

Altars of Zeus, Games for the Gods: Lykaion and Olympia in Early Greek Religion.

Although the beginnings of the Ancient Olympic Games are traditionally dated to 776 B.C. based on a historical victor list, archaeological evidence at Olympia (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut) associated with the ash altar of Zeus dates to the late 11th century B.C. New evidence from the ash altar of Zeus at the Sanctuary of Zeus at Mt. Lykaion (Mt. Lykaion Excavation and Survey Project), some 22 miles to the southeast of Olympia, suggests that the cult of Zeus may have originated here in the Late Helladic period in the 13th century B.C. or earlier, and may have had a continuous development through the Hellenistic period at the site. Could the cult of Zeus at Mt. Lykaion have influenced the origins and development of the cult of Zeus at Olympia?

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