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## PAUL, PAGANS AND POETS

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They fashioned a tomb for thee, O holy and high one—  
The Cretans, always liars, evil beasts, idle bellies!  
But thou art not dead: thou livest and abidest forever,  
For in thee we live and move and have our being.

Epimenides, *Cretica*

*“One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said,  
‘Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.’”*

☞ Titus 1:12

Let us begin with Zeus, whom we mortals never leave unspoken.  
For every street, every market-place is full of Zeus.  
Even the sea and the harbour are full of this deity.  
Everywhere everyone is indebted to Zeus.  
For we are indeed his offspring...

Aratus, *Phaenomena* 1-5