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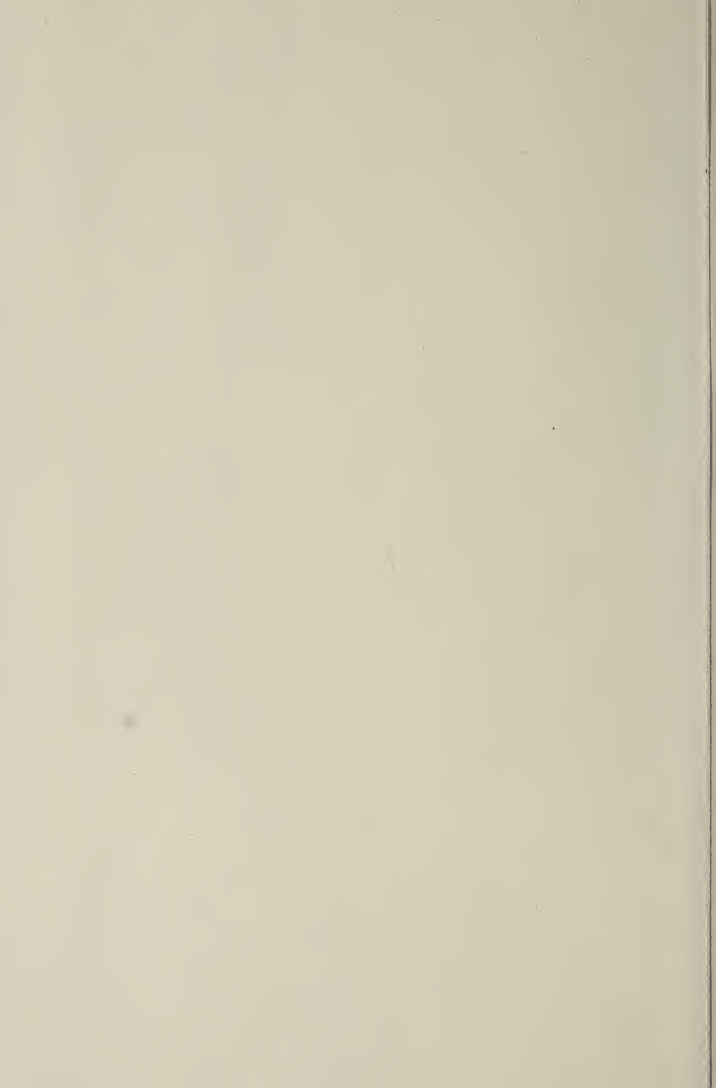
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PLUTARCH (Plutarchus), ca. AD 45-120, was born at Chaeronea in Boeotia in central Greece, studied philosophy at Athens, and, after coming to Rome as a teacher in philosophy, was given consular rank by the emperor Trajan and a procuratorship in Greece by Hadrian. He was married and the father of one daughter and four sons. He appears as a man of kindly character and independent thought, studious and learned.

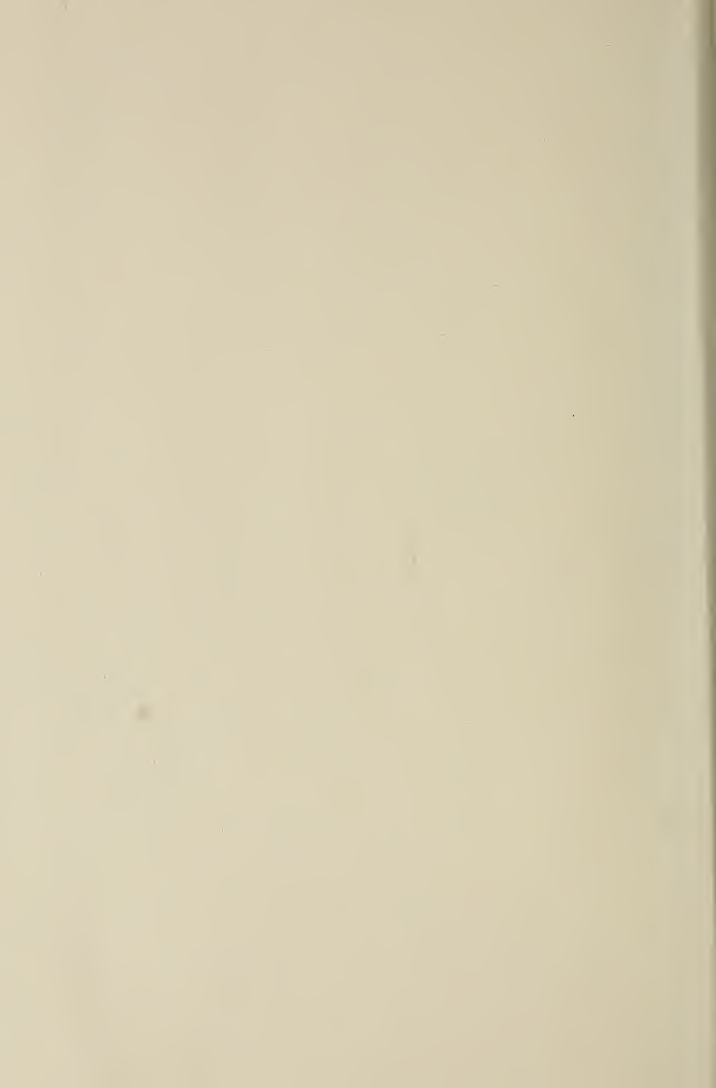
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THE following are the manuscripts used for the edition of the six essays in this volume and the sigla that refer to them :

A = Parisinus Graecus 1671 (Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris)—A.D. 1296.

B = Parisinus Graecus 1675 (Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris)—15th century.

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F = Parisinus Graecus 1957 (Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris)—written at the end of the 11th century.

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X = Marcianus Graecus 250 (Biblioteca Nazionale di S. Marco, Venice)—the first part (containing the *De Stoicorum Repugnantiiis*) written in the 11th century, the second part (containing the *Platonicae Quaestiones*) written in the 14th century.

d = Laurentianus 56, 2 (Biblioteca Laurenziana, Florence)—15th century.

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f = Laurent. Ashburnham. 1441 (not 1444 as in Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, pp. xvi and xx) (Biblioteca Laurenziana, Florence)—16th century.

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- g = Vaticanus Palatinus 170 (Bibliotheca Apostolica Vaticana, Rome)—15th century.
- m = Parisinus Graecus 1042 (Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris)—16th century.
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- u = Urbino-Vaticanus Graecus 99 (Bibliotheca Apostolica Vaticana, Rome)—15th century.
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In such matters as accent, breathing, crasis, elision and spelling I have followed without regard to the manuscripts the usage explained in the Introduction to the *De Facie* (*L.C.L. Moralia* xii, pp. 27-28).

The readings of the Aldine edition I have taken from a copy that is now in the library of The Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, New Jersey) and that has on the title-page the inscription in ink, —: Donati Jannoctii :—Ex Bibliotheca Jo. Huralti Borstallerii : Jannoctii dono ; and from the margins of this copy I have cited the corrections or conjectures which in a note at the end of the volume

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(pp. 1010 f.)<sup>a</sup> written in the same ink as the inscription on the title-page are ascribed to Leonicus and Donatus Polus.

For the editions and other works to which there is frequent reference in the *apparatus criticus* and notes the following abbreviations or short titles are used :

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<sup>a</sup> It is the same note as that quoted by R. Aulotte (*Amyot et Plutarque* [Genève, 1965], p. 180) from the end (p. 877) of the Basiliensis in the Bibliothèque Nationale (J. 693), the title-page of which, he says, bears the inscription *Donato Giannotti*.

<sup>b</sup> This definitive edition has been compared with the first edition, *Les œuvres morales et meslées de Plutarque . . .*, Paris, Michel de Vascosin, 1572, and with *Œuvres Morales et Mêlées de Plutarque* traduites du Grec par Jacques Amyot avec des Notes et Observations de MM. Brotier et Vauvilliers, Paris, Cussac, 1784-1787 = Tomes XIII-XXII of *Œuvres de Plutarque . . .*, 25 vols., 1783-1805.



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(PLATONICAE QUAESTIONES)

## INTRODUCTION

OF Plutarch's works which, to judge by the titles listed in the *Catalogue of Lamprias*, were devoted particularly to the interpretation of Plato<sup>a</sup> only two are extant, the *Περὶ τῆς ἐν Τιμαίῳ ψυχογονίας* (65) and the *Πλατωνικὰ ζητήματα* (136).

The term *ζητήματα* had come to be used in a quasi-technical sense for problems or questions raised concerning the meaning first of expressions or verses in the text of Homer and then of specific passages in other texts or of particular statements or opinions or incidents, problems which with the solutions suggested might be made available to interested readers in the form that today would be called "collected notes" but sometimes in that of a "symposium,"<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Nos. 65-68, 70, 136, and 221; cf. also on Academic doctrine Nos. 64, 71 (=131?), 134, and especially No. 63.

<sup>b</sup> For the history of the term and genre, *ζήτημα*, cf. A. Gudeman, *R.-É.* xiii/2 (1927), cols. 2511, 46-2529, 34 (cols. 2525, 18-2527, 13 on Plutarch); H. Dörrie, *Porphyrus' "Symmikta Zetemata"* (München, 1959), pp. 1-6; K.-H. Tomberg, *Die Kaine Historia des Ptolemaios Chennos* (Diss. Bonn, 1967), pp. 54-62; R. Pfeiffer, *History of Classical Scholarship* (Oxford, 1968), pp. 69-71 and p. 263. Dörrie (*op. cit.*, p. 2) says that in the technical vocabulary of philosophers the word was almost entirely avoided. Nevertheless, Plutarch cites works by Chrysippus entitled *ἠθικὰ ζητήματα* and *φυσικὰ ζητήματα* (*De Stoic. Repug.* 1046 D and F and 1053 E-F, *De Comm. Not.* 1078 E and 1084 D);

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a literary frame not inappropriate, since in intellectual circles questions like these were proposed for discussion by the company after dinner.<sup>a</sup> Plutarch himself in his *Symposiacs*<sup>b</sup> uses the term ζητήματα of the questions or problems there propounded and discussed,<sup>c</sup> of which several without their literary embellishment could appropriately have been included in the *Platonic Questions*,<sup>d</sup> just as all the latter could have been used as material for the *Symposiacs*.

The *Platonic Questions*, as we have them, are ten separate ζητήματα,<sup>e</sup> each concerned with the meaning of a passage or apparently related passages in the text of Plato<sup>f</sup> but unconnected with one another

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a work entitled σύμμικτα ζητήματα is ascribed to Aristotle (V. Rose, *Aristotelis Fragmenta* [1886], p. 17, # 168; cf. P. Moraux, *Les Listes Anciennes des Ouvrages d'Aristote* [Louvain, 1951], p. 117, n. 17 [on pp. 118-119] and pp. 280-281); and Porphyry (*Vita Plotini*, chap. 15, 18-21) says that Eubulus wrote and sent from Athens συγγράμματα ὑπέρι των Πλατωνικῶν ζητημάτων.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *Quaest. Conviv.* 614 A-E and 686 B-D; Aulus Gellius, VII, xiii, 1-12 and XVIII, ii, 1-16 (especially 6-14).

<sup>b</sup> For the literary form and "historicity" of Plutarch's *Symposiacs* cf. J. Martin, *Symposion* (Paderborn, 1931), pp. 167-184; H. Bolkestein, *Adversaria*, pp. 1-46; K. Ziegler, *R.-E.* xxi, 1 (1951), cols. 886, 40-887, 55.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 645 c, 660 d, 736 c, 737 d.

<sup>d</sup> Notably *Quaest. Conviv.* vii, 1 and 2; viii, 2; and ix, 5.

<sup>e</sup> That they are just ten may be only an accident; but ten is also the number of questions that Plutarch expressly allocated to each book of the *Symposiacs* (cf. 612 ε, 629 ε, 660 η) save one, the ninth, which he begins with a special apology for exceeding "the customary ten" (736 c).

<sup>f</sup> QUESTION VIII (1006 B—1007 E), for example, begins with *Timaeus* 42 D 4-5, considers the possible relation to this of 40 B 8-c 2, and then returns to interpret 38 c 5-6 in

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by any transition and without any general introduction or conclusion to give the collection unity or to suggest a reason for the sequence in which the questions are arranged.<sup>a</sup> Had the sequence been determined by the subject-matter, II and IV would not have been separated from each other by III and VI would not have been placed between V and VII; and, if by the source of the passages treated, III and IX, which deal with the *Republic*, would have come together, as would II, IV, V, VII, and VIII, all five of which deal with the *Timaeus*. The ten *ζητήματα* may not all have been written at one time and for a single work. It is at least as likely that at some time Plutarch put together ten separate notes on Platonic passages that he had written at different times and had found no suitable occasion to incorporate into his other compositions.<sup>b</sup> If this is so, any indication of the relative chronology of one of

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relation to expressions in *Republic* 506 E—509 D and *Timaeus* 37 B—39 B. By the remark at the end of VIII, 3 and the beginning of VIII, 4 Plutarch practically admits that VIII is in fact two *ζητήματα* rather than one.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. what is said by Elias (*In Aristotelis Categorias*, p. 114, 13-14) of the *σύμμικτα ζητήματα* ascribed to Aristotle and by Athenaeus (v, 186 e = Usener, *Epicurea*, p. 115, 9-11) of the *Symposium* of Epicurus.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. what he says of his *De Tranquillitate Animi* at the beginning of that essay (464 F): . . . ἀνελεξάμην περὶ εὐθυμίας ἐκ τῶν ὑπομνημάτων ὧν ἐμαντῶ πεποιημένος ἐτύγχανον. Paccius had asked him also for something on the passages of the *Timaeus* that require exegesis (464 E), and Plutarch probably had in those "note-books" of which he speaks such things as our *ζητήματα* or the material for them. One can well imagine that *De Defectu Orac.* 421 E—431 A (chaps. 22-37) is the elaboration of such a *ζήτημα* concerning *Timaeus* 55 C 7-D 6 (cf. K. Ziegler, *R.-E* xxi/1 [1951], col. 834, 47-53).

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the ten would not necessarily be pertinent to that of the others.

That Plutarch had not himself been the first to pose questions about these particular Platonic passages is clear from the fact that he commonly discusses or refers to answers other than those he finally gives as his own.<sup>a</sup> That he had himself discussed at least one of them earlier is made certain by the remark that his answer is τὸ πολλάκις ὑφ' ἡμῶν λεγόμενον (1003 A). This is the answer to IV, which is a complement of that of II<sup>b</sup> and together with it gives in brief the interpretation that Plutarch was later to set out in detail in the *De Animae Procreatione in Timaeo* but himself says here had frequently been stated earlier than IV.<sup>c</sup> There is no other indication even of the relative chronology of any of these ζητήματα unless the mistake in V, "each of which consists of thirty of the primary scalene triangles" (1003 D) be thought to prove V earlier than *De Defectu Orac.*, where in 428 A this is corrected; but that would be a precarious inference, for the mistake in 1003 D is part of the interpretation of others to which Plutarch then gives his own as an alternative.

The text of this work, No. 136 in the Catalogue of

<sup>a</sup> In IV he gives only his own answer. The authors of the answers that he rejects are not identified more clearly than by some such expression as δόξει δ' αὐτόθεν (1001 D), ὡς ὑπονοοῦσιν ἔτιοι (1003 C), or οἱ . . . ἀποδιδόντες ἀγνοοῦσιν ὅτι . . . (1008 B-C).

<sup>b</sup> See also the end of VIII (1007 C-D); cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 718 A and 719 A with H. Dörrie, *Philomathes . . . in Memory of Philip Merlan* (The Hague, 1971), pp. 40-42.

<sup>c</sup> So he begins *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* itself by saying that it is to bring together in a single work τὰ πολλάκις εἰρημένα καὶ γεγραμμένα σποράδην ἐν ἑτέροις ἔτερα. . . .

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Lamprias and No. 38 in the Planudean order, is here printed on the basis of X J g a A β γ E B ε n Voss. 16 Bonon. C 3635 and Escorial T-11-5, all of which I have collated from photostats. Of these only X J g E B ε and n contain the whole of the work; and in E itself, although the whole is written by a single hand, folio 606<sup>r</sup> has above the first column, which begins with the words τοῦ νοητοῦ μόνον ἐστὶν ὁ νοῦς (1002 D), the superscription Α Θ πλατωνικὰ ζητήματα ὧν οὐχ εὐρέθη ἡ ἀρχή, through which in the same ink a line has been drawn.<sup>a</sup> This same superscription occurs in α A β Bonon. C 3635 Voss. 16 and Escorial T-11-5, in all of which τοῦ νοητοῦ κ.τ.λ. (1002 D) are the first words of the work preserved,<sup>b</sup> and also in γ, where the first words, however, are τί δήποτε τὴν ψυχὴν (1002 E), the beginning of QUESTION IV.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> This was accurately described by Treu (*Ueberlieferung* i, p. ix). Cf. Pohlenz, *Moralia* i, p. x, n. 3 (p. xi); Wegehaupt, *Philologus*, lxiv (1905), p. 396; Sandbach, *Class. Quart.*, xxxv (1941), p. 110; Manton, *Class. Quart.*, xliii (1949), p. 98.

<sup>b</sup> This is true also of δ = Vat.Reg.80 (cf. H. Stevenson, *Bibliothecae Apostolicae Vaticanae . . . Codices Reginae Suecorum et Pii PP. II Graeci* [Romae, 1888], p. 63 and Hahn, "De Plutarchi Moralium Codicibus," p. 57) and of Marcianus 259, in which latter, however, the text ends with ἀλλὰ ἕτερον in 1008 A, where the first hand of n leaves off (cf. Treu, *Lampriascatalog*, p. 23 and Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, p. xiv). In Voss. 16 by an error in binding the text of the work has been divided; it appears on folios 2<sup>r</sup>-10<sup>v</sup> and 26<sup>r</sup>-28<sup>v</sup>.

<sup>c</sup> This is also the case with Laur. 80, 5 and Laur. 80, 22 (cf. Wegehaupt, *Plutarchstudien*, pp. 27-28 and "Corpus Planudeum," p. 1034, n. 1), with Marcianus 248 (cf. Treu, *Lampriascatalog*, p. 23 [where what is said of the beginning in Parisinus 1671 = A, however, is a mistake]), with Tolet. 51, 5 (cf. Fletcher, *Class. Quart.*, xxi [1927], pp. 166-167

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If  $\gamma$  was copied from A, as has been supposed,<sup>a</sup> the scribe of  $\gamma$  must purposely have omitted the end of QUESTION III (1002 D-E) which  $a$  and A preserve, to begin with QUESTION IV (τί δήποτε) and must also have disregarded either purposely or inadvertently the lacuna indicated in  $a$  and A between *σωμάτων* and *ὁ σίδηρος* in 1005 c. Otherwise  $\gamma$  differs from  $a$  and A (uncorrected and corrected) in only six places, none of which is decisive.<sup>b</sup> Only once does  $\gamma$  agree with  $a$  against A (1005 c [μέν τι : μέντοι -A, Esc.]). Four times it agrees with A against  $a$  (1003 A [ἦ : ἦ -a], 1005 A [οὐρανὸν : ? -a<sup>1</sup>; ἦκον -a<sup>2</sup>, n; εἶκον -A,  $\gamma$  and all other MSS.], 1007 A [ἔκγονος : ἔγγονος -A,  $\gamma$ ], 1011 A [τὸν : τοῦ -a]) and twice with A<sup>2</sup> against A<sup>1</sup> and  $a$  (1003 E [πασῶν : παθῶν -a, A<sup>1</sup>], 1005 c [τρίψει : τῆ τρίψει -A<sup>2</sup>,  $\gamma$ ]). It appears, then, that the scribe of  $\gamma$  copied this work from A after A had been corrected.

Since  $\beta$  contains the end of QUESTION III (1002 D-E), which is not in  $\gamma$ , the source of  $\beta$  for this work cannot have been  $\gamma$ . Nor can it have been X, J, g, B,  $\epsilon$ , n, or E.<sup>c</sup> All these contain the beginning of the work,

and p. 170, n. 6), and with Parisinus 2076 (ff. 132<sup>v</sup>-145<sup>v</sup>), which last was generously verified for me by M. Joseph Paramelle of the "Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique."

<sup>a</sup> Cf. B. Einarson and P. De Lacy, *Class. Phil.*, xlvi (1951), p. 103, col. 1 and Valgiglio, *De Fato*, p. xlii.

<sup>b</sup> 1003 B (σπέρματος : σώματος - $\gamma$ ), 1006 D (λαμβάνοντας : λαμβάνοντος - $\gamma$ , Esc.<sup>1</sup>; λαμβάνοντα -a, A, E, B,  $\epsilon$ , n), 1008 c (περὶ ὄτα : περὶ τὰ ὄτα - $\gamma$ ), 1008 D (λογιστικὸν : λογικὸν -a, A,  $\beta^1$ , E, B,  $\epsilon$ ), 1010 c (ἄλας : ἄλλας - $\gamma$ , J). In the sixth (1006 A)  $\gamma$  has the negative οὐ which is erased in  $a$  and cancelled in A; but this cancellation, a dot under the οὐ, might easily have been overlooked.

<sup>c</sup> B and g are presumably younger than  $\beta$  anyway, being

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which  $\beta$  does not have and says has not been found ; but besides that in one passage or another after the point at which the text in  $\beta$  begins all of them lack words that were present in  $\beta$  even before correction,<sup>a</sup> as do  $\alpha$ , A, and  $\gamma$  also.<sup>b</sup> In more than a dozen places where  $\beta$  originally agreed with  $\alpha$ , A, E it has been changed so that it agrees instead with the reading of Bonon., which is frequently shared with X and n and occasionally with J or  $\epsilon$ . In half a dozen of these places words not present in  $\alpha$ , A, E, and  $\gamma$  have been added by  $\beta^2$  either in the margin or superscript (1005 c-d, 1007 D [*bis*], 1010 c, 1010 D, and 1011 B). In 1010 c  $\beta^2$  has added in the margin ten words that occur in X,  $\epsilon$ , n, Bonon., Voss., and Escor., nine of which are omitted by J, g,  $\alpha$ , A,  $\gamma$ , E, and B. In 1005 c-d, where J, g, and  $\gamma$  have *σωμάτων. ὁ σίδηρος* and where a lacuna of varying length between *σωμάτων* and *ὁ σίδηρος* is indicated by  $\alpha$ , A, E, B, and  $\beta^1$ , the five words *ἰλυσπᾶν οὕτως ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος* have been added in the margin by  $\beta^2$ . These five words with the last four deleted are in Bonon. ; otherwise they are preserved—but with *εἰλυσπᾶν* instead of *ἰλυσπᾶν*—only in X,  $\epsilon$ , and n. Moreover,  $\beta$

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of the 15th century, whereas  $\beta$  is of the 14th ; n, which has generally been dated to the 15th century, is of the 14th according to C. Giannelli (*Codices Vaticani Graeci* [1950], pp. 442-443).

<sup>a</sup> This eliminates the possibility that  $\beta$  might have been copied from E before the lost beginning had been discovered and added to that ms.

<sup>b</sup> e.g. 1005 A (*ἄμα* -omitted by n), 1006 A (*οὐ* -omitted by X,  $\epsilon$ , n [erased in  $\alpha$  and cancelled in A]), 1006 c (*ἰλλομένην . . . ἀνειλουμένην* -omitted by J, g), 1009 B (*λόγου . . . vac. . . . καὶ -α*, A,  $\gamma$ , B), 1011 A (*Ὀδυσσεά . . . vac. . . . οὐ* -X,  $\alpha$ , A,  $\gamma$ , E, B,  $\epsilon$ ).



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has uncorrected readings that differ from those of *a*, A, and E and agree with those of Bonon., shared sometimes by X, J, *n*, or  $\epsilon$  as well (1006 D, 1007 c, 1009 A, 1009 B, 1010 B, 1010 D, and 1011 A [*bis*]); and in the last of these places  $\beta^1$  agrees exactly with Bonon. alone (*λυγῶντα πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων συν . . .*). It is probable therefore that  $\beta$  was not just corrected by reference to Bonon. but was copied from the archetype of the latter.

Bonon. C 3635 not only has the end of QUESTION III, which is not in  $\gamma$ , and words that are not in  $\beta^1$  but also preserves words that are missing from X, from J, and from *a*, A,  $\gamma$ , E,  $\epsilon$ , and *n*.<sup>a</sup> Though very often in agreement with *a* and A against J and sometimes against X or both X and J, it agrees at times with X or J or both of them against *a* and A and occasionally disagrees with all four—X, J, *a* and A.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> There are more than 35 places where Bonon. with *a*, A, and X preserves words lacking in J, among which see 1003 B (*τῶν δὲ κυκλικῶν . . . τῶν εὐθύγραμμων*), 1004 A (*ὅτι τοίνυν . . . τὸ εὐθύγραμμον*), 1006 c (*ἰλλομένην . . . ἀνειλουμένην*). For words in Bonon. lacking in others see *e.g.* 1003 B (*ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς* omitted by X), 1005 B (*τὸ δ' ἤλεκτρον . . . τὸν σίδηρον* omitted by  $\epsilon$ ), 1005 c-D (*ἰλυσπᾶν . . . Πλάτωνος* omitted by J,  $\gamma$ , *a*, A, E, B,  $\beta^1$ ), 1007 D (*μὲν* omitted by all except Bonon., Voss., Escor.,  $\beta^2$ ; and *ἔστι* omitted by *a*, A,  $\beta^1$ ,  $\gamma$ , E, B,  $\epsilon$ , *n*), 1009 B (*μερῶν μηθὲν ἅμα* omitted by *a*, A,  $\gamma$ , B), 1010 c (*κράτιστον . . . εἶναι* omitted by J,  $\gamma$ , *a*, A,  $\gamma$ , E, B), 1011 A (*λυγῶντα . . . συν* omitted by X, *a*, A,  $\gamma$ , E, B,  $\epsilon$ ), 1011 B (*νῆ Δία* omitted by J,  $\gamma$ , *a*, A,  $\beta^1$ ,  $\gamma$ , E, B).

<sup>b</sup> Examples of this last case are 1011 A in the preceding note, 1010 B (*διάλεκτος: διάλογος*-Bonon.), 1010 D (*μῆ* omitted by X, J, *a*, A); of agreement with X against *a* and A 1005 c-D, 1009 B, 1010 c, and 1011 B in the preceding note and 1006 c (*τεταμένον*) and 1009 A (*τῶ*); of agreement with J against *a* and A 1002 D (*ἄλλα ἄλλοις*), 1004 B (*μὲν* omitted by X, *a*, A), 1009 E (*καθ' αὐτά*); of agreement with X and J

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It must have been copied from a ms. which, though mutilated at the beginning of the work in the same way as *a*, had a text in some cases nearer to that of *X* and in a few nearer to that of *J* than to that of *a*.

The text of Voss. 16, though for the most part identical with that of Bonon., differs from it in seventeen places.<sup>a</sup> In six of these differences, moreover, Voss. agrees with *J*<sup>1</sup> and in three others with *n*<sup>b</sup>; and this suggests that Voss. was copied not from Bonon. itself but possibly from the latter's archetype or a ms. very much like it.

The same is true of Escor. T-11-5, which agrees with Voss. against Bonon. eight times and with Bonon. against Voss. seven times but disagrees with both Bonon. and Voss. in 31 cases,<sup>c</sup> in two of which

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against *a* and A 1006 D (λαμβάνοντας), 1007 D (έστι omitted by *a*, A), 1008 D (λογιστικόν), 1011 A (τάς omitted by *a*, A).

<sup>a</sup> This is assuming that in 1005 c-D (where Hubert's *apparatus* is doubly in error) the line through οὕτως ὑπό τοῦ Πλάτωνος was drawn by the first hand of Bonon. Otherwise the differences would be eighteen.

<sup>b</sup> 1004 A (εὐθύγραμμοι: εὐθύγραμμον -J, g, Voss.); 1004 A (συναρμοσσομένοις: συναρμοστόμενος -J, g, Voss.<sup>1</sup>); 1005 A (ἀφιειμένῳ: ἐφιειμένῳ -J<sup>1</sup>, g, Voss., Escor.); 1005 c (τῶ: τὸ -J, g, Voss.); 1005 E-F (πληθύνοντες: πληθύνοντες -J, g, Voss., Escor.); 1011 B (θεωρικὰ: θεωρητικὰ -J, g, Voss., Escor.); 1010 c (Εὐήνος: εὐήνος -n, Voss.); 1011 A (παρὰ τοῖς: παρ' οἷς -n, Voss.); 1011 A (τῶν προβάτων συν . . . : συν omitted by *n* and Voss.). The last is one of the two passages adduced by Pohlenz and Hubert (Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi, 1, p. xiv); in the other, 1003 A, though Voss. disagrees with Bonon. and others (συνυπῆρχον), its reading, συνυπάρχον, is not that of *J*<sup>1</sup> as it is there said to be.

<sup>c</sup> Perhaps a dozen of these are errors of the scribe of Escor. himself, one of which is interesting as a warning, however, for it can be only by a coincidence that in 1004 A Escor. omits seven words that are omitted by *J* and *g* but are preserved by all other mss.

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it agrees with others in the correct reading.<sup>a</sup> In 1011 A Escor. like Voss. and n omits the prefix *συν* preserved by Bonon. and β alone but alone has λέγοντα instead of the λυγῶντα of these four mss., and in 1003 A it alone has *συννάρχουσι* instead of the *συννάρχον* of Voss. and the correct *συννῆρχον* of Bonon. Moreover, it alone has *καὶ ἰλυσπᾶν* in 1005 c, *παραλιπόντα μηθὲν καὶ* in 1009 B where Bonon. and Voss. have *μερῶν μηθὲν ἄμα καὶ*, and in 1010 D *ὄρω . . . vac. 30 . . . ἀλλ' ὥσπερ ὁμοῦ* instead of their *ὄρω μέλλων νῦν ὁμοῦ τι*.

In that part of E that fills folios 606<sup>r</sup>-610<sup>r</sup> (*τοῦ νοητοῦ μόνον* [1002 D]—to the end) and was copied before the beginning of the work had been found E never agrees with *a* against A. It agrees with A, *a*<sup>2</sup> and others against *a*<sup>1</sup> thrice,<sup>b</sup> with A against *a* eight times,<sup>c</sup> and with A<sup>2</sup> against *a* and A<sup>1</sup> twice<sup>d</sup>; but once it agrees with *a*<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>1</sup> against *a* and A as corrected,<sup>e</sup> and eight times it disagrees with both *a* and A. One of these differences is a matter of word-order and is changed by E<sup>2</sup> (1003 B), one is the omission by E and B of two words that appear in all other mss. (1010 A : *καθ' αὐτό*), and three concern

<sup>a</sup> 1004 B (*ἐντάσει* -E, B, n, Escor.), 1008 E (*ὄν* -Escor. with all except n, Bonon., Voss).

<sup>b</sup> 1002 E (*δεῖ* : *δὴ* -*a*<sup>1</sup>, *ε*), 1009 D (*τὸ πρῶτον* omitted by *a*<sup>1</sup>), 1009 F (*τὸν λέγοντα* : *λέγον* -*a*<sup>1</sup>).

<sup>c</sup> In five of these cases E and A are wrong, though *a* is right (1006 B [*ὁ δὴ* -*a*], 1007 A [*ἔκγονος* -*a*], 1007 F [*πρότερον* -*a*], 1008 C [*τιμωρίας* -*a*], 1009 E [*καὶ* -*a*]); in two E and A are right and *a* wrong (1003 A [*ἦ* -E, A] and 1011 A [*τὸν* -E, A]); and in one all are wrong (1005 A [*ἦκον* -*a*<sup>2</sup>; *εἶκον* -E, A]).

<sup>d</sup> 1003 E (*πασῶν* -E, A<sup>2</sup>) and 1005 C (*τῆ τρίψει* -E, A<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>e</sup> In 1006 A the *οὐ* after *πρότερον* that is absent from X, *ε*, n and is erased in *a* and cancelled in A is present in E.

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the form of a single word <sup>a</sup> ; but in two cases E with B has a word that is in no other ms.,<sup>b</sup> and in 1009 B there are in E three words, *μερῶν μηθὲν ἄμα*, that are absent from the lacuna in *α*, A, *γ*, and B and occur only in X, *β*, *ε*, n, Bonon., and Voss. The scribe of E might have found these three words in the ms. from which he later copied the beginning of the work and might then have entered them here in the lacuna that he had left ; but, if so, it is strange that the scribe of B, whether he copied the whole work from E or from the ms. whence E took the first part of it, omitted just these three words and preserved exactly the lacuna of *α*, A, and *γ*. It is more probable that the scribe of E copied the three words in question and all this second part of the work from a congener of *α*, which was also the source of A's corrections.<sup>c</sup>

In the first part of the work (999 c—1002 d), which the scribe of E added later, there are 53 cases in which E agrees with X against J ; and in fifteen of these E preserves a word or words missing from J (cf. 1000 A, c, and e ; 1001 c and d ; 1002 A). In only two cases does E agree with J against X ; and in another, where it agreed with X, it was changed so that E<sup>2</sup> agrees with J instead.<sup>d</sup> In eight cases

<sup>a</sup> 1004 B (*ἐντάσει* -E, B, n, Escor. ; *ἐνοστάσει* -all other mss.), 1004 c (*κυκλοφορητικὴν* : *κυκλοφορικὴν* -E, B, n), and 1005 A (*συνεπιταχύνων* : *ἐπιταχύνων* -E, B, Escor.).

<sup>b</sup> 1007 F (*σελήμην* : *τὴν σελήμην* -E, B) and 1009 A (*μεσότητας* : *ὡς μεσότητας* -E, B).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Valgiglio, *De Fato*, p. xl and his references to Treu and Larsen, p. xxxix, n. 36.

<sup>d</sup> 999 D (*πότερον* -E, B, J, g ; *πότερα* -X, *ε*, n), 1001 B (*τῆ ὕλη* -E, B, J, g, *ε*, n ; *τῆ ἔλη* -X), 1001 c (*γένους* -E<sup>1</sup>, X, *ε*, n ; *γένος* -E<sup>2</sup>, J, g, B).

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E with B in agreement has a reading different from that of X and J<sup>a</sup>; and in still another E, agreeing with X and J, was changed by E<sup>2</sup> to disagree with both.<sup>b</sup> The first part of the work, then, must have been copied by E from a ms. the text of which was much nearer to that of X than to that of J.

In the first part of the work (999 c—1002 d) B disagrees with E and all other mss. seven times,<sup>c</sup> in agreement with J disagrees with E and all others once,<sup>d</sup> and in agreement with E<sup>2</sup> disagrees with E<sup>1</sup> thrice.<sup>e</sup> In the second part of the work B agrees once with E<sup>2</sup> and all other mss. against E<sup>1</sup> in the order of words (1003 A-B), disagrees with E eight times,<sup>f</sup> and once, though agreeing with E, has a "correction"

<sup>a</sup> 1000 F (ἦ: καὶ -E, B; omitted by X, J, g, ε, η). The other seven cases are 999 F, 1000 B, 1001 D (*bis*), 1002 A, 1002 B, 1002 D.

<sup>b</sup> 1002 A (ἐμφαινομένων -B, E<sup>2</sup>; ἐκφαινομένων -X, J, g, E<sup>1</sup>, ε, η).

<sup>c</sup> Twice in the order of words (999 E-F and 1001 B), thrice by wrongly omitting a word (1001 B [ἔοικεν], 1002 A [ἐν after ὥσπερ], and 1002 B [τῆς after ἔκ τε]), and twice in the form of a word (1000 A [διανομή: νομή -B] and 1000 D [νοητὸν: νοητῆν -B]).

<sup>d</sup> 1002 B (μικρότητα: μακρότητα -J, B).

<sup>e</sup> 1001 C (γένους -E<sup>1</sup>, X, ε, η; γένος -B, E<sup>2</sup>, J, g), 1002 A (ἐκ δὲ: δὲ with three dots superscript -E; δὲ omitted by B), and 1002 A (ἐμφαινομένων -B, E<sup>2</sup>; ἐκφαινομένων -E<sup>1</sup> and all other mss.).

<sup>f</sup> 1004 B (καμπυλωτέρας: καμπυλοτέρας -B, ε), 1007 E (ἀρμονία: ἀρμονίαν -B), 1007 F (τὸν ἐν μὲν τοῖς: τὸν μὲν τοῖς -B: τὸν μὲν ἐν τοῖς -J, g), 1008 C (ὀρέξει: ἔξει -B), 1008 C (τῶ λογισμῶ καὶ σύμμαχον: καὶ σύμμαχον τῶ λογισμῶ -B; καὶ λογισμῶ σύμμαχον -η), 1008 D (ὑπάτη: ὑπάτην -B), 1008 F (ὅτε μὲν τε μετὰ: ὅτε μὲν μετὰ -B; ὅτε . . . vac. 5 . . . μετὰ -J; ὅτε μετὰ -g), 1009 B (λόγου μερῶν μηθὲν ἅμα . . . vac. 13 . . . καὶ -E; λόγου . . . vac. 34 . . . -B).

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that points to a variant resembling the readings of J and g.<sup>a</sup> This last and the lacuna in 1009 B are the strongest indications that the second part of the work in B was copied neither from E nor from the source of E for this part; and, although no single passage decisively proves that B did not copy the whole work from E after E had been corrected,<sup>b</sup> it is at least equally possible that B copied it from the ms. whence E had taken the first part of it.

Of the extant mss. containing the whole work the oldest is J (13th century),<sup>c</sup> for the part of X that contains it was written in the 14th century. It has been asserted that J is nearer than X to the Planudean text,<sup>d</sup> but the very opposite is true. In that part of the work which is preserved in  $\alpha$  and A (1002 D ff.) J and X agree against  $\alpha$  A E seven times and three more against  $\alpha$  <sup>e</sup>; but, where J and X disagree, while J agrees with  $\alpha$  A E against X twenty times, with  $\alpha^1$  A<sup>1</sup> E against X  $\alpha^2$  A<sup>2</sup> once, and with  $\alpha^1$  against X  $\alpha^2$  A E once,<sup>f</sup> X agrees with  $\alpha$  A E against J 167 times and with  $\alpha$  against J four

<sup>a</sup> 1003 B (<sup>op</sup>διάφωνον -B; διαφέρειν -J; διαφέρον -g; διάφωνον -E and all other mss.).

<sup>b</sup> For the controversy concerning the relation of B to E see Plutarch, *Moralia* (L.C.L.), xii (1957), pp. 26-27 and 31-32 (with B. Einarson, *Class. Phil.*, liii [1958], p. 265, n. 3), ix (1961), p. 305, and xi (1965), p. 6; Pohlenz-Westman, *Moralia* vi/2 (1959), pp. 228-229.

<sup>c</sup> J<sup>4</sup>=the corrections made by Demetrius Ducas in preparing J as "copy for the printer of the Aldine edition" (cf. Tren, *Ueberlieferung* iii, pp. 22-26).

<sup>d</sup> Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, p. XII.

<sup>e</sup> In all cases I disregard differences of accent and breathing alone.

<sup>f</sup> Of these 22 cases two are omissions of words in X and two are omissions of words in J.

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times more.<sup>a</sup> Since not only X but all other mss. preserve words that J omits, J cannot be the source of any other ms. for this work, not even of g.

The agreement of g with J is striking even in the omission of words that are present in all other mss.<sup>b</sup> and in the preservation of words that are missing from X<sup>c</sup>; but g agrees with X and others against J at least 38 times,<sup>d</sup> in two cases preserving words that are omitted by J alone.<sup>e</sup> The close agreement of g with J suggests, therefore, that both were copied from the same ms. and that this ms. itself exhibited most of the errors and omissions common to J and g. It may have been a copy or a twin of the archetype of X and may have contained some of the variants that X appears to have preserved from that

<sup>a</sup> Of these differences between X and J 35 are omissions of a word or words in J and three are omissions of a word or words in X. If these omissions were the fault of the scribes of J and X themselves, their originals may have shown less of a difference in relation to *a* A E, as is indicated by 1006 c, where X agrees with *a* A E in preserving sixteen words omitted by J and yet in these sixteen words differs from *a* A E three times.

<sup>b</sup> J and g agree against all other mss. more than 150 times, in 45 of which they omit words that all others have, e.g. 1000 E (καὶ δεόμενον and καὶ βεβαιούντος), 1003 B (τῶν δὲ κυκλικῶν . . . τὰς τῶν εὐθυγράμμων), and 1006 c (ἰλλομένην . . . ἀνειλουμένην).

<sup>c</sup> 1003 B (ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς) and 1011 A (λυγῶν πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων -omitted by X, E, B, and ε as well as by *a*, A, γ).

<sup>d</sup> There are also about 25 unique readings in g, some ten of which are omissions of a single word, probably the fault of the scribe of g himself.

<sup>e</sup> 1000 c (οὐ προσδέξεται . . . τὸ πλῆθος) and 1004 D (πλειόνων). The statement in Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, p. XIII, line 1 concerning νοούμενον, "exhib. g," is erroneous.

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archetype, e.g. 1005 F (κενουμένας -X<sup>1</sup>; κινουμένας -J; κενουμένας -g and all other mss.), 1006 B (γαρ -X<sup>1</sup>; τερον  
τε -J, g; γάρ -all other mss.), 1008 E (άνωτάτω -X<sup>1</sup>; άνώτερον -J, g; άνωτάτω -all other mss.).

Both ε and the part of η written by the first hand <sup>a</sup> agree with X in preserving the many words omitted by J and g and almost never agree with J or g or J g alone against X,<sup>b</sup> and in the part of the work that is missing from the mutilated mss. (i.e. before τοῦ νοητοῦ in 1002 D) they agree in several significant readings with X, J, and g against E and B.<sup>c</sup> Thereafter, although they occasionally agree with α, Α, Ε, and Β against X, J, and g,<sup>d</sup> they preserve with X words that are missing from these mss.<sup>e</sup> and never agree with Bonon., Voss., or Escor. against all others; but both of them also preserve words omitted by X,<sup>f</sup> and each of the two has words

<sup>a</sup> That is from the beginning of the work through ἀλλὰ ἕτερον at the end of 1008 Α=folios 1<sup>r</sup>-6<sup>v</sup> (see p. 6, n. b *supra*).

<sup>b</sup> The exceptions are 1001 C (μαθηματικόν: μαθητικόν -J, ε), 1001 D (δὲ τοῖς: δὲ τῆς -J, g, η), 1005 D (τις -omitted by J, g, ε), 1005 F (ὑπέικοντος: ὑπήκοντος -J, ε, η), and 1006 B (τὸν: τὸ -J, g, ε).

<sup>c</sup> 1000 B (φιλοσοφία -X, J, g, ε, η; σοφία -E, B), 1000 F (ἦ τῆ: καὶ τῆ -E, B; τῆ -X, J, g, ε, η), 1001 D (ἄνισα τμήματα . . . ἔτεμε -E, B; ἄνισα τὰ τμήματα . . . ἔτεμνε -X, J, g, ε, η), 1002 B (θεῖοις: θεοῖς -X, J, g, ε, η; νοητοῖς -E, B).

<sup>d</sup> 1006 D (λαμβάνοντας: λαμβάνοντα ε, η, α, Α, Ε, Β), 1007 D (ἐστι -omitted by ε, η, α, Α, β<sup>1</sup>, γ, Ε, Β), 1007 E (οὐ φαύλων: οὐδὲ φαύλων -ε, η, α, Α, β<sup>1</sup>, γ, Ε, Β, J<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>e</sup> 1005 C-D (σωμάτων εἰλυσπᾶν οὕτως ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος ὁ -X, ε, η; σωμάτων . . . vac. . . ὁ -α, Α, Ε, Β; σωμάτων. ὁ -J, g, γ).

<sup>f</sup> 1003 B (ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς), 1007 F (καὶ -omitted by X alone).



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that the other omits.<sup>a</sup> Neither  $\epsilon$  nor this part of  $n$ , then, could have been derived from any of the extant mss. ; and both are probably independent copies of the archetype of  $X$ .

This is not the case, however, with folios 7<sup>r</sup>-9<sup>v</sup> of  $n$  (οἱ γὰρ ὡς κυρίαν [1008 A *sub finem*] to the end of the work). The text of these folios, written in a hand different from that of folios 1<sup>r</sup>-6<sup>v</sup>, while agreeing with  $\epsilon$  and  $X$  in preserving words omitted by  $J$  and  $g$ , by  $E$  and  $B$ , and by  $\alpha$ ,  $A$ , and  $\gamma$ ,<sup>b</sup> also preserves words omitted by  $\epsilon$  and  $X$ <sup>c</sup> ; and in all these passages  $n$  is in agreement with one or more of the group consisting of Bonon., Voss., and Escor., as it also is in 23 of the 24 cases in which—besides five readings unique to it—it disagrees with  $\epsilon$ . In eleven of these 23 cases, moreover,  $n$  is in agreement only with one or more of this group ( $\beta^1$  or  $\beta^2$  included in some cases). It was certainly from a ms. related to this group, therefore, and possibly from the archetype of Bonon. that this last part of the work in  $n$  was taken.

<sup>a</sup> e.g. 1001 A *sub finem* (τοῦ τεκνῶσαντος -omitted by  $n$  alone), 1005 A (ἄμα -omitted by  $n$  alone), 1005 B (τὸ δ' ἤλεκτρον . . . συνεφέλλεται τὸν σίδηρον -omitted by  $\epsilon$  alone), 1007 E (καὶ πρώτῳ -omitted by  $\epsilon$  alone).

<sup>b</sup> 1009 B (λόγου μερῶν μηθὲν ἄμα καὶ - $\epsilon$ ,  $n$ ,  $X$ ,  $\beta$ , Bonon., Voss. ; λόγου . . . vac. . . . καὶ - $\alpha$ ,  $A$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $B$ ), 1010 A (καθ' αὐτὸ -omitted by  $E$ ,  $B$ ), 1010 C (κράτιστον . . . μέρος εἶναι -omitted by  $J$ ,  $g$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $A$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $E$ ,  $B$ ,  $\beta^1$ ), 1011 B (νῆ Δία -omitted by  $J$ ,  $g$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $A$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $E$ ,  $B$ ,  $\beta^1$ ).

<sup>c</sup> 1010 D (ἐκπώμασι μὴ - $n$ , Bonon., Voss., Escor.,  $\beta^2$  ; μὴ omitted by all other mss.), 1011 A (Ὀδυσσεά λυγῶντα πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων . . . vac. . . . οὐ - $n$ , Voss. ; Ὀδυσσεά . . . vac. . . . οὐ - $X$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $A$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $E$ ,  $B$ ,  $\epsilon$ ).

## ΖΗΤΗΜΑ Α'

1. Τί δήποτε τὸν Σωκράτην ὁ θεὸς μαιουῖσθαι<sup>2</sup> μὲν ἐκέλευσεν ἑτέρους, αὐτὸν δὲ γεννᾶν ἀπεκώλυσεν, ὡς ἐν Θεαιτήτῳ λέγεται; Οὐ γὰρ εἰρωνευόμενός γε<sup>3</sup> καὶ παίζων προσεχρήσατ' ἂν τῷ D τοῦ<sup>4</sup> θεοῦ ὀνόματι. καὶ ἄλλως ἐν τῷ Θεαιτήτῳ πολλὰ μέγалаυχα καὶ σοβαρὰ Σωκράτει περιτέθεικεν, ὧν καὶ ταῦτ' ἐστί· “ πολλοὶ γὰρ δή,<sup>5</sup> ὦ θαυμάσιε, πρὸς με οὕτω<sup>6</sup> διετέθησαν, ὥστ' ἀτεχνῶς δάκνειν<sup>7</sup> ἐπειδάν τινα λήρον αὐτῶν ἀφαιρῶμαι· καὶ οὐκ οἶονταί με εὐνοία τοῦτο ποιεῖν, πόρρω ὄντες τοῦ εἰδέναι ὅτι οὐδεὶς θεὸς δύσνους ἀνθρώποις οὐδ' ἐγὼ δυσνοία τοιοῦτον οὐδὲν δρώ, ἀλλὰ μοι ψεῦδός τε συγχωρῆσαι καὶ ἀληθὲς ἀφανίσαι οὐδαμῶς θέμις.”

Πότερον<sup>8</sup> οὖν τὴν ἑαυτοῦ φύσιν ὡς κριτικῶ-

<sup>1</sup> X, J, g, E, B, ε, η; πλατωνικά ζητήματα ὧν οὐχ εὐρέθη ἡ ἀρχή -α, A, β, Bonon. C 3635, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5 (all beginning with τοῦ νοητοῦ μόνον [1002 D]) and γ (beginning with τί δήποτε τὴν ψυχὴν [1002 E]).

<sup>2</sup> μαιεύεσθαι -Plato (*Theaetetus* 150 c 7). <sup>3</sup> τε -J, g.

<sup>4</sup> τῷ -omitted by J and added superscript by J<sup>4</sup>; τοῦ -omitted by X, g, E, B, ε, η.

<sup>5</sup> ἤδη -Nogarola from *Theaetetus* 151 c 5.

<sup>6</sup> πρὸς με οὕτω -X, E, B, ε, η, Plato; οὕτω πρὸς με -J, g.

<sup>7</sup> <ἔτοιμοι εἶναι> -added by Stephanus from *Theaetetus* 151 c 7.

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### QUESTION I

1. WHYEVER did god, as is stated in the *Theaetetus*,<sup>a</sup> bid Socrates act as midwife to others but prevent him from himself begetting? Certainly he would not have used the name of god in irony or jest<sup>b</sup>; and besides in the *Theaetetus* Socrates has been made to say many arrogant and haughty things, among them this<sup>c</sup>: "For a great many men, my excellent friend, have got into such a state of mind towards me as practically to bite when I remove some silliness of theirs; and they do not believe that I am doing this out of benevolence, for they are a long way from knowing that no god is malevolent towards men and that neither do I do any such deed out of malevolence but that it is quite illicit for me to admit falsehood and suppress truth."

Is it then his own nature, as being more dis-

<sup>a</sup> Plato, *Theaetetus* 150 c 7-8.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Plato, *Symposium* 216 E 4-5 (εἰρωνευόμενος δὲ καὶ παίζων πάντα τὸν βίον πρὸς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους διατελεῖ). The tendency to dismiss as "irony" statements of Socrates that connected with god his behaviour in carrying on his elenchus is mentioned not only in *Anon. in Platonis Theaetetus* (Pap. Berl. 9782), col. 58, 39-49 (p. 39 [Diels-Schubart]) but also in the *Platonic Apology* 37 E 5—38 A 1.

<sup>c</sup> *Theaetetus* 151 c 5-D 3.

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<sup>d</sup> πότερα -X, e, n.

(999) τέραν ἡ<sup>1</sup> γονιμωτέραν οὔσαν θεὸν προσεῖπε, καθ-  
 άπερ Μένανδρος “ὁ νοῦς γὰρ ἡμῶν ὁ θεός”  
 καὶ Ἡράκλειτος “ἦθος ἀνθρώπου<sup>2</sup> δαίμων”. ἡ  
 Ε θεῖόν τι καὶ δαιμόνιον ὡς ἀληθῶς αἴτιον ὑψηγῆ-  
 σατο Σωκράτει τοῦτο τῆς φιλοσοφίας τὸ γένος,  
 ᾧ τοὺς ἄλλους ἐξετάζων ἀεὶ τύφου καὶ πλάνου<sup>3</sup>  
 καὶ ἀλαζονείας καὶ τοῦ βαρεῖς εἶναι πρῶτον μὲν  
 αὐτοῖς εἶτα καὶ τοῖς συνοῦσιν ἀπήλλαττε; καὶ  
 γὰρ ὡσπερ ἐκ τύχης τότε φοράν συνέβη γενέσθαι<sup>4</sup>  
 σοφιστῶν ἐν τῇ Ἑλλάδι· καὶ τούτοις οἱ νέοι  
 πολὺν τελοῦντες<sup>5</sup> ἀργύριον οἰήματος ἐπληροῦντο καὶ  
 δοξοσοφίας, καὶ λόγων ἐζήλουν<sup>6</sup> σχολὴν καὶ διατρι-

<sup>1</sup> ἡ -Turnebus, Nogarola; καὶ -all mss.

<sup>2</sup> ἀνθρώπων -Bernardakis (cf. Stobaeus, *Anth.* iv, 40, 23 =  
 v, p. 925, 12 [Hense]); but cf. ἀνθρώπων in Alexander, *De*  
*Fato*, p. 170, 18-19 and *De An. Libri Mantissa*, p. 185, 23  
 (Bruns).

<sup>3</sup> πλάνης -J, g.

<sup>4</sup> γενέσθαι συνέβη -J, g.

<sup>5</sup> πολυτελοῦντες -X<sup>1</sup>, J<sup>1</sup>, ε.

<sup>6</sup> ἐζήλουν -X, E, ε, n, B<sup>corr.</sup> (ἐζήτουν -B<sup>1</sup> with λ superscript  
 over τ); ζήλου -J, g.

<sup>a</sup> Being predominantly, therefore, cognition (cf. τῷ κριτικῷ  
 in *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1024 b *infra*), the part or faculty  
 which exists without difference in the soul of gods also (cf.  
 Albinus, *Epitome* xxv, 7 [Louis] = p. 178, 32-33 [Hermann]).  
 For τὸ γόνιμον as part of the irrational soul cf. Philo Jud.,  
*De Agricultura* 30-31 (ii, p. 101, 5-7 [Wendland]) and *Quis*  
*Rerum Div. Heres* 232 (iii, p. 52, 13-15 [Wendland]);  
 Plutarch probably identified it with that fifth part which he  
 calls now θρεπτικόν and again φυτικόν (*De E* 390 f and  
*De Defectu Orac.* 429 e; cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 415 a  
 23-26 and *Eth. Nic.* 1102 a 32-b 2).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. ὅτι εἰκάζει ἑαυτὸν θεῷ (*Anon. in Platonis Theaete-*  
*tum* [Pap. Berl. 9782], col. 58, 42-43) and τῷ θεῷ συνέταξεν  
 ἑαυτὸν (Olympiodorus, *In Platonis Alcibiadem Priorem*,  
 p. 53, 14-15 and pp. 173, 21-174, 9 [Creuzer]).

cerning than fertile,<sup>a</sup> that he called god,<sup>b</sup> as Menander said "for our intelligence is god"<sup>c</sup> and Heraclitus "the character of a man is his guardian spirit"<sup>d</sup>; or did some truly divine and spiritual cause<sup>e</sup> guide Socrates to this kind of philosophy with which by continually subjecting others to examination he made them free of humbug and error and pretentiousness and of being burdensome first to themselves and then to their companions also? <sup>f</sup> For at that time as if by chance there happened also to have sprung up in Greece a crop of sophists; and the young men, paying these persons a large amount of money, were getting themselves filled full of self-conceit and sham-wisdom and were zealous for dis-

<sup>a</sup> Menander, frag. 749 (Koerte-Thierfelder) = frag. 762 (Kock); cf. frag. 64 (Koerte-Thierfelder) = frag. 70 (Kock).

<sup>d</sup> Heraclitus, frag. B 119 (D.-K. and Walzer) = frag. 121 (Bywater). For the implied polemic against the conventional notion of the δαίμων as the "destiny" assigned to a man cf. G. Misch, *A History of Autobiography in Antiquity* (London, 1950), pp. 94-95; and see Plato, *Republic* 617 E 1 and 620 D 8, where the soul of each selects its own δαίμων, and Apuleius, *De Deo Socratis* xv, 150 ("... animus humanus etiam nunc in corpore situs daemon nuncupatur . . . daemon bonus id est animus virtute perfectus est") = Xenocrates, frag. 81 (Heinze).

<sup>e</sup> This is surely a reference to the "divine sign," τὸ δαιμόνιον (cf. 1000 D *infra*), which in Plato's *Apology* 31 c 8-D 1 Socrates calls θεῖόν τι καὶ δαιμόνιον (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Alcibiadem Priorem*, p. 79, 1-14 [Creuzer] = p. 35 [Westerink]) and the nature of which is discussed by Plutarch in *De Genio Socratis* 580 c-582 c and 588 c-589 f. ὑφηγήσατο could not properly be used of the sign which according to Plato αἰεὶ ἀποτρέπει . . . προτρέπει δὲ οὐποτε (*Apology* 31 D 3-4, cf. *Phaedrus* 242 c 1), but Plutarch seems to have neglected this limitation (cf. *De Genio Socratis* 581 B: δαιμόνιον εἶναι τὸ κωλύον ἢ κελεῖον ἔλεγε).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Plato, *Theaetetus* 210 c 2-4 and *Sophist* 230 B 4-c 3.

(999) βὰς ἀπράκτους ἐν ἔρισι καὶ φιλοτιμίαις καλὸν δὲ καὶ χρήσιμον οὐδ' ὀτιοῦν. τὸν οὖν ἐλεγκτικὸν λόγον ὡσπερ καθαρτικὸν ἔχων φάρμακον<sup>1</sup> ὁ Σωκράτης ἀξιοπίστος ἦν ἐτέρους ἐλέγχων τῷ μηδὲν ἀποφαίνεσθαι, καὶ μᾶλλον ἤπτετο δοκῶν ζητεῖν κοινῇ τὴν ἀλήθειαν οὐκ αὐτὸς ἰδία δόξῃ<sup>2</sup> βοηθεῖν.

1000 2. Ἐπειτα τοῦ κρίνειν ὄντος ὠφελίμου τὸ γεννᾶν<sup>3</sup> ἐμπόδιόν ἐστι. τυφλοῦται γὰρ τὸ φιλοῦν περὶ τὸ φιλούμενον· φιλεῖται δὲ τῶν ἰδίων οὐδὲν οὕτως ὡς δόξα καὶ λόγος ὑπὸ τοῦ τεκόντος. ἡ γὰρ λεγομένη τέκνων δικαιοτάτη διανομὴ<sup>4</sup> πρὸς λόγους ἐστὶν ἀδικωτάτη· δεῖ γὰρ ἐκεῖ μὲν λαβεῖν<sup>5</sup> τὸ ἴδιον ἐνταῦθα δέ, κἂν ἀλλότριον ἦ, τὸ βέλτιστον. ὅθεν ὁ γεννῶν ἴδια γίννεται φαυλότερος ἐτέρων κριτῆς. καὶ καθάπερ Ἡλείους τῶν σοφῶν<sup>6</sup> τις ἔφη βελτίους ἂν εἶναι τῶν Ὀλυμπίων ἀγωνοθέτας, εἰ μηδὲ εἰς Ἡλείων ἦν ἀγωνιστής, οὕτως ὁ μέλλων ἐν λόγοις ὀρθῶς ἐπιστατήσειν

<sup>1</sup> φάρμακον ἔχων -B.    <sup>2</sup> δόξης -X, J<sup>1</sup> (? -η over erasure).

<sup>3</sup> γενναῖον -J, g.

<sup>4</sup> νομὴ -B.

<sup>5</sup> X, E, B, ε, π; ἐκεῖ λαβεῖν μὲν -J, g.

<sup>6</sup> σοφιστῶν -J, g.

<sup>a</sup> See 1000 c-d *infra* (οὐ γὰρ σώματος ἢ Σωκράτους ἰατρεία ψυχῆς δ' ἦν . . . καθαρμός). The source is Plato's *Sophist* 230 c 3-E 3 and 231 b 3-8. Cf. Philo of Larissa in Stobaeus, *Ecl.* ii, 7, 2 (p. 40, 11-20 [Wachsmuth]); Albinus, *Prologue* vi (p. 150, 15-35 [Hermann]); *Cebetis Tabula* xix; Philo Jud., *De Decalogo* 10-13 (iv, pp. 270, 23-271, 13 [Cohn]).

<sup>b</sup> *Theaetetus* 150 c 5-6; cf. *Anon. in Platonis Theaetetus* (Pap. Berl. 9782), col. 54, 17-26.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *Quomodo Adulator ab Amico Internoscatur* 72 A and *Adv. Colotem* 1117 D (cf. Pohlenz-Westman, *Moralia* vi/2, p. 237, note to p. 194, 26-28); Plato, *Charmides* 165 b 5-8 and *Gorgias* 506 A 3-5 and *Cratylus* 384 c 1-3.

<sup>d</sup> So given as from Plato in *Quomodo Adulator ab Amico*

cussion of arguments and for disputations futile in wranglings and ambitious rivalries but not for anything fair and serviceable at all. So Socrates with his refutatory discourse like a purgative medicine <sup>a</sup> by maintaining nothing <sup>b</sup> claimed the credence of others when he refuted them, and he got the greater hold on them because he seemed to be seeking the truth along with them, not himself to be defending an opinion of his own. <sup>c</sup>

2. In the second place, while the exercise of judgment is beneficial, begetting is an obstacle to it, for what loves is blinded about the thing it loves <sup>d</sup> and nothing of one's own is so beloved as is an opinion or an argument by its parent. For the distribution of offspring that is proverbially most just <sup>e</sup> is most unjust when applied to arguments, for in the former case one must take what is one's own but in the latter what is best even if it be another's. <sup>f</sup> For this reason the man who begets his own becomes a poorer judge of others; and just as one of the sages said that Eleans would be better directors of the Olympic games if not a single Elean were entered in the contest, <sup>g</sup> so one who is going to be an upright moderator

*Internoscatur* 48 E-F and in *De Capienda ex Inimicis Utilitate* 90 A and 92 E; Plato in *Laws* 731 E has *τυφλοῦται γὰρ περὶ τὸ φιλούμενον ὁ φιλῶν*.

<sup>e</sup> I have not found the proverb or saying cited elsewhere.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Plato, *Philebus* 29 A (. . . δεῖν τὰλλότρια . . . λέγειν . . .) and *Phaedo* 85 c 8-9 (. . . τὸν γοῦν βέλτιστον τῶν ἀνθρωπίνων λόγων λαβόντα . . .).

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Herodotus, ii, 160 and Diodorus Siculus, i, 95, 2. The impartiality with which the Eleans administered the games was, nevertheless, held to be exemplary (cf. Plutarch, *Lycurgus* xx, 6 [52 c-D] = *Reg. et Imp. Apophthegmata* 190 c-D and 215 E-F; Dio Chrysostom, *Oratio* xiv = xxxi [von Arnim], 111; Athenaeus, viii, 350 b-c).

(1000)  
 Β καὶ βραβεύσειν<sup>1</sup> οὐ δίκαιός ἐστιν αὐτὸς φιλοστεφανεῖν οὐδ' ἀνταγωνίζεσθαι τοῖς κρινομένοις. καὶ γὰρ οἱ τῶν Ἑλλήνων στρατηγοὶ τὴν περὶ τῶν ἀριστείων ψῆφον φέροντες αὐτοὺς ἀρίστους ἔκριναν ἅπαντες<sup>2</sup>. καὶ τῶν φιλοσόφων οὐδεὶς ἔστιν, ὃς οὐ τοῦτο πέπονθε δίχα τῶν ὡσπερ Σωκράτης ὁμολογούντων μηδὲν ἴδιον λέγειν· οὔτοι δὲ καθαρὸς μόνος καὶ ἀδεκάστους τῆς ἀληθείας παρέχουσιν ἑαυτοὺς δικαστάς. ὡσπερ γὰρ ὁ ἐν τοῖς ὡσὶν ἀήρ, ἂν μὴ σταθερὸς ἦ μηδὲ φωνῆς ἰδίας ἔρημος ἀλλ' ἦχου καὶ ροῖζου μεστός, οὐκ ἀκριβῶς ἀντιλαμβάνεται τῶν φθεγγομένων, οὕτω τὸ<sup>3</sup> τοὺς λόγους ἐν φιλοσοφίᾳ<sup>4</sup> κρίνον, ἂν ἐνδοθεν ἀντιπαταγῆ<sup>5</sup> <τι><sup>6</sup> καὶ C ἀντηγῆ, δυσξύνετον ἔσται τῶν λεγομένων ἕξωθεν. ἡ γὰρ οἰκεία δόξα καὶ σύνοικος οὐ προσδέξεται τὸ διαφωνοῦν πρὸς αὐτήν, ὡς μαρτυρεῖ τῶν αἱρέσεων τὸ πλῆθος,<sup>7</sup> ὧν, ἂν ἀριστα πράττη φιλοσοφία, μίαν ἔχει<sup>8</sup> κατορθοῦσαν οἰομένας δὲ τὰς ἄλλας ἀπάσας καὶ μαχομένας<sup>9</sup> πρὸς τὴν ἀλήθειαν.

3. Ἔτι τοίνυν, εἰ μὲν οὐδέν ἐστι καταληπτὸν ἀνθρώπῳ καὶ γνωστόν, εἰκότως ὁ θεὸς ἀπεκώ-

<sup>1</sup> καὶ βραβεύσειν -omitted by J, g.

<sup>2</sup> ἅπαντας -J.

<sup>3</sup> τὸ -omitted by g.

<sup>4</sup> σοφία -E, B.

<sup>5</sup> ἀντιπαγῆ -g.

<sup>6</sup> Hubert: ἐνδοθέν <τι> ἀντιπαταγῆ -Wytttenbach.

<sup>7</sup> οὐ προσδέξεται . . . τὸ πλῆθος -omitted by J.

<sup>8</sup> φιλοσοφία, μίαν ἔχει -X, E, B; φιλοσοφίαν ἔχειν -J, g; φιλοσοφία μίαν ἔχειν -ε, η.

<sup>9</sup> καὶ μαχομένας -omitted by J, g.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De Herodoti Malignitate* 871 D-E and *Themistocles* xvii, 2; Herodotus, viii, 123.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Theophrastus, *De Sensibus* 19 (*Dox. Graeci*, pp. 504,



and umpire in arguments is bound not to crave the palm himself or to vie with the contenders. For even the generals of the Greeks when casting their ballot for the award of excellence all gave judgment for themselves as best <sup>a</sup>; and of philosophers there is none to whom this has not happened apart from those who like Socrates admit that they say nothing original, and these alone show themselves to be sound and incorruptible judges of the truth. For as the air in the ears does not accurately perceive utterances if it be not still and free from sound of its own but full of ringing and buzzing,<sup>b</sup> so what judges arguments in philosophy will have poor understanding of statements coming from without if they are muffled by the clatter and noise <of something> from within.<sup>c</sup> For personal opinion to which one is wedded will not accept what disagrees with her, as the multitude of systems testifies, of which philosophy, if she is faring her best, involves a single one being right and all the others guessing and being in conflict with the truth.

3. Furthermore, if nothing is apprehensible and knowable to man,<sup>d</sup> it was reasonable for god to have

29-505, 2) and 41 (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 511, 6-8) = Diogenes of Apollonia, frag. A 19 (ii, p. 55, 26-28 [D.-K.]).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. the explanation of Socrates' sensitivity to the "spiritual voice" given in *De Genio Socratis* 588 D-E and 589 C-D.

<sup>d</sup> The position of Arcesilaus (for whom see note *a* on *De Stoic. Repug.* 1036 A *infra*), ascribed by him to Socrates also (cf. *Adv. Colotem* 1121 F-1122 A; Cicero, *Acad. Post.* i, 44-45 and *De Oratore* iii, 67; Lactantius, *Div. Inst.* iii, 6, 7 = p. 188, 11-14 [Brandt]; A. Goedeckemeyer, *Die Geschichte des griechischen Skeptizismus* [Leipzig, 1905], pp. 33-34).

(1000) λυσεν αὐτὸν ὑπηνέμια καὶ ψευδῆ καὶ ἀβέβαια γεννᾶν ἐλέγχειν<sup>1</sup> δὲ τοὺς ἄλλους ἠνάγκαζε τοιαῦτα δοξάζοντας. οὐ γὰρ μικρὸν ἦν ὄφελος ἀλλὰ μέγιστον ὁ τοῦ μεγίστου τῶν κακῶν, ἀπάτης καὶ κενοφροσύνης, ἀπαλλάττων λόγος

οὐδ'<sup>2</sup> Ἀσκληπιάδαις τοῦτό γ' ἔδωκε θεός.

οὐ γὰρ σώματος ἢ Σωκράτους ἰατρεία ψυχῆς δ' D ἦν ὑπούλου καὶ διεφθαρμένης καθαρμός. εἰ δ' ἔστιν ἐπιστήμη τοῦ ἀληθοῦς ἐν δὲ τὸ ἀληθές, οὐκ ἔλαττον ἔχει τοῦ εὐρόντος ὁ μαθὼν παρὰ τοῦ εὐρόντος· λαμβάνει δὲ μᾶλλον ὁ μὴ πεπεισμένος ἔχειν, καὶ λαμβάνει τὸ βέλτιστον ἐξ ἀπάντων, ὥσπερ ὁ μὴ τεκῶν παῖδα ποιεῖται<sup>3</sup> τὸν ἄριστον.

4. Ὅρα δὲ μὴ τᾶλλα μὲν οὐδεμιᾶς ἦν ἄξια σπουδῆς ποιήματα καὶ μαθήματα καὶ λόγοι ῥητόρων καὶ δόγματα σοφιστῶν, ἃ Σωκράτην<sup>4</sup> γεννᾶν τὸ δαιμόνιον ἀπεκώλυσεν· ἦν δὲ μόνην ἠγεῖτο Σωκράτης σοφίαν, <τὴν><sup>5</sup> περὶ τὸ θεῖον καὶ νοητὸν<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> λέγειν -J, g.

<sup>2</sup> εἰ δ' -Theognis (οὐ δ' -Vat. gr. 915).

<sup>3</sup> Wyttenbach; παιδοποιεῖται -MSS.

<sup>4</sup> J, g; Σωκράτη -X, E, B, ε, n.

<sup>5</sup> <τὴν> -added by Wilamowitz.

<sup>6</sup> νοητὴν -B.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plato, *Theaetetus* 151 E 5-6 and 160 E 6—161 A 4.

<sup>b</sup> Theognis, 432; cf. the use of the line (also with initial οὐδ') by Dio Chrysostom, *Oratio* i, 8 (von Arnim).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Plato, *Sophist* 230 c—231 b and note a on p. 22 supra; and with ψυχῆς ὑπούλου cf. *Gorgias* 480 b 1-2 and 524 E 5—525 A 2.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Cicero, *Acad. Prior.* ii, 115 and 147 and *De Oratore* ii, 30 ("cum plus uno verum esse non possit"); Seneca, *Epistle* cii, 13; Lucian, *Hermotimus* 14 (τὸ δὲ γε ἀληθές . . . ἐν ἡν αὐτῶν . . .); and Aristotle, *Anal. Prior.* 47 a 8-9.

prevented Socrates from begetting inane and false and baseless notions and to compel him to refute the others who were forming such opinions.<sup>a</sup> For the discourse that liberates from the greatest of evils, deception and vanity, was not a slight but a very great help—

This gift god didn't grant even Asclepius' sons.<sup>b</sup>

For the treatment given by Socrates was not of the body but was a purgation of the ulcerous and corrupted soul.<sup>c</sup> If, however, there is knowledge of what is true and what is true is single,<sup>d</sup> he who has learned it from the discoverer does not possess it less than he who discovered it<sup>e</sup>; but the one who acquires it is rather he who is not sure that he possesses it,<sup>f</sup> and he acquires what is best of all, just as he who is not a parent himself adopts the child that is best.

4. Consider too that, while the other things, poetry and mathematics and rhetorical speeches and sophistic doctrines, which the spiritual power<sup>g</sup> prevented Socrates from begetting, were worth no serious concern, what Socrates held to be alone wisdom, <that> which he called passion for the

<sup>a</sup> See, however, *De Recta Ratione Audiendi* 48 B-D and Plutarch's advice there ἀσκεῖν ἅμα τῇ μαθήσει τὴν εὐρεσιν. The proverbial alternative ἢ εὐρεῖν ἢ παρ' ἄλλου μαθεῖν (*cf.* Plato, *Laches* 186 c and 186 E—187 A; *Phaedo* 85 c 7-8 and 99 c 6-9; [*Alcibiades* I] 106 D, 109 D-E, and 110 D; [*Demodocus*] 381 E 6-8; Aristotle, *Topics* 178 b 34-35) was itself converted into a proof that μάθησις is ἀνάμνησις (Maximus of Tyre, *Philos.* x, v h -vi b = pp. 119, 8-120, 20 [Hobein]).

<sup>f</sup> Contrast the situation of those who . . . πρὶν ἢ λαβεῖν ἔχειν ὁμολογοῦντες οὐ λαμβάνουσι (*De Recta Ratione Audiendi* 47 n).

<sup>g</sup> See note e on p. 21 *supra*.

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(1000) ἔρωτικὴν ὑπ' αὐτοῦ προσαγορευομένην, ταύτης οὐ  
 Ε γένεσις ἔστιν ἀνθρώποις οὐδὲ εὗρεσις ἀλλ' ἀνάμνη-  
 σις. ὅθεν οὐδὲν ἐδίδασκε Σωκράτης, ἀλλ' ἐνδιδούς  
 ἀρχὰς ἀποριῶν ὥσπερ ὠδίνων τοῖς νέοις ἐπήγειρε  
 καὶ ἀνεκίνει καὶ συνεξῆγε τὰς ἐμφύτους νοήσεις·  
 καὶ τοῦτο μαιωτικὴν τέχνην ὠνόμαζεν, οὐκ ἐν-  
 τιθεῖσαν ἔξωθεν, ὥσπερ ἕτεροι προσεποιούντο, νοῦν  
 τοῖς ἐντυγχάνουσιν, ἀλλ' ἔχοντας οἰκείον ἐν  
 ἑαυτοῖς ἀτελῆ δὲ καὶ συγκεχυμένον καὶ δεόμενον<sup>1</sup>  
 τοῦ τρέφοντος καὶ βεβαιούντος<sup>2</sup> ἐπιδεικνύουσιν.

### ΖΗΤΗΜΑ Β'

1. Τί δήποτε τὸν ἀνωτάτω θεὸν πατέρα τῶν<sup>3</sup>  
 πάντων καὶ ποιητὴν προσεῖπε;<sup>4</sup> πότερον ὅτι<sup>5</sup> τῶν  
 μὲν θεῶν τῶν γεννητῶν<sup>6</sup> καὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων πα-

<sup>1</sup> καὶ δεόμενον -omitted by J, g.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ βεβαιούντος -omitted by J, g.

<sup>3</sup> τῶν -omitted by J, g.

<sup>4</sup> προσεῖπεν -J, g.

<sup>5</sup> πότερον ὅτι -omitted by J, g.

<sup>6</sup> J, g; γεννητῶν -X, E, B, ε, n.

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<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plato, *Symposium* 204 B 2-5 and 210 E—212 A; *Republic* 490 A 8-B 7 and 501 D 1-2 with 409 A (. . . ἦν μὲν δεῖ . . . σοφίαν καλεῖσθαι) and *Theaetetus* 176 c 3-D 1.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *De Defectu Orac.* 422 B-C and the theses ascribed to him in Olympiodorus, *In Platonis Phaedonem*, pp. 155, 24-157, 12 and 212, 1-26 (Norvin). For parallels with this and the remainder of this section in Cicero, Albinus, Maximus of Tyre, and the anonymous commentator on Plato's *Theaetetus* cf. O. Luschnat, *Theologia Viatorum*, viii (1961/62), pp. 167-171; and for the Platonic doctrine of reminiscence cf. *Meno* 85 D—86 B, *Phaedo* 72 E—76 F and 91 E, and *Phaedrus* 249 B 5-C 4.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Theaetetus* 151 A 5-B 1 and 157 c 9-D 2. The ἐμφυτοὶ νοήσεις here are not "inbred" as are the Stoic ἐμφυτοὶ προλήψεις (see note b on *De Stoic. Repug.* 1041 E *infra*),

divine and intelligible,<sup>a</sup> is for human beings a matter not of generation or of discovery but of reminiscence.<sup>b</sup> For this reason Socrates was not engaged in teaching anything, but by exciting perplexities as if inducing the inception of labour-pains in young men he would arouse and quicken and help to deliver their innate conceptions<sup>c</sup>; and his name for this was obstetric skill,<sup>d</sup> since it does not, as other men pretended to do, implant in those who come upon it intelligence from without but shows that they have it native within themselves but undeveloped and confused and in need of nurture and stabilization.

## QUESTION II

1. **WHYEVER** did he call the supreme god father and maker of all things? <sup>e</sup> Was it because he is of gods, the gods that are engendered,<sup>f</sup> and of men father, as

despite the Stoic terminology: cf. Cicero, *Tusc. Disp.* i, 57: "... insitas ... notiones quas ἐννοίας vocant ..."; Anon. in *Platonis Theaetetum* (Pap. Berl. 9782), col. 47, 42-45: ... ἀναπτύσσων αὐτῶν τὰς φυσικὰς ἐννοίας ...; and especially Albinus, *Epitome* iv, 6 (Louis) = p. 155, 17-29 (Hermann): νόησις ... διττὴ ... ἢ μὲν πρὸ τοῦ ἐν σώματι γενέσθαι τὴν ψυχὴν ... γενομένης δ' αὐτῆς ἐν σώματι ἢ τότε λεγομένη νόησις νῦν ἐλέγχθη φυσικὴ ἔννοια. ...

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *Theaetetus* 161 E 4-6, 184 A 8-B 2, 210 B 8-9; Olympiodorus, in *Platonis Phaedonem*, p. 159, 1-3 (Norvin) = Plutarch, *Moralia* vii, p. 33, 7-10 (Bernardakis).

<sup>e</sup> A paraphrase of *Timaeus* 28 c 3-4 (τὸν μὲν οὖν ποιητὴν καὶ πατέρα τοῦδε τοῦ παντός), the interpretation of which is discussed at length by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* i, pp. 299, 13-319, 21 [Diehl], especially pp. 299, 21-300, 28; pp. 303, 24-304, 22; and pp. 311, 25-312, 9) and which is paraphrased somewhat differently by Plutarch in *Quaest. Conviv.* 718 A (... πατέρα καὶ ποιητὴν τοῦ τε κόσμου καὶ τῶν ἄλλων γεννητῶν ...). Cf. also *Timaeus* 37 c 7 and 41 A 5-7.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 40 D 4 (θεῶν ὄρατῶν καὶ γεννητῶν).

- (1000) τῆρ ἔστιν, ὡς<sup>1</sup> Ὀμηρος ἐπονομάζει, ποιητῆς δὲ  
 F τῶν ἀλόγων καὶ ἀψύχων; οὐδὲ γὰρ<sup>2</sup> χορίου<sup>3</sup> φη-  
 σὶ Χρῦσιππος πατέρα καλεῖσθαι τὸν παρασχόντα  
 τὸ σπέρμα, καίπερ ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος γεγονότος.  
 ἦ<sup>4</sup> τῇ μεταφορᾷ χρώμενος, ὥσπερ εἴωθε, τὸν  
 αἴτιον πατέρα τοῦ κόσμου κέκληκεν; ὡς τῶν  
 ἐρωτικῶν λόγων πατέρα Φαῖδρον ἐν Συμποσίῳ  
 1001 προσεῖπεν, εἰσηγητὴν αὐτῶν<sup>5</sup> γενόμενον ἐν δὲ  
 τῷ ὁμωνύμῳ διαλόγῳ καλλιπίαιδα<sup>6</sup>. πολλοὺς γὰρ  
 καὶ<sup>7</sup> καλοὺς λόγους ἐν φιλοσοφίᾳ γενέσθαι, τὴν  
 ἀρχὴν ἐκείνου παρασχόντος. ἦ<sup>8</sup> διαφέρει πατήρ  
 τε ποιητοῦ καὶ γεννήσεως γένεσις;<sup>9</sup> ὡς γὰρ τὸ  
 γεγεννημένον καὶ γέγονεν,<sup>10</sup> οὐ μὴν ἀνάπαλιν, οὐ-  
 τως ὁ γεννήσας καὶ πεποίηκεν<sup>11</sup>. ἐμψύχου γὰρ γέ-  
 νεσις<sup>12</sup> ἢ γέννησις ἔστι. καὶ ποιητοῦ μὲν, οἷος  
 οἰκοδόμος ἢ ὑφάντης ἢ λύρας δημιουργὸς ἢ ἀνδρι-  
 ἀντος,<sup>13</sup> ἀπήλλακται γενόμενον τὸ ἔργον<sup>14</sup>. ἢ δ' ἀπὸ

<sup>1</sup> ὁ -ε; ὡς -all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> X, E, B, n; οὐ γὰρ -J, g; οὐδὲ -ε.

<sup>3</sup> Leonicus; χορείου -X, E, B; χωρίου -J, g; χωρείου -ε, n.

<sup>4</sup> ἦ -Stephanus; καὶ -E (added superscript), B; omitted by X, J, g, ε, n.

<sup>5</sup> αὐτὸν -J, g.

<sup>6</sup> Wyttenbach; καλλιπίδαν -X, J, g; καλλιπίδαν -E, B, ε, n.

<sup>7</sup> γὰρ καὶ -X, E, B, ε, n; γὰρ ἦν καὶ -J, g.

<sup>8</sup> ἦ -J, g; ἦ -X, B, n; ἦ -E, ε.

<sup>9</sup> E, B, ε, n; γένησις -X (with ε superscript over η -X<sup>1</sup>); γέννησις -J, g; ποίησις -Leonicus.

<sup>10</sup> γέγονεν -mss.; πεποίηται -Donato Polo.

<sup>11</sup> <οὐ μὴν ἀνάπαλιν> -added by Meziriac; <οὐ μὴν ὁ πεποιηκὼς γεγέννηκεν> -added by Pohlenz after πεποίηκεν.

<sup>12</sup> γένεσις -mss.; ποίησις -Leonicus.

<sup>13</sup> ἀνδρίαν τε -J.

<sup>14</sup> τὸ γενόμενον ἔργον -J, g.

<sup>a</sup> *Iliad* i, 544 and often elsewhere.

Homer names him,<sup>a</sup> but maker of irrational beings and of inanimate things?<sup>b</sup> For not even of the placenta, says Chrysippus,<sup>c</sup> though it is a product of the seed, is he who provided the seed called father. Or is it by his customary use of metaphor that he has called him who is responsible for the universe its father? So in the *Symposium*<sup>d</sup> he called Phaedrus father of the amatory discourses because he was instigator of them and in the dialogue that bears his name<sup>e</sup> called him blessed with fair children because as a result of his initiative philosophy had been filled with many fair discourses.<sup>f</sup> Or is there a difference between father and maker and between birth<sup>g</sup> and coming to be? For as what has been born has *ipso facto* come to be but not contrariwise so it is that he who has begotten has *ipso facto* made, for birth is the coming to be of an animate thing. Also in the case of a maker, such as a builder is or a weaver or one who produces a lyre or a statue, his work when done is separated from him, whereas the principle

<sup>b</sup> This interpretation is mentioned and rejected by Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 319, 15-21 (Diehl).

<sup>c</sup> *S. V. F.* ii, frag. 1158.

<sup>d</sup> *Symposium* 177 D 4-5 (cf. 177 A 4).

<sup>e</sup> *Phaedrus* 261 A 3-4.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Phaedrus* 242 A 8-B 5 and Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 223, 18-19 (Couvreur): . . . καλοῦς παῖδας τίκτοντα τοὺς λόγους.

<sup>g</sup> For this passive meaning of *γέννησις* cf. e.g. Cornutus, *Theologia Graeca* 30 (p. 58, 14 [Lang]) and Hippolytus, *Refutatio*, vii, 29, 14 (p. 212, 18 [Wendland]). The erroneous assumption that the word can have only the active meaning, "procreation," was apparently responsible for the drastic emendations of the passage made in the sixteenth century and adopted by later editors. It should be noticed, moreover, that Hubert's report of the readings of X in this passage is erroneous.

(1001) τοῦ γεννήσαντος ἀρχὴ καὶ δύναμις ἐγκεκραται τῷ τεκνωθέντι καὶ συνέχει τὴν φύσιν, ἀπόσπασμα καὶ μόνιον οὖσαν τοῦ τεκνώσαντος.<sup>1</sup> ἐπεὶ τοίνυν Β οὐ πεπλασμένοις ὁ κόσμος οὐδὲ συνηρμοσμένοις ποιήμασιν ἔοικεν,<sup>2</sup> ἀλλ' ἔνεστιν<sup>3</sup> αὐτῷ μοῖρα πολλὴ ζωότητος<sup>4</sup> καὶ θειότητος, ἣν ὁ θεὸς ἐγκατέσπειρεν ἀφ'<sup>5</sup> ἑαυτοῦ τῇ ὕλῃ<sup>6</sup> καὶ κατέμιξεν, εἰκότως ἅμα πατήρ τε τοῦ κόσμου, ζῶου γεγονότος, καὶ ποιητὴς ἐπονομάζεται.<sup>7</sup>

2. Τούτων δὲ μάλιστα τῆς Πλάτωνος ἀπομένων δόξης, ἐπίστησον εἰ κάκεῖνο<sup>8</sup> λεχθήσεται πιθανῶς· ὅτι, δυεῖν<sup>9</sup> ὄντων ἐξ ὧν ὁ κόσμος συνέστηκε, σώματος καὶ ψυχῆς, τὸ μὲν οὐκ ἐγέννησε θεὸς ἀλλὰ, τῆς ὕλης παρασχομένης, ἐμόρφωσε καὶ συνήρμοσε, πέρασιν οἰκείοις καὶ σχήμασι δῆσας C καὶ ὀρίσας τὸ ἄπειρον· ἡ δὲ ψυχὴ, νοῦ μετασχοῦσα καὶ λογισμοῦ καὶ ἀρμονίας, οὐκ ἔργον ἐστὶ τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> τοῦ τεκνώσαντος -omitted by n.

<sup>2</sup> ἔοικεν -omitted by B.

<sup>3</sup> ἔστιν -J.

<sup>4</sup> ζωότητος πολλή -B.

<sup>5</sup> ἀφ' -J, g.

<sup>6</sup> τῇ ἔλῃ -X.

<sup>7</sup> ὀνομάζεται -ε.

<sup>8</sup> κάκεῖ -J, g.

<sup>9</sup> X, E ; δυοῖν -J, g, B, ε, n.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De Sera Numinis Vindicta* 559 D (τὸ γεννηθὲν οὐχ ὡς τι δημιουργημὰ πεποιημένον ἀπήλλακται τοῦ γεννήσαντος); *S.V.F.* ii, p. 308, 15-18; [Galen], *Ad Gaurum* x, 4 (p. 47, 12-15 [Kalbfleisch]); and *contra Philoponus, De Aeternitate Mundi* xiii, 9 (pp. 500, 26-501, 12 [Rabe]).



or force emanating from the parent is blended in the progeny <sup>a</sup> and cohibits its nature, which is a fragment or part of the procreator.<sup>b</sup> Since, then, the universe is not like products that have been moulded or fitted together but has in it a large portion of vitality and divinity, which god sowed from himself in the matter <sup>c</sup> and mixed with it, it is reasonable that, since the universe has come into being a living thing, god be named at the same time father of it and maker.

2. While this most nearly coincides with Plato's opinion, consider whether there will be plausibility in the following statement also : There are two constituent parts of the universe, body and soul.<sup>d</sup> The former god did not beget ; but, matter having submitted itself to him, he formed and fitted it together <sup>e</sup> by binding and bounding the unlimited with suitable limits and shapes.<sup>f</sup> The soul, however, when it has partaken of intelligence and reason and con-

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *S. V. F.* i, frag. 128 including Plutarch, *De Cohibenda Ira* 462 F.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 718 A (. . . ἄλλη δὲ δυνάμει τοῦ θεοῦ τῆ ὕλη γόνιμον ἀρχὴν . . . ἐντεκόντος) and Plato, *Timaeus* 41 c 7-D 1, where the figure of "sowing" is used but not in connexion with the vitalization of the universe, for which cf. *Timaeus* 36 D 8-E 5.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xiii, 1 (p. 73, 4-5 [Louis]=p. 168, 6-7 [Hermann]); Plato, *Timaeus* 34 A 8-B 4 and 36 D 8-E 1.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 B-C (τὴν δ' οὐσίαν καὶ ὕλην . . . ἐμπαρασχεῖν . . . ἔταξε καὶ διεκόσμησε καὶ συνήρμοσε . . .) and *De Iside* 372 F (. . . χώρα καὶ ὕλη . . . παρέχουσα γεννᾶν ἐξ ἑαυτῆς ἐκείνω . . .).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 719 C-E and *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1023 c. For the figure of the "bond" cf. *Timaeus* 31 c 1-32 c 4 and for the "binding" of the unlimited by limit *Philebus* 27 D 9.

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(1001) θεοῦ μόνον ἀλλὰ καὶ μέρος, οὐδὲ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἀλλὰ καὶ<sup>1</sup> ἀπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐξ αὐτοῦ γέγονεν.

### ΖΗΤΗΜΑ Γ<sup>2</sup>

1. Ἐν τῇ Πολιτείᾳ [γοῦν] τοῦ<sup>3</sup> παντὸς ὥσπερ μιᾶς γραμμῆς τετμημένης εἰς<sup>4</sup> ἄνισα τμήματα, πάλιν τέμνων ἑκάτερον τμήμα εἰς δύο ἀνὰ τὸν αὐτὸν λόγον, τό τε τοῦ ὀρωμένου γένους<sup>5</sup> καὶ τὸ τοῦ νοουμένου, τέσσαρα τὰ<sup>6</sup> πάντα ποιήσας τοῦ μὲν νοητοῦ πρῶτον ἀποφαίνει τὸ περὶ τὰ πρῶτα εἶδη, δεύτερον τὸ μαθηματικόν,<sup>7</sup> τοῦ δ' αἰσθητοῦ πρῶτον μὲν τὰ στερέμνια σώματα, δεύτερον δὲ τὰς εἰκόνας καὶ τὰ εἶδωλα τούτων· καὶ κριτήριον<sup>8</sup>  
 D ἑκάστῳ τῶν τεσσάρων ἀποδίδωσιν ἴδιον, νοῦν μὲν τῷ πρώτῳ διάνοιαν δὲ τῷ μαθηματικῷ<sup>9</sup> τοῖς δ' αἰσθητοῖς πίστιν, εἰκασίαν δὲ τοῖς<sup>10</sup> περὶ τὰ εἶδωλα καὶ τὰς εἰκόνας. τί οὖν διανοηθεῖς εἰς<sup>11</sup> ἄνισα τμή-

<sup>1</sup> καὶ -omitted by J, g; ἀλλὰ καὶ -all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> New question distinguished by Wyttenbach.

<sup>3</sup> [γοῦν] -deleted by Wyttenbach; γοῦν τοῦ -X, E, B, ε, n; γοῦν -J, g. <sup>4</sup> εἰς -omitted by J, g.

<sup>5</sup> γένους -X, E<sup>1</sup>, ε, n, Plato (*Republic* 509 D 8); γένος -J, g, B, E<sup>2</sup> (os superscript over ous).

<sup>6</sup> Hubert (τέτταρα [τὰ] -Wyttenbach); περὶ τὰ -J; παρὰ τὰ -all other mss.; μέρη δ' (i.e. μέρη τέσσαρα) -Bernardakis, Papabasilios (*Athens*, x [1898], p. 225). <sup>7</sup> μαθητικόν -J<sup>1</sup>, ε.

<sup>8</sup> κριτηρίῳ -J, g.

<sup>9</sup> μαθητικῷ -J, g<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> δὲ τῆς -J, g, n.

<sup>11</sup> εἰς -omitted by J, g.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. 1003 A *infra* and *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 E and 1016 B (quoting *Timaeus* 36 E 6—37 A 1). ἀρμονία, which I regularly translate "concord," means not "harmony" in the modern sense of notes played or sung together as "chords" but generally a "fitting together" and in music such a fitting together of sequential sounds to produce a tune or a "scale" (e.g. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1021 B *infra*); and

cord,<sup>a</sup> is not merely a work but also a part of god and has come to be not by his agency but both from him as source and out of his substance.<sup>b</sup>

QUESTION III

1. IN the *Republic* <sup>c</sup> he likens the sum of things to a single line that has been divided into unequal segments, again divides into two in the same ratio each of the two segments, that of the visible class and that of the conceptual, and, having made four in all, declares first of the intelligible segment that of the primary ideas, second the mathematical, and first of the perceptible segment the solid bodies and second the semblances and images of these. Also to each of the four he assigns its own peculiar criterion: intelligence to the first and thought to the mathematical segment and to the perceptibles belief and conjecture to matters of images and semblances. What, then, did he have in mind when he divided the sum of things into unequal <sup>d</sup> segments of harmony in this sense the theory is ἡ ἀρμονική (e.g. 1001 F *infra*).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *De Sera Numinis Vindicta* 559 D (. . . ἐξ αὐτοῦ γάρ, οὐχ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, γέγονεν ὥστ' ἔχει τι καὶ φέρεται τῶν ἐκείνου μέρος ἐν ἑαυτῷ . . .) and see Jones, *Platonism of Plutarch*, p. 10, n. 15 and p. 105; H. Dörrie, *Museum Helveticum*, xxvi (1969), p. 222 and *Philomathes: Studies . . . in Memory of Philip Merlan* (The Hague, 1971), pp. 40-41.

<sup>c</sup> *Republic* 509 D 6—511 E 5.

<sup>d</sup> Even in antiquity some, apparently reading ἀν' ἴσα or ἴσα in *Republic* 509 D 6 (cf. ἄν, ἴσα -cod. F), tried to explain why Plato had divided the line into *equal* segments (Iamblichus, *De Comm. Math. Scientia*, p. 36, 15-23 [Pseudo-Archytas, frag. 3, Nolle] and p. 38, 15-28 [Festa]; *Scholias in Platonis Rem Publicam* 509 D [vi, p. 350, 9-16, Hermann]); but contrast Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* i, p. 288, 18-20 and 26-27 (Kroll).

(1001) ματα<sup>1</sup> τὸ πᾶν ἔτεμε;<sup>2</sup> καὶ πότερον τῶν τμημάτων, τὸ νοητὸν ἢ τὸ αἰσθητὸν, μείζον ἐστίν; αὐτὸς γὰρ οὐ δεδήλωκε.

Δόξει δ' αὐτόθεν μὲν εἶναι μείζον τὸ αἰσθητὸν· ἡ γὰρ ἀμέριστος οὐσία καὶ κατὰ ταῦτὸν ὡσαύτως ἔχουσα τῶν νοητῶν ἐστίν εἰς βραχὺ συνηγμένη<sup>3</sup> καὶ καθαρὸν, ἡ δὲ σκεδαστὴ περὶ τὰ σώματα καὶ περιπλανῆς τὸ αἰσθητὸν παρέσχεν. ἔτι τὸ μὲν ἀσώματον πέρας οἰκείον, τὸ δὲ σῶμα τῇ μὲν ὕλῃ<sup>4</sup> ἄπειρον καὶ ἀόριστον αἰσθητὸν δὲ γιγνόμενον<sup>5</sup> ὅταν Ε ὀρισθῇ μετοχῇ τοῦ νοητοῦ. ἔτι, καθάπερ αὐτῶν τῶν αἰσθητῶν ἕκαστον εἰκόνας ἔχει πλείους καὶ σκιὰς καὶ εἰδῶλα καὶ ὅλως ἀφ' ἑνὸς παραδείγματος πάμπολλα μιμήματα γίνεσθαι καὶ φύσει καὶ τέχνῃ δυνατόν ἐστίν, οὕτως ἀνάγκη τὰ ἐνταῦθα τῶν ἐκεῖ πλήθει διαφέρειν κατὰ τὸν Πλάτωνα παραδείγματα καὶ ἰδέας τὰ νοητὰ<sup>6</sup> τῶν αἰσθητῶν ὡσπερ εἰκόνων ἢ ἐμφάσεων ὑποτιθέμενον.<sup>7</sup> ἔτι<sup>8</sup> τῶν εἰδῶν ἢ νόησις (< νόησιν δ' >)<sup>9</sup> ἐξ ἀφαιρέσεως

<sup>1</sup> E, B; τὰ τμήματα -X, J, g, ε, n.

<sup>2</sup> E, B; ἔτεμμε -X, J, G, ε, n.

<sup>3</sup> συνημμένη -ε.

<sup>4</sup> τῇ ὕλῃ μὲν -Benseler (but cf. Bolkestein, *Adversaria*, pp. 98-99 and p. 105).

<sup>5</sup> γίνεταί μόνον -Bernardakis (but cf. *De Exilio* 599 B-C and Wytttenbach, *Animadversiones* on 40 D).

<sup>6</sup> Stephanus; νοήματα -MSS.

<sup>7</sup> ὑποτιθεμένων -J, g.

<sup>8</sup> ἔτι -Leonicus; ἐν -MSS.

<sup>9</sup> H. C.; ἡ νόησις ἐξ -MSS.; τὴν νόησιν ἐξ -Leonicus; νόησιν ἐξ -Stephanus.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. the argument of Pseudo-Brontinus, μείζον . . . τὸ διανοατὸν τῷ νοατῷ, quoted and commented upon by Iamblichus, *De Comm. Math. Scientia*, pp. 34, 20-35, 26 (Festa).

<sup>b</sup> This terminology comes from *Timaeus* 35 A 1-6 and 37 A 5-6. Cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1012 B, 1014 D, and 1022

ments? And which of the segments is larger, the intelligible or the perceptible? For he has not made it clear himself.

On the face of it the perceptible segment would seem to be larger,<sup>a</sup> for the indivisible and invariably identical being of the intelligibles is narrowly and purely concentrated but the perceptible segment was provided by the dispersed and erratic being of bodies.<sup>b</sup> Moreover, incorporeality is proper to limit,<sup>c</sup> whereas body, while in matter it is unlimited and indefinite, becomes perceptible whenever it is bounded by virtue of participation in the intelligible.<sup>d</sup> Moreover, just as each of the perceptibles themselves has a multiplicity of semblances and shadows and images and as generally both in nature and in art it is possible for numerous copies to come from a single pattern, so the things of this world must surpass in number the things of that world according to Plato's supposition that the intelligibles are patterns, that is ideas, of which the perceptibles are as semblances or reflections.<sup>e</sup> Moreover, the ideas are the objects of intellection <sup>f</sup> < ; and intellection > he in-

E-F; *De Defectu Orac.* 428 B and 430 F; and further with ἡ σκεδαστή . . . καὶ περιπλανῆς *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1023 c and 1024 A, *Quaest. Conviv.* 718 D and 719 E.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *De Comm. Not.* 1080 E (τὸ δὲ πέρας σῶμα οὐκ ἔστιν).

<sup>d</sup> See 1001 B *supra* and note f there but especially *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1013 c (τῆς μὲν ὕλης τὸ μετοχῆ . . . τοῦ νοητοῦ μορφωθὲν εὐθὺς ἀπτόν καὶ ὁρατόν ἐστίν).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Areius Didymus, *Epitomes Frag. Phys.* 1 (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 477 A 5-16 and B 4-12) = Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xi, 23, 3-4 and Albinus, *Epitome* xii, 1 (Louis) = pp. 166, 37-167, 5 (Hermann).

<sup>f</sup> *Republic* 511 D 8; cf. *Timaeus* 52 A 1-4 and 28 A 1-2 with *Philebus* 62 A 2-5, and *n.b.* *Republic* 534 A, where νόησις refers to the two upper segments of the line together.

- (1001) καὶ περικοπῆς<sup>1</sup> σώματος ἐπάγει, τῇ τῶν μαθημάτων<sup>2</sup> τάξει καταβιβάζων ἀπὸ τῆς ἀριθμητικῆς ἐπὶ γεωμετρίαν, εἶτα μετὰ ταύτην ἐπ' ἀστρολογίαν, F ἐπὶ πάσαις δὲ τὴν ἀρμονικὴν τιθείς· γίγνεται γὰρ τὰ μὲν<sup>3</sup> γεωμετρούμενα, τοῦ ποσοῦ μέγεθος προσλαβόντος<sup>4</sup>. τὰ δὲ στερεά, τοῦ μεγέθους βάθος· τὰ δ' ἀστρολογούμενα, τοῦ στερεοῦ κίνησιν· τὰ δὲ ἀρμονικά, τῷ κινουμένῳ σώματι φωνῆς προσγενομένης. ὅθεν ἀφαιροῦντες φωνὴν μὲν τῶν κινουμένων κίνησιν δὲ τῶν στερεῶν βάθος δὲ τῶν 1002 ἐπιπέδων, μέγεθος δὲ τῶν ποσῶν, ἐν αὐταῖς γενησόμεθα ταῖς νοηταῖς ἰδέαις, οὐδεμίαν διαφορὰν ἐχούσαις<sup>5</sup> πρὸς ἀλλήλας κατὰ τὸ ἐν καὶ μονάδα<sup>6</sup> νοουμέν(αις).<sup>7</sup> οὐ γὰρ ποιεῖ μονὰς ἀριθμόν, ἂν

<sup>1</sup> περικοπῆς -J, g.

<sup>2</sup> Leonicus; μαθητῶν -MSS.

<sup>3</sup> γίγνεται μὲν γὰρ τὰ γεωμετρούμενα -J, g.

<sup>4</sup> προλαβόντος -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> E, B, ε; ἐχούσας -X, J, g, n.

<sup>6</sup> μονάδα -H. C.; μόνον -MSS.; [καὶ] μόνον -Bury.

<sup>7</sup> Pohlenz; νοοῦμεν -X, E, B, ε, n; omitted by J, g;

νοούμενον -Dübner.

<sup>a</sup> The course of studies in *Republic* 525 B 3—531 D 6 is meant. According to Plato (*Republic* 531 D 7—535 A 2) the whole of this is a progressive course of training leading up to dialectic, the method which alone reveals the ideas; but *καταβιβάζων* here implies that it is instead a graduated descent and departure from the ideas, and hence it is inferred that graduated abstraction in the reverse order (*cf. ὅθεν ἀφαιροῦντες . . .* [1001 F *infra*]) will bring one to the ideas themselves.

<sup>b</sup> Because of τὰ δὲ στερεά *infra* and *Republic* 528 A 6-E 2 it has been thought that stereometry must have been mentioned after *γεωμετρίαν*, but the latter by itself could have been meant to include both plane and solid geometry (*cf. Non Posse Suaviter Vivi* 1093 D and *Moralia* vii, p. 113, 11-14 [Bernardakis] = vii, p. 90, 11-14 [Sandbach]; Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 39, 8-10 [Friedlein]).

<sup>c</sup> With this use of μέγεθος for extension in a single plane

troduces as a result of abstraction or lopping away of body when in the order of studies he leads down<sup>a</sup> from arithmetic to geometry and then after this<sup>b</sup> to astronomy and crowns all with the theory of harmony, for the objects of geometry are the result when quantity has taken on extension,<sup>c</sup> the solids when extension has taken on depth, the objects of astronomy when solid body has taken on motion, and the objects of harmonics when sound has been added to the body in motion. Hence by abstracting sound from the things in motion and motion from the solids and depth from the planes and extension from the quantities we shall arrive at the intelligible ideas themselves,<sup>d</sup> which do not differ from one another at all when conceived in respect of their singularity and unity.<sup>e</sup> For unity does not produce number un-

*cf.* Sextus, *Adv. Math.* vii, 73 (=Gorgias, frag. B 3 [D.-K.]), where *σῶμα*, characterized as having three dimensions, is distinguished from *μέγεθος*; Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1053 a 25-26, where the particular examples of *μέγεθος* are only *μῆκος* and *πλάτος*; and the definition of line as *μέγεθος ἐφ' ἐν διαστατόν* (Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 97, 7-8 [Friedlein]).

<sup>a</sup> *Cf.* Albinus (*Epitome* x, 5 [Louis] = p. 165, 14-17 [Hermann]) for god like the point conceived *κατ' ἀφαίρεσιν* (also Clement, *Stromata* v, xi, 71, 2-3; vi, xi, 90, 4). Plato did not say or imply that the ideas can be reached by such a procedure, though Aristotle contended that those who posited the ideas did so by an invalid extension of the kind of abstraction legitimately used in mathematics (*Physics* 193 b 35—194 a 7; *cf.* Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 203-204).

<sup>e</sup> *Cf.* [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 877 B = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 282, 17-25 (*ὁ γὰρ νοῦς κατὰ μονάδα θεωρεῖται . . . τὰ γὰρ εἶδη ταῦτα πάντα καὶ γένη κατὰ μονάδας εἰσί*); Sextus, *Adv. Math.* x, 258 (*ἐκάστη ἰδέα κατ' ἰδίαν μὲν λαμβανομένη ἐν εἶναι λέγεται . . .*); and Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 100, 4-8 (Hiller).

(1002) μὴ τῆς ἀπείρου δυάδος ἄψιγται· ποιήσασα δὲ οὕτως ἀριθμόν, εἰς στιγμὰς εἶτα γραμμὰς ἐκ δέ<sup>1</sup> τούτων εἰς ἐπιφανείας καὶ βάθη καὶ σώματα<sup>2</sup> πρόεισι καὶ σωμάτων ποιότητος ἐν πάθεισι γιγνομένων. ἔτι τῶν μὲν νοητῶν<sup>3</sup> ἐν κριτήριον ὁ νοῦς· καὶ γὰρ ἡ διάνοια νοῦς ἐστὶν ἐν τοῖς μαθηματικοῖς ὥσπερ ἐν<sup>4</sup> κατόπτροις ἐμφαινομένων<sup>5</sup> τῶν νοητῶν. ἐπὶ δὲ τὴν τῶν σωμάτων γνώσιν ὑπὸ πλήθους πέντε δυνάμεις καὶ διαφορὰς αἰσθητηρίων ἢ φύσις ἔδωκεν ἡμῖν· καὶ οὐ πάντα φωρᾶται ταύταις ἀλλ' B ἐκφεύγει πολλὰ διὰ<sup>6</sup> μικρότητα<sup>7</sup> τὴν αἴσθησιν. ἔτι, ὥσπερ<sup>8</sup> ἡμῶν ἐκάστου συνεστῶτος ἐκ τε τῆς<sup>9</sup> ψυχῆς καὶ τοῦ σώματος μικρόν ἐστι τὸ ἡγεμονικόν καὶ νοερόν ἐν πολλῷ τῷ τῆς σαρκὸς ὄγκῳ κεκρυμ-

<sup>1</sup> δέ -omitted by B; three points superscript over δέ -E.

<sup>2</sup> σώματος -J. <sup>3</sup> τὸ μὲν νοητὸν -g<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> ἐν -omitted by B.

<sup>5</sup> B, E<sup>2</sup> (ἐμ superscript); ἐκφαινομένων -all other mss.

<sup>6</sup> εἰς -J; διὰ -all other mss. (g over erasure).

<sup>7</sup> μακρότητα -J, B; μικρότητα -all other mss. (μῖ over erasure -g).

<sup>8</sup> ἔτι, ὥσπερ -Wytttenbach; ἐν ᾧ καίπερ -mss.; ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὥσπερ -Nogarola. <sup>9</sup> τῆς -omitted by B.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1012 E and *De Defectu Orac.* 428 E—429 B; Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1081 a 14-15. 1088 b 28-35, and 1091 a 4-5. For the further derivation of points, lines, etc. which follows cf. Theophrastus, *Metaphysics* 6 A 23-B 5; Alexander Polyhistor in Diogenes Laertius, viii, 25; Sextus, *Adv. Math.* x, 276-283 and *Pyrrh. Hyp.* iii, 153-154.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. ποιότητα καὶ χρώσιν . . . ἐν πεντάδι (Nicomachus in Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 74, 11-12 [De Falco]) and πεποιωμένῳ δὲ σώματι πεμπτάς (Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 382, 15 and ii, p. 270, 8 [Diehl]).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 718 E (πᾶσι μὲν οὖν τοῖς καλουμένοις μαθήμασιν ὥσπερ . . . κατόπτροις ἐμφαίνεται τῆς τῶν νοητῶν ἀληθείας ἔχνη καὶ εἰδῶλα); Syrianus, *Metaph.*, p. 82, 22-25;



less it comes into contact with the unlimited dyad ; and, when it has thus produced number,<sup>a</sup> it passes on into points and then lines and from these into surfaces and depths and bodies and qualities<sup>b</sup> of bodies in process of modification. Moreover, of the intelligibles there is a single criterion, the intelligence, for thought too is intelligence concerning the intelligibles that are reflected in the mathematical objects as in mirrors.<sup>c</sup> For the cognition of bodies, however, nature, impelled by their multiplicity, gave us five faculties and distinctive sense-organs ; and these do not detect all bodies, but many by reason of their minuteness elude sense-perception. Moreover, just as in each of us, whose constituent parts are soul and body, the ruling and intellectual faculty is small, buried in the mass of flesh which is large,<sup>d</sup>

Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 4, 18-24 and p. 11, 5-7 (Friedlein) ; *Anon. Proleg. to Platonic Philosophy* viii, 11-12 (p. 37 [Westerink] = *Platonis Dialogi* vi, p. 214, 1 [Hermann]) ; *Scholias in Rem Publicam* 509 D (vi, p. 350, 30 and p. 351, 2 [Hermann]). This notion that the objects of *διάνοια* are images of the ideas in the highest segment of the line still persists (cf. A. Wedberg, *Plato's Philosophy of Mathematics* [Stockholm, 1955], p. 105), although Plato never says this but asserts rather that, while *διάνοια* employs as likenesses sensible figures in the third segment, its objects in this procedure are the idea of the square or the idea of the diagonal, which are *νοητὰ μετὰ ἀρχῆς* (*Republic* 510 D 5—511 A 1 and 511 D 2 ; cf. P. Shorey, *Plato's Republic* ii [L.C.L.], p. 116, note b and p. 206, note a).

<sup>a</sup> The souls that rise from the body after death, *ἀχλὺν τινα καὶ ζόφον ὡσπερ πηλὸν ἀποσειομένους* (*De Genio Socratis* 591 F), are said to be *τὸν ὄγκον εὐσταλεῖς* (*De Sera Numinis Vindicta* 564 A, cf. *Non Posse Suaviter Vivi* 1105 D). Cf. . . . *εἰς τὸν ὄγκον τὸν παχὺν τοῦτον εἰσκρίνονται* (Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum*, iii, p. 297, 23-24 [Diehl]) ; *ὁ δῆμος πλεόν ἢ ὁ ἀρχων, καὶ τὸ σῶμα πλεόν ἢ ἡ ψυχὴ* (Maximus of Tyre, *Philos.* vii, ii d = p. 77, 10-11 [Hobein]) ; and what Plutarch

(1002) μένον, οὕτως εἰκὸς ἔχειν ἐν τῷ παντί τὸ νοητὸν πρὸς τὸ αἰσθητόν.<sup>1</sup> καὶ γὰρ ἄρχει τὰ νοητὰ τῶν σωματικῶν, ἀρχῆς δὲ πάσης πλέον τὸ ἐξ αὐτῆς καὶ μείζον.

2. Πρὸς δὲ τὸναντίον εἴποι τις ἂν πρῶτον ὅτι<sup>2</sup> συγκρίνοντες (τὰ)<sup>3</sup> αἰσθητὰ τοῖς νοητοῖς τρόπον τινὰ τὰ θνητὰ τοῖς θείοις<sup>4</sup> ἐξισοῦμεν· ὁ γὰρ θεὸς ἐν τοῖς νοητοῖς. ἔπειτα πανταχοῦ δήπου τὸ περιεχόμενον ἔλαττόν ἐστι τοῦ περιέχοντος, ἢ δὲ C τοῦ παντός φύσις τῷ νοητῷ περιέχει τὸ αἰσθητόν· ὁ γὰρ θεὸς τὴν ψυχὴν εἰς τὸ μέσον θείας διὰ παντός τ' ἔτεινε καὶ ἔτι ἐξῶθεν<sup>5</sup> τὰ σώματα<sup>6</sup> αὐτῇ περιεκάλυψεν, ἔστι δ' ἀόρατος ἢ ψυχὴ καὶ πάσαις ταῖς αἰσθήσεσιν ἀναισθητος ὡς ἐν τοῖς Νόμοις εἴρηται. διὸ καὶ φθαρτὸς ἡμῶν εἰς ἕκαστός ἐστιν, ὁ δὲ

<sup>1</sup> παντί τὸ αἰσθητόν καὶ τὸ νοητόν -J, g.

<sup>2</sup> ὅτι -omitted by J, g. <sup>3</sup> <τὰ> -added by Stephanus.

<sup>4</sup> θείοις -Stephanus; θεοῖς -X, J, g, ε, η; νοητοῖς -E, B.

<sup>5</sup> ἔτι ἐξῶθεν -Hubert (cf. *Timaeus* 34 B 4); ἐπέξῶθεν -X, E, B, ε, η; ἐξῶθεν -J, g.

<sup>6</sup> τὸ σῶμα -*Timaeus* 34 B 4.

says of the ἡγεμονικόν according to the Stoics (*De Comm. Not.* 1084 B).

<sup>a</sup> For the argument from microcosm to macrocosm cf. Plato, *Philebus* 29 A—30 A.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Sextus, *Adv. Math.* x, 251-253.

<sup>c</sup> See 1003 E *infra* (τῆς μὲν ἀρχῆς ἐγγυτέρω τὸ ἔλαττον) and cf. *De Comm. Not.* 1077 A-B and *Quaest. Conviv.* 636 A-B; Aristotle, *De Gen. Animal.* 788 a 13-17; *De Caelo* 271 b 11-13; *De Motu Animal.* 701 b 24-28.

<sup>d</sup> See *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1016 B, where god is identified with τῶν νοητῶν . . . τοῦ ἀρίστου of *Timaeus* 37 A 1 (cf., however, for the meaning of νοητῶν in this phrase of Plato's Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato* . . ., p. 605 and *Gnomon*, xxv [1953], p. 372, n. 1).

such in the sum of things is likely to be the relation of the intelligible to the perceptible.<sup>a</sup> For in fact the intelligibles are principles of the corporeals,<sup>b</sup> and every principle is exceeded in number and size by that which comes from it.<sup>c</sup>

2. To the contrary, however, one might say first that in comparing <the> perceptibles with the intelligibles we are in a way putting mortal things on a level with the divine, for god is among the intelligible entities.<sup>d</sup> In the second place, what is encompassed is in all cases surely less than that which encompasses; and the nature of the sum of things encompasses the perceptible with the intelligible,<sup>e</sup> for god, having placed the soul in the middle, stretched it out through everything and further enveloped the bodies with it on the outside,<sup>f</sup> and the soul is invisible and imperceptible to all the senses, as has been said in the *Laws*.<sup>g</sup> That is also why each one of us is subject to destruction but the

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* i, p. 289, 6-18 (Kroll).

<sup>f</sup> *Timaeus* 34 B 3-4 (where *διὰ παντός* means through all the body of the universe, referred to by *αὐτοῦ* which Plutarch omits after *εἰς τὸ μέσον*, as he changes *τὸ σῶμα* in B 4 to *τὰ σώματα* [cf. 34 B 2]); cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1023 A *infra*.

<sup>g</sup> *Laws* 898 E 1-2, where *ἀναισθητον πάσαις τοῦ σώματος αἰσθήσεσι* is followed by *νοητὸν δ' εἶναι* (for the meaning of which cf. *Gnomon*, xxv [1953], p. 372, n. 1). The possible influence of this passage upon Plutarch's treatment of the soul as "intelligible" and upon the doxographical statements that Plato held the soul to be *οὐσία νοητή* ([Plutarch], *De Placitis* 898 c = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 386 A 16; cf. p. 386 t 5 [Theodoretus and Nemesius]) is overlooked by H. Dürrie, who asserts "Niemals bezeichnet Platon die Seele als *νοητόν* . . ." (*Porphyrios' "Symmikta Zetemata"* [München, 1959], p. 187).

(1002) κόσμος οὐ φθαρησόμενος· ἡμῶν μὲν γὰρ ἐκάστου<sup>1</sup> τὴν ζωτικὴν δύναμιν ἐντὸς περιέχει τὸ θνητοειδὲς καὶ διαλυτόν, ἐν δὲ τῷ κόσμῳ τούναντίον ὑπὸ τῆς κυριωτέρας ἀρχῆς<sup>2</sup> καὶ κατὰ ταυτὰ ὡσαύτως ἐχούσης αἰεὶ σώζεται τὸ σωματικὸν ἐν μέσῳ περιεχόμενον. καὶ μὴν ἀμερές γε<sup>3</sup> λέγεται καὶ ἀμέριστον τὸ μὲν σῶμα μικρότητι, τὸ δ' ἄσωματον  
 D καὶ νοητὸν ὡς ἀπλοῦν καὶ εἰλικρινὲς καὶ καθαρὸν ἀπάσης ἑτερότητος<sup>4</sup> καὶ διαφορᾶς. καὶ ἄλλως εὐηθὲς ἐστὶ τοῖς σωματικοῖς τεκμαίρεσθαι περὶ τῶν ἄσωμάτων. τὸ γοῦν νῦν ἀμερές μὲν καλεῖται καὶ ἀμέριστον ἅμα δὲ πανταχοῦ ἐνέστηκε καὶ οὐδὲν αὐτοῦ<sup>5</sup> τῆς οἰκουμένης μέρος<sup>6</sup> ἔρημόν ἐστίν, ἀλλὰ καὶ πάθη πάντα καὶ πράξεις φθοραὶ τε πᾶσαι καὶ γενέσεις αἰ<sup>7</sup> ὑπὸ τὸν κόσμον<sup>8</sup> ἐν τῷ νῦν περιέχονται. κριτήριον δὲ τοῦ νοητοῦ<sup>9</sup> μόνον ἐστὶν ὁ νοῦς, ὡς φωτὸς ὄψις, διὰ ἀπλότητα καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἐκάστου -Stephanus; ἕκαστος -MSS.; ἐκάστῳ -Nogarola; ἐκάστοις -Bernardakis.

<sup>2</sup> ἀρχῆς -omitted by J, g.

<sup>3</sup> τε -J; omitted by g.

<sup>4</sup> ἑτερότητος -Apelt (*Philologus*, lxii [1903], p. 287); στερεότητος -MSS.

<sup>5</sup> αὐτοῦ -X, E, B, ε, n; τι -J, g.

<sup>6</sup> μέρος -omitted by g.

<sup>7</sup> αἰ -E, B; καὶ -X, J, g, ε, n.

<sup>8</sup> τοῦ κόσμου -J, g<sup>2</sup> (τ κοσμ -g<sup>1</sup>).

<sup>9</sup> τοῦ νοητοῦ -with these words begin a, A, β, Bonon. C 3635, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5 (see *app. crit.* 999 c *supra* [title]); also the first words on folio 606 recto of F, where above them stands erased the title: ΛΘ πλατωνικὰ ζητήματα ὧν οὐχ εὐρέθη ἡ ἀρχή.

<sup>a</sup> This reason why the universe will never be destroyed is not that which is given in the *Timaeus* (41 A 7-B 6; cf. Plutarch, *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 B [ὁ θεὸς . . . ἐποίησε καὶ ποιεῖ καὶ

universe is not going to be destroyed, for in our case what is subject to mortality and dissolution encompasses the vital force that each one has within, whereas in the universe on the contrary what is corporeal is for ever preserved by the more sovereign and invariably identical principle, in the middle of which it is encompassed.<sup>a</sup> Moreover, body is said to be without parts and indivisible because of minuteness but the incorporeal and intelligible because of its simplicity and purity and freedom from all diversity and difference.<sup>b</sup> And, besides, it is silly to judge of things incorporeal from things corporeal. At any rate, the now, while it is said to be without parts and indivisible,<sup>c</sup> is present everywhere simultaneously,<sup>d</sup> and no part of the whole world is devoid of it; but all incidents and actions, all cessations and commencements of being under heaven<sup>e</sup> are encompassed in the now. It is because of the simplicity and similarity of the intelligible, however, that its sole criterion is the intelligence as

φυλάττει διὰ παντός . . . τὸν κόσμον]) but may be an inference drawn from *Timaeus* 36 E 2-5.

<sup>b</sup> This is meant as a reply to the argument in 1001 D *supra* (ἡ γὰρ ἀμέριστος οὐσία . . . εἰς βραχὺ συνηγμένη καὶ καθαρὸν . . .); cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1022 E (chap. 21 *init.*). For the combination *ἐτερότης καὶ διαφορά* cf. *De Virtute Morali* 446 E (cited by Apelt); *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1015 E-F, 1026 A and C; *De Comm. Not.* 1083 E; *Numa* xvii, 2 (71 c).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *Physics* 233 b 33—234 a 24 and Plutarch's criticism of the Stoics, *De Comm. Not.* 1081 c.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Plato, *Parmenides* 131 B 3-5 (. . . ἡμέρα μία καὶ ἡ αὐτὴ οὐσα πολλαχοῦ ἅμα ἐστὶ . . .); Aristotle, *Physics* 218 b 13 and 220 b 5-6 (ὁ χρόνος . . . καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς δὲ πανταχοῦ ἅμα).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν* in *Timaeus* 23 c 7-D 1; and for *κόσμος* in this sense cf. Isocrates, *Panegyricus* 179; Polybius, xii, 25, 7 (*Timaeus*); Sextus, *Adv. Math.* x, 174-175.

(1002) ὁμοιότητα· τὰ δὲ σώματα, πολλὰς διαφορὰς ἔχοντα καὶ ἀνομοιότητος, ἄλλα ἄλλοις<sup>1</sup> κριτηρίοις Ε ὥσπερ ὀργάνοις ἀλίσκεσθαι πέφυκεν. ἀλλὰ μὴν οὐδὲ τῆς<sup>2</sup> ἐν ἡμῶν νοητῆς καὶ νοεράς δυνάμεως καταφρονοῦσιν ὀρθῶς· πολλή γὰρ οὖσα καὶ μεγάλη περίεστι παντὸς τοῦ αἰσθητοῦ καὶ μέχρι τῶν θείων ἐξικνεῖται. τὸ δὲ μέγιστον αὐτὸς ἐν Συμποσίῳ διδάσκων πῶς δεῖ<sup>3</sup> τοῖς ἐρωτικοῖς χρῆσθαι, μετὰ ἄγοντα τὴν ψυχὴν ἀπὸ τῶν αἰσθητῶν καλῶν<sup>4</sup> ἐπὶ τὰ νοητά, παρεγγυᾶ μῆτε σώματός τινος μῆτ' ἐπιτηδεύματος μῆτ' ἐπιστήμης κάλλει μιᾶς<sup>5</sup> ὑποτετάχθαι καὶ δουλεύειν, ἀλλ' ἀποστάντα τῆς περὶ ταῦτα μικρολογίας ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ τοῦ καλοῦ πέλαγος τρέπεσθαι.

ZHITHMA Δ'

Ἴτι δήποτε,<sup>6</sup> τὴν ψυχὴν αἰεὶ πρεσβυτέραν ἀποφαίων τῶν τοῦ σώματος αἰτίαν τε τῆς ἐκείνου γενέσεως

<sup>1</sup> ἄλλοις ἄλλα -J (corrected by J<sup>4</sup>), g, Bonon. C 3635, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>2</sup> τῆς -omitted by J, g.

<sup>3</sup> δεῖ -α<sup>1</sup>, ε.

<sup>4</sup> καλῶν -omitted by J (added in margin -J<sup>4</sup>), g.

<sup>5</sup> μηδεμιᾶς -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>6</sup> τί δήποτε -with these words begin γ, Tolet. 51, 5 (cf. *Class. Quart.*, xxi [1927], p. 167), Laurent. 80, 5 and 80, 22.

<sup>a</sup> This answers the argument in 1002 A *supra* (ἔτι τῶν μὲν νοητῶν ἐν κριτήριον . . .) ; and, as the subsequent words show, διὰ ἀπλότητα καὶ ὁμοιότητα refers to the homogeneity of the intelligible (cf. *Adv. Colotem* 1114 D [. . . ὁμοιότητι πρὸς αὐτὸ καὶ τῷ μὴ δέχεσθαι διαφορὰν . . .]) and not to a similarity of intelligence and intelligible or of vision and light.

<sup>b</sup> The νοῦς is the νοερά δύναμις in us (cf. 1002 B *supra* : τὸ

that of light is vision <sup>a</sup> ; but, since bodies have many differences and dissimilarities, different ones are naturally apprehended by different criteria, as it were by different instruments. But furthermore it is not right of them to be disdainful even of the intelligible and intellectual faculty <sup>b</sup> in us men, for because it is ample and stout it transcends all that is perceptible and reaches as far as things divine.<sup>c</sup> The most important point, however, is that, when in the *Symposium* <sup>d</sup> Plato explains how one must manage the matter of love by diverting the soul from the beautiful objects that are perceptible to those that are intelligible, his own injunction is not to subjugate oneself and play the slave to the beauty of a particular body or practice or of a single science but to desist from petty concern about these things and turn to the vast sea of the beautiful.<sup>e</sup>

## QUESTION IV

WHYEVER, when he declares that the soul is always senior to the body and the cause and origin of the

ἡγεμονικὸν καὶ νοερόν), and Plutarch thinks that he has the authority of Plato for treating this itself as a νοητόν (see note *g* on 1002 *c supra*). There is therefore no reason to read into this passage the distinction between νοητή and νοερά for which it is cited by H. Dörrie (*Porphyrios' "Symmikta Zetemata,"* p. 189, n. 5).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Philo Jud., *De Opificio Mundi* 70-71 (i, pp. 23, 18-24, 1 [Cohn]) and R. M. Jones, *Class. Phil.*, xxi (1926), pp. 101 ff.

<sup>d</sup> *Symposium* 210 D.

<sup>e</sup> Plutarch conveniently cuts short his paraphrase of the passage, for the end and purpose of the whole progress in the *Symposium* is the ἐπιστήμη μία of the idea of beauty (210 D 6—211 D 1; cf. Albinus, *Epitome* v, 5 [Louis] = p. 157, 14-18 [Hermann] and x, 6 [Louis] = p. 165, 24-29 [Hermann]).

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F καὶ ἀρχήν, πάλιν φησὶν οὐκ ἂν γενέσθαι ψυχὴν ἄνευ σώματος οὐδὲ νοῦν ἄνευ ψυχῆς ἀλλὰ ψυχὴν μὲν ἐν<sup>1</sup> σώματι νοῦν δ' ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ; δόξει γὰρ τὸ σῶμα καὶ εἶναι καὶ μὴ εἶναι, συνυπάρχον ἅμα τῇ ψυχῇ καὶ γεννώμενον ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς.

1003 Ἡ<sup>2</sup> τὸ πολλάκις ὑφ' ἡμῶν λεγόμενον ἀληθές ἐστιν; ἡ μὲν γὰρ ἄνους ψυχὴ καὶ τὸ ἄμορφον σῶμα συνυπάρχον<sup>3</sup> ἀλλήλοις ἀεὶ καὶ οὐδέτερον αὐτῶν γένεσιν ἔσχεν οὐδ' ἀρχήν· ἐπεὶ δὲ ἡ ψυχὴ νοῦ μετέλαβε καὶ ἀρμονίας καὶ γενομένη διὰ συμφωνίας ἔμφρων<sup>4</sup> μεταβολῆς αἰτία γέγονε<sup>5</sup> τῇ ὕλῃ καὶ κρατήσασα ταῖς αὐτῆς<sup>6</sup> κινήσεσι τὰς ἐκείνης<sup>7</sup> ἐπεσπάσατο καὶ ἐπέστρεψεν,<sup>8</sup> οὕτω τὸ σῶμα τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> ἐν -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> ἡ -a.

<sup>3</sup> συνυπάρχοντα (τα superscript over ον) -J<sup>1</sup>; συνυπάρχον -Voss. 16; συνυπάρχουσιν -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>4</sup> ἔμφρον -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> αἰτία γέγονε -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> κρατήσας αὐταῖς ταῖς -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>7</sup> ἐκείνας -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>8</sup> ἐπέστρεψαν -J.

<sup>a</sup> Plato, *Timaeus* 34 B 10—35 A 1 and *Laws* 896 A 5—c 8 (with 892 A 2—c 6); see *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1013 E-F and 1016 A-B (where *Timaeus* 34 B 10—35 A 1 is quoted).

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 30 B 3-5 (cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xiv, 4 [Louis] = p. 170, 2-3 [Hermann]): ἴσως οὐχ οἶον τε ὄντος νοῦ ἄνευ ψυχῆς ὑποστήναι). Here as elsewhere Plato does say that νοῦς cannot exist apart from ψυχὴ (*Timaeus* 46 D 5-6, *Sophist* 249 A 4-8, *Philebus* 30 c 9-10; cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 606-607) but neither here nor anywhere that soul cannot exist without body. This is simply a false inference from the statement that the demiurge did put soul into the body of the universe.

<sup>c</sup> See note c on *De Comm. Not.* 1075 F *infra*.

<sup>d</sup> With what follows cf. QUESTION II, 2 (1001 B-C) *supra* and *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 B-E and 1017 A-B. In those



latter's generation,<sup>a</sup> does he again say that soul could not have come to be without body or intelligence without soul either,<sup>b</sup> but soul in body and intelligence in soul? For it would seem that the body both exists and does not exist if it is at once coexistent with the soul and being generated by the soul.

Or <sup>c</sup> is that right which we frequently assert? <sup>d</sup> For soul without intelligence <sup>e</sup> and amorphous body <sup>f</sup> were always coexistent with each other, and neither of them had generation or origin; but, when the soul had partaken of intelligence and concord <sup>g</sup> and, grown rational through consonance, had become a cause of change for matter and had attracted and converted the motions of the latter <sup>h</sup> by having dominated them with its own motions,<sup>i</sup> this is the passages god or the demiurge, who is not mentioned in the present QUESTION, is the subject of statements which here have for subject instead soul, *i.e.* intelligent soul; but this latter according to 1001 c *supra* is not merely the work of god but also a part of him.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 44 A 8: κατ' ἀρχάς τε ἄνοους ψυχὴ γίγνεται, said, however, of the particular human soul when it enters the body.

<sup>f</sup> *Timaeus* 50 D 7 and 51 A 7 (see *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 F [τὸ τὴν ὕλην αἰεὶ μὲν ἄμορφον καὶ ἀσχημάτιστον ὑπ' αὐτοῦ λέγεσθαι . . .] and cf. *Timaeus* Locrus 94 A [ἄμορφον δὲ καθ' αὐτὰν καὶ ἀσχημάτιστον]).

<sup>g</sup> See note a on 1001 c *supra*.

<sup>h</sup> According to Plutarch's own doctrine these could be only motions induced by disorderly soul not yet grown rational, for amorphous matter of itself would be δυνάμεως οἰκείας ἔρημον, ἀργὸν ἐξ αὐτοῦ, ἄμοιρος αἰτίας ἀπάσης (*De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 F—1015 A, cf. 1015 E).

<sup>i</sup> See the similar language used of the effect of νοῦς on ψυχὴ in *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1024 D: ἐγγενόμενος δὲ τῇ ψυχῇ καὶ κρατήσας εἰς ἑαυτὸν ἐπιστρέφει . . . (cf. Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde*, pp. 71-72); and cf. *Timaeus* 42 c 4-D 2 with Cornford's note *ad loc.* (*Plato's Cosmology*, p. 144, n. 2).

(1003) κόσμου γένεσιν ἔσχεν ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς, καὶ κατα-  
 σχηματιζόμενον καὶ συνομοιούμενον. οὐ γὰρ ἐξ αὐ-  
 τῆς ἢ ψυχῆ τὴν τοῦ σώματος ἐδημιούργει φύσιν  
 οὐδ' ἐκ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος, ἀλλ' ἐκ σώματος ἀτάκτου  
 καὶ ἀσχηματίστου σῶμα τεταγμένον ἀπειργά-  
 Β σατο<sup>1</sup> καὶ πειθήνιον.<sup>2</sup> ὥσπερ οὖν, εἰ φαίη τις ἀεὶ  
 τὴν τοῦ σπέρματος<sup>3</sup> δύναμιν εἶναι μετὰ σώμα-  
 τος<sup>4</sup> γεγονέναι μέντοι τὸ σῶμα τῆς συκῆς ἢ<sup>5</sup> τῆς<sup>6</sup>  
 ἐλαίας ὑπὸ σπέρματος, οὐδὲν ἐρεῖ διάφωνον<sup>7</sup> (αὐτὸ  
 γὰρ τὸ σῶμα, κινήσεως αὐτῷ καὶ μεταβολῆς ὑπὸ  
 τοῦ σπέρματος ἐγγενομένης, ἔφυ τοιοῦτο καὶ δι-  
 εβλάστησεν) οὕτως ἢ ἄμορφος ὕλη καὶ ἀόριστος  
 ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς<sup>8</sup> ἐνούσης<sup>9</sup> σχηματισθεῖσα μορφήν  
 ἔσχε τοιαύτην καὶ διάθεσιν.

ZHTHMA E'

1. Διὰ τί, τῶν μὲν εὐθυγράμμων τῶν δὲ κυκλι-  
 κῶν σωμάτων καὶ σχημάτων ὄντων, τὰς τῶν εὐθυ-  
 γράμμων<sup>10</sup> ἀρχὰς<sup>11</sup> ἔλαβε τὸ ἰσοσκελὲς τρίγωνον  
 C καὶ τὸ σκαληνόν, ὧν τὸ μὲν τὸν κύβον συνέστησε  
 γῆς στοιχείον ὄντα τὸ δὲ σκαληνὸν τὴν τε πυρα-  
 μίδα καὶ τὸ ὀκτάεδρον καὶ τὸ εἰκοσάεδρον, τὸ μὲν

<sup>1</sup> ἀπειργάσατο -X.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ πειθήνιον ἀπειργάσατο -E<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> σώματος -γ.

<sup>4</sup> μετὰ τοῦ σώματος -Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>5</sup> ἢ -omitted by g.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>7</sup> διαφέρειν -J<sup>1</sup>; διαφέρων -g (ἐρον over erasure); διάφορον  
 (or superscript over ων) -B<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς -omitted by X.

<sup>9</sup> ἐνούσας -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>10</sup> τῶν δὲ κυκλικῶν . . . τῶν εὐθυγράμμων -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>11</sup> ἀρχὴν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

way in which the body of the universe got generated by the soul, in being fashioned by it and assimilated. For it was not out of itself that the soul fabricated the nature of body or out of what is non-existent either, but out of disorderly <sup>a</sup> and shapeless body it produced a well-ordered and disciplined <sup>b</sup> one. Therefore, just as there would be nothing inconsistent in the assertion if one should say that the potency of the seed is always associated with body and yet the body of the fig or the olive has come to be by the agency of seed (for the body itself had such and such a growth and germination because by the agency of the seed motion and change arose in it <sup>c</sup>), so the amorphous and indefinite matter got such and such a shape and disposition when it was fashioned by the soul existing within it.

QUESTION V

1. SOME bodies and figures being rectilinear and others circular,<sup>d</sup> what was his reason for taking as the principles of the rectilinear figures the isosceles triangle and the scalene, the former of which produced the cube as element of earth while the scalene produced the pyramid and the octahedron and the

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 B (ἡ μὲν ὕλη τῶν ὑποκειμένων ἀτακτότατόν ἐστι . . .) and *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1024 A-B (οὔτε γὰρ τὸ αἰσθητὸν εἰλήχει τάξεως . . .).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1029 E for the word, there applied to the soul; but for the notion here cf. *Timaeus* 48 A 2-5 and 56 c 5-6.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 905 A = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 417 A 2-5.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Plato, *Parmenides* 137 D 8-E 6 and 145 B 3-5; Aristotle, *De Caelo* 286 b 13-16; Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 144, 10-18 (Friedlein).

(1003) πυρὸς σπέρμα τὸ δ' αἶρος τὸ δὲ ὕδατος γενόμενον, τὸ δὲ τῶν κυκλικῶν<sup>1</sup> ὅλως παρήκε, καίτοι μνησθεῖς τοῦ σφαιροειδοῦς ἐν οἷς φησι τῶν κατηριθμημένων σχημάτων ἕκαστον σώματος περιφεροῦς εἰς ἴσα διανεμητικὸν εἶναι;

Πότερον, ὡς ὑπονοοῦσιν ἔνιοι,<sup>2</sup> τὸ δωδεκάεδρον τῷ σφαιροειδεῖ προσένειμεν, εἰπὼν ὅτι τούτῳ<sup>3</sup> πρὸς τὴν τοῦ παντὸς ὁ θεὸς κατεχρήσατο φύσιν ἐκεῖνο διαζωγραφῶν; καὶ γὰρ μάλιστα τῷ πλήθει τῶν στοιχείων ἀμβλύτητι δὲ τῶν γωνιῶν τὴν D εὐθύτητα διαφυγόν<sup>4</sup> εὐκαμπές ἐστι, καὶ τῇ περιτάσει καθάπερ αἱ δωδεκάσκυτοι σφαῖραι κυκλοτερὲς γίνεταί καὶ περιληπτικόν<sup>5</sup>. ἔχει γὰρ εἴκοσι γωνίας στερεάς, ὧν ἐκάστην ἐπίπεδοι περιέχουσιν ἀμβλείαι τρεῖς· ἐκάστη γὰρ ὀρθῆς ἐστι καὶ πέμπτου μορίου· συνήρμοσται δὲ καὶ συμπέπηγεν ἐκ δώδεκα πενταγώνων<sup>6</sup> ἰσογωνίων καὶ ἰσοπλευρών, ὧν ἕκα-

<sup>1</sup> κύκλων -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>2</sup> ἕτεροι (νι superscript over τε) -ε. <sup>3</sup> τοῦτο -Voss. 16.

<sup>4</sup> διέφυγεν -J<sup>1</sup>, g; διαφυγῶν -Voss. 16<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> παραληπτικόν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> πανταγώνων -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 53 c 4—55 c 4 and 55 d 7—56 b 6. For Plutarch's use of γῆς στοιχείον and πυρὸς σπέρμα in these lines cf. *Timaeus* 56 b 5 (στοιχείον καὶ σπέρμα) with Cornford's note (*Plato's Cosmology*, p. 223, n. 1).

<sup>b</sup> Aristotle (*De Caelo* 286 b 27-33) interprets this as supporting evidence for his thesis that the sphere is the primary solid figure.

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 55 a 3-4. Plato's words there are ὅλου περιφεροῦς διανεμητικὸν εἰς ἴσα μέρη καὶ ὅμοια, and ὅλου περιφεροῦς means "the whole circumference" of the sphere in which the tetrahedron is inscribed. At this point in the *Timaeus* only this, "the simplest solid figure," has been constructed, though what is said of its division of the sphere in which it is inscribed is undoubtedly meant to apply also to the four regular solids mentioned immediately thereafter.

icosahedron, which became the seed of fire and of air and of water respectively,<sup>a</sup> but for disregarding altogether the question of the circular figures,<sup>b</sup> even though he did mention the spherical in the passage where he says <sup>c</sup> that each of the figures enumerated has the property of dividing into equal parts an encircling body ?

Did he, as some surmise, associate the dodecahedron with what is spherical,<sup>d</sup> since he said <sup>e</sup> that god employed the former for the nature of the sum of things in tracing the design of this ? For, furthest withdrawn from straightness by the multitude of its elements <sup>f</sup> and obtuseness of its angles, it is flexible and like the balls that are made of twelve pieces of leather <sup>g</sup> by being distended becomes circular and circumscriptive,<sup>h</sup> for it has twenty solid angles each of which is contained by three plane angles that are obtuse, since each consists of a right angle and a fifth <sup>i</sup>; and it has been assembled and constructed out of twelve equiangular and equilateral pentagons,<sup>j</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Cf. "Timaeus Locrus" 98 E (τὸ δὲ δωδεκάεδρον εἰκόνα τῶ παντὸς ἐστάσατο, ἔγγιστα σφαίρας ἔόν) and Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi* xiii, 18 (pp. 536, 27-537, 2 [Rabel]).

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 55 c 4-6, more accurately quoted by Plutarch in *De Defectu Orac.* 430 B.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *De Defectu Orac.* 427 B (μέγιστον δὲ καὶ πολυμερές-στατον τὸ δωδεκάεδρον); and for στοιχείον as here used (the ultimate constituent triangles) cf. *Timaeus* 54 D 6-7, 55 A 8, 55 B 3-4, and 57 C 9.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Plato, *Phaedo* 110 B 5-7 and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 141, 19-24 (Diehl).

<sup>h</sup> Cf. *De Defectu Orac.* 428 D (ἡ δὲ τοῦ δωδεκαέδρου φύσις περιληπτικὴ τῶν ἄλλων σχημάτων οὕσα . . .).

<sup>i</sup> Cf. Euclid, *Elements* xiii, Prop. 18, Lemma (iv, p. 340, 6-7 [Heiberg]).

<sup>j</sup> Cf. Euclid, *Elements* xi, Def. 28.

(1003) στον<sup>1</sup> ἐκ τριάκοντα τῶν πρώτων σκαληνῶν τριγώνων συνέστηκε· διὸ καὶ δοκεῖ τὸν ζῳδιακὸν ἄμα καὶ τὸν ἐνιαυτὸν ἀπομιμῆσθαι ταῖς διανομαῖς τῶν μοιρῶν<sup>2</sup> ἰσαριθμοῖς οὐσαις.<sup>3</sup>

2. Ἡ πρότερόν ἐστι κατὰ φύσιν τὸ εὐθύ τοῦ περιφεροῦς, μᾶλλον δὲ ὅλως πάθος τι τῆς εὐθείας Ε ἢ περιφερῆς; κάμπτεσθαι γὰρ λέγεται τὸ ὀρθὸν καὶ ὁ κύκλος γράφεται κέντρῳ καὶ διαστήματι· τοῦτο δ' ἐστὶν εὐθείας τόπος,<sup>4</sup> ὑφ' ἧς καὶ μετρεῖται· τὸ γὰρ<sup>5</sup> περιέχον ἐκ τοῦ μέσου πανταχόθεν ἴσον ἀφέστηκε. γεννᾶται δὲ καὶ κῶνος καὶ κύλινδρος ἀπ' εὐθυγράμμων, ὁ μὲν τριγώνου περι<sup>6</sup> μίαν πλευρὰν μένουσαν τῇ ἑτέρα πλευρᾷ καὶ τῇ βάσει περιενεχθέντος ὁ δὲ κύλινδρος παραλληλογράμμου ταῦτο τοῦτο παθόντος.<sup>7</sup> ἔτι<sup>8</sup> τῆς μὲν ἀρχῆς ἐγγυτέρῳ τὸ ἔλαττον, ἐλαχίστη δὲ πασῶν<sup>9</sup> ἢ εὐθεία· τῆς γὰρ περιφεροῦς τὸ μὲν <ἐντός><sup>10</sup> ἐστὶ κοῖλον

<sup>1</sup> ἕκαστος -Escorial T-11-5<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> μυρίων -J, g.

<sup>3</sup> οὕτως -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>4</sup> τύπος -X, ε, η.

<sup>5</sup> γὰρ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> περι -omitted by g.

<sup>7</sup> πεπονητότος -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>8</sup> ἔτι -Leonicus; ἔστι -Escorial T-11-5; ἐπεὶ -all other

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<sup>9</sup> παθῶν -X, α, Α<sup>1</sup>, β<sup>1</sup>, ε, η.

<sup>10</sup> <ἐντός> -added here by Bernardakis (. . . κοῖλον <τὸ ἐντός> -Leonicus).

<sup>a</sup> This is erroneous (cf. Heath, *Manual*, pp. 177-178), and Plutarch seems to make Ammonius call attention to the fact in *De Defectu Orac.* 428 A (. . . τὸ τοῦ καλουμένου δωδεκαἑδρου στοιχείον ἄλλο ποιούσιν, οὐκ ἐκείνο τὸ σκαληνὸν ἐξ οὗ τὴν πυραμίδα καὶ τὸ ὀκτάεδρον καὶ τὸ εἰκοσάεδρον ὁ Πλάτων συνίστησιν). Albinus in his *Epitome* xiii, 2 (p. 77 [Louis] = pp. 168, 37-169, 2 [Hermann]) says that each of the twelve pentagons is divided into five triangles and each of these consists of six triangles, but it should be observed that he does not state what kind of triangles these are.

<sup>b</sup> Neither Plutarch here nor Albinus in his *Epitome* xiii, 2

each of which consists of thirty of the primary scalene triangles,<sup>a</sup> and this is why it seems to represent at once the zodiac and the year in that the divisions into parts are equal in number.<sup>b</sup>

2. Or is the straight naturally prior to the circular <sup>c</sup> or rather the circular line simply a modification of the straight line? For we do speak of the bending of what is straight <sup>d</sup> and the circle is described by a centre and a distance, this latter being the location of a straight line by which it is measured as well,<sup>e</sup> for what contains the circle is at all points equally removed from the middle. Also, both cone and cylinder are generated by rectilinear figures, the former when one side and the base of a triangle are rotated about the other side, which remains fixed, and the cylinder when this same thing happens to a parallelogram.<sup>f</sup> Moreover, what is lesser is nearer to the principle <sup>g</sup>; but the straight line is the least of all lines,<sup>h</sup> for the circular line has its <interior>

(pp. 75-77 [Louis] = pp. 168, 34-169, 3 [Hermann]) refers to any relation between the zodiac and the dodecahedron other than the numerical similarity that both of them (and the year) consist of twelve parts, each of which consists of thirty parts.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, pp. 106, 20-107, 10 (Friedlein).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *De Incessu Animal.* 708 b 22-24 and *Meteorology* 386 a 1-7.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Euclid, *Elements* i, Post. 3 and Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 185, 22-25 (Friedlein): . . . διάστημα δὲ ἢ εὐθεία. ὅση γὰρ ἂν αὐτὴ τυγχάνῃ τοσοῦτο ἔσται τὸ ἀπόστημα τοῦ κέντρου πρὸς πάντα τὰ μέρη τῆς περιφερείας.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Euclid, *Elements* xi, Defs. 18 and 21.

<sup>g</sup> See 1002 b *supra* and note c there.

<sup>h</sup> Cf. Archimedes, *Opera Omnia* iterum ed. J. L. Heiberg, i, p. 8, 3-4; Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 110, 10-26 (Friedlein); Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 111, 22-112. 1 (Hiller).

(1003) κυρτὸν δὲ τὸ<sup>1</sup> ἑκτός. ἔτι τῶν σχημάτων οἱ ἀριθμοὶ πρότεροι, καὶ γὰρ ἡ μονὰς τῆς στιγμῆς·  
 F ἔστι γὰρ ἡ στιγμή μονὰς ἐν θέσει.<sup>2</sup> καὶ μὴν ἡ  
 μονὰς τρίγωνός ἐστι· πᾶς γὰρ τρίγωνος ἀριθμὸς  
 ὀκτάκις γενόμενος καὶ μονάδα προσλαβὼν γίνε-  
 ται τετράγωνος· τοῦτο δὲ καὶ<sup>3</sup> τῇ μονάδι συμ-  
 βέβηκε<sup>4</sup>. πρότερον οὖν τοῦ κύκλου τὸ τρίγωνον· εἰ  
 δὲ τοῦτο, καὶ εὐθεῖα τῆς περιφεροῦς. ἔτι τὸ στοι-  
 χεῖον εἰς<sup>5</sup> οὐδὲν διαιρεῖται τῶν συνισταμένων ἐξ  
 1004 σις. εἴ<sup>7</sup> τοίνυν τὸ μὲν τρίγωνον εἰς οὐδὲν περιφε-  
 ρὲς διαλύεται, τὸν δὲ κύκλον εἰς τέσσαρα<sup>8</sup> τρίγωνα

<sup>1</sup> τὸ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> ἐνθέτως -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>4</sup> μονάδι οὐ συμβέβηκε -g.

<sup>5</sup> ὡς -J, g.

<sup>6</sup> τοὺς δὲ ἄλλους -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>7</sup> ἔτι -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>8</sup> εἰς τὰ τέτταρα -g.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 106, 24-25 (Friedlein); [Aristotle], *Mechanica* 847 b 23—848 a 3.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Hero Alexandrinus, *Def. a'* (iv, p. 14, 13-19 [Heiberg]); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 111, 14-16 (Hiller); Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 95, 21-26 (Friedlein); Aristotle, *Topics* 108 b 26-31 and *Metaphysics* 1016 b 24-31 with Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 131-132 and note 322 on p. 397. Contrast 1002 *a supra*, where unity is said to produce numbers and *then* to pass on into points, lines, and figures.

<sup>c</sup> The unit, being the ἀρχή of number and not itself a number, is usually called "potentially triangular," 3 being the first triangular number as in *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1020 v (Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 33, 5-7 and p. 37, 15-19 [Hiller]; Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio*, pp. 88, 23-89, 5 [Hoche]; Iamblichus, *In Nicomachi Arithmetican Introductioem*, p. 62, 2-5 [Pistelli]). For triangular numbers cf.



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concave and its exterior convex.<sup>a</sup> Moreover, numbers are prior to figures, for the unit is itself prior to the point because the point is a unit in position.<sup>b</sup> Now, the unit is triangular, for every triangular number multiplied by eight and with addition of a unit becomes a square number, and this is characteristic of the unit also.<sup>c</sup> The triangle, then, is prior to the circle<sup>d</sup>; and, if so, the straight line too is prior to the circular. Moreover, the element is divided into none of the things that are compounded out of it, whereas the other things are subject to resolution into the element. If, then, the triangle is resolved into nothing that is circular, whereas the two diameters of the circle divide it into

*Quaest. Conviv.* 744 B (where 3 and 6 are the examples); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 33, pp. 37, 7-38, 14, and p. 41, 3-8 (Hiller); Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, viii (pp. 87, 22-89, 16 [Hoche]). The algebraic formula is  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ ;

and 1 conforms to this, being half of the product of itself and 2. The proposition that any triangular number multiplied by 8 becomes a square number when 1 is added is repeated by Iamblichus (*In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductionem*, p. 90, 18-19 [Pistelli]) but is not by him explicitly applied to the unit (*cf.* Heath, *History* i, p. 84 and ii, pp. 516-517; M. R. Cohen and I. E. Drabkin, *A Source Book in Greek Science* [New York, 1948], p. 9, n. 2).

<sup>a</sup> This does not follow, for not only is the unit "square" as well as "triangular" (*De E* 391 A, *De Defectu Orac.* 429 E; Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio*, p. 91, 4-5 [Hoche]; Iamblichus, *In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductionem*, p. 60, 3-5 and p. 75, 11-13 [Pistelli]) but even its being triangular does not prove the triangle to be a unit prior to the circle, which can itself be regarded as analogous to the unit (Aristotle, *De Caelo* 286 b 33-287 a 2; Iamblichus, *op. cit.*, p. 61, 6-24 and pp. 94, 27-95, 2 [Pistelli]; Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, pp. 146, 24-147, 5 and pp. 151, 20-152, 5 [Friedlein]).

(1004) τέμνουσιν αἱ δύο διάμετροι, πρότερον ἂν τῇ φύσει καὶ στοιχειωδέστερον εἶη τοῦ κυκλικοῦ<sup>1</sup> τὸ εὐθύγραμμον. ὅτι τοίνυν προηγούμενον μὲν ἔστι τὸ εὐθύγραμμον<sup>2</sup> τὸ δὲ κυκλικὸν ἐπιγιγνόμενον<sup>3</sup> καὶ συμβεβηκὸς αὐτὸς ὁ Πλάτων ἐνεδείξατο· τὴν γὰρ γῆν<sup>4</sup> ἐκ κύβων συστησάμενος, ὧν ἕκαστον<sup>5</sup> εὐθύγραμμοι<sup>6</sup> περιέχουσιν ἐπιφάνειαι,<sup>7</sup> σφαιροειδὲς αὐτῆς γεγονέναι τὸ σχῆμά<sup>8</sup> φησι καὶ στρογγύλον. ὥστ' οὐδὲν ἔδει ποιεῖν τῶν περιφερῶν ἴδιον στοιχεῖον, εἰ καὶ τοῖς εὐθυγράμμοις πρὸς ἀλλήλα πῶς συναρμοττομένοις<sup>9</sup> ὁ σχηματισμὸς οὗτος ἐπιγίγνεσθαι πέφυκεν.

B 3. Ἔτι, εὐθειᾶ<sup>10</sup> μὲν ἢ τε μείζων ἢ τε μικρότερα τὴν αὐτὴν εὐθύτητα διατηρεῖ, τὰς δὲ τῶν κύκλων περιφερείας, ἂν ὧσι σμικρότεραι, καμπυλωτέρας<sup>11</sup> καὶ σφιγγομένας τῇ κυρτότητι μᾶλλον ὀρώμεν, ἂν δὲ μείζους, ἀνειμένας· ἰστάμενοι γοῦν κατὰ τὴν κυρτὴν περιφέρειαν οἱ μὲν κατὰ σημείου

<sup>1</sup> κύκλον -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> ὅτι τοίνυν . . . τὸ εὐθύγραμμον -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g, Escorial T-11-5<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> κυκλικὸν ἔστι γινόμενον -J<sup>1</sup>, g; κυκλικὸν ἐπιγενόμενον -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>4</sup> γῆν -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>5</sup> ἕκαστος -J<sup>1</sup>, g; ἕκαστοι -ε.

<sup>6</sup> εὐθύγραμμον -J, g, Voss. 16.

<sup>7</sup> ἐπιφαίνεται -J, g.

<sup>8</sup> τὸ σχῆμα γεγονέναι -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>9</sup> συναρμοττομένοις -J, g, Voss. 16<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> ἔστι γὰρ εὐθειᾶ -J, g.

<sup>11</sup> καμπυλωτέρας -B, ε.

<sup>a</sup> Since the bases of the triangles into which the circle is divided remain arcs of a circle, the conclusion here drawn

four triangles, the rectilinear would be naturally prior to the circular and more elementary than it.<sup>a</sup> Furthermore, that the rectilinear is antecedent and the circular supervenient and incidental was indicated by Plato himself, for after making the earth consist of cubes,<sup>b</sup> each of which is contained by rectilinear surfaces, he says that the shape of it has turned out to be spherical or round.<sup>c</sup> Consequently there was no need to postulate an element peculiar to circular figures if this configuration does naturally supervene upon rectilinears conjoined with one another in a particular way.

3. Moreover, while a straight line, whatever its length, keeps the same straightness throughout, we see that the circumferences of circles are more curved, that is are more highly concentrated in their convexity, if they are smaller, and more relaxed, if they are larger.<sup>d</sup> At any rate, when set up on their convex circumference, some circles touch the under-

does not follow from the argument, with which cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, vii, 4 (p. 87, 7-19 [Hoche]) and Simplicius, *De Caelo*, pp. 613, 30-614, 10 on Aristotle, *De Caelo* 303 a 31-b 1.

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 55 D 8-56 A 1.

<sup>c</sup> Despite φησι this is not a quotation. In fact, in the *Timaeus* after 55 D 8-56 A 1 the sphericity of the earth is referred to only by implication in 62 D 12-63 A 3 (cf. Cornford, *Plato's Cosmology*, p. 263, notes 1 and 2 with *Phaedo* 108 E 4-109 A 7 and 110 B 5-7). Misguided attempts have been made to deny that even these passages refer to the earth's sphericity (cf. *Lustrum*, IV [1959], Nos. 660-661 and V [1960], Nos. 1464 and 1465).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. John Wallis, *A Treatise of Angular Sections* (London, 1684), p. 90: ". . . the lesser circumference is more crooked. For it hath as much of curvity in a shorter length. And therefore . . . it is more crooked intensively."

(1004) οἱ δὲ κατὰ γραμμὴν ἄπτονται τῶν ὑποκειμένων ἐπιπέδων· ὥσθ' ὑπονοήσειεν ἄν τις εὐθείας κατὰ μικρὰ πολλὰς συντεθειμένας<sup>1</sup> τὴν περιφερῆ γραμμὴν ἀποτελεῖν.

4. Ὅρα δὲ μὴ τῶν μὲν<sup>2</sup> ἐνταῦθα κυκλικῶν καὶ σφαιροειδῶν οὐδὲν ἔστιν ἀπηκριβωμένον ἀλλ' ἐντάσει<sup>3</sup> καὶ περιτάσει τῶν εὐθυγράμμων ἢ μικρότητι τῶν μορίων τῆς διαφορᾶς λανθανούσης ἐπιφαίνεται τὸ στρογγύλον καὶ κυκλοειδές, ὅθεν οὐδὲ κινεῖται φύσει τῶν ἐνταῦθα σωμάτων ἐγκυκλίως οὐδὲν ἀλλ' ἐπ' εὐθείας ἅπαντα· τὸ δ' ὄντως σφαιροειδές οὐκ ἔστιν αἰσθητοῦ σώματος ἀλλὰ τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ τοῦ νοῦ στοιχείον, οἷς καὶ τὴν κυκλοφορητικὴν<sup>4</sup> κίνησιν ὡς προσήκουσαν κατὰ φύσιν ἀποδίδωσιν.

<sup>1</sup> συντεθειμένας -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>2</sup> μὲν -J<sup>1</sup>, g, Voss. 16, Bonon., Escorial T-11-5; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> ἐντάσει -E, B, n, Escorial T-11-5; ἐνστάσει -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> κυκλοφορικὴν -E, B, n; κυκλοφορητικόν -Escorial T-11-5.

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<sup>a</sup> This in fact has nothing to do with the preceding statement, for a circle however large will never touch the plane at a line unless both are material, and then it will do so however small it is (cf. Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 997 b 35—998 a 4 and Alexander, *Metaph.*, p. 200, 15-21). It does not then support the subsequent conclusion either, to which Plutarch himself should not have subscribed anyway, for he held that the curvature of a circle is uniform (cf. *De Facie* 932 F and *Class. Phil.*, xlvi [1951], p. 144).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 54, 11-13

lying planes at a point and others at a line.<sup>a</sup> Consequently one might surmise that many straight lines when put together bit by bit produce the circular line.

4. Consider too that none of the circular or spherical things in this world is exactly perfect<sup>b</sup> but there is a superficial appearance of roundness and circularity, the difference being unnoticed because of the tension and distension of the rectilinears or the minuteness of their parts, this being the reason why none of the bodies in this world moves naturally in a circle either but all move in a straight line, whereas the really spherical is an element not of perceptible body but of soul and intelligence,<sup>c</sup> to which he assigns as naturally befitting them circular motion as well.<sup>d</sup>

(Friedlein); [Plato], *Epistle* vii, 343 A 5-9; and Plato, *Philebus* 62 A 7-B 9.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Atticus, frag. vi (Baudry) = Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xv, 8, 7 (ii, p. 367, 13-18 [Mras]); Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 82, 7-12 and pp. 147, 22-148, 4 (Friedlein). In calling the spherical, of which the natural motion is circular (cf. *De E* 390 A), τῆς ψυχῆς . . . στοιχείον, however, Plutarch seems to be perilously close to the identification of soul with the Aristotelian πέμπτη οὐσία κυκλοφορητική (cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 601-602; P. Moraux, *R.-E.* xxiv [1963], cols. 1248, 37-1251, 12). Even "materialists" like the Atomists and Chrysippus had assigned the spherical to soul (cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 404 a 1-9 and 405 a 8-13; *S.V.F.* ii, frag. 815).

<sup>d</sup> Plato, *Timaeus* 34 A 1-4, 36 E 2-37 C 3, 47 B 5-C 4 and *Laws* 898 A 3-B 3 (cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 404-405); cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1024 C-D.

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ZHTHMA S'

Πῶς ποτ' ἐν τῷ<sup>1</sup> Φαίδρω λέγεται τὸ τὴν τοῦ<sup>2</sup> πτεροῦ φύσιν, ὑφ' ἧς ἄνω τὸ ἐμβριθὲς ἀνάγεται,<sup>3</sup> κεκοινωνηκέναι μάλιστα τῶν περὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ θείου;<sup>4</sup>

Πότερον ὅτι περὶ ἔρωτος ὁ λόγος ἐστί, κύλλους δὲ τοῦ περὶ τὸ σῶμα ὁ ἔρωσ, τὸ δὲ κάλλος ὁμοίτητι τῇ πρὸς τὰ θεῖα κινεῖ καὶ ἀναμιμνήσκει τὴν ψυχὴν; ἢ μᾶλλον οὐδὲν περιεργαστέον ἀλλὰ ἀπλῶς ἀκουστέον ὅτι, τῶν περὶ τὸ σῶμα τῆς ψυχῆς δυνάμεων πλειόνων<sup>5</sup> οὐσῶν, ἢ λογιστικῆ<sup>6</sup> καὶ διανοητικῆ μάλιστα τοῦ θείου κεκοινωνήκεν, ἦν τῶν θείων καὶ οὐρανίων ἔφησεν;<sup>7</sup> ἦν οὐκ ἀπὸ τρόπου πτερόν προσηγόρευσεν, ὡς τὴν ψυχὴν ἀπὸ τῶν ταπεινῶν καὶ θνητῶν ἀναφέρουσιν.

ZHTHMA Z'

1. Πῶς ποτέ φησιν ὁ Πλάτων τὴν ἀντιπερίστασιν τῆς κινήσεως διὰ τὸ μηδαμοῦ κενὸν ὑπάρχειν

<sup>1</sup> τῷ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ -omitted by Escorial T-11-5 (ἢ πτεροῦ δύναμις -Plato, *Phaedrus* 246 D 6).

<sup>3</sup> ἄγεται -J<sup>1</sup>, g (ἄγειν ἄνω -Plato, *Phaedrus* 246 D 6; but for ἀνάγειν ἄνω cf. *Republic* 533 D 2-3).

<sup>4</sup> θείου -Kaltwasser (cf. 1004 D *infra* and *Phaedrus* 246 D 8); θεοῦ -MSS.

<sup>5</sup> πλειόνων -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> λογιστικῆ -Ziegler (*R.-E.* xxi/i [1951], col. 748, 4); διαλογιστικῆ -MSS.

<sup>7</sup> ἔφυσεν -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>a</sup> Plato, *Phaedrus* 246 D 6-8.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Phaedrus* 249 D 4—251 A 7 and 254 B 5-7; Plutarch, *Amatorius* 765 B, D, F and 766 A, E-F; Plotinus, *Enn.* vi, vii, 22, lines 3-19.

QUESTION VI

IN what sense is it asserted in the *Phaedrus*<sup>a</sup> that the pinion's nature, by which what is heavy is raised on high, is among things of the body most closely akin to the divine?

Is it because the subject of the discourse is love and beauty of the body is the object of love and beauty by its similarity to things divine stirs the soul and makes it remember?<sup>b</sup> Or should one rather not labour the point at all but understand quite simply that, while there are a good many faculties of the soul concerned with the body,<sup>c</sup> the faculty of reason or thought, whose objects he has said are things divine and celestial, is most closely akin to the divine?<sup>d</sup> This faculty he not inappropriately called a pinion because it bears the soul up<sup>e</sup> and away from the things that are base and mortal.

QUESTION VII

1. IN what sense does Plato say<sup>f</sup> that, because there is void nowhere, the cyclical replacement<sup>g</sup> of

<sup>a</sup> Cf. the interpretation given by Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 133, 25-30 (Couvreur).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Phaedo* 80 B 1-3 and 84 A 7-B 4; *Symposium* 211 E 3-212 A 2 with *Phaedrus* 247 c 6-8, 248 B 7-c 2, and 249 c 4-6 and *Republic* 611 E 1-5; and also *Philebus* 62 A 7-8 for the ideas, the objects of reason or intelligence, as *θεία*.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *An Seni Respublica Gerenda Sit* 786 D.

<sup>f</sup> *Timaeus* 79 E 10-80 c 8.

<sup>g</sup> The process is not called *ἀντιπερίστασις* by Plato, but Aristotle called it this (*Physics* 215 a 14-15 and 267 a 15-20 [cf. Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 668, 32-34; p. 1350, 31-36; and p. 1351, 28-29]) as well as *περίωσις* (*Parva Naturalia* 472 b 6).

(1004) αἰτίαν εἶναι τῶν περὶ τὰς ἰατρικὰς σικύας<sup>1</sup> παθημάτων<sup>2</sup> καὶ τῶν περὶ τὴν κατάποσιν<sup>3</sup> καὶ τὰ ρι-  
 E πτούμενα βάρη<sup>4</sup> καὶ τὰ τῶν ὑδάτων ρεύματα καὶ  
 κεραυνοὺς τὴν τε φαινομένην πρὸς ἤλεκτρα καὶ τὴν  
 λίθον τὴν Ἡρακλείαν<sup>5</sup> ὄλκην τὰς τε τῶν φθόγγων  
 συμφωνίας;<sup>6</sup> δόξει γὰρ ἀτόπως αἰτίαν <μίαν><sup>7</sup>  
 παμπόλλων καὶ ἀνομοίων γένεσιν ἐπάγειν<sup>8</sup> παθῶν.

2. Τὸ μὲν γὰρ περὶ τὴν ἀναπνοὴν ὡς γίνεταί τῇ  
 ἀντιπεριστάσει τοῦ ἀέρος αὐτὸς<sup>9</sup> ἰκανῶς ἀποδέ-  
 δειχε· τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ πάντα φήσας θαυματοργεῖσθαι  
 τῷ κενόν<sup>10</sup> εἶναι μηδὲν περιωθεῖν θ' αὐτὰ ταῦτ'  
 εἰς ἄλληλα καὶ διαμείβεσθαι πρὸς τὰς αὐτῶν ἕδρας  
 ἰόντα, τὴν καθ' ἕκαστον ἐξεργασίαν ἡμῖν ἀφήκε.

3. Πρῶτον μὲν οὖν τὸ περὶ τὴν σικύαν<sup>11</sup> τοιοῦ-  
 τόν ἐστιν· ὁ περιληφθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτῆς<sup>12</sup> πρὸς τῇ σαρ-  
 F κὶ μετὰ θερμότητος ἀῆρ ἐκπυρωθεὶς καὶ γενόμενος

<sup>1</sup> σικύας -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> μαθημάτων -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> κατάστασιν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>4</sup> βάρη -X, J, g, ε, η; μέρη -all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> Hubert; τὴν λίθον τὴν Ἡράκλειον -Escorial T-11-5; τὸν λίθον τὸν (τὴν -Voss. 16) Ἡράκλειον -all other mss.

<sup>6</sup> συμφθονίας -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> <μίαν> -added by Fähse (implied by versions of Amyot and Xylander); μίαν instead of αἰτίαν -Schellens (after Wyttenbach); αἰτίαν (αἰτὶ over erasure -α<sup>2</sup>) παμπόλλων -mss.

<sup>8</sup> ἐπάγειν -Turnebus, Xylander; ὑπάγειν -mss.

<sup>9</sup> αὐτοῦ -J, g.

<sup>10</sup> H. C.; καὶ τῷ κενόν -Bernardakis; τε καὶ (i.e. θαυματοργεῖσθαι τε καὶ εἶναι) -mss.

<sup>11</sup> σικύαν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>12</sup> αὐτοῦ -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>a</sup> It was Plato's express purpose to banish ὄλκή from physical theory (*Timaeus* 80 c 2-3; cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, n. 306 on p. 387 *sub finem*). This point is missed entirely in "Timaeus Locrus" 101 D—102 A,



motion is the cause of what happens in the case of medical cupping-instruments and in that of swallowing and of weights that are thrown and of flowing waters and of thunderbolts and of the apparent attraction <sup>a</sup> to amber and the loadstone and of the consonances of sounds? For he would seem in extraordinary fashion to be proposing a (single) cause as the source of numerous and dissimilar occurrences.

2. For, while in the case of respiration he has given an adequate exposition himself <sup>b</sup> of the way in which it comes about by the cyclical replacement of the air, for all the rest, after saying that these apparent wonders are produced because there is no void and these objects push themselves around into one another and interchange in going to their own positions, <sup>c</sup> he left it to us to work out the particulars.

3. Well then, in the first place, the case of the cupping-instrument is like this. The air, which along with heat it has enclosed next to the flesh, having become fiery and finer in texture than the pores of

where respiration occurs *ἐλκομένω τῷ αἴρῳ ἀντὶ τῷ ἀπορρέοντος*, the cupping-instrument *ἀπαναλωθέντος ὑπὸ τῷ πυρὸς τῷ αἴρῳ ἐφέλκεται τὸ ὑγρὸν* (cf. Hero Alexandrinus, *Pneumatica*, Prooem., p. 16, 10-16 [Schmidt]), and amber *ἀναλαμβάνει τὸ ὁμοιον σῶμα*.

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 79 A 5-E 9. Cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xxi (p. 107 [Louis] = p. 175, 20-27 [Hermann]) and "Timaeus Locrus" 101 D—102 A (see the last note *supra*) and the criticisms of the exposition by Aristotle (*Parva Naturalia* 472 b 6-32) and by Galen (*De Placitis Hippoc. et Plat.* viii, 8 = pp. 714, 14-720, 16 [Mueller] and *In Plat. Timaeum Comment. Frag.* xviii-xix = pp. 22, 27-26, 2 ([Schröder]).

<sup>c</sup> In this paraphrase of *Timaeus* 80 c 3-8 *διακρινόμενα καὶ συγκρινόμενα* (c 4-5) is omitted, an omission which affects the meaning of *διαμειβόμενα* in the original and obscures the connexion of the passage with *Timaeus* 58 B 6-c 2.

- (1004) τῶν τοῦ<sup>1</sup> χαλκοῦ πόρων<sup>2</sup> ἀραιότερος ἐξέπεσεν οὐκ εἰς κενὴν χώραν (οὐ γὰρ ἔστιν) εἰς δὲ<sup>3</sup> τὸν περιστῶτα τὴν σικύαν<sup>4</sup> ἔξωθεν ἀέρα, κάκεινον ἀπέωσεν· ὁ δὲ τὸν πρὸ αὐτοῦ· καὶ τοῦτο πάσχων αἰεὶ καὶ δρῶν<sup>5</sup> ὁ ἔμπροσθεν ὑποχωρεῖ,<sup>6</sup> τῆς κενουμένης γλιχόμενος χώρας ἦν ὁ πρῶτος ἐξέλιπεν.
- 1005 οὕτω δὲ τῇ σαρκὶ περιπίπτων, ἧς ἡ σικύα<sup>7</sup> δέδρακται, καὶ ἀναπιέζων<sup>8</sup> ἅμα<sup>9</sup> συνεκθλίβει τὸ ὑγρὸν εἰς τὴν σικύαν.<sup>10</sup>

4. Ἡ δὲ κατάποσις γίνεταί τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον· αἱ γὰρ περὶ τὸ στόμα καὶ<sup>11</sup> τὸν στόμαχον κοιλότητες ἀέρος αἰεὶ πλήρεις εἰσίν. ὅταν οὖν ἐμπιεσθῇ τὸ σιτίον ὑπὸ τῆς γλώττης, ἅμα καὶ τῶν παρισθμίων ἐνταθέντων, ἐκθλιβόμενος ὁ ἀήρ πρὸς τὸν οὐρανὸν<sup>12</sup> ἔχεται τοῦ ὑποχωροῦντος καὶ συνεπωθεῖ τὸ σιτίον.

5. Τὰ δὲ ρίπτούμενα βάρη τὸν ἀέρα σχίζει μετὰ πληγῆς ἐμπεσόντα<sup>13</sup> καὶ διίστησιν· ὁ δὲ περιρρέων ὀπίσω τῶ<sup>14</sup> φύσιν ἔχειν αἰεὶ τὴν ἐρημουμένην<sup>15</sup>

<sup>1</sup> τοῦ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> πόρων ὡς -X ; σωρῶν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>3</sup> οὐδὲ -ε.

<sup>4</sup> σικῆαν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>5</sup> δρῶν -Wytttenbach ; ἄγων -mss.

<sup>6</sup> ὑποχωρεῖ <ὁ δ' ὄπισθεν ἐπιχωρεῖ> -Wytttenbach.

<sup>7</sup> σικῆα -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>8</sup> ἀναπιέζων -Emperius (*Op. Philol.*, p. 340); ἀναξέων -J, g; ἀναζέων -all other mss.

<sup>9</sup> ἅμα -omitted by n.

<sup>10</sup> σικῆαν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>11</sup> τὸ στόμα καὶ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>12</sup> τὸν οὐρανὸν -Nogarola, Stephanus, α<sup>1</sup> (?); τὸ ἦκον -α<sup>2</sup>,

the bronze escapes not into empty space (for there isn't any) but into the air surrounding the cupping-instrument from without and pushes this air aside, as this air does that before itself; and at every step thus acted upon and acting the air that is in front gives way, making for the vacated space which the first had left, and so, falling upon the circumference of the flesh gripped by the cupping-instrument and pressing it up, it simultaneously squeezes the liquid out into the cupping-instrument.<sup>a</sup>

4. Swallowing occurs in the same way, for the cavities of the mouth and the oesophagus are always full of air. So, when the food is pressed in by the tongue, the fauces too having been stretched taut at the same time, the air, being squeezed out against the palate, follows closely upon that which gives way and helps to push the food on.<sup>b</sup>

5. Weights that are thrown cleave the air and separate it because of the impact with which they have fallen upon it; and the air because of its nature always to seek out and fill up the space left empty

<sup>a</sup> Asclepiades of Bithynia, who compared the mechanism of respiration with the action of cupping-instruments, must have explained the latter also by a kind of *περίωσις* without the intervention of *ὄλκῆ* ([Plutarch], *De Placitis* 903 E-F = *Dox. Graeci*, pp. 412, 31-413, 1; cf. R. A. Fritzsche, *Rhein. Mus.*, N.F. lvii [1902], p. 384).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. the view opposed by Galen (*De Naturalibus Facultatibus* iii, chap. 8 = pp. 176-177 [Kühn]) that in deglutition the food is merely pushed down from above without any *ὄλκῆ*.

n; τὸ εἶκον -all other mss. (τὸ omitted by Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5).

<sup>13</sup> All mss. (pace Hubert); ἐκπεσόντα -Aldine, Basil.

<sup>14</sup> τὸ -J.

<sup>15</sup> ἐρημωμένην -J<sup>1</sup>.

(1005) χώραν διώκειν καὶ ἀναπληροῦν συνέπεται τῷ ἀφιεμένῳ<sup>1</sup> τὴν κίνησιν συνεπιταχύνων.<sup>2</sup>

B 6. Αἱ δὲ τῶν κεραυνῶν πτώσεις καὶ αὐταὶ ῥίψουσιν εἰκόασιν· ἐκπηδᾷ γὰρ ὑπὸ πληγῆς ἐν τῷ νέφει γενομένης τὸ πυρῶδες εἰς τὸν ἀέρα, κακείνος ἀντιρραγεῖς ὑποχωρεῖ καὶ πάλιν εἰς ταυτὸ<sup>3</sup> συμπίπτων ἄνωθεν ἐξῶθει κάτω παρὰ φύσιν<sup>4</sup> ἀποβιαζόμενος τὸν κεραυνόν.

7. Τὸ δ' ἤλεκτρον<sup>5</sup> οὐδὲν ἔλκει τῶν παρακειμένων ὡσπερ οὐδὲ ἡ σιδηρίτις λίθος, οὐδὲ προσπηδᾷ τι τούτοις ἀφ' αὐτοῦ τῶν πλησίον· ἀλλὰ ἡ μὲν λίθος τινὰς ἀπορροᾶς<sup>6</sup> ἐξίησιν ἐμβριθεῖς καὶ πνευματώδεις, αἷς ὁ συνεχῆς ἀναστελλόμενος ἀῆρ ὠθεῖ τὸν πρὸ αὐτοῦ· κακείνος ἐν κύκλῳ περιῶν καὶ ὑπονοστώων αὐθις ἐπὶ τὴν κενουμένην χώραν C ἀποβιάζεται καὶ συνεφέλλκεται τὸν σίδηρον. τὸ δ'

<sup>1</sup> ἐφιεμένῳ -J<sup>1</sup>, g, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>2</sup> ἐπιταχύνων -E, B, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>3</sup> εἰς ταυτὰ -J, g.

<sup>4</sup> παρὰ τὴν φύσιν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>5</sup> τὸ δ' ἤλεκτρον . . . συνεφέλλκεται τὸν σίδηρον -omitted by ε.

<sup>6</sup> Bernardakis ; ἀπορροίας -MSS.

<sup>7</sup> ὑπὸ -X.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 668, 25-32 on Aristotle, *Physics* 215 a 14-15 and the objections of Aristotle (*Physics* 267 a 15-20) and of Philoponus (*Phys.*, pp. 639, 12-641, 6). Nothing is said in the *Timaeus* of the acceleration to which Plutarch refers (cf. A. E. Taylor, *A Commentary on Plato's Timaeus*, p. 572 on 80 a 1-2 ; F. Wehrli, *Die Schule des Aristoteles*, Heft v<sup>2</sup>, p. 63 on Strato, frag. 73).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Aristotle's explanation of the downward motion of the thunderbolt contrary to its nature (*Meteorology* 342 a 12-16 and 369 a 17-24).

<sup>c</sup> i.e. τὴν λίθον τὴν Ἡρακλείαν of 1004 E *supra* called ἡ σιδηρίτις as here by Plutarch in *De Iside* 376 B and *Quaest.*

flows around behind and follows along with the object discharged, helping to accelerate its motion.<sup>a</sup>

6. The falling of thunderbolts itself also resembles the hurling of missiles, for the impact that has occurred in the cloud makes the fiery substance leap out into the air, and the latter gives way when it has been rent asunder and, falling back together again, expels the thunderbolt from above, forcing it back downwards contrary to its nature.<sup>b</sup>

7. Amber does not attract any of the objects placed near it as the loadstone <sup>c</sup> does not either, nor does any of the things in their neighbourhood spring to them of itself; but the loadstone emits certain effluvia which are heavy and like wind, and the contiguous air, forced back by these, pushes the air that is before itself, and that air, moving around in a circle and settling again upon the vacated space, forces the iron back and drags it along with itself.<sup>d</sup>

*Conviv.* 641 c; cf. Plato, *Ion* 533 D 3-5 and Pliny, *N.H.* xxxvi, 127.

<sup>a</sup> The similarity of the ancillary cause of the iron's motion given by Lucretius (vi, 1022-1041) led R. A. Fritzsche to assume a common source and to identify this as Asclepiades of Bithynia, who is known to have denied the occurrence of *ὀλκή* in nature (*Rhein. Mus.*, N.F. lvii [1902], pp. 369-373 and pp. 386-389); but cf. M. Bollack, *Rev. Études Latines*, xli (1963 [1964]), pp. 171-173 and pp. 183-184. Plutarch's *συνεφέλκεται* here and *ἐφέλκεται* in the next sentence are unfortunate expressions at least, for, although they refer to "traction" by the air which is driven from behind and not to any "attraction" by the magnet or amber, they might be thought to compromise the denial of *ὀλκή*, the original principle of the theory (cf. *οὐδὲν ἔλκει* at the beginning of this paragraph), and to represent a contamination with the Epicurean notions expressed by *ducitur ex elementis* (Lucretius, vi, 1012) and by *συνεπισπᾶσθαι τὸν σίδηρον* (Epicurus, frag. 293 [Usener, *Epicurea*, p. 208, 26-27]).

(1005) ἤλεκτρον ἔχει μὲν τι<sup>1</sup> φλογοειδὲς ἢ πνευματικόν, ἐκβάλλει δὲ τοῦτο τρίψει<sup>2</sup> τῆς ἐπιφανείας, τῶν πόρων ἀναστομωθέντων· τὸ δὲ ταῦτο μὲν ἐκπεσὸν ποιεῖ τῷ<sup>3</sup> τῆς σιδηρίτιδος, ἐφέλκεται δὲ τῶν πλησίον τὰ κουφότατα καὶ ξηρότατα διὰ λεπτότητα καὶ ἀσθένειαν· οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶν ἰσχυρὸν οὐδ' ἔχει βάρος οὐδὲ ῥύμην πλήθος ἀέρος ἐξῶσαι δυναμένην, ὧ τῶν μειζόνων, ὡσπερ ἡ σιδηρίτις, ἐπικρατήσῃ. πῶς οὖν οὔτε λίθον οὔτε ξύλον ὁ ἀῆρ ἀλλὰ μόνον τὸν σίδηρον<sup>4</sup> ὠθεῖ καὶ προσστέλλει<sup>5</sup> πρὸς τὴν<sup>6</sup> λίθον; αὐτῇ δ' ἐστὶ μὲν ἀπορία κοινὴ πρὸς τε τοὺς<sup>7</sup> ὀλκῆ τῆς<sup>8</sup> λίθου καὶ τοὺς<sup>9</sup> φορᾶ τοῦ σιδήρου τὴν σύμπηξιν οἰομένους γίγνεσθαι τῶν σωματῶν, εἴη λύσις  
 D δ' ἂν οὕτως ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος.<sup>10</sup> ὁ σίδηρος οὐτ' ἄγαν ἀραιὸς ἐστὶν ὡς ξύλον οὐτ' ἄγαν πυκνὸς ὡς χρυσοῦς ἢ λίθος ἀλλ' ἔχει πόρους καὶ οἴμους<sup>11</sup> καὶ τραχύτητας διὰ τὰς ἀνωμαλίας τῷ ἀέρι συμμέτρους, ὥστε μὴ<sup>12</sup> ἀπολισθαίνειν ἀλλὰ ἔδραις τισὶν ἐνισχόμενον καὶ ἀντερείσει<sup>13</sup> περιπλοκὴν σύμμετρον ἐχού-

<sup>1</sup> μέντοι -A, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>2</sup> τῇ τρίψει -A<sup>2</sup>, β, γ, E, B, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon. <sup>3</sup> τὸ -J, g, Voss. 16.

<sup>4</sup> τὸν σίδηρον μόνον -J, g.

<sup>5</sup> H. C.; προστέλλει -MSS.

<sup>6</sup> Wyttenbach; τὸν -MSS.

<sup>7</sup> τῇ -J, g.

<sup>8</sup> τῆς -Bernardakis; τοῦ -MSS.

<sup>9</sup> τῇ -J, g.

<sup>10</sup> H. C.; σωματῶν ἐλυσιπᾶν οὕτως ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος -X, ε, η; σωματῶν . . . vac. 18 (erased) . . . ὁ σίδηρος -a; σωματῶν . . . vac. 4 . . . ὁ σίδηρος (with ἐλυσιπᾶν οὕτως ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος added in margin) -β; σωματῶν . . . vac. 11 to 16 . . . ὁ σίδηρος -A, E, B; between σωματῶν and ὁ σίδηρος: ἐλυσιπᾶν -Voss. 16, καὶ ἐλυσιπᾶν -Escorial T-11-5, ἐλυσιπᾶν (with οὕτως ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος deleted) -Bonon.; σωματῶν ὁ

Amber contains a substance like flame or wind which it ejects when its pores have been opened by friction of its surface; and this substance, when it has escaped, has the same action as that from the loadstone has but because of its tenuousness and weakness drags along the lightest and driest of the things in the neighbourhood, for it is not strong and does not have weight or impetus capable of expelling an amount of air with which to master the larger objects as the loadstone does. How is it then that the air pushes and presses against the loadstone neither stone nor wood but only iron? This, to be sure, is a difficulty that confronts equally those who think that the cohesion of the bodies comes about by the loadstone's attraction and those who think that it comes about by conveyance of the iron,<sup>a</sup> but Plato might provide a solution in the following way. Iron is neither exceedingly loose in texture like wood nor exceedingly close like gold or stone but has pores and passages and corrugations which by reason of their irregularities conform to the air; and the result is for the air, however in its motion to the loadstone it may fall upon the iron, not to slip off but, intercepted by certain lodgements and counter-

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* by the iron's being "carried" or propelled to the magnet as in Plutarch's own explanation; *φορᾶ* does not here refer to any "impulse" of the iron itself, for such an explanation (as *e.g.* in Alexander, *Quaestiones*, p. 74, 24-30 [Bruns]) would not be confronted by this difficulty.

*σίδηρος* (without lacuna) -J, g, γ; *εὐλυτος δ' ἂν οὕτως ὑπὸ* (or *μετὰ*) *τοῦ Πλάτωνος* -Hubert; *ἐλύετο δ' ἂν οὕτως ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος* -Bernardakis.

<sup>11</sup> X, ε, η; *οἶμας* -all other mss.

<sup>12</sup> Dübner; *μήτε* -mss.

<sup>13</sup> *ἀντερείσει καὶ* -J, g.

(1005) σαις, ὡς ἂν ἐμπέση πρὸς τὴν<sup>1</sup> λίθον φερόμενος, ἀποβιάζεσθαι καὶ προωθεῖν τὸν σίδηρον. τούτων μὲν οὖν τοιοῦτός τις<sup>2</sup> ἂν εἴη λόγος.

8. Ἡ δὲ τῶν<sup>3</sup> ἐπὶ γῆς ὑδάτων ῥύσις οὐχ ὁμοίως εὐσύνοπτον ἔχει τὸν τῆς ἀντιπεριώσεως τρόπον.<sup>4</sup> ἀλλὰ χρὴ καταμανθάνειν τὰ λιμναῖα τῶν ὑδάτων ἀτρεμοῦντα καὶ μένοντα τῷ περιεκεχύσθαι καὶ συν-  
 E αγαγεῖν πανταχόθεν αὐτοῖς<sup>5</sup> ἀκίνητον αέρα, μηδαμοῦ κενὴν ποιοῦντα χώραν. τὸ γοῦν ἐπιπολῆς ὕδωρ ἔν τε ταῖς λίμναις καὶ ἐν τοῖς πελάγεσι δο-  
 νεῖται καὶ κυμαίνεται τοῦ αἵρου σάλον λαμβάνον-  
 τος· ἔπεται γὰρ εὐθὺς μεθισταμένῳ καὶ συναπορρεῖ<sup>6</sup>  
 διὰ τὴν ἀνωμαλίαν· ἢ γὰρ κάτω πληγῇ τὴν κοιλότη-  
 τητα ποιεῖ τοῦ κύματος ἢ δ' ἄνω τὸν ὄγκον, ἄχρι<sup>7</sup>  
 οὐ<sup>8</sup> καταστῆ καὶ παύσῃται, τῆς περιεχοῦσης<sup>9</sup> τὰ  
 ὑγρά χώρας ἰσταμένης.<sup>10</sup> αἱ ῥύσεις οὖν τῶν<sup>11</sup> φερομέ-  
 νων αἰετὰ ὑποχωροῦντα τοῦ αἵρου διώκουσαι τοῖς  
 δ' ἀντιπεριωθημένοις<sup>12</sup> ἐλαυνόμεναι τὸ ἐνδελεχὲς  
 καὶ ἀλώφητον ἔχουσι. διὸ καὶ φέρονται θάπτον οἱ  
 F ποταμοὶ πληθύνοντες<sup>13</sup>. ὅταν δ' ὀλίγον ἦ καὶ κοῖλον,  
 (ἀν)ίεται<sup>14</sup> τὸ ὑγρὸν ὑπ' ἀσθενείας, οὐχ ὑπέικοντος<sup>15</sup>

1. Dübner (after Wytttenbach *supra*); τὸν -mss.

2. τις -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g, ε.

3. τοῦ -g.

4. τόπον -J, g.

5. Escorial T-11-5; αὐτοῖς -all other mss.

6. συναπορεῖ -X, ε; συναπορρεῖται -J, g.

7. Bernardakis; ἄχρις -mss.

8. οὖν -n.

9. περιούσης -J<sup>1</sup>, g, β (superscript over περιεχοῦσης); περι-  
 εχοῦσας -Escorial T-11-5 (σης over sas -corr.).

10. ἰστάμενος -J<sup>1</sup>, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon. corr. (os  
 superscript over ης); ἰστάμενα -g; ἐνισταμένης ("impediente")  
 -Wytttenbach.

11. τοῦ -Escorial T-11-5.

12. τοῦ δ' ἀντιπεριπεριωθημένου -Escorial T-11-5.

13. πληθύνοντες -J, g, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.



pressures with meshes that conform to it, to force the iron back and push it on before itself.<sup>a</sup> Well then, of these phenomena there might be some such explanation.

8. It is not similarly easy to comprehend the way in which cyclical propulsion is involved in the flowing of waters upon the earth. It must be observed, however, that the water of pools is calm and at rest because it has spread and collected about itself from all sides motionless air that nowhere leaves an empty space. At any rate, the water on the surface in pools and in seas is agitated and undulates when the air begins to surge, for it straightway follows the latter as it changes position and flows off along with it because of the irregularity, the downward impact<sup>b</sup> producing the trough of the wave and the upward impact the swell until it has settled down and stopped as the space that encompasses the waters comes to rest. The streams of running waters, then, always pursuing the air that gives way and being driven on by that which is pushed around in turn, flow perpetually and unremittingly. This is also why rivers run more swiftly when they are full; but, when the water is low and shallow, it grows slack from febleness, as the air does not

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Lucretius, vi, 1056-1064 with R. A. Fritzsche, *Rhein. Mus.*, N.F. lvii (1902), p. 370 and p. 372, n. 14; and especially for the terminology cf. the use of the theory of effluvia, pores, and corrugations of a surface in Plutarch, *Quaest. Naturales* 916 D-F.

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* the impact of the air on the water.

<sup>14</sup> Wytttenbach; ἴεται -X, J, g, β, B, ε, n; ἴεται -all other MSS.; ἴσταται -Wytttenbach, Apelt (*Philologus*, lxii [1903], p. 287).

<sup>15</sup> ὑπήκοντος -J, ε, n.

(1005) τοῦ ἀέρος οὐδὲ πολλὴν ἀντιπερίστασιν λαμβάνοντος. οὕτω δὲ καὶ τὰ πηγαῖα τῶν ὑδάτων ἀναγκαίον<sup>1</sup> ἔστιν ἀναφέρεσθαι, τοῦ θύραθεν ἀέρος εἰς τὰς κενουμένας<sup>2</sup> ἐν βάθει χώρας<sup>3</sup> ὑποφερομένου καὶ πάλιν θύραζε τὸ ὕδωρ ἐκπέμποντος. οἴκου δὲ βαθυσκίου καὶ περιέχοντος ἀέρα νήνεμον<sup>4</sup> ὕδατι ρανθὲν<sup>5</sup> ἔδαφος πνεῦμα ποιεῖ καὶ ἄνεμον, μεθισταμένου τοῦ ἀέρος ἐξ ἔδρας παρεμπύπτοντι τῷ ὑγρῷ καὶ πληγὰς λαμβάνοντος.<sup>6</sup> οὕτως ἐξωθεισθαί θ' ὑπ' ἀλλήλων καὶ ἀνθυπέκειν ἀλλήλοις πέφυκεν, οὐκ οὔσης κενότητος ἐν ἧ θάτερον ἰδρυθὲν<sup>7</sup> οὐ μεθέξει τῆς θατέρου μεταβολῆς.

9. Καὶ μὴν τὰ περὶ τῆς<sup>8</sup> συμφωνίας αὐτὸς εἴρηκεν ὃν τρόπον ὁμοιοπαθεῖς αἱ κινήσεις ποι<sup>9</sup> οὔσι τοὺς φθόγγους. ὀξύς μὲν γὰρ ὁ ταχύς γίννεται βαρὺς δὲ ὁ βραδύς<sup>10</sup>. διὸ καὶ πρότερον κινουσί<sup>11</sup> τὴν αἴσθησιν οἱ ὀξεῖς· ὅταν δὲ τούτοις ἤδη<sup>12</sup> μαραιομένοις<sup>13</sup> καὶ ἀπολήγουσιν οἱ βραδεῖς ἐπιβάλωσιν ἀρχόμενοι, τὸ κραθὲν αὐτῶν διὰ ὁμοιοπάθειαν ἠδονὴν τῇ ἀκοῇ παρέσχεν, ἣν συμφωνίαν καλοῦσιν. ὅτι δὲ τούτων ὄργανον ὁ ἀήρ ἔστι ράδιον συνιδεῖν ἐκ τῶν προειρημένων. ἔστι γὰρ ἡ φωνὴ πληγὴ τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> τὰ πηγαῖα τῶν ἀναγκαίων -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> κενουμένας -X<sup>1</sup>; κινουμένας -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> χώρας ἐν βάθει -X.

<sup>4</sup> Wyttenbach (ἡ νήνεμον -Leonicus, Nogarola); ἀέρα ἡ ἄνεμον -MSS. <sup>5</sup> ρανθὲν -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> λαμβάνοντι -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>7</sup> J, g; ἰδρυθὲν -all other mss.

<sup>8</sup> τὰς -Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon.

<sup>9</sup> <...> -added by Pohlenz; ὁμοιοῦσι -MSS.; ὁμολογοῦσι οἱ φθόγγοι -Nogarola. <sup>10</sup> βαρὺς -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>11</sup> X, ε, η; πρότερον οὐ κινουσί -all other mss. (but οὐ erased in a and cancelled in A). <sup>12</sup> ἤδη -omitted by ε.

yield and does not undergo much cyclical replacement. It must be in this way too that the waters of fountains run upwards, the air from outside running down into the vacated underground spaces and thrusting the water forth again. In a darkened house where the air enclosed is still sprinkling the floor with water produces a draught or breeze, as the air shifts from its position before the moisture when it intervenes and is subjected to its impacts. Thus the two are naturally expelled by each other and yield to each other in turn, for there is no vacuity in which the one could be situated and so not partake of the change in the other.

9. And now as to the subject of consonance, he has himself stated <sup>a</sup> how the sounds <are made congruous by the motions>. For the sound that is swift turns out to be high, and that which is slow to be low, which is also why the sense is set in motion sooner by the high sounds ; and, when these as they are already fading out and dying away are overtaken by the slow sounds just beginning,<sup>b</sup> the product of their blending because of the congruity affords the hearing pleasure which men call consonance. That the air is the instrument of this process is easy to see from what was previously stated.<sup>c</sup> Sound, in

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 80 A 3-B 8. Of the genuine problems involved in this passage Plutarch appears not to have been aware. They are stated but not persuasively resolved by Cornford (*Plato's Cosmology*, pp. 320-326) and Moutsopoulos (*La Musique . . . de Platon*, pp. 36-42).

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* just beginning to affect the percipient by setting the sense in motion.

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 67 B 2-6 ; *cf.* Plutarch, *De Fortuna* 98 B, *De E* 390 B, and *De Defectu Orac.* 436 D.

<sup>13</sup> φανερομένοις (with μαραινo superscript) -γ.

(1006) αἰσθανομένου δι' ὧτων ὑπ' αέρος· πλήττει γὰρ<sup>1</sup> πληγεῖς ὁ ἀήρ ὑπὸ τοῦ κινήσαντος, ἂν μὲν ἦ σφοδρόν, ὀξέως, ἂν δ' ἀμβλύ, μαλακώτερον· ὁ δὲ<sup>2</sup> σφόδρα<sup>3</sup> καὶ συντόνως πληγεῖς<sup>4</sup> προσμίνυσι τῇ ἀκοῇ πρότερος,<sup>5</sup> εἶτα περιῶν πάλιν<sup>6</sup> καὶ καταλαμβάνων τὸν<sup>7</sup> βραδύτερον συνέπεται καὶ συμπαραπέμπει<sup>8</sup> τὴν αἴσθησιν.

ΖΗΤΗΜΑ Η'

1. Πῶς λέγει τὰς ψυχὰς ὁ Τίμαιος εἰς τε γῆν καὶ σελήνην καὶ τὰλλα ὅσα ὄργανα χρόνου σπαρῆναι; C Πότερον οὕτως<sup>9</sup> ἐκίνει τὴν γῆν ὡσπερ ἥλιον καὶ σελήνην καὶ<sup>10</sup> τοὺς πέντε πλάνητας, οὓς ὄργανα χρόνου διὰ τὰς τροπὰς προσηγόρευε,<sup>11</sup> καὶ ἔδει τὴν γῆν ἰλλομένην<sup>12</sup> περὶ τὸν διὰ πάντων πόλον τεταμένον<sup>13</sup> μεμηχανῆσθαι μὴ<sup>14</sup> συνεχομένην καὶ μένουσαν ἀλλὰ στρεφομένην<sup>15</sup> καὶ ἀνειλουμένην νοεῖν, ὡς

<sup>1</sup> τε -J<sup>1</sup>, g; τε superscript over γὰρ -X<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> ὁ δὲ -X, J, g, A, γ, E, B; ὁ δὲ -n.

<sup>3</sup> σφόδρὸς -g.

<sup>4</sup> σύντονος πληγή -J, g.

<sup>5</sup> πρότερον -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> πάντα -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>7</sup> τὸ -J<sup>1</sup>, g, ε.

<sup>8</sup> παραπέμπει -Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>9</sup> οὕτως -X, J.

<sup>10</sup> ἢ σελήνην ἢ -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>11</sup> προσηγόρευσε -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>12</sup> ἰλλομένην . . . ἀνειλουμένην -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g; εἰλλομένην (ει and ου superscript over ι and ο) -B<sup>corr.</sup>; εἰλουμένην -Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>13</sup> τεταμένον -a, A, β<sup>1</sup> (γ erased -β<sup>2</sup>), γ, E, B, ε, n, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>14</sup> X, β<sup>2</sup>, Bonon., Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5; μὴ μεμηχανῆσθαι -all other mss.; [μεμηχανῆσθαι] -Hartman (*De Plutarcho*, p. 585).

<sup>15</sup> συστρεφομένην -X.

fact, is the impact made by air through the ears upon the percipient, for the air, when struck by the agent that moved it, strikes sharply if that agent is vehement and more softly if it is dull. The air, then, that has been struck vehemently and intensely comes upon the hearing sooner and then, moving around again and catching up the slower air,<sup>a</sup> accompanies it and with it conveys the sensation.

QUESTION VIII

1. WHAT does Timaeus mean by saying<sup>b</sup> that the souls were sowed in earth and moon and all the rest of the instruments of time?

Was he giving the earth motion like that of sun and moon and the five planets, which because they reverse their courses<sup>c</sup> he called instruments of time; and ought the earth coiling about the axis extended through all<sup>d</sup> be understood to have been devised not as confined and at rest but as turning and whirl-

<sup>a</sup> This seems to contradict the statement just above, *ὅταν δὲ τούτοις . . . οἱ βραδεῖς ἐπιβάλωσιν ἀρχόμενοι . . .*, and is certainly not in accord with *Timaeus* 80 A 6-B 4.

<sup>b</sup> Plato, *Timaeus* 42 D 4-5 (see also 41 E 4-5); cf. [Plutarch], *De Fato* 573 E.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 39 D 7-8 (. . . τῶν ἀστρων ὅσα δι' οὐρανοῦ πορευόμενα ἔσχεν τροπὰς . . .) and 40 B 6-7 (τὰ δὲ τρεπόμενα καὶ πλάνην τοιαύτην ἴσχυοντα . . .) with Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, pp. 127, 31-128, 1 (Diehl).

<sup>d</sup> *Timaeus* 40 B 8-c 2. Plutarch's *μεμηχανῆσθαι* represents Plato's *ἐμηχανήσατο*. Instead of *διὰ πάντων* (i.e. all the planetary orbits) the mss. of Plato have *διὰ παντός*, *δι' ἅπαντος*, or *διὰ τοῦ παντός*; and instead of *ἰλλομένην* two of them (W, Y) have *εἰλουμένην*, while two (A, P) have *εἰλλομένην* (or *εἰλλ-*) *τήν* (cf. Cornford, *Plato's Cosmology*, p. 120, n. 1; and for the textual tradition of Aristotle, *De Caelo* 293 b 31-32 cf. P. Moraux, *Hermes*, lxxxii [1954], pp. 176-178).

(1006) ὕστερον Ἀρίσταρχος καὶ Σέλευκος ἀπεδείκνυσαν, ὁ μὲν ὑποτιθέμενος μόνον ὁ δὲ Σέλευκος καὶ ἀποφαινόμενος; Θεόφραστος δὲ καὶ προσιστορεῖ τῷ Πλάτωνι πρεσβυτέρῳ γενομένῳ μεταμέλειν ὡς οὐ προσήκουσαν ἀποδόντι τῇ γῆ τὴν μέσσην χώραν τοῦ παντός.

2. Ἡ τούτοις μὲν ἀντίκειται πολλὰ τῶν ὁμολογουμένως<sup>1</sup> ἀρεσκόντων τῷ ἀνδρὶ, μεταγραπτέον δὲ τὸ “ χρόνου ” “ χρόνω,” λαμβάνοντας<sup>2</sup> ἀντὶ τῆς γενικῆς<sup>3</sup> τὴν δοτικὴν, καὶ δεκτέον ὄργανα μὴ τοὺς ἀστέρας ἀλλὰ τὰ σώματα τῶν ζώων λέγεσθαι καθάπερ Ἀριστοτέλης ὠρίσατο τὴν ψυχὴν ἐντε-

<sup>1</sup> ὁμολογουμένων -J<sup>1</sup> (final *ν* remade to *ς* -J<sup>2</sup>), *g*.

<sup>2</sup> X, J<sup>1</sup>, *g*, β, Bonon., Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5<sup>corr.</sup>; λαμβάνοντος -γ, Escorial T-11-5<sup>1</sup>; λαμβάνοντα -α, Α, Ε, Β, ε, π.

<sup>3</sup> γενητικῆς -J<sup>1</sup>, *g*.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *De Facie* 923 A with the references in my note *ad loc.* (*L.C.L.* xii, p. 54, note a).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Heath, *Aristarchus of Samos*, pp. 305-307; S. Pines, “Un fragment de Séleucus . . .,” *Rev. d'Histoire des Sciences*, xvi (1963), pp. 193-209; and N. Swerdlow, *Isis*, lxiv (1973), pp. 242-243 in his review of B. L. van der Waerden, *ibid.*, pp. 239-243.

<sup>c</sup> Theophrastus, *Phys. Opin.*, frag. 22 (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 494, 1-3); cf. Plutarch, *Numa* xi, 3 (67 D).

<sup>d</sup> Like Chalcidius (*Platonis Timaeus*, p. 187, 4-13 [Wrobel] = p. 166, 6-12 [Waszink]) Plutarch here recognizes only two possible interpretations of ἰλλομένην περὶ τὸν . . . πόλον: one, that the earth is stationary at the centre (with συνεχομένην καὶ μένουσαν cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 137, 6-7 and 13-20 [Diehl] and Plutarch's own usage in *Quaest. Conviv.* 728 E: ἰλλομένην τὴν ὅρα καὶ καθειρομένην), and the other, that the earth revolves like a planet around the axis common to all the planetary orbits (with στρεφομένην καὶ ἀνειλουμένην cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 138, 7-8 [Diehl]: εἰλουμένην καὶ στρεφομένην; cf. εἰλουμένων [Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 292, 28-29] and ἀνείλησιν [Simplicius,

ing about in the way set forth later by Aristarchus<sup>a</sup> and Seleucus,<sup>b</sup> by the former only as an hypothesis but by Seleucus beyond that as a statement of fact? In fact Theophrastus even adds the observation<sup>c</sup> that Plato, when he had grown older, repented of having assigned to the earth as not befitting her the mid-most space of the sum of things.<sup>d</sup>

2. Or is this in opposition to many of the opinions that the man admittedly held; and must we change "of time" to read "in time," adopting the dative instead of the genitive, and take instruments to mean not the stars but the bodies of living beings in the way that Aristotle defined the soul as actuality

*De Caelo*, p. 499, 15]). The way in which the second alternative is limited by the comparison with the hypothesis of Aristarchus is made clear by what Theophrastus is reported to have said and doubly clear by the reference in *Numa* xi, where . . . τῆς γῆς ὡς ἐν ἑτέρᾳ χώρᾳ καθεστῶσης . . . shows it to be incompatible with the "more genuinely" Pythagorean theory of Simplicius which Cornford sought to identify as its true basis (*Plato's Cosmology*, pp. 127-129; K. Gaiser, *Platons ungeschriebene Lehre* [Stuttgart, 1963], p. 184, n. 155 [pp. 385-387]) but which is itself certainly post-Aristotelian (cf. W. Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft* [Nürnberg, 1962], pp. 216-217). Plutarch's two alternatives silently exclude the possibility that the *Timaeus* refers to a central earth with axial rotation (Aristotle, *De Caelo* 293 b 30-32 and 296 a 26-27) or with any sort of vibratory or oscillatory motion, discredited modern fantasies recently revived by K. Gaiser (*op. cit.*, p. 183, n. 153 [pp. 381-385]) in the form of "wobbling motion about the axis . . . to produce a kind of nutation" and account for precession—which was unknown to Plato. On *Timaeus* 40 b 8-c 3, Aristotle's statements in the *De Caelo*, and the remark by Theophrastus cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato*, pp. 545-564; I. Düring, *Gnomon*, xxvii (1955), pp. 156-157; F. M. Brignoli, *Giornale Italiano di Filologia*, xi (1958), pp. 246-260; W. Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, p. 305, n. 17.

(1006) λέχειαν<sup>1</sup> σώματος φυσικοῦ<sup>2</sup> ὀργανικοῦ δυνάμει ζῶν ἔχοντος, ὥστε τοιοῦτον εἶναι τὸν λόγον· αἱ ψυχαὶ εἰς τὰ προσήκοντα ὀργανικὰ σώματα ἐν χρόνῳ κατεσπάρησαν; ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῦτο παρὰ<sup>3</sup> τὴν δόξαν ἐστίν· οὐ γὰρ ἅπαξ ἀλλὰ πολλάκις ὄργανα χρόνου τοὺς ἀστέρας εἴρηκεν, ὅπου καὶ τὸν ἥλιον αὐτὸν εἰς διορισμὸν καὶ φυλακὴν ἀριθμῶν χρόνου<sup>4</sup>  
 Ε γεγονέναι φησὶ μετὰ τῶν ἄλλων πλανήτων.

3. "Αριστον οὖν τὴν γῆν ὄργανον ἀκούειν χρόνου, μὴ κινουμένην ὥσπερ τοὺς ἀστέρας, ἀλλὰ τῷ<sup>5</sup> περὶ αὐτὴν μένουσαν αἰεὶ παρέχειν ἐκείνοις φερόμενοις ἀνατολὰς καὶ δύσεις, αἷς τὰ πρῶτα μέτρα τῶν χρόνων, ἡμέραι καὶ νύκτες, ὀρίζονται· διὸ καὶ φύλακα καὶ δημιουργὸν αὐτὴν ἀτρεκῆ νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας προσεῖπε<sup>6</sup>. καὶ γὰρ οἱ τῶν ὠρολογίων γνώμονες οὐ συμμεθιστάμενοι ταῖς σκιαῖς ἀλλὰ ἐστῶτες ὄργανα χρόνου καὶ μέτρα<sup>7</sup> γεγόνασι, μιμούμενοι τῆς γῆς τὸ ἐπιπροσθοῦν τῷ ἡλίῳ περὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἐνδελέχειαν -J<sup>1</sup>, g; ἐντελέχειαν -all other mss.; <πρώτην> ἐντελέχειαν -Bernardakis.

<sup>2</sup> ψυτικοῦ -J, g.

<sup>3</sup> περὶ -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> χρόνου -J<sup>1</sup>, g; χρόνου<sup>ω</sup> X<sup>1</sup>; χρόνῳ -all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> τοῖς -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> προσῆκε -J, g.

<sup>7</sup> Pohlenz; καὶ<sup>β'</sup> μέτρα<sup>α'</sup> χρόνου -X; καὶ χρόνου μέτρα -all other mss.

<sup>a</sup> Aristotle, *De Anima* 412 a 27-28 and 412 b 5-6 are here conflated. In both the ἐντελέχεια is specified as ἡ πρώτη, but



of body that is natural, instrumental, and potentially possessed of life,<sup>a</sup> so that the meaning is like this: the souls in time were disseminated in the appropriate<sup>b</sup> instrumental bodies? This too, however, is contrary to his thought, for it is not once but frequently that he has called the stars instruments of time, since he even says<sup>c</sup> that the sun itself along with the other planets came into being to distinguish and preserve the numbers of time.

3. It is best, then, to understand that the earth is an instrument of time not by being in motion as the stars are but by remaining always at rest as they revolve about her and so providing them with risings and settings, which define days and nights, the primary measures of times.<sup>d</sup> That is also why he called her strict guardian and artificer of night and day,<sup>e</sup> for the pins of sun-dials too have come to be instruments and measures of time not by changing their position along with the shadows but by standing still, imitating the earth's occultation of the sun when

Plutarch need not therefore have written *πρώτην ἐντελέχειαν* (cf. *Dox. Graeci*, p. 387 A 14-15 as against A 1-3). The crucial word for Plutarch here, *ὀργανικοῦ*, comes from the second passage and in order to support the proposed interpretation of *ὄργανα* in *Timaeus* 42 D 4-5 should be taken to mean not "furnished with instruments" (cf. *De Anima* 412 a 28-b 4) but "instrumental."

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 41 E 5.

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 38 c 5-6.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. "Timaeus Locrus" 97 D (*γαῖα δ' ἐν μέσῳ ἰδρυμένα . . . ὠρός τε ὄρφνας καὶ ἀμέρας γίνεται δύσιός τε καὶ ἀνατολὰς γεννώσα . . .*); Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, pp. 139, 23-140, 5 (Diehl).

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 40 c 1-2; cf. Plutarch, *De Facie* 937 E and 938 E with my notes *ad loc.* (*J.C.L.* xii, p. 157, note c and p. 165, note c).

(1006) αὐτὴν ὑποφερομένῳ, καθάπερ εἶπεν Ἐμπεδοκλῆς  
 νύκτα δὲ γαῖα τίθησιν, ὑφισταμένη<sup>1</sup> φαέεσσι.

F τοῦτο μὲν οὖν τοιαύτην ἔχει τὴν ἐξήγησιν.

4. Ἐκεῖνο δὲ<sup>2</sup> μᾶλλον ἂν τις ὑπίδοιτο,<sup>3</sup> μὴ παρὰ  
 τὸ εἰκὸς ὁ ἥλιος καὶ ἀτόπως λέγεται<sup>4</sup> μετὰ τῆς  
 σελήνης καὶ τῶν πλανήτων εἰς διορισμὸν χρόνου  
 γεγονέναι. καὶ γὰρ ἄλλως μέγα τοῦ ἡλίου τὸ ἀξί-  
 ωμα καὶ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ Πλάτωνος ἐν Πολιτείᾳ βασι-  
 λεὺς ἀνηγόρευται παντὸς τοῦ αἰσθητοῦ καὶ κύριος,  
 1007 ὥσπερ τοῦ νοητοῦ τὰ γαθόν· ἐκεῖνου γὰρ<sup>5</sup> ἔκγονος<sup>6</sup>  
 λέγεται, παρέχων τοῖς ὄρατοῖς μετὰ τοῦ φαίνεσθαι  
 τὸ γίνεσθαι, καθάπερ ἀπ' ἐκείνου τὸ εἶναι καὶ τὸ  
 γιννώσκεσθαι τοῖς νοητοῖς ὑπάρχει. τὸν δὲ τοι-  
 αύτην φύσιν ἔχοντα καὶ δύναμιν τηλικαύτην θεὸν  
 ὄργανον χρόνου γεγονέναι καὶ μέτρον ἐναργὲς τῆς<sup>7</sup>  
 πρὸς ἀλλήλας<sup>8</sup> βραδυτῆτι καὶ τάχει τῶν ὀκτῶ  
 σφαιρῶν διαφορᾶς οὐ πάνυ δοκεῖ πρεπῶδες οὐδ'  
 ἄλλως εὐλογον εἶναι. ῥητέον οὖν τοὺς ὑπὸ τούτων

<sup>1</sup> ἔφισταμένη -Scaliger; ὑφισταμένοιο φαέεσσι -Diels (*Puturum Philos. Fragmenta* [1901], p. 126).

<sup>2</sup> ἐκεῖ δὲ -J<sup>1</sup> (corrected J<sup>1</sup>), g.

<sup>3</sup> ὑπίδοιτο -J<sup>1</sup> (before erasure), g; ὑπόδοιτο -Voss. 16 (ὁ over erasure).

<sup>4</sup> λέγεται -n; λέγεται -all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> δὲ -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> ἔγγονος -X<sup>1</sup>; ἔκγονος -a, ε, n, Escorial T-11-5; ἔγγονος -all other mss.

<sup>7</sup> τῆς -omitted by X, J<sup>1</sup>, g, a (but added superscript by X<sup>1</sup> and a<sup>1</sup>).

<sup>8</sup> ἀλλήλαις -X (a superscript over ai -X<sup>1</sup>), J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>a</sup> Empedocles, frag. B 48 (D.-K.). There is no good reason to emend ὑφισταμένη (cf. Aeschylus, *Persae* 87; Thucydides, vii, 66, 2) as Scaliger and Diels did; but Kranz, who retains

he moves down around her, as Empedocles said

Night is produced by the earth when she stands in the way  
of the daylight.<sup>a</sup>

Such, then, is the explanation of this point.

4. One might rather have misgivings about that other point, whether it is not unlikely and absurd to assert of the sun that along with the moon and the planets he came into being to distinguish time.<sup>b</sup> For the sun is generally rated high in dignity and especially by Plato who himself in the *Republic*<sup>c</sup> has proclaimed him king and sovereign of all that is perceptible just as the good is of the intelligible, for of that good he is said to be the offspring, affording to things visible with their coming to light their coming to be even as that good is for things intelligible the source of their being and of being known. Now certainly for the god with such a nature and so much power to have come to be as an instrument of time and evident measure of the relative difference in speed and slowness of the eight spheres<sup>d</sup> seems to be not very proper and to be unreasonable besides. It must be stated, then, that because of ignorance it, is mistaken in insisting that it must imply motion of the earth (*Rhein. Mus.*, c [1957], pp. 122-124).

<sup>b</sup> *i.e. Timaeus* 38 c 5-6, which was appealed to at the end of section 2 *supra* (1006 D *sub finem*).

<sup>c</sup> *Republic* 506 E 3-507 A 4, 508 A 4-6, 508 B 12-c 2, 509 B 2-8, and 509 D 1-4; see also Plutarch, *De Facie* 944 E with my note *ad loc.* (*L.C.L.* xii, p. 213, note g).

<sup>d</sup> *Timaeus* 39 B 2-5, where Plato says *σφαιράς*, however, and not "spheres" (*cf.* Cornford, *Plato's Cosmology*, pp. 78-79 and 119; Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato*, p. 555). So the "circles" of *Republic* 617 B 4-7 are called "spheres" by Plutarch in *Quaest. Conviv.* 745 c and in *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1029 c. *Cf.* also Albinus, *Epitome* xiv, 7 (p. 87, 1-8 [Louis]) = pp. 170, 36-171, 7 [Hermann]).

(1007) ταραττομένους δι' ἄγνοιαν οἶεσθαι τὸν χρόνον<sup>1</sup> μέτρον εἶναι κινήσεως καὶ ἀριθμὸν κατὰ πρότερον καὶ ὕστερον,<sup>2</sup> ὡς Ἀριστοτέλης εἶπεν, ἢ τὸ ἐν Β κινήσει ποσόν, ὡς Σπεύσιππος, ἢ διάστημα κινήσεως ἄλλο<sup>3</sup> δ'<sup>4</sup> οὐδέν, ὡς ἔνιοι τῶν Στωικῶν ἀπὸ συμβεβηκότος<sup>5</sup> ὀριζόμενοι τὴν δ' οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν δύναμιν οὐ συνορῶντες, ἦν ὃ γε<sup>6</sup> Πίνδαρος ἔοικεν οὐ φαύλως ὑπονοῶν εἰπεῖν

ἄνακτα<sup>7</sup> τὸν πάντων ὑπερβάλλοντα χρόνον<sup>8</sup> μακάρων

ὃ τε Πυθαγόρας, ἐρωτηθεὶς τί χρόνος ἐστί, τὴν τοῦρανοῦ<sup>9</sup> ψυχὴν εἰπεῖν. οὐ γὰρ πάθος οὐδὲ συμβεβηκὸς ἦς ἔτυχε κινήσεως ὁ χρόνος ἐστίν, αἰτία δὲ καὶ δύναμις καὶ ἀρχὴ τῆς πάντα συνεχούσης τὰ γιγνόμενα συμμετρίας καὶ τάξεως, ἦν ἡ τοῦ ὄλου φύσις ἔμφυχος οὕσα κινεῖται· μᾶλλον δὲ κίνησις

<sup>1</sup> τῶν χρόνων -J, g.

<sup>2</sup> κατὰ τὸ πρότερον καὶ τὸ ὕστερον -Escorial T-11-5; κατὰ <τὸ> πρότερον καὶ ὕστερον -Bernardakis.

<sup>3</sup> ἄλλα -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>4</sup> δὲ -g.

<sup>5</sup> συμβεβηκότα -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> ἦν γε -J<sup>1</sup>, g; ἦν ὃ τε -Stephanus.

<sup>7</sup> Heyne; ἄνα -J, g; ἀνά -all other mss.

<sup>8</sup> τῶν . . . χρόνων -J, g.

<sup>9</sup> Turnebus; τούτου -MSS.; τοῦ ὄλου -Nogarola.

<sup>a</sup> *Physics* 219 b 1-2 and 220 a 24-25 (ἀριθμὸς κινήσεως κατὰ τὸ πρότερον καὶ ὕστερον), 220 b 32—221 a 1 and 221 b 7 (μέτρον κινήσεως); cf. Plotinus, *Enn.* iii, vii, 9, lines 1-2 and J. F. Callahan, *Four Views of Time in Ancient Philosophy* (Harvard Univ. Press, 1948), pp. 50-53.

<sup>b</sup> Speusippus, frag. 53 (Lang). Cf. Strato's τὸ ἐν ταῖς πράξεσι ποσόν (Simplicius, *Phys.*, pp. 789, 34-35 and 790, 1-2 = Strato, frag. 76 [Wehrli]).

<sup>c</sup> *S. V. F.* ii, frag. 515; cf. ii, frags. 509-510 and i, frag. 93 and *Dox. Graeci*, p. 461, 15-16 (Posidonius).

those who are disturbed by these considerations think time to be a measure or number of motion according to antecedent and subsequent, as Aristotle said,<sup>a</sup> or what in motion is quantitative, as Speusippus did,<sup>b</sup> or extension of motion and nothing else, as did some of the Stoics,<sup>c</sup> defining it by an accident and not comprehending its essence and potency,<sup>d</sup> of which no mean surmise seems to have been expressed by Pindar in the words,

The lord, the lofty, time, who excels all the beatified gods,<sup>e</sup> and by Pythagoras, when asked what time is, in the reply, the soul of the heavens.<sup>f</sup> For time is not an attribute or accident of any chance motion<sup>g</sup> but cause and potency and principle of that which holds together all the things that come to be, of the symmetry and order in which the nature of the whole universe, being animate, is in motion; or rather,

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 20, 10-15 and p. 95, 7-20 (Diehl); V. Goldschmidt, *Le système stoïcien*, pp. 41-42.

<sup>b</sup> Pindar, frag. 33 (Bergk, Schroeder, Snell)=24 (Turyn)=14 (Bowra).

<sup>f</sup> Assigned to the Pythagorean *Ἀκούσματα* by A. Delatte (*Études sur la littérature pythagoricienne* [Paris, 1915], p. 278); but cf. Zeller, *Phil. Griech.* i/1, p. 524, n. 2 and p. 546, n. 2. A fanciful interpretation is given by R. B. Onians, *Origins of European Thought . . .* (Cambridge, 1954), pp. 250-251; but the definition here ascribed to Pythagoras might be connected with the theory mentioned by Aristotle (frag. 201 [Rose]), for which cf. Cherniss, *Crit. Presoc. Phil.*, pp. 214-216.

<sup>g</sup> Contrast Aristotle, *Physics* 251 b 28 (. . . ὁ χρόνος πάθος τι κινήσεως), 219 b 15-16, and 220 b 24-28; and cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 21, 5-6 (Diehl): οὐκ ἄρα ἀκολούθητόν τοῖς ἐν ψιλαῖς ἐπινοίαις αὐτὸν ἰσῳᾶσιν ἢ συμβεβηκός τι ποιοῦσιν.

(1007) C οὔσα καὶ τάξις αὐτῆ<sup>1</sup> καὶ συμμετρία χρόνος κα-  
λείται,

πάντα γὰρ δι' ἀψόφου  
βαίνων κελεύθου κατὰ δίκην τὰ θνητ' ἄγει.

καὶ γὰρ ἡ ψυχῆς οὐσία κατὰ τοὺς παλαιοὺς ἀρι-  
θμὸς ἦν αὐτὸς ἑαυτὸν κινῶν. διὸ δὴ καὶ Πλάτων  
ἔφη χρόνον ἅμα μετ' οὐρανοῦ γεγονέναι κίνησιν δέ<sup>2</sup>  
καὶ πρὸ τῆς τοῦ<sup>3</sup> οὐρανοῦ<sup>4</sup> γενέσεως. χρόνος δ'<sup>5</sup>  
οὐκ ἦν· οὐδὲ γὰρ τάξις<sup>6</sup> οὐδὲ μέτρον οὐδὲν οὐδὲ  
διορισμὸς ἀλλὰ κίνησις ἀόριστος ὥσπερ ἄμορφος  
ὑλη χρόνου καὶ ἀσχημάτιστος· ἐφελκύσασα δὲ

<sup>1</sup> Hartman (*De Plutarcho*, p. 586), implied by the versions of Amyot and Xylander; αὐτῆ -X; αὐτῆ -all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> δέ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>3</sup> τοῦ -omitted by β, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon.

<sup>4</sup> ἀνω (i.e. ἀνθρώπου) -J.

<sup>5</sup> δ' -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> τάξεις -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> This practical identification of time with the activity of the rational world-soul prefigures the doctrine of Plotinus (e.g. *Enn.* III, vii, 12, lines 1-3 and 20-25; cf. H. Leisegang, *Die Begriffe der Zeit und Ewigkeit im späteren Platonismus* [Münster i.W., 1913], pp. 9 and 23-24; Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde*, p. 96). It is with a very different emphasis upon the Platonic contrast of time and eternal being that Plutarch in *De E* 392 ε makes his teacher, Ammonius, say: κινήτων γὰρ τι καὶ κινουμένη συμφантаζόμενον ὑλη . . . ὁ χρόνος, οὐ γὰρ δὴ τὸ μὲν ἔπειτα καὶ τὸ πρότερον . . . αὐτόθεν ἐξομολόγη-  
αῖς ἐστὶ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος (cf. C. Andresen, *Logos und Nomos* [Berlin, 1955], pp. 284-287).

<sup>b</sup> Euripides, *Troïades* 887-888, adapted by Plutarch in *De Iside* 381 β also (ἄγεις -Euripides).

<sup>c</sup> The definition is ascribed to Pythagoras in [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 898 c = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 386 A 13-15 (cf. 386 B 8-11 ["Pythagoras . . . and similarly also Xenocrates"]) and W. Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft* [Nürnberg, 1962], p. 57, n. 73); but Plutarch himself, ascribing it to Xenocrates, rejects it as a misinterpretation of the *Timaeus* (*De An. Proc.*

being motion and order itself and symmetry, it is called time,<sup>a</sup>

For all that mortal is,  
Going his noiseless path, he guides aright.<sup>b</sup>

In fact, the ancients even held that the essence of soul is number itself moving itself.<sup>c</sup> That is just the reason too why Plato said that time had come to be simultaneously with heaven<sup>d</sup> but there had been motion even before the generation of the heaven.<sup>e</sup> Time there was not, however, for there was not order either or any measure or distinction<sup>f</sup> but motion indeterminate, amorphous and unwrought matter, as it were, of time<sup>g</sup>; but providence,<sup>h</sup> when

in *Timaeo* 1012 D-F = Xenocrates, frag. 68 [Heinze] and 1013 C-D), which may account for his vague ascription of it to "the ancients" here where he cites it as testimony in support of an interpretation (cf. Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde*, p. 96).

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 38 B 6.

<sup>c</sup> This refers, of course, to *Timaeus* 30 A 3-5 and 52 D—53 A; cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 B, 1016 D-F, and 1024 C.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Macrobius, *Sat.* I, viii, 7 ("... cum chaos esset, tempora non fuisse, siquidem tempus est certa dimensio quae ex caeli conversione colligitur"); and contrast the formula of Atticus (Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 37, 12-13 [Diehl]): χρόνος μὲν ἦν καὶ πρὸ οὐρανοῦ γενέσεως, τεταγμένος δὲ χρόνος οὐκ ἦν.

<sup>g</sup> In view of C. Andresen's misinterpretation (*Logos und Nomos* [Berlin, 1955], p. 285 and n. 28) it must be emphasized that χρόνου depends upon ὕλη, which is modified by ἀμορφος καὶ ἀσχημάτιστος (cf. *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 F: τὸ τὴν ὕλην αἰεὶ μὲν ἀμορφὸν καὶ ἀσχημάτιστον ὑπ' αὐτοῦ λέγεσθαι).

<sup>h</sup> Cf. ἐκ προνοίας (*De Facie* 926 F), κατὰ θαυμασιωτάτην πρόνοιαν (Albinus, *Epitome* xii, 1 = p. 67, 20 [Louis] = p. 167, 10 [Hermann]); and [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 884 F (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 321 A 10-11) with Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 415, 18-20 (Diehl).

(1007) πρόνοια<sup>1</sup> καὶ καταλαβοῦσα<sup>2</sup> τὴν μὲν ὕλην σχήμασι τὴν δὲ κίνησιν περιόδοις τὴν μὲν κόσμον ἅμα τὴν δὲ χρόνον ἐποίησεν. εἰκόνες<sup>3</sup> δ' εἰσὶν ἄμφω τοῦ D θεοῦ, τῆς μὲν οὐσίας ὁ κόσμος τῆς δ' ἀιδιότητος <ὁ><sup>4</sup> χρόνος ἐν κινήσει καθάπερ ἐν γενέσει θεὸς ὁ κόσμος. ὅθεν ὁμοῦ γεγονότας φησὶν ὁμοῦ καὶ λυθήσεσθαι πάλιν,<sup>5</sup> ἂν τις αὐτοὺς καταλαμβάνη λύσις· οὐ γὰρ οἶόν τ' <εἶναι><sup>6</sup> χωρὶς χρόνου τὸ γενητὸν<sup>7</sup> ὥσπερ οὐδὲ τὸ νοητὸν αἰῶνος,<sup>8</sup> εἰ μέλλει τὸ μὲν<sup>9</sup> αἰεὶ μένειν τὸ δὲ μηδέποτε διαλύεσθαι γιγνόμενον. οὕτως οὖν<sup>10</sup> ἀναγκαίαν πρὸς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἔχων συμπλοκὴν καὶ συναρμογὴν ὁ χρόνος οὐχ ἀπλῶς ἐστι<sup>11</sup> κίνησις ἀλλὰ ὥσπερ εἴρηται κίνησις ἐν τάξει μέτρον ἐχούση καὶ πέρατα καὶ περιόδους· ὦν ὁ

<sup>1</sup> H. C.; ἐπικλύσασα δ' ἐν χρόα (δ' ἐν χρόνω -J<sup>1</sup>, g; δ' ἢ τάξις -Escorial T-11-5) -mss.; ἐπικλώσασα δὲ Μοῖρα -Emperius (*Op. Philol.*, p. 340); ἐπικλύσασα δ' ἢ χορεία -Apelt (*Philologus*, lxii [1903], p. 287); <ἦν ὀρίσασ' ἢ ψυχὴ> ἐγκλείσασα δ' ἐν χώρᾳ -Pohlenz.

<sup>2</sup> καταβαλοῦσα -X<sup>1</sup>; περιβαλοῦσα -Escorial T-11-5; καταβαλλοῦσα -n; καταβαλοῦσα -all other mss.; μεταβαλοῦσα -Pohlenz.

<sup>3</sup> Leonicus; εἰκότως -mss.

<sup>4</sup> <ὁ> -added by Stephanus.

<sup>5</sup> πάντα -J<sup>1</sup>; πάντας -g.

<sup>6</sup> <εἶναι> -added by Wyttenbach.

<sup>7</sup> γενητὸν -J, g.

<sup>8</sup> ἄνευ αἰῶνος -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>9</sup> μὲν -β<sup>2</sup> (added superscript), Bonon., Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>10</sup> οὖν -omitted by g.

<sup>11</sup> ἐστι -omitted by a, A, β<sup>1</sup> (but added superscript), γ, E, B, ε, n.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 719 E (. . . τοῦ λόγου καταλαμβάνοντος αὐτὴν . . .) and 1001 B-c *supra* with note f there.

<sup>b</sup> This like [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 881 A (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 299 A 11-12) suggests a misinterpretation of *Timaeus* 92 c 7



she took in tow and curbed matter with shapes<sup>a</sup> and motion with revolutions, simultaneously made of the former a universe and of the latter time. They are both semblances of god, the universe of his essence<sup>b</sup> and time a semblance in motion of his eternity,<sup>c</sup> even as in the realm of becoming the universe is god.<sup>d</sup> Hence he says<sup>e</sup> that, as they came into being together, together they will also be dissolved again if any dissolution overtake them, for what is subject to generation cannot <be> apart from time just as what is intelligible cannot apart from eternity either if the latter is always to remain fixed and the former never to be dissolved in its process of becoming.<sup>f</sup> Time, then, since it is thus necessarily implicated and connected with the heaven, is not simply motion but, as has been said, motion in an orderly fashion that involves measure and limits

or even the reading *ποιητοῦ* there instead of *νοητοῦ* (though the latter is implied by *De Iside* 373 B, . . . εἰκόνα τοῦ νοητοῦ κόσμου αἰσθητῶν ὄντα) possibly supported by the misinterpretation of *Timaeus* 29 E 3 (cf. *De Sera Numinis Vindicta* 550 D and *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1014 B [. . . πρὸς αὐτὸν ἕξομοίωσιν . . .]); but it may also have been inferred that, since *γένεσις* is an *εἰκὼν οὐσίας ἐν ὕλῃ* (*De Iside* 372 F), if, as Plutarch proceeds to assert, the universe is god in the realm of *γένεσις* (see note *d infra*), that of which it is the semblance must be god in the realm of *οὐσία*.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 37 D 5-7. Plutarch himself in *De Defectu Orac.* 422 B-C assigns eternity to the ideas (*περὶ αὐτὰ τοῦ αἰῶνος ὄντος οἷον ἀπορροῆν ἐπὶ τοὺς κόσμους φέρεσθαι τὸν χρόνον*); cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xiv, 6 (p. 85, 5-6 [Louis] = p. 170, 21-23 [Hermann]).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 34 A 8-B 1 and B 8-9, 92 C 4-9, and *Critias* 106 A 3-4 (one of the passages cited by Plutarch himself in *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1017 C).

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 38 B 6-7.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 27 D 6—28 A 4 and 38 C 1-3.

(1007) ἥλιος ἐπιστάτης ὢν καὶ σκοπὸς<sup>1</sup> ὀρίζειν καὶ βρα-  
 Ε βεύειν καὶ ἀναδεικνύειν καὶ ἀναφαίνειν μεταβο-  
 λὰς καὶ ὥρας, αἱ πάντα φέρουσι καθ' Ἡράκλειτον,  
 οὐ<sup>2</sup> φαύλων οὐδὲ μικρῶν ἀλλὰ τῶν μεγίστων καὶ  
 κυριωτάτων τῷ ἡγεμόνι καὶ πρώτῳ<sup>3</sup> θεῷ γίνεται  
 συνεργός.

ZHTHMA Θ'

1. Περὶ τῶν τῆς ψυχῆς<sup>4</sup> δυνάμεων ἐν Πολιτείᾳ  
 Πλάτωνος τὴν τοῦ λογιστικοῦ<sup>5</sup> καὶ θυμοειδοῦς  
 καὶ ἐπιθυμητικοῦ συμφωνίαν ἄρμονιά<sup>6</sup> μέσης καὶ  
 ὑπάτης καὶ νήτης εἰκάσαντος ἄριστα διαπορήσειεν  
 ἂν τις πότερον κατὰ τῆς μέσης τὸ θυμοειδὲς ἢ  
 τὸ λογιστικὸν<sup>7</sup> ἔταξεν· αὐτὸς<sup>8</sup> γὰρ ἔν γε τούτοις  
 οὐ δεδήλωκεν. ἡ μὲν οὖν κατὰ τόπον<sup>9</sup> τῶν μερῶν  
 F τάξις εἰς τὴν τῆς μέσης χώραν τίθεται τὸ θυμο-  
 ειδὲς τὸ δὲ λογιστικὸν εἰς τὴν τῆς ὑπάτης. τὸ  
 γὰρ ἄνω καὶ πρῶτον ὑπατον οἱ παλαιοὶ προσ-

<sup>1</sup> <ἐπιταχθεὶς ἐπί>σκοπος -Reinhardt (*Hermes*, lxxvii [1949], p. 229, n. 1).

<sup>2</sup> οὐδὲ -J<sup>2</sup> (δὲ added superscript), α, A, β<sup>1</sup> (δὲ erased -β<sup>2</sup>), γ, E, B, ε, η.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ πρώτῳ -omitted by ε; καὶ πρωτίστῳ -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>4</sup> περὶ τῆς ψυχῆς τῶν -J<sup>1</sup>, g; περὶ -deleted by Hartman (*De Plutarcho*, p. 586).

<sup>5</sup> Bernardakis; λογικοῦ -mss.

<sup>6</sup> ἄρμονίαν -B.

<sup>7</sup> λογικὸν -X, ε, η.

<sup>8</sup> Wyttenbach (cf. 1001 n *supra*); οὗτος -mss.

<sup>9</sup> κατὰ τὸν τόπον -Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Homeric Hymn* ii (*Demeter*), 62, cited by Hubert for σκοπός used of Helios.

<sup>b</sup> Heraclitus, frag. B 100 (D.-K. and Walzer)=frag. 34 (Bywater) with G. S. Kirk, *Heraclitus: The Cosmic Fragments* (Cambridge, 1954), pp. 294-305.

and revolutions. The sun, being overseer and sentinel<sup>a</sup> of these for defining and arbitrating and revealing and displaying changes and seasons which according to Heraclitus<sup>b</sup> bring all things, turns out to be collaborator with the sovereign and primary god<sup>c</sup> not in paltry or trivial matters but in those that are greatest and most important.

QUESTION IX

1. ABOUT the faculties of the soul in the *Republic*, where<sup>d</sup> Plato likened excellently well the consonance of the rational and mettlesome and appetitive to a concord of intermediate and topmost and nethermost strings,<sup>e</sup> one might raise the question whether it is the mettlesome or the rational that he gave the rank of intermediate, for in this passage he has not made it clear himself. Now, the local disposition of the parts does put the mettlesome in the position of the intermediate and the rational in that of the topmost string. For what is above and first the ancients styled topmost,<sup>f</sup> even as Xenocrates calls

<sup>a</sup> Cf. τὸν ἀνωτάτω θεόν (1000 E [QUESTION II *init.*] *supra*).

<sup>d</sup> *Republic* 443 D 5-7.

<sup>e</sup> The note of lowest pitch in the scale was called "topmost" (*scil.* string); and its octave, that of highest pitch, was called "nethermost": cf. Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 3 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 241, 19-23 [Jan]); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 51, 12-14 (Hiller); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 111, 7-11 (Wrobel) = p. 93, 8-11 (Waszink); and Plutarch, *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1021 A *infra* (. . . βαρύτερον φθέγγεται ὡς ὑπάτη πρὸς νήτην . . . ὀξύτερον ὡς νήτη πρὸς ὑπάτην).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. [Aristotle], *De Mundo* 397 b 24-26; Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* i, 6 (p. 8, 8-9 and 27-28 [Winnington-Ingram]).

(1007) ηγόρευον· ἧ<sup>1</sup> καὶ Ξενοκράτης Δία τὸν ἐν μὲν τοῖς<sup>2</sup> κατὰ ταῦτά καὶ<sup>3</sup> ὡσαύτως ἔχουσιν ὕπατον καλεῖ νέατον δὲ τὸν<sup>4</sup> ὑπὸ σελήνην,<sup>5</sup> πρότερον<sup>6</sup> δὲ "Ομηρος τὸν τῶν ἀρχόντων ἀρχοντα θεὸν ὕπατον  
 1008 κρειόντων προσεῖπε. καὶ<sup>7</sup> δικαίως τῷ κρατίστω ἀποδέδωκε τὴν ἄνω<sup>8</sup> χώραν ἢ φύσις, ὡσπερ κυβερνήτην ἐνιδρύσασα τῇ κεφαλῇ τὸν λογισμὸν ἔσχατον δὲ καὶ νέατον ἀποικίσασα πόρρω τὸ ἐπιθυμητικόν. ἢ γὰρ κάτω νεάτη προσαγορεύεται τάξις, ὡς δηλοῦσιν αἱ τῶν νεκρῶν κλήσεις νερτέρων καὶ ἐνέρων προσαγορευομένων· ἔνιοι δὲ καὶ τῶν ἀνέμων φασὶ τὸν κάτωθεν ἐκ τοῦ ἀφανοῦς πνέοντα

<sup>1</sup> ἧ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> τὸν μὲν ἐν τοῖς -J<sup>1</sup>, g; τὸν μὲν τοῖς -B.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ -omitted by X; κατὰ αὐτὰ καὶ -γ; κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ καὶ -all other mss. <sup>4</sup> τὸ -J. <sup>5</sup> τὴν σελήνην -E, B.

<sup>6</sup> πρότερον -X, α, ε, η; πρῶτον -J<sup>1</sup>, g; πρότερος -all other mss.

<sup>7</sup> καὶ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g. <sup>8</sup> τὴν ἄνω -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>a</sup> Xenocrates, frag. 18 (Heinze). "Nethermost Zeus" is the chthonian Zeus or Hades (cf. Aeschylus, *Supplices* 156-158 and 230-231 [with E. Fraenkel on *Agamemnon* 1386-1387]; Euripides, frag. 912, 1-3 and 6-8 [Nauck, *Trag. Graec. Frag.*<sup>2</sup>, p. 655]; Pausanias, ii, 24, 4 with Proclus, *In Platonis Cratylum*, pp. 83, 24-84, 1 [Pasquali]), whose domain, however, is no longer subterranean but is the whole sublunar region of the universe (cf. *De Facie* 942 r and 943 c [L.C.L. xii, p. 195, note d and p. 201, note c]; P. Boyancé, *Rev. Études Grecques*, lxx [1952], pp. 334-335; W. Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft* [Nürnberg, 1962], pp. 344-346). By "topmost Zeus" Xenocrates may have meant to refer to the monad which he is said to have given the station of father reigning ἐν οὐρανῷ, to have styled Zeus and νοῦς, and to have regarded as πρῶτος θεός (frag. 15 [Heinze] = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 304 B 1-7). To establish strict correspondence between the present passage (frag. 18) and frags. 15 and 5, however, one must assume that Xenocrates posited a Ζεὺς

Zeus who is among things invariable and identical topmost but nethermost him who is beneath the moon<sup>a</sup> and earlier Homer styled the god who is ruler of rulers topmost of lords.<sup>b</sup> Nature has also duly assigned the position above to what is most excellent by establishing the reason like a pilot in the head and making the appetitive part dwell last and nethermost in distant banishment.<sup>c</sup> For the station underneath is styled nethermost, as is made clear by the appellations of the dead, who are styled nether and infernal; and some people say that of the winds too it is the one blowing from underneath out of the unseen pole<sup>d</sup> that has been named

μέσος also (cf. A. B. Krische, *Die theologischen Lehren der griechischen Denker* [Göttingen, 1840], p. 324; H. J. Krämer, *Der Ursprung der Geistmetaphysik* [Amsterdam, 1964], p. 37, n. 58 and p. 82, n. 209; H. Happ, *Parusia: Festgabe für Johannes Hirschberger* [Frankfurt am Main, 1965], p. 178, n. 101); and, had he done so, it is unlikely that Plutarch would have omitted mention of it in this context. In *Quaest. Conviv.* 745 B the Delphian muses are said to have been named Ὑπάρη, Μέση, and Νεάρη from the regions of the universe guarded by each of them and not—as, in fact, is asserted by Censorinus (frag. 12 = p. 65, 13-15 [Hultsch])—from the musical notes or strings; but, even if this passage too derived from Xenocrates (Heinze, *Xenokrates*, p. 76), the latter may well have treated Zeus only in his two commonly recognized aspects as ὑψιστος and χθόνιος (cf. Pausanias, ii, 2, 8).

<sup>b</sup> *Iliad* viii, 31; *Odyssey* i, 45 and 81 and xxiv, 473.

<sup>c</sup> From *Timaeus* 44 D 3-6 and 69 D 6-71 A 3 (n.b. 70 E 6-7), but the figure of reason as a pilot comes from *Phaedrus* 247 c 7-8; cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xxiii (p. 111 [Louis] = p. 176, 9-19 [Hermann]) and Apuleius, *De Platone* i, 13 (p. 97, 2-12 [Thomas]) and Philo Jud., *Leg. Allegor.* iii, 115-118 (i, pp. 138, 27-139, 17 [Cohn]).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. [Aristotle], *De Mundo* 394 b 31-32; Joannes Lydus, *De Mensibus* iv, 119 (p. 157, 14-15 [Wuensch]).

(1008) νότον ὠνομάσθαι. ἦν οὖν τὸ ἔσχατον ἔχει πρὸς<sup>1</sup> τὸ πρῶτον ἀντίθεσιν καὶ τὸ νέατον πρὸς τὸ ὑπατον ταύτην τοῦ ἐπιθυμητικοῦ πρὸς τὸ λογιστικὸν ἔχοντος, οὐκ ἔστιν ἀνωτάτω μὲν εἶναι καὶ πρῶτον ὑπατον δὲ μῆ<sup>2</sup> εἶναι τὸ λογιστικὸν<sup>3</sup> ἀλλὰ ἕτερον.<sup>4</sup>

Βοί γὰρ ὡς κυρίαν δύναμιν αὐτῷ τὴν τῆς μέσης ἀποδιδόντες ἀγνοοῦσιν ὅτι τὴν κυριωτέραν ἀφαιροῦνται τὴν<sup>5</sup> τῆς ὑπάτης, μήτε τῷ θυμῷ μήτε τῇ ἐπιθυμίᾳ προσήκουσαν· ἐκάτερον γὰρ ἄρχεσθαι καὶ ἀκολουθεῖν οὐδέτερον δ' ἄρχειν ἢ<sup>6</sup> ἡγεῖσθαι τοῦ λογιστικοῦ πέφυκεν. ἔτι δὲ μᾶλλον τῇ φύσει φανεῖται τὸ θυμοειδὲς τῷ τόπῳ<sup>7</sup> τὴν μέσῃν ἔχον ἐκείνων τάξιν<sup>8</sup>. εἴ γε δὴ τῷ μὲν<sup>9</sup> λογιστικῷ τὸ ἄρχειν τῷ δὲ θυμοειδεῖ τὸ ἄρχεσθαι καὶ τὸ<sup>10</sup> ἄρχειν κατὰ φύσιν ἐστίν, ὑπηκόω μὲν ὄντι τοῦ λογισμοῦ κρατοῦντι δὲ καὶ κολάζοντι τὴν ἐπιθυμίαν ὅταν

<sup>1</sup> ἔχει καὶ -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> μῆ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>3</sup> λογικὸν -J, g.

<sup>4</sup> After these words at the end of folio 6 v the remainder of n from οἱ γὰρ is by a different hand.

<sup>5</sup> τὴν -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g (ἀφαιροῦντα τὴν -Bonon.).

<sup>6</sup> ἢ -omitted by J, g.

<sup>7</sup> <ἦ> τῷ τόπῳ -Hubert.

<sup>8</sup> τάξιν -omitted by Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>9</sup> μὲν -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>10</sup> ἄρχεσθαι καὶ τὸ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>a</sup> The derivation of νότος (the "moist" wind or rain-wind) from νέατος, as false as would be that of "thunder" from "under," is probably reflected in τοῦ νότου πνέοντος ἀπὸ τῶν κάτω τόπων of *Heracliti Quaestiones Homericae* 47 (cf. Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 29, 7-8 [Couvreur]) and in "Auster . . . qui et Notus, ex humili flans, . . ." of Isidore (*De Natura Rerum* xxxvii, 3) and persists in the etymological verses of Johannes Mauropus (R. Reitzenstein, *Geschichte der griechischen Etymologica* [Leipzig, 1897], p. 174, lines 37-38).

thunder-gust.<sup>a</sup> Since, then, the opposition of last to first and of nethermost to topmost is the relation in which the appetitive part stands to the rational, it is not possible for the rational to be furthest above and first and yet for another than it to be topmost. For those who assign it the rôle of the intermediate on the ground that this is a sovereign function<sup>b</sup> fail to understand that they are eliminating the more sovereign function of the topmost, which befits neither mettle nor appetite, for to be ruled and to follow is natural to either of these but to rule or to lead the rational is natural to neither.<sup>c</sup> From their nature it will be still more apparent that the mettlesome part has the locally intermediate station among them,<sup>d</sup> if in fact ruling is natural to the rational but being ruled and ruling to the mettlesome, which, while obedient to the reason, dominates and chastises the appetite whenever it disobeys the reason.<sup>e</sup> Also,

<sup>b</sup> Cf. 1009 A *infra*: τὴν δὲ πρώτην ἔχει καὶ κυριωτάτην δύναμιν ὡς μέση. . . .

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 442 A with Plato, *Republic* 441 E 4—442 D 1; and *De Virtute Morali* 442 C (τὸ δὲ παθητικὸν . . . τοῦ λογιζομένου καὶ φρονοῦντος εἰσακούειν . . . καὶ ὑπέικειν . . . πέφυκεν) with Aristotle, *Eth. Nic.* 1102 b 25-31, with *Eth. Eud.* 1219 b 28-31, and with Iamblichus, *Protrepticus*, p. 41, 20-22 (Pistelli).

<sup>d</sup> The argument, which hitherto has turned on the meaning of ὑπατον and νεατον, now is based upon the nature of the parts of the soul; but its purpose is still to prove that the mettlesome part is in the locally middle position of the three. Hubert was mistaken, therefore, in wishing to construe τῶ τόπω as an "instrumental" in comparison with τῆ φύσει and in emending the text to this end.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* i, pp. 211, 7-212, 20 (Kroll) and Stobaeus, *Ecl.* i, 49, 27 (p. 355, 10-12 [Wachsmuth]); and for the characterization of the mettlesome part cf. Plato, *Republic* 441 E 5-6 and *Timaeus* 70 A 2-7.

(1008) ἀπειθῆ τῷ λογισμῷ. καὶ<sup>1</sup> καθάπερ ἐν γράμμασι τὰ ἡμίφωνα μέσα<sup>2</sup> τῶν ἀφώνων ἐστὶ καὶ τῶν C φωνηέντων τῷ πλέον ἐκείνων ἡχεῖν<sup>3</sup> ἔλαττον δὲ τούτων, οὕτως ἐν τῇ ψυχῇ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου τὸ θυμοειδὲς οὐκ ἀκράτως παθητικόν ἐστίν ἀλλὰ φαντασίαν καλοῦ πολλάκις ἔχει μεμιγμένην ἀλόγῳ<sup>4</sup> τῆ<sup>5</sup> τῆς τιμωρίας<sup>6</sup> ὀρέξει.<sup>7</sup> καὶ Πλάτων αὐτὸς εἰκάσας συμφύτῳ ζεύγει καὶ ἡνίοχῳ τὸ τῆς ψυχῆς εἶδος ἡνίοχον μὲν, ὡς παντὶ δῆλον, ἀπέφηνε τὸ λογιστικὸν τῶν δὲ ἵππων τὸ μὲν περὶ τὰς<sup>8</sup> ἐπιθυμίας ἀπειθὲς καὶ ἀνάγωγον παντάπασι περὶ ὧτα λάσιον,<sup>9</sup> κωφόν, μάστιγι μετὰ κέντρων μόγις<sup>10</sup> ὑπεῖκον τὸ δὲ θυμοειδὲς εὐήνιον τὰ πολλὰ τῷ λογισμῷ καὶ σύμμαχον.<sup>11</sup> ὥσπερ οὖν συνωρίδος οὐχ ὁ D ἡνίοχος ἐστίν ἀρετῇ καὶ δυνάμει μέσος ἀλλὰ τῶν ἵππων ὁ φαυλότερος μὲν τοῦ ἡνίοχου βελτίων δὲ τοῦ ὁμοζύγου, οὕτω τῆς ψυχῆς οὐ τῷ<sup>12</sup> κρατοῦντι τὴν μέσην<sup>13</sup> ἀπένειμε τάξιν ἀλλὰ ᾧ πάθους μὲν

<sup>1</sup> καὶ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g, a<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ (instead of μέσα) -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>3</sup> Leonicus; ἔχειν -mss.

<sup>4</sup> Xylander, Stephanus; ἀλόγως -mss.

<sup>5</sup> τῆ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g, n.

<sup>6</sup> μωρίας -A, β, E, B, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon.

<sup>7</sup> ἔξει -B.

<sup>8</sup> τὰς -omitted by g.

<sup>9</sup> περὶ ᾧ ταλάσιον -J; περὶ τὰ ὧτα λάσιον -γ.

<sup>10</sup> μόγις -J, g (so Plato, *Phaedrus* 253 E 4); μόλις -all other mss.

<sup>11</sup> καὶ σύμμαχον τῷ λογισμῷ -B; καὶ λογισμῷ σύμμαχον -n.

<sup>12</sup> οὕτω n.

<sup>13</sup> τὴν τῆς μέσης -X, J, g, β<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 738 D-E; Plato, *Philebus* 18 B 8-c 6 (n.b. τὰ τε ἄφθογα καὶ ἄφωνα . . . καὶ τὰ φωνήεντα καὶ τὰ μέσα) with *Cratylus* 424 c 5-8 and *Theaetetus* 203 B 2-7.



just as among letters the semivowels are intermediate between the mutes and the vowels by having more sound than the former and less than the latter,<sup>a</sup> so in the soul of man the mettlesome part is not purely affective but frequently has a mental image of what is fair,<sup>b</sup> though one commingled with what is irrational, the yearning for retribution.<sup>c</sup> Plato too, when he likened the structure of the soul to a composite of team and charioteer,<sup>d</sup> represented, as is clear to everyone, the rational part as charioteer and in the team of horses represented as shaggy about the ears, deaf, scarcely yielding to whip and goads<sup>e</sup> the contumacy and utter indiscipline of the appetites but the mettlesome part as mostly tractable to the reason and allied with it.<sup>f</sup> Now, as in the car and pair it is not the charioteer that is intermediate in virtue and function but that one of the horses which is worse than the charioteer but better than its yoke-fellow, so in the soul Plato allotted the intermediate station not to the dominant part but

<sup>b</sup> Cf. ὁ θυμὸς ὑπερορᾷ μὲν σώματος εἰς ἀσώματον δὲ ἀγαθὸν βλέπει τὴν τιμὴν (Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam*, i, p. 235, 16-18 [Kroll] with i, p. 211, 25-26 and p. 225, 27-30 and p. 226, 13-17 [Kroll]).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. ὄρεξις τιμωρητικὴ (Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* i, p. 208, 14-18 [Kroll]) and τὸ ἀντιλυπήσεως ὀρέγεσθαι (*ibid.*) with Plutarch, *De Virtute Morali* 442 B (ὄρεξιν ἀντιλυπήσεως) and Aristotle, *De Anima* 403 a 30-31.

<sup>d</sup> *Phaedrus* 246 A 6-7.

<sup>e</sup> *Phaedrus* 253 E 4-5.

<sup>f</sup> In *Phaedrus* 247 B 2 the vehicles of the gods are called εὐήγια and in *Republic* 441 E 5-6 the mettlesome part of the soul is characterized as ὑπήκοον καὶ σύμμαχον τοῦ λογιστικοῦ (see note e on 1008 B *supra*); but in the *Phaedrus* these terms are not used of the nobler horse, though he is said to be εὐπειθῆς τῷ ἡνιόχῳ (*Phaedrus* 254 A 1) and to be guided κελεύσματι μόνον καὶ λόγῳ (253 D 7-E 1).

(1008) ἦττον<sup>1</sup> ἢ τῶ (τρίτῳ μᾶλλον δ' ἢ τῶ)<sup>2</sup> πρώτῳ λόγου δὲ μᾶλλον ἢ τῶ τρίτῳ (ἦττον δ' ἢ τῶ πρώτῳ)<sup>3</sup> μέτεστιν. αὕτη γὰρ ἡ τάξις καὶ τὴν τῶν συμφωνιῶν ἀναλογίαν φυλάττει, τοῦ μὲν θυμοειδοῦς πρὸς τὸ λογιστικὸν<sup>4</sup> ὡς ὑπάτην τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων πρὸς δὲ<sup>5</sup> τὸ ἐπιθυμητικὸν ὡς νήτην τὸ διὰ πέντε τοῦ δὲ λογιστικοῦ πρὸς<sup>6</sup> τὸ ἐπιθυμητικὸν ὡς ὑπάτη<sup>7</sup> πρὸς νήτην τὸ διὰ πασῶν. εἰάν δὲ τὸν λογισμὸν εἰς τὸ μέσον ἔλκωμεν, ἔσται πλέον ὁ E θυμὸς ἀπέχων τῆς ἐπιθυμίας, ὄν<sup>8</sup> ἔνιοι τῶν φιλοσόφων ἐπιθυμία ταῦτόν εἶναι διὰ ὁμοιότητα νομίζουσιν.

2. "Ἡ τὸ μὲν τοῖς τόποις ἀπονέμειν<sup>9</sup> τὰ πρῶτα καὶ τὰ μέσα καὶ τὰ τελευταῖα γελοῖόν ἐστιν, αὕτην τὴν ὑπάτην ὀρῶντας ἐν μὲν λύρα<sup>10</sup> τὸν ἀνωτάτῳ<sup>11</sup> καὶ πρῶτον ἐν δ' αὐλοῖς τὸν κάτω καὶ τὸν τελευ-

<sup>1</sup> πλέον -Emperius (*Op. Philol.*, p. 340).

<sup>2</sup> < . . > -added by Wyttenbach.

<sup>3</sup> < . . > -added by Wyttenbach.

<sup>4</sup> λογικὸν -α, Α, β<sup>1</sup>, Ε, Β, ε.

<sup>5</sup> δὲ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> πρὸς -omitted by J, g; τὸ δὲ λογιστικὸν πρὸς -Escorial T-11-5. <sup>7</sup> ὑπάτην -B.

<sup>8</sup> ὄν -n, Voss. 16, Bonon.

<sup>9</sup> νέμειν -X.

<sup>10</sup> ἐν μὲν τῇ λύρα -J, g.

<sup>11</sup> ἀνώτερον -J<sup>1</sup>, g; τερον superscript over ωτά -X<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> Proclus (*In Platonis Rem Publicam* i, pp. 212, 26-213. 16 [Kroll]) also makes the mettlesome part intermediate; but according to him its relation to the rational part is that of the fifth and to the appetitive that of the fourth, which implies that the appetitive part is ὑπάτη and the rational part νήτη (*cf. e.g. De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1019 D-E *infra*), the argument for this being that, while it makes the interval between mettlesome and rational greater than that between mettle-

to that in which the affective component is less than in the <third but greater than in the> first and the component of reason greater than in the third <but less than in the first>. The fact is that this disposition also preserves the proportion of the consonances, of the mettlesome to the rational as topmost string the fourth and to the appetitive as nethermost the fifth and of the rational to the appetitive as topmost to nethermost the octave <sup>a</sup>; but if we pull the reason into the middle, it will remove to a greater distance from the appetite the mettle, which because of its similarity to appetite some of the philosophers believe to be identical with it.<sup>b</sup>

2. Or <sup>c</sup> is it ridiculous to allot to local positions the status of first and intermediate and last, seeing that the topmost itself, while on the lyre it occupies the position furthest above and first, on the pipes occupies the one underneath and last <sup>d</sup> and that the

some and appetitive, it preserves the greater consonance of the mettlesome with the rational, the fifth being *μάλλον συμφωνία* than the fourth. Yet elsewhere, in the divine *ἁρμονία* of mind, soul, and body it is *σῶμα* that is *νήτη* and *νοῦς* that is *ὑπάτη* to the *μέση* of soul (*In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, p. 4, 15-21 [Kroll]).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 442 B (Ἀριστοτέλης . . . τὸ μὲν θυμοειδὲς τῷ ἐπιθυμητικῷ προσέειμεν ὡς ἐπιθυμίαν τινὰ τὸν θυμὸν ὄντα . . .). It is less likely that Plutarch had in mind here such classifications as those of *S.V.F.* iii, frag. 396, to which Hubert refers, especially since what he emphasizes as characteristic of Stoic doctrine is the denial that *τὸ παθητικὸν καὶ ἄλογον* is distinct from *τὸ λογικόν* (*De Virtute Morali* 441 c-d and 446 F—447 A, *De Sollertia Animalium* 961 D, *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1025 D).

<sup>c</sup> See note c on 1003 A *supra* and note c on *De Comm. Not.* 1075 F *infra*.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Aelian Platonicus quoted by Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 34, 22-28 (Düring).

(1008) ταῖον ἐπέχουσαν<sup>1</sup> ἔτι δὲ τὴν μέσην, ἐν ᾧ τις ἂν<sup>2</sup>  
 χωρίῳ τῆς λύρας θέμενος ὡσαύτως ἀρμόσεται,<sup>3</sup>  
 φθεγγομένην ὀξύτερον μὲν ὑπάτης βαρύτερον δὲ  
 νήτης; καὶ γὰρ ὀφθαλμὸς οὐκ ἐν παντὶ ζῶν τὴν  
 αὐτὴν ἔχει τάξιν, ἐν παντὶ δὲ καὶ πανταχοῦ  
 κείμενος κατὰ φύσιν ὁρᾶν ὁμοίως πέφυκεν. ὡσπερ  
 Γ οὖν ὁ παιδαγωγὸς οὐ πρόσθεν ἀλλ' ὄπισθεν βαδίζων<sup>4</sup>  
 ἄγειν λέγεται, καὶ ὁ τῶν Τρώων στρατηγὸς

ὅτε μὲν τε μετὰ<sup>5</sup> πρώτοισι φάνεσκεν  
 ἄλλοτε δ' ἐν πυμάτοισι κελεύων

ἐκατέρωθι<sup>6</sup> δ' ἦν πρῶτος καὶ τὴν πρώτην δύναμιν  
 εἶχεν, οὕτω τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς μόρια δεῖ μὴ τοῖς τόποις  
 καταβιάζεσθαι μηδὲ τοῖς ὀνόμασιν ἀλλὰ τὴν δύνα-  
 1009 μιν καὶ τὴν ἀναλογίαν ἐξετάζειν. τὸ γὰρ τῇ θέσει  
 πρῶτον ἰδρῦσθαι τὸ λογιστικὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι τοῦ  
 ἀνθρώπου κατὰ συμβεβηκὸς ἐστὶ τὴν δὲ πρώτην  
 ἔχει καὶ κυριωτάτην δύναμιν ὡς μέση πρὸς ὑπάτην  
 μὲν τὸ ἐπιθυμητικὸν νήτην δὲ τὸ θυμοειδές, τῷ<sup>7</sup>  
 χαλᾶν καὶ ἐπιτείνειν καὶ ὅλως συνωδὰ καὶ σύμ-  
 φωνα ποιεῖν ἐκατέρου τὴν ὑπερβολὴν ἀφαιρῶν καὶ  
 πάλιν οὐκ ἐὼν ἀνίσσθαι παντάπασιν οὐδὲ κατα-  
 δαρθάνειν· τὸ γὰρ μέτριον καὶ τὸ<sup>8</sup> σύμμετρον

<sup>1</sup> τελευταῖον, ἀποφαίνοντα -π.

<sup>2</sup> ἐνώση ἂν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>3</sup> τοῦτο ὡσαύτως ἀρμόσεται -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>4</sup> ἀλλ' ἔμπροσθεν βαδίζειν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>5</sup> ὅτε . . . vac. 5 . . . μετὰ -J<sup>1</sup>; ὅτε μετὰ -g (no lacuna indicated); ὅτε μὲν μετὰ -B.

<sup>6</sup> ἐκατέρωθεν -ε, Escorial T-11-5; ἐκατέρωθε -n, Voss. 16.

<sup>7</sup> τὸ -J, g, a, A, γ, E, B, ε.

<sup>8</sup> τὸ -omitted by g.

intermediate moreover, wherever it is located on the lyre, if tuned in the same way, sounds higher than the topmost string and lower than the nethermost? <sup>a</sup> For the situation of the eye too is not the same in every animal; but, as in all and everywhere it is naturally placed, seeing is similarly natural to it.<sup>b</sup> As, then, the children's tutor is said to lead, though he walks behind them and not before, and the general of the Trojans

Now would appear in the foremost ranks of the battle,  
Then in the rearmost, urging them forward,<sup>c</sup>

but in either place was first and had the foremost function, so the parts of the soul must not be constrained by location or by nomenclature but their function and their proportion must be scrutinized. In fact it is incidental that in the body of man the rational part has been situated as first in local position; but the foremost and most sovereign function belongs to it as intermediate in relation to the appetitive as topmost and to the mettlesome as nethermost inasmuch as it slackens and tightens and generally makes them harmonious and concordant by removing the excess from either and again not permitting them to relax entirely and to fall asleep,<sup>d</sup> for the moderate and the commensurate <sup>e</sup> are

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 444 E-F; Aristotle, *Physics* 224 b 33-34; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 106, 13-17 (Wrobel) = p. 89, 10-14 (Waszink).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *De Facie* 927 D—928 B.

<sup>c</sup> *Iliad* xi, 64-65.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 444 c; Plato, *Republic* 441 E 9—442 A 2.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Plato, *Philebus* 64 E 6 (μετριότης καὶ συμμετρία) and 66 A 6-B 1 (summarized by Plutarch, *De E* 391 c-D), where τὸ μέτριον is prior to τὸ σύμμετρον.

(1009) ὀρίζεται μεσότητι.<sup>1</sup> μᾶλλον δὲ τοῦτο<sup>2</sup> τέλος<sup>3</sup> ἐστὶ τῆς τοῦ λόγου δυνάμεως, μεσότητος<sup>4</sup> ἐν τοῖς πάθεσι ποιεῖν, ἃς ἱεράς καλοῦσι (συν)ουσίας,<sup>5</sup> B ἐχούσας τὴν τῶν ἄκρων πρὸς τὸν λόγον καὶ πρὸς ἄλληλα διὰ τοῦ λόγου σύγκρασιν.<sup>6</sup> οὐ γὰρ ἡ συνωρίς μέσον ἔχει τῶν ὑποζυγίων τὸ κρεῖττον, οὐδὲ τὴν ἡνιοχείαν ἀκρότητα θετέον ἀλλὰ μεσότητα τῆς ἐν ὀξύτητι καὶ βραδυτῆτι τῶν ἵππων ἀμετρίας, ὥσπερ ἡ τοῦ λόγου<sup>7</sup> δύναμις ἀντιλαμβανομένη<sup>8</sup> κινουμένων ἀλόγως τῶν παθῶν καὶ συναρμότουσα περὶ αὐτὴν εἰς τὸ μέτριον,<sup>9</sup> ἐλλείψεως καὶ ὑπερβολῆς μεσότητα, καθίστησιν.

<sup>1</sup> μεσότητα -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> δὲ αὐτὸ τοῦτο -n, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon.; αὐτό τε (superscript after τοῦτο) -β<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> τέλος implied by Amyot's version, Wytttenbach (αὐτὸ τοῦτο τέλος); ἀτελές (ἀταλές -Voss. 16) -mss.

<sup>4</sup> δυνάμεως, ὡς μεσότητος E, B.

<sup>5</sup> H. C.; καλοῦσιν οὐσίας -mss.; καλοῦσι καὶ οὐσίας -Eimperijs (*Op. Philol.*, p. 340), and implied by Amyot's version.

<sup>6</sup> συγκρίνειν -g.

<sup>7</sup> ἡλίου -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>8</sup> ἀντιλαμβανομένου -n, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>9</sup> τὸ μέτριον -deleted by Hartman (*De Plutarcho*, p. 586).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xxx, 6 (p. 151, 4-7 [Louis] = p. 184, 27-30 [Hermann]).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 443 c-d (. . . τοῦ λόγου . . . ὄρον τινὰ καὶ τάξιν ἐπιτιθέντος αὐτῷ καὶ τὰς ἠθικὰς ἀρετὰς, . . . συμ-

defined by a mean <sup>a</sup>—or rather this is the purpose of the faculty of reason, to produce in the affections means,<sup>b</sup> which are called <sup>c</sup> sacred unions because they involve the combination of the extremes with the ratio and through the ratio with each other.<sup>d</sup> For in the case of the car and pair it is not the better of the yoked beasts that is intermediate, and the management of the reins must be reckoned not as an extreme but as a mean between the immoderate keenness and sluggishness of the horses, just as the faculty of reason, laying hold of the affections when they are in irrational motion and ranging them in concord about herself, reduces them to moderation,<sup>e</sup> a mean between deficiency and excess.<sup>f</sup>

μετρίας παθῶν καὶ μεσότητος, ἐμποιοῦντος) and 444 c (. . . ἐμποιεῖ τὰς ἠθικὰς ἀρετὰς περὶ τὸ ἄλογον . . . μεσότητος οὔσας).

<sup>c</sup> I am unable to identify the subject of καλοῦσι.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 22, 22-26 (Diehl): τοῦτο (scil. τὸ μέσον) γὰρ ἐστὶ δι' οὗ πᾶσα ἀναλογία συνέστηκε, συνάγον τοὺς ἄκρους κατὰ τὸν λόγον καὶ διαπορθμεῖον τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς ἐτέρας δυνάμεως ἐπὶ τὴν λοιπὴν . . . δι' αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἡ ἀναλογία συνδέει τοὺς ἄκρους.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 444 B, 445 A (. . . εἰς τὸ μέτριον . . . καθιστᾶσα τῶν παθῶν ἕκαστον), 451 F (. . . ἐγγενομένης ὑπὸ λόγου ταῖς παθητικαῖς δυνάμεσι καὶ κινήσεσιν ἐπιεικειᾶς καὶ μετριοτήτος).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. [Plato], *Definitions* 415 A 4 (μέτριον τὸ μέσον ὑπερβολῆς καὶ ἐλλείψεως); Aristotle, *De Part. Animal.* 652 b 17-19 and *Politics* 1295 b 4; Plutarch, *Quomodo Quis Suos in Virtute Sentiat Profectus* 84 A (. . . εἰς τὸ μέσον καθίστασθαι καὶ μέτριον).

1. Διὰ τί Πλάτων εἶπε τὸν λόγον ἐξ ὀνομάτων καὶ ῥημάτων κεράνυσθαι; δοκεῖ γὰρ πάντα<sup>1</sup> πλὴν δυεῖν τούτων τὰ μέρη τοῦ λόγου Πλάτωνα μὲν μεθεῖναι "Ὀμηρον δὲ καὶ<sup>2</sup> νεανιευσάμενον εἰς C ἓνα στίχον ἐμβαλεῖν ἅπαντα τοῦτον

αὐτὸς ἰὼν<sup>3</sup> κλισίηνδε, τὸ σὸν γέρας· ὄφρ' εἴ  
εἰδῆς.<sup>4</sup>

καὶ γὰρ ἀντωνυμία καὶ μετοχή καὶ ὄνομα καὶ ῥῆμα καὶ πρόθεσις καὶ ἄρθρον καὶ σύνδεσμος καὶ ἐπίρρημα ἔνεστι· τὸ γὰρ "δε" μόριον νῦν ἀντὶ τῆς "εἰς" προθέσεως τέτακται· τὸ γὰρ "κλισίηνδε" τοιοῦτόν ἐστιν οἷον τὸ "Ἀθήναζε." τί<sup>5</sup> δὴ ῥητέον ὑπὲρ τοῦ Πλάτωνος;

"H<sup>6</sup> ὅτι "πρῶτον' λόγον" οἱ παλαιοὶ τὴν τότε

<sup>1</sup> πάντα -omitted by g.

<sup>2</sup> H. C. (μεθεῖναι -R. G. Bury, *Proc. Cambridge Philol. Soc. for 1950-1951*, N.S. 1, p. 31); λόγου μῆθὲν "Ὀμηρον δὲ καὶ -J, g; λόγου μερῶν μῆθὲν ἅμα καὶ -X, β, ε, η, Voss. 16, Bonon.; λόγου μερῶν μῆθὲν ἅμα . . . vac. 13 . . . καὶ -E; λόγου . . . vac. 32 -a (erasure), 27 -A, 28 -γ, 34 -B . . . καὶ; λόγου παραλιπόντα μῆθὲν καὶ -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>3</sup> αὐτὸς δὲ ἰὼν -J.

<sup>4</sup> εἰδῶς -X.

<sup>5</sup> τὸ -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>6</sup> ἦ -mss.; ἦ -Dübner.

<sup>7</sup> πρῶτον -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g; πρῶτον ὅτι -β<sup>2</sup>, η, Voss. 16, Bonon., Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>a</sup> This question is translated and discussed by J. J. Hartman in *De Avondzon des Heidendoms* (Leiden, 1910), ii, pp. 22-30 and translated in part by A. von Mörl in *Die Grasse Weltordnung* (Berlin/Wien/Leipzig, 1948), ii, pp. 85-89; it is commented on in detail by O. Göldi, *Plutarchs sprachliche Interessen* (Diss. Zürich, 1922), pp. 2-10.

<sup>b</sup> *Sophist* 262 c 2-7; cf. *Cratylus* 425 A 1-5 and 431 B 5-c 1, *Theaetetus* 206 D 1-5, and [Plato], *Epistle* vii, 342 B 6-7 and 343 B 4-5; O. Apelt, *Platonis Sophista* (Lipsiae, 1897),



QUESTION X <sup>a</sup>

1. WHAT was Plato's reason for saying <sup>b</sup> that speech is a blend of nouns and verbs? For it seems that except for these two Plato dismissed all the parts of speech whereas Homer in his exuberance went so far as to pack all together into a single line, the following:

Tentward going myself take the guerdon that well you  
may know it.<sup>c</sup>

In this there are in fact a pronoun and participle and noun and verb and preposition and article and conjunction and adverb,<sup>d</sup> for the suffix "ward" has here been put in place of the preposition "to," the expression "tentward" being of the same kind as the expression "Athensward."<sup>e</sup> What, then, is to be said on behalf of Plato?

Or <sup>f</sup> is it that the ancients styled "primary" p. 189 and F. M. Cornford, *Plato's Theory of Knowledge* (London, 1935), pp. 307-308.

<sup>c</sup> *Iliad* i, 185.

<sup>d</sup> For these eight parts of speech cf. Dionysius Thrax, *Ars Grammatica* § 11 (p. 23 1-2 [Uhlig]). As the Homeric line containing all of them the grammarians cite *Iliad* xxii, 59 (*Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 58, 13-19 and p. 357, 29-36 [Hilgard]; Eustathius, *Commentarii ad Homerum Iliadem* 1256, 60-61); and there the noun is *δύστηνον*, for the adjective ("noun adjective" in older grammars [cf. *O.E.D.* s.v. "noun" 3]) was considered to be a kind of noun, *ὄνομα ἐπιθετον* (Dionysius Thrax, *op. cit.*, § 12 [p. 33, 1 and pp. 34, 3-35, 2] with *Scholia* . . ., p. 233, 7-33 and p. 553, 11-17; cf. H. Steinthal, *Geschichte der Sprachwissenschaft bei den Griechen und Römern*<sup>2</sup>, ii [Berlin, 1891], pp. 251-256).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *Etym. Magnum* 761, 30-32 and 809, 8-9 (Gaisford) and further for *μόριον* as "prefix" or "suffix" 141, 47-52.

<sup>f</sup> See 1003 A and 1008 E *supra* and note c on *De Comm. Not.* 1075 F *infra*.

(1009) καλουμένην πρότασιν<sup>1</sup> νῦν δ' ἀξίωμα προσηγό-  
 ρεον, ὃ πρῶτον λέγοντες ἀληθεύουσιν ἢ ψεύδον-  
 ται; τοῦτο δ' ἐξ ὀνόματος καὶ ῥήματος συνέ-  
 στηκεν, ὧν τὸ μὲν πτώσιν οἱ διαλεκτικοὶ τὸ δὲ  
 D κατηγόρημα καλοῦσιν. ἀκούσαντες γὰρ ὅτι Σω-  
 κράτης φιλοσοφεῖ καὶ πάλιν ὅτι Σωκράτης πέτε-  
 ται,<sup>2</sup> τὸν μὲν ἀληθῆ λόγον εἶναι τὸν δὲ ψευδῆ  
 φήσομεν, οὐδενὸς ἄλλου προσδεθέντες. καὶ γὰρ  
 εἰκὸς ἀνθρώπους ἐν χρεία λόγου τὸ πρῶτον<sup>3</sup> καὶ  
 φωνῆς ἐνάρθρου γενέσθαι, τὰς τε πράξεις καὶ  
 τοὺς πράττοντας αὐτὰς καὶ τὰ πάθη καὶ τοὺς  
 πάσχοντας ἀλλήλοις διασαφεῖν καὶ ἀποσημαίνειν  
 βουλομένους. ἐπεὶ τοίνυν τῷ μὲν ῥήματι τὰ

<sup>1</sup> πρόφασιν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.    <sup>2</sup> πέτεται -Pohlenz; τρέπεται -MSS.

<sup>3</sup> τὸ πρῶτον ἐν χρεία λόγου -J<sup>1</sup>, g; τὸ πρῶτον -omitted  
 by a<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> Plato, *Sophist* 262 c 6-7 (τῶν λόγων ὁ πρῶτός τε καὶ  
 σμικρότατος) and 9-10 (λόγον . . . ἐλάχιστόν τε καὶ πρῶτον);  
*cf.* Ammonius, *De Interpretatione*, p. 67, 20-30 and pp. 78,  
 29-79, 9.

<sup>b</sup> *Cf.* [Apuleius], *Περὶ ἑρμηνείας* i (pp. 176, 15-177, 2  
 [Thomas]); Galen, *Institutio Logica* i, 5 (with J. Mau's note  
*ad loc.*, Galen, *Einführung in die Logik* [Berlin, 1960], pp.  
 3-4); and Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, pp. 193,  
 18-194, 4 (Friedlein). For πρότασις used in the general sense  
 of "proposition" *cf.* Albinus, *Epitome* vi, 1 and 3 (p. 29,  
 1-4 and 19-20 [Louis] = p. 158, 4-7 and 21-22 [Hermann]) and  
 Aristotle himself (*Anal. Prior.* 24 a 16-17 with Alexander,  
*Anal. Prior.*, p. 44, 16-23); and for ἀξίωμα as the Stoic term  
 for this *cf.* besides the passage of Proclus just cited Ammo-  
 nius, *De Interpretatione*, p. 2, 26 and Mates, *Stoic Logic*,  
 pp. 27-33 and p. 132, s.v. ἀξίωμα.

<sup>c</sup> Plato, *Sophist* 262 ε 8-9 and 263 α 11-β 3; *cf.* [Apu-  
 leius], *Περὶ ἑρμηνείας* iv (p. 178, 1-7 [Thomas]) and Ammo-  
 nius, *De Interpretatione*, p. 18, 2-22 and pp. 26, 31-27, 4. It

speech " <sup>a</sup> what then was called a pronouncement and now is called a proposition, <sup>b</sup> that in the enunciation of which a truth or falsehood is first expressed ? <sup>c</sup> And this consists of a noun and a verb, the former of which the dialecticians call subject and the latter predicate. <sup>d</sup> For upon hearing " Socrates philosophizes " and again " Socrates flies " we should say without requiring anything else besides that the former is true speech and the latter false. <sup>e</sup> Moreover, it is likely that men first felt need of speech and articulate sound <sup>f</sup> in desiring to designate and make quite clear to one another actions and their agents and patients and what they undergo. Since, then, with the verb we do make adequately clear was express Stoic doctrine that every proposition is either true or false (cf. Mates, *Stoic Logic*, pp. 28-29).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. [Apuleius], *Περὶ ἑρμηνείας* iv (p. 178, 12-15 [Thomas]); Martianus Capella, iv, 393; and Mates, *Stoic Logic*, pp. 16-17 with notes 34-41 and p. 25 with notes 79-81. Notice the difference between Diogenes Laertius, vii, 58 and Plutarch's statement (Mates, p. 16, n. 34); and with *πῶσις* as used by Plutarch here cf. besides Sextus, *Adv. Math.* xi, 29 (Mates, p. 17, n. 40) Clement of Alexandria, *Stromata* viii, ix, 26, 4-5, cited by Pearson (*Fragments*, p. 75) in connexion with Stobaeus, *Ecl.* i, 12, 3 (p. 137, 3-6 [Wachsmuth]) = *S. V. F.* i, p. 19, 24-26. οἱ διαλεκτικοί in the present passage as in 1011 A and 1011 D *infra* are the Stoics (cf. Aulus Gellius, xvi, viii, 1 and 8; Sextus, *Pyrrh. Hyp.* ii, 146 and 247 and *Adv. Math.* viii, 93; Cicero, *Acad. Prior.* ii, 97; and see note d on *De Stoic. Repug.* 1045 r *infra*).

<sup>e</sup> Plato, *Sophist* 263 A 8-B 3.

<sup>f</sup> i.e. λόγος in the sense of speech. Cf. *De Sollertia Animalium* 973 A (προφορικῶ λόγου καὶ φωνῆς ἐνάρθρου) with *S. V. F.* ii, p. 43, 18-20 (τῷ προφορικῷ λόγῳ = ἐνάρθρους φωνάς [but in *S. V. F.* iii, p. 215, 35-36 ἡ σημαίνουσα ἐναρθρος φωνή, with which cf. *S. V. F.* ii, frag. 143]); and *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1026 A (λόγος δὲ λέξις ἐν φωνῇ σημαντικῇ διανοίας).

(1009) πράγματα καὶ τὰ<sup>1</sup> πάθη τῷ δ' ὀνόματι τοὺς πράττοντας αὐτὰ καὶ πάσχοντας ἀποχρώντως δηλοῦμεν, ὡς<sup>2</sup> αὐτὸς εἴρηκε, ταῦτα σημαίνειν ἔδοξε<sup>3</sup>. τὰ δ' ἄλλα φαίη τις ἂν οὐ σημαίνειν, οἷον οἱ στεναγμοὶ  
 E καὶ ὀλολυγμοὶ τῶν ὑποκριτῶν· καὶ ἡ Δία πολλάκις<sup>4</sup> ἐπιμειδιάσις<sup>5</sup> καὶ<sup>6</sup> ἀποσιώπησις ἐμφαντικώτερον ποιεῖ τὸν λόγον, οὐ μὴν ἀναγκαίαν<sup>7</sup> ἔχει<sup>8</sup> πρὸς τὸ σημαίνειν ὡς τὸ ῥῆμα καὶ τοῦνομα δύναμιν ἄλλ' ἐπιθετόν τινα ποικίλλουσιν τὸν λόγον· ὥσπερ τὰ στοιχεῖα ποικίλλουσιν οἱ τὰ πνεύματα καὶ τὰς δασύτητας αὐτῶν ἐκτάσεις<sup>9</sup> τε καὶ συστολὰς ἐνίων αὐτὰ καθ' αὐτὰ<sup>10</sup> στοιχεῖα τιθέμενοι, πάθη μᾶλλον ὄντα καὶ συμβεβηκότα<sup>11</sup> καὶ διαφορὰς<sup>12</sup> στοιχείων, ὡς ἐδήλωσαν οἱ παλαιοὶ<sup>13</sup> διὰ τῶν ἑκαταίδεκα φράζοντες ἀποχρώντως καὶ<sup>14</sup> γράφοντες.

2. Ἐπειτα σκόπει μὴ παρακούωμεν τοῦ Πλάτωνος, ἐκ τούτων κεράνυσθαι τὸν λόγον οὐ διὰ

<sup>1</sup> τὰ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ -ε.

<sup>3</sup> ἔνδοξος -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>4</sup> Δία πολλά πολλάκις -X.

<sup>5</sup> ἐπιμειδιάσις -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ -X, α, ε; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>7</sup> ἀνάγκην -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>8</sup> ἔχειν -J.

<sup>9</sup> ἐκτάσεις -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>10</sup> καθ' αὐτὰ (ἐαυτὰ -X) τὰ -X, α, Α, γ, Ε, Β, ε.

<sup>11</sup> συμβεβηκότως -J.

<sup>12</sup> διαφορὰς -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>13</sup> πολλοὶ -g.

<sup>14</sup> καὶ -omitted by g.

<sup>a</sup> *Sophist* 262 a 3-7, b 6, and b 10-c 1; but Plato here speaks only of πράξεις and πράττοντες as signified by verbs and nouns. For Plutarch's substitution of πράγματα for πράξεις cf. *Scholias in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 215, 28-30 (Hilgard); Apollonius Dyscolus, *De Constructione* i, 130 and iii, 58 (p. 108, 11-14 and pp. 323, 9-324, 9 [Uhlig]).

acts and what is undergone and with the noun the agents and patients, as Plato has said himself,<sup>a</sup> it seemed that these signify, whereas one might say that the rest like the groans and shouts of actors do not signify; and, by heaven, suddenly falling silent with a smile often makes speech more expressive and yet has not the force requisite for signifying as do the verb and the noun but a certain supplementary force embellishing speech in the way that the letters are embellished by those who make independent ones of their breathings and aspirates and in some cases of their long and short quantities,<sup>b</sup> although these are rather modifications and incidental characteristics and variations of letters,<sup>c</sup> as the ancients showed by adequately expressing themselves in actually writing with sixteen letters.<sup>d</sup>

2. In the second place, take care lest we fail to heed what Plato has said, that speech is a blend of

<sup>b</sup> τὰ πνεύματα are the two "breathings," δασὺ καὶ φιλόν (cf. Dionysius Thrax, *Ars Grammatica*, Suppl. i, p. 107, 4 [Uhlig] and for the argument that such marks are letters cf. *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 187, 26-188, 21 and p. 496, 11-13 [Hilgard]); but τὰς δασύτητας refers to the aspirates θ, φ, χ (cf. Dionysius Thrax, *Ars Grammatica* § 6, p. 12, 5 [Uhlig]; Sextus, *Adv. Math.* i, 103; Priscian, *Inst. Grammatica* i, 24-25=i, p. 19, 3-8 [Hertz]) and ἐκτάσεις τε καὶ συστολὰς ἐνίων to the distinction of η from ε and of ω from ο (cf. Sextus, *Adv. Math.* i, 115).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 496, 19-24 (Hilgard).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *Quaest. Conviv.* 738 F; Demetrius of Phaleron, frag. 196 (Wehrli); Varro, *De Antiquitate Litterarum*, frag. 2 (Funaioli, *Grammaticae Romanae Fragmenta* i, p. 184; cf. pp. 2 and 120 for L. Cincius, frag. 1 and Cn. Gellius, frag. 1); Pliny, *N.H.* vii, 192; Tacitus, *Ann.* xi, 14; *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 34, 27-35, 13 and pp. 184, 7-12 and 185, 3-7 (Hilgard).

(1009) τούτων εἰρηκότος, εἶθ' ὡσπερ ὁ<sup>1</sup> τὸν λέγοντα<sup>2</sup> τὸ φάρμακον ἐκ κηροῦ μεμίχθαι καὶ χαλβάνης συκοφαντῶν, ἐπεὶ τὸ πῦρ παρέλιπε καὶ τὸ ἀγγεῖον ὦν χωρὶς οὐκ ἐνῆν μεμίχθαι, καὶ ἡμεῖς ὁμοίως ἐγκαλῶμεν<sup>3</sup> ὅτι συνδέσμους καὶ προθέσεις καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα παρήκεν· οὐ γὰρ ἐκ τούτων ὁ λόγος ἀλλ', εἶπερ ἄρα, διὰ τούτων καὶ οὐκ ἄνευ τούτων κεράνυσθαι πέφυκεν. οὐ γάρ, ὡσπερ ὁ τὸ "τύπτει"<sup>4</sup> φθειγξάμενος ἢ τὸ "τύπτεται"<sup>5</sup> καὶ πάλιν τὸ "Σωκράτης" ἢ τὸ "Πυθαγόρας" ἀμωσγέπως νοῆσαί τι καὶ διανοηθῆναι παρέσχηκεν,<sup>6</sup> οὕτω τοῦ "μέν" ἢ "γάρ" ἢ "περί" καθ' αὐτό<sup>7</sup> ἐκφωνηθέντος<sup>8</sup> ἔστιν ἔννοιάν τινα λαβεῖν<sup>9</sup> ἢ πράγματος ἢ σώματος· ἀλλ' ἐὰν μὴ περὶ ἐκείνα καὶ μετ' ἐκείνων ἐκφέρηται, ψόφοις κενοῖς καὶ ἥχοις ἔοικεν· ὅτι ταῦτα μὲν οὔτε καθ' αὐτὰ σημαίνειν οὔτε μετ' ἀλλήλων οὐδὲν πέφυκεν, ἀλλ' ὅπως ἂν συμπλέκωμεν ἢ μιγνύωμεν εἰς ταῦτ' οὐδὲν συνδέσμους καὶ ἄρθρα καὶ προθέσεις, ἐν τι<sup>10</sup> πειρώμενοι κοινὸν ἐξ αὐτῶν ποιεῖν,<sup>11</sup> τερετίζειν μᾶλλον ἢ διαλέγε-

<sup>1</sup> ὁ -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>2</sup> λέγον (τὸν and τα omitted) -a<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> ἐγκαλοῦμεν -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>4</sup> τύπτει -MSS. ; τύπτειν -Basiliensis.

<sup>5</sup> τύπτεσθαι -Aldine, Basiliensis.

<sup>6</sup> παρέσχεν -J, g.

<sup>7</sup> καθ' αὐτό -omitted by E, B.

<sup>8</sup> φωνηθέντος -J, g.

<sup>9</sup> λαβεῖν τινα -X, ε.

<sup>10</sup> ἐν τινι -n.

<sup>11</sup> κοινὸν ποιεῖν ἐξ αὐτῶν -X.

<sup>a</sup> The phrase, σῶμα ἢ πρᾶγμα σημαῖνον, occurs in the definition of ὄνομα given by Dionysius Thrax, *Ars Gram-*

these, not that it is blended by means of them, and lest then like one who, when the medicine is said to be a mixture of wax and galbanum, carps at the omission of the fire and the receptacle, without which it could not have been mixed, we too similarly object that Plato disregarded conjunctions and prepositions and the like, for it is not of these that speech is naturally blended but, if at all, by means of them and not without them. For it is not the case that as one by uttering "strikes" or "is struck" and again "Socrates" or "Pythagoras" has provided something to conceive and have in mind somehow so, when "indeed" or "for" or "about" has been pronounced by itself, it is possible to get some conception of an act or an object<sup>a</sup>; but, unless these are expressions about those other words and in association with them, they resemble senseless sounds and noises. The reason is that they naturally signify nothing either by themselves or in association with one another; but, however we may combine or mix together conjunctions and articles and prepositions in trying to make of them a single thing in common, it will seem that we are babbling gib-

*matica* § 12 (p. 24, 3-4 [Uhlig]). Since Plutarch has just given both verbs and nouns as counter-examples, however, *πράγματος* here is probably meant in the sense of *τὰ πράγματα* in 1009 D *supra* (page 108, note a); cf. also Dionysius Hal., *De Comp. Verb.* xii, 69-70 (p. 46, 21 f. [Usener-Radermacher]), *ὃ σημαίνει τι σῶμα ἢ πρᾶγμα*, where the preceding *οὔτε ὄνομα οὔτε ῥῆμα* (*ibid.*, p. 46, 18) indicates that *πρᾶγμα* means "act" and not "thing." The use of *σῶμα* for "object" generally reflects the Stoic doctrine that all agents and patients—and so all entities—are *σώματα* (see notes *f* and *g* on *De Comm. Not.* 1073 E *infra* and cf. Apollonius Dyscolus, *De Constructione* i, 16 = p. 18, 5-8 [Uhlig]).

(1010)  
 Β σθαι<sup>1</sup> δόξομεν· ῥήματος δ' ὀνόματι<sup>2</sup> συμπλεκομέ-  
 νου, τὸ γενόμενον εὐθύς διάλεκτός<sup>3</sup> ἔστι καὶ λόγος.  
 ὅθεν εἰκότως ἔνιοι μόνα ταῦτα μέρη τοῦ λόγου τί-  
 θενται· καὶ Ὅμηρος ἴσως τοῦτο βούλεται δηλοῦν  
 ἐκάστοτε λέγων

ἔπος τ' ἔφατ' ἕκ τ' ὀνόμαζεν·

ἔπος γὰρ τὸ ῥήμα καλεῖν εἴωθεν, ὥσπερ ἐν τούτοις  
 ᾧ γύναι, ἦ μάλα τοῦτο ἔπος θυμαλγές<sup>4</sup> εἶπες  
 καὶ

χαῖρε, πάτερ ᾧ ξεῖνε, ἔπος δ' εἶπερ τι<sup>5</sup> λέλεκ-  
 ται<sup>6</sup>

δεινόν, ἄφαρ τὸ φέροισιν ἀναρπάξασαι ἄελλαι.

οὔτε γὰρ σύνδεσμον οὔτ' ἄρθρον<sup>7</sup> οὔτε πρόθεσιν<sup>8</sup>  
 δεινόν ἔστι καὶ θυμαλγές εἰπεῖν ἀλλὰ ῥήμα<sup>9</sup>  
 C πράξεως ἐμφαντικόν<sup>10</sup> αἰσχροῦς ἢ<sup>11</sup> πάθους τινὸς  
 ἀνεπιτηδείου. διὸ καὶ ποιητὰς καὶ συγγραφεῖς  
 εἰώθαμεν ἐπαινεῖν ἢ ψέγειν οὔτω πως λέγοντες

<sup>1</sup> διαλογίζεσθαι -J, g.

<sup>2</sup> ὀνόματος -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> διάλογος -β<sup>1</sup>, n, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon.

<sup>4</sup> θυγαλγές -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> ἔπος τ' εἶπερ τε -β, n, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon.

<sup>6</sup> βέβακται -Homer.

<sup>7</sup> ἄθερον -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> πρότερον -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>9</sup> ῥίζα -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>10</sup> ἐμφατικόν -ε.

<sup>11</sup> ἦ -Meziriac; ἐκ -mss.

<sup>a</sup> Plato, *Sophist* 262 c 4-7 and d 2-6.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. [Apuleius], *Περὶ ἑρμηνείας* iv (p. 178, 4-7 [Thomas]); Apollonius Dyscolus, *De Constructione* i, 30 (p. 28, 6-9 [Uhlig]) with Priscian, *Inst. Grammatica* xvii, 22 = ii, pp. 121, 21-122, 1 [Hertz]; and *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 515, 19-517, 32 (Hilgard), where the



berish rather than speaking a language. When a verb is combined with a noun, however, the result is straightway language and speech.<sup>a</sup> Wherefore it is reasonable that some people consider these alone to be parts of speech<sup>b</sup>; and this perhaps is what Homer wants to make clear each time he says

gave word to the thought and announced it,<sup>c</sup>

for it was his custom to call the verb "word," as in these lines :

Verily, woman, a heart-breaking word is this thou hast spoken<sup>d</sup>

and

Joy to thee, reverend guest ; if offensive words have been spoken,

May they be gone forthwith swept up and away by a whirlwind.<sup>e</sup>

For what is offensive and heart-breaking to speak is not a conjunction or an article or a preposition but a verb expressive of a shameful action or of some improper experience. This is also why we customarily praise or censure writers of poetry and prose in doctrine is ascribed to the Peripatetics and some of the supporting arguments are answered (*cf.* Priscian, *op. cit.*, ii, 15 and xi, 6-7 = i, p. 54, 5-7 and pp. 551, 17-552, 14 [Hertz]). An elaborate defence of the doctrine, in many particulars like Plutarch's, is given by Ammonius (*De Interpretatione*, pp. 11, 1-15, 13), who with explicit reference to the *Cratylus* and the *Sophist* asserts that Plato anticipated Aristotle in holding it (*De Interpretatione*, p. 40, 26-30 ; p. 48, 30-32 ; p. 60, 1-3 and 17-23). *Cf.* Aristotle, *Rhetoric* 1404 b 26-27 ; Theophrastus and Boethus of Sidon in Simplicius, *Categ.*, p. 10, 24-27 and p. 11, 23-25 ; and Adrastus in Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 49, 7-9 (Hiller).

<sup>c</sup> *Iliad* vi, 253 and 406 ; vii, 108 ; and *passim*.

<sup>d</sup> *Odyssey* xxiii, 183.

<sup>e</sup> *Odyssey* viii, 408-409.

(1010) “ Ἀττικοῖς ὀνόμασιν ὁ δεῖνα κέχρηται καὶ<sup>1</sup> καλοῖς ῥήμασιν ” ἢ πάλιν “ πεζοῖς ” τὸ δέ γε “ πεζοῖς ”<sup>2</sup> ἢ “ καλοῖς ” πάλιν “ καὶ Ἀττικοῖς ἄρθροις ” οὐκ ἂν εἶποι τις Εὐριπίδην ἢ Θουκυδίδην διειλέχθαι.

3. “ Τί οὖν ; ” — φῆσαι τις ἄν — “ οὐδὲν ταῦτα συμβάλλεται πρὸς λόγον ; ” ἔγωγε φήσαιμ’ ἂν ὡσπερ ἄλας<sup>3</sup> συμβάλλεσθαι πρὸς ὄψον ὕδωρ δὲ πρὸς μᾶζαν. Εὐήνος<sup>4</sup> δὲ καὶ τὸ πῦρ ἔφασκεν ἡδυσμάτων εἶναι κράτιστον. ἀλλ’ οὐθ’ ὕδωρ μάζης ἢ ἄρτου μέρος εἶναι λέγομεν<sup>5</sup> οὔτε πῦρ οὐθ’ ἄλας εἰφήματος ἢ βρώματος,<sup>6</sup> ὧν ἀεὶ τυγχάνομεν δεόμενοι, οὐχ ὡσπερ ὁ λόγος πολλάκις ἐκείνων ἀπροσ-  
D δεῆς ἐστίν, ὡς δοκεῖ μοι [περὶ Ῥωμαίων] ἔχειν ὁ Ῥωμαίων, <ὦ><sup>7</sup> νῦν ὁμοῦ τι πάντες ἀνθρωποὶ χρῶνται· προθέσεις τε γὰρ ἀφήρηκε πλὴν ὀλίγων<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> καὶ -J<sup>1</sup>, g; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> Dübner (τὸ δὲ πεζοῖς -Wytttenbach); ὁ δὲ γε πεζοῖς -J<sup>1</sup>, g; πεζοῖς δὲ -Escorial T-11-5; ὅδε δὲ πεζοῖς -all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> ἄλας -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>4</sup> εὐήνος -n, Voss. 16, ε<sup>1</sup> (?).

<sup>5</sup> κράτιστον . . . μέρος εἶναι -omitted by J, g, a, Λ, γ, E, B; κράτιστον . . . εἶναι λέγομεν -omitted by β<sup>1</sup> (added in margin by β<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>6</sup> ἀρώματος -X, ε.

<sup>7</sup> Dübner (μοὶ ὁ Ῥωμαίων ἔχειν, ὦ -Wytttenbach); μοὶ περὶ Ῥωμαίων λέγειν ὀρῶ μέλλω (μέλλων -β, n, Voss. 16, Bonon.) νῦν -all mss. except Escorial T-11-5 (μοὶ περὶ Ῥωμαίων λέγειν ὀρῶ . . . vac. 30 . . . ἀλλ’ ὡσπερ ὁμοῦ πάντες).

<sup>8</sup> ὀλίγον -J.

<sup>a</sup> In such expressions ὄνομα (and the same could be said of ῥῆμα) is used in a different sense, *i.e.* τὸ κοινῶς ἐπὶ πᾶν μέρος λόγου διατεῖνον (*cf.* Simplicius, *Categ.*, p. 25,<sup>1</sup> 14-17; *Scholía in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 522, 21-28 [Hilgard]).

<sup>b</sup> Evenus, frag. 10 (Bergk, *Poetae Lyr. Graec.* ii<sup>4</sup>, p. 271;

terms like these, "the nouns employed by so-and-so are 'Attic' and the verbs are 'elegant'" or again "pedestrian,"<sup>a</sup> whereas it would not be said by anyone that in the language of Euripides or Thucydides "pedestrian" or again "elegant and Attic articles" are used.

3. "What then?"—one might say—"Do these words contribute nothing to speech?" I should say that they do make a contribution to it just as salt does to a dish of food and water to a barley-cake. Evenus even said that fire is the best of sauces.<sup>b</sup> Nevertheless, we do not say either that water is a part of barley-cake or wheat-bread or that fire or salt is a part of greens or victuals, although we do always require fire and salt, whereas speech unlike this often has no need of those additional words. So it is, it seems to me, with the speech of the Romans, which now is used by nearly all men, for it has eliminated all prepositions except for a few<sup>c</sup>

Edmonds, *Elegy and Iambus* i, p. 476). The remark is ascribed to Evenus in *Quomodo Adulator ab Amico Inter-noscatur* 50 A and in *Quaest. Conviv.* 697 c-d but to Prodicus in *De Tuenda Sanitate* 126 D.

<sup>c</sup> According to Hartman (*De Plutarcho*, p. 583) this is an erroneous generalization from those Latin expressions of relations of place in which no preposition is used; according to H. J. Rose (*The Roman Questions of Plutarch* [Oxford, 1924], p. 198 ad lxvii [208 A]) it is rather an exaggeration suggested by the contemporary fondness for archaic and poetical constructions which omitted the prepositions of Ciceronian grammar; and both these observations may be partial explanations of Plutarch's "odd statement," but it should be remembered also that many Latin "prepositions" were regarded by the Greeks as not being prepositions at all (Priscian, *Inst. Grammatica* xiv, 9-10 and 23=ii, pp. 28, 19-29, 11 and pp. 36, 20-37, 6 [Hertz]). From a different point of view Plutarch's statement without being noticed is

(1010) ἀπάσας, τῶν τε καλουμένων ἄρθρων οὐδὲν προσδέχεται τὸ παράπαν, ἀλλὰ ὡσπερ ἀκρασπέδοις<sup>1</sup> χρῆται τοῖς ὀνόμασι. καὶ οὐ θαυμαστόν ἐστιν, ὅπου καὶ Ὅμηρος ἐπέων κόσμῳ περιγεγόμενος ὀλίγοις τῶν ὀνομάτων ἄρθρα ὡσπερ λαβὰς ἐκπώμασι μῆ<sup>2</sup> δεομένοις ἢ λόφους<sup>3</sup> κράνεσιν ἐπιτίθησι· διὸ καὶ<sup>4</sup> παράσημα τῶν ἐπῶν ἐν οἷς ταῦτα ποιεῖ<sup>5</sup> γέγονεν, ὡς τὸ

Αἴαντι δὲ μάλιστα δαΐφροني θυμὸν ὄρινε  
τῷ Τελαμωνιάδῃ

καὶ τὸ

ποιέεν,<sup>6</sup> ὄφρα τὸ κῆτος ὑπεκπροφυγῶν<sup>7</sup> ἀλέοιτο<sup>8</sup>  
καὶ βραχέα πρὸς τούτοις ἕτερα. τοῖς δ' ἄλλοις  
E μυρίοις οὖσιν ἄρθρου μῆ<sup>9</sup> προσόντος οὐδὲν εἰς  
σαφήνειαν οὐδὲ κάλλος ἢ φράσις βλάπτεται.

<sup>1</sup> Meziriac; κρασπέδοις -mss.

<sup>2</sup> μῆ -β<sup>2</sup>, n, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5, Bonon.; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> λόφοις -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ -omitted by g.

<sup>5</sup> ποιεῖν -ε; προ (i.e. προγέγονεν) -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>6</sup> ποιεῖν n; ποίεον -Homer.

<sup>7</sup> ὑπερπροφυγῶν -n.

<sup>8</sup> ἀλλέοιτο -Escorial T-11-5; ἀλέαιτο -Homer.

<sup>9</sup> ἄρθρου δὲ μῆ -J, g.

supported by R. Poncelet (*Cicéron Traducteur de Platon* [Paris, 1957]), who characterizes the Latin penury of analytical instruments as "pas d'articles, peu de prépositions, peu de participes" (p. 18) and considers the rudimentary prepositional system of Latin along with its lack of an article to be one of the principal reasons for Cicero's difficulties in translating the philosophical Greek of Plato (pp. 52-61, pp. 105-129, p. 139).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Quintilian, *Instit. Orat.* i, 4, 19; Priscian, *Inst. Grammatica* ii, 16 and xvii, 27 (i, p. 54, 13-16 and ii, p. 124, 16-18 [Hertz]).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Democritus, frag. B 21 (D.-K.) and Pausanias, ix, 30,

and of the words called articles admits none at all<sup>a</sup> but employs nouns without tassels, as it were. This is not surprising either, since Homer too, who excelled in marshalling words,<sup>b</sup> attaches articles to few of his nouns, as it were crests to helmets or handles to goblets that do not require them<sup>c</sup>; and that is the very reason why critical marks<sup>d</sup> have been put at the verses in which he does so, for example:

Wrathful fury he chiefly excited in fiery Ajax,  
The Telamonian one,<sup>e</sup>

and

Built it to let him elude and evade the notorious monster<sup>f</sup> and a few others besides. In the rest, however, countless as they are, though an article is not present, the expression suffers nothing in clarity or beauty.

4 and 12. The phrase *κόσμον ἐπέων* occurs in a line of Solon's quoted by Plutarch himself (*Solon* viii, 2 [82 c]); cf. also Parmenides, frag. B 8, 52 (D.-K.) and Philetas of Cos, frag. 8 (Diehl, *Anth. Lyr. Graec.* ii, p. 211) = 10 (Powell, *Collectanea Alexandrina*, p. 92).

<sup>c</sup> There were *ἐκπώματα* of countless kinds (Clement of Alexandria, *Paedagogus* ii, iii, 35, 2), many without handles (Athenaeus, xi, 783 a, 478 b, and 481 d).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *Soph. Elench.* 177 b 6 (*κάκει . . . παράσημα ποιοῦνται*).

<sup>e</sup> *Iliad* xiv, 459-460. Leaf (*The Iliad* ii<sup>2</sup>, p. 97 ad 458-459) calls the use of τῶ in 460 "hardly Homeric." Cf. in general *Scholia Graeca in Homeri Iliadem* ed. Dindorf i, p. 70, 10-11 ad B 1 and p. 339, 14-15 ad K 1 (*ἔστι γὰρ ὁ ποιητῆς παραλειπτικός τῶν ἄρθρων*).

<sup>f</sup> *Iliad* xx, 147. For the use of the article here cf. *Scholia Graeca in Homeri Iliadem* ed. Dindorf ii, p. 199, 19-20; Leaf (*The Iliad* ii<sup>2</sup>, p. 359) calls it very rare in Homer and says that "instances such as this are confined to late passages in the *Iliad*."

(1010) 4. Καὶ μὴν οὔτε ζῶον οὔτ' ὄργανον οὔθ' ὄπλον οὔτ' ἄλλο τῶν ὄντων οὐδὲν οἰκείου μέρους ἀφαιρέσει καὶ στερήσει πέφυκε γίνεσθαι κάλλιον<sup>1</sup> οὐδ' ἐνεργέστερον οὐδὲ ἥδιον· λόγος δέ, συνδέσμων ἐξαιρεθέντων, πολλάκις ἐμπαθεστέραν καὶ κινητικωτέραν ἔχει δύναμιν· ὡς ὁ τοιοῦτος

ἄλλον ζῶον ἔχουσα<sup>2</sup> νεούτατον, ἄλλον ἄουτον,  
ἄλλον τεθνηῶτα<sup>3</sup> κατὰ μόθον ἔλκε ποδοῖν·

καὶ τὰ τοῦ Δημοσθένους ταυτὶ “ πολλὰ γὰρ ἂν ποιήσειεν ὁ τύπτων, ὧν<sup>4</sup> ὁ παθὼν ἐνὶ οὐδ' ἂν F ἀπαγγεῖλαι δύναιθ' ἐτέρω, τῷ σχήματι τῷ βλέμματι τῇ φωνῇ, ὅταν ὑβρίζων, ὅταν ἐχθρὸς<sup>5</sup> ὑπάρχων, ὅταν κονδύλοις,<sup>6</sup> ὅταν ἐπὶ κόρρης<sup>7</sup>. ταῦτα κινεῖ,<sup>8</sup> ταῦτ' ἐξίστησιν αὐτῶν ἀνθρώπου<sup>9</sup> ἀήθεις τοῦ<sup>10</sup> προπηλακίζεσθαι.” καὶ πάλιν “ ἄλλ' οὐ<sup>11</sup> Μειδίας· ἀλλ' ἀπὸ ταύτης τῆς ἡμέρας<sup>12</sup> λέγει, λοιδορεῖται, βοᾷ. χειροτονεῖται τις,<sup>13</sup> Μειδίας Ἀνα-  
1011 γυράσιος<sup>14</sup> προβέβληται. Πλουτάρχου<sup>15</sup> προξενεῖ,

<sup>1</sup> κάλλιστον -J, g.

<sup>2</sup> ἔχουσα -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>3</sup> τεθνηῶτα -Homer (cf. *Scholias Graeca in Homeri Iliadem* ed. Dindorf ii, p. 176 ad 537).

<sup>4</sup> τύπτων, ὧ ἄνδρες Ἀθηναῖοι, ὧν -Demosthenes.

<sup>5</sup> ὅταν ὡς ὑβρίζων, ὅταν ὡς ἐχθρὸς -Demosthenes.

<sup>6</sup> ὅταν κονδύλοις -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>7</sup> κόρης -J, g; κόρης τύπτη -Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>8</sup> κινῆ -J, g, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>9</sup> αὐτῶν ἐξίστησιν ἀνθρώπου -J; αὐτοῦ ἐξίστησιν ἀνθρώπου -g; ἐξίστησιν αὐτοὺς ἀνθρώπου -Escorial T-11-5; ἐξίστησιν ἀνθρώπου αὐτῶν -Demosthenes.

<sup>10</sup> ἀήθους τοῦ -ε; ἀήθεις ὄντας τοῦ -Demosthenes.

<sup>11</sup> οὐδὲ -g.

<sup>12</sup> τῆς ἡμέρας ταύτης -Demosthenes S and Y (but A and F agree with Plutarch). <sup>13</sup> Demosthenes; τι -mss.

<sup>14</sup> Escorial T-11-5 and Demosthenes; ἀναγυρράσιος -all other mss. <sup>15</sup> Demosthenes; πλουτάρχῳ -mss.

## PLATONIC QUESTIONS x, 1010-1011

4. Moreover, it is not natural for any living being or instrument or weapon or any other existing thing to become more beautiful or more effective or more pleasant by the removal or loss of a part that belongs to it<sup>a</sup>; but frequently when conjunctions have been eliminated speech has a force more emotional and more stirring,<sup>b</sup> as in a case like this:

One just wounded alive in her clutches, another un-  
wounded,  
Dead already another she dragged by the feet through the  
turmoil<sup>c</sup>

and this by Demosthenes: "He who strikes one might do many things, some of which his victim could not even report to another, by his posture, by his look, by his tone of voice, when insultingly, when in hostility, when with the fist, when with a slap in the face; these are the things that stir up, that drive to distraction men unused to contemptuous treatment."<sup>d</sup> And again: "Not Meidias, however; but from this day forth he talks, reviles, shouts. Is someone to be elected? Meidias of Anagyrus is a candidate. He represents the interests

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 516, 37-517, 4 (Hilgard).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. [Plutarch], *De Vita Homeri* 40 (vii, pp. 355, 20-356, 5 [Bernardakis]); for Plutarch, *Caesar* 1, 3-4 (731 F) cf. R. Jeuckens, *Plutarch von Chaeronea und die Rhetorik* (Strassburg, 1908), pp. 162-163.

<sup>c</sup> *Iliad* xviii, 536-537 = [Hesiod], *Scutum* 157-158 (cf. F. Solmsen, *Hermes*, xciii [1965], pp. 1-6).

<sup>d</sup> Demosthenes, *Oratio* xxi, 72. The passage is quoted and analysed by "Longinus" (*De Sublimitate* xx-xxi) for the combination of several figures, asyndeton included; cf. also Tiberius Rhetor, *Περὶ σχημάτων* 40 (*Rhetores Graeci* iii, p. 78, 1-4 [Spengel]).

(1011) τὰ πόρρητ' οἶδεν, ἢ πόλις αὐτὸν οὐ χωρεῖ." διὸ καὶ σφόδρα τὸ ἀσύνδετον σχῆμα παρὰ τοῖς<sup>1</sup> τὰς<sup>2</sup> τέχνας γράφουσιν εὐδοκιμεῖ· τοὺς<sup>3</sup> δ' ἄγαν νομίμους ἐκείνους καὶ μηδένα σύνδεσμον ἐκ τῆς συνηθείας ἀφιέντας ὡς ἀργὴν καὶ ἀπαθῆ καὶ κοπώδη τῷ ἀμεταβλήτῳ τὴν φράσιν ποιοῦντας αἰτιῶνται. τὸ δὲ τοὺς διαλεκτικοὺς μάλιστα συνδέσμων δεῖσθαι πρὸς τὰς τῶν ἀξιωματῶν συναφὰς καὶ συμπλοκάς καὶ διαζεύξεις ὥσπερ ἠνιόχους ζυγῶν καὶ τὸν <έν><sup>4</sup> Κύκλωπος Ὀδυσσεῖα λύγων πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων σύν<δεσιν . . .> οὐ<sup>5</sup> μέρος λόγου τὸν<sup>6</sup> σύνδεσμον ἀλλ' ὄργανόν τι<sup>7</sup> συνδετικὸν<sup>8</sup> Β ἀποφαίνει, καθάπερ ὠνόμασται, καὶ συνεκτικὸν οὐ

<sup>1</sup> παρ' οἷς -n, Voss. 16.

<sup>2</sup> τὰς -omitted by a, A, γ, E, B, ε.

<sup>3</sup> τῆς -J<sup>1</sup>; τοὺς -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> <έν> -added by Emperius (*Op. Philol.*, p. 340).

<sup>5</sup> Hubert after Bernardakis (λύγων πρὸς τῶν προβάτων τὴν σύνδεσιν <Odyssey ix, 425 and 427> οὐ); λυγῶν πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων οὐ -J, g; λυγῶντα πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων συν . . . vac. 83 (first 5 erased) . . . οὐ -β (σύν . . . vac. 57 . . . οὐ -Bonon.); λυγῶντα πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων . . . vac. 58 . . . οὐ -n, Voss. 16; λέγοντα πρὸς τὴν τῶν προβάτων . . . vac. 64 . . . οὐ -Escorial T-11-5; Ὀδυσσεῖα . . . vac. 30 -X; 62 -a; 100 -A; 84 -γ; 87 -E; 88 -B; 69 -ε . . . οὐ.

<sup>6</sup> τὸν -omitted by J, g; τοῦ -a.

<sup>7</sup> τι -J, g; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>8</sup> συνδετικὸν -J, g.

<sup>a</sup> Plutarch, the tyrant of Eretria (*cf.* Plutarch, *Phocion* xii-xiii [747 A-E]; Demosthenes, *Oratio* v, 5 [with scholion *ad loc.*] and xxi, 110).

<sup>b</sup> Demosthenes, *Oratio* xxi, 200. Part of this passage is quoted for asyndeton by [Aristides], *Libri Rhetorici* i, 28 (pp. 13, 23-14, 1 [W. Schmid]).

<sup>c</sup> *Cf.* Demetrius, *De Elocutione* 193-194 and 268-269; "Longinus," *De Sublimitate* xxi; Tiberius Rhetor, Περὶ



of Plutarch,<sup>a</sup> knows the secrets of state, is too big for the city.”<sup>b</sup> This is just the reason why the figure of asyndeton is very highly esteemed by the writers of the rhetorical manuals, and those who abide too strictly by the rules and leave out no conjunction of the ordinary language they censure for making their style dull and unemotional and wearisome from lack of variety.<sup>c</sup> That the dialecticians have special need of conjunctions for the connexions and combinations and disjunctions of propositions,<sup>d</sup> as charioteers have of yokes and as Odysseus <in the cave> of Cyclops had of withes for binding the sheep together<sup>e</sup> <. . .>, this shows not that the conjunction is a part of speech<sup>f</sup> but that it is a kind of instrument for conjoining, just as its name indicates, that

σχημάτων 40 (*Rhetores Graeci* iii, p. 78, 11-15 [Spengel]); [Cicero], *Ad Herennium* iv, 41. For αἱ τέχναι = “rhetorical manuals” cf. Isocrates, *Adv. Sophistas* 19 (τὰς καλουμένας τέχνας) with the scholion *ad loc.*

<sup>d</sup> The dialecticians are the Stoics (see note *d* on page 107 *supra*). The propositions in question are the conditional (συνημμένον), the conjunctive (σμπεπλεγμένον), and the disjunctive (διεξευγμένον); and the σύνδεσμοι required for these are respectively ὁ συναπτικός (εἰ), ὁ συμπλεκτικός (καί), and ὁ διαζευκτικός (ἢτοι or ἢ): cf. Diogenes Laertius, vii, 71-72 (*S.V.F.* ii, frag. 207); Galen, *Institutio Logica* iii, 3-4 and iv, 4-6 (pp. 8, 13-9, 8 and pp. 10, 13-11, 12 [Kalbfleisch]) = *S.V.F.* ii, frags. 208 and 217); and Plutarch, *De E* 386 F—387 A, *De Sollertia Animalium* 969 A-B, and *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1026 B-C.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *Odyssey* ix, 427 and Euripides, *Cyclops* 225.

<sup>f</sup> As the Stoics held it to be: cf. Diogenes Laertius, vii, 57-58 (*S.V.F.* ii, frag. 147 and iii, p. 214, 1-2); *S.V.F.* ii, frag. 148; *Scholias in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 356, 13-15 and p. 517, 33-34 with p. 519, 26-32 (Hilgard). Posidonius wrote against those who said that conjunctions οὐ δηλοῦσι μὲν τι αὐτὸ δὲ μόνον τὴν φράσιν συνδέουσι (Apollonius Dyscolus, *De Conjunctionibus*, p. 214, 4-8 [Schneider]).

(1011) πάντων ἀλλὰ τῶν οὐχ ἀπλῶς λεγομένων, εἰ μὴ καὶ τοῦ φορτίου τὸν ἰμάντα καὶ τοῦ βιβλίου τὴν κόλλαν ἀξιούσι μέρος εἶναι καὶ νῆ Δία<sup>1</sup> τὰς διανομὰς τοῦ πολιτεύματος, ὡς ἔλεγε Δημάδης, κόλλαν ὀνομάζων τὰ θεωρικὰ<sup>2</sup> τῆς δημοκρατίας. ποῖος δὲ σύνδεσμος οὕτως ἐν ἐκ πολλῶν ἀξίωμα ποιεῖ συμπλέκων καὶ συνάπτων ὡς ἡ μάρμαρος<sup>3</sup> τὸν συλλιπαινόμενον<sup>4</sup> διὰ τοῦ πυρὸς σίδηρον; ἀλλ' οὐκ ἔστιν οὐδὲ λέγεται τοῦ σιδήρου μέρος· καίτοι <τὰ> τοιαῦτά<sup>5</sup> γε τοῖς κεραυνυμένοις ἐνδύόμενα καὶ συντηκόμενα ποιεῖ τι [καὶ πάσχει]<sup>6</sup> κοινὸν ἐκ C πλειόνων.<sup>7</sup> τοὺς δὲ συνδέσμους εἰσὶν οἱ μὴ νό-

<sup>1</sup> νῆ Δία -X, β<sup>2</sup>, n, Voss. 16, Bonon., Escorial T-11-5; εἶναι νῆ Δία καὶ -ε; νῆ Δία -omitted by all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> θεωρητικά -J, g, Voss. 16, Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>3</sup> μάρμερος -J, Escorial T-11-5<sup>1</sup>; μάμερ -g.

<sup>4</sup> σύλλιπαινόμενον -J.

<sup>5</sup> H. C.; καὶ τοιαῦτα -J, g; καίτοι ταῦτα -all other mss.

<sup>6</sup> [καὶ πάσχει] -deleted by Hartman (*De Plutarcho*, p. 588).

<sup>7</sup> πλειόνων -J.

<sup>a</sup> That is even for the Stoics the conjunction holds together only a molecular proposition, this consisting of two or more atomic (simple) propositions, each of which itself consists of a subject and predicate *not* connected by any conjunction: cf. Sextus, *Adv. Math.* viii, 93-95 and 108-109 (*S.V.F.* ii, p. 66, 28-37 and pp. 70, 36-71, 2) with Mates, *Stoic Logic*, pp. 95-96; and Diogenes Laertius, vii, 68-69 and 71-72 (*S.V.F.* ii, frags. 203 and 207).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. [Apuleius], *Περὶ ἑρμηνείας* iv (p. 178, 7-11 [Thomas]); Ammonius, *De Interpretatione*, pp. 12, 25-13, 6 and p. 67, 15-19 and p. 73, 19-22; Simplicius, *Categ.*, p. 64, 23-25; *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 515, 19-29 (Hilgard).

<sup>c</sup> Demades, frag. 13 (Baier-Sauppe, *Oratores Attici* ii, p. 315 B 38-42) = xxxvi (De Falco, *Demade Oratore*<sup>2</sup>, p. 31).

<sup>d</sup> See note d on 1011 A *supra*.

is for holding together not all statements but those that are non-simple,<sup>a</sup>—unless one also maintains that the strap is part of the load and the glue part of the book<sup>b</sup> and the dole, by heaven, part of the government, as Demades said when he called the festival-grants the glue of the democracy.<sup>c</sup> What kind of conjunction, moreover, by combining and connecting<sup>d</sup> makes of many a proposition so thoroughly one as the marble makes the iron that is smelted with it in the fire? The marble, however, is not and is not said to be a part of the iron; and yet things of this kind make something common out of a multiplicity<sup>e</sup> by permeating the objects that are being blended and by being fused with them.<sup>f</sup> As to conjunctions, however, there are people who believe

<sup>e</sup> Cf. 1010 A *supra*: ἔν τι πειρώμενοι κοινὸν ἐξ αὐτῶν ποιεῖν.

<sup>f</sup> The marble is not fused with the iron, as Plutarch apparently believed it is, but supplies the limestone which unites with the non-ferrous minerals of the ore (the "gangue") and with the ash of the fuel to form the "cinder" or "slag." It may be such a flux to which reference is made by [Aristotle], *De Mirabilibus Auscultationibus* 833 b 24-28 and by Theophrastus, *De Lapidibus* 9 (cf. H. Blümner, *Technologie und Terminologie der Gewerbe und Künste bei Griechen und Römern* iv [Leipzig, 1887], pp. 219-220; A. W. Persson, *Eisen und Eisenbereitung in ältester Zeit* [Lund, 1934], pp. 15-17; E. R. Caley and J. F. C. Richards, *Theophrastus on Stones* [Columbus, 1956], p. 77); but in no ancient text, so far as I know, is an explanation of the process offered, although the purpose of the flux used in refining gold is mentioned (cf. Agatharchides in Photius, *Bibliotheca*, cod. 250, p. 448, 19-30 [Bekker]; Pliny, *N.H.* xxxiii, 60; H. Blümner, *op. cit.*, pp. 131-135). It is to a different stage in the working of the iron that Plutarch refers in *Quaest. Conviv.* 660 c and *De Primo Frigido* 954 A-B; cf. also H. D. P. Lee on Aristotle, *Meteorologica* 383 a 32-b 7 (*L.C.L.*, pp. 324-329).

(1011) μίζοντες ἔν τι ποιεῖν ἀλλ' ἐξαριθμησιν εἶναι τὴν διάλεκτον, ὥσπερ ἀρχόντων ἐφεξῆς <ἦ><sup>1</sup> ἡμερῶν καταλεγομένων.

5. Καὶ μὴν τῶν γε λοιπῶν ἢ μὲν ἀντωνυμία περιφανῶς γένος<sup>2</sup> ὀνόματος ἔστιν, οὐχ ἢ πτώσεων μετέχει μόνον ἀλλὰ καὶ τῷ κυριωτάτην ἅμα τῇ φάσει<sup>3</sup> ποιεῖν δεῖξιν ἐνίας ἐπὶ τῶν ὠρισμένων ἐκφερομένας· καὶ οὐκ οἶδα ὅτι μᾶλλον ὁ “Σωκράτην”<sup>4</sup> φθεγξάμενος ἢ ὁ “τοῦτον” εἰπὼν ὀνομαστὶ<sup>5</sup> πρόσωπον δεδήλωκεν.

6. Ἡ δὲ καλουμένη μετοχή, μίγμα ῥήματος οὔσα καὶ ὀνόματος,<sup>6</sup> καθ' ἑαυτὴν<sup>7</sup> μὲν οὐκ ἔστιν, ὥσπερ οὐδὲ τὰ κοινὰ θηλυκῶν καὶ ἀρρενικῶν ὀνόματα, συντάττεται δ' ἐκείνοις, ἐφαπτομένη τοῖς μὲν χρόνοις τῶν ῥημάτων ταῖς δὲ πτώσεσι τῶν ὀνομάτων. οἱ δὲ διαλεκτικοὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα καλοῦσιν

<sup>1</sup> <ἦ> -added by Meziriac ; implied by Amyot's version.

<sup>2</sup> γένος περιφανῶς -J, g.

<sup>3</sup> Wyttenbach ; φύσει -mss.

<sup>4</sup> Σωκράτη -X.

<sup>5</sup> ὀνομαστὶ -J, g.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ ὀνόματος -omitted by J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>7</sup> ἑαυτὸ -X.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. the sceptical argument that a statement or proposition cannot exist, because the expressions, which must be its constituent parts, do not coexist but are at most successive (Sextus, *Adv. Math.* i, 132-138 with *Pyrrh. Hyp.* ii, 109 and *Adv. Math.* viii, 81-84, 132, and 136).

<sup>b</sup> i.e. demonstratives (cf. Apollonius Dyscolus, *De Pronomine*, pp. 9, 17-10, 7 and p. 10, 18-26 [Schneider] ; *Scholias*

that they do not make anything one but that language is an enumeration like that of annual magistrates <or> of days listed one after another.<sup>a</sup>

5. Now, of the rest the pronoun is patently a kind of noun, not only as it shares the cases of the noun but also by reason of the fact that some pronouns,<sup>b</sup> being expressions of definite reference, make an indication fully decisive as soon as they are spoken; and I do not know that a speaker uttering "Socrates" has by calling a name more clearly indicated a person than has one saying "this man."<sup>c</sup>

6. And as for what is called the participle, since it is a mixture of verb and noun,<sup>d</sup> it does not exist of itself,<sup>e</sup> to be sure, as the nouns of common feminine and masculine gender do not either<sup>f</sup>; but it is ranked with those parts of speech, since through its tenses it borders on the verbs and through its cases on the nouns. Terms of this kind, moreover, are

*in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 77, 25-78, 6 with p. 86, 7-13 and p. 260, 21-24 [Hilgard].

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Sextus, *Adv. Math.* viii, 96-97 (*S. V. F.* ii, frag. 205 [pp. 66, 38-67, 9]): according to the Stoics Σωκράτης κάθηται is intermediate between the indefinite τις κάθηται and the definite οὗτος κάθηται.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Dionysius Thrax, *Ars Grammatica* § 15 (p. 60, 2-4 [Uhlig]); *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 255, 25-256, 7 (Hilgard); Ammonius, *De Interpretatione*, p. 15, 2-4.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Priscian, *Inst. Grammatica* xi, 2 (i, p. 549, 3-6 [Hertz]: "ideo autem participium separatim non tradebant [scil. Stoici] partem orationis . . .") and ii, 16 (i, p. 54, 9-10 [Hertz]); *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 518, 17-22 (Hilgard).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 218, 18-219, 15 and especially pp. 525, 32-526, 11 (Hilgard); R. Schneider, *Apollonii Dyscoli Quae Supersunt* i, 2 (*Commentarium . . . in Apollonii Scripta Minora*), pp. 24-25.

(1011) ἀντανακλάστους,<sup>1</sup> οἷον ὁ φρονῶν ἀντί<sup>2</sup> τοῦ φρονίμου καὶ ὁ σωφρονῶν<sup>3</sup> ἀντί<sup>4</sup> τοῦ σώφρονός ἐστιν, ὡς ὀνομάτων καὶ προσηγοριῶν δύναμιν ἔχοντα.

7. Τὰς γε μὴν προθέσεις ἐστὶν ἐπικράνοισ καὶ βάσει καὶ ὑποθέμασι, ὡς οὐ λόγους ἀλλὰ περὶ τοὺς λόγους μᾶλλον οὔσας, ὁμοιοῦν. ὄρα δὲ<sup>5</sup> μὴ κόμμασι καὶ θραύσμασι ὀνομάτων εἰκόασιν, ὡσπερ γραμμάτων σπαράγμασι<sup>6</sup> καὶ κεραίαις οἷ<sup>7</sup> σπεύδοντες γράφουσι· τὸ γὰρ “ἐμβῆναι” καὶ “ἐκβῆναι” συγκοπὴ προφανής<sup>8</sup> ἐστὶ τοῦ “ἐντὸς βῆναι” καὶ τοῦ “ἐκτὸς βῆναι,” καὶ τὰ “προγενέσθαι” τοῦ “πρότερον γενέσθαι,” καὶ τὸ “καθίξειν” τοῦ “κάτω ἴξειν”<sup>9</sup> ὡσπερ ἀμέλει τὸ “λίθους βάλλειν” καὶ “τοίχους ὀρύσσειν”

<sup>1</sup> R. T. Schmidt (*Stoicorum Grammatica* [Halle, 1839], p. 46, n. 66); ἀνακλάστους -MSS.

<sup>2</sup> ἀντί -G. F. Shoemann (*Die Lehre von den Redetheilen* [Berlin, 1862], p. 39, n. 1); ἀπό -MSS.

<sup>3</sup> σώφρων -J, g.

<sup>4</sup> ἀντί -G. F. Shoemann (*loc. cit.*); ἀπό -MSS.

<sup>5</sup> ὄρα δὲ -J<sup>1</sup>, g; ὄσα δὲ -ε.

<sup>6</sup> σπαράγματα -J<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> οἷον -J<sup>1</sup>, g.

<sup>8</sup> περιφανῶς -J<sup>1</sup>, g; προφανῶς -β<sup>2</sup>, n, Voss. 16, Bonon., Escorial T-11-5.

<sup>9</sup> καταίξειν -X; καταίξειν -all other mss.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Priscian, *Inst. Grammatica* xi, 1 (i, pp. 548, 14-549, 1 [Hertz]): “sic igitur supra dicti philosophi [*scil.* Stoici] etiam participium aiebant appellationem esse reciprocam, id est ἀντανάκλαστον προσηγορίαν, hoc modo: legens est lector et lector legens, cursor est currens et currens cursor, amator est amans et amans amator, vel nomen verbale vel modum verbi casuale.”

<sup>b</sup> The correction, καὶ προσηγοριῶν, is required because the Stoics had restricted ὄνομα to proper nouns and had made a separate part of speech called προσηγορία to cover common nouns and noun adjectives (Diogenes Laertius, vii, 57-58

called reciprocals by the dialecticians <sup>a</sup> on the ground that they have the force of nouns, that is of appellatives,<sup>b</sup> as for example the reflecting instead of reflective and the abstaining instead of abstinent man.<sup>c</sup>

7. The prepositions, for their part, can be likened to capitals and pedestals and bases as being not speech but rather appurtenances of speech. Consider too that they resemble bits and pieces of words <sup>d</sup> like the fragmentary letters and dashes used by those who write in haste. For "incoming" and "outgoing" are plainly contractions of "coming within" and "going without," "foregoing" of "going before," and "undersetting" of "setting underneath," just as it is, of course, by quickening and abridging the expression that for "pelting with" (*S. V. F.* ii, frag. 147 and iii, p. 213, 27-31), which the grammarians, however, continued to call *ὀνόματα* or treated as a sub-class of *ὄνομα* (Dionysius Thrax, *Ars Grammatica*, p. 23, 2-3 and pp. 33, 6-34, 2 [Uhlig] with *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, pp. 214, 17-215, 3 and p. 356, 7-23 and pp. 517, 33-518, 16 [Hilgard]).

<sup>c</sup> The Stoics, for whom the sage alone is *φρόνιμος* and *σώφρων* and alone *φρονεῖ* and *σωφρονεῖ*, could hold that *ὁ φρονῶν* must always be *ὁ φρόνιμος* and *ὁ σωφρονῶν ὁ σώφρων* and even that *ὁ φρόνιμος* is always *ὁ φρονῶν*, since the sage's exercise of virtue is continual and unremitting (*S. V. F.* i, frags. 216 [p. 52, 25-33] and 569; iii, p. 149, 16-18). Nevertheless, they did distinguish between *ὁ φρόνιμος* and *ὁ φρονῶν* (*S. V. F.* iii, p. 64, 3-5; cf. iii, frag. 244); and the same distinction between the appellative and the participle is implied by Chrysippus in *S. V. F.* iii, frag. 243 (*De Stoic. Repug.* 1046 F—1047 A *infra*).

<sup>d</sup> *ὀνομάτων* here must have been meant in this general sense, since Plutarch proceeds to represent the prepositions in composition as fragments of adverbs and not of what he calls nouns. Varro also appears to have taken the prepositions, which he called "praeverbia," to be adverbs (frag. 267, 4-7 [Funaioli, *Grammaticae Romanae Fragmenta* i, p. 286]).

## PLUTARCH'S MORALIA

(1011) "λιθοβολεῖν" καὶ "τοιχωρυχεῖν"<sup>1</sup> ἐπιταχύνοντες καὶ σφίγγοντες τὴν φράσιν λέγουσι.

8. Διὸ χρεῖαν μὲν τινα τῷ λόγῳ παρέχεται τούτων ἕκαστον, μέρος δὲ λόγου καὶ στοιχεῖον οὐδέν ἐστι, πλὴν ὥσπερ εἴρηται τὸ ῥῆμα καὶ τοῦνομα, ποιοῦντα τὴν πρώτην τό τ' ἀληθές καὶ τὸ ψεῦδος δεχομένην σύνθεσιν, ἣν οἱ μὲν πρότασιν οἱ δ' ἀξίωμα Πλάτων δὲ λόγον προσηγόρευκεν.

<sup>1</sup> τυχωρυχεῖν -X ; τοιχορυχεῖν -ε.

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<sup>a</sup> Cf. Ammonius, *De Interpretatione*, p. 12, 27-30 and for the στοιχεῖον added by Plutarch in explanation of μέρος *ibid.*, p. 64, 26-27 and *S.V.F.* ii, frag. 148 (p. 45, 9-11) with *Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 356, 1-4 and pp. 514, 35-515, 12 (Hilgard).

<sup>b</sup> See 1009 *c supra*. Of the six "parts of speech" besides noun and verb which had there been listed as present in



stones ” and “ breaking into houses ” men say “ stoning ” and “ housebreaking. ”

8. Consequently, while each of these renders some service to speech, none is a part of speech, that is a constituent element of it,<sup>a</sup> except, as has been said,<sup>b</sup> the verb and the noun, for these produce the first combination admitting of truth and falsity, that combination which has been styled pronouncement by some and proposition by others but by Plato speech.

*Iliad* i, 185 Plutarch has accounted for all except the adverb (ἐπίρρημα). With his neglect of this cf. what is said of the Stoics, τὰ ἐπιρρήματα οὔτε λόγου οὔτε ἀριθμοῦ ἤξιωσαν, παραφυσάδι καὶ ἐπιφυλλίδι αὐτὰ παρεικάσαντες (*Scholia in Dionysii Thracis Artem Grammaticam*, p. 356, 15-16 and p. 520, 16-18 [Hilgard]), for whose treatment of the adverb cf. M. Pohlenz, *Kleine Schriften* i (Hildesheim, 1965), p. 55.



ON THE GENERATION OF  
THE SOUL IN THE  
TIMAEUS

(DE ANIMAE PROCREATIONE  
IN TIMAEO)



## INTRODUCTION

THIS essay, Plutarch says at the very beginning, was written because the two sons to whom he addresses it thought that he ought to bring together in a separate treatise what he had frequently said and had here and there written of the way he understood Plato's doctrine of the soul, since this interpretation of his was not easy to manage otherwise and was in need of vindication.

The two sons addressed, who were themselves not the oldest of Plutarch's children (*cf. Consolatio ad Uxorem* 608 c and 609 d), could not have been much less than twenty years old when they made this suggestion, for it is assumed that they are familiar both with their father's earlier writings and also with most of the extensive literature about the disputed passage of the *Timaeus* (*cf. 1012 d* and 1027 a [chap. 29 *init.*] *infra*). Plutarch, therefore, could not have been much less than forty-five years old and probably was a good deal older when he wrote the essay. In it he refers (1013 e *infra*) to an earlier treatise of his on the cosmogony as Plato meant it; and what in *Plat. Quaest.* IV is together with II the essence of the interpretation developed in the present essay he there had already called τὸ πολλάκις ὑφ' ἡμῶν λεγόμενον (1003 a). Aspects of it or parallels to certain aspects of it appear in the *Quaest. Conviv.*, the *De E*, and the

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*De Iside*; but there is no conclusive evidence to prove that any of these is earlier or later than the present essay.<sup>a</sup>

The essay is in form a commentary on *Timaeus* 35 A 1—36 B 5 and falls into two parts, each of which is begun by way of preface with the quotation of that section of the Platonic passage with which it deals, the first (chaps. 1-28 [1012 B—1027 A]) with the quotation of *Timaeus* 35 A 1—B 4 and the second (chaps. 29-33 [1027 A—1030 C])<sup>b</sup> with that of *Timaeus* 35 B 4—36 B 5.

This second part is expressly divided into three sections, in each of which one specific question is discussed and answered (1027 C-D): first, what the whole numbers are that Plato adopts in the double and triple intervals and that will permit the insertion of the means described by him (1027 D-F and 1017 C—1022 C [chaps. 30 and 11-19]); second, whether these numbers are to be arranged in a single row or in the figure of a lambda (1022 C-E and 1027 F—1028 A [chaps. 20 and 30 b]); and, third, what is their function or for what effect are they employed in the composition of the soul (1028 A—1030 C

<sup>a</sup> In 1029 D here Plutarch asserts what in *Quaest. Conviv.* 745 C-F he denies in his own person but then has Ammonius assert. It would be equally easy to make out a specious but inconclusive case for the priority of either passage to the other.

<sup>b</sup> The traditional numbers of the chapters and the pagination of Stephanus are retained, though they are confusing because they antedate the discovery and correction of the displacement in the MSS. The order in the text as rearranged is: chaps. 1-10 (1012 A—1017 C), chaps. 21-30 (1022 E—1027 F), chaps. 11-20 (1017 C—1022 E), chaps. 30 b-33 (1027 F—1030 C).

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[chaps. 31-33]). All this by Plutarch's own admission (1027 A [chap. 29 *init.*] and 1022 C [chap. 20 *init.*]) contains little that is original; and it is of interest chiefly for the information that it provides about earlier treatments of *Timaeus* 35 B 4—36 B 5 and about the arithmological, musicological, and astronomical speculations related to them. With regard to the third question Plutarch rejects all the astronomical interpretations that he reports in chaps. 31-32 and says that the ratios and numbers in this passage of the *Timaeus* are meant to signify the harmony and concord of the soul itself (chap. 33 [1029 D-E and 1030 B-C]). As to the second question, which receives the briefest treatment, he accepts Crantor's arrangement because he thinks it almost explicitly prescribed by the order of the numbers in Plato's text. The treatment of the first question is the longest, and in the course of it Plutarch reveals some of his characteristic weaknesses. He is aware of the correct contention that Plato is concerned not with any particular integers but with the ratios that alone are specified; and yet he rejects it, "even if it be true," not only because it makes the matter harder to understand but also because it would prevent him from indulging himself in the arithmological speculations about the "remarkable numbers" to which he devotes several chapters (1027 D-F and 1017 C—1019 B [chaps. 30 and 11-14]). Then as the base for the intervals into which the means are inserted he chooses 192 instead of 384 because "the 'leimma' will have its ratio expressed in the numbers that Plato has given, 256 to 243, if 192 is made the first number," thus arguing with misplaced literalness as if it were the very numbers and not just the ratio

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that Plato intended and at the same time showing that he could not have worked out the problem, since 192 will not serve the purpose of clearing the fractions after the first fourth (1020 c-d [chap. 16 *sub finem*] and 1022 A [chap. 18 *sub finem*]).

The originality of the first part of the essay is emphasized by Plutarch himself. At the very beginning he says that the interpretation here advocated requires vindication because it is opposed to that of most Platonists (1012 B), and after criticizing the interpretations of *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4 by Xenocrates and Crantor he repeats in beginning his own that he must vindicate what is unusual and paradoxical about it (1014 A). In the first place, he insists that contrary to what the Platonists contend Plato must have meant the generation of the universe and its soul to be understood literally as a beginning, for otherwise soul could not be senior to body and so there would be nothing to Plato's argument against the atheists in the *Laws* (chap. 4, *cf.* chap. 3 *init.*). Plutarch holds, therefore, that according to Plato god did literally bring into being the soul and the body of the universe, though not from nothing, which is impossible, but from precosmic principles that had always existed, an amorphous and chaotic corporeality and a self-moved and irrational motivity that kept the former in disorderly turmoil (chap. 5). This irrational psychic principle Plutarch identifies with the "infinite" of the *Philebus*, the "congenital desire" and "inbred character" of the *Politicus*, the "necessity" and even (1024 c) the precosmic *γένεσις* of *Timaeus* 52 D and says is openly called in the *Laws* "disorderly and maleficent soul" (1014 D—1015 A [chap. 6]). It is, moreover, this, he maintains,



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that is the principle of evil whereby Plato avoided the absurdity into which the Stoics later fell, for the evil in the universe must have a cause and this cause cannot be god, who is entirely good, or matter, which is inert and without quality, but must be soul, which is the cause and principle of motion (1015 A-E [chaps. 6-7]); and this irrational soul, "soul in itself," it is that in the *Phaedrus* is proved to be indestructible because not subject to generation and not subject to generation because self-moved, the precosmic principle from which god by introducing into it intelligence and reason created the soul of the universe (chaps. 8-9), as he created its body out of precosmic matter by removing from this the cause of its turbulence and introducing into it form and symmetry (*cf.* 1015 E and 1016 D—1017 A).

The "creation" in the *Timaeus* had already been taken literally by Aristotle and others but so far as is known not by anyone regarded as a Platonist,<sup>a</sup> and no one at all is known to have anticipated Plutarch in interpreting it with a theory of the cosmic soul such as his.<sup>b</sup> This theory of his, despite all narrow literalism<sup>c</sup> and despite his protest against interpret-

<sup>a</sup> See note *a* on 1013 E (chap. 4 *init.*) *infra*.

<sup>b</sup> Plutarch's claim to the originality of his interpretation was accepted by Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, pp. 55-56), and Helmer argued that there is no reason to doubt it (*De An. Proc.*, pp. 69-70), though Plutarch's "general lack of originality" made R. M. Jones doubt that he could have been the author of the theory (*Platonism of Plutarch*, p. 80).

<sup>c</sup> Such as the assumption that *ιδέα* in the Posidonian interpretation must mean "idea" (see 1023 B-C [chap. 22] with note *c* on 1023 B) and the crucial assumption that *πρεσβυτέρα* used of soul must mean senior in the sense of earlier in origin (see 1013 E-F [chap. 4] and 1016 A-B [chap. 8]), concerning which *cf.* Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of*

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ing Plato for the promotion of one's own doctrines (1013 B), was not the consequence of his literal interpretation of the *Timaeus* but was the formulation of his own theology and theodicy, which, to be plausibly represented as in his words "something that agrees with Plato," required the "creation" in the *Timaeus* to be taken literally. This is indicated by the very reasons that he here gives for adopting this interpretation (1013 E-F and 1015 A-E)<sup>a</sup> and even more clearly by his way of manipulating Platonic texts to support it. Not only is there nothing in those texts to justify him in identifying with soul, as he does here, the "infinitude" of the *Philebus* or the "necessity" or γένεσις of the *Timaeus*, but these identifications are incompatible even with what he says in other passages himself.<sup>b</sup> When he identifies

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Plato . . ., pp. 424-426 and note 365 on pp. 429-431 and E. de Strycker in *Aristotle and Plato in the Mid-Fourth Century*, ed. I. Düring and G. E. L. Owen (Göteborg, 1960), pp. 90-91. F. Romano is mistaken, however, in supposing that Plutarch's interpretation was simply the consequence of his "cieco e pedissequo ossequio al verbo di Platone," which made him incapable of distinguishing *logos* from *mythos* (*Sophia*, xxxiii [1965], p. 119 *sub finem*).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Zeller, *Phil. Griech.* III, 2, p. 191; Andresen, *Logos und Nomos*, pp. 281, 284, and 290; H. Dörrie, *Philomathes: Studies . . . in Memory of Philip Merlan* (The Hague, 1971), p. 46; and especially Babut, *Plutarque et le Stoïcisme*, p. 287, who considers this essay to be primarily a polemic against Stoic monism and a continuation of Plutarch's anti-Stoic works (*op. cit.*, pp. 139-142).

<sup>b</sup> For the ἀπειρία of the *Philebus* see page 185, note *d* (chap. 6); for the γένεσις of *Timaeus* 52 D see notes *c* and *d* on 1024 C (chap. 24) and the comparison with *De Facie* 926 F in note *a* on 1016 F (chap. 9); and for the ἀνάγκη of the *Timaeus* see note *c* on 1014 E (chap. 6) with Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 446-450. As to the

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with irrational soul the "congenital desire" and "inbred character" in the myth of the *Politicus*, adapting for this a quotation of *Politicus* 273 B 4-6, he suppresses Plato's phrase, τὸ σωματοειδὲς τῆς συγκράσεως, which would have embarrassed his interpretation<sup>a</sup>; when he insists that in the proof of *Phaedrus* 245 c 5—246 A 2 the soul that is not subject to generation is meant to be only "the soul that before the generation of the universe keeps all things in disorderly motion" (1016 A, 1016 C, 1017 A-B [chaps. 8-9]), he ignores both the words ψυχὴ πᾶσα with which that proof begins (*Phaedrus* 245 c 5) and of which the conclusion is certainly meant to hold and the express statement that it is impossible for the self-moving mover that sustains the universe, i.e. the cosmic soul, either to perish or to come to be

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last, were ἀνάγκη, as Plutarch here maintains, the precosmic irrational soul from which by mixture with νοῦς the soul of the cosmos was created, his interpretation would be open to the objection that he opposes to Crantor's (1013 B-C, 1023 A), for what he calls the psychogony would not be distinguishable from the cosmogony, since Plato says μεμειγμένη γὰρ οὖν ἡ τοῦδε τοῦ κόσμου γένεσις ἐξ ἀνάγκης τε καὶ νοῦ συστάσεως ἐγεννήθη (*Timaeus* 47 E 5—48 A 2).

<sup>a</sup> See note *f* on 1015 A (chap. 6). In this passage he also substitutes ἀνάγκη for the εἰμαρμένη of the *Politicus* (see note *e* on 1015 A); cf. his substitution of σφαῖρα for Plato's φορὰ σφ. κύκλος (see note *f* on 1029 c [chap. 32]) and his insertion of ὄλη into quasi-quotations of the *Timaeus* (see the end of note *c*, page 173 [chap. 3]). Sometimes by omitting words or curtailing the original he alters the meaning of a passage (see note *c* on *Plat. Quaest.* 1004 E *supra*), thereby eliminating what would otherwise impugn his interpretation (see note *d* on 1016 F [chap. 9] and notes *f*, *b*, and *c* on 1023 E-F [chap. 23]); and sometimes he inserts into an apparent quotation what is in fact an erroneous inference of his own (see note *b* on *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 F *supra*).

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(*Phaedrus* 245 D 7-E 2); and, when he asserts that by all these Plato meant what in the *Laws* he called disorderly and maleficent soul and that this is "soul in itself," which became the soul of the universe (1014 D-E [chap. 6] and 1015 E [chap. 7]), he disregards the fact that the evil kind or aspect of soul there posited is never said to be precosmic or antecedent to beneficent soul or that out of which a single cosmic soul was created but to the contrary is represented as being coeval with the good souls, the movers of the celestial bodies and the universe, and distinct from them.<sup>a</sup>

All this is far from literal interpretation of Plato's words; and so is the identification of the "divisible being" in the psychogony of the *Timaeus* with the irrational and maleficent soul elicited from the *Laws* (1014 D-E [chap. 6] and 1015 E [chap. 7]). Neither in the psychogony nor elsewhere in the *Timaeus* is there any mention of such an irrational soul or of any irrational element in the cosmic soul<sup>b</sup>; and

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Laws* 896 D 10-E 6, 898 C 6-899 B 9, 904 A 6-C 4 and E 5-7, 906 A 2-7; see Cherniss, *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*, xcvi (1954), p. 26, n. 29. In *De Iside* 370 F Plutarch himself implies that what he takes to be the maleficent soul of the *Laws* is not antecedent to the beneficent soul but that the two are coeval and distinct, for he says that according to Plato there (*i.e.* *Laws* 896 D 10-E 6) *the universe is moved* by at least two souls, one beneficent and the other adverse to this.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, p. 446 with notes 386 and 387 and *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*, xcvi (1954), p. 26 with notes 26-28. The soul that in *Timaeus* 44 A 7-B 1 is said to become *ávous* is only the human soul when disturbed in consequence of its embodiment (*cf.* 86 B 2-87 A 7); even in that soul there is no irrationality in the "immortal part" produced by the

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Plutarch's assertion that this is what Plato meant by *οὐσίας . . . τῆς αὐτῆς περὶ τὰ σώματα γιγνομένης μεριστῆς* (*Timaeus* 35 A 2-3) is made without any supporting argument<sup>a</sup> and apparently in reliance upon the mere assumption that in the *Laws* the proper name is used for that to which Plato elsewhere must have been referring covertly in enigmatic and metaphorical terms,<sup>b</sup> a principle so pliable that in the very passage where it is enunciated this maleficent soul of the *Laws* is identified not, as it is in this essay, with the "divisible being" but with the "difference," the *θάτερον*, of the psychogony.<sup>c</sup>

Identifying the "divisible being" of the psychogony with precosmic irrational soul from which god by introducing into it intelligence and reason created the soul of the universe ought to imply moreover that the "indivisible being" there is *νοῦς*; and Plutarch does explicitly make this identification also,<sup>d</sup>

demiurge, the circles of sameness and difference, when not so disturbed (44 B 1-7), while the "mortal and passible part" of it (*i.e.* the *θυμοειδές* and *ἐπιθυμία*), which Plutarch derives from the "divisible being," is in the *Timaeus* a confection of the "created gods" and is unrelated to the ingredients or the result of the psychogony (see note *c* on 1026 D [chap. 27 *sub finem*]).

<sup>a</sup> The later attempts to account for the term *μεριστή* (1024 A [chap. 23] and 1024 C [chap. 24]) are not arguments in support of this identification and would not be cogent if they were intended to be so.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. 1014 D (. . . ἐν δὲ τοῖς Νόμοις ἄντικρυς . . . εἴρηκε . . .) with *De Iside* 370 E-F (πολλαχού μὲν οἶον . . . παρακαλυπτόμενος . . . ἐν δὲ τοῖς Νόμοις . . . οὐ δι' αἰνιγμάτων οὐδὲ συμβολικῶς ἀλλὰ κυρίως ὀνόμασιν . . .).

<sup>c</sup> *De Iside* 370 E-F; see page 251, note *c* on 1025 F *infra*.

<sup>d</sup> See *infra* 1014 D-E (ἐν δὲ Τιμαίῳ τὴν τῇ ἀμερίστῳ συγκεραννυμένην . . . αὕτη . . . νοῦ . . . μετέσχεν, ἵνα κόσμου ψυχὴ

although in the *Timaeus* not only is there no mention of precosmic *νοῦς* as an ingredient in the constitution of soul but in a passage from which Plutarch conveniently omits *νοῦς*<sup>a</sup> the latter is said to arise in the soul after its constitution and organization and as a result of its contact with the ideas. Plutarch's one attempt to justify his identification is an explication of the sense in which the terms ἀμερές καὶ ἀμέριστον are used; but in this sense even according to him they characterize the incorporeal and intelligible as such, and so they are in fact more appropriately used of the being of the ideas and can be supposed to refer to *νοῦς* only because he takes *νοῦς* to be a *νοητόν*.<sup>b</sup> Since for him it is god, however, the *νοητόν par excellence*<sup>c</sup> and the only true being,<sup>d</sup> that is *νοῦς*,<sup>e</sup> although in arguing against the Posidonians he contends that god's relation to soul is that of artificer to finished product (1023 c *infra*), he nevertheless asserts that the *νοῦς* introduced by

γένηται), 1016 c with note c, 1024 A (page 229, note d), 1024 c-d (ὁ δὲ νοῦς . . . ἐγγενόμενος δὲ τῇ ψυχῇ . . . ἡ κοινωνία γέγονεν αὐτῶν, τῷ ἀμερίστῳ τὸ μεριστόν . . .) with note c there for an additional misrepresentation of the Platonic text.

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 37 c 1-3; see *infra* 1023 F with note c there.

<sup>b</sup> See *infra* page 214, note a and the references there to *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 c-d and 1002 E.

<sup>c</sup> See *infra* 1016 B with note d and the reference there to *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 B; and *cf. De Iside* 372 A, where Osiris is the οὐσία νοητή of which the sun is the visible light.

<sup>d</sup> *Cf. De E* 392 A (. . . μόνην μόνῳ προσήκουσαν τὴν τοῦ εἶναι προσαγόρευσιν . . .) and 393 A-B.

<sup>e</sup> *Cf. De Iside* 371 A (in the soul of the universe Osiris is *νοῦς καὶ λόγος*), 373 B (Osiris is *λόγος αὐτὸς καθ' ἑαυτὸν ἀμύγης καὶ ἀπαθής*), and 376 C (ὁ τοῦ θεοῦ νοῦς καὶ λόγος ἐν τῷ ἀοράτῳ καὶ ἀφανεῖ βεβηκῶς εἰς γένεσιν ὑπὸ κινήσεως προῆλθεν).

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god into the irrational soul is itself a part of god<sup>a</sup>; and so he implicitly makes the "indivisible being" of the *Timaeus* substantially identical with the demiurge, which is itself to renounce the literal interpretation of Plato's text. Moreover, in 1024 c-D (chap. 24), where of the three, *ὄν* and *χώρα* and *γένεσις*, said in *Timaeus* 52 D 2-4 to have been before heaven came to be, Plutarch identifies the last with the irrational soul, the second with matter, and the first with the intelligible, the real existence that always remains fixed and of which semblances are dispersed in this world, he introduces without explanation or reference to the text that he has quoted a *νοῦς* which was "abiding and immobile all by itself" before it got into the soul; and this *νοῦς* he explicitly identifies with the "indivisible being" of the psychogony. This must be the *νοῦς* that is substantially identical with god,<sup>b</sup> added as a fourth to the precosmic three of *Timaeus* 52 D 2-4, for it cannot be identical with the *ὄν*, which Plutarch himself here clearly—and correctly (*cf.* *Timaeus* 52 A 1-4 and c 5-D 1 with 48 E 5-6)—treats as the being of the ideas, the stable and real existence with which, as he says, the circular motion of the soul made rational is most closely in contact; but this is to make Plato omit from the three that he lists as precosmic the "indivisible being" which he clearly treats as such in the psychogony and which must be the *ὄν* among the three that he here lists, not a fourth such as that gratuitously introduced by Plutarch.

<sup>a</sup> See *infra* 1016 c with note *d* and *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 c referred to there.

<sup>b</sup> See 1016 c, *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 c, and the passages of the *De Iside*, which are cited in the last two preceding notes.

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That the "indivisible being" of the psychogony is the being of the ideas and the "divisible being" the dispersed being of phenomena, not *νοῦς* and the irrational soul, as Plutarch insists, and not ingredients of soul but external to soul, which after it has been constituted judges them by coming into contact now with the one and again with the other, this is clear from another passage of the *Timaeus*, which is partially paraphrased and partially quoted by Plutarch himself but for his own purpose and in a mutilated form that obscures its significance.<sup>a</sup> At the beginning of this passage which he omits (*Timaeus* 37 A 2-4) it is emphasized that the ingredients of soul were three. This was twice said in the passage of the psychogony (*Timaeus* 35 A 6-7 and B 1) quoted by him at the beginning of his essay (1012 B-C *infra*), where it was explained that of these three ingredients one is a "third kind of being" blended by the demiurge between the "indivisible being" and the "divisible being" and the other two are a sameness and a difference also constructed between the indivisible and the divisible sameness and difference. This intermediacy of the ingredients sameness and difference eluded Plutarch altogether,

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 37 A 2-C 5, where in 37 A 5-B 3 the soul of the universe is said now to touch something that has *οὐσία σκεδαστή*, *i.e.* *μεριστή* (*cf.* Plotinus, *Enn.* iv, ii, 1, line 12 and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 298, 24-25 [Diehl]), which is one of *τὰ γινόμενα*, *i.e.* the perceptible of 37 B 6, and now something that has *οὐσία ἀμέριστος*, which is one of *τὰ κατὰ ταῦτὰ ἔχοντα αἰεί*, *i.e.* the rational of 37 C 1 (*cf.* Proclus, *ibid.*, p. 300, 5-10 and 17-19 [Diehl] and Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 407-408); for Plutarch's paraphrase of 37 A 5-B 3 and quotation of 37 B 3-C 5 see *infra* pages 225, note *f* and 227, notes *b* and *c*.



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as it has eluded many modern interpreters; and that of the "third kind of being" he misinterpreted by neglecting the statement that this is only one ingredient of soul and by taking it to be the literal mixture of "indivisible" and "divisible being"<sup>a</sup> identified with *νοῦς* and the irrational soul, with the result that in fact he made the soul of the universe a mixture of these two ingredients alone<sup>b</sup> or again a

<sup>a</sup> The "blending" (*συνκεράσατο* [*Timaeus* 35 A 3]) of the "third kind of being" like the construction of the intermediate sameness and difference (*κατὰ ταυτὰ συνέστησεν* [35 A 5]) is a figurative expression for the construction of a mean between two extremes (*cf.* Porphyry in Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 162, 31-163, 1 [Diehl] and Proclus, *ibid.*, ii, pp. 149, 14-150, 24 and p. 156, 16-24 [Diehl]; Themistius, *De Anima*, p. 11, 1-4; Simplicius, *De Anima*, p. 259, 11-29; [Philoponus], *De Anima* iii [*i.e.* Stephanus], p. 504, 8-12). The figure is used by Plutarch himself when he says that means involve *τὴν τῶν ἄκρων . . . πρὸς ἄλληλα διὰ τοῦ λόγου σύγκρασιν* (*Plat. Quaest.* 1009 A-B); and yet, when he uses as a "likeness of the proportion" in the psychogony the insertion of two means between extremes in *Timaeus* 31 B 4-32 C 4, he makes of the mathematical procedure in that passage a physical "fusion" and employs in his résumé of it the words *ἐκέρασεν* and *συνέμιξε*, which Plato there does not use in any form (see *infra* 1025 A-B [chap. 25] with note *f* there).

<sup>b</sup> See 1014 E (chap. 6): *αὕτη γὰρ ἦν ψυχὴ καθ' ἑαυτήν, νοῦ δὲ . . . μετέσχευεν, ἵνα κόσμου ψυχὴ γένηται* and 1024 A (chap. 23): *. . . κόσμου ψυχὴν συνίστησιν ἐξ ὑποκειμένων τῆς τε κρείττους οὐσίας καὶ ἀμερίστου καὶ τῆς χείρονος, ἣν περὶ τὰ σώματα μεριστὴν κέκληκεν. . .* A striking modern parallel is provided by P. Friedländer (*Plato* iii [Princeton University Press, 1969], p. 366), who without reference to Plutarch and despite his bibliography (pp. 543-544) in obvious ignorance of the correct construction of *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4 says: "The ingredients . . . are, first, the being that is indivisible . . . and second, the being that is divisible. . . . That would be enough, but in order to emphasize the difficulty of the mixture . . . he

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blend of four ingredients when to account for the obvious presence of sameness and difference in the psychogony he took these to be two extremes with the "indivisible being" and the "divisible" as two intermediates between them.<sup>a</sup> Plato's emphatic warning that the ingredients of soul are three he simply disregarded.

Similar treatment of Plato's text and similar internal contradictions characterize Plutarch's literal interpretation of the generation of the physical universe. A single example will suffice. Timaeus begins his account of the creation by saying in a passage on which Plutarch lays much stress that god took over all that was visible<sup>b</sup> but later says that he constructed the world visible and tangible.<sup>c</sup> Instead of explaining how these two statements can both be

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adds as a third component the mixture of the previous two— or, as it may be put differently (35 A 3-4), the mixture of 'the same' and 'the different.'"

<sup>a</sup> See 1025 B (chap. 25, where the proportion of four terms in *Timaeus* 32 B 3-7 is expressly cited as parallel to this) and note *b* there with references. It is the "divisible being" itself that Plutarch elsewhere calls intermediate, transferring to it, which identified with irrational soul or "soul in itself" he makes an ingredient of "created soul," the intermediacy of the three ingredients in the psychogony (see 1015 B [chap. 6] with note *c*, 1024 B [chap. 23] with note *d*, and 1024 C [chap. 24] with note *d*), two of which, sameness and difference, his interpretation fits so ill that in trying to explain them he flagrantly contradicts himself (see 1024 D [chap. 24] with note *f*, 1025 A [chap. 24] with note *b*, and 1027 A [chap. 28] with note *a*).

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 30 A 3-4 (πᾶν ὅσον ἦν ὄρατόν παραλαβὼν . . .); see *infra* 1016 D with note *g*.

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 32 B 7-8 (. . . συνεστήσατο οὐρανὸν ὄρατόν καὶ ἀπτόν); cf. 36 E 5-6.

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taken literally<sup>a</sup> Plutarch simply omits "visible and tangible" from his quotation of the latter passage,<sup>b</sup> for he maintains that god did not create the tangibility of the matter out of which he formed the physical universe but that this was perceptible and corporeal<sup>c</sup>; and yet elsewhere he insists that Platonic "matter" is entirely without quality and becomes tangible and visible by participating in the intelligible and simulating it.<sup>d</sup>

So Plutarch's interpretation upon closer inspection proves to be far from "literal." His motive was not strict fidelity to Plato's words but concern to enlist Plato's authority for the proposition that the universe was brought into being by god; and, since he says himself why he thought it necessary to insist upon such a beginning of the universe, the course of his reasoning can be plausibly explicated in the following manner. Soul as such must have existed without beginning, for, as Plato says himself, soul is self-moving motion, which itself is not subject to generation or destruction. This soul cannot be the soul of the universe, however, for, if it were, it would without beginning have always been producing in body the motions of the corporeal universe just as they are now organized by the soul of the universe<sup>e</sup>; and this

<sup>a</sup> For the bearing of the contradiction on the question whether the creation was meant to be taken literally cf. L. Tarán in *Essays in Ancient Greek Philosophy* edited by J. P. Anton with G. L. Kustas (Albany, State Univ. of New York Press, 1971), pp. 382-384 with notes 98-104.

<sup>b</sup> See *infra* 1016 f with note d.

<sup>c</sup> See *infra* pages 183, note d; 185, note c; 229, note i.

<sup>d</sup> See *infra* 1014 f with note e and 1013 c with note d.

<sup>e</sup> See *infra* 1030 c (chap. 33 *sub finem*), and *Plat. Quaest.*

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corporeal universe, if it had been so organized always and without beginning, would be coeval with soul, in which case there would be neither cogent evidence for the existence of god (see *infra* 1013 E-F) nor any need of his existence.<sup>a</sup> Therefore the existence of god requires that the soul of the universe have had a beginning antecedent to that of the corporeal universe organized by it. This beginning, however, could not have been a coming to be from what was not soul, since as soul it is without beginning, and so could have been only a change in preexisting soul such as would account for the regular motions of an ordered corporeal universe, *i.e.* a change in self-motion from the disorderly or demented to the orderly and rational, which must have been caused by the introduction of *νοῦς* into the soul already existing. Therefore Plato, despite what he seems to say in the *Timaeus*, must have meant not that the demiurge created the substance of soul but that he compounded the soul of the universe by blending *νοῦς* with irrational soul, the vestigial irrationality of which is the cause of the evil in the universe as the rationality imposed upon it by god is the cause of the good<sup>b</sup>; and consequently the essential ingredients in the psychogony must be these two, both

<sup>a</sup> According to Atticus, who adopted Plutarch's interpretation (see note *a* on 1013 E *infra*), Plato, reasoning that what has not come to be needs no creator or guardian for its well-being, *ἵνα μὴ ἀποστερήσῃ τὸν κόσμον τῆς προνοίας ἀφείλε τὸ ἀγένητον αὐτοῦ* (Atticus, frag. iv [Baudry] = Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xv, 6, 2 [ii, p. 359, 14-18, Mras]); and Plutarch is said to have called the divine cause *πρόνοια* (Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 415, 18-20 [Diehl]; see *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 c with note *h* there).

<sup>b</sup> See *infra* 1026 D-E (chap. 27) and 1027 A (chap. 28).

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preexisting and without beginning, *νοῦς* and the self-motion that is soul in itself.

This interpretation has won for Plutarch the praise of some modern scholars for acuteness and ingenuity and even for "fathoming the thought of Plato better than did Plato's immediate disciples." <sup>a</sup> In fact, it is instructive chiefly because it shows how Plutarch could manipulate for his own purpose philosophical texts still available for comparison with his treatment of them and what arbitrariness and contradictions are involved in an attempt to prove Platonic the dogma of "creation" as an historical beginning.

A Latin translation of the essay made by Turnebus was published in 1552.<sup>b</sup> The first edition of the Greek text restored to its original order was published in 1848 by A. D. Maurommates <sup>c</sup>; and in 1873 B. Müller, who in 1870 had independently

<sup>a</sup> So Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde*, p. 95. Helmer (*De An. Proc.*, p. 66) says that Plutarch's "Scharfsinn" can seldom be refused recognition. R. Del Re tries to defend Plutarch's interpretation even in the crucial and embarrassing matter of the "divisible being" (*Studi Italiani di Filologia Classica*, N.S. xxiv [1949], pp. 51-64 [*n.b.* pp. 56-57]); and J. B. Skemp, while taking the "'analytic' view of the *Timaeus* . . . as at any rate the more probable," nevertheless treats Plutarch's interpretation very seriously (*The Theory of Motion in Plato's Later Dialogues*, Enlarged Edition [Amsterdam, 1967], pp. x, xiv, 26-27, 59, 76, 111-112, and 149).

<sup>b</sup> *Plutarchi Chaeronei De Procreatione Animi in Timaeo Platonis Adriano Turnebo interprete*. Parisiis, Ex officina Adriani Turnebi Typographi Regis. M.D. LII.

<sup>c</sup> Πλουτάρχου περι τῆς ἐν Τιμαίῳ ψυχογονίας, ἐκδόντος καὶ εἰς τὴν ἀρχαίαν συνέχειαν ἀποκαταστήσαντος Ἀνδρέου Δ. Μαυρομάτου Κορκυραίου, Ἐν Ἀθήναις, 1848. The text, based chiefly on that of Dübner, is preceded by an essay on the restoration of the proper order and followed by ten pages of notes.

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discovered this order, published another edition of it.<sup>a</sup> There are two monographs devoted entirely to the essay. One of them by Joseph Helmer is entitled *Zu Plutarchs "De animae procreatione in Timaeo"*: *Ein Beitrag zum Verständnis des Platon-Deuters Plutarch* (Würzburg, 1937 [Diss. München]). The other by Pierre Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde, le Devenir et la Matière chez Plutarque* (Paris, 1938), is a systematic study preceded by an annotated translation into French of the first part of the essay, *i.e.* chaps. 1-10 (1012 B—1017 C) and 21-28 (1022 E—1027 A). There are two earlier monographs of wider range in which the study of this essay is an important part, *Plutarchi Chaeronensis studia in Platone explicando posita* by Herbert Holtorf (Stralesundiae, 1913 [Diss. Greifswald]) and *The Platonism of Plutarch* by Roger M. Jones (Menasha, 1916 [Diss. Chicago]). Unfortunately none of these four authors was aware of the correct construction of *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 1, first pointed out in modern times apparently by G. M. A. Grube (*Class. Phil.*, xxvii [1932], pp. 80-82), the crucial passage with which Plutarch begins his exposition.

The *De Animae Procreatione in Timaeo* is No. 65 in the Catalogue of Lamprias and No. 77 in the Planudean order. The text of it here printed is based upon E B e u f m r<sup>b</sup> Escor. 72, all of which have been

<sup>a</sup> Plutarch über die Seelenschöpfung im Timaeus, von Berthold Müller, Breslau, 1873 (Gymnasium zu St. Elisabet. Bericht über das Schuljahr 1872-1873). The text is based chiefly on E, and the *apparatus* reports mainly the readings of that ms., the *Epitome*, and the Aldine.

<sup>b</sup> r is Leiden B.P.G. 59 and not Voss. 59 as it is called in Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, pp. xvi and xx; *cf. Bibliotheca Universitatis Leidensis: Codices Manuscripti—VIII:*

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collated from photostats.<sup>a</sup> In all these mss. there is the same displacement of chapters 21-30 (1022 E—1027 F) from their proper place immediately after chapter 10, a displacement discovered first by A. D. Maurommates (*Πλουτάρχου περί τῆς ἐν Τιμαίῳ ψυχογονίας* . . . [Athens, 1848], pp. ιβ'-ιε') and later independently by B. Müller (*Hermes*, iv [1870], pp. 390-403<sup>b</sup>; *cf.* v [1871], p. 154) and again still later by P. Tannery (*Rev. Études Grecques*, vii [1894], pp. 209-211). All these mss., therefore, derive from one ancestor, but their differences at the junctures resulting from the displacement show that they were not all copied from a single archetype and suggest the division of them into groups that is confirmed by their variations throughout the essay. At these junctures E and B are alike; e and u are alike and

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*Codices Bibliothecae Publicae Graeci* descripsit K. A. de Meyier adiuvante E. Hulshoff Pol (Lugduni Batavorum, 1965), p. 82. For confirmation of this fact as well as for the correct photostats I am obliged to the generosity of Dr. de Meyier.

<sup>a</sup> I report the readings of Escor. 72 because they seem to have remained unknown hitherto. From Oxoniensis Coll. Corp. Christi 99 (C.C.C. 99) I report only one correct reading, for my collation of this ms. has confirmed the statement (Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, p. xvi) that it is close to f, m, r and especially close to r, with which in fact it agrees against all others seventy-six times, though it cannot be their source, since it disagrees with all of them at least eighteen times, in five of which it lacks words that they preserve. For Marciani 184, 187, and 523, which I have not collated, *cf.* B. Müller (1873), pp. 3-4 and Hubert-Drexler, *op. cit.*, pp. xv-xvi.

<sup>b</sup> Here (p. 403, n. 1) Müller reports that the correct order had already been indicated in a marginal note made by Deodat Gröhe; but, since Gröhe published his doctoral dissertation in 1867, his note could scarcely have been made before Maurommates' publication.

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different from E, B; f, m, r are substantially alike and different from both E, B and e, u; and Escor. 72 agrees in part with e, u and in part with f, m, r (see the critical *apparatus* on 1022 E following 1017 c, chapter 21 *init.*). The text of the Aldine at one juncture is closest to that of e, u and at the other two agrees with that of m, r.

B agrees with E (or with E corrected) against all the other mss. more than eighty times, indicating lacunae where all the others show none but instead have words or letters missing from E and B (*cf.* 1015 c [ τοῦ . . . θέντος ], 1015 d [ ὡς . . . τήν ], 1024 E [ τῶν . . . ἐπικρατεῖ ]), omitting words that all the others preserve (*cf.* 1014 A [ περὶ τούτων ], 1025 B [ ἀλλὰ ], 1018 B [ ὧν ]), and preserving words omitted by all the others (*cf.* 1027 c [ καὶ τριπλασίοις ], 1018 A [ καὶ ποιοῦσαι . . . ]). B alone or in agreement with others differs from E in forty-nine places; but the negligence of the scribe of B might be held to account for many of these differences<sup>a</sup> and his own acumen for others,<sup>b</sup> although he must have been more than acute to have added the καὶ that E and all the others omit in διὰ τὸ καὶ τὰς ἀρχὰς. . . (1025 E).<sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> It is difficult to believe that negligence alone can explain εὐρύθμως for the εὐσήμεως of E (1019 A) or συνήθειαν (unrecorded in Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, p. 179) for the perfectly clear συνήχησιν of E (1021 B).

<sup>b</sup> *e.g.* for τῇ ὕλῃ καὶ ὑπ' ἐκείνης (1016 D), where E alone omits καὶ (unrecorded in Hubert-Drexler, *ibid.*, p. 153), and for Ἄρεος (1029 B), where E with all others except f, m, r has ἀέρος.

<sup>c</sup> One of the eight cases of difference added by D. A. Russell (*Class. Rev.*, N.S. v [1955], p. 161) to the "crucial instance" (p. 170, 9 f. [Hubert-Drexler] = 1018 B: ἐν ὄσαις ἡμέραις [μοίραις]) adduced in Hubert-Drexler, *ibid.*, p. xvi as proof that B is independent of E. Of Russell's seven remain-



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This and the ἦν δὴ ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸς of B in 1017 A-B, where E has τὴν δὲ αὐτὸς ὁ θεός,<sup>a</sup> look like genuine variants rather than mere "slips" or arbitrary emendations; and so does the καὶ that B alone has between τῶ ἐπογδῶ and τῶ ἐπιτρίτῳ in 1022 c (chapter 19 *sub finem*), for something is certainly missing here and the erroneous καὶ may be a misreading by B of some sign to that effect in his original. There are indications, then, that this essay in B was not copied directly from E, though it must be admitted that none of them is tantamount to definitive proof.

While e and u are frequently in agreement with f, m, r against E and B<sup>b</sup> and more frequently in agreement with E, B against f, m, r,<sup>c</sup> it is still more

ing cases two (171. 3 and 176. 20, *i.e.* [ἀφ' ἐφ' in 1018 B and ἀντί/ὄντι in 1020 A) are merely errors in the critical apparatus of Hubert-Drexler, four others (150. 13, 159. 12, 163. 10, 187. 21 [Hubert-Drexler]) are cases in which the text of B might be accounted for by the corrections in E, and the seventh (156. 8 [Hubert-Drexler]=1022 E: θήγουσα for θιγοῦσα) is an error shared by B with u<sup>1</sup>, a fact not recorded by Hubert-Drexler, as four other cases of the agreement of u with B in error against all the others have also gone unrecorded, though to many these might seem to be more significant than the "crucial instance" of 1018 B where B neglects two letter-spaces left vacant in E between ὄσαις and μοίραις.

<sup>a</sup> ἦν δὲ αὐτὸς ὁ θεός is the reading of e<sup>1</sup>. Neither this nor the reading of B is recorded in Hubert-Drexler (*ibid.*, p. 154, 26).

<sup>b</sup> Besides such cases as 1025 B and 1027 c already mentioned for the agreement of E and B against all the others see especially 1018 B (καὶ τὰ β') and 1028 A (μονονουχὶ οὖν).

<sup>c</sup> There are more than a score of cases, among which see τρίτα for ἐπίτριτα and the omission of πρὸς τὰ γ' καὶ μ' καὶ σ' in 1021 E.

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common for e and u or for e and u with Escor. 72 to be in agreement against all the others.<sup>a</sup> Nevertheless, e and u are clearly independent of each other, for they differ from each other in more than sixty places, in forty of which u is alone in error but in at least one of which it agrees with f, m, r in correctly preserving a word that is not in e or in the others (1017 F [καὶ τοῦ ἰβ']), while in several places e preserves words that are lacking in u, most notably a passage of 21 words that the latter omits (1019 F [ἐν δὲ τοῖς τριπλασίοις . . . οὕτω γίγνεται μέσος]).

While in agreement with e and u against E and B at least a dozen times and in five of these with words that are not in E or B at all,<sup>b</sup> f, m, and r are clearly independent of e and u, since in about a dozen passages all three of them agree in having words that are absent from both e and u<sup>c</sup>; but f, m, and r, although they agree against all the others in more than sixty places and in more than a score of these alone preserve the correct text, are themselves independent of one another, for besides other striking differences each of them preserves words that the other two do not have.<sup>d</sup> Of the three the

<sup>a</sup> Of the two score cases and more see 1015 D (ὡς οὐκ εὐτήν), 1017 B (see the critical apparatus on μέγα), 1023 E (λέγειν), 1027 B-C (καὶ ὑπερεχομένην . . . ὑπερέχουσιν omitted by e, u, Escor. 72).

<sup>b</sup> See 1014 A, 1018 B (twice), 1025 B, and 1028 A.

<sup>c</sup> Of these the most significant are 1027 B-C (καὶ ὑπερεχομένην . . . ὑπερέχουσιν), 1018 A (see the critical apparatus on καὶ ποιούσαι), 1020 A (καὶ τοῖς τριπλασίοις), and 1021 E (πρὸς τὰ γ' καὶ μ' καὶ σ'). In all these cases the Aldine also lacks the words preserved by f, m, r.

<sup>d</sup> Of the many cases see e.g. 1020 D and 1028 D for words in f and m that are not in r; 1025 F, 1019 D, and 1021 C for

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text of m is most nearly intact and the best by far.

Escor. 72,<sup>a</sup> though it often agrees with f, m, and r against e and u and more often with e and u against f, m, and r and in both cases frequently agrees with E and B, was not copied from any of these mss. From E and B it differs more than eighty times and in at least seven of these exhibits in agreement with e and u or with f, m, and r or with all five of them words that are absent from both E and B.<sup>b</sup> So also, while f, m, and r have words that it lacks,<sup>c</sup> it preserves words that are missing from them,<sup>d</sup> as it does others that are missing from e or from u.<sup>e</sup> Although like f, m, and r more recent than the Aldine, like them (see page 154, note *c supra*) it too preserves words that are lacking in the Aldine,<sup>f</sup> from which it

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words in m and r that are not in f; 1024 A, 1025 D, and 1019 E for words in f or r that are not in m.

<sup>a</sup> The contents of this ms. (Σ-I-12) are of different dates, the *De Animae Procreatione in Timaeo* (ff. 75<sup>r</sup>-87<sup>r</sup>) being of the 16th century according to P. A. Revilla, *Catálogo de los Códices Griegos de la Biblioteca de El Escorial I* (Madrid, 1936), p. 253 and p. 255 (No. 13).

<sup>b</sup> See 1012 B, 1014 A, 1015 D, 1024 E, 1025 B, 1018 B, 1028 A.

<sup>c</sup> There are more than a dozen such cases to testify that f, m, and r do not derive from Escor. 72; see especially 1020 A (καὶ τοῖς τριπλασίοις) and 1021 E (πρὸς τὰ γ' καὶ μ' καὶ σ').

<sup>d</sup> There are half a dozen cases of this, the most striking being 1022 B, where a whole clause is missing from f, m, r; in 1025 F it is f alone that omits eleven words, and in 1025 C f and r that omit ten.

<sup>e</sup> See 1027 D (περὶ δὲ τῆς τάξεως) and 1029 A (πέντε τετραχόρδων), and for u alone 1019 F (ἐν δὲ τοῖς τριπλασίοις...).

<sup>f</sup> See the critical apparatus on 1016 E (καὶ τῆν), 1017 B (τεκμήριόν ἐστι μέγα), and 1024 A (καὶ τῆς χείρονος).

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differs in more than thirty passages <sup>a</sup> and with which it is alone in agreement against all the other mss. only twice.<sup>b</sup> When it agrees with the Aldine against other mss., it is usually at the same time in agreement with e and u or at least with e.

The Aldine itself cannot have been taken from E or B, with both of which it disagrees more than a hundred times and with neither of which it ever agrees against all the other mss.<sup>c</sup> In at least a dozen places it exhibits words that are in other mss. but are missing from E and B <sup>d</sup>; and at 1027 B-C it agrees exactly with e, u, and Escor. 72 in a mutilated text entirely different from the text of E and B, although other passages prove that it could not have been taken from e or u either.<sup>e</sup> Nor could it have been

<sup>a</sup> See e.g. the critical *apparatus* on 1016 B (συνέρξας), 1024 E (κρίσις), 1018 A (τὰ μὲν γὰρ), 1022 A (ἀναλόγως ἦδη), 1030 C (ἐμμέλειαν).

<sup>b</sup> See the critical *apparatus* on 1017 A (ταῦτα δὴ δεῖ) and 1021 E (κατὰ τὸν βαρύτατον). In 1020 D (υπς') Escor. 72 has δ superscript over ζ', a miscorrection that might have come from the Aldine (υπδ') or from the source of f, m, r (υοδ'). There are more than half a dozen cases in which Escor. 72 has been corrected to a reading in which the Aldine and f, m, r agree.

<sup>c</sup> The nearest it comes to this is at 1029 D where for the first word in chapter 33 (σκοπεῖτε) it agrees with E, B, and r against all the others.

<sup>d</sup> See e.g. the critical *apparatus* on 1014 A (περὶ τούτων), 1015 D (ὡς οὐκ εὖ τήν), 1024 E (πλανήτων), 1025 B (ἄδεκτον οὐσαν ἀλλὰ), 1018 B (ἐπόγδοος ὦν), 1028 A (μονονουχί).

<sup>e</sup> In half a dozen passages it agrees with u alone against all the other mss. (see especially 1024 E on κρίσις: κίνησις -u, Aldine); and yet in 1019 F it preserves twenty-one words that are not in u (ἐν δὲ τοῖς τριπλασίοις . . .), while in at least two places it agrees with f, m, r in words that are not in e or u (see 1014 B on πρὸ τῆς τοῦ and 1029 C on τῇ ὑπάτῃ τόνου). In more than thirty other passages it disagrees with e and u,

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taken from C.C.C. 99, which in many passages lacks words that it preserves.<sup>a</sup>

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for which *e.g.* see the critical *apparatus* on 1023 E (λέγειν), 1025 F (χωρίς τούτων), 1018 A (τὰ μὲν γὰρ), 1018 B (διὰ τοῦτο καὶ), 1022 A (ἀναλόγως ἤδη), and 1028 B (τὸν Ἑρμοῦ).

<sup>a</sup> To mention none of the other cases, words that the Aldine preserves and r omits in the following passages are also wanting in C.C.C. 99 : 1017 A, 1017 B, 1020 D, 1022 B, 1025 C, 1026 B, 1028 D.

ΠΕΡΙ ΤΗΣ  
ΕΝ ΤΙΜΑΙΩΙ ΨΥΧΟΓΟΝΙΑΣ

Ὁ πατὴρ Αὐτοβούλω καὶ Πλουτάρχω εὖ  
πράττειν

B 1. Ἐπεὶ τὰ πολλάκις εἰρημένα καὶ γέγραμμένα σποράδην ἐν ἑτέροις ἕτερα τὴν Πλάτωνος ἐξηγουμένοις δόξαν ἦν εἶχεν ὑπὲρ ψυχῆς, ὡς ὑπενοοῦμεν ἡμεῖς, οἴεσθε δεῖν εἰς ἐν συναχθῆναι καὶ τυχεῖν ἰδίας ἀναγραφῆς τὸν λόγον τοῦτον, οὔτ' ἄλλως εὐμεταχείριστον ὄντα καὶ διὰ τὸ τοῖς πλείστοις τῶν ἀπὸ Πλάτωνος ὑπεναντιοῦσθαι δεόμενον παραμυθίας, προεκθήσομαι τὴν λέξιν ὡς ἐν Τιμαίῳ γέγραπται. “τῆς ἀμεροῦς<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀεὶ κατὰ<sup>3</sup> ταῦτ' ἐχούσης οὐσίας καὶ τῆς αὐτῆς περὶ τὰ σώματα γιγνομένης

<sup>1</sup> ἐν τῷ Τιμαίῳ -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> ἀμερίστον -*Timaeus* 35 A 1.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ κατὰ -e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>a</sup> Concerning these two sons of Plutarch's cf. K. Ziegler, *R.-E.* xxi/1 (1951), col. 649, 9-63.

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4. The passage is here translated in such a way as to make it compatible with the construction of it implied by Plutarch's subsequent interpretation. The correct construction and interpretation of Plato's text are given by G. M. A. Grube (*Class. Phil.*, xxvii [1932], pp. 80-82) and by F. M. Cornford (*Plato's Cosmology*, pp. 59-61), who might have cited in their own support not only Proclus, as they do (cf. especially *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp.

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*To Autobulus and Plutarch<sup>a</sup> from their Father  
with his Wishes for their Welfare*

1. SINCE you think that there ought to be a unified collection of the various statements that I have frequently made and have set down sporadically in various writings explaining what I supposed to be the opinion held by Plato concerning the soul and that a separate treatise ought to be devoted to this account, as it is both difficult to deal with otherwise and in need of vindication because of its opposition to most of the Platonists, I shall make my preface the passage as it is written in the *Timaeus*.<sup>b</sup> “Of the indivisible<sup>c</sup> and ever invariable being and of the

155, 20–156, 24 and p. 162, 6–14 [Diehl]), but also the clear and concise paraphrases of the passage by Hermias (*In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 123, 4–12 [Couvreur]) and by Aristides Quintilianus (*De Musica* iii, 24 = p. 126, 1–7 [Winnington-Ingram]). Proclus (*ibid.*, pp. 162, 25–163, 3) implies that Porphyry understood the passage in the same way.

<sup>c</sup> Plato wrote ἀμερίστον here (*Timaeus* 35 A 1), and Plutarch usually employs that word in referring to this passage (1012 E, 1014 D, 1022 E and F, 1025 B and E *infra*; *cf. Plat. Quaest.* 1001 D *supra*); but a few lines below (*Timaeus* 35 A 5) Plato himself used ἀμεροῦς in the same sense (*cf. Theaetetus* 205 c 2 and D 1–2 with E 2), and in 1022 E *infra* Plutarch remarks τὸ . . . μονοειδὲς ἀμερές εἶρηται καὶ ἀμερίστον.

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C μεριστῆς τρίτον ἐξ ἀμφοῖν ἐν μέσῳ συνεκεράσατο<sup>1</sup> οὐσίας εἶδος, τῆς τε ταύτου φύσεως αὐτῆς περί καὶ τῆς τοῦ ἐτέρου<sup>2</sup> καὶ κατὰ ταῦτα<sup>3</sup> συνέστησεν ἐν μέσῳ τοῦ τ' ἀμεροῦς αὐτῆν<sup>4</sup> καὶ τοῦ κατὰ τὰ σώματα μεριστοῦ. καὶ τρία λαβὼν αὐτὰ ὄντα συνεκεράσατο<sup>5</sup> εἰς μίαν πάντα ἰδέαν, τὴν θατέρου φύσιν δύσμικτον οὖσαν εἰς ταὐτὸ<sup>6</sup> συναρμόττων βία μιγνύς δὲ μετὰ τῆς οὐσίας. καὶ ἐκ τριῶν ποιησάμενος ἐν πάλιν ὅλον τοῦτο μοίρας εἰς ἅς<sup>7</sup> προσῆκε διένειμεν ἐκάστην δὲ τούτων<sup>8</sup> ἕκ τε ταύτου καὶ θατέρου καὶ τῆς οὐσίας μεμιγμένην· ἤρχετο δὲ διαιρεῖν ὧδε."

D ταῦτα πρῶτον ὅσας παρέσχηκε τοῖς ἐξηγουμένοις

<sup>1</sup> συνεκεκράσατο -u.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ ἐτέρου -E, B (cf. 1012 E *infra*: τοῦ δὲ ταύτου καὶ τοῦ ἐτέρου), *Timaeus* 35 A 4-5 (in A, P, W, Y but θατέρου in F); τοῦ θατέρου -e, u; θατέρου -f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>3</sup> ταῦτα -r, *Timaeus* 35 A 5 (in F but ταῦτα in A, P, W, Y).

<sup>4</sup> αὐτῶν -m, r, *Timaeus* 35 A 6.

<sup>5</sup> συνεκεκράσατο -u.

<sup>6</sup> ταὐτὸν -*Timaeus* 35 A 8.

<sup>7</sup> μοίρας ὅσας -*Timaeus* 35 B 2.

<sup>8</sup> Omitted in *Timaeus* 35 B 3 by A, P, W, Y.

<sup>a</sup> Plato wrote κατὰ ταῦτα . . . αὐτῶν; but instead of the former Plutarch probably read κατὰ ταῦτα, and instead of the latter he certainly read αὐτῆν and construed τοῦ τ' ἀμεροῦς . . . καὶ τοῦ . . . μεριστοῦ as a genitive of material with συνέστησεν αὐτῆν instead of as governed by ἐν μέσῳ. for in 1025 B and 1025 E—1026 A *infra* he says that between sameness and difference there was placed as a receptacle for them the mixture of the indivisible and the divisible. The change of αὐτῶν to αὐτῆν may have been occasioned by the same desire for an expressed object of συνέστησεν that led Hackforth (*Class. Rev.*, N.S. vii [1957], p. 197), while adopting Cornford's construction of the passage, to



divisible on the other hand that comes to pass in the case of bodies he blended together out of both a third kind of being in the middle, and in regard to the nature of sameness again and that of difference he also in this way compounded it <sup>a</sup> in the middle of the indivisible and what is divisible among bodies. And he took them, three as they were, and blended them all together into a single entity, <sup>b</sup> forcibly fitting into sameness the nature of difference, which is refractory to mixture, and mixing them together with being. <sup>c</sup> And, when out of three he had made one, he again distributed the whole of this into fractions <sup>d</sup> that were appropriate and each of these a blend of sameness and difference and being; and he began the division in the following way." To recount at present all the dissensions that these words have

propose *κατὰ ταῦτα* <ταὐτὸ>; but *κατὰ ταῦτὰ συνέστησεν* here needs a separately expressed object no more than does *μηνύς* five lines below (*Timaeus* 35 B 1) or *περί τε ψυχῆς φύσεως διδὼν κατὰ ταῦτά* in *Phaedrus* 277 B 8.

<sup>b</sup> For Plato's use of *ἰδέα* in this sense cf. *Theaetetus* 184 D 3, 203 E 4, 204 A 1-2, 205 C 1-2, 205 D 5; *Parmenides* 157 D 7-E 2; *Politicus* 308 C 6-7 (and with this cf. *Timaeus* 28 A 8).

<sup>c</sup> As Proclus saw (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 159, 5-14 [Diehl]), Plato meant simply "and mixing them (*i.e.* both of them) with being" (cf. *Timaeus* 37 A 2-4; and for this use of *μετά* cf. 83 B 5-6, 85 A 5, and *Laws* 961 D 9-10); but from 1025 B *infra* it appears that Plutarch took it to mean "and mixing them (*i.e.* the two of them) together with the help of being," as do Taylor (*Commentary on Plato's Timaeus*, p. 109) and Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, pp. 13, 39, 42).

<sup>d</sup> The *εἰς ἄς*, which here replaces Plato's *ὅσας* (cf. *Laws* 737 E 3-4 and 756 B 8-C 1), is in accordance with Plutarch's own usage (cf. *De Comm. Not.* 1081 C-D *infra*, *De Defectu Orac.* 422 E, *Quaest. Conviv.* 719 E).

(1012) διαφορὰς ἄπλετον ἔργον ἐστὶ διελθεῖν ἐν τῷ παρ-  
 ὄντι, πρὸς δὲ ὑμᾶς ἐντετυχηκότας<sup>1</sup> ὁμοῦ <τι><sup>2</sup> ταῖς  
 πλείσταις καὶ περιττόν. ἐπεὶ δὲ τῶν δοκιμωτάτων  
 ἀνδρῶν τοὺς μὲν Ξενοκράτης προσηγάγετο, τῆς  
 ψυχῆς τὴν οὐσίαν ἀριθμὸν αὐτὸν ὑφ' ἑαυτοῦ κινού-  
 μενον ἀποφηνάμενος,<sup>3</sup> οἱ δὲ Κράντορι τῷ Σολεῖ<sup>4</sup>  
 προσέθεντο, μιγνύντι τὴν ψυχὴν ἔκ τε τῆς νοητῆς  
 καὶ τῆς περὶ τὰ αἰσθητὰ δοξαστῆς φύσεως, οἶμαί τι  
 τὴν τούτων ἀνακαλυφθέντων σαφήνειαν ὥσπερ ἐν-  
 δόσιμον ἡμῖν<sup>5</sup> παρέξειν.

2. Ἔστι δὲ βραχὺς ὑπὲρ ἀμφοῖν ὁ<sup>6</sup> λόγος. οἱ  
 μὲν γὰρ οὐδὲν ἢ γένεσιν ἀριθμοῦ δηλοῦσθαι νομί-  
 E ζουσι τῇ μίξει τῆς ἀμερίστου καὶ μεριστῆς οὐσίας·  
 ἀμέριστον μὲν γὰρ εἶναι τὸ ἐν μεριστόν δὲ τὸ πλή-

<sup>1</sup> ἐντυχόντας -f, m, r.

<sup>2</sup> <τι> -added by Hartman (*De Plutarcho*, p. 589, n. 1);  
 ἐμοῦ ταῖς -r; ὁμοῦ ταῖς -all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> ἀποφηνάμενος -Escor. 72.

<sup>4</sup> f, m; σωλεῖ -r; σολιεῖ -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>5</sup> E, B, e; ὑμῖν -u, f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>6</sup> ὁ -omitted by e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>a</sup> Sextus according to the mss. of *Adv. Math.* i, 301 asserts that πάντες οἱ Πλάτωνος ἐξηγηταί were silent about the passage; but cf. W. Theiler's suggestion (*Gnomon*, xxviii [1956], p. 286).

<sup>b</sup> Xenocrates, frag. 68 (Heinze [p. 187, 6-8]); cf. *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 c *supra* with note c there and Xenocrates, frags. 60-61 with Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato* . . ., p. 396, n. 321.

<sup>c</sup> Crantor, frag. 3 (Kayser)=frag. 3 (Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, p. 140). With the formulation, τῆς νοητῆς καὶ τῆς . . . δοξαστῆς φύσεως, cf. Plutarch, *Adv. Colotem* 1114 c; Albinus, *Epitome* ix, 4 (p. 55, 1-3 [Louis])=p. 164, 1-3 [Hermann]) and Apuleius, *De Platone* i, 9 (p. 92, 10-15 [Thomas]) referring to *Timaeus* 51 D-E; Sextus, *Adv. Math.* vii, 141 referring to *Timaeus* 27 D 6—28 A 4; and

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occasioned their interpreters <sup>a</sup> is in the first place an immense task and to do so to you superfluous as well, as you have read pretty nearly the most of them. Since, however, of the men most highly esteemed some were won over by Xenocrates, who declared the soul's essence to be number itself being moved by itself,<sup>b</sup> and others adhered to Crantor of Soli, who makes the soul a mixture of the intelligible nature and of the opinable nature of perceptible things,<sup>c</sup> I think that the clarification of these two when exposed will afford us something like a keynote.<sup>d</sup>

2. The statement concerning both is concise.<sup>e</sup> The former believe <sup>f</sup> that nothing but the generation of number is signified by the mixture of the indivisible and divisible being, the one being indivisible

see Plato, *Republic* 534 A 6-7. Crantor, the pupil of Xenocrates (Diogenes Laertius, iv, 24), is called by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 76, 1-2 [Diehl]) ὁ πρῶτος τοῦ Πλάτωνος ἐξηγητής.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De Defectu Orac.* 420 F and 421 F, *Quaest. Conviv.* 704 E; Athenaeus, xiii, 556 a.

<sup>e</sup> The expression suggests that what follows was taken not directly from Xenocrates and Crantor but from a report of their interpretations.

<sup>f</sup> Xenocrates, frag. 68 (Heinze [p. 187, 11-23]). Cf. Cherniss, *The Riddle*, pp. 45-46 and p. 73 and *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 396-402; and Merlan, *Platonism to Neoplatonism*, pp. 34-35, who on pp. 45-48 argues that Xenocrates' interpretation of *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4 is not "so thoroughly mistaken" although on p. 13 he had himself accepted as correct the interpretation given by Cornford (see note b on 1012 B *supra*), whereas it is by neglect of the latter and consequent misconstruction of *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4 that Xenocrates' interpretation is vindicated by H. J. Krämer (*Geistmetaphysik*, p. 328; cf. his *Arete*, p. 314, lines 1-3).

(1012) *θος ἐκ δὲ τούτων γίνεσθαι τὸν ἀριθμὸν τοῦ ἐνὸς ὀρίζοντος τὸ πλῆθος καὶ τῇ ἀπειρία πέρας ἐντιθέντος*,<sup>1</sup> ἣν καὶ δυάδα καλοῦσιν ἀόριστον (καὶ Ζαράτας ὁ Πυθαγόρου διδάσκαλος ταύτην μὲν ἐκάλει τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ μητέρα τὸ δὲ ἐν πατέρα· διὸ καὶ βελτίονας εἶναι τῶν ἀριθμῶν ὅσοι τῇ μονάδι προσεοίκασι), τοῦτον δὲ μήπω ψυχὴν τὸν ἀριθμὸν<sup>2</sup> εἶναι· τὸ γὰρ κινητικὸν καὶ τὸ κινητὸν ἐνδεῖν αὐτῷ. τοῦ δὲ ταύ-

<sup>1</sup> MSS. (cf. 1014 D *infra* [ἀπειρίαν . . . ἐν αὐτῇ πέρας οὐδὲν . . . ἔχουσαν] and 1026 A *infra* with *Quaest. Conviv.* 719 E [ἀπειρῶ πέρατος ἐγγενομένου]; Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 9, 1 [de Falco]); ἐπιτιθέντος -Bernardakis.

<sup>2</sup> τὸν ἀριθμὸν -deleted as a gloss by Papabasilios (*Athena*, x [1898], p. 226).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De Defectu Orac.* 429 A (τότε γὰρ ἀριθμὸς γίνεταί τῶν πληθῶν ἕκαστον ὑπὸ τοῦ ἐνὸς ὀριζόμενον).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 153, 19-21 and 23-25 (Diehl) = Numenius, *Test.* 31 (p. 97 [Leemans]); Themistius, *De Anima*, p. 12, 13-27 (cf. *Gnomon*, xxxi [1959], pp. 42-43); and for number as the product of the one and the indefinite dyad see the references in note a on *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 A *supra* (where the terms used are μονάς and ἡ ἀπειρος δυάς).

<sup>c</sup> Plutarch mentions "Zaratas" only here and must have been unaware that this is just another form of "Zoroaster" (cf. Bidez-Cumont, *Les Mages Hellénisés* i, pp. 36-38), to whom he refers at 1026 B *infra* and for whom he accepted the date of 5,000 years before the Trojan War (*De Iside* 369 D-E; cf. Hermodorus in Diogenes Laertius, i, 2 and Hermippus in Pliny, *N.H.* xxx, 4). With the first part of Plutarch's parenthesis here cf. Hippolytus in *Refutatio* vi, 23, 2 (p. 149, 29-30 [Wendland]: καὶ Ζαράτας ὁ Πυθαγόρου διδάσκαλος ἐκάλει τὸ μὲν ἐν πατέρα τὸ δὲ δύο μητέρα), who for this cites no authority but who in *Refutatio* i, 2, 12 (p. 7, 2-5 [Wendland]) as his source for a highly contaminated account of the doctrine expounded to Pythagoras by Zaratas cites Aristoxenus (frag. 13 [Wehrli]; cf. F. Jacoby, *F. Gr. Hist.* III a, pp. 295, 20-298, 14 [ad 273 F 94]

and multiplicity divisible and number being the product of these when the one bounds multiplicity<sup>a</sup> and inserts a limit in infinitude, which they call indefinite dyad too<sup>b</sup> (this Zaratas too, the teacher of Pythagoras, called mother of number; and the one he called father,<sup>c</sup> which is also why he held those numbers to be better that resemble the monad<sup>d</sup>); but they believe that this number is not yet soul, for it lacks motivity and mobility,<sup>e</sup> but that after the

and W. Spoerri, *Rev. Études Anciennes*, lvii [1955], pp. 267-290 [especially pp. 272-273]) and an otherwise unknown Diodorus of Eretria. The explanation of this latter name attempted by J. Bidez (*Eos* [Bruxelles, 1945], pp. 16-17) is implausible even on chronological grounds; and it is more probable that behind this "Diodorus" lurks the name of Eudorus (cf. J. Roepel, *Philologus*, vii [1852], pp. 532-535), who is cited by Plutarch at 1013 B, 1019 E, and 1020 C *infra* and who is therefore likely to have been his source not only for the parenthetical reference to Zaratas here but also for the summary in which it stands (see note e on 1012 D *supra* and Helmer, *De An. Proc.*, p. 13, n. 18).

<sup>a</sup> i.e. the odd numbers (cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xx, 2 [p. 118, 4-6, Hoche]; Syrianus, *Metaph.*, p. 181, 23-25), which are called male (cf. Plutarch, *Quaest. Romanae* 264 A and 288 C-D, *De E* 388 A-B) and "better" (cf. *Quaest. Romanae* 264 A *init.*; Demetrius in Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, p. 23, 13-22 [Kroll]; Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* iii, 24 [p. 126, 24-27, Winnington-Ingram]). Plutarch himself speaks of their derivation from the monad as from "the better principle" (*De Defectu Orac.* 429 B), and Xenocrates seems to have identified with oddness the monad which as male he gave the rank of father (Xenocrates, frag. 15 [Heinze] and Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1084 a 32-37 with 1083 b 28-30; cf. *A.J.P.*, lxviii [1947], pp. 245-246 in note 86).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *infra* τοῦ κινεῖσθαι καὶ κινεῖν ("of being in motion and setting in motion") and Aristotle's objection, *De Anima* 409 a 3 (εἰ [ἦ] γὰρ ἐστὶ κινήτικὴ καὶ κινήτῃ, διαφέρειν δεῖ) with *De Generatione* 326 b 3-5.

- (1012) τοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου συμμιγέντων, ὧν τὸ μὲν ἔστι  
 κινήσεως ἀρχὴ καὶ μεταβολῆς τὸ δὲ μονῆς, ψυχὴν<sup>1</sup>  
 γεγονέναι, μηδὲν ἦπτον τοῦ ἰσάναί καὶ ἰστασθαι  
 F δύναμιν ἢ τοῦ κινεῖσθαι καὶ κινεῖν οὔσαν. οἱ δὲ  
 περὶ τὸν Κράντορα μάλιστα τῆς ψυχῆς ἴδιον ὑπο-  
 λαμβάνοντες ἔργον εἶναι τὸ<sup>2</sup> κρίνειν τὰ τε νοητὰ καὶ  
 τὰ αἰσθητὰ τὰς τε τούτων ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ πρὸς ἄλ-  
 ληλα γιγνομένας διαφορὰς καὶ ὁμοιότητας ἐκ πάν-  
 των φασίν, ἵνα πάντα γινώσκη, συγκεκρᾶσθαι τὴν  
 1013 ψυχὴν· ταῦτα δ' εἶναι τέσσαρα, τὴν νοητὴν φύσιν

<sup>1</sup> μονῆν (μόνην -f) ψυχῆς -f, m, r, Escor. 72<sup>corr.</sup> (ν and s superscript over s and ν), Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> τὸ -f, m, r; τοῦ -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> For difference and sameness as the principles of motion and rest respectively cf. Aristotle, *Physics* 201 b 19-21 (= *Metaphysics* 1066 a 11) and *Metaphysics* 1084 a 34-35 with Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, note 305 on p. 385 and pp. 11-12, p. 122, p. 443. Aristotle argues that a self-mover must have an internal principle of motion (cf. Cherniss, *op. cit.*, pp. 389-390) and that soul must be *στατική* as well as *κινητική* (*Topics* 127 b 15-16; cf. *De Anima* 406 b 22-24 with 409 b 7-11); and Xenocrates mistakenly tried to make soul as self-motion satisfy both these requirements (cf. Cherniss, *op. cit.*, note 366 [especially pp. 432-433]). In "Timaeus Locrus" 95 E—96 A the sameness and difference mixed with the blend of indivisible form and divisible being are called δύο δυνάμιας ἀρχὰς κινασίων without further specification.

<sup>b</sup> Crantor, frag. 4 (Kayser)=frag. 4 (Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, p. 140), with the whole of which cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xiv, 1-2 (p. 79, 3-14 [Louis]=p. 169, 16-26 [Hermann]). Unlike Xenocrates Crantor did not read into the psychogony any principle of motion or any identification of soul with number (Taylor, *Commentary on Plato's Timaeus*, p. 113); and P. Merlan in saying that "Crantor . . . interpreted the 'psychogony' of the *Timaeus* as being simply 'arithmogony' . . ." (Armstrong, *Later Greek . . .*

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commingling of sameness and difference, the latter of which is the principle of motion and change while the former is that of rest,<sup>a</sup> then the product is soul, soul being a faculty of bringing to a stop and being at rest no less than of being in motion and setting in motion. Crantor and his followers, on the other hand,<sup>b</sup> supposing that the soul's peculiar function is above all to form judgments of the intelligible and the perceptible objects<sup>c</sup> and the differences and similarities occurring among these objects both within their own kind and in relation of either kind to the other,<sup>d</sup> say that the soul, in order that it may know all, has been blended together out of all<sup>e</sup> and

*Philosophy*, pp. 17-18) erroneously ascribes to him the very interpretation that he in fact rejected.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Albinus, *loc. cit.*, p. 79, 3 (Louis)=p. 169, 16 (Hermann) and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 254, 29-31 with ii, p. 135, 24-25 (Diehl). This use of κρῖνειν is frequent in Aristotle (*e.g. De Anima* 427 a 17-21, 428 a 3-5, *cf.* 432 a 15-16 and 404 b 25-27); for Plato *cf. Republic* 523 b 1-2 (ὡς ἕκαστῶς ὑπὸ τῆς αἰσθήσεως κρινόμενα).

<sup>d</sup> That is the difference and similarity (1) of intelligibles to one another or of perceptibles to one another and (2) of intelligible and perceptible to each other. *Cf. Timaeus* 37 a 5-b 3 and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 304, 22-305, 4 (Diehl).

<sup>e</sup> Because "like is known by like" (*cf.* Albinus, *loc. cit.*), the assumption underlying the psychogony according to Aristotle (*De Anima* 404 b 16-18) and later interpreters generally (*cf.* Sextus, *Adv. Math.* i, 303 [*cf.* vii, 92-93 and 116-120]; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 119, 14-120, 11 [Wrobel]=p. 100, 8-22 [Waszink]; Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 135, 23-30 and p. 298, 2-31 [Diehl]); but see Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 408-411 (with note 339 *sub finem* on Crantor) and G. M. Stratton, *Theophrastus and the Greek Physiological Psychology before Aristotle* (London/New York, 1917), pp. 156-157 on *De Sensibus* 1 (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 499, 3).

(1013) αἰεὶ κατὰ ταῦτὰ καὶ ὡσαύτως ἔχουσιν καὶ τὴν περὶ τὰ σώματα παθητικὴν<sup>1</sup> καὶ μεταβλητὴν ἔτι δὲ τὴν ταύτου καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου διὰ τὸ κάκεινων ἑκατέρων μετέχειν ἑτερότητας καὶ ταυτότητας.

3. Ὁμαλῶς δὲ πάντες οὗτοι χρόνῳ μὲν οἴονται τὴν ψυχὴν μὴ γεγονέναι μηδ' εἶναι γενητὴν<sup>2</sup> πλείονας δὲ δυνάμεις ἔχειν, εἰς ἃς ἀναλύοντα θεωρίας<sup>3</sup> ἔνεκα τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτῆς λόγῳ τὸν Πλάτωνα γιγνομένην ὑποτίθεσθαι καὶ συγκεραυνυμένην· τὰ δ' αὐτὰ

<sup>1</sup> mss. (cf. 1023 B *infra* [τῶν νοητῶν τὸ αἰδιον καὶ τῶν αἰσθητῶν τὸ παθητικόν] and *Dox. Graeci*, p. 281 A 11 and B 9); παθητὴν -Bernardakis (cf. *De E* 392 B from Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xi, 11, 4 [τῶν παθητῶν καὶ μεταβλητῶν]).

<sup>2</sup> γεννητὴν -f, m, Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> θεωρίαν -r<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>a</sup> Plato emphatically stated that the ingredients of the soul are three (*Timaeus* 35 A 6-7 and 37 A 2-4).

<sup>b</sup> Called τῆς περὶ τὰ αἰσθητὰ δοξαστῆς φύσεως in 1012 D *supra* (see note c there) and in 1013 B *infra* simply τῆς αἰσθητῆς οὐσίας. With the expression used here (περὶ τὰ σώματα may have been taken directly from *Timaeus* 35 A 2-3, but cf. τῶ περὶ τὰ σώματα πλανητῶ καὶ μεταβλητῶ in *Quaest. Conniv.* 718 D) cf. τῶν αἰσθητῶν τὸ παθητικόν in 1023 B-C *infra*, (φύσεως) οὐσης ἐν πάθει παντοδαποῖς καὶ μεταβολαῖς ἀτάκτοις in 1015 E *infra*, τὴν δὲ σωματικὴν καὶ παθητικὴν (φύσιν) in *De Defectu Orac.* 428 B, and also *Adr. Colotem* 1115 E (τῆς ὕλης . . . πάθη πολλὰ καὶ μεταβολὰς . . . δεχομένης) and 1116 D (ταύταις αἰς ἐν τῷ πάσχειν καὶ μεταβάλλειν τὸ εἶναι).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Albinus, *loc. cit.*, p. 79, 10-11 (Louis)=p. 169, 22-24 (Hermann): . . . ἐπὶ τῶν νοητῶν ταυτότητά τε καὶ ἑτερότητα καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν μεριστῶν. . .

<sup>d</sup> Xenocrates, frag. 68 (Heinze [p. 187, 23-27]) and Crantor, frag. 4 (Kayser [p. 19])=frag. 4 (Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, p. 140).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. 1017 B *infra* (οὐ θεωρίας ἔνεκα) and οὐ τοῦ θεωρῆσαι ἔνεκεν (Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1091 a 28-29; contrast Speusippus, frag. 46, 17-20 [Lang]), διδασκαλίας χάριν ὡς μᾶλλον γνωρίζοντων (Aristotle, *De Caelo* 280 a 1, with Taurus in Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 187, 1 and p. 224,



that these are four,<sup>a</sup> the intelligible nature, which is ever invariable and identical, and the passive and mutable nature of bodies<sup>b</sup> and furthermore that of sameness and of difference because each of the former two also partakes of diversity and identity.<sup>c</sup>

3. All these interpreters are alike in thinking<sup>d</sup> that the soul did not come to be in time and is not subject to generation but that it has a multiplicity of faculties and that Plato in analysing its essence into these for the sake of examination<sup>e</sup> represents it verbally as coming to be<sup>f</sup> and being blended to-

1 [Rabe]; Alexander, *ibid.*, p. 217, 23-24; Simplicius, *De Caelo*, p. 304, 4-6; [Alexander], *Metaph.*, p. 819, 38 and p. 820, 5), σαφηνείας χάριν (Theophrastus, *Phys. Opin.*, frag. 11 [*Dox. Graeci*, pp. 485, 18-486, 2], with Taurus in Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 187, 5 [Rabe] and Alexander, *ibid.*, p. 216, 13), ἐπὶ τοῦ σαφοῦς χρεία (Atticus in Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xv, 6, 4=ii, p. 360, 7 [Mras]), and various combinations of these expressions in Plotinus (*Enn.* iv, iii, 9, lines 14-15), Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 290, 9-10 [Diehl]), and Philoponus (*De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 186, 14-16 and p. 189, 10-13 [Rabe]). With εἰς ἃς ἀναλύοντα . . . τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτῆς cf. especially Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 123, 27-124, 10 (Diehl) and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 97, 5-7 (Wrobel)=pp. 81, 26-82, 1 (Waszink), on which cf. J. H. Waszink, *Studien zum Timaioskommentar des Calcidius* i (Leiden, 1964), p. 7, n. 3. For similar language used of the cosmogony cf. Taurus, Porphyry, and Alexander in Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 146, 13-20, pp. 148, 9-23 with 153, 23-154, 5, and pp. 217, 25-218, 10 (Rabe); Plotinus, *Enn.* iv, iii, 9, lines 15-20; and Simplicius, *De Caelo*, p. 304, 7-13.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. "Timaeus Locrus" 94c(cap. ii *init.* [7] ed. W. Marg): πρὶν ὧν ὠρανὸν λόγῳ γενέσθαι . . . with Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 101, 1-14 (Diehl); cf. also Plotinus, *Enn.* vi, vii, 35, lines 28-29 (ὁ δὲ λόγος διδάσκων γινόμενα ποιεῖ) with *Enn.* iv, iii, 9, lines 13-15 and viii, 4, lines 40-42 and in general *Enn.* iii, v, 9, lines 24-29 (. . . καὶ οἱ λόγοι καὶ γενέσεις τῶν ἀγεννήτων ποιούσι . . .).

(1013) καὶ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου διανοούμενον ἐπίστασθαι μὲν αἰδίων ὄντα καὶ ἀγέννητον<sup>1</sup> τὸ δὲ ᾧ τρόπῳ συντέ-  
 B τακται καὶ διοικεῖται καταμαθεῖν οὐ ράδιον ὀρώντα τοῖς μήτε γένεσιν αὐτοῦ μήτε<sup>2</sup> τῶν γεννητικῶν<sup>3</sup> σύν-  
 οδον ἐξ ἀρχῆς προϋποθεμένοις<sup>4</sup> ταύτην τὴν ὁδὸν τραπέσθαι. τοιούτων δὲ τῶν καθόλου λεγομένων, ὁ μὲν Εὐδωρος οὐδετέρους ἀμοιρεῖν οἶεται τοῦ εἰ-  
 κότος<sup>5</sup>. ἐμοὶ δὲ δοκοῦσι τῆς Πλάτωνος ἀμφοτέροι

<sup>1</sup> ἀγέννητον -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> μήτε -f, m, r; μηδὲ -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> γεννητικῶν -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> προϋποθεμένην -r. <sup>5</sup> εἰκότως -u.

<sup>a</sup> Xenocrates, frag. 54 (Heinze [p. 180, 21-26]) and Crantor, frag. 4 (Kayser [p. 19])=frag. 4 (Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, p. 140); cf. in Xenocrates, frag. 54 (Heinze) and Speusippus, frag. 54 a-b (Lang) Aristotle, *De Caelo* 279 a 32—280 a 8 with Simplicius, *De Caelo*, pp. 303, 33—304, 15 (cf. [Alexander], *Metaph.*, p. 819, 37-38) and *Scholia in Aristotelem* 489 a 4-12 (Brandis). For Crantor's further explanation of γεννητόν as meaning not that the universe had a beginning but that it is dependent upon an extrinsic cause (frag. 2 [Kayser=Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, p. 139]=Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 277, 8-10 [Diehl]) cf. later Albinus, *Epitome* xiv, 3 (p. 81, 1-4 [Louis]=p. 169, 26-30 [Hermann]) with Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 219, 2-11 (Diehl); Taurus in Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 147, 5-9 (Rabe); Plotinus, *Enn.* II, ix, 3, lines 12-14 and *Enn.* III, ii, 1, lines 22-26 and vii, 6, lines 52-54; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 89, 20-21 (Wrobel)=p. 74, 18-19 (Waszink); Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 1154, 9-11; and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 277, 10-17 (Diehl).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Taurus in Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 187, 15-16 (Rabe) with Alexander, *ibid.*, p. 216, 13-15; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 91, 22-92, 3 (Wrobel)=p. 77, 8-13 (Waszink); Simplicius, *De Caelo*, p. 304, 6-10.

<sup>c</sup> That is neither Xenocrates in his arithmological explanation of the psychogony nor Crantor in his epistemological explanation of it, the two explanations that Plutarch proceeds

gether; and they think<sup>a</sup> that with the same thing in mind concerning the universe too, while he knows it to be everlasting and ungenerated, yet seeing the way of its organization and management not to be easy for those to discern who have not presupposed its generation and a conjunction of the generative factors at the beginning,<sup>b</sup> this course is the one that he took. Such being on the whole what they say, Eudorus thinks that neither party is without all title to likelihood<sup>c</sup>; but to me they both seem to

to say are *both* wrong. The passage has been misinterpreted to mean that Eudorus reconciled the interpretation of the cosmogony by Xenocrates with the "literal" interpretation of it by Crantor (H. Dörrie, *Hermes*, lxxix [1944], pp. 27-28 in his article on Eudorus, *ibid.*, pp. 25-39), although Plutarch has just asserted that Crantor and Xenocrates and all their followers alike rejected the "literal" interpretation of both the psychogony and the cosmogony. He has also ascribed to all of them alike the same explanation of both, *θεωρίας ἕνεκα*, and has not mentioned Crantor's additional interpretation of *γενητόν* (see note *a* on p. 170 *supra*); and so C. Moreschini must be mistaken in supposing him to refer to these as the two different explications to both of which Eudorus gave some title to likelihood (*Annali della Scuola Norm. Sup. di Pisa* [Lettere . . .], 2 Ser. xxxiii [1964], pp. 31-32). For Plutarch's use of Eudorus in this essay see note *c* on 1012 *ε supra*; and for Eudorus himself besides Dörrie's article *cf.* E. Martini, *R.-E.* vi (1909), cols. 915, 41-916, 66 and G. Luck, *Der Akademiker Antiochos* (Bern/Stuttgart, 1953), pp. 27-28. *Pap. Oxyrh.* 1609 (xiii, pp. 94-96; *cf.* Diels-Kranz, *Frag. Vorsok.*<sup>6</sup> i, p. 352, 1-6), in which the author refers to his own commentary on the *Timaeus*, has for this reason been ascribed to Eudorus, who has recently been proposed as the source of an ever-increasing number of later texts (*cf.* P. Boyancé, *Rev. Études Grecques*, lxxiii [1959], pp. 378-380 and lxxvi [1963], pp. 85-89, 95, and 98; M. Giusta, *I Dossografi di Etica* i [Torino, 1964], pp. 151 ff.; W. Theiler, *Parusia: Festgabe für Johannes Hirschberger* [Frankfurt am Main, 1965], pp. 204 ff.).

(1013) διαμαρτάνειν δόξης, εἰ κανόνι τῶ<sup>1</sup> πιθανῶ χρη-  
 στέον οὐκ ἴδια δόγματα περαίνοντας ἀλλ' ἐκείνῳ τι  
 βουλομένους λέγειν ὁμολογούμενον. ἡ μὲν <γάρ><sup>2</sup>  
 ἐκ τῆς νοητῆς<sup>3</sup> καὶ τῆς αἰσθητῆς<sup>4</sup> οὐσίας λεγομένη  
 μίξις<sup>5</sup> οὐ διασαφείται πῆ ποτε ψυχῆς μᾶλλον ἢ τῶν  
 ἄλλων, ὅ τι ἂν τις εἴπῃ,<sup>6</sup> γένεσις ἐστίν. αὐτός τε  
 C γὰρ ὁ κόσμος οὗτος<sup>7</sup> καὶ τῶν μερῶν ἕκαστον συν-  
 ἔστηκεν ἐκ τε σωματικῆς οὐσίας καὶ νοητῆς, ὧν ἡ  
 μὲν ὕλην καὶ ὑποκείμενον ἡ δὲ<sup>8</sup> μορφήν καὶ εἶδος  
 τῶ γενομένῳ<sup>9</sup> παρέσχε· καὶ τῆς μὲν ὕλης τὸ μετ-  
 οχῆ καὶ εἰκασία τοῦ<sup>10</sup> νοητοῦ μορφωθὲν εὐθύς ἀπτόν

<sup>1</sup> τῶ -omitted by f, m, r, u<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> <γάρ> added by Maurommates ("nam" -Turnebus ;  
 "car" -Amyot).

<sup>3</sup> Marcianus 187<sup>corr.</sup> ; νοητικῆς -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> Marcianus 187 ; αἰσθητικῆς -all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> μίξις -u.

<sup>6</sup> εἴποι -B, r.

<sup>7</sup> f, m, r, Escor. 72<sup>corr.</sup> ; οὕτως -all other mss.

<sup>8</sup> οἱ δὲ -B. <sup>9</sup> τῶν γενομένων -r. <sup>10</sup> τοῦ -omitted by u.

<sup>a</sup> See 1014 A *infra* (πιστούμενος τῶ εἰκότι) ; and cf. *De Defectu Orac.* 430 B (. . . πρὸς τὴν ἐκείνου διάνοιαν ἐπάγειν τὸ εἰκός . . .), *Quaest. Conviv.* 728 F (. . . τοῦ δὲ πιθανοῦ καὶ εἰκότος . . .) with 700 B, and contrast 719 F (. . . δόξας ὡς ἰθαγενεῖς καὶ ἰδίας . . . ἐπήνεσα καὶ τὸ εἰκός ἔφην ἔχειν ἰκανῶς).

<sup>b</sup> For τῆς αἰσθητῆς οὐσίας, an abbreviation of the formula-  
 tions given in 1012 D and 1013 A *supra* (see note b there),  
 cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 154, 1-3 (Diehl) with  
 Plotinus, *Enn.* iv, viii, 7 and Simplicius, *De Anima*, p. 28, 1-2.

<sup>c</sup> Crantor may not have meant to make the μεριστή οὐσία  
 of *Timaeus* 35 A 2-3 a constituent part of the soul and  
 probably did not identify it with corporeal being or matter  
 (cf. Helmer, *De An. Proc.*, p. 11 ; Thévenaz, *L'Âme du  
 Monde*, p. 61) ; but the present refutation assumes that he  
 did, and the assumption may have been the easier for  
 Plutarch to make because such an interpretation had  
 already been adopted by others : it is attributed to Eratos-  
 thenes by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 152, 24-27 ;

be utterly mistaken about Plato's opinion if as a standard plausibility is to be used, not in promotion of one's own doctrines but with the desire to say something that agrees with Plato.<sup>a</sup> <For>, as to what the one party calls the mixture of the intelligible and the perceptible being,<sup>b</sup> it is not made clear how in the world this is generation of soul rather than of anything else one may mention, for this universe itself and each of its parts consist of corporeal and intelligible being, of which the former provided matter or substrate and the latter shape or form for what has come to be,<sup>c</sup> and any matter that by participating in the intelligible and simulating it has got shape is straightway tangible <and> visible,<sup>d</sup>

*cf.* F. Solmsen, *T.A.P.A.*, lxxiii [1942], pp. 198 and 202) and is recorded by Chalcidius (*Platonis Timaeus*, p. 94, 4-10 [Wrobel]=p. 79, 9-14 [Waszink]), whose ultimate source for it is probably pre-Plutarchean (*cf.* "Timaeus Locrus" 94 A-B). Later (1023 A *infra*), when against those who interpret the psychogony as a commingling of corporeal matter with indivisible being the present refutation of Crantor is repeated, it is preceded by the argument that Plato in that passage uses none of the expressions by which he was accustomed to designate corporeal matter. In fact, like Aristotle (*Physics* 209 b 11-13) Plutarch identified with ὕλη the χώρα or receptacle of the *Timaeus* (1024 c *infra*; *cf.* 1015 D *infra* and *Quaest. Conviv.* 636 D), confusing this further with "precosmic" corporeal chaos (*cf.* 1014 B-C and 1016 D—1017 A *infra*; Jones, *Platonism of Plutarch*, p. 81, n. 34; Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde*, pp. 110-113); and, though he apparently knew that Plato had not used ὕλη in this sense (*De Defectu Orac.* 414 F; *cf.* Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 304, 4-7 and 336, 8-12 [Wrobel]=pp. 277, 18-278, 2 and 309, 3-6 [Waszink]), he even went so far as to insert the term into quasi-quotations of the *Timaeus* (*cf.* 1016 D *infra* and *De Defectu Orac.* 430 C-D).

<sup>a</sup> *Cf.* *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 D-E *supra*; and for ἀπτόν <καὶ> ὄρατόν *cf.* Plato, *Timaeus* 28 B 7-8, 31 B 4, and 32 B 7-8.

(1013) <καί><sup>1</sup> ὁρατόν ἐστίν, ἢ ψυχὴ δὲ πᾶσαν αἰσθησιν ἐκπέφενγεν. ἀριθμὸν γε μὴν ὁ Πλάτων οὐδέποτε τὴν ψυχὴν προσεῖπεν ἀλλὰ κίνησιν αὐτοκίνητον αἰεὶ καὶ κινήσεως πηγὴν καὶ ἀρχήν· ἀριθμῶ δὲ καὶ λόγῳ καὶ ἀρμονία διακεκόσμηκε τὴν οὐσίαν<sup>2</sup> αὐτῆς ὑποκειμένην καὶ δεχομένην τὸ κάλλιστον εἶδος ὑπὸ τούτων ἐγγιγνόμενον. οἶμαι δὲ μὴ ταῦτόν εἶναι τῷ  
 D κατ' ἀριθμὸν συνεστάναι τὴν ψυχὴν τὸ τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτῆς ἀριθμὸν ὑπάρχειν, ἐπεὶ <καί><sup>3</sup> καθ' ἀρμονίαν συνέστηκεν ἀρμονία δ' οὐκ ἔστιν, ὡς αὐτὸς ἐν τῷ περὶ Ψυχῆς ἀπέδειξεν. ἐκφανῶς δὲ τούτοις ἡγγόηται τὸ περὶ τοῦ ταύτου καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου· λέγουσι γὰρ ὡς τὸ μὲν στάσεως τὸ δὲ κινήσεως συμβάλλεται δύναμιν εἰς τὴν τῆς ψυχῆς γένεσιν, αὐτοῦ Πλάτωνος ἐν τῷ Σοφιστῇ τὸ ὄν καὶ τὸ ταῦτόν καὶ τὸ ἕτερον πρὸς δὲ τούτοις στάσιν καὶ κίνησιν ὡς

<sup>1</sup> <καί> -added by Xylander, implied by versions of Turnebus and Amyot.

<sup>2</sup> διακόσμηκεν οὐσίαν -r.

<sup>3</sup> <καί> -added by Hubert.

<sup>a</sup> Plato, *Laws* 898 E 1-2 (see *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 c *supra* with note *g* there) and *Timaeus* 36 E 5-6 and 46 D 6-7; cf. Albinus, *Építome* xiii, 1 (p. 73, 4-7 [Louis]=p. 168, 6-9 [Hermann]).

<sup>b</sup> *Phaedrus* 245 c 9 (πηγὴ καὶ ἀρχὴ κινήσεως). The preceding κίνησιν αὐτοκίνητον αἰεὶ is not a quotation but a formulaic summary of *Phaedrus* 245 c 7-8 and 245 E 2-4 influenced by the phraseology of *Laws* 894 B 9-c 1, 895 B 1-6, and 895 E 10—896 A 5 (cf. *infra* 1014 D [αὐτοκίνητον δὲ καὶ κινήτικὴν ἀρχήν], 1016 A [τῷ δ' αὐτοκινήτῳ πιστομένη τὸ ἀγένητον αὐτῆς], 1017 A [δύναμιν αὐτοκίνητον καὶ αἰεκίνητον], 1023 c [ἢ μὲν γὰρ αἰεκίνητος]), and it does not indicate that Plutarch knew αὐτοκίνητον as a variant of αἰεκίνητον in *Phaedrus* 245 c 5 (cf. *Lustrum*, iv [1959], p. 137, # 692 and # 693). Others also, who certainly read αἰεκίνητον there, say that in this passage of the *Phaedrus* soul is defined as τὸ αὐτοκίνητον (e.g. Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 108,

whereas soul is beyond the range of all sense-perception.<sup>a</sup> Then as for number, that Plato never called the soul; but he called it motion perpetually self-moved and motion's source and principle.<sup>b</sup> By means of number and ratio and concord he did arrange its substance<sup>c</sup> underlying and receiving the fairest form, which by their agency arises in it; but it is not the same, I think, to say that the soul is put together on a numerical pattern and to say that its essence is number, since (in fact) it is put together on the pattern of a concord but is not a concord, as he himself proved in the work on the Soul.<sup>d</sup> It is manifest too that these interpreters<sup>e</sup> have failed to understand the part about sameness and difference, for they say that to the generation of the soul the former contributes the faculty of rest and the latter that of motion,<sup>f</sup> whereas by Plato himself in the *Sophist*<sup>g</sup> existence and sameness and difference and besides these rest and motion are distinguished and

6-17 and p. 118, 14-16 [Couvreur]; Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 271, 18-23 and pp. 246, 27-247, 2 [Kabe]); cf. Fernanda Declava Caizzi, *Acme*, xxiii (1970), pp. 91-97.

<sup>a</sup> See 1023 D *infra* (. . . τὴν οὐσίαν . . . τῆς ψυχῆς . . . ταπτομένην ὑπ' ἀριθμοῦ). That is the procedure of *Timaeus* 35 B 4—36 D 7, after which the soul is described as λογισμοῦ μετέχουσα καὶ ἀρμονίας . . . καὶ ἀνὰ λόγον μερισθεῖσα καὶ συνδεθείσα (36 E 6—37 A 4). With Plutarch's expression here cf. *infra* 1015 E (. . . ἀρμονία καὶ ἀναλογία καὶ ἀριθμῶ χρώμενος ὀργάνοις), 1017 B (διαρμωσάμενος τοῖς προσήκουσιν ἀριθμοῖς καὶ λόγοις), 1027 A, 1029 D-E, and 1030 C.

<sup>d</sup> *Phaedo* 92 A 6—95 A 3. For ἀρμονία, translated as "concord," see note-a on *Plat. Quaest.* II, 1001 c *supra*.

<sup>e</sup> Xenocrates and his followers.

<sup>f</sup> See 1012 E *supra* with note a on page 166.

<sup>g</sup> *Sophist* 254 D 4—259 B 7 (especially 255 B 5-E 2 and 256 C 5-D 4), to which Plutarch refers in *De E* 391 B and *De Defectu Orac.* 428 c also.

(1013) ἕκαστον ἐκάστου διαφέρον καὶ πέντε ὄντα χωρὶς ἀλλήλων τιθεμένου καὶ διορίζοντος.

4. Ὁ<sup>1</sup> γε μὴν οὗτοί τε κοινῇ καὶ οἱ πλείστοι τῶν Ε χρωμένων Πλάτωνι φοβούμενοι καὶ παραλυπούμενοι<sup>2</sup> πάντα μηχανῶνται καὶ παραβιάζονται καὶ στρέφουσιν, ὡς τι δεινὸν καὶ ἄρρητον οἰόμενοι δεῖν περικαλύπτειν καὶ ἀρνεῖσθαι, τὴν τε τοῦ κόσμου τὴν τε τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ γένεσιν καὶ σύστασιν, οὐκ ἐξ αἰδίου συνεστῶτων<sup>3</sup> οὐδὲ τὸν ἄπειρον χρόνον οὕτως ἐχόντων, ἰδίᾳ τε λόγου τέτευχε καὶ νῦν ἀρκέσει ρηθὲν ὅτι τὸν περὶ θεῶν ἀγῶνα καὶ λόγον, ᾧ Πλάτων ὁμολογεῖ φιλοτιμώτατα<sup>4</sup> καὶ παρὰ ἡλικίαν πρὸς τοὺς ἀθέους κεχρῆσθαι, συγγέουσι μᾶλλον δὲ ὄλως ἀναιροῦσιν.<sup>5</sup> εἰ γὰρ ἀγέννητος<sup>6</sup> ὁ κόσμος

<sup>1</sup> οἱ -γ.      <sup>2</sup> παραμυθούμενοι -Turnebus.      <sup>3</sup> συνεστότων -γ.

<sup>4</sup> φιλοτιμώτατα -γ.      <sup>5</sup> ἀνεροῦσιν -υ.      <sup>6</sup> ἀγέννητος -f, m, r.

<sup>a</sup> According to Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* i, pp. 276, 31-277, 1 [Diehl]) Plutarch, Atticus, and "many other Platonists" took the cosmogony of the *Timaeus* literally; but Plutarch is the earliest of these named either by him (*cf. op. cit.*, i, pp. 381, 26-382, 12 and for the psychogony ii, pp. 153, 25-154, 1 [Diehl]) or by Philoponus (*De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 211, 10-20 and p. 519, 22-25 [Rabe]), and his "many others" are probably later Platonists like Harpocration (*Scholias Cod. Vat.* f. 34<sup>r</sup> in Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, p. 377, 15-23 [Kroll]), who was a pupil of Atticus (*cf. Proclus, In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 305, 6-7 [Diehl]), the anonymous source of Diogenes Laertius, iii, 71-72 and 77 (*cf. C. Andresen, Logos und Nomos* [Berlin, 1955], p. 283), and possibly even Severus with his "cyclical" interpretation (Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 289, 7-13 and ii, pp. 95, 29-96, 1; *cf. iii*, p. 212, 7-9 [Diehl]) and the "eclectic" Galen (*Compendium Timaei Platonis*, p. 39, 11-13 [Kraus-Walzer]). Before Plutarch, however, the literal interpretation of the *Timaeus*, on which Aristotle had insisted (*De Caelo* 280 a 28-32 and 300 b 16-18, *Physics*



set apart from one another as being five things different each from each.

4. In any case, what frightens and embarrasses these men in common with most of those who study Plato<sup>a</sup> so that they manipulate and force and twist everything in the belief that they must conceal and deny it as something dreadful and unspeakable is the generation and composition<sup>b</sup> of the universe and of its soul which have not been compounded from everlasting or in their present state for infinite time. To this a treatise by itself has been devoted<sup>c</sup>; and now it will suffice to state that these people confuse or rather utterly ruin the reasoning of Plato's case for the gods,<sup>d</sup> which he admits he made against the atheists with a zeal extreme and unsuited to his years.<sup>e</sup> For, if the universe is ungenerated, there is 251 b 17-19, *Metaphysics* 1071 b 37—1072 a 3) but about which Theophrastus was uncertain (*Phys. Opin.*, frag. 11 [*Dox. Graeci*, pp. 485, 17-486, 2]), seems to have been adopted not only by the Peripatetics generally (cf. Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi*, p. 135, 9-14 and his quotations from Alexander, *ibid.*, pp. 213, 17-222, 17 [Rabe]) and the Epicureans (cf. Cicero, *De Nat. Deorum* i, 18-21 [Usener, *Epicurea*, pp. 245-246]) but also by Cicero (*Timaeus* 5, p. 159, 2-3 [Plasberg]; cf. *Tusc. Disp.* i, 63 and 70 and *Acad. Prior.* ii, 118) and by Philo Judaeus (*De Aeternitate Mundi* 13-16=vi, pp. 76, 16-77, 20 [Cohn-Reiter]), who like Philoponus later appeals to Aristotle as the decisive authority for this interpretation.

<sup>b</sup> For *σύστασις* here cf. Plato, *Timaeus* 32 c 5-6 and 36 d 8-9.

<sup>c</sup> Presumably the lost work, No. 66 in the *Catalogue of Lamprias*, *Περὶ τοῦ γεγενῆσθαι κατὰ Πλάτωνα τὸν κόσμον* (vii, p. 474 and frag. xxviii on p. 140 [Bernardakis]).

<sup>d</sup> *Laws* 891 E 4—899 D 4.

<sup>e</sup> A somewhat inexact reminiscence of *Laws* 907 B 10—c 5, on which see E. B. England, *The Laws of Plato* (Manchester, 1921), ii, p. 503.

- (1013) ἐστίν, οἴχεται τῷ Πλάτῳ τὸ πρεσβυτέραν<sup>1</sup> τοῦ  
 F σώματος τὴν ψυχὴν οὖσαν ἐξάρχειν μεταβολῆς καὶ  
 κινήσεως πάσης, ἡγεμόνα καὶ πρωτουργόν, ὡς  
 αὐτὸς εἴρηκεν, ἐγκαθεστῶσαν. τίς δ' οὖσα καὶ  
 τίνος ὄντος ἡ ψυχὴ τοῦ σώματος προτέρα καὶ πρε-  
 σβυτέρα λέγεται γεγονέναι, προῖων ὁ λόγος ἐνδεί-  
 ξεται· τοῦτο γὰρ ἡγνοημένον ἔοικε τὴν πλείστην  
 ἀπορίαν καὶ ἀπιστίαν παρέχειν τῆς ἀληθοῦς δόξης.
- 1014 5. Πρῶτον οὖν ἦν ἔχω περὶ τούτων<sup>2</sup> διάνοιαν ἐκ-  
 θήσομαι, πιστούμενος τῷ εἰκότι καὶ παραμυθού-  
 μενος, ὡς ἔνεστι, τὸ ἄηθες<sup>3</sup> τοῦ λόγου καὶ παρά-  
 δοξον· ἔπειτα ταῖς<sup>4</sup> λέξεσιν ἐπάξω συνοικειῶν ἅμα  
 τὴν ἐξήγησιν καὶ τὴν ἀπόδειξιν. ἔχει γὰρ οὕτως  
 κατὰ γε τὴν ἐμὴν τὰ πράγματα δόξαν. “κόσμον  
 τόνδε” φησὶν Ἡράκλειτος “οὔτε τις θεῶν οὔτ’

<sup>1</sup> Hubert (cf. 1013 F *infra* and 1002 F *supra*; *Timaeus* 34 c 4-5; *Laws* 892 c 6 and 896 c 6); πρεσβύτερον -MSS. (cf. *Epinomis* 980 D 6 and E 3).

<sup>2</sup> περὶ τούτων -omitted by E, B.

<sup>3</sup> Wyttenbach (after the versions of Turnebus and Amyot); ἀληθές -MSS.

<sup>4</sup> ἔπειτ' αὐταῖς -Bernardakis.

<sup>a</sup> *Laws* 896 A 5-C 8 (n.b. 896 B 1: μεταβολῆς τε καὶ κινήσεως ἀπάσης αἰτία ἅπασιν) with 892 A 2-C 6 (cf. in [Plato], *Epinomis* 980 D 6-E 3 the reference to “the main point”); and see *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 E-F *supra* with page 48, note a.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *infra* 1016 c (. . . ἡγεμόνα τοῦ παντός ἐγκατέστησαν) and 1017 B (. . . ἐγκατέστησαν ἡγεμόνα τοῦ κόσμου . . .), in both places used of the created soul, i.e. the soul after it had been made rational by god. The title is not quoted from Plato, but cf. *Timaeus* 41 c 7 (θεῖον λεγόμενον ἡγεμονοῦν τε) with *Phaedo* 80 A 3-9 and 94 c 10-D 2 and ὡς δεσπότην in *Timaeus* 34 c 5 (quoted in 1016 B *infra*).

<sup>c</sup> This is not an exact quotation either but a reminiscence of *Laws* 897 A 4, where the soul's motions are called πρωτουργοὶ κινήσεις.

## GENERATION OF THE SOUL, 1013-1014

an end of Plato's contention that the soul, being senior to the body, initiates all change and motion<sup>a</sup> installed in her position of chief<sup>b</sup> and, as he has said himself, of primary agent.<sup>c</sup> What is meant by soul and what by body when she is said to have been prior and senior to it,<sup>d</sup> this will be made plain by our account as it proceeds, for it is the failure to understand this that seems to occasion most of the perplexity and incredulity about the true doctrine.

5. First, therefore, I shall set down what I think about these matters, confirming and vindicating as far as may be by probability<sup>e</sup> what is unusual and paradoxical about my account<sup>f</sup>; and then I shall apply the interpretation and the demonstration to the texts, at the same time bringing them into accord with one another.<sup>g</sup> For in my opinion this is the way matters stand. "This universe was not made by anyone either god or man," says Heraclitus<sup>h</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 34 c 4-5 (. . . καὶ γενέσει καὶ ἀρετῇ προτέραν καὶ πρεσβυτέραν ψυχὴν σώματος . . . συνεστήσατο).

<sup>e</sup> See 1013 B *supra* and page 172, note a.

<sup>f</sup> See 1012 B *supra* (διὰ τὸ τοῖς πλείστοις . . . ὑπεναντιοῦσθαι δεόμενον παραμυθίας), and cf. Atticus, frag. vi *init.* (Baudry) = Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xv, 6, 3 (ii, pp. 359, 18-360, 4 [Mras]).

<sup>g</sup> The object of *συνοικειῶν* is the texts, τὰς λέξεις "understood" from ταῖς λέξεσιν (cf. Kühner-Gerth, ii, pp. 575-576), and not, as Thévenaz has it, the interpretation and the demonstration; the reconciliation of apparently incompatible passages (1016 A and E *infra*) is itself taken to be an ἀπόδειξις of Plutarch's interpretation (1015 F *infra* [chap. 8 *init.*]), a point overlooked by C. Theander in his treatment of this passage (*Plutarch und die Geschichte* [Lund, 1951], pp. 42-43).

<sup>h</sup> Heraclitus, frag. B 30 (D.-K. and Walzer)=frag. 20 (Bywater), quoted more fully by Clement of Alexandria, *Stromata* v, xiv, 104, 2; cf. M. Marcovich, *R.-E. Supplement* x (1965), cols. 261, 23-37 and 293, 51-66.

(1014) ἀνθρώπων ἐποίησεν," ὡσπερ<sup>1</sup> φοβηθεῖς μὴ θεοῦ<sup>2</sup> ἀπογνόντες ἄνθρωπόν τινα γεγονέναι τοῦ κόσμου δημιουργὸν ὑπονοήσωμεν.<sup>3</sup> βέλτιον οὖν Πλάτωνι πειθομένους τὸν μὲν κόσμον ὑπὸ θεοῦ γεγονέναι λέγειν καὶ ἄδειν "ὁ μὲν γὰρ κάλλιστος τῶν γενο-  
 Β νότων ὁ δ' ἄριστος τῶν αἰτίων"<sup>4</sup> τὴν δ' οὐσίαν καὶ ὕλην, ἐξ ἧς γέγονεν, οὐ γενομένην ἀλλὰ ὑποκει-  
 μένην αἰεὶ τῷ δημιουργῷ εἰς διάθεσιν καὶ τάξιν αὐτῆν<sup>5</sup> καὶ πρὸς αὐτὸν ἐξομοίωσιν ὡς δυνατὸν ἦν ἐμπαρασχεῖν.<sup>6</sup> οὐ γὰρ ἐκ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος ἢ γένεσις ἀλλ' ἐκ τοῦ μὴ καλῶς μηδὲ ἱκανῶς ἔχοντος, ὡς οἰκίας καὶ ἱματίου καὶ ἀνδριάντος. ἀκοσμία γὰρ ἦν τὰ πρὸ τῆς τοῦ<sup>7</sup> κόσμου γενέσεως, ἀκοσμία δ' οὐκ ἀσώματος οὐδ' ἀκίνητος οὐδ' ἄψυχος ἀλλ'

<sup>1</sup> ὡς -r.

<sup>2</sup> θεὸν -Benseler (*De Hiatu*, p. 528).

<sup>3</sup> ὑπονοήσομεν -u.

<sup>4</sup> Dübner (from *Timaeus* 29 A 6); αἰτιῶν -mss.

<sup>5</sup> Wyttenbach (after Xylander's version); αὐτῆς -mss.

<sup>6</sup> E, B, e, u; παρασχεῖν -f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>7</sup> τοῦ -omitted by e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 29 A 5-6; cf. Plutarch, *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 B (ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῶν αἰτίων ἄριστος).

<sup>b</sup> The identification, οὐσία καὶ ὕλη, is Stoic according to Plutarch himself (see *De Comm. Not.* 1085 E-F *infra* with note a on F, and cf. *De Amicorum Multitudine* 97 A-B); but he so far adopts this terminology as even to use οὐσία alone for what he considers to be Platonic ὕλη (e.g. *De Defectu Orac.* 430 E [οὐ γὰρ ὁ θεὸς διέστησεν . . . τὴν οὐσίαν ἀλλὰ . . . αὐτὴν . . . ἔταξε]), for which cf. Diogenes Laertius, iii, 70 (p. 149, 16-17 [Long]) and *Dox. Graeci*, p. 447 A 27 (Areius Didymus) in contrast to p. 447 B 22 (Albinus).

<sup>c</sup> See *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 B *supra* with note e there.

<sup>d</sup> The Platonic source of this is *Timaeus* 29 E 3-30 A 3 (cf. 1015 B *infra* [. . . πάντα βουλόμενος αὐτῷ κατὰ δύναμιν

as if afraid lest by absolving god we get the notion that some human being had been the artificer of the universe. It is better, then, to be persuaded by Plato and, chanting "for it is the fairest of things that have come to be and he the best of causes,"<sup>a</sup> to assert that the universe has been brought into being by god whereas the substance or matter<sup>b</sup> out of which it has come into being did not come to be but was always available to the artificer to whom it submitted itself for disposing and ordering<sup>c</sup> and being made as like to him as was possible,<sup>d</sup> for the source of generation is not what is non-existent<sup>e</sup> but, as in the case of a house and a garment and a statue, what is not in good and sufficient condition. In fact, what preceded the generation of the universe was disorder,<sup>f</sup> disorder not incorporeal or immobile or

ἐξομοιωσαι]). For the tendency to take that passage as identifying the demiurge with the model of the sensible universe see *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 c-d *supra* (εἰκόνες . . . τοῦ θεοῦ, τῆς μὲν οὐσίας ὁ κόσμος . . .) with page 89, note b; cf. H. Dörrie, *Museum Helveticum*, xxvi (1969), pp. 222-223 and *Philomathes: Studies . . . in Memory of Philip Merlan* (The Hague, 1971), pp. 41-42.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *Quaest. Conviv.* 731 D (τὴν ἐκ μὴ ὄντος παρανόμως ἐπισηγοῦσα γένεσιν τοῖς πράγμασιν) and *Adv. Colotem* 1111 A, 1112 A, and 1113 C; for the general acceptance of the principle cf. Aristotle, *Physics* 187 a 27-29 and 34-35 and 191 b 13-14 and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 323, 1-2 (Wrobel) = p. 296, 5-6 (Waszink).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Dion* x, 2 (962 B [. . . ὃ τὸ πᾶν ἡγουμένῳ πειθόμενον ἐξ ἀκοσμίας κόσμος ἐστὶ]), *Quaest. Conviv.* 615 F (τὸν μέγαν θεὸν ὑμεῖς πού φατε τὴν ἀκοσμίαν εὐταξίᾳ μεταβαλεῖν εἰς κόσμον . . .), and with the rest of this paragraph *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 A-B *supra* and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 95, 18-96, 4 (Wrobel) = pp. 80, 20-81, 7 (Waszink) with J. C. M. van Winden, *Chalcidius on Matter*<sup>2</sup> (Leiden, 1965), pp. 256-258.

(1014) ἄμορφον μὲν καὶ ἀσύστατον τὸ σωματικὸν ἔμπληκτον δὲ καὶ ἄλογον τὸ κινητικὸν ἔχουσα· τοῦτο δ' ἦν ἀναρμοστία ψυχῆς οὐκ ἐχούσης λόγον. ὁ γὰρ θεὸς οὔτε σῶμα τὸ ἀσώματον οὔτε ψυχὴν τὸ ἄψυχον ἐποίησεν. ἀλλὰ ὡσπερ ἁρμονικὸν ἄνδρα καὶ ρυθμικὸν<sup>1</sup> οὐ φωνὴν ποιεῖν οὐδὲ κίνησιν ἐμμελῆ δὲ φωνὴν καὶ κίνησιν εὐρυθμον ἀξιοῦμεν οὕτως ὁ θεὸς οὔτε τοῦ σώματος τὸ ἀπτόν καὶ ἀντίτυπον οὔτε τῆς ψυχῆς τὸ φανταστικὸν καὶ κινητικὸν αὐτὸς ἐποίησεν ἀμφοτέρας δὲ τὰς ἀρχὰς παραλαβὼν, τὴν μὲν ἀμυδρὰν καὶ σκοτεινὴν τὴν δὲ ταραχώδη καὶ ἀνόητον ἀτελεῖς δὲ<sup>2</sup> τοῦ προσήκοντος ἀμφοτέρας καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἄνδρα, ρυθμητικὸν (with η changed to ι) -r.

<sup>2</sup> δὲ -omitted by r.

<sup>a</sup> In *Timaeus* 50 D 7 and 51 A 7 ἄμορφος is used of the "receptacle," whereas ἀσύστατον (used by Plato only in a different and irrelevant context [*Timaeus* 61 A 1]) shows that Plutarch is here referring to the "precosmic" chaos of *Timaeus* 53 A 8-B 4 (see 1016 E-F *infra*).

<sup>b</sup> For the expression cf. *De Iside* 371 B (τῆς ψυχῆς τὸ . . . ἄλογον καὶ ἔμπληκτον); the motivity is τὴν κινητικὴν τῆς ὕλης καὶ . . . ἀτακτον καὶ ἄλογον οὐκ ἄψυχον δὲ κίνησιν (1015 E *infra*).

<sup>c</sup> i.e. ψυχὴν τὴν πρὸ τῆς κόσμου γενέσεως πλημμελῶς πάντα καὶ ἀτάκτως κινούσαν (1016 C *infra*). ἀναρμοστία ψυχῆς is interpretation of τὸ τῆς παλαιᾶς ἀναρμοστίας πάθος (Plato, *Politicus* 273 C 7-D 1), quoted by Plutarch at 1015 D *infra*; see also 1017 C (ἐκ τῆς προτέρας ἕξεως ἀναρμόστου καὶ ἀλόγου) and 1029 E *infra* (. . . ἀταξίαν καὶ πλημμέλειαν ἐν ταῖς κινήσει τῆς ἀναρμόστου καὶ ἀνοήτου ψυχῆς . . .).

<sup>d</sup> See 1017 A *infra* (. . . οὐχὶ σώματος ἀπλῶς οὐδ' ὄγκου καὶ ὕλης) and *De E* 390 D (σῶμα . . . ἀπτόν ὄγκον καὶ ἀντίτυπον) with the definition, σῶμα . . . ὄγκος ἀντίτυπος in [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 882 F (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 310 A 10-11) and Sextus,

inanimate but of corporeality amorphous and incoherent<sup>a</sup> and of motivity demented and irrational,<sup>b</sup> and this was the discord of soul that has not reason.<sup>c</sup> For god made neither the incorporeal into body nor the inanimate into soul; but just as a man skilled in attunement and rhythm is expected not to create sound or movement either but to make sound tuneful and movement rhythmical so god did not himself create either the tangibility and resistance of body<sup>d</sup> or the imagination and motivity of soul,<sup>e</sup> but he took over<sup>f</sup> both the principles, the former vague and obscure<sup>g</sup> and the latter confused and stupid<sup>h</sup> and both of them indefinite and without their appropriate

*Adv. Math.* i, 21 (p. 603, 12 [Bekker]). From *Timaeus* 31 B 4-6 taken with 62 c 1-2 it could be inferred that corporeality entails tangibility and tangibility resistance (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 12, 20-23, p. 13, 2-12, and p. 17, 13-17 [Diehl]); but the explicit assertion that ἀντιτυπία is the distinctive property of corporeality as differentiated from the geometrical solid is Epicurean and Stoic (see page 824, note a on *De Comm. Not.* 1080 c *infra* [especially Sextus, *Adv. Math.* i, 21 and x, 221-222; *S. V. F.* ii, p. 127, 5-11 and p. 162, 29-31]).

<sup>a</sup> See *infra* 1017 A (. . . τινα φανταστικῆς . . . φορᾶς . . . δύναμιν αὐτοκίνητον καὶ ἀεικίνητον) and 1024 A (. . . τὴν . . . φανταστικὴν . . . κίνησιν . . .). Cf. *De Sollertia Animalium* 960 D (πᾶν τὸ ἔμψυχον αἰσθητικὸν εὐθὺς εἶναι καὶ φανταστικὸν πέφυκεν); and for Plutarch's conception of τὸ φανταστικόν cf. *Quomodo Quis . . . Sentiat Profectus* 83 A-C, *De Defectu Orac.* 437 E, and *Coriolanus* xxxviii, 4 (232 c).

<sup>f</sup> παραλαβῶν is from *Timaeus* 30 A 3-5 (cf. 68 E 1-3), cited by Plutarch at 1016 D *infra* (see also 1029 E *infra* and *De Defectu Orac.* 430 E [. . . παραλαβῶν ἔταξε . . .]).

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Plotinus, *Enn.* II, iv, 10, line 30 (τοῦτο νοεῖ ἀμυδρῶς ἀμυδρὸν καὶ σκοτεινῶς σκοτεινὸν . . .); in *Timaeus* 49 A 3-4 χαλεπὸν καὶ ἀμυδρὸν εἶδος refers to the receptacle, χώρα.

<sup>h</sup> See *infra* 1015 E (ὑπὸ τῆς ἀνοήτου παρατομένην αἰτίας) and 1026 c (ἐμφαίνεται : . . αὐτῆς τῷ μὲν ἀλόγῳ τὸ παραχωῶδες).

(1014) ἀορίστους, ἔταξε καὶ διεκόσμησε καὶ συνήρμοσε, τὸ κάλλιστον ἀπεργασάμενος καὶ τελειότατον ἐξ αὐτῶν ζῶον. ἡ μὲν οὖν σώματος οὐσία τῆς λεγομένης ὑπ' αὐτοῦ<sup>1</sup> πανδεχοῦς φύσεως ἔδρας τε καὶ D τιθήνης τῶν γεννητῶν<sup>2</sup> οὐχ ἕτερα τίς ἐστίν.<sup>3</sup>

6. Τὴν δὲ τῆς ψυχῆς ἐν Φιλήβῳ μὲν ἀπειρίαν κέκληκεν, ἀριθμοῦ καὶ λόγου στέρησιν οὖσαν ἔλλεί-

<sup>1</sup> E, B; ἀπ' αὐτοῦ -e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> γεννητῶν -f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>3</sup> Aldine; ἐστι -mss.

<sup>a</sup> This idiomatic use of ἀτελής with the genitive is so frequent in Plutarch that its occurrence here is not likely to be a reminiscence of the pun in *Phaedrus* 248 B 4 (ἀτελεῖς τῆς τοῦ ὄντος θέας) or to have any of the profound significance seen in it by Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 18, n. 47).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Timaeus*, 30 B 4-c 1, 30 D 1—31 A 1, 32 D 1 f., 68 E 1-6, 69 B 8-c 3, 92 c 5-9; with Plutarch's συνήρμοσε cf. *Timaeus* 36 E 1 (συναγαγὼν προσήρμοσεν).

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 51 A 7 (πανδεχέας [cf. 50 B 6: τῆς τὰ πάντα δεχομένης σώματα φύσεως]), 52 B 1 (ἔδραν δὲ παρέχον ὅσα ἔχει γένεσιν πᾶσιν), 49 A 5-6 (πάσης εἶναι γενέσεως ὑποδοχὴν αὐτὴν οἶον τιθήνην). It is to describe the rôle of χώρα, itself incorporeal and imperceptible to sense (*Timaeus* 51 A 4-B 2 and 52 A 8-B 2), that Plato uses these terms; but to Plutarch they are indifferently designations of ὕλη (see *infra* 1015 D, 1023 A, 1024 C; cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 636 D and *De Iside* 372 E-F) and, as in this chapter, of corporeality, with which ὕλη is thus identified (see 1023 A *infra*: δεξαμένην . . . ἐκέκρινεν [scil. σωματικὴν ὕλην] . . . μᾶλλον δὲ σώμα . . .) and which is taken to have existed in precosmic disorder (see 1017 A *infra* [οὐχὶ σώματος ἀπλῶς . . . ἦν ὁ θεὸς . . . δημιουργός]; cf. *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 A *supra* [. . . τὸ ἄμορφον σῶμα . . . and ἐκ σώματος ἀτάκτου . . .], and see page 173, note c *supra*). This precosmic matter Plutarch even calls perceptible (1024 B *infra* [τὸ αἰσθητὸν . . . ἦν ἄμορφον καὶ ἀόριστον]), although he had already insisted that Platonic matter is entirely devoid of quality (1014 F—1015 D *infra*) and had asserted that ὕλη becomes tangible and visible, *i.e.*



perfection,<sup>a</sup> and he ordered and arrayed and fitted them together, producing from them the living being supremely fair and perfect.<sup>b</sup> So the substance of body is none other than what is called by Plato the omnirecipient nature, abode and nurse of the things that are subject to generation.<sup>c</sup>

6. As for the substance of soul, in the *Philebus* he has called it infinitude<sup>d</sup> as being privation of number

perceptible body, only when shaped by participation in the intelligible (see 1013 c *supra* with *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 D-E). When in [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 882 c (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 308 A 4-9 and B 5-9; cf. Theodoret, *Graec. Affect. Curatio* iv, 13) the Platonic "receptacle" is called ὕλη and characterized as at once corporeal and without quality, it may be an example of the identification of Platonic "primary matter" with the Stoic ἀποιον σῶμα (cf. Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 227, 23-26 = *S.V.F.* ii, frag. 326). Others, however, who identified the receptacle with ὕλη, asserted that, being without quality, it is neither corporeal nor incorporeal but potentially corporeal (Albinus, *Epitome* viii, 3 [Louis] = p. 163, 3-7 [Hermann]; Apuleius, *De Platone* i, 5 = p. 87, 10-20 [Thomas]; Hippolytus, *Refutatio* i, 19, 3 = pp. 19, 13-20, 1 [Wendland]; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 342, 16-344, 20 [Wrobel] = pp. 314, 17-316, 13 [Wassink]), an expedient obviously borrowed from Aristotle (*De Generatione* 329 a 33; cf. Areius Didymus, *Epitomes Frag. Phys.* 2 [*Dox. Graeci*, p. 448, 3-12] and "Ocellus Lucanus" ii, 6 [24] = p. 16, 22-24 [Harder]).

<sup>d</sup> This assertion (see 1014 E *infra*: ἐν δὲ Φιλήβῳ . . . ἀπειρίαν . . . τῆ ψυχῆ) is justified by nothing in the *Philebus*, not even by *Philebus* 26 B 6-10 (the limitless appetites of wantonness and vice) or 27 E 1-28 A 4 and 52 c (pleasures and pains in the class of τὸ ἀπειρον), for the nature of soul is not in question there and such "psychic infinitude" is expressly just one example among many of the ἀπειρία in the world (cf. *Philebus* 16 c 9-10, 24 A-25 A, 25 c 5-D 1). In *De E* 391 B-C the ἀπειρον of the *Philebus*, though taken to correspond to the κίνησις of the *Sophist*, is said by its combination with the πέρασ to constitute πᾶσαν γένεσιν.

(1014) ψεώς<sup>1</sup> τε καὶ ὑπερβολῆς καὶ διαφορᾶς καὶ ἀνομοιότητος ἐν αὐτῇ πέρας οὐδὲν οὐδὲ μέτρον ἔχουσαν· ἐν δὲ Τιμαίῳ τὴν τῇ ἀμερίστῳ συγκεραυνυμένην φύσει καὶ περὶ τὰ σώματα γίνεσθαι λεγομένην μεριστὴν οὔτε πλήθος ἐν μονάσι καὶ στιγμαῖς οὔτε μήκη καὶ πλάτη λέγεσθαι νομιστέον, ἃ σώμασι προσήκει καὶ σωμάτων μᾶλλον ἢ τῆς ψυχῆς ἐστίν, ἀλλὰ τὴν ἄτακτον καὶ ἀόριστον αὐτοκίνητον δὲ καὶ κινητικὴν ἀρχὴν ἐκείνην, ἣν πολλαχοῦ μὲν ἀνάγκην ἐν δὲ τοῖς Νόμοις ἀντικρυσ ψυχὴν ἄτακτον εἶρηκε καὶ κακοποιόν· αὕτη γὰρ ἦν ψυχὴ καθ' ἑαυτήν, νοῦ δὲ καὶ λογισμοῦ καὶ ἀρμονίας ἔμφρονος μετέσχεν, ἵνα κόσμου ψυχὴ γένηται. καὶ γὰρ τὸ

<sup>1</sup> ἐλλήψεως -r.

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 35 A 1-3.

<sup>b</sup> See μεριστόν δὲ τὸ πλήθος in the Xenocratean interpretation (1012 E *supra*) and in 1023 D *infra* ἐκ μονάδων corresponding to the preceding μήτε τοῖς ἀριθμοῖς as οὐδὲ γραμμῶν οὐδ' ἐπιφανειῶν corresponds to the preceding μήτε τοῖς πέρασι. For καὶ στιγμαῖς in a reference to the Xenocratean interpretation cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 409 a 3-7 with Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato* . . ., p. 396 and n. 322 and W. Theiler, *Aristoteles über die Seele* (Berlin, 1959), p. 101 ad 18, 1.

<sup>c</sup> As in the Posidonian interpretation of chap. 22 *infra* (see in 1023 B δεξάμενοι τὴν τῶν περάτων οὐσίαν περὶ τὰ σώματα λέγεσθαι μεριστὴν and in 1023 D οὐδὲ γραμμῶν οὐδ' ἐπιφανειῶν corresponding to μήτε τοῖς πέρασι [see the last note *supra*]). For the distinction between the arithmetical and the geometrical interpretations cf. Iamblichus in Stobaeus, *Ecl.* i, 49, 32 (pp. 363, 26-364, 12 [Wachsmuth]) and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 153, 18-25 (Diehl).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 153, 25-154, 1 (Diehl): . . . μεριστὴν μὲν οὐσίαν λέγουσι τὴν ἄλογον προοῦσαν τῆς λογικῆς . . ., καθάπερ Πλούταρχος καὶ Ἀττικὸς, . . .

<sup>e</sup> See 1014 E *infra* (τὴν ἐν Τιμαίῳ λεγομένην ἀνάγκην) and

and ratio and having in itself no limit or measure of deficiency and excess and difference and dissimilitude; and in the *Timaeus* that which is blended together with the indivisible nature and is said to become divisible in the case of bodies<sup>a</sup> must be held to mean neither multiplicity in the form of units and points<sup>b</sup> nor lengths and breadths,<sup>c</sup> which are appropriate to bodies and belong to bodies rather than to soul, but that disorderly and indeterminate but self-moved and motive principle<sup>d</sup> which in many places he has called necessity<sup>e</sup> but in the *Laws* has openly called disorderly and maleficent soul.<sup>f</sup> This, in fact, was soul in itself<sup>g</sup>; but it partook of intelligence and reason and rational concord<sup>h</sup> that it might become the soul of the universe. For the aforesaid omnireci-

1015 A *infra* (ὡσπερ ἐν Πολιτικῷ λέγεται . . . ἀνάγκη . . .) with the notes there.

<sup>f</sup> In 1015 E *infra* Plato is said to have called it ψυχὴν ἐναντίαν καὶ ἀντίπαλον τῇ ἀγαθουργῶ (cf. *De Iside* 370 F), which is closer to the terminology of *Laws* 896 D 5—898 C 8 (especially 896 E 5-6, 897 B 3-4, 897 D 1, and 898 C 4-5), the passage that Plutarch has in mind. For his interpretation of it, which Atticus adopted, cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 382, 2-12 and p. 391, 8-12 (Diehl); cf. also that of Numenius (p. 94, 6-11 [Leemans]) in Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 326, 12-17 (Wrobel)=p. 299, 14-18 (Waszink). In fact, the passages of the *Laws* envisage no such evil "world-soul" as Plutarch reads into them and lend no support to the identification of evil soul or of soul at all with the "necessity" or with the "divisible being" of the *Timaeus* (cf. Cherniss, *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*, xcvi [1954], p. 26, n. 29; H. Herter, *Rhein. Mus.*, c [1957], pp. 334-335; H. Görgemanns, *Beiträge zur Interpretation von Platons Nomoi* [München, 1960], p. 200, n. 1).

<sup>g</sup> See 1024 A *infra*: νῦν οὐχ ἀπλῶς ψυχὴν. . . .

<sup>h</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 36 E 6—37 A 1; see 1016 B *infra* and *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 c with note a and 1003 A *supra*.

(1014) πανδεχὲς καὶ ὑλικὸν ἐκεῖνο μέγεθος μὲν ἐκέκτετο καὶ διάστημα καὶ χώραν, κάλλους δὲ καὶ μορφῆς καὶ σχημάτων μετριότητος ἐνδεῶς εἶχεν. ἔλαχε δὲ τούτων, ἵνα γῆς καὶ θαλάττης καὶ οὐρανοῦ καὶ ἀστέρων φυτῶν τε καὶ ζώων παντοδαπὰ σώματα καὶ ὄργανα γίνηται<sup>1</sup> κοσμηθέν. οἱ δὲ τὴν ἐν Τιμαίῳ λεγομένην ἀνάγκην ἐν δὲ Φιλήβῳ περὶ τὸ μᾶλλον καὶ ἥττον ἐλλείψεως<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὑπερβολῆς ἀμετρίαν καὶ ἀπειρίαν τῇ ὕλῃ προστιθέντες ἀλλὰ μὴ F τῇ ψυχῇ, ποῦ<sup>3</sup> θήσονται τὸ τὴν ὕλην αἰεὶ μὲν ἄμορφον καὶ ἀσχημάτιστον ὑπ' αὐτοῦ λέγεσθαι καὶ πάσης ποιότητος καὶ δυνάμεως οἰκείας ἔρημον εἰκά-

<sup>1</sup> γένηται -Bernardakis.

<sup>2</sup> ἐλλείψεως -r; [ἐλλείψεως καὶ ὑπερβολῆς] -deleted by Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 19, n. 62).

<sup>3</sup> Turnebus; ψυχῇ γε οὐ -mss. (ψυχῇ . . . vac. 16 -f; vac. 17 -m; vac. 10 -r . . . γε οὐ).

<sup>a</sup> See 1014 c *supra* with page 185, note c.

<sup>b</sup> For χώρα in this sense of "room" in which to hold something cf. *De Comm. Not.* 1077 E *infra* (τοῦ διαστάσιν οὐκ ἔχοντος οὐδὲ χώραν ἐν αὐτῷ) and *Quaest. Conviv.* 707 B (χώραν πλακοῦντι καταλιπεῖν).

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 47 E 4—48 A 7, 56 c 3-7, and 68 E 1—69 A 5. For the attribution to which Plutarch here objects cf. "Timaeus Locrus" 93 A; Diogenes Laertius, iii, 75-76 (p. 151, 17-24 [Long]); Aëtius i, 26, 3 (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 321 A 18-19 and B 19-20); Numenius (p. 97, 1-5 [Leemans]) in Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 328, 8-11 (Wrobel)=p. 301, 18-20 (Waszink) and *ibid.*, pp. 299, 14-301, 22 (Wrobel)=pp. 273, 15-275, 17 (Waszink); Plotinus, *Enn.* I, viii, 7, lines 4-7; Proclus, *In Platonis Cratylum*, p. 112, 25-28 (Pasquali). Even Lamprias in *De Defectu Orac.* 435 F—436 A is made to interpret Plato as οὐκ ἀποστερῶν τὴν ὕλην

pliant and material principle<sup>a</sup> too already possessed magnitude and dimension and spaciousness<sup>b</sup>; but it was in want of beauty and shape and regularity of figures, and these were allotted to it that it might be reduced to order and then become all the various bodies and organs of plants and animals and of earth and sea and sky and stars. Those, however, who attribute to matter and not to the soul what in the *Timæus* is called necessity<sup>c</sup> and in the *Philebus* measurelessness and infinitude in the varying degrees of deficiency and excess,<sup>d</sup> what will they make of the fact that by Plato matter is said always to be amorphous and shapeless and devoid of all quality and potency of its own<sup>e</sup> and is likened to odourless

τῶν ἀναγκαίων πρὸς τὸ γιγνόμενον αἰτιῶν, and in *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 B-C Plutarch in his own person interpreting the *Timæus* speaks of the universe as perpetually involved in generation and change διὰ τὴν σύμφυτον ἀνάγκην τοῦ σώματος.

<sup>a</sup> *Philebus* 24 A—25 A and 25 C 5-D 1 (see page 185, note *d supra*). For the attribution to which Plutarch here objects cf. Hermodorus according to Dercyllides as reported from Porphyry by Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 247, 34-35; Proclus, *In Platonis Timæum* i, p. 263, 10-14 and p. 384, 29-30 (Diehl) and *De Malorum Subsistentia*, col. 236, 21-24 (Cousin)=§ 35, 19-21 (Boese); Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* iii, 11 (p. 110, 2-9 [Winnington-Ingram]).

<sup>e</sup> *Timæus* 50 B 6-C 2, 50 D 7-E 1, 50 E 4-5, and 51 A 4-7, where as in the following simile (*Timæus* 50 E 5-8) the subject is the receptacle, i.e. χώρα, and not ἕλη (see τὸ πανδεχὲς καὶ ὑλικόν [1014 E *supra*] and page 185, note *c supra*). With Plutarch's statement here cf. Albinus, *Epitome viii*, 2 (p. 49, 6-11 [Louis]=p. 162, 30-36 [Hermann]); *Dox. Graeci*, p. 308 A 4-9 and B 5-9; and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timæus*, p. 356, 8-12 (Wrobel)=p. 326, 3-6 (Waszink). With his δυνάμεως οἰκείας ἔρημον cf. ἀργὸν ἐξ αὐτοῦ (1015 A *infra*); Proclus, *Elements of Theology* 80 (p. 76, 5-6 [Dodds]); Simplicius, *Categ.*, p. 249, 26-27; Olympiodorus, *In Platonis Phaedonem*, p. 40, 19-21 (Norvin).

(1014) ζεσθαι δ' ἀώδεσιν ἐλαίοις ἅ πρὸς τὰς βαφὰς οἱ  
 1015 μυρεψοὶ λαμβάνουσιν; οὐ γὰρ οἶόν τε τὸ ἄποιον  
 καὶ ἄργόν ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἄρρεπές<sup>1</sup> αἰτίαν κακοῦ καὶ  
 ἀρχὴν<sup>2</sup> ὑποτίθεσθαι τὸν Πλάτωνα καὶ καλεῖν ἀπει-  
 ρίαν αἰσχροὺς καὶ κακοποιὸν αὐθις δ' ἀνάγκην πολλὰ  
 τῷ θεῷ δυσμαχοῦσαν καὶ ἀφηνιάζουσαν.<sup>3</sup> ἢ γὰρ  
 ἀναστρέφουσα τὸν οὐρανόν, ὥσπερ ἐν Πολιτικῷ  
 λέγεται, καὶ ἀνελίττουσα πρὸς τοῦναντίον ἀνάγκη  
 καὶ "σύμφυτος<sup>4</sup> ἐπιθυμία" καὶ "τὸ τῆς πάλαι ποτὲ  
 φύσεως σύντροφον πολλῆς μετέχον ἀταξίας πρὶν  
 εἰς τὸν νῦν κόσμον ἀφικέσθαι," πόθεν ἐγγέγονε<sup>5</sup>  
 τοῖς πράγμασιν εἰ τὸ μὲν ὑποκείμενον ἄποιος<sup>6</sup> ἦν  
 ὕλη καὶ ἄμοιρον<sup>7</sup> αἰτίας ἀπάσης ὁ δὲ δημιουργὸς  
 Β ἀγαθὸς καὶ πάντα βουλόμενος αὐτῷ κατὰ δύναμιν  
 ἐξομοιωῶσαι τρίτον δὲ παρὰ ταῦτα μηδέν; αἱ γὰρ

<sup>1</sup> E, B; ἄρρεπές -e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀρχὴν καὶ ἀρχὴν -f.

<sup>3</sup> ἀφανίζουσαν -r.

<sup>4</sup> συμφύτοις -e, u (corrected in margin).

<sup>5</sup> E, B, u; ἐγγέγονε -e; ἐγγέγονει -f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>6</sup> ἄποιος -B; ἄποιον -E; ἄποιον -all other mss.

<sup>7</sup> ἄμοιρος -Wyttenbach.

<sup>a</sup> This substitution for τὰ δεξόμενα ὑγρὰ τὰς ὁσμὰς of *Timaeus* 50 E 7-8 is made by Albinus too in *Epitome* viii, 2 (p. 49, 12-13 [Louis])=p. 162, 37 f. [Hermann]). For oil as the base of perfumes cf. with Plutarch, *De Iside* 374 E and *Quaest. Conviv.* 661 c especially Theophrastus, *De Odoribus* §§ 14-20 and Pliny, *N.H.* xiii, 7.

<sup>b</sup> The terminology is Stoic. See *infra De Stoic. Repug.* 1054 A and *De Comm. Not.* 1076 c-d with note c there; and cf. *De Iside* 374 E, where ὕλη, which in 372 F was characterized as *ρέπουσα αἰεὶ πρὸς τὸ βέλτιον ἐξ ἑαυτῆς*, is expressly used *not* in the Stoic sense of *ἄψυχόν τι σῶμα καὶ ἀποιον ἄργόν τε καὶ ἄπρακτον ἐξ ἑαυτοῦ*.

<sup>c</sup> This expression, not used by Plato, combines Plutarch's

oils<sup>a</sup> which makers of perfume take for their infusions? For what is without quality and of itself inert and without propensity<sup>b</sup> Plato cannot suppose to be cause and principle of evil and call ugly and maleficent infinitude<sup>c</sup> and again necessity which is largely refractory and recalcitrant to god.<sup>d</sup> In fact, the necessity and "congenital desire" whereby the heaven is reversed, as is said in the *Politicus*,<sup>e</sup> and rolled back in the opposite direction and "its ancient nature's inbred character which had a large share of disorder before reaching the state of the present universe,"<sup>f</sup> whence did these come to be in things if the substrate was unqualified matter and so void of all causality and the artificer good and so desirous of making all things resemble himself as far as possible<sup>g</sup> and third besides these there was nothing? For we are involved in the difficulties of

interpretations of the *Philebus* and the *Laws* in 1014 D-E *supra* (see pages 185, note *d* and 187, note *f*). In contrast to Plutarch *cf.* Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 175, 8-10 (Diehl) with Plotinus, *Enn.* II, iv, 16, lines 19-24 and Olympiodorus, *In Platonis Phaedonem*, p. 40, 19-20 (Norvin).

<sup>a</sup> *Cf.* *De Iside* 371 A-B (. . . πρὸς τὴν βελτίονα ἀεὶ δυσμαχοῦσαν . . . and . . . ἀφηγιασμοὶ τυφῶνος); *De Virtute Morali* 442 A-B and 451 D.

<sup>c</sup> *Politicus* 272 E 5-6 (ἀνελίττουσα from ἀνείλιξις in 270 D 3 and 286 B 9), for the εἰμαρμένη of which Plutarch here substitutes ἀνάγκη, a substitution which he may have thought justified by *Politicus* 269 D 2-3 (. . . αὐτῷ τὸ ἀνάπαλιν ἵεναι . . . ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἔμφυτον γέγονε) or on the ground alleged in 1026 B *infra* (. . . ἀνάγκην, ἣν εἰμαρμένην οἱ πολλοὶ καλοῦσιν).

<sup>f</sup> *Politicus* 273 B 4-6 with slight adaptation but with the significant omission of the immediately preceding τὸ σωματοειδὲς τῆς συγκράσεως (contrast *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 B-C, . . . διὰ τὴν σύμφυτον ἀνάγκην τοῦ σώματος . . ., cited in note *c* on 1014 E *supra*).

<sup>g</sup> *Timaeus* 29 E 1-30 A 3 (see note *d* on 1014 B *supra*).

(1015) Στωικαὶ καταλαμβάνουσιν ἡμᾶς ἀπορίαι, τὸ κακὸν ἐκ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος ἀναιτίως καὶ ἀγενήτως<sup>1</sup> ἐπισηγόντας, ἐπεὶ τῶν γ' ὄντων οὔτε τάγαθὸν οὔτε τὸ ἄποιον εἰκὸς ἐστὶν οὐσίαν κακοῦ καὶ γένεσιν παρασχεῖν. ἀλλὰ ταῦτὸ Πλάτων<sup>2</sup> οὐκ ἔπαθε τοῖς ὕστερον, οὐδὲ παριδὼν ὡς ἐκεῖνοι τὴν μεταξὺ τῆς ὕλης καὶ τοῦ θεοῦ τρίτην ἀρχὴν καὶ δύναμιν ὑπέμεινε τῶν λόγων τὸν<sup>3</sup> ἀτοπώτατον, ἐπεισόδιον οὐκ οἶδα ὅπως ποιοῦντα τὴν τῶν κακῶν φύσιν ἀπ' αὐτομάτου κατὰ συμβεβηκός. Ἐπικούρω μὲν γὰρ οὐδ' ἀκαρὲς ἐγκλῖναι τὴν ἄτομον συγχωροῦσιν, ὡς ἀναιτίον ἐπισηγόντι<sup>4</sup> κίνησιν ἐκ τοῦ μὴ ὄντος· αὐτοὶ δὲ κακίαν καὶ κακοδαιμονίαν τοσαύτην ἑτέρας τε περὶ σῶμα μυρίας ἀτοπίας καὶ δυσχερείας, αἰτίαν ἐν ταῖς ἀρχαῖς οὐκ ἐχούσας, κατ' ἐπακολούθησιν γεγρονέαι λέγουσιν.

7. Ὁ δὲ Πλάτων οὐχ οὕτως, ἀλλὰ τὴν γε<sup>5</sup> ὕλην

<sup>1</sup> ἀγενήτως -f, m, r.

<sup>2</sup> πλάτων -Escor. 72.

<sup>3</sup> τὸ -f, m, r.

<sup>4</sup> ἐπειάγοντες -r.

<sup>5</sup> ἀλλά γε καὶ -f, m, r.

<sup>a</sup> See *De Comm. Not.* 1076 c-d *infra*; cf. *De Iside* 369 D (εἰ γὰρ οὐδὲν ἀναιτίως πέφυκε γενέσθαι αἰτίαν δὲ κακοῦ τάγαθὸν οὐκ ἂν παράσχοι, δεῖ γένεσιν ἰδίαν καὶ ἀρχὴν ὡσπερ ἀγαθοῦ καὶ κακοῦ τὴν φύσιν ἔχειν) and Numenius (p. 93, 13-16 [Leemans]) in Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 325, 22-326, 3 (Wrobel)=p. 299, 5-7 (Waszink).

<sup>b</sup> For οὐδέ in this sense cf. W. J. Verdenius, *Mnemosyne*, 4 Ser. vi (1953), p. 109; vii (1954), p. 68; and ix (1956), p. 249.

<sup>c</sup> This "third principle" is ψυχὴ καθ' ἑαυτήν (1014 F *supra*), whereas the τρίτην τιὰ μεταξὺ φύσιν . . . of *De Iside* 370 F—371 A is Platonic "matter," there said to be οὐκ ἄψυχον . . . οὐδ' ἀκίνητον ἐξ αὐτῆς.

<sup>d</sup> *i.e.* the Stoics, who themselves ὁμοίον τε εἶναι φασιν καὶ



the Stoics by bringing in evil without cause and process of generation out of what is non-existent,<sup>a</sup> since of things that do exist neither what is good nor what is without quality is likely to have occasioned evil's being or coming to be. The same thing did not happen to Plato, however, as did to those who came later, for <sup>b</sup> he did not as they did by overlooking the third principle and potency, which is intermediate between matter and god,<sup>c</sup> acquiesce in the most absurd of doctrines that makes the nature of evils supervenient I know not how in a spontaneously accidental fashion. The fact is that they,<sup>d</sup> while conceding to Epicurus not even the slightest swerve of the atom, on the ground that he thus brings in uncaused motion from what is non-existent,<sup>e</sup> do themselves assert that vice and so much unhappiness as there is and countless other monstrous and disagreeable features of body are without any cause among the principles but have arisen by way of incidental consequence.<sup>f</sup>

7. This is not Plato's way, however ; but, exempt-

ὁμοίως ἀδύνατον τὸ ἀναίτιως τῷ γίνεσθαι τι ἐκ μὴ ὄντος (Alexander, *De Fato*, p. 192, 14-15 [Bruns]=*S. V. F.* ii, p. 273, 14-15). See also next note *infra*.

<sup>a</sup> Usener, *Epicurea*, p. 201, 21-23 (in frag. 281). Cf. the passages cited in note *a* on *De Stoic. Repug.* 1045 B-C and in note *c* on 1050 *c infra*, among them especially *De Sollertia Animalium* 964 *c*; Cicero, *De Fato* 18, 20, and 22-23; Galen, *De Placitis Hippoc. et Plat.* iv, 4 (p. 361, 14-16 [Müller]).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *S. V. F.* i, p. vi, lines 7-10 and ii, frag. 1170 (Aulus Gellius, vii, i, 7-13); Marcus Aurelius, vi, 36; [Plutarch], *Consolatio ad Apollonium* 117 D-E (. . . οὔτε τῶν κατὰ προηγούμενον λόγον συμβαινόντων οὔτε τῶν κατ' ἐπακολουθήσιν); Philo Jud. in Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* viii, 14, 45-59 (especially i, p. 474, 20-22 and p. 476, 7-8 [Mras]).

(1015) διαφορᾶς ἀπάσης ἀπαλλάττων καὶ τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν τῶν κακῶν αἰτίαν ἀπωτάτω τιθέμενος ταῦτα περὶ τοῦ κόσμου γέγραφεν ἐν τῷ Πολιτικῷ. “παρὰ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ ξυνθέντος<sup>1</sup> πάντα τὰ καλὰ<sup>2</sup> κέκτῃται· παρὰ δὲ τῆς ἔμπροσθεν ἕξεως ὅσα χαλεπὰ καὶ ἄδικα ἐν οὐρανῷ γίγνεται, ταῦτ’ ἐξ ἐκείνης αὐτός D τε ἔχει καὶ τοῖς ζώοις ἐναπεργάζεται.” καὶ μικρὸν ἔτι προελθὼν “προϊόντος δέ” φησι “τοῦ χρόνου<sup>3</sup> καὶ λήθης ἐγγιγνομένης ἐν αὐτῷ μᾶλλον δυναστεύει<sup>4</sup> τὸ τῆς παλαιᾶς ἀναρμοστίας πάθος” καὶ κινδυνεύει “διαλυθεὶς εἰς τὸν τῆς ἀνομοιότητος ἄπειρον ὄντα τόπον” δῦναι πάλιν. ἀνομοιότης δὲ περὶ τὴν ὕλην, ἄποιον καὶ ἀδιάφορον οὖσαν, οὐκ ἔστιν. ἀλλὰ μετὰ πολλῶν ἄλλων καὶ Εὐδημος ἀγνοήσας κατειρωνεύεται τοῦ Πλάτωνος ὡς οὐκ εὔ τὴν<sup>5</sup> πολλάκις ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ μητέρα καὶ τιθήνην προσαγορευομένην αἰτίαν κακῶν καὶ ἀρχὴν<sup>6</sup> ἀποφαί-

<sup>1</sup> ξυνθέντος -r; ξελθέντος -e, u, f, m, Escor. 72, Aldine; τοῦ . . . vac. 10 -E; vac. 6 -B . . . θέντος -E, B.

<sup>2</sup> πάντα τὰ καλὰ -mss. (so Cod. B, Vat. 225, and Ven. 185 of Plato; and Clement, *Stromata* III, iii, 19, 5); πάντα καλὰ -all other mss. of Plato (so Theodoret, Proclus, Philoponus, Simplicius).

<sup>3</sup> δὲ τοῦ χρόνου φησι -B.

<sup>4</sup> μᾶλλον καὶ δυναστεύει -Plato, *Politicus* 273 c 7.

<sup>5</sup> ὡς οὐκ εὔ τὴν -e, u; ὡς οὐκ αὐτὴν -f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine; ὡς . . . vac. 7-8 . . . τὴν -E, B.

<sup>6</sup> E, B; κακῶν ἰζ’ ἀρχὴν -e, u, Escor. 72 (*ρίζαν* in margin); κακῶν ρίζαν ἀρχὴν -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> *Politicus* 273 B 6-c 2.

<sup>b</sup> *Politicus* 273 c 6-d 1.

ing matter from all differentiation and putting the cause of evils at the farthest remove from god, he has written about the universe as follows in the *Politicus*<sup>a</sup>: "For it has got from him who constructed it all it has that is fair but from its previous state whatever troubles and iniquities occur in the universe—from that source it has these itself and produces them in its living beings." And a little further on still he says: "But with the passage of time and the setting in of forgetfulness the effect of the ancient discord becomes more potent,"<sup>b</sup> and it is in danger of sinking again "dissolved into the boundless region of dissimilitude."<sup>c</sup> Dissimilitude, however, is not connected with matter, since matter is without quality or differentiation.<sup>d</sup> Yet from misapprehension shared with many others even Eudemus rallies Plato for not doing right in declaring her to be the cause and principle of evils whom he frequently calls by the name of mother and nurse.<sup>e</sup> In fact, while

<sup>a</sup> *Politicus* 273 D 6-E 1. In Plato's sentence *πάλιν* goes with the words that follow (*πάλιν ἔφεδρος . . . γιγνόμενος*) and not with the preceding *δύη* as in Plutarch's paraphrase, *κινδυνεύει . . . δύναι πάλιν*. On the other hand, all the mss. of Plato like all those of Plutarch have *τόπον* (*cf.* also Plotinus, *Enn.* I, viii, 13, lines 16-17; Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xi, 34, 4) and not the *πόντον* adopted by Burnet, Taylor, and Diès on the authority of Proclus and Simplicius (*cf.* the articles listed in *Lustrum*, iv [1959], p. 148 [# 746] and v [1960], p. 602 [# 1987]).

<sup>d</sup> See 1014 F *supra* with note *e* there.

<sup>e</sup> Eudemus, frag. 49 (Wehrli); *cf.* U. Schöbe, *Quaestiones Eudemeae* (Diss. Halle, 1931), pp. 43-45 and Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, note 62 (pp. 95-97, especially p. 97). Eudemus is called by Simplicius (*Phys.*, p. 411, 15-16; *cf.* p. 133, 21-22) the most genuine disciple of Aristotle.

(1015) νοντος. ὁ γὰρ Πλάτων μητέρα μὲν καὶ τιθήνην καλεῖ  
 E τὴν ὕλην αἰτίαν δὲ κακοῦ τὴν κινητικὴν τῆς ὕλης  
 καὶ περὶ τὰ σώματα γιγνομένην μεριστὴν ἄτακτον  
 καὶ ἄλογον οὐκ ἄψυχον δὲ κίνησιν, ἣν ἐν Νόμοις  
 ὡσπερ εἴρηται ψυχὴν ἐναντίαν καὶ ἀντίπαλον τῇ  
 ἀγαθουργῶ προσεῖπε. ψυχὴ γὰρ αἰτία κινήσεως καὶ  
 ἀρχή, νοῦς δὲ τάξεως καὶ συμφωνίας περὶ κίνησιν.  
 ὁ γὰρ θεὸς οὐκ ἀνέστησε τὴν ὕλην ἀργοῦσαν ἀλλ'  
 ἔστησεν ὑπὸ τῆς ἀνοήτου ταραττομένην<sup>1</sup> αἰτίας· οὐδ'  
 ἀρχὰς τῇ φύσει μεταβολῆς καὶ παθῶν παρέσχεν,  
 ἀλλ' οὔσης ἐν πάθει παντοδαποῖς καὶ μεταβολαῖς  
 ἀτάκτοις ἐξείλε τὴν πολλὴν ἀοριστίαν καὶ πλημμέ-  
 λειαν ἀρμονία καὶ ἀναλογία καὶ ἀριθμῶ χρώμενος  
 ὀργάνοις, ὧν ἔργον ἐστὶν οὐ μεταβολῆ καὶ κινήσει<sup>2</sup>  
 F ἑτερότητος πάθη καὶ διαφορᾶς<sup>3</sup> παρέχειν τοῖς

<sup>1</sup> πραττομένην -f.

<sup>2</sup> ἔργον μεταβολὴν καὶ κίνησιν -r (μεταβολὴν καὶ κίνησιν -f<sup>1</sup> [in margin], m<sup>1</sup> [in margin]).

<sup>3</sup> διαφορᾶς -H. C. ("diversitatis et differentiae" -Turne-  
 bus): διαφορὰς -MSS.

<sup>a</sup> For "mother" cf. *Timaeus* 50 D 2-4 and 51 A 4-5 and for "nurse" *Timaeus* 49 A 5-6, 52 D 4-E 1, and 88 D 6. With Plutarch's statement cf. "Timaeus Locrus" 94 A (τὰν δ' ὕλαν ἐκμαγεῖον καὶ ματέρα τιθάναν τε . . .); Albinus, *Epitome* viii, 2 (p. 49, 1-2 [Louis]=p. 162, 25-27 [Hermann]); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 304, 4-7 and p. 336, 18-19 (Wrobel)=pp. 277, 18-278, 2 and p. 309, 11-12 (Waszink); and see page 185, note c *supra*.

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 35 A 2-3 as interpreted in 1014 D *supra* (see page 187, notes a and d).

<sup>c</sup> See 1014 D-E *supra* with note f there.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Plato, *Phaedrus* 245 c 5-246 A 2 and *Laws* 896 A 5-B 3 (see *supra* 1013 c with note b and 1013 F with note a); and for the argument that follows here cf. Galen, *Compendium Timaei Platonis* iv b (pp. 43, 7-44, 13 [Kraus-

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Plato calls matter mother and nurse,<sup>a</sup> what he calls the cause of evil is the motion that moves matter and becomes divisible in the case of bodies,<sup>b</sup> the disorderly and irrational but not inanimate motion, which in the *Laws*, as has been said,<sup>c</sup> he called soul contrary and adverse to the one that is beneficent. For soul is cause and principle of motion,<sup>d</sup> but intelligence of order and consonance in motion<sup>e</sup>; and the fact is that god did not arouse matter from torpor<sup>f</sup> but put a stop to its being disturbed by the mindless cause<sup>g</sup> and did not impart to nature the origins of change and of modifications but from her, who was involved in modifications of every kind and in disorderly changes,<sup>h</sup> removed the vast indefinitude and jangle, using as tools concord and proportion and number,<sup>i</sup> the function of which is not by change and motion to impart to things the modifications of

Walzer]) and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 382, 2-12 (Diehl).

<sup>e</sup> For the relation of τάξις in motion to νοῦς and the lack of it to ἄνοια cf. Plato, *Laws* 898 A 8-B 8. The distinction between ἀπλῶς κίνησις and κίνησις ἐν τάξει is drawn in *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 D *supra*.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. 1015 A *supra* (ἀργόν) with note b there; and for what follows see 1014 B-C *supra* and *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 A with notes.

<sup>g</sup> See 1014 C *supra* (τὴν δὲ ταραχώδη καὶ ἀνόητον) and 1016 C *infra* (ψυχὴν τὴν . . . πλημμελῶς πάντα καὶ ἀτάκτως κινούσαν).

<sup>h</sup> Cf. Plato, *Timaeus* 52 D 4-E 1 (τὴν δὲ δὴ γενέσεως τιθήνην . . . ὅσα ἄλλα . . . πάθη . . . πάσχουσιν παντοδαπὴν μὲν ἰδεῖν φαίνεσθαι . . .) with 1024 C *infra* (γένεσιν . . . τὴν ἐν μεταβολαῖς καὶ κινήσεσιν οὐσίαν); *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 C (ἐν γενέσει καὶ μετατροπῇ καὶ πάθεσι παντοδαποῖς . . .).

<sup>i</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 B (ἐβούλετ' οὐκ μὴδὲν . . . ὑπολιπεῖν . . . ἀόριστον ἀλλὰ κοσμήσαι λόγῳ καὶ μέτρῳ καὶ ἀριθμῷ τὴν φύσιν . . .); and see 1013 C *supra* with the passages referred to in page 175, note c, especially 1029 D-E and 1030 C in chap. 33 *infra*.

(1015) πράγμασιν ἀλλὰ μᾶλλον ἀπλανῆ καὶ στάσιμα καὶ τοῖς κατὰ ταυτὰ<sup>1</sup> ὡσαύτως ἔχουσιν ὅμοια ποιεῖν. ἡ μὲν οὖν διάνοια τοιαύτη κατὰ γε τὴν ἐμὴν δόξαν τοῦ Πλάτωνος.

8. Ἀπόδειξις δὲ πρώτη μὲν ἡ τῆς λεγομένης καὶ δοκούσης αὐτοῦ πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ἀσυμφωνίας καὶ δια-  
1016 φορᾶς λύσις. οὐδὲ γὰρ σοφιστῆ κραιπαλῶντι, πό-  
θεν γε δὴ Πλάτωνι, τοιαύτην ἂν τις ἀναθείη περὶ οὓς ἐσπουδάκει μάλιστα τῶν λόγων ταραχὴν καὶ ἀνωμαλίαν ὥστε τὴν αὐτὴν φύσιν ὁμοῦ καὶ ἀγένη-  
τον<sup>2</sup> ἀποφαίνειν<sup>3</sup> καὶ γενομένην, ἀγένητον<sup>4</sup> μὲν ἐν Φαίδρῳ τὴν ψυχὴν ἐν δὲ Τιμαίῳ γενομένην.<sup>5</sup> ἡ μὲν οὖν ἐν Φαίδρῳ διάλεκτος ὀλίγου δεῖν ἅπασι διὰ στόματός ἐστι, τῷ ἀγενήτῳ<sup>6</sup> τὸ ἀνώλεθρον τῷ<sup>7</sup> δ' αὐτοκινήτῳ πιστομένη τὸ ἀγένητον<sup>8</sup> αὐτῆς· ἐν δὲ Τιμαίῳ “τὴν δὲ<sup>9</sup> ψυχὴν” φησιν “οὐχ ὡς νῦν ὑστέραν ἐπιχειροῦμεν λέγειν οὕτως ἐμηχανήσατο καὶ ὁ θεὸς νεωτέραν—οὐ γὰρ ἂν ἄρχεσθαι πρεσβύ-  
B τερον ὑπὸ νεωτέρου συνέρξας<sup>10</sup> εἴασεν—ἀλλὰ πως<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ -r.

<sup>2</sup> ἀγένητον -f, m, r.

<sup>3</sup> ἀποφαίνει -r.

<sup>4</sup> ἀγένητον -f, m, r.

<sup>5</sup> Wyttenbach; γινομένην -mss. (γιγνομένην -r).

<sup>6</sup> ἀγενήτῳ -f, m, r.

<sup>7</sup> τὸ -u.

<sup>8</sup> ἀγένητον -f, m, r.

<sup>9</sup> δὲ -omitted by B; δὲ δὴ -Plato (*Timaeus* 34 b 10).

<sup>10</sup> Stephanus from *Timaeus* 34 c 2; ξυνέρξας -f, m, r; συνείρξεν -e (sic); συνείρξεν -u; συνείρξ . . . vac. 3 -E, vac. 2 -B; συναρ . . . vac. 3 -Escor. 72; συνῆρξεν -Aldine.

<sup>11</sup> ἀλλὰ πῶς -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>a</sup> For this collocation see *supra Plat. Quaest.* 1002 D, note b.

<sup>b</sup> See *supra* 1014 A, note g.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 119, 29-30

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diversity and difference<sup>a</sup> but rather to make them inerrant and stable and similar to the entities that are invariably identical. Such, then, in my opinion is Plato's meaning.

8. A first proof of it is that it resolves what is called and seems to be his inconsistency and self-contradiction.<sup>b</sup> For one would not attribute even to a drunken sophist and it is nonsense then to attribute to Plato in regard to the doctrines about which he had been most seriously concerned such confusion and capriciousness as to declare of the same entity both that it is unsubject to generation and that it did come to be, in the *Phaedrus* that the soul is unsubject to generation and in the *Timaeus* that it came to be.<sup>c</sup> Now, almost everyone has at the tip of his tongue the discourse in the *Phaedrus*<sup>d</sup> confirming the soul's indestructibility by the fact that it is not subject to generation and its not being subject to generation by the fact that it is self-moved; but in the *Timaeus*<sup>e</sup> he says: "The soul, however, now later in the account that we are attempting, was not thus junior also in god's devising—for he would not have permitted the senior of those that he had coupled to be ruled by the junior—, but we, as we

(Diehl); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 91, 9-12 and 92, 3-11 (Wrobel)=pp. 76, 10-12 and 77, 13-20 (Waszink).

<sup>a</sup> *Phaedrus* 245 c 5—246 A 2. With Plutarch's summary of the argument here cf. Albinus, *Epitome* xxv, 4 (p. 121, 3-6 [Louis]=p. 178, 12-15 [Hermann]); Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 115, 1-3 (Couvreur); and Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* II, xiii, 12.

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 34 B 10—35 A 1. See 1013 F *supra* and the notes there; and observe that Plutarch in his quotation here stops short of ἐκ τῶνδε . . ., which modifies συνεστήσατο in *Timaeus* 35 A 1.

(1016) ἡμεῖς πολὺ μετέχοντες<sup>1</sup> τοῦ προστυχόντος τε<sup>2</sup> καὶ εἰκῆ ταύτῃ πῃ καὶ λέγομεν, ὁ δὲ καὶ γενέσει καὶ ἀρετῇ προτέραν<sup>3</sup> (καὶ πρεσβυτέραν)<sup>4</sup> τὴν<sup>5</sup> ψυχὴν σώματος ὡς δεσπότιν καὶ ἄρξουσιν ἀρξομένον συνεστήσατο." καὶ πάλιν, εἰπὼν ὡς "αὐτὴ ἐν ἑαυτῇ στρεφομένη θείαν ἀρχὴν ἤρξατο ἀπαύστου καὶ ἔμφρονος βίου," "τὸ μὲν δὴ σῶμά" φησιν "ὄρατὸν οὐρανοῦ<sup>6</sup> γέγονεν, αὐτῇ<sup>7</sup> δ' ἀόρατος μὲν<sup>8</sup> λογισμοῦ δὲ μετέχουσα καὶ ἀρμονίας ψυχὴ τῶν νοητῶν αἰεὶ τ' ὄντων ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀρίστου ἀρίστη γενομένη τῶν γεννηθέντων."<sup>9</sup> ἐνταῦθα γὰρ τὸν μὲν θεὸν ἀριστον εἰπὼν τῶν αἰεὶ ὄντων τὴν δὲ ψυχὴν C ἀρίστην τῶν γεννηθέντων,<sup>10</sup> σαφεστάτῃ ταύτῃ τῇ διαφορᾷ καὶ ἀντιθέσει τὸ αἰδιον αὐτῆς καὶ τὸ ἀγέννητον<sup>11</sup> ἀφήρηται.

9. Τίς οὖν τούτων ἐπανόρθωσις ἑτέρα πλὴν ἧς αὐτὸς δίδωσι τοῖς δέχεσθαι βουλομένοις; ἀγέννητον<sup>12</sup> μὲν γὰρ ἀποφαίνει ψυχὴν τὴν πρὸ τῆς κόσμου γενέσεως πλημμελῶς πάντα καὶ ἀτάκτως κινουσαν

<sup>1</sup> μετέχοντες πολὺ -r.

<sup>2</sup> τε -omitted by r.

<sup>3</sup> πρότερον -r.

<sup>4</sup> < . . . > added by Turnebus from *Timaeus* 34 c 4-5 (cf. 1013 F *supra*).

<sup>5</sup> τὴν -not in *Timaeus* 34 c 5.

<sup>6</sup> ὄρατὸν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ -f, m, r.

<sup>7</sup> αὐτῇ -B. Müller from *Timaeus* 36 E 6; αὐτῆ -mss. (αὐτῆ -u).

<sup>8</sup> αὐτῆ μὲν ἀόρατος -f, m, r; αὐτῆ μὲν ἀόρατος μὲν -Escor. 72.

<sup>9</sup> γεννηθέντων -E, B, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>10</sup> f, m; γεννηθέν -r (at end of line); γεννηθέντων -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>11</sup> ἀγέννητον -f, m, r.

<sup>12</sup> ἀγέννητον -f, m, r.

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 36 E 3-4. Plutarch stops short of πρὸς τὸν σύμπαντα χρόνον which in the *Timaeus* follows ἔμφρονος βίου.

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 36 E 5—37 A 2.



partake largely of the casual and random, express ourselves in this way too, whereas he constructed the soul prior <and senior> to body in generation and excellence to be mistress and ruler of it as her subject." And again, after having said <sup>a</sup> that " herself revolving within herself she made a divine beginning of ceaseless and rational life," he says <sup>b</sup> : " So the body of heaven has come to be visible ; but soul herself, invisible but participant in reason and concord,<sup>c</sup> is become best of the things generated by the best of intelligible and everlasting beings."<sup>d</sup> For here he has called god best of everlasting beings but the soul best of the things generated, and by this most manifest distinction and opposition he has removed from her the character of being everlasting and ungenerated.

9. What way of adjusting these statements <sup>e</sup> is there, then, other than what he provides himself for those who will accept it ? For unsubject to generation is said of the soul that before the generation of the universe keeps all things in disorderly and jangling motion,<sup>f</sup> but come to be and so subject to

<sup>c</sup> See *supra* 1014 ε and note *h* there.

<sup>d</sup> What follows shows that Plutarch construed the passage in this way, the second of the three ways considered by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 294, 1-18 [Diehl]) ; see also *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 β (ὁ γὰρ θεὸς ἐν τοῖς νοητοῖς) with note *d* on page 42.

<sup>e</sup> See 1014 λ, note *g supra* on *συννοικεῖων*.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *κινούμενον πλημμελῶς καὶ ἀτάκτως* in *Timaeus* 30 α 3-5 (paraphrased in 1016 δ *infra*), the cause of which motion according to Plutarch must have been precosmic soul (see 1015 ε *supra* with notes *d* and *g* there ; cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 382, 3-4 and p. 391, 8-12 [Diehl] and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 326, 15-17 and 328, 16-20 [Wrobel] = pp. 299, 16-18 and 302, 3-6 [Waszink]).

(1016) γενομένην<sup>1</sup> δὲ καὶ γενητήν<sup>2</sup> πάλιν ἦν ὁ θεὸς ἔκ τε ταύτης καὶ τῆς μονίμου τε καὶ ἀρίστης οὐσίας ἐκείνης ἔμφρονα<sup>3</sup> καὶ τεταγμένην ἀπεργασάμενος καὶ<sup>4</sup> καθάπερ εἶδος καὶ τῷ αἰσθητικῷ τὸ νοερόν καὶ τῷ κινητικῷ τὸ τεταγμένον ἀφ' αὐτοῦ<sup>5</sup> παρασχὼν ἤγε-  
 D μόνα τοῦ παντὸς ἐγκατέστησεν. οὕτως γὰρ καὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ κόσμου πῆ μὲν ἀγέννητον ἀποφαίνει πῆ δὲ γενητόν<sup>6</sup>. ὅταν μὲν γὰρ εἶπη πᾶν ὅσον ἦν ὄρατὸν οὐχ ἡσυχίαν ἄγον ἀλλὰ κινούμενον ἀτάκτως τὸν θεὸν παραλαβόντα διακοσμεῖν καὶ πάλιν τὰ τέσσαρα γένη, πῦρ καὶ ὕδωρ καὶ γῆν καὶ ἀέρα, πρὶν ἢ<sup>7</sup> τὸ πᾶν ἀπ' αὐτῶν<sup>8</sup> διακοσμηθὲν γενέσθαι, σεισμὸν ἐμποιεῖν<sup>9</sup> τῇ ὕλῃ καὶ<sup>10</sup> ὑπ' ἐκείνης τινάσσεσθαι διὰ τὴν ἀνωμαλίαν, ὄντα που ποιεῖ καὶ ὑποκείμενα τὰ

<sup>1</sup> γιγνομένην -Γ.

<sup>2</sup> γεννητήν -f, m, Γ.

<sup>3</sup> ἔμφρονον -Γ.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ -omitted by B and deleted by Dübner.

<sup>5</sup> B. Müller ("de suo" -Turnebus; "ex se" -Dübner); ἀπ' αὐτοῦ -MSS.

<sup>6</sup> ἀγέννητον . . . γενητόν -f, m, Γ.

<sup>7</sup> πρὶν καὶ -*Timaeus* 53 A 7.

<sup>8</sup> ἀπ' αὐτῶν -H. C. (cf. *De Defectu Orac.* 430 D [ἐπ' αὐτῶν -MSS.] and Babbitt *ad loc.* [*L.C.L.* v, p. 458, n. 5]); ὑπ' αὐτῶν -MSS.; ἐξ αὐτῶν -*Timaeus* 53 A 7.

<sup>9</sup> Stephanus; ἐμποιοῦν -MSS.

<sup>10</sup> καὶ -omitted by E.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. γενομένη τῶν γεννηθέντων (*Timaeus* 37 A 1-2) quoted in 1016 B *supra*; but καὶ γενητήν is Plutarch's own explanation, probably suggested by *Timaeus* 28 c 1-2 cited in 1016 E *infra* (γιγνόμενα καὶ γενητά).

<sup>b</sup> See 1013 F, note b *supra*.

<sup>c</sup> i.e. the indivisible being of *Timaeus* 35 A 1-2; see 1024 A *infra*: τῆς τε κρείττονος οὐσίας καὶ ἀμερίστου . . . περὶ τὴν αἰεὶ μένουσαν . . . οὐσίαν. . . . For the connotation of ἔκ τε

generation<sup>a</sup> is said on the other hand of soul that god installed as chief of the sum of things<sup>b</sup> when out of this soul here and that abiding and most excellent being yonder<sup>c</sup> he had produced a rational and orderly one and from himself<sup>d</sup> had provided intellectuality and orderliness as form<sup>e</sup> for her perceptivity and motivity. For thus it is that the body of the universe too is said in one context to be ungenerated and in another to be subject to generation<sup>f</sup>: when Plato says that<sup>g</sup> everything visible, being not at rest but in disorderly motion, was taken over by god who arranges it and says again that<sup>h</sup> the four kinds, fire and water and earth and air, before the sum of things has come to be arranged from them cause matter<sup>i</sup> to be agitated and are shaken by it because of the irregularity, he posits bodies as existing, no

ταύτης καὶ . . . ἐκείνης see *infra* 1023 F (. . . δοξαστικὴν ταύτην . . . νοητικῆς ἐκείνης) and 1024 c (διαδιδούσαν ἐνταῦθα τὰς ἐκεῖθεν εἰκόνας); and for *μόνιμος* cf. 1024 c-D *infra* and *Adv. Colotem* 1116 B with Plato, *Timaeus* 29 B 5-7 and 49 E 3-4.

<sup>d</sup> See *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 c (. . . καὶ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐξ αὐτοῦ γέγονεν) with note b there.

<sup>e</sup> See 1013 c *supra* (. . . τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτῆς ὑποκειμένην καὶ δεχομένην τὸ κάλλιστον εἶδος . . .) and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 153, 28-154, 1 (Diehl); cf. also Plotinus. *Enn.* II, iv, 3, lines 4-6 and III, ix, 5, line 3.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Apuleius, *De Platone* i, 8 (p. 91, 12-13 [Thomas]); Numenius (p. 91, 9-17 [Leemans]) in Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 324, 4-11 (Wrobel)=p. 297, 10-16 (Waszink); Hippolytus, *Refutatio* i, 19, 4 (p. 20, 2-6 [Wendland]).

<sup>g</sup> *Timaeus* 30 A 3-5. For the stress laid on this passage by Plutarch and Atticus cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 381, 26-28 (Diehl).

<sup>h</sup> *Timaeus* 52 E 3-5 and 53 A 2-7; cf. Plutarch, *De Defectu Orac.* 430 c-D (τὰ στοιχεῖα σεῖοντα τὴν ὕλην . . .).

<sup>i</sup> For the insertion of this term see *supra* 1013 c, note c on page 173.

(1016) σώματα πρὸ τῆς τοῦ κόσμου γενέσεως· ὅταν δὲ πάλιν λέγῃ τῆς ψυχῆς νεώτερον γεγονέναι τὸ σῶμα καὶ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι γενητὸν<sup>1</sup> ὅτι ὁρατὸς καὶ Ἐ ἀπτὸς καὶ σῶμα ἔχων ἐστὶ τὰ δὲ τοιαῦτα γιγνόμενα καὶ γενητὰ<sup>2</sup> ἐφάνη, παντὶ δῆλον ὡς γένεσιν τῇ φύσει τοῦ σώματος ἀποδίδωσιν. ἀλλὰ πολλοῦ δεῖ τὰναντία λέγειν καὶ διαφέρεσθαι πρὸς αὐτὸν<sup>3</sup> οὕτως ἐκφανῶς<sup>4</sup> ἐν τοῖς μεγίστοις. οὐ γὰρ ὡσαύτως οὐδὲ ταῦτὸ σῶμα γίνεσθαι τέ φησιν ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ εἶναι πρὶν ἢ<sup>5</sup> γενέσθαι· ταῦτα γὰρ ἄντικρυς φαρμακῶντός ἐστιν. ἀλλὰ τί δεῖ νοεῖν<sup>6</sup> καὶ τὴν<sup>7</sup> γένεσιν αὐτὸς διδάσκει. “ τὸ μὲν γὰρ<sup>8</sup> πρὸ τούτου ”<sup>9</sup> φησὶ “ ταῦτα πάντα<sup>10</sup> εἶχεν ἀλόγως καὶ ἀμέτρως· ὅτε δ’ ἐπεχειρεῖτο κοσμεῖσθαι τὸ πᾶν, πῦρ πρῶτον καὶ ὕδωρ καὶ γῆν καὶ ἀέρα, ἔχνη μὲν ἔχοντα<sup>11</sup> ἅττα αὐτῶν,<sup>12</sup> παντάπασι μὴν<sup>13</sup> διακείμενα

<sup>1</sup> γενητὸν -f, m, r.

<sup>2</sup> γενητὰ -f, m, r (A<sup>1</sup>, F, P in *Timaeus* 28 c 2).

<sup>3</sup> m, Aldine; αὐτὸν -all other mss. (αὐτὸν αὐτὸν -u).

<sup>4</sup> ἀφανῶς -m, r.

<sup>5</sup> ἢ -omitted by f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>6</sup> νοεῖν -omitted by f, m, r (added in margin of f and m).

<sup>7</sup> καὶ τὴν -omitted by Aldine, Basiliensis; καὶ ταύτην τὴν or καὶ τὸ γινόμενον καὶ τὴν -B. Müller; καὶ τίνα (?) -Bernardakis.

<sup>8</sup> τὸ μὲν δὴ -*Timaeus* 53 A 8.

<sup>9</sup> τούτου -Bernardakis from *Timaeus* 53 A 8; τοῦ -MSS.

<sup>10</sup> πάντα ταῦτ’ -*Timaeus* 53 A 8.

<sup>11</sup> u, f, r; ἔχον τὰ -E, B, e, m, Escor. 72.

<sup>12</sup> ἅττα αὐτῶν -Dübner (implied by Xylander’s version) from *Timaeus* 53 B 2 (ἔχοντα αὐτῶν ἅττα [αὐτὰ -A, F, Y; Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 228, 6]); αὐτὰ αὐτῶ -MSS.

doubt, and ready to hand<sup>a</sup> before the generation of the universe ; but, when again he says that<sup>b</sup> body has come to be junior to soul and that<sup>c</sup> the universe is subject to generation because it is visible and tangible and has body and such things had been shown to be in process of becoming and subject to generation, it is clear to everyone that he attributes a genesis to the nature of body.<sup>d</sup> Nevertheless, he is far from contradicting himself and being so manifestly at odds with himself in matters of the greatest moment, for it is not in the same way and not the same body that he says is brought into being by god and exists before it came to be ; it takes a downright sot<sup>e</sup> for that, whereas he himself explains the sense in which the genesis too must be understood. " For before this," he says,<sup>f</sup> " all these were without ratio or measure ; and, when it was undertaken to reduce the sum of things to order, fire first and water and earth and air, while having some traces of themselves, were nevertheless in the very condition that is likely to be the state of everything

<sup>a</sup> See 1014 B *supra* : οὐ γενομένην ἀλλὰ ὑποκειμένην ἀεὶ τῷ δημιουργῷ. . . .

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 34 B 10—35 A 1 ; see *supra* 1016 A-B with note *e* on page 199.

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 28 B 7-C 2.

<sup>d</sup> See against this conclusion Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, pp. 283, 27—285, 6 and ii, pp. 117, 3—119, 10 (Diehl) on *Timaeus* 28 B 7-C 2 and 34 C 4—35 A 1 respectively.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. σοφιστῆ κραιπαλῶντι (1016 A *supra*) and εἰ γὰρ οὐ κραιπαλῶντες οὐδὲ φαρμακῶντες . . . (*Adv. Colotem* 1123 F).

<sup>f</sup> *Timaeus* 53 A 8-B 5.

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<sup>13</sup> Dübner (implied by Xylander's version) from *Timaeus* 53 B 3 (μῆν -F, Y ; γε μὴν -A ; μὲν -Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 228, 7) ; παντάπασιν ἦν -MSS.

- (1016) **F** ὡσπερ εἰκὸς ἔχειν ἅπαν ὅταν ἀπῆ τινος θεός, οὕτω δὴ τότε πεφυκότα ταῦτα πρῶτον διεσχηματίσατο εἶδεσι καὶ ἀριθμοῖς.<sup>1</sup> ἔτι δὲ πρότερον, εἰπὼν ὡς οὐ μιᾶς ἔργον<sup>2</sup> ἦν ἀναλογίας ἀλλὰ δυεῖν τὸ συνδῆσαι στερεὸν ὄντα καὶ βάθος ἔχοντα τὸν τοῦ παντὸς ὄγκον καὶ διελθὼν ὅτι πυρὸς καὶ γῆς ὕδωρ ἀέρα τε ὁ θεὸς ἐν μέσῳ θεῖς συνέδησε καὶ συνεστήσατο τὸν οὐρανόν, “ ἔκ τε δὴ τούτων ” φησὶ<sup>3</sup> “ τοιούτων καὶ τὸν ἀριθμὸν τεττάρων τὸ τοῦ κόσμου σῶμα ἐγεννήθη<sup>4</sup> δι’ ἀναλογίας ὁμολογήσαν, φιλίαν τ’ ἔσχεν ἐκ τούτων, ὥστ’ εἰς ταῦτὸν αὐτῷ συνελθὸν ἄλυτον ὑπὸ τῶν ἄλλων<sup>5</sup> πλὴν ὑπὸ τοῦ συνδήσαντος γενέσθαι,” σαφέστατα διδάσκων ὡς οὐχὶ σώματος ἀπλῶς οὐδ’ ὄγκου καὶ ὕλης ἀλλὰ συμμετρίας περὶ σῶμα<sup>6</sup> καὶ κάλλους καὶ ὁμοιότητος ἦν ὁ θεὸς πατὴρ καὶ δημιουργός. ταῦτα<sup>8</sup> δὴ δεῖ<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> εἶδεσί τε καὶ -A in *Timaeus* 53 v 5.

<sup>2</sup> ἔργου -e, u<sup>1</sup> (corrected by u<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>3</sup> δὴ φησι τούτων -r.

<sup>4</sup> ἐγενήθη -E, B, u<sup>1</sup> (corrected by u<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>5</sup> ὑπὸ του ἄλλου -A and P in *Timaeus* 32 c 3.

<sup>6</sup> περὶ σῶμα -omitted by r.

<sup>7</sup> καὶ -omitted by B, u<sup>1</sup> (added superscript by u<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>8</sup> ταῦτά -Hubert (dub., cf. “quod idem . . .” -Turnebus).

<sup>9</sup> δεῖ -omitted by f, m, r; δεῖ -omitted by Escor. 72, Aldine, Basiliensis.

whenever god is absent from it,<sup>a</sup> and so, this being then their natural state, god first gave them definite shape with figures and numbers." Still earlier, after saying that<sup>b</sup> it took not one proportion but two to bind together the mass of the sum of things since it is a solid and has depth and after explaining that<sup>c</sup> god put water and air between fire and earth and so bound together and constructed the heaven,<sup>d</sup> he says<sup>e</sup> : "from these, being such in kind and four in number, was the body of the universe engendered consentient through proportion, and from these it acquired amity so that banded in union with itself it came to be indissoluble by others than by him who had bound it together." So he most manifestly teaches that god was father and artificer not of body in the absolute sense,<sup>f</sup> that is to say not of mass and matter, but of symmetry in body and of beauty and similarity.<sup>g</sup> This, then, is what one must suppose in

νοῦς καὶ ψυχῇ, whereas here it is assumed to be absence of νοῦς only with ψυχὴ καθ' ἑαυτήν (see 1014 E, note *g supra*), i.e. irrational soul, present and moving the precosmic chaos (see *supra* 1016 c with note *f* there and *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 A, note *h*).

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 32 A 7-B 3.

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 32 B 3-7.

<sup>d</sup> In fact Plato says συνεστήσατο οὐρανὸν ὄρατόν καὶ ἀπόν (*Timaeus* 32 B 7-8; cf. 31 B 4-8 and 36 E 5-6 [quoted in 1016 B *supra*]), although in *Timaeus* 30 A 3-5 (see 1016 D *supra*) the supposed precosmic chaos had been called ὄρατόν and Plutarch asserts that the tangibility of body was not created by the demiurge (1014 c *supra* with note *d* there).

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 32 B 8-c 4.

<sup>f</sup> See *supra* pages 183, note *d* and 185, note *c*; and with σώματος ἀπλῶς cf. ἀπλῶς ψυχὴν in 1024 A *infra*.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. 1014 E *supra* (. . . κάλλους δὲ καὶ μορφῆς καὶ σχημάτων μετριότητος ἐνδεῶς εἶχεν) and Plato, *Timaeus* 53 B 5-6 and 69 B 2-5.

(1017) διανοεῖσθαι καὶ περὶ ψυχῆς, ὡς τὴν μὲν οὐθ' ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ γενομένην οὔτε κόσμου ψυχὴν οὔσαν ἀλλὰ τινα φανταστικῆς<sup>1</sup> καὶ δοξαστικῆς ἀλόγου δὲ καὶ ἀτάκτου φορᾶς καὶ ὀρμῆς δύνάμιν αὐτοκίνητον καὶ Β ἀεικίνητον τὴν δ'<sup>2</sup> αὐτὸς ὁ θεὸς διαρμυσάμενος<sup>3</sup> τοῖς προσήκουσιν ἀριθμοῖς καὶ λόγοις ἐγκατέστησεν ἡγεμόνα τοῦ κόσμου γεγονότος γεννητὴν<sup>4</sup> οὔσαν.

10. "Ὅτι δὲ περὶ τούτων διανοεῖτο ταῦτα καὶ οὐ θεωρίας ἔνεκα τοῦ τε κόσμου [μὴ]<sup>5</sup> γενομένου καὶ τῆς ψυχῆς ὁμοίως<sup>6</sup> ὑπετίθετο σύστασιν καὶ γένεσιν<sup>7</sup> ἐκείνῳ πρὸς πολλοῖς τεκμήριόν ἐστι μέγα<sup>8</sup> τὸ τὴν μὲν ψυχὴν ὑπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀγένητον<sup>9</sup> ὥσπερ εἴρηται

<sup>1</sup> φανταστικὴν -Γ.

<sup>2</sup> ἦν δὴ -B; ἦν δὲ -e<sup>1</sup> (ἦν remade to τὴν by e<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>3</sup> ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸς διαρμυσάμενος -B; αὐτὸς ὁ δημιουργησάμενος -Γ.

<sup>4</sup> γεννητὴν -f, m, r.

<sup>5</sup> μὴ -omitted by B, f, m, r; μὴ -E; μὴ -e, u; μὴ -Escor.

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<sup>6</sup> MSS.; ὁμως -Wyttenbach (with μὴ γενομένου *supra*).

<sup>7</sup> καὶ γένεσιν -omitted by r.

<sup>8</sup> μέγα -H. C. (cf. *Moralia* 91 D, 624 F, 1101 E); μετὰ -e,

Escor. 72; μετὰ -u; ἐστι . . . vac. 5 -E; vac. 6 -B . . . τὸ; ἐστι τὸ -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>9</sup> ἀγένητον -f, m, r (so also *infra* γεννητὴν and γεννητὸν ἀγένητον δέ).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 22, note 92): "Dans tout ce passage (*scil.* chap. 9) Plutarque applique aussi à l'âme ce que Platon ne disait que du corps." Plutarch in fact here abandons the literal interpretation that he professes to maintain, for the *Timaeus* speaks not of a precosmic soul regulated or organized by the demiurge but of soul produced by him "substance" and all (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 383, 25-31 and ii, p. 119, 10-24 [Diehl] with insistence upon the ἐκ τῶνδε . . ., omitted by Plutarch in



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the case of soul also,<sup>a</sup> that, whereas the one <sup>b</sup> neither was brought into being by god nor is the soul of the universe <sup>c</sup> but is a certain self-moved and so perpetually activated potency <sup>d</sup> of imaginative and opinionative but irrational and disorderly transport and impulse,<sup>e</sup> the other was regulated by god himself with the appropriate numbers and ratios <sup>f</sup> and then being generated was installed by him as chief <sup>g</sup> of the universe that had come to be.

10. That this is what he really thought about these matters and that he was not for the sake of examination supposing in like manner a composition and generation of the soul and of the universe which has come to be,<sup>h</sup> of this a strong indication in addition to many is the notorious fact that, while, as has been said,<sup>i</sup> he speaks of the soul both as ungenerated and his quotation of *Timaeus* 34 B 10—35 A 1 [see *supra* page 199, note e]).

<sup>b</sup> See 1016 c *supra*: ἀγένητον μὲν . . . ψυχὴν τὴν πρὸ τῆς κόσμου γενέσεως . . . γενομένην δὲ . . . ἦν ὁ θεός. . . .

<sup>c</sup> Contrast 1024 A *infra*: νῦν οὐχ ἀπλῶς ψυχὴν ἀλλὰ κόσμου ψυχὴν. . . .

<sup>d</sup> For δύναμιν see 1015 B *supra* (τὴν . . . τρίτην ἀρχὴν καὶ δύναμιν); for the implication of καί cf. Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 103, 20-21 (with p. 104, 7-8) and p. 112, 33-34 (Couvreur) and see *supra* 1016 A, note d.

<sup>e</sup> See 1024 A *infra* (τὴν δοξαστικὴν καὶ φανταστικὴν . . . κίνησιν . . .) and *supra* 1014 c, note e.

<sup>f</sup> See *supra* page 175, note c.

<sup>g</sup> See *supra* 1013 F, note b.

<sup>h</sup> See *supra* 1013 A (chap. 3 *init.*).

<sup>i</sup> 1016 A *supra* (. . . ὁμοῦ καὶ ἀγένητον . . . καὶ γενομένην, ἀγένητον μὲν ἐν Φαίδρω τὴν ψυχὴν ἐν δὲ Τιμαίῳ γενομένην). Resolved by Plutarch in his fashion in 1016 c *supra* (chap. 9 *init.*), this was used by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 287, 18-23 [Diehl]) as evidence that Plato in the *Timaeus* could call the universe *γενητόν* also though holding it to be ἀγένητον κατὰ χρόνον.

(1017) καὶ γενητὴν λέγεσθαι τὸν δὲ κόσμον αἰεὶ μὲν γεγονότα καὶ γενητὸν ἀγένητον δὲ μηδέποτε μηδ' αἰδιον. τὰ μὲν οὖν ἐν Τιμαίῳ τί δεῖ προφέρειν;<sup>1</sup> ὅλον γὰρ καὶ πᾶν τὸ σύγγραμμα περὶ κόσμου γενέσεως ἄχρι τέλους ἀπ' ἀρχῆς<sup>2</sup> ἐστι. τῶν δ' ἄλλων C ἐν μὲν Ἀτλαντικῷ προσευχόμενος ὁ Τίμαιος ὀνομάζει τὸν πάλαι μὲν ἔργῳ γεγονότα νῦν δὲ λόγῳ<sup>3</sup> θεόν, ἐν Πολιτικῷ δὲ ὁ Παρμενίδειος ξένος τὸν κόσμον ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ συντεθέντα φησὶ πολλῶν ἀγαθῶν μεταλαβεῖν, εἰ δέ τι φλαυρόν ἐστιν ἢ χαλεπόν, ἐκ τῆς προτέρας ἕξεως ἀναρμόστου καὶ ἀλόγου συμμεμιγμένον ἔχειν· ἐν δὲ τῇ Πολιτείᾳ περὶ τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ, ὃν γάμον ἔνιοι καλοῦσιν, ὁ Σωκράτης ἀρχόμενος λέγειν “ἐστὶ δέ” φησὶ “θείῳ μὲν γενητῷ<sup>4</sup> περίοδος ἦν<sup>5</sup> ἀριθμὸς περιλαμβάνει

<sup>1</sup> B (προ -E in margin); προφέρειν -all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπ' ἀρχῆς ἄχρι τέλους -B.

<sup>3</sup> λόγοις -Plato, *Critias* 106 A 4.

<sup>4</sup> γενητῷ -f, m, r, Escor. 72, Plato (*Republic* 546 B 3).

<sup>5</sup> ἦ -u.

<sup>a</sup> Contrast Joannes Lydus, *De Mensibus* iii, 3 (p. 38, 13-16 [Wuensch]). What Plutarch here states as a fact (cf. Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi* vi, 24 [pp. 199, 26-200, 3, Rabe]), taking it to be compatible with his previous assertion that Plato τὸ σῶμα τοῦ κόσμου πῆ μὲν ἀγένητον ἀποφαίνει πῆ δὲ γενητόν (1016 D *supra* with note f there), would have been denied by those who read *Timaeus* 27 c 5 in the way reported and rejected by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 219, 13-18 [Diehl]); and it would be untrue also if *Timaeus* 40 b 5 in the version of A, adopted by modern editors, were surely right, but the αἰδία there used of the “fixed stars” was not in the texts read by Cicero, Proclus, and Chalcidius and so may not have been in that known to Plutarch.

<sup>b</sup> *Critias* 106 A 3-4: τῷ δὲ πρὶν μὲν πάλαι ποτ' ἔργῳ νῦν

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as generated, he always speaks of the universe as having come to be and as generated and never as ungenerated or everlasting.<sup>a</sup> As to the *Timaeus*, what need to cite passages in it? For the whole work in its entirety from beginning to end is about the generation of the universe. Among his other writings, however, in the *Account of Atlantis* Timaeus invokes by name the god that in fact of old but now in word has come to be,<sup>b</sup> and in the *Politicus* the Parmenidean Stranger says<sup>c</sup> that the universe constructed by god partook of much good and that anything defective or troublesome in it is an ingredient retained from its prior discordant and irrational state; and in the *Republic* Socrates, when he begins to speak about the number that some call Nuptial,<sup>d</sup> says: "A divine object of generation has a period that is comprised by a perfect number,"<sup>e</sup>

δὲ λόγοις ἄρτι θεῶ γεγονότι προσεύχομαι (cf. P. Frutiger, *Les Mythes de Platon*, p. 209, n. 1 and p. 195, n. 2 on *Timaeus* 20 D 7 and 26 E 4-5). Plutarch's transposition of the words tends to diminish their ambiguity and so may not have been unintentional.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Politicus* 269 D 8-9 and 273 B 4-D 1 (see 1015 C-D *supra* [chap. 7 *init.*]).

<sup>d</sup> *Republic* 546 B 3-D 3. With Plutarch's expression here cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxiv, 11 (p. 131, 8-9 [Hoche]): κατὰ τὸν τοῦ λεγομένου γάμου τόπον ἐν τῇ Πολιτείᾳ. . . . Iamblichus refers to the passage as τὸν ἐν τῇ Πλάτωνος πολιτείᾳ γαμικὸν ἀριθμὸν (*In Nicomachi Arithmeticeam Introductionem*, p. 82, 20-21 [Pistelli]), and Plutarch himself in *De Iside* 373 F speaks of τὸ γαμήλιον διάγραμμα there formulated.

<sup>e</sup> *Republic* 546 B 3-4. In 1018 C *infra* Plutarch says that six is τέλειος and is called γάμος but does not suggest any connexion between that and this sentence of Plato's, the ἀριθμὸς τέλειος of which is not the "nuptial number" anyway but is distinguished from it.

(1017) τέλειος," οὐκ ἄλλο καλῶν θεῖον γεννητὸν<sup>1</sup> ἢ τὸν κόσμον.

1022 E 21. <Ἄλλ' οὐδὲ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου καὶ τῆς ψυχῆς ὁμοίως> ἐν<ταῦθα λέγει τὸ ἀμέριστον καὶ αἰεῖ><sup>2</sup> κατὰ ταῦτὰ ἔχον<sup>3</sup> ὡς μορφήν καὶ εἶδος, τὸ δὲ περὶ τὰ σώματα<sup>4</sup> γιγνόμενον μεριστὸν ὡς ὑποδοχὴν καὶ ὕλην, τὸ δὲ μῖγμα κοινὸν ἐξ ἀμφοῖν ἀποτετελεσμένον.<sup>5</sup> ἢ μὲν οὖν ἀμέριστος οὐσία καὶ αἰεὶ κατὰ ταῦτὰ καὶ ὡσαύτως ἔχουσα μὴ μικρότητι καθάπερ τὰ ἐλάχιστα τῶν σωμάτων νοείσθω φεύγουσα τὸν

<sup>1</sup> γεννητὸν -f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> <...> ἐν<...> -supplied by H. C.; κόσμον. . . . vac. 4 -E; vac. 8 -B . . . followed by δὲ ἡ τῶν τριῶν (chap. 11 [1017 c] *infra*) through ἀρτίων καὶ π (chap. 20 [1022 E] *infra*) . . . vac. 4-1/2 lines -E; vac. 2-1/2 lines -B . . . followed by κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ (chap. 21 [1022 E] here) through τῶν δυεῖν δευτέρα (chap. 30 [1027 F] *infra*) followed immediately by περιττῶν. τὴν γὰρ (chap. 30 b [1027 F] *infra*) to the end -E, B; κόσμον . . . vac. 5 -f, m; vac. 3 -r . . . ἐν . . . vac. 4 . . . followed by δὲ ἡ τῶν τριῶν through ἀρτίων καὶ ἐπὶ . . . vac. 14 -f; vac. 13 -m, r . . . followed by κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ through τῶν δυοῖν. δευτέρα (δευτέρα δὲ -f) τῶν περιττῶν. τὴν γὰρ -f, m, r;

ἐνθα (ἐν . . . vac. 2 -Escor. 72) δὲ ἡ τῶν τριῶν through ἀρτίων καὶ ἐπὶ κατὰ (κατὰ -Escor. 72; ἐπὶκατὰ -u) τὰ αὐτὰ through τῶν δυοῖν δευτεριττῶν (ρατῶνπε -Escor. 72 in margin) τὴν γὰρ -e, u, Escor. 72; κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ . . . τῶν δυεῖν δευτέρα (chaps. 21-30) and δὲ ἡ τῶν τριῶν . . . ἀρτίων καὶ (chaps. 11-20) transposed by Maurommates (1848) and B. Müller (1870 and 1873).

<sup>3</sup> B; ἔχων -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> περὶ σώμα -f.

<sup>5</sup> ἀποτετελεσμένον -e, u, f.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, pp. 14, 8-15, 20 and p. 30, 6-10 (Kroll); and *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 292, 6-9 (Diehl).

<sup>b</sup> The supplements proposed by B. Müller (1870 [p. 398])

what he calls a divine object of generation being nothing other than the universe.<sup>a</sup>

21.<sup>b</sup> <Nor in our passage<sup>c</sup> either does he with regard to the universe and the soul alike speak of what is indivisible and ever> invariable as shape or form, of what becomes divisible in the case of bodies as receptacle or matter, and of the mixture as having been produced from both in common.<sup>d</sup> Now, the indivisible and ever invariable and identical being is to be thought of as eluding division not because of minuteness as do the smallest of bodies,<sup>e</sup> for it is the

and 1873 [p. 33]), which like the earlier one by Mauromates (1848 [p. 38]) introduce the name of Crantor, were criticized by H.-R. Schwyzer (*Rhein. Mus.*, lxxxiv [1935], pp. 361-363) and by Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, pp. 61-62), who later (*Rev. Études Grecques*, lii [1939], pp. 358-366) gave in French paraphrase a supplement of his own, gratuitously assuming on the basis of *De Iside* 373 E—374 A that Plutarch here too had introduced the triangle supposedly used in the nuptial number and had confused the latter with the τέλειος ἀριθμός just mentioned but correctly observing that chap. 21 must continue the theme introduced at the beginning of chap. 10 by οὐ . . . τοῦ τε κόσμου . . . καὶ τῆς ψυχῆς ὑπετίθετο σύστασιν καὶ γένεσιν.

<sup>c</sup> *i.e.* *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4 (1012 B-C *supra*); see νῦν in 1023 A *infra*.

<sup>d</sup> For identification of the indivisible with shape or form and of the divisible with matter H.-R. Schwyzer (*Rhein. Mus.*, lxxiv [1935], p. 363) cites "Timaeus Locrus" 94 A (ἄλλαν . . . τὰν δὲ περὶ τὰ σώματα μεριστὰν εἶμεν . . .) and 97 E (ἀρχαὶ . . . ὡς μὲν ὑποκείμενον ἂ ὕλα ὡς δὲ λόγος μορφᾶς τὸ εἶδος), to which add 95 E (. . . κρᾶμα . . . ἔκ τε τᾶς ἀμερίστῳ μορφᾶς καὶ τᾶς μεριστᾶς οὐσίας, ὡς ἐν κρᾶμα ἐκ δύο τουτέων εἶμεν).

<sup>e</sup> This does not imply that anyone had taken the "indivisible being" of *Timaeus* 35 A to mean "minimal body" (though it is treated as quantitatively indivisible, *i.e.* as a spatial point, by Aristotle in his criticism of *Timaeus* 37 A [cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, n. 316 on

(1022) μερισμόν· τὸ γὰρ ἀπλοῦν καὶ ἀπαθὲς καὶ καθαρὸν<sup>1</sup> αὐτῆς καὶ μονοειδὲς ἀμερές εἴρηται καὶ ἀμέριστον, ᾧ καὶ τῶν συνθέτων καὶ μεριστῶν καὶ διαφορομένων ἀμωσγέπως θιγοῦσα<sup>2</sup> παύει τὸ πλῆθος καὶ  
 F καθίστησιν εἰς μίαν διὰ ὁμοιότητος ἕξιν. τὴν δὲ περὶ τὰ σώματα γιγνομένην<sup>3</sup> μεριστὴν εἰ μὲν τις ἐθέλοι<sup>4</sup> καλεῖν ὕλην ὡς καὶ ὑποκειμένην ἐκείνη καὶ μεταληπτικὴν ἐκείνης φύσιν, ὁμωνυμίᾳ χρώμενος, οὐ διαφέρει πρὸς τὸν λόγον· οἱ δὲ σωματικὴν ἀξιούντες ὕλην συμμίγνυσθαι τῇ ἀμερίστῳ διαμαρ-

<sup>1</sup> καθαρὸν καὶ ἀπαθὲς -B.

<sup>2</sup> θιγοῦσα -Dübner; θήγουσα -B, u<sup>1</sup>; θίγουσα -all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> Maurommates; γενομένην -MSS.

<sup>4</sup> ἐθέλει -B, u, r.

p. 394 and p. 407]) but is a warning against the common association of ἀμερές and ἐλάχιστον (cf. Xenocrates, frag. 51 [Heinze]; Alexander, *Metaph.*, p. 247, 22-24; Simplicius, *Categ.*, p. 39, 12-16) and, as is indicated by *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 c-d (see note b there), was probably suggested by such misleading expressions as ἡ ἀμέριστος οὐσία . . . ἐστὶν εἰς βραχὺ συνηγμένη . . . (*Plat. Quaest.* 1001 d): cf. the warning against taking indivisibly one to mean ἐν ὡς ἐλάχιστον (Damascius, *Dub. et Sol.*, pp. 2, 24-3, 2 [Ruelle]=Speusippus, frag. 36 [Lang] and *Anon. in Platonis Parmenidem* I, 20-24=*Rhein. Mus.*, xlvii [1892], p. 602=P. Hadot, *Porphyre et Victorinus* ii [Paris, 1968], p. 66).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. the characteristics ascribed to the νοῦς of Anaxagoras by Plutarch (*Pericles* iv, 6 [154 c]) and by Aristotle (*Physics* 256 b 24-25; *De Anima* 405 a 16-17, 405 b 19-21, 429 b 23-24) and by the latter to his own νοῦς ποιητικός (*De Anima* 430 a 17-18); and for Plutarch himself see *infra* 1024 A (τὸ γὰρ νοερόν . . . ἀπαθὲς . . .) and 1026 D (. . . ἐκ τε τῆς θείας καὶ ἀπαθοῦς . . .) and *De Facie* 945 c-d (ὁ δὲ νοῦς ἀπαθής). In *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 c-d ἀπλοῦν καὶ εἰλικρινὲς καὶ καθαρὸν ἀπάσης ἑτερότητας καὶ διαφορᾶς (= μονοειδές here) characterizes the incorporeal and intelligible (as does ἀπαθὲς in *Amatorius* 765 A, τὰ νοητὰ . . . τῆς ἀσωμάτου καὶ ἀπαθοῦς οὐσίας εἶδη), but Plutarch treats νοῦς itself as a νοητόν (see note g on *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 c and note b on 1002 ε *supra*).

simplicity and impassivity and purity and uniformity of it<sup>a</sup> that is meant by its being without parts and indivisible, that with which when it somehow just touches<sup>b</sup> objects composite and divisible and differing it puts a stop to their multiplicity and reduces it to a state that is single through similarity.<sup>c</sup> As to the being that becomes divisible in the case of bodies, if anyone should wish to call it matter homonymously in the sense of a nature underlying the former and capable of participating in it,<sup>d</sup> this use of the term makes no difference to the meaning; but those who maintain that corporeal matter is mixed with the indivisible being are utterly mistaken,<sup>e</sup> first because

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 37 A 5-6 (ὅταν . . . ἐφάπτηται . . .) and Aristotle's criticism (*De Anima* 407 a 15-18) as well as his own use of the metaphor (*Metaphysics* 1072 b 20-21 and 1051 b 24-25); cf. also Theophrastus, *Metaph.* 9 B 13-16 and Speusippus, frag. 30, 10-11 (Lang) and among the many later occurrences especially Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 64, 15-17 (Couvreur).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Themistius, *Anal. Post.*, p. 64, 18-20 (τὴν δὲ καθόλου ἐπιφορὰν ὁ νοῦς ποιήσεται. τούτου γὰρ ἔργον ἤδη τὰ πολλὰ ἐνοῦν καὶ τὰ ἄπειρα, ὅπερ φησὶ Πλάτων, πέρατι συνδήσασθαι [*Philebus* 27 D 9]) and at 1025 c *infra* the description of the function of "sameness": ὧν ἂν ἄψηται . . . συνάγειν καὶ συυσιτάναι διὰ ὁμοιότητος ἐκ πολλῶν μίαν ἀναλαμβάνοντος μορφὴν καὶ δύναμιν.

<sup>d</sup> So Plutarch himself has called it: see 1013 c *supra* with note e on page 203 *supra* and cf. *De Iside* 374 E (τὴν ψυχὴν . . . ὡς ὕλην . . . τῷ λόγῳ . . . παρέχομεν).

<sup>e</sup> See 1013 B-C *supra* with note c there. So here Crantor, while not the only one (see note d on 1022 E *supra*), is, however unjustifiably and Schwyzer to the contrary notwithstanding (*Rhein. Mus.*, lxxxiv [1935], p. 362), one among those whom Plutarch has in mind. In addition to the subsequent arguments of Plutarch's see the one adduced against Eratosthenes by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 152, 28-29 [Diehl]): κρᾶσις γὰρ οὐκ ἂν ποτε γένοιτο . . . ἀμερίστου καὶ σώματος.

1023 τάνουσι, πρῶτον μὲν<sup>1</sup> ὅτι τῶν ἐκείνης ὀνομάτων οὐδενὶ νῦν ὁ Πλάτων κέχρηται (δεξαμενὴν γὰρ εἴωθε καὶ πανδεχῆ καὶ τιθήνην αἰεὶ καλεῖν ἐκείνην, οὐ περὶ τὰ σώματα μεριστὴν μᾶλλον δὲ σῶμα μεριζόμενον εἰς τὸ καθ' ἕκαστον) ἔπειτα τί διοίσει τῆς τοῦ κόσμου γενέσεως ἢ<sup>2</sup> τῆς ψυχῆς, εἴπερ ἀμφοτέροις ἔκ τε τῆς ὕλης καὶ τῶν νοητῶν γέγονεν ἡ σύστασις; αὐτός γε μὴν ὁ Πλάτων, ὥσπερ ἀπωθούμενος<sup>3</sup> τῆς ψυχῆς τὴν ἐκ σώματος γένεσιν, ἐντὸς αὐτῆς φησὶν ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ τεθῆναι τὸ σωματικὸν εἶτ' ἔξωθεν ὑπ' ἐκείνης περικαλυφθῆναι<sup>4</sup>. καὶ B ὅλως ἀπεργασάμενος τῷ λόγῳ τὴν ψυχὴν ὕστερον<sup>5</sup> ἐπεισάγει τὴν περὶ τῆς ὕλης ὑπόθεσιν, μηδὲν αὐτῆς πρότερον ὅτε τὴν ψυχὴν ἐγέννα δεηθείς, ὡς χωρὶς ὕλης γενομένην.

22. Ὅμοια δὲ τούτοις ἔστιν ἀντειπεῖν καὶ τοῖς περὶ Ποσειδώνιον. οὐ γὰρ μακρὰν τῆς ὕλης ἀπέστη-

<sup>1</sup> μὲν -omitted by f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> ἢ -u.

<sup>3</sup> E, B; ἀποθέμενος -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> περικεκαλυφθῆναι -r.

<sup>5</sup> ὕστερος -u.

<sup>a</sup> See page 213, note *c supra*; and for νῦν in this sense see 1024 A *infra*, *Plat. Quaest.* 1009 *c supra*, and J. H. Quincey (*J.H.S.*, lxxxvi [1966], p. 149, n. 17) on *Moralia* 22 r.

<sup>b</sup> δεξαμενὴ occurs in *Timaeus* 53 A 3 (*cf.* Plutarch, *De Iside* 374 B; [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 882 c=*Dox. Graeci*, p. 308 A 4-9 and B 5-9), πανδεχὴς in *Timaeus* 51 A 7, and τιθήνη in *Timaeus* 49 A 6, 52 D 5, 88 D 6. See pages 185, note *c* and 197, note *a supra*.

<sup>c</sup> This last (*cf.* *De Defectu Orac.* 429 B, εἰς πλείονα μέρη τοῦ αἰσθητοῦ καὶ σωματικοῦ μεριζομένου διὰ τὴν σύμφυτον ἀνάγκην τῆς ἑτερότητας) is implicitly denied by Plato in *Timaeus* 51 A 4-7, where the receptacle is declared to be "not earth or air or fire or water μήτε ὅσα ἐκ τούτων μήτε ἐξ ὧν ταῦτα γέγονεν."



Plato in the present passage<sup>a</sup> has used none of the names for the former (for that it is his custom always to call receptacle and omnirecipient and nurse,<sup>b</sup> not divisible in the case of bodies but rather body that is divided into particularity<sup>c</sup>) and secondly wherein would the generation of the soul differ from that of the universe if both have had as constituents of their composition matter and the intelligibles?<sup>d</sup> In any case, Plato himself, as if warding off from soul the coming to be out of body, says that the corporeal was placed by god within her and then enveloped with her on the outside<sup>e</sup>; and, quite generally, it is after having produced the soul in his account that he introduces in addition the theory about matter,<sup>f</sup> having had no need of it before when he was generating the soul, as it presumably came to be apart from matter.

22. Similar objections can be made also to Posidonius and his followers.<sup>g</sup> For they did not withdraw

<sup>a</sup> See 1013 B-C and note *e* on 1022 F *supra*.

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 34 B 3-4 and 36 D 9-E 3 (cf. Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 406-407 and n. 334), and see *supra Plat. Quaest.* 1002 B-C with note *f* there.

<sup>c</sup> Plutarch means the account of the receptacle, which is introduced at *Timaeus* 48 E 2—49 A 6; but he conveniently forgets both the earlier treatment of the corporeality of the universe (31 B 4—32 C 4), to which he had himself referred at 1016 F—1017 A *supra*, and the warning about the sequence given in *Timaeus* 34 B 10—35 A 1 and quoted by himself at 1016 A-B *supra* (cf. Helmer, *De An. Proc.*, p. 15 and Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 424-425).

<sup>d</sup> For this chapter (=F 141 a [Edelstein-Kidd]) cf. especially Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde*, pp. 63-67 and in P. Merlan's last extensive treatment, *Platonism to Neoplatonism*, pp. 34-58, the bibliography on pp. 55 and 57, to which add Marie Laffranque, *Poseidonios d'Apamée* (Paris, 1964), pp. 373-374, pp. 379-380, and pp. 431-432. The

- (1023) σαν,<sup>1</sup> ἀλλὰ δεξάμενοι τὴν τῶν περάτων οὐσίαν περὶ τὰ σώματα λέγεσθαι μεριστὴν καὶ ταῦτα τῷ νοητῷ μίξαντες ἀπεφάναντο τὴν ψυχὴν ἰδέαν εἶναι τοῦ πάντη διαστατοῦ κατ' ἀριθμὸν συνεστῶσαν ἄρμο-  
<sup>1</sup> ἀπέστησαν τὴν ψυχὴν - *Epitome* 1030 F *infra*.

phrase τοῖς περὶ Ποσειδώνιον (*cf.* Wyttenbach, *Animadversiones* on *De E* 385 A) might of itself mean only "Posidonius" (so Turnebus, Xylander, and Amyot) or only his pupils or "circle" (*cf.* Laffranque, *op. cit.*, p. 379, n. 37); but, as by οἱ περὶ τὸν Κράντορα (1012 F *supra*) after οἱ δὲ Κράντορι . . . προσέθεντο, μινύντι . . . (1012 D *supra*) Plutarch must have meant "Crantor and his followers," so here too he probably meant to refer both to Posidonius himself and to his followers. His immediate source for the subsequent Posidonian interpretation, then, may have been something by one of those followers such as the work of Phantias (*cf.* Diogenes Laertius, vii, 41) or even the work by Eudorus that seems to have been his source for the interpretations given by Xenocrates and Crantor (see note c on 1012 E and note c on 1013 B *supra*; *cf.* P. Merlan, *Philologus*, lxxxix [1934], p. 211 and Helmer, *De An. Proc.*, p. 17, n. 22). Such use of a secondary source, however, would not of itself prove that he did not know the original as well (*cf.* W. Crönert's observation concerning Galen, *Gnomon*, vi [1930], p. 155).

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* so interpreting τῆς αὐτῆς περὶ τὰ σώματα γινομένης μεριστῆς (οὐσίας) of *Timaeus* 35 A 2-3, which, contrary to Marie Laffranque's assertion (*op. cit.*, p. 379), is tantamount to saying that the following definition is "une glose posidonienne du *Timée*," though not that it stood in a "commentary" on the *Timaeus*. For the controversy about the existence of such a commentary see L. Edelstein, *A.J.P.*, lvii (1936), p. 304, n. 72; E. Bickel, *Rhein. Mus.*, N.F. ciii (1960), pp. 8-10; K. Abel, *Rhein. Mus.*, N.F. cvii (1964), pp. 371-373.

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* τὰ πέρατα, "the limits." Merlan (*Platonism to Neoplatonism*, p. 38) calls this "Plutarch's somewhat careless reference to 'the substance of the limits,'" *i.e.* τὴν τῶν περάτων οὐσίαν, and insists that this phrase means "that which is within the πέρατα," "the kind of being which 'has' or 'accepts' limits," οὐσία itself being "the πεπερασμένον

far from matter ; but, having taken divisible in the case of bodies to mean <sup>a</sup> the being of the limits and having mixed these <sup>b</sup> with the intelligible, they declared the soul to be the idea of what is everyway extended, <sup>c</sup> herself constituted according to number

without its limits," that is, in fact, for a Stoic ὄλη. This cannot be what the phrase meant to Plutarch, however, any more than τῆς ψυχῆς . . . τὴν οὐσίαν a few lines below means "the kind of being that 'has' or 'accepts' soul," for his first refutation of the Posidonians explicitly assumes that in their interpretation of the psychogony they use the limits themselves (τοῖς τῶν σωμάτων πέρασιν [1023 c *infra*]) and not any "substance of the limits" in Merlan's sense, while at the beginning of the next chapter again (1023 d *infra*) the two constitutive factors of soul ascribed to them are the intelligible and the limits *tout court* (τοῖς πέρασι). Nor does this leave unexplained, as Merlan contends it would do, Plutarch's imputation of "materialism" to the Posidonians, for it has already been said in reference to their interpretation (1014 d *supra*, page 187, note c) that the nature said in the *Timæus* to become divisible in the case of bodies must not be held to be μήκη καὶ πλάτη . . . ἃ σώμασι προσήκει καὶ σωμάτων μᾶλλον ἢ τῆς ψυχῆς ἐστίν. Whether Plutarch's imputation is justified is another question. He knew that according to the Stoics limits are incorporeal (*De Comm. Not.* 1080 e *infra*) but probably knew also that, while existing only in thought for the Stoics (*S.V.F.* ii, frag. 488), they exist in reality (καθ' ὑπόστασιν) as well for Posidonius (Diogenes Laertius, vii, 135); and, since according to the latter being that is κατὰ τὴν ὑπόστασιν differs from matter only in thought (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 458, 10-11), one might reasonably suppose that for him the limits, which exist in reality, must also be material.

<sup>c</sup> So much of the definition is identical with that ascribed by Iamblichus to Speusippus (frag. 40 [Lang]); in an obviously Stoic version it is ascribed to Plato himself (Diogenes Laertius, iii, 67 : ἰδέαν τοῦ πάντη διεστῶτος πνεύματος [*cf. ibid.* vii, 157 : soul is πνεῦμα ἐνθερμον for Posidonius *et al.*]); and the first word by itself, *idea*, is the Posidonian definition in the list given by Macrobius (*In Somnium*

(1023) νίαν<sup>1</sup> περιέχοντα· τά τε γὰρ μαθηματικὰ τῶν πρώτων νοητῶν μεταξὺ καὶ τῶν αἰσθητῶν τετάχθαι, τῆς τε ψυχῆς, τῶν νοητῶν τὸ αἰδίον καὶ τῶν αἰσθητῶν<sup>2</sup> τὸ παθητικὸν ἐχούσης, προσῆκον<sup>3</sup> ἐν μέσῳ τῆν οὐσίαν ὑπάρχειν. ἔλαθε γὰρ καὶ τούτους ὁ θεὸς τοῖς τῶν σωμάτων πέρασιν ὕστερον, ἀπειργασμένης ἤδη τῆς ψυχῆς, χρώμενος ἐπὶ τὴν τῆς ὕλης διαμόρφωσιν, τὸ σκεδαστὸν αὐτῆς καὶ ἀσύνδετον ὀρίζων καὶ περιλαμβάνων ταῖς ἐκ τῶν τριγώνων συναρμοττομένων ἐπιφανείαις. ἀτοπώτερον δὲ τὸ<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ἁρμονίαν -B and *Epitome* 1030 F *infra*; α . . . vac. 5 . . . ἴαν -E (ἀμαρτίαν εἶχε: ἁρμονίαν ἢ οὐσίαν -in margin); ἀμαρτίαν -all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> αἰσθητῶν -E (τῶν over erasure), B; αἰσθητικῶν -all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> προσῆκον -mss. and *Epitome* 1031 A *infra* (cf. Philo Jud., *De Vita Mosis* ii, § 69 = iv, p. 216, 18-19 [Cohn]); προσήκειν -Bernardakis (cf. 1022 D *infra*). <sup>4</sup> τὸν -e, u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup>.

*Scipionis* I, xiv, 19). That Plutarch took ἰδέα to mean a Platonic "idea" is clear from his second refutation (1023 c *infra*: ἀτοπώτερον δὲ . . .); but that it was not so meant is equally clear if, as he here reports, the soul according to the Posidonians has her being between the intelligibles and the perceptibles. The word is used in *Timaeus* 35 A 7 itself and not in the sense of "idea" (see 1012 c *supra* with note b there), as Plutarch himself knew (see 1025 B *infra*: . . . τὸ πᾶν . . . τῆς ψυχῆς εἶδος); and that passage of the *Timaeus* whether directly or through Speusippus is the source of its use in the Posidonian definition, where, if the exegesis of Plato was meant to be Posidonian doctrine as well, the meaning intended was "rational configuration" (cf. Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 143, 8-21 [Friedlein]: . . . τὸν λόγον τοῦ σχήματος . . . αἴτιον . . . τῆς περιοχῆς with L. Edelstein, *A.J.P.*, lvii [1936], p. 303) of the tridimensional (for πάντη [cf. *Timaeus* 36 E 2: πάντη διαπλακείσα]=τριχῆ cf. Aristotle, *De Caelo* 268 a 7-10 and 24-28 with Simplicius, *De Caelo*, p. 9, 17-29; Philo Jud., *De Opificio Mundi* 36 = i, p. 11, 9-10 [Cohn]). As to the intention of Speusippus see

that embraces concord,<sup>a</sup> for (they said) the mathematical have been ranked between the primary intelligibles and the perceptibles<sup>b</sup> and it is an appropriate thing for the soul likewise, possessing as she does the everlastingness of the intelligibles and the passivity of the perceptibles,<sup>c</sup> to have her being in the middle.<sup>d</sup> In fact these people too failed to notice that only later, after the soul has already been produced, does god use the limits of the bodies for the shaping of matter<sup>e</sup> by bounding and circumscribing its dispersiveness and incoherence with the surfaces made of the triangles fitted together.<sup>f</sup>

Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, pp. 509-511 and *The Riddle*, pp. 73-74 with the rejoinder by Merlan, *Platonism to Neoplatonism*, pp. 40-48 and p. 56.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Iamblichus, *De Comm. Math. Scientia*, p. 40, 15-23 (Festa): . . . κατ' ἀριθμούς ἀρμονίαν περιέχοντας ὑφεσιώσης . . . and *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 30, 7-9 (De Falco)=Anatolius, p. 32, 21-22 (Heiberg)=Sextus, *Adv. Math.* iv, 8 (p. 723, 17-20 [Bekker]).

<sup>b</sup> For this doctrine, which Aristotle ascribes to Plato by name in *Metaphysics* 987 b 14-18 and 1028 b 19-21, cf. Cherniss, *The Riddle*, pp. 75-78 and E. M. Manasse, *Philosophische Rundschau*, Beiheft 2 (1961), pp. 96-97 and pp. 149-156; see also note c on *Plat. Quaest.* 1002 A *supra*.

<sup>c</sup> See note b on 1013 A *supra*.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 153, 18-19 (Diehl) without reference, however, to the Posidonians or Speusippus: οἱ μὲν μαθηματικὴν ποιοῦντες τὴν οὐσίαν τῆς ψυχῆς ὡς μέσῃν τῶν τε φυσικῶν καὶ τῶν ὑπερφύω̄ν. . .

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 53 c 4—56 b 6 (cf. 53 b 4: . . . πρῶτον διασχηματίσατο . . .), the fabrication of the soul having been completed at 36 d 7 (cf. 36 d 8-9). For this argument of Plutarch's see the end of the preceding chapter (1023 b *supra* with note f on page 217).

<sup>f</sup> See *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 b-c *supra* with note f there; and for τὸ σκεδαστόν see *infra* 1023 E (= *Timaeus* 37 A 5-6) and 1024 A (. . . φερομένης καὶ σκεδανυμένης . . . ὕλης) and *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 d *supra* with note b there.

- (1023) τὴν ψυχὴν ἰδέαν ποιεῖν· ἡ μὲν γὰρ ἀεικίνητος<sup>1</sup>  
 ἡ δ' ἀκίνητος, καὶ ἡ μὲν ἀμιγῆς πρὸς τὸ αἰσθητὸν ἡ  
 δὲ τῶ<sup>2</sup> σώματι συνειργμένη. πρὸς δὲ τούτοις ὁ θεὸς  
 τῆς μὲν ἰδέας ὡς παραδείγματος γέγονε μιμητῆς  
 τῆς δὲ ψυχῆς ὡσπερ ἀποτελέσματος δημιουργός.  
 D ὅτι δ' οὐδ' ἀριθμὸν ὁ Πλάτων τὴν οὐσίαν τίθεται<sup>3</sup>  
 τῆς ψυχῆς ἀλλὰ ταττομένην ὑπ' ἀριθμοῦ, προεί-  
 ρηται.

23. Πρὸς δ' ἀμφοτέρους τούτους κοινόν ἐστὶ τὸ  
 μήτε τοῖς πέρασι μήτε τοῖς ἀριθμοῖς μηδὲν ἔχνος  
 ἐνυπάρχειν ἐκείνης τῆς δυνάμεως ἢ τὸ αἰσθητὸν

<sup>1</sup> Wytttenbach from *Epitome* 1031 A *infra*; εὐκίνητος  
 -MSS.

<sup>2</sup> τῶ -omitted by f, m, r.

<sup>3</sup> τίθεται τὴν οὐσίαν -B.

<sup>a</sup> See 1013 c *supra* with note b on page 174.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 38 A 3 (τὸ δὲ αἰεὶ κατὰ ταῦτ' ἔχον ἀκινήτως)  
 and Aristotle, *Topics* 148 a 20-21 (ἀπαθεῖς γὰρ καὶ ἀκίνητοι  
 . . . αἱ ἰδέαι . . .).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Symposium* 211 E 1-3 (. . . εἰλικρινές, καθαρὸν, ἄμεικτον  
 . . .), *Phaedrus* 247 c 6-7, and *Timaeus* 52 A 1-4 (. . . οὔτε αὐτὸ  
 εἰς ἄλλο ποιῖόν, . . . ἀναίσθητον). The ideas are "separate,"  
 by which is meant τὸ ἀμιγῆς πάσης ὕλης καὶ μηδενὶ παθητῶ  
 συμπεπλεγμένον (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 304 A 6-8 and B 27-31; cf.  
 Olympiodorus, *In Platonis Phaedonem*, pp. 103, 25-104, 2  
 [Norvin]).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *συνέρχας* in *Timaeus* 34 c 2, quoted in 1016 B *supra*,  
 where the soul is mistress of the body, so that the verb here  
 is not likely, as Thévenaz supposes (*L'Âme du Monde*,  
 p. 26, n. 121), to refer to the notion that the body is the  
 prison of the soul, the less so since the envelopment of the  
 corporeal by the world-soul has just been emphasized by  
 Plutarch (1023 A *supra* with note e there).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 28 A 6-B 2, 28 c 6-29 A 6, 37 c 6-D 1,  
 and 39 E 3-7 with Plutarch, *Quaest. Conviv.* 720 B-C.

<sup>f</sup> See 1014 c and 1016 c *supra* and 1027 A *infra*, but

What is more absurd, however, is to make the soul an idea, for the former is perpetually in motion<sup>a</sup> but the latter is immobile<sup>b</sup> and the latter cannot mix with the perceptible<sup>c</sup> but the former has been coupled with body<sup>d</sup>; and, besides, god's relation to the idea is that of imitator to pattern<sup>e</sup> but his relation to the soul is that of artificer to finished product.<sup>f</sup> As to number, however, it has been stated above<sup>g</sup> that Plato regards the substance of soul not as number either but as being ordered by number.

23. It is an argument against both of these in common,<sup>h</sup> moreover, that neither in limits nor in numbers is there any trace of that faculty with which the soul naturally forms judgments of what is notice also *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 c (. . . οὐκ ἔργον ἐστὶ τοῦ θεοῦ μόνον ἀλλὰ καὶ μέρος . . .).

<sup>g</sup> In 1013 c-d *supra* (see page 175, note c). By this reference Plutarch cannot mean, as both Helmer (*De An. Proc.*, p. 18 [3]) and Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 67) think he must, that the earlier refutation of Xenocrates is somehow applicable to the Posidonian definition too, for, as Thévenaz himself remarks, κατ' ἀριθμὸν συνεστῶσαν in this definition (1023 B *supra*) corresponds to κατ' ἀριθμὸν συνεστάναι (1013 D *supra*), which Plutarch used in refuting the Xenocratean identification of soul with number. He recurs to Xenocrates now because, as the Posidonian definition unlike the Xenocratean was obnoxious to the charge of materialism brought against others in the preceding chapter, so both the Xenocratean and the Posidonian are open to quite different objections about to be advanced in the subsequent chapter, where, as will be seen, the two interpretations are referred to as distinct despite the common defect imputed to them.

<sup>h</sup> *i.e.* the Posidonians and the Xenocrateans. Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 27, n. 124) adopts from the *Epitome* 1031 B the erroneous reading ἀμφοτέροις τούτοις and so cannot account for κοινόν, which in his translation is omitted or disguised as "il va de soi."

(1023) ἡ ψυχὴ πέφυκε κρίνειν. νοῦν μὲν γὰρ αὐτῇ καὶ  
 (τὸ)<sup>1</sup> νοητὸν<sup>2</sup> ἢ τῆς νοητῆς μέθεξις ἀρχῆς ἐμπε-  
 ποίηκε· δόξας δὲ καὶ πίστει καὶ τὸ φανταστικὸν  
 καὶ τὸ παθητικὸν<sup>3</sup> ὑπὸ<sup>4</sup> τῶν περὶ τὸ σῶμα ποιότη-  
 των, τοῦτ'<sup>5</sup> οὐκ ἂν τις ἐκ μονάδων οὐδὲ γραμμῶν  
 οὐδ' ἐπιφανειῶν ἀπλῶς νοήσειεν ἐγγιγνόμενον. καὶ  
 μὴν οὐ μόνον αἱ τῶν θνητῶν ψυχαὶ<sup>6</sup> γνωστικὴν τοῦ  
 αἰσθητοῦ<sup>7</sup> δύναμιν ἔχουσιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν τοῦ  
 Ε κόσμου φησὶν<sup>8</sup> ἀνακυκλουμένην αὐτὴν πρὸς ἑαυτήν,  
 ὅταν οὐσίαν σκεδαστὴν ἔχοντός τινος ἐφάπτηται  
 καὶ ὅταν ἀμέριστον, λέγειν<sup>9</sup> κινουμένην διὰ πάσης  
 ἑαυτῆς, ὅτῳ τ' ἂν τι<sup>10</sup> ταῦτὸν ἦ<sup>11</sup> καὶ ὅτου<sup>12</sup> ἂν  
 ἕτερον, πρὸς ὃ τι τε μάλιστα καὶ ὅπη καὶ ὅπως<sup>13</sup>  
 συμβαίνει κατὰ τὰ γιγνόμενα<sup>14</sup> πρὸς ἕκαστον

<sup>1</sup> <τὸ> -added by H. C.

<sup>2</sup> MSS. and *Epitome* 1031 B *infra*; νοητικὸν -Turnebus; νοήσιν -Wytttenbach; but *cf. Plat. Quaest.* 1002 E *supra* (τῆς ἐν ἡμῖν νοητῆς καὶ νοερᾶς δυνάμεως) with note b there.

<sup>3</sup> παθητὸν -E (with τ dotted and cross in margin), B.

<sup>4</sup> ὑπὲρ -Γ.

<sup>5</sup> τοῦτ' -H. C.; δ -MSS.; [δ] -deleted by Dübner.

<sup>6</sup> ἡ τῶν θνητῶν ψυχῇ -e.

<sup>7</sup> αἰσθητοῦ -Turnebus (so *Epitome* 1031 c); αἰσθητικοῦ -MSS.

<sup>8</sup> φύσιν -B, u<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>9</sup> λέγειν -e, u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup>; λέγη -E, B, f, III, r, Escor. 72<sup>corr.</sup>

<sup>10</sup> τι -Wytttenbach from *Timaeus* 37 A 7 (so B<sup>corr.</sup> in *Epitome* 1031 c); τις -MSS.

<sup>11</sup> ἦ -Stephanus from *Timaeus* 37 A 7 (so B<sup>corr.</sup> in *Epitome* 1031 c); ἦ -MSS.

<sup>12</sup> ὅτου -Bernardakis from *Timaeus* 37 A 7 (so B<sup>corr.</sup> in *Epitome* 1031 c); ὅτῳ -MSS.

<sup>13</sup> ὅπως <καὶ ὁπότε> -Pohlenz from *Timaeus* 37 B 1 (*cf. quid quoque loco aut modo aut tempore* -Turnebus).

<sup>14</sup> Dübner from *Timaeus* 37 B 2; καταγιγνόμενα -MSS.; καὶ τὰ γιγνόμενα -*Epitome* 1031 c.



perceptible.<sup>a</sup> Intelligence and intelligibility have been produced in her by participation in the intelligible principle<sup>b</sup>; but opinions and beliefs,<sup>c</sup> that is to say what is imaginative and impressionable by the qualities in body,<sup>d</sup> there is not anyone who could conceive of this arising in her simply from units or from lines or surfaces.<sup>e</sup> Now, not only do the souls of mortal beings have a faculty that is cognizant of the perceptible; but he says<sup>f</sup> that the soul of the universe also as she is revolving upon herself, whenever she touches anything that has being either dispersed or indivisible, is moved throughout herself and states of anything's being the same and different with regard to whatever it is so precisely the respect and context and manner of its happening to be or to have as attribute (either of these) in relation to each

<sup>a</sup> Whereas this had been taken into account by Crantor and his followers, *μάλιστα τῆς ψυχῆς ἴδιον ὑπολαμβάνοντες ἔργον εἶναι τὸ κρίνειν τὰ τε νοητὰ καὶ τὰ αἰσθητὰ . . .* (1012 F *supra* with note c there on this use of *κρίνειν*).

<sup>b</sup> In the account of the Posidonian interpretation (1023 B *supra*) this would be represented by *ταῦτα τῶ νοητῶ μίξαντες*. With Plutarch's expression here *cf. τοῦ δὲ νοῦ μετέσχευ ἀπὸ τῆς κρείττονος ἀρχῆς ἐγγενομένου* (1026 E *infra* [chap. 27 *sub finem*]).

<sup>c</sup> *Timaeus* 37 B 8 quoted in 1023 E *infra*.

<sup>d</sup> See 1024 A *infra*: *τὴν δοξαστικὴν καὶ φανταστικὴν καὶ συμπαθῆ τῶ αἰσθητῶ κίνησιν*.

<sup>e</sup> The "units" and the "lines or surfaces" here refer respectively to the "numbers" of the Xenocratean and the "limits" of the Posidonian interpretations just above (see 1014 D *supra* with notes b and c there).

<sup>f</sup> *Timaeus* 37 A 5-B 3, from which Plutarch omits as irrelevant to his argument the *καὶ πρὸς τὰ κατὰ ταῦτα ἔχοντα αἰεὶ* (B 3) and so the *τε* after *γινόμενα* (B 2); but then he ought also to have omitted the *καὶ ὅταν ἀμέριστον* in 37 A 6.

- (1023) <ἕκαστα><sup>1</sup> εἶναι καὶ πάσχειν. ἐν τούτοις ἅμα καὶ τῶν δέκα κατηγοριῶν ποιούμενος ὑπογραφὴν ἔτι μᾶλλον τοῖς ἐφεξῆς διασαφεῖ. “λόγος” γάρ φησιν “ἀληθῆς ὅταν μὲν περὶ τὸ αἰσθητὸν γίννηται καὶ ὁ τοῦ<sup>2</sup> θατέρου κύκλος ὀρθὸς<sup>3</sup> ἰὼν εἰς πᾶσαν αὐτοῦ τὴν ψυχὴν διαγγεῖλη, δόξαι καὶ πίστεις γίνονται βέβαιοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς· ὅταν δ’ αὖ περὶ τὸ λογιστικὸν<sup>4</sup> ἦ καὶ ὁ τοῦ ταύτου<sup>5</sup> κύκλος εὐτροχος ὦν αὐτὰ μηνύσῃ, ἐπιστήμη<sup>6</sup> ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἀποτελεῖται· τούτω<sup>7</sup> δ’ ἐν ᾧ τῶν ὄντων ἐγγίγνεσθον, ἐάν ποτέ τις αὐτὸ ἄλλο πλὴν ψυχὴν προσείπη, πᾶν μᾶλλον ἢ τὸ ἀληθὲς ἐρεῖ.” πόθεν οὖν ἔσχεν ἡ ψυχὴ τὴν ἀντιληπτικὴν τοῦ αἰσθητοῦ καὶ δοξαστικὴν ταύτην
- 1024 κίνησιν, ἑτέραν τῆς νοητικῆς<sup>8</sup> ἐκείνης καὶ τελευτώσης εἰς ἐπιστήμην, ἔργον εἰπεῖν μὴ θεμένους βεβαίως ὅτι νῦν οὐχ ἀπλῶς ψυχὴν ἀλλὰ κόσμου ψυχὴν συνίστησιν ἐξ ὑποκειμένων<sup>9</sup> τῆς τε κρείττονος οὐσίας καὶ ἀμερίστου<sup>10</sup> καὶ τῆς<sup>11</sup> χείρονος, ἦν

<sup>1</sup> Added by Maurommates from *Epitome* 1031 c and *Timaeus* 37 B 2.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ -omitted by E, B.

<sup>3</sup> ὀρθῶς -r<sup>corr</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> λογικὸν -r.

<sup>5</sup> τοῦ αὐτοῦ -u.

<sup>6</sup> νοῦς ἐπιστήμη τε -*Timaeus* 37 c 2.

<sup>7</sup> τοῦτο -E, B; τούτω -u, r, Aldine.

<sup>8</sup> νοητῆς -*Epitome* 1031 D.

<sup>9</sup> ὑποκειμένης -*Epitome* 1031 D-E.

<sup>10</sup> καὶ τῆς ἀμερίστου -r.

<sup>11</sup> τῆς -omitted by f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Albinus, *Epitome* vi, 10 (p. 159, 34-35 [Hermann]) = p. 37, 1-2 [Louis]), where they are said to have been adumbrated by Plato in the *Parmenides* and elsewhere. A work by Plutarch entitled *Διάλεξις περὶ τῶν δέκα κατηγοριῶν* is No. 192 in the *Catalogue of Lamprias*.

among the things that come to be. As in these words he is simultaneously giving an outline of the ten categories <sup>a</sup> too, in those that follow he states the case more clearly still, for he says <sup>b</sup>: "Whenever true discourse is concerning itself about the perceptible and the circle of difference running aright conveys the message through all its soul, there arise opinions and beliefs steadfast and true; but, whenever on the other hand it is concerned about the rational and the circle of sameness running smoothly gives the information, knowledge <sup>c</sup> is of necessity produced; and, if anyone ever calls by another name than soul that one of existing things in which these two come to be, he will be speaking anything but the truth." Whence, then, did the soul get this motion that can apprehend what is perceptible and form opinions of it, a motion different from that which is intellective and issues in knowledge? It is difficult to say without steadfastly maintaining that in the present passage <sup>d</sup> he is constructing not soul in the absolute sense but the soul of the universe out of entities already available, the superior, that is to say indivisible, being and the inferior, which he has

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 37 B 3-c 5, from which Plutarch omits δὲ ὁ κατὰ ταῦτόν in B 3-4 and γιγνόμενος . . . ἡχῆς in B 4-6 and reduces νοῦς ἐπιστήμη τε in C 2 to ἐπιστήμη.

<sup>c</sup> By reducing Plato's νοῦς ἐπιστήμη τε to ἐπιστήμη alone Plutarch suppresses the embarrassing fact that νοῦς here is clearly treated as a state of soul and not a transcendent entity made an ingredient of it (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 313, 24-314, 5 [Diehl] and Cherniss, *Aristotle's Criticism of Plato . . .*, p. 607).

<sup>d</sup> This is not the last two passages cited (*Timaeus* 37 A 5-B 3 and B 3-c 5) but the central passage under discussion, *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4 (1012 B-c *supra*); for νῦν see note a on 1023 A *supra*.

(1024) *περὶ τὰ σώματα μεριστὴν κέκληκεν, οὐχ ἑτέραν οὔσαν ἢ τὴν δοξαστικὴν καὶ φανταστικὴν καὶ συμπαθῆ τῷ αἰσθητῷ<sup>1</sup> κίνησιν, οὐ γενομένην ἀλλὰ ὑφεστῶσαν αἰδίου ὡσπερ ἢ ἑτέρα. τὸ γὰρ νοερὸν ἢ φύσις ἔχουσα καὶ τὸ δοξαστικὸν εἶχεν ἀλλ' ἐκεῖνο μὲν ἀκίνητον <καὶ><sup>2</sup> ἀπαθὲς καὶ περὶ τὴν αἰετιμένουσαν ἰδρυμένον<sup>3</sup> οὐσίαν τοῦτο δὲ μεριστὸν καὶ πλανητόν, ἅτε δὴ φερομένης καὶ σκεδαννυμένης*  
*B ἐφαπτόμενον ὑλης. οὔτε γὰρ τὸ αἰσθητὸν εἰλήχει τάξεως ἀλλ' ἦν ἄμορφον καὶ ἀόριστον, ἢ τε περὶ τοῦτο τεταγμένη δύναμις οὔτε δόξας<sup>4</sup> ἐνάρθρους<sup>5</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> τῶν αἰσθητῶν - *Epitome* 1031 E.

<sup>2</sup> <καὶ> -supplied by Müller (1873) from *Epitome* 1031 E.

<sup>3</sup> ἰδρυμένην -u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> δόξαν -u.

<sup>5</sup> ἀνάρθρους -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> See *supra* 1015 E with note *b* and 1014 D referred to there.

<sup>b</sup> See *supra* page 209 with notes *a* to *e* and 1014 C referred to there.

<sup>c</sup> ἢ φύσις (called "wohl corrupt" by B. Müller [1873] *ad loc.*) is used here to designate the precosmic state as it is in 1015 E *supra* (οὐδ' ἀρχὰς τῇ φύσει . . . παρέσχεν, ἀλλ' οὔσης ἐν πάθει . . .).

<sup>d</sup> *i.e.* "the former" just mentioned, the "indivisible being" of *Timaeus* 35 A 1-2; *cf.* 1024 D *infra*, where νοῦς = τῷ ἀμερίστῳ . . . καὶ τῷ μηδαμῇ κινητῷ.

<sup>e</sup> See 1024 C *infra*: ὁ δὲ νοῦς αὐτὸς μὲν . . . μόνιμος ἦν καὶ ἀκίνητος. Plato says nothing of the kind; but, since immobility and impassivity are characteristics of the intelligible being of the ideas (see page 223 *supra* with note *b* there), Plutarch, who identifies the indivisible being of the intelligibles (*cf. Plat. Quaest.* 1001 D *supra*: ἢ γὰρ ἀμερίστος οὐσία . . . τῶν νοητῶν) with precosmic νοῦς (see the immediately preceding note), naturally ascribes to the latter these characteristics of the former (see 1016 C *supra* with note *c* [τῆς μόνιμου τε καὶ ἀρίστης οὐσίας ἐκείνης] and 1026 A *infra* [τῷ

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called divisible in the case of bodies,<sup>a</sup> this latter being none other than the opinionative and imaginative motion sensitive to what is perceptible, not brought into being but having subsisted everlastingly just like the former.<sup>b</sup> For nature <sup>c</sup> possessing intellectuality <sup>d</sup> possessed the opinionative faculty also, the former, however, immobile <sup>e</sup> <and> impassive <sup>f</sup> and settled about the being that always remains fixed <sup>g</sup> but the latter divisible and erratic inasmuch as it was in contact with matter, which was in motion and in dispersion.<sup>h</sup> The fact is that the perceptible had not got any portion of order but was amorphous and indefinite <sup>i</sup>; and the faculty stationed about this had neither articulate opinions nor motions that were

περὶ τὰ νοητὰ μόνιμῳ]). Since at the same time he regards god as the source of rationality in the soul (see *supra* 1016 c with note d), he was perhaps not uninfluenced by the Aristotelian notion of god as νοῦς ἀκίνητος, which is read into Plato by Albinus in *Epitome* x, 2 (p. 57, 5-9 [Louis]=p. 164, 20-24 [Hermann]). The νοῦς as πρῶτος θεός may have been called μόνιμος even by Xenocrates, since he identified it with the μονάς (frag. 15 [Heinze]; and for νοῦς=μονάς διὰ τὸ μόνιμον cf. Alexander, *Metaph.*, p. 39, 14-15 and A. Delatte, *Études sur la littérature pythagoricienne* [Paris, 1915], p. 167, 3-4).

<sup>f</sup> See *supra* 1022 ε, page 215, note a.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. 1024 d *infra* (περὶ τὸ μένον αἰεὶ) and *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 d *supra* (τὸ νοητὸν . . . αἰεὶ μένειν).

<sup>h</sup> See *supra* 1023 c, note f and *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 d, note b with the references there. The combination of μεριστὸν καὶ πλανητὸν here (the former referring to σκεδαννυμένης, the latter to φερομένης) recalls the identification as precosmic disorderly soul of both the divisible being and the necessity of the *Timaeus* (1014 d-ε *supra*), since the latter is called a πλανωμένη αἰτία (*Timaeus* 48 A 6-7).

<sup>i</sup> For the confusion involved in speaking of "the perceptible" and of "corporeality" (just below) in this precosmic state taken literally see page 184, note c *supra*.

(1024) οὔτε κινήσεις ἀπάσας εἶχε<sup>1</sup> τεταγμένας ἀλλὰ τὰς πολλὰς ἐνυπνιώδεις καὶ παραφόρους καὶ ταρατούσας τὸ σωματοειδές, ὅσα μὴ κατὰ τύχην τῷ βελτίονι περιέπιπτεν· ἐν μέσῳ γὰρ ἦν ἀμφοῖν καὶ πρὸς ἀμφοτέρα συμπαθῆ καὶ συγγενῆ φύσιν εἶχε, τῷ μὲν αἰσθητικῶ τῆς ὕλης ἀντεχομένη τῷ δὲ κριτικῶ τῶν νοητῶν.

24. Οὔτω δέ πως καὶ αὐτὸς<sup>2</sup> διασαφεῖ τοῖς ὀνόμασιν· “οὔτος” γάρ φησι “παρὰ τῆς ἐμῆς ψήφου λογισθεὶς ἐν κεφαλαίῳ δεδόσθω λόγος, ὃν τε καὶ C χώραν καὶ γένεσιν εἶναι τρία τριχῆ καὶ πρὶν οὐρανὸν γενέσθαι.” χώραν τε γὰρ καλεῖ τὴν ὕλην

<sup>1</sup> E<sup>1</sup> (in margin), B; ἔχουσα -all other mss., Aldine, *Epitome* 1031 f.

<sup>2</sup> Πλάτων -*Epitome* 1032 A.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. in 1026 E *infra* the period ἐν ἣ τὸ μὲν φρόνιμον . . . καταδαρθάνει . . . and *De Facie* 944 E-F, where the substance of soul from which νοῦς has been separated is said to retain ἴχνη τινὰ βίου καὶ ὀνειράτα.

<sup>b</sup> See 1015 E *supra* (τὴν ὕλην . . . ὑπὸ τῆς ἀνοήτου ταρατομένην αἰτίας) with note g there.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 69 B 6 (. . . οὔτε τούτων, ὅσον μὴ τύχῃ, τι μετεῖχεν . . .), referring to the ἴχνη of *Timaeus* 53 B quoted by Plutarch in 1016 E-F *supra*.

<sup>d</sup> The subject of ἐν μέσῳ ἦν as of the preceding περιέπιπτεν must be the precosmic disorderly soul, the δοξαστικὴ καὶ φανταστικὴ . . . κινήσις identified by Plutarch with ἡ περὶ τὰ σώματα μεριστῆ οὐσία of *Timaeus* 35 A (see also 1024 C *infra*: τὴν ἐν μεταβολαῖς καὶ κινήσεσιν οὐσίαν . . . μεταξὺ τεταγμένην . . . μεριστῆ προσηγορεύθη . . .), though in the *Timaeus* it is not this being that is ἐν μέσῳ but rather that produced by the demiurge between it and indivisible being to be the οὐσία that is an ingredient of soul. See the next note *infra*.

<sup>e</sup> Though τὸ κριτικόν can refer to the exercise of αἴσθησις as well as of νοῦς (see 1024 E *infra* with note e there), here it can mean only the latter, for it is explicitly distinguished

all orderly, but most of them were dreamlike <sup>a</sup> and deranged and were disturbing corporeality <sup>b</sup> save in so far as it would by chance encounter that which is the better, <sup>c</sup> for it was intermediate between the two <sup>d</sup> and had a nature sensitive and akin to both, with its perceptivity laying hold on matter and with its discernment on the intelligibles. <sup>e</sup>

24. In terms that go something like this <sup>f</sup> he states the case clearly himself, for he says <sup>g</sup> : " Let this be the account rendered in summation as reckoned from my calculation, that real existence and space and becoming were three and distinct <sup>h</sup> even before heaven came to be." Now, it is matter that he calls

from τῶ αἰσθητικῷ and moreover κριτήριον τοῦ νοητοῦ μόνον ἐστὶν ὁ νοῦς (*Plat. Quaest.* 1002 D *supra*). Thus Plutarch's precosmic disorderly soul, though called ἀνόητος (1014 c and 1015 ε *supra*) and just distinguished (1024 λ *supra*) as τὸ δοξαστικόν from the precosmic νοερόν, which comes to the former he maintains only by the action of god in the psychogony (see 1016 c *supra* [τῶ αἰσθητικῷ τὸ νοερόν . . . ἀφ' αὐτοῦ παρασχών . . .] ; cf. 1026 ε *infra* [τοῦ δὲ νοῦ μετέσχεν ἀπὸ τῆς κρείττονος ἀρχῆς ἐγγενομένου]), is here given the intermediate position that properly belongs to the " created " soul (see the immediately preceding note) and with it the faculty of νοῦς that it should not have at all until after the psychogony. Similarly it is said in the next chapter (1024 c *infra*) to disperse in this world the semblances of the intelligible ideas, which in its context shows that the attempt to interpret literally the " precosmic chaos " of *Timaeus* 52 D—53 B was what constrained Plutarch here to contradict his own literal interpretation of the psychogony by ascribing to his precosmic disorderly soul characteristics proper according to his own account only to the " created " soul.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. P. Shorey, *Class. Phil.*, xvii (1922), pp. 261-262 on *Euthydemus* 304 ε.

<sup>g</sup> *Timaeus* 52 D 2-4.

<sup>h</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 358, 11-12 (Diehl) : ὅταν λέγῃ τρία ταῦτα εἶναι χωρὶς. . . .

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(1024) ὡσπερ ἔδραν ἔστιν ὅτε καὶ ὑποδοχὴν, ὃν δὲ τὸ νοητόν, γένεσιν δὲ τοῦ κόσμου μήπω γεγονότος οὐδεμίαν ἄλλην ἢ τὴν ἐν μεταβολαῖς καὶ κινήσεσιν οὐσίαν, τοῦ τυποῦντος καὶ τοῦ τυπουμένου μεταξὺ τεταγμένην, διαδιδούσαν<sup>1</sup> ἐνταῦθα τὰς ἐκεῖθεν εἰκόνας. διὰ τε δὴ ταῦτα μέριστὴ προσηγορεύθη καὶ ὅτι τῷ αἰσθητῷ τὸ αἰσθανόμενον καὶ τῷ φανταστικῷ τὸ φανταζόμενον ἀνάγκη συνδιανέμεσθαι καὶ συμπαρήκειν· ἡ γὰρ αἰσθητικὴ κίνησις, ἰδίᾳ ψυχῆς οὐσα, κινεῖται πρὸς τὸ αἰσθητόν ἐκτός· ὁ δὲ νοῦς αὐτὸς μὲν ἐφ' ἑαυτοῦ<sup>2</sup> μόνιμος ἦν καὶ ἀκίνητος,

<sup>1</sup> διαδοῦσαν -Γ.

<sup>2</sup> E, B, e, u; ἀφ' ἑαυτοῦ -f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> See note c on page 184 *supra*.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 52 A 1-4 with C 5-D 1, 48 E 5-6, 27 D 6—28 A 4.

<sup>c</sup> Taking *Timaeus* 52 D—53 B literally, Plutarch had to identify the precosmic soul that he posited with one of the three alone there named as being “before heaven came to be.” Of these there remained to him only γένεσις, and he may even have thought this identification supported by ψυχὴν . . . τὴν πρώτην γένεσιν of *Laws* 896 A 5-B 1 and 899 C 6-7 (see 1013 F *supra* with note a there). Yet he must have understood that γένεσις in the *Timaeus* is not an entity transmitting to this world or dispersing in it the semblances of the other but is itself τὰ γιγνώμενα, the “offspring” of the intelligible and the receptacle and only in this sense something “between” them (cf. *Timaeus* 50 C 7-D 4), for this is the conception that he elsewhere himself ascribes to Plato (*De Iside* 373 E [ὁ μὲν οὖν Πλάτων τὸ μὲν νοητόν . . . πατέρα, τὴν δὲ ὕλην καὶ μητέρα . . . καὶ χώραν γενέσεως, τὸ δ’



space, as he sometimes calls it abode and receptacle,<sup>a</sup> and the intelligible that he calls real existence<sup>b</sup>; and what he calls becoming, the universe not yet having come to be, is nothing other than that being involved in changes and motions which, ranged between what makes impressions and what receives them, disperses in this world the semblances from that world yonder.<sup>c</sup> For this very reason it was called divisible<sup>d</sup> and also because it is necessary for that which is perceiving and that which is forming mental images to be divided in correspondence with what is perceptible and with what is imaginable and to be coextensive with them,<sup>e</sup> for the motion of sense-perception, which is the soul's own,<sup>f</sup> moves towards what is perceptible without<sup>g</sup> but the intelligence, while it was abiding and immobile all by itself,<sup>h</sup> upon having got into the soul

ἐξ ἀμφοῖν ἔκγονον καὶ γένεσιν ὀνομάζειν εἴθωθεν] and 372 F [εἰκῶν γὰρ ἐστὶν οὐσίας ἐν ὕλῃ γένεσις . . .]). In any case, Plutarch's precosmic soul, here identified with γένεσις, is irrational; and his giving it access to the intelligible world is an inconsistency resulting from his attempt to account for the "traces" and "modifications" in the chaos of *Timaeus* 52 D—53 B as literally precosmic (see note *e* on 1024 B *supra*).

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* *Timaeus* 35 A, where, however, the μεριστή οὐσία is explicitly not μεταξὺ τεταγμένη (see note *d* on 1024 B *supra*).

<sup>e</sup> See 1024 A *supra* (μεριστὸν . . . αἶτε . . . σκεδαννυμένης ἐφαπτόμενον ὕλης) and *cf.* Simplicius, *De An.*, p. 45, 8-10; for the term συμπαρήκειν *cf.* Boethus in Simplicius, *Categ.*, p. 434, 3-4.

<sup>f</sup> Because τὴν . . . συμπαθῆ τῶ αἰσθητῶ κίνησιν is ἀπλῶς ψυχῇ (1024 A *supra*; *cf.* ψυχῇ καθ' ἑαυτὴν in 1014 D-E *supra*).

<sup>g</sup> *Cf.* [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 899 E = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 394 A 15-20; Porphyry, *Sententiae* xliii (pp. 41, 24-42, 1 and 42, 13-14 [Mommert]) = Stobaeus, *Ecl.* i, 48, 5 (pp. 313, 15-17 and 314, 5-7 [Wachsmuth]).

<sup>h</sup> See note *e* on 1024 A *supra*.

(1024) ἐγγενόμενος δὲ τῇ ψυχῇ καὶ κρατήσας εἰς ἑαυτὸν  
 D ἐπιστρέφει καὶ συμπεραίνει τὴν ἐγκύκλιον φορὰν  
 περὶ τὸ μένον αἰεὶ<sup>1</sup> μάλιστα φαύουσαν τοῦ ὄντος.  
 διὸ καὶ δυσανάκρατος ἢ κοινωνία γέγονεν αὐτῶν,  
 τῷ ἀμερίστῳ τὸ<sup>2</sup> μεριστὸν καὶ τῷ μηδαμῇ κινή-  
 τῳ<sup>3</sup> τὸ πάντῃ φορητὸν μινύουσα καὶ καταβιαζο-  
 μένη<sup>4</sup> θάτερον εἰς ταῦτόν<sup>5</sup> συνελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ τὸ  
 θάτερον οὐ κίνησις,<sup>6</sup> ὥσπερ οὐδὲ ταῦτόν<sup>7</sup> στάσις,  
 ἀλλ' ἀρχὴ διαφορᾶς καὶ ἀνομοιότητος. ἐκάτερον  
 γὰρ ἀπὸ τῆς ἑτέρας ἀρχῆς κάτεισι, τὸ μὲν ταῦτόν  
 ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐνὸς τὸ δὲ θάτερον<sup>8</sup> ἀπὸ τῆς δυάδος· καὶ  
 μέμικται πρῶτον ἐνταῦθα περὶ τὴν ψυχὴν, ἀριθ-  
 E μοῖς καὶ λόγοις συνδεθέντα καὶ μεσότησιν ἐναρμο-

<sup>1</sup> τὸ μὲν αἰεὶ -u; τὸ αἰεὶ -f.

<sup>2</sup> τὸν -e, u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> κινήτῳ -r.

<sup>4</sup> καταβιαζομένη -m<sup>1</sup>, r.

<sup>5</sup> ταῦτό -E<sup>1</sup>, B<sup>1</sup> (ν superscript -E<sup>1</sup>, B<sup>1</sup>), r.

<sup>6</sup> ἦν δὲ τὸ θάτερον οὐ κίνησις -margin of f<sup>1</sup> (τὸ omitted) and of m<sup>1</sup>, *Epitome* 1032 c; ἦν δὲ τὸ ἕτερον κίνησις -E (οὐκ ἦν in margin -E<sup>1</sup>, ἡ superscript between ν and κ -E<sup>2</sup>); οὐκ (two dots over υ) ἦν δὲ τὸ ἕτερον ἢ κίνησις -B; ἦν δὲ τὸ θάτερον ἢ κίνησις -e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> ὥσπερ δὲ ταῦτόν (ὥσπερ δὲ οὐ ταῦτόν in margin) -f, m; ὥσπερ δὲ ταῦτόν (οὐ ταῦτόν in margin) -r.

<sup>8</sup> τὸ δὲ ἕτερον -E, B (θάτερον in margin -B<sup>1</sup>).

<sup>a</sup> See *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 A with note *i* there for κρατήσασα . . . ἐπέστρεψεν used of the rational soul's action upon the motions of matter. Similar language to describe the influence of god upon the world-soul and its νοῦς is used by Albinus in *Epitome* x, 3 and xiv, 3 (pp. 59, 5-7 and 81, 4-9 [Louis]=pp. 165, 1-3 and 169, 30-35 [Hermann]), with which cf. also Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 226, 8-9 (Wrobel)=p. 205, 1-2 (Waszink).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 147, 15-18 (Friedlein). For περὶ τὸ μένον αἰεὶ see 1024 A, note *g supra*, and for the "circular motion" see *Plat. Quaest.* 1004 c with note *d* there.

and taken control makes her turn around to him<sup>a</sup> and with her accomplishes about that which always remains fixed the circular motion most closely in contact with real existence.<sup>b</sup> This is also why the union of them proved to be a difficult fusion, being a mixing of the divisible with the indivisible<sup>c</sup> and of the altogether transient with the utterly immobile and a constraining of difference to unite with sameness. Difference is not motion, however, as sameness is not rest either,<sup>d</sup> but the principle of differentiation and dissimilitude.<sup>e</sup> In fact, each of the two derives from another of two principles, sameness from the one and difference from the dyad<sup>f</sup>; and it is first here in the soul that they have been commingled, bound together by numbers and ratios and

<sup>c</sup> In *Timaeus* 35 A (see 1012 c *supra*) *δύσμικτον* is used not of the "divisible" or the "indivisible" but of "difference" alone, and this Plutarch himself later emphasizes and defends just after having distinguished the "divisible" and the "indivisible" from "difference" and "sameness" (1025 B-C *infra*).

<sup>d</sup> See *supra* 1013 D with notes *f* and *g* there; *ἦν* here is the "philosophical imperfect."

<sup>e</sup> Cf. 1025 c *infra* (τὸ μὲν ταῦτὸν ἰδέα τῶν ὡσαύτως ἐχόντων ἐστὶ τὸ δὲ θάτερον τῶν διαφόρως . . .) and *De Defectu Orac.* 428 c (ἡ τοῦ ἑτέρου δύναμις . . . ἐνείργασται . . . τὰς . . . ἀνομοιότητας).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xvii, 1 (p. 109, 2-6 [Hoche]) and on this passage Philoponus, B, *νε*, lines 12-15 (Hoche) and Asclepius, II, *ιη*, lines 17-19 (Tarán); Moderatus in Porphyry, *Vita Pythagorae*, 49-50 (p. 44, 8-18 [Nauck]); Plutarch, *De Garrulitate* 507 A (ἡ δὲ δυνὰς ἀρχὴ διαφορᾶς ἀόριστος). With the derivation from these principles introduced here and reflected in the reference to "dyadic" and "monadic" parts in 1025 D *infra* Plutarch comes near to giving soul an arithmetical character not unlike that to which he objects in the Xenocratean interpretation (1013 C-D and 1023 C-D [chap. 22 *sub finem*] *supra*). See similarly note *b* on 1025 A *infra*.

(1024) νίους, καὶ ποιεῖ<sup>1</sup> θάτερον μὲν ἐγγενόμενον τῷ ταυτῷ  
 διαφορὰν τὸ δὲ ταυτὸν ἐν τῷ ἐτέρῳ τάξιν, ὡς δῆ-  
 λόν ἐστιν ἐν ταῖς πρώταις τῆς ψυχῆς δυνάμεσιν· εἰσι  
 δὲ αὐταὶ τὸ κριτικὸν καὶ τὸ κινητικόν.<sup>2</sup> ἡ μὲν οὖν  
 κίνησις εὐθύς ἐπιδείκνυται περὶ τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐν  
 μὲν<sup>3</sup> τῇ ταυτότητι τὴν ἑτερότητα τῇ περιφορᾷ τῶν  
 ἀπλανῶν<sup>4</sup> ἐν δὲ τῇ ἑτερότητι τὴν ταυτότητα τῇ τάξει  
 τῶν πλανήτων<sup>5</sup>. ἐπικρατεῖ γὰρ ἐν ἐκείνοις τὸ ταυ-  
 τὸν ἐν δὲ τοῖς περὶ γῆν τούναντίον. ἡ δὲ κρίσις<sup>6</sup>  
 ἀρχὰς μὲν ἔχει δύο, τὸν τε νοῦν ἀπὸ τοῦ<sup>7</sup> ταυτοῦ  
 πρὸς τὰ καθόλου καὶ τὴν αἴσθησιν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἑτέρου  
 F πρὸς τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα. μέμικται δὲ λόγος ἐξ ἀμ-

<sup>1</sup> ποί -Γ.      <sup>2</sup> κινητόν -υ.      <sup>3</sup> ἐν δὲ -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> ἀπλανῶν -MSS.; under this word πλανητῶν -E<sup>1</sup>, and in margin as correction -B<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> τῶν πλανήτων -*Epitome* 1032 D; τῶν . . . vac. 6 . . . -E, B; τῶν ἀπλανῶν -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine; τῶν πλαναμένων -f, m, r.      <sup>6</sup> κίνησις -u, Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> τοῦ -E<sup>1</sup> (added superscript), B, *Epitome* 1032 D; omitted by all other mss. and Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> Not "harmonic," for which Plutarch uses the regular technical expression, ἀρμονικὴ μεσότης, and which he knows is only one of the two means used in *Timaeus* 36 A (see 1019 D and 1028 A *infra*); see page 175 *supra* with note c there on ἀριθμῶ καὶ λόγῳ καὶ ἀρμονίᾳ.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. 1025 F and 1027 A (τῇ δὲ ταυτοῦ καὶ τῇ ἑτέρου δυνάμει τάξιν . . . καὶ διαφορὰν . . .) *infra*; and for another use of the distinction between difference in sameness and sameness in difference cf. Porphyry, *Sententiae* xxxvi and xxxvii (p. 31, 1-9 and pp. 32, 15-33, 8 [Mommert]) and Marius Victorinus, *Adv. Arium* i, 48, 22-28 (Henry-Hadot).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 432 a 15-17.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 441 E-F. In *Timaeus* 36 C 4-D 7 the single and undivided outer revolution, into which all the "fixed stars" are set (40 A 2-B 6), is called the motion of sameness; and the inner revolution of seven circles, unequal and with speeds different but rationally related (and

harmonious means,<sup>a</sup> and that difference come to be in sameness produces differentiation but sameness in difference order,<sup>b</sup> as is clear in the case of the soul's primary faculties. These are the faculties of discernment and motivity.<sup>c</sup> Now, directly in the heaven motion exhibits diversity in identity by the revolution of the fixed stars and identity in diversity by the order of the planets, for in the former sameness predominates but its opposite in the things about the earth.<sup>d</sup> Discernment, however, has two principles,<sup>e</sup> intelligence proceeding from sameness to universals and sense-perception from difference to particulars *f* ;

so "ordered"), into each of which one of the planets is set (38 c 7-D 1), is called the motion of difference. All these circles, however, are homogeneous in constitution (35 B 1-3 and 36 B 5-c 4); and their designations are not meant to distinguish as their respective constituents the sameness and difference that were ingredients in the blending of soul (so apparently "Timaeus Locrus" 96 c [. . . τάπερ αἰθέρια . . . τὰ μὲν τᾶς ταυτῶ φύσιος εἶμεν τὰ δὲ τᾶς τῶ ἐτέρω.]) or to indicate any predominance of one or the other of the latter in each of the two revolutions such as Plutarch here assumes and for which even Proclus tries to account though recognizing that the constitution of the two revolutions is homogeneous (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 253, 23-255, 8 and p. 255, 13-16 [Diehl]).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 432 a 16 (. . . τῶ τε κριτικῶ [see note c *supra*] ὁ διανοίας ἔργον ἐστὶ καὶ αἰσθήσεως) and see *supra* 1012 F, note c and 1023 D, note a on κρίνειν. With ἀρχὰς . . . δύο here cf. Albinus, *Epitome* iv, 4 (p. 13, 14-15 [Louis]=p. 154, 28-29 [Hermann]).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 37 B 6-c 3 (1023 E-F *supra*), where from the reports of the circle of sameness concerning the rational and of the circle of difference concerning the perceptible arise respectively knowledge and opinion; but the characters of these circles Plutarch here, as in the preceding sentence (see note d *supra*), equates with the sameness and difference that are ingredients of soul. For universals as

- (1024) φοῖν, νόησις ἐν τοῖς νοητοῖς καὶ δόξα γιγνόμενος ἐν τοῖς αἰσθητοῖς ὀργάνοις τε μεταξύ<sup>1</sup> φαντασίαις τε καὶ μνήμαϊς<sup>2</sup> χρώμενος, ὧν τὰ μὲν ἐν τῷ ταυτῷ τὸ ἕτερον τὰ δ' ἐν τῷ ἑτέρῳ ποιεῖ τὸ ταυτόν. ἔστι γὰρ ἡ μὲν νόησις κίνησις τοῦ νοοῦντος περὶ τὸ μένον, ἡ δὲ δόξα μονὴ τοῦ αἰσθανομένου περὶ τὸ
- 1025 κινούμενον. φαντασίαν δὲ συμπλοκὴν δόξης πρὸς αἰσθησιν οὔσαν ἴστησιν ἐν μνήμῃ τὸ ταυτόν τὸ δὲ

<sup>1</sup> τε καὶ μεταξύ -Aldine ; τε ταῖς μεταξύ -Stephanus.

<sup>2</sup> γνώμαϊς -r.

the objects of knowledge or intelligence contrasted to particulars as the objects of sense-perception see 1025 ε *infra* (. . . νοεῖν μὲν ἐκείνα ταῦτα δ' αἰσθάνεσθαι . . .) and *cf.* Aristotle, *De Anima* 417 b 22-23 and *Physics* 189 a 5-8; Areius Didymus, *Epitomes Frag. Phys.* 16 (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 456, 9-12); Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 30, 11-15 (Friedlein).

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* the λόγος of *Timaeus* 37 b 3 (*ratio* in Cicero, *Timaeus* 28, p. 177, 2 [Plasberg] and *motus rationabilis* in Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 172, 11 and 19-21 [Wrobel]=p. 153, 16 and 23-25 [Waszink]), which there, however, means "discourse" (see 1023 ε *supra*) but discourse which is articulate thought (*cf.* *Theaetetus* 189 ε 6-7 and *Sophist* 263 ε 3-6).

<sup>b</sup> *Cf.* Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* i, p. 255, 2-24 and ii, p. 299, 16-24 (Diehl); and *cf.* also the διττὸς λόγος of Albinus, *Epitome* iv, 3 (p. 13, 8-11 [Louis]=p. 154, 22-25 [Hermann]) with the *duplex virtus* of the rational part of the soul in Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 198, 22-26 (Wrobel)=p. 177, 14-17 (Waszink).

<sup>c</sup> For the connexion of μνήμη and φαντασία *cf.* Aristotle, *De Memoria* 450 a 22-25 and 451 a 14-17; with ὀργάνοις *cf.* Plutarch, frag. xv (vii, p. 111, 12-14 [Bernardakis])=frag. 23, 9-11 (Sandbach) and *Adv. Colotem* 1119 A (τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ

and reason <sup>a</sup> is a blend of both, becoming intellection in the case of the intelligibles and opinion in the case of the perceptibles <sup>b</sup> and employing between them mental images and memories as instruments, <sup>c</sup> of which the former are produced by difference in sameness and the latter by sameness in difference. <sup>d</sup> For intellection is motion of what is cognizing about what remains fixed, <sup>e</sup> and opinion fixity of what is perceiving about what is in motion <sup>f</sup>; but mental imagining, which is a combination of opinion with sense-perception, <sup>g</sup> is brought to a stop in memory

. . . ὄργανα τῆς τούτου δυνάμεως); and with μεταξύ cf. Plotinus, *Enn.* iv, iv, 13, line 13 and Proclus, *In Primum Euclidis El. Lib.*, p. 52, 10-21 (Friedlein).

<sup>a</sup> The antecedent of ὡν τὰ μὲν . . . τὰ δ' is not, as Thévenaz thought (*L'Âme du Monde*, pp. 29 and 81), τοῖς νοητοῖς . . . τοῖς αἰσθητοῖς but φαντασίαις τε καὶ μνήμαις treated as neuter because of ὄργανοις. Their dependence upon difference and sameness is explained in the second half of the next sentence, as was that of νοῦς and αἴσθησις in the preceding one (page 237, note *f*). The whole of this exposition has to do with the rôles of sameness and difference not in the existence of intelligibles and perceptibles but in the constitution of the soul's faculties (see 1024 ε *supra*).

<sup>e</sup> See 1024 δ *supra* with note *b* there; and cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 407 a 20-22 (on the *Timaeus*): νοῦ μὲν γὰρ κινήσις νόησις. . . .

<sup>f</sup> Contrast τὸ δοξαστικὸν . . . πλανητόν, ἅτε δὴ φερομένης . . . ἐφαπτόμενον ὕλης (1024 α *supra*) and τῷ αἰσθητῷ τὸ αἰσθανόμενον . . . ἀνάγκη . . . συμπαρήκειν (1024 γ *supra*); but cf. δόξαι . . . βέβαιοι of *Timaeus* 37 b 8 (1023 ε *supra*) and the interpretation by Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 310, 5-10 (Diehl).

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 428 a 25-26 (οὐδὲ συμπλοκὴ δόξης καὶ αἰσθήσεως) against Plato, *Sophist* 264 b 1-2 (σύμμεξις αἰσθήσεως καὶ δόξης), where δόξα means "judgment," however, διανοίας ἀποτελεύτησις, in distinction from its meaning in *Timaeus* 37 b 8 (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* i, pp. 262, 25-263, 8 [Kroll]).

(1025) θάτερον<sup>1</sup> κινεῖ πάλιν ἐν διαφορᾷ<sup>2</sup> τοῦ πρόσθεν καὶ νῦν, ἑτερότητος ἅμα καὶ ταυτότητος ἐφαπτομένην.<sup>3</sup>

25. Δεῖ δὲ τὴν περὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ κόσμου γενομένην σύντηξιν<sup>4</sup> εἰκόνα λαβεῖν τῆς ἀναλογίας ἐν ἣ διηρμόσατο<sup>5</sup> ψυχὴν.<sup>6</sup> ἐκεῖ μὲν γὰρ ἦν ἄκρα τὸ<sup>7</sup> πῦρ καὶ ἡ<sup>8</sup> γῆ, χαλεπὴν<sup>9</sup> πρὸς ἄλληλα κραθῆναι φύσιν ἔχοντα μᾶλλον δὲ ὅλως ἄκρατον καὶ ἀσύστατον. ὅθεν ἐν μέσῳ θέμενος αὐτῶν τὸν μὲν ἀέρα πρὸ τοῦ πυρὸς τὸ δὲ ὕδωρ πρὸ τῆς γῆς, ταῦτα πρῶτον ἀλλήλοισ ἐκέρασεν εἶτα διὰ τούτων ἐκεῖνα πρὸς τε Β ταῦτα καὶ πρὸς<sup>10</sup> ἄλληλα συνέμιξε καὶ συνήρμοσεν. ἐνταῦθα δὲ πάλιν τὸ ταῦτόν καὶ τὸ θάτερον,<sup>11</sup> ἐναν-

<sup>1</sup> τὸ δὲ ἕτερον -E, B.

<sup>2</sup> ἐκ διαφορᾶς -u.

<sup>3</sup> ἐφαπτομένην -B. Müller (1873); ἐφαπτόμενον -MSS.

<sup>4</sup> σύνταξιν -Γ, *Epitome* 1032 E.

<sup>5</sup> διηρμήσατο -e, u.

<sup>6</sup> <τὴν> ψυχὴν -Bernardakis (vi, p. 531: Addenda) from *Epitome* 1032 E.

<sup>7</sup> ἄκρα τὸ -Wytttenbach from *Epitome* 1032 E; ἄκρατον -MSS.

<sup>8</sup> ἡ -omitted by f.

<sup>9</sup> χαλεπὸν -Γ.

<sup>10</sup> πρὸς -omitted in *Epitome* 1032 E.

<sup>11</sup> τὸ ἕτερον -E, B.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *De Memoria* 451 a 14-16 (μνήμη . . . φαντάσματος . . . ἕξις) and 450 a 27-b 11 with Themistius (Sophonias), *Parva Nat.*, p. 5, 13 *ad loc.* (μνήμη δ' ἐστὶν ἡ ταύτης [scil. φαντασίας] μονὴ καὶ σωτηρία). For μνήμη referred to μονὴ cf. Plato, *Cratylus* 437 b 3 and the note on the Stoic definition in *De Comm. Not.* 1085 A *infra*, μνήμας δὲ μονίμουσ καὶ σχετικὰσ τυπώσεις (= φαντασίας).

<sup>b</sup> As Thévenaz observed (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 82), ἴστησαν . . . τὸ ταῦτόν τὸ δὲ θάτερον κινεῖ (cf. τῆ ἐτέρου δυνάμει . . . μεταβολὴν . . . in 1027 A *infra*) asserts what Plutarch criticized Xenocrates for asserting (see *supra* page 167, note a and 1013 d with notes f and g). For a similar inconsistency see note f on 1024 d *supra*.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Aristotle, *De Memoria* 449 b 22-30, 450 a 19-22,



by sameness<sup>a</sup> and by difference again set moving<sup>b</sup> in the distinction of past and present,<sup>c</sup> as it is in contact with diversity and identity at once.

25. The fusion<sup>d</sup> that was carried out in the case of the body of the universe must be taken as a likeness of the proportion with which he<sup>e</sup> regulated soul. In the former case, because there were extremes, fire and earth, of a nature difficult to blend together or rather utterly immiscible and incohesive, he accordingly put between them air in front of the fire and water in front of the earth and blended these with each other first and then by means of these commingled and conjoined those extremes with them and with each other.<sup>f</sup> And in the latter case again he

and 452 b 28-29; and the Stoic definition of memory mentioned by Plutarch, *De Sollertia Animalium* 961 c.

<sup>a</sup> For the noun *σύντηξις* in this sense cf. Proclus (commenting on *Timaeus* 43 A 3), *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 321, 14-19 and p. 323, 9-12 (Diehl), where the erroneous variant *σύνταξις* appears in some mss. also.

<sup>b</sup> i.e. god, the demiurge; cf. *ἐν μέσῳ θέμενος* in the next sentence *infra* with *ὁ θεὸς ἐν μέσῳ θεῖς* of *Timaeus* 32 B 4.

<sup>f</sup> *Timaeus* 32 B 3-7. The "blending" and "mingling" of Plutarch's interpretation here (cf. also *De Fortuna Romanorum* 316 E-F and the rôle assigned to air between fire and water in *De Primo Frigido* 951 D-E) are entirely absent from *Timaeus* 31 B 4-32 C 4; and the reason given there for inserting two means between the extremes of fire and earth is purely mathematical (see 1016 F-1017 A *supra*), as it remains in "Timaeus Locrus" 99 A-B and Albinus, *Epitome* xii, 2 (pp. 69, 14-71, 4 [Louis]=p. 167, 25-32 [Hermann]). For other "physical" interpretations cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 97, 8-12 (Hiller); Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* I, vi, 23-34 (n.b. *permisceri* in 24); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 86, 10-88, 7 (Wrobel)=pp. 71, 24-73, 4 (Waszink); Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 39, 14-42, 2 (Diehl); Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi* xiii, 13 (pp. 514, 24-516, 23 [Rabe]) and *In Nico-*

(1025) τίας δυνάμεις καὶ ἀκρότητας ἀντιπάλους, συνήγαγεν οὐ διὰ αὐτῶν,<sup>1</sup> ἀλλ' οὐσίας ἐτέρας μεταξύ, τὴν μὲν ἀμέριστον πρὸ τοῦ ταύτου<sup>2</sup> πρὸ δὲ τοῦ θατέρου<sup>3</sup> τὴν μεριστήν, ἔστιν ἢ προσήκουσαν ἑκατέραν ἑκατέρα τάξας εἶτα μιχθείσαις<sup>4</sup> ἐκείναις ἐπεγκεραννύμενος, οὕτως τὸ πᾶν συνύφηνε<sup>5</sup> τῆς ψυχῆς εἶδος, ὡς ἦν ἀνυστόν, ἐκ διαφόρων ὁμοιον ἕκ τε πολλῶν ἐν ἀπειργασμένους.<sup>6</sup> οὐκ εὖ δέ τινες εἰρησθαι λέγουσι δύσμικτον ὑπὸ τοῦ Πλάτωνος τὴν θατέρου φύσιν, οὐκ ἄδεκτον οὔσαν ἀλλὰ<sup>7</sup> καὶ φίλην C μεταβολῆς· μᾶλλον δὲ τὴν τοῦ<sup>8</sup> ταύτου, μόνιμον καὶ δυσμετάβλητον οὔσαν, οὐ ῥαδίως προσίεσθαι μῖξιν ἀλλ' ἀπωθείσθαι καὶ φεύγειν, ὅπως ἀπλή διαμείνῃ<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> αὐτῶν -B; αὐτῶν -E; αὐτῶν -all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> πρὸ τοῦ ταύτου -Stephanus from *Epitome* 1032 F; πρὸ ταυτοῦ -Leonicus; πρὸ τούτου -MSS.

<sup>3</sup> πρὸ δὲ τοῦ ἐτέρου -E, B.

<sup>4</sup> μιχθείσας -Dübner.

<sup>5</sup> E, B, f, m, r, Escor. 72 (ε over erasure); συνύφην ἐν -e; συνύφην ἐν -u, Aldine; συνύφηνεν -Basiliensis; συνύφηνε ἐν -Stephanus; συνύφηνεν ἐν -Hutten.

<sup>6</sup> ἀπειργασάμενος -f; ἀπεργασάμενος -*Epitome* 1032 F.

<sup>7</sup> ἀλλὰ -omitted by E, B.

<sup>8</sup> τοῦ -Maurominates; τῆς -MSS.

<sup>9</sup> διαμένῃ -r.

*machi Arith. Introd.* B xxiv, 11 (p. 28 [Hoche, 1867]); Nemesius, *De Natura Hominis* v (pp. 153-154 [Matthaei]); J. H. Waszink, *Studien zum Timaioskommentar des Calcidius* I (1964), pp. 74-82.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Philoponus, *In Nicomachi Arith. Introd.* B xviii, 1 = ξ, lines 12-16 (p. 18 [Hoche, 1867]): . . . τὸ γὰρ ταῦτον ἀδιαίρετον. . . . So some derived sameness in the psychogony from the indivisible being and difference from the divisible or identified the two pairs (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum*

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united sameness and difference, contrary forces and antagonistic extremes, not just by themselves; but by first interposing other beings, the indivisible in front of sameness and in front of difference the divisible, as each of the one pair is in a way akin to one of the other,<sup>a</sup> and by then making an additional blend with those between after they had been commingled<sup>b</sup> he thus fabricated the whole structure of the soul,<sup>c</sup> from what were various having made it as nearly uniform and from what were many as nearly single as was feasible. Some<sup>d</sup> say that it was not right of Plato to use "refractory to mixture" as an epithet of the nature of difference,<sup>e</sup> since it is not unreceptive of change but is positively friendly to it, and that it is rather the nature of sameness which, being constant and hard to change, does not readily submit to mixture but rejects and shuns it in order

ii, p. 155, 20-23 [Diehl]; Themistius, *De Anima*, p. 11, 10-12; A. E. Taylor, *A Commentary on Plato's Timaeus*, p. 128).

<sup>b</sup> See *infra* 1025 E (τὴν ἐκ τῆς ἀμερίστου καὶ τῆς μεριστῆς ὁ θεὸς ὑποδοχὴν τῶ ταύτῳ καὶ τῶ θατέρῳ συνέστησεν) and 1025 F (δείται τρίτης τινὸς οἷον ὕλης ὑποδεχομένης . . .). For the way in which Plutarch elicited this misinterpretation from *Timaeus* 35 A 4-B 1 see notes *a* and *c* on 1012 c *supra* with the reference in the latter note to Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 159, 5-14 [Diehl]), who construed the text correctly, inferring from it, however, contrary to Plutarch that (the intermediate) sameness and difference were combined first and the blend of them was then combined with (the intermediate) being.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. τὸ τῆς ψυχῆς εἶδος in *Plat. Quaest.* 1008 c, and for *συνεκεράσατο εἰς μίαν πάντα ἰδέαν* of *Timaeus* 35 A 7 see *supra* 1012 c with note *b* there and 1023 B, note *c*.

<sup>d</sup> They have not yet been identified.

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 35 A 7-8 (see 1012 c *supra* and note *c* on 1024 D *supra*).

(1025) καὶ εἰλικρινῆς<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἀναλλοίωτος. οἱ δὲ ταῦτ'<sup>2</sup> ἐγκαλοῦντες ἀγνοοῦσιν ὅτι τὸ μὲν ταῦτὸν ἰδέα τῶν ὡσαύτως ἐχόντων ἐστὶ τὸ δὲ θάτερον<sup>3</sup> τῶν διαφόρως καὶ τούτου μὲν ἔργον, ὧν ἂν ἄψηται, διιστάναι<sup>4</sup> καὶ<sup>5</sup> ἀλλοιοῦν καὶ πολλὰ ποιεῖν ἐκείνου δὲ συνάγειν καὶ συνιστάναι διὰ ὁμοιότητος ἐκ<sup>6</sup> πολλῶν μίαν ἀναλαμβάνοντος<sup>7</sup> μορφήν καὶ δύναμιν.

26. Αὗται μὲν οὖν δυνάμεις τῆς τοῦ παντός εἰσι ψυχῆς εἰς δὲ θνητὰ καὶ παθητὰ παρεισιοῦσαι<sup>8</sup> ὄργανα <σωμάτων>.<sup>9</sup> ἄφθαρτα καὶ αὐτὰ<sup>10</sup> [σωμάτων]<sup>11</sup> D ἐν ταύταις<sup>12</sup> τὸ τῆς δυναδικῆς<sup>13</sup> καὶ ἀορίστου μερίδος ἐπιφαίνεται<sup>14</sup> μᾶλλον εἶδος, <τὸ><sup>15</sup> δὲ τῆς ἀπλῆς καὶ μοναδικῆς ἀμυδρότερον ὑποδέδυκεν. οὐ μὴν ῥαδίως ἂν τις οὔτε πάθος ἀνθρώπου παντάπασιν

<sup>1</sup> εἰλικρινῆς -f, m, r.

<sup>2</sup> ταῦτα -E, B; ταύτας -all other mss. (s-r).

<sup>3</sup> τὸ δὲ ἕτερον -E, B.

<sup>4</sup> διεστάναι -u, Aldine.

<sup>5</sup> διιστάναι δι' ὁμοιότητος (omitting καὶ ἀλλοιοῦν . . . καὶ συνιστάναι) -f, r.

<sup>6</sup> ἐκ -E, B; ἐκεῖ -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> H. C.; ἀναλαμβάνοντα -MSS.; ἀναλαμβάνοντων -Turnebus, Stephanus.

<sup>8</sup> E, B, f, m, r, Basiliensis; παρεισιοῦται -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine; <αἱ> παρεΐσασιν -B. Müller (1873); αἱ δ' εἰς . . . παρεΐσασιν -Bernardakis.

<sup>9</sup> <σωμάτων> -added by H. C.

<sup>10</sup> ἄφθαρτα καὶ αὐτὰ -MSS.; φθαρτῶν καὶ αὐτὰ -Stephanus; <φθαρτῶν> ἄφθαρτοι αὐταὶ -Dübner; ἄφθαρτοι καὶ αὐταὶ -B. Müller (1873); ἄφθαρτοι <φθαρτῶν> αὐταὶ -Bernardakis.

<sup>11</sup> [σωμάτων] -deleted by H. C.

<sup>12</sup> τούτοις -Stephanus.

<sup>13</sup> τῆς ἀπλῆς δυναδικῆς -f.

<sup>14</sup> ἐπιφέρεται -B<sup>1</sup> (ρ remade to ν -B<sup>2</sup>).

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to remain simple and pure and unsubject to alteration. They who make these objections fail to understand, however, that sameness is the idea <sup>a</sup> of things identical and difference of things various and that the function of the latter is to divide and diversify and make many whatever it touches but of the former is to unite and combine,<sup>b</sup> recovering from many by means of similarity a single form and force.<sup>c</sup>

26. Now, these are faculties of the soul of the sum of things <sup>d</sup> but enter besides <sup>e</sup> into mortal and passible organs <of bodies>. Indestructible as they are themselves, in these faculties <sup>f</sup> the form of the dyadic and indefinite part makes itself more apparent, while <that> of the simple and monadic part is submerged in greater obscurity.<sup>g</sup> It would not be easy, however, to observe in man either an emotion entirely

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plato, *Sophist* 255 E 5-6 and 256 A 12-B 3 (see 1013 D *supra* with note *g* there) and see *ἰδέα* in 1023 c *supra*.

<sup>b</sup> See note *e* on 1024 D *supra* with *De Defectu Orac.* 428 c referred to there and *De E'* 391 c (... ταῦτοῦ δὲ τὴν μινύουσαν ἀρχὴν θατέρου δὲ τὴν διακρίνουσαν); and cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 155, 14-20 and p. 158, 18-31 (Diehl).

<sup>c</sup> See 1022 F *supra* with note *c* there; cf. Plato, *Phaedrus* 265 D 3-4 and Hermias, *In Platonis Phaedrum*, p. 171, 8-11 (Couvreur).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 41 D 4-5 (τὴν τοῦ παντὸς ψυχὴν . . .) and *De Virtute Morali* 441 F (ἦ τ' ἀνθρώπου ψυχὴ μέρος ἢ μίμημα τῆς τοῦ παντὸς οὐσα . . .).

<sup>e</sup> The text has been thought to be corrupt chiefly because of the failure to recognize *παρεισιούσαι* as a periphrastic present (cf. Weissenberger, *Die Sprache Plutarchs* I, p. 9: H. Widmann, *Beiträge zur Syntax Epikurs*, p. 135).

<sup>f</sup> *i.e.* in these that have entered into the mortal organs of bodies.

<sup>g</sup> The dyadic part is manifested as difference and the monadic as sameness (see 1024 D *supra* with note *f* there).

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<sup>15</sup> <τὸ> -added by Wytttenbach.

(1025) ἀπηλλαγμένον λογισμοῦ κατανοήσειεν οὔτε διανοίας κίνησιν ἢ μηδὲν ἐπιθυμίας ἢ φιλοτιμίας ἢ τοῦ χαίροντος ἢ λυπούμενου πρόσεσι. διὸ τῶν φιλοσόφων οἱ μὲν τὰ πάθη λόγους ποιοῦσιν, ὡς πᾶσαν ἐπιθυμίαν καὶ λύπην καὶ ὄργην κρίσεις οὔσας· οἱ δὲ τὰς ἀρετὰς ἀποφαίνουσι παθητικάς, καὶ γὰρ ἀνδρεία<sup>1</sup> τὸ φοβούμενον καὶ σωφροσύνη τὸ ἡδόμενον καὶ δικαιοσύνη τὸ κερδαλέον εἶναι.<sup>2</sup> καὶ μὴν θεωρητικῆς γε τῆς ψυχῆς οὔσης ἅμα καὶ πρακτικῆς καὶ θεωρούσης μὲν τὰ καθόλου πραττούσης δὲ<sup>3</sup> τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα καὶ νοεῖν μὲν ἐκεῖνα ταῦτα δ' αἰσθά-

<sup>1</sup> ἀνδρία -B, u.

<sup>2</sup> ἐνεῖναι -Bernardakis.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ θεωρούσης μὲν τὰ καθόλου πραττούσης δὲ -f<sup>1</sup> (in margin), m<sup>1</sup> (in margin); καὶ θεωρούσης δὲ (δὲ -omitted by E, B) τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα -MSS., Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> See 1024 F *supra* (ἢ μὲν νόησις κίνησις τοῦ νοούντος . . .). For διάνοια used of the intellectual faculty of the soul cf. *De Virtute Morali* 441 c (Stoics) and 448 b-c (Plutarch himself of τὸ θεωρητικόν, cf. 451 B [τὸ διανοητικόν] and *Plat. Quaest.* 1004 d *supra*); Galen, *De Placitis Hippoc. et Plat.* ix, 1 (p. 733, 11-14 [Mueller]).

<sup>b</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 443 b-c (. . . τὸ θυμούμενον ἐν ἡμῖν καὶ ἐπιθυμοῦν . . . οὐκ ἀποικοῦν οὐδ' ἀπεσχισμένον [scil. τοῦ φρονούντος] . . . ἀλλὰ φύσει μὲν ἐξερτημένον αἰεὶ δὲ ὀμιλοῦν . . .).

<sup>c</sup> Stoic doctrine (cf. *De Virtute Morali* 441 c-d and 446 F—447 A, *De Sollertia Animalium* 961 d; and Diogenes Laertius, vii, 111 [S.V.F. i, frag. 202 and iii, frags. 382, 456, 459, 461, and 462]).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 443 c-d (. . . τὰς ἠθικὰς ἀρετὰς, οὐκ ἀπαθείας οὔσας ἀλλὰ συμμετρίας παθῶν καὶ μεσότηας, . . . [cf. Aristotle, *Eth. Nic.* 1104 b 24-26]) and Albinus, *Epitome*, xxxii, 1 (p. 155, 1-5 [Louis]=p. 185, 21-25 [Hermann]): αἱ πλεῖσται ἀρεταὶ περὶ πάθη γίνονται . . . The doctrine is originally Peripatetic: cf. Aristotle, *Eth. Nic.* 1104 b 13-16, 1109 b 30,

divorced from reason or a motion of the mind <sup>a</sup> in which there is present nothing of desire or ambition or rejoicing or grieving. <sup>b</sup> This is why some of the philosophers make the emotions varieties of reason, on the ground that all desire and grief and anger are judgments, <sup>c</sup> while others declare that the virtues have to do with emotions, <sup>d</sup> for fearing is the province of courage and enjoyment that of sobriety and acquisitiveness that of justice. <sup>e</sup> Now, as the soul is at once contemplative and practical <sup>f</sup> and contemplates the universals but acts upon the particulars <sup>g</sup> and apparently cognizes the former but perceives the

and 1178 a 10-21 with Aspasius, *Eth. Nic.*, p. 42, 21-24; [Aristotle], *Magna Moralia* 1206 a 36-b 29; Areius Didymus in Stobaeus, *Ecl.* ii, 7, 20 (p. 142, 6-7 [Wachsmuth]); and the Pseudo-Pythagoreans, Metopus and Theages, in Stobaeus, *Anth.* iii, 1, 115, and 118 (pp. 71, 16-72, 1 and p. 81, 11-14 [Hense]).

<sup>e</sup> For courage and sobriety *cf.* *Eth. Nic.* 1104 a 18-b 8 and *Magna Moralia* 1185 b 21-32, and for justice *cf.* *Eth. Eud.* 1221 a 4 and 23-24; *cf.* also Stobaeus, *Ecl.* ii, 7, 20 (p. 141, 5-18 [Wachsmuth]) and Plutarch, *De Virtute Morali* 445 A (Babut, *Plutarque de la Vertu Éthique*, p. 78 and *Plutarque et le Stoïcisme*, pp. 331-332).

<sup>f</sup> *Cf.* Albinus, *Epitome* ii, 2 and iv, 8 (pp. 7, 1-2 and 21, 4-8 [Louis]=pp. 153, 2-4 and 156, 13-17 [Hermann]); Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 335, 2-10 (Diehl) on *Timaeus* 43 c 7-D 4; Simplicius, *De Anima*, p. 95, 26-27. This bipartition, foreshadowed in Plato's *Politicus* 258 E 4-7, goes back to Xenocrates (frag. 6 [Heinze]) and Aristotle (*De Anima* 407 a 23-25 and 433 a 14-15, *Politics* 1333 a 24-25); and despite the tripartition frequently used by the latter (*Metaphysics* 1025 b 25, *Eth. Nic.* 1139 a 26-31) it became the conventional Peripatetic distinction ([Plutarch], *De Placitis*, 874 F—875 A = *Dox. Graeci*, pp. 273 A 25—274 A 17; Diogenes Laertius, v, 28).

<sup>g</sup> *Cf.* Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 981 a 15-24; *Eth. Nic.* 1141 b 16 and 1143 a 32-33.

(1025) νεσθαι δοκούσης, ὁ κοινὸς λόγος αἰεὶ περὶ τε ταυτὸν ἐντυγχάνων τῷ θατέρῳ<sup>1</sup> καὶ ταυτῷ<sup>2</sup> περὶ θάτερον ἐπιχειρεῖ μὲν ὄροις καὶ διαιρέσεσι χωρίζειν τὸ ἐν καὶ τὰ πολλὰ καὶ τὸ ἀμερές καὶ τὸ μεριστὸν<sup>3</sup> οὐ δύναται δὲ καθαρῶς ἐν οὐδετέρῳ γενέσθαι διὰ τὸ καὶ<sup>4</sup> τὰς ἀρχὰς ἐναλλαξ<sup>5</sup> ἐμπεπλέχθαι καὶ καταμεμίχθαι δι' ἀλλήλων. καὶ διὰ τοῦτο τῆς οὐσίας τὴν ἐκ τῆς ἀμερίστου καὶ τῆς μεριστῆς ὁ θεὸς ὑποδοχὴν τῷ ταυτῷ<sup>6</sup> καὶ τῷ θατέρῳ<sup>7</sup> συν-  
 F ἕστησεν ἢ ἐν διαφορᾷ τάξις γένηται· τοῦτο γὰρ ἦν γενέσθαι, ἐπεὶ χωρὶς τούτων<sup>8</sup> τὸ μὲν ταυτὸν οὐκ εἶχε διαφορὰν ὥστ' οὐδὲ κίνησιν οὐδὲ γένεσιν τὸ θάτερον<sup>9</sup> δὲ τάξιν οὐκ εἶχεν ὥστ' οὐδὲ σύστασιν οὐδὲ γένεσιν. καὶ γὰρ εἰ τῷ ταυτῷ συμβέβηκεν

<sup>1</sup> τῷ ἐτέρῳ -E, B.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ ταυτὸ -B.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ τὸ μεριστὸν -f, m; καὶ τὸ ἀμεριστὸν -r<sup>1</sup>; καὶ μεριστὸν -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ -B; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> ἐναλλαξ<sup>5</sup> (sic) -f, m.

<sup>6</sup> E, B; τῷ αὐτῷ -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> f, m, r; τῷ ἐτέρῳ -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>8</sup> τούτων -f, m, r, Aldine; ὄντων -all other mss.

<sup>9</sup> τὸ θάτερον -C.C.C. 99, Dübner; θάτερον (τὸ omitted) -e, u, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine; τὸ ἕτερον -E, B; τὸ θάτερον . . . οὐδὲ σύστασιν οὐδὲ γένεσιν -omitted by f.

<sup>a</sup> See 1024 E-F *supra* with note f on page 237.

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* common to both the contemplative aspect and the practical (*cf.* *De Virtute Morali* 443 E [. . . τοῦ λόγου . . . τὸ μὲν . . . θεωρητικὸν ἐστὶ τὸ δ' . . . πρακτικόν] with Aristotle, *Politics* 1333 a 25 and *Eth. Nic.* 1139 a 6-15 [*cf.* Gauthier et Jolif *ad loc.*, ii, pp. 440-442]); but it is so just because it is a blend of both principles, the one proceeding to universals and the other to particulars, and so becomes νόησις ἐν τοῖς νοητοῖς, *i.e.* contemplative, and δόξα ἐν τοῖς αἰσθητοῖς, *i.e.* practical (1024 F *supra* with notes a and b there). So both Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 31, note 159) and



latter,<sup>a</sup> the reason common to both,<sup>b</sup> as it is continually coming upon difference in sameness and upon sameness in difference, tries with definitions and divisions <sup>c</sup> to separate the one and the many, that is the indivisible and the divisible,<sup>d</sup> but cannot arrive at either exclusively,<sup>e</sup> because the very principles have been alternately intertwined and thoroughly intermixed with each other. It was just for this reason that god made from being the compound of the indivisible and the divisible as a receptacle for sameness and difference,<sup>f</sup> that order might come to be in differentiation; in fact, "come to be" amounted to this, since without these sameness had no differentiation so that it had no motion either and so no coming to be and difference had no order so that it had no coherence either and so no coming to be.<sup>g</sup>

Helmer (*De An. Proc.*, p. 53), whose interpretation he rejects and Hubert here adopts, are partially right.

<sup>c</sup> See 1026 D *infra*: ἡ δὲ ὀριστικὴ δύναμις . . . καὶ τοῦναντίον ἡ διαιρετικὴ . . .

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Plato, *Sophist* 245 A 8-9 with ἔν τε καὶ ἀμερές in *Theaetetus* 205 E 2 and *Parmenides* 138 A 5-6; and Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1054 a 20-23 on τὸ ἐν καὶ τὰ πολλά as the indivisible and the divisible.

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Plato, *Philebus* 15 D 4-8.

<sup>f</sup> See 1025 B *supra* with note *b* there.

<sup>g</sup> See 1024 E *supra* with note *b* there. The next sentence shows that χωρὶς τούτων means without the compound of indivisible and divisible being as a receptacle. The οὐδὲ in both occurrences of οὐδὲ γένεσιν, the second of which Hubert mistakenly daggers, is consecutive (*cf. infra De Comm. Not.* 1070 E, note *a*): γένεσις presupposes motion (*cf. Alexander, Quaestiones*, p. 82, 3-4 [Bruns]; Philoponus, *De Generatione*, p. 306, 3-4), but it also implies something coherent that comes to be (*cf. in Adv. Colotem* 1114 B the objection to infinitude as a principle for coming to be: ἡ δ' ἄτακτος . . . ἀπερίληπτος, αὐτὴν ἀναλύουσα καὶ ταράττουσα . . .).

- (1025) ἐτέρω εἶναι<sup>1</sup> τοῦ ἐτέρου καὶ τῷ ἐτέρω πάλιν αὐτῷ<sup>2</sup> ταυτόν, οὐδὲν ἢ τοιαύτη μέθεξις ἀλλήλων ποιεῖ γόνιμον, ἀλλὰ δεῖται τρίτης τινὸς οἷον ὕλης ὑπο-  
 1026 δεχομένης καὶ διατιθεμένης ὑπ' ἀμφοτέρων. αὕτη δ' ἐστὶν ἣν πρώτην συνέστησε τῷ περὶ τὰ νοητὰ μονίμῳ τοῦ περὶ τὰ σώματα κινητικοῦ τὸ ἄπειρον ὀρίσας.

27. Ὡς δὲ φωνή τις ἐστὶν ἄλογος καὶ ἀσήμαντος λόγος δὲ λέξις ἐν φωνῇ σημαντικῇ<sup>3</sup> διανοίας, ἄρμονία δὲ τὸ<sup>4</sup> ἐκ φθόγγων καὶ διαστημάτων καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἕτερον εἶναι -Benseler (*De Hiatu*, p. 529).

<sup>2</sup> f, m; αὐτῷ -E<sup>1</sup>, e, u (αὐτῶι), Escor. 72; ταὐτῷ -E<sup>2</sup>, B; αὐτὸς -r<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> σημαντικῇ -B, u.

<sup>4</sup> δέ τι -u.

<sup>a</sup> For συμβέβηκε in this sense see *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 F *supra* (τοῦτο δὲ καὶ τῇ μονάδι συμβέβηκε). Even Aristotle at times uses συμβέβηκε and συμβεβηκός *simpliciter* (*De Anima* 402 a 8-10, *De Part. Animal.* 643 a 30-31 with *Metaphysics* 1025 a 30-32) in referring to what he calls more exactly συμβεβηκότα καθ' αὐτά (*Anal. Post.* 75 b 1-2 and 83 b 19-20, *Metaphysics* 995 b 19-20). Cf. 1018 D *infra* (chap. 14): ἴδιον τῷ τελευταίῳ συμβέβηκε, τῷ κζ' . . .

<sup>b</sup> i.e. the intercommunion of ideas in Plato, *Sophist* 254 D 4—259 B 7 (cf. 256 B 1 and 259 A 7 for the term μέθεξις): by such "participation" in difference sameness like all the ideas is different from difference as it is from all the others, and difference like all the others is the same as itself by "participation" in sameness (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Parmenidem*, cols. 756, 33-757, 8 [Cousin<sup>2</sup>]). For the ideas, sameness and difference, see *supra* 1025 c with note a there.

<sup>c</sup> In *Timaeus* 48 E 3—49 A 6 the γενέσεως ὑποδοχὴ καὶ τιθήνη is introduced as a τρίτον γένος; and Aristotle refers to his substrate of contraries, themselves ἀπαθῆ ὑπ' ἀλλήλων, i.e. to matter, as τρίτον τι (*Metaphysics* 1069 b 8-9 and 1075 a 30-32, cf. *Physics* 190 b 33—191 a 1). Plutarch in *De Iside* 370 F—371 A also ascribes to Plato τρίτην τιὰ φύσιν between ταυτόν and θάτερον (see note c on 1015 B *supra*);

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For, even if it is a characteristic <sup>a</sup> of sameness to be different from difference and of difference again to be the same as itself, mutual participation of this kind <sup>b</sup> has no fruitful result; but a third term is required, a kind of matter serving as a receptacle for both and being modified by them,<sup>c</sup> and this it is that he first compounded when with that which abides about the intelligibles <sup>d</sup> he bounded the limitlessness of that which is motive in the case of bodies.<sup>e</sup>

27. As some sound is not speech and not significant but speech is an utterance in sound that signifies thought,<sup>f</sup> and as concord is what consists of sounds and intervals and a sound is one and the same thing,<sup>g</sup>

but there he takes ταυτόν to be the good principle and θάτερον the evil, *i.e.* the evil "world-soul" that he professes to find in the *Laws* and which in the present essay (1014 D-E *supra*) he identifies instead with the "divisible being" here compounded with the "indivisible" to be itself the "third term," the receptacle for both ταυτόν and θάτερον.

<sup>a</sup> See note *e* on pages 228 f. *supra*.

<sup>e</sup> See 1015 E *supra* (τὴν κινητικὴν τῆς ὕλης καὶ περὶ τὰ σώματα γιγνομένην μεριστὴν . . . κίνησιν) with notes *b* and *c* there and 1027 A *infra* (τῷ μὲν ἐνὶ τὴν ἀπειρίαν ὀρίσαντος ἐν οὐσίᾳ γένηται πέρατος μετασχοῦσα) with note *a* there.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *S.V.F.* iii, p. 213, 18-21 and ii, p. 48, 28-30. The use of φωνή for "sound" in the generic sense (so *Plat. Quaest.* 1000 B, 1001 F, and 1006 B; cf. *Timaeus* 67 B 2-4 and *Divisiones Aristoteleae* § 30 [24]=pp. 37, 23-38, 14 [Mutschmann]) is called catachrestic by [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 902 B=*Dox. Graeci*, p. 408 A 3-8 (cf. Aristotle, *De Anima* 420 b 5-16 and 27-33). For speech (λόγος) as articulate sound that is "significant" see also *Plat. Quaest.* 1009 D-E.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 12 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 261, 4-6 [Jan]); Aristoxenus, *Elementa Harmonica* i, 15, 15-16 with P. Marquard's note *ad loc.*, pp. 224-227; Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 49, 18-20 from Adrastus and 60, 13-16 (Hiller).

(1026) φθόγγος μὲν ἓν καὶ ταῦτὸν διάστημα δὲ φθόγγων ἑτερότης καὶ διαφορά, μιχθέντων δὲ τούτων ὡδὴ γίγνεται καὶ μέλος· οὕτως τὸ παθητικὸν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀόριστον ἦν καὶ ἀστάθμητον, εἶθ' ὠρίσθη πέρατος ἐγγενομένου<sup>1</sup> καὶ εἶδους τῷ μεριστῷ καὶ παντοδαπῷ τῆς κινήσεως. συλλαβοῦσα δὲ τὸ ταῦτὸν καὶ τὸ θάτερον<sup>2</sup> ὁμοιότησι καὶ ἀνομοιότησιν ἀριθμῶν B ἐκ<sup>3</sup> διαφορᾶς ὁμολογίαν ἀπεργασαμένων<sup>4</sup> ζωῆ<sup>5</sup> τε τοῦ παντός ἐστιν ἔμφρων καὶ ἀρμονία καὶ λόγος ἄγων πειθοῖ μεμιγμένην<sup>6</sup> ἀνάγκην, ἦν εἰμαρμένην οἱ πολλοὶ καλοῦσιν, Ἐμπεδοκλῆς δὲ φιλίαν ὁμοῦ καὶ νεῖκος, Ἡράκλειτος δὲ παλίντροπον<sup>7</sup> ἀρμονίην

<sup>1</sup> ἐγγινομένου -f, m, r.

<sup>2</sup> ἕτερον -E, B, u.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ -r.

<sup>4</sup> E, B; ἐπεργασαμένων -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine; ἐπεργασμένων -f, m, r.

<sup>5</sup> E, B; ζῶν -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> μεμιγμένων -r.

<sup>7</sup> MSS. (so in *De Tranquillitate Animi* 473 F—474 A all mss. except D, which has παλίντονος as do all mss. in *De Iside* 369 B); παλίντονον -Turnebus.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Aelian Platonius and Thrasyllus in Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 35, 15-22 and p. 91, 13-18 (Düring); Bacchius, *Isagoge* 6 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 292, 20-21 [Jan]). In 1020 E *infra* it is defined as πᾶν τὸ περιεχόμενον ὑπὸ δυεῖν φθόγγων ἀνομοίων τῇ τάσει.

<sup>b</sup> So also *Quaest. Conviv.* 747 c; cf. τὸ ἐκ φθόγγων καὶ διαστημάτων καὶ χρόνων συγκείμενον in Bacchius, *Isagoge* 78 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 309, 13-14 [Jan]) and the objection of Aristoxenus, *Elementa Harmonica* i, 18, 16-19, 1.

<sup>c</sup> See the end of the preceding chapter with note e on 1026 A and 1016 c *supra* with note e on page 203.

<sup>d</sup> Probably a reference to similar and dissimilar numbers, for which cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 36, 12-37, 6 (Hiller) and Iamblichus, *In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductionem*,

an interval the diversity and difference of sounds,<sup>a</sup> and the mixture of these results in song and melody,<sup>b</sup> so the affective part of the soul was indeterminate and unstable and then was bounded when there came to be limit and form in the divisible and omnifarious character of the motion.<sup>c</sup> And, once having comprehended sameness and difference with the similarities and dissimilarities of numbers<sup>d</sup> that produced consensus out of dissension, it is for the sum of things rational life and concord<sup>e</sup> and reason guiding necessity that has been tempered with persuasion<sup>f</sup> and which by most people is called destiny,<sup>g</sup> by Empedocles love together with strife,<sup>h</sup> by Heraclitus concord of the universe retroverse like that of lyre

pp. 82, 10-18 and 84, 10-88, 15 (Pistelli); see 1017 E *infra*: αἱ συζυγίαι τῶν ὁμοίων ἔσονται πρὸς τοὺς ὁμοίους.

<sup>e</sup> See 1030 c *infra*; for ζωή . . . ἔμφρων cf. *Timaeus* 36 E 3-4, quoted by Plutarch at 1016 B *supra*.

<sup>f</sup> An inexact reminiscence of *Timaeus* 47 E 5-48 A 5; cf. Plutarch's *Phocion* ii, 9 (742 E), and for his interpretation of ἀνάγκη in the *Timaeus* see 1014 D-1015 A *supra*.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Iamblichus, *De Mysteriis* viii, 7 (p. 269, 13-14 [Parthey]) and *Corpus Hermeticum* xvi, 11 (ii, p. 235, 22 [Nock-Festugière]). Plutarch himself substitutes ἀνάγκη for εἰμαρμένη (see *supra* 1015 A, note e); cf. also [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 884 E-F (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 321 A 6-9 and p. 322 A 1-3) and Cicero, *De Natura Deorum* i, 55 ("illa fatalis necessitas quam εἰμαρμένην dicitis").

<sup>h</sup> Empedocles, frag. A 45 (D.-K.); cf. Empedocles, frag. B 115, 1-2 (D.-K.) with Hippolytus, *Refutatio* vii, 29, 23 (p. 214, 17-24 [Wendland]) and frags. A 32 and A 38 (D.-K.) with Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 197, 10-13, p. 465, 12-13, and p. 1184, 5-17. Zeller's estimate of this evidence (*Phil. Griech.* i, 2, p. 969, note 2) is still valid despite such attempts at rehabilitation and embellishment as that of J. Bollack's (*Empédocle* i [Paris, 1965], pp. 153-158 and 161); cf. H. Schrekenberg, *Ananke* (München, 1964), pp. 111-113 with note 97.

(1026) κόσμον ὄκωσπερ λύρης καὶ τόξου, Παρμενίδης δὲ φῶς καὶ σκότος, Ἀναξαγόρας δὲ νοῦν καὶ ἀπειρίαν, Ζωροάστρης δὲ θεὸν καὶ δαίμονα, τὸν μὲν Ὠρομάσδην καλῶν τὸν δ' Ἀρειμάνιον.<sup>1</sup> Εὐριπίδης δ' οὐκ ὀρθῶς ἀντὶ τοῦ συμπλεκτικοῦ τῷ διαζευκτικῷ κέχρηται

Zeus εἴτ'<sup>2</sup> ἀνάγκη φύσεος<sup>3</sup> εἴτε νοῦς<sup>4</sup> βροτῶν

C καὶ γὰρ ἀνάγκη καὶ νοῦς ἐστὶν ἡ διήκουσα διὰ πάντων δύνამις. Αἰγύπτιοι μὲν οὖν μυθολογοῦν-

<sup>1</sup> ἀρειμάνιον -B<sup>1</sup>; ἀριμάνιον -all other mss.

<sup>2</sup> ἦτε -u.

<sup>3</sup> Stephanus; φύσεως -mss.

<sup>4</sup> νοῦς -omitted by r.

<sup>a</sup> Heraclitus, frag. B 51 (D.-K. and Walzer)=frags. 45 and 56 (Bywater); cf. *Dox. Graeci*, p. 303 v 8-10 (. . . εἰμαρμένην δὲ λόγον ἐκ τῆς ἐναντιοδρομίας δημιουργῶν τῶν ὄντων) and Diogenes Laertius, ix, 7 (p. 440, 2-3 [Long]). Both in *De Tranquillitate Animi* 473 r-474 a and in *De Iside* 369 v the quotation from Heraclitus is followed by that of Euripides, frag. 21, 3-4 (Nauck, *Trag. Graec. Frag.*<sup>2</sup>, p. 369). Neither in the former of these nor in the present passage is there reason to doubt that Plutarch wrote *παλίντροπος*, whether it was this or *παλίντρονος*, as in the *De Iside*, that Heraclitus had written (cf. W. K. C. Guthrie, *A History of Greek Philosophy* i [Cambridge, 1962], p. 439, note 3 with references; M. Marcovich, *Heraclitus* [Merida, 1967], pp. 125-126).

<sup>b</sup> See Plutarch, *Adv. Colotem* 1114 v. Cf. Simplicius, *Phys.*, p. 38, 18-24 (quoting Alexander); p. 25, 15-16; pp. 30, 14-31, 2; and pp. 179, 20-180, 12 with Parmenides, frag. B 8, 53-61 and B 9 (D.-K.). The belief that the second part of Parmenides' poem, called the *κοσμογονία* by Plutarch in *Amatorius* 756 e, was meant to be a valid account of the phenomenal world (*Adv. Colotem* 1114 c-e) goes back to Aristotle (*Metaphysics* 986 b 31-34; cf. Cherniss, *Crit. Presoc. Phil.*, p. 48, note 192); but Plutarch is alone in identifying its two "principles" with *ἀνάγκη*, for which see

and bow,<sup>a</sup> by Parmenides light and darkness,<sup>b</sup> by Anaxagoras intelligence and infinitude,<sup>c</sup> and by Zoroaster god and spirit, the former called by him Oromasdes and the latter Areimanius.<sup>d</sup> Euripides has erred in using the disjunctive instead of the copulative conjunction in the prayer,

Zeus, whether natural necessity  
Or the intelligence of mortal men,<sup>e</sup>

for the power that pervades all things<sup>f</sup> is both necessity and intelligence. Now, the Egyptians in a mythical account say enigmatically that, when

rather Parmenides, frag. B 10, 6-7 (D.-K) and frag. A 37 (p. 224, 7-9 [D.-K.]) with frag. B 12 (D.-K.).

<sup>c</sup> See *De Iside* 370 E (νοῦν καὶ ἀπειρον). Cf. Theophrastus, *Phys. Opin.*, frag. 4 (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 479, 14-15); and for Plutarch's ἀπειρία here cf. Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 988 a 28. Against the identification with ἀνάγκη see Plutarch himself in *Pericles* iv, 6 (154 B-C); but on the other hand see *De Defectu Orac.* 435 F (. . . τὸ κατ' ἀνάγκην . . . μετιῶν αἰεῖ . . .) and Aristotle, *Metaphysics*, 985 a 18-21 (cf. Cherniss, *Crit. Presoc. Philos.*, pp. 234-235).

<sup>d</sup> See *supra* 1012 E with note c there on "Zaratas"; *De Iside* 369 D—370 C; and Diogenes Laertius, i, 8. Cf. Bidez-Cumont, *Les Mages Hellénisés* i, pp. 58-66 and ii, pp. 70-79; and J. Hani, *Rev. Études Grecques*, lxxvii (1964), pp. 489-525.

<sup>e</sup> Euripides, *Troïades*, 886. For the "correction" suggested by Plutarch in Stoic fashion cf. Babut, *Plutarque et le Stoïcisme*, p. 141.

<sup>f</sup> For this phrase cf. Cornutus, xi (p. 11, 21 [Lang]) and [Aristotle], *De Mundo* 396 B 28-29. It is used of the Platonic world-soul by Atticus, frag. viii (Baudry)=Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* xv, 12, 3 (ii, p. 375, 17-19 [Mrs]), though it is Stoic in origin: cf. Plutarch, *De Iside* 367 C with Diogenes Laertius, vii, 147; [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 882 A and 885 A (*Dox. Graeci*, p. 306 A 5-8 and p. 323 A 1-6); Alexander, *De Mixtione*, p. 225, 1-3 (Bruns); Plotinus, *Enn.* III, i, 4, lines 1-9.

(1026)  $\tau\epsilon\varsigma^1$  αἰνίττονται, τοῦ Ὠρου<sup>2</sup> δίκην ὀφλόντος,<sup>3</sup> τῷ μὲν πατρὶ τὸ πνεῦμα καὶ τὸ αἷμα τῇ δὲ μητρὶ τὴν σάρκα καὶ τὴν πιμελὴν προσνεμηθῆναι. τῆς δὲ ψυχῆς οὐδὲν μὲν εἰλικρινὲς οὐδ' ἄκρατον οὐδὲ χωρὶς ἀπολείπεται τῶν ἄλλων· ἄρμονίη γὰρ ἀφανῆς φανερῆς κρείττων καθ' Ἡράκλειτον, ἐν ἣ τὰς διαφορὰς καὶ τὰς ἐτερότητας ὁ μιγνύων θεὸς ἔκρυψε καὶ κατέδυσεν· ἐμφαίνεται δὲ ὅμως αὐτῆς τῷ μὲν ἀλόγῳ τὸ παραχώδες τῷ δὲ λογικῷ τὸ εὐτακτον, ταῖς δ' αἰσθήσεσι τὸ κατηναγκασμένον τῷ δὲ νῷ

D τὸ αὐτοκρατές. ἡ δὲ ὀριστικὴ δύναμις τὸ καθόλου καὶ τὸ ἀμερές διὰ συγγένειαν ἀγαπᾶ, καὶ τούναντίον ἡ διαιρετικὴ πρὸς τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα φέρεται τῷ μεριστῷ· χαίρει δὲ ὀλότῃ<sup>4</sup> διὰ τὸ ταῦτόν ἐφήδεταί <τε><sup>5</sup> μεταβολῆ<sup>6</sup> διὰ τὸ θάτερον.<sup>7</sup> οὐχ ἦκιστα δὲ ἡ τε πρὸς τὸ καλὸν διαφορὰ καὶ τὸ αἰσχρὸν ἢ

<sup>1</sup> μυθολογοῦνται -r.

<sup>2</sup> r; ὦρου -all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> Dübner; ὀφλοντος -mss.

<sup>4</sup> ὀλότῃ -Bury (*Proc. Cambridge Philol. Soc.*, N.S. i [1950-51], p. 31); ὄλον τῇ -mss.

<sup>5</sup> ἐφήδεταί <τε> -Bury (*loc. cit.*); ἐφ' ἃ δέεται -mss.

<sup>6</sup> f, m, r, Aldine; μεταβολῆς -all other mss.

<sup>7</sup> διὰ τὸ ἕτερον -E, B.

<sup>a</sup> See *De Iside* 358 E and *De Libidine et Aegritudine* 6 (vii, p. 7, 2-16 [Bernardakis]=vi, 3, p. 56, 7-20 [Ziegler-Pohlenz, 1966]); cf. J. Hani, *Rev. Études Grecques*, lxxvi (1963), pp. 111-120.

<sup>b</sup> See 1025 D *supra* with note b there and *Plat. Quaest.* 1008 c *supra*. In *De Tranquillitate Animi* 474 A, *De Solertia Animalium* 964 D-E, and *De Iside* 369 c it is rather human affairs or life, nature, and the sublunar world that are said to contain nothing pure or unmixed.

<sup>c</sup> Heraclitus, frag. B 54 (D.-K. and Walzer)=frag. 47 (Bywater).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. τὴν δὲ παραχώδη καὶ ἀνόητον (1014 c *supra*) and ἡμῶν τὸ παραχώδες (*Quaest. Conviv.* 746 A).



Horus was convicted, the breath and blood were assigned to his father and the flesh and fat to his mother.<sup>a</sup> Of the soul, however, nothing remains pure or unmixed or separate from the rest,<sup>b</sup> for stronger than manifest concord according to Heraclitus is the unmanifest,<sup>c</sup> wherein god, making the mixture, sank and concealed the differences and the diversities; but nevertheless turbulence makes itself evident in the irrational part of it <sup>d</sup> and orderliness in the rational,<sup>e</sup> necessitation in the senses <sup>f</sup> and independence in the intelligence.<sup>g</sup> Its faculty for defining has a fondness for the universal and the indivisible by reason of kinship, and contrariwise that for dividing is moved to particulars by the divisible <sup>h</sup>; and it rejoices in integrity by reason of sameness <and> exults in change by reason of difference.<sup>i</sup> More than anything else, however, the dissension in regard to fair and foul and again in regard to pleasant

<sup>a</sup> Cf. τὸ νοερόν καὶ . . . τὸ τεταγμένον (1016 c *supra*).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Plato, *Timaeus* 42 A 3-B 1 and 69 c 7-D 6; the senses are dependent upon external stimuli (*Timaeus* 43 c 4-7 and *Philebus* 33 D 2-34 A 9).

<sup>g</sup> Cf. *De Facie* 945 D (ὁ δὲ νοῦς . . . αὐτοκράτωρ) and *De Amore Proliis* 493 D-E (. . . αὐτοκρατῆς λόγος) with Anaxagoras, frag. B 12 (ii, p. 37, 18-20 [D.-K.]) and Plato, *Cratylus* 413 c 5-7.

<sup>h</sup> See 1025 E *supra* (ἐπιχειρεῖ μὲν ὄροις καὶ διαιρέσει χωρίζειν . . . τὸ ἀμερές καὶ τὸ μεριστόν . . .) and cf. Iamblichus, *De Comm. Math. Scientia*, p. 65, 11-15 and 23-24 (Festa). For τὸ καθόλου καὶ τὸ ἀμερές cf. Aristotle, *Anal. Post.* 100 b 2; Platonic diaeresis does not extend to τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα, of course, save in the sense of "infimae species" sometimes given this term by Aristotle (*Anal. Post.* 97 b 28-37, *De Part. Animal.* 642 b 35-36).

<sup>i</sup> Of the many emendations proposed for the corrupt text of this clause only Bury's, which is here adopted, has any plausibility in the context.

(1026) τε πρὸς τὸ ἡδὺ καὶ τὸ ἀλγεινὸν αὐθις οἱ τε τῶν ἐρώντων ἐνθουσιασμοὶ καὶ πτοήσεις καὶ διαμάχαι τοῦ φιλοκάλου πρὸς τὸ ἀκόλαστον ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ μικτὸν ἔκ τε τῆς θείας καὶ ἀπαθοῦς ἔκ τε τῆς θνητῆς καὶ περὶ τὰ σώματα παθητῆς μερίδος, ὧν καὶ αὐτὸς ὀνομάζει τὸ μὲν ἐπιθυμίαν ἔμφυτον Ε ἡδονῶν τὸ δ' ἐπίσακτον δόξαν ἐφιεμένην τοῦ ἀρίστου. τὸ γὰρ παθητικὸν ἀναδίδωσιν ἐξ ἑαυτῆς ἢ ψυχῆ, τοῦ δὲ νοῦ μετέσχευ ἀπὸ τῆς κρείττονος ἀρχῆς ἐγγενομένου.<sup>1</sup>

28. Τῆς δὲ διπλῆς κοινωνίας ταύτης οὐδὲ ἢ περὶ τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀπήλλακται φύσις, ἀλλὰ<sup>2</sup> ἑτερορρεπούσα νῦν μὲν ὀρθοῦται<sup>3</sup> τῇ ταύτου περιόδῳ κράτος ἐχούσῃ καὶ διακυβερνᾷ τὸν κόσμον· ἔσται<sup>4</sup> δέ τις χρόνου μοῖρα καὶ γέγονεν ἡδη πολλάκις, ἐν

<sup>1</sup> mss. ; ἐγγινομένου -Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> ἀλλ' ἢ -Γ.

<sup>3</sup> E, B ; ὀρᾶται -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> ἔστι -B.

<sup>a</sup> See *De Virtute* 447 c (οὐχ ἑνός τινος μεταβολῆς ἀλλὰ δυεῖν ἅμα μάχης καὶ διαφορᾶς) with *Quomodo Adulator ab Amico Internoscatur* 61 D-F; cf. Galen, *De Placitis Hippoc. et Plat.* iv, 7 (p. 401, 7-8 [Mueller]).

<sup>b</sup> See 1029 E *infra* (τῷ κρατίστῳ καὶ θειοτάτῳ μέρει) and *supra* 1024 A (τὸ γὰρ νοερὸν . . . ἐκείνο μὲν . . . ἀπαθές . . .) with note a on page 215.

<sup>c</sup> See 1023 D *supra* (τὸ παθητικὸν ὑπὸ τῶν περὶ τὸ σῶμα ποιότητων). For this part of the human soul as mortal cf. *Timaeus* 61 c 7-8 and 69 c 7-E 4, where, however, it is a confection of the "created gods" (cf. also *Timaeus* 42 D 5-E 4) and not derived from "the divisible being" of the psychogony as it is according to Plutarch (see with what follows in this paragraph 1024 A *supra* [. . . οὐχ ἑτέραν οὖσαν ἢ τὴν . . . συμπαθῆ τῷ αἰσθητῷ κίνησιν . . .]); cf. Jones, *Platonism of Plutarch*, p. 12, note 36 and p. 85, note 41).

<sup>d</sup> Plato, *Phaedrus* 237 D 7-9, cited by Plutarch in *Quaest. Conviv.* 746 D, where as here he writes ἐπίσακτον instead of Plato's ἐπίκτητος and where he explicitly identifies the latter

and painful and the raptures and ecstasies of passionate lovers and the conflicts of probity with incontinence<sup>a</sup> make plain the mixture of the divine and impassive part<sup>b</sup> with the part that is mortal and passible in the case of bodies.<sup>c</sup> Of these Plato himself denominates the latter an innate desire of pleasures and the former an extraneous sentiment longing for what is best,<sup>d</sup> for the soul puts forth of herself the affective part<sup>e</sup> but partook of intelligence because it got into her from the superior principle.<sup>f</sup>

28. From this dual association the nature of the heavens is not exempt either; but it inclines this way or that, at present being kept straight by the dominant revolution of sameness<sup>g</sup> and piloting the universe, whereas there will be and often has already been a period of time in which its prudential part with λόγος and the former with πάθος. For the meaning of δόξα in this passage of the *Phaedrus* cf. G. J. de Vries, *A Commentary on the Phaedrus of Plato*, p. 85 ad 237 E 2-3 and J. Sprute, *Der Begriff der Doxa in der platonischen Philosophie* (Göttingen, 1962), p. 113.

<sup>e</sup> See 1027 A *infra* (σύμφυτον ἔχουσιν ἐν ἑαυτῇ τὴν τοῦ κακοῦ μοῖραν) and 1024 c *supra* (ἡ γὰρ αἰσθητικὴ κίνησις, ἰδίᾳ ψυχῆς οὕσα, . . .) with note f there. Contrast *De Virtute Morali* 451 A (ὡς περ ἐκ ρίζης τοῦ παθητικοῦ τῆς σαρκὸς ἀναβλαστά-  
νοντος).

<sup>f</sup> See 1024 c *supra* (ὁ δὲ νοῦς . . . ἐγγενόμενος δὲ τῇ ψυχῇ) and 1023 D *supra* (νοῦν . . . αὐτῇ . . . ἡ τῆς νοητῆς μέθεξις ἀρχῆς ἐμπεποίηκε); and see also 1016 c *supra* (ὁ θεὸς . . . καθάπερ εἶδος . . . τὸ νοερόν . . . ἀφ' αὐτοῦ παρασχών . . .) with *Plat. Quaest.* 1001 c and note b there. There is no reason to suppose, however, as Thévenaz does (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 71), that by "the superior principle" here Plutarch meant τὸ ἐν which in 1024 D *supra* he called the principle of sameness; but see *infra* 1027 A, note a on page 263.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 36 c 7-D 1 (κράτος δ' ἔδωκεν τῇ ταύτου . . . περιφορᾷ); on the "revolution of sameness" see *supra* 1024 E, note d.

- (1026) ἢ τὸ μὲν φρόνιμον ἀμβλύνεται καὶ καταδαρθάνει  
 λήθης ἐμπιπλάμενον<sup>1</sup> τοῦ οἰκείου τὸ δὲ σώματι  
 σύνηθες ἐξ ἀρχῆς καὶ συμπαθεῖς ἐφέλκεται καὶ  
 βαρύνει καὶ ἀνελίσσει τὴν ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ παντός  
 πορείαν ἀναρρῆξαι δ' οὐ δύναται παντάπασι,  
 F ἀλλ' ἀνήνεγκεν αὐθις τὰ βελτίω καὶ ἀνέβλεψε  
 πρὸς τὸ παράδειγμα θεοῦ συνεπιστρέφοντος καὶ  
 1027 συναπευθύνοντος.<sup>2</sup> οὕτως ἐνδείκνυται πολλαχόθεν  
 ἡμῖν τὸ μὴ πᾶν ἔργον εἶναι θεοῦ τὴν ψυχὴν ἀλλὰ  
 σύμφυτον ἔχουσαν ἐν ἑαυτῇ τὴν τοῦ κακοῦ μοῖραν  
 ὑπ' ἐκείνου διακεκοσμηθῆσαι, τῷ μὲν ἐνὶ τὴν ἀπει-

<sup>1</sup> ἐμπιπλάμενον -f, m.

<sup>2</sup> E<sup>corr.</sup> (i.e. συνεπ -E<sup>1</sup>), B; συναπευθύνοντος -all other  
 mss., Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *Politicus* 273 c 6-D 1, quoted by Plutarch at 1015 D  
*supra*, and with Plutarch's ἀμβλύνεται cf. ἀμβλύτερον in  
*Politicus* 273 B 3. In *Phaedrus* 248 c 7 the subject of λήθης  
 τε καὶ κακίας πλησθεῖσα βαρυνθῆ is the individual soul. In  
 neither case does Plato mention "falling asleep"; but in  
 1024 B *supra* (see note a there) "dreamlike" is applied to  
 the precosmic soul, and Albinus speaks of the soul of the  
 universe or its intelligence as being awakened by god, who  
 turns it to himself (*Epitome* x, 3 and xiv, 3=pp. 59, 6  
 and 81, 6-7 [Louis]=pp. 165, 2 and 169, 31-33 [Hermann]).  
 Cf. R. M. Jones, *Class. Phil.*, xxi (1926), pp. 107-108; and  
 J. H. Loenen, *Mnemosyne*, 4 Ser. x (1957), pp. 51-52, who  
 argues that Albinus got this notion from Plutarch.

<sup>b</sup> See 1024 A *supra* (. . . τὴν δοξαστικὴν . . . καὶ συμπαθῆ  
 τῷ αἰσθητῷ κίνησιν . . . ὑφιστάσαν αἰδιον . . .).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 36 c 5-6 (τὴν μὲν δὴ ταύτου . . . ἐπὶ δεξιὰ  
 περιήγαγεν . . ., on which cf. *Lustrum*, iv [1959], pp. 220-221  
 [# 1039]) and Plutarch, *De Iside* 369 c (δυεῖν ἀντιπάλων δυνά-  
 μειων, τῆς μὲν ἐπὶ τὰ δεξιὰ . . . ὑφηγουμένης τῆς δ' ἔμπαλιν ἀνα-  
 στρεφούσης καὶ ἀνακλώσης).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *Politicus* 270 D 3-4 and 286 B 9, and see 1015 A  
*supra* with note e there.

<sup>e</sup> For the "pattern" see *supra* 1023 c (page 223, note e)

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becomes dull and falls asleep, filled with forgetfulness of what is proper to it,<sup>a</sup> while the part intimate with body and sensitive to it from the beginning<sup>b</sup> puts a heavy drag upon the right-hand course of the sum of things<sup>c</sup> and rolls it back<sup>d</sup> without being able, however, to disrupt it entirely, but the better part recovers again and looks up at the pattern<sup>e</sup> when god helps with the turning and guidance.<sup>f</sup> Thus many considerations make it plain to us that the soul is not god's work entirely<sup>g</sup> but that with the portion of evil inherent in her<sup>h</sup> she has been arranged by god, who

and cf. Plato, *Republic* 540 A 7-9 of the individual soul. The "pattern" here for Plutarch is not god or the "thoughts of god" (cf. Jones, *Platonism of Plutarch*, p. 102, note 72), whereas according to Albinus in *Epitome* xiv, 3 (p. 81, 6-9 [Louis]=p. 169, 31-35 [Hermann]) the soul or its intelligence is awakened by god ὅπως ἀποβλέπουσα πρὸς τὰ νοητὰ αὐτοῦ δέχεται τὰ εἶδη καὶ τὰς μορφάς, ἐφιεμένη τῶν ἐκείνου νοημάτων (cf. in x, 3, p. 59, 2-4 [Louis]=p. 164, 35-37 [Hermann]).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *Politicus* 269 c 4-6 (τὸ πᾶν τόδε τοτὲ μὲν αὐτὸς ὁ θεὸς συμποδηγεῖ πορευόμενον καὶ συγκυκλεῖ . . .), 270 A 3, and 273 E 1-4; and *Republic* 617 c 5-7 (τὴν μὲν Κλωθῶ τῇ δεξιᾷ χειρὶ ἐφαπτομένην συνεπιστρέφειν . . . τὴν ἔξω περιφορᾶν). Plutarch in *De Defectu Orac.* 426 c speaks of the gods τῶν κόσμων . . . τῇ φύσει συναπευθύνοντας ἕκαστον. In the present passage the unexpressed object of συνεπιστρέφοντος καὶ συναπευθύνοντος is to be understood from τὴν . . . τοῦ παντὸς πορείαν *supra*, though the phrase has sometimes been interpreted in the light of εἰς ἑαυτὸν ἐπιστρέφει (1024 D *supra* with note a there) as "conversion" of the soul or intelligence itself (Jones, *Platonism of Plutarch*, p. 83, note 35; Witt, *Albinus*, p. 131; Thévenaz, *L'Âme du Monde*, p. 72). In *De Iside* 376 B it is the rational motion of the universe itself that ἐπιστρέφει ποτὲ καὶ προσάγεται . . . πείθουσα τὴν . . . τυφῶνιον εἴτ' αὐτὸς . . . ἀνέστρεψε . . .

<sup>g</sup> See 1014 c and 1016 c cited in note f, page 223 *supra*; cf. J. H. Loenen, *Mnemosyne*, 4 Ser. x (1957), p. 47.

<sup>h</sup> See *supra* 1026 E (with note e there), 1015 A (with note f there) and 1015 E.

(1027) ρίαν ὀρίσαντος ἴν' οὐσία γένηται πέρατος μετα-  
σχοῦσα τῇ δὲ ταυτοῦ καὶ τῇ ἑτέρου<sup>1</sup> δυνάμει τάξιν  
καὶ μεταβολὴν καὶ διαφορὰν καὶ ὁμοιότητα συμμί-  
ξαντος πᾶσι δὲ τούτοις, ὡς ἀνυστὸν ἦν, κοινωνίαν  
πρὸς ἄλληλα καὶ φιλίαν ἐργασαμένου δι' ἀριθμῶν  
καὶ ἀρμονίας.

29. Περὶ ὧν εἰ καὶ πολλάκις ἀκηκόατε καὶ πολ-  
λοῖς ἐντετυχήκατε λόγοις καὶ γράμμασιν, οὐ χεῖρόν  
ἔστι καμὲ βραχέως διελθεῖν, προεκθέμενον τὸ τοῦ  
B Πλάτωνος· “μίαν ἀφείλε τὸ<sup>2</sup> πρῶτον ἀπὸ παντὸς  
μοῖραν, μετὰ δὲ ταύτην ἀφήρει διπλασίαν ταύτης,  
τὴν δ' αὖ τρίτην ἡμιολίαν μὲν τῆς δευτέρας τρι-  
πλασίαν δὲ τῆς πρώτης, τετάρτην δὲ τῆς δευτέρας  
διπλῆν, πέμπτην δὲ τριπλῆν τῆς τρίτης, τὴν δὲ<sup>3</sup>  
ἕκτην τῆς πρώτης ὀκταπλασίαν, ἑβδόμην δὲ<sup>4</sup> ἑπτα-  
καιεικοσαπλασίαν<sup>5</sup> τῆς πρώτης. μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα  
συνεπληροῦτο τὰ τε διπλάσια καὶ τριπλάσια δια-  
στήματα, μοίρας ἔτι ἐκεῖθεν ἀποτέμνων καὶ τιθεῖς  
εἰς τὸ μεταξὺ τούτων, ὥστ' ἐν ἐκάστῳ διαστήματι  
δύο εἶναι μεσότηας, τὴν μὲν ταυτῶ μέρει τῶν  
ἄκρων αὐτῶν ὑπερέχουσαν καὶ ὑπερεχομένην τὴν  
C δ' ἴσῳ μὲν κατ' ἀριθμὸν ὑπερέχουσαν ἴσῳ δὲ ὑπερ-

<sup>1</sup> θάτερον -Mau.

<sup>2</sup> B. Müller (1873) from *Timaeus* 35 B 4: ἀφείλετο -mss.

<sup>3</sup> τῆς δὲ -e, u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> τὴν δὲ ἑβδόμην δὲ -E; τὴν δὲ ἑβδόμην -B.

<sup>5</sup> f (but with ι instead of α before π), m, r; ἑπτακαιεικο-  
σαπλασίῳ -E, B; ἑπτὰ καὶ εἰκοσαπλασίῳ -e, u, Escor. 72,  
Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> See *supra* 1014 D (page 185, note d), the end of chap. 26  
(1026 A with note e there), and τοῦ ἐνὸς ὀρίζοντος τὸ πλῆθος  
καὶ τῇ ἀπειρίᾳ πέρας ἐντιθέντος (1012 E *supra*) in the Xeno-  
cratean interpretation of the psychogony, which Plutarch

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with the one bounded her infinitude that by participation in limit it might become substance <sup>a</sup> and through the agency of sameness and of difference commingled order and change and differentiation and similarity <sup>b</sup> and in all these produced, so far as was feasible, amity and union with one another by means of numbers and concord. <sup>c</sup>

29. These last, though you have often heard and read much talk and writing on the subject, it is as well for me to explain briefly too after giving Plato's passage <sup>d</sup> as a preface: "First from the total amount he subtracted one portion, and thereafter he subtracted one twice as large as this, and then the third half as large again as the second and three times the first, and the fourth double of the second, and the fifth triple of the third, and the sixth eight times the first, and the seventh twenty-seven times the first. After that he filled in the double and triple intervals by putting in between the former portions portions that he continued to cut off from that original source so as to have in each interval two means, one that exceeds and falls short of the extremes by the same fraction of them and one that exceeds and falls short

rejects (1013 c-d and 1023 D *supra*) but from this part of which his own present formulation differs only in that the product for Xenocrates was ἀριθμός while for him it is now οὐσία. It is noteworthy moreover that in 1024 D *supra* (see note *f* there) Plutarch in opposition to the Xenocratean interpretation declared τὸ εἶν to be the principle of sameness as distinguished from the ἀμέριστος οὐσία of the psychogony.

<sup>b</sup> See *supra* 1024 E (with note *b* there) and 1025 F.

<sup>c</sup> See *supra* 1013 c (page 175, note *c*).

<sup>d</sup> *Timaeus* 35 B 4—36 B 5, which follows immediately the passage quoted by Plutarch at the beginning of this essay, 1012 B-c *supra*.

(1027) εχομένην.<sup>1</sup> ἡμιολίων δὲ διαστάσεων καὶ ἐπιτρίτων καὶ ἐπογδόων γενομένων ἐκ τούτων τῶν δεσμῶν ἐν ταῖς πρόσθεν διαστάσεσι, τῷ τοῦ ἐπογδόου διαστήματι τὰ ἐπίτριτα πάντα συνεπληροῦτο λείπων<sup>2</sup> αὐτῶν ἐκάστου μόριον, τῆς τοῦ<sup>3</sup> μορίου ταύτης διαστάσεως λειφθείσης<sup>4</sup> ἀριθμοῦ πρὸς ἀριθμὸν ἐχούσης τοὺς ὄρους ἕξ καὶ πενήκοντα καὶ διακοσίω<sup>5</sup> πρὸς τρία<sup>6</sup> καὶ τετταράκοντα καὶ διακόσια.<sup>7</sup> ἐν τούτοις ζητεῖται πρῶτον περὶ τῆς ποσότητος τῶν ἀριθμῶν, δεύτερον περὶ τῆς τάξεως, τρίτον περὶ τῆς δυνάμεως· περὶ μὲν τῆς ποσότητος τίνες εἰσίν, οὓς ἐν τοῖς διπλασίοις καὶ τριπλασίοις<sup>8</sup> διαστήμασι λαμβάνει· περὶ δὲ τῆς<sup>9</sup> τάξεως πότερον ἐφ' ἐνὸς στίχου<sup>10</sup> πάντας<sup>11</sup> ἐκθετέον ὡς Θεόδωρος ἢ μᾶλλον ὡς Κράντωρ ἐν τῷ Λ<sup>12</sup> σχήματι, τοῦ πρώτου κατὰ κορυφὴν τιθεμένου καὶ χωρὶς μὲν τῶν διπλασίων χωρὶς δὲ τῶν τριπλασίων ἐν δυσι<sup>13</sup> στίχοις<sup>14</sup> ὑποτατ-

<sup>1</sup> τὴν μὲν ταυτῶ . . . ἴσω δὲ ὑπερεχομένην -f, m, r (but with ἄκρων repeated and ὑπερέχουσαν ἴσω δὲ omitted by r), *Timaeus* 36 A 3-5; καὶ ὑπερεχομένην τὴν δ' ἴσω μὲν κατ' ἀριθμὸν ὑπερέχουσαν -omitted by e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine; τὴν μὲν ἐκατέρω τῶν ἄκρων ἴσω τε ὑπερέχουσαν καὶ ὑπερεχομένην τὴν δὲ ταυτῶ μέρει τῶν ἄκρων αὐτῶν ὑπερέχουσαν καὶ ὑπερεχομένην E, B.

<sup>2</sup> Dübner from *Timaeus* 36 B 1-2 (A), see 1020 B *infra* (f, m, r) and Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 227, 30 and 230, 8 [Diehl]); συνεπλήρου τὸ λείπον -E, B, e, u<sup>corr.</sup> (συνεπλήρον τὸ λειπὸν -u<sup>1</sup>), Escor. 72; συνεπλήρου λείπων -f, m, r. <sup>3</sup> τῆς δὲ τοῦ -f, m, r.

<sup>4</sup> ληφθείσης -E, B<sup>1</sup> (ει superscript over first η -B<sup>corr.</sup>), Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 230, 29 [Diehl]).

<sup>5</sup> σ καὶ ν καὶ σ -B.

<sup>6</sup> τρία -omitted by f.

<sup>7</sup> πρὸς γ καὶ μ καὶ σ -B.

<sup>8</sup> καὶ τριπλασίοις -omitted by e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine. <sup>9</sup> τῆς -omitted by e, u.

<sup>10</sup> στείχου -u (cf. ad ἐν δυσι στίχοις *infra*).

<sup>11</sup> E, B; πάντα -all other mss., Aldine.



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by amounts numerically equal.<sup>a</sup> Since as a result of these links in the previous intervals there came to be intervals of three to two and of four to three and of nine to eight, he filled in all the intervals of four to three with the interval of nine to eight leaving a fraction of each of them, this remaining interval of the fraction having the terms of the numerical ratio 256 to 243."<sup>b</sup> Here the first question is concerned with the quantity, the second with the arrangement, the third with the function of the numbers<sup>c</sup>: concerning the quantity what numbers they are that he adopts in the double and triple intervals, concerning the arrangement whether one is to set them out as Theodorus<sup>d</sup> does all in a single row or rather as Crantor<sup>e</sup> does in the figure of a lambda with the first placed at the apex and the double and triple numbers ranged separately from each other in two

<sup>a</sup> The former is the harmonic mean and the latter the arithmetical mean (see 1019 c-E and 1028 A *infra*).

<sup>b</sup> For the procedure described and the numerical values resulting from it *cf.* B. Kytzler, *Hermes*, lxxxvii (1959), pp. 405-406.

<sup>c</sup> Three but not quite the same three questions are posed by Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 99, 17-100, 2 (Wrobel) = p. 83, 20-27 (Waszink); *cf.* B. W. Switalski, *Des Chalcidius Kommentar zu Plato's Timaeus* (Münster, 1902), pp. 81-82.

<sup>d</sup> Theodorus of Soli; see chap. 20 (1022 c-d) *infra* and *De Defectu Orac.* 427 A-E.

<sup>e</sup> Crantor, frag. 7 (Kayser) = frag. 7 (Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, p. 145); see chap. 20 (1022 c-E) *infra*, and for Crantor as the first exegete of Plato see 1012 D, note c *supra*.

<sup>12</sup> λάμβδα -E, B.

<sup>13</sup> ἐν τρισὶ -r.

<sup>14</sup> στείχοις -u (*cf. ad στίχου supra* and 1022 c *infra*: δύο στίχους [στοίχους -f, m, r]).

(1027) τομένων· περι δὲ τῆς χρείας καὶ τῆς δυνάμεως τί ποιούσι παραλαμβανόμενοι πρὸς τὴν σύστασιν τῆς ψυχῆς.

30. Πρῶτον οὖν περὶ τοῦ πρώτου παραιτησόμεθα<sup>1</sup> τοὺς λέγοντας ὡς ἐπὶ τῶν λόγων αὐτῶν ἀπόχρη θεωρεῖν ἣν ἔχει τά τε διαστήματα φύσιν αἷ τε ταῦτα συμπληροῦσαι μεσότητες, ἐν οἷς ἂν τις ἀριθμοῖς ὑπόθηται χώρας ἔχουσι δεκτικὰς<sup>2</sup> μεταξὺ τῶν εἰρημένων ἀναλογιῶν ὁμοίως περαινομένης Ε τῆς διδασκαλίας. καὶν γὰρ ἀληθὲς<sup>3</sup> ἢ τὸ λεγόμενον, ἀμυδρὰν ποιεῖ τὴν μάθησιν ἄνευ παραδειγμάτων ἄλλης τε θεωρίας ἀπείργει χάριν ἐχούσης οὐκ ἀφιλόσοφον. ἂν οὖν ἀπὸ τῆς μονάδος ἀρξάμενοι τοὺς διπλασίους καὶ τριπλασίους ἐν μέρει τιθῶμεν, ὡς αὐτὸς ὑφηγεῖται,<sup>4</sup> γενήσονται κατὰ τὸ<sup>5</sup> ἐξῆς ὅπου μὲν τὰ δύο καὶ τέσσαρα καὶ ὀκτὼ<sup>6</sup> ὅπου δὲ τρία καὶ ἐννέα καὶ εἰκοσιεπτά,<sup>7</sup> συνάπαντες μὲν

<sup>1</sup> ἀπαιτησόμεθα -e, u (ap cancelled -u<sup>corr.</sup>), Escor. 72 (ἀπαιτησόμεθα -in margin); ἀπαρτησόμεθα -Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> δέ τινας -e<sup>1</sup> (corrected e<sup>2</sup>), u.

<sup>3</sup> E, B; καὶ γὰρ ἂν ἀληθὲς -e, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine; καὶ γὰρ ἀληθὲς -u.

<sup>4</sup> E, B; ἀφηγεῖται -e, u, f, m, Escor. 72, Aldine; ὑφηγεῖται -r.

<sup>5</sup> τὸ -Wytttenbach; τὸν -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine; τοὺς -f, m, r.

<sup>6</sup> τὰ δύο καὶ τὰ τέσσαρα καὶ ὀκτὼ -Maurommates (so also the versions of Xylander and Amyot); τὸ δεύτερον καὶ τὸ τέταρτον καὶ ὄγδοον -MSS.

<sup>7</sup> τρία καὶ ἐννέα καὶ εἰκοσιεπτά -Maurommates (so also the versions of Xylander and Amyot); τρίτον καὶ ἕνατον (ἐννατον -E, B) καὶ εἰκοστοῦβδομον -MSS.

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rows underneath, and concerning their use or function what effect is produced by their employment for the composition of the soul.

30. First, then, with regard to the first question we shall decline to follow those who say<sup>a</sup> that it suffices to observe in the ratios themselves the nature of the intervals and of the means with which they are filled in, as the directions are carried out alike with whatever numbers one may assume that have spaces between them to receive the prescribed proportions.<sup>b</sup> Our reason is that, even if what they say be true, by the absence of examples it obscures the understanding of the subject<sup>c</sup> and debars us from another speculation that has a charm not unphilosophical.<sup>d</sup> So, if beginning from the unit we place the double and triple numbers alternately<sup>e</sup> as indicated by Plato himself,<sup>f</sup> the result will be in succession on one side two, four, and eight and on the other side three, nine, and twenty-seven, seven

<sup>a</sup> Perhaps Eudorus, following Crantor (see 1020 c-d *infra*).

<sup>b</sup> See 1020 A *infra* (. . . τῶν αὐτῶν λόγων διαμερόντων, ὑποδοχὰς ποιῶσιν ἀρκούσας . . .) and 1020 D *infra* (λόγον μὲν ἔχον τὸν αὐτὸν ἀριθμὸν δὲ τὸν διπλάσιον); and with the latter *cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 69, 7-9 (Hiller) in the same context: οὐδὲν δὲ κωλύει καὶ ἐφ' ἑτέρων ἀριθμῶν τὸν αὐτὸν εὐρίσκειν λόγον . . . οὐ γὰρ ἀριθμὸν ὠρισμένον ἔλαβεν ὁ Πλάτων ἀλλὰ λόγον ἀριθμοῦ.

<sup>c</sup> *Cf. e.g.* Plato, *Politicus* 277 D 1-2.

<sup>d</sup> *i.e.* the arithmological speculations about the "remarkable numbers" (1017 E *infra*), to which Plutarch devotes most of the next three chapters (*cf.* Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, p. 375, n. 59).

<sup>e</sup> See 1017 E *infra* (ἐναλλάξ καὶ ἰδίᾳ τάττεσθαι . . . τοὺς ἀρτίους . . . καὶ πάλιν τοὺς περιττοὺς).

<sup>f</sup> See 1017 E *infra* (ἦ καὶ δηλὸς ἐστὶ βουλόμενος . . .) and 1027 F—1028 A *infra* (μονονουχὶ δεικνύων ἡμῖν . . .).

(1027) ἑπτὰ κοινῆς δὲ λαμβανομένης τῆς μονάδος ἄχρι  
 τεσσάρων<sup>1</sup> τῶν πολλαπλασιασμῶν προιόντες.<sup>2</sup> οὐ  
 γὰρ ἔνταῦθα μόνον ἀλλὰ πολλαχόθι τῆς τετράδος ἢ<sup>3</sup>

F πρὸς τὴν ἑβδομάδα συμπάθεια γίνεταί κατάδηλος.  
 ἡ μὲν οὖν ὑπὸ τῶν Πυθαγορικῶν ὑμνουμένη τετρα-  
 κτύς, τὰ ἕξ καὶ τριάκοντα,<sup>4</sup> θαυμαστὸν ἔχειν δοκεῖ  
 τὸ<sup>5</sup> συγκεῖσθαι μὲν ἐκ πρώτων ἀρτίων τεσσάρων  
 καὶ πρώτων περιττῶν τεσσάρων γίνεσθαι<sup>6</sup> δὲ συ-  
 ζυγία τετάρτη τῶν ἐφεξῆς συντιθεμένων<sup>7</sup>. πρώτη  
 μὲν γάρ ἐστι<sup>8</sup> συζυγία ἢ τοῦ ἐνὸς καὶ τῶν δυεῖν

1017 C δευτέρα<sup>9</sup> (11.) δὲ ἢ τῶν τριῶν<sup>10</sup> καὶ τεσσάρων<sup>11</sup>

D τρίτη δὲ ἢ τῶν ε' καὶ 5', ὧν<sup>12</sup> οὐδεμία ποιεῖ τετρά-  
 γωνον οὐτ' αὐτὴ καθ' ἑαυτὴν οὔτε μετὰ τῶν ἄλλων.  
 <ἢ δὲ τῶν ζ' καὶ η'><sup>13</sup> τετάρτη μὲν ἐστι συντιθεμένη

<sup>1</sup> MSS.; τεσσαράκοντα in margin of f, m, r.

<sup>2</sup> προιόντες -Maurommates; προιόντων -MSS.

<sup>3</sup> ἢ -f, m, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ τριάκοντα -B (cf. *De Iside* 381 F—382A); καὶ τὰ  
 τριάκοντα -all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> τῶν -f, m, r.

<sup>6</sup> γίνεταί -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> E, B, cf. *De Iside* 382 A; συντιθεμένων -all other mss,  
 Aldine.

<sup>8</sup> ἐστι -omitted by r.

<sup>9</sup> δευτέρα περιττῶν (chap. 30 b [1027 F] *infra*) -E, B;  
 δευτέρα (δευτέρα δὲ -f) τῶν περιττῶν -f, m, r, Aldine; δευτερι-  
 τῶν -e, u, Escor. 72 (ρατῶνπε -Escor. 72 in margin); see 1022  
 E *supra* (chap. 21 *init.*), *apparatus criticus*, page 212, note 2.

<sup>10</sup> δὲ ἢ τῶν τριῶν -all mss., following 1017 c *supra* (chap. 10  
*ad finem*): κόσμον . . . vac. 4 -E, vac. 8 -B; κόσμον . . . vac.  
 5 -f, m, vac. 3 -r . . . ἐν . . . vac. 4 . . . -f, m, r; κόσμον . ἐνθα†  
 -e, u; κόσμον . ἐν . . . vac. 2 . . . -Escor. 72; see 1022 E  
*supra* (chap. 21 *init.*), *apparatus criticus*, page 212, note 2.

<sup>11</sup> τεσσάρων -Wytttenbach (τετράδος -Xylander); καὶ μιᾶς  
 -MSS. (μιᾶς . . . vac. 3 . . . -E with illegible correction in  
 margin).

<sup>12</sup> καὶ -r.

<sup>13</sup> <ἢ δὲ τῶν ζ' καὶ η'> -added by Maurommates; <ζ' καὶ  
 η'> added after τετάρτη μὲν ἐστι -Xylander, and similarly  
 Amyot's version.

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numbers in all but, the unit being taken as common,<sup>a</sup> progressing to four by multiplication.<sup>b</sup> Not only here, in fact, but in many cases does the affinity of the tetrad with the hebdomad become manifest.<sup>c</sup> So thirty-six, the tetractys celebrated by the Pythagoreans, is thought to have a remarkable property in being the sum of the first four even and the first four odd numbers and in coming to be as the fourth pair of the successive numbers added together<sup>d</sup> : for the first pair is that of one and two and the second (11.) that of three and four and the third that of five and six, none of which pairs either by itself or together with the others produces a square number ; <but that of seven and eight> is the fourth, and being

<sup>a</sup> See *infra* 1017 D (τὴν μὲν μονάδα, κοινὴν οὖσαν ἀρχὴν . . .), 1018 F (ἡ μονὰς ἐπικκοινὸς οὖσα . . .), 1027 F (τὴν γὰρ μονάδα κοινὴν οὖσαν ἀμφοῖν προτάξας . . .) ; cf. Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 104, 20 (Wrobel)=pp. 87, 26-88, 1 (Waszink) : "communi videlicet accepta singularitate."

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 95, 2-13 (Hiller).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Philo Jud., *Quaestiones in Exodum* ii, 87 (p. 527 [Aucher]=p. 137 [L.C.L.]) and *De Specialibus Legibus* ii, 40 (v, p. 95, 15-20 [Cohn]) ; Nicomachus, *Excerpta* 6 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 277, 18-19 [Jan]) and Nicomachus in Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 58, 10-19 and p. 59, 10-18 (De Falco).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *De Iside* 381 F-382 A ; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 104, 10-15 (Wrobel)=p. 87, 19-22 (Waszink) ; Philo Jud., *Quaestiones in Genesin* iii, 49 (p. 233 [Aucher]=pp. 247-248 [L.C.L.]). In all these passages, as here, one is explicitly an odd number (cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 21, 24-22, 5 [Hiller] ; Speusippus, frag. 4, 22-25 [Lang]), whereas for Plutarch ordinarily three is the first odd number (see 1018 c *infra* : . . . ἕκ τε τῆς ἀρχῆς καὶ . . . τοῦ πρώτου περιττοῦ). For 36 as the sum of a "tetractys" formed in a different way cf. Nicomachus, *Excerpta* 7 and 10 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 279, 8-15 and 282, 10-14 [Jan]) ; and for the special properties of 36 see 1018 c-d *infra*.

(1017) δὲ ταῖς προτέραις τριακονταῆξ<sup>1</sup> τετράγωνον παρέσχεν. ἡ δὲ τῶν ὑπὸ Πλάτωνος ἐκκειμένων ἀριθμῶν τετρακτὺς ἐντελεστέραν ἔσχηκε τὴν γένεσιν, τῶν μὲν ἀρτίων ἀρτίοις διαστήμασι τῶν δὲ περιττῶν περιττοῖς πολλαπλασιασθέντων· περιέχει δὲ τὴν μὲν μονάδα, κοινήν<sup>2</sup> οὖσαν ἀρχὴν ἀρτίων καὶ περιττῶν, τῶν δὲ ὑπ' αὐτῇ τὰ μὲν δύο καὶ τρία πρώτους ἐπιπέδους, τὰ δὲ<sup>3</sup> τέσσαρα καὶ ἐννέα πρώτους τετραγώνους, τὰ δ' ὀκτὼ καὶ εἰκοσιεπτὰ

Ε πρώτους κύβους ἐν<sup>4</sup> ἀριθμοῖς, ἔξω λόγου τῆς μονάδος τιθεμένης.<sup>5</sup> ἧ καὶ δῆλός ἐστι βουλόμενος οὐκ ἐπὶ μιᾶς εὐθείας ἅπαντας ἀλλ' ἐναλλάξ καὶ ἰδίᾳ τάττεσθαι τοὺς ἀρτίους μετ' ἀλλήλων καὶ πάλιν τοὺς περιττοὺς, ὡς<sup>6</sup> ὑπογέγραπται.<sup>7</sup> οὕτως αἱ συζυγίαι τῶν ὁμοίων ἔσονται πρὸς τοὺς ὁμοίους

<sup>1</sup> προτέραις τριακονταῆξ -Dübner; προ . . . vac. 2 . . . τ . . . vac. 3 . . . τριακοντα ἐξ (ἐξ -B) . . . vac. 2 . . . τετράγωνον -E, B; πρώταις τριάκοντα ἐξ (λς -f, m, r) τετράγωνον -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> κοινήν -omitted by r.

<sup>3</sup> τὰ δὲ τὰ δὲ -B.

<sup>4</sup> ἐν -omitted by r.

<sup>5</sup> θεμένης -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> ὡς -Xylander (so Amyot's version); καὶ -mss.; ὡς καὶ -B. Müller (1873).

<sup>7</sup> The figure as below in the margins of F, e, u, Escor. 72; Λ with the same numbers in the margins of B, f, m; omitted altogether by r and Aldine (see page 272 *infra*).

<sup>a</sup> For the term "tetractys" used of this figure cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 94, 12-14 and p. 95, 2-8 (Hiller) and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 104, 15-22 (Wrobel)=pp. 87, 22-88, 2 (Waszink): ". . . quadratura cognominatur quia continet quattuor quidem limites in duplici latere. . ."

added to the preceding pairs it gives thirty-six, a square number. The tetractys of the numbers set out by Plato,<sup>a</sup> however, has been generated in a more consummate way,<sup>b</sup> the multiplication of the even by even intervals and of the odd by odd ; and it contains the unit, to be sure, as being the common principle of even and odd numbers,<sup>c</sup> but of the numbers under the unit contains two and three, the first plane numbers,<sup>d</sup> and four and nine, the first square numbers, and eight and twenty-seven, the first cubic numbers,<sup>e</sup> the unit being left out of account, which makes it quite obvious that he wishes <sup>f</sup> them to be arranged not all in one straight line but alternately, that is the even numbers together by themselves and on the other hand the odd numbers as drawn below.<sup>g</sup> In this way numbers that are similar to one another

<sup>b</sup> See 1019 B *infra* (chap. 14 *sub finem*): ὥστε πολὺ τῆς Πυθαγορικῆς . . . τελειοτέραν.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 94, 15-16 (Hiller) and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 104, 24-25 (Wrobel)=p. 88, 3-4 (Waszink).

<sup>d</sup> See also 1022 D *infra* (ἐπιπέδων ἐπιπέδοις . . .) and *De Defectu Orac.* 415 E, where in the same context two and three are referred to as "the first two plane numbers." According to Nicomachus (*Arithmetica Introductio* II, vii, 3 [pp. 86, 21-87, 7, Hoche]) the plane numbers begin with three ; and Theon Smyrnaeus in this context calls both two and three "linear" (p. 95, 17-19 [Hiller], cf. p. 23, 11-14), although elsewhere he calls two itself "oblong" (p. 31, 15-17). In *De Iside* 367 E-F Plutarch himself treats square and oblong numbers as species of plane numbers.

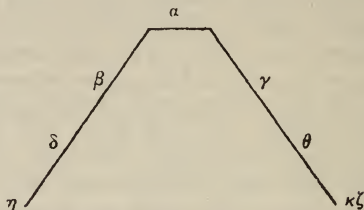
<sup>e</sup> For the expression, ἐπιπέδους . . . τετραγώνους . . . κύβους ἐν ἀριθμοῖς, cf. Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 82, 17 (De Falco)=Speusippus, frag. 4, 8-9 (Lang).

<sup>f</sup> See 1027 E *supra* with note *f* there.

<sup>g</sup> *i.e.* in accordance with Crantor's interpretation (see 1027 D *supra* with note *e* there), page 273 *infra*.

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(1017) καὶ ποιήσουσιν ἀριθμοὺς ἐπιφανεῖς κατὰ τε<sup>1</sup> σύνθεσιν καὶ πολλαπλασιασμὸν ἐξ ἀλλήλων.



12. Κατὰ σύνθεσιν οὕτως· τὰ δύο καὶ τὰ τρία<sup>2</sup> πέντε γίνεταί, τὰ τέσσαρα καὶ τὰ ἐννέα<sup>3</sup> τριακαίδεκα,<sup>4</sup> τὰ δ' ὀκτὼ καὶ εἰκοσιεπτὰ πέντε καὶ τριακοντα. τούτων γὰρ τῶν ἀριθμῶν οἱ Πυθαγορικοὶ τὰ μὲν πέντε τρόμον,<sup>5</sup> ὅπερ ἐστὶ φθόγγον,<sup>6</sup> ἐκά-  
**F** λουν, οἰόμενοι τῶν τοῦ τόνου διαστημάτων πρώτων εἶναι φθεγκτὸν τὸ πέμπτον.<sup>7</sup> τὰ δὲ τριακαίδεκα λείμμα, καθάπερ Πλάτων τὴν εἰς ἴσα τοῦ τόνου διανομὴν ἀπογιγνώσκοντες, τὰ δὲ πέντε καὶ τριά-

<sup>1</sup> τε -omitted by f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ τρία -f, m, r.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἐννέα -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> Aldine; ιγ -E, B, f, m, r; τριακαίδεκα -e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>5</sup> Tannery (*Mémoires Scientifiques* ix [1929], pp. 379-380); τροφόν -mss.

<sup>6</sup> φθόγγου -u.

<sup>7</sup> τὸ πέμπτον -omitted by B; τὸν πέμπτον -f, m, r.

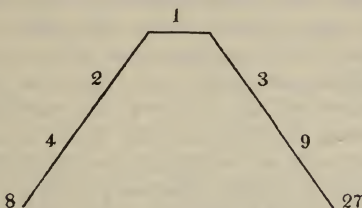
<sup>a</sup> See 1022 D *infra* (chap. 20 *sub finem*): ἐπιπέδων ἐπιπέδοις . . . συζυγούντων, and page 253, note *d supra*.

<sup>b</sup> Despite the "five tetrachords" of 1029 A-B *infra* and the musical significance ascribed to five in *De E* 389 D-F and *De Defectu Orac.* 430 A there is to my knowledge no relevant parallel to this enigmatic passage; and in default of one I adopt Tannery's emendation and explanation as the most plausible yet suggested, adding only that the use of τόνος alone as here for "mode" or "scale" is well estab-



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will form the pairs <sup>a</sup> and both by addition and by multiplication with each other will produce remarkable numbers.



12. By addition as follows: two plus three are five, four plus nine are thirteen, and eight plus twenty-seven are thirty-five. These numbers are remarkable, for of them the Pythagoreans called five "tremor," which is to say "sound," thinking that the fifth of the scale's intervals is first to be sounded,<sup>b</sup> called thirteen "leimma," denying as did Plato that the tone is divisible into equal parts,<sup>c</sup> and called

lished (*cf. De E* 389 E [. . . τοὺς πρώτους εἴτε τόνους ἢ τρόπους εἶθ' ἀρμονίας χρῆ καλεῖν . . .]); Cleonides, *Introductio* 12 [*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 202, 6-8 and 203, 4-6, Jan]; Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 82, 3-6 [Düring]), though it is disturbing to find it used in a different sense in the very next clause. For a different interpretation of τὸ πέμπτον *cf. H. Weil et Th. Reinach, Plutarque: De la Musique* (Paris, 1900), p. LVI, note 5.

<sup>c</sup> See 1018 E *infra* with note *d* there (. . . διὸ καὶ τὰ τριακάδεκα λείμμα καλοῦσιν . . .) and 1020 E-F *infra* (. . . οἱ δὲ Πυθαγορικοὶ τὴν μὲν εἰς ἴσα τομὴν ἀπέγνωσαν αὐτοῦ . . .). As for καθάπερ Πλάτων, I take it with what follows (see 1021 D-E *infra* [. . . καὶ τοῦτ' ἐστὶν ὃ φησὶν ὁ Πλάτων . . .]), giving Plutarch the benefit of the doubt, for Plato did not "call thirteen 'leimma,'" although some said that he had done so (*cf. Theon Smyrnaeus*, p. 69, 4-6 [Hiller]).

- (1017) κοντα ἀρμονίαν, ὅτι συνέστηκεν ἐκ δυεῖν κύβων  
 πρώτων<sup>1</sup> ἀπ' ἀρτίου καὶ περιττοῦ γεγονότων ἐκ  
 τεσσάρων δ' ἀριθμῶν, τοῦ ζ' καὶ τοῦ η' καὶ τοῦ θ'  
 καὶ τοῦ<sup>2</sup> ιβ', τὴν ἀριθμητικὴν καὶ τὴν ἀρμονικὴν  
 1018 ἀναλογίαν περιεχόντων. ἔσται δὲ<sup>3</sup> μᾶλλον ἢ<sup>4</sup> δύ-  
 ναμις ἐκφανῆς ἐπὶ διαγράμματος. ἔστω τὸ α β γ δ  
 παραλληλόγραμμον ὀρθογώνιον ἔχον τῶν πλευρῶν  
 τὴν α β πέντε τὴν δὲ α δ ἑπτὰ· καὶ τμηθείσης τῆς  
 μὲν ἐλάττονος εἰς δύο καὶ τρία κατὰ τὸ κ τῆς δὲ  
 μείζονος εἰς τρία καὶ τέσσαρα κατὰ τὸ λ διήχθωσαν  
 ἀπὸ τῶν τομῶν εὐθείαι τέμνουσαι ἀλλήλας κατὰ τὸ  
 κ μ ν καὶ κατὰ τὸ λ μ ξ<sup>5</sup> καὶ ποιούσαι<sup>6</sup> τὸ μὲν α κ  
 μ λ<sup>7</sup> ἕξ τὸ δὲ κ β ξ μ<sup>8</sup> ἑννέα τὸ δὲ λ μ ν δ ὀκτώ τὸ  
 δὲ μ ξ γ ν δώδεκα τὸ δὲ ὅλον παραλληλόγραμ-  
 μον τριάκοντα καὶ πέντε, τοὺς τῶν συμφωνιῶν  
 τῶν πρώτων λόγους ἐν τοῖς τῶν χωρίων ἀριθμοῖς  
 Β εἰς ἃ διήρηται περιέχον. τὰ μὲν γὰρ<sup>9</sup> ἕξ καὶ ὀκτώ  
 τὸν ἐπίτритον ἔχει λόγον, ἐν ᾧ τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων,  
 τὰ δὲ ἕξ καὶ ἑννέα τὸν ἡμιόλιον, ἐν ᾧ τὸ διὰ πέντε,  
 τὰ δὲ ἕξ καὶ ιβ'<sup>10</sup> τὸν διπλάσιον, ἐν ᾧ τὸ διὰ πασῶν.

<sup>1</sup> πρώτον -r.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ -omitted by E, B, e, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> δὲ -omitted by B.

<sup>4</sup> ἢ -omitted by f.

<sup>5</sup> λμξ -r.

<sup>6</sup> ποιούσαι -omitted by f, r; καὶ ποιούσαι . . . τὸ δὲ κβξμ  
 -omitted by e, u, Escor. 72, m (καὶ [ποιούσαι omitted] τὸ μὲν  
 ακλμ ἕξ τὸ δὲ κβμξ -m<sup>1</sup> in margin), Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> ακλμ -f, m (in margin), r.

<sup>8</sup> κβμξ -f, m (in margin); κβμξ -r.

<sup>9</sup> γὰρ -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72; οὖν -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>10</sup> E, B; καὶ τὰ ιβ' -e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> With this and the rest of the chapter through διὰ τοῦτο  
 καὶ ἀρμονίαν . . . ἐκάλεσαν cf. Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*,

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thirty-five "concord"<sup>a</sup> because it consists of the first two cubes produced from even and odd<sup>b</sup> and of four numbers, six and eight and nine and twelve, which comprise the arithmetical and the harmonic proportion.<sup>c</sup> The force of this will be more evident in a diagram. Let  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta$  be a rectangular parallelogram with five as the side  $\alpha\beta$  and seven as the side  $\alpha\delta$ ; and, the lesser having been divided into two and three at  $\kappa$  and the greater into three and four at  $\lambda$ , from the points of section let there be produced along  $\kappa\mu\nu$  and  $\lambda\mu\xi$  straight lines that intersect and make  $\alpha\kappa\mu\lambda$  six,  $\kappa\beta\xi\mu$  nine,  $\lambda\mu\nu\delta$  eight,  $\mu\xi\gamma\nu$  twelve, and the whole parallelogram thirty-five, comprising in the numbers of the areas into which it has been divided the ratios of the primary consonances.<sup>d</sup> For the areas six and eight have the sesquitercian ratio, in which the fourth consists; the areas six and nine the sesquialteran, in which the fifth consists; the areas six and twelve the duple, in which the octave

p. 63, 7-23 (De Falco), *i.e.* Nicomachus (*cf. ibid.*, p. 56, 8-9 and *Gnomon*, V [1929], p. 554).

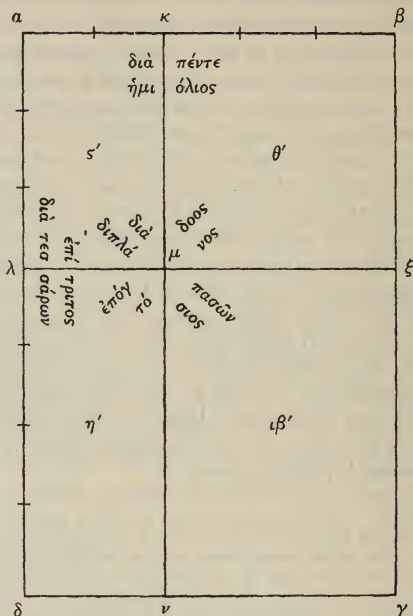
<sup>b</sup>  $2^3 + 3^3 = 35$ ; *cf.* Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 63, 7-9 (De Falco).

<sup>c</sup> *i.e.*  $35 = 6 + 8 + 9 + 12$ , in which 8 is the harmonic mean and 9 is the arithmetical mean of the extremes, 6 and 12; see 1019 c-d *infra* and *cf.* Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxix, 3-4 (p. 146, 2-23 [Hoche]) and Iamblichus, *In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductionem*, pp. 122, 12-125, 13 (Pistelli).

<sup>d</sup> See 1019 d *infra* (τὰ πρῶτα σύμφωνα); *cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 51, 18-20 (Hiller), [Alexander], *Metaph.*, p. 834, 1-2, and [Plutarch], *De Musica* 1139 c-d (. . . τὰ κυριώτατα διαστήματα . . .). Since the octave consists of a fourth and a fifth, only the latter two were usually considered to be strictly "primary" in the sense of "simple" consonances (*cf.* Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, p. 11, 24-25 [Düring]; Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 96, 12-20 [Düring]).

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(1018) ἔνεστι δὲ καὶ ὁ τοῦ τόνου λόγος ἐπόγδοος ὦν<sup>1</sup> ἐν τοῖς ἐννέα καὶ ὀκτώ.<sup>2</sup> διὰ τοῦτο καὶ<sup>3</sup> ἁρμονίαν τὸν



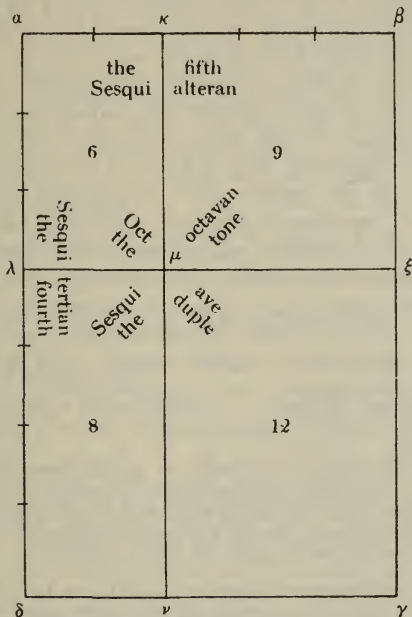
περιέχοντα τοὺς λόγους τούτους ἀριθμὸν ἐκάλεσαν. ἑξάκις δὲ<sup>4</sup> γενόμενος τὸν τῶν<sup>5</sup> δέκα ποιεῖ καὶ δια-

<sup>1</sup> ὦν -omitted by E, B.

<sup>2</sup> The figure *infra* set into text -E; in margin (ἐπί τρίτος omitted and ἐπόγδοος τόνος along the line γξβ in the rectangles ιβ and θ) -B; in margin with letters only -f, m; in margin (right angled parallelogram divided into four equal parts

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consists ; and the ratio of the tone, being sesquioctavan, is present too in the areas nine and eight. This



is precisely the reason why they called "concord" the number that comprises these ratios. When multiplied by six, moreover, it produces the number 210,

with letters only, κ and ν omitted) -e, u, Escor. 72 (cancelled) ; figure omitted by r.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ -f, m, r, Aldine ; μὲν -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>4</sup> δὲ -omitted by r.

<sup>5</sup> τὸν τὸν -r.

(1018) κοσίων ἀριθμόν, ἐν ὅσαις ἡμέραις λέγεται<sup>1</sup> τὰ ἐπτάμηνα τῶν βρεφῶν τελογογείσθαι.

13. Πάλιν δ' ἀφ'<sup>2</sup> ἑτέρας ἀρχῆς, κατὰ πολλαπλασιασμόν· ὁ μὲν δις γ' τὸν 5' ποιεῖ,<sup>3</sup> ὁ δὲ τετράκις C ἐννέα τὸν λς',<sup>4</sup> ὁ δ' ὀκτάκις κζ' τὸν σισ'. καὶ ἔστιν ὁ μὲν 5' τέλειος, ἴσος ὦν τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μέρεσι, καὶ γάμος καλεῖται διὰ τὴν τοῦ ἀρτίου καὶ περιττοῦ σύμμειξιν. ἔτι δὲ συνέστηκεν ἕκ τε τῆς ἀρχῆς καὶ τοῦ <πρώτου><sup>5</sup> ἀρτίου καὶ τοῦ πρώτου περιττοῦ.<sup>6</sup> ὁ δὲ λς' πρῶτός ἐστι τετράγωνος ἅμα καὶ τρίγωνος, τετράγωνος μὲν ἀπὸ τῆς ἐξάδος τρίγωνος δ' ἀπὸ τῆς ὀγδοάδος· καὶ γέγονε πολλαπλασιασμῶ μὲν τετραγώνων δυεῖν, τοῦ τέσσαρα τὸν ἐννέα

<sup>1</sup> Dübner (ὅσαις λέγεται ἡμέραις -Xylander); ὅσαις (. . . vac. 2 . . . -E; no lacuna -B) μοίραις λέγεται -E, B; ὅσαις<sup>αι</sup> (ὄσσει -e, Escor. 72 [ἐν ὅσαις in margin]; ὄσσει<sup>ε</sup> -u; ὄσσει -Aldine) λέγεται μοίραις -e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> Xylander; ἐφ' -mss. <sup>3</sup> ποιουσιν -e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>4</sup> E, B, f, m, r; τριάκοντα καὶ ἕξ -e, u; τριακονταεξ -Escor. 72.

<sup>5</sup> <πρώτου> -added in margin of Aldine from codex of Donatus Polus and implied by Amyot's version; misplaced by Xylander before the ἀρτίου of διὰ τὴν τοῦ ἀρτίου just above.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ τοῦ πρώτου ἀρτίου καὶ περιττοῦ -Wytttenbach; καὶ τοῦ ἀρτίου καὶ τοῦ περιττοῦ πρώτου -B. Müller (1873).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 51, 16-19 and p. 64, 5-13 (De Falco); Censorinus, *De Die Natali* xi, 5 (pp. 19, 28-20, 2 [Hultsch]); Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* I, vi, 15-16; Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, pp. 34, 28-35, 23 (Kroll).

<sup>b</sup> i.e. the pairs of numbers in the triangle of Crantor (1017 ε *supra* [chap. 11 *sub finem*]), which in the preceding chapter gave the sums 5, 13, and 35, now by multiplication yield the products 6, 6<sup>2</sup>, and 6<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>c</sup> See *Quaest. Conviv.* 738 F and *Lycurgus* v, 13 (42 F) and cf. Euclid, *Elements* vii, Def. 22; Nicomachus, *Arith-*

the number of days in which it is said seven months' babes are born fully formed.<sup>a</sup>

13. And again making a fresh start, by multiplication: twice three makes six, four times nine thirty-six, and eight times twenty-seven 216.<sup>b</sup> Now, six is a perfect number, being equal to the sum of its factors,<sup>c</sup> and is called marriage by reason of the commixture of the even and odd<sup>d</sup>; and furthermore it consists of the principle and the <first> even and the first odd number.<sup>e</sup> Thirty-six is the first number at once square and triangular, square from six and triangular from eight<sup>f</sup>; and it is the result of the multiplication of two squares, nine multiplied by

*metica Introductio* 1, xvi, 2-3 (pp. 39, 14-40, 22 [Hoche]); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 45, 10-22 and p. 101, 6-9 (Hiller); Anatolius in Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 17, 12-13 and p. 42, 19-20 (De Falco).

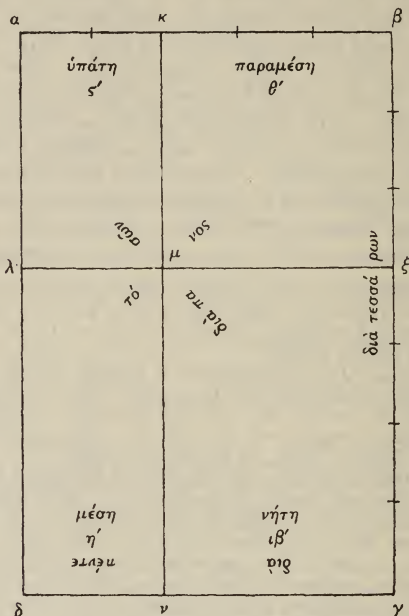
<sup>a</sup> Cf. Philo Jud., *Quaestiones in Genesin* iii, 38 (p. 206 [Aucher])=pp. 224-225 [*L.C.L.*] with Joannes Lydus, *De Mensibus* ii, 11 (p. 32, 4-14 [Wuensch]); Clement of Alexandria, *Stromata* vi, xvi, 139, 3; Anatolius in Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 43, 3-9 (De Falco).

<sup>e</sup> For two as the first even number and three as the first odd number see *Quaest. Romanae* 264 A, *De E* 388 A, *De Defectu Orac.* 429 B; and for unity or the monad as ἀρχὴ ἀριθμοῦ see *De Defectu Orac.* 415 E (ἐκ τε τῆς ἀρχῆς καὶ τῶν πρώτων . . .) and 1017 D *supra* with note c there (cf. also Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* 1, viii, 2-3=p. 14, 18-19 [Hoche]; Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 1, 4 [De Falco]; and Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* 1, vi, 7), but for one treated as the first odd number see 1027 F *supra* with note d there.

<sup>f</sup> For triangular numbers see the references in note c on *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 F *supra*. The expression  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  is satisfied for 36 by  $n=8$ , and none of the preceding triangular numbers (with the exception of 1) is a square (cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 33, 16-17 [Hiller]).

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(1018) πολλαπλασιάσαντος, συνθέσει δὲ τριῶν κύβων, τὸ γὰρ ἓν καὶ τὰ ὀκτὼ καὶ τὰ εἰκοσιεπτὰ συντεθέντα



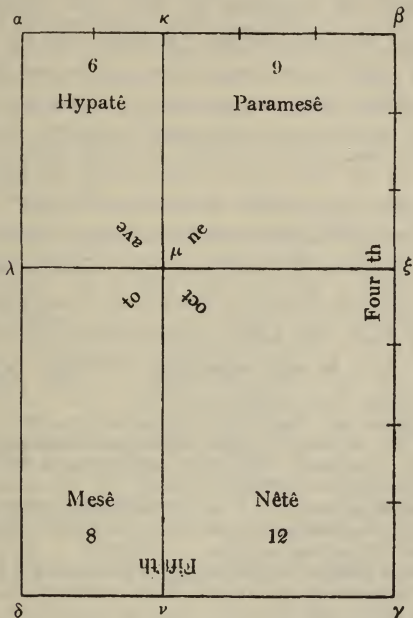
ποιεῖ τὸν προγεγραμμένον ἀριθμόν. ἔτι δὲ ἕτερο-  
D μήκης ἀπὸ δυεῖν πλευρῶν, τῶν μὲν δώδεκα τρῖς

<sup>a</sup> For 1 as a cubic number see *Quaest. Conviv.* 744 B with Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 77, 9 (De Faico), and cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xv, 3 and xx, 5



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four, and of the addition of three cubic numbers, for one<sup>a</sup> and eight and twenty-seven added together



produce the aforesaid number. Moreover, it is an oblong number from two sides, from twelve multi-

(pp. 106, 6-7 and 119, 12-15 [Hoche]); Plutarch himself, however, calls eight the first cubic number (1017 *D supra*, 1020 *D infra*, and *Quaest. Conviv.* 738 F), for which *cf.* Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 72, 2 (De Falco): *πρῶτον ἐνεργεία κύβου*.

(1018) γιγνομένων<sup>1</sup> τῶν δ' ἑννέα τετράκεις. ἂν οὖν ἐκτεθῶσιν<sup>2</sup> αἱ τῶν σχημάτων πλευραί, τοῦ τετραγώνου τὰ 5' καὶ τοῦ τριγώνου τὰ ὀκτὼ καὶ παραλληλογράμμων τοῦ μὲν ἑτέρου τὰ ἑννέα τοῦ δὲ ἑτέρου τὰ ἰβ', τοὺς<sup>3</sup> τῶν συμφωνιῶν ποιήσουσι λόγους. ἔσται γὰρ τὰ δώδεκα πρὸς μὲν τὰ ἑννέα διὰ τεσσάρων ὡς νήτη πρὸς παραμέσην, πρὸς δὲ τὰ ὀκτὼ διὰ πέντε ὡς νήτη πρὸς μέσην, πρὸς δὲ τὰ 5' διὰ πασῶν ὡς νήτη πρὸς ὑπάτην. ὁ δὲ σις<sup>4</sup> κύβος ἐστὶν ἀπὸ ἐξάδος ἴσος τῇ ἑαυτοῦ περιμέτρῳ.

14. Τοιαύτας δὲ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐκκειμένων ἀριθμῶν ἐχόντων ἴδιον τῷ τελευταίῳ συμβέβηκε, τῷ Ε κζ', τὸ τοῖς πρὸ αὐτοῦ συντιθεμένοις<sup>5</sup> ἴσον εἶναι πᾶσιν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ περιοδικὸς σελήνης. καὶ τῶν

<sup>1</sup> γ . . . vac. 2 . . . ομένων -r.

<sup>2</sup> ἐντεθῶσιν -r. The figure *supra* set into text -E; in margin -B; in margin (right angled parallelogram divided into four equal parts with letters and numbers only) -e, u, Escor. 72; figure omitted by f, m, r.

<sup>3</sup> Between ἰβ' and τοὺς f, m, r, and Aldine repeat καὶ τοῦ τριγώνου . . . παραλληλογράμμων *supra*; and Escor. 72 repeats (but brackets) καὶ τοῦ τριγώνου . . . τοῦ μὲν ἑ.

<sup>4</sup> f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine (*cf.* ὁ μὲν 5' and ὁ δὲ λς' in 1018 c *supra*); ὁ δὲ τῶν σις' -E, B, e, u (τῶν σιβ').

<sup>5</sup> Maurommates; συντιθέμενον -MSS. (συντιθέμενος -r).

<sup>a</sup> Number of this kind is *προμήκης* and only that of the type  $n(n+1)$  is *ἑτερομήκης* according to Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xvii, 1 and xviii, 2 (pp. 108, 8-109, 11 and 113, 6-18 [Hoche]) and Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 30, 8-31, 8 (Hiller). Theon himself at least once, however, uses *ἑτερομήκης* for *any* oblong number (p. 36, 13-20 [Hiller]), just as Plutarch does here (see also *De Iside* 367 F,

plied by three and from nine multiplied by four.<sup>a</sup> Now, if the sides of the figures be set out, six the side of the square and eight of the triangular number and of the parallelogrammic numbers<sup>b</sup> nine the side of one and twelve of the other, they will produce the ratios of the consonances, for twelve to nine will be a fourth as nêtê to paramesê, to eight a fifth as nêtê to mesê, and to six an octave as nêtê to hypatê.<sup>c</sup> The number 216 is a cube from six equal to its own perimeter.<sup>d</sup>

14. Of the numbers set out,<sup>e</sup> which possess such properties, the last, twenty-seven, has the peculiar characteristic<sup>f</sup> of being equal to the sum of all those before it.<sup>g</sup> It is also the periodic number of the

where eighteen [*i.e.*  $6 \times 3$  or  $9 \times 2$ ] is called *έτερομήκης*), as Euclid is supposed by Iamblichus to have done (*In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductionem*, pp. 74, 23-75, 4 [Pistelli]), and as Aristotle apparently did (*Anal. Post.* 73 a 40-b 1 with Philoponus, *Anal. Post.*, p. 62, 15-20). Plato in *Theaetetus* 148 A 1-B 2 used both *προμήκης* and *έτερομήκης* indifferently of all oblong numbers.

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* the oblongs,  $12 \times 3$  and  $9 \times 4$ , *supra*. Cf. Theon Smyrnaeus (pp. 27, 23-28, 2 [Hiller]), who uses the term for those numbers that in his sense are *προμήκεις* but *not έτερομήκεις*, *i.e.* those of the type  $n(n+m)$  where  $m$  is not less than 2.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. [Plutarch], *De Musica* 1138 E-1139 B and 1140 A; Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 6 and *Excerpta* 7 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 247, 7-26 and 248, 18-26; p. 279, 8-15 [Jan]). For the meaning of nêtê and hypatê see note *e* on *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 E *supra*; the paramesê is one tone higher in pitch than the mesê (*cf.* Nicomachus in *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 248, 21-22 [Jan]).

<sup>d</sup> *i.e.*  $216 = 6^3 =$  the sum of the six bounding planes, each of which is  $6^2$ .

<sup>e</sup> *i.e.* τῶν ὑπὸ Πλάτωνος ἐκκειμένων ἀριθμῶν (1017 D *supra*).

<sup>f</sup> See page 251, note *a supra*.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 96, 5-8 (Hiller).

(1018) ἐμμελῶν διαστημάτων οἱ Πυθαγορικοὶ τὸν τόνον ἐν τούτῳ τῷ ἀριθμῷ τάττουσι· διὸ καὶ<sup>1</sup> τὰ τριακαίδεκα λείμμα καλοῦσιν, ἀπολείπει γὰρ μονάδι τοῦ ἡμίσεος. ὅτι δὲ οὗτοι<sup>2</sup> καὶ τοὺς τῶν συμφωνιῶν λόγους περιέχουσι ῥάδιον καταμαθεῖν. καὶ γὰρ διπλάσιος λόγος ἐστὶν ὁ τῶν δύο πρὸς τὸ ἐν ἐν ᾧ τὸ διὰ πασῶν, καὶ ἡμιόλιος ὁ πρὸς τὰ δύο τῶν τριῶν ἐν ᾧ τὸ διὰ πέντε, καὶ ἐπίτριτος ὁ πρὸς τὰ τρία τῶν τεσσάρων ἐν ᾧ τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων, καὶ τριπλάσιος ὁ πρὸς τὰ τρία τῶν ἐννέα ἐν ᾧ τὸ διὰ πασῶν καὶ διὰ πέντε, καὶ τετραπλάσιος ὁ πρὸς τὰ δύο τῶν ὀκτῶ ἐν ᾧ τὸ δις<sup>3</sup> διὰ πασῶν<sup>4</sup>. ἔνεστι δὲ καὶ

<sup>1</sup> καὶ -omitted by r.

<sup>2</sup> οὗτοι -omitted by r.

<sup>3</sup> δις -omitted by u.

<sup>4</sup> δις διὰ πασῶν καὶ διὰ πέντε -r.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Aulus Gellius, I, xx, 6; Favonius Eulogius, *De Somnio Scipionis*, p. 12, 2-4 (Holder); and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 180, 20-21 (Wrobel)=p. 160, 9-10 (Waszink). The period of 27½ days, also mentioned by Chalcidius (p. 137, 17-20 [Wrobel]=p. 117, 11-13 [Waszink]), is the approximate tropical month: cf. Geminus, *Elementa Astronomiae* I, 30 (p. 12, 24-27 [Manitius]); Pliny, *N.H.* II, 44; Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 136, 1-3 (Hiller); Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* I, vi, 50.

<sup>b</sup> See τὰ μελωδούμενα . . . διαστήματα in 1019 A *infra* with note f there; and for τὰ ἐμμελῆ διαστήματα cf. Dionysius Musicus in Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 37, 19-20 (Düring) and Gaudentius, *Harmonica Introductio* 3 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 330, 11-16 [Jan]).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* III, v (pp. 276, 15-277, 1 and p. 277, 16-18 [Friedlein])=Philolaus, frag. A 26 (I, p. 405, 8-15 and 27-28 [D.-K.]). In fact, if the fifth,

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moon<sup>a</sup>; and of the melodious intervals<sup>b</sup> the tone is assigned to this number by the Pythagoreans,<sup>c</sup> which is also why they call thirteen "leimma,"<sup>d</sup> for it falls short of the half by a unit.<sup>e</sup> And it is easy to see that these numbers also comprise the ratios of the consonances.<sup>f</sup> For the ratio of two to one is duple, in which the octave consists, and that of three to two is sesquialteran, in which the fifth consists, and that of four to three is sesquitercian, in which the fourth consists, and that of nine to three is triple, in which consists the octave plus a fifth, and that of eight to two is quadruple, in which the double octave consists; fourth, and tone be raised to their least common denominator, the numerator of the tone is 27.

<sup>a</sup> See 1017 F *supra* (page 273, note c). The "leimma" is the ratio 256:243 but was then identified with the difference between these two numbers, as is stated in 1022 A *infra* (τὸ μεταξύ τῶν σμγ' καὶ τῶν σνς' . . .) and Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* III, v (p. 277, 5-7 [Friedlein]) = Philolaus, frag. Λ 26 (I, p. 405, 19-20 [D.-K.]), a mistake of which Theon Smyrnaeus was aware despite his tendency to fall into it himself (p. 67, 13-16 and p. 69, 3-14 [Hiller]).

<sup>e</sup> The same explanation of the term "leimma," though without the additional mistake of μονάδι (for not thirteen but that of which it is a half falls short of twenty-seven by a unit), is given in 1020 F *infra* (. . . ὅτι τοῦ ἡμίσεος ἀπολείπει) and by Chalcidius (*Platonis Timaeus*, p. 112, 11-12 [Wrobel]) = p. 94, 10-11 [Waszink]) and Gaudentius (*Harmonica Introductio* 14 = *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 343, 6-10 [Jan]); but the correct explanation, *i.e.* that it means "the remainder" after two tones have been measured off from a fourth (*cf.* Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 177, 10-13 and pp. 182, 30-183, 2 [Diehl]; Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 70, 3-6 [Hiller]), is given in 1022 A *infra* (. . . περίεστι . . . διὸ καὶ λείμμα ὠνόμαζον).

<sup>f</sup> *Cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 95, 14-16 (Hiller); for what follows see *De E* 389 D and *cf.* Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 168, 2-8 (Diehl) and Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* II, i, 15-20.

(1018) ἐπόγδοος ὁ<sup>1</sup> τῶν ἐννέα πρὸς τὰ ὀκτώ<sup>2</sup> ἐν ᾧ τὸ τοιαῖον. ἂν τοίνυν ἡ μονὰς ἐπίκοινος οὔσα καὶ τοῖς ἀρτίοις συναριθμῆται<sup>3</sup> καὶ τοῖς περιττοῖς, ὁ μὲν ἅπας ἀριθμὸς τὸ τῆς δεκάδος παρέχεται πλήθος (οἱ γὰρ ἀπὸ μονάδος μέχρι τῶν δέκα συντιθέμενοι <πέντε καὶ πενήκοντα ποιούσι) τούτου δὲ ὁ μὲν  
 1019 ἄρτιος<sup>4</sup> πεντεκαίδεκα, τρίγωνον ἀπὸ πεντάδος, ὁ δὲ περιττὸς τὸν τεσσαράκοντα κατὰ σύνθεσιν μὲν ἐκ τῶν δεκατριῶν καὶ τῶν κζ' γεννώμενον, οἷς τὰ μελωδούμενα μετροῦσιν εὐσῆμω<sup>5</sup> οἱ μαθηματικοὶ διαστήματα τὸ μὲν δίσιν τὸ δὲ τόνον καλοῦντες, κατὰ τὸν πολλαπλασιασμὸν δὲ τῇ τῆς τετρακτύος δυνάμει γιγνόμενον, τῶν γὰρ πρώτων τεσσάρων καθ' αὐτὸν ἐκάστου τετράκις λαμβανομένου γίγνε-

<sup>1</sup> ὁ -E, B; omitted by all other mss. and Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν ἐννέα πρὸς τὰ ὀκτώ -Bernardakis (πρὸς τὰ ὀκτὼ τῶν ἐννέα -Maurommates); τῶν ὀκτὼ (ἡ' -B, f, m, r) πρὸς τὰ θ' (ἐννέα -E) -mss.

<sup>3</sup> E, B (first ι over erasure), f, m; συναριθμείται -e, Aldine; συναρθμείται -r; συναρίμειται -u; συναριθεῖται -Escor. 72.

<sup>4</sup> <. . .> added by H. C. after Bernardakis (τὰ πέντε καὶ πενήκοντα ποιούσι τούτων δὲ πάλιν ὁ μὲν ἄρτιος τὰ) and similar supplements by Wyttenbach and B. Müller (1873); and similar supplements by Wyttenbach and B. Müller (1873); συναριθμμένοι . . . vac. 50 -E; vac. 48 -B . . . πεντεκαίδεκα -E, B; συντιθέμενοι† πεντεκαίδεκα -e, u, Escor. 72; συντιθέμενοι ιε' (without lacuna) -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>5</sup> εὐρύθμω -B.

<sup>a</sup> See *De E* 388 A (. . . ἡ μὲν μονὰς ἀμφοτέρων ἐπίκοινός ἐστι τῇ δυνάμει) and 1027 E *supra* (page 269, note a); cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 95, 8-9 (Hiller) and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 104, 16-25 (Wrobel) = pp. 87, 23-88, 4 (Waszink).

<sup>b</sup> With what follows, *i.e.*  $1+2+3 \dots +10=55=(1+2+4+8 [=15])+(1+3+9+27 [=40])$  cf. Anatolius in Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 86, 10-18 (De Falco).

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and among them also that of nine to eight is sesqui-octavan, in which the interval of the tone consists. If, then, the unit, which is common to the even numbers and the odd,<sup>a</sup> be counted along with both, the number taken all together<sup>b</sup> gives the sum of the decad (for the numbers from one to ten added together <make fifty-five), and of this the even number gives > fifteen, a triangular number from five,<sup>c</sup> while the odd number gives forty, by addition produced from thirteen and twenty-seven, numbers which the mathematicians,<sup>d</sup> calling the former "diesis" and the latter "tone,"<sup>e</sup> make distinct measures of the melodic intervals,<sup>f</sup> but by multiplication arising in virtue of the tetractys,<sup>g</sup> for, when each of the first four by itself is multiplied

$$^c \text{ i.e. } 15 = \frac{5(5+1)}{2}. \quad \text{Cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 38, 11-14}$$

(Hiller) and see note *c* on *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 F *supra*.

<sup>d</sup> *i.e.* οἱ Πυθαγορικοί of 1018 E *supra*. See 1020 E-F *infra*, where οἱ μὲν ἀρμονικοὶ . . . οἱ δὲ Πυθαγορικοὶ = τοῖς μὲν ἀρμονικοῖς . . . τοῖς δὲ μαθηματικοῖς, and 1021 η *infra* (. . . ὁρθῶς ὑπὸ τῶν μαθηματικῶν λείμμα προσηγόρευται).

<sup>e</sup> See 1018 E *supra* with notes *c* and *d* there. As to the use of "diesis" here for what is there called "leimma" *cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 55, 13-15 and 56, 18-57, 1 (Hiller); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 112, 9-10 (Wrobel) = p. 94, 8-9 (Waszink); Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* II, i, 23; Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* II, xxviii (p. 260, 21-25 [Friedlein]) and III, v (p. 277, 1-5 [Friedlein]) = Philolaus, frag. A 26 [i, p. 405, 15-19, D.-K.] with Philolaus, frag. B 6 (i, p. 410, 2-8 [D.-K.]).

<sup>f</sup> *Cf.* τῶν ἐμμελῶν διαστημάτων . . . τὸν τόνον . . . (1018 E *supra*) and διάστημα ἐν μελωδίᾳ . . . τῶν δὲ διαστημάτων . . . τόνος (1020 E *infra*). In *De E* 389 E-F and *De Defectu Orac.* 430 A Plutarch counts five μελωδοῦμενα διαστήματα, distinguishing *δίεσις* as the quarter-tone from *ἡμιτόνιον* (*cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 55, 11-13 [Hiller]).

<sup>g</sup> Not the Platonic "tetractys" but, as is clear from what follows, the quaternary of the first four numbers.

(1019) ται δ' καὶ ἡ' καὶ ιβ' καὶ ις'. ταῦτα τὸν<sup>1</sup> μ' συν-  
 τίθησι περιέχοντα τοὺς τῶν συμφωνιῶν λόγους· τὰ  
 μὲν γὰρ ις' ἐπίτριτα τῶν δεκαδύο ἐστὶν τῶν δ'  
 ὀκτῶ διπλάσια, τῶν δὲ τεσσάρων<sup>2</sup> τετραπλάσια, τὰ  
 B <δὲ><sup>3</sup> ιβ' τῶν ὀκτῶ ἡμιόλια τῶν δὲ τεσσάρων τρι-  
 πλάσια. οὗτοι δὲ οἱ λόγοι τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων καὶ τὸ  
 διὰ πέντε καὶ τὸ διὰ πασῶν καὶ τὸ δις διὰ πασῶν  
 περιέχουσιν. ἴσος γε μὴν ἐστὶν ὁ τῶν τεσσαρά-  
 κοντα δυσι<sup>4</sup> τετραγώνοις<sup>5</sup> καὶ δυσι κύβοις ὁμοῦ  
 λαμβανομένοις· τὸ γὰρ ἓν καὶ τὰ τέσσαρα καὶ τὰ  
 ὀκτῶ καὶ τὰ κζ' κύβοι καὶ τετράγωνοι <μ'><sup>6</sup> γίγ-  
 νονται συντεθέντες.<sup>7</sup> ὥστε πολὺ τῆς Πυθαγορικῆς  
 τὴν Πλατωνικὴν τετρακτὺν ποικιλωτέραν εἶναι τῇ  
 διαθέσει καὶ τελειοτέραν.

15. Ἀλλὰ ταῖς εἰσαγομέναις μεσότησι τῶν ὑπο-  
 κειμένων ἀριθμῶν χώρας οὐ διδόντων, ἐδέησε μεί-  
 ζονας ὄρους λαβεῖν ἐν τοῖς αὐτοῖς λόγοις. καὶ  
 C λεκτέον τίνες εἰσὶν οὗτοι. πρότερον δὲ περὶ τῶν  
 μεσοτήτων· ὧν τὴν μὲν ἴσῳ κατ' ἀριθμὸν ὑπερ-

<sup>1</sup> ταῦτα δὲ τὸν -E, B.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν δ' -E, B.

<sup>3</sup> <δὲ> -added by B. Müller (1873).

<sup>4</sup> δυσι -Bernardakis; δυοῖν -E, B, f, m, r; δυεῖν -e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>5</sup> τετραγώνοι -f (-γωνοῖν), m<sup>1</sup>, r.

<sup>6</sup> <μ'> -added by Maurommates.

<sup>7</sup> E; συντιθέντες -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> The octave plus a fifth (12·4), though expressly included in 1018 E-F *supra* as the ratio of nine to three, the triple ratio, is (inadvertently?) omitted here, as it is by the mss. of Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 101, 4-5 (Wrobel)=p. 84, 22-23 (Waszink).

<sup>b</sup> Since eight and twenty-seven are cubic numbers, one and four must be the two square numbers (*cf. De Defectu Orac.* 429 E [. . . πρώτων δυεῖν τετραγώνων . . . τῆς τε μονάδος



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by four, the result is four and eight and twelve and sixteen. These make up the number forty while comprising the ratios of the consonances, for sixteen is four thirds of twelve and twice as much as eight and four times as much as four, <and> twelve is half again as much as eight and three times as much as four; and these ratios comprise the fourth and the fifth and the octave and the double octave.<sup>a</sup> Then, as to the number forty, it is equal to two square and two cubic numbers taken together, for one and four and eight and twenty-seven are cubic and square numbers<sup>b</sup> amounting to <forty> when they have been added together. Consequently the Platonic tetractys is much more intricate and consummate in organisation than is the Pythagorean.<sup>c</sup>

15. Since, however, the numbers postulated do not provide room for the means that are being inserted, it was necessary to take higher terms in the same ratios.<sup>d</sup> So one must say what these are. Before that, however, about the means<sup>e</sup>: of these the one

καὶ τῆς τετραδος] and *De E* 391 A), though one has just been treated as a cubic number (see 1018 c *supra* with note a on page 281).

<sup>a</sup> See 1017 D, note b *supra*.

<sup>b</sup> The "numbers postulated" are τῶν ὑπὸ Πλάτωνος ἐκκειμένων ἀριθμῶν (1017 D *supra*). See 1020 A *infra*, where after the digression on the means the substance of the present sentence is rephrased more clearly; and cf. Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 106, 24-107, 2 (Wrobel) = p. 89, 19-21 (Waszink).

<sup>c</sup> With what follows cf. Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 8 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 250, 12-251, 3 and p. 251, 10-13 [Jan]); Philo Jud., *De Opificio Mundi* 108-110 (i, pp. 38, 19-39, 11 [Cohn]); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 107, 2-20 (Wrobel) = pp. 89, 22-90, 12 (Waszink); Martianus Capella, vii, 737.

(1019) ἔχουσιν ἴσῳ δὲ ὑπερεχομένην ἀριθμητικὴν οἱ νῦν καλοῦσι τὴν δὲ ταύτῳ μέρει τῶν ἄκρων αὐτῶν ὑπερέχουσιν καὶ ὑπερεχομένην ὑπεναντίαν. ὅροι δ' εἰσὶ τῆς μὲν ἀριθμητικῆς ζ' καὶ θ' καὶ ιβ', τὰ γὰρ ἐννέα τῷ ἴσῳ κατ' ἀριθμὸν τῶν ἕξ ὑπερέχει καὶ τῶν ιβ' λείπεται· τῆς δὲ ὑπεναντίας ζ' ἢ ιβ', τὰ γὰρ ὀκτῶ δυσι<sup>1</sup> μὲν τῶν ζ' ὑπερέχει τέσσαρσι δὲ τῶν ιβ' λείπεται, ὧν τὰ μὲν δύο τῶν ἕξ τὰ δὲ τέσσαρα τῶν δώδεκα τριτημόριόν ἐστι. συμβέβηκεν οὖν ἐν<sup>2</sup> μὲν τῇ ἀριθμητικῇ ταύτῳ<sup>3</sup> μέρει τὸ<sup>4</sup> μέσον<sup>5</sup> ὑπερέχεσθαι καὶ ὑπερέχειν ἐν δὲ τῇ ὑπεναντία ταύτῳ μέρει τῶν ἄκρων τοῦ μὲν ἀποδεῖν τὸ<sup>6</sup> δὲ ὑπερβάλλειν, ἐκεῖ μὲν γὰρ τὰ τρία τοῦ μέσου τρίτον ἐστὶ μέρος<sup>7</sup> ἐνταῦθα δὲ τὰ δ' καὶ τὰ β' τῶν ἄκρων ἐκάτερον ἐκατέρου· ὅθεν ὑπεναντία κέκλη-

<sup>1</sup> E, B; δύο -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> ἢ -r.

<sup>3</sup> τῷ ἄκρω -u; τῷ αὐτῷ -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> μέρει τῶν ἄκρων τὸ -E, B.

<sup>5</sup> μέσον -correction in margin -f<sup>1</sup>, m<sup>1</sup>, r<sup>1</sup>, Leonicus; ἴσον (or ἴσον) -mss.

<sup>6</sup> τὸ -Turnebus; τοῦ -r; τὸν -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> μέσον (with final ν remade to σ) -u.

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* exceeds one extreme and falls short of the other. This is clear in *Timaeus* 36 A 4-5 (quoted in 1027 B-C *supra*) because this clause is preceded by that which defines the harmonic mean and which contains τῶν ἄκρων.

<sup>b</sup> Though Plutarch here says that ὑπεναντία is the term used for the harmonic mean by his contemporaries and so uses it in paraphrasing Eudorus (1019 E *infra*), Iamblichus says (*In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductionem*, pp. 100, 22-101, 5 and p. 113, 16-22 [Pistelli]) that what was originally called ὑπεναντία was renamed ἀρμονικὴ by the circle of Archytas and Hippasus (*cf.* Archytas, frag. B 2 [D.-K.] = Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 93, 7 and 13-17 [Düring]) and that afterwards the name ὑπεναντία was applied to a new, fourth mean, thought to be contrary to the

that exceeds and falls short<sup>a</sup> by amounts numerically equal men today call arithmetical, and the one that exceeds and falls short of the extremes by the same fraction of them they call subcontrary.<sup>b</sup> Of the arithmetical six and nine and twelve are terms, for nine exceeds six and falls short of twelve by numerical equality; and of the subcontrary six, eight, twelve are terms, for eight exceeds six by two and falls short of twelve by four, and of these two is a third of six and four a third of twelve. So it is characteristic in the arithmetical for the middle to exceed and fall short by the same fraction<sup>c</sup> and in the subcontrary for it to be inferior to one of the extremes and to surpass the other by the identical fraction of them, for in the former case three is a third of the middle and in the latter four and two are thirds, one of one extreme and the other of the other, for which reason it has been called subcontrary.<sup>d</sup> And to this they

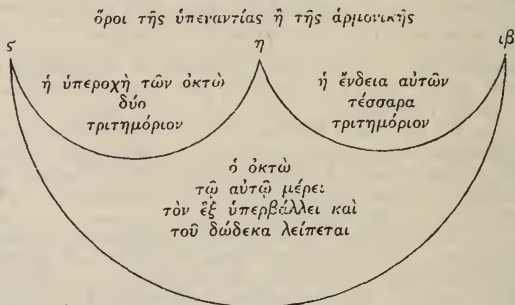
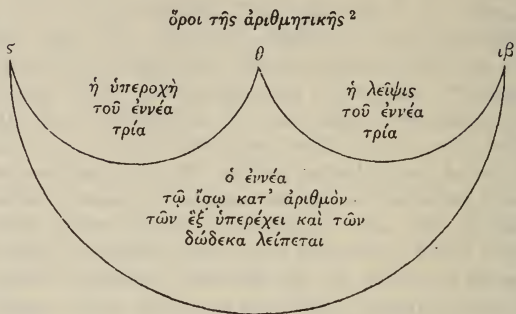
harmonic (cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxviii, 3=p. 141, 4-16 [Hoche] and Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 115, 9-11 [Hiller]).

<sup>c</sup> i.e. by the same fraction of itself. Cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxv, 3 (p. 132, 18-20 [Hoche]) and for the whole of Plutarch's sentence *ibid.*, pp. 132, 18-133, 2); Iamblichus, *In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductio*, p. 114, 5-8 (Pistelli).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Iamblichus, *In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductio*, p. 110, 17-23 with pp. 100, 25-101, 1 (Pistelli) and Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxv, 3 (p. 132, 21-22 [Hoche]). The contrariety is identified with another characteristic by Iamblichus, *op. cit.*, p. 111, 18-26 and Boethius, *De Institutione Arithmetica* II, xlvi (p. 152, 27-31 [Friedlein]); cf. Nicomachus, *op. cit.* II, xxiii, 6 and xxv, 2 (pp. 126, 1-6 and 132, 11-15 [Hoche]). E. de Strycker (*Antiquité Classique*, xxi [1952], p. 531, n. 1) defended the latter explanation; Burkert (*Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, p. 418, n. 98) proposed still another.

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(1019) ται. ταύτην δὲ<sup>1</sup> ἀρμονικὴν ὀνομάζουσιν ὅτι τοῖς ὄροις τὰ πρῶτα σύμφωνα παρέχεται, τῷ μὲν με-



<sup>1</sup> τὴν αὐτὴν δὲ -B. Müller (1873) ; ταύτην δὲ <καὶ> -Hubert.

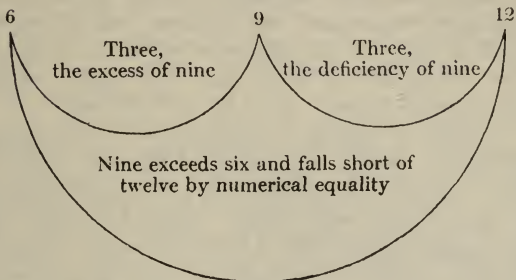
<sup>2</sup> The two figures as here -E (lower margin) ;

σ <sup>ο</sup> Γ <sup>θ</sup> Γ <sup>τ</sup> ιβ and σ <sup>η</sup> β <sup>δ</sup> ιβ -e, Escor. 72 (both in side margin) ; figures omitted by all other mss.

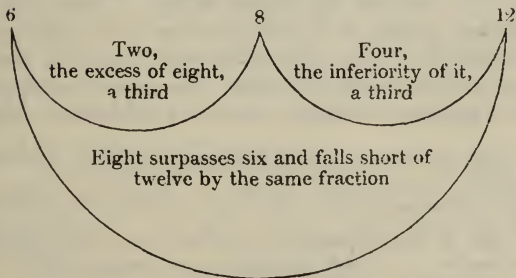
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give the name harmonic because by its terms it exhibits the primary concords,<sup>a</sup> by the greatest in

### Terms of the arithmetical



### Terms of the subcontrary or harmonic



<sup>a</sup> Cf. Iamblichus, *In Nicomachi Arithmetica Introductionem*, p. 100, 23-25 (Pistelli) and Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxvi, 2 (pp. 135, 10-136, 11 [Hoche]); for τὰ πρῶτα σύμφωνα see page 275, note *d supra*.

(1019) γίστω πρὸς τὸν ἐλάχιστον τὸ διὰ πασῶν τῶ δὲ  
 μεγίστω<sup>1</sup> πρὸς τὸν<sup>2</sup> μέσον τὸ διὰ πέντε τῶ δὲ  
 μέσῳ πρὸς τὸν<sup>3</sup> ἐλάχιστον τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων, ὅτι<sup>4</sup>  
 τοῦ μεγίστου τῶν ὄρων κατὰ νήτην τιθεμένου τοῦ  
 δ' ἐλάχιστου καθ' ὑπάτην ὁ μέσος γίγνεται ὁ<sup>5</sup>  
 Ε κατὰ μέσην πρὸς μὲν<sup>6</sup> τὸν μέγιστον<sup>7</sup> τὸ<sup>8</sup> διὰ πέντε  
 ποιούσαν πρὸς δὲ τὸν ἐλάχιστον<sup>9</sup> τὸ<sup>10</sup> διὰ τεσσάρων·  
 ὥστε γίνεσθαι τὰ ὀκτὼ κατὰ τὴν μέσην τὰ δὲ  
 δώδεκα κατὰ νήτην<sup>11</sup> τὰ δὲ ἕξ καθ' ὑπάτην.

16. Τὸν δὲ τρόπον ᾧ λαμβάνουσι τὰς εἰρημένας  
 μεσότηας ἀπλῶς καὶ σαφῶς Εὐδωρος ἀποδείκ-  
 νυσι. σκόπει δὲ πρότερον ἐπὶ τῆς ἀριθμητικῆς.  
 ἂν γὰρ ἐκθεῖς τοὺς ἄκρους λάβης ἑκατέρου<sup>12</sup> τὸ  
 ἥμισυ μέρος καὶ συνθῆς, ὁ συντεθεῖς ἔσται μέσος ἔν-  
 τε τοῖς<sup>13</sup> διπλασίοις καὶ τοῖς τριπλασίοις ὁμοίως.  
 ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς ὑπεναντίας, ἐν μὲν τοῖς διπλασίοις ἂν  
 τοὺς ἄκρους ἐκθεῖς<sup>14</sup> τοῦ μὲν ἐλάττονος τὸ τρίτον  
 F τοῦ δὲ μείζονος τὸ ἥμισυ λάβης, ὁ συντεθεῖς<sup>15</sup>  
 γίγνεται μέσος· ἐν δὲ τοῖς τριπλασίοις<sup>16</sup> ἀνάπαλιν  
 τοῦ μὲν ἐλάττονος ἥμισυ δεῖ λαβεῖν τοῦ δὲ μεί-  
 ζονος τρίτον, ὁ γὰρ συντεθεῖς οὕτω γίγνεται μέσος.  
 ἔστω γὰρ ἐν τριπλασίῳ λόγῳ τὰ 5' ἐλάχιστος ὄρος

<sup>1</sup> πρὸς τὸν ἐλάχιστον τὸ διὰ πασῶν τῶ δὲ μεγίστω -omitted by f.

<sup>2</sup> τὸν -E (ν superscript -E<sup>1</sup>), B; τὸ -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> τὸ -r.

<sup>4</sup> ὅθεν -B. Müller (1873); ἔτι -Hubert (who also suggests deleting ὅτι . . . τὰ δὲ ἕξ καθ' ὑπάτην as a marginal note).

<sup>5</sup> ὁ -deleted by B. Müller (1873).

<sup>6</sup> μὲν -omitted by r.

<sup>7</sup> πρὸς μὲν τὴν νήτην -B. Müller (1873). <sup>8</sup> τὸν -r, Aldine.

<sup>9</sup> τὸ ἐλάχιστον -r; τὴν ὑπάτην -B. Müller (1873).

<sup>10</sup> τὸ -E, B, r; omitted by all other mss. and Aldine.

<sup>11</sup> κατὰ τὴν νήτην -f, m, r.

<sup>12</sup> ἑκάτερον -r.

relation to the least the octave and by the greatest in relation to the middle term the fifth and by the middle term in relation to the least the fourth, because, the greatest of the terms being placed at *nêtê* and the least at *hypatê*, the middle term turns out to be that at *mesê*, *mesê* in relation to the greatest making the fifth and in relation to the least the fourth, so that eight turns out to be at the *mesê* and twelve at *nêtê* and six at *hypatê*.

16. The way the aforesaid means are found is set forth simply and clearly by Eudorus.<sup>a</sup> Of the two consider first the arithmetical. If you set out the extreme terms and take the half of each and add the two halves together, the resulting sum will be the middle term in the case of the double numbers and of the triple alike.<sup>b</sup> In the case of the subcontrary,<sup>c</sup> however, if in the double numbers you set out the extreme terms and take the third of the lesser and the half of the greater, their sum turns out to be the middle term; but in the triple numbers contrariwise you must take half of the lesser and a third of the greater, for the sum of this addition turns out to be the middle term. For let six be least term and

<sup>a</sup> See note *c* on 1013 *v supra*.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *Quaest. Conviv.* 738 D (. . . *συντεθέντα δ' ἀλλήλοις διπλασιάζει τὸν μέσον*); Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxvii, 7 (pp. 139, 23-140, 2 [Hoche]); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 113, 22-25 and p. 116, 11-13 and 20-22 (Hiller).

<sup>c</sup> See note *b* on 1019 *c supra*.

<sup>13</sup> τοῖς -omitted by f, m, r.

<sup>14</sup> ἂν θεῖς -r.

<sup>15</sup> συντιθείς -r.

<sup>16</sup> ἐν δὲ τοῖς τριπλασίοις . . . οὕτω γίγνεται μέσος -omitted by u.

(1019) τὰ δὲ ἡ' μέγιστος· ἂν οὖν τῶν 5' τὸ ἡμισυ λαβὼν  
 τὰ τρία καὶ τῶν ὀκτὼ καὶ δέκα τὸ τρίτον τὰ 5'  
 συνθῆς,<sup>1</sup> ἕξεις τὰ θ'<sup>2</sup> ταυτῶ μέρει τῶν ἄκρων ὑπερ-  
 έχοντα καὶ ὑπερεχόμενα.<sup>3</sup> οὕτως μὲν αἱ μεσότητες  
 1020 λαμβάνονται. δεῖ δ' αὐτὰς ἐκεῖ παρεντάξαι<sup>4</sup> καὶ  
 ἀναπληρῶσαι τὰ διπλάσια καὶ τριπλάσια διαστή-  
 ματα. τῶν δ' ἐκκειμένων ἀριθμῶν οἱ μὲν οὐδὲ  
 ὄλως μεταξὺ χώραν ἔχουσιν οἱ δ' οὐχ ἰκανῆν·  
 αὐξοντες οὖν αὐτούς,<sup>5</sup> τῶν αὐτῶν λόγων διαμενόν-  
 των, ὑποδοχὰς ποιοῦσιν ἀρκούσας ταῖς εἰρημέναις  
 μεσότησι. καὶ πρῶτον μὲν ἐλάχιστον ἀντὶ<sup>6</sup> τοῦ  
 ἐνὸς τὰ ἕξ θέντες, ἐπεὶ πρῶτος ἡμισύ τε καὶ τρίτον  
 ἔχει μέρος, ἅπαντας ἕξαπλασίους τοὺς ὑποτεταγ-  
 μένους ἐποίησαν,<sup>7</sup> ὡς ὑπογέγραπται,<sup>8</sup> δεχομένους  
 τὰς μεσότητας ἀμφοτέρας καὶ τοῖς διπλασίοις δια-  
 στήμασι καὶ τοῖς τριπλασίοις.<sup>9</sup> εἰρηκότος δὲ τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> E, B, e<sup>corr.</sup> (5 added over cancellation), u; συνθῆ -f, m, r, e<sup>1</sup>, Escor. 72.

<sup>2</sup> τὰ θ' -e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine; τὸν ἐννέα -E; τὸν θ' -B.

<sup>3</sup> e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine; ὑπερεχόμενον -E, B.

<sup>4</sup> παρεντέξαι -e, u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> αὐτούς -omitted by B<sup>1</sup> (added superscript -B<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>6</sup> f, m, r; ὄντι -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> ἐποίησεν -E, B.

<sup>8</sup> The figure (p. 298) -E (lower margin); the figure with numbers but without words -e, u, f, m, Escor. 72 (all in side margins); figure omitted by B, r.

<sup>9</sup> καὶ τοῖς τριπλασίοις -f, m (added in margin by m<sup>1</sup>), r; omitted by all other mss.

<sup>a</sup> The general method of finding the harmonic mean (*m*), where of the extremes  $c > a$ , is given as  $\frac{(c-a)a}{a+c} + a$  by Nico-



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eighteen greatest in a triple ratio : then, if of six you take the half, three, and of eighteen the third, six, and add them together, you will have nine, which exceeds and falls short of the extremes by the same fraction of them.<sup>a</sup> This is the way the means are found ; but one must insert them in that designated position and fill up the double and triple intervals.<sup>b</sup> Of the numbers set out,<sup>c</sup> however, some do not have any room at all between them and others do not have enough ; so by increasing them with the same ratios preserved people produce sufficient accommodations for the aforesaid means.<sup>d</sup> First, for one they substituted as the smallest number six, since it is the first that has both a half and a third ; and all those ranged underneath, as drawn below, they made six times as large with room to admit both the means to the double intervals and the triple too.<sup>e</sup> Plato has

machus (*Arithmetica Introductio* II, xxvii, 7 = p. 140, 8-13 [Hoche]), Theon Smyrnaeus (p. 119, 3-16 [Hiller]), and Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* II, p. 172, 11-18 and pp. 172, 21-173, 4 [Diehl]). None of them gives the simpler formula-

tion,  $m = \frac{2ac}{a+c}$ , although this is implicit in the statement that

the sum of the extremes multiplied by the mean equals twice the product of the extremes, *i.e.*  $m(a+c) = 2ac$ , made both by Nicomachus (*op. cit.* II, xxv, 4 = p. 133, 5-8 [Hoche] and *Harmonices Man.* 8 = *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 251, 3-10 [Jan]) and by Theon Smyrnaeus (pp. 114, 25-115, 4 [Hiller]).

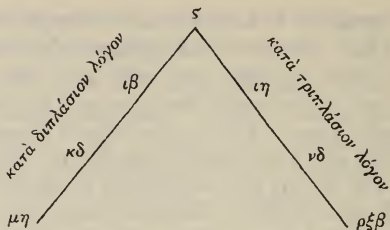
<sup>b</sup> Cf. *Timaeus* 35 c 2—36 A 5 quoted at 1027 B-C *supra*.

<sup>c</sup> See 1019 B *supra* (chap. 15 *init.*) with note *d* there.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. 1027 D *supra* (chap. 30 *init.*): . . . ἀριθμοῖς . . . χῶρας ἔχουσι δεκτικὰς μεταξὺ τῶν εἰρημένων ἀναλογιῶν. . . .

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* II, pp. 175, 22-176, 27 (Diehl) ; Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 51, 8-15 and pp. 51, 25-52, 5 (De Falco) ; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 106, 24-110, 2 (Wrobel) = pp. 89, 19-92, 5 (Waszink).

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Πλάτωνος “ ἡμιολίων δὲ διαστάσεων καὶ ἐπιτρίτων  
 B καὶ ἐπογδόων γενομένων ἐκ<sup>1</sup> τούτων τῶν δεσμῶν  
 ἐν ταῖς πρόσθεν διαστάσεσι, τῷ<sup>2</sup> τοῦ ἐπογδόου δια-  
 στήματι τὰ ἐπιτρίτα πάντα συνεπληροῦτο λείπων<sup>3</sup>  
 αὐτῶν ἐκάστου<sup>4</sup> μόριον, τῆς τοῦ<sup>5</sup> μορίου ταύτης  
 διαστάσεως λειφθείσης<sup>6</sup> ἀριθμοῦ πρὸς ἀριθμὸν ἐχού-  
 σης τοὺς ὄρους σ' καὶ ν' καὶ σ'<sup>7</sup> πρὸς γ'<sup>8</sup> καὶ μ'<sup>9</sup>  
 καὶ σ',<sup>10</sup> διὰ ταύτην τὴν λέξιν ἠναγκάζοντο πάλιν  
 τοὺς ἀριθμοὺς ἐπανάγειν καὶ μείζονας ποιεῖν. ἔδει  
 μὲν γὰρ ἐφεξῆς ἐπόγδοα γίνεσθαι δύο· τῆς δὲ  
 ἐξάδος οὗτ' αὐτόθεν ἐπόγδοον ἐχούσης, εἴ τε τέμ-  
 νοιτο, κερματιζομένων εἰς μόρια τῶν μονάδων,  
 δυσθεωρήτου τῆς μαθήσεως ἐσομένης, αὐτὸ<sup>11</sup> τὸ  
 C πρᾶγμα τὸν πολλαπλασιασμόν<sup>12</sup> ὑπηγόρευσεν, ὡς-

<sup>1</sup> E, B, f, m, r; εἰς -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> διαστάσαισι τὸ -u.

<sup>3</sup> f, m, r; συνεπλήρου τὸ λείπον -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> f, m, r; ἐκάστῳ -all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> τῆς δὲ τοῦ -f, m, r.

<sup>6</sup> ληφθείσης -E, B.

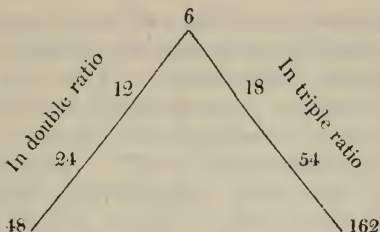
<sup>7</sup> εἶ καὶ πεντήκοντα καὶ διακόσια -E, B; ... διακοσίαν -1027 c  
*supra* and *Timaeus* 36 B 4.

<sup>8</sup> πρὸς τρία πρὸς τρία -E<sup>1</sup> (first two words cancelled).

<sup>9</sup> πρὸς τρία μ̄ -u.

<sup>10</sup> πρὸς τρία καὶ τεσσαράκοντα καὶ διακόσια -E, B.

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said,<sup>a</sup> however, “since as a result of these links in the previous intervals there came to be intervals of three to two and of four to three and of nine to eight, he filled in all the intervals of four to three with the interval of nine to eight leaving a fraction of each of them, this remaining interval of the fraction having the terms of the numerical ratio 256 to 243”; and because of this passage they were compelled again to raise the numbers and make them larger. For next in succession there had to come two sesquioctavans<sup>b</sup>; but, as six of itself does not have a sesquioctavan and, if it should be divided with the units broken up into fractions,<sup>c</sup> understanding the subject would be an obscure matter,<sup>d</sup> the situation itself prescribed the multiplication, just as in har-

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 36 A 6-B 5 quoted at 1027 c *supra*.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 176, 27-177, 3 (Diehl); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 67, 16-21 (Hiller); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 115, 6-116, 8 (Wrobel)=p. 97, 3-24 (Waszink).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 177, 21 (Diehl):  
 . . . τοῖς ἄτμητον τὴν μονάδα φυλάττειν αἰεὶ βουλομένοις.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. 1027 ε *supra*: . . . ἀμυδρὰν ποιεῖ τὴν μάθησιν . . .

<sup>11</sup> αὐτῶ -u.

<sup>12</sup> f, m, r; πολυπλασιασμὸν -all other mss.

(1020) περ ἐν ἀρμονικῇ μεταβολῇ τοῦ διαγράμματος ὄλου  
 συνεπιτεινομένου τῷ πρώτῳ τῶν ἀριθμῶν. ὁ μὲν  
 οὖν Εὐδωρος ἐπακολουθήσας Κράντορι πρώτον  
 ἔλαβε τὸν τπδ', ὃς γίγνεται τοῦ ἐξ' ἐπὶ τὰ ξδ' πολ-  
 λαπλασιασθέντος· ἐπηγάγετο δ' αὐτοὺς ὁ τῶν ξδ'  
 ἀριθμὸς<sup>1</sup> ἐπόγδοον ἔχων τὸν οβ'.<sup>2</sup> τοῖς δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ  
 Πλάτωνος λεγομένοις συμφωνότερόν ἐστιν ὑπο-  
 θέσθαι τὸ ἡμισυ τούτου· τὸ γὰρ<sup>3</sup> λείμμα τὸ<sup>4</sup> τῶν  
 ἐπογδώων ἔξει λόγον ἐν ἀριθμοῖς οὓς ὁ Πλάτων  
 εἴρηκεν σ' καὶ ν' καὶ σ' πρὸς γ' καὶ μ' καὶ σ', τῶν  
 D ρφβ' πρώτων τιθεμένων. ἂν δὲ ὁ τούτου διπλά-  
 σιος τεθῆ<sup>5</sup> πρώτος, ἔσται τὸ λείμμα λόγον μὲν ἔχον  
 τὸν αὐτὸν ἀριθμὸν δὲ τὸν διπλάσιον, ὃν ἔχει τὰ φιβ'  
 πρὸς υψς'<sup>6</sup>. γίγνεται γὰρ ἐπίτριτα τῶν μὲν ρφβ'<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ἀριθμοὺς -u.

<sup>2</sup> τὸν οβ' -B; τὸν οη πρὸς τὸν οβ -E<sup>1</sup> (τὸν οη πρὸς cancelled); τὸν η̄ καὶ ο̄ (ὁ -f, m, r) πρὸς τὸν οβ -all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> τούτου, τὸ γὰρ -f, m, r; τούτου (τρίτου -B) γὰρ τὸ -all other mss.

<sup>4</sup> τὸ -Maurommates; τὸν -mss.

<sup>5</sup> τιθῆ -r.

<sup>6</sup> E, B, e, u, Escor. 72 (with δ superscript over σ); υοδ' -f, m, r; υπδ' -Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> ρσβ' -u.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, pp. 54, 13-55, 1 and p. 55, 4-5 and 7-9 (Düring).

<sup>b</sup> Crantor, frag. 5 (Kayser)=frag. 5 (Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, pp. 141-143). Plutarch's expression suggests that his immediate source was Eudorus (see note a on 1019 E *supra*).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. "Timaeus Locrus" 96 B; Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 68, 12-69, 3 (Hiller); Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 178, 2-11 (Diehl). The integer 384 is mentioned by Chalcidius too (*Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 116, 19-117, 1 [Wrobel]=p. 98, 9-11 [Waszink]) but only in passing as

monic transposition the whole scale is raised in pitch along with the first of the numbers.<sup>a</sup> Eudorus, then, following Crantor<sup>b</sup> took as the first of the numbers 384,<sup>c</sup> which is the product of six multiplied by 64; and they were attracted by the number 64 because it has 72 as sesquioctavan.<sup>d</sup> It is more in accord with Plato's words, however, to assume the half of this number, for the "leimma" that is left after the sesquioctavans are taken<sup>e</sup> will have its ratio expressed in the numbers that Plato has given, 256 to 243, if 192 is made the first number.<sup>f</sup> If the double of this be made the first number, the "leimma" will be the same in ratio, to be sure, but double in number, being as 512 is to 486, for four thirds of 192 come to

another possibility. Severus adopted 768, twice 384, in order to make the whole scale end with a "leimma" (Proclus, *op. cit.*, ii, pp. 191, 1-192, 12 [Diehl]).

<sup>a</sup> Contrast Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 68, 13-69, 1 (Hiller) and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 177, 3-7 (Diehl).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. 1022 A *infra* (ἀφαιρουμένου δὲ τούτου [*scil.* διτόνου] περίεστι τοῦ ὄλου . . .) and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 177, 10-13 (Diehl).

<sup>f</sup> So it was by Theon Smyrnaeus (pp. 67, 21-68, 12 and 86, 15-87, 3 [Hiller], with which cf. Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 130, 9-16 [Düring]), by Chalcidius (*Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 116, 12-118, 3 [Wrobel]=pp. 98, 3-99, 9 [Waszink]), and by Aristides Quintilianus (*De Musica* iii, 1 [p. 96, 25-28, Winnington-Ingram]). Plutarch's argument for 192 (see 1021 F—1022 A *infra*, and cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 69, 3-6 [Hiller]) is invalid, however, first because Plato speaks only of ratios (cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 69, 7-9 [Hiller], and see note *d* on 1018 E *supra*) and furthermore because 192 would not serve the purpose of clearing fractions after the first fourth but in the second would give 288, 324, 364½ (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 177, 8-30 [Diehl]), as Chalcidius himself duly records without recognizing the implication of it (*loc. cit.*, pp. 117, 18-118, 3 [Wrobel]=p. 99, 6-9 [Waszink]).

(1020) τὰ σvs' τῶν<sup>1</sup> δὲ τπδ' τὰ φιβ'. καὶ οὐκ ἄλογος ἡ ἐπὶ τοῦτον ἀναγωγὴ τὸν ἀριθμὸν<sup>2</sup> ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῖς περὶ τὸν Κράντορα παρασχοῦσα τὸ<sup>3</sup> εὐλογον· τὰ γὰρ ξδ' καὶ κύβος ἐστὶν ἀπὸ πρώτου τετραγώνου καὶ τετράγωνος ἀπὸ πρώτου κύβου γενόμενος δ' ἐπὶ τὸν γ',<sup>4</sup> πρώτον ὄντα περιττὸν<sup>5</sup> καὶ πρώτον τρίγωνον καὶ πρώτον τέλειον ὄντα καὶ ἡμιόλιον, ρ<sup>ο</sup>β' Ε πεποιήκεν, ἔχοντα καὶ αὐτὸν ἐπόγδοον, ὡς δεῖξομεν.

17. Πρότερον δὲ τί τὸ λεῖμμα ἐστὶ καὶ τίς ἡ διάνοια τοῦ Πλάτωνος μᾶλλον κατόψεσθε τῶν εἰωθότων ἐν ταῖς Πυθαγορικαῖς σχολαῖς λέγεσθαι βραχέως ὑπομνησθέντες. ἔστι γὰρ διάστημα ἐν μελωδίᾳ πᾶν τὸ περιεχόμενον ὑπὸ δυεῖν φθόγγων ἀνομοίωιν τῇ τάσει· τῶν δὲ διαστημάτων ἐν ὁ κα-

<sup>1</sup> E, B, f, m, r; τὰ -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> τούτων ἀναγωγία τῶν ἀριθμῶν -r; τούτων ἀναγωγὴ τῶν ἀριθμῶν -f, m. <sup>3</sup> τὸν -f<sup>1</sup>. <sup>4</sup> τὸν τρία -E, B.

<sup>5</sup> περιττὸν καὶ πρώτον . . . τέλειον ὄντα -omitted by r.

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* 192 (not Crantor's 384). Plutarch contends in what follows that the use of 64 as multiplier, by which 192 is originally reached, is what made Crantor's procedure appear to be reasonable. In the procedure as given by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 177, 3-26 [Diehl]) 64 is first taken (lines 3-4; *cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 67, 21-68, 1 [Hiller]) and is then multiplied by three to give 192 (line 8; *cf.* Plutarch *infra* and Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 68, 3-4 [Hiller]), and finally 192 is doubled to give 384 (lines 22-26).

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* 64 = 4<sup>3</sup> = 8<sup>2</sup>. *Cf.* Philo Jud., *De Opificio Mundi* 93 and 106 (i, p. 32, 1-4 and p. 38, 2-6 [Cohn]); Anatolius, p. 35, 14-16 (Heiberg) = Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 54, 13-15 (De Falco). For eight as the first cubic number see note *a* on page 281 *supra*.

<sup>c</sup> See note *e* on page 279 *supra*.

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256 but of 384 to 512. Raising it to this number <sup>a</sup> is not unreasonable either but even for Crantor and his followers is the source of what is reasonable in their procedure, for 64 is both a cubic number from the first square number and a square number from the first cubic number <sup>b</sup> and, multiplied by three, which is the first odd <sup>c</sup> and first triangular number <sup>d</sup> and the first perfect <sup>e</sup> and first sesquialteran number, <sup>f</sup> makes 192, which itself has a sesquioctavan also, as we shall show. <sup>g</sup>

17. What the "leimma" is and what is Plato's meaning you will perceive more clearly, however, after having first been reminded briefly of the customary statements in the Pythagorean treatises. For an interval in music is all that is encompassed by two sounds dissimilar in pitch <sup>h</sup>; and of the intervals

<sup>a</sup> See note *c* on *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 F *supra*.

<sup>c</sup> Cf. *Quaest. Romanae* 288 D, *De Iside* 374 A, *Fabius Maximus* iv, 7 (176 D), and *Quaest. Conviv.* 738 F and 744 B for the different senses in which three and six is each the "first perfect number"; cf. also Anatolius, p. 31, 7-9 (Heiberg)=Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, p. 17, 4-5 (De Falco) and for six see note *c* on 1018 c *supra*.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Nicomachus, *Arithmetica Introductio* I, xix, 2-3 (p. 49, 10-19 [Hoche]); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 81, 1-2 (Hiller); Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* I, vi, 43 ("primus hemiolius tria . . .").

<sup>g</sup> See 1021 F *infra*.

<sup>h</sup> This is not the same as the definition given in 1026 A *supra* (page 253, note *a*) and is not the "Pythagorean" definition but is that of Aristoxenus (*Elementa Harmonica* I, 15, 25-32) and his followers, as Porphyry says (*In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 91, 1-3; p. 93, 19-28; p. 125, 16-24; p. 128, 5-6 [Düring]). Cf. Cleonides and Gaudentius in *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 179, 11-12 and pp. 329, 23-330, 4 (Jan); and Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* I, 7 (p. 10, 18-19 [Winnington-Ingram]).

(1020) λούμενος τόνος, ᾧ τὸ διὰ πέντε μεῖζόν ἐστι τοῦ διὰ τεσσάρων. τοῦτον οἱ μὲν ἄρμονικοὶ δίχα τεμνόμενον οἴονται δύο διαστήματα ποιεῖν, ὧν ἑκάτερον ἡμιτόνιον καλοῦσιν· οἱ δὲ Πυθαγορικοὶ τὴν μὲν εἰς ἴσα τομὴν ἀπέγνωσαν αὐτοῦ τῶν δὲ τμημάτων ἀνίσων ὄντων λείμμα τὸ ἔλαττον ὀνομάζουσιν, ὅτι τοῦ ἡμίσεος<sup>1</sup> ἀπολείπει. διὸ καὶ τῶν συμφωνιῶν τὴν διὰ τεσσάρων οἱ μὲν δυεῖν τόνων καὶ ἡμιτονίου ποιοῦσιν οἱ δὲ δυεῖν καὶ λείμματος. μαρτυρεῖν δὲ δοκεῖ τοῖς μὲν ἄρμονικοῖς ἢ αἴσθησις τοῖς δὲ μαθηματικοῖς ἢ ἀπόδειξις, ἧς τοιοῦτος ὁ τρόπος ἐστίν·

<sup>1</sup> ἡμίσεως -e, u, m<sup>1</sup> (corrected), Escor. 72<sup>1</sup> (corrected).

<sup>a</sup> This definition also is not "Pythagorean" but is that of Aristoxenus (*Elementa Harmonica* i, 21, 20-24 and ii, 46, 1-2), sharply criticized by Ptolemy (*Harmonica*, pp. 20, 13-21, 20 [Düring]; cf. Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 126, 7-19 [Düring]); cf. Bacchius and Gaudentius (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 293, 6-7 and p. 338, 11-12 [Jan]) and Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 53, 5-8 (Hiller).

<sup>b</sup> Aristoxenus, *Elementa Harmonica* ii, 46, 3 and 57, 11-12; cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 53, 8-10 (Hiller) and Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* III, i (p. 268, 21-25 [Friedlein]). By οἱ ἄρμονικοὶ here Plutarch means neither theorists earlier than Aristoxenus (*Elementa Harmonica* i, 2, 8-11 and ii, 40, 25-26) nor "dilettanti" (Maria Timpanaro Cardini, *Pitagorici: Testimonianze e Frammenti*, Fasc. ii [Firenze, 1962], p. 213 note) but Aristoxenus and his followers, as is confirmed by οἱ μὲν δυεῖν τόνων καὶ ἡμιτονίου ποιοῦσιν *infra*.

<sup>c</sup> See 1017 F *supra* (. . . τὴν εἰς ἴσα τοῦ τόνου διανομὴν ἀπογινώσκοντες) and cf. Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 67, 3-8 (Düring); Euclid,  *Sectio Canonis* 16; Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 53, 13-15 (Hiller); Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* III, i and xi (pp. 269, 32-270, 1 and pp. 285, 9-286, 4 [Friedlein]=Archytas, frag. A 19 [D.-K.]).

<sup>d</sup> See 1018 E *supra* (page 285, note e).

<sup>e</sup> Aristoxenus, *Elementa Harmonica* i, 24, 9-11 and ii, 46, 2 and 56, 14-58, 5. Cf. Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, p. 21, 21-22 and Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 67, 10-12 (Hiller).



one is what is called the tone, that by which the fifth is greater than the fourth.<sup>a</sup> The harmonists think that this, when divided in two, makes two intervals, each of which they call a semitone<sup>b</sup>; but the Pythagoreans denied that it is divisible into equal parts<sup>c</sup> and, as the segments are unequal, name the lesser of them "leimma" because it falls short of the half.<sup>d</sup> This is also why among the consonances the fourth is by the former made to consist of two tones and a semitone<sup>e</sup> and by the latter of two and a "leimma."<sup>f</sup> Sense-perception seems to testify in favour of the harmonists but in favour of the mathematicians<sup>g</sup> demonstration,<sup>h</sup> the manner of which is

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Philolaus, frag. B 6 (i, p. 410, 3-8 [D.-K.] with note *e* on 1019 A *supra*); Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, pp. 22, 17-23, 3 (Düring); Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 183, 20-21 and 23-25 (Diehl).

<sup>g</sup> *i.e.* the Pythagoreans just mentioned; see 1021 D *infra* (*ὀρθῶς ὑπὸ τῶν μαθηματικῶν λείμμα προσηγόρευται*) and note *d* on 1019 A *supra*.

<sup>h</sup> Cf. Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, pp. 21, 25-22, 1 (Düring); and Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 69, 17-70, 1 (Hiller), where *οἱ μὴ λόγῳ ἀλλὰ τῇ ἀκοῇ ταῦτα κρίνοντες* is the conventional characterization of the Aristoxenians (*cf.* Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 170, 7-10 [Diehl]; Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* II, xxxi and III, i=p. 267, 4-5 and p. 268, 21-22 [Friedlein]) in contrast to the Pythagoreans, who made reason, *i.e.* mathematical demonstration, the criterion of musical science (*cf.* [Plutarch], *De Musica*, 1144 F; Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* iii, 2=p. 97, 3-7 [Winnington-Ingram]; Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, p. 6, 1-13 [Düring]; Ptolemais of Cyrene in Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, pp. 25, 9-26, 4 [Düring]). For the attitude of Aristoxenus himself *cf.* his *Elementa Harmonica* ii, 32, 10-33, 2. Theophrastus spoke of *τῶν ἁρμονικῶν καὶ αἰσθήσει κρίνοντων* in contrast to those who made numerical ratio the criterion (Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 62, 2-3 [Düring]=Theophrastus, frag. 89, 2 [Wimmer]).

- (1020) ἐλήφθη διὰ τῶν ὀργάνων θεωρηθὲν<sup>1</sup> ὅτι τὸ μὲν διὰ πασῶν τὸν διπλάσιον λόγον ἔχει τὸ δὲ διὰ πέντε τὸν ἡμιόλιον τὸ δὲ διὰ τεσσάρων τὸν ἐπίτριτον ὁ δὲ 1021 τόνος τὸν ἐπόγδοον. ἕξεσι<sup>2</sup> δὲ καὶ νῦν βασανίσαι τάληθες ἢ<sup>3</sup> βάρη δυεῖν ἄνισα χορδῶν ἐξαρτήσαντας ἢ δυεῖν ἰσοκοίλων αὐλῶν τὸν ἕτερον μήκει διπλάσιον τοῦ<sup>4</sup> ἑτέρου ποιήσαντας· τῶν μὲν γὰρ αὐλῶν ὁ μείζων βαρύτερον φθέγγεται<sup>5</sup> ὡς ὑπάτη πρὸς νήτην,<sup>6</sup> τῶν δὲ χορδῶν ἢ τῶ διπλασίῳ κατατεινόμενῃ βάρει<sup>7</sup> τῆς ἑτέρας ὀξύτερον ὡς νήτη πρὸς ὑπάτην. τοῦτο δ' ἐστὶ διὰ πασῶν.<sup>8</sup> ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ τρία πρὸς δύο ληφθέντα μήκη καὶ βάρη τὸ διὰ πέντε ποιήσει καὶ τέσσαρα πρὸς τρία τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων, ὧν τοῦτο μὲν ἐπίτριτον ἔχει λόγον ἐκείνο δὲ ἡμιόλιον. εἰ δὲ ὡς ἐννέα πρὸς ὀκτὼ γένηται<sup>9</sup> τῶν

<sup>1</sup> ληφθὲν -r<sup>1</sup> (corrected in margin).

<sup>2</sup> ἕστι -f, m, Escor. 72; ἕσται -r<sup>1</sup> (ι superscript over ai -r<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>3</sup> εἰ -r.

<sup>4</sup> τοῦ -omitted by r.

<sup>5</sup> φθέγγεται -B.

<sup>6</sup> νήτην -omitted by r.

<sup>7</sup> βάρη -e, u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup> (corrected).

<sup>8</sup> ἐστὶ <τὸ> διὰ πασῶν -Hubert; but cf. 1018 D *supra* (πρὸς δὲ τὰ 5' διὰ πασῶν ὡς νήτη πρὸς ὑπάτην).

<sup>9</sup> E, B; γίνεται -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine; γίνηται -f, m, r.

<sup>a</sup> The following two experiments are ascribed to "various Pythagoreans" by Porphyry (*In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, pp. 119, 13-120, 7 [Düring]) and to Pythagoras himself by Censorinus (*De Die Natali* x, 8-12=pp. 17, 19-19, 2 [Hultsch]). Introduced by the story of the blacksmith's hammers, they are among those ascribed to Pythagoras by Nicomachus (*Harmonices Man.* 6 = *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 246, 5-248, 26 [Jan]), whose account was copied by Iamblichus (*Vita Pyth.* 115-119). Versions similar to this are given by Gaudentius (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 340, 4-341, 25 [Jan]), Macrobius (*In Somnium Scipionis* II, i, 9-14), and Boethius (*De Institutione Musica* I, x-xi). The

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as follows. It has been found by observation with instruments that the octave has the duple ratio and the fifth the sesquialteran and the fourth the sesquitercian and the tone the sesquioctavan. It is possible even now to test the truth of this <sup>a</sup> either by suspending unequal weights from two strings or by making one of two pipes with equal cavities double the length of the other, for of the two pipes the larger will sound lower as hypatê to nêtê and of the strings the one stretched by the double weight will sound higher than the other as nêtê to hypatê. This is an octave.<sup>b</sup> Similarly too, when lengths and weights of three to two are taken, they will produce the fifth and of four to three the fourth, the latter of which has sesquitercian ratio and the former sesquialteran. If the inequality of the weights or the

longest account of such experiments but without the story of the hammers is given—in part from Adrastus—by Theon Smyrnaeus (pp. 57, 1-61, 11; pp. 65, 10-66, 11; p. 66, 20-23 [Hiller]), whereas of them all Chalcidius (*Platonis Timaeus*, p. 112, 16-19 [Wrobel]=p. 94, 14-16 [Waszink]) mentions—and ascribes to Pythagoras—only that with the suspended weights (*cf.* Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* iii, 1=pp. 94, 11-95, 7 [Winnington-Ingram]). The experiments were dismissed as “inexact” by Ptolemy (*Harmonica*, pp. 16, 32-17, 20 [Düring]) but without mention and presumably without knowledge of the physical laws that make their professed results erroneous (*cf.* Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, pp. 354-357).

<sup>b</sup> The double weight would not produce an octave, for the frequency of vibration and hence the pitch varies with the square root of the weight stretching the string. For the opposite effect of increasing the length of the pipe and the weight suspended from the string *cf.* Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 4 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 243, 10-244, 9 [Jan]) and Censorinus, *De Die Natali* x, 12 (pp. 18, 24-19, 2 [Hultsch]).

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B βαρῶν ἢ τῶν μηκῶν ἢ ἀνισότης, ποιήσει διάστημα  
 τονιαῖον οὐ σύμφωνον ἀλλ' ἐμμελές, ὡς εἰπεῖν ἔμ-  
 βραχυ, τῷ<sup>1</sup> τοὺς φθόγγους, ἂν ἀνὰ μέρος κρου-  
 σθῶσι, παρέχειν ἠδὺ φωνοῦντας καὶ προσηνές, ἂν  
 δὲ ὁμοῦ, τραχὺ<sup>2</sup> καὶ λυπηρόν· ἐν δὲ ταῖς συμφω-  
 νίαις, κἂν ὁμοῦ κρούωνται κἂν ἐναλλάξ, ἠδέως προσ-  
 ἰεται τὴν συνήχησιν<sup>3</sup> ἢ αἰσθησις. οὐ μὴν ἀλλὰ  
 καὶ<sup>4</sup> διὰ λόγου τοῦτο δεικνύουσιν. ἐν μὲν γὰρ ἀρ-  
 μονία τὸ διὰ πασῶν ἔκ τε τοῦ διὰ πέντε σύγκειται  
 καὶ τοῦ διὰ τεσσάρων, ἐν δ' ἀριθμοῖς τὸ διπλάσιον  
 ἔκ τε τοῦ ἡμιολίου καὶ τοῦ ἐπιτρίτου· τὰ γὰρ ιβ'  
 τῶν μὲν θ' ἐστὶν ἐπίτριτα τῶν δ' ἢ ἡμιόλια τῶν  
 C δὲ σ' διπλάσια. σύνθετος οὖν ὁ τοῦ διπλασίου<sup>5</sup>  
 λόγος ἐστὶν ἐκ τοῦ ἡμιολίου καὶ τοῦ ἐπιτρίτου  
 καθάπερ ὁ τοῦ διὰ πασῶν ἐκ<sup>6</sup> τοῦ διὰ πέντε καὶ  
 τοῦ διὰ τεσσάρων, ἀλλὰ κάκει τὸ διὰ πέντε τοῦ  
 διὰ τεσσάρων τόνῳ κἀνταῦθα τὸ ἡμιόλιον τοῦ ἐπι-  
 τρίτου τῷ ἐπογδόῳ μείζον ἐστι. φαίνεται τοίνυν  
 ὅτι τὸ διὰ πασῶν τὸν διπλάσιον λόγον ἔχει καὶ τὸ  
 διὰ πέντε τὸν ἡμιόλιον καὶ τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων τὸν  
 ἐπίτριτον καὶ ὁ τόνος τὸν ἐπόγδοον.

18. Ἀποδεδειγμένου δὲ τούτου, σκοπῶμεν εἰ  
 δίχα τέμνεσθαι πέφυκε τὸ ἐπόγδοον<sup>7</sup>. εἰ γὰρ μὴ

<sup>1</sup> τὸ -e, u, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> παχὺ -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> συνήθειαν -B; σύγχυσις -r.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ -omitted by u.

<sup>5</sup> διπλάσιον -u.

<sup>6</sup> εἰς -e, u, Escor. 72<sup>1</sup> (corrected in margin).

<sup>7</sup> ἀποδεδειγμένου . . . τὸ ἐπόγδοον -omitted by f.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 6 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 246, 11-14 [Jan]); Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, p. 15, 10-17 and p. 16, 14-16 and 25-28 (Düring); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 49, 4-5 and p. 75, 15-17 (Hiller).

lengths be made as nine to eight, however, it will produce an interval, that of the tone, not concordant but tuneful<sup>a</sup> because, to put it briefly, the notes it gives, if they are struck successively, sound sweet and agreeable but, if struck together, harsh and painful, whereas in the case of consonances, whether they be struck together or alternately, the sense accepts with pleasure the combination of sound.<sup>b</sup> What is more, they give a rational demonstration of this too.<sup>c</sup> The reason is that in a musical scale the octave is composed of the fifth and the fourth and arithmetically the duple is composed of the sesquialter and the sesquiterce, for twelve is four thirds of nine and half again as much as eight and twice as much as six. Therefore the ratio of the duple is composite of the sesquialter and the sesquiterce just as that of the octave is of the fifth and the fourth, but in that case the fifth is greater than the fourth by a tone and in this the sesquialter greater than the sesquiterce by a sesquioctave.<sup>d</sup> It is apparent, then, that the octave has the duple ratio and the fifth the sesquialteran and the fourth the sesquitercian and the tone the sesquioctavan.

18. Now that this has been demonstrated, let us see whether the sesquioctave is susceptible of being

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Adrastus in Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 50, 22-51, 4 (Hiller) and Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 96, 1-6 (Düring); Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 12 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 262, 1-5 [Jan]).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Adrastus in Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 61, 20-23 and with the following demonstration Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 62, 1-63, 2 (Hiller); Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 113, 1-20 (Wrobel)=p. 95, 1-15 (Waszink); Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, pp. 11, 24-12, 1 (Düring).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Euclid, *Sectio Canonis* 13.

(1021) πέφυκεν, οὐδὲ ὁ τόνος. ἐπειδὴ<sup>1</sup> πρῶτοι<sup>2</sup> τὸν ἐπόγ-  
 D δσον λόγον ὁ θ' καὶ ὁ η' ποιοῦντες οὐδὲν διάστημα  
 μέσον ἔχουσι διπλασιασθέντων δ' ἀμφοτέρων ὁ  
 παρεμπίπτων μεταξύ δύο ποιεῖ διαστήματα, δῆλον  
 ὅτι τούτων μὲν ἴσων ὄντων δίχα τέμνεται τὸ ἐπόγ-  
 δοον. ἀλλὰ μὴν διπλάσια γίνεταί τῶν μὲν θ'  
 τὰ ιη' τῶν δ' η' τὰ ις', δέχονται δὲ οὗτοι μεταξύ  
 τὰ ιζ' καὶ γίνεταί τῶν διαστημάτων τὸ μὲν μεῖζον  
 τὸ δ' ἔλαττον· ἔστι γὰρ τὸ μὲν πρότερον ἐφεπτα-  
 καιδέκατον τὸ δὲ δεύτερον ἐφεξκαιδέκατον. εἰς  
 ἄνισα τοίνυν τέμνεται τὸ ἐπόγδοον· εἰ δὲ τοῦτο, καὶ  
 ὁ τόνος. οὐδέτερον ἄρα γίνεταί διαιρεθέντος  
 αὐτοῦ τῶν τμημάτων ἡμιτόνιον, ἀλλ' ὀρθῶς ὑπὸ  
 E τῶν μαθηματικῶν λείμμα<sup>3</sup> προσηγόρευται. καὶ  
 τοῦτ' ἐστὶν ὃ φησὶν ὁ Πλάτων τὰ ἐπίτριτα<sup>4</sup> τοῖς  
 ἐπογδόοις συμπληροῦντα τὸν θεὸν λείπειν ἐκάστου  
 μόριον αὐτῶν, οὗ λόγος ἐστὶν ὃν ἔχει τὰ 5' καὶ 1'  
 καὶ 3' πρὸς τὰ 2' καὶ 1' καὶ 3'. εἰλήφθω γὰρ τὸ  
 διὰ τεσσάρων ἐν ἀριθμοῖς δυσι τὸν ἐπίτριτον λόγον

<sup>1</sup> ἐπεὶ δὲ -Stephanus.

<sup>2</sup> πρῶτον -r, Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> λείμμα <τὸ ἔλαττον> -Maurommates.

<sup>4</sup> f, m, r; τὰ τρίτα -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> With the following demonstration cf. *Anon. in Platonis Theaetetus* (Pap. Berl. 9782), cols. 34, 47-35, 12 (p. 23 [Diels-Schubart]); Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* iii, 1 (pp. 95, 19-96, 4 [Winnington-Ingram]); Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* iii, i (p. 270, 4-18 [Friedlein]); and Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 179, 18-25 (Diehl).

<sup>b</sup> This is inconsistent with the statement that between nine and eight there is *no* interval. The authors cited in the last preceding note speak of numbers and ratios rather than intervals, whereas Theon Smyrnaeus (p. 70, 1-3 and 15-16 [Hiller]) asserts that the sesquioctave is indivisible because the interval of nine to eight, *i.e.* the unit, is indivisible.

divided in half, for, if it is not, neither is the tone.<sup>a</sup> Since nine and eight, the first numbers producing the sesquioctavan ratio, have no intermediate interval but between them when both are doubled the intervening number produces two intervals,<sup>b</sup> it is clear that, if these intervals are equal, the sesquioctave is divided in half. But now twice nine is eighteen and twice eight sixteen; and between them these numbers contain seventeen, and one of the intervals turns out to be larger and the other smaller, for the former is eighteen seventeenths and the second is seventeen sixteenths. It is into unequal parts, then, that the sesquioctave is divided; and, if this is, the tone is also. Neither of its segments, therefore, when it is divided, turns out to be a semitone; but it<sup>c</sup> has rightly been called by the mathematicians "leimma."<sup>d</sup> This is just what Plato says<sup>e</sup> god in filling in the sesquiterces with the sesquioctaves leaves a fraction of each of them, the ratio of which is 256 to 243. For<sup>f</sup> let the fourth be taken as expressed by two numbers comprising the sesquitercian

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* what is commonly called the semitone, for λέγεται κοινῶς μὲν ἡμυτόνιον ἰδίως δὲ λείμμα (Gaudentius in *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 342, 7-11 [Jan]; *cf. ibid.*, p. 344, 5-6 and Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 53, 8-13 [Hiller] with Porphyry, *In Ptolemaei Harmonica*, p. 67, 5-8 [Düring]).

<sup>d</sup> See *supra* 1020 E-F and 1019 A, notes *d* and *e*.

<sup>e</sup> This sentence is a paraphrase of *Timaeus* 36 B 1-5, quoted *supra* 1027 c and 1020 B.

<sup>f</sup> With what follows in the rest of this chapter *cf.* especially Nicomachus, *Excerpta* 2 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 267, 2-268, 2 [Jan]). *Cf.* also Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 117, 1-11 and 118, 4-16 (Wrobel) = pp. 98, 11-99, 1 and 99, 10-19 (Waszink); Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* III, ii (pp. 272, 11-273, 14 [Friedlein]); and most succinctly Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 177, 8-13 (Diehl).

- (1021) περιέχουσι, τοῖς σνς' καὶ τοῖς ρ<sup>ο</sup>β', ὧν ὁ μὲν ἐλάττων, τὰ ρ<sup>ο</sup>β', κείσθω κατὰ τὸν βαρύτατον<sup>1</sup> τοῦ τετραχόρδου φθόγγον<sup>2</sup> ὁ δὲ μείζων, τὰ σνς', κατὰ τὸν ὀξύτατον. ἀποδεικτέον ὅτι, τούτου συμπληρουμένου δυσὶν ἐπογδόοις, λείπεται διάστημα τηλικούτον ἡλικὸν ὡς ἐν ἀριθμοῖς τὰ 5' καὶ ν' καὶ σ' πρὸς τὰ γ' καὶ μ' καὶ σ'.<sup>3</sup> τοῦ γὰρ βαρυτέρου F τόνον<sup>4</sup> ἐπιταθέντος,<sup>5</sup> ὅπερ ἐστὶν ἐπόγδοον, γίγνεται σισ'.<sup>6</sup> τούτου πάλιν τόνον ἄλλον<sup>7</sup> ἐπιταθέντος, γίγνεται σμγ'. ταῦτα μὲν γὰρ ὑπερέχει τῶν σισ' τοῖς κζ' τὰ δὲ σισ'<sup>8</sup> τῶν ρ<sup>ο</sup>β' τοῖς κδ', ὧν τὰ μὲν κζ' τῶν σισ' ὄγδοά<sup>9</sup> ἐστὶ τὰ δὲ κδ' τῶν ρ<sup>ο</sup>β'. διὸ γίγνεται τῶν τριῶν τούτων ἀριθμῶν ὃ τε μέγιστος ἐπόγδοος τοῦ μέσου καὶ ὁ μέσος τοῦ ἐλαχίστου· τὸ δ' ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐλαχίστου<sup>10</sup> διάστημα μέχρι τοῦ μεγίστου, τουτέστι τὸ ἀπὸ τῶν ρ<sup>ο</sup>β' μέχρι τῶν σμγ',<sup>11</sup>
- 1022 δίτονον<sup>12</sup> ἐκ δυεῖν συμπληρούμενον<sup>13</sup> ἐπογδόων. ἀφαιρουμένου δὲ τούτου, περίεστι τοῦ ὄλου διάστημα λοιπὸν τὸ μεταξὺ τῶν σμγ' καὶ τῶν σνς', τὰ ιγ'. διὸ καὶ λείμμα τοῦτον τὸν ἀριθμὸν ὠνόμαζον.

<sup>1</sup> τὸν βαρύτατον -f; τὸ βαρύτατον -m, r; τὸν βαρυτέρον -E, B, c, u; τὸν βαρύτονον -Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> φθόγγου -u.

<sup>3</sup> πρὸς τὰ γ' καὶ μ' καὶ σ' -f, m, r (ἔχει πρὸς . . . σ' -Turnebus); omitted by E, B, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> τόνον -Benseler (*De Hiatu*, p. 528); τόνω -mss.

<sup>5</sup> ἐπιθέντος -f.

<sup>6</sup> σισ' -E, B, e, Escor. 72; σιβ' -u; τὰ σισ' -f, m, r.

<sup>7</sup> E, B, e, Escor. 72; τόνω ἄλλω -f, m, r; τόνον ἄλλως -u, Aldine.

<sup>8</sup> E, B, f, m, r; τὰ δὲ ις' -e, Escor. 72, Aldine; τὰ δὲ ιβ' -u.

<sup>9</sup> Xylander; ἐπόγδοα -mss.

<sup>10</sup> τὸ δὲ ἐλαχίστου τὸ -u.



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ratio, 256 and 192 ; and of these let the smaller, 192, be placed at the lowest note of the tetrachord and the larger, 256, at the highest.<sup>a</sup> It is to be proved that, when this is filled in with two sesquioctaves, there is left an interval of the size that numerically expressed is 256 to 243. This is so, for, when the lower note has been raised a tone, which is a sesquioctave, it amounts to 216 ; and, when this has been raised again another tone, it amounts to 243, for the latter exceeds 216 by 27 and 216 exceeds 192 by 24, and of these 27 is an eighth of 216 and 24 an eighth of 192. Consequently, of these three numbers the largest turns out to be sesquioctavan of the intermediate and the intermediate sesquioctavan of the smallest ; and the interval from the smallest to the largest, *i.e.* that from 192 to 243, amounts to an interval of two tones filled in with two sesquioctaves. When this is subtracted, however, there remains of the whole as an interval left over what is between 243 and 256, that is thirteen ; and this is the very reason why they named this number "leimma."<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> For the assignment of the larger numbers to the higher notes see 1018 *D supra* with note *c* there, and especially [Plutarch], *De Musica* 1138 *E-F*, 1139 *C*, 1140 *A* and Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 6 and *Excerpta* 7 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 248, 18-23 and p. 279, 12-14 [Jan]). For advocacy of the opposite procedure *cf.* Adrastus in Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 65, 10-66, 11 (Hiller). On the two procedures *cf.* Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, p. 359, n. 54.

<sup>b</sup> See 1018 *E supra* with notes *d* and *e* there.

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<sup>11</sup> τουτέστι . . . μέχρι τῶν σμγ' -deleted as a scholium by Papabasileios (*Athena*, x [1898], p. 226).

<sup>12</sup> διάτονον -*Γ*.

<sup>13</sup> Maurommates ; συμπληροῦμεν -*ΜΣΣ*.

(1022) ἐγὼ μὲν οὖν εὐσημότατα δηλοῦσθαι τὴν Πλάτωνος οἶμαι γνώμην ἐν τούτοις τοῖς ἀριθμοῖς.

19. Ἔτεροι δὲ τοῦ<sup>1</sup> διὰ τεσσάρων ὄρους θέμενοι τὸν μὲν ὀξὺν ἐν <τοῖς><sup>2</sup> σπη' τὸν δὲ βαρὺν ἐν τοῖς σις' ἀναλόγως ἤδη<sup>3</sup> τοὺς<sup>4</sup> ἐξῆς περαίνουσιν, πλὴν ὅτι τὸ λείμμα τῶν δυεῖν τόνων<sup>5</sup> μεταξὺ λαμβάνουσι. τοῦ γὰρ βαρυτέρου τόνου<sup>6</sup> ἐπιταθέντος γίννεται σμγ', τοῦ δ' ὀξυτέρου τόνου<sup>7</sup> ἀνεθέντος<sup>8</sup> γίννεται σνς'. ἔστι γὰρ ἐπόγδοα τὰ μὲν σμγ' τῶν σις' τὰ δὲ B σπη' τῶν σνς' ὥστε τονιαῖον εἶναι τῶν διαστημάτων ἐκάτερον λείπεσθαι δὲ τὸ<sup>9</sup> μεταξὺ τῶν σμγ' καὶ τῶν σνς', ὅπερ οὐκ ἔστιν ἡμιτόνιον ἀλλ' ἔλαττον· τὰ μὲν γὰρ σπη' τῶν σνς' ὑπερέχει τοῖς λβ' τὰ δὲ σμγ' τῶν σις' ὑπερέχει<sup>10</sup> τοῖς κζ' τὰ δὲ σνς' τῶν σμγ' ὑπερέχει τοῖς ιγ'. ταῦτα δ' ἀμφοτέρων<sup>11</sup> τῶν ὑπεροχῶν ἐλάττω<sup>12</sup> ἢ ἡμίσειά ἐστι. διὸ δυεῖν τόνων καὶ λείμματος, οὐ δυεῖν καὶ ἡμίσεος, εὔρηται τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων. καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ἔχει τοιαύτην ἀπόδειξιν. ἐκείνο δ' οὐ πάνυ χαλεπὸν ἐκ

<sup>1</sup> τοῦ -Maurommates (p. 42 in note *ad* p. 29, 20), B. Müller (1873); τοὺς -mss. <sup>2</sup> <τοῖς> -added by Stephanus.

<sup>3</sup> ἤδη -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72; τοίνυν -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> τοὺς -H. C. (*scil.* ὄρους); τοῖς -mss.; τὰ -B. Müller (1873), *cf.* "reliqua" in the versions of Turnebus and Xylander.

<sup>5</sup> Maurommates after the version of Xylander; τὸ λείμμα τῶν δυοῖν τῶν -Stephanus; τῶν λειμμάτων δυεῖν (or δυοῖν) τῶν -mss. (with cross in margin -E; τὸ . . . ? . . . in margin -e); τὸ λείμμα δυοῖν τόνου -f<sup>1</sup>, and m<sup>1</sup> in margin; τὸ λείμμα δυοῖν -r<sup>1</sup> in margin.

<sup>6</sup> τόνου -Benseler (*De Hiato*, p. 528); τόνω -mss.

<sup>7</sup> τόνου -e, u, f, m, Escor. 72, Aldine; τόνου -r (with three dots above ου); τόνω -E, B.

<sup>8</sup> Stephanus; ἀνατεθέντος -E (τος superscript over θεν erased and replaced by τος on the line), B, u (ἀνα over

So I, for my part, think that Plato's intention is most clearly explained by these numbers.<sup>a</sup>

19. As terms of the fourth, however, others <sup>b</sup> put the high note at 288 and the low at 216 and then determine proportionally those that come next, except that they take the "leimma" to be between the two tones. For, when the lower note has been raised a tone, the result is 243 and, when the higher has been lowered a tone, it is 256, for 243 is nine eighths of 216 and 288 nine eighths of 256, so that each of the two intervals is that of a tone and there is left what is between 243 and 256; and this is not a semitone but is less, for 288 exceeds 256 by 32 and 243 exceeds 216 by 27 but 256 exceeds 243 by thirteen, which is less than half of both the excesses 32 and 27.<sup>c</sup> Consequently it turns out that the fourth consists of two tones and a "leimma," not of two tones and a half. Such, then, is the demonstration of this point. As to the following point, from what has been said

<sup>a</sup> See 1020 c-d *supra* with note *f* on page 301.

<sup>b</sup> The alternative procedure described in the following lines is given by Nicomachus, *Excerpta 2* (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 269, 8-270, 6 [Jan]).

<sup>c</sup> This is not proof that the leimma is less than half of the tone, but the same mistake of substituting for the ratios the differences between their terms is committed by Nicomachus in *Excerpta 2* (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 270, 4-6 and 6-12 [Jan]; *cf.* also *ibid.*, pp. 267, 15-268, 2).

erasure), *f*, *m*, Escor. 72; ἀναθέντος -e<sup>1</sup> (τα superscript between *a* and *θ* -e<sup>2</sup>); ἀνατεθέντος -*r*.

<sup>9</sup> Maurommates; τὸ<sup>ων</sup> -E; τῶν -B, u; τὸν -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>10</sup> τοῖς λβ' . . . τῶν σις' ὑπερέχει -omitted by *f*, *m*, *r*.

<sup>11</sup> Turnebus; ἀμφοτέρα -e, u, *f*, *m*, *r*, Escor. 72, Aldine; ἀμφοτέρα after ὑπεροχῶν -E, B.

<sup>12</sup> ἐλάττων -*f*, *r* (with three dots above *ω*).

(1022) τῶν προειρημένων συνιδεῖν,<sup>1</sup> τί δήποτε φήσας ὁ Πλάτων ἡμιολίους καὶ ἐπιτρίτους καὶ ἐπογδόους γίνεσθαι διαστάσεις ἐν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὰς ἐπιτρίτους<sup>2</sup> ταῖς ἐπογδόοις οὐκ ἐμνήσθη τῶν ἡμιολίων ἀλλὰ παρέλιπε. τὸ γὰρ ἡμιόλιον τοῦ ἐπιτρίτου τῷ ἐπογδόῳ <μείζον ἐστι, ὥστε τοῦ ἐπογδόου><sup>3</sup> τῷ ἐπιτρίτῳ προστιθεμένου<sup>4</sup> συμπληροῦσθαι καὶ τὸ ἡμιόλιον.

20. Ὑποδεδειγμένων δὲ τούτων, τὸ μὲν συμπληροῦν τὰ διαστήματα καὶ παρεντάττειν τὰς μεσότητας, εἰ καὶ μηδεὶς ἐτύγχανε πεποιηκῶς πρότερον, ὑμῖν<sup>5</sup> ἂν αὐτοῖς ἕνεκα<sup>6</sup> γυμνασίας παρήκα· νῦν δὲ πολλοῖς κάγαθοῖς ἀνδράσιν ἐξεργασμένου τούτου μάλιστα δὲ Κράντορι καὶ Κλεάρχῳ καὶ Θεοδώρῳ τοῖς<sup>7</sup> Σολεῦσι, μικρὰ περὶ τῆς τούτων διαφορᾶς εἰπεῖν οὐκ ἄχρηστόν ἐστιν. ὁ γὰρ Θεόδωρος, οὐχ ὡς ἐκεῖνοι δύο στίχους<sup>8</sup> ποιῶν ἀλλ' ἐπὶ μιᾶς εὐθείας ἐφεξῆς τούς τε διπλασίους ἐκτάττων καὶ τοὺς τριπλασίους, πρῶτον μὲν ἰσχυρίζεται τῇ

<sup>1</sup> συνιδεῖν -u, f, m<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> τὰς διαστάσεις -r.

<sup>3</sup> < . . > -added by Leonicus ; τῷ ἐπογδόῳ τῷ -E, e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72 ; τῷ ἐπογδόῳ καὶ τῷ -B.

<sup>4</sup> προστιθεμένῳ -f, m, r.

<sup>5</sup> E, B ; ἡμῖν -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> αὐτοῖς ἕνεκᾶν -B.

<sup>7</sup> τοῖς -omitted by f.

<sup>8</sup> στοίχους -f, m, r (cf. 1027 D *supra* [chap. 29 *ad finem*] : ἐν δυοῖ στίχοις).

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* in *Timaeus* 36 A 6-B 1 (see 1020 B *supra*), where in B 1 Plato says τῷ τοῦ ἐπογδόου διαστήματι τὰ ἐπίτριτα πάντα συνεπληροῦτο. In paraphrasing this Nicomachus explicitly included the ἡμιόλια (*Harmonices Man.* 8 = *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 250, 10-11 [Jan]), and the filling in of the ἡμιόλια also was taken for granted by Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum*

before it is not very difficult either to see why, after Plato had said that there came to be intervals of three to two and of four to three and of nine to eight, when saying that those of four to three are filled in with those of nine to eight he did not mention those of three to two but omitted them.<sup>a</sup> The reason is that the sesquialter <is greater than> the sesquiterce by the sesquioctave <so that with the sesquioctave's> addition to the sesquiterce the sesquialter is filled in as well.<sup>b</sup>

20. After the exposition of these matters the task of filling in the intervals and inserting the means <sup>c</sup> I should still have left to you for an exercise to do yourselves though no one at all had happened to have done it before ; but now that this has been worked out by many excellent men and especially by Crantor and Clearchus and Theodorus, all of Soli,<sup>d</sup> it is not unprofitable to say a few words about the way in which they disagree. For Theodorus unlike those others does not make two rows but sets out the double and the triple numbers one after another in a single straight line,<sup>e</sup> relying for this in the first place

ii, p. 170, 25-26 and p. 175, 3-5 with p. 179, 3-6 and p. 185, 5-6 and 13-16 [Diehl]; cf. B. Kytzler, *Hermes*, lxxxvii (1959), pp. 401-402.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 115, 11-15 (Wrobel) = p. 97, 7-10 (Waszink).

<sup>c</sup> See 1020 A *supra* with note b there.

<sup>d</sup> Crantor, frag. 6 (Kayser) = frag. 6 (Mullach, *Frag. Philos. Graec.* iii, pp. 143-145) and Clearchus, frag. 4 (Wehrli); see 1027 D *supra* (chap. 29 *sub finem*) with notes d and e there.

<sup>e</sup> So later Severus, Porphyry, and Proclus himself (Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 171, 4-9; p. 175, 17-21; and p. 192, 24-27 [Diehl]), who does not mention the priority of Theodorus of Soli.

(1022) λεγομένη κατὰ μῆκος σχίσει<sup>1</sup> τῆς οὐσίας δύο ποι-  
 ούση<sup>2</sup> μοίρας ὡς ἐκ μιᾶς, οὐ τέσσαρας ἐκ δυεῖν,  
 ἔπειτά φησι τὰς τῶν μεσοτήτων παρεντάξεις οὕτω  
 λαμβάνειν προσήκειν<sup>3</sup> χώραν· εἰ δὲ μῆ, ταραχὴν  
 καὶ σύγχυσιν ἔσσεσθαι καὶ μεταστάσεις εἰς<sup>4</sup> τὸ πρῶ-  
 τον εὐθύς τριπλάσιον ἐκ τοῦ πρώτου διπλασίου τῶν  
 συμπληροῦν<sup>5</sup> ἑκάτερον ὀφειλόντων. τοῖς δὲ περὶ  
 τὸν Κράντορα βοηθοῦσιν αἶ τε θέσεις τῶν ἀριθμῶν,  
 ἐπιπέδων ἐπιπέδοις καὶ τετραγώνων τετραγώνοις  
 Ε καὶ κύβων κύβοις ἀντιθέτως συζυγούντων, τῇ τε  
 μὴ κατὰ τάξιν αὐτῶν λήψει ἀλλ' ἐναλλάξ ἀρτίων  
 1027 F καὶ<sup>6</sup> (30 b.) περιττῶν<sup>7</sup> <αὐτὸς ὁ Πλάτων>.<sup>8</sup> τὴν γὰρ

<sup>1</sup> σχίσει -m (t̄ over original ἐ), Turnebus; σχέσει -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> ποιούσι -u; ποιήση -Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> f, m, r; προσήκει -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72.

<sup>4</sup> Emperius (*Op. Philol.*, p. 340), cf. "traiectiones" -Xylander; μεταστάς εἰς -mss.

<sup>5</sup> E, B; συμπληρούντων -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> ἀρτίων καὶ π . . . vac. 4-1/2 lines -E; vac. 2-1/2 lines -B . . . κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ (1022 E *supra* [chap. 21 *init.*]) -E, B; ἀρτίων καὶ ἐπὶ . . . vac. 14 -f; vac. 13 -m, r . . . κατὰ τὰ αὐτὰ

-f, m, r; ἀρτίων καὶ ἐπὶ κατὰ (κατὰ -Escor. 72; ἐπικατὰ -u) τὰ αὐτὰ -e, u, Escor. 72; see 1022 E *supra* (chap. 21 *init.*), *apparatus criticus*, note 2 on page 212.

<sup>7</sup> See 1017 c *supra* (chap. 30, page 268), *apparatus criticus*, note 9: δευτέρα περιττῶν -E, B; δευτέρα (δευτέρα δὲ -f) τῶν περιττῶν -f, m, r, Aldine; δευτεριττῶν -e, u, Escor. 72 (ρατῶνπε -Escor. 72 in margin with three dots after δευτε).  
<sup>8</sup> <αὐτὸς ὁ Πλάτων> -added by Pohlenz; <Πλάτων> -B. Müller (*Hermes*, iv [1870], pp. 399-403 and v [1871], p. 154).

<sup>a</sup> *Timaeus* 36 b 6-7 (ταύτην οὖν τὴν σύστασιν πᾶσαν διπλὴν κατὰ μῆκος σχίσας . . .); cf. Proclus (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 237, 15-27 [Diehl] and *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, 318

upon what is stated to be the cleavage of the substance lengthwise that makes two parts presumably out of one,<sup>a</sup> not four out of two, and in the second place saying that it is suitable for the insertions of the means to be arranged in this sequence, as otherwise there will be disorder and confusion and transpositions to the very first triple from the first double of the terms that ought to fill in each of the two.<sup>b</sup> Crantor and his followers,<sup>c</sup> however, are supported by the position of the numbers, paired off with plane numbers over against plane and square over against square and cubic over against cubic numbers,<sup>d</sup> and in their being taken not in order but alternately even and (30 b.) odd by <Plato himself>.<sup>e</sup> For after p. 143, 20-21 [Kroll]), who also takes this to show that the numbers were meant to be arranged in a single row.

<sup>b</sup> The harmonic and arithmetical means of the first triple ( $\frac{3}{2}$  and 2) are already given by the first double and its means (1,  $\frac{4}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ , 2); cf. the objection to the *lambda* of Adrastus made by Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 187, 28-188, 1 and p. 192, 27-29 (Diehl).

<sup>c</sup> Among them Clearchus, who was mentioned with Crantor just above, and Plutarch himself. The arrangement in the form of a *lambda* is assumed later by Theon Smyrnaeus (pp. 94, 11-96, 5 [Hiller]) and Macrobius (*In Somnium Scipionis* I, vi, 46); of those who adopted it earlier Proclus names only Adrastus, who elaborated a triple form of it (Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 170, 26-171, 4; p. 187, 17-26; and p. 192, 24-26 [Diehl]), which is represented by the three successive diagrams of Chalcidius (*Platonis Timaeus*, pp. 98, 13-118, 3 [Wrobel]=pp. 82, 20-99, 9 [Waszink]).

<sup>d</sup> See 1017 D-E *supra* (chap. 11), pages 271, note d-273, note a.

<sup>e</sup> In *Timaeus* 35 B 4-c 2 the order is 2, 3, 4, 9, 8, 27, i.e. alternately even and odd (cf. Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* II, ii, 17), whereas the natural order (. . . 4, 8, 9, 27) would be . . . even, even, odd, odd.

(1027) μονάδα κοινήν οὔσαν ἀμφοῖν προτάξας λαμβάνει  
 τὰ ἡ' καὶ ἐφεξῆς τὰ κζ', μονονουχί<sup>1</sup> δεικνύων ἡμῖν  
 1028 ἦν ἑκατέρω γένει χώραν ἀποδίδωσι. ταῦτα μὲν  
 οὖν ἑτέροις προσήκει μᾶλλον ἕξακριβοῦν, τὸ δ'  
 ἀπολειπόμενον οἰκεῖόν ἐστι τῆς ὑποκειμένης ἡμῖν  
 πραγματείας.

¶ 31. Οὐ γὰρ ἐπίδειξιν ὁ Πλάτων θεωρίας μαθη-  
 ματικῆς ποιούμενος εἰς φυσικὴν ὑπόθεσιν μὴ δεο-  
 μένην μεσότητος ἀριθμητικὰς καὶ ἀρμονικὰς παρ-  
 εισήγαγεν ἀλλὰ ὡς μάλιστα δὴ τῇ συστάσει τῆς  
 ψυχῆς τοῦ λόγου τούτου<sup>2</sup> προσήκοντος. καίτοι  
 τινὲς μὲν ἐν τοῖς τάχεσι τῶν πλανωμένων σφαι-  
 ρῶν τινὲς δὲ μᾶλλον ἐν τοῖς ἀποστήμασιν ἔνιοι δ' ἐν  
 τοῖς μεγέθεσι τῶν ἀστέρων οἱ δ' ἄγαν ἀκριβοῦν δο-  
 B κούντες ἐν ταῖς τῶν ἐπικύκλων διαμέτροις ζητοῦσι  
 τὰς εἰρημένας ἀναλογίας, ὡς τὴν ψυχὴν ἔνεκα τού-  
 των τοῦ δημιουργοῦ τοῖς οὐρανίοις ἐναρμόσαντος<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> E, B; μονονουχί οὖν -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ λόγου τοῦ -u.

<sup>3</sup> οὐρανοῖς ἐναρμώσαντες -u.

<sup>a</sup> See 1027 E *supra* with note a on page 269.

<sup>b</sup> Plutarch may have in mind here not only the order 9, 8, 27 to which he has just referred but also the omission of 16, the next power of two between 8 and 27 (*cf.* B. Kytzler, *Hermes*, lxxxvii [1959], pp. 404-405).

<sup>c</sup> See 1017 E *supra* (chap. 11) with note f on page 271.

<sup>d</sup> With all that follows in this sentence *cf.* Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, pp. 212, 12-213, 7 (Diehl).

<sup>e</sup> Plato in *Timaeus* 36 D 5-7 says that of the seven circles three move τάχει . . . ὁμοίως and four ἀλλήλοισ καὶ τοῖς τρισὶν ἀνομοίως ἐν λόγῳ δέ and in *Timaeus* 39 D 4-5 speaks of ἀπασῶν τῶν ὀκτώ περιόδων τὰ πρὸς ἀλληλα . . . τάχῃ (*cf.* *Republic* 617 A 7-B 3). For the introduction of "spheres" into the astronomy of the *Timaeus* see *supra* *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 A with note d there.

<sup>f</sup> *Cf.* Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 167, 8-17 (Wrobel)



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putting at the head the unit, which is common to both,<sup>a</sup> he takes eight and next thereafter twenty-seven,<sup>b</sup> all but showing us<sup>c</sup> the position that he assigns to each of the two kinds. Now, to treat this with greater precision is a task that belongs to others; but what remains is a proper part of our present disquisition.

31. It is so because Plato did not as a display of mathematical learning drag arithmetical and harmonic means into a discourse on natural philosophy where they are not wanted but introduced them on the assumption that this calculation is especially appropriate to the composition of the soul. Yet certain people<sup>d</sup> look for the prescribed proportions in the velocities of the planetary spheres,<sup>e</sup> certain others rather in their distances,<sup>f</sup> some in the magnitudes of the stars,<sup>g</sup> and those with a reputation for exceedingly exact investigation in the diameters of the epicycles,<sup>h</sup> assuming these to be the ends for which the artificer fitted to the heavenly bodies the

=p. 148, 12-19 (Waszink); Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* ii, iii, 14-15 (= *Porphyrii in Platonis Timaeum . . . Fragmenta*, p. 63, 5-21 [Sodano]); Hippolytus, *Refutatio* iv, 10, 1-11, 5 (pp. 42, 17-44, 22 [Wendland]). These are all attempts to interpret *Timaeus* 36 D 2-4, for which cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 265, 8-29 (Diehl).

<sup>a</sup> Perhaps by interpretation of *Republic* 616 E 3-8: cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, p. 218, 2-28; p. 219, 23-29; and pp. 221, 28-222, 2 (Kroll) with Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 143, 14-18 (Hiller) and Taylor, *Commentary on Plato's Timaeus*, p. 161, n. 2.

<sup>b</sup> Against the attempt to introduce epicycles into Plato's astronomy (e.g. Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 188, 25-189, 6 [Hiller]; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 176, 6-13 [Wrobel] = p. 156, 19-24 [Waszink]) cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 264, 19-25 and iii, p. 96, 13-32 and p. 146, 14-28 (Diehl).

(1028) εἰς ἑπτὰ μοίρας νενεμημένην. πολλοὶ δὲ καὶ τὰ Πυθαγορικὰ δεῦρο μεταφέρουσιν, ἀπὸ τοῦ μέσου τὰς τῶν σωμάτων ἀποστάσεις<sup>1</sup> τριπλασιάζοντες. γίγνεται δὲ τοῦτο κατὰ μὲν τὸ πῦρ μονάδος τιθεμένης κατὰ δ' ἀντίχθονα τριῶν κατὰ δὲ γῆν ἑννέα καὶ κατὰ σελήνην εἰκοσιεπτὰ καὶ κατὰ τὸν Ἑρμοῦ<sup>2</sup> μιᾶς καὶ ὄγδοήκοντα κατὰ δὲ Φωσφόρον τριῶν καὶ μ' καὶ σ' κατ' αὐτὸν δὲ τὸν ἥλιον θ' καὶ κ' καὶ ψ', ὅς γ' ἄμα τετράγωνός τε καὶ κύβος ἐστὶ· διὸ καὶ τὸν ἥλιον ἔστιν ὅτε τετράγωνον καὶ κύβον προσ-  
C αγορεύουσιν. οὕτως δὲ καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους ἐπανάγουσι

<sup>1</sup> ἀποστάσει -B.

<sup>2</sup> ἑρμῆν -m, r, Escor. 72<sup>corr.</sup> (ῆν superscript over οὔ), Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> ὅς γ' -Hubert; ὅτι -E, B, e, u, Aldine; ὅτε -f, m, r, Escor. 72; ὅστις -Stephanus ("qui numerus" -Turnebus).

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *Numa* xi, 1-2 (67 v): . . . τοῦ σύμπαντος κόσμου, οὐ μέσον οἱ Πυθαγορικοὶ τὸ πῦρ ἰδρῦσθαι νομίζουσι καὶ τοῦθ' Ἑστίαν καλοῦσι καὶ μονάδα. . . .

<sup>b</sup> Central fire and counter-earth identify this as the Pythagorean system referred to by Aristotle (*De Caelo* 293 a 20-27 and *Metaphysics* 986 a 10-13) and elsewhere ascribed to Philolaus (frags. A 16 and 17 [D.-K.]); but in that system the orbit of the sun was located immediately above that of the moon (Philolaus, frag. A 16 [D.-K.]; Alexander, *Metaph.*, pp. 38, 20-39, 3 and p. 40, 3-6) as it was by Plato and Aristotle too (cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, pp. 60, 31-61, 2 and p. 62, 3-6 [Diehl] and *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, p. 220, 1-21 [Kroll]). The Pythagoreanizing interpretation of the *Timaeus* reported by Plutarch in the present passage is a contamination of the Philolaic system and the planetary order widely though not universally adopted later (cf. Heath, *Aristarchus of Samos*, pp. 106-107; Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, pp. 297-299, especially

soul that had been distributed into seven parts. Many carry over into this context Pythagorean notions too, multiplying by three the distances of the bodies from the middle. This is brought about by placing the unit at the central fire,<sup>a</sup> three at the counter-earth, nine at the earth and 27 at the moon and 81 at Mercury, 243 at Venus and at the sun itself 729,<sup>b</sup> which is at the same time a square and a cubic number<sup>c</sup>; and this is the reason why they sometimes call the sun too a square and a cube.<sup>d</sup> In this way these people increase the other numbers notes 121, 122, and 129, to which add Plutarch, *De Facie* 925 A), an order which, if the purpose of it was to make the sun midmost of the planets (*cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 138, 16-18 [Hiller]; Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 140, 8-9 [Wrobel]=p. 119, 16-18 [Waszink]; Philo Jud., *Quis Rerum Div. Heres* 222-224=i, p. 50, 9-19 [Wendland]; Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 62, 7-9 and 18-22 [Diehl]), is incompatible with a system in which the earth and the counter-earth are planets.

<sup>c</sup>  $729 = 27^2 = 9^3$ . See the next note *infra*.

<sup>d</sup> Not the Pythagoreans to whom the original Philolaic system is ascribed (see the note next but one *supra*). They are said to have assigned the number seven to the sun as being the seventh of the moving bodies counted inwards from the fixed stars (Alexander, *Metaph.*, pp. 38, 20-39, 3; Asclepius, *Metaph.*, p. 36, 5-11; A. Delatte, *Études sur la littérature pythagoricienne*, p. 169 [*Anecdota Arith.* A 1, lines 20-22]); and, had they applied the triplication from the central fire as the unit that Plutarch here reports, they would have had to associate the number 81 with the sun. The later order with Mercury and Venus located between the moon and the sun, however, makes the sun seventh from the central fire; and in such triplication or multiplication by any given ratio the seventh number is always both a square and a cube (Philo Jud., *De Opificio Mundi* 92-94=i, pp. 31, 22-32, 12 [Cohn]; Anatolius, p. 35, 14-21 [Heiberg] and partially in Iamblichus, *Theolog. Arith.*, pp. 54, 13-55, 1 [De Falco]; *cf.* Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 34, 16-35, 17 [Hiller]).

(1028) τοῖς τριπλασιασμοῖς,<sup>1</sup> πολὺ τοῦ κατὰ λόγον οὕτοι γε παραπαίοντες, εἴ τι<sup>2</sup> τῶν γεωμετρικῶν ὄφελός ἐστιν ἀποδείξω, καὶ μακρῶ πιθανωτέρους παραβαλεῖν<sup>3</sup> αὐτοῖς ἀποδεικνύοντες τοὺς ὀρμωμένους ἐκείθεν, οὐδ' αὐτοὺς παντάπασιν ἐξακριβοῦντας<sup>4</sup> ἀλλὰ ὡς ἔγγιστα λέγοντας<sup>5</sup> ὅτι τῆς μὲν ἡλίου διαμέτρου πρὸς τὴν διάμετρον τῆς γῆς λόγος ἐστὶ δωδεκαπλάσιος τῆς δὲ γῆς αὐ<sup>6</sup> πάλιν διαμέτρου πρὸς τὴν σελήνης διάμετρον τριπλάσιος ὁ δὲ φαινόμενος ἐλάχιστος τῶν ἀπλανῶν ἀστέρων οὐκ ἐλάττονα τῆς διαμέτρου τῆς γῆς ἢ τριτημόριον ἔχει D τὴν διάμετρον τῆ δὲ ὅλη σφαῖρα τῆς γῆς πρὸς τὴν ὅλην σφαῖραν τῆς σελήνης ὡς ἑπτὰ καὶ εἴκοσι πρὸς <έν> ἐστὶ,<sup>7</sup> Φωσφόρου δὲ καὶ γῆς αἰ μὲν διάμετροι τὸν διπλάσιον αἰ δὲ σφαῖραι τὸν ὀκταπλάσιον<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> τριπλασμοῖς -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> εἴ τε -e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> E, B, e, u<sup>2</sup> (παραβάλλειν -u<sup>1</sup>), m, Escor. 72; παραλαβεῖν -f, r; παραλαβεῖν αὐτοῖ -Wytttenbach; <ὡς> παραβαλεῖν -B. Müller (1873); but cf. Lucian, *Demosthenis Encomium* 32 (iii, p. 376, 23-24 [Jacobitz]): . . . παιδιὰ παραβάλλειν τῷ τούτου κρότῳ. . . .

<sup>4</sup> f, m, r; ἐξακριβοῦντες -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>5</sup> ε superscript over α -E<sup>1</sup>; λέγοντας -all other mss.

<sup>6</sup> E, B; τῆς γῆς δ' αὐ -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> <έν> -added by Wytttenbach; πρόσεστι -mss.; πρὸς <έν λόγος> ἐστὶ -B. Müller (1873).

<sup>8</sup> αἰ δὲ σφαῖραι τὸν ὀκταπλάσιον -omitted by r.

<sup>a</sup> They would be Mars : 2187, Jupiter : 6561, Saturn : 19,683, fixed stars : 59,049.

<sup>b</sup> These are approximately the figures of Hipparchus (the diameters of earth, moon, and sun are as 1 :  $\frac{1}{2}$  : 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ); cf. Heath, *Aristarchus of Samos*, pp. 342 and 350.

<sup>c</sup> That is to say not less than the diameter assigned to the moon by Hipparchus (cf. Boll, *R.-E.* vi [1909], col. 2411, 6-11). Contrary to the contention that all the fixed stars are

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also by triplications,<sup>a</sup> going far astray of what is reasonable, if there is any use in geometrical demonstrations, and proving that in comparison with themselves those who proceed from such demonstrations are far more credible, though these are themselves speaking not with absolute precision either but in close approximations when they say that the ratio of the sun's diameter to the diameter of the earth is twelve to one and of the earth's diameter on the other hand to the moon's diameter is three to one<sup>b</sup> and that what appears to be the smallest of the fixed stars has a diameter not less than a third part of the diameter of the earth<sup>c</sup> and that for the whole sphere of the earth to the whole sphere of the moon the ratio is as twenty-seven to <one><sup>d</sup> and that the diameters of Venus and of the earth have the ratio of two to one<sup>e</sup> and their spheres the ratio of eight to

larger than the earth (*e.g.* Cleomedes, *De Motu Circulari* I, xi, 58 and II, iii, 97 = pp. 106, 2-8 and 176, 11-24 [Ziegler]; Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* II, p. 218, 5-13 [Kroll]) Philoponus (*Meteor.*, p. 15, 18-23) in support of Aristotle (*Meteorology* 339 b 7-9; *cf.* Areius Didymus, *Epitomes Frag. Phys.* 8 [*Dox. Graeci*, p. 450, 10-11]) cites unnamed astronomers (possibly from Arrian, *cf. ibid.*, p. 15, 13) to the effect that the earth is not smaller than all the fixed stars.

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* 3<sup>3</sup> : 1<sup>3</sup> (*cf.* Euclid, *Elements* XII, Prop. 18). So Hipparchus as reported by Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 197, 9-12 (Hiller) and Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 161, 18-22 (Wrobel) = p. 143, 5-8 (Waszink).

<sup>e</sup> According to Cleomedes, *De Motu Circulari* II, iii, 96 (p. 174, 25-27 [Ziegler]) the diameter of Venus is one-sixth that of the sun; it would then be to the earth's diameter as two to one if, as Plutarch has just said (1028 c *supra*), the sun's diameter is to the earth's as twelve to one. According to Ptolemy Hipparchus said that the apparent diameter of Venus is about a tenth that of the sun (B. R. Goldstein, "The Arabic Version of Ptolemy's *Planetary Hypotheses*," *Trans-*

(1028) ἔχουσι λόγον, τὸ δὲ διάστημα τῆς ἐκλειπτικῆς σκιᾶς τῆς<sup>1</sup> διαμέτρου τῆς σελήνης τριπλάσιον, ὃ δ' ἐκτρέπεται πλάτος ἢ σελήνη τοῦ διὰ μέσου<sup>2</sup> τῶν ζωδίων<sup>3</sup> ἐφ' ἑκάτερα δωδεκάμοιρον.<sup>4</sup> αἱ δὲ πρὸς ἥλιον<sup>5</sup> σχέσεις αὐτῆς ἐν τριγώνοις καὶ τετραγώνοις ἀποστήμασι διχοτόμους καὶ ἀμφικύρτους σχηματισμοὺς λαμβάνουσιν· ἐξ δὲ ζώδια διελθοῦσα τὴν<sup>6</sup> πανσέληνον ὥσπερ τινὰ συμφωνίαν ἐν ἑξατόνῳ<sup>7</sup> E διὰ πασῶν ἀποδίδωσι. τοῦ δὲ ἡλίου περὶ τὰς τροπὰς ἐλάχιστα καὶ μέγιστα περὶ τὴν ἰσημερίαν<sup>8</sup> ἔχοντος κινήματα, δι' ὧν ἀφαιρεῖ τῆς ἡμέρας καὶ

<sup>1</sup> τοῦ -f.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ διὰ μέσου (or διὰ μέσων) -Turnebus; τῆς διαμέτρου -E, B; τοῦ διαμέτρου -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> ζωδίων -E, B, e, u; ζώων -f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> E, B; δωδεκατημόριον -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>5</sup> ἥλιον -B; ἡλίου (with *ou* superscript over *ou* and acute accent superscript over *η*) -E; ἡλίου -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> τὸν -u.

<sup>7</sup> E, m, r; ἑξατόνῳ -B, f; ἄξατόνῳ -e, u, Escor. 72 (with *ε* superscript over *α*).

<sup>8</sup> E, B; περὶ τῆς ἰσημερίας -all other mss., Aldine.

actions of the American Philos. Soc., N.S. lvii, 4 [1967], p. 8, col. 1 *sub finem*).

<sup>a</sup> *i.e.* 2<sup>s</sup>: 1<sup>s</sup>.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Plutarch, *De Facie* 923 B and my note *ad loc.* (*L.C.L.* xii, p. 57, note d).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 194, 8-13 and p. 135, 14-15 (Hiller) with Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 137, 14-15 (Wrobel)=p. 117, 8-9 (Waszink); Geminus, *Elementa Astronomiae* xii, 21 with v, 53 (pp. 142, 25-144, 1 and p. 62, 8-9 [Manitius]); Martianus Capella, viii, 867. The deviation to either side of the ecliptic is given as five degrees by Ptolemy, *Syntaxis* v, 12 (i, p. 407, 10-15 [Heiberg]) and as five and a half degrees by Proclus, *Hypotyposis* iv, 2 (pp. 86, 24-88, 1 [Manitius]). For ὁ διὰ μέσου (instead of the more

one <sup>a</sup> and that the extent of the shadow eclipsing the moon is triple her diameter <sup>b</sup> but that the breadth of the moon's deviation to one side or the other of the circle through the middle of the zodiacal signs is twelve degrees of latitude. <sup>c</sup> Her positions relative to the sun in trine and quartile aspects assume the configurations of half and gibbous <sup>d</sup>; and, when she has traversed six signs of the zodiac, <sup>e</sup> she exhibits the plenilune as it were a consonance consisting of the six tones of an octave. <sup>f</sup> As the sun has his minimal movement at the solstices and his maximal movement at the equinox, <sup>g</sup> of these movements by which

common  $\acute{o}$   $\delta\iota\acute{\alpha}$   $\mu\acute{\epsilon}\sigma\omega\nu$ )  $\tau\acute{\omega}\nu$   $\zeta\omega\delta\iota\acute{\omega}\nu$  cf. Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 133, 21 and p. 135, 18 (Hiller) and Simplicius, *De Caelo*, p. 494, 27-28.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Pliny, *N.H.* ii, 80 ("itaque in quadrato solis dividua est, in triquetro seminani ambitur orbe, inpletur autem in adverso . . .") and Proclus, *In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, p. 44, 18-22 (Kroll). For the terminology cf. Geminus, *Elementa Astronomiae* ii, 1-19 (pp. 18, 16-26, 2 [Manitius]); Ptolemy, *Tetrabiblos* I, xiv, 1 (pp. 35, 20-36, 4 [Boll-Boer]); and A. Bouché-Leclercq, *L'astrologie grecque* (Paris, 1899), pp. 165-172.

<sup>c</sup> i.e. when she is in opposition,  $\acute{o}\tau\alpha\nu$   $\kappa\alpha\tau\grave{\alpha}$   $\delta\iota\acute{\alpha}\mu\epsilon\tau\rho\nu$   $\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\nu\eta\tau\alpha\iota$   $\tau\acute{\omega}$   $\eta\lambda\acute{\iota}\omega$  . . . (Geminus, *op. cit.*, ix, 9 = p. 126, 24-26 [Manitius]).

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Censorinus, *De Die Natali* xiii, 5 (p. 24, 2-4 [Hultsch]): ". . . tonos esse sex, in quibus sit dia pason symphonia," where the six tones are not as here, however, the six signs of the zodiac through which the moon passes from conjunction to opposition. For this correlation of the plenilune with the octave cf. rather Ptolemy, *Harmonica*, p. 108, 13-18 and p. 109, 4-6 (Düring) and A. Boeckh, *Gesammelte Kleine Schriften* iii (Leipzig, 1866), p. 173, n. 3.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Cleomedes, *De Motu Circulari* I, vi, 28 and 31-32 (p. 52, 13-20; pp. 56, 27-58, 1; and p. 58, 13-15 [Ziegler]). On this and the other errors in this sentence of Plutarch's cf. O. Neugebauer, *A.J.P.*, lxiii (1942), pp. 458-459.

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(1028) τῇ νυκτὶ προστίθῃσιν ἢ τοῦναντίον, οὗτος ὁ λόγος ἔστιν· ἐν ταῖς<sup>1</sup> πρώταις ἡμέραις λ' μετὰ τὰς<sup>2</sup> χειμερινὰς τροπὰς τῇ ἡμέρᾳ προστίθῃσι τὸ ἕκτον τῆς ὑπεροχῆς ἣν ἡ μεγίστη νύξ πρὸς τὴν βραχυτάτην ἡμέραν<sup>3</sup> ἐποιεῖ<sup>4</sup> ταῖς<sup>5</sup> δ' ἐφεξῆς λ' τὸ τρίτον τὸ δὲ ἡμισυ ταῖς λοιπαῖς ἄχρι τῆς ἰσημερίας, ἐν ἑξαπλασίοις καὶ τριπλασίοις διαστήμασι τοῦ χρόνου τὴν ἀνωμαλίαν ἐπανισῶν.<sup>6</sup> Χαλδαῖοι δὲ λέγουσι τὸ ἕαρ Ἐν τῷ διὰ τεσσάρων γίνεσθαι πρὸς τὸ μετόπωρον ἐν δὲ τῷ διὰ πέντε πρὸς τὸν χειμῶνα πρὸς δὲ τὸ θέρος ἐν τῷ διὰ πασῶν. εἰ δ' ὀρθῶς ὁ Εὐριπίδης διορίζεται θέρους τέσσαρας μῆνας καὶ χειμῶνος ἴσους

φίλης τ' ὀπώρας διπτύχους ἡρός τ' ἴσους

<sup>1</sup> ἐν <γὰρ> ταῖς -Wyttenbach.

<sup>2</sup> τὰς -Stephanus; γὰρ -MSS.      <sup>3</sup> ἡμέραν -omitted by B.

<sup>4</sup> ἐμοιεῖ -B.      <sup>5</sup> ταῖς -f, m, r; τὰς -all other MSS., Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> B. Müller (1873); ἐπανισοῦντος -MSS.

<sup>a</sup> A sixth, a third, and a half of the excess of the longest night over the shortest day if added to the shortest day = the longest day, *i.e.* the day at the summer solstice and not that at the equinox. Plutarch's fractions should have been a twelfth, a sixth, and a fourth as in Cleomedes, *De Motu Circulari* I, vi, 27-28 (pp. 50, 15-52, 2 [Ziegler]) and Martianus Capella, viii, 878.

<sup>b</sup> *i.e.* the total increment of the second thirty days ( $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3}$ ) is threefold and the total increment of the third ( $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$ ) is sixfold the first ( $\frac{1}{6}$ ). For the expression compare τὴν τῆς τύχης ἀνωμαλίαν ἐπανισοῦν (*De Fraternali Amore* 484 D).

<sup>c</sup> So also Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* iii, 19, who says (p. 119, 15-18 [Winnington-Ingram]), however, that these ratios of the seasons were ascribed to Pythagoras and that (*ibid.*, p. 119, 10-15) they follow from assignment of the numbers eight (that of air) to spring, four (that of fire) to summer, six (that of earth) to autumn, and twelve (that of water) to winter. The correlation of these numbers with the



he subtracts from the day and adds to the night or contrariwise this is the ratio : in the first thirty days after the winter solstice he adds to the day a sixth of the difference by which the longest night exceeded the shortest day and in the next thirty a third and in the rest until the equinox a half,<sup>a</sup> thus equalizing the disparity of the time in sixfold and threefold intervals.<sup>b</sup> The Chaldaeans assert that spring turns out to be related to autumn in the ratio of the fourth and to winter in that of the fifth and to summer in that of the octave.<sup>c</sup> If Euripides is right, however, in distinguishing four months of summer and an equal number of winter

And of dear autumn twain and twain of spring,<sup>d</sup>

seasons, however, depends upon the correlation in the *Timaeus* of the four regular solids with air, fire, earth, and water (*ibid.*, pp. 118, 29-119, 9); and it results, moreover, in making three to two, the fifth, the ratio of winter to spring rather than that of spring to winter as professed and required. According to O. Neugebauer (*A.J.P.*, lxiii [1942], pp. 455-458) the ratios were derived from twelve, nine, eight, and six, taken to be the number of days by which spring, summer, winter, and autumn respectively exceed a common measure (really eleven, nine, seven, and six respectively according to Callippus in the *Eudoxi Ars Astronomica*, col. xxiii=p. 25 [Blass]), so that originally the ratios of these increments or deviations were: spring to autumn (not to summer) as twelve to six (the octave), to summer as twelve to nine (the fourth), and to winter as twelve to eight (the fifth). This is rejected by Burkert (*Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, p. 333, n. 110), who seems to think that the parallel passage in Aristides Quintilianus makes it wrong to seek the origin of the ratios in any astronomical calculations and that the speculation was obviously meant to show in the numbers the opposition of summer and winter, though in fact neither the ratios nor the numbers in Aristides Quintilianus do this.

<sup>a</sup> Euripides, frag. 990 (Nauck, *Trag. Graec. Frag.*<sup>2</sup>, p. 679).

(1028) ἐν τῷ διὰ πασῶν αἱ ᾠραι μεταβάλλουσιν. ἔνιοι δὲ γῆ μὲν τῆν<sup>1</sup> τοῦ προσλαμβανομένου<sup>2</sup> χώραν ἀποδιδόντες σελήνη<sup>3</sup> δὲ τὴν ὑπάτην Στίλβωνα δὲ καὶ 1029 Φωσφόρον ἐν διατόνοις<sup>4</sup> <παρυπάταις><sup>5</sup> καὶ λιχανοῖς κινοῦντες αὐτὸν τὸν ἥλιον ὡς μέσσην συνέχειν τὸ διὰ πασῶν ἀξιούσιν ἀπέχοντα τῆς μὲν γῆς τὸ διὰ πέντε τῆς δὲ τῶν ἀπλανῶν τὸ διὰ τεσσάρων.

32. Ἄλλ' οὔτε τούτων τὸ κομψὸν ἄπτεται τινοσ ἀληθείας οὔτ' ἐκείνοι παντάπασι τοῦ ἀκριβοῦς

<sup>1</sup> γῆ μὲν ἐν τῇ -E (three dots superscript over ἐν and ἴν superscript over τῇ -E<sup>1</sup>), e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72; γῆν μὲν τῆν -B.

<sup>2</sup> From λαμβανομένου (f. 226 recto) to the end of the section a new hand in e.

<sup>3</sup> σελήνην -r.

<sup>4</sup> ἐν τοῖς διατόνοις (διατόνοις -r) -f, m, r.

<sup>5</sup> <παρυπάταις> -B. Müller (1873) after Maurommates, who wished to substitute it either for λιχανοῖς or for διατόνοις.

<sup>a</sup> With what follows cf. especially *Excerpta Neapolitana* 24 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 418, 14-419, 7 [Jan]) = *Inscriptio Canobi (Ptolemaei Opera* ii, p. 154, 1-10 [Heiberg]) but with the better alignment of Halma, *Hypothèses et Époques des Planètes de C. Ptolémée . . .* (Paris, 1820), pp. 61-62; also Alexander of Ephesus in Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 140, 5-141, 4 (Hiller) and Censorinus, *De Die Natali* xiii, 3-5 (pp. 23, 12-24, 6 [Hultsch]) with W. Burkert, *Philologus*, cv (1961), pp. 32-43 and B. L. van der Waerden, *R.-E. Supplement* x (1965), cols. 857, 65-859, 35.

<sup>b</sup> The note added to the scale below the hypatê (the top-most string that gives the lowest tone: see *supra* note e on *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 ε), as Plutarch himself says in 1029 β *infra* (see page 335, note b).

<sup>c</sup> For the variation in the oblique cases of Στίλβων as of Φαίνων (1029 β *infra*) see *De Facie* 925 λ and 941 c with my note *ad loc.* (*L.C.L.* xii, p. 184, note a).

<sup>d</sup> Cf. [Plutarch], *De Musica* 113f F (. . . τὴν διάτονον παρυπάτην . . . τὴν διάτονον λιχανόν) and the note of Finarson and De Lacy *ad loc.* (*L.C.L.* xiv, p. 375, n. d). W. Burkert

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it is in the ratio of an octave that the seasons change. Some people,<sup>a</sup> moreover, assigning to earth the position of the proslambanomenos<sup>b</sup> and to the moon the hypatê and having Mercury<sup>c</sup> and Venus move in the positions of the diatonic (parhypatê) and lichanos<sup>d</sup> maintain that the sun himself as mesê holds the octave together,<sup>e</sup> being at the remove of a fifth from the earth and of a fourth from the sphere of the fixed stars.<sup>f</sup>

32. But the cleverness of these people is not concerned with any truth, and those others do not aim at accuracy at all.<sup>g</sup> To those, however, who think

(*Philologus*, cv [1961], p. 33, n. 2) thinks that the illogical ἐν διατόνοις καὶ λιχανοῖς was in Plutarch's source. The expression used for Mercury and Venus may be a reference to the fact that the parhypatê and the lichanos are "movable" notes: contrast τοὺς ἐστῶτας (1029 B *infra*) and cf. Cleonides, *Introductio* 6 and Gaudentius, *Harmonica Introductio* 17 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 189, 20-190, 5 and p. 345, 4-12 [Jan]); Aristides Quintilianus, *De Musica* i, 6 (p. 9, 25-26 [Winnington-Ingram]).

<sup>a</sup> For the sun as midmost of the seven planets—and so the paradigm of the musical mesê (Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 3 = *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 242, 2-7 [Jan])—συνάγοντα καὶ συνδέοντα τὰς ἐφ' ἑκάτερα αὐτοῦ τριάδας cf. Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* iii, p. 62, 7-9 (Diehl); and for the mesê itself as σύνδεσμος cf. [Aristotle], *Problemata* 919 a 25-26.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. Censorinus, *De Die Natali* xiii, 4-5 (p. 23, 18-20 and pp. 23, 27-24, 2 [Hultsch]) and Alexander of Ephesus in Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 140, 8 and 15 with Theon's criticism *ibid.*, p. 141, 16-19 (Hiller).

<sup>g</sup> Cf. οὐδ' αὐτοὺς παντάπασιν ἐξακριβοῦντας (1028 c *supra*), which applies *a fortiori* to the preceding πολλοί who "carry over into this context Pythagorean notions . . . going far astray of what is reasonable . . ." (1028 B-C). It is to these that the ἐκεῖνοι here refers and not, as Hubert supposes, to the "Chaldaeans" of 1028 E-F *supra*.

(1029) ἔχονται. οἷς δ' οὖν οὐ δοκεῖ ταῦτα τῆς τοῦ Πλάτωνος ἀπηρτηῆσθαι διανοίας ἐκεῖνα κομιδῆ φανεῖται τῶν μουσικῶν λόγων ἔχεσθαι, τὸ πέντε τετραχόρδων<sup>1</sup> ὄντων<sup>2</sup> τῶν ὑπάτων<sup>3</sup> καὶ μέσων καὶ συνημμένων καὶ διεzeugμένων<sup>4</sup> καὶ ὑπερβολαίων ἐν πέντε διαστήμασι τετάχθαι τοὺς ἑπτάπλανητας, ὧν τὸ μὲν Β ἔστι τὸ ἀπὸ σελήνης ἐφ' ἥλιον καὶ τοὺς ὁμοδρόμους ἡλίω, Στίλβωνα καὶ Φωσφόρον, ἕτερον τὸ ἀπὸ τούτων ἐπὶ τὸν Ἄρεος<sup>5</sup> Πυρόεντα, τρίτον δὲ τὸ μεταξὺ τούτου<sup>6</sup> καὶ Φαέθοντος, εἴθ' ἐξῆς τὸ ἐπὶ Φαίνωνα, καὶ πέμπτον ἤδη τὸ ἀπὸ τούτου πρὸς τὴν ἀπλανῆ σφαῖραν· ὥστε τοὺς ὀρίζοντας φθόγγους τὰ τετραχόρδα τὸν τῶν πλανωμένων λόγον ἔχειν ἀστέρων.

<sup>1</sup> E, B, f, m, r, Escor. 72 (three dots over χο), Aldine; τετραθ . . . vac. 1 . . . ρχ (θ and χ erased) -e; τετρα . . . vac. 2 . . . ρ . . . vac. 2 . . . -u.

<sup>2</sup> ὄντας -B.

<sup>3</sup> τῶν ὑπάτων -Basil.; τοῦ ὑπατῶν -E (ὑπάτων -E<sup>1</sup>), B; τοῦ ὑπόστων -e, Escor. 72 (with ὦν superscript over οῦ); τοῦ ὑπόστον -u; τῶν ὑπόστων -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> διαzeugμένων -r; διεξαγμένων -e, u.

<sup>5</sup> B, f, m, r; ἄερος -E, e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> τούτων -r.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De Defectu Orac.* 430 A; Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 11, 5-6 and Cleonides, *Introductio* 10 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 259, 13-260, 4 and p. 201, 8-13 [Jan]).

<sup>b</sup> In *De Defectu Orac.* 430 A it is not the intervals of the planets that are said to be five but their "periods" (cf. [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 892 B = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 363 A 9-15).

<sup>c</sup> So in *De Defectu Orac.* 430 A (. . . Ἡλίον καὶ Φωσφόρον καὶ Στίλβωνος ὁμοδρομούντων). In [Plato], *Epinomis* 987 B 4-5 Mercury is said to be ὁμόδρομος with the sun and Venus; and "Timaeus Locrus" uses διὰ τὸ ὁμοδρομῆν ἀλίω of Venus (97 A) just after (96 E) having called Mercury and Venus ἰσόδρομοι ἀλίω (cf. [Plutarch], *De Placitis* 889 C and 892 B = *Dox. Graeci*, p. 346 A 4-6 and p. 363 A 11-13; [Aristotle],

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these notions not remote from Plato's meaning the following will appear to be closely connected with the musical ratios, that, there being five tetrachords—those of the lowest and middle and conjunct and disjunct and highest—,<sup>a</sup> the planets have been arranged in five intervals,<sup>b</sup> of which one is that from moon to sun and those that keep pace with the sun, Mercury and Venus,<sup>c</sup> second that from these to the fiery planet of Mars,<sup>d</sup> and third that between this and Jupiter, and then next that extending to Saturn,<sup>e</sup> and finally fifth that from this to the sphere of fixed stars,<sup>f</sup> so that the sounds bounding the tetrachords correspond to the planets.<sup>g</sup> Further-

*De Mundo* 399 a 8-9; Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 136, 20-21 [Hiller]). Plato himself, however, in *Timaeus* 38 D 2-3 says that the revolution of Venus and of Mercury is τάχει ἰσοδρομον ἡλίῳ (cf. 36 D 5: τάχει τρεῖς μὲν ὁμοίως); cf. ἰσοταχεῖς in Philo Jud., *De Cherubim* 22 (i, p. 175, 11-13 [Cohn]) and Philoponus, *De Aeternitate Mundi* vi, 24 (p. 199, 10-15 [Rabe]). For the form Στίλβωνα page 330, note *c supra*.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Plutarch, frag. ix, 5 (p. 46, 3 [Bernardakis])=frag. 157, 80 (Sandbach); [Plutarch], *De Placitis*, 889 B=Dox. Graeci, pp. 344 A 20-345 A 1; Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 130, 24 (Hiller).

<sup>e</sup> For the form Φαίβωνα see page 330, note *c supra*.

<sup>f</sup> This reduction of the planetary intervals to five involves not only the mistake of making the orbits of the sun, Mercury, and Venus one and the same but also the inconsistency of counting the interval from Saturn to the fixed stars while at the same time omitting the interval from earth to moon (cf. Helmer, *De An. Proc.*, p. 59).

<sup>g</sup> The five tetrachords, not being all consecutive, are bounded by seven different notes (cf. Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* iv, xii=pp. 334, 23-335, 6 [Friedlein]); but in the preceding scheme the five consecutive intervals must be bounded by six terms, one of which, since three of the seven planets constitute a single boundary, cannot be a planet and is in fact the sphere of the fixed stars.

(1029) ἔτι τοίνυν τοὺς παλαιοὺς ἴσμεν ὑπάτας<sup>1</sup> μὲν δύο  
 τρεῖς δὲ νήτας μίαν<sup>2</sup> δὲ μέσην καὶ μίαν παραμέσην  
 τιθεμένους, ὥστε<sup>3</sup> τοῖς πλάνησιν ἰσαριθμούς εἶναι  
 τοὺς ἐστῶτας. οἱ δὲ νεώτεροι τὸν προσλαμβανό-  
 μενον, τόνω διαφέροντα<sup>4</sup> τῆς ὑπάτης,<sup>5</sup> ἐπὶ τὸ βαρὺ  
 Ὡ τάξαντες τὸ μὲν ὄλον σύστημα δις διὰ πασῶν ἐ-  
 ποίησαν τῶν δὲ συμφωνιῶν τὴν κατὰ φύσιν οὐκ  
 ἐτήρησαν τάξιν· τὸ γὰρ διὰ πέντε πρότερον γίνε-  
 ται τοῦ διὰ τεσσάρων, ἐπὶ τὸ βαρὺ τῇ ὑπάτῃ<sup>6</sup>  
 τόνου<sup>7</sup> προσληφθέντος. ὁ δὲ Πλάτων δηλὸς ἐστίν  
 ἐπὶ τὸ ὄξυ προσλαμβάνων· λέγει γὰρ ἐν τῇ Πολι-  
 τείᾳ τῶν ὀκτὼ σφαιρῶν ἐκάστην περιφέρειν [εἰτ']<sup>8</sup>  
 ἐπ' αὐτῇ Σειρήνα<sup>9</sup> βεβηκυῖαν, ἄδειν δὲ πάσας ἕνα

<sup>1</sup> ὑπάτους -Γ.

<sup>2</sup> νήτεις καὶ μίαν -Γ.

<sup>3</sup> ἐν δὲ -II.

<sup>4</sup> διαφέροντος -II.

<sup>5</sup> τῆς <ὑπάτων> ὑπάτης -H. Weil et Th. Reinach, *Plutarque: De la musique* (Paris, 1900), p. lxxix, n. 4.

<sup>6</sup> E, B, f, m, r; ἀπάτη -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> E (τόνω -E<sup>1</sup> with ω remade to ου), B, c, u, Escor. 72; τοῦ τόνου -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>8</sup> Deleted by Hubert; τὴν -Stephanus.

<sup>9</sup> E, B; σειρήναι -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine: σειρήναν -f, m; σειρήνας -Γ.

<sup>a</sup> i.e., apart from the proslambanomenos, the seven fixed notes that bound the five tetrachords: cf. Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* iv, xiii (pp. 335, 8-337, 18 [Friedlein]); Cleonides, *Introductio* 4 and Gaudentius, *Harmonica Intro-*

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more, we know that the ancients reckon two notes called hypatê and three nêtê but one mesê and one paramesê, so that the stable notes<sup>a</sup> are equal in number with the planets. The moderns, however, by placing an additional note, the proslambanomenos, lower in the scale than the hypatê,<sup>b</sup> from which it differs by a tone, made the whole scale a double octave<sup>c</sup> but did not preserve the natural order of the consonances, for the fifth turns out to be prior to the fourth when to the hypatê a tone has been added lower in the scale.<sup>d</sup> It is obvious, however, that Plato makes the addition to the higher end of the scale, for in the *Republic* he says<sup>e</sup> that each of the eight spheres<sup>f</sup> carries around in its revolution a Siren standing on it and they all sing emitting a single *ductio* 17 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 185, 16-25 and p. 345, 1-4 [Jan]).

<sup>b</sup> That is the hypatê of the lowest tetrachord, as would be made explicit by the supplement of Weil-Reinach, τῆς <ὕπατων> ὑπάτης; but τῇ ὑπάτῃ τόνου προσληφθέντος at the end of the sentence shows that Plutarch wrote simply τῆς ὑπάτης here just as Nicomachus wrote τὴν ὑπάτην for τὴν ὑπάτων ὑπάτην (cf. *Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 258, 2-3 [Jan]).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 11, 4 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 258, 2-11 [Jan]) and Boethius, *De Institutione Musica* 1, xx (pp. 211, 21-212, 7 [Friedlein]).

<sup>d</sup> i.e., the scale ought to begin with a tetrachord not increased to a fifth by the tone of the proslambanomenos, for the fourth is "naturally prior" to the fifth: cf. Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 7, 9, and 12 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, p. 249, 2-19; p. 252, 4-15; and p. 262, 7-11 [Jan]) and *Arithmetica Introductio* 11, xxvi, 1 (p. 134, 5-15 [Hoche]); Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 66, 12-14 (Hiller).

<sup>e</sup> *Republic* 617 B 4-7.

<sup>f</sup> Plato said not "spheres" but ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν κύκλων . . . ἐφ' ἐκάστου. See *supra* 1028 A with note *θ* and *Plat. Quaest.* 1007 A with note *d* there.

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(1029) τόνον<sup>1</sup> ἰείσας<sup>2</sup> ἐκ δὲ πασῶν κεράννυσθαι μίαν ἀρμονίαν. αὐται δ' ἀνιέμεναι τὰ θεῖα εἴρουσι καὶ κατάδουσι<sup>3</sup> τῆς ἱερᾶς περιόδου<sup>4</sup> καὶ χορείας<sup>5</sup> ὀκτάχορδον<sup>6</sup> ἐμμέλειαν· ὀκτῶ γὰρ ἦσαν καὶ οἱ πρῶτοι  
 D τῶν διπλασίων καὶ τριπλασίων ὄροι λόγων, ἕκαστέρα προσαριθμουμένης μερίδι τῆς μονάδος. οἱ δὲ πρεσβύτεροι Μούσας παρέδωκαν καὶ ἡμῖν<sup>7</sup> ἐννέα,

<sup>1</sup> ἕνα <ἐκάστην> τόνον -Hubert.

<sup>2</sup> E; ἴσας -B; ἰείσας -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> Stephanus; εἴρουσαι καὶ κατάδουσαι -MSS.

<sup>4</sup> E, B; προόδου -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>5</sup> E, B; χωρίας -e, u, Escor. 72, Aldine; χορίαις -f, m, r.

<sup>6</sup> τὴν ὀκτάχορδον -f, m, r.

<sup>7</sup> MSS. (μούσαν -u); καὶ Μούσας παρέδωκαν ἡμῖν -Pohlenz.

<sup>a</sup> Each emits one tone (*Republic* 617 B 6); but even Proclus, who elsewhere states this clearly (*In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, pp. 236, 29-237, 1 and p. 238, 15 [Kroll]), says κινεῖ δὲ τὰς Σειρήνας ἄδειν μίαν φωνὴν ἰείσας ἕνα τόνον . . . (*ibid.*, i, p. 69, 10-12 [Kroll]). Hubert's supplement, therefore, would be a case of improving rather than restoring what Plutarch wrote.

<sup>b</sup> Plutarch must assume that the Siren of the moon emits hypatê of the lowest tetrachord and that of Saturn nêtê of the highest so that the additional eighth, that of the fixed stars, would be a tone higher in pitch than the latter. Plato does not say, however, what tone is emitted by which Siren and nothing that he does say would prevent the eighth tone from being understood as an addition to the lower end of the scale, whether the tone highest in pitch or lowest is associated with the moon, for which two opposed theories cf. Nicomachus, *Harmonices Man.* 3 and *Excerpta* 3 (*Musici Scriptores Graeci*, pp. 241, 18-242, 11 and pp. 271, 18-273, 24 [Jan]).

<sup>c</sup> *i.e.* "relaxed" in the musical sense, referring to the gentle sound of the harmony (cf. *De Genio Socratis* 590 c-d: . . . τὴν πραότητα τῆς φωνῆς ἐκείνης ἐκ πασῶν συνηρμοσμένης) and so differentiating the tones of these Sirens from the shrill song, λιγυρὴ ἀοιδή of Homer's (*Odyssey* xii, 44 and 183; cf.



tone <sup>a</sup> and all are blended into a single concord.<sup>b</sup> These Sirens free from strain <sup>c</sup> entwining things divine <sup>d</sup> chant a harmony of eight notes over the sacred circuit of the dance,<sup>e</sup> for eight was also the number of the primary terms of the double and triple ratios, the unit being counted along with each of the two classes.<sup>f</sup> And we too have got from our elders the tradition that there are nine Muses,<sup>g</sup>

Apollonius Rhodius, iv, 892-893 and 914), *λυγυρή* being *ὄξεια* and *σύντονος*, the opposite of *ἀνιεμένη* (cf. [Aristotle], *De Audibilibus* 804 a 21-29). Proclus is at pains to distinguish these two groups of Sirens and in fact maintains that according to Plato there are three different kinds (*In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, pp. 238, 21-239, 8 [Kroll] and *In Platonis Cratylum*, p. 88, 14-26 [Pasquali]).

<sup>a</sup> Etymologizing *Σειρήν*, as is shown by *Quaest. Conviv.* 745 F (. . . *Σειρήνας ὀνομάζειν, εἰρούσας τὰ θεῖα καὶ λεγούσας ἐν Ἄιδου . . .*), apparently as if from *σεῖα* (Laconian for *θεῖα*) *εἶρειν*. *Etym. Magnum* 710, 19-20 (Gaisford) has *παρὰ τὸ εἶρω, τὸ λέγω, εἰρήν καὶ πλεονασμῶ τοῦ σ, σειρήν. ἢ παρὰ τὸ εἶρω τὸ συμπλέκω*, the latter from Herodian *Technicus*, *Reliquiae* ii, 1, p. 579, 13-14 (Lenz).

<sup>e</sup> Cf. Philo Jud., *De Mutatione Nominum* 72 (iii, p. 169, 27-28 [Wendland]) and *De Specialibus Legibus* ii, 151 (v, p. 122, 13-15 [Cohn]); [Plato], *Epinomis* 982 E 4-6 from Plato, *Timaeus* 40 c 3-4.

<sup>f</sup> For the unit as common to both even numbers and odd being counted twice and so giving eight terms (1, 2, 4, 8 and 1, 3, 9, 27) see *supra* 1018 F—1019 A with note *b* there, but for the same reason being taken only once and so giving seven terms (1, 2, 4, 8, 3, 9, 27) see 1027 E *supra*. With *οἱ πρῶτοι τῶν . . . ὅροι λόγων* here cf. *τῶν ὑποκειμένων ἀριθμῶν . . . ἐδέξατο μείζονας ὅρους λαβεῖν ἐν τοῖς αὐτοῖς λόγοις* (1019 B *supra* with note *d* there).

<sup>g</sup> "We too . . ." for this was not the universal belief: cf. *Quaest. Conviv.* 744 c—745 B (where at the end Plutarch identifies the three Fates of *Republic* 617 c with the three Delphian Muses) and 746 E; M. Mayer, *R.-E.* xvi/1 (1933), cols. 687, 50-691, 66.

(1029) τὰς μὲν ὀκτὼ καθάπερ ὁ Πλάτων περὶ τὰ οὐράνια τὴν δ' ἐνάτην τὰ περίγεια κηλεῖν<sup>1</sup> ἀνακαλουμένην καὶ καθιστᾶσαν ἐκ πλάνης καὶ διαφορᾶς ἀνωμαλίαν καὶ ταραχὴν ἐχούσας.<sup>2</sup>

33. Σκοπεῖτε<sup>3</sup> δὲ μὴ τὸν μὲν οὐρανὸν ἄγει καὶ τὰ οὐράνια ταῖς περὶ αὐτὴν<sup>4</sup> ἐμμελείαις καὶ κινήσεσιν ἢ ψυχὴ φρονιμωτάτη καὶ δικαιοτάτη γεγενυῖα, γέγονε δὲ τοιαύτη τοῖς καθ' ἄρμονίαν λόγοις, ὧν εἰκόνες μὲν ὑπάρχουσιν εἰς τὰ σώματα<sup>5</sup> ἐν τοῖς Ε ὄρατοῖς καὶ ὄρωμένοις μέρεσι τοῦ κόσμου καὶ σώμασιν ἢ δὲ πρώτη καὶ κυριωτάτη δύναμις ἀοράτως<sup>6</sup> ἐγκέκραται τῇ ψυχῇ καὶ παρέχει σύμφωνον αὐτῇ<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> καλεῖν -r.

<sup>2</sup> e, u, f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine; ἐχούσης -E, B.

<sup>3</sup> E, B, r; σκοπεῖται -e, u, f, m, Escor. 72.

<sup>4</sup> Bernardakis; αὐτὴν -mss. <sup>5</sup> mss.; ἀσώματα -Stephanus.

<sup>6</sup> ἀοράτως -r, f (in margin), m (in margin); ὄρατους -u<sup>1</sup> (ou remade to ω); ὄρατως -all other mss.

<sup>7</sup> Stephanus; ἐαυτὴν -mss.; ἐαυτῇ -Hubert; <αὐτῇ> αὐτὴν -A. E. Taylor (*Commentary on Plato's Timaeus*, p. 157, n. 1).

<sup>a</sup> This tacit identification of the Sirens of *Republic* 617 b 4-7 with the Muses Ammonius in *Quaest. Conviv.* 745 f is made to assert explicitly after Plutarch in his own person had denied it (*ibid.* 745 c). It is later denied by Proclus too (*In Platonis Rem Publicam* ii, p. 237, 16-25 with ii, p. 68, 5-16 [Kroll]), who ascribes it to οἱ παλαιοί (*In Platonis Timaeum* ii, p. 208, 9-14 and p. 210, 25-28 [Diehl]). It is explicit in Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* ii, iii, 1-2 (= *Porphyrii in Platonis Timaeum . . . Fragmenta*, pp. 59, 11-60, 10 [Sodano]) and implicit in Porphyry, *Περὶ ἀγαλμάτων*, frag. 8 (J. Bidez, *Vie de Porphyre*, p. 12\*, 14-15) = Eusebius, *Praep. Evang.* iii, 11, 24 (i, p. 139, 19-20 [Mrs]) and *Vita Pythagorae* 31 (pp. 33, 19-34, 2 [Nauck]) and in the citation of Amelius by Joannes Lydus, *De Mensibus* iv, 85 (p. 135, 3-7 [Wünsch]). The Muses are not mentioned in the two interpretations of the Sirens given

eight of them, just as Plato says, being occupied with things celestial<sup>a</sup> and the ninth with those about the earth<sup>b</sup> to cast a spell upon them recalling them from vagrancy and discord and settling their capriciousness and confusion.

33. Consider, however, whether the heavens and the heavenly bodies are not guided by the soul with her own harmonious motions<sup>c</sup> when she has become most provident and most just and whether she has not become such by reason of the concordant ratios,<sup>d</sup> semblances of which are incorporated in the parts of the universe that are visible and seen, that is in bodies, but the primary and fundamental property of which has been invisibly blended in the soul<sup>e</sup> and

by Theon Smyrnaeus, pp. 146, 9-147, 6 (Hiller) or in that given by Chalcidius, *Platonis Timaeus*, p. 167, 1-7 (Wrobel) = p. 148, 6-11 (Waszink).

<sup>b</sup> So Ammonius in *Quaest. Conviv.* 746 A (μία δὲ τὸν μεταξὺ γῆς καὶ σελήνης τόπον ἐπισκοποῦσα καὶ περιπολοῦσα . . .); cf. ἦ τε ὑποσελήνιος σφαῖρα in Porphyry, *Περὶ ἀγαλμάτων*, frag. 8 (cited in the last note *supra*). Others resolved the difficulty of identifying the nine Muses with Plato's eight Sirens by making the ninth the concord produced by the other eight (Macrobius, *In Somnium Scipionis* II, iii, 1-2).

<sup>c</sup> Cf. Porphyry in Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* II, p. 214, 11 (= *Porphyrii in Platonis Timaeum . . . Fragmenta*, p. 60, 18-19 [Sodano]) and Proclus himself, *ibid.* II, p. 268, 7-8 and p. 279, 10-12 (Diehl); and Simplicius, *De Anima*, p. 40, 37-38. With the reasons given by Plutarch here for rejecting the astronomical interpretations considered in chaps. 31-32 *supra* cf. especially Proclus, *ibid.* II, p. 212, 28-31 (Diehl).

<sup>d</sup> See *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 A: ἐπεὶ δὲ ἡ ψυχὴ νοῦ μετέλαβε καὶ ἀρμονίας καὶ γενομένη διὰ συμφωνίας ἔμφρων. . . .

<sup>e</sup> See 1024 c *supra* (διαδιδούσαν ἐνταῦθα τὰς ἐκείθεν εἰκόνας); cf. Porphyry in Proclus, *In Platonis Timaeum* II, p. 214, 15-16 and pp. 214, 31-215, 3 (= *Porphyrii in Platonis Timaeum . . . Fragmenta*, p. 60, 22-23 and p. 61, 13-15 [Sodano]) and Proclus himself, *ibid.*, p. 295, 2-9 (Diehl).

(1029) καὶ πειθήνιον, ἀεὶ τῷ κρατίστῳ καὶ θειοτάτῳ  
 μέρει τῶν ἄλλων ἀπάντων ὁμοιοῦντων. παραλα-  
 βῶν γὰρ ὁ δημιουργὸς ἀταξίαν<sup>1</sup> καὶ πλημμέλειαν  
 ἐν ταῖς κινήσεσι τῆς ἀναρμόστου καὶ ἀνοήτου ψυ-  
 χῆς διαφορομένης πρὸς ἑαυτὴν τὰ μὲν διώρισε καὶ  
 διέστησε τὰ δὲ συνήγαγε πρὸς ἄλληλα καὶ συν-  
 ἔταξεν ἁρμονίαις καὶ ἀριθμοῖς χρησάμενος, οἷς καὶ  
 τὰ κωφότατα<sup>2</sup> σώματα, λίθοι καὶ ξύλα καὶ φλοιοί<sup>3</sup>  
 φυτῶν καὶ θηρίων ὄσῳ<sup>4</sup> καὶ πυτῖαι,<sup>5</sup> συγκεραν-  
 F νύμενα καὶ συναρμοστώμενα θαυμαστάς μὲν ἀγαλ-  
 μάτων ὄψεις θαυμαστάς δὲ παρέχει φαρμάκων καὶ  
 ὀργάνων δυνάμεις. ἥ καὶ Ζήνων ὁ Κιτιεὺς ἐπὶ  
 θέαν αὐλητῶν παρεκάλει τὰ μειράκια καταμανθά-  
 νειν οἶαν<sup>6</sup> κέρατα καὶ ξύλα καὶ κάλαμοι καὶ ὄσῳ,<sup>7</sup>  
 λόγου μετέχοντα καὶ συμφωνίας, φωνὴν ἀφήσι.  
 τὸ<sup>8</sup> μὲν γὰρ ἀριθμῷ πάντα ἐπειοικέναι<sup>9</sup> κατὰ τὴν  
 Πυθαγορικὴν ἀπόφασιν<sup>10</sup> λόγου δεῖται· τὸ δὲ πᾶσιν,  
 1030 οἷς<sup>11</sup> ἐκ διαφορᾶς καὶ ἀνομοιότητος ἐγγέγονε κοι-  
 νωνία τις πρὸς ἄλληλα καὶ συμφωνία, ταύτης  
 αἰτίαν εἶναι μετριότητα καὶ τάξιν, ἀριθμοῦ καὶ

<sup>1</sup> Xylander; κατ' ἀταξίαν -E, B, e, u; κατ' ἀξίαν (ἀξίαν corrected to ἀταξίαν in margin -f<sup>1</sup>, m<sup>1</sup>) -f, m, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> Wyttenbach; κωφότατα -MSS.

<sup>3</sup> φοιοί -f, m, r.

<sup>4</sup> Emperius (*Op. Philol.*, p. 340); εἰσὶ (εἰσὶν -e, u) -MSS.

<sup>5</sup> πυτῖαι -E, B, u<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> οἶα -B.

<sup>7</sup> ὄσῳ (?) -e; ὄσα -u, Aldine.

<sup>8</sup> τὸ -E, B; τῷ -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>9</sup> ἐπειοικέναι -e, u<sup>2</sup>, Escor. 72.

<sup>10</sup> E, B, f, m; ἀπόφασιν -e, u, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>11</sup> Xylander; πᾶσι θεοῖς -MSS.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. *De Genio Socratis* 592 B-C.

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renders her concordant and docile,<sup>a</sup> all her other parts always agreeing with the part that is best and most divine.<sup>b</sup> For the artificer, having taken over <sup>c</sup> a jangling disorder in the motions of the discordant and stupid soul which was at odds with herself,<sup>d</sup> distinguished and separated some parts and brought others together with one another and organized them, using concords and numbers <sup>e</sup> by which when blended and fitted together even the most senseless bodies, stones and logs and the bark of plants and bones and beestings of animals, provide statuary of wonderful appearance and medicines and instruments of wonderful potency. Wherefore it was that Zeno of Citium <sup>f</sup> summoned the lads to a performance of pipers to observe what a sound is produced by bits of horn and wood and reed and bone when they partake of ratio and consonance. For, while it requires reasoned argument to maintain with the Pythagorean assertion that all things are like unto number,<sup>g</sup> the fact that for all things in which out of difference and dissimilitude there has come to be some union and consonance with one another the cause is regularity and order consequent upon their participation in

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Plato, *Republic* 442 c 10-D 1 and 432 A 6-9.

<sup>c</sup> See note *f* on 1014 c *supra*.

<sup>d</sup> See *supra* 1014 B (page 183, note *c*) and 1016 c with note *f* and the references there.

<sup>e</sup> See *supra* page 175 note *c* and 1015 E with note *i*.

<sup>f</sup> Cf. *De Virtute Morali* 443 A = S.V.F. i, frag. 299.

<sup>g</sup> Cf. Sextus, *Adv. Math.* iv, 2 and vii, 94 and 109; Theon Smyrnaeus, p. 99, 16 (Hiller); Themistius, *De Anima*, p. 11, 27 (Xenocrates, frag. 39 [Heinze]); A. Nauck, *Iamblichii De Vita Pythagorica Liber*, pp. 234-235, to which add Anatolius in [Hero Alexandrinus], *Def.* 138, 9 (iv, p. 166, 16-18 [Heiberg]); Burkert, *Weisheit und Wissenschaft*, pp. 64-65.

(1030) ἀρμονίας μετασχοῦσιν, οὐδὲ τοὺς ποιητὰς λέληθεν  
 ἄρθμια μὲν τὰ φίλα καὶ προσηνῆ καλοῦντας ἀναρ-  
 σίους<sup>1</sup> δὲ τοὺς ἐχθροὺς καὶ τοὺς πολεμίους,<sup>2</sup> ὡς  
 ἀναρμοστίαν τὴν διαφορὰν οὔσαν. ὁ δὲ τῷ Πιν-  
 δάρῳ ποιήσας τὸ ἐπικήδειον

ἄρμενος ἦν ξείνοισιν ἀνὴρ ὅδε καὶ φίλος ἀστοῖς  
 εὐαρμοστίαν δῆλός ἐστι τὴν ἀρετὴν<sup>3</sup> ἠγούμενος, ὡς  
 που καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ Πίνδαρος τοῦ θεοῦ φησιν ἐπα-  
 κοῦσαι<sup>4</sup> μουσικὰν ὀρθάν<sup>5</sup> ἐπιδεικνυμένου<sup>6</sup> τὸν Κάδ-  
 μον. οἳ τε πάλαι θεολόγοι, πρεσβύτατοι φιλοσόφων  
 Β ὄντες, ὄργανα μουσικὰ θεῶν ἐνεχειρίζον ἀγάμμα-  
 σιν, οὐχ ὡς λύραν που <κρούουσι><sup>7</sup> καὶ αὐλοῦσιν  
 ἀλλ'<sup>8</sup> οὐδὲν ἔργον οἰόμενοι θεῶν οἶον ἀρμονίαν

<sup>1</sup> Xylander; ἀναρείους -E, e, u, Escor. 72; ἐναρείους -B;  
 ἀνάρθμια -f, m; ἀνάριθμια -r.

<sup>2</sup> τὰ ἐχθρὰ καὶ τὰ πολέμια -f, m, r.

<sup>3</sup> ἀρμονίαν -r.

<sup>4</sup> B. Müller (1873); ἐπακούοντος -mss.; ἐπακούοντα J. G.  
 Schneider; ἐπακούειν -Wytttenbach.

<sup>5</sup> μουσικὰν ὀρθάν -Heyne (*Pindari Carmina* iii, pars i  
 [Göttingen, 1798], pp. 51-52); οὐκανορέαν -E; οὐκανορέαν  
 (οὐκ ἀνορέαν -u, f, m, r) -all other mss.

<sup>6</sup> Heyne (*loc. cit.*); ἐπιδεικνύμενοι -E, B, e, u, Escor. 72;  
 ἐπιδεικνύμενος -f, m, r, Aldine.

<sup>7</sup> <κρούουσι> -supplied by Mauroimmates; που . . . vac. 7  
 . . . καὶ -E, B; που καὶ (without lacuna) -all other mss.,  
 Aldine; λυρίζουσιν καὶ -Wytttenbach.

<sup>8</sup> αὐλὸν σιν . . . vac. 2 -f, m; vac. 4 -r . . . ἀλλὰ -f, m, r;  
 αὐλὸν ἀλλὰ -Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Stobaeus, *Ecl.* i, *Prooem.*, 2 (p. 16, 1-13 [Wachs-  
 muth]) and Syrianus, *Metaph.*, pp. 103, 29-104, 2.

<sup>b</sup> *Anth. Pal.* vii, 35; cf. A. S. F. Gow and D. L. Page, *The  
 Greek Anthology: Hellenistic Epigrams* ii (Cambridge, 1965),  
 p. 395.

number and concord, this has not gone unnoticed even by the poets who call friendly and agreeable things befitting and enemies and foes unfitting on the assumption that dissension is unfittingness.<sup>a</sup> He who composed the elegy for Pindar

This was a man who was fitted for guests and friendly to townsmen<sup>b</sup>

is clearly of the belief that virtue is fittingness, as Pindar too says somewhere himself that Cadmus hearkened to the god displaying music fit.<sup>c</sup> The theologians of ancient times, who were the oldest of philosophers,<sup>d</sup> put musical instruments into the hands of the statues of the gods, with the thought, I presume, not that they <do play> the lyre and the pipe but that no work is so like that of gods as concord

<sup>c</sup> Pindar, frag. 32 (Bergk, Schroeder, Snell)=22 (Turyn)=13 (Bowra); cf. *De Pythiae Oraculis* 397 A and Aelius Aristides, ii, p. 296, 4-5 (Jebb)=ii, p. 383 (Dindorf). The quotation is relevant to the present context only if Plutarch identified the ὀρθ- of ὀρθάν with the ἀρθ- of ἄρθμον, which he could the more easily do since in Aeolic and his own Boeotian *ορ* and *ρο* often correspond to the *αρ* and *ρα* of common Greek (cf. R. Meister, *Die griechischen Dialekte* . . . i [Göttingen, 1882], p. 34, n. 2; pp. 48-49; p. 216 and F. Bechtel, *Die griechischen Dialekte* i [Berlin, 1921], p. 25; p. 147; pp. 242-243); and I have therefore translated ὀρθάν by "fit" (cf. English "fit"="a strain of music," cognate with "fit"="junction").

<sup>d</sup> Cf. *De Iside* 360 D, where Plato, Pythagoras, Xenocrates, and Chrysippus are said to have followed τοῖς πάλαι θεολόγοις for their notion of δαίμονες, and 369 B, where a παμπάλαιος δόξα is said to have come down to poets and philosophers ἐκ θεολόγων καὶ νομοθετῶν; in *De Defectu Orac.* 436 D οἱ σφόδρα παλαιοὶ θεολόγοι καὶ ποιηταὶ are contrasted to οἱ νεώτεροι . . . καὶ φυσικοὶ προσαγορευόμενοι, and to the former is ascribed a line of Orpheus, frag. B 6 (D.-K.), for which see *De Comm. Not.* 1074 E *infra* with note a there.

(1030) εἶναι καὶ συμφωνίαν. ὥσπερ οὖν ὁ τοὺς ἐπιτρίτους καὶ ἡμιολίους καὶ διπλασίους λόγους ζητῶν ἐν τῷ ζυγῷ τῆς λύρας καὶ τῇ χελώνῃ καὶ τοῖς κολλάβοις γελοῖός ἐστι (δεῖ μὲν γὰρ ἀμέλει καὶ ταῦτα συμμέτρως γεγονέναι πρὸς ἀλληλα μήκεσι καὶ πάχεσι τὴν δὲ ἀρμονίαν ἐκείνην ἐπὶ τῶν φθόγγων θεωρεῖν) οὕτως εἰκὸς μὲν ἐστὶ καὶ τὰ σώματα τῶν ἀστέρων καὶ τὰ διαστήματα τῶν κύκλων καὶ τὰ τάχη τῶν C περιφορῶν ὥσπερ ὄργανα ἐν τεταγμένοις (λόγοις)<sup>1</sup> ἔχειν ἐμμέτρως πρὸς ἀλληλα καὶ πρὸς τὸ ὄλον, εἰ καὶ τὸ ποσὸν ἡμᾶς τοῦ μέτρου<sup>2</sup> διαπέφευγε, τῶν μέντοι λόγων ἐκείνων οἷς ὁ δημιουργὸς ἐχρήσατο καὶ τῶν ἀριθμῶν ἔργον ἠγγεῖσθαι τὴν αὐτῆς τῆς ψυχῆς ἐμμέλειαν<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἀρμονίαν πρὸς αὐτήν,<sup>4</sup> ὑφ' ἧς<sup>5</sup> καὶ τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐγγενομένη μυρίων ἀγαθῶν ἐμπέπληκε καὶ τὰ περὶ γῆν ὠραις καὶ μεταβολαῖς μέτρον ἐχούσαις ἄριστα καὶ κάλλιστα<sup>6</sup> πρὸς τε γένεσιν καὶ σωτηρίαν τῶν γιγνομένων διακεκόσμηκεν.

<sup>1</sup> <λόγοις> -added by Wyttenbach.

<sup>2</sup> f, m, r; μετρίου -all other mss.

<sup>3</sup> ἐπιμέλειαν -f<sup>1</sup>, m<sup>1</sup>, r, Aldine.

<sup>4</sup> E, B, f, m; αὐτήν -e, u, r, Escor. 72, Aldine.

<sup>5</sup> E, B; ἐφ' οἷς -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>6</sup> μάλιστα -u.

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<sup>a</sup> Cf. Cornutus, xiv and xxxii (p. 17, 11-16 and pp. 67, 17-68, 5 [Lang]) and Sallustius, *De Diis et Mundo* vi (p. 12, 8-12 [Nock]). Other such symbolic interpretations of the statues of gods and their attributes are given by Plutarch in *De Iside* 381 D-F, *De Pythiae Oraculis* 400 c and 402 A-B, *An Seni Respublica Gerenda Sit* 797 F; cf. Porphyry,



and consonance.<sup>a</sup> Just as one is ridiculous, then, who looks for the sesquitercian and sesquialteran and duple ratios in the yoke and the shell and the pegs of the lyre (for, while of course these too must have been made proportionate to one another in length and thickness, yet it is in the sounds that that concord is to be observed), so is it reasonable to believe that, while the bodies of the stars and the intervals of the circles and the velocities of the revolutions are like instruments commensurate in fixed <ratios> with one another and with the whole though the quantity of the measurement has eluded us,<sup>b</sup> nevertheless the product of those ratios and numbers used by the artificer<sup>c</sup> is the soul's own harmony and concord with herself,<sup>d</sup> whereby she has filled the heaven, into which she has come, with countless goods and has arrayed the terrestrial regions with seasons and measured changes in the best and fairest way for the generation and preservation of things that come to be.

Περὶ ἀγαλμάτων, frags. 3, 7, and 8 (J. Bidez, *Vie de Porphyre*, pp. 6\*, 4-7\*, 4; p. 9\*, 10-21; p. 12\*, 5-11; and p. 17\*, 10-18) and Macrobius, *Sat.* 1, xvii, 13 and xix, 2 and 8 with R. Pfeiffer, *Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes*, XV (1952), pp. 20-32 on Callimachus, frag. 114 (Pfeiffer).

<sup>b</sup> So much and only so much, then, is conceded to those referred to in 1028 A-B *supra*, καίτοι τινὲς μὲν ἐν τοῖς τάξεσι . . . τινὲς δὲ μᾶλλον ἐν τοῖς ἀποστήμασιν ἔνιοι δ' ἐν τοῖς μεγέθεσι. . . .

<sup>c</sup> See page 341, note *e* and the references there.

<sup>d</sup> See 1028 A *supra*: . . . ὡς μάλιστα δὴ τῇ συστάσει τῆς ψυχῆς τοῦ λόγου τούτου προσήκοντος.



EPITOME OF THE  
TREATISE, "ON THE  
GENERATION OF THE  
SOUL IN THE TIMAEUS"

(COMPENDIUM LIBRI DE ANIMAE  
PROCREATIONE IN TIMAEO)

## INTRODUCTION

THIS *Epitome* or "Compendium," which is No. 42 in the Planudean corpus, is not listed in the *Catalogue of Lamprias*. It is rather an excerpt than an epitome or compendium in the proper sense, for it is merely a copy of chaps. 22-25 (1023 B—1025 B) of the treatise with two short paragraphs by way of introduction. In these the "epitomizer" refers to the author of the treatise in the third person, though not by name, and in summarizing his doctrine ineptly ascribes to him a theory of evil that is vehemently rejected in the treatise. The excerpt itself shows in several places that the "epitomizer" did not clearly understand what he was transcribing; and, though he made one intelligent substitution in his text, he also introduced a supplement that reveals his misunderstanding of a Greek verbal form.

It is practically certain that the ms. of the treatise from which the excerpt was taken was not one from which any of the extant mss. of the treatise was copied, for in five cases words absent from all the latter are present in all mss. of the *Epitome*.<sup>a</sup> The text here printed is based upon  $\alpha$ , A,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , E, B, and

<sup>a</sup> 1031 C (ἐκαστα), 1031 D (πάλιν), 1031 E (καὶ), 1032 D (πλανήτων), 1032 E (τήν). See besides these the correct forms in all the mss. of the *Epitome*: ἀεικίνητος (1031 A), ἄκρα τὸ (1032 E), τοῦ ταύτου (1032 F).

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n, all of which have been collated from photostats. Their readings are fully reported in the *apparatus*; and so are those of Laurent. Conv. Soppr. 180, which was collated as a sample of the other mss. containing the *Epitome* (cf. Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, pp. xvii-xviii). For the few readings cited of Vat. Reg. 80 I have depended upon the *Variae Lectiones* of Crusier-Xylander and the reports of Hubert-Drexler and upon the latter for those of Marc. Append. IV, 1 and Urb. 100(t). There are few decisive indications in this work of the relation among the mss. collated; but in several cases B and n are in agreement against all the others, and it is quite clear that the scribe of B did not copy the *Epitome* from E.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> See 1030 E (ἀναλογίας καὶ; ἀναλογικὰς -B, n), 1031 A (περιλαμβάνων; παραλαμβάνων -B, n), 1031 E (νοερὸν ἢ φύσις; νοερὸν ὡσπερ ἢ φύσις -B, n), 1032 A (πως omitted by B, n). In all these cases the Aldine is in disagreement with B and n.

1030 D ΕΠΙΤΟΜΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΡΙ ΤΗΣ ΕΝ ΤΩΙ  
ΤΙΜΑΙΩΙ ΨΥΧΟΓΟΝΙΑΣ

1. Ὁ περὶ τῆς ἐν τῷ Τιμαίῳ ψυχογονίας ἐπιγεγραμμένος λόγος ὅσα Πλάτωνι καὶ τοῖς Πλατωνικοῖς πεφιλοτίμηται ἀπαγγέλλει εἰσάγει δὲ καὶ γεωμετρικὰς τινὰς ἀναλογίας καὶ ὁμοιότητας<sup>2</sup> πρὸς τὴν τῆς ψυχῆς, ὡς οἶεται, θεωρίαν συντεινούσας αὐτῷ καὶ δὴ καὶ μουσικὰ καὶ ἀριθμητικὰ θεωρήματα.

2. Λέγει δὲ τὴν ὕλην διαμορφωθῆναι ὑπὸ τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ δίδωσι μὲν τῷ παντὶ ψυχὴν δίδωσι δὲ καὶ ἐκάστω ζῷω τὴν διοικουσαν αὐτό,<sup>3</sup> καὶ πῆ μὲν ἀγέννητον<sup>4</sup> εἰσάγει ταύτην πῆ δὲ γενέσει δουλεύουσαν αἰδιδιον δὲ τὴν ὕλην καὶ ὑπὸ τοῦ θείου διὰ τῆς ψυχῆς μορφωθῆναι καὶ τὴν κακίαν δὲ βλάστημα τῆς ὕλης γεγονέναι, ἵνα μή, φησί, τὸ θεῖον αἴτιον  
F τῶν κακῶν νομισθεῖη.

3. Ὅτι οἱ περὶ τὸν Ποσειδώνιον οὐ μακρὰν τῆς

<sup>1</sup> τοῦ περὶ -omitted by β.

<sup>2</sup> ἀναλογικὰς ὁμοιότητας -B, n.

<sup>3</sup> αὐτῷ -γ, Laurent. C. S. 180.

<sup>4</sup> α; ἀγέννητον -all other mss., Aldine.

<sup>a</sup> The epitomizer passes without notice from the treatise to its author.

<sup>b</sup> See *supra* 1016 c and 1017 A-B.

<sup>c</sup> See *supra* 1014 B and in the final chapter 1029 D-E and 1030 c, with which cf. *Plat. Quaest.* 1003 A.

EPITOME OF THE TREATISE,  
"ON THE GENERATION OF THE  
SOUL IN THE TIMAEUS"

1. The treatise entitled *On the Generation of the Soul in the Timaeus* reports what all the contentions of Plato and the Platonists have been and also introduces certain geometrical proportions and similarities pertaining, as he thinks,<sup>a</sup> to his theory of the soul and particularly musical and arithmetical speculations.

2. He asserts, moreover, that matter was shaped by soul and ascribes a soul to the universe but ascribes to each living being also the one that manages it; and he represents this as being in one way ungenerated and in another subject to generation<sup>b</sup> but matter as everlasting and given shape by the divinity through the agency of the soul<sup>c</sup> and evil as being in origin an excrescence of matter,<sup>d</sup> in order, he says, that the divinity might not be thought responsible for evil things.

3. He says that Posidonius and his followers<sup>e</sup> did

<sup>a</sup> As B. Müller observed (*Hermes*, iv [1870], p. 396, n. 1) this is the very opposite to Plutarch's contention in the treatise (see 1015 c-e *supra*).

<sup>e</sup> = F 141 b (Edelstein-Kidd). Save for the differences indicated in the notes the rest of the *Epitome* is an exact copy of *De An. Proc. in Timaeo* 1023 B - 1025 B *supra*.

(1030) ὕλης ἀπέστησαν τὴν ψυχὴν<sup>1</sup> ἀλλὰ δεξάμενοι τὴν τῶν περάτων οὐσίαν περὶ τὰ σώματα λέγεσθαι μεριστὴν καὶ ταῦτα τῷ νοητῷ μίξαντες ἀπεφήναντο τὴν ψυχὴν ἰδέαν εἶναι τοῦ πάντη διαστατοῦ

1031 κατ' ἀριθμὸν συνεστῶσαν ἀρμονίαν περιέχοντα· τά τε γὰρ μαθηματικὰ<sup>2</sup> τῶν πρώτων νοητῶν μεταξὺ καὶ τῶν αἰσθητῶν τετάχθαι, τῆς τε ψυχῆς, τῷ νοητῷ<sup>3</sup> τὸ αἰδίον καὶ τῷ αἰσθητικῷ<sup>4</sup> τὸ παθητικὸν ἐχούσης, προσῆκον ἐν μέσῳ τὴν οὐσίαν ὑπάρχειν. ἔλαθε γὰρ καὶ τούτους ὁ θεὸς τοῖς τῶν σωμάτων πέρασιν ὕστερον, ἀπειργασμένης ἤδη τῆς ψυχῆς, χρώμενος ἐπὶ τὴν τῆς ὕλης διαμόρφωσιν, τὸ σκεδαστὸν αὐτῆς καὶ ἀσύνδετον ὀρίζων καὶ περιλαμβάνων<sup>5</sup> ταῖς ἐκ τῶν τριγῶνων συναρμοττομένων ἐπιφανείαις. ἀτοπώτερον δέ<sup>6</sup> τὸ τὴν ψυχὴν ἰδέαν ποιεῖν· ἢ μὲν γὰρ ἀεικίνητος ἢ δ' ἀκίνητος, καὶ ἢ μὲν ἀμιγῆς πρὸς τὸ αἰσθητὸν ἢ δὲ τῷ σώματι συν-

B ειργμένη.<sup>7</sup> πρὸς δὲ τούτοις ὁ θεὸς τῆς μὲν ἰδέας ὡς παραδείγματος γέγονε μιμητῆς τῆς δὲ ψυχῆς ὡσπερ ἀποτελέσματος δημιουργός. ὅτι δ' οὐδ'

<sup>1</sup> MSS. ; τὴν ψυχὴν -omitted 1023 B *supra*.

<sup>2</sup> μαθητικὰ -a, A (with μα superscript over ητ), Aldine.

<sup>3</sup> MSS. ; τῶν νοητῶν -1023 B *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> MSS. ; τῶν αἰσθητῶν -1023 B-C *supra* (E, B ; τῶν αἰσθητικῶν -all other MSS.).

<sup>5</sup> παραλαμβάνων -B, n.

<sup>6</sup> διὰ -Laurent. C. S. 180.

<sup>7</sup> συνειργμένη -B, n, Laurent. C. S. 180 ; συνηργμένη -Vat. Reg. 80.

<sup>a</sup> The epitomizer misunderstood the second aorist ἀπέστησαν (1023 B *supra*) and, supposing it to be transitive, added the object, τὴν ψυχὴν, that he thought was to be "supplied." The original was correctly translated by Turnebus and Amyot ; but Xylander misunderstood it just as the epitomizer had done, and his mistake has been repeated by



not remove the soul<sup>a</sup> far from matter but, having taken divisible in the case of bodies to mean the being of the limits and having mixed these with the intelligible, they declared the soul to be the idea of what is everyway extended, herself constituted according to number that embraces concord, for (they said) the mathematical have been ranked between the primary intelligibles and the perceptibles and it is an appropriate thing for the soul likewise, possessing as she does everlastingness with the intelligible and passivity with the perceptible,<sup>b</sup> to have her being in the middle. In fact these people too failed to notice that only later, after the soul has already been produced, does god use the limits of the bodies for the shaping of matter by bounding and circumscribing its dispersiveness and incoherence with the surfaces made of the triangles fitted together. What is more absurd, however, is to make the soul an idea, for the former is perpetually in motion but the latter is immobile and the latter cannot mix with the perceptible but the former has been coupled with body ; and, besides, god's relation to the idea is that of imitator to pattern but his relation to the soul is that of artificer to finished product. As to number, however, it has been stated

Helmer (*De An. Proc.*, p. 16, n. 21), Thévenaz (*L'Âme du Monde*, p. 26), Merlan (*Platonism to Neoplatonism*, p. 35), and Marie Laffranque (*Poseidonios d'Apamée* [Paris, 1964], p. 431).

<sup>b</sup> τῷ νοητῷ . . . τῷ αἰσθητικῷ is a mistake whether of the epitomizer's own or of his original for τῶν νοητῶν . . . τῶν αἰσθητῶν (1023 B *supra*, where, however, all mss. except E and B have αἰσθητικῶν). It is uncertain what the epitomizer thought the text as he wrote it could mean—if indeed he thought about it at all.

(1031) ἀριθμὸν ὁ Πλάτων τὴν οὐσίαν τίθεται τῆς ψυχῆς ἀλλὰ ταπτομένην ὑπ' ἀριθμοῦ, προείρηται.

4. Πρὸς δ' ἀμφοτέροις τούτοις<sup>1</sup> κοινόν ἐστι τὸ μήτε τοῖς πέρασι μήτε τοῖς ἀριθμοῖς μηδὲν ἴχνος ἐνυπάρχειν ἐκείνης τῆς δυνάμεως ἧ τὸ αἰσθητὸν ἢ ψυχὴ πέφυκε κρίνειν. νοῦν μὲν γὰρ αὐτῇ καὶ νοητὸν<sup>2</sup> ἢ τῆς νοητῆς μέθεξις ἀρχῆς ἐμπεποίηκε· δόξας δὲ καὶ πίστεις καὶ τὸ φανταστικὸν καὶ τὸ παθητικὸν<sup>3</sup> ὑπὸ τῶν περὶ τὸ σῶμα ποιοτήτων [ὄ]<sup>4</sup> οὐκ ἄν τις ἐκ μονάδων οὐδὲ γραμμῶν<sup>5</sup> οὐδ' ἐπι-  
C φανειῶν ἀπλῶς νοήσειεν ἐγγινόμενον. καὶ μὴν οὐ μόνον αἱ τῶν θνητῶν ψυχαὶ γνωστικὴν τοῦ αἰσθητοῦ δύναμιν ἔχουσιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν τοῦ κύκλου<sup>6</sup> φησὶν ἀνακυκλουμένην αὐτὴν πρὸς ἑαυτήν, ὅταν οὐσίαν σκεδαστὴν ἔχοντός τινος<sup>7</sup> ἐφάπτηται καὶ ὅταν ἀμέριστον, λέγη<sup>8</sup> κινουμένην διὰ πάσης<sup>9</sup> ἑαυτῆς, ὅτω ἄν<sup>10</sup> τι<sup>11</sup> ταῦτόν ἢ καὶ ὅτου<sup>12</sup> ἄν ἕτερον,

<sup>1</sup> mss. ; ἀμφοτέρους τούτους -1023 D *supra*.

<sup>2</sup> mss. here and 1023 D *supra* ; see the note there on καὶ <τό> νοητόν.

<sup>3</sup> παθητόν -α, B, π.

<sup>4</sup> [ὄ] -omitted by t (Urb. 100) and deleted by Dübner ; see 1023 D *supra* : ποιοτήτων, τοῦτ'.

<sup>5</sup> οὐδ' ἐκ γραμμῶν -B.

<sup>6</sup> τοῦ κόσμου -Leonicus from 1023 D *supra*.

<sup>7</sup> τινὰ -γ.

<sup>8</sup> λέγη -mss. (η over erasure in α) ; λέγει -Aldine ; λέγειν -Dübner from 1023 E *supra* (where E, B, f, m, r also have λέγη).

<sup>9</sup> δὲ ἀπάσης -Laurent. C. S. 180<sup>1</sup>.

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above <sup>a</sup> that Plato regards the substance of soul not as number either but as being ordered by number.

4. Besides both of these, moreover, there is equally <sup>b</sup> the argument that neither in limits nor in numbers is there any trace of that faculty with which the soul naturally forms judgments of what is perceptible. Intelligence and intelligibility have been produced in her by participation in the intelligible principle ; but opinions and beliefs, that is to say what is imaginative and impressionable by the qualities in body, one could not conceive [. . .] as arising in her simply from units or from lines or surfaces. Now, not only do the souls of mortal beings have a faculty that is cognizant of the perceptible ; but he says <sup>c</sup> that the soul of the circle <sup>d</sup> also as she is revolving upon herself, whenever she touches anything that has being either dispersed or indivisible, is moved throughout herself and states <sup>e</sup> of anything's being the same and different with

<sup>a</sup> Thoughtlessly copied from 1023 D, for neither the passage to which it refers (1013 c-d) nor its content has been mentioned in this " epitome."

<sup>b</sup> Plutarch's *κοινόν* was made meaningless when the epitomizer mistook *ἀμφοτέρους τούτους* for *ἀμφοτέροις τούτοις* (see 1023 D *supra* : ". . . against both of these in common . . .").

<sup>c</sup> Plato, *Timaeus* 37 A 5-B 3.

<sup>d</sup> This is the epitomizer's mistake for " the soul of the universe " (1023 D *supra*).

<sup>e</sup> I translate as if the correct *λέγειν* stood here (see 1023 E *supra*), for with *λέγειν*, which the epitomizer certainly wrote, it is impossible to construe the sentence at all.

<sup>10</sup> MSS. ; *ὅτω τ' ἄν* -1023 E *supra*.

<sup>11</sup> *τι* -B<sup>corr.</sup> ; *τις* -all other MSS., Aldine.

<sup>12</sup> *ἦ καὶ ὅτου* -B<sup>corr.</sup> ; *ἦ καὶ ὅτω* -all other MSS. (*ω* over erasure in *α*), Aldine.

(1031) πρὸς ὃ τι τε μάλιστα καὶ ὅπη καὶ ὅπως συμβαίνει καὶ<sup>1</sup> τὰ γιγνόμενα πρὸς ἕκαστον ἕκαστα εἶναι καὶ πάσχειν. ἐν τούτοις ἅμα καὶ τῶν δέκα κατηγοριῶν ποιούμενος ὑπογραφὴν ἔτι μᾶλλον τοῖς ἐφεξῆς διασαφεῖ. “λόγος” γάρ φησιν “ἀληθῆς ὅταν μὲν D περὶ τὸ αἰσθητὸν γένηται<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὁ τοῦ θατέρου κύκλος ὀρθὸς<sup>3</sup> ἰὼν εἰς πᾶσαν αὐτοῦ τὴν ψυχὴν διαγείλη, δόξαι καὶ πίστει γίνονται βέβαιοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς· ὅταν δ’ αὖ πάλιν περὶ<sup>4</sup> τὸ λογιστικὸν ἦ καὶ ὁ τοῦ ταύτου κύκλος εὐτροχος ὦν αὐτὰ μηνύση, ἐπιστήμη ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἀποτελεῖται· τούτῳ δ’ ἐν ᾧ τῶν ὄντων ἐγγίγνεσθον, ἐάν ποτέ τις αὐτὸ ἄλλο πλὴν ψυχὴν προσείπη, πᾶν μᾶλλον ἢ τὸ ἀληθὲς ἐρεῖ.” πόθεν οὖν ἔσχεν<sup>5</sup> ἡ ψυχὴ τὴν ἀντιληπτικὴν τοῦ αἰσθητοῦ καὶ δοξαστικὴν ταύτην κίνησιν, ἐτέραν τῆς νοητῆς<sup>6</sup> ἐκείνης καὶ τελευτώσης εἰς ἐπιστήμην, ἔργον εἰπεῖν μὴ θεμένους βεβαίως ὅτι νῦν οὐχ ἀπλῶς ψυχὴν ἀλλὰ κόσμου ψυχὴν συνίστησιν

<sup>1</sup> καὶ -MSS.; κατὰ -B<sup>corr.</sup> in margin; see 1023 E *supra*: κατὰ τὰ γιγνόμενα (καταγιγνόμενα -MSS.).

<sup>2</sup> γένοιτο -t (Urb. 100), Laurent. 80, 5; γίγνηται -1023 E *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> ὀρθῶς -a<sup>1</sup>? (ὄς over erasure), Vat. Reg. 80; see r<sup>corr.</sup> in 1023 E *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> MSS., Aldine; δ’ αὖ περὶ (without πάλιν) -1023 F *supra* and *Timaeus* 37 c 1.

<sup>5</sup> ἔσχεν -omitted by Laurent. C. S. 180, *Marc. Append.* IV, 1 (cf. Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, p. xviii).

<sup>6</sup> MSS., Aldine; νοητικῆς -Wytttenbach from 1023 F *supra*.

<sup>a</sup> From this point on the construction of the original is radically altered by the erroneous καὶ τὰ γιγνόμενα which

regard to whatever it is so precisely the respect and context and manner in which<sup>a</sup> even the things that come to be happen to be or to have as attribute either of these in relation to each. As in these words he is simultaneously giving an outline of the ten categories too, in those that follow he states the case more clearly still, for he says<sup>b</sup>: "Whenever true discourse is concerning itself about the perceptible and the circle of difference running aright conveys the message through all its soul, there arise opinions and beliefs steadfast and true; but, whenever on the other hand again it is concerned about the rational and the circle of sameness running smoothly gives the information, knowledge is of necessity produced; and, if anyone ever calls by another name than soul that one of existing things in which these two come to be, he will be speaking anything but the truth." Whence, then, did the soul get this motion that can apprehend what is perceptible and form opinions of it, a motion different from that which is intelligible<sup>c</sup> and issues in knowledge? It is difficult to say without steadfastly maintaining that in the present passage<sup>d</sup> he is constructing not soul in the absolute sense but the soul

the epitomizer wrote instead of *κατὰ τὰ γινόμενα* (see 1023 E *supra*). On the other hand, the ms. that he excerpted must have contained the correct *ἕκαστα* (cf. *Timaeus* 37 B 2) that is lacking in all our mss. of the treatise.

<sup>b</sup> *Timaeus* 37 B 3-c 5.

<sup>c</sup> The treatise here has "intellective" (1023 Γ *supra*: *νοητικῆς*), but the epitomizer probably wrote *νοητῆς*.

<sup>d</sup> This refers to neither of the two passages just mentioned but to *Timaeus* 35 A 1-B 4, which is quoted at the beginning of the treatise (1012 B-C *supra*) but has not been mentioned in the *Epitome* at all.

(1031)

E ἔξ ὑποκειμένης<sup>1</sup> τῆς τε κρείττονος οὐσίας καὶ ἀμεριστοῦ καὶ τῆς χείρονος, ἣν περὶ<sup>2</sup> τὰ σώματα μεριστὴν κέκληκεν, οὐχ ἑτέραν οὖσαν ἢ τὴν δοξαστικὴν καὶ φανταστικὴν καὶ συμπαθῆ<sup>3</sup> τῶν αἰσθητῶν<sup>4</sup> κίνησιν, οὐ γενομένην ἀλλὰ ὑφεστῶσαν αἰδιον ὥσπερ ἡ ἑτέρα. τὸ γὰρ νοερὸν ἢ φύσις<sup>5</sup> ἔχουσα καὶ τὸ δοξαστικὸν εἶχεν ἀλλ' ἐκεῖνο μὲν ἀκίνητον καὶ ἀπαθές καὶ περὶ τὴν αἰεί μένουσαν ἰδρυμένον οὐσίαν τοῦτο δὲ μεριστὸν καὶ πλανητόν, ἅτε δὴ φερομένης καὶ σκεδαννυμένης ἐφαπτόμενον ὕλης. οὔτε γὰρ τὸ αἰσθητὸν εἰλήχει τάξεως ἀλλ' ἦν ἄμορφον καὶ ἀόριστον, ἣ τε περὶ τοῦτο τεταγμένη δύναμις οὔτε δόξας ἐνάρθρους οὔτε κινήσεις ἀπάσας ἔχουσα<sup>6</sup> τεταγμένας ἀλλὰ τὰς πολλὰς ἐνυπνιώδεις καὶ παραφόρους καὶ ταραττούσας τὸ σωματοειδές, ὅσα μὴ κατὰ τύχην τῷ βελτίονι περιέπιπτεν· ἐν μέσῳ γὰρ ἦν ἀμφοῖν καὶ πρὸς ἀμφοτέρω συμπαθῆ<sup>7</sup> καὶ συγγενῆ φύσιν εἶχε, τῷ μὲν αἰσθητικῶ<sup>7</sup> τῆς ὕλης ἀντεχομένη τῷ δὲ κριτικῶ τῶν νοητῶν.

5. Οὕτω δὲ πως<sup>8</sup> καὶ Πλάτων<sup>9</sup> διασαφεῖ τοῖς ὀνόμασιν· “οὗτος” γάρ φησι “παρὰ τῆς ἐμῆς ψή-

<sup>1</sup> MSS., Aldine; ὑποκειμένων -1024 A *supra*.

<sup>2</sup> παρὰ -E. <sup>3</sup> συμπλοκή -Vat. Reg. 80.

<sup>4</sup> MSS., Aldine; τῶ αἰσθητῶ -1024 A *supra*.

<sup>5</sup> νοερὸν ὥσπερ ἡ φύσις -B, n.

<sup>6</sup> MSS., Aldine; εἶχε -Wytttenbach from 1024 B *supra* (B,

E [in margin]).

<sup>7</sup> αἰσθητῶ -B.

<sup>8</sup> πως -omitted by B.

<sup>9</sup> MSS.; αὐτὸς -1024 B *supra*.

<sup>a</sup> Misled by τῆς . . . οὐσίας, which follows immediately, the epitomizer may have misread an abbreviation of the final syllable of ὑποκειμένων in the original (1024 A *supra*). Both entities, of course, were already available to the artificer.

of the universe out of being that is already available,<sup>a</sup> the superior, that is to say indivisible, and the inferior, which he has called divisible in the case of bodies, this latter being none other than the opinionative and imaginative motion sensitive of the perceptibles,<sup>b</sup> not brought into being but having subsisted everlastingly just like the former. For nature possessing intellectuality possessed the opinionative faculty also, the former, however, immobile and impassive and settled about the being that always remains fixed but the latter divisible and erratic inasmuch as it was in contact with matter which was in motion and dispersion. The fact is that the perceptible had not got any portion of order but was amorphous and indefinite; and the faculty stationed about this was one having<sup>c</sup> neither articulate opinions nor motions that were all orderly, but most of them were dreamlike and deranged and were disturbing corporeality save in so far as it would by chance encounter that which is the better, for it was intermediate between the two and had a nature sensitive and akin to both, with its perceptivity laying hold on matter and with its discernment on the intelligibles.

5. In terms that go something like this Plato<sup>d</sup> too states the case clearly, for he says<sup>e</sup>: "Let this be

<sup>b</sup> This is the epitomizer's error for "sensitive to what is perceptible" in the original.

<sup>c</sup> I attempt in this way to render  $\epsilon\chi\omicron\nu\sigma\alpha$ , a mistake for  $\epsilon\lambda\chi\epsilon$  that was probably in the epitomizer's original, for it is common to all the mss. here and most of those of the treatise (see 1024 B *supra*).

<sup>d</sup> Here the epitomizer not unintelligently substituted the name of Plato for "he . . . himself" of his original.

<sup>e</sup> *Timaeus* 52 D 2-4.

(1032) φου λογισθεῖς ἐν κεφαλαίῳ δεδόσθω λόγος, ὃν τε<sup>1</sup> καὶ χώραν καὶ γένεσιν εἶναι τρία τριχῆ καὶ πρὶν οὐρανὸν γενέσθαι." καὶ<sup>2</sup> χώραν τε γὰρ καλεῖ τὴν ὕλην ὡσπερ ἔδραν ἔστιν ὅτε καὶ ὑποδοχήν,<sup>3</sup> ὃν δὲ τὸ νοητόν, γένεσιν δὲ τοῦ κόσμου μήπω γεγονότος οὐδεμίαν ἄλλην ἢ τὴν ἐν μεταβολαῖς καὶ κινήσεσιν οὐσίαν, τοῦ τυποῦντος καὶ τοῦ τυπουμένου μεταξὺ τεταγμένην, διαδιδούσαν<sup>4</sup> ἐνταῦθα τὰς ἐκείθεν εἰκόνας. διὰ τε δὴ ταῦτα μεριστὴ προσηγορεύθη καὶ Β ὅτι τῷ αἰσθητῷ τὸ αἰσθανόμενον καὶ τῷ φανταστῷ τὸ φανταζόμενον ἀνάγκη συνδιανέμεσθαι καὶ συμπάρηκειν· ἡ γὰρ αἰσθητικὴ<sup>5</sup> κίνησις, ἰδίᾳ ψυχῆς οὐσα, κινεῖται πρὸς τὸ αἰσθητὸν ἐκτός· ὁ δὲ νοῦς αὐτὸς μὲν ἐφ' ἑαυτοῦ<sup>6</sup> μόνιμος ἦν καὶ ἀκίνητος, ἐγγενόμενος δὲ τῇ ψυχῇ καὶ κρατήσας εἰς ἑαυτὸν ἐπιστρέφει καὶ συμπεραίνει τὴν ἐγκύκλιον φορὰν περὶ τὸ μέν(ον)<sup>7</sup> ἀεὶ μάλιστα<sup>8</sup> ψαύουσιν τοῦ ὄντος. διὸ καὶ δυσανάκρatos ἡ κοινωνία γέγονεν αὐτῶν, τῶν ἀμερίστων<sup>9</sup> τὸ μεριστὸν καὶ τῶν μηδαμῆ κινή-

<sup>1</sup> ὃν τε -E<sup>1</sup> in margin, Basiliensis; ὄντος -all other mss. (two dots under τος -B), Aldine.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ -mss., Aldine; omitted by Basiliensis and lacking in 1024 c *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> ὑποδοχεῖν -γ.

<sup>4</sup> διαδούσαν -γ (so also r in 1024 c *supra*).

<sup>5</sup> αἰσθητῆ -B.

<sup>6</sup> ἀφ' ἑαυτοῦ -Laurent. C. S. 180, Marc. Append. IV, 1 (*cf.* Hubert-Drexler, *Moralia* vi/1, p. xviii [so also f, m, r, Escor. 72 in 1024 c *supra*]).



the account rendered in summation as reckoned from my calculation, that real existence and space and becoming were three and distinct even before heaven came to be." Now, it is matter that he also calls space, as he sometimes calls it abode and receptacle, and the intelligible that he calls real existence; and what he calls becoming, the universe not yet having come to be, is nothing other than that being involved in changes and motions which, ranged between what makes impressions and what receives them, disperses in this world the semblances from that world yonder. For this very reason it was called divisible and also because it is necessary for that which is perceiving and that which is forming mental images to be divided in correspondence with what is perceptible and with what is imaginable and to be coextensive with them, for the motion of sense-perception, which is the soul's own, moves towards what is perceptible without but the intelligence, while it was abiding and immobile all by itself, upon having got into the soul and taken control makes her turn around to him and with her accomplishes about that which always remains fixed<sup>a</sup> the circular motion most closely in contact with real existence. This is also why the union of them proved to be a difficult fusion, mixing the divisibility of the indivisibles and the

<sup>a</sup> It is probable that the epitomizer faithfully copied τὸ μὲν αἰὶ from his original; but, if so, he could not have construed the phrase at all.

<sup>7</sup> Wytttenbach from 1024 D *supra*; τὸ μὲν -mss. (so u in 1024 D *supra*, where f omits μένον altogether).

<sup>8</sup> μάλιστα -omitted by B.

<sup>9</sup> mss.; τῷ ἀμερίστῳ -Stephanus from 1024 D *supra*.

(1032) τῶν<sup>1</sup> τὸ πάντῃ φορητὸν μινύουσα καὶ καταβια-  
 ζομένη<sup>2</sup> θάτερον εἰς ταῦτὸν<sup>3</sup> συνελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ τὸ  
 C θάτερον οὐ κίνησις, ὥσπερ οὐδὲ ταῦτὸν στάσις,  
 ἀλλ' ἀρχὴ διαφορᾶς καὶ ἀνομοιότητος. ἑκάτερον  
 γὰρ ἀπὸ τῆς ἐτέρας ἀρχῆς κάτεισι, τὸ μὲν ταῦτὸν  
 ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐνὸς τὸ δὲ θάτερον ἀπὸ τῆς δυάδος· καὶ  
 μέμικται πρῶτον ἐνταῦθα περὶ τὴν ψυχὴν, ἀριθ-  
 μοῖς καὶ λόγοις συνδεθέντα καὶ μεσότησιν ἐναρμο-  
 νίοις, καὶ ποιεῖ θάτερον μὲν ἐγγενόμενον τῷ ταῦτῳ<sup>4</sup>  
 διαφορὰν τὸ δὲ ταῦτὸν ἐν τῷ ἐτέρῳ τάξι, ὡς δῆλόν  
 ἐστὶν ἐν ταῖς πρώταις τῆς ψυχῆς δυνάμεσιν· εἰσὶ  
 δὲ αὗται τὸ κριτικὸν καὶ τὸ κινητικόν. ἡ μὲν οὖν  
 κίνησις εὐθὺς ἐπιδείκνυται περὶ τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐν μὲν  
 τῇ ταυτότητι τὴν ἑτερότητα τῇ περιφορᾷ τῶν ἀ-  
 D πλανῶν ἐν δὲ τῇ ἑτερότητι τὴν ταυτότητα τῇ τάξει  
 τῶν πλανήτων<sup>5</sup>. ἐπικρατεῖ γὰρ ἐν ἐκείνοις τὸ ταῦ-  
 τὸν ἐν δὲ τοῖς περὶ γῆν τούναντίον. ἡ δὲ κρίσις  
 ἀρχὰς μὲν ἔχει δύο, τὸν τε νοῦν ἀπὸ τοῦ ταύτου  
 πρὸς τὰ καθόλου καὶ τὴν αἴσθησιν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐτέρου  
 πρὸς τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα. μέμικται δὲ λόγος ἐξ ἀμ-  
 φοῖν, νόησις ἐν τοῖς νοητοῖς καὶ δόξα γινόμενος ἐν  
 τοῖς αἰσθητοῖς ὀργάνοις τε μεταξὺ φαντασίαις τε  
 καὶ μνήμαις χρώμενος, ὧν τὰ μὲν ἐν τῷ ταῦτῳ<sup>6</sup>  
 τὸ ἕτερον τὰ δ' ἐν τῷ ἐτέρῳ ποιεῖ τὸ ταῦτόν. ἔστι  
 γὰρ ἡ μὲν νόησις κίνησις τοῦ κινουῦντος<sup>7</sup> περὶ τὸ

<sup>1</sup> mss. (τὸ . . . κινητὸν -t [Urb. 100], Laurent. 80, 5); τῶν  
 μηδαμῇ κινητῶ -Stephanus from 1024 D *supra* (where r has  
 κινητὸν). <sup>2</sup> καταβιαζομένου -a (?).

<sup>3</sup> ταυτό -B, Laurent. C. S. 180.

<sup>4</sup> E; τῷ αὐτῷ -all other mss.

<sup>5</sup> πλανῶν (with ἦτ superscript over νω) -a<sup>1</sup>; πλανήτων -all  
 other mss.

<sup>6</sup> E<sup>1</sup> superscript over αὐτῷ; αὐτό -Vat. Reg. 80; αὐτῷ  
 -all other mss.

thorough transience of the utterly immobile<sup>a</sup> and constraining difference to unite with sameness. Difference is not motion, however, as sameness is not rest either, but the principle of differentiation and dissimilitude. In fact, each of the two derives from another of two principles, sameness from the one and difference from the dyad; and it is first here in the soul that they have been commingled, bound together by numbers and ratios and harmonious means, and that difference come to be in sameness produces differentiation but sameness in difference order, as is clear in the case of the soul's primary faculties. These are the faculties of discernment and motivity. Now, directly in the heaven motion exhibits diversity in identity by the revolution of the fixed stars and identity in diversity by the order of the planets, for in the former sameness predominates but its opposite in the things about the earth. Discernment, however, has two principles, intelligence proceeding from sameness to universals and sense-perception from difference to particulars; and reason is a blend of both, becoming intellection in the case of the intelligibles and opinion in the case of the perceptibles and employing between them mental images and memories as instruments, of which the former are produced by difference in sameness and the latter by sameness in difference. For intellection is motion of the mover<sup>b</sup> about what remains fixed,

<sup>a</sup> The nonsense of this clause is the result of the epitomizer's reading as genitive plurals the dative singulars of 1024 D *supra*, a mistake that he made in 1031 E *supra* also.

<sup>b</sup> This is the epitomizer's own mistake for "motion of what is cognizing" (1024 F *supra*).

<sup>7</sup> κινουόντος -MSS.; νοουόντος -Leonicus from 1024 F *supra*.

(1032) μένον, ἡ δὲ δόξα μονὴ τοῦ αἰσθανομένου περὶ τὸ κινούμενον· φαντασίαν δὲ συμπλοκὴν δόξης πρὸς E αἰσθησιν οὖσαν ἴσθησιν ἐν μνήμῃ τὸ ταῦτὸν τὸ δὲ θάτερον κινεῖ πάλιν ἐν διαφορᾷ τοῦ πρόσθεν καὶ νῦν, ἑτερότητος ἄμα καὶ ταυτότητος ἐφαπτόμενον.

6. Δεῖ δὲ τὴν περὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ κόσμου γενομένην σύνταξιν<sup>1</sup> εἰκόνα λαβεῖν τῆς ἀναλογίας ἐν ἣ διηρημόσατο τὴν<sup>2</sup> ψυχὴν. ἐκεῖ μὲν γὰρ ἦν ἄκρα τὸ πῦρ καὶ ἡ γῆ, χαλεπὴν πρὸς ἄλληλα κραθῆναι φύσιν ἔχοντα μᾶλλον δὲ ὅλως ἄκρατον καὶ ἀσύστατον· ὅθεν ἐν μέσῳ θέμενος αὐτῶν τὸν μὲν ἀέρα πρὸ τοῦ πυρὸς τὸ δὲ ὕδωρ πρὸ τῆς γῆς, ταῦτα πρῶτον ἀλλήλοις ἐκέρασεν εἶτα διὰ τούτων ἐκεῖνα πρὸς τε ταῦτα καὶ ἄλληλα<sup>3</sup> συνέμιξε καὶ συνήρμο- F σεν. ἐνταῦθα δὲ πάλιν τὸ ταῦτὸν καὶ τὸ θάτερον, ἐναντίας δυνάμεις καὶ ἀκρότητας ἀντιπάλους, συνήγαγεν οὐ διὰ αὐτῶν,<sup>4</sup> ἀλλ' οὐσίας ἐτέρας μεταξὺ, τὴν μὲν ἀμεριστον πρὸ<sup>5</sup> τοῦ ταύτου πρὸ<sup>6</sup> δὲ τοῦ θατέρου τὴν μεριστήν, ἔστιν ἡ προσήκουσαν ἐκατέραν ἐκατέρᾳ τάξας εἶτα μιχθείσαις ἐκείναις ἐπεγκεραννύμενος, οὕτως τὸ πᾶν συνύφηνε τῆς ψυχῆς εἶδος, ὡς ἦν ἀνυστόν, ἐκ διαφόρων ὁμοιον ἕκ τε πολλῶν ἐν<sup>7</sup> ἀπειργασάμενος.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> MSS. ; σύντηξι -Bernardakis from 1025 A *supra*.

<sup>2</sup> τὴν -MSS. ; omitted in 1025 A *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> MSS. ; καὶ πρὸς ἄλληλα -1025 A-B *supra*.

<sup>4</sup> αὐτῶν -a, Laurent. C. S. 180, Aldine.

<sup>5</sup> πρὸς -Vat. Reg. 80.

<sup>6</sup> πρὸς -Vat. Reg. 80.

<sup>7</sup> ἐν -n ; ἕνα -Laurent. C. S. 180 ; omitted by Aldine.

<sup>8</sup> MSS. ; ἀπειργασμένος -1025 B *supra* (ἀπειργασάμενος -f).

<sup>a</sup> The erroneous ἐφαπτόμενον (in 1025 A *supra* emended to ἐφαπτομένην), which without doubt was in the ms. excerpted by the epitomizer as it is in all the extant mss. of the

and opinion fixity of what is perceiving about what is in motion; but mental imagining, which is a combination of opinion with sense-perception, is brought to a stop in memory by sameness and by difference again set moving in the distinction of past and present, being in contact with<sup>a</sup> diversity and identity at once.

6. The construction<sup>b</sup> that was carried out in the case of the body of the universe must be taken as a likeness of the proportion with which he regulated the soul. In the former case, because there were extremes, fire and earth, of a nature difficult to blend together or rather utterly immiscible and incohesive, he accordingly put between them air in front of the fire and water in front of the earth and blended these with each other first and then by means of these commingled and conjoined those extremes with them and each other. And in the latter case again he united sameness and difference, contrary forces and antagonistic extremes, not just by themselves; but by first interposing other beings, the indivisible in front of sameness and in front of difference the divisible, as each of the one pair is in a way akin to one of the other, and by then making an additional blend with those between after they had been commingled he thus fabricated the whole structure of the soul, from what were various making it as nearly uniform and from what were many as nearly single as was feasible.

treatise, could agree only with τὸ θάτερον ("difference") and taken with this produces nonsense.

<sup>b</sup> This mistake for "fusion" (σύντηξις), which occurs in one ms. of the treatise also, may have been in the ms. excerpted by the epitomizer.





















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