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PARALLEL LIVES
of the Noble Greeks & Romans ✨



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PLUTARCH, (c. A.D. 46 – A.D. 120), was born to a prominent family in the small Greek town of Chaeronea about twenty miles east of Delphi in the region known as Boeotia. His best-known work is the **Parallel Lives**, a series of biographies of famous Greeks and Romans, arranged in pairs to illuminate their common moral virtues and vices. The surviving Lives contain 23 pairs, each with one Greek Life and one Roman Life, as well as four unpaired single Lives. Currently, only nineteen of the parallel lives end with a comparison, while possibly all of them did at one time. Also missing are many of his Lives which appear in a list of his writings: those of Hercules, the first pair of **Parallel Lives**, Scipio Africanus and Epaminondas, and the companions to the four solo biographies. Even the lives of such important figures as Augustus, Claudius and Nero have not been found and may be lost forever.

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As is explained in the opening paragraph of his Life of Alexander, Plutarch was not concerned with history so much as the influence of character, good or bad, on the lives and destinies of men. Whereas sometimes he barely touched on epoch-making events, he devoted much space to charming anecdote and incidental triviality, reasoning that this often revealed far more about his subjects than even their most famous accomplishments. He sought to provide rounded portraits, likening his craft to that of a painter. Indeed, he went to tremendous lengths (often leading to tenuous comparisons) to draw parallels between physical appearance and moral character. In many ways, he must be counted amongst the earliest moral philosophers.



The Parallel Lives

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*These times may vary slightly depending on how the material is streamed.
Except for Galba and Otho, all dates are B.C.*

Theseus (1264–1204) <i>mythological figure</i>	1:24:13	00:00:00
Romulus (771–717) <i>mythological figure</i>	1:41:34	01:24:13
Lycurgus (c. 700 – 630) <i>semi-legendary figure</i>	1:39:02	03:05:47
Numa Pompilius (d. 673) <i>semi-legendary figure</i>	1:33:17	04:44:49
Solon (638–558)	1:17:19	06:18:06
Poplicola (d. 503)	1:02:44	07:35:25
Themistocles (524–459)	1:25:42	08:38:09
Camillus (446–365)	1:48:37	10:03:51
Pericles (495–429)	2:00:00	11:52:28
Fabius Maximus (275–203)	1:23:25	13:52:28
Alcibiades (450–404)	1:52:09	15:15:53
Coriolanus (c. 475)	1:59:26	17:08:02
Timoleon (411–337)	1:47:06	19:07:28
Aemilius Paulus (229–160)	1:41:33	20:54:34
Pelopidas (d. 364)	1:23:34	22:36:07
Marcellus (268–208)	1:30:57	23:59:41
Aristides (530–468)	1:17:23	25:30:38
Cato the Elder (234–149)	1:34:38	26:48:01
Philopoemen (253–183)	0:53:03	28:22:39
Flaminius (228–174)	1:08:35	29:15:42
Pyrrhus (318–272)	1:45:07	30:24:17
Gaius Marius (157–86)	1:57:19	32:09:24
Lysander (d. 395)	1:17:57	34:06:43
Sulla (138–78)	1:58:10	35:24:40

Cimon (510–450)	0:58:27	37:22:50
Lucullus (118–56)	2:09:56	38:21:17
Nicias (470–413)	1:27:21	40:31:13
Crassus (115–53)	1:47:09	41:58:34
Sertorius (c. 123 – 72)	1:11:59	43:45:43
Eumenes (362–316)	0:55:33	44:57:42
Agesilaus (444–360)	1:43:45	45:53:15
Pompey (106–48)	3:51:31	47:37:00
Alexander the Great (356–323)	3:23:48	51:28:31
Julius Caesar (100–44)	2:35:18	54:52:19
Phocion (402–318)	1:26:08	57:27:37
Cato the Younger (95–46)	2:37:10	58:53:45
Agis (c. 245)	0:46:26	61:30:55
Cleomenes (d. 219)	1:23:23	62:17:21
Tiberius Gracchus (c. 164 – c. 133)	0:51:58	63:40:44
Gaius Gracchus (154–121)	0:55:49	64:32:42
Demosthenes (384–322)	1:12:50	65:28:31
Cicero (106–43)	2:02:43	66:41:21
Demetrius (d. 283)	2:05:44	68:44:04
Mark Antony (83–30)	3:13:46	70:49:48
Dion (408–354)	2:01:17	74:03:34
Brutus (85–42)	2:14:28	76:04:51
Aratus (271–213)	1:53:21	78:19:19
Artaxerxes (c. 440 – 358)	1:15:22	80:12:40
Galba (3 B.C. – 69 A.D.)	1:01:35	81:28:02
Otho (32 A.D. – 69 A.D.)	0:41:28	82:29:37

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Theseus 1264-1204



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Brutus 85-42



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