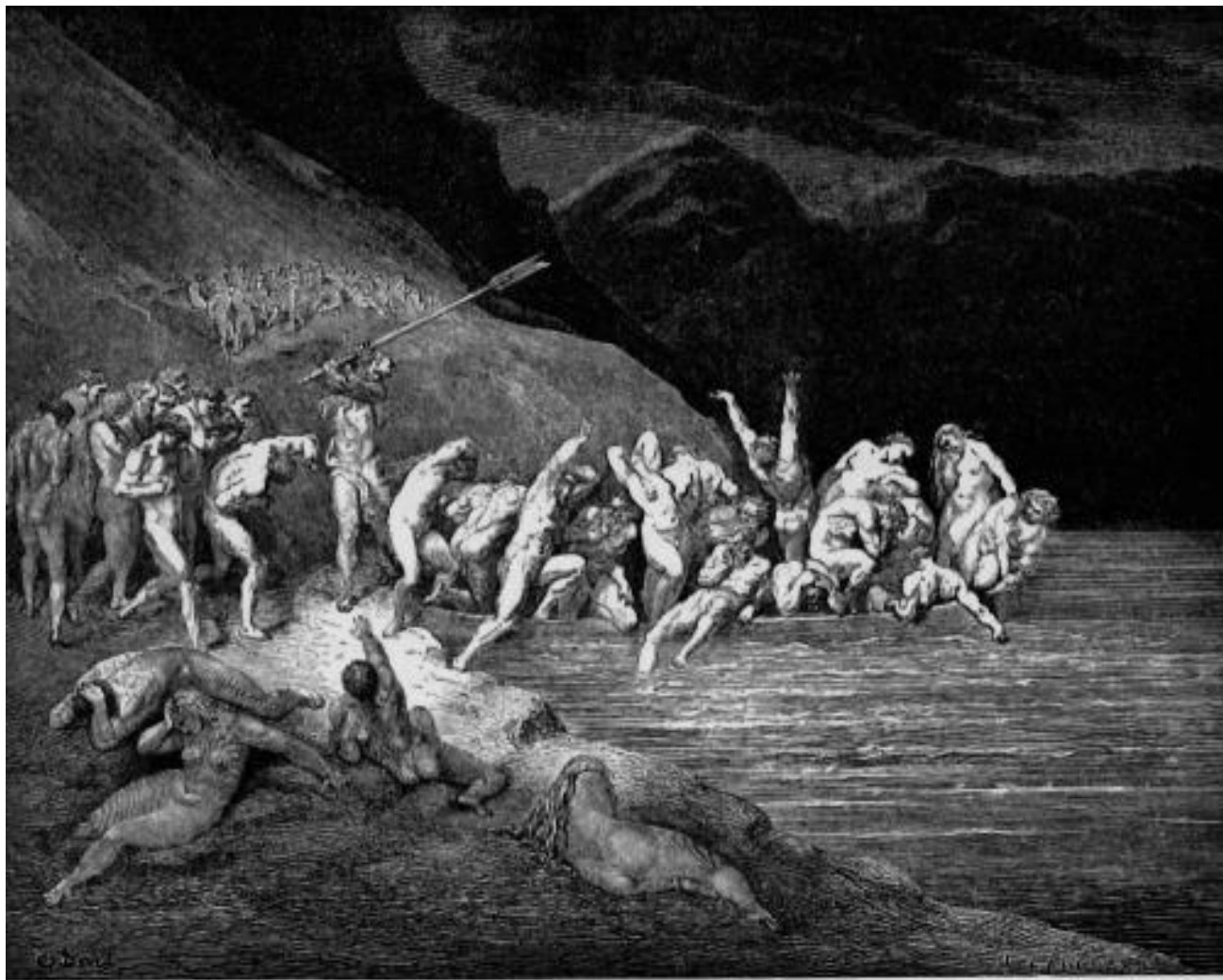
Circle 5: The Styx River

- Dante and Virgil meet PHLEGYAS, the Boatman of the Styx river. He is characterized as a madman, as he is in charge of the Wrathful sinners and a link to the fallen angels of Dis
- Known in mythology as angry at the god Apollo for raping his daughter, he set the god's temple on fire and was sentenced with eternal torment on the Styx river (known as the river of the Underworld); think RATIONALE here!

Leaving the She-Wolf, Finding the Lion



- Once Dante and Virgil pass through the Styx river, they have left the Incontinent layer of Hell (the She-Wolf)
- The Incontinent division of Hell is considered Upper Hell, and beyond the gates of the City of Dis is Lower Hell, the layers of Violence and Fraud (the Lion and Leopard, respectively)



Journal 18

After you read Canto VIII of Dante's "Inferno," reflect on the sinners and punishment of the Wrathful and the Sullen. As you consider how intentional Dante punishes these sinners, create your idea about who would be in this realm of Hell if you were Dante. Would a specific group of people be there (Democrats, hippies, rich kids. etc.) or would there be individuals who would fit the bill? You are free to choose any person you like from popular culture, history, or contemporary society. Then, write a one page explanation of who you would place in Circle 5 of Hell as the Wrathful and the Sullen and what their punishment would be.

This is for my eyes only so get creative!

The City of Dis- Pluto's Lair





The City of Dis – Pluto's Lair

- What happens when Dante and Virgil come to the gates of the City of Dis?
 - They are denied access
- Who denies them access?
 - The fallen angels who chose Lucifer against God in the battle of Heaven and Hell



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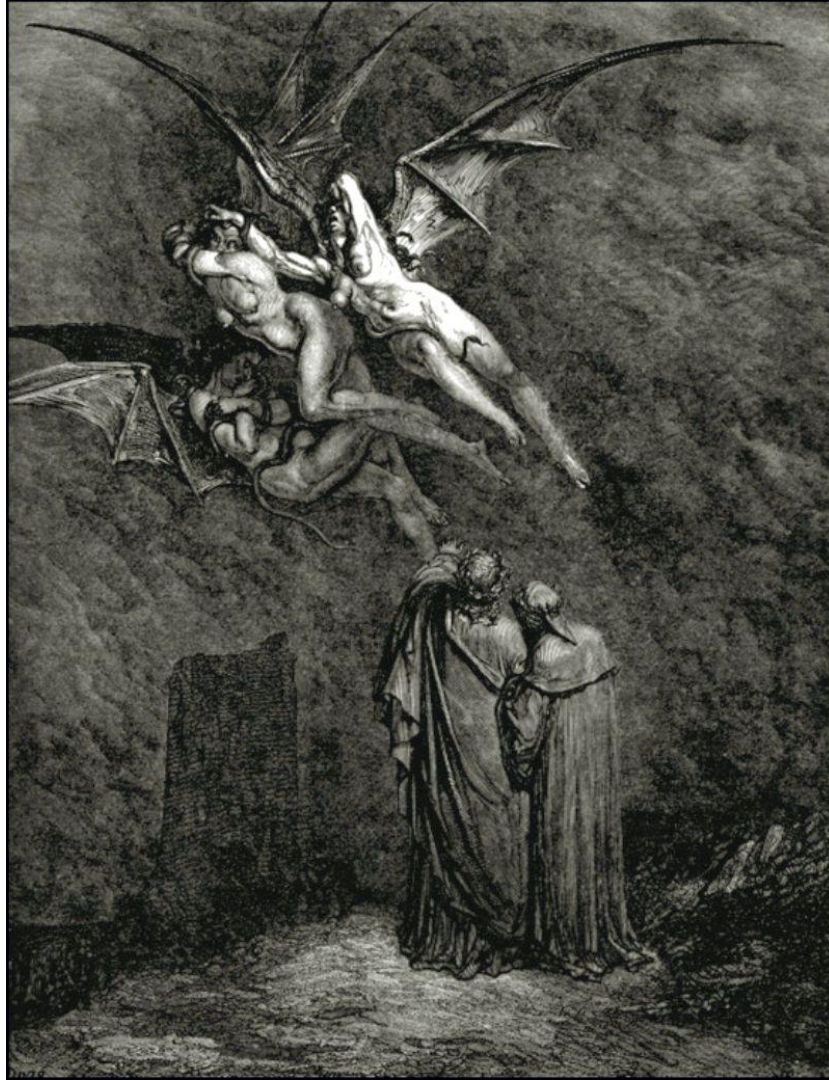
- What is Virgil's reaction when this happens?
 - He is scared and terrified
- What does Virgil try to tell the angels to gain access?
 - That this is what God has willed
- These angels are not afraid of God's power



The City of Dis – Pluto's Lair

- Who protects the City of Dis?
 - The Fallen Angels – fought against God
 - The Furies – demons
 - Medusa – Snakes for hair and can turn you to stone
- They try to get Dante and Virgil to turn around, but with no avail







The City of Dis – Pluto's Lair

- How does Virgil act like a protective father-like figure here?
 - He covers Dante's eyes so that he won't be turned to stone
- When was the last time these angels learned their lesson?
 - When they were damned to Hell after the battle between God and Lucifer



PHLEGYAS— The Angry Boatsman



THE STYX—PHLEGYAS

The antique prow goes on its way, dividing / More of the water than 't is wont with
others (*Inf.* VIII, 29, 30).



„Fort Argenti, dorthin zu den andern Kunden!“ — Der Fährmann Phlegyas.



Circle 6

- Who are the sinners in Circle 6?
 - The Heretics
- What was their sin on earth?
 - Heresy is incorrect thinking about God. In other words, heresy is having the wrong beliefs concerning religion



Circle 6: The Heretics

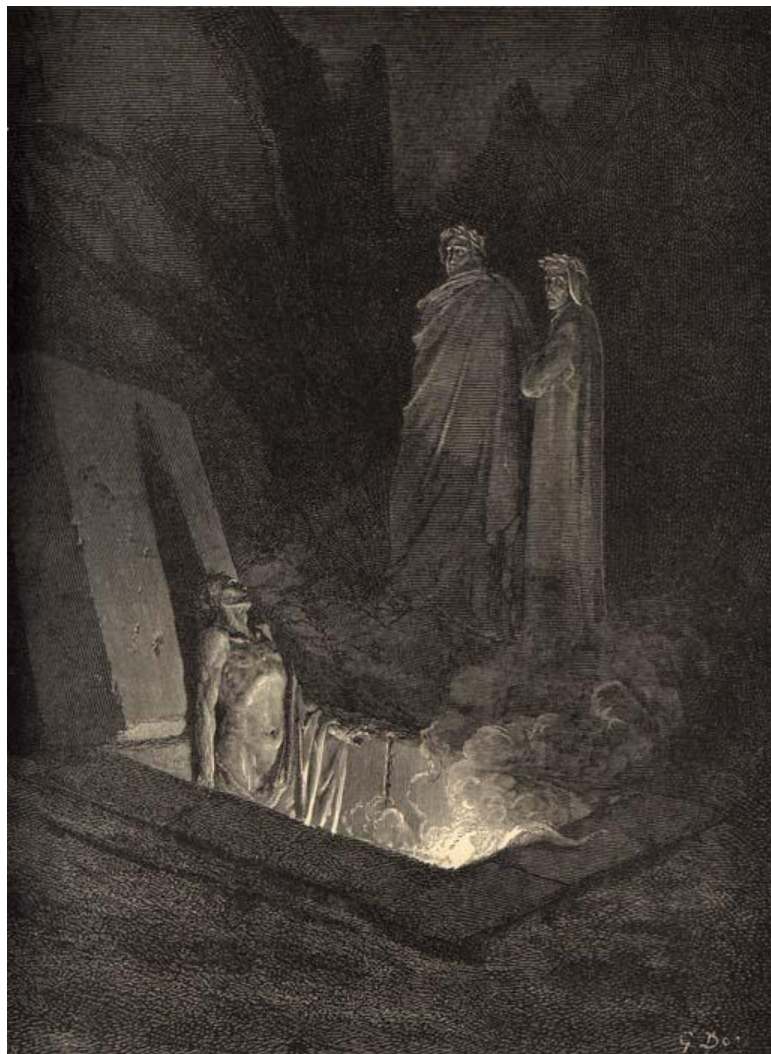
- What is the punishment?
 - The Heretics are those who did not believe in life after death.
 - Their punishment is to get exactly what they thought they would get after death: a tomb. The souls of the Heretics are placed in open tombs filled with fire.
 - After the Last Judgment, the souls of the Heretics will be reunited with their bodies and the tops of the tombs will be closed forever.

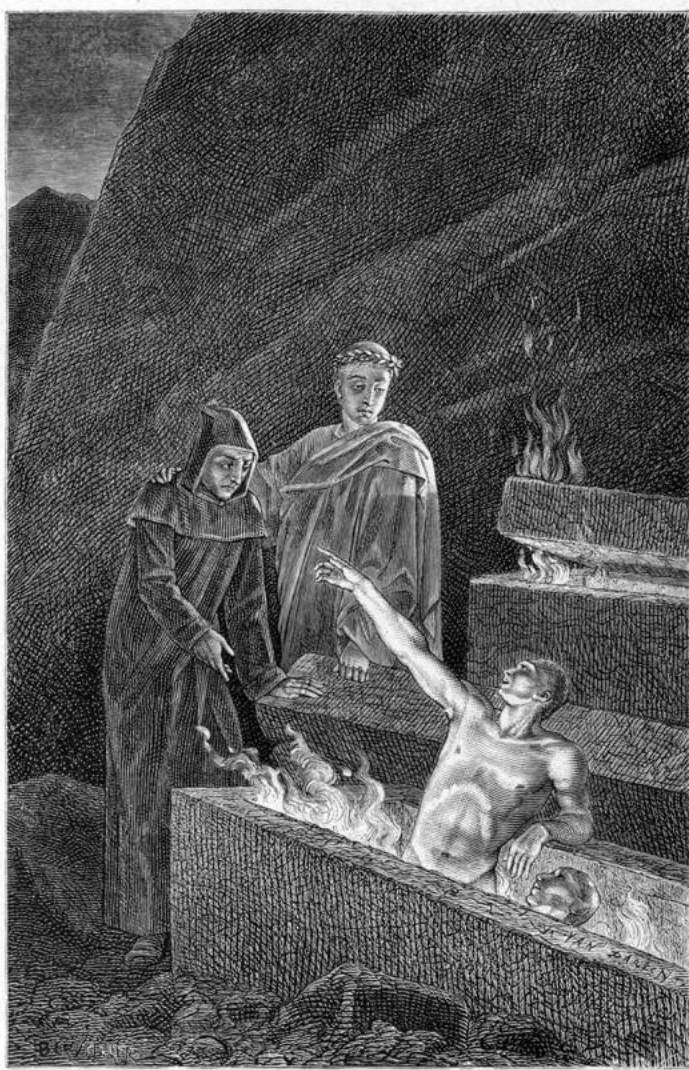


Circle 6: The Heretics

- What is the Law of Retribution here?
 - Just as they believed there would be no life after death, these sinners must live in Hell in tombs forever
- What is specific about these sinners?
 - They cannot see the present, but they can predict the future, just like they tried to do on earth unsuccessfully











Journal #23

As we encounter various levels of violence in Circle 7, ponder the intentions of Dante Alighieri. In Round 2, we see violence against self, namely suicide. Do you believe that ALL people who commit suicide would be found here? If not, why? Think about religion, age, intention, motivation, etc. *Use 3 pieces of textual evidence. Two pages long.*

Journal #29

Thinking about the sinners in the 3rd round of Circle 7, how can you apply the idea of usurers, blasphemers, and sodomites to contemporary society? Do you think that there would be any current usurers, blasphemers, or sodomites in hell from our society? What kinds of people do you think are here? What kinds of connections can we make to sinners in our society compared to those sinners we encounter in Circle 7 Round 3 of Dante's "Inferno?" *Two pages long; 3 pieces of textual evidence.*

Journal #25

In Circle 4 of Dante's "Inferno" we encounter the Hoarders and the Wasters. Using this as the basis of your discussion, think about the Greek philosophy that "moderation in everything" is the key to a successful lifestyle. Study page 39 of Dante's "Inferno" and look at the means of Excess. When you think about the Mean of Extremes, how does this come to fruition in your own life? Think about extremes and use pg. 39 as the basis for your entry. *One whole page.*