

CHARON

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Charon (Kharon, *he of the keen gaze*) is perhaps best known as the 'Ferryman of the Deceased'. Hermes, the 'Guide of the Dead', gathered the shades (souls) of the deceased and led them down through the Avernus Gate to the River Styx. Charon then transported them across the river to the shores of the Underworld to reside eternally with Hades, the Greek god of the underworld.



Charon, Algeria, Townhall



Hermes
Newspaper Stamp
Misout, c1867

Gate to underworld
in a cave on shore
of Lake Avernus.



Lake Avernus

Charon in the Upperworld



Charon in the Underworld



Obolos coin

Charon's fee to ferry shades across the River Styx was an obolos coin, placed in the mouth of the dearly departed.



Styx
(New Zealand)
Hand cannel



Cerberus (Kerberos) Telephone card

Cerberus, the 3 headed Hound of Hades, guarded the entrance to the underworld on the opposite shore of the River Styx and allowed no living person to enter.

Hades (Pluto)
Chaos depicted in Salvage

