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I have called you all here to decide with me
what is to be done about Atlantis, and her western allies
We have watched them grow in wealth, influence and
power,
slowly at first, from their founding by Poseidon,
creating a just and peaceful nation, favoured by us.
But lately, with their conquests around the world
and discovery of new sources of gold and orichalc
they have become proud, arrogant and greedy.

Their aggression has made enemies around the world,
like Athens and her allies, who have invoked our help.
Atlantis' pride in the strength of their armies and
machines,
and the skill and science which produced them
knows no bounds. They boast now that they are
the greatest power the world has ever seen.

But there has been a high price to pay for this power,
and something else of which you should be aware.
Gaea, Great Mother of all life on Earth is suffering,
complaining and restless in her living green mantle,
fevered under her turbulent covering of cloud.
Once while men lived in peace, taking from the earth
only
what they needed, and lived in harmony with her
creation,
Gaea rested and the seas and winds were tranquil.
But now the people of the lands led by Atlantis,
have provoked a new crisis for all her realm
by their greed, destruction, wars, and pride.



The cause is plain to see.

Ancient forests turned to viscous orichalc deep under Gaea's mantle, found by Atlantis, gave them the power to fire their noisome furnaces with the energy of thousands of horses and slaves. They abolished slavery but became slaves to machines, and created a slavery of poverty for millions without them.

This new reliance on machines has made them so lazy, that all of Gaea's wealth is being consumed, destroyed, burned, turned to toxins to poison future generations to serve their profligate and wasteful way of life.

Gaea's fever may have catastrophic consequences for all nature, life, animals and people of the earth. Gases from the fires in their machines and furnaces shroud the skies with invisible gases.

And the heat of the sun is magnified. Earth's heat is trapped by polluting gas, and icy continents will melt and oceans rise to flood the coasts, and low-lying cities and fertile valleys will disappear beneath the waves.

When Gaea sneezes, tempests sweep the land, Tidal waves the seas, bringing destruction everywhere. She coughs and volcanoes explode, black clouds hide the sun, bringing on new millennia of winter, worse than the floods.

When she recovers, weakened, the earth will be a different place, most living things extinct, and if mortal men go as well, what will become of us, who live in their imagination?

But perhaps we have the power to avert the catastrophe, by punishing the Atlanteans now before their greed, thoughtless pride and folly provoke Gaea's crisis and the destruction of all the good things men have made.

Only the Fates, Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos can decide when the span of life allotted to the mortals of Atlantis



shall be ended, but men themselves can influence them,
by prudent action and respect for the Gods.

But I know that some of you wish to defend Atlantis,
or moderate our sanctions, afraid of the effects on other
lands.

Others among you agree with me, and know we must
save Gaea,
and the future of the creatures Prometheus moulded in
our form.

So we will hear everybody's views before our verdict,
and decide how Atlantis may be warned or punished, and
do what is within our power, or what we can
to influence the Fates and Gaea.

Hephaestos is, like Athena, concerned for the city
dedicated to their worship and at war with them,
and I can see, is ready to condemn Atlantis.

His brother Ares, hot-headed champion of war,
I know approves the Atlanteans' military might.

But before them Poseidon, founder of Atlantis,

I think, has first right to speak, whose rule
over the oceans gives him the greatest power
to punish them, if we agree on what shall be done.

