From Wikipedia:

In the <u>Western classical tradition</u>, Prometheus became a figure who represented human striving, particularly the quest for scientific knowledge, and the risk of overreaching or <u>unintended</u> <u>consequences</u>. In particular, he was regarded in the <u>Romantic era</u> as embodying the lone genius whose efforts to improve human existence could also result in tragedy: <u>Mary Shelley</u>, for instance, gave *The Modern Prometheus* as the subtitle to her novel <u>Frankenstein</u> (1818).