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## Icarus & Daedalus

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Daedalus and Icarus are father and son in ancient Greek mythology. They are typical in that the father advises, and that the son disregards the advice. Their story has numerous variations; the most common story follows herewith. It begins in Athens and ends on the island of Icaria.

Daedalus was a famous architect, inventor, and master craftsman. He created many objects that figure prominently in various myths. Among his inventions and creations were a wooden cow he constructed for the queen Pasiphae, the Labyrinth of the Minotaur at Knossos, artificial wings for himself and his son Icarus.

Daedalus worked at the iron and bronze works and had an apprentice named Talos, age 12. Talos was much more talented and resourceful than Daedalus. In a fit of jealousy and rage, Daedalus took Talos to the top of the Acropolis and pushed him off.



Daedalus & Icarus  
Belgium B370, Apr 16,  
1944 Semi-postal with money  
going to the Red Cross.



The 3rd stamp (upper right cover above) shows the Acropolis, scene of the crime. The cover commemorates the first flight from Metelin, Greece to Constantinople, Turkey, 1926.

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