

CHAPTER 2

FEMALE GUARDIAN

What are Hera's powers? How did she protect marriages?

Hera was powerful before she married Zeus. She didn't get power from Zeus. She could move through the air. She couldn't get hurt. She could change her shape. She could change into animals or mortals. She liked changing into birds.

Some people think Hera was a mother goddess. She helped create the world. Hera's milk created the **Milky Way**. The Milky Way is our galaxy. Others say drops of her milk fell to Earth. Her milk created fields of lilies.

Hera blessed and protected marriage. She helped women get married. She made marriages good. She made marriages bad.

The only marriage she couldn't control was her own. That's because Zeus was more powerful.

She represented **monogamy**. That means she was faithful. She never cheated on Zeus.



Hera's power to create the galaxy came from her parents.

