

Lifting the paper replica from the cannonball dome was not easy to initiate. However, once the suction was released, the paper lifted. The action of pulling the dome away from the sphere reminded me of the separation of Gaia and Uranus. I couldn't stop myself from thinking about them and the fierce inception of our universe.

SEPARATION OF GAIA AND URANUS: CREATION MYTH

According to Greek myth, the universe as we know it came to life through an act of violence.

The story begins with empty chaos. From the chaos arose Gaia, the goddess of earth, who in her sleep somehow gave birth to Uranus. He was larger than his mother so he enveloped her. The two merged point-to-point, touching unceasingly.

Uranus, brimming with affection, showered Gaia every night with fertile rain. All the beings they created together got stuck inside of Gaia and the earth mother didn't much like it.

The discomfort became so great that she made a wire hook and asked her youngest son, Cronus, to castrate his father.

One night when Uranus pressed close to Gaia to give her his nightly shower, Cronus sneaked out of his mother's deep bowels and cut off his father's testicles.

Uranus, bleeding and in shock, pulled away from Gaia, creating the vault of heaven. The fierce abrupt separation allowed time and space to exist, and also history because without time there is no history, or existential questions, movement, fear of your sons, or conflict.

Uranus' blood and testicles fell from the sky to seed Aphrodite (love); and the Furies (hatred, revenge, discord).