

# PTOLEMY

## TETRABIBLOS

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## INTRODUCTION

### I.

FROM his own day well into the Renaissance Claudius Ptolemy's name was well-nigh pre-eminent in astronomy, geography, and astrology alike. "The divine Ptolemy," he is called by Hephaestion of Thebes,<sup>1</sup> and the expression shows that the reverence accorded him fell little short of idolatry. In such circumstances it is surprising that all we know of Ptolemy's personal history must be pieced together from passages in his own works, two scholia in ancient manuscripts, and brief notices to be found in later writers, some of them Arabian.<sup>2</sup> The result, when the reliable is summed up and the false or fanciful subtracted, is meagre indeed. We can probably rely upon the reports that he was born at Ptolemaïs in Egypt<sup>3</sup> and lived to the age of 78;<sup>4</sup> he tells us that his astronomical observations were made on the

<sup>1</sup> In *Catalogus Codicum Astrologicorum Graecorum* (hereafter cited as *CCAG*), viii. 2, p. 81, 2.

<sup>2</sup> The sources are collected and discussed by F. Boll, "Studien über Claudius Ptolemäus," *Jahrb. f. Cl. Ph.*, Supplementbd. xxi. 1894, pp. 53-66 (hereafter cited as Boll, *Studien*).

<sup>3</sup> Theodore of Melitê is the authority; Boll, *op. cit.*, pp. 54-55. An eleventh-century work of Abulwafa (*ibid.*, pp. 58-62) gave rise to the belief that he was born at Pelusium, so that, e.g., he is called *Ἡγλωνσιεύς* in the title of the first edition of the *Tetrabiblos*.

<sup>4</sup> This comes from Abulwafa.

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parallel of Alexandria, which convinces Boll that Alexandria was his home, although there is another tradition<sup>1</sup> that for 40 years he observed at Canopus, which was about 15 miles east of Alexandria, and it is known that he erected votive stelae in the temple at Canopus inscribed with the fundamental principles of his doctrines.<sup>2</sup> Combining the various traditions with the fact that the earliest of his observations recorded in the *Almagest* was made in 127 and the latest in 151, we may conclude, further, that his life fell approximately in the years 100-178,<sup>3</sup> covering the first three-quarters of the second century of our era and the reigns of Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, and Marcus Aurelius.

A detailed and not too flattering description of Ptolemy's personal appearance and habits goes back, again, to the Arabic tradition, and has been repeated in some of the modern editions of Ptolemy's works,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Preserved by Olympiodorus (fourth century), *In Plat. Phaed.*, p. 47, 16 (Finckh).

<sup>2</sup> Boll, *Studien*, p. 66. Heiberg gives the text in his edition of the *Opera astronomica minora* of Ptolemy (Leipzig, 1907), pp. 149 ff.

<sup>3</sup> This is Boll's conclusion (*op. cit.*, p. 64), accepted by Christ, *Griechische Literaturgeschichte*, 6th ed., 1924, ii, 2, p. 896. Boll, *ibid.*, pp. 63, 65, cites the passages of the *Almagest* which refer to the dated observations. He points out that a very slight change in the text of *Almagest*, x, 1, would make the date of the latest observation 141 instead of 151, but though this would, perhaps, agree better with some of the traditions, there is no real reason for altering the figure.

<sup>4</sup> *E.g.* in the preface of the Latin version of the *Almagest* published at Venice in 1515; and the preface of the translation of the *Tetrabiblos* by Whalley (see below, p. xiii).

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but on examination it proves to be nothing but the stock characterization of the philosopher given by the Greek physiognomists.<sup>1</sup> There is, in fact, no more to be learned about Ptolemy from external sources, and his own works contain little that is biographical. We learn from them, however, that he took, in general, an Aristotelian position philosophically, though his predilection for mathematics led him to regard that division of science with far greater reverence than the more biologically minded Aristotle.<sup>2</sup> One of his minor works and chapters in the longer ones are philosophical and testify to his knowledge of and interest in the subject. Though he was himself amply capable of original thought, he was acquainted with the work and writings of his predecessors, of Menelaüs in mathematics, of Hipparchus in astronomy, of Marinus of Tyre in geography, of Didymus in music, and of Posidonius in astrological ethnology and the arguments whereby astrology was defended. He drew freely and openly from them, and had the gift of systematizing the materials with which he dealt, a characteristic which is especially evident in the *Tetrabiblos*.

The works, genuine and false, ascribed to Ptolemy are: (1) the *Almagest* or *Syntaxis Mathematica*, in 13 books, the great treatise on astronomy; (2) *Φάσεις ἀπλανῶν ἀστέρων καὶ συναγωγή ἐπισημασιῶν* ("On the Apparitions of the Fixed Stars and a Collection of Prognostics"); (3) *Ἐποθέσεις τῶν πλανομένων* ("On the Planetary Hypothesis"); (4) *Κανὼν βασιλειῶν* ("Table of Reigns"), a chrono-

<sup>1</sup> Boll, *Studien*, pp. 58-62.

<sup>2</sup> *Op. cit.*, pp. 66-111, 131-163.



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logical table of reigns; (5) Ἀρμονικῶν βιβλία γ' ("On Music," in three books); (6) the *Tetrabiblos*, of which later; (7) Περὶ ἀναλήμματος, *De Analemmate*, the description of a sphere on a plane (extant only in translation); (8) *Planisphaerium*, "The Planisphere"; (9) the *Optics*, in 5 books (its genuineness has been doubted); (10) the *Καρπός* or *Centiloquium*, a collection of astrological aphorisms (generally thought to be spurious); (11) the *Geography*; (12) the *Πρόχειροι κανόνες* or "Ready (astronomical) Tables"; (13) *Προχείρων κανόνων διάταξις καὶ ψηφοφορία*, "Scheme and Manipulation of the Ready Tables"; (14) *Περὶ κριτηρίου καὶ ἡγεμονικοῦ*, a short treatise dealing with the theory of knowledge and the soul. Of these, the *Almagest*, since it is mentioned in the *Geography*, the Ὑποθέσεις, and the *Tetrabiblos*, and since it contains no reference to observations after the year 151, was certainly not the latest. The three books mentioned, and possibly others, belong to the last third of the author's life.

## II.

The treatise with which we are especially concerned is now, and usually has been, called the *Tetrabiblos* or *Quadripartitum*, but more accurately it should be Μαθηματικὴ τετράβιβλος σύνταξις, "Mathematical Treatise in Four Books," which is the title found in some of the MSS.<sup>1</sup> and is likely to have been that used by Ptolemy himself. Many of the MSS., however, use the title *Τὰ πρὸς*

<sup>1</sup> E.g. N (see below). *Τετράβιβλος* alone is used by P and E.

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Σύρον ἀποτελεσματικά,<sup>1</sup> "The Prognostics addressed to Syrus," in which certain of them substitute the similar but less common word συμπερασματικά for ἀποτελεσματικά.<sup>2</sup> The book is a systematic treatise on astrology, but it should be remembered that in Ptolemy's time the two words ἀστρολογία and ἀστρονομία meant much the same thing, "astronomy," and that he called what we mean by "astrology" τὸ δι' ἀστρονομίας προγνωστικόν,<sup>3</sup> "prognostication through astronomy," which indeed it was, in his estimation.

In antiquity and the middle ages no one thought it inconsistent with Ptolemy's reputation as a scientific astronomer that he should also have written upon astrology, and consequently the *Tetrabiblos* passed without question as genuine.<sup>4</sup> More lately, however, this wedding of astrology to astronomy has come to seem incongruous and for that reason the authenticity of the work has been challenged by certain scholars.<sup>5</sup> In this brief introduction the question, of course, cannot be argued fully. There are, however, two reasons for dismissing any doubts concerning the authorship of the book. The first is that by the second century of our era the triumph of astrology

<sup>1</sup> *E.g.* VMDE. Syrus is otherwise unknown. The Anonymous who comments on the *Tetrabiblos* says that some considered it a fictitious name, others that Syrus was a physician skilled in astrology. Several other works of Ptolemy—notably the *Almagest*—are dedicated to him.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g.* A.

<sup>3</sup> *Tetrabiblos*, i. *ad init.*

<sup>4</sup> Boll, *Studien*, pp. 127-131.

<sup>5</sup> Chiefly Hultsch. Cf. Boll's remarks in his paper "Zur Ueberlieferungsgeschichte der griechischen Astrologie und Astronomie," *Sitzungsber. d. Münch. Ak., phil.-hist. Cl.*, 1899, pp. 77 ff.

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was complete.<sup>1</sup> With few exceptions every one, from emperor to the lowliest slave, believed in it, and having weathered the criticism of the New Academy, astrology was defended by the powerful Stoic sect. Its position was strengthened by the prevalence of stellar and solar religion throughout the world, and it even captured the sciences, such as medicine, botany, mineralogy, chemistry, and ethnography. Furthermore, this continued to be the situation, in general, well into the Renaissance. Regiomontanus, Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Galileo, Kepler, and Leibnitz all either practised astrology themselves or countenanced its practice. There is really no basis, therefore, for thinking it incongruous that Ptolemy should have believed in astrology or written upon it. The second reason for accepting him as the author of the *Tetrabiblos* is, as Boll<sup>2</sup> has sufficiently demonstrated, that the book, in its general philosophic views, its language, and its astronomy, is entirely in accord with the Ptolemaic works whose genuineness has never been questioned. These arguments are too lengthy to be repeated here.

### III.

Though the *Tetrabiblos* enjoyed almost the authority of a Bible among the astrological writers of a thousand years or more, its Greek text has been

<sup>1</sup> See, for example, Chapters II-III of Boll-Bezold, *Sternglaube und Sterndeutung* (ed. 3, revised by W. Gundel). Leipzig: B. G. Teubner, 1926. F. Cumont, *Astrology and Religion among the Greeks and Romans*. New York: Putnam, 1912.

<sup>2</sup> *Studien*, pp. 111-181.



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printed only three times, and not at all since the sixteenth century. The editions are as follows :

(1) The first edition, edited by Joachim Camerarius, was printed by Froben at Nürnberg in 1535 in quarto. Besides the text, it contains Camerarius' Latin translation of Bks. I-II and of parts of Bks. III-IV, and his notes on Bks. I-II, the Greek text of the *Καρπός*, and a Latin translation by J. Pontanus.

(2) The second edition, also by Camerarius, was printed by Joannes Oporinus in octavo at Basel in 1553.<sup>1</sup> This contains the Greek text of the *Tetrabiblos*, a Latin translation by Philip Melancthon, and the *Καρπός* in both Greek and Latin. In the preparation of the first edition Camerarius had relied upon the Nürnberg codex (N in the list on p. xvii), in which his marks to guide the printer are still to be seen. He claims for his second edition to have corrected many mistakes in the text, and he has indeed managed to do away with many errors and misprints which are to be found in the first edition ; but apparently, too, he made use of one or more additional MSS., probably of the general type of A in our list below, from which he introduced nearly a hundred readings at variance with N, and

<sup>1</sup> *Κλαυδίου Πτολεμαίου Πηλουσιέως τετράβιβλος σύνταξις πρὸς Σύρον ἀδελφόν. Τοῦ αὐτοῦ Καρπός, πρὸς τὸν αὐτὸν Σύρον. Claudii Ptolemaei Pelusiensis libri quatuor, compositi Syro fratri. Eiusdem Fructus librorum suorum, sive Centum dicta, ad eundem Syrum. Innumeris quibus hucusque scatebant mendis, purgati.* Basileae, per Ioannem Oporinum. This is the title page of the Greek text. The portion containing the translations has a separate title page.

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in some seventy-five other instances he altered the text by outright emendation. In spite of the attempted improvement the second edition retains some forty misprints or mistakes, half of them newly introduced; its punctuation is most illogical, and it is far from reproducing what seems to be the best tradition of the manuscripts.

(3) Fr. Junctinus included the Greek text of the *Tetrabiblos* in his *Speculum astrologiae*, the second edition of which, in two folio volumes, was issued at Leyden in 1581. Junctinus made no attempt to improve the text as already published.

Professor Franz Boll, whose studies of Ptolemy have been cited many times already, had begun work upon a new edition of the *Tetrabiblos* prior to his lamented death, July 3, 1924. His pupil, Fräulein Emilie Boer, however, continued Boll's task, and the appearance of their completed text has been awaited since 1926.<sup>1</sup> I regret very much that my own work on the present text and translation could not have profited from the results of the textual studies of these two scholars.

Translations of the *Tetrabiblos* have been more numerous than texts. The oldest of them is the Arabian version, by Ishaq ben Hunain, made in the ninth century. Thence in turn Plato Tiburtinus, in 1138, and Aegidius de Thebaldis, in the middle of the thirteenth century, made Latin translations,

<sup>1</sup> I am told that the work was completed in this year. It has been announced as Vol. III, Fasc. 1, of *Ptolemaei opera omnia* in the well-known *Bibliotheca Classica*, published by B. G. Teubner, Leipzig. The year of publication is unknown to the writer as this is written.

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which were the chief means whereby Western Europe knew the *Tetrabiblos* up to the time of the first edition of the Greek text. Printed editions of these translations—the first dated 1484—appeared,<sup>1</sup> and they were also circulated in manuscript form. More important are the Latin translations made directly from the Greek, beginning with that of Camerarius himself, which was printed both with his text, as noted above, and by itself.<sup>2</sup> The translation by Antonius Gogava, first issued at Louvain in 1543, was several times reprinted at other places, for instance, at Padua in 1658, and was the version used by Cardanus to accompany his commentary. Philip Melanchthon's translation made its appearance in 1553, as we have seen; this, too, was issued separately later.<sup>3</sup> An English translation by John Whalley was published in 1701 and in a second edition in 1786,<sup>4</sup> which, as Ashmand says, "was not, in any one instance, purified from the blunders and obscurities which disgraced its predecessor." In

<sup>1</sup> On the early Latin versions see Thorndike, *History of Magic and Experimental Science* (New York, 1923), I, p. 110. MSS. of the Arabic version exist at the Escorial and in the Laurentian Library at Florence.

<sup>2</sup> Printed by Joannes Petreius, Nürnberg, 1535, with Camerarius' notes.

<sup>3</sup> *E.g.* a rudely printed duodecimo from the press of the heirs of Petrus Thomasius, Perugia, 1646, is in the writer's own library.

<sup>4</sup> *The Quadripartite; or, Four Books Concerning the Influences of the Stars . . . by Claudius Ptolemy. . .* By John Whalley, Professor of Physic and Astrology, and Others. The Second Edition, Revised, Corrected, and Improved. London: Printed for the Editors, and sold by M. Sibley . . . and E. Sibley . . . 1786.

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truth, Ptolemy is not easy to translate accurately, and though Whalley's version is worse than the others, all show a certain willingness to disguise the difficulties with smooth-sounding but non-committal phrases.<sup>1</sup>

The importance and popularity of the *Tetrabiblos* is shown by the number of commentaries upon it which have been made. In antiquity, as we deduce from expressions used in writings still extant, a considerable number existed; <sup>2</sup> the name of one commentator, Pancharios, survives, but none of his work except a few quotations.<sup>3</sup> Three such treatises which did survive, however, were edited by Hieronymus Wolf and published with Latin translations in folio at Basel in 1559. These are (1) an anonymous commentary on the *Tetrabiblos*, attributed by some, as Wolf says, to Proclus; (2) an introduction to the *Tetrabiblos*, to which the name of Porphyry is attached, though its authorship is by no means certain; (3) the scholia of Demophilus. These have not been republished, but are to be found in a number of manuscripts. Of greater importance for the study of the *Tetrabiblos* is the *Paraphrase* attributed to Proclus, but which, of course, may not have been his at all. Since it follows the *Tetrabiblos* very

<sup>1</sup> German translations also exist; e.g. by J. W. Pfaff in his *Astrologisches Taschenbuch*, 1822-23 (mentioned by Christ, *Gr. Litteraturgeschichte*), and one by M. E. Winkel, Linseverlag, 1923, which is based on the Latin of Melanchthon (v. W. Gundel in *Jahresb. u. die Fortschritte d. Kl. Alt.* 241, 1934, p. 74).

<sup>2</sup> Boll, *Studien*, p. 127.

<sup>3</sup> E.g. ap. *CCAG*, viii. 2, p. 67, 18 ff.; cf. Kroll, *Philologus*, lvii (1897), p. 123.



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closely, and since, as it happens, one manuscript of the *Paraphrase* is older than any of those of the *Tetrabiblos*, this document must be taken into consideration by any editor of the latter work. The first and only edition of the *Paraphrase*, with a preface by Melanchthon, appeared at Basel in 1554,<sup>1</sup> and the standard Latin version, from which at least two English translations have been made,<sup>2</sup> is that of Leo Allatius (Elzevir, Leyden, 1635). Besides the *Paraphrase* and the ancient commentaries, the elaborate commentary by Hieronymus Cardanus, published in the sixteenth century, should also be mentioned.<sup>3</sup>

### IV.

There are in European libraries at least thirty-five manuscripts containing all or a large part of the *Tetrabiblos*, besides a considerable number which contain partial texts or astrological miscellanies in which Ptolemy is cited along with other writers. Parts of the *Tetrabiblos*, too, are quoted by other

<sup>1</sup> Πρόκλον τοῦ διαδόχου τῶν ἀσαφῶς εἰρημένων Πτολεμαίῳ, καὶ δυσπαρακολούθητως ἐν τῷ αὐτοῦ τετραβίβλῳ, ἐπὶ τὸ σαφέστερον καὶ δυσπαρακολούθητον [sic] μεταχείρησις. *Procli paraphrasis in quatuor Ptolemaei libros de Siderum effectionibus. Cum praefatione Philippi Melanthonis.* Basileae, apud Joannem Oporinum [1554].

<sup>2</sup> J. M. Ashmand, *Ptolemy's Tetrabiblos or Quadripartite*, etc. London: Davis and Diekson, 1822. James Wilson, *The Tetrabiblos or Quadripartite of Ptolemy*, etc. London: W. Hughes [1828]. Charpuher, *Les Discourses*, etc., 15<sup>o</sup>, n. 2, cites a Ptolemy's *Tetrabiblos*, by J. M. Ashmand, London, 1917.

<sup>3</sup> Editions were published at Basel in 1554 and 1579, at Leyden in 1555, and in the fifth volume of Cardanus' works (Leyden: Huguotan and Revaud, 1663).

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authors, like Hephaestion of Thebes. Finally, there are a few manuscripts with Latin or Arabic translations. In spite of this volume of material, however, the earliest text of the *Tetrabiblos* itself is only of the thirteenth century. There is but one full manuscript even of this degree of antiquity, and only two or three from the fourteenth century; most of them are from the fifteenth and sixteenth. In view of this fact it is fortunate that we have one (but only one) manuscript of the *Paraphrase* which antedates all of these, having been written in the tenth century.

In preparing the present text of the *Tetrabiblos* I have been obliged to work entirely with photographs and photostats. However, by a fortunate circumstance, I was able to secure a collection of these which had been brought together by a German scholar unknown to me and which apparently includes the most important manuscripts.<sup>1</sup> Those manuscripts, therefore, which have been collated and used, and the symbols which I have used to refer to them, are as follows: <sup>2</sup>

V: Vaticanus gr. 1038, S. XIII. Contains a number of the works of Euclid, Hypsicles, and Hero, and an almost complete collection of the writings of Ptolemy, with the *Tetrabiblos* on ff. 352-384v.; the ending, after p. 207, 19 (Cam.<sup>2</sup>), does not appear. Heiberg (*Deutsche Literaturzeitung*, 1900, p. 417)

<sup>1</sup>The purchase of this collection was made possible by the Faculty Research Fund of the University of Michigan. It was accompanied by an anonymous description of the MSS. of the *Tetrabiblos*, to which I am indebted for information about many MSS. which I could not personally inspect.

<sup>2</sup>Of F and H only a few sample pages have been available.

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believes that it was largely copied from Vat. gr. 1594, S. IX, which contains other Ptolemaic texts in a relatively pure form but does not, now at least, include the *Tetrabiblos*. A distinctive feature of this manuscript is the large number of small lacunæ left by the scribe when he could not read his archetype or found it defective. In this Boll sees an indication of faithfulness and reliability. Cf. F. Boll, "Zur Ueberlieferungsgeschichte der griechischen Astrologie und Astronomie," *Sitzungsberichte d. K. B. Akad. d. Wiss. zu München, phil.-hist. Cl.*, 1899, pp. 77 ff.; *CCAG*, v. 1, no. 9.

D: Parisinus gr. 2509, S. XV. Contains the *Tetrabiblos* on ff. 14-81v., followed by the *Καρπός*. Cf. Omont, *Inv.* ii. 274; *CCAG*, viii. 3, no. 82. A copy of V, but the lacunæ were filled in from another source.

P: Parisinus gr. 2425, S. XV. Contains the *Tetrabiblos* on ff. 8-63v. The most immediately striking feature of this manuscript is its constant mis-spelling of words due to the confusion of *αι* and *ε*, *ει*, *η*, and *ι*, *ο* and *ω*, for example: that is, the confusions typical of late Greek. They may indicate that the manuscript (or an ancestor) was copied from dictation. P also has an ending which differs from the final sentences of the Camerarius editions and most other manuscripts.

L: Oxon. Laud, gr. 50, S. XVI. A copy of P, of no independent value. Paris. Suppl. gr. 597 is another copy of P.

N: Norimbergensis Cent. V, app. 8, S. XVI. This is the basis of Camerarius' text. It contains the *Tetrabiblos* (to p. 187, 6 Cam. only) on ff. 1-59v. Cf. *CCAG*, vii. no. 42.

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A : Vaticanus gr. 208, S. XIV *exeuntis*. This manuscript uses the term *συμπερασματικά* in the title instead of *ἀποτελεσματικά*. F and H below are related to A. Mercati and De' Cavalieri, *Codices Vaticani graeci*, i (Rome, 1923); *CCAG*, v. 1, no. 6.

E : Monacensis gr. 419, S. XIV. In this manuscript book and chapter headings are missing, and the ending is omitted (from p. 212, 7 Cam.). It is closely related to M (below), but in the latter the missing parts have been supplied in a second hand.

F : Venetus Marc. 323, S. XV. Contains the *Tetrabiblos* on ff. 403-461. Zanetti, *Bibliotheca*, p. 146; Morelli, *Bibliotheca*, p. 195; *CCAG*, ii. no. 4.

G : Vindobonensis philos. gr. 115, S. XIII. Contains a portion of Book II of the *Tetrabiblos* in ff. 7-16v. Cf. Boll, *Sitzungsb. Münch. Ak.* 1899, i. p. 84.

H : Venetus Marc. 324, S. XIV-XV. The *Tetrabiblos* is on ff. 156r.-189v. Zanetti, p. 149; Morelli, p. 207; *CCAG*, ii. no. 5.

M : Venetus Marc. 314, S. XIV *ineuntis*. Contains the *Tetrabiblos* on ff. 1-76v. See on E, above. Zanetti, p. 146; Morelli, p. 195; *CCAG*, ii. no. 3.

Besides the manuscripts of the *Tetrabiblos* itself the oldest manuscript of the *Paraphrase* has been utilized: Vaticanus gr. 1453, S. X, containing this text on ff. 1-219. This is cited as Proc. Camerarius' two editions of the *Tetrabiblos* are cited respectively as Cam.<sup>1</sup> and Cam.<sup>2</sup>, or simply Cam., if they agree.

A puzzling problem connected with the manuscripts of the *Tetrabiblos* concerns their ending. In one group the conclusion is entirely missing, and has  
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either been left so<sup>1</sup> or an ending supplied which is identical with that of Proclus' *Paraphrase*;<sup>2</sup> in the other an ending appears which is considerably longer than the former, but which is precisely the same in its general content, and is to be found in the Arabic version of the *Tetrabiblos*.<sup>3</sup> One thing is certain: the first of these endings is spurious. Of course it does not follow that the other is genuine; if it is not, however, the original ending of the book must have been lost so early that it is missing in all the manuscripts. This is a situation that not infrequently occurred in ancient times, especially when a book was from the first existent in the form of a codex, not a roll; yet I am not ready to concede it in this instance, for these reasons: (a) the ending shown in P could readily, from its language, have

<sup>1</sup> V breaks off at p. 207, 19 Cam.<sup>2</sup>, E at p. 212, 7 (the beginning of the concluding passage). N also in its present state lacks the conclusion (from p. 187, 6 Cam.<sup>2</sup>), but this may have been lost at the time the first edition was made, and since Camerarius probably made some use of at least one other MS. we cannot be sure whether N originally had the conclusion or, if so, if it was of the type which Camerarius actually printed (*i.e.* the one taken from the *Paraphrase*). N in general resembles P and one would have expected it to have the same conclusion as P. On the other hand, if it did, one would have expected Camerarius to reproduce it, for it is unlikely that he would have departed from his preferred MS. in so important a particular.

<sup>2</sup> MAD. D, after the point at which V ends, is written in a different ink; the conclusion of M (p. 212, 7 ff. Cam.<sup>2</sup>) is in a different hand.

<sup>3</sup> P and its copies alone have this ending. My colleague, Professor William H. Worrell, has examined the conclusion of the Arabic version as it appears in Cod. Laur. Orient. 352, ff. 234v.-235r. It is close to, but perhaps not identical with, the ending of P.

been written by Ptolemy himself; <sup>1</sup> (b) the ending taken from the *Paraphrase* is obviously a summary of that found in P, and I cannot conceive how anyone (except perhaps Ptolemy) could have reversed the process and evolved the tortuous, crabbed Greek of the latter from the comparatively simple language of the former. Thus the ending found in P has the better claim to originality, and if it was not written by Ptolemy in the first place it is extremely difficult to explain how it came to be written at all in the form in which we find it. Since the question, however, is admittedly complicated, and not all the extant manuscripts could be studied in preparing this edition, both endings have been included in the text and translation.

In constructing the text which follows, my underlying purpose has been to abide by the best manuscript tradition; very few emendations have been

<sup>1</sup> It echoes many words and thoughts found in p. 106, 25-108, 10 Cam.<sup>2</sup>, which need not be separately enumerated; not, however, in a manner which would indicate that it is a forgery based on the passage, for Ptolemy elsewhere repeats phrases in much the same way, especially when he wishes to point out that he is carrying out a pre-determined scheme. Note, however, in addition, that *ἀρμόζω* and *ἐφαρμόζω* are favourite words of Ptolemy, and *cf.*, for example, pp. 17. 1-2, 117. 6, 120. 9 Cam.<sup>2</sup> and p. 1. 21 (with Boll, *Studiën*, p. 171); *cf.* with *διοδωμένον* the similar forms of *ἐφοδεύω* and *ἐφοδικῶς*, pp. 103. 13, 18; 106. 26; 202. 16 Cam.<sup>2</sup>; and Boll, *op. cit.*, p. 179; and with *διὰ τὴν . . . πρόθεσιν*, *cf.* p. 202. 18, *ὡς περ ἐν ἀρχῇ προεθέμεθα*. In fact practically every word of the passage except the doubtful *χρημαρείαις* is to be paralleled in the *Tetrabiblos*, usually many times; to arrange them in so exact an approximation to Ptolemy's usual style would demand a forger of superhuman ingenuity.

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attempted, and I think no great amount of emendation is necessary. My collations have been made against Camerarius' second edition, because thus far this has been the standard text and it was most convenient; I have not, however, allowed Camerarius' choice of readings to influence me unduly, for his text, in the first place, was not based upon the oldest and best manuscripts and it is, besides, full of his emendations. It was quite evident that this edition of the *Tetrabiblos* should be built up anew, independently of Camerarius' work. Without making the exhaustive studies of the relationships of the manuscripts which should eventually be carried out, I have proceeded on the assumption that V and P best preserve the original text, representing somewhat different strains. With V and its copy D, the oldest text of Proclus' *Paraphrase* is evidently in close alliance, and among the *Tetrabiblos* manuscripts MAEFHG are inclined in general to follow the lead of V, ME and AFH being related between themselves, as has already been stated. N apparently belongs rather to the P family, if there is such, but it is far from presenting a pure text; its peculiarities are, in my opinion, the result of attempts to edit or improve. The later manuscripts, however, all show aberration to a greater or less extent, and VPLD Proc. are frequently to be found arrayed against MNAE (I leave FGH out of consideration because only a few pages of each of them have come into the reckoning). In such cases I have seldom hesitated to follow VPLD, and in general, too, I agree with Boll that V is the best single guide that we have.

I am conscious that in many passages this

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translation falls short of the intended goal, a version which, in spite of the technical, unfamiliar subject, could readily be understood by itself or at least with the help of a few notes. Ptolemy, however, was a difficult author even for the ancients; the existence of the *Paraphrase* and the frequent flounderings of the anonymous commentator testify to this. He displays a certain enthusiasm for his subject, but beyond this it would be impossible to commend his literary style or even the clearness of his exposition. He is fond of long, involved sentences and has a number of mannerisms, among them a fondness for the infinitive with the article and an almost Teutonic habit of piling up long strings of modifiers between article and substantive, which often results in sequences of two or even three articles. It would, under the circumstances, be almost impossible to make him crystal clear, but I trust there are not too many Heraclitean passages.

Annotation of the *Tetrabiblos* could be carried to great lengths by collecting comparable passages from other astrological writers. The comments attached to this translation, however, are intended only to help the reader over difficulties and have been kept at minimum length.

Many friends have assisted, in one way or another, with this work. Some I cannot thank as I would like to do; but I must express appreciation to Professor W. Carl Rufus for criticizing the astronomy of my translation; to Dr. William Warner Bishop, Librarian of the University of Michigan, for procuring much-needed books and the photostatic reproductions of the manuscripts; and to Franz Cumont for ever helpful interest and suggestions.

## THE LUMINARIES AND PLANETS

### *Symbols.*

Sun ☉	Saturn ♄	Venus ♀
Moon ☾	Jupiter ♃	Mercury ☿
	Mars ♂	

### *Classifications.*

<i>Effect (i. 5).</i>	<i>Gender (i. 6).</i>	<i>Sex (i. 7).</i>
Beneficent ♃ ♀ ☾	Masculine ☉ ♄ ♃ ♂	Diurnal ☉ ♃ ♄
Maleficent ♄ ♂	Feminine ☾ ♀	Nocturnal ☾ ♀ ♂
Common ☿	Common ☿	Common ☿

## THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

### *Symbols and Order.*

Aries ♈	Cancer ♋	Libra ♎	Capricornus ♐
Taurus ♉	Leo ♌	Scorpio ♏	Aquarius ♒
Gemini II	Virgo ♍	Sagittarius ♐	Pisces ♓

The order Aries to Pisces is that "of the following signs," or direct; from Pisces to Aries that "of the leading signs," or reverse.



# THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC, CONTINUED

## Classifications.

i. 11

Equinoctial ♀ ≍  
 Solstitial ☊ ♃  
 Solid ♂ ♄ ♀  
 Bicorporeal ♀ ♃ ♃

i. 12

Masculine and diurnal ♀ ♀ ≍ ♃  
 Feminine and nocturnal ♂ ☊ ♃ ♃ ♃ ♃  
 Commanding and obeying (i. 14) ♂ ♃; ♀ ≍; ☊ ♃; ♄ ♃;  
 Beholding each other (i. 15) ♀ ♄; ♂ ♃; ♀ ≍; ♃ ♃; ≍ ♃

## THE TRIANGLES (i. 18).

	<i>Signs.</i>	<i>Governors.</i>
I. N.W.	♂ ♄ ♃	☉, ♃
II. S.E.	♂ ♃ ♃ ♃	♀ (d.), ♄ (n.)
III. N.E.	♀ ≍ ≍ ≍	♃ (d.), ♃ (n.)
IV. S.W.	☊ ♃ ♃	♂, ♃ (d.), ♄ (n.)

d., day; n., night.

## HOUSES, EXALTATIONS, DEPRESSIONS (i. 17, 19).

<i>Planet.</i>	<i>Solar house.</i>	<i>Lunar house.</i>	<i>Exaltation.</i>	<i>Depression.</i>
☉	♄	.....	♂	≍
☌	.....	☊	♂	♄
♃	♃	≍	≍	♂
♄	♃	♃	☊	♃
♅	♄	♂	♃	☊
♆	≍	♂	♃	♄
♇	♃	♂	☊	♃

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Κλαυδίου Πτολεμαίου μαθηματικῆς  
τετραβίβλου συντάξεως

ΒΙΒΛΙΟΝ Α΄.

<α. Προοίμιον>

Cam.<sup>2</sup> Τῶν τὸ δι' ἀστρονομίας προγνωστικὸν τέλος  
p. 1 παρασκευαζόντων,<sup>1</sup> ὧ Σύρε, δύο τῶν μεγίστων καὶ  
κυριωτάτων ὑπαρχόντων, ἐνὸς μὲν τοῦ πρώτου καὶ  
τάξει καὶ δυνάμει, καθ' ὃ τοὺς γινομένους ἐκάστοτε  
σχηματισμοὺς τῶν κινήσεων ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης καὶ  
ἀστέρων<sup>2</sup> πρὸς ἀλλήλους τε καὶ τὴν γῆν κατα-  
λαμβανόμεθα· δευτέρου δὲ καθ' ὃ διὰ τῆς φυσικῆς  
τῶν σχηματισμῶν αὐτῶν ἰδιοτροπίας τὰς ἀποτελου-  
μένας μεταβολὰς τῶν ἐμπεριεχομένων ἐπισκεπτό-  
μεθα· τὸ μὲν πρῶτον ἰδίαν ἔχον καὶ δι' ἑαυτὴν  
αἰρετὴν θεωρίαν, κἂν μὴ τὸ ἐκ τῆς ἐπιζεύξεως τοῦ  
δευτέρου τέλος συμπεραίνεται, κατ' ἰδίαν σύνταξιν  
ὡς μάλιστα ἐνῆν ἀποδεικτικῶς σοι<sup>3</sup> περιώδευται.  
περὶ δὲ τοῦ δευτέρου καὶ μὴ ὡσαύτως αὐτοτέλους  
ἡμεῖς ἐν τῷ παρόντι ποιησόμεθα λόγον κατὰ τὸν  
ἀρμόζοντα φιλοσοφία τρόπον καὶ ὡς ἂν τις φιλα-  
λήθει μάλιστα χρώμενος σκοπῶ μήτε τὴν κατά-  
ληψιν αὐτοῦ παραβάλλοι τῇ τοῦ πρώτου καὶ ἀεὶ  
ὡσαύτως ἔχοντος βεβαιότητι, τὸ ἐν πολλοῖς ἀσθενές

<sup>1</sup> κατασκευαζόντων P.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν ἀστέρων NCam. : τῶν om. VPMADE.

<sup>3</sup> σοι] ἐν τῇ συντάξει P.



THE QUADRIPARTITE MATHEMATICAL  
TREATISE, OR "TETRABIBLOS," OF  
CLAUDIUS PTOLEMY.

BOOK I.

1. *Introduction.*

OF the means of prediction through astronomy, O Syrus, two are the most important and valid. One, which is first<sup>1</sup> both in order and in effectiveness, is that whereby we apprehend the aspects of the movements of sun, moon, and stars in relation to each other and to the earth, as they occur from time to time; the second is that in which by means of the natural character of these aspects themselves we investigate the changes which they bring about in that which they surround. The first of these, which has its own science, desirable in itself even though it does not attain the result given by its combination with the second, has been expounded to you as best we could in its own treatise<sup>2</sup> by the method of demonstration. We shall now give an account of the second and less self-sufficient method in a properly philosophical way, so that one whose aim is the truth might never compare its perceptions with the sureness of the first, unvarying science, for he ascribes to it the weakness and unpredictability

<sup>1</sup> Astronomy proper.

<sup>2</sup> The *Almagest*.

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2 καὶ δυσεικαστον τῆς ὑλικῆς ποιότητος προσποιούμενος, μήτε πρὸς τὴν κατὰ τὸ ἐνδεχόμενον ἐπίσκεψιν ἀποκνοίη, τῶν τε πλείστων καὶ ὀλοσχερῶν συμπτωμάτων ἐναργῶς οὕτω τὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ περιέχοντος αἰτίαν ἐμφανιζόντων. ἐπεὶ δὲ πᾶν μὲν τὸ δυσέφικτον παρὰ τοῖς πολλοῖς εὐδιάβλητον ἔχει φύσιν, ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν προκειμένων δύο καταλήψεων αἱ μὲν τῆς προτέρας<sup>1</sup> διαβολαὶ τυφλῶν ἂν εἶεν παντελῶς, αἱ δὲ τῆς δευτέρας εὐπροφασίστους ἔχουσι τὰς ἀφορμὰς (ἢ γὰρ τὸ ἐπ' ἐνίων δυσθεώρητον ἀκαταληψίας τελείας δόξαν<sup>2</sup> παρέσχεν, ἢ τὸ τῶν γνωσθέντων δυσφύλακτον καὶ τὸ τέλος ὡς ἄχρηστον διέσυρε), πειρασόμεθα διὰ βραχέων πρὸ τῆς κατὰ μέρος ὑφηγήσεως τὸ μέτρον ἑκατέρου τοῦ τε δυνατοῦ καὶ τοῦ χρησίμου τῆς τοιαύτης προγνώσεως ἐπισκέψασθαι· καὶ πρῶτον τοῦ δυνατοῦ.

⟨β.⟩ Ὅτι καταληπτικὴ ἢ δι' ἀστρονομίας γνῶσις, καὶ μέχρι τίνος

Ὅτι μὲν τοίνυν διαδίδεται καὶ δικνεῖται τις δύναμις ἀπὸ τῆς αἰθερώδους καὶ αἰδίου φύσεως

<sup>1</sup> τάξει καὶ δυνάμει post προτέρας add. NCam.

<sup>2</sup> δόξαν om. NCam.

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<sup>1</sup> Ptolemy is contrasting, after the manner of Aristotle, the unchangeability of the heavenly bodies and their regular motions, which can be known and predicted by astronomy, with the constant and unpredictable changes of material objects in the sublunary region.

<sup>2</sup> On the arguments against astrology, see Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 570 ff. The Académie school, led by

of material qualities found in individual things,<sup>1</sup> nor yet refrain from such investigation as is within the bounds of possibility, when it is so evident that most events of a general nature draw their causes from the enveloping heavens. But since everything that is hard to attain is easily assailed<sup>2</sup> by the generality of men, and in the case of the two before-mentioned disciplines the allegations against the first could be made only by the blind, while there are specious grounds for those levelled at the second—for its difficulty in parts has made them think it completely incomprehensible, or the difficulty of escaping what is known<sup>3</sup> has disparaged even its object as useless—we shall try to examine briefly the measure of both the possibility and the usefulness of such prognostication before offering detailed instruction on the subject. First as to its possibility.

2. *That Knowledge by Astronomical Means is Attainable, and How Far.*

A very few considerations would make it apparent to all that a certain power emanating from the eternal ethereal substance<sup>4</sup> is dispersed through and

Carneades, initiated the most serious attack against it in antiquity. The answers given by Ptolemy in the two chapters following are, as Boll (*Studien*, pp. 131 ff.) shows, largely derived from the Stoic Posidonius, who defended divination.

<sup>1</sup> Proclus paraphrases, "the difficulty of retaining in the memory what has been learned," but the reference is clearly to the subject discussed in i. 3.

<sup>4</sup> The ether, or fifth element, contrasted with the usual four; this is an Aristotelian (Peripatetic) doctrine.

ἐπὶ πᾶσαν τὴν περιγεῖαν καὶ δι' ὄλων μεταβλητὴν, τῶν ὑπὸ τὴν σελήνην πρώτων στοιχείων πυρὸς καὶ ἀέρος περιεχομένων μὲν καὶ τρεπομένων ὑπὸ τῶν κατὰ τὸν αἰθέρα κινήσεων, περιεχόντων δὲ καὶ συντρεπόντων τὰ λοιπὰ πάντα, γῆν καὶ ὕδωρ καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτοῖς φυτὰ καὶ ζῶα, πᾶσιν ἂν ἐναργέστατον<sup>1</sup> καὶ δι' ὀλίγων φανείη. ὁ τε γὰρ ἥλιος διατίθησί πως αἰεὶ μετὰ τοῦ περιέχοντος πάντα τὰ περὶ τὴν γῆν οὐ μόνον διὰ τῶν κατὰ τὰς ἐτησίους ὥρας μεταβολῶν πρὸς γονὰς ζώων καὶ φυτῶν καρποφορίας καὶ ρύσεις ὑδάτων καὶ σωμάτων μετατροπᾶς ἀλλὰ καὶ διὰ τῶν καθ' ἐκάστην ἡμέραν περιόδων, θερμαίνων τε καὶ ὑγραίνων καὶ ξηραίνων καὶ ψύχων τεταγμένως τε καὶ ἀκολουθῶς τοῖς πρὸς τὸν κατὰ κορυφὴν ἡμῶν γινομένοις ὁμοιοτρόποις σχηματισμοῖς ἢ τε σελήνη πλείστην,<sup>2</sup> ὡς περιγεωτάτη, διαδίδωσιν ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν<sup>3</sup> τὴν ἀπόρροϊαν, συμπαθούτων αὐτῇ καὶ συντρεπομένων τῶν πλείστων καὶ ἀψύχων καὶ ἐμψύχων, καὶ ποταμῶν μὲν συναυξόντων καὶ συμμειούντων τοῖς φωσὶν αὐτῆς τὰ ρεύματα, θαλαττῶν δὲ συντρεπουσῶν ταῖς ἀνατολαῖς καὶ ταῖς δύσεσι τὰς ἰδίας ὀρμᾶς, φυτῶν δὲ καὶ ζώων ἢ ὄλων ἢ κατὰ τινα μέρη συμπληρουμένων τε αὐτῇ καὶ συμμειουμένων. αἶ τε τῶν ἀστέρων τῶν τε ἀπλανῶν καὶ τῶν πλανωμένων πάροδοι πλείστας ποιούσι ἐπισημασίας τοῦ περιέχοντος καυματώδεις καὶ πνευματώδεις<sup>4</sup> καὶ νιφετώδεις, ὑφ' ὧν καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς

<sup>1</sup> ἐνεργέστατον MAECam.

<sup>2</sup> πλείστην oim. NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν VMADE, ὑπὸ τὴν γῆν P, πρὸς τῇ γῇ NCam.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ πνευματώδεις oim. NCam.

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permeates the whole region about the earth, which throughout is subject to change, since, of the primary sublunar elements, fire and air are encompassed and changed by the motions in the ether, and in turn encompass and change all else, earth and water and the plants and animals therein. For the sun,<sup>1</sup> together with the ambient, is always in some way affecting everything on the earth, not only by the changes that accompany the seasons of the year to bring about the generation of animals, the productiveness of plants, the flowing of waters, and the changes of bodies, but also by its daily revolutions furnishing heat, moisture, dryness, and cold in regular order and in correspondence with its positions relative to the zenith. The moon, too, as the heavenly body nearest the earth, bestows her effluence<sup>2</sup> most abundantly upon mundane things, for most of them, animate or inanimate, are sympathetic to her and change in company with her; the rivers increase and diminish their streams with her light, the seas turn their own tides with her rising and setting, and plants and animals in whole or in some part wax and wane with her. Moreover, the passages of the fixed stars and the planets through the sky often signify hot, windy, and snowy conditions of the air, and mundane

<sup>1</sup> Boll, *Studien*, pp. 133 ff., enumerates parallels to this passage concerning the sun and the moon in Cicero, Philo Judaeus, Cleomedes, and Manilius, and ascribes their likeness to the influence of Posidonius.

<sup>2</sup> This word, ἀπόρροια, has another meaning, "separation," as a technical term of astrology: see c. 24 below and my note on P. Mich. 149, col. iii, 33.



γῆς οἰκείως διατίθεται. ἤδη δὲ καὶ οἱ πρὸς ἀλλή-  
 λους αὐτῶν σχηματισμοί, συνερχομένων πως<sup>1</sup> καὶ  
 συγκριναμένων τῶν διαδόσεων, πλείστας καὶ ποικίλας  
 μεταβολὰς ἀπεργάζονται, κατακρατούσης μὲν τῆς  
 τοῦ ἡλίου δυνάμεως πρὸς τὸ καθ' ὅλου τῆς ποιότητος  
 τεταγμένον, συνεργούντων δὲ ἢ ἀποσυνεργούντων  
 4 κατὰ τι τῶν λοιπῶν, καὶ τῆς μὲν σελήνης ἐκφανε-  
 στερον καὶ συνεχέστερον ὡς ἐν ταῖς συνόδοις καὶ  
 διχοτόμοις καὶ πανσελήνοις, τῶν δὲ ἀστέρων περιοδι-  
 κώτερον καὶ ἀσημότερον ὡς ἐν ταῖς φάσεσι καὶ  
 κρύψεσι καὶ προσνεύσεσιν. ὅτι δὲ τούτων οὕτω  
 θεωρουμένων οὐ μόνον τὰ ἤδη συγκραθέντα δια-  
 τίθεσθαι πως ὑπὸ τῆς τούτων κινήσεως ἀναγκαῖον  
 ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν σπερμάτων τὰς ἀρχὰς καὶ τὰς πληρο-  
 φορήσεις διαπλάττεσθαι καὶ διαμορφοῦσθαι πρὸς  
 τὴν οἰκείαν τοῦ τότε περιέχοντος ποιότητα, πᾶσιν  
 ἂν δόξειεν ἀκόλουθον εἶναι. οἱ γοῦν παρατηρητικώ-  
 τεροι τῶν γεωργῶν καὶ τῶν νομέων ἀπὸ τῶν κατὰ  
 τὰς ὀχείας καὶ τὰς τῶν σπερμάτων καταθέσεις συμ-  
 βαινόντων πνευμάτων στοχάζονται τῆς ποιότητος  
 τῶν ἀποβησομένων, καὶ ὅλως τὰ μὲν ὀλοσχερέστερα  
 καὶ διὰ τῶν ἐπιφανεστέρων συσχηματισμῶν ἡλίου  
 καὶ σελήνης καὶ ἀστέρων ἐπισημαινόμενα καὶ παρὰ  
 τοῖς μὴ φυσικῶς, μόνον δὲ παρατηρητικῶς σκεπτο-  
 μένοις, ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν προγινωσκόμενα θεωροῦμεν, τὰ  
 μὲν ἐκ μείζονός τε δυνάμεως καὶ ἀπλουστερας

<sup>1</sup> πως] τε NCam.

<sup>1</sup> Positions relative to one another in the heavens. For the names of the aspects recognized by Ptolemy cf. the note on i. 13 (pp. 72-73).

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things are affected accordingly. Then, too, their aspects<sup>1</sup> to one another, by the meeting and mingling of their dispensations, bring about many complicated changes. For though the sun's power prevails in the general ordering of quality, the other heavenly bodies aid or oppose it in particular details, the moon more obviously and continuously, as for example when it is new, at quarter, or full, and the stars at greater intervals and more obscurely, as in their appearances, occultations, and approaches.<sup>2</sup> If these matters be so regarded, all would judge it to follow that not only must things already compounded be affected in some way by the motion of these heavenly bodies, but likewise the germination and fruition of the seed must be moulded and conformed to the quality proper to the heavens at the time. The more observant farmers and herdsmen,<sup>3</sup> indeed, conjecture, from the winds prevailing at the time of impregnation and of the sowing of the seed, the quality of what will result; and in general we see that the more important consequences signified by the more obvious configurations of sun, moon, and stars are usually known beforehand, even by those who inquire, not by scientific means, but only by observation. Those which are consequent upon greater forces and simpler natural orders, such as

<sup>2</sup> By "stars" (ἀστέρων) in this passage Ptolemy means primarily the planets rather than the fixed stars. Their "appearances" and "occultations" are their heliacal risings and settings (cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 111, n. 3). *πρόσρευσις* is used to mean both "inclination" and, as here, the "approach" of one heavenly body to another.

<sup>3</sup> Cicero, *de divinatione*, i. 112: *Multa medici, multa gubernatores, agricolae etiam multa praesentiant.*

τάξεως καὶ παρὰ τοῖς πάνυ ἰδιώταις, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ παρ' ἐνίοις τῶν ἀλόγων ζώων, ὡς τῶν ὠρῶν καὶ τῶν πνευμάτων τὰς ἐτησίους διαφοράς· τούτων γὰρ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ὁ ἥλιος αἴτιος· τὰ δὲ ἦττον οὕτως ἔχοντα παρὰ τοῖς ἤδη κατὰ τὸ ἀναγκαῖον ταῖς παρατηρή-  
 5 σεσιν ἐνειθισμένοις, ὡς τοῖς ναυτιλλομένοις τὰς κατὰ μέρος τῶν χειμώνων καὶ τῶν πνευμάτων ἐπισημασίας, ὅσαι γίνονται κατὰ τὸ περιοδικώτερον ὑπὸ τῶν τῆς σελήνης ἢ καὶ τῶν ἀπλανῶν ἀστέρων πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον συσχηματισμῶν. παρὰ μέντοι τὸ μήτε αὐτῶν τούτων τοὺς χρόνους καὶ τοὺς τόπους ὑπὸ ἀπειρίας ἀκριβῶς δύνασθαι κατανοεῖν, μήτε τὰς τῶν πλανωμένων ἀστέρων περιόδους, πλεῖστον καὶ αὐτὰς συμβαλλομένας, τὸ πολλάκις αὐτοῖς<sup>1</sup> σφάλλῃσθαι συμβαίνει. τί δὴ οὖν κωλύει τὸν ἠκριβωκότα μὲν τὰς πάντων τῶν ἀστέρων καὶ ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης κινήσεις, ὅπως αὐτὸν μηδενὸς τῶν σχηματισμῶν μήτε ὁ τόπος μήτε ὁ χρόνος λανθάνοι, διειληφότα δὲ ἐκ τῆς ἔτι ἄνωθεν συνεχοῦς ἱστορίας ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν αὐτῶν τὰς φύσεις,<sup>2</sup> κἂν μὴ τὰς κατ' αὐτὸ τὸ ὑποκείμενον ἀλλὰ τὰς γε δυνάμει ποιητικὰς,<sup>3</sup> οἷον ὡς τὴν τοῦ ἡλίου ὅτι θερμαίνει καὶ τὴν τῆς σελήνης ὅτι ὑγραίνει καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν λοιπῶν ὁμοίως, ἱκανὸν δὲ πρὸς ταῦτα τοιαῦτα ὄντα φυσικῶς ἅμα καὶ εὐστόχως ἐκ τῆς συγκράσεως<sup>4</sup> πάντων τὸ ἴδιον τῆς ποιότητος διαλαβεῖν, ὡς δύνασθαι μὲν ἐφ' ἐκάστου τῶν διδομένων καιρῶν ἐκ

<sup>1</sup> αὐτοῖς VPMNDE ; αὐτοὺς ACam.

<sup>2</sup> ὡς . . . φύσεις post διειληφότα δὲ NCam. ; αὐτῶν PMAE, αὐτὰ VDNCam. ; τὰς φύσεις MAEProc., φύσει VDNCam., φήσῃ P.



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the annual variations of the seasons and the winds, are comprehended by very ignorant men, nay even by some dumb animals; for the sun is in general responsible for these phenomena. Things that are not of so general a nature, however, are comprehended by those who have by necessity become used to making observations, as, for instance, sailors know the special signs of storms and winds that arise periodically by reason of the aspects of the moon and fixed stars to the sun. Yet because they cannot in their ignorance accurately know the times and places of these phenomena, nor the periodic movements of the planets, which contribute importantly to the effect, it happens that they often err. If, then, a man knows accurately the movements of all the stars, the sun, and the moon, so that neither the place nor the time of any of their configurations escapes his notice, and if he has distinguished in general their natures as the result of previous continued study, even though he may discern, not their essential, but only their potentially effective qualities, such as the sun's heating and the moon's moistening, and so on with the rest; and if he is capable of determining in view of all these data, both scientifically and by successful conjecture, the distinctive mark of quality resulting from the combination of all the factors, what is to prevent him from being able to tell on each given occasion the characteristics of the air from the rela-

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<sup>1</sup> ποιητικός VPMNDECain.<sup>1</sup>; ποιότητος ACain.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> συγκρίσεως PCain.

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τῆς τότε τῶν φαινομένων σχέσεως τὰς τοῦ περιέχοντος ἰδιοτροπίας εἰπεῖν, οἷον ὅτι θερμότερον ἢ ὑγρότερον ἔσται, δύνασθαι δὲ καὶ καθ' ἓνα ἕκαστον τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὴν τε καθ' ὅλου ποιότητα τῆς ἰδιοσυγκρασίας ἀπὸ τοῦ κατὰ τὴν σύστασιν περιέχοντος συνιδεῖν, οἷον ὅτι τὸ μὲν σῶμα τοιόσδε, τὴν δὲ ψυχὴν τοιόσδε, καὶ τὰ κατὰ καιροὺς συμπτώματα διὰ τοῦ τὸ μὲν τοιόνδε περιέχον τῇ τοιαύτῃ συγκράσει σύμμετρον ἢ καὶ πρόσφορον γίνεσθαι πρὸς εὐεξίαν, τὸ δὲ τοιόνδε ἀσύμμετρον καὶ πρόσφορον πρὸς κάκωσιν; ἀλλὰ γὰρ τὸ μὲν δυνατὸν τῆς τοιαύτης καταλήψεως διὰ τούτων καὶ τῶν ὁμοίων ἔστι συνιδεῖν.

Ὅτι δὲ εὐπροφασίστως μὲν, οὐ προσηκόντως δέ, τὴν πρὸς τὸ ἀδύνατον ἔσχε διαβολὴν οὕτως ἂν κατανοήσῃμεν. πρῶτον μὲν γὰρ τὰ πταίσματα τῶν μὴ ἀκριβούντων τὸ ἔργον, πολλὰ ὄντα, ὡς ἐν μεγάλῃ καὶ πολυμερεῖ θεωρίᾳ, καὶ τοῖς ἀληθευομένοις τὴν τούτου ἐκ τύχης παρέσχε δόξαν, οὐκ ὀρθῶς. τὸ γὰρ τοιοῦτον οὐ τῆς ἐπιστήμης, ἀλλὰ τῶν μεταχειριζομένων ἐστὶν ἀδυναμία· ἔπειτα καὶ οἱ πλεῖστοι τοῦ πορίζειν ἔνεκεν ἑτέραν τέχνην τῷ ταύτης ὀνόματι καταξιοπιστευόμενοι<sup>1</sup> τοὺς μὲν ἰδιώτας ἐξαπατῶσι, πολλὰ προλέγειν δοκοῦντες καὶ τῶν μηδεμίαν φύσιν ἐχόντων προγινώσκεισθαι, τοῖς

<sup>1</sup> καταξιοπιστευόμενοι VPMAD E; διὰ τὴν ἀξιοπιστίαν P.roc.; καὶ ἀξία προστησάμενοι καὶ πιστενοόμενοι NCam.

<sup>1</sup> The first part of the pseudo-Lucianic *Περὶ ἀστρολογίης* closely parallels this passage, as Boll, *Studien*, pp. 151-153, shows.

tions of the phenomena at the time, for instance, that it will be warmer or wetter? Why can he not, too, with respect to an individual man, perceive the general quality of his temperament from the ambient at the time of his birth, as for instance that he is such and such in body and such and such in soul, and predict occasional events, by use of the fact that such and such an ambient is attuned to such and such a temperament and is favourable to prosperity, while another is not so attuned and conduces to injury? Enough, however; for the possibility of such knowledge can be understood from these and similar arguments.

The following considerations might lead us to observe that criticism of the science on the score of impossibility has been specious but undeserved. In the first place, the mistakes<sup>1</sup> of those who are not accurately instructed in its practice, and they are many, as one would expect in an important and many-sided art, have brought about the belief that even its true predictions depend upon chance, which is incorrect. For a thing like this is an impotence, not of the science, but of those who practise it. Secondly, most, for the sake of gain, claim credence for another art in the name of this,<sup>2</sup> and deceive the vulgar, because they are reputed to foretell many things, even those that cannot naturally be known

<sup>2</sup> Cardanus (p. 104) gives a number of examples, among them the *geomantici*, those who make elaborate predictions from the mere fact that a man was born on a certain day of the week, of the moon, or of the month, those who predict by reckoning the numerical equivalents of the letters in a man's name (arithmologists), and so on. Cf. also Plato's remarks about unworthy pretenders to philosophy, *Republic*, 495C ff.

δὲ ζητητικωτέροις διὰ τούτου παρέσχον ἀφορμὴν ἐν ἴσῳ<sup>1</sup> καὶ τῶν φύσιν ἐχόντων προλέγεσθαι<sup>2</sup> καταγινώσκειν. οὐδὲ τοῦτο δεόντως· οὐδὲ γὰρ φιλοσοφίαν ἀναιρετέον, ἐπεὶ τινες τῶν προσποιουμένων αὐτὴν πονηροὶ καταφαίνονται. ἀλλ' ὅμως ἐναργές ἐστίν ὅτι κἂν διερευνητικῶς τις ὡς ἐνὶ μάλιστα καὶ γνησιῶς τοῖς μαθήμασι προσέρχεται, πολλάκις πταίειν αὐτὸν ἐνδέχεται, δι' οὐδὲν μὲν τῶν εἰρημένων, δι' αὐτὴν δὲ τὴν τοῦ πράγματος φύσιν καὶ τὴν πρὸς τὸ μέγεθος τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ἀσθένειαν. καθ' ὅλου γὰρ πρὸς τῷ τὴν περὶ τὸ ποιὸν τῆς ὕλης θεωριαν πᾶσαν εἰκαστικὴν εἶναι καὶ οὐ διαβεβαιωτικὴν, καὶ μάλιστα τὴν ἐκ πολλῶν ἀνομοίων συγκιρναμένην, ἔτι καὶ τοῖς παλαιοῖς τῶν πλανωμένων συσχηματισμοῖς, ἀφ' ὧν ἐφαρμόζομεν τοῖς ὡσαύτως ἔχουσι τῶν νῦν τὰς ὑπὸ τῶν προγενεστέρων ἐπ' ἐκείνων παρατετηρημένας προτελέσεις,<sup>3</sup> παρόμοιοι μὲν<sup>4</sup> δύνανται γίνεσθαι μᾶλλον ἢ ἦττον καὶ οὗτοι διὰ μακρῶν περιόδων, ἀπαράλλακτοι δὲ οὐδαμῶς, τῆς πάντων ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ μετὰ τῆς γῆς κατὰ τὸ ἀκριβὲς συναποκαταστάσεως, εἰ μὴ τις κενο-

<sup>1</sup> ἴσῳ VPD; ἐκάστῳ MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> προλέγεσθαι VMADÉProc.; πῶς λέγεσθαι (post φύσιν) P; προγινώσκεσθαι NCam.

<sup>3</sup> μὴ καθάπαξ τοὺς αὐτοὺς συμβεβηκέναι τοῖς νῦν add. NCam.; om. VPMADÉ Proc.

<sup>4</sup> γὰρ add. codd.; om. Proc.

<sup>1</sup> On rascals in philosophy cf. Plato, *Republic* 487D, and the discussion which follows.

<sup>2</sup> By various ancient authors it was claimed that the Chaldaean observations extended over periods of from 470,000 to 720,000 years; Boll-Bezold-Gundel, pp. 25, 99.



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beforehand, while to the more thoughtful they have thereby given occasion to pass equally unfavourable judgement upon the natural subjects of prophecy. Nor is this deservedly done; it is the same with philosophy—we need not abolish it because there are evident rascals among those that pretend to it.<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless it is clear that even though one approach astrology in the most inquiring and legitimate spirit possible, he may frequently err, not for any of the reasons stated, but because of the very nature of the thing and his own weakness in comparison with the magnitude of his profession. For in general, besides the fact that every science that deals with the quality of its subject-matter is conjectural and not to be absolutely affirmed, particularly one which is composed of many unlike elements, it is furthermore true that the ancient configurations of the planets,<sup>2</sup> upon the basis of which we attach to similar aspects of our own day the effects observed by the ancients in theirs, can be more or less similar to the modern aspects, and that, too, at long intervals, but not identical, since the exact return of all the heavenly bodies and the earth to the same positions,<sup>3</sup> unless one

<sup>3</sup> "The Stoics say that the planets, returning to the same point of longitude and latitude which each occupied when first the universe arose, at fixed periods of time bring about a conflagration and destruction of things, and that the universe again reverts anew to the same condition, and that as the stars again move in the same way everything that took place in the former period is exactly reproduced. Socrates, they say, and Plato will again exist, and every single man, with the same friends and countrymen; the same things will happen to them, they will meet with the same fortune, and deal with the same things," etc. (Nemesius, *De natura hominis*, 38, p. 309, Matthæi).



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δοξοίη περί τήν τῶν ἀκαταλήπτων κατάληψιν καί  
 γνῶσιν.<sup>1</sup> ἢ μηδ' ὅλως ἢ<sup>2</sup> μὴ κατά γε τὸν αἰσθητὸν  
 ἀνθρώπῳ χρόνον ἀπαρτιζομένης, ὡς διὰ τοῦτο τὰς  
 προρρήσεις<sup>3</sup> ἀνομοίων ὄντων τῶν ὑποκειμένων  
 παραδειγμάτων ἐνίοτε διαμαρτάνεσθαι. περί μὲν  
 οὖν τήν ἐπίσκεψιν τῶν κατὰ τὸ περιέχον γινομένων  
 συμπτωμάτων, τοῦτ' ἂν εἴη μόνον τὸ δυσχερές,  
 μηδεμιᾶς ἐνταῦθα συμπαραλαμβανομένης αἰτίας τῇ  
 κινήσει τῶν οὐρανίων. περί δὲ τὰς γενεθλιο-  
 8 λογικάς,<sup>4</sup> καὶ ὅλως τὰς κατ' ἰδίαν τῆς ἐκάστου  
 συγκρίσεως,<sup>5</sup> οὐ μικρὰ οὐδὲ τὰ τυχόντα ἔστιν ἰδεῖν  
 συναίτια καὶ αὐτὰ γινόμενα τῆς τῶν συνισταμένων  
 ἰδιοτροπίας. αἷ τε γὰρ τῶν σπερμάτων διαφοραὶ  
 πλείστον δύνανται πρὸς τὸ τοῦ γένους ἴδιον, ἐπει-  
 δὴ περ τοῦ περιέχοντος καὶ τοῦ ὀρίζοντος ὑποκειμένου  
 τοῦ αὐτοῦ κατακρατεῖ τῶν σπερμάτων ἕκαστον εἰς  
 τὴν καθ' ὅλου τοῦ οἰκείου μορφώματος διατύπωσιν,  
 οἷον ἀνθρώπου καὶ ἵππου καὶ τῶν ἄλλων· οἷ τε  
 τόποι τῆς γενέσεως οὐ μικρὰς ποιοῦνται τὰς περὶ  
 τὰ συνιστάμενα παραλλαγάς. καὶ τῶν σπερμάτων  
 γὰρ κατὰ γένος ὑποκειμένων τῶν αὐτῶν, οἷον  
 ἀνθρωπίνων, καὶ τῆς τοῦ περιέχοντος καταστάσεως  
 τῆς αὐτῆς, παρὰ τὸ τῶν χωρῶν διάφορον πολὺ καὶ  
 τοῖς σώμασι καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς οἱ γενόμενοι διήνεγκαν.  
 πρὸς δὲ τούτοις αἷ τε τροφαὶ καὶ τὰ ἔθη, πάντων  
 τῶν προκειμένων ἀδιαφόρων ὑποτιθεμένων, συμβάλ-  
 λονται τι πρὸς τὰς κατὰ μέρος τῶν βίων διαγωγάς.

<sup>1</sup> καὶ γνῶσιν om. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ἢ . . . ἢ VMADE; εἰ . . . εἰ NCam.; ἢ . . . ἢ μὴν P.

<sup>3</sup> προρρήσεις libri (πρω- P) Proc.Cam.<sup>1</sup> (\* notatum);  
 παρατηρήσεις Cam.<sup>2</sup>

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holds vain opinions of his ability to comprehend and know the incomprehensible, either takes place not at all or at least not in the period of time that falls within the experience of man; so that for this reason predictions sometimes fail, because of the disparity of the examples on which they are based. As to the investigation of atmospheric phenomena, this would be the only difficulty, since no other cause besides the movement of the heavenly bodies is taken into consideration. But in an inquiry concerning nativities and individual temperaments in general, one can see that there are circumstances of no small importance and of no trifling character, which join to cause the special qualities of those who are born. For differences of seed exert a very great influence on the special traits of the genus, since, if the ambient and the horizon are the same, each seed prevails to express in general its own form, for example, man, horse, and so forth; and the places of birth bring about no small variation in what is produced. For if the seed is generically the same, human for example, and the condition of the ambient the same, those who are born differ much, both in body and soul, with the difference of countries.<sup>1</sup> In addition to this, all the aforesaid conditions being equal, rearing and customs contribute to influence the particular way in which a

<sup>1</sup> The first three chapters of Book ii deal with astrological ethnology, and in iv. 10 Ptolemy points out that in all nativities such general considerations as nationality and age take precedence over more particular details.

<sup>2</sup> γενεθλιολογικός VD, cf. Proc.; γενεθλιολογίας cett. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> συγκρίσεως VP (-κρη-) MDECam.<sup>1</sup>; συγκράσεως Cam.<sup>2</sup>

ὧν ἕκαστον ἐὰν μὴ συνδιαλαμβάνηται ταῖς ἀπὸ τοῦ περιέχοντος αἰτίαις, εἰ καὶ ὅτι μάλιστα τὴν πλείστην ἔχει τοῦτο δύναμι (τῷ τὸ μὲν περιέχον κάκεινοις αὐτοῖς εἰς τὸ τοιοῖσδε εἶναι συναίτιον γίνεσθαι, τούτῳ δ' ἐκείνα μηδαμῶς), πολλὴν ἀπορίαν δύνανται παρέχειν τοῖς ἐπὶ τῶν τοιούτων οἰομένοις ἀπὸ μόνης  
 9 τῆς τῶν μετεώρων κινήσεως, πάντα, καὶ τὰ μὴ τέλεον ἐπ' αὐτῇ, δύνασθαι διαγινώσκειν.

Τούτων δὲ οὕτως ἐχόντων, προσῆκον ἂν εἶη μήτε, ἐπειδὴ διαμαρτάνεσθαι ποτε τὴν τοιαύτην πρόγνωσιν ἐνδέχεται, καὶ τὸ πᾶν αὐτῆς ἀναιρεῖν, ὥσπερ οὐδὲ τὴν κυβερνητικὴν<sup>1</sup> διὰ τὸ πολλάκις πταίειν ἀποδοκιμάζομεν· ἀλλ' ὡς ἐν μεγάλοις, οὕτω καὶ θείοις ἐπαγγέλμασιν, ἀσπάξεσθαι καὶ ἀγαπητὸν ἡγεῖσθαι τὸ δυνατὸν, μὴτ' αὖ πάλιν πάντα<sup>2</sup> ἡμῖν ἀνθρωπίνως καὶ ἐστοχασμένως αἰτεῖν παρ' αὐτῆς, ἀλλὰ συμφιλοκαλεῖν, καὶ ἐν οἷς οὐκ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῇ τὸ πᾶν ἐφοδιάζειν· καὶ ὥσπερ τοῖς ἰατροῖς, ὅταν ἐπιζητῶσί τινα, καὶ περὶ αὐτῆς τῆς νόσου καὶ περὶ τῆς τοῦ κάμνοντος ἰδιοτροπίας οὐ μεμψόμεθα λέγουσιν,<sup>3</sup> οὕτω καὶ ἐνταῦθα τὰ γένη καὶ τὰς χώρας καὶ τὰς τροφάς, ἢ καὶ τινα τῶν ἤδη συμβεβηκότων, μὴ ἀγανακτεῖν ὑποτιθεμένοις.

<sup>1</sup> τὴν κυβερνητικὴν VPMDEPPOC. ; κυβερνητικούς NCAM.

<sup>2</sup> πάντα] μὴ πάντα VPD.

<sup>3</sup> λέγουσιν NCAM., λέγοντες VPMADÉ.

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life is lived. Unless each one of these things is examined together with the causes that are derived from the ambient, although this latter be conceded to exercise the greatest influence (for the ambient is one of the causes for these things being what they are, while they in turn have no influence upon it), they can cause much difficulty for those who believe that in such cases everything can be understood, even things not wholly within its jurisdiction, from the motion of the heavenly bodies alone.

Since this is the case, it would not be fitting to dismiss all prognostication of this character because it can sometimes be mistaken, for we do not discredit the art of the pilot for its many errors; but as when the claims are great, so also when they are divine, we should welcome what is possible and think it enough. Nor, further, should we gropingly and in human fashion demand everything of the art, but rather join in the appreciation of its beauty, even in instances wherein it could not provide the full answer; and as we do not find fault with the physicians, when they examine a person, for speaking both about the sickness itself and about the patient's idiosyncrasy, so too in this case we should not object to astrologers using as a basis for calculation nationality, country, and rearing, or any other already existing accidental qualities.



⟨γ.⟩ Ὅτι καὶ ὠφέλιμος

Τίνα μὲν οὖν τρόπον δυνατόν γίνεται τὸ δι' ἀστρονομίας προγνωστικόν, καὶ ὅτι μέχρι μόνον ἂν φθάνοι τῶν τε κατ' αὐτὸ τὸ περιέχον συμπτωμάτων καὶ τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς τοιαύτης αἰτίας τοῖς ἀνθρώποις παρακολουθούτων, ταῦτα δ' ἂν εἴη περί τε τὰς ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἐπιτηδειότητος τῶν δυνάμεων καὶ πράξεων σώματος καὶ ψυχῆς καὶ τὰ κατὰ  
 10 καιροὺς αὐτῶν πάθη, πολυχροσιότητάς τε καὶ ὀλιγοχροσιότητάς, ἔτι δὲ καὶ ὅσα τῶν ἔξωθεν κυρίαν τε καὶ φυσικὴν ἔχει πρὸς τὰ πρῶτα συμπλοκὴν, ὡς πρὸς τὸ σῶμα μὲν ἢ κτῆσις καὶ ἢ συμβίωσις, πρὸς δὲ τὴν ψυχὴν ἢ τε τιμὴ καὶ τὸ ἀξίωμα, καὶ τὰς τούτων κατὰ καιροὺς τύχας, σχεδὸν ὡς ἐν κεφαλαίοις<sup>1</sup> γέγονεν ἡμῖν δῆλον. λοιπὸν δ' ἂν εἴη τῶν προκειμένων τὴν κατὰ τὸ χρήσιμον ἐπίσκεψιν διὰ βραχέων ποιήσασθαι, πρότερον διαλαβοῦσι τίνα τρόπον, καὶ πρὸς τί τέλος ἀφορῶντες τὴν αὐτοῦ τοῦ χρησίμου δύναμιν ἐκδεξόμεθα. εἰ μὲν γὰρ πρὸς τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς ἀγαθὰ, τί ἂν εἴη συμφορώτερον<sup>2</sup> πρὸς εὐπραγίαν καὶ χαρὰν καὶ ὅλως εὐαρέστησιν τῆς τοιαύτης προγνώσεως, καθ' ἣν τῶν τε ἀνθρωπίνων καὶ τῶν θείων γινόμεθα συνορατικοί; εἰ δὲ πρὸς τὰ τοῦ σώματος, πάντων ἂν μᾶλλον ἢ τοιαύτη κατάληψις ἐπιγινώσκοι τὸ οἰκεῖόν τε καὶ πρόσφορον τῇ καθ' ἑκάστην σύγκρασιν ἐπιτηδειότητι· εἰ δὲ μὴ πρὸς πλοῦτον ἢ δόξαν ἢ

<sup>1</sup> κεφαλαίοις libri, -ω Cam.

<sup>2</sup> συμφορώτερον VD, συμφερότερον PL, σπουδαιότερον MAE Cam. : post προγνώσεως MAE.



3. *That it is also Beneficial.*

In somewhat summary fashion it has been shown how prognostication by astronomical means is possible, and that it can go no further than what happens in the ambient and the consequences to man from such causes—that is, it concerns the original endowments of faculties and activities of soul and body, their occasional diseases, their endurance for a long or a short time, and, besides, all external circumstances that have a directive and natural connection with the original gifts of nature, such as property and marriage in the case of the body and honour and dignities in that of the soul, and finally what befalls them from time to time.<sup>1</sup> The remaining part of our project would be to inquire briefly as to its usefulness,<sup>2</sup> first distinguishing how and with what end in view we shall take the meaning of the word usefulness. For if we look to the goods of the soul, what could be more conducive to well-being, pleasure, and in general satisfaction than this kind of forecast, by which we gain full view of things human and divine? And if we look to bodily goods, such knowledge, better than anything else, would perceive what is fitting and expedient for the capabilities of each temperament. But if it does not aid in the acquisition of riches, fame, and the like, we shall be able

<sup>1</sup> Note that in this sentence Ptolemy refers to several of the subjects of chapters in Books iii and iv.

<sup>2</sup> According to Cicero, *De divinatione*, ii. 105, Dicaearchus wrote a book to prove that divination was useless; Plutarch took the other side, in an essay of which only fragments are preserved.

τὰ τοιαῦτα συνεργεῖ, προχωρήσει καὶ περὶ πάσης φιλοσοφίας τὸ αὐτὸ τοῦτο φάσκειν· οὐδενὸς γὰρ τῶν τοιούτων ἐστίν, ὅσον ἐφ' ἑαυτῇ, περιποιητική. ἀλλ' οὐτ' ἐκείνης διὰ τοῦτ' ἂν οὔτε ταύτης καταγινώσκοιμεν δικαίως, ἀφέμενοι τοῦ πρὸς τὰ μείζω συμφέροντος.

11 "Ὅλως δ' ἂν ἐξετάζουσι φανείην ἂν οἱ τὸ ἄχρηστον τῆς καταλήψεως ἐπιμεμφόμενοι πρὸς οὐδὲν τῶν κυριωτάτων ἀφορῶντες, ἀλλὰ πρὸς αὐτὸ τοῦτο μόνον, ὅτι τῶν πάντη πάντως ἐσομένων ἢ πρόγνωσις περιττή, καὶ τοῦτο δὲ ἀπλῶς πάνυ, καὶ οὐκ εὖ διειλημμένως. πρῶτον μὲν γὰρ δεῖ σκοπεῖν, ὅτι καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἀποβησομένων τὸ μὲν ἀπροσδόκητον τοὺς τε θορύβους ἐκστατικούς καὶ τὰς χαρὰς ἐξοιστικάς μάλιστα πέφυκε ποιεῖν· τὸ δὲ προγινώσκειν ἐθίζει καὶ ρυθμίζει τὴν ψυχὴν τῇ μελέτῃ τῶν ἀπόντων ὡς παρόντων, καὶ παρασκευάζει μετ' εἰρήνης καὶ εὐσταθείας ἕκαστα τῶν ἐπερχομένων ἀποδέχεσθαι. ἔπειθ' ὅτι μὴδ' οὕτως ἕκαστα χρὴ νομίζειν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ἀπὸ τῆς ἄνωθεν αἰτίας παρακολουθεῖν, ὥσπερ ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἀπὸ τινος ἀλύτου καὶ θείου προστάγματος καθ' ἓνα ἕκαστον νενομοθετημένα καὶ ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἀποβησόμενα, μηδεμιᾶς ἄλλης ἀπλῶς αἰτίας ἀντιπράξει δυναμένης, ἀλλ' ὡς μὲν τῆς τῶν οὐρανίων κινήσεως καθ' εἰμαρμένην θείαν καὶ ἀμετάπτωτον ἐξ αἰῶνος ἀποτελουμένης, τῆς δὲ τῶν ἐπιγείων<sup>1</sup> ἀλλοιώσεως καθ' εἰμαρμένην φυσικὴν καὶ μεταπτῶτην τὰς πρώτας αἰτίας ἄνωθεν λαμβανούσης κατὰ συμβεβηκὸς καὶ κατ' ἐπακολούθησιν· καὶ ὡς τῶν μὲν διὰ καθολικότερας περιστά-

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to say the same of all philosophy, for it does not provide any of these things as far as its own powers are concerned. We should not, however, for that reason be justified in condemning either philosophy or this art, disregarding its greater advantages.

To a general examination it would appear that those who find fault with the uselessness of prognostication have no regard for the most important matters, but only for this—that foreknowledge of events that will happen in any case is superfluous; this, too, quite unreservedly and without due discrimination. For, in the first place, we should consider that even with events that will necessarily take place their unexpectedness is very apt to cause excessive panic and delirious joy, while foreknowledge accustoms and calms the soul by experience of distant events as though they were present, and prepares it to greet with calm and steadiness whatever comes. A second reason is that we should not believe that separate events attend mankind as the result of the heavenly cause as if they had been originally ordained for each person by some irrevocable divine command and destined to take place by necessity without the possibility of any other cause whatever interfering. Rather is it true that the movement of the heavenly bodies, to be sure, is eternally performed in accordance with divine, unchangeable destiny, while the change of earthly things is subject to a natural and mutable fate, and in drawing its first causes from above it is governed by chance and natural sequence. Moreover, some things happen to mankind through more general

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<sup>1</sup> περιγίωσιν PMECam.

σεις τοῖς ἀνθρώποις συμβαινόντων, οὐχὶ δὲ ἐκ τῆς  
 12 ἰδίας ἐκάστου<sup>1</sup> φυσικῆς ἐπιτηδειότητος, ὡς ὅταν  
 κατὰ μεγάλας καὶ δυσφυλάκτους τοῦ περιέχοντος  
 τροπὰς ἐκ πυρώσεων ἢ λοιμῶν ἢ κατακλυσμῶν  
 κατὰ πλήθη διαφθαρῶσιν, ὑποπιπτούσης αἰὲ τῆς  
 βραχυτέρας αἰτίας τῇ μείζονι καὶ ἰσχυρωτέρᾳ, τῶν  
 δὲ κατὰ τὴν ἐνὸς ἐκάστου φυσικὴν ἰδιοσυγκρασίαν  
 διὰ μικρὰς καὶ τὰς τυχούσας τοῦ περιέχοντος ἀντι-  
 παθείας. τούτων γὰρ οὕτω διαληφθέντων, φανερόν  
 ὅτι καὶ καθ' ὅλου καὶ κατὰ μέρος, ὅσων μὲν συμπτω-  
 μάτων τὸ πρῶτον αἴτιον<sup>2</sup> ἄμαχόν τέ ἐστι καὶ μείζον  
 παντὸς τοῦ ἀντιπράττοντος, ταῦτα καὶ πάντη πάν-  
 τως ἀποβαίνειν ἀνάγκη· ὅσα δὲ μὴ οὕτως ἔχει,  
 τούτων τὰ μὲν ἐπιτυγχάνοντα τῶν ἀντιπαθησόντων<sup>3</sup>  
 εὐανάτρεπτα γίνεται, τὰ δὲ μὴ εὐπορήσοντα<sup>4</sup> καὶ  
 αὐτὰ ταῖς πρώταις φύσεσιν ἀκολουθεῖ, δι' ἄγνοιαν  
 μέντοι καὶ οὐκέτι διὰ τὴν τῆς ἰσχύος ἀνάγκην. τὸ  
 αὐτὸ δ' ἂν τις ἴδοι συμβεβηκὸς καὶ ἐπὶ πάντων  
 ἀπλῶς τῶν φυσικὰς ἐχόντων τὰς ἀρχάς. καὶ γὰρ  
 καὶ λίθων καὶ φυτῶν καὶ ζώων, ἔτι δὲ τραυμάτων  
 καὶ παθῶν καὶ νοσημάτων, τὰ μὲν ἐξ ἀνάγκης τι  
 ποιεῖν πέφυκε, τὰ δ' εἰ μηδὲν τῶν ἐναντίων ἀντι-  
 πράξει. οὕτως οὖν χρὴ νομίζειν καὶ τὰ τοῖς ἀνθρώ-  
 ποις συμβησόμενα προλέγειν τοὺς φυσικοὺς τῇ

<sup>1</sup> ἐκ τῆς ἰδίας ἐκάστου VMAD E; ἰδίας om. PL; ἀπὸ ἐκάστης  
 φυσικῆς ἰδίας Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> ὁ post αἴτιον add. Cam., om. libri.

<sup>3</sup> ἀντιπαθησόντων VADCam., -σάντων PME.

<sup>4</sup> εὐπορήσοντα VADCam., -σαντα PME.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. ii. 1, "the particular always falls under the  
 general." Ptolemy distinguishes carefully between uni-



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circumstances and not as the result of an individual's own natural propensities—for example, when men perish in multitudes by conflagration or pestilence or cataclysms, through monstrous and inescapable changes in the ambient, for the lesser cause always yields to the greater<sup>1</sup> and stronger; other occurrences, however, accord with the individual's own natural temperament through minor and fortuitous antipathies of the ambient. For if these distinctions are thus made, it is clear that both in general and in particular whatever events depend upon a first cause, which is irresistible and more powerful than anything that opposes it, must by all means take place; on the contrary, of events that are not of this character, those which are provided with resistant forces are easily averted, while those that are not follow the primary natural causes, to be sure, but this is due to ignorance and not to the necessity of almighty power. One might observe this same thing happening in all events whatsoever that have natural causes. For even of stones, plants, and animals, and also of wounds, mishaps, and sicknesses, some are of such a nature as to act of necessity, others only if no opposing thing interferes. One should therefore believe that physical philosophers predict what is to befall men with foreknowledge of

versal (καθολική) and particular or genethliological (γενεθλιαλογική) astrology. The former deals with astrological influences which affect all mankind or whole countries and races of men, and is treated in Books i-ii; the latter concerns the nativities of individuals, and is the subject of Books iii-iv.



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13 τοιαύτη προγνώσει, καὶ μὴ κατὰ κενὰς δόξας προσ-  
 ερχομένους, ὡς τῶν μὲν διὰ τὸ πολλὰ καὶ μεγάλα  
 τὰ ποιητικὰ τυγχάνει, ἀφυλάκτων ὄντων, τῶν δὲ  
 διὰ τοῦναντίον μετατροπὰς ἐπιδεχομένων. καθάπερ  
 καὶ τῶν ἰατρῶν ὅσοι δυνατοὶ σημειοῦσθαι τὰ παθή-  
 ματα προγινώσκουσι τὰ τε πάντως ἀνελόντα,<sup>1</sup> καὶ  
 τὰ χωροῦντα<sup>2</sup> βοήθειαν. ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν μεταπεσεῖν  
 δυναμένων, οὕτως ἀκουστέον τοῦ γενεθλιαλόγου,  
 φέρ' εἰπεῖν, ὅτι τῇ τοιαῦδε συγκράσει κατὰ τὴν  
 τοιάνδε τοῦ περιέχοντος ἰδιοτροπίαν τραπεισῶν ἐπὶ  
 τὸ πλεόν ἢ ἔλαττον τῶν ὑποκειμένων συμμετριῶν,  
 τὸ τοιόνδε<sup>3</sup> παρακολουθήσει πάθος· ὡς καὶ τοῦ μὲν  
 ἰατροῦ, ὅτι τόδε τὸ ἔλκος νομῆν ἢ σῆψιν ἐμποιεῖ,  
 τοῦ δὲ μεταλλικοῦ, λόγου ἕνεκεν, ὅτι τὸν σίδηρον ἢ  
 λίθος ἢ μαγνήτις ἔλκει. ὡσπερ γὰρ τούτων ἐκάτε-  
 ρον, ἐὰθὲν μὲν δι' ἀγνωσίαν τῶν ἀντιπαθησόντων,  
 πάντα πάντως παρακολουθήσει τῇ τῆς πρώτης  
 φύσεως δυνάμει, οὔτε δὲ τὸ ἔλκος τὴν νομῆν ἢ τὴν  
 σῆψιν κατεργάσεται τῆς ἀντικειμένης θεραπείας  
 τυχόν, οὔτε τὸν σίδηρον ἢ μαγνήτις ἐλκύσει παρα-  
 τριβέντος αὐτῇ σκορόδου. καὶ αὐτὰ δὲ ταῦτα τὰ  
 κωλύοντα φυσικῶς καὶ καθ' εἰμαρμένην ἀντεπάθη-  
 σεν· οὕτω καὶ ἐπ' ἐκείνων, ἀγνοούμενα μὲν τὰ  
 συμβησόμενα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, ἢ ἐγνωσμένα μὲν, μὴ  
 τυχόντα δὲ τῶν ἀντιπαθούντων, πάντα πάντως  
 ἀκολουθήσει τῷ τῆς πρώτης φύσεως εἰρμῷ. προ-  
 γνωσθέντα δὲ καὶ εὐπορήσαντα τῶν θεραπευόντων

<sup>1</sup> ἀναιροῦνται Cam.<sup>1</sup>, ἀναιροῦντα Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> χωροῦντα VMADE; cf. τὰ θεραπείαν ἐπιδεχόμενα Proo.;  
 χωρηγοῦντα Cam.<sup>1</sup>, Cam.<sup>2</sup> (χορ-), P (χωρι-).

<sup>3</sup> ἂν post τοιῶνδε adil. PMECam.

this character and do not approach their task under false impressions ; for certain things, because their effective causes are numerous and powerful, are inevitable, but others for the opposite reason may be averted. Similarly those physicians who can recognize ailments know beforehand those which are always fatal and those which admit of aid. In the case of events that may be modified we must give heed to the astrologer, when, for example, he says that to such and such a temperament, with such and such a character of the ambient, if the fundamental proportions increase or decrease, such and such an affection will result. Similarly we must believe the physician, when he says that this sore will spread or cause putrefaction, and the miner, for instance, that the lodestone attracts iron : just as each of these, if left to itself through ignorance of the opposing forces, will inevitably develop as its original nature compels, but neither will the sore cause spreading or putrefaction if it receives preventive treatment, nor will the lodestone attract the iron if it is rubbed with garlic ;<sup>1</sup> and these very deterrent measures also have their resisting power naturally and by fate ; so also in the other cases, if future happenings to men are not known, or if they are known and the remedies are not applied, they will by all means follow the course of primary nature ; but if they are recognized ahead of time and remedies are provided, again quite in accord

<sup>1</sup> A current belief ; cf. Thorndike, *History of Magic and Experimental Science*, I, p. 213, for an instance of its occurrence in Plutarch.

φυσικῶς πάλιν καθ' εἰμαρμένην, ἢ ἀγέννητα<sup>1</sup> τέλεον,  
 14 ἢ μετριώτερα καθίσταται. ὅλως δὲ τῆς τοιαύτης  
 δυνάμεως τῆς αὐτῆς οὔσης ἐπὶ τε τῶν ὀλοσχερῶς  
 θεωρουμένων καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν κατὰ μέρος, θαυμάσειεν  
 ἂν τις διὰ τίνα δὴ ποτε αἰτίαν ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν<sup>2</sup> καθ'  
 ὄλου πιστεύουσι πάντες καὶ τῷ δυνατῷ τῆς προγνώ-  
 σεως καὶ τῷ πρὸς τὸ φυλάττεσθαι χρησίμῳ (τάς τε  
 γὰρ ὥρας καὶ τὰς τῶν ἀπλανῶν ἐπισημασίας καὶ  
 τοὺς τῆς σελήνης σχηματισμοὺς οἱ πλείστοι προγινώ-  
 σκειν ὁμολογοῦσι, καὶ πολλὴν πρόνοιαν ποιοῦνται  
 τῆς φυλακῆς αὐτῶν, πεφροντικότες αἰεὶ πρὸς μὲν τὸ  
 θέρος τῶν ψύχειν δυναμένων, πρὸς δὲ τὸν χειμῶνα  
 τῶν θερμαινόντων, καὶ ὅλως προπαρασκευάζοντες  
 αὐτῶν τὰς φύσεις ἐπὶ τὸ εὐκρατον· καὶ ἔτι πρὸς μὲν  
 τὸ ἀσφαλές τῶν τε ὥρων καὶ τῶν ἀναγωγῶν παρα-  
 φυλάττοντες τὰς τῶν ἀπλανῶν ἀστέρων ἐπισημασίας,  
 πρὸς δὲ τὰς ἀρχὰς τῶν ὀχειῶν καὶ φυτειῶν τοὺς  
 κατὰ πλήρωσιν τῶν φωτῶν τῆς σελήνης σχηματισ-  
 μούς, καὶ οὐδεὶς οὐδαμῆ τῶν τοιούτων κατέγνωκεν  
 οὔθ' ὡς ἀδυνάτων, οὔθ' ὡς ἀχρήστων), ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν κατὰ  
 μέρος καὶ ἐκ τῆς τῶν λοιπῶν συγκράσεως ἰδιωμά-  
 των, οἷον μᾶλλον καὶ ἦττον, χειμώνων ἢ καὶ  
 καυμάτων, καὶ τῆς καθ' ἕκαστον ἰδιοσυγκρασίας,  
 οὔτε τὸ προγινώσκειν ἔτι δυνατόν ἢ γοῦνταί τινες  
 οὔτε τὰ πολλὰ ἐγχωρεῖν φυλάξασθαι· καίτοι προ-  
 15 δήλου τυγχάνοντος, ὅτι πρὸς τὰ καθ' ὄλου καύματα

<sup>1</sup> ἀγέννητα VADE, ἀγέννητα PMCam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν libri, τοῖς Cam.

<sup>1</sup> Hesiod's *Works and Days*, 383 ff. (ed. Flach), well il-  
 lustrates how such stars and constellations as the Pleiades,

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with nature and fate, they either do not occur at all or are rendered less severe. And in general, since such power is the same whether applied to things regarded universally or particularly, one would wonder why all believe in the efficacy of prediction in universal matters, and in its usefulness for guarding one's interests (for most people admit that they have foreknowledge of the seasons, of the significance of the constellations, and of the phases of the moon, and take great forethought for safeguarding themselves, always contriving cooling agents against summer and the means of warmth against winter, and in general preparing their own natures with moderation as a goal; furthermore, to ensure the safety of the seasons and of their sailings they watch the significance of the fixed stars, and, for the beginning of breeding and sowing, the aspects of the moon's light at its full,<sup>1</sup> and no one ever condemns such practices either as impossible or useless); but, on the other hand, as regards particular matters and those depending upon the mixture of the other qualities—such as predictions of more or less, of cold or of heat, and of the individual temperament—some people believe neither that foreknowledge is still possible nor that precautions can be taken in most instances. And yet, since it is obvious that, if we happen to have cooled ourselves against heat in general, we shall

Orion, Hyades, Sirius, and Arcturus, and the solstices were observed in ordinary rural life in such connections as those mentioned by Ptolemy; also in navigation (618 ff.). The favourable and unfavourable days of the month (*i.e.* of the moon) are enumerated in lines 769 ff.



εἰ τύχοιμεν προκαταψύξαντες ἑαυτοὺς ἤττον καυσούμεθα, δύναται τὸ ὅμοιον ἐνεργεῖν καὶ πρὸς τὰ ἰδίως τήνδε τὴν σύγκρασιν εἰς ἀμετρίαν αὐξαντα<sup>1</sup> τοῦ θερμοῦ. ἀλλὰ γὰρ αἴτιον τῆς τοιαύτης ἀμαρτίας τό τε δύσκολον καὶ ἄηθες τῆς τῶν κατὰ μέρος προγνώσεως, ὅπερ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἄλλων σχεδὸν ἀπάντων ἀπιστίαν ἐμποιεῖ. καὶ τὸ μὴ συναπτομένης ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν τῆς ἀντιπαθούσης δυνάμεως τῇ προγνωστικῇ, διὰ τὸ σπάνιον τῆς οὕτω τελείας διαθέσεως, καὶ περὶ τὰς πρώτας φύσεις ἀνεμποδίστως ἀποτελουμένης, δόξαν ὡς περὶ ἀτρέπτων καὶ ἀφυλάκτων παρέσχε καὶ πάντων ἀπλῶς τῶν ἀποβησομένων

Ὡσπερ δέ, οἶμαι, καὶ ἐπ' αὐτοῦ τοῦ προγνωστικοῦ, καὶ εἰ μὴ<sup>2</sup> διὰ παντὸς ἦν ἄπταιστον, τό γε δυνατόν αὐτοῦ μεγίστης ἀξίον σπουδῆς κατεφαίνετο, τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον καὶ ἐπὶ τοῦ φυλακτικοῦ, καὶ εἰ μὴ πάντων ἐστὶ θεραπευτικόν, ἀλλὰ τό γ' ἐπ' ἐνίων, κἂν ὀλίγα κἂν μικρὰ ἦ, ἀγαπᾶν καὶ ἀσπάζεσθαι καὶ κέρδος οὐ τὸ τυχὸν ἡγεῖσθαι προσήκει.

Τούτοις δέ, ὡς ἔοικε, συνεγνωκότες οὕτως ἔχουσι, καὶ οἱ μάλιστα τὴν τοιαύτην δύναμιν τῆς τέχνης προαγαγόντες Αἰγύπτιοι συνῆψαν πανταχῇ τῷ δι' 16 ἀστρονομίας προγνωστικῶ τὴν ἰατρικὴν. οὐ γὰρ

<sup>1</sup> αὐξαντα PL., -οντα VMADECam.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ εἰ μὴ MAE, κἂν μὴ VDCam., καὶ ἦ μὴ P, καὶ εἰ μὲν L.

<sup>1</sup> Ptolemy's language is highly condensed and obscure; the translation gives the probable meaning. Proclus' *Paraphrase*, pp. 31-32, thus renders the passage: "But the reason for such an assumption is the difficulty of prognostication in particular cases, the accurate and truth-



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suffer less from it, similar measures can prove effective against particular forces which increase this particular temperament to a disproportionate amount of heat. For the cause of this error is the difficulty and unfamiliarity of particular prognostication, a reason which in most other situations as well brings about disbelief. And since for the most part the resisting faculty is not coupled with the prognostic, because so perfect a disposition is rare, and since the force of nature takes its course without hindrance when the primary natures are concerned, an opinion has been produced that absolutely all future events are inevitable and unescapable.<sup>1</sup>

But, I think, just as with prognostication, even if it be not entirely infallible, at least its possibilities have appeared worthy of the highest regard, so too in the case of defensive practice, even though it does not furnish a remedy for everything, its authority in some instances at least, however few or unimportant, should be welcomed and prized, and regarded as profitable in no ordinary sense.

Recognizing, apparently, that these things are so, those who have most advanced this faculty of the art, the Egyptians, have entirely united medicine with astronomical prediction.<sup>2</sup> For they would

ful handling of these matters, and the fact that, because a person is rarely found who has so perfect a disposition that none of the remedies escapes him, the faculty which generally resists the force which, unhindered, is effective through the primary natures, is not coupled with the prognostication, and, not being so coupled, creates the opinion concerning all future events without exception that they are inevitable and that it is impossible to ward them off."

<sup>2</sup> See Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 517-520.

ἂν ποτε ἀποτροπιασμούς τινας καὶ φυλακτήρια καὶ  
 θεραπείας συνίσταντο πρὸς τὰς ἐκ τοῦ περιέχοντος  
 ἐπιούσας ἢ παρούσας περιστάσεις καθολικὰς τε καὶ  
 μερικὰς, εἴ τις αὐτοῖς ἀκινήσιαι καὶ ἀμετατρεψίας  
 τῶν ἐσομένων ὑπῆρχε δόξα. νῦν δὲ καὶ τὸ κατὰ  
 τὰς ἐφεξῆς φύσεις ἀντιπράξαι δυνάμενον ἐν δευτέρᾳ  
 χώρα τοῦ καθ' εἰμαρμένην λόγου<sup>1</sup> τιθέμενοι, συν-  
 ἔζευξαν τῇ τῆς προγνώσεως δυνάμει τὴν κατὰ τὸ  
 χρήσιμον καὶ ὠφέλιμον διὰ τῶν καλουμένων παρ'  
 αὐτοῖς ἰατρομαθηματικῶν συντάξεων,<sup>2</sup> ὅπως διὰ  
 μὲν ἀστρονομίας τὰς τε τῶν ὑποκειμένων συγ-  
 κράσεων ποιότητος<sup>3</sup> εἰδέναι συμβαίνει, καὶ τὰ διὰ  
 τὸ περιέχον ἐσόμενα συμπτώματα, καὶ τὰς ἰδίας  
 αὐτῶν αἰτίας (ὡς ἄνευ τῆς τούτων γνώσεως, καὶ  
 τῶν βοηθημάτων κατὰ τὸ πλείστον διαπίπτειν  
 ὀφειλόντων, ἅτε μὴ πᾶσι σώμασιν ἢ πάθεσι τῶν  
 αὐτῶν συμμέτρων ὄντων), διὰ δὲ τῆς ἰατρικῆς  
 ἀπὸ τῶν ἐκάστοις οἰκείως συμπαθούντων ἢ ἀντι-  
 παθούντων, τὰς τε τῶν μελλόντων παθῶν προφυ-  
 λακὰς καὶ τὰς τῶν ἐνεστώτων θεραπείας ἀδια-  
 πτώτους, ὡς ἔνι μάλιστα, ποιούμενοι διατελῶσιν.<sup>4</sup>

Ἄλλὰ ταῦτα μὲν μέχρι τοσοῦτων ἡμῖν κατὰ τὸ  
 κεφαλαϊῶδες προτετυπώσθω. ποιησόμεθα δὲ ἤδη  
 τὸν λόγον κατὰ τὸν εἰσαγωγικὸν τρόπον, ἀρξάμενοι  
 περὶ τῆς ἐκάστου τῶν οὐρανίων περὶ αὐτὸ τὸ  
 17 ποιητικὸν ἰδιοτροπίας, ἀκολουθῶν ταῖς ὑπὸ τῶν

<sup>1</sup> λόγον VMADE, λόγον PL, om. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> Post συντάξεων add. μέθοδον Cam. ; in libris deest.

<sup>3</sup> ποιότητος libri, ιδιότητος Cam.

<sup>4</sup> διατελοῦσι Cam.

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never have devised certain means of averting or warding off or remedying the universal and particular conditions that come or are present by reason of the ambient, if they had had any idea that the future cannot be moved and changed. But as it is, they place the faculty of resisting by orderly natural means in second rank to the decrees of fate, and have yoked to the possibility of prognostication its useful and beneficial faculty, through what they call their iatromathematical systems (medical astrology), in order that by means of astronomy they may succeed in learning the qualities of the underlying temperatures, the events that will occur in the future because of the ambient, and their special causes, on the ground that without this knowledge any measures of aid ought for the most part to fail, because the same ones are not fitted for all bodies or diseases;<sup>1</sup> and, on the other hand, by means of medicine, through their knowledge of what is properly sympathetic or antipathetic in each case, they proceed, as far as possible, to take precautionary measures against impending illness and to prescribe infallible treatment for existing disease.

Let this be, to this point, our summarily stated preliminary sketch. We shall now conduct our discussion after the manner of an introduction,<sup>2</sup> beginning with the character of each of the heavenly

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps "affections," the more general sense of the word *πάθος*.

<sup>2</sup> "Introductions" (*εἰσαγωγαί*), or systematic elementary treatises, are a common literary form in antiquity. Nicomachus' *Introduction to Arithmetic* (*εἰσαγωγή ἀριθμητικῆ*) is a good example. The "art" (*τέχνη*) was a similar form of treatise, and might deal with any art or science.

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παλαιῶν κατὰ τὸν φυσικὸν τρόπον ἐφηρμοσμέναις παρατηρήσεσι, καὶ πρώταις<sup>1</sup> ταῖς τῶν πλανωμένων ἀστέρων δυνάμεσι ἡλίου τε καὶ σελήνης

(δ.) Περὶ τῆς τῶν πλανωμένων  
ἀστέρων<sup>2</sup> δυνάμεως

Ὁ ἥλιος κατείληπται τὸ ποιητικὸν ἔχων τῆς οὐσίας ἐν τῷ θερμαίνειν, καὶ ἡρέμα ξηραίνειν. ταῦτα δὲ μάλιστα τῶν ἄλλων ἡμῖν εὐαισθητότερα γίνεται διὰ τε τὸ μέγεθος αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸ τῶν κατὰ τὰς ὥρας μεταβολῶν ἐναργές, ἐπειδήπερ ὅσω ἂν μᾶλλον ἐγγίξῃ τοῦ κατὰ κορυφὴν ἡμῶν τόπου,<sup>3</sup> μᾶλλον ἡμᾶς οὕτω διατίθησιν. ἡ δὲ σελήνη τὸ μὲν πλεον ἔχει τῆς δυνάμεως ἐν τῷ ὑγραίνειν, διὰ τὴν περιγειότητα δηλονότι καὶ τὴν τῶν ὑγρῶν ἀναθυμιάσιν. καὶ διατίθησιν οὕτως ἄντικρυς τὰ σώματα πεπαίνουσα καὶ διασήπουσα τὰ πλείστα, κεκοινῶνηκε δὲ ἡρέμα καὶ τοῦ θερμαίνειν διὰ τοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ ἡλίου φωτισμούς.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου ἀστήρ τὸ πλεον ἔχει τῆς ποιότητος ἐν τῷ ψύχειν καὶ τῷ ἡρέμα ξηραίνειν, διὰ τὸ

<sup>1</sup> πρώταις VD, πρώτης MAE, πρὸ τῆς P, πρὸς τῆς I, πρώτον Proc., πρώτως Cam.

<sup>2</sup> πλανωμένων ἀστέρων VADEProc., om. ἀστέρων M, πλανητῶν PLCam. <sup>3</sup> τῷ . . . τόπῳ MAECam.

<sup>1</sup> In this chapter and elsewhere Ptolemy makes use of the four Aristotelian principles, hot, cold, wet, dry (*e.g.* *De generatione et corruptione*, ii. 2, 3). Cf. Boll-Bezold-Gundel, p. 50.

<sup>2</sup> It was a doctrine as old as Thales that the moisture arising from the earth nourished the heavenly bodies; cf.



bodies with respect to its active power, in agreement with the physical observations attached to them by the ancients, and in the first place the powers of the planets, sun, and moon.

#### 4. *Of the Power of the Planets.*

The active power of the sun's essential nature is found to be heating and, to a certain degree, drying.<sup>1</sup> This is made more easily perceptible in the case of the sun than any other heavenly body by its size and by the obviousness of its seasonal changes, for the closer it approaches to the zenith the more it affects us in this way. Most of the moon's power consists of humidifying, clearly because it is close to the earth and because of the moist exhalations<sup>2</sup> therefrom. Its action therefore is precisely this, to soften and cause putrefaction in bodies for the most part, but it shares moderately also in heating power because of the light which it receives from the sun.

It is Saturn's<sup>3</sup> quality chiefly to cool and, moderately, to dry, probably because he is furthest

Diels, *Doxographi Graeci* (Berlin, 1879), p. 276; J. Burnet, *Early Greek Philosophy* (London, 1920), p. 49.

<sup>3</sup> Ptolemy ordinarily says "the (star) of Saturn," "the (star) of Jupiter," etc. (ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου, ὁ τοῦ Διός), and less often merely "Saturn," "Jupiter," and the like, a form of speech which tends to identify the planet and the divinity whose name it bears. On the other hand, he does not use the older Greek names such as Φωσφόρος, Φαίρων, etc. (though *Ἰνποείς* occurs for *Ἄρης* in one of the MSS.). See F. Cumont, "Antiochus d'Athènes et Porphyre," *Annuaire de l'Inst. de Philologie et d'Histoire Orientale*, ii. 139, and "Les noms de planètes et d'astrolatrie chez les grecs," *L'Antiquité Classique*, iv. 1, pp. 5-43; Boll-Bezold-Gundel, p. 48.



πλεῖστον, ὡς ἔοικεν, ἀπέχειν<sup>1</sup> ἅμα τῆς τε τοῦ ἡλίου θερμασίας καὶ τῆς τῶν περὶ τὴν γῆν ὑγρῶν ἀναθυμιάσεως. συνίστανται δὲ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τε τούτου καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν, καὶ διὰ τῆς τῶν πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὴν σελήνην σχηματισμῶν παρατηρήσεως, ἐπει-  
 18 δῆπερ οἱ μὲν οὕτως, οἱ δὲ οὕτω τὴν τοῦ περιέχοντος κατάστασιν ἐπὶ τὸ μᾶλλον ἢ ἦττον συντρέποντες φαίνονται.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως<sup>2</sup> ξηραίνειν μάλιστα καὶ καυσοῦν ἔχει φύσιν, τῷ τε πυρώδει τοῦ χρώματος οἰκείως καὶ τῇ πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον ἐγγύτητι, ὑποκειμένης αὐτῷ τῆς ἡλιακῆς σφαίρας.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς εὐκρατον ἔχει τὸ ποιητικὸν τῆς δυνάμεως, μεταξὺ γινομένης τῆς κινήσεως αὐτοῦ τοῦ τε κατὰ τὸν Κρόνον ψυκτικοῦ καὶ τοῦ κατὰ τὸν Ἄρην καυστικοῦ. θερμαίνει τε γὰρ ἅμα καὶ ὑγραίνει, καὶ διὰ τὸ μᾶλλον εἶναι θερμαντικός, ὑπὸ τῶν ὑποκειμένων σφαιρῶν, γονίμων πνευμάτων γίνεται ποιητικός.

Καὶ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης δὲ τῶν μὲν αὐτῶν ἐστὶ κατὰ τὸ εὐκρατον ποιητικός,<sup>3</sup> ἀλλὰ κατὰ τὸ ἐναντίον. θερμαίνει μὲν γὰρ ἡρέμα διὰ τὴν ἐγγύτητα τὴν πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον· μάλιστα δὲ ὑγραίνει καθάπερ ἡ σελήνη καὶ αὐτὸς διὰ τὸ μέγεθος τῶν ἰδίων φωτῶν, νοσφιζόμενος τὴν ἀπὸ τῶν περιεχόντων τὴν γῆν ὑγρῶν ἀναθυμιάσιν.

<sup>1</sup> ἀπέχειν VMADE. om. PLCam.; ἀφεστάναι add. post ἀναθυμιάσεως Cam.

<sup>2</sup> Πυροέντος ME. Ordinem restauravi quam praebent VPLADProc.; in MECam. ordo est ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς . . . ποιητικός. ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως . . . σφαίρας.

removed<sup>1</sup> both from the sun's heat and the moist exhalations about the earth. Both in Saturn's case and in that of the other planets there are powers, too, which arise through the observation of their aspects to the sun and the moon, for some of them appear to modify conditions in the ambient in one way, some in another, by increase or by decrease.

The nature of Mars is chiefly to dry and to burn, in conformity with his fiery colour and by reason of his nearness to the sun, for the sun's sphere lies just below him.

Jupiter has a temperate active force because his movement takes place between the cooling influence of Saturn and the burning power of Mars. He both heats and humidifies; and because his heating power is the greater by reason of the underlying spheres, he produces fertilizing winds.

Venus has the same powers and tempered nature as Jupiter, but acts in the opposite way; for she warms moderately because of her nearness to the sun, but chiefly humidifies, like the moon, because of the amount of her own light and because she appropriates the exhalations from the moist atmosphere surrounding the earth.

<sup>1</sup>The order of the heavenly bodies followed by Ptolemy is Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Meroury, Moon; cf. Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 107-108.

<sup>2</sup>ποιητικός . . . ἐναντίον VPLMADE (καὶ κατὰ ME); cf. Proc.; τῷ Ζηνὶ κατὰ μέντοι τὸ ἀντικείμενον ποιητικός Caim. (οἰκ. τῷ Ζηνὶ ed. pr.).

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ἐξ ἴσου ποτὲ μὲν ξηραντικός καταλαμβάνεται καὶ τῶν ὑγρῶν ἀναπαιτικός,<sup>1</sup> διὰ τὸ μηδέποτε πολὺ τῆς τοῦ ἡλίου θερμασίας κατὰ μῆκος ἀφίστασθαι, ποτὲ δ' αὖ ὑγρατικός, διὰ τὸ τῇ περιγειοτάτῃ σφαίρᾳ τῆς σελήνης ἐπικεῖσθαι, ταχείας δὲ ποιεῖσθαι τὰς ἐν ἀμφοτέροις<sup>2</sup> μεταβολάς, πνευματούμενος ὡσπερ ὑπὸ τῆς περι αὐτὸν τὸν ἡλίον ὀξυκινήσις.

κ<ε> Περὶ ἀγαθοποιῶν καὶ κακοποιῶν<sup>3</sup>

Τούτων οὕτως ἐχόντων, ἐπειδὴ τῶν τεττάρων χυμάτων δύο μὲν ἐστί τὰ γόνιμα καὶ ποιητικά, τότε τοῦ θερμοῦ καὶ τὸ τοῦ ὑγροῦ· διὰ τούτων γὰρ πάντα συγκρίνεται καὶ αὐξεται· δύο δὲ τὰ φθαρτικά καὶ παθητικά, τότε τοῦ ξηροῦ καὶ τὸ τοῦ ψυχροῦ, δι' ὧν πάντα πάλιν διακρίνεται καὶ φθίνει,<sup>4</sup> τοὺς μὲν δύο τῶν πλανητῶν, τὸν τε τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, καὶ ἔτι τὴν σελήνην, ὡς ἀγαθοποιούς οἱ παλαιοὶ παρειλήφασιν, διὰ τὸ εὐκρατον καὶ τὸ πλεονεχῆν ἐν τε τῷ θερμῷ καὶ τῷ ὑγρῷ, τὸν δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως<sup>5</sup> τῆς ἐναντίας φύσεως ποιητικούς, τὸν μὲν τῆς ἄγαν ψύξεως ἔνεκεν, τὸν δὲ τῆς ἄγαν ξηρότητος· τὸν δὲ ἡλίον καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ διὰ τὸ κοινὸν τῶν φύσεων ὡς ἀμφοτέρα δυναμένους, καὶ μᾶλλον συντρεπομένους, οἷς ἂν τῶν ἄλλων προσγένωνται.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ἀναπαιτικός PL.

<sup>2</sup> ἐν ἀμφοτέροις VMADE, ἀμφοτερ P, ἀμφοτέρας L, ἐπ' ἀμφοτέρα Proc. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> Titulum capituli om. Cam., habent VPLMADE.

Mercury in general is found at certain times alike to be drying and absorptive of moisture, because he never is far removed in longitude from the heat of the sun; and again humidifying, because he is next above the sphere of the moon, which is closest to the earth; and to change quickly from one to the other, inspired as it were by the speed of his motion in the neighbourhood of the sun itself.

### 5. *Of Beneficent and Maleficent Planets.*

Since the foregoing is the case, because two of the four humours are fertile and active, the hot and the moist (for all things are brought together and increased by them), and two are destructive and passive, the dry and the cold, through which all things, again, are separated and destroyed, the ancients accepted two of the planets, Jupiter and Venus, together with the moon, as beneficent because of their tempered nature and because they abound in the hot and the moist, and Saturn and Mars as producing effects of the opposite nature, one because of his excessive cold and the other for his excessive dryness; the sun and Mercury, however, they thought to have both powers, because they have a common nature, and to join their influences with those of the other planets, with whichever of them they are associated.

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<sup>4</sup> φθίνει VMADE, διαφθείρεται LCam., διαφθείρη P, φθείρεται Proc.

<sup>5</sup> Post Ἄρεως add. κακοποιούς, ὡς MAECam., om. VPLD.

<sup>6</sup> προσγένονται VMADE, παραγίνονται P, παραγίνονται L Cam.; add. ὡς μέσους Cam.<sup>2</sup>, μέσους Cam.<sup>1</sup>



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⟨5̄.⟩ Περὶ ἀρρενικῶν καὶ θηλυκῶν  
ἀστέρων

Πάλιν ἐπειδὴ τὰ πρῶτα γένη τῶν φύσεών ἐστι δύο, τό τε ἀρρενικὸν καὶ τὸ θῆλυ, τῶν δὲ προκειμένων δυνάμεων ἢ τῆς ὑγρᾶς οὐσίας μάλιστα θηλυκὴ τυγχάνει (πλέον γὰρ ἐγγίνεται καθ' ὅλου τοῦτο τὸ μέρος πᾶσι τοῖς θήλεσι, τὰ δ' ἄλλα μᾶλλον τοῖς 20 ἄρρεσιν), εἰκότως τὴν μὲν σελήνην καὶ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἀστέρα θηλυκοὺς ἡμῖν παραδεδώκασιν διὰ τὸ πλέον ἔχειν ἐν τῷ ὑγρῷ, τὸν δὲ ἥλιον καὶ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τὸν τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως ἀρρενικοὺς, τὸν δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ κοινὸν ἀμφοτέρων τῶν γενῶν, καθ' ὃ ἐξ ἴσου τῆς τε ξηρᾶς καὶ τῆς ὑγρᾶς οὐσίας ἐστὶ ποιητικὸς. ἀρρενοῦσθαι δὲ φασὶ τοὺς ἀστέρας καὶ θηλύνεσθαι παρά τε τοὺς πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον σχηματισμοὺς· ἐώους μὲν γὰρ ὄντας καὶ προηγουμένους ἀρρενοῦσθαι, ἐσπερίους δὲ καὶ ἐπομένους θηλύνεσθαι. καὶ ἔτι παρά τοὺς πρὸς τὸν ὀρίζοντα· ἐν μὲν γὰρ τοῖς ἀπὸ ἀνατολῆς μέχρι μεσουρανήσεως, ἢ καὶ ἀπὸ δύσεως μέχρι τῆς ὑπὸ γῆν ἀντιμεσουρανήσεως<sup>1</sup> σχηματισμοῖς, ὡς ἀπηλιωτικοὺς ἀρρενοῦσθαι· ἐν δὲ τοῖς λοιποῖς δυσὶ τεταρτημορίοις ὡς λιβυκοὺς<sup>2</sup> θηλύνεσθαι.

<sup>1</sup> μέχρι πάλιν τοῦ ἀντικειμένου μεσουρανήματος Cam. ; om. PL.

<sup>2</sup> δυτικούς Cam.

<sup>1</sup> Or matutine ; that is, stars which are above the earth when the sun rises, as evening, or vespertine, stars set after the sun. Cardanus (p. 127) says that whatever planet is



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### 6. *Of Masculine and Feminine Planets.*

Again, since there are two primary kinds of natures, male and female, and of the forces already mentioned that of the moist is especially feminine—for as a general thing this element is present to a greater degree in all females, and the others rather in males—with good reason the view has been handed down to us that the moon and Venus are feminine, because they share more largely in the moist, and that the sun, Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars are masculine, and Mercury common to both genders, inasmuch as he produces the dry and the moist alike. They say too that the stars become masculine or feminine according to their aspects to the sun, for when they are morning stars<sup>1</sup> and precede the sun they become masculine, and feminine when they are evening stars and follow the sun. Furthermore this happens also according to their positions with respect to the horizon; for when they are in positions from the orient to mid-heaven,<sup>2</sup> or again from the occident to lower mid-heaven, they become masculine because they are eastern, but in the other two quadrants, as western stars, they become feminine.

less than 6 signs removed from the sun in the order of the signs is feminine and occidental; any that is more than 6 signs distant, masculine and oriental.

<sup>2</sup> Cardanus (*l.c.*) remarks that some do not accept this statement but count all stars from the inferior to the superior mid-heaven (4th to the 10th house) masculine and from the superior to the inferior mid-heaven (10th to the 4th house) feminine. Planets may also become masculine or feminine in consequence of occupying a masculine or feminine sign; see Bouché-Leclercq, p. 103.

⟨ζ.⟩ Περὶ ἡμερινῶν καὶ νυκτερινῶν

Ὅμοίως δὲ ἐπειδὴ τῶν ποιούντων τὸν χρόνον τὰ ἐκφανέστατα διαστήματα δύο ταῦτα τυγχάνει τό τε τῆς ἡμέρας ἡρρενωμένον μᾶλλον διὰ τὸ ἐν αὐτῇ θερμὸν καὶ δραστικὸν καὶ τὸ τῆς νυκτὸς τεθηλυσμένον μᾶλλον διὰ τὸ κατ' αὐτὴν δίϋγρον καὶ ἀναπαστικόν, νυκτερινοὺς μὲν ἀκολουθῶς παραδεδώκασιν τὴν τε σελήνην καὶ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, ἡμερινοὺς δὲ τὸν τε ἥλιον καὶ τὸν τοῦ Διός, ἐπί-  
 21 κοινον δὲ κατὰ ταῦτα τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἐν μὲν τῷ ἑώῳ σχήματι ἡμερινόν, ἐν δὲ τῷ ἑσπερίῳ νυκτερινόν. προσένειμαν δὲ ἑκατέρᾳ τῶν αἱρέσεων καὶ τοὺς δύο τοὺς τῆς φθαρτικῆς οὐσίας, οὐκ ἔτι μέντοι κατὰ τὰς αὐτὰς τῆς φύσεως αἰτίας, ἀλλὰ κατὰ τὰς ἐναντίας. τοῖς μὲν γὰρ τῆς ἀγαθῆς κράσεως οἰκειούμενα τὰ ὅμοια μείζον αὐτῶν τὸ ὠφέλιμον ποιεῖ, τοῖς δὲ φθαρτικοῖς τὰ ἀνοίκεια μιγνύμενα παραλύει τὸ πολὺ<sup>1</sup> τῆς κακώσεως αὐτῶν. ἔνθεν τὸν μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου ψυκτικὸν ὄντα τῷ θερμῷ τῆς ἡμέρας ἀπένειμαν, τὸν δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως ξηρὸν ὄντα τῷ ὑγρῷ τῆς νυκτὸς· οὕτω γὰρ ἑκάτερος ὑπὸ τῆς κράσεως<sup>2</sup> τῆς συμμετρίας τυχῶν οἰκείως γίνεται τῆς τὸ εὐκρατον παρασχούσης αἱρέσεως.

<sup>1</sup> πολὺ VMADEFProc., κακὸν PL, σφοδρὸν Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐναντίας κράσεως Cam.; ἐναντίας om. libri.

## TETRABIBLOS I. 7

### 7. *Of Diurnal and Nocturnal<sup>1</sup> Planets.*

Similarly, since of the two most obvious intervals of those which make up time, the day is more masculine because of its heat and active force, and night more feminine because of its moisture and its gift of rest, the tradition has consequently been handed down that the moon and Venus are nocturnal, the sun and Jupiter diurnal, and Mercury common as before, diurnal when it is a morning star and nocturnal as an evening star. They also assigned to each of the sects the two destructive stars, not however in this instance on the principle of similar natures,<sup>2</sup> but of just the opposite; for when stars of the same kind are joined with those of the good temperament their beneficial influence is increased, but if dissimilar stars are associated with the destructive ones the greatest part of their injurious power is broken. Thus they assigned Saturn, which is cold, to the warmth of day, and Mars, which is dry, to the moisture of night, for in this way each of them attains good proportion through admixture and becomes a proper member of its sect, which provides moderation.

<sup>1</sup> These are the sects (*αἵρεσις, conditio, secta*) of the sun and moon respectively; cf. Vettius Valens, ii. 1, iii. 5; Rhetorius, *ap. CCAG*, i. 146.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* that "birds of a feather flock together," in various forms a proverbial expression in Greek; *e.g.* *Odyssey*, 17. 218, ὡς αἰεὶ τὸν ὁμοῖον ἄγει θεὸς ὡς τὸν ὁμοῖον; Plato, *Republic*, 329 A, *Phaedrus*, 240 C, etc.

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τὸν ἥλιον σχηματισμῶν

Ἦδη μέντοι καὶ παρὰ τοὺς πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον συσχηματισμοὺς ἢ τε σελήνη καὶ οἱ τρεῖς τῶν πλανωμένων<sup>1</sup> τὸ μᾶλλον καὶ ἥττον λαμβάνουσιν ἐν ταῖς οἰκείαις ἑαυτῶν δυνάμεσιν. ἢ τε γὰρ σελήνη κατὰ μὲν τὴν ἀπὸ ἀνατολῆς μέχρι τῆς πρώτης διχοτόμου αὐξησιν ὑγρότητός ἐστι μᾶλλον ποιητική· κατὰ δὲ τὴν ἀπὸ πρώτης διχοτόμου μέχρι πανσελήνου, θερμότητος· κατὰ δὲ τὴν ἀπὸ πανσελήνου μέχρι  
22 δευτέρας διχοτόμου ξηρότητος· κατὰ δὲ τὴν ἀπὸ δευτέρας διχοτόμου<sup>2</sup> μέχρι κρύψεως<sup>3</sup> ψυχρότητος. οἱ τε πλανώμενοι καὶ ἑῷι μόνον ἀπὸ μὲν τῆς ἀνατολῆς μέχρι τοῦ πρώτου στηριγμοῦ μᾶλλον εἰσιν ὑγραντικοί, ἀπὸ δὲ τοῦ πρώτου στηριγμοῦ μέχρι τῆς ἀκρονύκτου μᾶλλον θερμαντικοί, ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς ἀκρονύκτου μέχρι τοῦ δευτέρου στηριγμοῦ μᾶλλον ξηραντικοί, ἀπὸ δὲ τοῦ δευτέρου στηριγμοῦ μέχρι δύσεως μᾶλλον ψυκτικοί· δηλον δὲ ὅτι καὶ ἀλλήλοις συγκρινάμενοι παμπληθεῖς διαφορὰς ποιότητων εἰς τὸ περιέχον ἡμᾶς ἀπεργάζονται, κατακρατούσης μὲν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν τῆς ἰδίας ἐκάστου δυνάμεως, τρεπομένης δὲ κατὰ τὸ ποσὸν ὑπὸ τῆς τῶν σχηματιζομένων.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Post πλανωμένων add. ὃ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ὁ τοῦ Διὸς καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως AFCam., om. VPLMDE.

<sup>2</sup> μείωσιν post διχοτόμου add. Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> κρύψεως VMDEProe.Cam.; τρήψεως P, τρέψεως L; συνόδου AFH et Cam.<sup>2</sup> in marg.

<sup>4</sup> ἐναντιώσεως post σχηματιζομένων add. Cam., om. libri.



8. *Of the Power of the Aspects to the Sun.*

Now, mark you, likewise, according to their aspects to the sun, the moon and three of the planets<sup>1</sup> experience increase and decrease in their own powers. For in its waxing from new moon to first quarter the moon is more productive of moisture; in its passage from first quarter to full, of heat; from full to last quarter, of dryness, and from last quarter to occultation,<sup>2</sup> of cold. The planets, in oriental aspects only, are more productive of moisture from rising to their first station,<sup>3</sup> of heat from first station to evening rising, of dryness from evening rising to the second station, of cold from second station to setting; and it is clear that when they are associated with one another they produce very many variations of quality in our ambient, the proper force of each one for the most part persisting, but being changed in quantity by the force of the stars that share the configuration.

<sup>1</sup> Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars; a gloss to this effect has been incorporated into the text of certain MSS. and of Camerarius' editions (see the critical note).

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* new moon.

<sup>3</sup> By "rising" heliacal rising is meant. The stations are the points in the motion of the planets at which they appear to stand still before beginning retrograde movement. Ptolemy explained these irregularities of movement by the theory of epicycles. *Cf.* Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 111-123.



⟨θ.⟩ Περὶ τῆς τῶν ἀπλανῶν  
ἀστέρων δυνάμεως

Ἐξῆς δὲ ὄντος καὶ τὰς τῶν ἀπλανῶν φύσεις κατὰ τὸ ἰδίως αὐτῶν ποιητικὸν ἐπιδραμεῖν, ἐκθησόμεθα καὶ τὰς ἐπ' αὐτῶν τετηρημένας ἰδιοτροπίας κατὰ τὸ ὅμοιον ταῖς τῶν πλανωμένων φύσει τὸν ἐμφανισμὸν ποιούμενοι· καὶ πρῶτον τῶν περὶ αὐτὸν τὸν διὰ μέσων κύκλον<sup>1</sup> ἔχόντων τὰς μορφώσεις.

Τοῦ Κριοῦ τοίνυν οἱ μὲν ἐν τῇ κεφαλῇ τὸ ποιητικὸν ὅμοιον ἔχουσι κεκραμένον τῇ τε τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῇ τοῦ Κρόνου δυνάμει· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ στόματι τῇ τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἡρέμα τῇ τοῦ Κρόνου· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ ὀπισθίῳ ποδὶ τῇ τοῦ Ἄρεως, οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς οὐράς τῇ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης.

Τῶν δὲ ἐν τῷ Ταύρῳ ἀστέρων<sup>2</sup> οἱ μὲν ἐπὶ τῆς ἀποτομῆς ὁμοίαν ἔχουσι κρᾶσιν τῷ τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· οἱ δ' ἐν τῇ Πλειάδι τῇ τε τῆς σελήνης καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός· τῶν δὲ ἐν τῇ κεφαλῇ ὁ μὲν λαμπρὸς ὁ τῆς Ἰάδος<sup>3</sup> καὶ ὑπόκιρρος,<sup>4</sup> καλούμενος δὲ Λαμπαδίας, τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ<sup>5</sup> τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δ' ἐν ἄκροις τοῖς κέρασι τῇ τοῦ Ἄρεως.

<sup>1</sup> διὰ μέσων κύκλον] ζωζιακὸν NCam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν . . . ἀστέρων] τοῦ δὲ Ταύρου NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ὁ τῆς Ἰάδος VDProc., τῆς Ἰάδος PLMAEFH, τῶν Ἰάδων NCam.

<sup>4</sup> ἀπόκιρρος NCam.

<sup>5</sup> οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ . . . τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως] haec post l. 21, Ἄρεως VPLMADEProc., om. NFHCam.<sup>1</sup>; post l. 16, τοῦ Διός Cam.<sup>2</sup>; post λοιποὶ add. ἐκεῖ ὄντες Cam.<sup>2</sup>, om. libri.

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### 9. *Of the Power of the Fixed Stars.*

As it is next in order to recount the natures of the fixed stars with reference to their special powers, we shall set forth their observed characters in an exposition like that of the natures of the planets, and in the first place those of the ones that occupy the figures in the zodiac<sup>1</sup> itself.

The stars in the head of Arics, then, have an effect like the power of Mars and Saturn, mingled; those in the mouth like Mercury's power and moderately like Saturn's; those in the hind foot like that of Mars, and those in the tail like that of Venus.

Of those in Taurus,<sup>2</sup> the stars along the line where it is cut off have a temperature like that of Venus and in a measure like that of Saturn; those in the Pleiades, like those of the moon and Jupiter; of the stars in the head, the one of the Hyades that is bright and somewhat reddish, called the Torch,<sup>3</sup> has a temperature like that of Mars; the others, like that of Saturn and moderately like that of Mercury; those in the tips of the horns, like that of Mars.

<sup>1</sup>Strictly, "around the ecliptic itself." Properly, the zodiac is ὁ ζωδιακὸς κύκλος, and the ecliptic, the path of the sun through its middle, is ὁ διὰ μέσων (sc. τῶν ζωδίων) κύκλος or ὁ διὰ μέσου (sc. τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ) κύκλος, "the circle through the midst of the signs" or "through the middle of the zodiac."

<sup>2</sup>Taurus was represented as the head and fore parts only of a charging bull.

<sup>3</sup>Aldebaran.

Τῶν δὲ ἐν τοῖς Διδύμοις ἀστέρων οἱ μὲν ἐπὶ τῶν ποδῶν τῆς ὁμοίας κεκοινωνήκασι ποιότητος τῷ τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης· οἱ δὲ περὶ τοὺς μηροὺς λαμπροὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· τῶν δὲ ἐν ταῖς κεφαλαῖς δύο λαμπρῶν ὁ μὲν ἐν τῇ προηγουμένῃ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, καλεῖται δὲ καὶ Ἀπόλλωνος· ὁ δὲ ἐν τῇ ἐπομένῃ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως, καλεῖται δὲ καὶ Ἡρακλέους.

Τῶν δὲ ἐν τῷ Καρκίνῳ ἀστέρων οἱ μὲν ἐπὶ τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν δύο τῆς αὐτῆς ἐνεργείας εἰσὶ ποιητικοὶ τῷ τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ ἐν ταῖς χηλαῖς τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ. ἡ δὲ ἐν τῷ στήθει νεφελοειδῆς συστροφή, καλουμένη δὲ Φάτη, τῷ τε τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῇ σελήνῃ· οἱ δὲ ἐκατέρωθεν αὐτῆς δύο, καλούμενοι δὲ Ὀνοι, τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ ἡλίῳ

Τῶν δὲ περὶ τὸν Λέοντα οἱ μὲν ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς δύο τὸ ὅμοιον ποιοῦσι τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως, οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ τραχήλῳ τρεῖς τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς καρδίας λαμπρὸς, καλούμενος δὲ Βασιλίσκος, τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῇ ὀσφύϊ καὶ ὁ ἐπὶ τῆς οὐρᾶς λαμπρὸς τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης· οἱ δὲ ἐν τοῖς μηροῖς τῷ τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ.

Τῶν δὲ κατὰ τὴν Παρθένον οἱ μὲν ἐν τῇ κεφαλῇ καὶ ὁ ἐπ' ἄκρας τῆς νοτίου πτέρυγος ὅμοιον ἔχουσι τὸ ποιητικὸν τῷ τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ τῆς πτέρυγος λαμπροὶ καὶ οἱ

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Of the stars in Gemini, those in the feet share the same quality as Mercury and, to a less degree, as Venus ; the bright stars in the thighs, the same as Saturn ; of the two bright stars in the heads,<sup>1</sup> the one in the head in advance the same as Mercury ; it is also called the star of Apollo ; the one in the head that follows, the same as Mars ; it is also called the star of Hercules.

Of the stars in Cancer, the two in the eyes produce the same effect as Mercury, and, to a less degree, as Mars ; those in the claws, the same as Saturn and Mercury ; the cloud-like cluster in the breast, called the Manger,<sup>2</sup> the same as Mars and the moon ; and the two on either side of it, which are called Asses,<sup>3</sup> the same as Mars and the sun.

Of those in Leo, the two in the head act in the same way as Saturn and, to a less degree, as Mars ; the three in the throat, the same as Saturn and, to a less degree, as Mercury ; the bright star upon the heart, called Regulus, the same as Mars and Jupiter ; those in the hip and the bright star in the tail,<sup>4</sup> the same as Saturn and Venus ; and those in the thighs, the same as Venus and, to a less degree, Mercury.

Of the stars in Virgo,<sup>5</sup> those in the head and the one upon the tip of the southern wing have an effect like that of Mercury and, in less degree, of Mars ; the other bright stars of the wing and those on the

<sup>1</sup> These are Castor (" in advance ") and Pollux.

<sup>2</sup> Praesepe ; more popularly, Beehive.

<sup>3</sup> Asinus Borealis and Asinus Australis.

<sup>4</sup>  $\beta$  Leonis.

<sup>5</sup> Virgo was represented as a winged woman bearing in her left hand a stern of wheat, the head of which was marked by the bright star Spica.

κατὰ τὰ περιζώματα τῷ τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης· ὁ δὲ ἐν τῇ βορεία πτέρυγι λαμπρός, καλούμενος δὲ Προτρυγητήρ, τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· ὁ δὲ καλούμενος Στάχυς τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ ἐν ἄκροις τοῖς ποσὶ καὶ τῷ σύρματι<sup>1</sup> τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως.

Τῶν δὲ Χηλῶν τοῦ Σκορπίου<sup>3</sup> οἱ μὲν ἐν ἄκραις αὐταῖς ὡσαύτως διατιθέασι τῷ τε τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ ἐν μέσαις τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως.

Τῶν δὲ ἐν τῷ σώματι τοῦ Σκορπίου οἱ μὲν ἐν τῷ μετώπῳ λαμπροὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιούσι τῷ τε τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ σώματι τρεῖς, ὧν ὁ μέσος ὑπόκιρρος καὶ λαμπρότερος, καλεῖται δὲ Ἀντάρης, τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Διὸς· οἱ δὲ ἐν τοῖς σφονδύλοις τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης· οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τοῦ κέντρου  
25 τῷ τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· ἡ δὲ λεγομένη νεφελοειδῆς συστροφῇ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῇ σελήνῃ.

Τῶν δὲ περὶ τὸν Τοξότην οἱ μὲν ἐπὶ τῆς ἀκίδος τοῦ βέλους ὅμοιον ἔχουσι τὸ ποιητικὸν τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῇ σελήνῃ· οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸ τόξον καὶ τὴν λαβὴν τῆς χειρὸς τῷ τε τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· ἡ

<sup>1</sup> Post σύρματι add. τοῦ ματίου NProc.Cam.; om. VPMADFEH.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ VPADEFHProc., τοῦ Ἀφροδίτης MNCam.

<sup>3</sup> Σκορπίου VPDPProc., Ζυγοῦ NCam., om. LN (lac. 6 litt.) AEFH.



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girdles like that of Mercury and, in a measure, of Venus ; the bright star in the northern wing, called Vindemiator, like those of Saturn and Mercury ; the so-called Spica, like that of Venus and, in a less degree, that of Mars ; those in the tips of the feet and the train<sup>1</sup> like that of Mercury and, in a less degree, Mars.

Of those in the Claws of the Scorpion,<sup>2</sup> the ones at their very extremities exercise the same influence as do Jupiter and Mercury ; those in the middle parts the same as do Saturn and, to a less degree, Mars.

Of the stars in the body of Scorpio, the bright stars on the forehead act in the same way as does Mars and in some degree as does Saturn ; the three in the body, the middle one of which is tawny and rather bright and is called Antares, the same as Mars and, in some degree, Jupiter ; those in the joints, the same as Saturn and, in some degree, Venus ; those in the sting, the same as Mercury and Mars ; and the so-called cloud-like cluster, the same as Mars and the moon.

Of the stars in Sagittarius,<sup>3</sup> those in the point of his arrow have an effect like that of Mars and the moon ; those in the bow and the grip of his hand, like that of Jupiter and Mars ; the cluster in his forehead,

<sup>1</sup> "Of the garment" is added in the Nuremberg MS., by Proclus, and in the printed editions ; see the critical note.

<sup>2</sup> "Claws of the Scorpion" was the earlier name of Libra (*Zυγός*) ; the latter came into general use in the first century before Christ. Ptolemy uses both names.

<sup>3</sup> Represented as a centaur preparing to shoot an arrow ; a mantle flies above and behind his shoulders

δὲ ἐν τῷ προσώπῳ συστροφή τῷ τε ἡλίῳ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἐφαπτίσι<sup>1</sup> καὶ τῷ νώτῳ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ ἐν τοῖς ποσὶ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· τὸ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς οὐρᾶς τετράπλευρον τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου.

Τῶν δὲ κατὰ τὸν Αἰγόκερων ἀστέρων οἱ μὲν ἐπὶ τῶν κεράτων ὡσαύτως ἐνεργοῦσι τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ στόματι τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης· οἱ δὲ ἐν τοῖς ποσὶ καὶ τῇ κοιλίᾳ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς οὐρᾶς τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός.

Τῶν δὲ περὶ τὸν Ὑδροχόον οἱ μὲν ἐν τοῖς ὤμοις ὁμοίως διατιθέασι τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, σὺν τοῖς ἐν τῇ ἀριστερᾷ χειρὶ καὶ τῷ ἱματίῳ· οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῶν μηρῶν μᾶλλον μὲν τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, ἦττον δὲ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῇ ῥύσει τοῦ ὕδατος τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Διός.

Τῶν δὲ περὶ τοὺς Ἰχθύς οἱ μὲν ἐν τῇ κεφαλῇ τοῦ νοτιωτέρου ἰχθύος τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ σώματι τῷ τοῦ Διός καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς 26 οὐρᾶς καὶ τοῦ νοτίου λίνου τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ σώματι καὶ τῇ ἀκάνθῃ τοῦ βορείου ἰχθύος τῷ τοῦ Διός<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἡρέμα

<sup>1</sup> ἐφαπτίσι VMADFFHProc.; ἐφαπτρίσι Cam.<sup>2</sup>; πτέρηξιν P, πτέρυξι LNCam.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Διός VMADFFHProc., Ἄρεως PLNCam., Ἑρμοῦ E.

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like that of the sun and Mars ; those in the cloak and his back, like that of Jupiter and, to a less degree, of Mercury ; those in his feet, like that of Jupiter and Saturn ; the quadrangle upon the tail, like that of Venus and, to a less degree, of Saturn.

Of the stars in Capricorn,<sup>1</sup> those in the horns act in the same way as Venus and, in some degree, as Mars ; those in the mouth, as Saturn and, in some degree, as Venus ; those in the feet and the belly, as Mars and Mercury ; and those in the tail, as Saturn and Jupiter.

Of the stars in Aquarius, those in the shoulders exert an influence like that of Saturn and Mercury, together with those in the left arm and the cloak ; those in the thighs, like that of Mercury in a greater degree and like that of Saturn in a lesser degree ; those in the stream of water, like that of Saturn and, in some degree, like that of Jupiter.

Of the stars in Pisces,<sup>2</sup> those in the head of the southern Fish act in the same way as Mercury and somewhat as does Saturn ; those in the body, as do Jupiter and Mercury ; those in the tail and the southern cord, as do Saturn and, in some degree, Mercury ; those in the body and backbone of the northern Fish, as do Jupiter and, in some degree,

<sup>1</sup> Represented as a monster with a goat's head and fore feet and a fish's tail.

<sup>2</sup> The southern Fish (not to be confused with the extra-zodiacal constellation *Piscis Australis*, mentioned later) is toward Aquarius ; the two fishes are represented as being joined by a cord from tail to tail.

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τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης · οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ βορείῳ τοῦ λίνου τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός · ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τοῦ συνδέσμου λαμπρὸς τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ.

Τῶν δὲ ἐν ταῖς βορειοτέραις τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ μορφώσεσιν οἱ μὲν περὶ τὴν μικρὰν Ἄρκτον λαμπροὶ τὴν ὁμοίαν ἔχουσι ποιότητα τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης · οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν μεγάλην Ἄρκτον τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως · ἡ δὲ ὑπὸ τὴν οὐρὰν αὐτῆς τοῦ Πλοκάμου συστροφὴ τῇ σελήνῃ καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης · οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ Δράκοντι λαμπροὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός · οἱ δὲ τοῦ Κήφews τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός · οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸν Βοώτην τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου · ὁ δὲ λαμπρὸς καὶ ὑπόκιρρος τῷ τοῦ Διός καὶ Ἄρεως, ὁ καὶ Ἀρκτοῦρος καλούμενος · οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ βορείῳ Στεφάνῳ τῷ τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ · οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὸν ἐν γόνασι τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ · οἱ δὲ ἐν τῇ Λύρα τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ · καὶ οἱ ἐν τῇ Ὀρνιθι δὲ ὡσαύτως · οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὴν Κασσιέπειαν τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης · οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὸν Περσέα τῷ τοῦ Διός καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου · ἡ δὲ ἐν τῇ λαβῇ τῆς μαχαίρας συστροφὴ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ · οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ Ἠνιόχῳ λαμπροὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ · οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὸν Ὀφιούχον τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης · οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸν ὄφιν αὐτοῦ τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως · οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὸν

27 Ὀϊστόν τῷ τε τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τῆς



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Venus ; those in the northern part of the cord, as do Saturn and Jupiter ; and the bright star on the bond, as do Mars and, in some degree, Mercury.

Of the stars in the configurations north of the zodiac, the bright stars in Ursa Minor have a similar quality to that of Saturn and, to a less degree, to that of Venus ; those in Ursa Major, to that of Mars ; and the cluster of the Coma Berenices beneath the Bear's tail, to that of the moon and Venus ; the bright stars in Draco, to that of Saturn, Mars, and Jupiter ; those of Cepheus, to that of Saturn and Jupiter ; those in Boötes, to that of Mercury and Saturn ; the bright, tawny star, to that of Jupiter and Mars, the star called Arcturus ; the star in Corona Septentrionalis, to that of Venus and Mercury ; those in Geniculator,<sup>1</sup> to that of Mercury ; those in Lyra,<sup>2</sup> to that of Venus and Mercury ; and likewise those in Cygnus. The stars in Cassiopeia have the effect of Saturn and Venus ; those in Perseus, of Jupiter and Saturn ; the cluster in the hilt of the sword, of Mars and Mercury ; the bright stars in Auriga,<sup>3</sup> of Mars and Mercury ; those in Ophiuchus, of Saturn and, to some degree, of Venus ; those in his serpent, of Saturn and Mars ; those in Sagitta, of Mars and, to some degree, of

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* Hercules.

<sup>2</sup> The bright star Vega is in Lyra.

<sup>3</sup> Capella is the brightest in this constellation.



Ἀφροδίτης· οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸν Ἄετὸν τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως  
καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ Δελφίνι τῷ τοῦ  
Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὸν Ἴππον  
λαμπροὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ  
ἐν τῇ Ἀνδρομέδῃ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης· οἱ δὲ τοῦ  
Τριγώνου<sup>1</sup> τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ.

Τῶν δὲ ἐν τοῖς νοτιωτέροις τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ μορφώ-  
μασιν ὁ μὲν ἐν τῷ στόματι τοῦ νοτίου Ἰχθύος  
λαμπρὸς ὁμοίαν ἔχει τὴν ἐνέργειαν τῷ τε τῆς  
Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸ  
Κῆτος τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· τῶν δὲ περὶ τὸν Ὠρίωνα οἱ  
μὲν ἐπὶ τῶν ὤμων τῷ τε τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ  
Ἑρμοῦ, οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ λαμπροὶ τῷ τε τοῦ Διὸς καὶ  
τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· τῶν δὲ ἐν τῷ Ποταμῷ ὁ μὲν  
ἔσχατος καὶ ὁ λαμπρὸς τῷ τοῦ Διὸς, οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ  
τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ Λαγῷ τῷ τε τοῦ  
Κρόνου καὶ<sup>2</sup> τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· τῶν δὲ περὶ τὸν Κύννα,  
οἱ μὲν ἄλλοι τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, ὁ δὲ ἐπὶ τοῦ στόματος  
λαμπρὸς τῷ τοῦ Διὸς καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· ὁ  
δὲ ἐν τῷ Προκυνὶ λαμπρὸς τῷ τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ  
ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὸν Ὑδρον  
λαμπροὶ τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης·  
οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ Κρατῆρι τῷ τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ  
ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸν Κόρακα τῷ  
τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· οἱ δὲ τῆς Ἀργούσ  
λαμπροὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς· τῶν δὲ  
περὶ τὸν Κένταυρον οἱ μὲν ἐν τῷ ἀνθρωπεῖω σώματι

<sup>1</sup> τοῦ Τριγώνου VMADEFHProc., τοῦ Δέλτα P, τοῦ<sup>δτ'</sup> L, ἐν  
τῷ Δέλτα NCam.

<sup>2</sup> τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ om. Cam.

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Venus ; those in Aquila,<sup>1</sup> of Mars and Jupiter ; those in Delphinus, of Saturn and Mars ; the bright stars in the Horse,<sup>2</sup> of Mars and Mercury ; those in Andromeda, of Venus ; those in Triangulum, of Mercury.

Of the stars in the formations south of the zodiac the bright star in the mouth of Piscis Australis<sup>3</sup> has an influence similar to that of Venus and Mercury ; those in Cetus, similar to that of Saturn ; of those in Orion,<sup>4</sup> the stars on his shoulders similar to that of Mars and Mercury, and the other bright stars similar to that of Jupiter and Saturn ; of the stars in Eridanus the last bright one<sup>5</sup> has an influence like that of Jupiter and the others like that of Saturn ; the star in Lepus, like that of Saturn and Mercury ; of those in Canis, the others like that of Venus, and the bright star in the mouth,<sup>6</sup> like that of Jupiter and, to a less degree, of Mars ; the bright star Procyon, like that of Mercury and, in a less degree, that of Mars ; the bright stars in Hydra,<sup>7</sup> like that of Saturn and Venus ; those in Crater, like that of Venus and, in a less degree, of Mercury ; those in Corvus, like that of Mars and Saturn ; the bright stars of Argo,<sup>8</sup> like that of Saturn and Jupiter ; of those in Centaurus, the ones

<sup>1</sup> Altair is in this group.

<sup>2</sup> Pegasus.

<sup>3</sup> The bright star is Fomalhaut.

<sup>4</sup> Rigel and Betelgeuse are the brightest stars here.

<sup>5</sup> The " last bright star " in Eridanus is Achernar.

<sup>6</sup> Sirius, which is in Canis.

<sup>7</sup> The brightest star is Alphard.

<sup>8</sup> These are Canopus and Var.

τῷ τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ ἵππῳ λαμπροὶ τῷ τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός· οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸ Θηρίον λαμπροὶ τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ Θυματηρίῳ τῷ τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ ἡρέμα τῷ  
 28 τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ.<sup>1</sup> οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ νοτίῳ Στεφάνῳ λαμπροὶ τῷ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ.<sup>2</sup>

Αἱ μὲν οὖν τῶν ἀστέρων καθ' ἑαυτὰς δυνάμεις τοιαύτης ἔτυχον ὑπὸ τῶν παλαιότερων παρατηρήσεως.

κί.) Περὶ τῆς τῶν ὠρῶν καὶ δ' γωνιῶν  
 δυνάμεως

Καὶ τῶν ὠρῶν δὲ τῶν τοῦ ἔτους δ' οὐσῶν, ἔαρος τε καὶ θέρους καὶ μετοπώρου καὶ χειμῶνος, τὸ μὲν ἔαρ ἔχει τὸ μᾶλλον ἐν τῷ ὑγρῷ διὰ τὴν κατὰ τὸ παρωχημένον ψύχος, ἀρχομένης δὲ τῆς θερμασίας, διάχυσιν.<sup>3</sup> τὸ δὲ θέρος τὸ πλεόν ἐν τῷ θερμῷ διὰ τὴν τοῦ ἡλίου πρὸς τὸν κατὰ κορυφὴν ἡμῶν τόπον<sup>4</sup> ἐγγύτητα· τὸ δὲ μετόπωρον τὸ μᾶλλον ἐν τῷ ξηρῷ, διὰ τὴν κατὰ τὸ παρωχημένον καῦμα τῶν ὑγρῶν ἀνάπτωτιν· ὁ δὲ χειμῶν τὸ πλεόν ἐν τῷ ψυχρῷ διὰ τὸ τὸν ἡλίον πλείστον ἀφίστασθαι τοῦ κατὰ κορυφὴν ἡμῶν τόπου. διόπερ, καὶ τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ μηδεμιᾶς οὔσης φύσει ἀρχῆς ὡς κύκλου, τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς ἔαρινῆς ἰσημερίας ἀρχόμενον δωδεκατημόριον, τὸ τοῦ Κριοῦ,

<sup>1</sup> Ἑρμοῦ VPLMADEFHProc., Κρόνου NCam.

<sup>2</sup> Titulum capitis post Ἑρμοῦ posuerunt PLMNEFH.

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in the human body, like that of Venus and Mercury, and the bright stars in the equine body like that of Venus and Jupiter; the bright stars in Lupus, like that of Saturn and, in less degree, of Mars; those in Ara, like that of Venus and, to a lesser degree, of Mercury; and the bright stars in Corona Australis, like that of Saturn and Mercury.

Such, then, are the observations of the effects of the stars themselves as made by our predecessors.

### 10. *Of the Effect of the Seasons and of the Four Angles.*

Of the four seasons of the year, spring, summer, autumn, and winter, spring exceeds in moisture on account of its diffusion after the cold has passed and warmth is setting in; the summer, in heat, because of the nearness of the sun to the zenith; autumn more in dryness, because of the sucking up of the moisture during the hot season just past; and winter exceeds in cold, because the sun is farthest away from the zenith. For this reason, although there is no natural beginning of the zodiac, since it is a circle, they assume that the sign which begins with

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<sup>3</sup> διὰ τὴν . . . . διάχυσιν] τῆς κατὰ τὸ παρ. ψ. συστάσεως, ἀρχ. δὲ τῆς θ. διαχεῖσθαι NCam.

<sup>4</sup> τόπον οἰμ. NCam.

καὶ τῶν ὄλων ἀρχὴν ὑποτίθενται, καθάπερ ἐμφύχου ζώου τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ τὴν ὑγρὰν τοῦ ἔαρος ὑπερβολὴν προκαταρκτικὴν ποιούμενοι, καὶ ἐφεξῆς τὰς λοιπὰς  
 29 ἄρας διὰ τὸ καὶ πάντων ζώων τὰς μὲν πρώτας ἡλικίας τὸ πλεόν ἔχειν τῆς ὑγρᾶς οὐσίας, παραπλησίως τῷ ἔαρι ἀπαλὰς οὐσας καὶ ἔτι τρυφεράς· τὰς δὲ δευτέρας τὰς μέχρι τῆς ἀκμαιοῦτος<sup>1</sup> τὸ πλεόν ἔχειν ἐν τῷ θερμῷ<sup>2</sup> παραπλησίως τῷ θέρει· τὰς δὲ τρίτας καὶ ἤδη ἐν παρακμῇ καὶ ἀρχῇ φθίσεως τὸ πλεόν ἤδη καὶ αὐτὰς ἔχειν ἐν τῷ ξηρῷ παραπλησίως τῷ μετοπώρῳ· τὰς δὲ ἐσχάτας καὶ πρὸς τῇ διαλύσει τὸ πλεόν ἔχειν ἐν τῷ ψυχρῷ καθάπερ καὶ ὁ χειμῶν.<sup>3</sup>

Ὅμοίως δὲ καὶ τῶν δ' τοῦ ὀρίζοντος τόπων καὶ γωνιῶν, ἀφ' ὧν καὶ οἱ καθ' ὅλα μέρη πνέοντες ἄνεμοι τὰς ἀρχὰς ἔχουσι, ὁ μὲν πρὸς τὰς ἀνατολὰς αὐτός τε τὸ πλεόν ἔχει ἐν τῷ ξηρῷ διὰ τὸ κατ' αὐτὸν γινομένου τοῦ ἡλίου τὰ ἀπὸ τῆς νυκτὸς ὑγρανθέντα τότε πρῶτον ἄρχεσθαι ξηραίνεσθαι· οἱ τε ἀπ' αὐτοῦ πνέοντες ἄνεμοι, οὓς κοινότερον

<sup>1</sup> ἀκμαιοῦτος VMADEF, ἀκμαιοτάτης PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> θερμῷ VMADEF, θερμαίνειν PLNCam.

<sup>3</sup> Hic inser. titulum Περὶ τῆς τῶν τεττάρων γωνιῶν δυνάμεως VADFProc.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. *Almagest*, iii. 1 (p. 192, 19-22), where Ptolemy defines the year as the return of the sun to the points fixed by the equinoxes and solstices. The sign of Aries, defined as the 30<sup>o</sup> beginning with the vernal equinox, is, of course, very different from the sign considered as the actual constellation. This gave rise to an argument against astrology, first expressed by Origen. Cf. Boll-Bezold-Gundel,



the vernal equinox, that of Aries,<sup>1</sup> is the starting-point of them all, making the excessive moisture of the spring the first part of the zodiac as though it were a living creature, and taking next in order the remaining seasons, because in all creatures the earliest ages,<sup>2</sup> like the spring, have a larger share of moisture and are tender and still delicate. The second age, up to the prime of life, exceeds in heat, like summer; the third, which is now past the prime and on the verge of decline, has an excess of dryness, like autumn; and the last, which approaches dissolution, exceeds in its coldness, like winter.

Similarly, too, of the four regions and angles of the horizon, from which originate the winds from the cardinal points,<sup>3</sup> the eastern one likewise excels in dryness because, when the sun is in that region, whatever has been moistened by the night then first begins to be dried; and the winds which blow from

pp. 131-132; Bouché-Leclercq, p. 129, n. 1; Ashmand, Ptolemy's *Tetrabiblos*, p. 32, n.

<sup>2</sup> Ptolemy here enumerates four ages of man, as do also many Pythagorizing arithmologists, when they praise the number 4, as, for example, *Theologoumena Arithmetica*, p. 20 Ast, Diogenes Laertius, viii. 1. 10 Martianus Capella, vii. 734, etc. Ptolemy later (iv. 10) speaks of seven ages, assigning one to each planet; the arithmologists have also a series of seven ages which they cite in praise of the number 7; e.g. Philo, *De mundi opificio* 36. There are also lists in which the ages are merely made up of hebdomadic groups of years.

<sup>3</sup> Proclus' paraphrase for οἱ καθ' ὄλα μέρη πνέοντες ἄνεμοι is οἱ καθολικοὶ ἄνεμοι, which is closer than the Latin translations, *totas illas partes occupantes venti* (Gogava), and *venti, qui totas illas partes occupant* (Melanchithon). Ptolemy means the winds from the cardinal points and around them.

ἀπῆλιώτας καλοῦμεν,<sup>1</sup> ἄνικμοί τε εἰσι καὶ ξηραν-  
 τικοί. ὁ δὲ πρὸς μεσημβριαν τόπος αὐτός τε ἐστὶ  
 θερμώτατος διὰ τε τὸ πυρῶδες τῶν τοῦ ἡλίου  
 μεσουρανήσεων καὶ διὰ τὸ ταύτας κατὰ τὴν τῆς  
 ἡμετέρας οἰκουμένης ἔγκλισιν πρὸς μεσημβρίαν  
 μᾶλλον ἀποκλίνειν· οἱ τε ἀπ' αὐτοῦ πνέοντες  
 ἄνεμοι, οὓς κοινῶς νότους καλοῦμεν, θερμοί τε εἰσι  
 καὶ μανωτικοί. ὁ δὲ πρὸς ταῖς δυσμαῖς τόπος  
 αὐτός τε ἐστὶν ὑγρὸς διὰ τὸ κατ' αὐτὸν γινομένου  
 30 τοῦ ἡλίου τὰ ἀπὸ τῆς ἡμέρας ἀναποθέντα τότε  
 πρῶτον ἄρχεσθαι διυγραίνεσθαι· οἱ τε ἀπ' αὐτοῦ  
 φερόμενοι ἄνεμοι, οὓς κοινότερον ζεφύρους καλοῦ-  
 μεν, νεαροί τε εἰσι καὶ ὑγραντικοί. ὁ δὲ πρὸς ταῖς  
 ἄρκτοις τόπος αὐτός τε ἐστὶ ψυχρότατος διὰ τὸ  
 κατὰ τὴν τῆς ἡμετέρας οἰκουμένης ἔγκλισιν τὰς  
 τῆς θερμότητος αἰτίας τῶν τοῦ ἡλίου μεσουρανή-  
 σεων πλεόν αὐτοῦ διεστάναι, ὥσπερ<sup>2</sup> ἀντιμεσου-  
 ρανοῦντος· οἱ τε ἀπ' αὐτοῦ πνέοντες ἄνεμοι, οἱ  
 καλούμενοι κοινῶς βορέαι, ψυχροί τε ὑπάρχουσι  
 καὶ πυκνωτικοί.

Χρησίμη δὲ καὶ ἡ τούτων διάληψις πρὸς τὸ τὰς  
 συγκράσεις πάντα τρόπον ἐκάστοτε δύνασθαι<sup>3</sup>  
 διακρίνειν. εὐκατανόητον γὰρ διότι καὶ παρὰ τὰς  
 τοιαύτας καταστάσεις ἦτοι τῶν ὠρῶν ἢ τῶν ἡλικιῶν  
 ἢ τῶν γωνιῶν τρέπεται πῶς τὸ ποιητικὸν τῆς τῶν  
 ἀστέρων δυνάμεως, καὶ ἐν μὲν ταῖς οἰκείαις κατα-  
 στάσεσιν ἀκρατοτέραν τε ἔχουσι τὴν ποιότητα καὶ  
 τὴν ἐνέργειαν ἰσχυροτέραν, οἷον ἐν ταῖς θερμοῖς οἱ

<sup>1</sup> καλοῦσιν NCam.

<sup>2</sup> Post ὥσπερ add. τοῦ ἡλίου NCam., om. alii.

it, which we call in general *Apeliotes*,<sup>1</sup> are without moisture and drying in effect. The region to the south is hottest because of the fiery heat of the sun's passages through mid-heaven and because these passages, on account of the inclination of our inhabited world, diverge more to the south; and the winds which blow thence and are called by the general name *Notus* are hot and rarefying. The region to the west is itself moist, because when the sun is therein the things dried out during the day then first begin to become moistened; likewise the winds which blow from this part, which we call by the general name *Zephyrus*, are fresh and moist. The region to the north is the coldest, because through our inhabited world's inclination it is too far removed from the causes of heat arising from the sun's culmination, as it is also when the sun is at its lower culmination; and the winds which blow thence, which are called by the general name *Boreas*, are cold and condensing in effect.

The knowledge of these facts is useful to enable one to form a complete judgement of temperatures in individual instances. For it is easily recognizable that, together with such conditions as these, of seasons, ages, or angles, there is a corresponding variation in the potency of the stars' faculties, and that in the conditions akin to them their quality is purer and their effectiveness stronger, those that are heating by nature, for instance, in heat, and those that

<sup>1</sup> This is the usual Attic form; the alternative, ἀφελιώτης, shows more clearly its derivation from ἥλιος, "the wind that blows from the sun."

<sup>3</sup> δύνασθα om. NCam.

θερμαντικοὶ τὴν φύσιν, καὶ ἐν ταῖς ὑγραῖς οἱ ὑγραν-  
τικοί, ἐν δὲ ταῖς ἐναντίαις κεκραμένῃν καὶ ἀσθνεσ-  
τέραν· ὡς ἐν ταῖς ψυχραῖς οἱ θερμαντικοὶ καὶ ἐν  
ταῖς ξηραῖς οἱ ὑγραντικοὶ καὶ ἐν ταῖς ἄλλαις δὲ  
ὡσαύτως κατὰ τὸ ἀνάλογον τῇ διὰ τῆς μίξεως  
συγκιρναμένη ποιότητι.

31 (iā.) Περὶ τροπικῶν καὶ ἰσημερινῶν  
καὶ στερεῶν<sup>1</sup> καὶ δισώμων ζῳδίων

Τούτων δὲ οὕτω προεκτεθέντων ἀκόλουθον ἂν εἶη  
συνάψαι καὶ τὰς αὐτῶν τῶν τοῦ ζῳδιακοῦ δωδεκατη-  
μορίων παραδεδομένας φυσικὰς ἰδιοτροπίας. αἱ  
μὲν γὰρ ὀλοσχερέστεραι καθ' ἕκαστον αὐτῶν  
κράσεις ἀνάλογον ἔχουσι ταῖς κατ' αὐτὰ γινομέναις  
ῥαῖς, συνίστανται δὲ τινες αὐτῶν ἰδιότητες ἀπὸ τε  
τῆς πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὴν σελήνην καὶ τοὺς  
ἀστέρας οἰκειώσεως, ὡς ἐν τοῖς ἐφεξῆς διελευσό-  
μεθα, προτάξαντες τὰς κατὰ τὸ ἀμιγῆς αὐτῶν  
μόνων τῶν δωδεκατημορίων καθ' αὐτὰ τε καὶ πρὸς  
ἄλληλα θεωρουμένας δυνάμεις.

Πρῶται μὲν τοίνυν εἰσὶ διαφοραὶ τῶν καλουμένων  
τροπικῶν καὶ ἰσημερινῶν καὶ στερεῶν καὶ δισώμων.

<sup>1</sup> καὶ στερεῶν om. MNECam. Titulum post l. 19 δυνάμεις  
ponunt VDPoc.

<sup>1</sup> κράσεις, "mixtures": astrologically used to designate  
the resultant qualities derived from the mingling of various  
influences. Cf. *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy*,  
Bk. I, Chapter 11, "who . . . seemed not to have had  
one single drop of Danish blood in his whole crasis."



are moistening in the moist, while under opposite conditions their power is adulterated and weaker. Thus the heating stars in the cold periods and the moistening stars in the dry periods are weaker, and similarly in the other cases, according to the quality produced by the mixture.

### 11. *Of Solstitial, Equinoctial, Solid, and Bicorporeal Signs.*

After the explanation of these matters the next subject to be added would be the natural characters of the zodiacal signs themselves, as they have been handed down by tradition. For although their more general temperaments<sup>1</sup> are each analogous to the seasons that take place in them,<sup>2</sup> certain peculiar qualities of theirs arise from their kinship<sup>3</sup> to the sun, moon, and planets, as we shall relate in what follows, putting first the unmingled powers of the signs themselves alone, regarded both absolutely and relatively to one another.

The first distinctions, then, are of the so-called solstitial, equinoctial, solid, and bicorporeal signs.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> That is, when the sun is in these signs.

<sup>2</sup> *οικείωσις*, also translated "familiarity," is a common astrological term denoting the various relationships of affinity derived from the positions of signs or planets with reference to the universe or to each other, as, for example, through the aspects (c. 13).

<sup>4</sup> All but Virgo are represented as bicorporeal in fact. Ptolemy, as a learned writer, pays less attention to the fanciful and mythological classification of the signs into terrestrial, aquatic, four-footed, etc. (although he refers to them in i. 12), and gives greater prominence to the astronomical classification.



δύο μὲν γάρ ἐστι τροπικά, τό τε πρῶτον ἀπὸ τῆς θερινῆς τροπῆς λ' μοῖρον, τὸ τοῦ Καρκίνου· καὶ τὸ πρῶτον ἀπὸ τῆς χειμερινῆς τροπῆς, τὸ κατὰ τὸν Αἰγόκερων. ταῦτα δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ συμβεβηκότος εἴληφε τὴν ὀνομασίαν. τρέπεται γὰρ ἐν ταῖς ἀρχαῖς αὐτῶν γινόμενος ὁ ἥλιος, ἐπιστρέφων εἰς τὰ ἐναντία τὴν κατὰ πλάτος πάροδον, καὶ κατὰ μὲν τὸν Καρκίνον θέρος ποιῶν, κατὰ δὲ τὸν Αἰγόκερων χειμῶνα. δύο δὲ καλεῖται ἰσημερινά, τό τε ἀπὸ τῆς ἑαρινῆς ἰσημερίας πρῶτον δωδεκατημόριον, τὸ τοῦ Κριοῦ, καὶ τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοπωρινῆς τὸ τῶν Χηλῶν, 32 ὠνόμασται δὲ καὶ ταῦτα πάλιν ἀπὸ τοῦ συμβεβηκότος, ἐπειδὴ κατὰ τὰς ἀρχὰς αὐτῶν γινόμενος ὁ ἥλιος ἴσας ποιεῖ πανταχῆ τὰς νύκτας ταῖς ἡμέραις.

Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν ὀκτῶ δωδεκατημορίων τέτταρα μὲν καλεῖται στερεά, τέτταρα δὲ δίσωμα. καὶ στερεὰ μὲν ἐστι τὰ ἐπόμενα τοῖς τε τροπικοῖς καὶ τοῖς ἰσημερινοῖς, Ταῦρος, Λέων, Σκορπίος, Ὑδροχόος, ἐπειδὴ τῶν ἐν ἐκείνοις ἀρχομένων ὥρῶν αἶ τε ὑγρότητες καὶ θερμότητες καὶ ξηρότητες καὶ ψυχρότητες, ἐν τούτοις γινομένου τοῦ ἡλίου,<sup>1</sup> μᾶλλον καὶ στερεώτερον ἡμῶν καθικνοῦνται, οὐ τῶν καταστημάτων φύσει γινομένων τότε ἀκρατοτέρων, ἀλλ' ἡμῶν ἐγκεχρονικῶτων αὐτοῖς ἤδη καὶ διὰ τοῦτο τῆς ἰσχύος<sup>2</sup> εὐαισθητότερον ἀντιλαμβανομένων.

Δίσωμα δέ ἐστι τὰ τοῖς στερεοῖς ἐπόμενα, Δίδυμοι, Παρθένος, Τοξότης, Ἰχθῦς, διὰ τὸ μεταξύ τε

<sup>1</sup> Post ἡλίου add. καὶ ἐπιτεταγμένοι Cam., ἐπιτεταγμένοι N; om. alii.

<sup>2</sup> Post ἰσχύος add. αὐτῶν NADECam.

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For there are two solstitial signs, the first interval of  $30^{\circ}$  from the summer solstice, the sign of Cancer, and the first from the winter solstice, Capricorn; and they have received their name<sup>1</sup> from what takes place in them. For the sun turns when he is at the beginning of these signs and reverses his latitudinal progress, causing summer in Cancer and winter in Capricorn. Two signs are called equinoctial, the one which is first from the spring equinox, Aries, and the one which begins with the autumnal equinox, Libra; and they too again are named from what happens there, because when the sun is at the beginning of these signs he makes the nights exactly equal to the days.

Of the remaining eight signs four are called solid and four bicorporeal. The solid signs, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius, are those which follow the solstitial and equinoctial signs; and they are so called because when the sun is in them the moisture, heat, dryness, and cold of the seasons that begin in the preceding signs touch us more firmly, not that the weather is naturally any more intemperate at that time, but that we are by then inured to them and for that reason are more sensible of their power.

The bicorporeal signs, Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces, are those which follow the solid signs,

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* τροπικόν, "having to do with turning (τροπή)." Astronomers to-day usually call them "solstitial" instead of "tropical," since "tropic" generally refers to the terrestrial circles, the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

εἶναι τῶν στερεῶν καὶ τῶν τροπικῶν καὶ ἰσημερινῶν, καὶ ὥσπερ κεκοινωνηκέναι κατὰ τὰ τέλη καὶ τὰς ἀρχὰς τῆς τῶν δύο καταστημάτων φυσικῆς ἰδιοτροπίας.

κ̄ιβ. > Περὶ ἀρρενικῶν καὶ θηλυκῶν  
ζωδίων

Πάλιν δὲ ὡσαύτως ἐξ μὲν τῶν δωδεκατημορίων ἀπένειμαν τῇ φύσει τῇ ἀρρενικῇ καὶ ἡμερινῇ, τὰ δὲ ἴσα τῇ θηλυκῇ καὶ νυκτερινῇ. καὶ ἡ μὲν τάξις  
33 αὐτοῖς ἐδόθη παρ' ἐν διὰ τὸ συνεξευχθαι καὶ ἐγγὺς αἰεὶ τυγχάνειν τὴν τε ἡμέραν τῇ νυκτὶ καὶ τὸ θῆλυ τῷ ἄρρενι. τῆς δὲ ἀρχῆς ἀπὸ τοῦ Κριοῦ δι' ἃς εἶπομεν αἰτίας λαμβανομένης, ὡσαύτως δὲ καὶ τοῦ ἄρρενος ἄρχοντος καὶ πρωτεύοντος, ἐπειδὴ καὶ τὸ ποιητικὸν αἰεὶ τοῦ παθητικοῦ πρῶτόν ἐστι τῇ δυνάμει, τὸ μὲν τοῦ Κριοῦ δωδεκατημόριον καὶ ἔτι τὸ τῶν Χηλῶν ἀρρενικὰ ἔδοξε καὶ ἡμερινά, καὶ ἅμα ἐπειδήπερ ὁ ἰσημερινὸς κύκλος δι' αὐτῶν γραφόμενος τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἰσχυροτάτην τῶν ὄλων φοράν ἀποτελεῖ· τὰ δὲ ἐφεξῆς αὐτῶν ἀκολουθῶν<sup>1</sup> τῇ παρ' ἐν, ὡς ἔφαμεν, τάξει.

Χρῶνται δὲ τινες τῇ τάξει τῶν ἀρρενικῶν καὶ θηλυκῶν<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνατέλλοντος δωδεκατημορίου, ὃ δὴ καλοῦσιν ὠρόσκοπον, τὴν ἀρχὴν τοῦ ἄρρενος<sup>3</sup> ποιούμενοι. ὥσπερ γὰρ καὶ τὴν τῶν

<sup>1</sup> ἀκολουθῶν VMDEProc., ἀκόλουθα PLNACam.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ θηλυκῶν om. NCam.

<sup>3</sup> τοῦ ἄρρενος om. NCam.

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and are so called because they are between the solid and the solstitial and equinoctial signs and share, as it were, at end and beginning, the natural properties of the two states of weather.

### 12. *Of Masculine and Feminine Signs.*

Again, in the same way they assigned six of the signs to the masculine and diurnal nature<sup>1</sup> and an equal number to the feminine and nocturnal. An alternating order was assigned to them because day is always yoked to night and close to it, and female to male. Now as Aries is taken as the starting-point for the reasons we have mentioned, and as the male likewise rules and holds first place, since also the active is always superior to the passive in power, the signs of Aries and Libra were thought to be masculine and diurnal, an additional reason being that the equinoctial circle which is drawn through them completes the primary and most powerful movement of the whole universe.<sup>2</sup> The signs in succession after them correspond, as we said, in alternating order.

Some, however, employ an order of masculine and feminine signs whereby the masculine begins with the sign that is rising, called the horoscope.<sup>3</sup> For just as some begin the solstitial signs with the moon's

<sup>1</sup> The signs of the zodiac, as well as the planets, are divided between the two sects (*cf.* i. 7).

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* the general revolution of the heavens, carrying the fixed stars and the other heavenly bodies (according to the Ptolemaic and other ancient systems).

<sup>3</sup> Obviously, in a system like this, a given sign would not always belong to the same sect.



τροπικῶν ἀρχὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ σεληνιακοῦ ζωδίου<sup>1</sup> λαμβάνουσιν ἔνιοι διὰ τὸ ταύτην τάχιον τῶν ἄλλων τρέπεσθαι, οὕτω καὶ τὴν τῶν ἀρρενικῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ ὠροσκοποῦντος διὰ τὸ ἀπηλιωτικώτερον,<sup>2</sup> καὶ οἱ μὲν ὁμοίως παρ' ἐν πάλιν τῇ τάξει χρώμενοι, οἱ δὲ καθ' ὅλα τεταρτημόρια διαιροῦντες καὶ ἑῷα μὲν ἡγούμενοι<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἀρρενικὰ τό τε ἀπὸ τοῦ ὠροσκοποῦ μέχρι τοῦ μεσουρανοῦντος καὶ τὸ κατ' ἀντίθεσιν ἀπὸ τοῦ δύνοντος μέχρι τοῦ ὑπὸ γῆν μεσουρανοῦν-  
 34 τος,<sup>4</sup> ἑσπέρια δὲ καὶ θηλυκὰ τὰ λοιπὰ δύο τεταρτημόρια. καὶ ἄλλας δέ τινας τοῖς δωδεκατημορίοις προσηγορίας ἐφήρμοσαν ἀπὸ τῶν περὶ αὐτὰ μορφώσεων· λέγω δὲ οἶον τετράποδα καὶ χερσαῖα καὶ ἡγεμονικὰ καὶ πολὺσπορα καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα· ἄς<sup>5</sup> αὐτόθεν τό τε αἷτιον<sup>6</sup> καὶ τὸ ἐμφανιστικὸν ἐχούσας περιττὸν ἡγούμεθα καταριθμεῖν, τῆς ἐκ τῶν τοιούτων διατυπώσεων ποιότητος ἐν αἷς ἂν τῶν προτελέσεων χρησίμη φαίνεται δυναμένης<sup>7</sup> προεκτίθεσθαι.

<sup>1</sup> ζωδίου VPLADE, κύκλου MNCam.

<sup>2</sup> τὸ ἀπηλιωτικώτερον VD (ἀφηλ-) Proc.; τὴν ἀπηλιώτην alii Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἡγούμενοι VMADE, om. PLNCam.

<sup>4</sup> ὑπὸ γῆν μεσουρανοῦντος VMADEProc., ἀντιμεσουρανοῦντος PLNCam.

<sup>5</sup> ἄς VDME, om. PL, ὡς NACam.; καλέσαντες post τοιαῦτα inser. PLMNCam., om. VDAE.

<sup>6</sup> τό τε αἷτιον om. Cam.<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> δυναμένης VD, δυναμης P, δύναμις LMNAECam. προεκτίθεσθαι VMDEAProc., προεκτεθηῖ P, προεκτίθης L, προεκτεθείσης NCam.



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sign because the moon changes direction more swiftly than the rest, so they begin the masculine signs with the horoscope because it is further to the east, some as before making use of the alternate order of signs, and others dividing by entire quadrants, and designating as matutinal and masculine signs those of the quadrant from the horoscope to mid-heaven and those of the opposite quadrant from the occident to the lower mid-heaven, and as evening and feminine the other two quadrants. They have also attached other descriptions<sup>1</sup> to the signs, derived from their shapes; I refer, for example, to "four-footed," "terrestrial," "commanding," "fecund," and similar appellations. These, since their reason and their significance are directly derived, we think it superfluous to enumerate, since the quality resulting from such conformations can be explained in connection with those predictions wherein it is obviously useful.

<sup>1</sup> For this type of classification, *cf.* Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 149-152. Vettius Valens, pp. 5 ff. (Kroll), attaches many epithets to the signs; *cf.* also Antiochus, *ap. CCAG*, viii. 112; Rhetorius, *ap. CCAG*, i. 164 ff. Some of them figure in ii. 7, below.

⟨ιγ.⟩ Περὶ τῶν συσχηματιζομένων  
δωδεκατημορίων

Οἰκειοῦται δὲ ἀλλήλοις τῶν μερῶν τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ  
πρῶτον τὰ συσχηματιζόμενα. ταῦτα δ' ἐστὶν ὅσα  
διάμετρον ἔχει στάσιν, περιέχοντα δύο ὀρθὰς γωνίας  
καὶ ἕξ τῶν δωδεκατημορίων καὶ μοίρας ρπ'· καὶ  
ὅσα τρίγωνον ἔχει στάσιν, περιέχοντα μίαν ὀρθὴν  
γωνίαν καὶ τρίτον καὶ δ' δωδεκατημόρια καὶ μοίρας  
ρκ'· καὶ ὅσα τετραγωνίζειν λέγεται, περιέχοντα  
μίαν ὀρθὴν καὶ γ' δωδεκατημόρια καὶ μοίρας ϑ'·  
καὶ ἔτι ὅσα ἐξάγωνον ποιεῖται στάσιν, περιέχοντα  
δίμοιρον μιᾶς ὀρθῆς καὶ β' δωδεκατημόρια καὶ  
μοίρας ξ'.

Δι' ἣν δὲ αἰτίαν αὗται μόναι τῶν διαστάσεων  
παρελήφθησαν ἐκ τούτων ἂν μάθοιμεν. τῆς μὲν γὰρ  
κατὰ τὸ διάμετρον αὐτόθεν ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος φανερός  
ἐπειδήπερ ἐπὶ μιᾶς εὐθείας ποιεῖται τὰς συναν-  
35 τήσεις. λαμβανομένων δὲ τῶν δύο μεγίστων καὶ  
διὰ συμφωνίας μορίων τε καὶ ἐπιμορίων, μορίων  
μὲν πρὸς τὴν τῶν β' ὀρθῶν διάμετρον τοῦ τε  
ἡμίσεως καὶ τοῦ τρίτου, τὸ μὲν εἰς δύο τὴν τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> Cf. the note on οἰκείωσις (i. 11). οἰκειοῦσθαι is the corresponding verb.

<sup>2</sup> The aspects are geometrical relationships between the heavenly bodies. Ptolemy recognizes here only four—opposition, trine, quartile, and sextile—as having significance, and does not class “conjunction” as an aspect, although it is treated as such throughout the *Tetrabiblos*.

13. *Of the Aspects of the Signs.*

Of the parts of the zodiac those first are familiar<sup>1</sup> one to another which are in aspect.<sup>2</sup> These are the ones which are in opposition, enclosing two right angles, six signs, and 180 degrees; those which are in trine, enclosing one and one-third right angles, four signs, and 120 degrees; those which are said to be in quartile, enclosing one right angle, three signs, and 90 degrees, and finally those that occupy the sextile position, enclosing two-thirds of a right angle, two signs, and 60 degrees.

We may learn from the following why only these intervals have been taken into consideration. The explanation of opposition is immediately obvious, because it causes the signs to meet on one straight line. But if we take the two fractions and the two superparticulars<sup>3</sup> most important in music, and if the fractions one-half and one-third be applied to

Kepler is said to have invented several others, based on other aliquot parts of 360°, the semiquadrate, quintile, sesquiquadrate, biquintile, etc. (cf. Ashmaud, pp. 40-41, nn.); these have been employed by modern astrologers, but the Ptolemaic doctrines of this and the 16th chapter are inconsistent with their use. The intervals between bodies in aspect in the four ways here mentioned can be measured in whole signs.

<sup>3</sup> Nicomachus of Gerasa, *Introduction to Arithmetic*, i. 19, defines the superparticular as "a number that contains within itself the whole of the number compared with it, and some one factor of it besides." The "two superparticulars most important to music" are the first two in the series, the sesquialter ( $\frac{3}{2}$ ) and the sesquitercian ( $\frac{4}{3}$ ), which correspond to the diapente and diatessarion respectively (cf. Nicomachus, *op. cit.*, ii. 26).

τετραγώνου πεποίηκε, τὸ δὲ εἰς τρία τὴν τοῦ ἑξαγώνου καὶ τὴν τοῦ τριγώνου.<sup>1</sup> ἐπιμορίων δὲ πρὸς τὸ τῆς μιᾶς ὀρθῆς τετραγώνου μεταξὺ λαμβανομένου τοῦ τε ἡμιολίου καὶ τοῦ ἐπιτρίτου, τὸ μὲν ἡμιόλιον ἐποίησε τὴν τοῦ τετραγώνου πρὸς τὴν τοῦ ἑξαγώνου, τὸ δὲ ἐπίτριτον τὴν τοῦ τριγώνου πρὸς τὴν τοῦ τετραγώνου. τούτων μέντοι τῶν σχηματισμῶν οἱ μὲν τρίγωνοι καὶ ἑξάγωνοι σύμφωνοι καλοῦνται διὰ τὸ ἐξ ὁμογενῶν συγκεῖσθαι δωδεκατημορίων ἢ ἐκ πάντων θηλυκῶν ἢ ἀρρενικῶν· ἀσύμφωνοι δὲ οἱ τετράγωνοι καὶ οἱ κατὰ διάμετρον διότι κατὰ ἀντίθεσιν τῶν ὁμογενῶν τὴν σύστασιν λαμβάνουσιν.

κ̄ιδ. > Περὶ προστάττων καὶ ἀκουόντων

Ὡσαύτως δὲ προστάττοντα καὶ ἀκούοντα λέγεται τμήματα τὰ κατ' ἴσην διάστασιν ἀπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ, ἢ καὶ ὁποτέρου, τῶν ἰσημερινῶν σημείων ἐσχηματισμένα διὰ τὸ ἐν τοῖς ἴσοις χρόνοις ἀναφέρεσθαι καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἴσων εἶναι παραλλήλων.

<sup>1</sup> κα. τὴν τοῦ τριγώνου libri omnes Proc.; καὶ τ. τ. τετραγώνου Cam.<sup>1</sup>; om. Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> That is,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of  $180^\circ = 90^\circ$  (quartile) and  $\frac{1}{6}$  of  $180^\circ = 60^\circ$  (sextile). All the MSS. and Proclus add here "and trine," which perhaps we should, with Camerarius (ed. 2), discard. The trine, however, could be regarded as  $\frac{1}{3}$  of  $360^\circ$  or as twice the sextile.

<sup>2</sup> That is, the sesquialter =  $\frac{3}{2} = \frac{90^\circ}{60^\circ}$  and the sesquitertian =  $\frac{4}{3} = \frac{120^\circ}{90^\circ}$ .

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opposition, composed of two right angles, the half makes the quartile and the third the sextile and trine.<sup>1</sup> Of the superparticulars, if the sesquialter and sesquitercian be applied to the quartile interval of one right angle, which lies between them, the sesquialter makes the ratio of the quartile to the sextile and the sesquitercian that of trine to quartile.<sup>2</sup> Of these aspects trine and sextile are called harmonious because they are composed of signs of the same kind, either entirely of feminine or entirely of masculine signs; while quartile and opposition are disharmonious because they are composed of signs of opposite kinds.

### 14. *Of Commanding and Obeying Signs.*

Similarly the names "commanding" and "obeying"<sup>3</sup> are applied to the divisions of the zodiac which are disposed at an equal distance from the same equinoctial sign, whichever it may be, because they ascend<sup>4</sup> in equal periods of time and are on equal parallels. Of these the ones in the summer

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 159-164, on this and the following chapter. The pairs which "command" and "obey" (the "commanding" sign first) are: Taurus-Pisces, Gemini-Aquarius, Cancer-Capricorn, Leo-Sagittarius, Virgo-Scorpio. Aries and Libra are left out of the scheme, being the equinoctial signs from which the start is made; so Manilius, ii. 485, 501. The original notion seems to have been that these signs "heard" (*ἀκούειν*) each other, and the idea of "obeying" (*ὑπακούειν*) was a pseudo-scientific elaboration.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. the note on iii. 10 (pp. 286 ff.) for the ascension of the signs.



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τούτων δὲ τὰ μὲν ἐν τῷ θερινῷ ἡμικυκλίῳ προστάττοντα καλεῖται, τὰ δ' ἐν τῷ χειμερινῷ ὑπακούοντα, διὰ τὸ κατ' ἐκείνο μὲν γινόμενον τοῦ ἡλίου μείζονα ποιεῖν τῆς νυκτὸς τὴν ἡμέραν, κατὰ τοῦτο δὲ ἐλάττω.

### 36 <ιε.> Περὶ βλεπόντων καὶ ἰσοδυναμούντων

Πάλιν δὲ ἰσοδυναμεῖν φασιν ἀλλήλοις μέρη τὰ τοῦ αὐτοῦ καὶ ὁποτέρου τῶν τροπικῶν σημείων τὸ ἴσον ἀφεστῶτα, διὰ τὸ καθ' ἑκάτερον αὐτῶν τοῦ ἡλίου γινομένου τὰς τε ἡμέρας ταῖς ἡμέραις καὶ τὰς νύκτας ταῖς νυξὶ καὶ τὰ διαστήματα τῶν οἰκειῶν ὥρῶν ἰσοχρόνως<sup>1</sup> ἀποτελεῖσθαι. ταῦτα δὲ καὶ βλέπειν ἀλλήλα λέγεται διὰ τε τὰ προειρημένα καὶ ἐπειδήπερ ἑκάτερον αὐτῶν ἔκ τε τῶν αὐτῶν μερῶν τοῦ ὀρίζοντος ἀνατέλλει καὶ εἰς τὰ αὐτὰ καταδύνει.

### <ισ.> Περὶ ἀσυνδέτων

Ἀσύνδετα δὲ καὶ ἀπηλλοτριωμένα καλεῖται τμήματα ὅσα μηδένα λόγον ἀπλῶς ἔχει πρὸς ἀλλήλα τῶν προκατειλεγμένων οἰκειώσεων. ταῦτα δὲ ἐστὶν ἢ μήτε τῶν προστάττοντων ἢ ἀκούοντων τυγχάνει μήτε τῶν βλεπόντων ἢ ἰσοδυναμούντων, ἔτι καὶ τῶν ἐκκειμένων τεττάρων σχηματισμῶν,

<sup>1</sup> ἰσοχρόνως VMAE, -ων P, -os D, -a Proc., -ia NLCam.

<sup>1</sup> In the summer hemisphere are the signs Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, and Virgo; Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius,

hemisphere<sup>1</sup> are called "commanding" and those in the winter hemisphere "obedient," because the sun makes the day longer than the night when he is in the summer hemisphere, and shorter in the winter.

15. *Of Signs which Behold each other and Signs of Equal Power.*

Again they say that the parts which are equally removed from the same tropical sign, whichever it may be, are of equal power,<sup>2</sup> because when the sun comes into either of them the days are equal to the days, the nights to the nights, and the lengths of their own hours<sup>3</sup> are the same. These also are said to "behold" one another both for the reasons stated and because each of the pair rises from the same part of the horizon and sets in the same part.

16. *Of Disjunct Signs.*

"Disjunct" and "alien" are the names applied to those divisions of the zodiac which have none whatever of the aforesaid familiarities with one another. These are the ones which belong neither to the class of commanding or obeying, beholding or of equal power, and furthermore they are found

Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces are in the winter hemisphere; see the diagram in Bouché-Leclercq, p. 161.

<sup>2</sup> These pairs are Gemini-Leo, Taurus-Virgo, Aries-Libra, Pisces-Scorpio, and Aquarius-Sagittarius; Cancer and Capricorn are left without mates (*ἀζύγα*).

<sup>3</sup> "Their own hours" are "ordinary" or "civil" hours (*καιρικά ὥραι*; cf. p. 286, n. 3), which are always one-twelfth of the day (sunrise to sunset) or night (sunset to sunrise). Of course, they are equal if the days and nights are equal.

τοῦ τε διαμέτρου καὶ τοῦ τριγώνου καὶ τοῦ τετραγώνου καὶ τοῦ ἑξαγώνου κατὰ τὸ παντελὲς ἀμέτοχα καταλαμβάνόμενα, καὶ ἦτοι δι' ἐνὸς ἢ διὰ πέντε γινόμενα δωδεκατημορίων, ἐπειδήπερ τὰ μὲν δι' ἐνὸς ἀπέστραπται ὡσπερ ἀλλήλων καὶ δύο αὐτὰ ὄντα ἐνὸς περιέχει γωνίαν, τὰ δὲ διὰ πέντε εἰς ἄνισα  
 37 διαιρεῖ τὸν ὄλον κύκλον, τῶν ἄλλων σχηματισμῶν εἰς ἴσα τὴν τῆς περιμέτρου διαίρεσιν ποιουμένων.

⟨ιζ.⟩ Περὶ οἰκῶν ἐκάστου ἀστέρος<sup>1</sup>

Συνοικειοῦνται δὲ καὶ οἱ πλάνητες τοῖς τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ μέρεσι κατὰ τε τοὺς καλουμένους οἴκους καὶ τρίγωνα καὶ ὑψώματα καὶ ὄρια καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα. καὶ τὸ μὲν τῶν οἰκῶν τοιαύτην ἔχει φύσιν. ἐπειδὴ γὰρ τῶν ἰβ' ζωδίων τὰ βορειότατα καὶ συνεγγίζοντα μᾶλλον τῶν ἄλλων τοῦ κατὰ κορυφὴν ἡμῶν τόπου, θερμασίας τε καὶ ἀλέας διὰ τοῦτο περιποιητικὰ τυγχάνοντα, τό τε τοῦ Καρκίνου ἐστὶ καὶ τὸ τοῦ Λέοντος, τὰ δύο ταῦτα τοῖς μεγίστοις καὶ κυριωτάτοις, τουτέστι τοῖς φωσίν, ἀπένειμαν οἴκους, τὸ μὲν τοῦ Λέοντος ἀρρενικὸν ὄν τῷ ἡλίῳ, τὸ δὲ τοῦ Καρκίνου θηλυκὸν τῇ σελήνῃ. καὶ ἀκολουθῶς τὸ μὲν ἀπὸ τοῦ Λέοντος μέχρις Αἰγόκερω ἡμικύκλιον ἡλιακὸν ὑπέθεντο, τὸ δὲ ἀπὸ Ὑδροχόου μέχρι Καρκίνου σεληνιακόν, ὅπως ἐν ἐκατέρῳ τῶν ἡμικυκλίων ἐν ζώδιον καθ' ἕκαστον τῶν πέντε<sup>2</sup> ἀστέρων οἰκείως ἀπονεμηθῆ, τὸ μὲν πρὸς ἥλιον, τὸ δὲ πρὸς

<sup>1</sup>Titulum sic habent VADEProc.: om. ἐκάστου ἀστέρος alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup>πέντε om. PLNCam.

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to be entirely without share in the four aforesaid aspects, opposition, trine, quartile, and sextile, and are either one or five signs apart; for those which are one sign apart are as it were averted from one another and, though they are two, bound the angle of one, and those that are five signs apart divide the whole circle into unequal parts, while the other aspects make an equal division of the perimeter.

### 17. *Of the Houses of the Several Planets.*

The planets also have familiarity with the parts of the zodiac, through what are called their houses, triangles, exaltations, terms,<sup>1</sup> and the like. The system of houses is of the following nature. Since of the twelve signs the most northern, which are closer than the others to our zenith and therefore most productive of heat and of warmth are Cancer and Leo, they assigned these to the greatest and most powerful heavenly bodies, that is, to the luminaries, as houses, Leo, which is masculine, to the sun and Cancer, feminine, to the moon. In keeping with this they assumed the semicircle from Leo to Capricorn to be solar and that from Aquarius to Cancer to be lunar, so that in each of the semicircles one sign might be assigned to each of the five planets as its own, one bearing aspect to the

<sup>1</sup> ὄρια, *termini*, literally "boundaries"; see c. 20. The triangles or triplicities are treated in c. 18 and the exaltations in c. 19.

σελήνην ἐσχηματισμένον, ἀκολουθῶς ταῖς τῶν  
 κινήσεων αὐτῶν σφαίραις καὶ ταῖς τῶν φύσεων  
 ἰδιοτροπίαις. τῷ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ Κρόνου ψυκτικῶ  
 μᾶλλον ὄντι τὴν φύσιν κατ' ἐναντιότητα τοῦ θερμοῦ  
 καὶ τὴν ἀνωτάτω καὶ μακρὰν τῶν φωτῶν ἔχοντι  
 ζώνην ἐδόθη τὰ διάμετρα ζώδια τοῦ τε Καρκίνου  
 38 καὶ τοῦ Λέοντος, ὃ τε Αἰγόκερος καὶ Ὑδροχόος,  
 μετὰ τοῦ καὶ ταῦτα τὰ δωδεκατημόρια ψυχρὰ καὶ  
 χειμερινὰ τυγχάνειν, καὶ ἔτι τὸν κατὰ διάμετρον  
 συσχηματισμὸν ἀσύμφωνον πρὸς ἀγαθοποιίαν εἶναι.  
 τῷ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς ὄντι εὐκράτῳ καὶ ὑπὸ τὴν τοῦ  
 Κρόνου σφαῖραν ἐδόθη τὰ ἐχόμενα δύο τῶν προκει-  
 μένων πνευματικὰ ὄντα καὶ γόνιμα, ὃ τε Τοξότης  
 καὶ οἱ Ἰχθύς, κατὰ τριγωνικὴν πρὸς τὰ φῶτα διά-  
 στασιν, ἣτις ἐστὶ συμφώνου καὶ ἀγαθοποιοῦ σχημα-  
 τισμοῦ. ἐφεξῆς δὲ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως ξηραντικῶ  
 μᾶλλον ὄντι τὴν φύσιν καὶ ὑπὸ τὴν τοῦ Διὸς ἔχοντι  
 τὴν σφαῖραν τὰ ἐχόμενα πάλιν ἐκείνων ἐδόθη  
 δωδεκατημόρια τὴν ὁμοίαν ἔχοντα φύσιν, ὃ τε  
 Σκορπίος καὶ ὁ Κριός, ἀκολουθῶς τῇ φθαρτικῇ καὶ  
 ἀσυμφώνῳ<sup>1</sup> ποιότητι, τὴν τετράγωνον πρὸς τὰ φῶτα  
 ποιῶντα διάστασιν. τῷ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης εὐ-  
 κράτῳ τε ὄντι καὶ ὑπὸ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως τὰ ἐχόμενα  
 ἐδόθη δύο ζώδια γονιμώτατα ὄντα, αἷ τε Χηλαὶ καὶ  
 ὁ Ταῦρος, τηροῦντα τὴν συμφωνίαν τῆς ἐξαγώνου

<sup>1</sup> ἀσυμφώνῳ VPLMADE, ἀκολουθῶς N, om. Cam. (locum \*  
 notans).



sun and the other to the moon, consistently with the spheres of their motion <sup>1</sup> and the peculiarities of their natures.<sup>2</sup> For to Saturn, in whose nature cold prevails, as opposed to heat, and which occupies the orbit highest and farthest from the luminaries, were assigned the signs opposite Cancer and Leo, namely Capricorn and Aquarius,<sup>3</sup> with the additional reason that these signs are cold and wintry, and further that their diametrical aspect is not consistent with beneficence. To Jupiter, which is moderate and below Saturn's sphere, were assigned the two signs next to the foregoing, windy and fecund, Sagittarius and Pisces, in triangular aspect <sup>4</sup> to the luminaries, which is a harmonious and beneficent configuration. Next, to Mars, which is dry in nature and occupies a sphere under that of Jupiter, there were assigned again the two signs, contiguous to the former, Scorpio and Aries, having a similar nature, and, agreeably to Mars' destructive and inharmonious quality, in quartile aspect <sup>5</sup> to the luminaries. To Venus, which is temperate and beneath Mars, were given the next two signs, which are extremely fertile, Libra and Taurus. These

<sup>1</sup> That is, they are in the order of their distance from the centre of the universe, the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. c. 4.

<sup>3</sup> Capricorn opposes Cancer and Aquarius Leo.

<sup>4</sup> Sagittarius is triangular to Leo, the sun's house, and Pisces to Cancer. Cf. c. 13 on the "harmonious" nature of the trine and sextile, in contrast with quartile and opposition.

<sup>5</sup> Aries is quartile to the moon's house, Cancer, and Scorpio to the sun's house, Leo. They are, however, also triangular to these houses, Aries to Leo and Scorpio to Cancer.

διαστάσεως, καὶ ἐπειδήπερ οὐ πλέον δύο δωδεκατημορίων ὁ ἀστήρ οὗτος ἐφ' ἑκάτερον τὸ πλείστον ἀφίσταται τοῦ ἡλίου· ἐπὶ τέλει δὲ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ μηδεποτε πλέον ἑνὸς δωδεκατημορίου τὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἡλίου ἐφ' ἑκάτερα διάστασιν ποιουμένῳ καὶ ὑπὸ μὲν τοὺς ἄλλους ὄντι, σύνεγγυς δὲ μᾶλλον πως ἀμφοτέρων τῶν φωτῶν, τὰ λοιπὰ καὶ συνεχῆ τοῖς ἐκείνων οἴκοις ἐδόθη δύο δωδεκατημόρια τό τε τῶν Διδύμων καὶ τὸ τῆς Παρθένου.

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<ιη.> Περὶ τριγώνων

Ἡ δὲ πρὸς τὰ τρίγωνα συνοικείωσις τοιαύτη τις οὔσα τυγχάνει. ἐπειδὴ γὰρ τὸ τρίγωνον καὶ ἰσόπλευρον σχῆμα συμφωνότατόν ἐστιν ἑαυτῷ καὶ ὁ ζωδιακὸς ὑπὸ τριῶν κύκλων ὀρίζεται, τοῦ τε ἰσημερινοῦ καὶ τῶν δύο τροπικῶν, διαιρεῖται δὲ τὰ ἰβ' αὐτοῦ μέρη εἰς τρίγωνα ἰσόπλευρα δ',<sup>1</sup> τὸ μὲν πρῶτον, ὃ<sup>2</sup> ἐστι διὰ τε τοῦ Κριοῦ καὶ τοῦ Λέοντος καὶ τοῦ Τοξότου, ἐκ τριῶν ἀρρενικῶν ζωδίων συγκεείμενον, καὶ οἶκους ἔχον ἡλίου τε καὶ Ἄρεως καὶ Διός, ἐδόθη τῷ ἡλίῳ καὶ Διὶ παρὰ τὴν αἵρεσιν τὴν ἡλιακὴν ὄντος<sup>3</sup> τοῦ Ἄρεως. λαμβάνει δὲ αὐτοῦ τὴν πρώτην οἰκοδεσποτίαν ἡμέρας μὲν ὁ ἥλιος, νυκτὸς δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διός, καὶ ἔστιν ὁ μὲν Κριὸς μᾶλλον πρὸς τῷ ἰσημερινῷ, ὁ δὲ Λέων μᾶλλον

<sup>1</sup> ὦν post δ' add NCam.

<sup>2</sup> ὃ VAD; om. cett. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ὄντος libri Cam.<sup>1</sup>; ὑπάρχοντος Proo.; ἐξωσθέντος Cam.<sup>2</sup>

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preserve the harmony of the sextile aspect;<sup>1</sup> another reason is that this planet at most is never more than two signs removed from the sun in either direction. Finally, there were given to Mercury, which never is farther removed from the sun than one sign in either direction and is beneath the others and closer in a way to both of the luminaries, the remaining signs, Gemini and Virgo, which are next to the houses of the luminaries.

### 18. *Of the Triangles.*

The familiarity by triangles is as follows. Inasmuch as the triangular and equilateral form is most harmonious with itself,<sup>2</sup> the zodiac also is bounded by three circles, the equinoctial and the two tropics, and its twelve parts are divided into four equilateral triangles. The first of these, which passes through Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, is composed of three masculine signs and includes the houses of the sun, of Mars, and of Jupiter. This triangle was assigned to the sun and Jupiter, since Mars is not of the solar seet.<sup>3</sup> The sun assumes first governance of it by day and Jupiter by night. Also, Aries is close to the equinoctial circle, Leo to the summer solstice and

<sup>1</sup> Taurus is sextile to Cancer and Libra to Leo.

<sup>2</sup> This statement savours of Neo-Pythagoreanism; *cf.*, for example, the demonstration by Nicomachus (*Introduction to Arithmetic*, ii. 7. 4) of the proposition that the triangle is the most elementary plane figure, which is also Platonic doctrine (*Timaeus* 53C ff.); note likewise the much repeated statement that the number 3 is the first plane surface; Theon of Smyrna, p. 46, 14 (ed. Hiller), Macrobius, *Somnium Scipionis*, i. 6. 22, etc.

<sup>3</sup> See c. 7.

πρὸς τῷ θερινῷ, ὃ δὲ Τοξότης πρὸς τῷ χειμερινῷ. γίνεται δὲ καὶ προηγουμένως μὲν τοῦτο τὸ τρίγωνον βόρειον, διὰ τὴν τοῦ Διὸς συνοικοδεσποτίαν, ἐπειδήπερ οὗτος γόνιμός τέ ἐστι καὶ πνευματώδης οἰκειῶς τοῖς ἀπὸ τῶν ἄρκτων ἀνέμοις. διὰ δὲ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως οἶκον λαμβάνει μίξιν τοῦ λιβὸς καὶ συνίσταται<sup>1</sup> βορρολιβυκόν, ἐπειδήπερ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως τοιούτων ἐστὶ πνευμάτων ποιητικὸς, διὰ τε τὴν τῆς σελήνης αἴρεσιν καὶ τὸ τῶν δυσμῶν τεθηλυμένον.

Τό τε δεύτερον τρίγωνον, ὃ ἐστὶ διὰ τε τοῦ Ταύρου καὶ Παρθένου καὶ Αἰγόκερω, συγκείμενον ἐκ τριῶν θηλυκῶν, ἀκολουθῶς ἐδόθη σελήνη τε καὶ Ἀφροδίτη, οἰκοδεσποτούσης αὐτοῦ<sup>2</sup> νυκτὸς μὲν  
 40 τῆς σελήνης, ἡμέρας δὲ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης. καὶ ἔστιν ὁ μὲν Ταῦρος πρὸς τῷ θερινῷ κύκλῳ μᾶλλον, ἢ δὲ Παρθένος πρὸς τῷ ἰσημερινῷ, ὃ δὲ Αἰγόκερως πρὸς τῷ χειμερινῷ. γίνεται δὲ καὶ τοῦτο τὸ τρίγωνον προηγουμένως μὲν νότιον διὰ τὴν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης οἰκοδεσποτίαν, ἐπειδήπερ ὁ ἀστὴρ οὗτος τῶν ὁμοίων ἐστὶ πνευμάτων διὰ τὸ θερμὸν καὶ ἔνικμον τῆς δυνάμεως ποιητικὸς. προσλαβὼν δὲ μίξιν ἀπηλιώτου διὰ τὸ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου οἶκον ἐν αὐτῷ τυγχάνει τὸν Αἰγόκερων συνίσταται καὶ αὐτὸ νοταπηλιωτικὸν κατ' ἀντίθεσιν τοῦ πρώτου, ἐπειδήπερ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου τοιούτων ἐστὶ πνευμάτων ποιητικὸς οἰκειούμενος καὶ αὐτὸς ταῖς ἀνατολαῖς διὰ τὴν πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον αἴρεσιν.

<sup>1</sup> συνίσταται] γίνεται VDProc.

<sup>2</sup> αὐτοῦ PLMA, αὐτῶν VDNECam.



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Sagittarius to the winter solstice. This triangle is preëminently northern because of Jupiter's share in its government, since Jupiter is fecund and windy,<sup>1</sup> similarly to the winds from the north. However, because of the house of Mars it suffers an admixture of the south-west wind<sup>2</sup> and is constituted *Borro-libycon*, because Mars causes such winds and also because of the set of the moon and the feminine quality of the occident.<sup>3</sup>

The second triangle, which is the one drawn through Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn, is composed of three feminine signs, and consequently was assigned to the moon and Venus; the moon governs it by night and Venus by day. Taurus lies toward the summer tropic, Virgo toward the equinox, and Capricorn toward the winter tropic. This triangle is made preëminently southern because of the dominance of Venus, since this star through the heat and moisture of its power produces similar winds; but as it receives an admixture of Apeliotes because the house of Saturn, Capricornus, is included within it, it is constituted *Notapeliotes*<sup>4</sup> in contrast to the first triangle, since Saturn produces winds of this kind and is related to the east through sharing in the set of the sun.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. c. 4.

<sup>2</sup> *Africus, Lips.*

<sup>3</sup> In c. 10 the west is characterized as moist, which is regarded as a feminine quality (cf. c. 6).

<sup>4</sup> *I.e.* south-east.



Τὸ δὲ τρίτον τρίγωνον ὃ ἐστὶ<sup>1</sup> τὸ διὰ τε Διδύμων καὶ Χηλῶν καὶ Ὑδροχόου, ἐκ τριῶν ἀρρενικῶν ζωδίων συγκείμενον, καὶ πρὸς μὲν τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως μηδένα λόγον ἔχον, πρὸς δὲ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ διὰ τοὺς οἴκους, τούτοις ἀπενεμήθη,<sup>2</sup> πάλιν οἰκοδεσποτοῦντος ἡμέρας μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου διὰ τὴν αἵρεσιν, νυκτὸς δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ. καὶ ἐστὶ τὸ μὲν τῶν Διδύμων δωδεκατημόριον πρὸς τῷ θερινῷ, τὸ δὲ τῶν Χηλῶν πρὸς τῷ ἰσημερινῷ, τὸ δὲ τοῦ Ὑδροχόου πρὸς τῷ χειμερινῷ. συνίσταται δὲ καὶ τοῦτο τὸ τρίγωνον προηγουμένως μὲν ἀπηλιωτικὸν διὰ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου· κατὰ δὲ τὴν μίξιν βορραπηλιωτικὸν διὰ τὴν τοῦ Διὸς αἵρεσιν τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου πρὸς τὸ τὸν ἡμερινὸν λόγον συνοικειοῦσθαι.

- 41 Τὸ δὲ τέταρτον τρίγωνον, ὃ ἐστὶ διὰ τε Καρκίνου καὶ Σκορπίου καὶ Ἰχθύων, κατελείφθη μὲν<sup>3</sup> λοιπῷ ὄντι τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ λόγον ἔχοντι πρὸς αὐτὸ διὰ τὸν οἶκον τὸν Σκορπίον· συνοικοδεσποτοῦσι δὲ αὐτῷ διὰ τε τὴν αἵρεσιν καὶ τὸ θηλυκὸν τῶν ζωδίων νυκτὸς μὲν ἢ σελήνη, ἡμέρας δὲ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, καὶ ἐστὶν ὁ μὲν Καρκίνος πρὸς τῷ θερινῷ κύκλῳ, ὁ δὲ Σκορπίος πρὸς τῷ χειμερινῷ μᾶλλον, οἱ δὲ Ἰχθύς πρὸς τῷ ἰσημερινῷ. καὶ τοῦτο δὲ τὸ τρίγωνον συνίσταται προηγουμένως μὲν λιβυκὸν διὰ τὴν τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῆς σελήνης οἰκοδεσποτίαν, κατὰ μίξιν δὲ νοτολιβυκὸν διὰ τὴν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης οἰκοδεσποτίαν.

<sup>1</sup> τρίτον δὲ τρίγωνόν ἐστι PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπενεμήθη VPMADÉ, om. L, ἀπονεμηθέν NCam.

The third triangle is the one drawn through Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius, composed of three masculine signs, and having no relation to Mars but rather to Saturn and Mercury because of their houses. It was assigned in turn to these, with Saturn governing during the day on account of his sect and Mercury by night. The sign of Gemini lies toward the summer tropic, Libra toward the equinox, and Aquarius toward the winter tropic. This triangle also is primarily of eastern constitution, because of Saturn, but by admixture north-eastern, because the sect of Jupiter has familiarity with Saturn, inasmuch as it is diurnal.

The fourth triangle, which is the one drawn through Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces, was left to the only remaining planet, Mars, which is related to it through his house, Scorpio; and along with him, on account of the sect and the femininity of the signs, the moon by night and Venus by day are co-rulers. Cancer is near the summer circle, Scorpio lies close to the winter one, and Pisces to the equinox. This triangle is constituted preëminently western, because it is dominated by Mars and the moon; but by admixture it becomes south-western through the domination of Venus.

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<sup>3</sup> μὲν VD, om. PL, μόνον MNAECam.

ⲓⲱ. > Περὶ ὑψωμάτων

Τὰ δὲ καλούμενα τῶν πλανωμένων ὑψώματα λόγον ἔχει τοιόνδε. ἐπειδὴ γὰρ ὁ ἥλιος ἐν μὲν τῷ Κριῶ γενόμενος τὴν εἰς τὸ ὑψηλὸν καὶ βόρειον ἡμικύκλιον μετάβασιν ποιεῖται, ἐν δὲ ταῖς Χηλαῖς τὴν εἰς τὸ ταπεινὸν καὶ νότιον, εἰκότως<sup>1</sup> τὸν μὲν Κριὸν ὡς ὑψωμα ἀνατεθήκασιν αὐτῷ καθ' ὃν ἄρχεται καὶ τὸ τῆς ἡμέρας μέγεθος καὶ τὸ τῆς φύσεως αὐτοῦ θερμαντικὸν αὔξεσθαι, τὰς δὲ Χηλὰς ὡς ταπεινῶμα διὰ τὰ ἐναντία.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου πάλιν ἵνα πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον διάμετρον στάσιν ἔχη, ὥσπερ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν οἰκῶν, τὸν μὲν Ζυγὸν ἀντικειμένως ὡς ὑψωμα ἔλαβε, τὸν δὲ Κριὸν ὡς ταπεινῶμα. ὅπου γὰρ τὸ θερμὸν αὔξεται, μειοῦται ἐκεῖ τὸ ψυχρὸν, καὶ ὅπου ἐκεῖνο μειοῦται, <sup>42</sup> τὸ ψυχρὸν αὔξεται.<sup>2</sup> πάλιν ἐπειδὴ<sup>3</sup> ἐν τῷ ὑψώματι τοῦ ἡλίου ἐν τῷ Κριῶ συνοδεύουσα ἡ σελήνη πρώτην ποιεῖται φάσιν καὶ ἀρχὴν τῆς τοῦ φωτὸς αὐξήσεως καὶ ὡσπερὶ ὑψώσεως ἐν τῷ τοῦ ἰδίου τριγώνου πρώτῳ ζῳδίῳ τῷ Ταύρῳ, τοῦτο μὲν αὐτῆς ὑψωμα ἐκλήθη, τὸ δὲ διάμετρον τὸ τοῦ Σκορπίου ταπεινῶμα.

Μετὰ ταῦτα δὲ ὁ μὲν τοῦ Διὸς τῶν βορείων καὶ τῶν γονίμων πνευμάτων ἀποτελεσματικὸς ὢν ἐν Καρκίνῳ μάλιστα βορειότατος γινόμενος αὔξεται

<sup>1</sup> εἰκότως VMADE, οἰκείως (οικίως) PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὅπου αὔξεται NMAECam. (αὐξάνει NECam.); κ. ὅπου τὸ ψυχρὸν αὔξεται, ἐκεῖ ἐκμειοῦται τὸ θερμὸν VD; κ. ὅπου ἐκεῖνω μειοῦτε, τὸ θερμὸν αὔξεται P.

19. *Of Exaltations.*

The so-called exaltations<sup>1</sup> of the planets have the following explanation. Since the sun, when he is in Aries, is making his transition to the northern and higher semicircle, and in Libra is passing into the southern and lower one, they have fittingly assigned Aries to him as his exaltation, since there the length of the day and the heating power of his nature begin to increase, and Libra as his depression for the opposite reasons.

Saturn again, in order to have a position opposite to the sun, as also in the matter of their houses,<sup>2</sup> took, contrariwise, Libra as his exaltation and Aries as his depression. For where heat increases there cold diminishes, and where the former diminishes cold on the contrary increases. And since the moon, coming to conjunction in the exaltation of the sun, in Aries, shows her first phase and begins to increase her light and, as it were, her height, in the first sign of her own triangle, Taurus, this was called her exaltation, and the diametrically opposite sign, Scorpio, her depression.

Then Jupiter, which produces the fecund north winds, reaches farthest north in Cancer and brings

<sup>1</sup> These have nothing to do with aphelion or perihelion; the planets are exalted or depressed in power in these positions: Boll-Bezold-Gundel, p. 59; Bouché-Leclercq pp. 192-199.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. c. 17; the houses of Saturn are the signs in opposition to the houses of the sun and moon.

<sup>3</sup> πάλιν ἐπειδὴ VADE; πάλιν ἐπὶ δεῖ P; πάλιν. ἐπεὶ δὲ libri alii Cam.

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πάλιν και πληροί τὴν ἰδίαν δύναμιν· ὅθεν τοῦτο μὲν τὸ δωδεκατημόριον ὕψωμα πεποιήκασιν αὐτοῦ, τὸν δὲ Αἰγόκερων ταπεινωμα.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως φύσει καυσώδης ὢν και μᾶλλον ἐν Αἰγόκερω δια τὸ νοτιώτατον γίνεσθαι καυστικώτερος γινόμενος, και αὐτὸς μὲν εἰκότως ἔλαβεν ὕψωμα κατ' ἀντίθεσιν τῷ τοῦ Διὸς τὸν Αἰγόκερων, ταπεινωμα δὲ τὸν Καρκίνον.

Πάλιν ὁ μὲν <sup>1</sup> τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ὑγραντικὸς ὢν φύσει και μᾶλλον ἐν τοῖς Ἰχθύσι, ἐν οἷς ἡ τοῦ ὑγροῦ ἕαρος ἀρχὴ προσημαίνεται, και αὐτὸς ἀξάνων τὴν οἰκείαν δύναμιν, τὸ μὲν ὕψωμα ἔσχεν ἐν τοῖς Ἰχθύσι, τὸ δὲ ταπεινωμα ἐν τῇ Παρθένῳ.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ τὸ ἐναντίον μᾶλλον <sup>2</sup> ὑπόξηρος ὢν εἰκότως και κατὰ τὸ ἀντικείμενον ἐν μὲν τῇ Παρθένῳ, καθ' ἣν τὸ ξηρὸν μετόπωρον προσημαίνεται, <sup>3</sup> και αὐτὸς ὡσπερ ὑψοῦται, κατὰ δὲ τοὺς Ἰχθύς ταπεινοῦται.

### 43 <κ.> Περὶ ὀρίων διαθέσεως <sup>4</sup>

Περὶ δὲ τῶν ὀρίων δισοὶ μάλιστα φέρονται τρόποι, και ὁ μὲν ἐστὶν Αἰγυπτιακός, ὁ πρὸς τὰς τῶν οἰκων ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν κυρίας· ὁ δὲ Χαλδαϊκός, ὁ πρὸς τὰς τῶν τριγώνων οἰκοδεσποτίας. ὁ μὲν οὖν Αἰγυπτιακὸς ὁ τῶν κοινῶς φερομένων ὀρίων οὐ πάνυ τοι σῶζει τὴν ἀκολουθίαν οὔτε τῆς τάξεως οὔτε τῆς καθ' ἕκαστον ποσότητος. πρῶτον μὲν γὰρ ἐπὶ τῆς

<sup>1</sup> πάλιν ὁ μὲν PLME; πάλιν ὁ VAD; πάλιν, ὁ μέντοι NCam.

<sup>2</sup> μᾶλλον VP (μᾶλον) AD, πάλιν MNECam., πάλιν ἢ μᾶλλον L.



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his own power to fullness ; they therefore made this sign his exaltation and Capricorn his depression.

Mars, which by nature is fiery and becomes all the more so in Capricorn because in it he is farthest south, naturally received Capricorn as his exaltation, in contrast to Jupiter, and Cancer as his depression.

Venus, however, as she is moist by nature and increases her own proper power all the more in Pisces, where the beginning of the moist spring is indicated, has her exaltation in Pisces and her depression in Virgo.

Mercury, on the contrary, since he is drier, by contrast naturally is exalted, as it were, in Virgo, in which the dry autumn is signified, and is depressed in Pisces.

### 20. *Of the Disposition of Terms.*

With regard to the terms two systems are most in circulation ; the first is the Egyptian,<sup>1</sup> which is chiefly based on the government of the houses, and the second the Chaldaean, resting upon the government of the triplicities. Now the Egyptian system of the commonly accepted terms does not at all preserve the consistency either of order or of individual quantity. For in the first place, in the

<sup>1</sup> Probably the system of the mythical Nechepso and Petosiris ; it is the system of Dorotheus of Sidon, Firmicus Maternus, and Paulus Alexandrinus. Cf. Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 206-210, who discusses Ptolemy's criticism of the Egyptian *termini*.

<sup>2</sup> προσημαίνεται NCam. ; προσημαίνει VLMADÉ ; προσημένη P.

<sup>4</sup> Sic VADEProc. ; Π. τῶν ὀρίων NCam. ; Π. ὀρίων PLM.

τάξεως πῆ μὲν τοῖς τῶν οἰκῶν κυρίοις τὰ πρωτεῖα  
 δεδώκασιν, πῆ δὲ τοῖς τῶν τριγώνων ἐνίστε δὲ  
 καὶ τοῖς τῶν ὑψωμάτων. ἐπεὶ παραδείγματος  
 ἕνεκεν,<sup>1</sup> εἶ γε<sup>2</sup> τοῖς οἰκοῖς ἠκολουθήκασιν, διὰ τί τῷ  
 τοῦ Κρόνου εἰ τύχοι πρώτῳ δεδώκασιν ἐν Ζυγῷ  
 καὶ οὐ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, καὶ διὰ τί ἐν Κριῷ τῷ  
 τοῦ Διὸς καὶ οὐ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως ; εἴτε τοῖς τριγώνοις,  
 διὰ τί τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ δεδώκασιν ἐν Αἰγόκερῳ καὶ  
 οὐ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ; εἴτε καὶ τοῖς ὑψώμασι, διὰ  
 τί τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἐν Καρκίνῳ καὶ οὐ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς ;  
 εἴτε τοῖς τὰ πλείστα τούτων ἔχουσι, διὰ τί ἐν  
 Ὑδροχόῳ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ δεδώκασιν, τρίγωνον  
 ἔχοντι μόνον, καὶ οὐχὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· τούτου  
 γὰρ καὶ οἶκός ἐστι καὶ τρίγωνον. ἢ διὰ τί ὅλως<sup>3</sup>  
 ἐν Αἰγόκερῳ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ πρώτῳ<sup>4</sup> δεδώκασιν  
 μηδένα λόγον ἔχοντι πρὸς τὸ ζῳδιον οἰκοδεσποτίας ;  
 καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς λοιπῆς διατάξεως<sup>5</sup> τὴν αὐτὴν ἀναλογίαν<sup>6</sup>  
 ἂν τις εὔροι.

Δεύτερον δὲ καὶ ἡ ποσότης τῶν ὀριων οὐδεμίαν  
 ἀκολουθίαν ἔχουσα φαίνεται. ὁ γὰρ καθ' ἕνα  
 ἕκαστον ἀστέρα ἐπισυναγόμενος ἐκ πάντων ἀριθ-  
 44 μός, πρὸς ὃν φασιν αὐτῶν τὰ χρονικὰ ἐπιμερί-  
 ζεσθαι, οὐδένα οἰκεῖον οὐδὲ εὐαπόδεκτον ἔχει λόγον.

<sup>1</sup> ἐπεὶ παραδείγματος ἕνεκεν VD ; ἐπὶ παρ. δὲ ἐν. PL, ἐπὶ παρ.  
 τοῦ (τό E) γε ἐν. ME, παραδείγματος δὲ ἕνεκεν NCam.

<sup>2</sup> εἶ γε ME, εἴτε VD, εἴπερ γάρ A, ὅτε PLNCam.

<sup>3</sup> ὅλως VMNDE, ὄλο P, ὄλου L, ὄλος ACam.

<sup>4</sup> πρώτῳ VMADE, -ον PLNCam.

<sup>5</sup> διατάξεως P (-ξαι-) L, δὲ τάξεως alii Cam.

<sup>6</sup> ἀναλογίαν libri, ἀνακολουθίαν Cam.

matter of order, they have sometimes assigned the first place to the lords of the houses and again to those of the triplicities, and sometimes also to the lords of the exaltations. For example, if it is true that they have followed the houses, why have they assigned precedence to Saturn, say, in Libra,<sup>1</sup> and not to Venus, and why to Jupiter in Aries and not to Mars? And if they follow the triplicities, why have they given Mercury, and not Venus,<sup>2</sup> first place in Capricorn? Or if it be exaltations, why give Mars, and not Jupiter, precedence in Cancer<sup>3</sup>; and if they have regard for the planets that have the greatest number of these qualifications, why have they given first place in Aquarius to Mercury, who has only his triplicity there, and not to Saturn, for it is both the house and the triplicity of Saturn? Or why have they given Mercury first place in Capricorn at all, since he has no relation of government to the sign? One would find the same kind of thing in the rest of the system.

Secondly, the number of the terms manifestly has no consistency; for the number derived for each planet from the addition of its terms in all the signs, in accordance with which they say the planets assign years of life,<sup>4</sup> furnishes no suitable or acceptable argument. But even if we rely upon the

<sup>1</sup> Libra is the solar house of Venus; Saturn's houses are Capricorn and Aquarius. Similarly Mars is at home in Aries, Jupiter's houses being Pisces and Sagittarius.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. c. 18; Venus and the moon govern the second triangle. <sup>3</sup> Cf. c. 19; Mars' exaltation is in Capricorn.

<sup>4</sup> For the doctrine that the sum of the terms of each planet determines the life-time of those born under its influence, cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 408.

ἐὰν δὲ καὶ τούτῳ τῷ κατὰ τὴν ἐπισυναγωγὴν ἀριθμῶ πιστεύσωμεν, ὡς ἄντικρυς ὑπ' Αἰγυπτίων ὁμολογουμένῳ, πολλαχῶς μὲν καὶ ἄλλως τῆς κατὰ τὸ ζῳδίου ποσότητος ἐναλλασσομένης, ὁ αὐτὸς ἀριθμὸς ἂν συναγόμενος εὐρεθῆι. καὶ ὁ πιθανολογεῖν δὲ καὶ σοφίζεσθαι τινες ἐπιχειροῦσι περὶ αὐτῶν, ὅτι κατὰ παντὸς κλίματος ἀναφορικὸν λόγον οἱ καθ' ἕκαστον ἀστέρα συσχηματιζόμενοι πως χρόνοι τὴν αὐτὴν ἐπισυνάγουσι ποσότητα, ψευδός<sup>1</sup> ἐστὶ πρῶτον μὲν γὰρ ἀκολουθοῦσι<sup>2</sup> τῇ κοινῇ πραγματεία καὶ τῇ πρὸς ὀμαλὰς ὑπεροχὰς τῶν ἀναφορῶν συνισταμένη, μὴ κατὰ μικρὸν ἐγγὺς οὔση τῆς ἀληθείας· καθ' ἣν ἐπὶ τοῦ διὰ τῆς κάτω χώρας τῆς Αἰγύπτου παραλλήλου τὸ μὲν τῆς Παρθένου καὶ τῶν Χηλῶν δωδεκατημόριον ἐν λη' χρόνοις ἑκάτερον καὶ ἔτι τρίτῳ θέλουσιν ἀναφέρεσθαι, τὸ δὲ τοῦ Λέοντος καὶ τοῦ Σκορπίου ἑκάτερον ἐν λε', δεικνυμένου διὰ τῶν γραμμῶν ὅτι ταῦτα μὲν ἐν πλείοσι τῶν λε' χρόνων ἀναφέρεται, τὸ δὲ τῆς Παρθένου καὶ τὸ τῶν Χηλῶν ἐν ἐλάττοσιν· ἔπειτα καὶ οἱ τοῦτο ἐπιχειρήσαντες κατασκευάζειν οὐκέτι φαίνονται κατηκολουθηκότες οὐδ' οὕτω τῇ παρὰ τοῖς πλείστοις φερομένη ποσότητι τῶν ὀρίων, κατὰ<sup>3</sup> πολλὰ διηναγκασμένοι καταψεύσασθαι· καὶ πού καὶ μορίοις μορίων ἐχρήσαντο, τοῦ σῶσαι τὸ προκείμενον αὐτοῖς ἔνεκεν, οὐδ' αὐτοῖς,<sup>4</sup> ὡς ἔφαμεν, ἀληθοῦς ἐχομένους<sup>5</sup> σκοποῦ.

<sup>1</sup> ψευδός VMADeproc., ψευδές PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἠκολουθήκασιν NCam.

<sup>3</sup> κατὰ PL, καὶ τὰ VMDE, καίτοι NACam.



number derived from this summation, in accordance with the downright claim of the Egyptians, the sum would be found the same, even though the amounts, sign by sign, be frequently changed in various ways. And as for the specious and sophistic assertion<sup>1</sup> about them that some attempt to make, namely that the times assigned to each single planet by the schedule of ascensions in all the climes add up to this same sum, it is false. For, in the first place, they follow the common method, based upon evenly progressing increases in the ascensions, which is not even close to the truth. By this scheme they would have each of the signs Virgo and Libra, on the parallel which passes through lower Egypt, ascend in  $38\frac{1}{3}$  times,<sup>2</sup> and Leo and Scorpio each in 35, although it is shown by the tables<sup>3</sup> that these latter ascend in more than 35 times and Virgo and Libra in less. Furthermore, those who have endeavoured to establish this theory even so do not seem to follow the usually accepted number of terms, and are compelled to make many false statements, and they have even made use of fractional parts of fractions in the effort to save their hypothesis, which, as we said, is itself not a true one.

<sup>1</sup> This perhaps means that the sum of the times of ascension of the two signs assigned as houses to each planet gave, according to the theory of these unnamed astrologers, the number of years of life which they assigned to those born under them; cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 209.

<sup>2</sup> A "time" is the period taken by one degree of the equator to rise above the horizon.

<sup>3</sup> In *Almagest*, ii. 8.

<sup>4</sup> αὐτοῖς VMDE, αὐτῆς APL. αὐτό NCam.

<sup>5</sup> ἔχομενοις VDE, -ης M, -ον NACam., ἔχομεν L, ἔχομεν P.



PTOLEMY

Τὰ μέντοι φερόμενα παρὰ τοῖς πολλοῖς διὰ τὴν τῆς ἐπάνωθεν παραδόσεως ἀξιοπιστίαν τοῦτον ὑπόκειται τὸν τρόπον.<sup>1</sup>

ὄρια κατ' Αἰγυπτίους<sup>2</sup>

Κριοῦ			Ταύρου			Διδύμων		
21	ς'	ς'	9	η'	η'	8	ς'	ς'
9	ς'	ιβ'	8	ς'	ιδ'	21	ς'	ιβ'
8	η'	κ'	21	η'	κβ'	9	ε'	ιζ'
8	ε'	κε'	η	ε'	κζ'	8	ζ'	κδ'
η	ε'	λ'	8	γ'	λ'	η	ς'	λ'
Καρκίνου			Λέοντος			Παρθένου		
8	ζ'	ζ'	21	ς'	ς'	8	ζ'	ζ'
9	ς'	ιγ'	9	ε'	ια'	9	ι'	ιζ'
8	ς'	ιβ'	η	ζ'	ιη'	21	δ'	κα'
21	ζ'	κς'	8	ς'	κδ'	8	ζ'	κη'
η	δ'	λ'	8	ς'	λ'	η	β'	λ'
Ζυγοῦ			Σκορπίου			Τοξότου		
η	ς'	ς'	8	ζ'	ζ'	21	ιβ'	ιβ'
8	η'	ιδ'	9	δ'	ια'	9	ε'	ιζ'
21	ζ'	κα'	8	η'	ιβ'	8	δ'	κα'
9	ζ'	κη'	21	ε'	κδ'	η	ε'	κς'
8	β'	λ'	η	ς'	λ'	8	δ'	λ'
Αιγόκερω			Υδροχόου			Ίχθύων		
8	ζ'	ζ'	8	ζ'	ζ'	9	ιβ'	ιβ'
21	ζ'	ιδ'	9	ς'	ιγ'	21	δ'	ις'
9	η'	κβ'	21	ζ'	κ'	8	γ'	ιβ'
η	δ'	κς'	8	ε'	κε'	8	θ'	κη'
8	δ'	λ'	η	ε'	λ'	η	β'	λ'

<sup>1</sup>Post hanc lineam add. VMPLADProc. haec aut similia: συνάγεται δὲ ἐκάστου αὐτῶν ὁ ἀριθμὸς οὕτως· Κρόνου μὲν μοῖραι νζ', Διὸς οθ', Ἄρεως ξς', Ἀφροδίτης πβ', Ἑρμοῦ ος'· γίνονται τς'.

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However, the terms most generally accepted on the authority of ancient tradition are given in the following fashion:—

*Terms according to the Egyptians.<sup>1</sup>*

Aries	ϛ 6	ϙ 6	Ϙ 8	ϛ 5	ϛ 5
Taurus	ϙ 8	Ϙ 6	ϛ 8	ϛ 5	ϛ 3
Gemini	Ϙ 6	ϛ 6	ϙ 5	ϛ 7	ϛ 6
Cancer	ϛ 7	ϙ 6	Ϙ 6	ϛ 7	ϛ 4
Leo	ϛ 6	ϙ 5	ϛ 7	ϙ 6	ϛ 6
Virgo	Ϙ 7	ϙ 10	ϛ 4	ϛ 7	ϛ 2
Libra	ϛ 6	Ϙ 8	ϛ 7	ϙ 7	ϛ 2
Scorpio	ϛ 7	ϙ 4	Ϙ 8	ϛ 5	ϛ 6
Sagittarius	ϛ 12	ϙ 5	Ϙ 4	ϛ 5	ϛ 4
Capricornus	Ϙ 7	ϛ 7	ϙ 8	ϛ 4	ϛ 4
Aquarius	Ϙ 7	ϙ 6	ϛ 7	ϛ 5	ϛ 5
Pisces	ϙ 12	ϛ 4	Ϙ 3	ϛ 9	ϛ 2

<sup>1</sup>The Greek tables on p. 96 show also, within each sign, the cumulative totals up to 30°; these have been omitted in the translation. Cf. p. 107, n. 1, and for the symbols p. xxv.

<sup>2</sup>Tabulas codicis Vat. gr. 1453 (Procli Paraphrasin continentis) secutus sum, cum illis quae ab Camerario impressae sunt congruentes solis lineis 26 et 28 (sub *Αιγύκερω*) exceptis ubi Cam. ϙ ζ' et ϛ ε' offert. Tabulae in PLMNAD inventae sunt; om. VE.

<κα.> Κατὰ Χαλδαίους

Ὁ δὲ Χαλδαϊκὸς τρόπος ἀπλὴν μὲν τινα ἔχει καὶ μᾶλλον πιθανήν, οὐχ οὕτω δὲ αὐταρκῆ<sup>1</sup> πρὸς τε<sup>2</sup> τὰς τῶν τριγώνων δεσποτίας ἀκολουθίαν<sup>3</sup> καὶ τὴν τῆς ποσότητος τάξιν, ὥστε μέντοι καὶ χωρὶς ἀναγραφῆς δύνασθαι ραδίως τινὰ<sup>4</sup> ἐπιβαλεῖν αὐταῖς. ἐν μὲν γὰρ τῷ πρώτῳ τριγώνῳ Κριῶ καὶ Λέοντι  
 46 καὶ Τοξότη τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχοντι παρ' αὐτοῖς κατὰ ζώδιον διαίρεσιν, πρῶτος μὲν λαμβάνει ὁ τοῦ τριγώνου κύριος, ὁ τοῦ Διός, εἶθ' ἐξῆς ὁ τοῦ ἐφεξῆς τριγώνου, λέγω δὴ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, ἐφεξῆς δὲ ὁ τῶν Διδύμων,<sup>5</sup> ὃ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· τελευταῖος δὲ ὁ τοῦ λοιποῦ τριγώνου κύριος, ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως. ἐν δὲ τῷ δευτέρῳ τριγώνῳ Ταύρω καὶ Παρθένῳ καὶ Λιγόκερῳ πάλιν τὴν αὐτὴν κατὰ ζώδιον ἔχοντι διαίρεσιν ὁ μὲν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης πρῶτος, εἶθ' ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου, πάλιν καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, μετὰ ταῦτα δὲ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως,

<sup>1</sup> τὴν τε post αὐταρκῆ add. PNCam., τῆς τε L, om. VMDE, τὴν ἀκολουθίαν A.

<sup>2</sup> πρὸς τε VMADE, τε om. PLNCam.

<sup>3</sup> τὴν ἀκολουθίαν VMDE.

<sup>4</sup> τινὰ VMADE (post δύνασθαι ME): om. PLNCam.

<sup>5</sup> ὁ τῶν Διδύμων VPLDProc., οἱ τ. Δ. ME, ὁ τοῦ τρίτου NCam.

<sup>1</sup> This method, as Bouché-Leclercq remarks (p. 210), is less "optimistic" than the Egyptian or the Ptolemaic method, because it assigned to the maleficent planets a larger number of terms and more first places in the various signs.

<sup>2</sup> The *Paraphrase* of Proclus, by connecting the ὥστε

21. *According to the Chaldaeans.*

The Chaldaean method<sup>1</sup> involves a sequence, simple, to be sure, and more plausible, though not so self-sufficient with respect to the government of the triangles and the disposition of quantity, so that, nevertheless, one could easily understand them even without a diagram.<sup>2</sup> For in the first triplicity, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, which has with them the same division by signs as with the Egyptians, the lord of the triplicity, Jupiter,<sup>3</sup> is the first to receive terms, then the lord of the next triangle, Venus, next the lord of the triangle of Gemini, Saturn, and Mercury, and finally the lord of the remaining triplicity, Mars. In the second triplicity, Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn, which again has the same division by signs, Venus is first, then Saturn, and again Mercury, after these Mars, and finally

clause solely with the expression *οὐχ οὕτω δὲ αὐταρκῆ κ.τ.λ.*, interprets this sentence to mean that because of the lack of self-sufficiency mentioned one cannot readily understand the Chaldaean system without a diagram. Against this view two considerations are to be urged: (1) the Chaldaean system actually is simplicity itself compared with those of the Egyptians and of Ptolemy; (2) the adversative *μέντοι* ("nevertheless," "in spite of all this") and the intrusive *καί* have no meaning in Proclus' interpretation of the passage. The *ὥστε* clause is really dependent upon all that precedes, not merely a portion of it. The anonymous commentator (p. 41, ed. Wolf) agrees with the present interpretation. What Ptolemy misses in the Chaldaean system is the elaborate accompaniment of justifying reasons, dear to his heart even in a pseudo-science.

<sup>3</sup> The sun is the diurnal ruler of this triplicity (see c. 18), but no terms are assigned to the luminaries. Similarly the moon is disregarded in the second and fourth triangles.

τελευταῖος δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διὸς σχεδὸν δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν λοιπῶν δύο τριγώνων ἢ τάξις ἤδη συννοῦνται. τῶν μέντοι τοῦ αὐτοῦ τριγώνου δύο κυρίων, λέγω δὲ τοῦ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τοῦ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, τὸ πρωτεῖον τῆς κατὰ τὸ οἰκεῖον τάξεως ἡμέρας μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου λαμβάνει, νυκτὸς δὲ ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ. καὶ ἡ καθ' ἕκαστον δὲ ποσότης ἀπλή τις οὔσα τυγχάνει. ἵνα γὰρ καθ' ὑπόθεσιν τῆς τῶν πρωτείων τάξεως καὶ ἡ ποσότης τῶν ἐκάστου ὀρίων μιᾷ μοίρα λείπηται τῆς προτεταγμένης, τῷ μὲν πρώτῳ πάντοτε διδόασιν μοίρας ἡ', τῷ δὲ δευτέρῳ ζ', τῷ δὲ τρίτῳ ς', τῷ δὲ τετάρτῳ ε', τῷ δὲ τελευταίῳ δ', συμπληρουμένων οὕτω τῶν κατὰ τὸ ζώδιον λ' μοιρῶν. συνάγονται δὲ καὶ ἐκ τούτων τοῦ μὲν Κρόνου μοῖραι ἡμέρας μὲν οἡ', νυκτὸς δὲ ξς'. τοῦ δὲ Διὸς οβ'. τοῦ δὲ Ἄρεως ξθ'. τῆς δὲ Ἀφροδίτης οε'. τοῦ δὲ Ἑρμοῦ ἡμέρας μὲν ξς', νυκτὸς δὲ οἡ'. γίνονται μοῖραι τξ'.

Τούτων μὲν οὖν τῶν ὀρίων ἀξιοπιστότερα, ὡς  
 47 ἔφαμεν, τυγχάνει<sup>1</sup> τὰ κατὰ τὸν Αἰγυπτιακὸν τρόπον καὶ διὰ τὸ τὴν συναγωγὴν αὐτῶν παρὰ τοῖς Αἰγυπτίοις συγγραφεῦσιν ὡς χρησίμην ἀναγραφῆς ἠξιῶσθαι καὶ διὰ τὸ συμφωνεῖν αὐτοῖς ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν τὰς μοῖρας τῶν ὀρίων ταῖς κατατεταγμέναις ὑπ' αὐτῶν παραδειγματικαῖς γενέσεσιν. αὐτῶν μέντοι τούτων τῶν συγγραφέων μηδαμῆ τὴν σύνταξιν αὐτῶν μηδὲ τὸν ἀριθμὸν ἐμφανισάντων, ὑποπτον ἂν

<sup>1</sup> ὡς ἔφαμεν τυγχάνει VPLNAD, φαμεν τυγχάνειν ME, om. Cam.



Jupiter. This arrangement in general is observed also in the remaining two triplicities.<sup>1</sup> Of the two lords of the same triplicity, however, Saturn and Mercury, by day<sup>2</sup> Saturn takes the first place in the order of ownership, by night Mercury. The number assigned to each is also a simple matter. For in order that the number of terms of each planet may be less by one degree than the preceding, to correspond with the descending order in which first place is assigned, they always assign 8° to the first, 7° to the second, 6° to the third, 5° to the fourth, and 4° to the last; thus the 30° of a sign is made up. The sum of the number of degrees thus assigned to Saturn is 78 by day and 66 by night, to Jupiter 72, to Mars 69, to Venus 75, to Mercury 66 by day and 78 by night; the total is 360 degrees.

Now of these terms those which are constituted by the Egyptian method are, as we said, more worthy of credence, both because in the form in which they have been collected by the Egyptian writers they have for their utility been deemed worthy of record, and because for the most part the degrees of these terms are consistent with the nativities which have been recorded by them as examples. As these very writers, however, nowhere explain their arrangement or their number, their failure to agree in an account

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* the order of the planets is always the same, but the leader (or pair of leaders, in the case of Saturn and Mercury) in one triangle is shifted to the last position when one comes to the next triangle. Hence, since the number of terms in each sign are also always 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, the Chaldaean system makes the assignment of terms exactly the same in the corresponding signs of each triangle.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* in a diurnal nativity.

εἰκότως καὶ εὐδιάβλητον αὐτῶν γένοιτο τὸ περὶ τὴν  
τάξιν ἀνομόλογον.<sup>1</sup> ἤδη μέντοι περιτετυχήκαμεν  
ἡμεῖς ἀντιγράφῳ παλαιῷ καὶ τὰ πολλὰ<sup>2</sup> διεφθαρ-  
μένῳ, περιέχοντι φυσικὸν καὶ σύμφωνον λόγον τῆς  
τάξεως καὶ τῆς ποσότητος αὐτῶν μετὰ τοῦ τὰς τε  
τῶν προειρημένων<sup>3</sup> γενέσεων μοιρογραφίας καὶ τὸν  
τῶν συναγωγῶν ἀριθμὸν σύμφωνον εὐρίσκεσθαι τῆ  
τῶν παλαιῶν ἀναγραφῇ. τὸ δὲ κατὰ λέξιν τοῦ  
βιβλίου πάνν μακρὸν ἦν καὶ μετὰ περιττῆς ἀποδεί-  
ξεως, ἀδιάγνωστον<sup>4</sup> δὲ διὰ τὸ διεφθάρθαι,<sup>5</sup> καὶ μόλις  
αὐτὴν τὴν τοῦ καθ' ὅλου προαίρεσιν δυνάμενον  
ἡμῖν ὑποτυπῶσαι· καὶ ταῦτα συνεφοδιαζούσης καὶ  
τῆς αὐτῶν τῶν ὀρίων ἀναγραφῆς μᾶλλον πως διὰ  
τὸ πρὸς τῷ τέλει τοῦ βιβλίου κατατετάχθαι δια-  
σεσωσμένης. ἔχει γοῦν ὁ τύπος τῆς ὅλης αὐτῶν  
48 ἐπιβολῆς τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον· ἐπὶ μὲν γὰρ τῆς  
τάξεως τῆς καθ' ἕκαστον δωδεκατημόριον παρα-  
λαμβάνεται τὰ τε ὑψώματα καὶ τὰ τρίγωνα καὶ οἱ  
οἴκοι. καθ' ὅλου μὲν γὰρ ὁ μὲν β' τούτων ἔχων  
ἀστὴρ οἰκοδεσποτίας<sup>6</sup> ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ζωδίῳ προ-  
τάττεται, κἂν κακοποιὸς ᾗ· ὅπου δὲ τοῦτο οὐ  
συμβαίνει οἱ μὲν κακοποιοὶ πάντοτε ἔσχατοι  
τάττονται, πρῶτοι δὲ οἱ τοῦ ὑψώματος κύριοι,  
εἶτα οἱ τοῦ τριγώνου, εἶτα οἱ τοῦ οἴκου ἀκολουθῶς

<sup>1</sup> ἀνομόλογον VPLD, ἀνομολόγητον MAE, ἀνωμολόγητον N Cam.

<sup>2</sup> κα' τὰ πολλὰ VMLAD, κατὰ πολλὰ PNECam.

<sup>3</sup> προειρημένων ME; προγειομένων PLN Cam. (πρω- P, -γιν- L); om. A; τῶν γενέσεων προειρημένας μοιρ. VD. Ll. 6-14 om. Proc.

<sup>4</sup> ἀδιάγνωστον MAE, ἀδιάσωστον alii Cam.

of the system might well become an object of suspicion and a subject for criticism. Recently, however, we have come upon an ancient manuscript, much damaged, which contains a natural and consistent explanation of their order and number, and at the same time the degrees reported in the aforesaid nativities and the numbers given in the summations were found to agree with the tabulation of the ancients. The book was very lengthy in expression and excessive in demonstration, and its damaged state made it hard to read, so that I could barely gain an idea of its general purport; that too, in spite of the help offered by the tabulations of the terms, better preserved because they were placed at the end of the book.<sup>1</sup> At any rate the general scheme of assignment of the terms is as follows. For their arrangement within each sign, the exaltations, triplicities, and houses are taken into consideration. For, generally speaking, the star that has two rulerships of this sort in the same sign is placed first, even though it may be maleficent. But wherever this condition does not exist, the maleficent planets are always put last, and the lords of the exaltation first, the lords of the triplicity next, and then those of the

<sup>1</sup> Ptolemy's ancient manuscript, therefore, if it really existed, was probably in the form of a roll, for there the last pages would be protected. The first and last pages of a codex would be liable to damage, since they would be outermost.

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<sup>5</sup> διὰ τὸ διεφθάρθαι VMADE, καὶ διεφθάρθαι PL, καὶ διεφθαρμένον NCam.

<sup>6</sup> οἰκοδεσποτ(ε)ίας VMADEProc.; om. alii.

τῆ ἐφεξῆς τάξει τῶν ζωδίων, πάλιν δὲ ἐφεξῆς οἱ ἀνὰ δύο ἔχοντες οἰκοδεσποτίας προταττόμενοι τοῦ μίαν ἔχοντος ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ ζωδίῳ. ὁ μέντοι Καρκίνος καὶ ὁ Λέων οἴκοι ὄντες ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης, ἐπεὶ οὐ δίδονται τοῖς φωσι ὄρια, ἀπονέμονται τοῖς κακοποιοῖς διὰ τὸ ἐν τῇ τάξει πλεονεκτεῖσθαι, ὁ μὲν Καρκίνος τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως, ὁ δὲ Λέων τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου, ἐν οἷς καὶ ἡ τάξις αὐτοῖς ἡ οἰκεία φυλάττεται. ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς ποσότητος τῶν ὀρίων, ὡς μὲν μηδενὸς εὐρισκομένου κατὰ δύο τρόπους κυρίου ἦτοι ἐν αὐτῷ τῷ ζωδίῳ ἢ καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἐφεξῆς μέχρι τεταρτημορίου, τοῖς μὲν ἀγαθοποιοῖς, τουτέστι τῷ τε τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐκάστω, δίδονται μοῖραι ζ', τοῖς δὲ κακοποιοῖς, τουτέστι τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἐκάστω μοῖραι ε', τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἐπικοίνῳ ὄντι μοῖραι σ', εἰς συμπλήρωσιν τῶν λ'.<sup>1</sup> ἐπεὶ δὲ ἔχουσί τινες αἰεὶ δύο λόγους, ὁ γὰρ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης μόνος γίνεται οἰκο-

49 δεσπότης τοῦ κατὰ τὸν Ταῦρον τριγώνου τῆς σελήνης εἰς τὰ ὄρια μὴ παραλαμβανομένης, προσδίδεται μὲν ἐκάστω τῶν οὕτως ἐχόντων ἂν τε ἐν αὐτῷ τῷ ζωδίῳ ἂν τε ἐν τοῖς ἐφεξῆς μέχρι τεταρτημορίου μοῖρα μία, οἷς καὶ παρέκειντο στιγμαί. ἀφαιροῦνται δὲ αἱ προστιθέμεναι τῆς διπλῆς ἀπὸ τῶν λοιπῶν καὶ μοναχῶν, ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ τοῦ Κρόνου, εἶτα καὶ τοῦ τοῦ Διός, διὰ τὸ

<sup>1</sup> Post λ' add. glossa in marg. codicis N et Cam.<sup>2</sup> εἴ γε μὴ ἔχουσί τινες δύο λόγους; om. libri omnes et Proclus.



house, following the order of the signs.<sup>1</sup> And again in order, those that have two lordships each are preferred to the one which has but one in the same sign. Since terms are not allotted to the luminaries, however, Cancer and Leo, the houses of the sun and moon, are assigned to the maleficent planets because they were deprived of their share in the order, Cancer to Mars and Leo to Saturn;<sup>2</sup> in these the order appropriate to them is preserved. As for the number of the terms, when no star is found with two prerogatives, either in the sign itself or in those which follow it within the quadrant, there are assigned to each of the beneficent planets, that is, to Jupiter and Venus, 7°; to the maleficent, Saturn and Mars, 5° each; and to Mercury, which is common, 6°; so that the total is 30°. But since some always have two prerogatives—for Venus alone becomes the ruler of the triplicity of Taurus, since the moon does not participate in the terms—there is given to each one of those in such condition, whether it be in the same sign or in the following signs within the quadrant, one extra degree; these were marked with dots.<sup>3</sup> But the degrees added for double prerogatives are taken away from the others, which have but one, and, generally speaking, from Saturn and Jupiter

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* in the order Aries, Taurus, Gemini, etc., which the Greeks called "the order of the following signs" and regarded as proceeding to the left.

<sup>2</sup> According to the anonymous commentator (p. 42, ed. Wolf), this is because Mars belongs to the nocturnal sect and Saturn to the diurnal, the leaders of which are, respectively, the moon and the sun.

<sup>3</sup> In Ptolemy's ancient manuscript; so says the anonymous commentator (p. 44, ed. Wolf).



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βραδύτερον αὐτῶν τῆς κινήσεως. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἡ  
τούτων τῶν ὀρίων ἕκθεσις τοιαύτη.

<sup>1</sup> Κριοῦ			Ταύρου			Διδύμων		
Ϝ	ς'	ς'	φ	ἦ'	ἦ'	φ	ζ'	ζ'
φ	ἦ'	ιδ'	φ	ζ'	ιε'	Ϝ	ς'	ιγ'
φ	ζ'	κα'	Ϝ	ζ'	κβ'	φ	ζ'	κ'
δ	ε'	κς'	ι <sub>2</sub>	β'	κδ'	δ	ς'	κς'
ι <sub>2</sub>	δ'	λ'	δ	ς'	λ'	ι <sub>2</sub>	δ'	λ'
Καρκίνου			Λέοντος			Παρθένου		
δ	ς'	ς'	Ϝ	ς'	ς'	φ	ζ'	ζ'
Ϝ	ζ'	ιγ'	φ	ζ'	ιγ'	φ	ς'	ιγ'
φ	ζ'	κ'	ι <sub>2</sub>	ς'	ιθ'	Ϝ	ε'	ιη'
φ	ζ'	κς'	φ	ς'	κε'	ι <sub>2</sub>	ς'	κδ'
ι <sub>2</sub>	γ'	λ'	δ	ε'	λ'	δ	ς'	λ'
Ζυγοῦ			Σκορπίου			Τοξότου		
ι <sub>2</sub>	ς'	ς'	δ	ς'	ς'	Ϝ	ἦ'	ἦ'
φ	ε'	ια'	φ	ζ'	ιγ'	φ	ς'	ιδ'
φ	ε'	ισ'	Ϝ	ἦ'	κα'	φ	ε'	ιθ'
Ϝ	ἦ'	κδ'	φ	ς'	κς'	ι <sub>2</sub>	ς'	κε'
δ	ς'	λ'	ι <sub>2</sub>	γ'	λ'	δ	ε'	λ'
Αἰγόκερω			Ὑδροχόου			Ἰχθύων		
φ	ς'	ς'	ι <sub>2</sub>	ς'	ς'	φ	ἦ'	ἦ'
φ	ς'	ιβ'	φ	ς'	ιβ'	Ϝ	ς'	ιδ'
Ϝ	ζ'	ιθ'	φ	ἦ'	κ'	φ	ς'	κ'
ι <sub>2</sub>	ς'	κε'	Ϝ	ε'	κε'	δ	ε'	κε'
δ	ε'	λ'	δ	ε'	λ'	ι <sub>2</sub>	ε'	λ'

<sup>1</sup>Tabulas quae in cod. Vat. gr. 1453 (Proeli Paraphrasin continentis) inventae sunt sequor. Hae cum illis quae ab Camerario impressae sunt congruunt solis ll. 4-5 sub Αἰγόκερω exceptis ubi ordo Camerarii est: δ ε', ι<sub>2</sub> ς'. Proclus autem non nullas notitias duplices habet, viz.: l. 4 sub Ταύρου, ι<sub>2</sub> β' aut δ'; l. 2 sub Καρκίνου φ aut Ϝ,

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because of their slower motion. The tabulation<sup>1</sup> of these terms is as follows :—

### *Terms according to Ptolemy.*

Aries	ϛ 6	Ϙ 8	ϙ 7	δ 5	η 4
Taurus	Ϙ 8	ϙ 7	ϛ 7	η 2	δ 6
Gemini	ϙ 7	ϛ 6	Ϙ 7	δ 6	η 4
Cancer	δ 6	ϛ 7	ϙ 7	Ϙ 7	η 3
Leo	ϛ 6	ϙ 7	η 6	Ϙ 6	δ 5
Virgo	ϙ 7	Ϙ 6	ϛ 5	η 6	δ 6
Libra	η 6	Ϙ 5	ϙ 5	ϛ 8	δ 6
Scorpio	δ 6	ϙ 7	ϛ 8	ϙ 6	η 3
Sagittarius	ϛ 8	Ϙ 6	ϙ 5	η 6	δ 5
Capricornus	Ϙ 6	ϙ 6	ϛ 7	η 6	δ 5
Aquarius	η 6	ϙ 6	Ϙ 8	ϛ 5	δ 5
Pisces	ϙ 8	ϛ 6	ϙ 6	δ 5	η 5

<sup>1</sup>The Greek tables contain, under each sign, (1) the name of the planet, (2) the number of its terms in this sign, and (3) the cumulative totals of terms, up to the 30° of the sign. The third detail has been omitted in the English tables. The anonymous commentator (pp. 44–47, ed. Wolf) demonstrates in detail how the assignment of terms is made.

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l. 3 ϛ aut ϙ; l. 3 sub Λέοντος η aut Ϙ; l. 3 sub Ζυγοῦ ϙ aut ϛ, ε' aut η', l. 4 ϛ aut ϙ, η' aut ε'; l. 2 sub Σκορπίου ϙ aut ϛ, ζ' aut η', l. 3 ϛ aut ϙ, η' aut ζ'; l. 4 sub Αἰγόκερω η aut δ, l. 5 δ aut η; l. 4 sub Ἰχθύων δ ε' aut γ', l. 5, η ε' aut δ'.

⟨κβ.⟩ Περὶ τόπων καὶ μοιρῶν<sup>1</sup>

Διείλον δέ τινες καὶ εἰς ἔτι τούτων λεπτομερέστερα τμήματα<sup>2</sup> τῆς οἰκοδεσποτίας, τόπους καὶ μοίρας ὀνομάσαντες, καὶ τόπον μὲν ὑποτιθέμενοι τὸ τοῦ δωδεκατημορίου δωδεκατημόριον, τουτέστι 50 μοίρας β' ἡμισυ,<sup>3</sup> καὶ διδόντες αὐτῶν τὴν κυρίαν τοῖς ἐφεξῆς ζωδίοις. ἄλλοι δὲ καὶ κατ' ἄλλας τινὰς ἀλόγους τάξεις, μοῖραν δὲ ἐκάστην<sup>4</sup> πάλιν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς ἐκάστῳ<sup>5</sup> διδόντες τῶν ἀστέρων ἀκολουθῶσας τῇ τάξει τῶν Χαλδαϊκῶν ὀρίων. ταῦτα μὲν οὖν πιθανὸν καὶ οὐ φυσικὸν ἀλλὰ κενόδοξον ἔχοντα λόγον παρήσομεν. ἐκεῖνο δὲ ἐπιστάσεως ἄξιον τυγχάνον οὐ παραλείψομεν, ὅτι καὶ τὰς τῶν δωδεκατημορίων ἀρχὰς ἀπὸ τῶν ἰσημερινῶν καὶ τῶν τροπικῶν σημείων εὐλογόν ἐστι ποιεῖσθαι, καὶ τῶν συγγραφέων τοῦτό πως ἐμφανισάντων, καὶ μάλιστα διότι τὰς φύσεις καὶ τὰς δυνάμεις καὶ τὰς συνοικειώσεις αὐτῶν ὀρώμεν ἐκ τῶν προαποδεδειγμένων ἀπὸ τῶν τροπικῶν καὶ ἰσημερινῶν ἀρχῶν

<sup>1</sup> Post tabulas add. VMDProc. haec aut similia: γίνεται δὲ καὶ τούτων ἐκ τῆς ἐπισυνθέσεως Κρόνου μοῖραι νζ', Διὸς οθ', Ἄρεως ξζ', Ἀφροδίτης πβ', Ἑρμοῦ ος'· γίνονται τξ'. Titulum habent VPLMADEProc.; om. NCam.

<sup>2</sup> τὰ τμήματα PLNCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀρχόμενοι ἀπὸ τοῦ δωδεκατημορίου καθ' ὃ ἐστὶν ὁ ἀστήρ add. NCam.; om. VPLMDEProc.; ἀρχόμενοι ἀπὸ τοῦ |||| καὶ διδόντες A. <sup>4</sup> ἐκάστην VMADE, -ω PLNCam.

<sup>5</sup> ἐκάστῳ VPLMADE, -ου NCam.

<sup>1</sup> After the tables and before this chapter-heading some of the MSS. have: "There result from the addition of

22. *Of Places and Degrees.*<sup>1</sup>

Some have made even finer divisions of rulership than these, using the terms "places" and "degrees." Defining "place" as the twelfth part of a sign, or  $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ , they<sup>2</sup> assign the domination over them to the signs in order. Others follow other illogical orders; and again they assign each "degree" from the beginning to each of the planets of each sign in accordance with the Chaldaean order of terms. These matters, as they have only plausible and not natural, but, rather, unfounded, arguments in their favour, we shall omit. The following, however, upon which it is worth while to dwell, we shall not pass by, namely, that it is reasonable to reckon the beginnings of the signs also from the equinoxes and solstices,<sup>3</sup> partly because the writers make this quite clear, and particularly because from our previous demonstrations we observe that their natures, powers, and familiarities take their cause from the solstitial

these, of Saturn,  $57^{\circ}$ ; of Jupiter,  $79^{\circ}$ ; of Mars,  $66^{\circ}$ ; of Venus,  $82^{\circ}$ ; of Mercury,  $76^{\circ}$ ; the total is  $360^{\circ}$ .

<sup>2</sup> One MS. and the printed editions insert here, "begin with the sign in which the star is and"; cf. the critical note.

<sup>3</sup> That is, Ptolemy's zodiac, made up of 12 divisions of  $30^{\circ}$  each, measured on the ecliptic from one of the solstices or equinoxes, is entirely different from the zodiac made up of signs determined by the actual constellations. Because of the precession of the equinoxes the two by no means coincide; and because the powers of the signs are derived from their relations to the solstitial and equinoctial points, says Ptolemy, the former definition of the zodiac is preferable. Cf. cc. 10-11, and the distinction between solstitial, equinoctial, solid, and bicorporeal signs, as an example of what he means.

καὶ οὐκ ἀπ' ἄλλου τινὸς ἐχούσας<sup>1</sup> τὴν αἰτίαν. ἄλλων μὲν γὰρ ἀρχῶν ὑποτιθεμένων ἢ μηκέτι συγχρῆσθαι ταῖς φύσεσιν αὐτῶν εἰς τὰς προτελέσεις ἀναγκασθησόμεθα ἢ συγχρώμενοι διαπίπτειν, παραβάντων καὶ ἀπαλλοτριωθέντων<sup>2</sup> τῶν τὰς δυνάμεις αὐτοῖς ἐμπεριποιησάντων τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ διαστημάτων.

«κγ.» Περὶ προσώπων καὶ λαμπηνῶν  
καὶ τῶν τοιούτων

Αἱ μὲν οὖν συνοικειώσεις τῶν ἀστέρων καὶ τῶν δωδεκατημορίων σχεδὸν ἄν εἶεν τοσαῦται. λέγονται δὲ καὶ ἰδιοπρόσωποι μὲν ὅταν ἕκαστος αὐτῶν τὸν αὐτὸν διασώζη πρὸς ἥλιον ἢ καὶ σελήνην σχηματισμὸν ὄνπερ καὶ ὁ οἶκος αὐτοῦ πρὸς τοὺς ἐκείνων οἴκους· οἶον ὅταν ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης λόγος ἔνεκεν ἐξάγωνον ποιῇ πρὸς τὰ φῶτα διάστασιν, ἀλλὰ πρὸς ἥλιον μὲν ἐσπέριος ὢν, πρὸς σελήνην δὲ ἐῶος, ἀκολουθῶς τοῖς ἐξ ἀρχῆς οἴκοις· λαμπήναις δὲ ἐν ἰδίαις εἶναι καὶ θρόνοις καὶ τοῖς τοιούτοις ὅταν κατὰ δύο ἢ καὶ πλείους τῶν προεκτεθειμένων

<sup>1</sup> ἔχοντας NCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπαλλοτριωθέντων VPLD ἀλλοτριωθέντων MNAECam. (ἄλλω- Cam.).

<sup>1</sup> Just as, with the precession of the equinoxes, the fictive sign Arics is now almost entirely in Pisces.

<sup>2</sup> The scholiast on Ptolemy says that, in addition to the conditions laid down by Ptolemy, a planet, to be in proper face, must also be in its own house and must be in the necessary aspect with *both* the luminaries (not with one of them, as Ptolemy says).



and equinoctial starting-places. and from no other source. For if other starting-places are assumed, we shall either be compelled no longer to use the natures of the signs for prognostications or, if we use them, to be in error. since the spaces of the zodiac which implant their powers in the planets would then pass over to others<sup>1</sup> and become alienated.

### 23. *Of Faces, Chariots, and the Like.*

Such, then, are the natural affinities of the stars and the signs of the zodiac. The planets are said to be in their "proper face"<sup>2</sup> when an individual planet keeps to the sun or moon the same aspect which its house has to their houses; as, for example, when Venus is in sextile to the luminaries, provided that she is occidental to the sun and oriental to the moon, in accordance with the original arrangement of their houses.<sup>3</sup> They are said to be in their own "chariots" and "thrones"<sup>4</sup> and the like when they

<sup>3</sup> Venus' solar house, Libra, is sextile dexter (*i.e.* toward the west) to Leo, the sun's house, and her lunar house, Taurus, is sextile sinister (*i.e.* toward the east) to the moon's house, Cancer.

<sup>4</sup> Ptolemy pays little attention to the thrones and chariots, which were apparently, as Bouché-Leclercq (p. 244) asserts, not to his taste as a scientific astrologer. In the Michigan astrological roll (P. Mich. 149, col. 3A, 22-34) the "thrones" are identified with the (astrological) exaltations and the depressions of the planets are called their "prisons" (*φυλακαί*): upon the thrones the planets have "royal power," in their prisons they "are abased and oppose their own powers." Sarapion (*CCAG.* viii. 4, p. 228, 25, and p. 231, 13) and Balbillus (*ibid.*, p. 237, 8) use the word *ἰδιοθρονεῖν*.

τρόπων συνοικειούμενοι τυγχάνωσι τοῖς τόποις ἐν οἷς καταλαμβάνονται, τότε<sup>1</sup> μάλιστα τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτῶν αὐξανομένης πρὸς ἐνέργειαν διὰ τὸ ὅμοιον καὶ συμπρακτικὸν τῆς τῶν περιεχόντων δωδεκατημορίων ὁμοφυοῦς οἰκειότητος.<sup>2</sup> χαίρειν δέ φασιν αὐτοὺς ὅταν κἂν μὴ πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἢ ἢ συνοικείωσι τῶν περιεχόντων ζωδίων ἀλλὰ μέντοι πρὸς τοὺς τῶν αὐτῶν αἰρέσεων, ἐκ μακροῦ μᾶλλον οὕτω γινομένης τῆς συμπαθείας. κοινωνοῦσι δὲ ὅμως καὶ κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον τῆς ὁμοιότητος· ὥσπερ ὅταν ἐν τοῖς ἡλλοτριωμένοις καὶ τῆς ἐναντίας αἰρέσεως τόποις καταλαμβάνονται, πολὺ παραλύεται τὸ τῆς οἰκείας αὐτῶν δυνάμεως, ἄλλην τινὰ φύσιν μικτὴν ἀποτελούσης τῆς κατὰ τὸ ἀνόμοιον τῶν περιεχόντων ζωδίων κράσεως.

52 <κδ.> Περὶ συναφειῶν καὶ ἀπορροιῶν  
καὶ τῶν ἄλλων δυνάμεων

Καὶ καθ' ὅλον δὲ συνάπτειν μὲν λέγονται τοῖς ἐπομένοις οἱ προηγούμενοι, ἀπερρυηκῆναι δὲ οἱ ἐπόμενοι τῶν προηγουμένων, ἐφ' ὅσον ἂν μὴ μακρὸν ἢ τὸ μεταξὺ αὐτῶν διάστημα. παραλαμβάνεται δὲ

<sup>1</sup> τότε γὰρ MNAECam.; γὰρ om. VPLD.

<sup>2</sup> ἰδιοθρονεῖν καὶ λάμπειν λέγονται add. MNAECam.; om. VPLD.

<sup>1</sup> Vettius Valens uses this word several times in a broader sense than that of this definition.

<sup>2</sup> I.e. are more occidental.

<sup>3</sup> συνάπτειν, *applicare* (noun *συναφή*, *applicatio*) is used of planets which are on or are closely approaching the same meridian. *κόλλησις* is a similar term. "Separation,"

happen to have familiarity in two or more of the aforesaid ways with the places in which they are found ; for then their power is most increased in effectiveness by the similarity and co-operation of the kindred property of the signs which contain them. They say they "rejoice"<sup>1</sup> when, even though the containing signs have no familiarity with the stars themselves, nevertheless they have it with the stars of the same sect ; in this case the sympathy arises less directly. They share, however, in the similarity in the same way ; just as, on the contrary, when they are found in alien regions belonging to the opposite sect, a great part of their proper power is paralysed, because the temperament which arises from the dissimilarity of the signs produces a different and adulterated nature.

#### 24. *Of Applications and Separations and the Other Powers.*

In general those which precede<sup>2</sup> are said to "apply"<sup>3</sup> to those which follow, and those that follow to "be separated" from those that precede, when the interval between them is not great.<sup>4</sup> Such

*ἀπόρροια*, *defluzio*, on the contrary, refers to the movement apart of two bodies after "application." *ἀπόρροια* is also used by astrologers to designate the "emanations" of the heavenly bodies which affect the earth and its inhabitants, as for example in Vettius Valens, p. 160, 6-7 ; 249, 3 ; 270, 24 ff. ; 330, 19 ff.

<sup>4</sup> Ashmand says this is generally understood to mean, when the heavenly bodies are within each other's orbs (Saturn 10°, Jupiter 12°, Mars 7° 30', sun 17°, Venus 8°, Mercury 7° 30', moon 12° 30'). The anonymous commentator mentions 15° as the maximum distance (p. 51, ed. Wolf).

τὸ τοιοῦτον ἔάν τε σωματικῶς ἔάν τε καὶ κατὰ τινα τῶν παραδεδομένων σχηματισμῶν συμβαίῃ, πλὴν ὅτι γε πρὸς μὲν τὰς δι' αὐτῶν τῶν σωμάτων συναφὰς καὶ ἀπορροίας καὶ τὰ πλάτη παρατηρεῖν αὐτῶν χρήσιμον εἰς τὸ μόνον τὰς ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ μέρη τοῦ διὰ μέσων εὐρισκομένης παρόδους παραδέχεσθαι. πρὸς δὲ τὰς διὰ τῶν συσχηματισμῶν<sup>1</sup> περιττόν ἐστι τὸ τοιοῦτον, πασῶν αἰεὶ τῶν ἀκτίνων ἐπὶ ταῦτά, τουτέστιν ἐπὶ τὸ κέντρον τῆς γῆς, φερομένων καὶ ὁμοίως πανταχόθεν συμβαλλουσῶν.

Ἐκ δὲ τούτων ἀπάντων εὐσύννοπτον ὅτι τὸ μὲν ποιὸν ἐκάστου τῶν ἀστέρων ἐπισκεπτέον ἔκ τε τῆς ἰδίας αὐτῶν φυσικῆς ἰδιοτροπίας καὶ ἔτι τῆς τῶν περιεχόντων δωδεκατημορίων, ἣ καὶ τῆς τῶν πρὸς τε τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὰς γωνίας σχηματισμῶν κατὰ τὸν ἐκτεθειμένον ἡμῖν περὶ πάντων τούτων τρόπον· τὴν δὲ δύναμιν πρῶτον μὲν ἐκ τοῦ ἥτοι ἀνατολικούς αὐτοὺς εἶναι καὶ προσθετικούς ταῖς ἰδίαις κινήσεσι,

<sup>1</sup> τὰς διὰ τῶν συσχηματισμῶν] τὸν γινόμενον σχηματισμὸν NCam.

<sup>1</sup> That is, when the planets themselves come to the same meridian, as opposed to the conjunction of one planet with the ray projected by another from the sextile, quartile, or trine aspect.

<sup>2</sup> The ecliptic bisects the zodiac longitudinally. Planets, to "apply" in the "bodily" sense, must both be to the north, or the south, of it; that is, in the same latitude. Cf. the anonymous commentator (pp. 50-51, ed. Wolf).

<sup>3</sup> See the note on iii. 10 concerning the projection of rays (ἀκτινοβολία). To judge from the remarks of the anonymous

a relation is taken to exist whether it happens by bodily conjunction<sup>1</sup> or through one of the traditional aspects, except that with respect to the bodily applications and separations of the heavenly bodies it is of use also to observe their latitudes, in order that only those passages may be accepted which are found to be on the same side of the ecliptic.<sup>2</sup> In the case of applications and separations by aspect, however, such a practice is superfluous, because all rays always fall and similarly converge from every direction upon the same point, that is, the centre of the earth.<sup>3</sup>

From all this, then, it is easy to see that the quality of each of the stars must be examined with reference both to its own natural character and that also of the signs that include it, or likewise from the character of its aspects to the sun and the angles, in the manner which we have explained. Their power must be determined, in the first place, from the fact that they are either oriental and adding to their proper motion<sup>4</sup>

commentator, the thought is that, while the rays of planets closely approaching each other but in different latitudes would miss each other, the rays of those in aspect in any case mingle at their common meeting-place, the centre of the earth.

<sup>4</sup> The theory of epicycles assigns to each planet at least one epicycle, on which it moves from west to east, while the centre of the epicycle likewise moves from west to east on the orbit, or deferent. Thus when the planet is in the outer semicircle of its epicycle (away from the earth) both motions will be in the same direction and the planet will be "adding to its motion"; conversely on the inner semicircle (toward the earth) the motion on the epicycle is in the opposite direction to that on the deferent and the apparent speed of the planet is diminished.



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τότε γὰρ μάλιστα εἰσιν ἰσχυροί· ἢ δυτικούς καὶ ἀφαιρετικούς, τότε γὰρ ἀσθενεστέραν ἔχουσι τὴν ἐνέργειαν· ἔπειτα καὶ ἐκ τοῦ πως ἔχειν πρὸς τὸν ὀρίζοντα, μεσουρανοῦντες μὲν γὰρ ἢ ἐπιφερόμενοι τῷ μεσουρανήματι μάλιστα εἰσι δυναμικοί· δεύτερον δὲ ὅταν ἐπ' αὐτοῦ τοῦ ὀρίζοντος ὦσιν ἢ ἐπαναφέρονται, καὶ μᾶλλον ὅταν ἐπὶ τοῦ ἀνατολικοῦ, ἤττον δὲ ὅταν ὑπὸ γῆν μεσουρανῶσιν ἢ ἄλλως συσχηματίζωνται τῷ ἀνατέλλοντι τόπῳ· μὴ οὕτω δὲ ἔχοντες ἀδύναμοι παντελῶς τυγχάνουσιν.

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### ⟨ἀ.⟩ Προοίμιον

Τὰ μὲν δὴ κυριώτερα τῶν πινακικῶς προεκτεθειμένων νῦν εἰς τὴν τῶν κατὰ μέρος προρρήσεων ἐπίσκεψιν ὡς ἐν κεφαλαίοις μέχρι τοσοῦτων ἡμῖν ἐφοδευέσθω, συνάψωμεν δὲ ἤδη κατὰ τὸ ἐξῆς τῆς ἀκολουθίας τὰς καθ' ἕκαστα τῶν εἰς τὸ δυνατόν τῆς τοιαύτης προρρήσεως ἐμπιπτόντων πραγματείας, ἐχόμενοι πανταχῇ τῆς κατὰ τὸν φυσικὸν τρόπον ὑφηγήσεως.

Εἰς δύο τοίνυν τὰ μέγιστα καὶ κυριώτατα μέρη διαιρουμένου τοῦ δι' ἀστρονομίας προγνωστικοῦ, καὶ πρώτου μὲν ὄντος καὶ γενικωτέρου τοῦ καθ'

—for then they are most powerful—or occidental and diminishing in speed, for then their energy is weaker. Second, it is to be determined from their position relative to the horizon ; for they are most powerful when they are in mid-heaven or approaching it, and second when they are exactly on the horizon or in the succedent place ;<sup>1</sup> their power is greater when they are in the orient, and less when they culminate beneath the earth or are in some other aspect to the orient ; if they bear no aspect <sup>2</sup> at all to the orient they are entirely powerless.

## BOOK II.

### 1. *Introduction.*

LET it be considered that thus far we have furnished in brief the most important details of the tabular exposition needful for the inquiry into particular prognostications. Let us now add in proper sequence the procedures for dealing in detail with those matters which lie within the limits of possibility of this kind of prognostication, holding everywhere to the natural method of exposition.

Since, then, prognostication by astronomical means is divided into two great and principal parts, and since the first and more universal is that which

<sup>1</sup>That is, the space of 30° ("place," or "house") immediately following, or rising next after, the horoscopic sign (*cf.* iii. 10, p. 273). This place is called the *ἐπαναφορά* of the horoscope.

<sup>2</sup>That is, if they are disjunct (*cf.* c. 16).

54 ὅλα ἔθνη καὶ χώρας καὶ πόλεις λαμβανομένου, ὃ καλεῖται καθολικόν, δευτέρου δὲ καὶ εἰδικωτέρου τοῦ καθ' ἓνα ἕκαστον τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὃ καὶ αὐτὸ καλεῖται γενεθλιαλογικόν, προσήκειν ἡγούμεθα περὶ τοῦ καθολικοῦ πρῶτον ποιήσασθαι τὸν λόγον, ἐπειδήπερ ταῦτα μὲν κατὰ μείζους καὶ ἰσχυροτέρας αἰτίας τρέπεσθαι πέφυκε μᾶλλον τῶν μερικῶς αποτελουμένων. ὑποπιπτουσῶν δὲ ἀεὶ τῶν ἀσθενεστέρων φύσεων ταῖς δυνατωτέραις καὶ τῶν κατὰ μέρος ταῖς καθ' ὅλου, παντάπασιν ἀναγκαῖον ἂν εἴη τοῖς προαιρουμένοις περὶ ἐνὸς ἐκάστου σκοπεῖν πολὺ πρότερον περὶ τῶν ὀλοσχερεστέρων περιειληφέναι.

Καὶ αὐτῆς δὲ τῆς καθολικῆς ἐπισκέψεως τὸ μὲν πάλιν κατὰ χώρας ὅλας λαμβάνεται, τὸ δὲ κατὰ πόλεις.<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἔτι τὸ μὲν κατὰ μείζους καὶ περιδικωτέρας περιστάσεις, οἷον πολέμων ἢ λιμῶν ἢ λοιμῶν<sup>2</sup> ἢ σεισμῶν ἢ κατακλυσμῶν καὶ τῶν τοιούτων· τὸ δὲ κατὰ ἐλάττους καὶ καιρικωτέρας,<sup>3</sup> οἳαί εἰσιν αἱ τῶν ἐτησίων ὥρων καὶ κατὰ τὸ μᾶλλον καὶ ἥττον ἀλλοιώσεις, περὶ τε ἀνέσεις ἢ ἐπιτάσεις χειμῶνων καὶ καυμάτων καὶ πνευμάτων εὐφορίας<sup>4</sup> τε καὶ ἀφορίας καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα. προηγείται δὲ καὶ τούτων εἰκότως ἑκατέρου τό τε<sup>5</sup> κατὰ χώρας ὅλας καὶ τὸ κατὰ μείζους περι-  
55 στάσεις διὰ τὴν αὐτὴν αἰτίαν τῇ προειρημένῃ·

<sup>1</sup> τὸ δὲ κατὰ χώρας καὶ κατὰ πόλεις NCam.Proc.; κατὰ χώρας καὶ om. libri alii.

<sup>2</sup> ἢ λιμῶν ἢ λοιμῶν VMD; καὶ λοιμ. καὶ λιμ. Proc.; ἢ λοιμ. ἢ λιμ. A; ἢ λοιμ. ἢ λοιμ. E, ἢ λοιμῶν PLNCam.

<sup>3</sup> καιρικωτέρας VAD, καιριωτέρας ME, cf. Proc.; μικροτέρας PLNCam.

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relates to whole races, countries, and cities, which is called general, and the second and more specific is that which relates to individual men, which is called genethliological. we believe it fitting to treat first of the general division, because such matters are naturally swayed by greater and more powerful causes than are particular events. And since weaker natures always yield to the stronger, and the particular always falls under the general,<sup>1</sup> it would by all means be necessary for those who purpose an inquiry about a single individual long before to have comprehended the more general considerations.

Of the general inquiry itself, a part, again, is found to concern whole countries, and a part to concern cities;<sup>2</sup> and further, a part deals with the greater and more periodic conditions, such as wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, deluges, and the like; and another with the lesser and more occasional, as for example the changes in temperature<sup>3</sup> in the seasons of the year, and the variations of the intensity of storms, heat, and winds, or of good and bad crops, and so on. But in each of these cases, as is reasonable, procedure by entire countries and by more important conditions is preferred, for the same reason as before. And since in the examination

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Or, as the variant reading has it, "to concern both countries and cities." See the *cr. n.*

<sup>3</sup> Literally, "variations of more and less."

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<sup>4</sup> ἡ εὐφορίας PLMNAE Cam, ἡ om. VD.

<sup>5</sup> σκοπεῖν ἢ τὸ λαμβάνεσθαι add. post τό τε Cam.<sup>2</sup>, om. libri Cam.<sup>1</sup>

πρὸς δὲ τὴν τούτων ἐπίσκεψιν μάλιστα παραλαμβανομένων δύο τούτων, τῆς τε τῶν δωδεκατημορίων τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ καὶ ἔτι τῆς τῶν ἀστέρων πρὸς ἕκαστα τῶν κλιμάτων συνοικειώσεως καὶ τῶν ἐν τοῖς οἰκείοις μέρεσι κατὰ καιροὺς γινομένων ἐπισημασιῶν, κατὰ μὲν τὰς συζυγίας ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης τῶν ἐκλειπτικῶν, κατὰ δὲ τὰς τῶν πλανωμένων παρόδους τῶν περὶ τὰς ἀνατολὰς καὶ τοὺς στηριγμούς, προεκθησόμεθα τὸν τῶν εἰρημένων συμπαθειῶν φυσικὸν λόγον, ἅμα παριστάντες ἐξ ἐπιδρομῆς<sup>1</sup> καὶ τὰς καθ' ὅλα ἔθνη θεωρουμένας ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν σωματικὰς τε καὶ ἠθικὰς ἰδιοτροπίας, οὐκ ἀλλοτρίας τυγχανούσας τῆς τῶν συνοικειουμένων ἀστέρων τε καὶ δωδεκατημορίων φυσικῆς περιστάσεως.

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Τῶν τοίνυν ἐθνικῶν ἰδιωμάτων τὰ μὲν καθ' ὅλους παραλλήλους καὶ γωνίας ὅλας διαιρεῖσθαι συμβέβηκε ὑπὸ τῆς πρὸς τὸν διὰ μέσων τῶν ζωδίων κύκλον καὶ τὸν ἥλιον αὐτῶν σχέσεως. τῆς γὰρ καθ' ἡμᾶς οἰκουμένης ἐν ἐνὶ τῶν βορείων τεταρτημορίων οὔσης, οἱ μὲν ὑπὸ τοὺς νοτιωτέρους παραλλήλους, λέγω δὲ τοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ ἰσημερινοῦ

<sup>1</sup> ἐπιδρομῆς VPLNDE, ὑποδρομῆς MA, περιδρομῆς Cam.

<sup>2</sup> κλίματα VPLMADProc., ἔθνη NCam.; tit. om. E.



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of these questions these two things particularly are taken into consideration, the familiarity of the signs of the zodiac and also of the stars with the several climes,<sup>1</sup> and the significances of heavenly bodies in their own proper regions<sup>2</sup> at a given time, manifested through the ecliptical conjunctions of the sun and moon and the transits<sup>3</sup> of the planets at rising and at their stationary periods, we shall first explain the natural reason for the aforesaid sympathies, and at the same time briefly survey the bodily and ethical peculiarities generally observed to belong to whole nations, which are not alien to the natural character of the stars and signs that are familiar to them.

### 2. *Of the Characteristics of the Inhabitants of the General Climes.*

The demarcation of national characteristics<sup>4</sup> is established in part by entire parallels and angles,<sup>5</sup> through their position relative to the ecliptic and the sun. For while the region which we inhabit is in one of the northern quarters, the people who live under the more southern parallels, that is, those

<sup>1</sup> Latitudes, or general regions determined by latitude.

<sup>2</sup> Such as houses (i. 17) or terms (i. 20-21).

<sup>3</sup> *πάροδοι*; the passage of a heavenly body through the zodiac.

<sup>4</sup> In the astrological ethnography which follows Ptolemy probably depends upon the Stoic Posidonius. Boll, *Studien*, pp. 181-238, enumerates many details in which, for this reason, Ptolemy here diverges from views expressed in the *Geography*.

<sup>5</sup> "Parallels" relate to latitude, *i.e.* position north or south; "angles" to position east or west.

μέχρι τοῦ θερινοῦ τροπικοῦ, κατὰ κορυφὴν λαμβανόντες τὸν ἥλιον καὶ διακαιόμενοι, μέλανες τὰ σώματα καὶ τὰς τρίχας οὐλοῖ τε καὶ δασεῖς καὶ τὰς μορφὰς συνεσπασμένοι καὶ τὰ μεγέθη συντετηγμένοι καὶ τὰς φύσεις θερμοὶ καὶ τοῖς ἥθεσιν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ἄγριοι τυγχάνουσι διὰ τὴν ὑπὸ καύματος συνέχειαν τῶν οἰκήσεων, οὓς δὴ καλοῦμεν κοινῶς<sup>1</sup> Αἰθίοπας. καὶ οὐ μόνον αὐτοὺς ὀρώμεν οὕτως ἔχοντας ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ περιέχον αὐτοὺς τοῦ ἀέρος κατάστημα καὶ τὰ ἄλλα ζῶα καὶ τὰ φυτὰ παρ' αὐτοῖς ἐμφανίζοντα τὴν διαπύρωσιν.<sup>2</sup>

Οἱ δὲ ὑπὸ τοὺς βορειοτέρους παραλλήλους, λέγω δὲ τοὺς ὑπὸ τὰς ἄρκτους τὸν κατὰ κορυφὴν ἔχοντες τόπον, πολὺ τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ καὶ τῆς τοῦ ἡλίου θερμότητος ἀφεστῶτες,<sup>3</sup> κατεψυγμένοι μὲν εἰσι διὰ τοῦτο, δαφιλεστέρας<sup>4</sup> δὲ μεταλαμβάνοντες τῆς ὑγρᾶς οὐσίας, θρεπτικωτάτης οὐσης καὶ ὑπὸ μηδενὸς ἀναπινομένης θερμότητος, λευκοὶ τε τὰ χρώματά εἰσι καὶ τετανοὶ τὰς τρίχας τὰ τε σώματα μεγάλοι καὶ εὐτραφεῖς τοῖς μεγέθεσι καὶ ὑπόψυχροι τὰς φύσεις, ἄγριοι δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ τοῖς ἥθεσι διὰ τὴν ὑπὸ τοῦ κρύους συνέχειαν τῶν οἰκήσεων. ἀκολουθεῖ δὲ τούτοις καὶ ὁ τοῦ περιέχοντος αὐτοὺς ἀέρος χειμῶν καὶ τῶν φυτῶν τὰ μεγέθη καὶ τὸ δυσήμερον τῶν ζώων. καλοῦμεν δὲ καὶ τούτους ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν Σκύθας.

Οἱ δὲ μεταξὺ τοῦ θερινοῦ τροπικοῦ καὶ τῶν ἄρκτων, μήτε κατὰ κορυφὴν γινομένου παρ' αὐτοῖς

<sup>1</sup> κοινῶς VMADEProc., om. alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup> διαπύρωσιν VDP(-πιρ-)L(-πιον-), τὸ διάπυρον Proc., διάθειν MNAECam.

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from the equator to the summer tropic, since they have the sun over their heads and are burned by it, have black skins and thick, woolly hair, are contracted in form and shrunken in stature, are sanguine of nature, and in habits are for the most part savage because their homes are continually oppressed by heat; we call them by the general name Ethiopians. Not only do we see them in this condition, but we likewise observe that their climate and the animals and plants of their region plainly give evidence of this baking by the sun.

Those who live under the more northern parallels, those, I mean, who have the Bears over their heads, since they are far removed from the zodiac and the heat of the sun, are therefore cooled; but because they have a richer share of moisture, which is most nourishing and is not there exhausted by heat, they are white in complexion, straight-haired, tall and well-nourished, and somewhat cold by nature; these too are savage in their habits because their dwelling-places are continually cold. The wintry character of their climate, the size of their plants, and the wildness of their animals are in accord with these qualities. We call these men, too, by a general name, Scythians.

The inhabitants of the region between the summer tropic and the Bears, however, since the sun is

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<sup>3</sup> ἀφροσώτες VD, -τα A, διεστηκότες NLCam., διεστηκώτες P, -κότα ME; cf. ἀπέχει PROS.

<sup>4</sup> δαφιλεστέρας VMDE, -ρωσ LNACam., δαψηλέσταιρος

57 τοῦ ἡλίου μήτε πολὺ κατὰ τὰς μεσημβρινὰς παρ-  
 ὁδοὺς ἀφισταμένου, τῆς τε τῶν ἀέρων εὐκρασίας  
 μετειλήφασι, καὶ αὐτῆς μὲν διαφερούσης ἄλλ' οὐ  
 σφόδρα μεγάλην τὴν παραλλαγὴν τῶν καυμάτων  
 πρὸς τὰ ψύχη λαμβανούσης. ἔνθεν τοῖς χρώμασι  
 μέσοι καὶ τοῖς μεγέθεσι μέτριοι καὶ ταῖς φύσεσιν  
 εὐκρατοὶ καὶ ταῖς οἰκήσεσι συνεχεῖς καὶ τοῖς ἤθεσιν  
 ἡμεροὶ τυγχάνουσι. τούτων δὲ οἱ πρὸς νότον ὡς  
 ἐπὶ πᾶν ἀγχινούστεροι καὶ εὐμήχανοι μᾶλλον καὶ  
 περὶ τὴν τῶν θείων ἱστορίαν ἱκανώτεροι διὰ τὸ  
 συνεγγίζειν αὐτῶν τὸν κατὰ κορυφὴν τόπον τοῦ  
 ζωδιακοῦ καὶ τῶν περὶ αὐτὸν πλανωμένων ἀστέρων,<sup>1</sup>  
 οἷς οἰκείως καὶ αὐτοὶ τὰς ψυχικὰς κινήσεις εὐεπη-  
 βόλους<sup>2</sup> τε ἔχουσι καὶ διερευνητικὰς καὶ τῶν ἰδίως  
 καλουμένων μαθημάτων περιοδευτικὰς. καὶ τούτων  
 δὲ πάλιν οἱ μὲν πρὸς ἔω μᾶλλον εἰσιν ἡρρενωμένοι καὶ  
 εὐτονοὶ τὰς ψυχὰς<sup>3</sup> καὶ πάντα ἐκφαίνοντες, ἐπειδὴ  
 τὰς ἀνατολὰς ἂν τις εἰκότως τῆς ἡλιακῆς φύσεως  
 ὑπολάβοι<sup>1</sup> καὶ τὸ μέρος ἐκεῖνο ἡμερινόν τε καὶ  
 ἄρρενικόν καὶ δεξιόν, καθ' ὃ κὰν τοῖς ζώοις ὀρώμεν  
 τὰ δεξιὰ μέρη μᾶλλον ἐπιτηδειότητα ἔχοντα πρὸς  
 ἰσχὺν καὶ εὐτονίαν. οἱ δὲ πρὸς ἐσπέραν τεθηλυσ-  
 μένοι μᾶλλον εἰσι καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς ἀπαλώτεροι καὶ  
 τὰ πολλὰ κρύπτοντες, ἐπειδὴ πάλιν τοῦτο τὸ μέρος  
 58 σεληνιακὸν τυγχάνει, πάντοτε τῆς σελήνης τὰς

<sup>1</sup> τῷ ζωδιακῷ καὶ τοῖς πλανωμένοις περὶ αὐτὸν ἀστράσιν NCam.

<sup>2</sup> εὐεπιβόλους VPLD.

<sup>3</sup> ταῖς ψυχαῖς PLNCam.

<sup>4</sup> διὰ τοῦτο post ὑπολάβοι xdi. NACam.



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neither directly over their heads nor far distant at its noon-day transits, share in the equable temperature of the air, which varies, to be sure, but has no violent changes from heat to cold. They are therefore medium in colouring, of moderate stature, in nature equable, live close together, and are civilized in their habits. The southernmost of them<sup>1</sup> are in general more shrewd and inventive, and better versed in the knowledge of things divine because their zenith is close to the zodiac and to the planets revolving about it. Through this affinity the men themselves are characterized by an activity of the soul which is sagacious, investigative, and fitted for pursuing the sciences specifically called mathematical. Of them, again, the eastern group are more masculine, vigorous of soul, and frank in all things,<sup>2</sup> because one would reasonably assume that the orient partakes of the nature of the sun.<sup>3</sup> This region therefore is diurnal, masculine, and right-handed, even as we observe that among the animals too their right-hand parts are better fitted for strength and vigour. Those to the west are more feminine, softer of soul, and secretive, because this region, again, is lunar, for it is always in the west that the

<sup>1</sup>The anonymous commentator (p. 56, ed. Wolf) says that he means the Egyptians and the Chaldaeans, and is referring to the fact that they discovered astrology.

<sup>2</sup>This phrase (*πάντα ἐκφαίνοντες*) is contrasted with *τὰ πολλὰ κρύπτοντες*, below. The anonymous commentator says that some understood it to refer to the freedom of speech of the eastern group; others, to their gift of felicitous expression.

<sup>3</sup>*Cf.* i. 6; not only the sun, but also the oriental quadrant, is masculine.



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πρώτας ἐπιτολὰς καὶ<sup>1</sup> ἀπὸ συνόδου φαντασίας ἀπὸ λιβὸς ποιουμένης. διὰ δὴ τοῦτο νυκτερινὸν δοκεῖ κλίμα θηλυκὸν<sup>2</sup> καὶ εὐώνυμον ἀντικειμένως τῷ ἀνατολικῷ.

Ἦδη δέ τινες καὶ ἐν ἐκάστοις τούτοις τῶν ὄλων μερῶν<sup>3</sup> ἰδιότροποι περιστάσεις ἡθῶν καὶ νομίμων φυσικῶς ἐξηκολούθησαν. ὥσπερ γὰρ ἐπὶ τῶν τοῦ περιέχοντος καταστημάτων καὶ ἐν τοῖς<sup>4</sup> ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν κατειλεγμένοις θερμοῖς ἢ ψυχροῖς ἢ εὐκράτοις καὶ κατὰ μέρος ἰδιάζουσι τόποι καὶ χῶραί τινες ἐν τῷ μᾶλλον ἢ ἦττον ἦτοι διὰ θέσεως τάξιν ἢ ὕψος ἢ ταπεινότητα ἢ διὰ παράθεσιν· ἔτι δὲ ὡς ἰππικοί τινες μᾶλλον διὰ τὸ τῆς χώρας πεδινόν, καὶ ναυτικοὶ διὰ τὴν τῆς θαλάττης ἐγγύτητα, καὶ ἡμεροὶ διὰ τὴν τῆς χώρας εὐθηνίαν, οὕτω καὶ ἐκ τῆς πρὸς τοὺς ἀστέρας κατὰ τὰ δωδεκατημόρια φυσικῆς τῶν κατὰ μέρος κλιμάτων<sup>5</sup> συνοικειώσεως ἰδιοτρόπους ἂν τις εὔροι φύσεις παρ' ἐκάστοις, καὶ αὐτὰς δὲ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν οὐχ ὡς καὶ καθ' ἓνα ἕκαστον πάντως ἐνυπαρχούσας. ἀναγκαῖον οὖν ἐφ' ὧν ἂν εἶη χρήσιμον πρὸς τὰς κατὰ μέρος ἐπισκέψεις κεφαλαιωδῶς ἐπελθεῖν.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> καὶ om. NAECam.

<sup>2</sup> κλίμα θηλυκὸν om. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ὄλων μερῶν VMADE, δώδεκα μερῶν PL, δωδεκατημορίων NCam.

<sup>4</sup> τοῖς VD, αὐτοῖς PMNAECam., om. L.

<sup>5</sup> κλιμάτων VLMADE, λημμάτων PNCam.

<sup>6</sup> Post ἐπελθεῖν capituli titulum habent VMADProc.

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moon emerges and makes its appearance after conjunction. For this reason it appears to be a nocturnal clime, feminine, and, in contrast with the orient, left-handed.

And now in each of these general regions certain special conditions of character and customs<sup>1</sup> naturally ensue. For as likewise, in the case of the climate, even within the regions that in general are reckoned as hot, cold, or temperate, certain localities and countries have special peculiarities of excess or deficiency by reason of their situation, height, lowness, or adjacency; and again, as some peoples are more inclined to horsemanship because theirs is a plain country, or to seamanship because they live close to the sea, or to civilization because of the richness of their soil, so also would one discover special traits in each arising from the natural familiarity of their particular climes with the stars in the signs of the zodiac. These traits, too, would be found generally present, but not in every individual. We must, then, deal with the subject summarily, in so far as it might be of use for the purpose of particular investigations.

<sup>1</sup>*I.e.* variations from the normal or general characteristics of the whole region.

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<γ.> Περὶ τῆς τῶν χωρῶν πρὸς τὰ τρί-  
γωνα καὶ τοὺς ἀστέρας συνοικειώσεως

Τεττάρων δὴ τριγωνικῶν σχημάτων ἐν τῷ  
59 ζωδιακῷ θεωρουμένων, ὡς δέδεικται διὰ τῶν ἔμ-  
προσθεν ἡμῖν, ὅτι τὸ μὲν κατὰ Κριὸν καὶ Λέοντα  
καὶ Τοξότην βορρολυβυκόν τέ ἐστι καὶ οἰκοδεσπο-  
τεῖται μὲν προηγουμένως ὑπὸ τοῦ τοῦ Διὸς διὰ  
τὸ βόρειον, συνοικοδοεσποτεῖται δὲ καὶ ὑπὸ τοῦ  
Ἄρεως διὰ τὸ λιβυκόν· τὸ δὲ κατὰ τὸν Ταῦρον  
καὶ τὴν Παρθένον καὶ τὸν Αἰγόκερων νοταπηλι-  
ωτικόν τέ ἐστι καὶ οἰκοδεσποτεῖται πάλιν προ-  
ηγουμένως μὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης διὰ τὸ νότιον,  
συνοικοδοεσποτεῖται δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ Κρόνου διὰ τὸ  
ἀπηλιωτικόν· τὸ δὲ κατὰ τοὺς Διδύμους καὶ τὰς  
Χηλὰς καὶ τὸν Ὑδροχόον βορραπηλιωτικόν τέ  
ἐστι καὶ οἰκοδεσποτεῖται προηγουμένως μὲν ὑπὸ  
τοῦ Κρόνου διὰ τὸ ἀπηλιωτικόν, συνοικοδοεσποτεῖται  
δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ Διὸς διὰ τὸ βόρειον· τὸ δὲ κατὰ τὸν  
Καρκίνον καὶ τὸν Σκορπίον καὶ τοὺς Ἰχθύς νοτο-  
λιβυκόν τέ ἐστι καὶ οἰκοδεσποτεῖται προηγουμένως  
μὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ τοῦ Ἄρεως διὰ τὸ λιβυκόν, συνοικο-  
δεσποτεῖται δὲ ὑπὸ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης διὰ τὸ  
νότιον—

Τούτων δὲ οὕτως ἐχόντων διαιρουμένης τε τῆς  
καθ' ἡμᾶς οἰκουμένης εἰς τέτταρα τεταρτημόρια,  
τοῖς τριγώνοις ἰσάριθμα, κατὰ μὲν πλάτος ὑπὸ τε  
τῆς καθ' ἡμᾶς θαλάττης ἀπὸ τοῦ Ἡρακλείου  
πορθμοῦ μέχρι τοῦ Ἰσσυκίου κόλπου καὶ τῆς ἐφεξῆς

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### 3. *Of the Familiarities between Countries and the Triplicities and Stars.*

Now of the four triangular formations recognized in the zodiac, as we have shown above,<sup>1</sup> the one which consists of Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius is north-western, and is chiefly dominated by Jupiter on account of the north wind, but Mars joins in its government because of the south-west wind. That which is made up of Taurus, Virgo, and Capricornus is south-eastern, and again is governed primarily by Venus on account of the south wind, but conjointly by Saturn because of the east wind. The one consisting of Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius is north-eastern and is governed primarily by Saturn because of the east wind, and conjointly by Jupiter because of the north wind. The triangle of Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces is south-western and is governed primarily, because of the west wind, by Mars, who is joined by Venus as co-ruler on account of the south wind.

As this is so, and since our inhabited world is divided into four quarters,<sup>2</sup> equal in number to the triangles, and is divided latitudinally by our sea from the Straits of Hercules<sup>3</sup> to the Gulf of Issus and the mountainous ridge adjacent on the east,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 18.

<sup>2</sup> Cardanus, p. 181, diagrammatically figures the "inhabited world" as a trapezium, narrower at the top (north) than the bottom, and bounded by arcs; this is divided into quadrants by north-south and east-west lines. The "parts closer to the centre" are then marked off by lines joining the ends of the two latter, dividing each quadrant and producing 4 right-angled triangles at the centre.

<sup>3</sup> Straits of Gibraltar.

<sup>4</sup> Probably the Taurus range.

πρὸς ἀνατολὰς ὄρεινῆς ράχεως,<sup>1</sup> ὑφ' ὧν χωρίζεται τό τε νότιον καὶ τὸ βόρειον αὐτῆς μέρος, κατὰ δὲ μῆκος ὑπὸ τοῦ Ἀραβικοῦ κόλπου, διὰ καὶ τοῦ  
 60 Αἰγαίου πελάγους καὶ Πόντου καὶ τῆς Μαιώτιδος λίμνης, ὑφ' ὧν χωρίζεται τό τε ἀπηλιωτικὸν καὶ τὸ λιβυκὸν μέρος, γίνεται τεταρτημόρια τέτταρα, σύμφωνα τῇ θέσει τῶν τριγώνων· ἐν μὲν πρὸς βορρολίβα<sup>2</sup> τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης κείμενον, τὸ κατὰ τὴν Κελτογαλατίαν, ὃ δὴ κοινῶς Εὐρώπην καλοῦμεν· τούτῳ δὲ ἀντικείμενον καὶ πρὸς τὸν νοταπηλιώτην τὸ κατὰ τὴν ἑῶαν Αἰθιοπίαν, ὃ δὴ τῆς μεγάλης Ἀσίας νότιον μέρος ἂν καλοῖτο· καὶ πάλιν τὸ μὲν πρὸς βορραπηλιώτην τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης τὸ κατὰ τὴν Σκυθίαν, ὃ δὴ καὶ αὐτὸ βόρειον μέρος τῆς μεγάλης Ἀσίας γίνεται· τὸ δὲ ἀντικείμενον τούτῳ καὶ πρὸς λιβόνοτον ἄνεμον τὸ κατὰ τὴν ἑσπερίαν Αἰθιοπίαν, ὃ δὴ κοινῶς Λιβύην καλοῦμεν.

Πάλιν δὲ καὶ ἐκάστου τῶν προκειμένων τεταρτημορίων τὰ μὲν πρὸς τὸ μέσον μᾶλλον ἐσχηματισμένα τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης τὴν ἐναντίαν λαμβάνει θέσιν<sup>3</sup> πρὸς αὐτὸ τὸ περιέχον τεταρτημορίον, ὥσπερ<sup>4</sup> ἐκεῖνο πρὸς ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην, τοῦ τε κατὰ τὴν Εὐρώπην πρὸς βορρολίβα κείμενου τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης τὰ περὶ τὸ μέσον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀντιγώνια πρὸς νοταπηλιώτην τοῦ αὐτοῦ τεταρτημορίου τὴν θέσιν ἔχοντα φαίνεται. καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἄλλων ὁμοίως, ὡς

<sup>1</sup> ράχεως VMADÉ, ραχείας NCam., ραχαίας PL.

<sup>2</sup> βορράν καὶ λίβα NMECam.

<sup>3</sup> θέσιν VMADÉ, φύσιν PNCam., om. L.

<sup>4</sup> ὥσπερ VD, ἤπερ NCam., ἤπερ PLMAE. Cf. Proc.: ἐναντίως κεῖται πρὸς . . . καθ' ὥσπερ ἐκεῖνο . . . κεῖται κτλ.



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and by these its southern and northern portions are separated, and in longitude by the Arabian Gulf, the Aegean Sea, the Pontus,<sup>1</sup> and the Lake Maeotis, whereby the eastern and western portions are separated, there arise four quarters, and these agree in position with the triangles. The first quarter lies in the north-west of the whole inhabited world; it embraces Celtic Gaul<sup>2</sup> and we give it the general name Europe. Opposite this is the south-eastern quarter; this includes eastern Ethiopia,<sup>3</sup> which would be called the southern part of Greater Asia. Again, the north-eastern quarter of the whole inhabited world is that which contains Scythia, which likewise is the northern part of Greater Asia; and the quarter opposite this and toward the south-west wind, the quarter of western Ethiopia, is that which we call by the general term Libya.

Again, of each of the aforesaid quarters the parts which are placed closer to the centre of the inhabited world are placed in a contrary fashion with respect to the surrounding quarters, just as are the latter in comparison with the whole world; and since the European quarter lies in the north-west of the whole world, the parts about the centre, which are allied to the opposite angle, obviously are situated in the south-east part of the quarter. The

<sup>1</sup> The Pontus Euxinus, or Black Sea. The Lake Maeotis is the Sea of Azov.

<sup>2</sup> As opposed to Galatia in Asia Minor.

<sup>3</sup> The designation of India as "Eastern Ethiopia" is at variance with Ptolemy's *Geography*, and a mark of the influence of Posidonius (Boll, *Studien*, pp. 211-212). The distinction of two Ethiopias rests on the well-known Homeric passage, *Odyssey*, i. 22-24.

ἐκ τούτων ἕκαστον τῶν τεταρτημορίων δυσι τοῖς ἀντικειμένοις τριγώνοις συνοικειοῦσθαι· τῶν μὲν 61 ἄλλων μερῶν πρὸς τὴν καθ' ὄλου πρόσνευσιν ἐφαρμοζομένων, τῶν δὲ περὶ τὸ μέσον πρὸς τὴν κατ' αὐτὸ τὸ μέρος ἀντικειμένην συμπαραλαμβανομένων πρὸς τὴν οἰκείωσιν, καὶ τῶν ἐν τοῖς οἰκείοις τριγώνοις τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν ἔχόντων ἀστέρων, ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν ἄλλων οἰκῆσεων πάλιν αὐτῶν μόνων,<sup>1</sup> ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν περὶ τὸ μέσον τῆς οἰκουμένης κάκεινων καὶ ἔτι τοῦ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ διὰ τὸ μέσον καὶ κοινὸν αὐτὸν ὑπάρχειν τῶν αἰρέσεων.

Ἐκ δὲ τῆς <sup>2</sup> τοιαύτης διατάξεως τὰ μὲν ἄλλα μέρη τοῦ πρώτου τῶν τεταρτημορίων, λέγω δὲ τοῦ κατὰ τὴν Εὐρώπην, πρὸς βορρολίβα κείμενα τῆς ὄλης <sup>3</sup> οἰκουμένης, συνοικειοῦται μὲν τῷ βορρολιβυκῷ τριγώνῳ τῷ κατὰ τὸν Κριὸν καὶ Λέοντα καὶ Τοξότην, οἰκοδεσποτεῖται δὲ εἰκότως ὑπὸ τῶν κυρίων τοῦ τριγώνου Διὸς καὶ Ἄρεως ἐσπερίων. ἔστι δὲ ταῦτα καθ' ὅλα ἔθνη λαμβανόμενα Βρεττανία, Γαλατία, Γερμανία, Βασταρνία, Ἰταλία, Γαλλία, Ἀπουλία,

<sup>1</sup> μόνων VPLNE, -ον MADCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐκ δὲ τῆς κτλ. VPLMADE; cf. Proc.; ἐν δὲ τῇ κτλ. NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ὄλης VMADEProc.; om. PLNCam.

<sup>1</sup> Cardanus (p. 182) gives four reasons why Mercury governs these central portions; that he may have some dominion in the world; because the inhabitants of the central regions are more given to the arts and sciences, of which Mercury is the patron; because they are addicted to commerce, likewise in Mercury's field; and because Mercury's nature lies midway between those of the other four planets.

<sup>2</sup> That Jupiter and Mars must be in the occidental

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same holds of the other quarters, so that each of them is related to two oppositely situated triangles; for while the other parts are in harmony with the general inclination of the quarter, the portions at the centre [of the world] share in familiarity with the opposite inclination, and, again, of the stars that govern in their own triangles, in all the other domiciles they alone govern, but in the parts about the centre of the world likewise the other group, and Mercury besides,<sup>1</sup> because he is mid-way between and common to the two sects.

Under this arrangement, the remainder of the first quarter, by which I mean the European quarter, situated in the north-west of the inhabited world, is in familiarity with the north-western triangle, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, and is governed, as one would expect, by the lords of the triangle, Jupiter and Mars, occidental.<sup>2</sup> In terms of whole nations these parts consist of Britain, (Transalpine) Gaul, Germany, Bastarnia,<sup>3</sup> Italy, (Cisalpine) Gaul, Apulia,

position is an additional requirement which does not appear in the original statement of the government of the triangles. Cardanus, p. 182, points out that in Ptolemy's scheme Jupiter governs the whole north, Venus the south, Saturn the east, and Mars the west, but in the first quadrant Mars and Jupiter dominate *non simpliciter, sed occidentales*, in the second, Saturn and Venus, not absolutely, but in oriental aspects, and so on. This, he says, is to display the variety of the customs of the nations, for a planet in oriental aspect is so different from the same planet occidental that practically it is two planets instead of one.

<sup>3</sup> The south-western part of Russia and southern Poland. Boll, *op. cit.*, p. 197, n. 2, points out that Hephaestion, who follows Ptolemy closely, and Proclus do not mention Bastarnia, and that the name may not have been in Ptolemy's original text.

Σικελία, Τυρρηνία, Κελτική, Ἰσπανία. εἰκότως δὲ τοῖς προκειμένοις ἔθνεσιν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν συνέπεσε,<sup>1</sup> διὰ τε τὸ ἀρχικὸν τοῦ τριγώνου καὶ τοὺς συνοικοδεσποτήσαντας ἀστέρας, ἀνυποτάκτοις<sup>2</sup> τε εἶναι καὶ φιλελευθέροις καὶ φιλόπλοις καὶ φιλοπόνους καὶ πολεμικωτάτοις καὶ ἡγεμονικοῖς καὶ καθαροῖς καὶ μεγαλοψύχοις· διὰ μέντοι τὸν ἐσπέριον σχηματισμὸν Διὸς καὶ Ἄρεως, καὶ ἔτι διὰ τὸ τοῦ προκειμένου  
 52 τριγώνου τὰ μὲν ἐμπρόσθια ἡρρενῶσθαι, τὰ δὲ ὀπίσθια τεθηλύσθαι, πρὸς μὲν τὰς γυναῖκας ἀζήλοις αὐτοῖς εἶναι συνέπεσε<sup>3</sup> καὶ καταφρονητικοῖς τῶν ἀφροδισίων, πρὸς δὲ τὴν τῶν ἀρρένων συνουσίαν κατακορεστέροις τε καὶ μᾶλλον ζηλοτύποις· αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς διατιθεμένοις μήτε αἰσχροὺς ἡγεῖσθαι τὸ γινόμενον μήτε ὡς ἀληθῶς ἀνάνδρους διὰ τοῦτο καὶ μαλακοῖς ἀποβαίνειν, ἔνεκεν τοῦ μὴ παθητικῶς διατίθεσθαι, συντηρεῖν δὲ τὰς ψυχὰς ἐπάνδρους καὶ κοινωνικὰς καὶ πιστὰς καὶ φιλοικεῖους καὶ εὐεργετικὰς. καὶ τούτων δὲ αὐτῶν τῶν χωρῶν Βρεττανία μὲν καὶ Γαλατία καὶ Γερμανία καὶ Βασταρνία μᾶλλον τῷ Κριῶ συνοικεῖονται καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· ὅθεν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν οἱ ἐν αὐταῖς ἀγριώτεροι καὶ ἀνθαδέστεροι καὶ θηριώδεις τυγχάνουσιν. Ἰταλία δὲ καὶ Ἀπουλία, Γαλλία καὶ Σικελία τῷ Λέοντι καὶ τῷ ἡλίῳ· διόπερ ἡγεμονικοὶ μᾶλλον

<sup>1</sup> συνέπεσε VADE, συνέπεται alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀνυποτάκτοις κτλ. VMADE, -ους PLN Cam.

<sup>3</sup> συνέπεσε(ν) VADE, συνέπεται PLN, om. MCam.

<sup>1</sup> Tuscany.

<sup>2</sup> Probably western Spain (Boll, *op. cit.*, p. 205).



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Sicily, Tyrrhenia,<sup>1</sup> Celtica,<sup>2</sup> and Spain. As one might expect, it is the general characteristic of these nations, by reason of the predominance of the triangle and the stars which join in its government, to be independent, liberty-loving, fond of arms, industrious, very warlike, with qualities of leadership, cleanly, and magnanimous. However, because of the occidental aspect of Jupiter and Mars, and furthermore because the first parts of the aforesaid triangle are masculine and the latter parts feminine,<sup>3</sup> they are without passion for women<sup>4</sup> and look down upon the pleasures of love, but are better satisfied with and more desirous of association with men. And they do not regard the act as a disgrace to the paramour, nor indeed do they actually become effeminate and soft thereby, because their disposition is not perverted, but they retain in their souls manliness, helpfulness, good faith, love of kinsmen, and benevolence. Of these same countries Britain, (Transalpine) Gaul, Germany, and Bastarnia are in closer familiarity with Aries and Mars. Therefore for the most part their inhabitants are fiercer, more headstrong, and bestial. But Italy, Apulia, (Cisalpine) Gaul, and Sicily have their familiarity with Leo and the

*Γαλατία* is used to designate Gaul proper, between the Rhine and the Pyrenees, and *Γαλλία* for northern Italy.

<sup>3</sup> All the signs of this triangle are masculine; cf. i. 17. Perhaps Ptolemy merely means that when Aries is rising Sagittarius will be occidental and therefore feminine; so Ashmand.

<sup>4</sup> This preference of the northern barbarians is charged against them by Aristotle and following him by Posidonius, Diodorus, Strabo, Athenaeus, Sextus Empiricus and others; cf. the instances collected by Bouché-Leclercq, p. 340, n. 2, and the discussion in Boll, *Studien*, pp. 207-208.



οὔτοι καὶ εὐεργετικοὶ καὶ κοινώνικοι. Τυρρηνία δὲ καὶ Κελτική καὶ Ἰσπανία τῷ Τοξότῃ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διός· ὅθεν τὸ φιλελεύθερον<sup>1</sup> αὐτοῖς<sup>2</sup> καὶ τὸ ἀπλοῦν καὶ τὸ φιλοκάθαρον. τὰ δὲ ἐν τούτῳ μὲν ὄντα τῷ τεταρτημορίῳ, περὶ δὲ τὸ μέσον ἐσχηματισμένα τῆς οἰκουμένης, Θράκη τε καὶ Μακεδονία καὶ Ἰλλυρία καὶ Ἑλλάς καὶ Ἀχαΐα καὶ Κρήτη, ἔτι δὲ αἶ τε Κυκλάδες καὶ τὰ παράλια τῆς μικρᾶς Ἀσίας καὶ Κύπρου<sup>3</sup> πρὸς νοταπηλιώτην κείμενα τοῦ ὄλου  
 63 τεταρτημορίου, προσλαμβάνει τὴν συνοικείωσιν τοῦ νοταπηλιωτικοῦ τριγώνου, τοῦ κατὰ τὸν Ταῦρον καὶ τὴν Παρθένον καὶ τὸν Αἰγόκερων, ἔτι δὲ συνοικοδεσπότας τὸν τε τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· ὅθεν οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὰς χώρας<sup>4</sup> συγκατεσχηματισμένοι μᾶλλον ἀπέβησαν καὶ κεκραμένοι τοῖς τε σώμασι καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς· ἡγεμονικοὶ μὲν καὶ αὐτοὶ τυγχάνοντες καὶ γενναῖοι καὶ ἀνυπότακτοι διὰ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως, φιλελεύθεροι δὲ καὶ αὐτόνομοι καὶ δημοκρατικοὶ καὶ νομοθετικοὶ διὰ τὸν τοῦ Διός, φιλόμουσοι<sup>5</sup> δὲ καὶ φιλομαθεῖς καὶ φιλαγωνισταὶ καὶ καθάριοι ταῖς διαίταις<sup>6</sup> διὰ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, κοινωνικοὶ δὲ καὶ φιλόξενοι καὶ φιλοδίκαιοι καὶ φιλογράμματοι καὶ ἐν λόγοις πρακτικώτατοι διὰ τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, μυστηρίων δὲ μάλιστα συντελεστικοὶ διὰ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐσπέριον σχηματισμόν. πάλιν δὲ κατὰ μέρος καὶ τούτων οἱ μὲν περὶ τὰς Κυκλάδας καὶ τὰ

<sup>1</sup> τὸ φιλελεύθερον . . . ἀπλοῦν καὶ οἰκ. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> αὐτοῖς VD, -ῶν PLMNAE.

<sup>3</sup> Κύπρου VDProc. ; Κύπρον al. Cam.

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sun; wherefore these peoples are more masterful, benevolent, and co-operative. Tyrrhenia, Celtica, and Spain are subject to Sagittarius and Jupiter, whence their independence, simplicity, and love of cleanliness. The parts of this quarter which are situated about the centre of the inhabited world, Thrace, Macedonia, Illyria, Hellas, Achaia,<sup>1</sup> Crete, and likewise the Cyclades, and the coastal regions of Asia Minor and Cyprus, which are in the south-east portion of the whole quarter, have in addition familiarity with the south-east triangle, Taurus, Virgo, and Capricornus, and its co-rulers Venus, Saturn, and Mercury. As a result the inhabitants of those countries are brought into conformity with these planets and both in body and soul are of a more mingled constitution. They too have qualities of leadership and are noble and independent, because of Mars; they are liberty-loving and self-governing, democratic and framers of law, through Jupiter; lovers of music and of learning, fond of contests and clean livers, through Venus; social, friendly to strangers, justice-loving, fond of letters, and very effective in eloquence, through Mercury; and they are particularly addicted to the performance of mysteries, because of Venus's occidental aspect. And again, part by part, those of this group who live in the

<sup>1</sup> Hellas is northern Greece and Achaia the Peloponnesus.

<sup>4</sup> *ἐκείνας* post *χώρας* add. MNAECam.

<sup>5</sup> *φιλόμουσοι . . . φιλομαθεῖς* post *Ἄρεως* mis. NCam.

<sup>6</sup> *καθῆριοι ταῖς διαίταις* VMADE, *καθ. τὰς διαγωγὰς* Proc.; *φιλοκῆθαροι ταῖς καρδίαις* PLNCam.

παράλια τῆς μικρᾶς Ἀσίας καὶ Κύπρου<sup>1</sup> τῷ τε Ταύρω καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης μᾶλλον συνοικεῖονται· ὅθεν ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ τρυφηταί τε εἰσι καὶ καθάριοι καὶ τοῦ σώματος ἐπιμέλειαν ποιούμενοι. οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα καὶ τὴν Ἀχαιὴν καὶ τὴν Κρήτην τῇ τε Παρθένῳ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, διὸ μᾶλλον λογικοὶ τυγχάνουσι καὶ φιλομαθεῖς καὶ τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσκούντες πρὸ τοῦ σώματος. οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Μακεδονίαν καὶ Θράκην καὶ Ἰλλυρίδα τῷ τε  
 64 Αἰγόκερω καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου· διὸ φιλοκτῆματοι μὲν, οὐχ ἡμεροὶ δὲ οὕτως, οὐδὲ κοινωνικοὶ τοῖς νόμοις.

Τοῦ δὲ δευτέρου τεταρτημορίου τοῦ κατὰ τὸ νότιον μέρος τῆς μεγάλης Ἀσίας τὰ μὲν ἄλλα μέρη τὰ περιέχοντα Ἰνδικήν, Ἀριανήν, Γεδρωσίαν, Παρθίαν, Μηδίαν, Περσίδα, Βαβυλωνίαν, Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἀσσυρίαν, καὶ τὴν θέσιν ἔχοντα πρὸς νοταπηλιώτην τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης, εἰκότως καὶ αὐτὰ συνοικεῖονται μὲν τῷ νοταπηλιωτικῷ τριγώνῳ τοῦ Ταύρου καὶ Παρθένου καὶ Αἰγόκερω, οἰκοδεσποτοῦνται δὲ ὑπὸ<sup>2</sup> τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τοῦ Κρόνου ἐπὶ ἐύων σχηματισμῶν· διόπερ καὶ τὰς φύσεις τῶν ἐν αὐτοῖς ἀκολουθῶν ἄν τις εὔροι τοῖς ὑπὸ τῶν οὕτως οἰκοδεσποτησάντων ἀποτελουμένας· σέβουσι τε γὰρ τὸν μὲν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης Ἴσιον ὀνομάζοντες, τὸν δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου Μίθραν ἡλίον.<sup>3</sup> καὶ προθεσπίζουσι οἱ πολλοὶ τὰ μέλλοντα· καθιεροῦνται τε παρ'

<sup>1</sup> Κύπρου VPLDProc.; Κύπρον al. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> οἰκοδεσποτοῦνται δὲ ὑπὸ κτλ. PLMNAE Cam. (οἰκοδεσποτεῖται MAF, -οῦντα I.); συνοικεῖονται δὲ τῷ τῆς Ἀφρ. VD, cf. Proc.

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Cyclades and on the shores of Asia Minor and Cyprus are more closely familiar to Taurus and Venus. For this reason they are, on the whole, luxurious, clean, and attentive to their bodies. The inhabitants of Hellas, Achaia, and Crete, however, have a familiarity with Virgo and Mercury, and are therefore better at reasoning, and fond of learning, and they exercise the soul in preference to the body. The Macedonians, Thracians, and Illyrians have familiarity with Capricorn and Saturn, so that, though they are acquisitive, they are not so mild of nature, nor social in their institutions.

Of the second quarter, which embraces the southern part of Greater Asia, the other parts, including India, Ariana, Gedrosia,<sup>1</sup> Parthia, Media, Persia, Babylonia, Mesopotamia, and Assyria, which are situated in the south-east of the whole inhabited world, are, as we might presume, familiar to the south-eastern triangle, Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn, and are governed by Venus and Saturn in oriental aspects. Therefore one would find that the natures of their inhabitants conform with the temperaments governed by such rulers; for they revere the star of Venus under the name of Isis,<sup>2</sup> and that of Saturn as Mithras Helios. Most of them, too, divine future events; and among

<sup>1</sup> Gedrosia is modern Baluchistan, and Ariana lay north of it, between Parthia and the Indus.

<sup>2</sup> For this region it would have been more accurate to identify Venus with Astarte or Istar. It was, of course, the original home of the worship of Mithras.

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<sup>3</sup> *Μίθραν ἥλιον* VPLMDE, *Μιθρανῆλιον* Proc., οἰν. ἥλιον A, *Μίθραν δὲ τὸν ἥλιον* NCam.



αὐτοῖς τὰ γεννητικὰ μόρια διὰ τὸν τῶν προκειμένων  
 ἀστέρων συσχηματισμὸν σπερματικὸν ὄντα φύσει.  
 ἔτι δὲ θερμοὶ καὶ ὄχευτικοὶ καὶ καταφερεῖς πρὸς  
 τὰ ἀφροδίσια τυγχάνουσιν· ὄρχηστικοὶ τε καὶ  
 πηδηταὶ καὶ φιλόκοσμοι μὲν διὰ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης,  
 ἀβροδίαιτοὶ<sup>1</sup> δὲ διὰ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου. ἀναφανδὸν  
 δὲ ποιοῦνται καὶ οὐ κρύβδην τὰς πρὸς τὰς γυναῖκας  
 συνουσίας διὰ τὸ ἔϋον τοῦ σχηματισμοῦ, τὰς δὲ  
 65 πρὸς τοὺς ἄρρενας ὑπερεχθραίνουσι. διὰ ταῦτα  
 δὲ καὶ τοῖς πλείστοις αὐτῶν συνέπεσεν ἐκ τῶν  
 μητέρων τεκνοῦν,<sup>2</sup> καὶ τὰς προσκυνήσεις τῷ στήθει  
 ποιεῖσθαι διὰ τὰς ἐώας ἀνατολὰς καὶ τὸ τῆς καρδίας  
 ἡγεμονικὸν οἰκείως ἔχον πρὸς τὴν ἡλιακὴν δύναμιν.  
 εἰσὶ δὲ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν καὶ τᾶλλα μὲν<sup>3</sup> τὰ περὶ τὰς  
 στολὰς καὶ κόσμους<sup>4</sup> καὶ ὅλως τὰς σωματικὰς  
 σχέσεις τρυφεροὶ καὶ τεθηλυσμένοι διὰ τὸν τῆς  
 Ἀφροδίτης, τὰς δὲ ψυχὰς καὶ τὰς προαιρέσεις  
 μεγαλόφρονες καὶ γενναῖοι καὶ πολεμικοὶ διὰ τὸ  
 οἰκείως ἔχειν τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου πρὸς τὸ τῶν ἀνατολῶν  
 σχῆμα. κατὰ μέρος δὲ πάλιν τῷ μὲν Ταύρῳ καὶ  
 τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης μᾶλλον συνοικεῖται ἢ τε  
 Παρθία καὶ ἡ Μηδία καὶ ἡ Περσίς·<sup>5</sup> ὅθεν οἱ ἐνταῦθα  
 στολαῖς τε ἀνθίνας<sup>6</sup> χρῶνται κατακαλυπτόντες  
 ἑαυτοὺς ὅλους πλὴν τοῦ στήθους, καὶ ὅλως εἰσὶν  
 ἀβροδίαιτοὶ καὶ καθάριοι. τῇ δὲ Παρθένῳ καὶ τῷ  
 τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ τὰ περὶ τὴν Βαβυλῶνα καὶ Μεσοπο-  
 ταμίαν καὶ Ἀσσυρίαν· διὸ καὶ παρὰ τοῖς ἐνταῦθα

<sup>1</sup> ἀβροδίαιτοὶ MNAECam. Anon. (ed. Wolf, p. 61); ἀπλοδί-  
 αιτοὶ VLPD; ἀπλῶς . . . διάγοντες Proo.

<sup>2</sup> τεκνοῦν VMADE, τέκνα PLNCam., τεκνοποιοῦσι Proo.



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them there exists the practice of consecrating the genital organs because of the aspect of the aforesaid stars, which is by nature generative. Further, they are ardent, concupiscent, and inclined to the pleasures of love; through the influence of Venus they are dancers and leapers and fond of adornment, and through that of Saturn luxurious livers. They carry out their relations with women<sup>1</sup> openly and not in secret, because of the planets' oriental aspect, but hold in detestation such relations with males. For these reasons most of them beget children by their own mothers, and they do obeisance to the breast, by reason of the morning rising of the planets and on account of the primacy of the heart, which is akin to the sun's power. As for the rest, they are generally luxurious and effeminate in dress, in adornment, and in all habits relating to the body, because of Venus. In their souls and by their predilection they are magnanimous, noble, and warlike, because of the familiarity of Saturn oriental. Part by part, again, Parthia, Media, and Persia are more closely familiar to Taurus and Venus; hence their inhabitants use embroidered clothing, which covers their entire body except the breast, and they are as a general thing luxurious and clean. Babylonia, Mesopotamia, and Assyria are familiar to Virgo and

<sup>1</sup> Here again see the citations collected by Bouché-Leclercq, p. 341, n. 2, of the charges of sexual immorality and incest made in antiquity against these peoples.

<sup>2</sup> τᾶλλα μὲν VD, τὰ μὲν ἄλλα PLMAE, om. NCom.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ κόσμους VMAD (κόσμος) E, κατὰ τε τοὺς κόσμους NCom.. ἀνατολλὰς καὶ κόσμους P, ἀνατολικὰς καὶ κόσμου L.

<sup>5</sup> Περσική NCom.

<sup>6</sup> ἀθηραῖς NCom.

τὸ μαθηματικὸν καὶ παρατηρητικὸν τῶν πέντε<sup>1</sup>  
 ἀστέρων ἐξαίρετον συνέπεσε.<sup>2</sup> τῷ δὲ Αἰγόκερῳ  
 καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου τὰ περὶ τὴν Ἰνδικὴν καὶ  
 Ἀριανὴν καὶ Γεδρωσίαν, ὅθεν καὶ τὸ τῶν νεμο-  
 μένων<sup>3</sup> τὰς χώρας ἄμορφον καὶ ἀκάθαρτον καὶ  
 θηριῶδες. τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ τοῦ τεταρτημορίου μέρη  
 περὶ τὸ μέσον ἐσχηματισμένα τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης  
 Ἰδουμαία, Κοίλη Συρία, Ἰουδαία, Φοινίκη, Χαλδαϊ-  
 66 κή, Ὀρχηνία, Ἀραβία Εὐδαίμων, τὴν θέσιν ἔχοντα  
 πρὸς βορρολίβα τοῦ ὅλου τεταρτημορίου προσλαμ-  
 βάνει πάλιν τὴν συνοικείωσιν τοῦ βορρολιβυκοῦ  
 τριγώνου, Κριοῦ, Λέοντος, Τοξότου, ἔτι δὲ συνοικο-  
 δεσπότας τὸν τε τοῦ Διὸς καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ  
 ἔτι τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· διὸ μᾶλλον οὗτοι τῶν ἄλλων  
 ἐμπορικώτεροι καὶ συναλλακτικώτεροι, πανουργό-  
 τεροι δὲ καὶ δειλοκαταφρόνητοι καὶ ἐπιβουλευτικοὶ  
 καὶ δουλόψυχοι καὶ ὅλως ἀλλοπρόσαλλοι διὰ τὸν  
 τῶν προκειμένων ἀστέρων συσχηματισμόν. καὶ  
 τούτων δὲ πάλιν οἱ μὲν περὶ τὴν Κοίλην Συρίαν  
 καὶ Ἰδουμαίαν καὶ Ἰουδαίαν τῷ τε Κριοῦ καὶ τῷ  
 τοῦ Ἄρεως μᾶλλον συνοικεῖονται· διόπερ ὡς ἐπὶ  
 πᾶν θρασεῖς τέ εἰσι καὶ ἄθεοι καὶ ἐπιβουλευτικοί.  
 Φοίνικες δὲ καὶ Χαλδαῖοι καὶ Ὀρχήνιοι τῷ Λέοντι

<sup>1</sup> πέντε VProc., om. alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup> συνέπεσε VMADE, συνέπεται NCam., συνέπεστι P, συνε-  
 τίεται L.

<sup>3</sup> τὸ τῶν νεμομένων κτλ.] οἱ νεμόμενοι . . . ἄμορφοι κτλ.  
 NCam.

<sup>1</sup> Idumaea is the region around the south end of the Dead Sea; Coelê Syria, north of Palestine and between Lebanon and Anti-Libanus; Judaea, between the Dead Sea and the

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Mercury, and so the study of mathematics and the observation of the five planets are special traits of these peoples. India, Ariana, and Gedrosia have familiarity with Capricorn and Saturn; therefore the inhabitants of these countries are ugly, unclean, and bestial. The remaining parts of the quarter, situated about the centre of the inhabited world, Idumaea, Coelê Syria, Judaea, Phoenicia, Chaldaea, Orchinia, and Arabia Felix,<sup>1</sup> which are situated toward the north-west of the whole quarter, have additional familiarity with the north-western triangle, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius, and, furthermore, have as co-rulers Jupiter, Mars, and Mercury. Therefore these peoples are, in comparison with the others, more gifted in trade and exchange; they are more unscrupulous, despicable cowards, treacherous, servile, and in general fickle, on account of the aspect of the stars mentioned. Of these, again, the inhabitants of Coelê Syria, Idumaea, and Judaea are more closely familiar to Aries and Mars, and therefore these peoples are in general bold, godless,<sup>2</sup> and scheming. The Phoenicians, Chaldaeans, and Orchinians have familiarity with Leo and the sun, so that

coast; Phoenicia the coastal strip north of Judaea and Samaria; Chaldaea, south-west of the Euphrates and north of the Arabian peninsula; what is meant by Orchinia is somewhat doubtful; and Arabia Felix is the south-western coastal region of the Arabian peninsula. In the *Geography*, v. 20, Chaldaea is treated merely as a part of Babylonia, not an entirely separate country, as here (cf. Boll, *Studien*, p. 205).

<sup>2</sup> The Jews, because of their monotheism and disregard of all pagan gods, were generally branded as atheists by their neighbours.

καὶ τῷ ἡλίῳ, διόπερ ἀπλούστεροι καὶ φιλόανθρωποι καὶ φιλαστρολόγοι καὶ μάλιστα πάντων σέβοντες τὸν ἥλιον. οἱ δὲ κατὰ τὴν Ἀραβίαν τὴν Εὐδαίμονα τῷ Τοξότη καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς· ὅθεν ἀκολουθῶς τῇ προσηγορίᾳ τό τε τῆς χώρας εὐφορον συνέπεσε καὶ τὸ τῶν ἀρωμάτων πλῆθος καὶ τὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων εὐάρμοστον πρὸς τε διαγωγὰς ἐλεύθερον καὶ συναλλαγὰς καὶ πραγματείας.

Τοῦ δὲ τρίτου τεταρτημορίου τοῦ κατὰ τὸ βόρειον μέρος τῆς μεγάλης Ἀσίας τὰ μὲν ἄλλα μέρη τὰ περιέχοντα τὴν Ὑρκανίαν, Ἀρμενίαν, Ματιανήν, 67 Βακτριανήν, Κασπηρίαν,<sup>1</sup> Σηρικὴν, Σαυροματικὴν, Ὀξειανήν, Σουγδιανήν, καὶ τὰ πρὸς βορραπηλιώτην κείμενα τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης συνοικεῖσθαι μὲν τῷ βορραπηλιωτικῷ τριγώνῳ, Διδύμων καὶ Ζυγοῦ καὶ Ὑδροχόου, οἰκοδεσποτεῖται δὲ εἰκότως ὑπὸ τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τοῦ Διὸς ἐπὶ σχημάτων ἀνατολικῶν· διόπερ οἱ ταύτας ἔχοντες τὰς χώρας σέβουσι μὲν Δία καὶ Κρόνον,<sup>2</sup> πλουσιώτατοι δὲ εἰσι καὶ πολύχρυσοι, περὶ τε τὰς διαίτας καθάριοι καὶ εὐδιάγωγοι, σοφοὶ τε ἐπὶ τὰ θεῖα καὶ μάγοι καὶ τὰ ἦθη δίκαιοι καὶ ἐλεύθεροι καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς μεγάλοι καὶ γενναῖοι, μισοπόνηροί τε καὶ φιλόστοργοι καὶ ὑπεραποθνήσκοντες ἐτοίμως τῶν οἰκειοτάτων ἕνεκεν τοῦ καλοῦ καὶ ὀσίου, πρὸς τε τὰς ἀφροδισίους χρήσεις σεμνοὶ

<sup>1</sup> Κασπειρίαν VD, -ηρίαν NMAE, -ιρίαν Proc., -ίαν Cam., om. PL.

<sup>2</sup> ἥλιον VMADELProc., Κρόνον PLNCam.

<sup>1</sup> Astrology indeed began in the ancient Babylonian and Assyrian kingdoms.



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they are simpler, kindly, addicted to astrology,<sup>1</sup> and beyond all men worshippers of the sun. The inhabitants of Arabia Felix are familiar to Sagittarius and Jupiter; this accounts for the fertility of the country, in accordance with its name, and its multitudes of spices, and the grace of its inhabitants and their free spirit in daily life, in exchange, and in business.

Of the third quarter, which includes the northern part of Greater Asia, the other parts, embracing Hyrcania, Armenia, Matiana, Bactriana, Casperia, Serica, Sauromatica, Oxiana, Sogdiana, and the regions in the north-east of the inhabited world,<sup>2</sup> are in familiarity with the north-eastern triangle, Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius, and are, as might be expected, governed by Saturn and Jupiter in oriental aspect. Therefore the inhabitants of these lands worship Jupiter and Saturn, have much riches and gold, and are cleanly and seemly in their living, learned and adepts in matters of religion, just and liberal in manners, lofty and noble in soul, haters of evil, and affectionate, and ready to die for their friends in a fair and holy cause. They are dignified and

<sup>2</sup> Of these Armenia lies south of the Caucasus between the Black Sea and the Caspian; Matiana and Hyrcania are around the south end of the Caspian, the former to the east and the latter to the west; Bactriana, Oxiana, and Sogdiana are still further east, around the upper courses of the Oxus; by Casperia is probably meant the region around the northern part of the Caspian Sea; Serica is China, or its western portion, and Sauromatica (called Sarmatia by the Romans) is the general name for Russia, here used of its Asiatic part. In the *Geography*, vi. 12, Ptolemy treats Oxiana as but one part of Sogdiana (Boll, *Studien*, p. 205).



καὶ καθάριοι καὶ περὶ τὰς ἐσθῆτας πολυτελεῖς, χαριστικοὶ τε καὶ μεγαλόφρονες, ἅπερ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ὁ τοῦ Διὸς ἀνατολικῶν συσχηματισμὸς ἀπεργάζεται.<sup>1</sup> καὶ τούτων δὲ πάλιν τῶν ἔθνῶν τὰ μὲν περὶ τὴν Ὑρκανίαν καὶ Ἀρμενίαν καὶ Ματιανὴν μᾶλλον συνοικεῖσθαι τοῖς τε Διδύμοις καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· διόπερ εὐκινητότερα μᾶλλον καὶ ὑποπόνηρα. τὰ δὲ περὶ τὴν Βακτριανὴν καὶ Κασπηρίαν καὶ Σηρικὴν τῷ τε Ζυγῶ καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης· ὅθεν οἱ κατέχοντες τὰς χώρας πλουσιώτατοι καὶ φιλόμουσοι καὶ μᾶλλον ἀβροδίαιτοι. τὰ δὲ περὶ τὴν Σαυροματικὴν καὶ τὴν Ὁξειανὴν καὶ Σουγδιανὴν τῷ τε Ὑδροχόῳ καὶ τῷ  
68 τοῦ Κρόνου· διὸ καὶ ταῦτα τὰ ἔθνη μᾶλλον ἀνήμερα καὶ αὐστηρὰ καὶ θηριώδη. τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ τούτου τοῦ τεταρτημορίου καὶ περὶ τὸ μέσον κείμενα τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης, Βιθυνία, Φρυγία, Κολχικὴ, Συρία, Κομμαγενή, Καππαδοκία, Λυδία, Λυκία,<sup>2</sup> Κιλικία, Παμφυλία, τὴν θέσιν ἔχοντα πρὸς λιβόνοτον αὐτοῦ τοῦ τεταρτημορίου, προσλαμβάνει τὴν συνοικεῖωσιν τοῦ νοτολιβυκοῦ τεταρτημορίου Καρκίνου καὶ Σκορπίου καὶ Ἰχθύων, καὶ συνοικοδεσπότας τὸν τε τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ ἔτι τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· διόπερ οἱ περὶ τὰς χώρας ταύτας σέβουσι μὲν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν τὴν Ἀφροδίτην ὡς μητέρα θεῶν, ποικίλοις καὶ ἐγχωρίοις ὀνόμασι προσαγορεύοντες, καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως ὡς Ἄδωνιν ἢ ἄλλως πως πάλιν ὀνομάζοντες· καὶ μυστήριά τινα μετὰ θρηνῶν ἀπο-

<sup>1</sup> ἀνατολικῶν συσχηματισμὸς ἀπεργάζεται VD, -ὸς -ὸς -εται MAE, -ὄν -ὄν -εται PL, κατὰ -ὄν -ὄν -ονται NCam.

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pure in their sexual relations, lavish in dress, gracious and magnanimous; these things in general are brought about by Saturn and Jupiter in eastern aspects. Of these nations, again, Hyrcania, Armenia, and Matiana are more closely familiar to Gemini and Mercury; they are accordingly more easily stirred and inclined to rascality. Bactriana, Casperia, and Serica are akin to Libra and Venus, so that their peoples are rich and followers of the Muses, and more luxurious. The regions of Sauromatica, Oxiana, and Sogdiana are in familiarity with Aquarius and Saturn; these nations therefore are more ungentle, stern, and bestial. The remaining parts of this quarter, which lie close to the centre of the inhabited world, Bithynia, Phrygia, Colchica, Syria, Commagenê, Cappadocia, Lydia, Lycia, Cilicia, and Pamphylia,<sup>1</sup> since they are situated in the south-west of the quarter, have in addition familiarity with the south-western quarter, Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces, and their co-rulers are Mars, Venus, and Mercury; therefore those who live in these countries generally worship Venus as the mother of the gods, calling her by various local names, and Mars as Adonis,<sup>2</sup> to whom again they give other names, and they celebrate in their honour certain mysteries accompanied

<sup>1</sup> These are all parts of Asia Minor.

<sup>2</sup> Ptolemy identifies Venus and Mars, who are coupled in Greek mythology, with the female and male divinities of this region worshipped under various names as the Mother of the Gods, Magna Mater, etc., and Attis, Adonis, etc.

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<sup>2</sup> *Λυκία* VDProc., om. alii Cam.

διδόντες αὐτοῖς. περίκακοι δέ εἰσι καὶ δουλόψυχοι  
 καὶ πονικοὶ καὶ πονηροὶ καὶ ἐν μισθοφόροις στρατεί-  
 αῖς καὶ ἀρπαγαῖς καὶ αἰχμαλωσίαις γινόμενοι, κατα-  
 δουλούμενοί τε αὐτοὺς καὶ πολεμικαῖς ἀπωλείαις  
 περιπίπτοντες. διὰ τε τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τὸν τῆς  
 Ἀφροδίτης κατὰ ἀνατολικὴν συναρμογὴν, ὅτι ἐν  
 μὲν τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης τριγωνικῷ ζῳδίῳ τῷ  
 Αἰγόκερω ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως, ἐν δὲ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως  
 τριγωνικῷ ζῳδίῳ τοῖς Ἰχθύσι ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης  
 ὑψοῦται, διὰ τοῦτο τὰς γυναῖκας συνέβη πᾶσαν  
 εὖνοιαν πρὸς τοὺς ἄνδρας ἐνδείκνυσθαι, φιλοστόρ-  
 γους τε οὔσας καὶ οἰκουροὺς καὶ ἐργατικὰς καὶ  
 69 ὑπηρετικὰς καὶ ὄλως πονικὰς καὶ ὑποτεταγμένας.  
 τούτων δὲ πάλιν οἱ μὲν περὶ τὴν Βιθυνίαν καὶ  
 Φρυγίαν καὶ Κολχικὴν συνοικεῖονται μᾶλλον τῷ  
 τε Καρκίνῳ καὶ τῇ σελήνῃ· διόπερ οἱ μὲν ἄνδρες  
 ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν εἰσιν εὐλαβεῖς καὶ ὑποτακτικοί, τῶν δὲ  
 γυναικῶν αἱ πλείσται διὰ τὸ τῆς σελήνης ἀνατο-  
 λικὸν καὶ ἡρρενωμένον<sup>1</sup> σχῆμα ἔπανδροι καὶ  
 ἀρχικαὶ καὶ πολεμικαὶ καθάπερ αἱ Ἀμαζόνες,  
 φεύγουσαι<sup>2</sup> μὲν τὰς τῶν ἀνδρῶν συνουσίας, φιλόπλοι  
 δὲ οὔσαι καὶ ἀρρενοποιοῦσαι τὰ θηλυκὰ πάντα<sup>3</sup>  
 ἀπὸ βρέφους, ἀποκοπῇ τῶν δεξιῶν μαστῶν χάριν  
 τῶν στρατιωτικῶν χρειῶν<sup>4</sup> καὶ ἀπογυμνοῦσαι ταῦτα  
 τὰ μέρη κατὰ<sup>5</sup> τὰς παρατάξεις<sup>6</sup> πρὸς ἐπίδειξιν<sup>7</sup>  
 τοῦ ἀθληντοῦ τῆς φύσεως. οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Συρίαν  
 καὶ Κομμαγηνὴν καὶ Καππαδοκίαν τῷ τε Σκορπίῳ

<sup>1</sup> ἡρ(ρ)ενωμένον PLME, -ων N, ἡρρωμένον alii Cam., ἀρσενικόν Proo.

<sup>2</sup> φεύγουσαι(ν) PLMA.

<sup>3</sup> τὰ θηλυκὰ πάντα VD, τὸ θῆλυ (αὐτ θύλη) PLNCam., τὸ

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by lamentations. They are exceedingly depraved servile, laborious, rascally, are to be found in mercenary expeditions, looting and taking captives, enslaving their own peoples, and engaging in destructive wars. And because of the junction of Mars and Venus in the Orient, since Mars is exalted in Capricorn, a sign of Venus's triangle, and Venus in Pisces, a sign of Mars's triangle, it comes about that their women display entire goodwill to their husbands; they are affectionate, home-keepers, diligent, helpful, and in every respect laborious and obedient. Of these peoples, again, those who live in Bithynia, Phrygia, and Colchica are more closely familiar to Cancer and the moon; therefore the men are in general cautious and obedient, and most of the women, through the influence of the moon's oriental and masculine aspect, are virile,<sup>1</sup> commanding, and warlike, like the Amazons, who shun commerce with men, love arms, and from infancy make masculine all their female characteristics, by cutting off their right breasts for the sake of military needs and baring these parts in the line of battle, in order to display the absence of femininity in their natures. The people of Syria, Commagenê, and Cappadocia are

<sup>1</sup> Cf. the myth of Medea, the Colchian princess.

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θηλυ πᾶν ME, τοῦ θήλεος παντός A; cf. τῶν θηλυκῶν βρεφῶν Proc.

<sup>4</sup> χρειῶν VP (χρη-) LMAEProc., χρήσεων NDCam.

<sup>5</sup> κατὰ VMADE, διὰ PLNCam.

<sup>6</sup> παρατάξεις VMADE, -ης P, -εως L, πράξεις NCam.; ἐν ταῖς παρατάξεσιν Proc.

<sup>7</sup> πρὸς ἐπίδειξιν VD, εἰς ε. MAE, ὡς ἐπιδείξην P, ὡς ἐπίδειξιν L, ὡς ἐπιδείκνυσθαι NCam.



καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· διόπερ πολὺ παρ' αὐτοῖς συνέπεσε τὸ θρασὺ καὶ πονηρὸν καὶ ἐπιβουλευτικὸν καὶ ἐπίπονον. οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Λυδίαν καὶ Κιλικίαν καὶ Παμφυλίαν τοῖς τε Ἰχθύσι καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς ὄθεν οὗτοι μᾶλλον πολυκτῆμονές τε καὶ ἐμπορικοὶ καὶ κοινωνικοὶ καὶ ἐλεύθεροι καὶ πιστοὶ περὶ τὰς συναλλαγάς.

Τοῦ δὲ λοιποῦ τεταρτημορίου τοῦ κατὰ τὴν κοινῶς καλουμένην<sup>1</sup> Λιβύην, τὰ μὲν ἄλλα τὰ περιέχοντα Νουμηδίαν,<sup>2</sup> Καρχηδονίαν, Ἀφρικὴν, Φαζανίαν,<sup>3</sup> Νασαμονίτιν, Γαραμαντικὴν, Μαυριτανίαν, 70 Γαιτουλίαν, Μεταγωνίτιν, καὶ τὰ τὴν θέσιν ἔχοντα πρὸς λιβόνοτον τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης, συνοικεῖται μὲν τῷ νοτολιβυκῷ τριγώνῳ Καρκίνου καὶ Σκορπίου καὶ Ἰχθύων, οἰκοδεσποτεῖται δὲ εἰκότως ὑπὸ τε τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐπὶ σχήματος ἔσπεριου· διόπερ συνέπεσε τοῖς πλείστοις αὐτῶν ἔνεκεν τῆς εἰρημένης τῶν ἀστέρων συναρμογῆς ὑπὸ ἀνδρὸς καὶ γυναικός,<sup>4</sup> δυοῖν ὁμομητρίων ἀδελφῶν, βασιλεύεσθαι, τοῦ μὲν ἀνδρὸς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἄρχοντος, τῆς δὲ γυναικὸς τῶν γυναικῶν, συντηρουμένης τῆς τοιαύτης διαδοχῆς. θερμοὶ δὲ εἰσι σφόδρα καὶ καταφερεῖς πρὸς τὰς τῶν γυναικῶν συνουσίας, ὡς

<sup>1</sup> καλουμένην om. NCam.

<sup>2</sup> Νουμιδίαν ACam.

<sup>3</sup> Φυζανίαν NCam.

<sup>4</sup> Post γυναικός add. ἡ PLNCam., om. VMADProc.

<sup>1</sup> Here used of the continent in general; Africa is the Roman province.



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familiar to Scorpio and Mars; therefore much boldness, knavery, treachery, and laboriousness are found among them. The people of Lydia, Cilicia, and Pamphylia have familiarity with Pisces and Jupiter; these accordingly are more wealthy, commercial, social, free, and trustworthy in their compacts.

Of the remaining quarter, which includes what is called by the common name Libya,<sup>1</sup> the other parts, including Numidia, Carthage, Africa, Phazania, Nasamonitis, Garamantica, Mauritania, Gaetulia, Metagonitis,<sup>2</sup> and the regions situated in the south-west of the inhabited world, are related by familiarity to the south-western triangle, Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces, and are accordingly ruled by Mars and Venus in occidental aspect. For this reason it befalls most of the inhabitants, because of the aforesaid junction of these planets, to be governed by a man and wife who are own brother and sister,<sup>3</sup> the man ruling the men and the woman the women; and a succession of this sort is maintained. They are extremely ardent and disposed to commerce with women, so that even

<sup>1</sup> Along the Mediterranean coast, eastward from the Straits of Gibraltar, the regions are, first, Mauritania (of which Metagonitis is the portion east from the Straits), then Numidia, Africa (the Roman province, which includes Carthage), Tripolitana, Cyrenaica, Marmarica, and Egypt. The other nations mentioned are further inland and south of these, Gaetulia in the west, Garamantica and Phazania south of Tripoli, and Nasamonitis near Cyrenaica and Marmarica.

<sup>2</sup> Marriage between those of the same blood was a common practice in Hellenistic Egypt, including the royal family of the Ptolemies. Cf. Curmont, *L'Égypte des Astrologues* (Brussels, 1937), pp. 177-179.

καὶ τοὺς γάμους δι' ἄρπαγῶν ποιεῖσθαι<sup>1</sup> καὶ πολ-  
 λαχῇ ταῖς γαμουμέναις τοὺς βασιλέας πρώτους<sup>2</sup>  
 συνέρχεσθαι, παρ' ἐνίοις δὲ καὶ κοινὰς εἶναι τὰς  
 γυναῖκας πάντων. φιλοκαλλωπισταὶ δὲ τυγχά-  
 νουσι<sup>3</sup> καὶ κόσμους γυναικείους περιζώννυνται διὰ  
 τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, ἔπανδροι μέντοι ταῖς ψυχαῖς  
 καὶ ὑποπόνηροι καὶ μαγευτικοί, νοθευταὶ δὲ καὶ  
 παράβολοι καὶ ῥιψοκίνδυνοι διὰ τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως.  
 τούτων δὲ πάλιν οἱ μὲν περὶ τὴν Νουμηδίαν καὶ  
 Καρχηδόνα<sup>4</sup> καὶ Ἀφρικὴν συνοικεῖονται μᾶλλον  
 τῷ τε Καρκίνῳ καὶ τῇ σελήνῃ· διόπερ οὗτοι κοινω-  
 νικοὶ τε καὶ ἐμπορικοὶ τυγχάνουσι καὶ ἐν εὐθηνία  
 πάσῃ διατελοῦντες, οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Μεταγωνίτιν  
 71 καὶ Μαυριτανίαν καὶ Γαιτουλίαν τῷ τε Σκορπίῳ  
 καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως· ὅθεν οὗτοι θηριωδέστεροί τε  
 εἰσι καὶ μαχιμώτατοι καὶ κρεοφάγοι καὶ σφόδρα<sup>5</sup>  
 ῥιψοκίνδυνοι καὶ καταφρονητικοὶ τοῦ ζῆν, ὡς μηδὲ  
 ἀλλήλων ἀπέχεσθαι. οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Φαζανίαν καὶ  
 Νασαμωνίτιν καὶ Γαραμαντικὴν τοῖς τε Ἰχθύσι  
 καὶ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς· διόπερ ἐλεύθεροί τε καὶ ἀπλοῖ  
 τοῖς ἦθεσι καὶ φιλεργοὶ καὶ εὐγνώμονες καθάριοί  
 τε καὶ ἀνυπότακτοὶ εἰσιν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν καὶ<sup>6</sup> τὸν τοῦ  
 Διὸς ὡς Ἄμμωνα<sup>7</sup> θρησκεύοντες. τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ τοῦ  
 τεταρτημορίου μέρη καὶ πρὸς τὸ μέσον ἐσχηματισ-  
 μένα τῆς ὅλης οἰκουμένης, Κυρηναϊκὴ, Μαρμαρική,

<sup>1</sup> ποιεῖσθαι] γίνεσθαι VAD.

<sup>2</sup> πρώτους VMDE, cf. Proc.; πρῶτα PLNACam.

<sup>3</sup> τυγχάνουσι(ν) VMADE, ὑπάρχουσι(ν) PLNCam.

<sup>4</sup> Καρχηδόνα VDPoc., Καρχηδοσίαν P (-δω-) LMNAECam.

<sup>5</sup> σφόδρα VMADEProc., σιν. PLNCam.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ (post ἐπὶ πᾶν) VMADE, διὰ NCam., om. PL.

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their marriages are brought about by violent abduction, and frequently their kings enjoy the *jus primae noctis* with the brides, and among some of them the women are common to all the men. They are fond of beautifying themselves and gird themselves with feminine adornments, through the influence of Venus; through that of Mars, however, they are virile of spirit, rascally, magicians, impostors, deceivers, and reckless. Of these people, again, the inhabitants of Numidia, Carthage, and Africa are more closely familiar to Cancer and the moon. They therefore are social, commercial, and live in great abundance. Those who inhabit Metagonitis, Mauritania, and Gaetulia are familiar to Scorpio and Mars; they are accordingly fiercer and very warlike, meat-eaters, very reckless, and contemptuous of life to such an extent as not even to spare one another. Those who live in Phazania, Nasamonitis, and Garamantica are familiar to Pisces and Jupiter; hence they are free and simple in their characters, willing to work, intelligent, cleanly, and independent, as a general rule, and they are worshippers of Jupiter as Ammon. The remaining parts of the quarter, which are situated near the centre of the inhabited world, Cyrenaica, Marmarica, Egypt, Thebais,<sup>1</sup> the Oasis,

<sup>1</sup> Upper Egypt. By "Egypt" he doubtless means Lower Egypt. Cyrenaica and Marmarica are to the west. Troglodytica lies along the west coast of the Red Sea and Azania about where is now French Somahland. By Arabia he may mean Arabia Petraea, the Sinai Peninsula and vicinity. Parts of Troglodytica, too, were sometimes called Arabia. The Greater and Lesser Oases lie west of the Thebais.

<sup>2</sup> ὡς Ἀμμωνά VMADE; cf. Proc.; τῷ Ἀμμωνί PNCam.; τῷ σάμωνα L.

Αἴγυπτος, Θηβαΐς, Ὡασίς, Τρωγλοδυτική, Ἀραβία, Ἀζανία, μέση Αἰθιοπία, πρὸς βορραπηλιώτην τετραμμένα τοῦ ὄλου τεταρτημορίου, προσλαμβάνει τὴν συνοικείωσιν τοῦ βορραπηλιωτικοῦ τριγώνου Διδύμων, Ζυγοῦ, καὶ Ὑδροχόου, καὶ συνοικοδεσπότας διὰ τοῦτο τὸν τε τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τὸν τοῦ Διὸς καὶ ἔτι τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ· ὅθεν οἱ κατὰ ταύτας τὰς χώρας κεκοινωνηκότες σχεδὸν τῆς τῶν πέντε<sup>1</sup> πλανήτων οἰκοδεσποτίας ἑσπερίου φιλόθεοι μὲν γεγόνασι καὶ δεισιδαίμονες καὶ θεοπρόσπλοκοι<sup>2</sup> καὶ φιλόθρηνοι καὶ τοὺς ἀποθνήσκοντας τῇ γῇ κρύπτοντες καὶ ἀφανίζοντες διὰ τὸ ἑσπέριον σχῆμα, παντοίοις δὲ νομίμοις καὶ ἔθεσι καὶ θεῶν παντοίων θρησκείαις χρώμενοι, καὶ ἐν μὲν ταῖς ὑποταγαῖς ταπεινοὶ καὶ δειλοὶ<sup>3</sup> καὶ μικρολόγοι καὶ ὑπομονητι-  
72 κοί, ἐν δὲ ταῖς ἡγεμονίαις εὐψυχοὶ καὶ μεγαλόφρονες, πολυγύναιοι δὲ καὶ πολυάνδρῳ καὶ καταφερεῖς καὶ ταῖς ἀδελφαῖς συναρμοζόμενοι, καὶ πολύσποροι μὲν οἱ ἄνδρες, εὐσύλληπτοι δὲ αἱ γυναῖκες ἀκολουθῶν τῷ τῆς χώρας γονίμῳ.<sup>4</sup> πολλοὶ δὲ καὶ τῶν ἀρρένων σαθροὶ καὶ τεθλησμένοι ταῖς ψυχαῖς, ἔνιοι δὲ καὶ τῶν γεννητικῶν μορίων καταφρονοῦντες διὰ τὸν τῶν κακοποιῶν μετὰ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἑσπερίου<sup>5</sup> σχηματισμόν. καὶ τούτων δὲ οἱ μὲν περὶ Κυρηναϊκὴν καὶ Μαρμαρικὴν καὶ μάλιστα οἱ περὶ τὴν κάτω χώραν τῆς Αἰγύπτου μᾶλλον συνοικεῖονται τοῖς τε Διδύμοις καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ·

<sup>1</sup> πέντε libri Proc., μὲν Cam.

<sup>2</sup> θεοπρόσπλοκοι VPLD; προσπλεκόμενοι πρὸς θεοὺς Proc.; θεοπρόσπολοι MNAECam.



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Troglodytica, Arabia, Azania, and Middle Ethiopia, which face the north-east of the whole quarter, have an additional familiarity with the north-eastern triangle Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius, and therefore have as co-rulers Saturn and Jupiter and, furthermore, Mercury. Accordingly those who live in these countries, because they all in common, as it were, are subject to the occidental rulership of the five planets, are worshippers of the gods, superstitious, given to religious ceremony and fond of lamentation; they bury their dead in the earth, putting them out of sight, on account of the occidental aspect of the planets; and they practice all kinds of usages, customs, and rites in the service of all manner of gods. Under command they are humble, timid, penurious, and long-suffering, in leadership courageous and magnanimous; but they are polygamous and polyandrous and lecherous, marrying even their own sisters, and the men are potent in begetting, the women in conceiving, even as their land is fertile. Furthermore, many of the males are unsound and effeminate of soul, and some even hold in contempt the organs of generation, through the influence of the aspect of the maleficent planets in combination with Venus occidental. Of these peoples the inhabitants of Cyrenaica and Marmarica, and particularly of Lower Egypt, are more closely familiar to Gemini and Mercury; on this account they are thoughtful and

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<sup>3</sup> δειλοὶ VMADEProc.; δεινοὶ LNCam., δηνοὶ P.

<sup>4</sup> γονίμω VDMAEN (ing., γεννήματι) Cam.<sup>1</sup>; γωνή<sup>μ</sup> P, γωνίσματι L; \*γεννήματι Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>5</sup> ἑσπερίου VD; cf. Proc. γινόμενον ἐκ τῶν κακοποιῶν μετὰ τοῦ δυτικοῦ τῆς (Ἀφ.); ἑσπερίων libri alii Cam.



διόπερ οὔτοι διανοητικοί τε καὶ συνετοὶ καὶ εὐεπή-  
βολοὶ τυγχάνουσι περὶ πάντα καὶ μάλιστα περὶ τῶν  
τῶν σοφῶν τε καὶ θείων εὗρεσιν· μαγευτικοί<sup>1</sup> τε  
καὶ κρυφίων μυστηρίων ἐπιτελεστικοὶ καὶ ὄλως  
ἱκανοὶ περὶ τὰ μαθήματα. οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Θηβαΐδα  
καὶ Ὀασιν καὶ Τρωγλοδυτικὴν τῶ τε Ζυγῶ καὶ τῶ  
τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, ὅθεν καὶ αὐτοὶ θερμότεροί τέ εἰσι  
τὰς φύσεις καὶ κεκινημένοι καὶ ἐν εὐφορίαις ἔχοντες  
τὰς διαγωγὰς· οἱ δὲ περὶ τὴν Ἀραβίαν καὶ Ἀζανίαν  
καὶ μέσσην Αἰθιοπίαν τῶ Ὑδροχόω καὶ τῶ τοῦ  
Κρόνου,<sup>2</sup> διὸ καὶ οὔτοι κρεοφάγοι τε καὶ ἰχθυο-  
φάγοι καὶ νομάδες εἰσίν, ἄγριον καὶ θηριώδη βίον  
ζῶντες.

Αἱ μὲν οὖν συνοικειώσεις τῶν τε ἀστέρων καὶ τῶν  
73 δωδεκατημορίων πρὸς τὰ κατὰ μέρος ἔθνη καὶ τὰ  
ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν αὐτῶν ἰδιώματα κατὰ τὸ κεφαλαϊῶδες  
τοῦτον ἡμῖν ὑποτετυπώσθωσαν τὸν τρόπον. ἐκ-  
θησόμεθα δὲ καὶ διὰ τὸ τῆς χρήσεως εὐεπήβολον ἐφ'  
ἐκάστου τῶν δωδεκατημορίων κατὰ ψιλὴν παρά-  
θεσιν ἕκαστα τῶν συνοικειουμένων ἐθνῶν ἀκολου-  
θῶς τοῖς προκατειλεγμένοις περὶ αὐτῶν τὸν τρόπον  
τοῦτον.

Κριός<sup>3</sup>· Βρεττανία, Γαλατία, Γερμανία, Βασ-  
ταρνία· περὶ τὸ μέσον Κοίλη Συρία Παλαιστίνη,  
'Ιδουμαία, 'Ιουδαία.

Ταῦρος· Παρθία, Μηδία, Περσίς· περὶ τὸ μέσον  
Κυκλάδες νῆσοι, Κύπρος, παράλια τῆς μικρᾶς  
'Ασίας.

<sup>1</sup> μαγευτικοί VPLMADEPProc., μαγικοί NCam.

<sup>2</sup> Κρόνου VPLNDPProc.Cam.<sup>1</sup>, Διός AECam.<sup>2</sup>

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intelligent and facile in all things, especially in the search for wisdom and religion; they are magicians and performers of secret mysteries and in general skilled in mathematics.<sup>1</sup> Those who live in Thebais, the Oasis, and Troglodytica are familiar to Libra and Venus; hence they are more ardent and lively of nature and live in plenty. The people of Arabia, Azania, and Middle Ethiopia are familiar to Aquarius and Saturn,<sup>2</sup> for which reason they are flesh-eaters, fish-eaters, and nomads, living a rough, bestial life.

Let this be our brief exposition of the familiarities of the planets and the signs of the zodiac with the various nations, and of the general characteristics of the latter. We shall also set forth, for ready use, a list of the several nations which are in familiarity, merely noted against each of the signs, in accordance with what has just been said about them, thus:—

Aries: Britain, Gaul, Germania, Bastarnia; in the centre, Coelê Syria, Palestine, Idumaea, Judaea.

Taurus: Parthia, Media, Persia; in the centre, the Cyclades, Cyprus, the coastal region of Asia Minor.

<sup>1</sup> "Mathematics" (literally, "the studies") here means astrology; cf. the title of Sextus Empiricus' book *Πρὸς μαθηματικούς*, "Against the Astrologers."

<sup>2</sup> Some MSS. and Camerarius' second edition have "Jupiter" in place of "Saturn."

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<sup>3</sup> *Hæc omiserunt omnino usque ad ἐκκειμένων δὲ τούτων PLNCam.<sup>1</sup>; VMADEProc. res in columnis disponunt signorum nominibus in capite additis, verbis etiam περὶ τὸ μέσον (quæ om. Cam.<sup>2</sup>) in propriis locis insertis.*

PTOLEMY

Δίδυμοι · Ὑρκανία, Ἀρμενία, Ματιανή · περὶ τὸ μέσον Κυρηναϊκή,<sup>1</sup> Μαρμαρική, ἢ κάτω χώρα τῆς Αἰγύπτου.

Καρκίνος · Νουμηδία, Καρχηδονία, Ἀφρική · περὶ τὸ μέσον Βιθυνία, Φρυγία, Κολχική.

Λέων · Ἰταλία, Γαλλία, Σικελία, Ἀπουλία · περὶ τὸ μέσον Φοινίκη, Χαλδαία, Ὀρχηνία.

Παρθένος · Μεσοποταμία, Βαβυλωνία, Ἀσσυρία · περὶ τὸ μέσον Ἑλλάς, Ἀχαία, Κρήτη.

Ζυγός · Βακτριανή, Κασπηρία, Σηρική · περὶ τὸ μέσον Θηβαῖς, Ὀασις, Τρωγλοδυτική.

Σκορπίος · Μεταγωνίτις, Μαυριτανία, Γαιτουλία · περὶ τὸ μέσον Συρία, Κομμαγηνή, Καππαδοκία

Τοξότης · Τυρρηνία, Κελτική, Ἰσπανία · περὶ τὸ μέσον Ἀραβία ἢ εὐδαίμων.

74 Αἰγόκερως · Ἰνδική, Ἀριανή, Γεδρωσία · περὶ τὸ μέσον Θράκη, Μακεδονία, Ἰλλυρίς.

Ὑδροχόος · Σαυροματική, Ὀξειανή, Σουγδιανή · περὶ τὸ μέσον Ἀραβία, Ἀζανία, μέση Αἰθιοπία.

Ἰχθύς · Φαζανία, Νασαμωνίτις, Γαραμαντική · περὶ τὸ μέσον Λυδία, Κιλικία, Παμφυλία.<sup>2</sup>

Ἐκκειμένων δὲ τούτων εὐλογον κακεῖνα τούτῳ τῷ μέρει προσθεῖναι, διότι καὶ τῶν ἀπλανῶν ἀστέρων ἕκαστος συνοικεῖται ταῖς χώραις ὅσαις καὶ τὰ τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ μέρη, μεθ' ὧν ἔχουσιν οἱ ἀπλανεῖς τὰς προσνεύσεις ἐπὶ τοῦ διὰ τῶν πόλων

<sup>1</sup> Κυρηναϊκή libri, om. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> γίνονται χώραι οβ' post haec add. VMProc.

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Gemini: Hyrcania, Armenia, Matiana; in the centre, Cyrenaica, Marmarica, Lower Egypt.

Cancer: Numidia, Carthage, Africa; in the centre, Bithynia, Phrygia, Colchica.

Leo: Italy, Cisalpine Gaul, Sicily, Apulia; in the centre, Phoenicia, Chaldaea, Orchenia.

Virgo: Mesopotamia, Babylonia, Assyria; in the centre, Hellas, Achaia, Crete.

Libra: Bactriana, Casperia, Serica; in the centre, Thebais, Oasis, Troglodytica.

Scorpio: Metagonitis, Mauritania, Gaetulia; in the centre, Syria, Commagenê, Cappadocia.

Sagittarius: Tyrrhenia, Celtica, Spain; in the centre, Arabia Felix.

Capricorn: India, Ariana, Gedrosia; in the centre, Thrace, Macedonia, Illyria.

Aquarius: Sauromatica, Oxiana, Sogdiana; in the centre, Arabia, Azania, Middle Ethiopia.

Pisces: Phazania, Nasamonitis, Garamantica; in the centre, Lydia, Cilicia, Pamphylia.<sup>1</sup>

Now that the subject at hand has been set forth, it is reasonable to attach to this section this further consideration—that each of the fixed stars has familiarity with the countries with which the parts of the zodiac, which have the same inclinations as the fixed stars<sup>2</sup> upon the circle drawn through its

<sup>1</sup>“Total, 72 countries,” is found in some MSS. and Proclus. There are actually 73 in the list as given here, but there is a certain amount of confusion in the MSS.

<sup>2</sup>These are the so-called *παρανατέλλοντα*, stars which rise and set at the same time as the degrees or sections of the ecliptic, but to the north or south of them. See Boll-Bezold-Gundel, pp. 55, 141 ff.



αὐτοῦ<sup>1</sup> γραφομένου κύκλου, φαίνεται ποιούμενα τὴν συμπάθειαν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπὶ τῶν μητροπόλεων ἐκεῖνοι μάλιστα συμπαθοῦσιν οἱ τόποι τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ καθ' ὧν<sup>2</sup> ἐν ταῖς καταρχαῖς τῶν κτίσεων αὐτῶν ὡς ἐπὶ γενέσεως<sup>3</sup> ὃ τε ἥλιος καὶ ἡ σελήνη παροδεύοντες ἐτύγχανον καὶ τῶν κέντρων μάλιστα τὸ ὠροσκοποῦν· ἐφ' ὧν δ' οἱ χρόνοι τῶν κτίσεων οὐχ εὐρίσκονται, καθ' ὧν<sup>4</sup> ἐν ταῖς<sup>5</sup> τῶν κατὰ καιρὸν ἀρχόντων ἢ βασιλευόντων γενέσεσιν ἐκπίπτει τὸ μεσουράνημα.

(δ.) Ἐφοδος εἰς τὰς κατὰ μέρος προτελέσεις

Τούτων οὕτως προεπεσκεμμένων<sup>6</sup> ἀκόλουθον ἂν εἶη λοιπὸν τὰς τῶν προτελέσεων ἐφόδους κεφαλαιώδως ἐπελθεῖν, καὶ πρῶτον τῶν καθ' ὅλας περιστάσεις χωρῶν ἢ πόλεων λαμβανομένων.<sup>7</sup> ἔσται δ' ὁ τρόπος τῆς ἐπισκέψεως τοιοῦτος· ἡ μὲν οὖν πρώτη καὶ ἰσχυροτάτη τῶν τοιούτων συμπτωμάτων αἰτία γίνεται παρὰ τὰς ἐκλειπτικὰς ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης συζυγίας καὶ τὰς ἐν αὐταῖς παρόδους τῶν ἀστέρων. τῆς δὲ προτελέσεως αὐτῆς τὸ μὲν τί ἐστὶ τοπικόν, καθ' ὃ δεῖ προγινώσκειν ποίας

<sup>1</sup> αὐτῶν NACam.

<sup>2</sup> ὧν PMAE, ὄν VLNDCam.

<sup>3</sup> γενέσεως VD, -εων (-αιων) PNMAECam., ἐπιγενέσεων L.

<sup>4</sup> καθ' ὧν MAE, καθ' ἣν VD, om. PLNCam.

<sup>5</sup> ἐν ταῖς VPLMADE, εἰς τὴν . . . γενέσειν NCam.

<sup>6</sup> προεπεσκεμμένων VD, προεσκεμμένων P, προεσκευασμένων L, προκειμένων A, προεκειμένων (-εγκ-) MNECam., προειρημένων Proc.

<sup>7</sup> λαμβανομένων VME, -ον D, -ας NACam., λαμβάνομεν PL.



poles, appear to exert sympathy; furthermore, that, in the case of metropolitan cities, those regions of the zodiac are most sympathetic through which the sun and moon, and of the centres especially the horoscope, were passing at the first founding of the city, as in a nativity. But in cases in which the exact times of the foundations are not discovered, the regions are sympathetic in which falls the mid-heaven of the nativities of those who held office or were kings at the time.<sup>1</sup>

#### 4. *Method of Making Particular Predictions.*

After this introductory examination it would be the next task to deal briefly with the procedure of the predictions, and first with those concerned with general conditions of countries or cities. The method of the inquiry will be as follows: The first and most potent cause of such events lies in the conjunctions of the sun and moon at eclipse and the movements of the stars at the time. Of the prediction itself, one portion is regional;<sup>2</sup> therein we must foresee

<sup>1</sup> The procedure, therefore, is to treat a city like a person and cast its nativity, using instead of the time of birth the time of founding. If the latter is not accurately known, the astrologer should take the nativity of the founder, or other individual prominent in the enterprise, and observe where its mid-heaven falls.

<sup>2</sup> Ptolemy divides inquiries about cities and countries into four heads; what place is affected, the time and duration of the event, the generic classification of the event (i.e. what classes, *genera*, it will affect), and the quality, or nature, of the event itself. His terminology is Aristotelian. The next four chapters deal with the four phases of the inquiry.

χώραις ἢ πόλεσιν αἱ κατὰ μέρος ἐκλείψεις ἢ καὶ τῶν πλανωμένων αἱ κατὰ καιροὺς ἔμμονοι<sup>1</sup> στάσεις· αὗται δὲ εἰσι Κρόνου τε καὶ Διὸς καὶ Ἄρεως, ὅταν στηρίζωσι·<sup>2</sup> ποιοῦνται γὰρ τότε τὰς<sup>3</sup> ἐπισημασίας· τὸ δέ τι χρονικόν, καθ' ὃ τὸν καιρὸν τῶν ἐπισημασιῶν καὶ τῆς παρατάσεως τὴν ποσότητα δεήσει προγινώσκειν· τὸ δέ τι γενικόν, καθ' ὃ προσήκει λαμβάνειν περὶ ποῖα τῶν γενῶν ἀποβήσεται τὸ σύμπτωμα· τελευταῖον δὲ τὸ εἰδικόν, καθ' ὃ τὴν αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀποτελεσθησομένου ποιότητα θεωρήσομεν.

εἶ.) Περὶ τῆς τῶν διατιθεμένων  
χωρῶν ἐπισκέψεως

Περὶ μὲν οὖν τοῦ πρώτου καὶ τοπικοῦ τὴν διάληψιν ποιησόμεθα τοιαύτην· κατὰ γὰρ τὰς γινόμενας ἐκλειπτικὰς συζυγίας ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης, καὶ μάλιστα τὰς εὐαισθητοτέρας, ἐπισκεψόμεθα τὸν τε ἐκλειπτικὸν τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ τόπον καὶ τὰς τῶν κατ' αὐτὸν<sup>4</sup> τριγῶνων<sup>5</sup> συνοικειουμένας<sup>6</sup> χώρας· καὶ ὁμοίως τίνες τῶν πόλεων ἦτοι ἐκ τῆς κατὰ τὴν 76 κτίσιν ὠροσκοπίας καὶ φωσφορίας ἢ ἐκ τῆς τῶν

<sup>1</sup> ἔμμονοι VMAD, ἔμμηνοι PNECam., ἔμμηνα L; cf. αἱ τῶν πλανωμένων ἐπιμένουσαι κατὰ καιροὺς στάσεις Proc.

<sup>2</sup> στηρίζωσι VADProc., -ονται L, -οντες PNMECam.

<sup>3</sup> ποιοῦνται . . . τὰς κτλ. VDPProc.; ποιῶσι(ν) (aut ποιήσωσι) τὰς κτλ. alii libri Cam.

<sup>4</sup> κατ' αὐτὸν VMADE, κατ' αὐτῶν L, κατὰ τῶν P, κατὰ τὰ NCam.

<sup>5</sup> τριγῶνων VPLMDE, -ω A, -α NCam.

<sup>6</sup> συνοικειουμένας VADE, -ων MNCam., -ειωμένας P, -ειωμένων L.

for what countries or cities there is significance in the various eclipses or in the occasional regular stations of the planets, that is, of Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars, whenever they halt, for then they are significant. Another division of the prediction is chronological; therein the need will be to foretell the time of the portents and their duration. A part, too, is generic; through this we ought to understand with what classes the event will be concerned. And finally there is the specific aspect, by which we shall discern the quality of the event itself.

#### 5. *Of the Examination of the Countries Affected.*

We are to judge of the first portion of the inquiry, which is regional, in the following manner: In the eclipses of sun and moon<sup>1</sup> as they occur, particularly those more easily observed,<sup>2</sup> we shall examine the region of the zodiac in which they take place, and the countries in familiarity with its triangles, and in similar fashion ascertain which of the cities, either from their horoscope<sup>3</sup> at the time of their founding and the position of the luminaries at the time, or

<sup>1</sup> Johannes Laurentius Lydus (*De ostentis*, 9) deals with a system of prediction whereby eclipses of the sun refer to Asia and those of the moon to Europe. Ptolemy makes no such sweeping distinction.

<sup>2</sup> Ptolemy takes no account of eclipses not visible at the place concerned.

<sup>3</sup> That is, the sign in the ascendant, or horoscopic position, at that time.

τότε ἡγεμονευόντων μεσουρανήσεως συμπάθειαν ἔχουσι πρὸς τὸ τῆς ἐκλείψεως δωδεκατημόριον. ἐφ' ὅσων δ' ἂν χωρῶν ἢ πόλεων εὐρίσκωμεν τὴν προκειμένην συνοικείωσιν, περὶ πάσας<sup>1</sup> μὲν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ὑπονοητέον ἔσεσθαι τι σύμπτωμα, μάλιστα δὲ περὶ τὰς πρὸς αὐτὸ τὸ τῆς ἐκλείψεως δωδεκατημόριον λόγον ἔχουσας καὶ ἐν ὅσαις αὐτῶν ὑπὲρ γῆν οὔσα ἢ ἔκλειψις ἐφαίνετο.<sup>2</sup>

<5.> Περὶ τοῦ χρόνου τῶν ἀποτελουμένων

Τὸ δὲ δεύτερον καὶ χρονικὸν κεφάλαιον, καθ' ὃ τοὺς καιροὺς τῶν ἐπισημασιῶν καὶ τῆς παρατάσεως τὴν ποσότητα προσήκει διαγινώσκειν, ἐπισκεψόμεθα τρόπῳ τοιῷδε. τῶν γὰρ κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν χρόνον γινομένων ἐκλείψεων μὴ κατὰ πᾶσαν οἴκησιν ἐν ταῖς αὐταῖς καιρικαῖς ὥραις ἀποτελουμένων, τῶν τε ἡλιακῶν τῶν αὐτῶν<sup>3</sup> μηδὲ τὰ μεγέθη τῶν ἐπισκοτήσεων ἢ τὸν χρόνον τῶν παρατάσεων κατὰ τὸ ἴσον πανταχῇ λαμβανουσῶν, πρῶτον μὲν κατὰ τὴν ἐν ἐκάστη τῶν λόγον ἔχουσῶν οἰκήσεων ἐκλειπτικὴν ὥραν καὶ τὸ τοῦ πόλου ἕξαρμα κέντρα<sup>4</sup> ὡς ἐπὶ

<sup>1</sup> πάσας] cf. Proc. πᾶσαι: ταύτας NCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐφαίνετο VADEProc., φαίνεται P (φεν-) LMNCam.

<sup>3</sup> τῶν αὐτῶν VPLDProc.; δηλαδὴ καὶ τῶν σεληνιακῶν NACam.: καὶ τῶν σεληνιακῶν τῶν αὐτῶν ME.

<sup>4</sup> κέντρα VADProc., τὰ τε κέντρα PLNCam., καὶ τὰ κέντρα ME.

from the mid-heaven of the nativity<sup>1</sup> of their then rulers, are sympathetic<sup>2</sup> to the zodiacal sign of the eclipse. And in whatsoever countries or cities we discover a familiarity of this kind, we must suppose that some event will occur which applies, generally speaking, to all of them, particularly to those which bear a relation to the actual zodiacal sign of the eclipse and to those of them in which the eclipse, since it took place above the earth, was visible.

### 6. *Of the Time of the Predicted Events.*

The second and chronological heading, whereby we should learn the times of the events signified and the length of their duration, we shall consider as follows. Inasmuch as the eclipses which take place at the same time are not completed in the same number of ordinary hours<sup>3</sup> in every locality, and since the same solar eclipses do not everywhere have the same degree of obscuration or the same time of duration, we shall first set down for the hour of the eclipse, in each of the related localities, and for the altitude of the pole,<sup>4</sup> centres, as in a nativity;

<sup>1</sup> The mid-heaven was regarded by many, including Ptolemy, as the most important of the centres, or angles, even surpassing the horoscope itself in its significance in certain ways. Cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 271 (with n. 2).

<sup>2</sup> That is, bear an aspect to.

<sup>3</sup> Civil hours, twelfth parts of the day-time or the night-time. They vary in length according to the latitude and the time of the year. Cf. the note on horary periods, iii. 10 (p. 292, n. 2).

<sup>4</sup> That is, the latitude; from this the centres or angles can be determined.



γενεσεως διαθήσομεν· ἔπειτα καὶ ἐπὶ πόσας<sup>1</sup> ἰσημερινὰς ὥρας ἐν ἐκάστη<sup>2</sup> παρατείνει τὸ ἐπισκίασμα τῆς  
 77 ἐκλείψεως· τούτων γὰρ ἐξετασθέντων ὅσας ἂν ἰσημερινὰς ὥρας εὖρωμεν, ἐφ' ἡλιακῆς μὲν ἐκλείψεως ἐπὶ τοσοῦτους ἐνιαυτοὺς παραμένειν ὑπονοήσομεν τὸ ἀποτελούμενον, ἐπὶ δὲ σεληνιακῆς ἐπὶ τοσοῦτους μῆνας, τῶν μέντοι καταρχῶν καὶ τῶν ὄλοσχερεστέρων ἐπιτάσεων<sup>3</sup> θεωρουμένων<sup>4</sup> ἐκ τῆς τοῦ ἐκλειπτικοῦ τόπου πρὸς τὰ κέντρα σχέσεως. πρὸς μὲν γὰρ τῷ ἀπηλιωτικῷ ὀρίζοντι ὁ τόπος ἐκπεσῶν τήν τε καταρχὴν τοῦ συμπτώματος κατὰ τὴν πρώτην τετράμηνον ἀπὸ τοῦ χρόνου τῆς ἐκλείψεως σημαίνει καὶ τὰς ὄλοσχερεῖς<sup>5</sup> ἐπιτάσεις περὶ τὸ πρῶτον τριτημόριον τοῦ καθ' ὅλην<sup>6</sup> τὴν παράτασιν<sup>7</sup> χρόνου· πρὸς<sup>8</sup> δὲ τῷ μεσουρανήματι, κατὰ τε τὴν δευτέραν τετράμηνον καὶ τὸ μέσον τριτημόριον· πρὸς δὲ τῷ λιβυκῷ ὀρίζοντι, κατὰ τὴν τρίτην τετράμηνον καὶ τὸ ἔσχατον τριτημόριον. τῶν δὲ κατὰ μέρος ἀνέσεων καὶ ἐπιτάσεων ἀπὸ τε τῶν ἀνὰ μέσον συζυγιῶν, ὅταν κατὰ τῶν τὸ αἷτιον ἐμποιοῦντων τόπων ἢ τῶν συσχηματιζομένων τόπων αὐτοῖς συμπίπτωσι, καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ὡς ἐπὶ πόσας PLMNECam., om. ὡς VADProc.

<sup>2</sup> Post ἐκάστη add. τῶν λόγον ἐχουσῶν οἰκίσεων PLNCam.; om. VMADe.

<sup>3</sup> τρόπους post ἐπιτάσεων add. Cam., om. libri.

<sup>4</sup> θεωρουμένων VMDE, θεωροῦμεν (θεορ-) PLNACam.

<sup>5</sup> τὰς ὄλας ὄλοσχερεῖς PLNACam.; ὄλας om. VMDEProc.

<sup>6</sup> καθ' ὅλην VMDE, καθ' ὅλου PLNACam.

<sup>7</sup> τὴν παράτασιν VPLMADE, τῆς παρατάσεως NCam.

<sup>8</sup> πρὸς libri et Cam.<sup>1</sup>, ἐν Cam.<sup>2</sup>

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secondly, how many equinoctial hours<sup>1</sup> the obscuration of the eclipse lasts in each. For when these data are examined, if it is a solar eclipse, we shall understand that the predicted event lasts as many years<sup>2</sup> as the equinoctial hours which we discover, and if a lunar eclipse, as many months. The nature of the beginnings<sup>3</sup> and of the more important intensifications<sup>4</sup> of the events, however, are deduced from the position of the place of the eclipse relative to the centres. For if the place of the eclipse falls on the eastern horizon, this signifies that the beginning of the predicted event is in the first period of four months from the time of the eclipse and that its important intensifications lie in the first third of the entire period of its duration; if on the mid-heaven, in the second four months and the middle third; if upon the western horizon, in the third four months and the final third. The beginnings of the particular abatements and intensifications of the event we deduce from the conjunctions which take place in the meantime,<sup>5</sup> if they occur in the significant regions or

<sup>1</sup> An equinoctial hour is the time measured by the passage of 15° of the equator ( $\frac{1}{24}$  of 360°) past the horizon or other fixed point.

<sup>2</sup> A distinction is made because solar and lunar eclipses are of very different lengths; a total lunar eclipse may last nearly two hours, compared with eight minutes in the case of the sun.

<sup>3</sup> *καρραχαί*, that is, when the predicted event is due.

<sup>4</sup> *ἐπιτάσεις*, "intensifications," as opposed to "relaxations"; a metaphor drawn from the tightening and loosening of the strings of a musical instrument.

<sup>5</sup> During the period of the predicted effect (Bouché-Leclercq, p. 351).

ἀπὸ τῶν ἄλλων παρόδων,<sup>1</sup> ὅταν οἱ ποιητικοὶ τοῦ προτελέσματος ἀστέρες ἀνατολὰς ἢ δύσεις ἢ στηριγμοὺς ἢ ἀκρονύκτους φάσεις ποιῶνται, συσχηματιζόμενοι τοῖς τὸ αἴτιον ἔχουσι δωδεκατημορίοις·  
 78 ἐπειδήπερ ἀνατέλλοντες μὲν ἢ στηρίζοντες ἐπιτάσεις ποιοῦνται τῶν συμπτωμάτων, δύνοντες δὲ καὶ ὑπὸ τὰς αὐγὰς ὄντες ἢ ἀκρονύκτους ποιούμενοι προηγῆσεις ἄνεσιν τῶν ἀποτελουμένων ποιοῦσιν.

<ξ> Περὶ τοῦ γένους τῶν διατιθεμένων

Τρίτου δ' ὄντος κεφαλαίου τοῦ γενικοῦ, καθ' ὃ δεῖ διαλαβεῖν περὶ ποῖα τῶν γενῶν ἀποβήσεται τὸ σύμπτωμα, λαμβάνεται καὶ τοῦτο διὰ τῆς τῶν ζωδίων ἰδιοτροπίας καὶ μορφώσεως καθ' ὧν ἂν τύχωσιν ὄντες οἱ τε τῶν ἐκλείψεων τόποι καὶ οἱ τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν λαβόντες τῶν ἀστέρων, τῶν τε πλανωμένων καὶ τῶν ἀπλανῶν, τοῦ τε τῆς ἐκλείψεως δωδεκατημορίου καὶ τοῦ κατὰ τὸ κέντρον τὸ πρὸ<sup>2</sup> τῆς ἐκλείψεως. λαμβάνεται δὲ ἡ τούτων οἰκοδεσποτία ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν πλανωμένων ἀστέρων οὕτως. ὁ γὰρ τοὺς πλείστους λόγους ἔχων πρὸς ἀμφοτέρους τοὺς ἐκκειμένους τόπους, τὸν τε τῆς ἐκλείψεως καὶ τὸν τοῦ ἐπομένου αὐτῷ κέντρον, κατὰ τε τὰς ἔγγιστα καὶ φαινομένας συναφὰς ἢ ἀπορροίας καὶ τοὺς λόγους ἔχοντας τῶν συσχηματισμῶν, καὶ ἔτι κατὰ τὴν κυρίαν τῶν τε οἰκῶν καὶ τριγώνων καὶ ὑψωμάτων ἢ καὶ ὀρίων, ἐκεῖνος λήψεται μόνος τὴν

<sup>1</sup> παρόδων VP (παρρ-) LDProc.; παρανατελλόντων MNAE Cam.

the regions in some aspect to them, and also from the other movements of the planets, if those that effect the predicted event are either rising or setting or stationary or at evening rising, and are at the same time in some aspect to the zodiacal signs that hold the cause; for planets when they are rising or stationary produce intensifications in the events, but when setting, and under the rays of the sun,<sup>1</sup> or advancing at evening, they bring about an abatement.

### 7. *Of the Class of those Affected.*

The third heading is that of generic classification, whereby one must determine what classes the event will affect. This is ascertained from the special nature and form of the zodiacal signs in which happen to be the places of the eclipses and in which are the heavenly bodies, planets and fixed stars alike, that govern both the sign of the eclipse and that of the angle preceding the eclipse. In the case of the planets we discover the rulership of these regions thus: The one which has the greatest number of relationships to both the regions aforesaid, that of the eclipse and that of the angle which follows it, both by virtue of the nearest visible applications or recessions, and by those of the aspects which bear a relation, and furthermore by rulership of the houses, triangles, exaltations, and terms, that planet

<sup>1</sup>Too near the sun to be visible; *combustus*; cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 111, n. 3. "Advancing" is the same as "adding to its motion"; cf. above, p. 115, n. 4.

<sup>2</sup>τὸ κ. τὸ πρὸ Π (πρῶ) Λ; τοῦ κέντρου τοῦ πρὸ ΜΑΕ; κατὰ τοῦ κέντρου πρὸ τῆς κτλ. Προς.; τὸ πρὸ οὐμ. VDNCam.



οικοδεσποτίαν· εἰ δὲ μὴ ὁ αὐτὸς εὐρίσκοιτο τῆς  
 τε ἐκλείψεως καὶ τοῦ κέντρου κύριος, δύο<sup>1</sup> τοὺς  
 79 πρὸς ἑκάτερον τῶν τόπων τὰς πλείους ἔχοντας,  
 ὡς πρόκειται, συνοικειώσεις συμπαραληπτέον, προ-  
 κρινομένου τοῦ τῆς ἐκλείψεως κυρίου· εἰ δὲ πλείους  
 εὐρίσκοιντο καθ' ἑκάτερον ἐφάμιλλοι, τὸν ἐπικεντρό-  
 τερον ἢ χρηματιστικώτερον ἢ τῆς αἰρέσεως μᾶλλον  
 ὄντα προκρινοῦμεν εἰς τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν. ἐπὶ δὲ  
 τῶν ἀπλανῶν συμπαραληψόμεθα τὸν τε αὐτῷ τῷ  
 ἐκλειπτικῷ χρόνῳ<sup>2</sup> συγκεχρηματικότερα πρῶτον τῶν  
 λαμπρῶν<sup>3</sup> ἐπὶ τῆς παρωχημένης κεντρώσεως κατὰ  
 τοὺς διωρισμένους ἡμῖν ἐν τῇ πρώτῃ συντάξει τῶν  
 ἐννέα τρόπων φαινομένους σχηματισμούς, καὶ τὸν  
 ἐν τῇ φαινομένη κατὰ τὴν ἐκλειπτικὴν ὥραν δια-  
 θέσει, ἧτοι συνανατεΐλαντα ἢ συμμεσουρανῆσαντα τῷ  
 κατὰ τὰ ἐπόμενα κέντρῳ<sup>4</sup> τοῦ τόπου τῆς ἐκλείψεως.

Θεωρηθέντων δὲ οὕτως τῶν εἰς τὴν αἰτίαν τοῦ  
 συμπτώματος παραλαμβανομένων ἀστέρων, συνεπι-  
 σκεψόμεθα καὶ τὰς τῶν ζωδίων μορφώσεις ἐν οἷς  
 ἢ τε ἐκλειψις καὶ οἱ τὴν κυρίαν λαβόντες ἀστέρες  
 ἔτυχον ὄντες, ὡς ἀπὸ τῆς τούτων ἰδιοτροπίας καὶ  
 τοῦ ποιοῦ τῶν διατιθεμένων γενῶν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν  
 λαμβανομένου. τὰ μὲν γὰρ ἀνθρωπόμορφα τῶν  
 ζωδίων τῶν τε περὶ τὸν διὰ μέσων τῶν ζωδίων

<sup>1</sup> δύο δὲ PLNCam., ἀλλὰ δύο MAE, δὲ om. VDProc.

<sup>2</sup> χρόνῳ VDProc., τόπῳ alii Cam.

<sup>3</sup> τῶν λαμπρῶν VMADEProc., τὸν λαμπρὸν PL, τῷ λαμπρῷ  
 NCam.

<sup>4</sup> κέντρῳ VMADEProc., -a PLNCam.

<sup>1</sup> The anonymous commentator on Ptolemy gives as examples of reasons for preferring one to another that it is



alone will hold the dominance. However, if the same planet is not found to be both lord of the eclipse and of the angle, we must take together the two which have the greatest number of familiarities, as aforesaid, to either one of the regions, giving preference to the lord of the eclipse. And if several rivals be found on either count, we shall prefer for the domination the one which is closest to an angle, or is more significant, or is more closely allied by sect.<sup>1</sup> In the case of the fixed stars, we shall take the first one of the brilliant stars which signifies upon the preceding angle at the actual time of the eclipse, according to the nine kinds of visible aspects defined in our first compilation,<sup>2</sup> and the star which of the group visible at the time of the eclipse has either risen or reached meridian with the angle following the place of the eclipse.

When we have thus reckoned the stars that share in causing the event, let us also consider the forms of the signs of the zodiac in which the eclipse and the dominating stars as well happened to be, since from their character the quality of the classes affected is generally discerned. Constellations of human form, both in the zodiac and among the

in the superior hemisphere, or is "adding to its motion," or rising, or if these characteristics appear in all the rivals, that it is of the proper sect.

<sup>2</sup>The reference is to the *Almagest*, viii. 4. They are πρωινός ἀηλιώτης (matutine subsolar), πρωινόν μεσουράνημα (matutine culmination), πρωινός λήψ (matutine setting), μεσημβρινός ἀηλιώτης (meridional subsolar), μεσημβρινόν μεσουράνημα (meridional culmination), μεσημβρινός λήψ (meridional setting), ὄψινός ἀηλιώτης (vespertine subsolar), ὄψινόν μεσουράνημα (vespertine culmination), and ὄψινός λήψ (vespertine setting).

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κύκλον καὶ τῶν κατὰ τοὺς ἀπλανεῖς ἀστέρας, περὶ  
 τὸ τῶν ἀνθρώπων γένος ποιεῖ τὸ ἀποτελούμενον.  
 80 τῶν δὲ ἄλλων χερσαίων τὰ μὲν τετράποδα περὶ τὰ  
 ὁμοία τῶν ἀλόγων ζώων, τὰ δὲ ἐρπυστικά περὶ  
 τοὺς ὄφεις καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα. καὶ πάλιν τὰ μὲν  
 θηριώδη περὶ τὰ ἀνήμερα τῶν ζώων καὶ βλαπτικά  
 τοῦ τῶν ἀνθρώπων γένους, τὰ δὲ ἡμερα περὶ τὰ  
 χρηστικά καὶ χειροήθη<sup>1</sup> καὶ συνεργητικά πρὸς  
 τὰς εὐετηρίας ἀναλόγως τοῖς καθ' ἕκαστα μορφώ-  
 μασι, οἷον ἵππων ἢ βοῶν ἢ προβάτων καὶ τῶν  
 τοιούτων. ἔτι δὲ τῶν χερσαίων τὰ μὲν πρὸς  
 ταῖς ἄρκτοις μᾶλλον περὶ τὰς τῆς γῆς αἰφνιδί-  
 ουσ κινήσεις, τὰ δὲ πρὸς μεσημβρίαν περὶ τὰς  
 ἀπροσδοκίτους ἐκ τοῦ ἀέρος ῥύσεις. πάλιν δὲ ἐν  
 μὲν τοῖς τῶν πτερωτῶν μορφώμασι ὄντες οἱ κύριοι  
 τόποι οἷον Παρθένω, Τοξότη, Ὀρνιθι,<sup>2</sup> Ἀετῶ<sup>3</sup> καὶ  
 τοῖς τοιούτοις, περὶ τὰ πτηνὰ καὶ μάλιστα τὰ εἰς  
 τροφήν ἀνθρώπων τὸ σύμπτωμα ποιούσιν, ἐν δὲ τοῖς  
 νηκτοῖς<sup>4</sup> περὶ τὰ ἔνυδρα καὶ τοὺς ἰχθῦς. καὶ τούτων  
 ἐν μὲν τοῖς θαλαττίοις, οἷον Καρκίνω, Αἰγόκερω,  
 Δελφίνι,<sup>5</sup> περὶ τὰ θαλάττια, καὶ ἔτι τὰς τῶν στολῶν

<sup>1</sup> καὶ καταχρηστικά post χειροήθη add. PLNCam.; om. VMADE.

<sup>2</sup> Ὀρνιθι VMADE, -ος PNCam., Ὀρνέων L.

<sup>3</sup> Ἀετῶ VMADE, cf. Proc.; τοῖς Ὀρνέοις PLNCam.

<sup>4</sup> νηκτοῖς NAECam.<sup>1</sup>; cf. νηχόμενα Proc.; νυκτοῖς alii Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Δελφίνι VMADE, -νω PL, -να NCam.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 12 for classifications of the signs. Rhetorius, ap. CCAG, i. 164 ff., names as signs of human form Gemini, Virgo, Libra, Aquarius, and (in part) Sagittarius.

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fixed stars, cause the event to concern the human race.<sup>1</sup> Of the other terrestrial signs,<sup>2</sup> the four-footed<sup>3</sup> are concerned with the four-footed dumb animals, and the signs formed like creeping things<sup>4</sup> with serpents and the like. Again, the animal<sup>5</sup> signs have significance for the wild animals and those which injure the human race; the tame signs concern the useful and domesticated animals, and those which help to gain prosperity, in consistency with their several forms; for example, horses, oxen, sheep, and the like. Again, of the terrestrial signs, the northern tend to signify sudden earthquakes and the southern unexpected rains from the sky. Yet again, those dominant regions that are in the form of winged creatures,<sup>6</sup> such as Virgo, Sagittarius, Cygnus, Aquila, and the like, exercise an effect upon winged creatures, particularly those which are used for human food, and if they are in the form of swimming things, upon water animals and fish. And of these, in the constellations pertaining to the sea,<sup>7</sup> such as Cancer, Capricorn, and the Dolphin, they influence the

Among the extra-zodiacal constellations might be cited Orion, Perseus, Andromeda, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Rhetorius, *loc. cit.*, names Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio.

<sup>3</sup> Aries, Taurus, Leo, Sagittarius (Rhetorius, *loc. cit.*).

<sup>4</sup> To be sought among extra-zodiacal constellations, such as Draco, rather than the zodiac.

<sup>5</sup> θηριώδη; Taurus, Leo, and Scorpio, according to Rhetorius, *loc. cit.*

<sup>6</sup> Rhetorius, *loc. cit.*, names Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces.

<sup>7</sup> Rhetorius, *loc. cit.*, designates as watery (ἑνυδρα) Pisces, Cancer, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Sagittarius, of the zodiac.

ἀναγωγὰς ἐν δὲ τοῖς ποταμίοις οἶον Ὑδροχόω καὶ Ἰχθύσι, περὶ τὰ ποτάμια καὶ τὰ πηγαῖα· κατὰ δὲ τὴν Ἀργὴν περὶ ἀμφότερα τὰ γένη. ὡσαύτως δ'<sup>1</sup> ἐν τοῖς τροπικοῖς ἢ ἰσημερινοῖς ὄντες κοινῶς μὲν περὶ τὰ τοῦ ἀέρος καταστήματα καὶ τὰς οἰκείας ἐκάστοις αὐτῶν ὥρας ἀποτελοῦσι τὰς ἐπισημασίας, 81 ἰδίως δὲ καὶ περὶ τὸ ἔαρ καὶ περὶ<sup>2</sup> τὰ ἐκ τῆς γῆς φυόμενα. κατὰ μὲν γὰρ τὴν ἔαριν ἰσημερίαν ὄντες περὶ τοὺς βλαστοὺς τῶν δενδρικῶν καρπῶν, οἶον ἀμπέλου, συκῆς, καὶ τῶν συνακμαζόντων· κατὰ δὲ τὴν θερινὴν τροπὴν περὶ τὰς τῶν καρποφορηθέντων συγκομιδὰς καὶ ἀποθέσεις· ἐν Αἰγύπτῳ δὲ ἰδικῶς καὶ περὶ τὴν τοῦ Νείλου ἀνάβασιν· κατὰ δὲ τὴν μετοπωρινὴν ἰσημερίαν περὶ τὸν σπόρον καὶ τὰ χορτικά καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα· κατὰ δὲ τὴν χειμερινὴν τροπὴν περὶ τὰς λαχανείας καὶ τὰ κατὰ τοῦτον τὸν καιρὸν ἐπιπολάζοντα ὀρνέων ἢ ἰχθύων γένη ἔτι δὲ καὶ τὰ μὲν ἰσημερινὰ τοῖς ἱεροῖς καὶ ταῖς περὶ τοὺς θεοὺς θρησκείαις ἐπισημαίνει· τὰ δὲ τροπικὰ ταῖς τῶν ἀέρων καὶ ταῖς τῶν πολιτικῶν εἰθισμένων<sup>3</sup> μεταβολαῖς· τὰ δὲ στερεὰ τοῖς θεμελίοις καὶ τοῖς οἰκοδομήμασι· τὰ δὲ δίσωμα καὶ τοῖς ἀνθρώποις καὶ τοῖς βασιλεῦσιν. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ τὰ μὲν πρὸς ταῖς ἀνατολαῖς μᾶλλον ἔχοντα τὴν θέσιν ἐν τῷ χρόνῳ τῆς ἐκλείψεως περὶ τοὺς καρποὺς καὶ τὴν νέαν ἡλικίαν καὶ τοὺς θεμελίους τὸ ἐσόμενον σημαίνει· τὰ δὲ πρὸς τῷ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουρανήματι περὶ τὰ ἱερά καὶ τοὺς βασιλέας καὶ τὴν μέσσην ἡλικίαν· τὰ δὲ πρὸς ταῖς δυσμαῖς περὶ τὰς τῶν

<sup>1</sup> ὡσαύτως. οἱ δ(έ) MNCam.



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creatures of the sea and the sailing of fleets. In the constellations pertaining to rivers, such as Aquarius and Pisces, they concern the creatures of rivers and springs, and in Argo they affect both classes alike. Likewise stars in the solstitial<sup>1</sup> or equinoctial signs have significance in general for the conditions of the air and the seasons related to each of these signs, and in particular they concern the spring and things which grow from the earth. For when they are at the spring equinox they affect the new shoots of the arboreal crops, such as grapes and figs, and whatever matures with them; at the summer solstice, the gathering and storing of the crops, and in Egypt, peculiarly, the rising of the Nile; at the autumn solstice they concern the sowing, the hay crops, and such; and at the winter equinox the vegetables and the kinds of birds and fish most common at this season. Further, the equinoctial signs have significance for sacred rites and the worship of the gods; the solstitial signs, for changes in the air and in political customs; the solid signs,<sup>2</sup> for foundations and the construction of houses; the bicorporeal, for men and kings. Similarly, those which are closer to the orient at the time of the eclipse signify what is to be concerning the crops, youth, and foundations; those near the mid-heaven above the earth, concerning sacred rites, kings, and middle age; and

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 11.<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>2</sup> τὸ ἔαρ καὶ περὶ PLN Cam. Proc., om. VMADE; καὶ (post ἔαρ) om. PLN.

<sup>3</sup> ἐθισμένων VD, ἐθισμῶν MAE, ἐθίμων N Cam., ἐθήμων P, εὐθύμων L.

νομίμων μετατροπὰς καὶ τὴν παλαιὰν ἡλικίαν καὶ τοὺς κατοικομένους.

Καὶ περὶ τὸ πόστον δὲ μέρος τοῦ ὑποκειμένου  
82 γένους ἢ διάθεσις ἐπελεύσεται, τό τε τῆς ἐπισκοπή-  
σεως τῶν ἐκλείψεων μέγεθος ὑποβάλλει καὶ αἱ τῶν  
τὸ αἴτιον ἐμποιοῦντων ἀστέρων πρὸς τὸν ἐκλειπτικὸν  
τόπον σχέσεις. ἑσπέριοι μὲν γὰρ σχηματιζόμενοι  
πρὸς τὰς ἡλιακὰς ἐκλείψεις,<sup>1</sup> ἑῷοι δὲ πρὸς τὰς  
σεληνιακὰς, ἐπὶ τὸ ἔλαττον ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν διατιθέασι·  
διαμετροῦντες δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ ἥμισυ· ἑῷοι δὲ σχηματι-  
ζόμενοι πρὸς τὰς ἡλιακὰς ἢ ἑσπέριοι πρὸς τὰς  
σεληνιακὰς ἐπὶ τὸ πλεῖον

<ἦ.> Περὶ τῆς αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀποτελέσ-  
ματος ποιότητος

Τέταρτον δ' ἐστὶ κεφάλαιον τὸ περὶ αὐτῆς τῆς  
τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος ποιότητος, τουτέστι, πότερον  
ἀγαθῶν ἢ τῶν ἐναντίων ἐστὶ ποιητικὸν καὶ ποδαπὸν  
ἐφ' ἐκάτεροι κατὰ τὸ τοῦ εἴδους ἰδιότροπον. τοῦτο  
δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν οἰκοδεσποτησάντων ἀστέρων τοὺς  
κυρίουσ τόπους ποιητικῆς φύσεως καταλαμβάνεται  
καὶ τῆς συγκράσεως τῆς τε πρὸς ἀλλήλους καὶ τοὺς  
τόπους καθ' ὧν ἂν ὦσι τετυχηκότες. ὁ μὲν γὰρ  
ἥλιος καὶ ἡ σελήνη διατάκται καὶ<sup>2</sup> ὡσπερ ἡγεμόνες

<sup>1</sup> ἐκλείψεις VMADEProc., om. PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> διατάκται καὶ VD, διατέτακται καὶ MAE, διατακτικοὶ (om. κα') P (-τοικ-) LNCam.

<sup>1</sup> Planets become feminized by the occidental position (cf. i. 6) and hence opposo the sun; in oriental position

those near the occident, concerning change of customs, old age, and those who have passed away.

To the question, how large a portion of the class involved will the event affect, the answer is supplied by the extent of the obscuration of the eclipses, and by the positions relative to the place of the eclipse held by the stars which furnish the cause. For when they are occidental to solar eclipses,<sup>1</sup> or oriental to lunar, they usually affect a minority; in opposition, a half; and the majority, if they are oriental to solar eclipses or occidental to lunar.

### 8. *Of the Quality of the Predicted Event.*

The fourth heading concerns the quality of the predicted event, that is, whether it is productive of good or the opposite,<sup>2</sup> and of what sort is its effect in either direction, in accordance with the peculiar character of the species. This is apprehended from the nature of the activity of the planets which rule the dominant places and from their combination both with one another and with the places in which they happen to be. For the sun and the moon are the marshals and, as it were,

they are masculinized and oppose the moon. Hence the effect is minimized. When, however, they work with the sun (in oriental position and masculine) or with the moon, the eclipse has a greater effect. Cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 353, n. 3.

<sup>2</sup> As Bouché-Leclercq (p. 355) points out, the natural tendency in antiquity would be to assume that any eclipse portends evil. Ptolemy's predilection for classification causes him to examine the question in the light of the nature and characters of the planets (cf. i. 5).

εἰσὶ τῶν ἄλλων, αὐτοὶ αἴτιοι γινόμενοι τοῦ τε κατὰ τὴν ἐνέργειαν ὄλου καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀστέρων οἰκοδεσποτίας καὶ ἔτι τῆς τῶν οἰκοδεσποτησάντων ἰσχύος ἢ ἀδρανείας. ἡ δὲ τῶν τὴν κυρίαν λαβόντων συγκρατικὴ θεωρία τὴν τῶν ἀποτελεσμάτων δείκνυσι ποιότητα.

- 83 Ἀρξόμεθα δὲ τῆς καθ' ἕκαστον τῶν πλανωμένων ποιητικῆς<sup>1</sup> ἰδιοτροπίας, ἐκείνο κοινῶς προεκθέμενοι ἔτι τῆς κεφαλαιώδους ὑπομνήσεως ἕνεκεν ὡς ὅταν καθ' ὄλου τινὰ λέγωμεν τῶν πέντε ἀστέρων τὴν κρᾶσιν καὶ τὸ ποιητικὸν τῆς ὁμοίας φύσεως ὑποληπτέον, εἴαν τε αὐτὸς ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἢ καταστάσει, εἴαν τε καὶ τῶν ἀπλανῶν τις ἢ τῶν τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ τόπων κατὰ τὴν οἰκειάν αὐτοῦ κρᾶσιν θεωρῆται· καθάπερ ἂν εἰ τῶν φύσεων καὶ τῶν ποιότητων αὐτῶν καὶ μὴ τῶν ἀστέρων ἐτύγχανον αἱ προσηγορίαι καὶ ὅτι ἐν ταῖς συγκράσεσι πάλιν οὐ μόνον τὴν πρὸς ἀλλήλους τῶν πλανωμένων μίξιν δεῖ σκοπεῖν, ἀλλὰ καὶ τὴν πρὸς τοὺς τῆς αὐτῆς φύσεως κεκοινωνηκότας ἦτοι ἀπλανεῖς ἀστέρας ἢ τόπους τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ κατὰ τὰς ἀποδεδειγμένας αὐτῶν πρὸς τοὺς πλάνητας συνοικειώσεις.

Ὁ μὲν οὖν τοῦ Κρόνου ἀστήρ μόνος τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν λαβὼν καθ' ὄλου μὲν φθορᾶς τῆς κατὰ

<sup>1</sup> ποιητικῆς VMADEProc., φυσικῆς PLNCam.

<sup>1</sup> According to the anonymous commentator (p. 71, ed. Wolf), the reason why the luminaries exert such power is that they are the ones which submit to eclipse and thereby determine the places of eclipses and the rulers of these places.

<sup>2</sup> Cardanus, p. 201: ". . . when he says, for example,



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leaders of the others ; for they are themselves responsible for the entirety of the power, and are the causes of the rulership of the planets, and, moreover, the causes of the strength or weakness of the ruling planets.<sup>1</sup> The comprehensive observation of the ruling stars shows the quality of the predicted events.

We shall begin with the characteristic active powers of the planets, one by one, first, however, making this general observation, as a summary reminder, that in general whenever we speak of any temperament of the five planets one must understand that whatever produces the like nature is also meant,<sup>2</sup> whether it be the planet itself in its own proper condition, or one of the fixed stars, or one of the signs of the zodiac, considered with reference to the temperament proper to it, just as though the characterizations were applied to the natures or the qualities themselves and not to the planets ; and let us remember that in the combinations, again, we must consider not only the mixture of the planets one with another, but also their combination with the others that share in the same nature, whether they be fixed stars or signs of the zodiac, by virtue of their affinities with the planets, already set forth.<sup>3</sup>

Saturn,<sup>4</sup> when he gains sole dominance, is in general the cause of destruction by cold, and in

that Saturn does this or that, he understands this to refer not only to Saturn but to any star, even a fixed star, that may be of Saturn's nature ; as those in Cetus and some in Orion " (cf. i. 9). Similarly signs of the zodiac, or terms, could thus substitute for the planets.

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* in i. 9.

<sup>4</sup> *Cf.* i. 5. Saturn is one of the maleficent planets (*ibid.*).

ψύξιν ἐστὶν αἷτιος· ἰδίως δὲ περὶ μὲν ἀνθρώπους  
 γινομένου τοῦ συμπτώματος νόσους μακρὰς καὶ  
 φθίσεις καὶ συντήξεις καὶ ὑγρῶν ὀχλήσεις καὶ  
 ῥευματισμοὺς καὶ τεταρταϊκὰς ἐπισημασίας, φυγα-  
 δείας τε καὶ ἀπορίας καὶ συνοχὰς καὶ πένθη καὶ  
 φόβους<sup>1</sup> καὶ θανάτους μάλιστα τῶν τῇ ἡλικίᾳ  
 προβεβηκότων ἐμποιεῖ. τῶν δὲ ἀλόγων ζώων  
 περὶ τὰ εὐχρηστα ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν, σπάνιν τε καὶ  
 84 τῶν ὄντων φθορὰς σωματικὰς καὶ νοσοποιούς, ὑφ'  
 ὧν καὶ οἱ χρησάμενοι τῶν ἀνθρώπων συνδιατιθέμενοι  
 διαφθείρονται. περὶ δὲ τὴν τοῦ ἀέρος κατάστασιν  
 ψύχη φοβερὰ παγώδη καὶ ὀμιχλώδη καὶ λοιμικά,  
 δυσαιρίας τε καὶ συννεφίας καὶ ζόφους· ἔτι δὲ  
 νιφετῶν πλῆθος οὐκ ἀγαθῶν ἀλλὰ φθοροποιῶν, ἀφ'  
 ὧν καὶ τὰ κακοῦντα τὴν ἀνθρωπίνην φύσιν τῶν  
 ἐρπετῶν συγκρίνεται. περὶ δὲ ποταμοὺς ἢ θα-  
 λάττας κοινῶς μὲν χειμῶνας καὶ στόλων ναυάγια  
 καὶ δυσπλοίας καὶ τῶν ἰχθύων ἔνδειαν καὶ φθοράν,  
 ἰδίως δὲ ἐν μὲν θαλάτταις ἀμπώτεις καὶ παλιρροίας,  
 ἐπὶ δὲ ποταμῶν ὑπερμετρίαν καὶ κάκωσιν τῶν ποτα-  
 μίων ὑδάτων. πρὸς δὲ τοὺς τῆς γῆς καρποὺς ἔνδειαν  
 καὶ σπάνιν καὶ ἀπώλειαν μάλιστα τῶν εἰς τὰς  
 ἀναγκαίας χρείας γινομένων ἤτοι ὑπὸ κάμψης ἢ  
 ἀκρίδος ἢ κατακλυσμῶν ὑδάτων ἢ ὄμβρων ἐπιφορᾶς  
 ἢ χαλάζης ἢ τῶν τοιούτων, ὡς καὶ μέχρι λιμοῦ<sup>2</sup>  
 φθάνειν καὶ τῆς τοιαύτης τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἀπωλείας.

<sup>1</sup> φόβους VMADEN (mg.) Proc. Cam.<sup>2</sup> (asterisco notatum);  
 φόνοους NCam.<sup>1</sup> (asterisco notatum), φων' P, φόνοι L.

<sup>2</sup> λιμοῦ VMDEProc., λοιμοῦ PLNACam.

particular, when the event concerns men, causes long illnesses, consumptions, withering, disturbances caused by fluids, rheumatisms, and quartan fevers, exile, poverty, imprisonment, mourning, fears, and deaths, especially among those advanced in age.<sup>1</sup> He is usually significant with regard to those dumb animals that are of use to man, and brings about scarcity of them, and the bodily destruction by disease of such as exist, so that the men who use them are similarly affected and perish. With regard to weather, he causes fearful cold, freezing, misty, and pestilential; corruption of the air, clouds, and gloom; furthermore, multitudes of snowstorms, not beneficial but destructive, from which are produced the reptiles<sup>2</sup> harmful to man. As for the rivers and seas, in general he causes storms, the wreck of fleets, disastrous voyages, and the scarcity and death of fish, and in particular the high and ebb tides of the seas and in rivers excessive floods and pollution of their waters. As for the crops of the earth, he brings about want, scarcity, and loss, especially of those grown for necessary uses, either through worms or locusts or floods or cloud-burst or hail or the like, so that famine and the destruction of men thereby result.

<sup>1</sup> Saturn (Kronos) is pictured as an old man.

<sup>2</sup> For rains of fish, frogs, and other things cf. E. S. McCartney, *Trans. Am. Phil. Assn.*, 51, 112 ff., and *Classical Weekly*, 24, 27; also A. S. Pease, ed. of Cicero, *De divinatione*, p. 274. Mice, frogs, insects, and the like were thought to be spontaneously generated from earth, mud, or rain; cf. Thorndike, *History of Magic and Experimental Science*, i. 325, 491.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς μόνος τὴν κυρίαν λαχὼν καθ' ὅλου μὲν αὐξήσεώς ἐστι ποιητικός, ἰδίως δὲ περὶ μὲν ἀνθρώπους γενομένου τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος δόξας ἀποτελεῖ καὶ εὐετηρίας<sup>1</sup> καὶ εὐθηνίας καὶ καταστάσεις εἰρηνικὰς<sup>2</sup> καὶ τῶν ἐπιτηδείων αὐξήσεις, εὐεξίας τε σωματικὰς καὶ ψυχικὰς· ἔτι δὲ εὐεργεσίας τε καὶ δωρεὰς ἀπὸ τῶν βασιλευόντων, αὐτῶν τε ἐκείνων αὐξήσεις καὶ μεγαλειότητος καὶ μεγαλοψυχίας. καθ' ὅλου τε εὐδαιμονίας ἐστὶν αἴτιος. περὶ δὲ τὰ ἄλογα ζῶα τῶν μὲν εἰς χρῆσιν ἀνθρωπίνην δαψίλειαν καὶ πολυπληθίαν ποιεῖ, τῶν δὲ εἰς τὸ ἐναντίον φθοράν τε καὶ ἀπώλειαν. εὐκρατον δὲ τὴν τῶν ἀέρων κατάστασιν καὶ ὑγιεινὴν καὶ πνευματώδη καὶ ὑγρὰν καὶ θρεπτικὴν τῶν ἐπιγεῖων ἀπεργάζεται, στόλων τε εὐπλοίας καὶ ποταμῶν συμμέτρους ἀναβάσεις καὶ τῶν καρπῶν δαψίλειαν καὶ ὅσα τούτοις παραπλήσια.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως μόνος τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν λαβὼν καθ' ὅλου μὲν τῆς κατὰ ξηρασίαν φθορᾶς ἐστὶν αἴτιος, ἰδίως δὲ περὶ μὲν ἀνθρώπους γενομένου τοῦ συμπτώματος πολέμους ἐμποιεῖ καὶ στάσεις ἐμφυλίους καὶ αἰχμαλωσίας καὶ ἀνδραποδισμοὺς καὶ ἐπαναστάσεις<sup>3</sup> καὶ χόλους ἡγεμόνων τοὺς τε διὰ τῶν τοιούτων θανάτους αἰφνιδίους, ἔτι δὲ νόσους πυρεκτικὰς καὶ τριταϊκὰς ἐπισημασίας καὶ αἱμάτων ἀναγωγὰς καὶ ὀξείας βιαιοθανασίας<sup>4</sup> μάλιστα τῶν ἀκμαίων· ὁμοίως δὲ βίας τε καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἑταιρείας Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Post εἰρηνικὰς add. καὶ εὐετηρίας Cam.<sup>2</sup>, om. libri Proc.



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When Jupiter <sup>1</sup> rules alone he produces increase in general, and, in particular, when the prediction is concerned with men, he makes fame and prosperity, abundance, peaceful existence, the increase of the necessities of life, bodily and spiritual health, and, furthermore, benefits and gifts from rulers, and the increase, greatness, and magnanimity of these latter; and in general he is the cause of happiness. With reference to dumb animals he causes a multitude and abundance of those that are useful to men and the diminution and destruction of the opposite kind. He makes the condition of the air temperate and healthful, windy, moist, and favourable to the growth of what the earth bears; he brings about the fortunate sailing of fleets, the moderate rise of rivers, abundance of crops, and everything similar.

Mars, when he assumes the rulership alone, is in general the cause of destruction through dryness and in particular, when the event concerns men, brings about wars, civil faction, capture, enslavement, uprisings, the wrath of leaders, and sudden deaths arising from such causes; moreover, fevers, tertian agues, raising of blood, swift and violent deaths, especially in the prime of life; similarly, violence,

<sup>1</sup> A beneficent planet.

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<sup>3</sup> ὄχλων ἐπαναστάσεις PLNCam., λαῶν ἐπαναστάσεις Proc.; ὄχλων οἰν. VMADE.

<sup>4</sup> ὀρείας βιοθανασίας VD, ὄξεις καὶ βίαιοι θάνατοι Proc., ὄξειας βιοθανασίας MAE, ὄξειας καὶ βιοθανασίας P (βιω-) L, ὄξειας νόσους καὶ βιοθανασίας NCam.

ὑβρεις καὶ παρανομίας ἐμπρήσεις τε καὶ ἀνδρο-  
 φονίας καὶ ἀρπαγὰς καὶ ληστείας · περιὶ δὲ τὴν τοῦ  
 αἴρος κατάστασιν καύσωνας καὶ πνεύματα θερμὰ  
 86 λοιμικὰ καὶ συντηκτικὰ κεραυνῶν τε ἀφέσεις καὶ  
 πρηστήρων καὶ ἀνομβρίας · περιὶ δὲ θάλατταν<sup>1</sup>  
 στόλων μὲν αἰφνίδια ναύγια διὰ πνευμάτων  
 ἀτάκτων ἢ κεραυνῶν ἢ τῶν τοιούτων, ποταμῶν δὲ  
 λευψυδρίας καὶ ἀναξηράνσεις πηγῶν καὶ φθορὰν τῶν  
 ποτίμων<sup>2</sup> ὑδάτων · περιὶ δὲ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς<sup>3</sup>  
 ἐπιτήδεια πρὸς χρῆσιν ἀνθρωπίνην τῶν τε ἀλόγων  
 ζώων καὶ τῶν ἐκ τῆς γῆς φυομένων σπάνιν καὶ  
 φθορὰν καρπῶν τὴν γινομένην ἢτοι ἐκ τῶν τοῦ  
 καύματος καταφλέξεων ἢ βρούχου ἢ τῆς τῶν  
 πνευμάτων ἐκτινάξεως<sup>4</sup> ἢ ἐκ τῆς ἐν ταῖς ἀποθέσει  
 συγκαύσεως.

Ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης μόνος κύριος γενόμενος τοῦ  
 συμβαίνοντος καθ' ὅλου μὲν τὰ παραπλήσια τῷ τοῖ  
 Διὸς μετὰ τινος ἐπαφροδισίας ἀποτελεῖ, ἰδίως δὲ  
 περιὶ μὲν ἀνθρώπους δόξας καὶ τιμὰς καὶ εὐφροσύνας  
 καὶ εὐετηρίας εὐγαμίας τε καὶ πολυτεκνίας καὶ  
 εὐαρεστήσεις πρὸς πᾶσαν συναρμογὴν καὶ τῶν  
 κτήσεων συναυξήσεις καὶ διαίτας καθαρίους καὶ  
 εὐαγωγούς καὶ πρὸς τὰ σεβάσματα τιμητικὰς · ἔτι δὲ  
 σωματικὰς εὐεξίας καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἡγεμονεύοντας  
 συνοικειώσεις καὶ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπαφροδισίας ·<sup>5</sup>  
 περιὶ δὲ τὰ τοῦ αἴρος πνεύματα<sup>6</sup> εὐκρασίας<sup>7</sup> καὶ  
 δύγων καὶ θρεπτικωτάτων καταστάσεις εὐαερίας

<sup>1</sup> περιὶ δὲ θάλασσαν AG; cf. Proc.; π. θαλ. δὲ ME; π. δὲ  
 θαλάσσης VD; πάλιν δὲ ἐν θαλάσσαις PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ποτίμων VDGProc.; ποταμίων alii Cam.

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assaults, lawlessness, arson and murder, robbery and piracy. With regard to the condition of the air he causes hot weather, warm, pestilential, and withering winds, the loosing of lightning and hurricanes, and drought. Again, at sea he causes sudden shipwreck of fleets through changeable winds or lightning or the like; the failure of the water of rivers, the drying up of springs, and the tainting of potable waters. With reference to the necessities produced upon the earth for human use, he causes a scarcity and loss of dumb animals and of things which grow from the earth, and the loss of crops by drying as the result of hot weather, or by locusts, or by the beating of the winds, or by burning in places of storage.

Venus, when she becomes sole ruler of the event, in general brings about results similar to those of Jupiter, but with the addition of a certain agreeable quality; in particular, where men are concerned, she causes fame, honour, happiness, abundance, happy marriage, many children, satisfaction in every mutual relationship, the increase of property, a neat and well conducted manner of life, paying honour to those things which are to be revered; further, she is the cause of bodily health, alliances with the leaders, and elegance of rulers; as to the winds of the air, of temperateness and settled conditions of moist and

<sup>3</sup> ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς VG, ἐπὶ γῆς D, ἐκ τῆς γῆς Proc.; om. PLMNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἡ βροῦχου . . . ἐκτινάξεως om. NCam.

<sup>5</sup> επαφροδισίας codd. Cam.<sup>1</sup>, εὐνοίας Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>6</sup> πνεύματα VAD, -ων alii Cam.

<sup>7</sup> εὐκρασίας VMADEG, εὐκράτων PLNCam.

τε καὶ αἰθρίας καὶ ὑδάτων γονίμων δαψιλεῖς ἐπομβρίας, στόλων τε εὐπλοίας καὶ ἐπιτυχίας καὶ ἐπικερδίας<sup>1</sup> καὶ ποταμῶν πλήρεις ἀναβάσεις· ἔτι<sup>2</sup> δὲ 87 τῶν εὐχρήστων ζώων<sup>3</sup> καὶ τῶν τῆς γῆς καρπῶν μάλιστα δαψίλειαν καὶ εὐφορίαν καὶ ὄνησιν ἐμποιεῖ.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν λαβὼν καθ' ὄλου μὲν, ὡς ἂν ἦ συγκιρνάμενος ἐκάστω τῶν ἄλλων, συνοικειοῦται ταῖς ἐκείνων φύσεσιν· ἰδίως δέ ἐστι πάντων μᾶλλον συγκινητικὸς καὶ ἐν μὲν ἀνθρωπίνοις ἀποτελέσμασιν ὀξύς καὶ πρακτικώτατος καὶ πρὸς τὸ ὑποκείμενον εὐμήχανος, ληστηρίων δὲ καὶ κλοπῶν καὶ πειρατικῶν ἐφόδων καὶ ἐπιθέσεων,<sup>4</sup> ἔτι δὲ δυσπλοίας<sup>5</sup> ποιητικὸς ἐν τοῖς πρὸς τοὺς κακοποιοὺς σχηματισμοῖς, νόσων τε αἰτίος ξηρῶν καὶ ἀμφημερινῶν ἐπισημασιῶν καὶ βηχικῶν καὶ ἀναφορικῶν<sup>6</sup> καὶ φθίσεων· ἀποτελεσματικὸς τε καὶ τῶν περὶ τὸν ἱερατικὸν λόγον καὶ τὰς τῶν θεῶν θρησκείας καὶ τὰς βασιλικὰς προσόδους ἐπισυμβαινόντων καὶ τῆς τῶν ἐθίμων ἢ νομίμων κατὰ καιροὺς ἐναλλοιώσεως οἰκείως τῇ πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἐκάστοτε τῶν ἀστέρων συγκράσει. πρὸς δὲ τὸ περιέχον μᾶλλον ξηρὸς ὢν καὶ εὐκίνητος διὰ τὴν πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον ἐγγύτητα καὶ τὸ τάχος τῆς ἀνακυκλήσεως πνευμάτων ἀτάκτων καὶ ὀξέων καὶ εὐμεταβόλων μάλιστα κινητικὸς ὑπάρχει, βροντῶν τε εἰκότως καὶ πρηστήρων καὶ χασμάτων καὶ σεισμῶν καὶ ἀστραπῶν ἀποτελεσματικὸς· τῆς τε διὰ τούτων ἐνίοτε περὶ τὰ τῶν ζώων

<sup>1</sup> ἐπικερδ(ε)ίας VMADEG, ἐπικερδεῖς NLCam., ἐπεικερδεῖς P.

<sup>2</sup> ἔτι VMADEG, ἐν PLNCam.



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very nourishing winds, of good air, clear weather, and generous showers of fertilizing waters; she brings about the fortunate sailing of fleets, successes, profits, and the full rising of rivers; of useful animals and the fruits of the earth she is the preëminent cause of abundance, good yields, and profit.

Mercury, if he gains the rulership, is, generally speaking, in nature like whatever of the other planets may be associated with him. In particular, he is above all stimulating, and in predictions concerning men is keen and very practical, ingenious in any situation; but he causes robbery, theft, piracy, and assault, and furthermore, brings about unsuccessful voyaging when he is in aspect with the maleficent planets, and occasions diseases of dryness, quotidian agues, coughs, raising, and consumption. He is the cause of events taking place which concern the priestly code, the worship of the gods, the royal revenues, and of change in customs and laws, from time to time, in consistency with his association with the other planets on each occasion. With reference to the air, since he is very dry and swift on account of his nearness to the sun, and the speed of his revolution, he is particularly apt to arouse irregular, fierce, and changeable winds, and, as might be expected, thunder, hurricanes, chasms in the earth, earthquakes, and lightning; sometimes by these

<sup>3</sup> τῶν εὐχρήστων ζώων κτλ (gen.) VMADEG, τοῖς εὐχρήστοις ζώοις κτλ. (dat.) PLNCam.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ ἐπιθέσεων VMADE; καὶ om. GPLCam.; ἐπιθεῖ N, ἐπιθεικός Cam.<sup>1</sup>, ἐπιθετικός PLCam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>5</sup> δυσπλοίας VMADEGProc., δυσπν(ο)ίας PLNCam.

<sup>6</sup> ἀναφορικῶν libri (ἀφορικῶν D) Cam.<sup>1</sup>Proc.; ἀναπνοικῶν Cam.<sup>2</sup>

## PTOLEMY

καὶ τῶν φυτῶν εὐχρηστα φθορᾶς ποιητικός, ὑδάτων  
88 τε καὶ ποταμῶν ἐν μὲν ταῖς δύσεσι στερητικός, ἐν  
δὲ ταῖς ἀνατολαῖς πληρωτικός.

Ἰδίως μὲν οὖν τῆς οἰκείας φύσεως ἐπιτυχῶν  
ἕκαστος τὰ τοιαῦτα ἀποτελεῖ, συγκιρνάμενος δὲ  
ἄλλος ἄλλῳ κατὰ τοὺς συσχηματισμοὺς καὶ τὰς τῶν  
ζωδίων ἐναλλοιώσεις<sup>1</sup> καὶ τὰς πρὸς ἥλιον φάσεις,  
ἀναλόγως τε καὶ τὴν ἐν τοῖς ἐνεργήμασι σύγκρασιν  
λαμβάνων, καὶ μεμιγμένην ἐκ τῶν κεκοινωνητικῶν  
φύσεων τὴν περὶ τὸ ἀποτελούμενον ἰδιοτροπίαν  
ποικίλην οὕσαν ἀπεργάζεται· ἀπείρου<sup>2</sup> δὲ ὄντος  
καὶ ἀδυνάτου τοῦ καθ' ἐκάστην σύγκρασιν τὸ ἴδιον  
ὑπομνηματίζειν ἀποτελέσμα καὶ πάντας ἀπλῶς τοὺς  
καθ' ὅποιον οὐδέποτε τρόπον συσχηματισμοὺς δι-  
εξελθεῖν οὕτω γε πολυμερῶς νοουμένους, εἰκότως  
ἂν καταλειφθεῖη τὸ τοιοῦτον εἶδος ἐπὶ τῇ τοῦ  
μαθηματικοῦ πρὸς τὰς κατὰ μέρος διακρίσεις  
ἐπιβολῇ καὶ ἐπινοίᾳ.

Παρατηρεῖν δὲ δεῖ<sup>3</sup> καὶ πῶς ἔχουσι οἰκειώσεως  
οἱ τοῦ προτελέσματος τὴν κυρίαν λαβόντες ἀστέρες  
πρὸς αὐτὰς τὰς χώρας ἢ τὰς πόλεις αἷς τὸ σύμπτωμα  
διασημαίνεται· ἀγαθοποιοὶ μὲν γὰρ ὄντες ἀστέρες  
καὶ συνοικειούμενοι τοῖς διατιθεμένοις καὶ μὴ  
καθυπερτερούμενοι ὑπὸ τῶν τῆς ἐναντίας αἰρέσεως  
ἔτι μᾶλλον ἀπεργάζονται τὸ κατὰ τὴν οἰκείαν φύσιν

<sup>1</sup> ἐναλλοιώσεις] ἐναλλαγὰς NCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπείρου] ἀπόρου NCam.

<sup>3</sup> δεῖ] δέον NCam.

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<sup>1</sup> That is, exchange of houses.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. i. 8.

means he causes the destruction of useful animals and plants. At setting he diminishes waters and rivers, at rising fills them.

Such are the effects produced by the several planets, each by itself and in command of its own nature. Associated, however, now with one and now with another, in the different aspects, by the exchange of signs,<sup>1</sup> and by their phases with reference to the sun,<sup>2</sup> and experiencing a corresponding tempering of their powers, each produces a character, in its effect, which is the result of the mixture of the natures that have participated, and is complicated. It is of course a hopeless and impossible task to mention the proper outcome of every combination and to enumerate absolutely all the aspects of whatever kind, since we can conceive of such a variety of them. Consequently questions of this kind would reasonably be left to the enterprise and ingenuity of the mathematician,<sup>3</sup> in order to make the particular distinctions.

It is needful to observe what affinity exists between the planets which govern the prediction and the countries or the cities for which the event is signified. For if the ruling planets are beneficent, and have familiarity with the subjects affected, and are not overcome<sup>4</sup> by planets of the opposite sect, they more powerfully produce the benefits natural to them ;

<sup>1</sup> *μαθηματικός* is here used to mean "astrologer," as for example at the very end of the *Tetrabiblos* (p. 458, l. 21).

<sup>4</sup> *καθυπερτέρησις*, *supereminetia*, exists when one planet is superior to another, or is to the right of another in the astrological sense (*i.e.* preceding it in the direction of the diurnal movement of the heavens). Cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 250.

ὠφέλιμον, ὡσπερ μὴ συνοικειούμενοι ἢ καθυπερ-  
 89 τερούμενοι ὑπὸ τῶν ἀντικειμένων ἦττον ὠφελούσι.  
 τῆς δὲ βλαπτικῆς κράσεως ὄντες καὶ τὴν κυρίαν  
 λαβόντες τοῦ προτελέσματος, εἰ μὲν συνοικειού-  
 μενοι τοῖς διατιθεμένοις τύχωσιν ἢ καθυπερτερη-  
 θῶσιν ὑπὸ τῶν τῆς ἐναντίας αἰρέσεως, ἦττον  
 βλάπτουσιν· εἰ δὲ μήτε τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν ἔχωσι  
 τῶν χωρῶν μήτε καθυπερτερῶνται ὑπὸ τῶν οἰκείως  
 πρὸς αὐτὰς ἐχόντων, σφοδρότερον τὸ ἐκ τῆς κράσεως  
 φθοροποιὸν ἐπισκῆπτουσιν. ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν μέντοι  
 συνεμπίπτουσι τοῖς καθολικοῖς πάθεσιν ἐκεῖνοι τῶν  
 ἀνθρώπων ὅσοι ποτ' ἂν<sup>1</sup> κατὰ τὰς ἰδίας γενέσεις  
 τοὺς ἀναγκαιοτάτους τόπους, λέγω δὴ τοὺς φωσφο-  
 ροῦντας ἢ τοὺς τῶν κέντρων, τοὺς αὐτοὺς τύχωσιν  
 ἔχοντες τοῖς τὸ αἴτιον ἐμποιήσασι τῶν καθολικῶν  
 συμπτωμάτων, τουτέστι τοῖς ἐκλειπτικοῖς ἢ καὶ  
 τοῖς τούτων διαμέτροις. τούτων δὲ ἐπισφαλέσταται  
 μάλιστα καὶ δυσφύλακτοι τυγχάνουσιν αἱ μοιρικαὶ  
 καθέξεις ἢ διαμετρήσεις τῶν ἐκλειπτικῶν τόπων  
 πρὸς ὁπότερον τῶν φωτῶν.

<θ.> Περὶ χρωμάτων τῶν ἐκλείψεων  
 καὶ κομητῶν καὶ τῶν τοιούτων

Τηρητέον δὲ πρὸς τὰς καθ' ὅλου περιστάσεις καὶ  
 τὰ περὶ τὰς ἐκλείψεις χρώματα ἦτοι τῶν φωτῶν

<sup>1</sup> ποτ' ἂν om. PLNCam.

<sup>1</sup> A geniture (horoscope, nativity) of any individual or event has as its point of departure the horoscope in the proper sense, i.e. the degree of the ecliptic which is rising



even as, when they bear no familiarity, or are overcome by their opposites, they are less helpful. But when they are of the injurious temperament and govern the prediction, if they have familiarity with the subjects affected or are overcome by the opposite sect, they do less harm; but if they are neither lords of the countries nor are overcome by the planets that have familiarity with those countries, they exert all the more intensely the destructiveness of their temperament. Usually, however, those men are affected by the more universal ills who in their own genitures happen to have the most essential places,<sup>1</sup> by which I mean those of the luminaries or of the angles,<sup>2</sup> the same as those that furnish the cause of the general misfortunes, that is, the places of the eclipses or the places directly opposite. Of these the positions most dangerous and hardest to avoid are those in which either of their luminaries is in possession of the very degree of the place of the eclipse, or the degree opposite.

### 9. *Of the Colours of Eclipses, Comets, and the Like.*

For the prediction of general conditions we must also observe the colours at the time of the eclipses,

above the horizon (in the ascendant) at the moment. This point determines a series of divisions of the ecliptic of 30° each, a duodecimal system superimposed upon that of the zodiacal signs and differing therefrom. These divisions are the "places" (also called "houses," somewhat ambiguously) of the geniture.

<sup>2</sup>The angles, or centres, of a geniture are the horoscope or orient, the superior mid-heaven (upper culmination), the occident, and the inferior mid-heaven (lower culmination). See Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 257-259.

αὐτῶν ἢ τῶν περὶ αὐτὰ γινομένων συστημάτων,  
 90 οἶον ῥάβδων ἢ ἄλων ἢ τῶν τοιούτων. μέλανα μὲν  
 γὰρ ἢ ὑπόχλωρα φανέντα σημαντικὰ γίνεται τῶν ἐπὶ  
 τῆς τοῦ Κρόνου φύσεως εἰρημένων· λευκὰ δὲ τῶν  
 ἐπὶ τῆς τοῦ Διός· ὑπόκιρρα δὲ τῶν ἐπὶ τῆς τοῦ  
 Ἄρεως· ξανθὰ δὲ τῶν ἐπὶ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης·  
 ποικίλα δὲ τῶν ἐπὶ τῆς τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ. κἄν μὲν ἐν  
 ὅλοις τοῖς σώμασι τῶν φωτῶν ἢ ἐν ὅλοις τοῖς περὶ  
 αὐτὰ τόποις τὸ γινόμενον ἰδίωμα τῆς χροιάς φαί-  
 νηται, περὶ τὰ πλείστα μέρη τῶν χωρῶν ἔσται τὸ  
 ἀποτελεσθησόμενον. εἰάν δὲ ἀπὸ μέρους οἰουδή-  
 ποτε, περὶ ἐκεῖνο μόνον<sup>1</sup> τὸ μέρος, καθ' οὗ ἂν καὶ  
 ἢ πρόσνευσις τοῦ ἰδιώματος γίνηται.

Τηρητέον δὲ ἔτι καὶ τὰς συνισταμένας ἤτοι κατὰ  
 τοὺς ἐκλειπτικούς καιροὺς ἢ καὶ ὀτεδήποτε κομητῶν  
 ἐπιφανείας πρὸς τὰς καθ' ὅλου περιστάσεις, οἶον  
 τῶν καλουμένων δοκίδων ἢ σαλπύγγων ἢ πίθων καὶ  
 τῶν τοιούτων, ὡς ἀποτελεσματικὰς μὲν φύσει τῶν  
 ἐπὶ τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τῶν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἰδιωμάτων καὶ  
 πολέμων δὲ καὶ καυσώδων<sup>2</sup> ἢ κινητικῶν καταστη-  
 μάτων καὶ τῶν τούτοις ἐπισυμβαινόντων, δηλούσας  
 δὲ διὰ μὲν τῶν τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ μερῶν, καθ' ὧν ἂν  
 οἱ συστάσεις αὐτῶν φαίνωνται, καὶ τῶν κατὰ τὰ

<sup>1</sup> μόνον VMADGProc., μὲν ὄν PL, om. NECam.

<sup>2</sup> καυσώδων VMADE; cf. Proc.; καυσῶνων alii Cam.

<sup>1</sup> "Luminous sheaves," according to Bouché-Leclercq, p. 355. The expression must refer to rays of light.

either those of the luminaries themselves, or those of the formations that occur near them, such as rods,<sup>1</sup> halos, and the like. For if they appear black or livid they signify the effects which were mentioned in connection with Saturn's nature; <sup>2</sup> if white, those of Jupiter; if reddish, those of Mars; if yellow, those of Venus; and if variegated, those of Mercury. If the characteristic colour appears to cover the whole body of the luminary or the whole region surrounding it, the predicted event will affect most of the parts of the countries; but if it is in any one part, it will affect only that part against which the phenomenon is inclined.

We must observe, further, for the prediction of general conditions, the comets <sup>3</sup> which appear either at the time of the eclipse or at any time whatever; for instance, the so-called "beams," "trumpets," "jars," and the like,<sup>4</sup> for these naturally produce the effects peculiar to Mars and to Mercury—wars, hot weather, disturbed conditions, and the accompaniments of these; and they show, through the parts of the zodiac in which their heads appear and through the directions in which the shapes of their tails point,

<sup>2</sup> Cf. i. 4, for the powers of Saturn and the other planets.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Boll-Bezold-Gundel, pp. 51, 129; who quote *Julius Caesar*, ii. 2, "When beggars die, then are no comets seen; the heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes."

<sup>4</sup> Other astrologers and non-astrological writers classified the comets much more elaborately by their shapes and their associations with the planets, of which they were supposed to be the fiery missiles; Ptolemy is much more conservative in what he says. See Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 358-359, and for a more detailed ancient account Hephaestion of Thebes, pp. 97, 31-39, 22 (ed. Engelbrecht).

σχήματα τῆς κόμης προσνεύσεων τοὺς τόπους οἷς ἐπισκῆπτουσι τὰ συμπτώματα · διὰ δὲ τῶν αὐτῆς τῆς συστάσεως ὡσπερ μορφώσεων τὸ εἶδος τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος καὶ τὸ γένος περὶ ὃ τὸ πάθος ἀποβήσεται ·  
 91 διὰ δὲ τοῦ χρόνου τῆς ἐπιμονῆς τὴν παράτασιν τῶν συμπτωμάτων · διὰ δὲ τῆς πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον σχέσεως καὶ<sup>1</sup> τὴν καταρχήν, ἐπειδήπερ ἔῳι μὲν ἐπὶ πολὺ φαινόμεναι τάχιον ἐπισημαίνουσιν, ἐσπέριοι δὲ βράδιον.

κί.) Περὶ τῆς τοῦ ἔτους νομηγίας<sup>2</sup>

Δεδειγμένης δὲ τῆς ἐφόδου τῆς περὶ τὰς καθ' ὄλου περιστάσεις χωρῶν τε καὶ πόλεων, λοιπὸν ἂν εἶη καὶ περὶ τῶν λεπτομερεστέρων ὑπομνηματίσασθαι · λέγω δὲ τῶν ἐνιαυσίως περὶ τὰς ὥρας ἀποτελουμένων, πρὸς ἣν ἐπίσκεψιν καὶ περὶ τῆς καλουμένης τοῦ ἔτους νομηγίας ἀρμόζον ἂν εἶη προδιαλαβεῖν. ὅτι μὲν οὖν ἀρχὴν ταύτην εἶναι προσήκει τῆς τοῦ ἡλίου καθ' ἐκάστην περιστροφὴν ἀποκαταστάσεως, δῆλόν ἐστιν αὐτόθεν καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς δυνάμεως καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ὀνομασίας. τίνα δ' ἂν τις ἀρχὴν ὑποστήσαιο ἐν κύκλῳ μὲν αὐτὸ μόνον ἀπλῶς οὐδ' ἂν ἐπινοήσειεν, ἐν δὲ τῷ διὰ μέσον τῶν ζωδίων μόνας ἂν εἰκότως ἀρχὰς λάβοι τὰ ὑπὸ τοῦ ἰσημερινοῦ καὶ τῶν τροπικῶν ἀφοριζόμενα σημεῖα, τουτέστι τὰ τε δύο ἰσημερινὰ καὶ τὰ δύο τροπικά. ἐνταῦθα μέντοι τις ἀπορήσειεν ἂν ἤδη, τίνι τῶν

<sup>1</sup> καὶ VPLDG ; om. alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup> Titulum post προδιαλαβεῖν inser. GMProc.



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the regions upon which the misfortunes impend. Through the formations, as it were, of their heads they indicate the kind of the event and the class upon which the misfortune will take effect; through the time which they last, the duration of the events; and through their position relative to the sun likewise their beginning; for in general their appearance in the orient betokens rapidly approaching events and in the occident those that approach more slowly.

### 10. *Concerning the New Moon of the Year.*

Now that we have described the procedure of prediction about the general states of countries and cities, it would remain to mention matters of greater detail; I refer to events that happen yearly in connection with the seasons. In the investigation of this subject it would be appropriate first to define the so-called new moon of the year.<sup>1</sup> That this should properly be the beginning of the sun's circular course in each of his revolutions is plain from the thing itself, both from its power and from its name. To be sure, one could not conceive what starting-point to assume in a circle, as a general proposition; but in the circle through the middle of the zodiac one would properly take as the only beginnings the points determined by the equator and the tropics, that is, the two equinoxes and the two solstices. Even then, however, one would still

<sup>1</sup>The new moon closest to the first of the year, as explained later.

τεττάρων ὡς προηγουμένω χρήσαιο. κατὰ μὲν  
 οὖν τὴν ἀπλὴν καὶ κυκλικὴν φύσιν οὐδὲν αὐτῶν  
 ἐστὶν ὡς ἐπὶ μιᾶς ἀρχῆς προηγούμενον· κέχρηται  
 92 δὲ οἱ περὶ τούτων γράψαντες, ἔν τι<sup>1</sup> ὑποτιθέμενοι  
 διαφόρως, ἐκάστῳ τῶν τεττάρων ὡς ἀρχὴν κατὰ  
 τινὰς οἰκειοὺς λόγους καὶ φυσικὰς συμπαθείας<sup>2</sup>  
 ἐνεχθέντες. καὶ γὰρ ἔχει τι τῶν μερῶν τούτων  
 ἕκαστον ἐξαιρετόν ἀφ' οὗ ἂν ἀρχὴ καὶ νέον ἔτος  
 εἰκότως νομίζοιτο· τὸ μὲν ἑαρινὸν ἰσημερινὸν διὰ τε  
 τὸ πρῶτως τότε μείζονα τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς νυκτὸς  
 ἄρχεσθαι γίνεσθαι καὶ διὰ τὸ τῆς ὑγρᾶς ὥρας εἶναι,  
 ταύτην δὲ τὴν φύσιν, ὡς καὶ πρότερον ἔφαμεν,  
 ἀρχομέναις ταῖς γενέσεσι πλείστην ἐνυπάρχειν· τὸ  
 δὲ θερινὸν τροπικὸν διὰ τὸ κατ' αὐτὸ τὴν μεγίστην  
 ἡμέραν ἀποτελεῖσθαι, παρὰ δὲ Αἰγυπτίοις καὶ τὴν  
 τοῦ Νεῖλου ἀνάβασιν καὶ κυνὸς ἄστρου ἐπιτολὴν ἐπι-  
 σημαίνειν· τὸ δὲ μετοπωρινὸν ἰσημερινὸν<sup>3</sup> διὰ τὸ  
 γεγονέναι πάντων ἤδη τῶν καρπῶν συγκομιδὴν,  
 τότε δὲ ἀπ' ἄλλης ἀρχῆς τὸν τῶν ἐσομένων σπόρον  
 καταβάλλεσθαι· τὸ δὲ χειμερινὸν τροπικὸν διὰ τὸ  
 πρῶτον<sup>4</sup> ἄρχεσθαι τότε τὸ μέγεθος τῆς ἡμέρας ἀπὸ  
 μειώσεως αὐξήσιν λαμβάνειν. οἰκειότερον δέ μοι  
 δοκεῖ καὶ φυσικώτερον πρὸς τὰς ἐνιαυσίους ἐπισκέ-  
 ψεις ταῖς τέτταρσιν ἀρχαῖς χρήσθαι, παρατηροῦντας

<sup>1</sup> ἔν τι VPLMADE, ἐνί τινι NCam., ἔν τῃ G.

<sup>2</sup> συμπαθείας VPLMADEG, ἐμπαθείας NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἰσημερινὸν om. NCam.

<sup>4</sup> πρῶτον VPLG, πρῶτως alii Cam.

be at a loss which of the four to prefer. Indeed, in a circle, absolutely considered, no one of them takes the lead, as would be the case if there were one starting-point, but those who have written on these matters have made use of each of the four,<sup>1</sup> in various ways assuming some one as the starting-point, as they were led by their own arguments and by the natural characteristics of the four points. This is not strange, for each of these parts has some special claim to being reasonably considered the starting-point and the new year. The spring equinox might be preferred because first at that time the day begins to be longer than the night and because it belongs to the moist season, and this element, as we said before,<sup>2</sup> is chiefly present at the beginning of natiuities ; the summer solstice because the longest day occurs at that time and because to the Egyptians it signifies the flooding of the Nile and the rising of the dog star ; the fall equinox because all the crops have by then been harvested, and a fresh start is then made with the sowing of the seed of future crops ; and the winter solstice because then, after diminishing, the day first begins to lengthen. It seems more proper and natural to me, however, to employ the four starting-points for investigations which deal with the year, observing the syzygies

<sup>1</sup> Bouché-Leclercq, p. 129, with n. 1, points out that the Egyptian year began with the rising of Sirius, which is close to Cancer ; that Cancer was the horoscope in the so-called Egyptian " theme of the world " (the horoscope of the universe, in which the planets, etc., were in the positions which they occupied at the very beginning) ; but that after Posidonius Aries was definitely recognized as the starting-point of the zodiac.

<sup>2</sup> i. 10.

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τὰς ἔγγιστα αὐτῶν προγινομένας ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης  
 συζυγίας συνοδικὰς ἢ πανσεληνιακάς, καὶ μάλιστα  
 πάλιν τούτων τὰς ἐκλειπτικάς, ἵνα ἀπὸ μὲν τῆς  
 ἐν τῇ<sup>1</sup> περὶ Κριὸν ἀρχῆς τὸ ἕαρ ὁποῖον ἔσται δια-  
 93 σκεπτώμεθα, ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς περὶ τὸν Καρκίνον τὸ θέρος,  
 ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς περὶ τὰς Χηλὰς τὸ μετόπωρον, ἀπὸ δὲ  
 τῆς περὶ τὸν Αἰγόκερων τὸν χειμῶνα. τὰς μὲν γὰρ  
 καθ' ὄλου τῶν ὠρῶν ποιότητος καὶ καταστάσεις ὁ  
 ἥλιος ποιεῖ, καθ' ἃς καὶ οἱ παντελῶς ἄπειροι μαθη-  
 μάτων πρόγνωσιν ἔχουσι τοῦ μέλλοντος.

Ἔτι δὲ καὶ τὰς τῶν ζῳδίων ἰδιοτροπίας εἰς τε τὰς  
 παρασημασίας ἀνέμων τε καὶ τῶν ὄλοσχερεστέρων  
 φύσεων παραληπτέον. τὰς δ' ἐν τῷ μᾶλλον ἢ ἦττον  
 κατὰ καιροὺς ἐναλλοιώσεις καθ' ὄλου μὲν πάλιν αἱ  
 περὶ τὰ προειρημένα σημεῖα γινόμεναι συζυγίαι καὶ  
 οἱ τῶν πλανήτων πρὸς αὐτὰς σχηματισμοὶ δεικνύ-  
 ουσι, κατὰ μέρος δὲ καὶ αἱ καθ' ἕκαστον δωδεκατη-  
 μόριον σύνοδοι καὶ πανσέληνοι καὶ τῶν ἀστέρων  
 ἐπιπορεύσεις, ἦν δὴ μηνιαίαν<sup>2</sup> ἐπίσκεψιν ἂν τις προσ-  
 αγορεύοι.<sup>3</sup>

Προεκτεθῆναι<sup>4</sup> δ' ὀφειλόντων εἰς τοῦτο καὶ τῶν ἐν  
 μέρει κατὰ ζῳδίων πρὸς τὰ ἐνιαύσια καταστήματα  
 τῶν φυσικῶν ἰδιωμάτων καὶ ἔτι τῶν καθ' ἕκαστον

<sup>1</sup> ἐν τῇ VDG, ἐν τῷ ME, om. PLNCam.; ἀπὸ μὲν τῆς περὶ  
 τὸν Κρ. ἀρχῆς A; περὶ τὴν τοῦ Κριοῦ ἀρχὴν Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ἦν δὴ μην. VMDE, ἦν δ μην. G, ἦν διμηνέαν PL, ἦν  
 διμηνιαίαν NCam.<sup>1</sup>, ἦν μηνιαίαν Cam.<sup>2</sup>, ἦν δὴ νομηνιαίαν A.

<sup>3</sup> προσαγορεύοι VPLND, -ῆ G, -σῆ<sup>1</sup> A, -σοι MECam.

<sup>4</sup> προεκτεθῆναι P(-πεθη-)LMGE, -θεῖναι VNADCam.



of the sun and moon at new and full moon which most nearly precede them, and among these in particular the conjunctions at which eclipses take place, so that from the starting-point in Aries we may conjecture what the spring will be like, from that in Cancer the summer, from that in Libra the autumn, and from that in Capricorn the winter. For the sun creates the general qualities and conditions of the seasons, by means of which even those who are totally ignorant of astrology can foretell the future.<sup>1</sup>

Furthermore, we must take into consideration the special qualities of the signs of the zodiac to obtain prognostications of the winds and of the more general natures;<sup>2</sup> and the variations of degree from time to time are in general again shown by the conjunctions which take place at the aforesaid points and by the aspects of the planets to them, and in particular also by the conjunctions and full moons in the several signs and by the course of the planets. This might be called monthly investigation.

As it is proper that for this purpose there be enumerated the peculiar natural powers of the several signs to influence annual conditions, as well as those

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 2.

<sup>2</sup> The Latin versions interpret this sentence in substantially the way here shown. The Paraphrase of Proclus, however, understands it to mean that the sun governs the qualities of the signs, the winds, and "certain other general matters"; and the anonymous commentator also (p. 79, ed. Wolf) says, *προῦπακουστέον ὁ ἥλιος ποιεῖ*. By "the more general natures" doubtless are meant temperature and other things, besides the winds, that go to make up the weather.

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ἀστέρων, τὴν μὲν τῶν πλανήτων καὶ τῶν τῆς ὁμοίας  
κράσεως ἀπλανῶν πρὸς τοὺς ἀέρας τε καὶ τοὺς  
ἀνέμους συνοικείωσιν καὶ ἔτι τὴν τῶν ὄλων δωδε-  
κατημορίων πρὸς τε τοὺς ἀνέμους καὶ τὰς ὥρας,  
ἕκαστα<sup>1</sup> δεδηλώκαμεν ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν. ὑπόλοι-  
94 πον δ' ἂν εἶη καὶ περὶ τῆς ἐπὶ μέρους τῶν ζωδίων  
φύσεως εἰπεῖν.

(ἰα.) Περὶ τῆς μερικῆς πρὸς τὰ κατα-  
στήματα φύσεως τῶν ζωδίων

Τὸ μὲν οὖν τοῦ Κριοῦ δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου  
μὲν ἐστὶ διὰ τὴν ἰσημερινὴν ἐπισημασίαν βροντώδες  
ἢ χαλαζῶδες· κατὰ μέρος δὲ ἐν τῷ μᾶλλον καὶ  
ἤττον ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν κατὰ τῶν ἀπλανῶν ἀστέρων  
ιδιότητος τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ ὀμβρώδη καὶ  
ἀνεμώδη, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκρατα, τὰ δ' ἐπόμενα  
καυσώδη καὶ λοιμικά, τὰ δὲ βόρεια καυματώδη καὶ  
φθαρτικά, τὰ δὲ νότια κρυσταλλώδη καὶ ὑπόψυχρα.

Τὸ δὲ τοῦ Ταύρου δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν  
ἐστὶν ἐπισημαντικὸν ἀμφοτέρων τῶν κράσεων καὶ  
ὑπόθερμον, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα  
αὐτοῦ, καὶ μάλιστα τὰ κατὰ τὴν Πλειάδα,<sup>2</sup> σει-  
μώδη καὶ πνευματώδη καὶ ὀμιχλώδη, τὰ δὲ μέσα  
ὕγραντικά καὶ ψυχρά, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα κατὰ τὴν

<sup>1</sup> ἕκαστα VMADE, om. alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup> τὴν Πλειάδα VMADEGProc., τὰς Πλειάδας P (Πλοι-) LNCam.

## TETRABIBLOS II. 10-11

of the several planets, we have already, in what precedes, explained the familiarity of the planets,<sup>1</sup> and of the fixed stars of like temperament,<sup>2</sup> with the air and the winds, as well as that of the signs, as wholes,<sup>3</sup> with the winds and seasons. It would remain to speak of the nature of the signs, part by part.

### 11. *Of the Nature of the Signs, Part by Part, and their Effect upon the Weather.*

Now the sign of Aries as a whole, because it marks the equinox, is characterized by thunder or hail, but, taken part by part, through the variation in degree that is due to the special quality of the fixed stars, its leading<sup>4</sup> portion is rainy and windy, its middle temperate, and the following part hot and pestilential. Its northern parts are hot and destructive, its southern frosty and chilly.

The sign of Taurus as a whole is indicative of both temperatures and is somewhat hot; but taken part by part, its leading portion, particularly near the Pleiades, is marked by earthquakes, winds, and mists; its middle moist and cold, and its following

<sup>1</sup> i. 4 and 18.

<sup>2</sup> i. 9.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. the chapter on the triangles, i. 18.

<sup>4</sup> Ptolemy characterizes three parts of each sign, leading, middle, and following, besides the portions north and south of the ecliptic. The "leading" portion is so-called because it is the part which first rises above the horizon in the apparent diurnal movement of the heavens; the "following" portion is the last of the sign to appear. "Leading" degrees, or signs, are regarded as being to the right of the "middle" and the "following."

Ἰάδα πυρώδη καὶ κεραυνώδη καὶ ἀστραπῶν ποιητικά· τὰ δὲ βόρεια εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ νότια κινητικὰ καὶ ἄτακτα.

Τὸ δὲ τῶν Διδύμων δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶν εὐκρασίας ποιητικόν, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ δίγυρα καὶ φθαρτικά, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα μεμιγμένα καὶ ἄτακτα· τὰ δὲ βόρεια πνευματώδη καὶ σεισμοποιά, τὰ δὲ νότια ξηρὰ καὶ καυσώδη.

Τὸ δὲ τοῦ Καρκίνου δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν 95 ἐστὶν εὐδίων καὶ θερμόν, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ καὶ κατὰ τὴν Φάτνην πνιγώδη καὶ σεισμοποιά καὶ ἀχλυώδη, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα πνευματώδη· τὰ δὲ βόρεια καὶ τὰ νότια ἔκπυρα<sup>1</sup> καὶ καυσώδη.

Τὸ δὲ τοῦ Λέοντος δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ καυματώδες καὶ πνιγώδες, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ πνιγώδη καὶ λοιμικά, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα ἔνικμα<sup>2</sup> καὶ φθοροποιά· τὰ δὲ βόρεια κινητικὰ καὶ πυρώδη, τὰ δὲ νότια δίγυρα.

Τὸ δὲ τῆς Παρθένου δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ δίγυρον καὶ βροντώδες, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ θερμότερα καὶ φθαρτικά, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα ὕδατώδη· τὰ δὲ βόρεια πνευματώδη, τὰ δὲ νότια εὐκράτα.

<sup>1</sup> Post ἔκπυρα add. καὶ φθαρτικά PLNCam.; om. VMADEG Proc.

<sup>2</sup> ἔνικμα VP(ἔνηκμα)LMADÉ; ἔνγυρα Proc.; ἀνικμα NCam.; αἰνγμα G.



portion, near the Hyades, fiery and productive of thunder and lightning. Its northern parts are temperate, its southern unstable and irregular.

The sign of Gemini as a whole is productive of an equable temperature, but taken part by part its leading portion is wet and destructive, its middle temperate, and its following portion mixed and irregular. Its northern parts are windy and cause earthquakes; its southern parts dry and parching.

The sign of Cancer as a whole is one of fair, warm weather; but, part by part, its leading portion and the region of Praesepe is stifling, productive of earthquakes, and misty; its middle temperate, and its following parts windy. Its northern and southern parts are fiery and parching.<sup>1</sup>

The sign of Leo as a whole is hot and stifling; but, part by part, its leading portion is stifling and pestilential, its middle part temperate, and its following portion wet and destructive. Its northern parts are unstable and fiery, its southern parts moist.

The sign of Virgo as a whole is moist and marked by thunder-storms; but, taken part by part, its leading portion is rather warm and destructive, its middle temperate, and its following part watery. Its northern parts are windy and its southern parts temperate.

<sup>1</sup>“Fiery, destructive, and parching,” according to certain MSS. See the critical note.

Τὸ δὲ τῶν Χηλῶν δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ τρεπτικὸν καὶ μεταβολικόν,<sup>1</sup> κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὰ μέσα ἐστὶν εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα ὑδατώδη· τὰ δὲ βόρεια πνευματώδη, τὰ δὲ νότια ἔνικμα καὶ λοιμικά.

Τὸ δὲ τοῦ Σκορπίου δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ βροντώδες καὶ πυρώδες, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ νιφετώδη, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα σεισμώδη· τὰ δὲ βόρεια καυσώδη, τὰ δὲ νότια ἔνικμα.

96 Τὸ δὲ τοῦ Τοξότου δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ πνευματώδες, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ δίνυρα, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα πυρώδη· τὰ δὲ βόρεια πνευματώδη, τὰ δὲ νότια κάθυγρα καὶ μεταβολικά.

Τὸ δὲ τοῦ Αἰγόκερω δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ κάθυγον, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ καυσώδη καὶ φθαρτικά, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα ὄμβρων κινητικά· τὰ δὲ βόρεια καὶ τὰ νότια κάθυγρα καὶ φθαρτικά.

Τὸ δὲ τοῦ Ὑδροχόου δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ ψυχρὸν καὶ ὑδατώδες, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ κάθυγρα, τὰ δὲ μέσα εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα πνευματώδη· τὰ δὲ βόρεια καυσώδη, τὰ δὲ νότια νιφετώδη.

Τὸ δὲ τῶν Ἰχθύων δωδεκατημόριον καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐστὶ ψυχρὸν καὶ πνευματώδες, κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα αὐτοῦ εὐκράτα, τὰ δὲ μέσα κάθυγρα, τὰ δὲ ἐπόμενα καυσώδη· τὰ δὲ βόρεια πνευματώδη, τὰ δὲ νότια ὑδατώδη.

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The sign of Libra as a whole is changeable and variable; but, taken part by part, its leading and middle portions are temperate and its following portion watery. Its northern parts are windy and its southern moist and pestilential.

The sign of Scorpio as a whole is marked by thunder and fire, but, taken part by part, its leading portion is snowy, its middle temperate, and its following portion causes earthquakes. Its northern parts are hot and its southern moist.

The sign of Sagittarius as a whole is windy; but, taken part by part, its leading portion is wet, its middle temperate, and its following part fiery. Its northern parts are windy, its southern moist and changeable.

The sign of Capricorn as a whole is moist; but, taken part by part, its leading portion is marked by hot weather and is destructive, its middle temperate, and its following part raises rain-storms. Its northern and southern portions are wet and destructive.

The sign of Aquarius as a whole is cold and watery; but, taken part by part, its leading portion is moist, its middle temperate, its following part windy. Its northern portion brings hot weather and its southern clouds.

The sign of Pisces as a whole is cold and windy; but, taken part by part, its leading portion is temperate, its middle moist, and its following portion hot. Its northern parts are windy and its southern watery.

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<sup>1</sup> μεταβολικόν VLADÉ, μεταβλητικόν P, μεταβλητικόν MNGCain.

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(ιβ.) Περὶ τῆς ἐπὶ μέρους τῶν  
καταστημάτων ἐπισκέψεως

Τούτων δὲ οὕτως προεκτεθειμένων αἱ κατὰ μέρος ἔφοδοι τῶν ἐπισημασιῶν περιέχουσι τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. μία μὲν γάρ ἐστιν ἡ ὀλοσχερέστερον πρὸς 97 τὰ τεταρτημόρια νοουμένη, καθ' ἣν τηρεῖν, ὡς ἔφαμεν, δεήσει τὰς γινομένας ἔγγιστα πρὸ<sup>1</sup> τῶν τροπικῶν καὶ ἰσημερινῶν σημείων<sup>2</sup> συνόδους ἢ καὶ πανσελήνους, καὶ κατὰ τὴν μοῖραν<sup>3</sup> ἧτοι συνοδικὴν ἢ πανσεληνιακὴν τὴν ἐν ἐκάστω τῶν ἐπιζητουμένων κλιμάτων<sup>4</sup> τὰ κέντρα ὡς ἐπὶ γενέσεως διατιθέναι· ἔπειτα τοὺς οἰκοδεσπότας λαμβάνειν τοῦ τε συνοδικοῦ ἢ πανσεληνιακοῦ τόπου καὶ τοῦ ἐπομένου αὐτῷ κέντρον κατὰ τὸν ὑποδεδειγμένον ἡμῖν τρόπον ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν περὶ τῶν ἐκλείψεων, καὶ οὕτως τὸ μὲν καθ' ὅλου θεωρεῖν ἐκ τῆς τῶν τεταρτημορίων

<sup>1</sup> πρὸ PLMNEProc.Cam.<sup>1</sup>, πρὸς Cam.<sup>2</sup>, περὶ τὰ τροπικὰ κτλ. A, om. VD.

<sup>2</sup> σημείων VDMEProc., σημεία A, σημασιῶν alii Cam.

<sup>3</sup> μοῖραν GMEProc., om. in lacuna fere 3 litt. VD, συζυγίαν A, om. alii Cam.

<sup>4</sup> συζυγίαν post κλιμάτων add. NCam.

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<sup>1</sup> In the latter part of ii. 10. Cardanus, pp. 228-229, commenting on this chapter, says, after admiring the genius of Ptolemy, "For in this chapter he does five things. In the first place, he has declared the proper nature of each part of the year in general, which is predicted from the new moon or full moon preceding the ingress of the sun to the cardinal point. In the second . . . , the quality of each month from the new or full moon, following the ingress of the sun to the cardinal point. In the third



12. *Of the Investigation of Weather in Detail.*

Now that these facts have been stated in introduction, the method of dealing with the significations in detail involves the following procedure. For one method is that which is more generally conceived, with relation to the quarters, which will demand, as we have said,<sup>1</sup> that we observe the new moons<sup>2</sup> or full moons which most nearly precede the solstitial and equinoctial signs, and that, as the degree of the new moon or of the full moon may fall in each latitude investigated, we dispose the angles as in a nativity.<sup>3</sup> It will then be necessary to determine the rulers of the place of the new moon or full moon and of the angle that follows it, after the fashion explained by us in the preceding sections dealing with eclipses,<sup>4</sup> and thus to judge of the general situation from the special nature of the

place, he tells us how to know the nature of the weather of the fourth part of each month . . . and this is discovered not only from new moons and full moons but also from the quarters. . . . In the fourth place, he shows us how to recognize each day the quality of the air . . . from the rising or setting of the bright stars. In the fifth he teaches us to learn that same thing hour by hour from the passage of the luminaries through the angles at the time." The "quarters" mentioned by Ptolemy are the quarters of the year, or of the zodiac.

<sup>2</sup> Literally "conjunctions" (*συνόδους*), but with special reference to those of the sun and moon; hence, "new moons."

<sup>3</sup> That is, determine the horoscopic point, mid-heaven, occident, etc., at the time of the conjunction and construct the horoscope for the event as though it were a birth.

<sup>4</sup> The reference is to ii. 4-8, especially c. 5, where the method of procedure is explained.

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ιδιότητος, τὸ δὲ μάλλον<sup>1</sup> ἢ ἦττον ἐπιτάσεων καὶ ἀνέσεων ἐκ τῆς τῶν οἰκοδεσποτησάντων φύσεως διαλαμβάνοντας ποίας τε ποιότητός εἰσι καὶ ποίων καταστημάτων κινητικοί.

Δευτέρα δ' ἐστὶν ἔφοδος ἢ μηνιαία, καθ' ἣν δεήσει τὰς καθ' ἕκαστον δωδεκατημόριον προσγινομένας συνόδους ἢ πανσελήνους κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον ἐπισκοπεῖν, ἐκεῖνο μόνον τηροῦντας, ἵνα συνόδου μὲν ἐμπεσούσης<sup>2</sup> τῆς ἔγγιστα τοῦ παρωχημένου τροπικοῦ ἢ ἰσημερινοῦ σημείου καὶ ταῖς μέχρι τοῦ ἐφεξῆς τεταρτημορίου συνόδοις χρησώμεθα, πανσελήνου δὲ πανσελήνοισι· ἐπισκοπεῖν δὲ ὁμοίως τὰ κέντρα καὶ τοὺς οἰκοδεσπότης ἀμφοτέρων τῶν τόπων καὶ μάλιστα τὰς ἔγγιστα φάσεις συναφάς  
98 τε καὶ ἀπορροίας τῶν πλανωμένων ἀστέρων, τὰς τε ιδιότητας αὐτῶν καὶ τῶν τόπων, καὶ ποίων ἀνέμων εἰσὶ κινητικοὶ αὐτοὶ τε καὶ τὰ μέρη τῶν ζωδίων καθ' ὧν ἂν τύχωσιν· ἔτι δὲ καὶ ὧ τὸ πλάτος τῆς σελήνης ἀνέμῳ προσνέενκε κατὰ τὴν λόξωσιν τοῦ διὰ μέσων, ὅπως ἐξ ἀπάντων τούτων κατὰ τὴν ἐπικράτησιν τὰ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν τῶν μηνῶν καταστήματα καὶ πνεύματα προγινώσκωμεν.

Τρίτη δ' ἐστὶ τὸ τὰς ἔτι λεπτομερεστεράς ἐπιση-

<sup>1</sup> τῶν μάλλον NAECam., τῶν om. VPLMDG.

<sup>2</sup> ἐμπεσούσης VDG; ἐμπέση Proc.; ἐκπεσούσης alii Cam.

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<sup>1</sup> The signs are taken as marking the months, and the new or full moons first occurring while the sun is in the several signs (hence *following* the entrance of the sun into

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quarters, and determine the question of degree of intensification and relaxation from the nature of the ruling planets, their qualities, and the kinds of weather which they produce.

The second mode of procedure is based on the month. In this it will be necessary for us to examine in the same way the new moons or full moons that take place, in the several signs,<sup>1</sup> observing only this, that, if a new moon occurs nearest to the solstitial or equinoctial sign just past, we should use the new moons which take place as far as the next quadrant, and in the case of a full moon the full moons. It will be needful similarly that we observe the angles and the rulers of both the places, and especially the nearest appearances<sup>2</sup> of the planets, and their applications<sup>3</sup> and recessions, the peculiar properties of the planets and of their places, and the winds which are aroused both by the planets themselves and by the parts of the signs in which they chance to be; still further, to what wind the latitude of the moon is inclined through the obliquity of the ecliptic. From all these facts, by means of the principle of prevalence, we may predict the general conditions of weather and the winds of the months.

The third step is to observe the even more minutely the sign, as Cardanus says) are to be observed. However, if, for example, in predicting the weather for the first quarter (spring), a new moon had preceded the first of Aries and had been used in determining the prediction in the way just described, we are to use the new moons in Aries, Taurus, and Gemini for the monthly predictions of this quadrant; if a full moon, the full moons.

<sup>2</sup> Or apparitions.

<sup>3</sup> See i. 24.

μασίας ἀνέσεων καὶ ἐπιτάσεων παρατηρεῖν. θεωρεῖται δὲ καὶ τοῦτο διὰ τε τῶν κατὰ μέρος τοῦ ἡλίου καὶ τῆς σελήνης συσχηματισμῶν, οὐ μόνον τῶν συνοδικῶν ἢ πανσεληνιακῶν ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν κατὰ τὰς διχοτόμους, καταρχομένης ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν τῆς κατὰ τὴν ἐπισημασίαν ἐναλλοιώσεως πρὸ τριῶν ἡμερῶν, ἐνίοτε δὲ καὶ μετὰ τρεῖς τῆς ἰσοστάθμου πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον ἐπιπορεύσεως, καὶ διὰ τοῦ καθ' ἐκάστην<sup>1</sup> τῶν τοιούτων<sup>2</sup> στάσεων ἢ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων, οἷον τριγώνων καὶ ἐξαγώνων, καὶ πρὸς τοὺς πλάνητας συσχηματισμοῦ. τούτων γὰρ ἀκολουθῶς τῇ φύσει καὶ ἢ τῆς ἐναλλοιώσεως ἰδιοτροπία καταλαμβάνεται συμφώνως ταῖς τε τῶν ἐπιθεωρούντων ἀστέρων καὶ ταῖς τῶν ζωδίων πρὸς τε τὸ περιέχον καὶ τοὺς ἀνέμους φυσικαῖς συνοικειώσεσιν.

Αὐτῶν δὲ τούτων τῶν κατὰ μέρος ποιότητων αἱ καθ' ἡμέραν ἐπιτάσεις<sup>3</sup> ἀποτελοῦνται, μάλιστα μὲν ὅταν τῶν ἀπλανῶν οἱ λαμπρότεροι καὶ δραστικώτεροι φάσεις ἑώας ἢ ἑσπερίας ἀνατολικὰς ἢ δυτικὰς ποιῶνται πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον· τρέπουσι γὰρ ὡς ἐπὶ πολὺ τὰς κατὰ μέρος καταστάσεις πρὸς τὰς ἑαυτῶν φύσεις, οὐδὲν δὲ ἔλαττον καὶ ὅταν τινὲ τῶν κέντρων τὰ φῶτα ἐπιπορεύηται.

Πρὸς γὰρ τὰς τοιαύτας αὐτῶν σχέσεις αἱ καθ' ὄραν ἀνέσεις καὶ ἐπιτάσεις τῶν καταστημάτων μεταβάλλουσι, καθάπερ πρὸς τὰς τῆς σελήνης αἱ τε

<sup>1</sup> ἐκάστην VMADGProc., -ον P, -ου NLECam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν τοιούτων VMADEG, τούτων τῶν PL, τούτων NCam.<sup>1</sup>, αὐτῶν Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> ἐπιτάσεις ἢ ἀνέσεις NACam.



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detailed indications of relaxation and intensification.<sup>1</sup> This observation is based upon the configurations of the sun and the moon successively, not merely the new moons and full moons, but also the half moons, in which case the change signified generally has its beginning three days before, and sometimes three days after, the moon's progress matches that of the sun.<sup>2</sup> It is based also upon their aspects to the planets, when they are at each of the positions of this kind, or likewise others, such as trine and sextile. For it is in accordance with the nature of these that the special quality of the change is apprehended, in harmony with the natural affinities of the attending planets and of the signs of the zodiac for the ambient and the winds.

The day by day intensifications of these particular qualities are brought about chiefly when the more brilliant and powerful of the fixed stars make appearances, matutine or vespertine, at rising or setting, with respect to the sun.<sup>3</sup> For ordinarily they modulate the particular conditions to accord with their own natures, and none the less too when the luminaries are passing over one of the angles.

For the hour by hour intensifications and relaxations of the weather vary in response to such positions of the stars as these, in the same way that the ebb

<sup>1</sup> That is, in the predicted event. Ptolemy also uses the expression "the more or less" (τὸ μᾶλλον ἢ ἥττον) to refer to intensification and relaxation.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* conjunction.

<sup>3</sup> Heliacal risings and settings may be meant; but see also the list of configurations given in the note on ii. 7, p. 171.

ἀμπώτεις καὶ αἱ παλίρροιοι, καὶ αἱ τῶν πνευμάτων δὲ τροπαὶ μάλιστα περὶ τὰς τοιαύτας τῶν φωτῶν<sup>1</sup> κεντρώσεις ἀποτελοῦνται πρὸς οὓς ἂν τῶν ἀνέμων ἐπὶ τὰ αὐτὰ τὸ πλάτος τῆς σελήνης τὰς προσνεύσεις ποιούμενον καταλαμβάνηται. πανταχοῦ<sup>2</sup> μέντοι προσήκει διαλαμβάνειν ὡς προηγουμένης μὲν τῆς καθ' ὅλου καὶ πρώτης ὑποκειμένης αἰτίας, ἐπομένης δὲ τῆς τῶν κατὰ μέρος ἐπισυμβαινόντων, βεβαιουμένης δὲ μάλιστα καὶ ἰσχυροποιουμένης τῆς ἐνεργείας, ὅταν οἱ τῶν καθ' ὅλου φύσεων οἰκοδεσποτήσαντες ἀστέρες καὶ ταῖς ἐπὶ μέρους τύχῃσι συσχηματιζόμενοι.

100 <ἱγ.> Περὶ τῆς τῶν μετεώρων σημειώσεως

Χρήσιμοι δ' ἂν εἶεν πρὸς τὰς τῶν κατὰ μέρος ἐπισημασιῶν προγνώσεις καὶ αἱ τῶν γινομένων σημείων περὶ τε τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὴν σελήνην καὶ τοὺς ἀστέρας παρατηρήσεις.

Τὸν μὲν οὖν ἥλιον παρατηρητέον πρὸς μὲν τὰς ἡμερησίους καταστάσεις ἀνατέλλοντα, πρὸς δὲ τὰς νυκτερινὰς δύνοντα, πρὸς δὲ τὰς παρατεινούσας κατὰ τοὺς πρὸς τὴν σελήνην σχηματισμούς, ὡς ἐκάστου σχήματος τὴν μέχρι τοῦ ἐξῆς κατάστασιν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν προσημαίνοντος. καθαρὸς μὲν γὰρ καὶ ἀνεπισκόπητος καὶ εὐσταθὴς καὶ ἀνέφελος ἀνατέλλων ἢ δύνων εὐδιεικῆς καταστάσεώς ἐστι δηλωτικός, ποικίλον δὲ τὸν κύκλον ἔχων ἢ ὑπόπυρρον ἢ ἀκτίνας ἐρυθρὰς ἀποπέμπων ἤτοι εἰς τὰ ἔξω ἢ

and flow of the tide respond to the phases of the moon, and the changes in the air-currents are brought about especially at such appearances of the luminaries at the angles, in the direction of those winds towards which the latitude of the moon is found to be inclining. In every case, however, one should draw his conclusions on the principle that the universal and primary underlying cause takes precedence and that the cause of particular events is secondary to it, and that the force is most ensured and strengthened when the stars which are the lords of the universal natures are configured with the particular causes.

### 13. *Of the Significance of Atmospheric Signs.*

Observations of the signs that are to be seen around the sun, moon, and planets would also be useful for a foreknowledge of the particular events signified.

We must, then, observe the sun at rising to determine the weather by day and at setting for the weather at night, and its aspects to the moon for weather conditions of longer extent, on the assumption that each aspect, in general, foretells the condition up to the next. For when the sun rises or sets clear, unobscured, steady, and unclouded, it signifies fair weather; but if its disk is variegated or reddish or sends out ruddy rays, either directly outward or turned back upon itself, or if it has the

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<sup>1</sup> φωτῶν VPLDEC, φάσεων NACam., φύσεων M.

<sup>2</sup> πανταχοῦ PLNEProc.Cam., πανταχῆ VMADG.

ὡς ἐφ'<sup>1</sup> ἑαυτὸν κυκλουμένας<sup>2</sup> ἢ τὰ καλούμενα<sup>3</sup> παρήλια νέφη ἐξ ἑνὸς μέρους ἔχων ἢ σχήματα νεφῶν ὑπόκιρρα καὶ ὡσεὶ μακρὰς ἀκτῖνας ἀπομηκύνων, ἀνέμων σφοδρῶν ἐστὶ σημαντικὸς καὶ τοιούτων πρὸς ἅς ἂν γωνίας τὰ προειρημένα σημεῖα γίνηται. μέλας δὲ ἢ ὑπόχλωρος ἀνατέλλων ἢ δύνων μετὰ συννεφίας ἢ ἄλως ἔχων περὶ αὐτὸν καθ' ἑν μέρος ἢ ἐξ ἀμφοτέρων τῶν μερῶν παρήλια νέφη καὶ ἀκτῖνας ἢ ὑποχλῶρους<sup>4</sup> ἢ μέλανας, χειμῶνων  
101 καὶ ὑετῶν ἐστὶ δηλωτικὸς.

Τὴν δὲ σελήνην τηρητέον ἐν ταῖς πρὸ τριῶν ἡμερῶν ἢ μετὰ τρεῖς παρόδοις τῶν τε συνόδων καὶ πανσελήνων καὶ διχοτόμων. λεπτή μὲν γὰρ καὶ καθαρὰ φαινομένη καὶ μηδὲν ἔχουσα περὶ αὐτὴν, εὐδιεινῆς καταστάσεώς ἐστὶ δηλωτικὴ· λεπτή δὲ καὶ ἐρυθρὰ καὶ ὅλον τὸν τοῦ ἀφωτίστου κύκλον ἔχουσα διαφανῆ καὶ ὑποκεκινημένον, ἀνέμων ἐστὶν ἐπισημαντικὴ, καθ' ὧν ἂν<sup>5</sup> μάλιστα ποιῆται τὴν πρόσνευσιν· μέλαινα δὲ ἢ χλωρὰ<sup>6</sup> καὶ παχεῖα θεωρουμένη χειμῶνων καὶ ὄμβρων ἐστὶ δηλωτικὴ.

Παρατηρητέον δὲ καὶ τὰς περὶ αὐτὴν γινομένας ἄλως. εἰ μὲν γὰρ μία εἶη καὶ αὐτὴ καθαρὰ καὶ ἡρέμα ὑπομαραιομένη, εὐδίαν· εἰ δὲ δύο ἢ καὶ τρεῖς εἶεν, χειμῶνας δηλοῦσιν· ὑπόκιρροι μὲν οὔσαι καὶ ὡσπερ<sup>7</sup> ῥηγνύμεναι, τοὺς διὰ σφοδρῶν ἀνέμων· ἀχλυώδεις δὲ καὶ παχεῖαι, τοὺς διὰ νιφετῶν· ὑπόχλωροι δὲ ἢ μέλαιναι καὶ ῥηγνύμεναι, τοὺς δι' ἀμφοτέρων· καὶ ὅσω<sup>8</sup> ἂν πλείους ᾖσι, τοσοῦτω<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ἐφ' om. AECam.



so-called parheliac clouds on one side, or yellowish formations of clouds, and as it were emits long rays, it indicates heavy winds and such as come from the angles to which the aforesaid signs point. If at rising or setting it is dark or livid, being accompanied by clouds, or if it has halos about it on one side, or the parheliac clouds on both sides, and gives forth either livid or dusky rays, it signifies storms and rain.

We must observe the moon in its course three days before or three days after new moon, full moon, and the quarters. For when it appears thin and clear and has nothing around it, it signifies clear weather. If it is thin and red, and the whole disk of the unlighted portion is visible and somewhat disturbed, it indicates winds, in that direction in which it is particularly inclined. If it is observed to be dark, or pale, and thick, it signifies storms and rains.

We must also observe the halos around the moon. For if there is one, and this is clear, and gradually fading, it signifies fair weather; if there are two or three, storms; if they are yellowish, and broken, as it were, storms accompanied by heavy winds; if they are thick and misty, snowstorms; pale, or dusky, and broken, storms with both winds and snow;

<sup>2</sup> κυκλουμένας G; κοιλούμενον VMDE, -ος A; καλλούμενον P, καλούμενον I; κλωμένας NCam.

<sup>3</sup> καλούμενα VADEGProc.; λεγόμενα PLMNCam.

<sup>4</sup> ὑποχλωρούς VMADEGProc.; ὑπόχρους PLNCam.

<sup>5</sup> καθ' ὧν ἂν VAD, καθ' ὅ ἂν ME, καθ' ὅ NPLCam.

<sup>6</sup> χλωρὰ] cf. Proc.; χλωρὰ VD; ὠχρὰ PLNACam.; ὠχρὰ ἢ χλωρὰ M, ἢ χλωρὰ ἢ ὠχρὰ E.

<sup>7</sup> ὡσπερ VMADE; ὡσεὶ PNCam.; ὡς L.

<sup>8</sup> ὅσω VMADE, -ον PLNCam.Proc.

<sup>9</sup> τοσοῦτῳ VADE, -οις M, -ον PLNCAm.Proc.

μείζονας. καὶ αἱ περὶ τοὺς ἀστέρας δὲ<sup>1</sup> τοὺς τε πλανωμένους καὶ τοὺς λαμπροὺς τῶν ἀπλανῶν ἄλλως συνιστάμεναι ἐπισημαίνουσι τὰ οἰκεία τοῖς τε χρώμασιν ἑαυτῶν<sup>2</sup> καὶ ταῖς τῶν ἐναπειλημμένων φύσεσι.

Καὶ τῶν ἀπλανῶν δὲ τῶν κατὰ τι πλήθος συνεγγὺς ὄντων παρατηρητέον τὰ χρώματα καὶ τὰ  
102 μεγέθη. λαμπρότεροι γὰρ καὶ μείζονες ὀρώμενοι παρὰ τὰς συνήθεις φαντασίας εἰς ὅποιονδήποτε μέρος ὄντες ἀνέμους τοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ οἰκείου τόπου διασημαίνουσιν. οὐ μὴν ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν ἰδίως νεφελοειδῶν συστροφῶν οἷον τῆς Φάτνης καὶ τῶν ὁμοίων, ἐπὶ αἰθρίας οὐσῆς αἱ συστάσεις ἀμαυραὶ καὶ ὡσπερ<sup>3</sup> ἀφανεῖς ἢ πεπαχυμέναι θεωρῶνται, φορᾶς ὑδάτων εἰσὶ δηλωτικά· καθαραὶ δὲ καὶ παλλόμεναι συνεχῶς σφοδρῶν πνευμάτων· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἀστέρων τῶν παρ' ἑκάτερα τῆς Φάτνης τῶν καλουμένων Ὀνων ὁ μὲν βόρειος ἀφανῆς γένηται, βορέαν πνεύσειν σημαίνει, ὁ δὲ νότιος νότον.<sup>4</sup>

Καὶ τῶν ἐπιγινομένων δὲ κατὰ καιροὺς ἐν τοῖς μετεώροις αἱ μὲν τῶν κομητῶν συστροφαὶ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν αὐχμοὺς καὶ ἀνέμους προσημαίνουσι καὶ τοσοῦτω μείζονας ὅσω ἂν ἐκ πλειόνων μερῶν καὶ ἐπὶ πολὺ ἢ σύστασις γένηται.

Αἱ δὲ διάδρομοι<sup>5</sup> καὶ οἱ ἀκοντισμοὶ<sup>6</sup> τῶν ἀστέρων,

<sup>1</sup> τοὺς ἀστέρας δὲ VMADE; om. alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ἑαυτῶν VMAD, αὐτῶν alii Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ὡσπερ VMADEProc., πᾶσαι PLNCam.

<sup>4</sup> ἐπὶ δὲ . . . νότον soli habent VDN(mg.)Cam.; om. PLNMAEProc.

and the more of them there are the more severe the storms. And the halos that gather about the stars, both the planets and the brilliant fixed stars, signify what is appropriate to their colours and to the natures of the luminaries which they surround.

As for the fixed stars which are close together in some number, we must observe their colours and magnitudes. For if they appear brighter and larger than usual, in whatever part of the sky they may be, they indicate the winds that blow from their own region. As for the clusters in the proper sense, however, such as Praesepe and the like, whenever in a clear sky their clusters appear to be dim, and, as it were, invisible, or thickened, they signify a down-pour of water, but if they are clear and constantly twinkle, heavy winds. Whenever, of the stars called the Asses on each side of Praesepe, the one to the north becomes invisible, it means that the north wind will blow, and the one to the south, the south wind.<sup>1</sup>

Of occasional phenomena in the upper atmosphere, comets generally foretell droughts or winds, and the larger the number of parts that are found in their heads and the greater their size, the more severe the winds.

Rushing and shooting stars, if they come from one

<sup>1</sup>This sentence is perhaps an addition to the text, since it does not occur in all the MSS. nor in Proclus; it is to be found, however, in Hephaestion, p. 100, 31-33 (ed. Engelbrecht). Hephaestion's compilation dates, according to Engelbrecht, from the year 381.

<sup>2</sup>διάδρομοι VD, -αὶ ME, διαδρομικαὶ Λ, δρόμοι Proc., διεκδρομαὶ PNCam., ἐκδρομαὶ I.

<sup>3</sup>ἀκοντισταὶ NCam.

εἰ μὲν ἀπὸ μιᾶς γίνονται γωνίας, τὸν ἀπ' ἐκείνης  
 ἄνεμον δηλοῦσιν· εἰ δ' ἀπὸ τῶν ἐναντίων, ἀκατα-  
 στασίαν πνευμάτων· εἰ δὲ ἀπὸ τῶν τεττάρων, παν-  
 τοίους χειμῶνας μέχρι βροντῶν καὶ ἀστραπῶν καὶ  
 τῶν τοιούτων. ὡσαύτως δὲ καὶ τὰ νέφη<sup>1</sup> πόκοις  
 ἐρίων ὄντα παραπλήσια προδηλωτικὰ ἐνίοτε γίνεται  
 103 χειμώνων. αἷ τε συνιστάμεναι κατὰ καιροὺς ἴριδες  
 χειμῶνας μὲν ἐξ εὐδίας, εὐδίας δὲ ἐκ χειμώνων  
 προσημαίνουσι· καὶ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν συνελόντι εἰπεῖν, αἱ  
 καθ' ὄλου τοῦ ἀέρος ἐπιγινόμεναι ἰδιόχροοι<sup>2</sup> φαν-  
 τασίαι τὰ ὅμοια δηλοῦσι τοῖς ὑπὸ τῶν οἰκείων  
 συμπτωμάτων κατὰ τὰ προδεδηλωμένα διὰ τῶν  
 ἔμπροσθεν ἀποτελουμένοις.

Ἡ μὲν δὴ τῶν καθολικῶν ἐπίσκεψις, τῶν τε  
 ὄλοσχερεστέρων θεωρουμένων καὶ τῶν ἐπὶ μέρος,  
 μέχρι τοσοῦτων ἡμῖν κατὰ τὸ κεφαλαιῶδες ὑπομνη-  
 ματίσθω. τῆς δὲ κατὰ τὸ γενεθλιαλογικὸν εἶδος  
 προγνώσεως τὰς πραγματείας ἐν τοῖς ἐξῆς κατὰ  
 τὴν προσήκουσαν ἀκολουθίαν ἐφοδεύσομεν.

<sup>1</sup> Post νέφη add. ἐν ὁποίοις ἂν ᾤσιν ὁρίοις NCam.; om. alii Proc.

<sup>2</sup> ἰδιόχροοι MA, ἰδιόχρωοι VPLD, ἰδιόχρονοι NECam. (\* notatum); cf. τὰ . . . χρώματα Proc.



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angle, denote the wind from that direction, but if from opposite angles, a confusion of winds, and if from all four angles, storms of all kinds, including thunder, lightning, and the like. Similarly clouds resembling flocks of wool are sometimes significant of storms. And the rainbows that appear from time to time signify storms after clear weather and clear weather after storms. To sum up the whole matter, the visible phenomena, which appear with peculiar colours of their own in the atmosphere in general, indicate results similar to those brought about by their own proper occurrences, in the manner already explained in the foregoing.<sup>1</sup>

Let us, then, consider that thus far, in outline, there has been given an account of the investigation of general questions, both in their more universal aspects and in particular detail. In the following we shall supply in due order the procedure for the prediction which follows the genethliological form.

<sup>1</sup>The purpose of this clumsy sentence seems to be merely to refer the reader to the account already given in ii. 9.

## ΒΙΒΛΙΟΝ Γ'

α. Προοίμιον<sup>1</sup>

Ἐφωδευμένης ἡμῖν ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν τῆς περὶ τὰ καθ' ὄλου συμπτώματα<sup>2</sup> θεωρίας, ὡς προηγουμένης καὶ τὰ πολλὰ κατακρατεῖν δυναμένης τῶν περὶ ἓνα ἕκαστον τῶν ἀνθρώπων κατὰ τὸ ἴδιον τῆς φύσεως ἀποτελουμένων, ὧν τὸ προγνωστικὸν μέρος  
 104 γενεθλιαλογικὸν καλοῦμεν, δύναμιν μὲν<sup>3</sup> μίαν καὶ τὴν αὐτὴν ἀμφοτέρων τῶν εἰδῶν ἠγεῖσθαι προσήκει καὶ περὶ τὸ ποιητικὸν καὶ περὶ τὸ θεωρητικόν, ἐπειδήπερ καὶ τῶν καθ' ὄλου καὶ τῶν καθ' ἓνα ἕκαστον συμπτωμάτων αἰτία μὲν ἢ τῶν πλανωμένων ἀστέρων ἡλίου τε καὶ σελήνης κίνησις, προγνωστικὴ δὲ ἢ τῆς τῶν ὑποκειμένων αὐτῆς φύσεων τροπῆς<sup>4</sup> κατὰ τὰς ὁμοιοσχήμονας τῶν οὐρανίων παρόδους διὰ τοῦ περιέχοντος ἐπιστημονικὴ παρατήρησις, πλὴν ἐφ' ὅσον ἢ μὲν καθολικὴ περίστασις μείζων τε καὶ αὐτοτελής, ἢ δ' ἐπὶ μέρους οὐχ ὁμοίως. ἀρχὰς δ' οὐκέτι τὰς αὐτὰς ἀμφοτέρων νομιστέον εἶναι, ἀφ' ὧν τὴν τῶν οὐρανίων διάθεσιν ὑποτιθέμενοι τὰ διὰ τῶν τότε σχηματισμῶν σημαινόμενα πειρώμεθα προγινώσκειν, ἀλλὰ τῶν μὲν καθολικῶν πολλάς, ἐπειδὴ μίαν τοῦ παντὸς οὐκ ἔχομεν· καὶ ταύτας οὐκ ἀπ'

<sup>1</sup> Προοίμιον VDProc. ; Περί σπορᾶς καὶ ἐκτροπῆς PL (σπωρᾶς) NCam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν συμπτωμάτων NCam., συμπτωμάτων PL.

<sup>3</sup> μὲν om. PLNCam.

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### 1. *Introduction.*

As in what precedes we have presented the theory of universal events, because this comes first and for the most part has power to control the predictions which concern the special nature of any individual, the prognostic part of which we call the genethliological art, we must believe that the two divisions have one and the same power both practically and theoretically. For the cause both of universal and of particular events is the motion of the planets, sun, and moon; and the prognostic art is the scientific observation of precisely the change in the subject natures which corresponds to parallel movements of the heavenly bodies through the surrounding heavens, except that universal conditions are greater and independent, and particular ones not similarly so. We must not, however, consider that both divisions<sup>1</sup> employ the same starting-points, from which, by reckoning the disposition of the heavenly bodies, we attempt to foretell the events signified by their aspects at that time. On the contrary, in the case of the universals we have to take many starting-points, since we have no single one for the universe;

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* general astrology and genethliological astrology.

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<sup>4</sup> αὐτῆς φύσεων τροπῆς PL., αὐτῆς φύσεως τρ. VD, αὐτῶν φύσεων τρ. A, αὐτῶν φύσεως τρ. ME; αὐτῆς τροπῆς NCain.

αὐτῶν τῶν ὑποκειμένων πάντοτε λαμβανομένας, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν περιεχόντων καὶ τὰς αἰτίας ἐπιφερόντων· σχεδὸν γὰρ πάσας<sup>1</sup> ἀπὸ τε τῶν τελειοτέρων ἐκλείψεων καὶ τῶν ἐπισήμως παροδευόντων ἀστέρων ἐπισκεπτόμεθα·<sup>2</sup> τῶν δὲ καθ' ἓνα ἕκαστον τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ μίαν καὶ πολλάς· μίαν μὲν τὴν αὐτοῦ τοῦ συγκρίματος ἀρχὴν· καὶ ταύτην<sup>3</sup> γὰρ ἔχομεν· πολλάς δὲ τὰς κατὰ τὸ ἐξῆς τῶν περιεχόντων πρὸς τὴν πρώτην ἀρχὴν ἐπιση-  
 105 μασίας συμβαινούσας,<sup>4</sup> προηγουμένης μέντοι τῆς μιᾶς ἐνθάδε εἰκότως, ἐπειδήπερ αὐτὴ καὶ τὰς ἄλλας<sup>5</sup> ἀποτελεῖ. τούτων δ' οὕτως ἐχόντων ἀπὸ μὲν τῆς πρώτης ἀρχῆς θεωρεῖται τὰ καθ' ὅλου τῆς συγκρίσεως ἰδιώματα, διὰ δὲ τῶν ἄλλων τὰ κατὰ καιροὺς παρὰ τὸ μᾶλλον καὶ ἥττον συμβησόμενα κατὰ τὰς λεγομένας τῶν ἐφεξῆς χρόνων διαιρέσεις.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ἀρχῆς δὲ χρονικῆς ὑπαρχούσης τῶν ἀνθρωπίνων τέξεων<sup>7</sup> φύσει μὲν τῆς κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν σποράν, δυνάμει δὲ καὶ κατὰ τὸ συμβεβηκὸς τῆς κατὰ τὴν ἀποκύψιν ἐκτροπῆς, ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν ἐγνωκότων τὸν τῆς σπορᾶς καιρὸν ἦτοι συμπτωματικῶς ἢ καὶ παρατηρητικῶς ἐκείνω<sup>8</sup> μᾶλλον προσήκει πρὸς τε

<sup>1</sup> πάσας VPLAD; πάσαις MNECam.<sup>2</sup> (sed in mg. ἡ πάσας ἐπισκεπτόμεθα).

<sup>2</sup> ἐπισκεπτόμεθα VADECam.<sup>1</sup>, Cam.<sup>2</sup> mg.; -όμεθα PL; ἐπισκηπτόμεθα MNCam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> καὶ ταύτην VPLD; καὶ om. alii Cam.

<sup>4</sup> συμβαίνειν VPLMDE, -ουσας NACam.

<sup>5</sup> Post ἄλλας add. ὡς τὸ ὑποκείμενον εἰδικῶς (ἰδικῶς NCam.<sup>1</sup>, ἡδικῆ P, ἐστικῆ L) PLNCam.; om. VMADProc.

<sup>6</sup> Post διαιρέσεις titulum Περὶ σπορᾶς καὶ ἐκτροπῆς add. VMADProc.; om. E (spatio relicto) PLNCam.



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and these too are not always taken from the subjects themselves, but also from the elements that attend them and carry with them the causes; for we investigate practically all the starting-points presented by the more complete eclipses and the significant passages of the planets. In predictions affecting individual men, however, we have both one and many starting-points. The one is the beginning of the temperament itself,<sup>1</sup> for this we have; and the many are the successive significances of the ambients which are relative to this first beginning, though to be sure the single starting-point is naturally in this case of greatest importance because it produces the others. As this is so, the general characteristics of the temperament are determined from the first starting-point, while by means of the others we predict events that will come about at specific times and vary in degree, following the so-called ages of life.<sup>2</sup>

Since the chronological starting-point of human nativities is naturally the very time of conception, but potentially and accidentally the moment of birth, in cases in which the very time of conception is known either by chance or by observation, it is more fitting that we should follow it in determining the special

<sup>1</sup>“Temperament” here is used in its astrological sense, of the mingling of physical and other traits which make up the individual. Cf. the similar use of *κρᾶσις* in i. 11, p. 64.

<sup>2</sup>The “divisions of the successive times,” i.e. the ages of man, are discussed in iv. 10.

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<sup>1</sup> *τέξεων* VD; *γενέσεων* (mg.: . . *εξων*) N; *ἔξεων* A; *γενέσεων* alii Proc.Cam.

<sup>2</sup> *ἐκείνω* MAEProc.; *ἐκείνο* alii Cam.

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τὰ τοῦ σώματος καὶ τὰ τῆς ψυχῆς ιδιώματα κατακολουθεῖν, τὸ ποιητικὸν τοῦ κατ' αὐτὸν τῶν ἀστέρων σχηματισμοῦ διασκεπτομένου. ἅπαξ γὰρ ἐν ἀρχῇ τὸ σπέρμα ποιόν πως γενόμενον ἐκ τῆς τοῦ περιέχοντος διαδόσεως, κἄν διάφορον τοῦτο γίνηται κατὰ τοὺς ἐφεξῆς τῆς σωματοποιήσεως χρόνους, αὐτὸ τὴν οἰκείαν μόνην ὕλην φυσικῶς προσεπισυγκρίνον ἑαυτῷ κατὰ τὴν αὔξησιν ἔτι μᾶλλον ἑξομοιοῦται τῇ τῆς πρώτης ποιότητος<sup>1</sup> ἰδιοτροπία.

Ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν μὴ γινωσκόντων, ὅπερ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν συμβαίνει, τῇ κατὰ τὴν ἐκτροπὴν ἀρχῇ καὶ ταύτῃ<sup>2</sup> 106 προσανέχειν ἀναγκαῖον, ὡς μεγίστη καὶ αὐτῇ<sup>3</sup> καὶ μόνῳ τούτῳ τῆς πρώτης λειπομένη, τῷ δι' ἐκείνης καὶ τὰ πρὸ τῆς ἐκτέξεως δύνασθαι προγινώσκεισθαι· καὶ γὰρ εἰ τὴν μὲν ἀρχὴν ἂν τις εἴποι, τὴν δ' ὡσπερ καταρχήν, τὸ μέγεθος αὐτῆς τῷ μὲν χρόνῳ γίνεται δεύτερον, ἴσον δὲ καὶ μᾶλλον τελειότερον τῇ δυνάμει, σχεδόν τε δικαίως ἐκείνη μὲν ἂν ὀνομάζοιτο σπέρματος ἀνθρωπίνου γένεσις, αὕτη δὲ ἀνθρώπου. πλείστα τε γὰρ τότε προσλαμβάνει τὸ βρέφος ἢ μὴ πρότερον, ὅτε κατὰ γαστρὸς ἦν, προσῆν αὐτῷ, καὶ αὐτὰ τὰ ἴδια μόνης τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης φύσεως, ὃ τε σωματώδης σχηματισμός· κἄν μηδὲν αὐτῷ δοκῇ τὸ κατὰ τὴν ἐκτέξιν περιέχον εἰς τὸ τοιῶνδε εἶναι συμβάλλεσθαι, αὐτὸ γοῦν τὸ κατὰ τὸν οἰκείον τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> ποιότητος VMADEProc. ; ιδιότητος P (ιδιω-) LNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ταύτῃ VAD, εἰς ταῦτα PNCam., εἰς ταύτην L, εἰς τὴν μετὰ ταύτῃ M, εἰς τὴν μετὰ ταῦτα E.

<sup>3</sup> αὐτῇ VPLMDE, ταύτῃ NACam.

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nature of body and soul, examining the effective power of the configuration of the stars at that time. For to the seed is given once and for all at the beginning such and such qualities by the endowment of the ambient; and even though it may change as the body subsequently grows, since by natural process it mingles with itself in the process of growth only matter which is akin to itself, thus it resembles even more closely the type of its initial quality.

But if they do not know the time of conception, which is usually the case, we must follow the starting-point furnished by the moment of birth and give to this our attention, for it too is of great importance and falls short of the former only in this respect—that by the former it is possible to have foreknowledge also of events preceding birth. For if one should call the one “source” and the other, as it were, “beginning,” its importance in time, indeed, is secondary, but it is equal or rather even more perfect in potentiality, and with reasonable propriety would the former be called the genesis of human seed and the latter the genesis of a man. For the child at birth and his bodily form take on many additional attributes which he did not have before, when he was in the womb, those very ones indeed which belong to human nature alone; and even if it seems that the ambient at the time of birth contributes nothing toward his quality, at least his very coming forth into the light under the appropriate conformation of the heavens contributes,

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περιέχοντος σχηματισμὸν εἰς φῶς ἔλθειν συμβάλλεται, τῆς φύσεως μετὰ τὴν τελείωσιν πρὸς τὸ ὁμοιότυπον κατάστημα τῷ κατ' ἀρχὰς διαμορφώσαντι μερικῶς τὴν ὄρμην τῆς ἐξόδου ποιουμένης· ὥστ' εὐλόγως καὶ τῶν τοιούτων ἠγεῖσθαι δηλωτικὸν εἶναι τὸν κατὰ τὴν ἐκτροπὴν<sup>1</sup> τῶν ἀστέρων σχηματισμὸν, οὐχ ὡς ποιητικὸν μέντοι πάντως, ἀλλ' ὡς ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἔχοντα καὶ κατὰ φύσιν ὁμοιότατον τῇ δυνάμει τὸ ποιητικόν.

107 Προθέσεως δὲ κατὰ τὸ παρὸν ἡμῖν οὔσης καὶ τοῦτο τὸ μέρος ἐφοδικῶς ἀναπληρῶσαι κατὰ τὸν ἐν ἀρχῇ τῆσδε τῆς συντάξεως ὑφηγημένον ἐπιλογισμὸν περὶ τοῦ δυνατοῦ τῆς τοιαύτης προγνώσεως, τὸν μὲν ἀρχαῖον τῶν προρρήσεων τρόπον τὸν κατὰ τὸ συγκρατικὸν<sup>2</sup> εἶδος τῶν ἀστέρων πάντων ἢ τῶν πλείστων, πολύχουν τε ὄντα καὶ σχεδὸν ἄπειρον, εἴ τις αὐτὸν ἀκριβοῦν ἐθέλοι κατὰ τὴν διέξοδον, καὶ μᾶλλον ἐν ταῖς κατὰ μέρος ἐπιβολαῖς τῶν φυσικῶς ἐπισκεπτομένων ἢ ἐν ταῖς παραδόσεσι ἀναθεωρεῖσθαι δυναμένων, παραιτησόμεθα διὰ τε τὸ δύσχρηστον καὶ τὸ δυσδιέξοδον. τὰς δὲ πραγματείας αὐτὰς δι' ὧν ἕκαστα τῶν εἰδῶν κατὰ τὸν ἐπιβληματικὸν τρόπον συνορᾶται καὶ τὰς κατὰ τὸ ἰδιότροπον καὶ ὀλοσχερέστερον τῶν ἀστέρων πρὸς ἕκαστα ποιητικὰς δυνάμεις ὡς ἐνὶ μάλιστα παρακολουθητικῶς τε ἅμα καὶ ἐπι-

<sup>1</sup> ἐκτροπὴν VADEProc., τροπὴν PLMNCam.

<sup>2</sup> συγκρατικὸν VAE; cf. κατὰ τὴν σύγκρασιν τῶν ἀστέρων Proc.; συγκριτικὸν MNDCam., -κροτικὸν PL.



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since nature, after the child is perfectly formed, gives the impulse to its birth under a configuration of similar type to that which governed the child's formation in detail in the first place.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly one may with good reason believe that the position of the stars at the time of birth is significant of things of this sort, not, however, for the reason that it is causative in the full sense, but that of necessity and by nature it has potentially very similar causative power.

Since it is our present purpose to treat of this division likewise systematically on the basis of the discussion, introduced at the beginning of this compendium, of the possibility of prediction of this kind, we shall decline to present the ancient method of prediction, which brings into combination all or most of the stars, because it is manifold and well-nigh infinite, if one wishes to recount it with accuracy. Besides, it depends much more upon the particular attempts of those who make their inquiries directly from nature than of those who can theorize on the basis of the traditions; and furthermore we shall omit it on account of the difficulty in using it and following it. Those very procedures through which each kind of thing is apprehended by the practical method, and the active influences of the stars, both special and general, we shall, as far as possible, consistently and briefly, in accordance

<sup>1</sup> An assumption which Ptolemy does not think it necessary to demonstrate. The statement that the sign in which the moon was found at the conception would be in the ascendant at the nativity is attributed to "Nechepso and Petosiris"; Boll-Bezold-Gundel, p. 154; cf. Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 376, 379.

τετμημένως κατὰ τὸν φυσικὸν στοχασμὸν ἐκθησό-  
 μεθα· τοὺς μὲν τοῦ περιέχοντος τόπους πρὸς οὓς  
 ἕκαστα θεωρεῖται τῶν ἀνθρωπίνων συμπτωμάτων,  
 καθάπερ σκοπὸν οὐ δεῖ καταστοχάζεσθαι,<sup>1</sup> προυπο-  
 τιθέμενοι, τὰς δὲ τῶν τοῖς τόποις κατ' ἐπικρά-  
 τησιν τῶν συνοικειουμένων σωμάτων ποιητικὰς  
 δυνάμεις, ὥσπερ ἀφέσεις βελῶν, κατὰ τὸ ὀλοσχερέ-  
 στερον ἐφαρμόζοντες, τὸ δὲ ἐκ τῆς συγκράσεως  
 τῆς ἐκ πλειόνων φύσεων περὶ τὸ ὑποκείμενον εἶδος  
 συναγόμενον ἀποτέλεσμα καταλιπόντες, ὥσπερ  
 108 εὐστόχῳ τοξότη, τῷ τοῦ διασκεπτομένου λογισμῷ.  
 πρῶτον δὲ περὶ τῶν καθ' ὅλου διὰ τῆς κατὰ τὴν  
 ἐκτροπὴν ἀρχῆς θεωρουμένων ποιησόμεθα τὸν λόγον  
 κατὰ τὴν προσήκουσαν τῆς τάξεως ἀκολουθίαν·  
 πάντων μὲν, ὡς ἔφαμεν, τῶν φύσιν ἐχόντων διὰ  
 ταύτης λαμβάνεσθαι δυναμένων, συνεργησόντων δὲ  
 εἴ τις ἔτι περιεργάζεσθαι θέλοι πρὸς μόνα τὰ κατ'  
 αὐτὴν τὴν σύγκρισιν<sup>2</sup> ἰδιώματα καὶ τῶν κατὰ τὸν  
 τῆς σπορᾶς<sup>3</sup> χρόνον<sup>4</sup> διὰ τῆς αὐτῆς θεωρίας  
 ὑποπιπτόντων ἰδιωμάτων.

⟨β.⟩ Περὶ μοίρας ὠροσκοπούσης

<sup>1</sup> Ἐπειδὴ περὶ τοῦ πρώτου καὶ κυριωτάτου, τουτέστι  
 τοῦ μορίου τῆς κατὰ τὴν ἐκτροπὴν ὥρας, ἀπορία  
 γίνεται πολλάκις, μόνης μὲν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν τῆς δι'  
 ἀστρολάβων ὠροσκοπίων κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν ἔκτεξιν

<sup>1</sup> καταστοχάζεσθαι VMADE, προκαταστοχάζεσθαι PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν σύγκρισιν VDPGOC.; κατὰ τὴν σύγκ. PLA;  
 κατὰ σύγκ. NCam., τὴν σύγκ. (οἰμ. κατὰ) ME.

<sup>3</sup> τὸν τῆς σπορᾶς VADE, τῆς σπορᾶς PLM, τὰς σπορᾶς NCam.

<sup>4</sup> χρόνον libri; -ων Cam.

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with natural conjecture, set forth. Our preface shall be an account of the places in the heavens to which reference is made when particular human events are theoretically considered, a kind of mark at which one must aim before proceeding further; to this we shall add a general discussion of the active powers of the heavenly bodies that gain kinship with these places by dominating them—the loosing of the arrow, as it were; but the predicted result, summed up by the combination of many elements applied to the underlying form, we shall leave, as to a skilful archer, to the calculation of him who conducts the investigation. First, then, we shall discuss in proper sequence the general matters the consideration of which is accomplished through the time of birth taken as the starting-point, for, as we have said, this furnishes an explanation of all natural events, but, if one is willing to take the additional trouble, by the same reasoning the properties that fall at the time of conception will also be of aid toward ascertaining the peculiar qualities that apply directly to the combination.

### *2. Of the Degree of the Horoscopic Point.*

Difficulty often arises with regard to the first and most important fact, that is, the fraction of the hour of the birth; for in general only observation by means of horoscopic astrolabes<sup>1</sup> at the time of birth

<sup>1</sup> An instrument consisting of a graduated circle with a movable arm by which angles above the horizon could be taken.

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διοπτεύσεως τοῖς ἐπιστημονικῶς παρατηροῦσι τὸ λεπτόν<sup>1</sup> τῆς ὥρας ὑποβάλλειν δυναμένης, τῶν δ' ἄλλων σχεδὸν ἀπάντων ὠροσκοπίων, οἷς οἱ πλείστοι τῶν ἐπιμελεστέρων προσέχουσι, πολλαχῆ<sup>2</sup> διαψεύδεσθαι τῆς ἀληθείας δυναμένων, τῶν μὲν ἡλιακῶν παρὰ τὰς τῶν θέσεων καὶ τῶν γνωμόνων ἐπισυμπιπτούσας διαστροφάς, τῶν δὲ δι' ὑδρολογίων παρὰ τὰς τῆς ρύσεως<sup>3</sup> τοῦ ὕδατος ὑπὸ διαφόρων αἰτιῶν καὶ διὰ τὸ τυχὸν ἐποχάς τε καὶ ἀνωμαλίας, ἀναγκαῖον ἂν εἶη προπαραδοθῆναι τίνα ἂν τις τρόπον 109 εὐρίσκοι τὴν ὀφείλουσαν ἀνατέλλειν μοῖραν τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ κατὰ τὸν φυσικὸν καὶ ἀκόλουθον λόγον, προυποτεθείσης τῆς κατὰ τὴν διδομένην σύνεγγυς ὥραν διὰ τῆς τῶν ἀναφορῶν πραγματείας εὐρισκομένης. δεῖ δὴ λαμβάνειν τὴν τῆς ἐκτροπῆς προγενομένην ἔγγιστα συζυγίαν, ἐάν τε σύνοδος ἦ ἢ ἐάν τε πανσέληνος, καὶ τὴν μοῖραν ἀκριβῶς διασκεψαμένους,<sup>4</sup> συνόδου μὲν οὔσης τὴν ἀμφοτέρων τῶν φωτῶν, πανσελήνου δὲ τὴν τοῦ ὑπὲρ γῆν αὐτῶν

<sup>1</sup> τὸ λεπτόν VMADE, τὸ λεπτόν P, τῷ λεπτῷ NLCam.

<sup>2</sup> πολλαχῆ libri, πολλαχοῦ Proc., πολλάκι Cam.

<sup>3</sup> τῆς ρύσεως PLME, ρύσεως VAD, ρύσεις N, τὴν ρύσιν Proc., φύσεις Cam.

<sup>4</sup> διασκεψαμένους VAD, -ωμένους P, -ομένους LMNECam.

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<sup>1</sup> The "solar instruments" are sun-dials, the gnomons of which cast shadows, the position and length of which



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can for scientific observers give the minute of the hour, while practically all other horoscopic instruments on which the majority of the more careful practitioners rely are frequently capable of error, the solar instruments by the occasional shifting of their positions or of their gnomons,<sup>1</sup> and the water clocks by stoppages and irregularities in the flow of the water from different causes and by mere chance. It would therefore be necessary that an account first be given how one might, by natural and consistent reasoning, discover the degree of the zodiac which should be rising, given the degree of the known hour nearest the event, which is discovered by the method of ascensions.<sup>2</sup> We must, then, take the syzygy<sup>3</sup> most recently preceding the birth, whether it be a new moon or a full moon; and, likewise having ascertained the degree accurately, of both the luminaries if it is a new moon, and if it is a full moon that of the one of them that is above the earth, we must see what stars rule it at the

are significant. Clepsydrae, or water-clocks, operated on the principle of the hour-glass, except that water was used instead of sand. In addition to these instruments the practitioner would undoubtedly have tables of various sorts, including ephemerides, which gave the position of the sun, moon, and planets from day to day, tables of ascensions, etc. Examples of them are preserved among the papyri.

<sup>2</sup>The "ascensions" are the times, measured in arcs of the equator, in which the signs of the zodiac (which do not lie on the equator, but along the ecliptic, which is oblique to the equator) rise above the horizon. They will vary for the individual signs, and for the latitudes (Greek, "climes," κλίματα) at which observations are made.

<sup>3</sup>A conjunction or an opposition.

ὄντος, κατὰ τε<sup>1</sup> τὸν χρόνον τῆς ἐκτροπῆς ἰδεῖν τοὺς  
 πρὸς αὐτὴν οἰκοδεσποτικὸν ἔχοντας λόγον τῶν  
 ἀστέρων, τοῦ τρόπου καθ' ὅλου τοῦ κατὰ τὴν  
 οἰκοδεσποτίαν ἐν πέντε τούτοις θεωρουμένου,  
 τριγώνω τε καὶ οἴκω καὶ ὑψώματι καὶ ὀρίῳ καὶ  
 φάσει ἢ συσχηματισμῶ, τουτέστιν ὅταν ἔν τι ἢ  
 πλείονα τούτων ἢ καὶ πάντα ὁ ζητούμενος ἔχει  
 τόπος πρὸς τὸν μέλλοντα οἰκοδεσποτήσειν. εἰ  
 μὲν οὖν ἓνα πρὸς ταῦτα πάντα ἢ τὰ πλείστα  
 οἰκείως διακεείμενον εὐρίσκωμεν, ἢν ἂν ἐπέχη  
 μοῖραν οὗτος ἀκριβῶς καθ' ὃ παροδεύει δωδεκατη-  
 μόριον, ἐν τῷ τῆς ἐκτροπῆς χρόνῳ τὴν ἰσάριθμον  
 αὐτῇ κρινούμεν ἀνατέλλειν ἐν τῷ διὰ τῆς τῶν  
 ἀναφορῶν πραγματείας εὐρημένῳ ἐγγυτέρῳ δωδε-  
 κατημορίῳ. εἰ δὲ δύο ἢ καὶ πλείους συνοικο-  
 δεσποτοῦντας, οὗ ἂν αὐτῶν ἢ κατὰ τὴν ἐκτροπὴν  
 110 μοιρικὴ πάροδος ἐγγύτερον ἔχη τὸν ἀριθμὸν τῇ  
 κατὰ τὰς ἀναφορὰς ἀνατελλούσῃ, τούτου τῇ ποσό-  
 τητι τῶν μοιρῶν καταχρησόμεθα. εἰ δὲ δύο ἢ καὶ  
 πλείους ἐγγὺς εἶεν<sup>2</sup> τῷ ἀριθμῷ,<sup>3</sup> τῷ μᾶλλον ἔχοντι  
 λόγον πρὸς τε τὰ κέντρα καὶ τὴν αἵρεσιν κατα-  
 κολουθήσομεν· εἰ μὲντοι πλείων ἢ ἢ διάστασις  
 τῶν τῆς οἰκοδεσποτίας μοιρῶν πρὸς τὴν κατὰ τὸ  
 ὄλοσχερὲς ὠροσκόπιον ἢπερ πρὸς τὴν κατὰ τὸ

<sup>1</sup> τε VPD; cf. Anon. p. 91, Wolf; om. libri ceteri Proc. Cam. (sed \* notat Cam.<sup>2</sup> et in mg. add. videtur redundare).

<sup>2</sup> ἐγγὺς εἶεν VPAD, ἐγγὺς ἐν L, ἐγγὺς ἔχοιεν E, ἔχοιεν MNCam., ἐγγὺς εἰσιν Proc.

<sup>3</sup> τῷ ἀριθμῷ VPLAD, τὸν ἀριθμὸν MNECam.

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time of the birth.<sup>1</sup> In general the mode of domination is considered as falling under these five forms: when it is trine, house, exaltation, term, and phase or aspect; that is, whenever the place in question is related in one or several or all of these ways to the star that is to be the ruler. If, then, we discover that one star is familiar with the degree in all or most of these respects, whatever degree this star by accurate reckoning occupies in the sign through which it is passing, we shall judge that the corresponding degree is rising at the time of the nativity in the sign which is found to be closest by the method of ascensions.<sup>2</sup> But if we discover two or more co-rulers, we shall use the number of degrees shown by whichever of them is, at the time of birth, passing through the degree that is closer to that which is rising according to the ascensions. But if two or more are close in the number of degrees, we shall follow the one which is most nearly related to the centres and the sect. If, however, the distance of the degree occupied by the ruler from that of the general horoscope is greater than its distance

<sup>1</sup>The text adopted is that of the two most important MSS. and is supported by the anonymous commentator. Bouché-Leclercq (p. 388, n. 1) would discard the words *κατὰ τὸν χρόνον τῆς ἐκτροπῆς*, but he had made no examination of the MSS. and presumably did not know that the best of them support *κατά τε κτλ.*, the reading mentioned by the commentator. To observe the position of the luminary above the earth at the time of conjunction, rather than that of the one that is above the earth at the time of the nativity, seems much simpler and more natural.

<sup>2</sup>On Ptolemy's rule for determining the ascendant degree, cf. Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 387-388.

ὄμοιον μεσουράνημα,<sup>1</sup> τῷ αὐτῷ ἀριθμῷ πρὸς τὴν μεσουρανοῦσαν μοῖραν καταχρησάμενοι, διὰ ταύτης καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ τῶν κέντρων<sup>2</sup> διαστησόμεθα.

⟨γ.⟩ Διαίρεσις γενεθλιαλογίας

Τούτων δὴ προεκτεθειμένων, εἴ τις αὐτῆς τῆς τάξεως ἔνεκα διαιροίη τὸ καθ' ὅλου τῆς γενεθλιαλογικῆς θεωρίας, εὔροι ἂν τῶν κατὰ φύσιν καὶ δυνατῶν καταλήψεων τὴν μὲν τῶν πρὸ τῆς γενέσεως οὔσαν συμπτωμάτων μόνον, ὡς τὴν τοῦ περὶ γονέων λόγου, τὴν δὲ τῶν καὶ πρὸ τῆς γενέσεως καὶ μετὰ τὴν γένεσιν, ὡς τὴν τοῦ περὶ ἀδελφῶν λόγου, τὴν δὲ τῶν κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν γένεσιν, οὐκέθ' οὕτω μίαν οὔσαν καὶ ἀπλῆν· τελευταίαν δὲ τὴν τῶν μετὰ τὴν γένεσιν, πολυμερεστέραν καὶ ταύτην θεωρουμένην. ἔστι δὲ τῶν μὲν κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν γένεσιν ἐπιζητούμενων ὁ τε περὶ ἀρρενικῶν καὶ θηλυκῶν λόγος καὶ ὁ περὶ διδυμογόνων ἢ πλειστογόνων καὶ ὁ περὶ  
 111 τεράτων καὶ ὁ περὶ ἀτρόφων· τῶν δὲ μετὰ τὴν γένεσιν ὁ τε περὶ χρόνων<sup>3</sup> ζωῆς, ἐπειδήπερ οὐ συνῆπται τῷ περὶ ἀτρόφων, ἔπειτα ὁ περὶ μορφῆς σώματος καὶ ὁ περὶ παθῶν<sup>4</sup> ἢ σινῶν σωματικῶν· ἐξῆς δὲ ὁ περὶ ψυχῆς ποιότητος καὶ ὁ περὶ παθῶν

<sup>1</sup> μεσουράνημα VMDEProc., -ισμα PL, -ηματι NACam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν κέντρων VPLADEProc., τοῦ κέντρου MNCam.

<sup>3</sup> χρόνων VPLMDEProc., -ου NACam.

<sup>4</sup> ὁ περὶ παθῶν VPLD, om. ὁ E, om. ὁ περ. MNACam.

<sup>1</sup> Ordinarily the horoscope, or ascendant, would be the point of reference by which the other centres (mid-heaven, occident, inferior mid-heaven) of the nativity would be



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from that of the corresponding mid-heaven, we shall use this same number to constitute the mid-heaven and thereby establish the other angles.<sup>1</sup>

### 3. *The Subdivision of the Science of Nativities.*

After this preface, should any one simply for the sake of order attempt to subdivide the whole field of genethliological science, he would find that, of all the natural and possible predictions, one division concerns solely events preceding the birth, such as the account of the parents; another deals with events both before and after the birth, such as the account of brothers and sisters; another, with events at the very time of the birth, a subject which is no longer so unitary and simple; and finally that which treats of post-natal matters, which is likewise more complex in its theoretical development.<sup>2</sup> Among the subjects contemporary with the birth into which inquiry is made are those of sex, of twins or multiple births, of monsters, and of children that cannot be reared. To those dealing with post-natal events belong the account of the length of life, for this is not attached to the account of children that cannot be reared; second, that of the form of the body and that of bodily

established. In this case the mid-heaven is made the point of reference. The "general" (ὄλοσχερές; Proclus paraphrases with *κατὰ τὸ καθ' ὅλου*) horoscope seems to be the "presumable" one.

<sup>2</sup> What follows is practically a list of chapters in Books iii and iv. Since the subject of the last chapter of Book iv (the divisions of time and the ages of man) is not included, its genuineness has been questioned, but not seriously doubted.

ψυχικῶν· ἔπειθ' ὁ περὶ τύχης κτητικῆς καὶ ὁ περὶ  
 τύχης ἀξιοματικῆς, μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα ὁ περὶ πράξεως  
 ποιότητος· εἶτα ὁ περὶ συμβιώσεως γαμικῆς καὶ  
 ὁ περὶ τεκνοποιίας καὶ ὁ περὶ συνεπιπλοκῶν καὶ  
 συναρμογῶν καὶ φίλων·<sup>1</sup> ἐξῆς δ' ὁ περὶ ξενιτείας  
 καὶ τελευταῖος ὁ περὶ τῆς τοῦ θανάτου ποιότητος,  
 τῇ μὲν δυνάμει συνοικειούμενος τῷ περὶ χρόνων  
 ζωῆς, τῇ τάξει δ' εἰκότως ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις τιθέ-  
 μενος· ὑπὲρ ὧν ἐκάστου κατὰ τὸ κεφαλαῖωδες  
 ποιησόμεθα τὴν ὑφήγησιν, αὐτὰς τὰς τῆς ἐπι-  
 σκέψεως πραγματείας μετὰ ψιλῶν τῶν ποιητικῶν  
 δυνάμεων, ὡς ἔφαμεν, ἐκτιθέμενοι, καὶ τὰ μὲν  
 περιέργως ὑπὸ τῶν πολλῶν φλυαρούμενα καὶ μὴ  
 πιθανὸν ἔχοντα λόγον πρὸς τὰς ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης<sup>2</sup>  
 φύσεως αἰτίας ἀποπεμπόμενοι· τὰ δὲ ἐνδεχομένην  
 ἔχοντα τὴν κατάληψιν, οὐ διὰ κλήρων καὶ ἀριθμῶν  
 ἀναιτιολογήτων, ἀλλὰ δι' αὐτῆς τῆς τῶν σχημα-  
 τισμῶν πρὸς τοὺς οἰκείους τόπους θεωρίας ἐπι-  
 σκεπτόμενοι· καθ' ὅλου μέντοι καὶ ἐπὶ πάντων  
 ἀπλῶς, ἵνα μὴ καθ' ἕκαστον εἶδος ταυτολογῶμεν.

112 Πρῶτον μὲν χρή σκοπεῖν<sup>3</sup> τὸν οἰκειούμενον  
 τόπον τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ τῷ ζητουμένῳ τῆς γενέσεως  
 κατ' εἶδος κεφαλαίῳ, καθάπερ λόγου ἔνεκεν τῷ  
 περὶ πράξεων τὸν τοῦ μεσουρανήματος, ἢ τῷ περὶ  
 πατρὸς τὸν ἡλιακόν· ἔπειτα θεωρεῖν τοὺς λόγον  
 ἔχοντας πρὸς τὸν ὑποκείμενον τόπον τῶν ἀστέρων  
 οἰκοδεσποτίας καθ' οὓς ἐπάνω<sup>4</sup> προείπομεν πέντε

<sup>1</sup> καὶ φίλων VPLD, καὶ om. MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> πρώτης VPMADÉ, om. NL (in lacuna) Cam.

<sup>3</sup> σκοπεῖν om. MNCam.

<sup>4</sup> ἐπάνω om. NCam.

illnesses and injuries ; next, that of the quality of the mind and illnesses of the mind ; then that which concerns fortune, both in the matter of possessions and in that of dignities ; and after this the account of the quality of action ; then that of marriage and of the begetting of children, and that of associations, agreements, and friends ; following comes the account of journeys, and finally that of the quality of death, which is potentially akin to the inquiry about the length of life, but in order is reasonably placed at the end of all these subjects. We shall sketch each of these subjects briefly, explaining, as we said before, together with the effective powers by themselves, the actual procedure of investigation ; as for the nonsense on which many waste their labour and of which not even a plausible account can be given, this we shall dismiss in favour of the primary natural causes. What, however, admits of prediction we shall investigate, not by means of lots and numbers of which no reasonable explanation can be given, but merely through the science of the aspects of the stars to the places with which they have familiarity, in general terms, however, which are applicable to absolutely all cases, that we may avoid the repetition involved in the discussion of particular cases.

In the first place, we should examine that place of the zodiac which is pertinent to the specific heading of the geniture which is subject to query ; for example, the mid-heaven, for the query about action, or the place of the sun for the question about the father ; then we must observe those planets which have the relation of rulership to the place in question

τρόπους. κἄν μὲν εἷς ἢ ὁ κατὰ πάντας<sup>1</sup> κύριος, τούτῳ<sup>2</sup> διδόναι τὴν ἐκείνης τῆς προτελέσεως οἰκοδεσποτίαν· εἰ δὲ δύο ἢ τρεῖς, τοῖς τὰς πλείους ἔχουσι ψήφους· μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα πρὸς μὲν τὸ ποιὸν τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος σκοπεῖν τὰς τε αὐτῶν τῶν οἰκοδεσποτησάντων ἀστέρων φύσεις καὶ τὰς τῶν δωδεκατημορίων ἐν οἷς εἰσιν αὐτοὶ τε καὶ οἱ συνοικειούμενοι<sup>3</sup> τόποι· πρὸς δὲ τὸ μέγεθος αὐτῶν σκοπεῖν καὶ τὴν δύναμιν<sup>4</sup> πότερον ἐνεργῶς τυγχάνουσι διακείμενοι κατὰ τε αὐτὸ τὸ κοσμικὸν καὶ τὸ κατὰ τὴν γένεσιν ἢ τὸ ἐναντίον· δραστικώτατοι μὲν γάρ εἰσιν ὅταν κοσμικῶς μὲν ἐν ἰδίῳ ἢ ἐν οἰκείῳ ὧσι τόποις· καὶ πάλιν ὅταν ἀνατολικοὶ τυγχάνωσι καὶ προσθετικοὶ τοῖς ἀριθμοῖς· κατὰ γένεσιν δὲ ὅταν ἐπὶ τῶν κέντρων ἢ τῶν ἐπαναφορῶν παροδεύωσι καὶ μάλιστα τῶν πρώτων, λέγω δὴ τῶν τε κατὰ τὰς ἀναφορὰς καὶ τὰς μεσουρανήσεις· ἀδρανέστατοι δὲ ὅταν κοσμικῶς μὲν<sup>5</sup> ἐν τοῖς ἄλλοτρίοις ἢ ἀνοικείοις ὧσι τόποις καὶ δυτικοὶ ἢ  
 113 ἀναποδιστικοὶ<sup>6</sup> τοῖς δρόμοις ὧσι· κατὰ γένεσιν δὲ ὅταν ἀποκλίνωσι τῶν κέντρων· πρὸς δὲ τὸν καθ'

<sup>1</sup> πάντας VPMDEProc., πάντα LNACam.

<sup>2</sup> τούτῳ VAD; cf. οὗτος λήφεται Proc.; αὐτῷ PLMNECam.

<sup>3</sup> συνοικειούμενοι VP (-οικι-) LADProc.; κυριενόμενοι MNE Cam.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ τὴν δύναμιν VMNA (post αὐτῶν) DE; om. Cam.; πόθεν κρῖνωμεν (-ομεν L) ἢ μέγα καὶ ἰσχυρὸν τὸ ἀποτέλεσμα ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν δύναμιν πότερον κτλ. PL.

<sup>5</sup> κοσμικῶς μὲν ὅταν NCam.

<sup>6</sup> ἀναποδιστικοὶ VMADEP (-τηκ-) L (-δεσ-); ἢ ἀφαιρετικοὶ in mg. A; ἀναποδιτικοὶ N; \*ἀναποδυτικοὶ Cam. (in mg. ἀφαιρετικοί).



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by the five ways aforesaid ;<sup>1</sup> and if one planet is lord in all these ways, we must assign to him the rulership of that prediction ; if two or three, we must assign it to those which have the more claims. After this, to determine the quality of the prediction, we must consider the natures of the ruling planets themselves and of the signs in which are the planets themselves, and the places familiar to them. For the magnitude of the event we must examine their power<sup>2</sup> and observe whether they are actively situated both in the cosmos itself and in the nativity,<sup>3</sup> or the reverse ; for they are most effective when, with respect to the cosmos, they are in their own or in familiar regions, and again when they are rising and are increasing in their numbers ;<sup>4</sup> and, with respect to the nativity, whenever they are passing through the angles or signs that rise after them,<sup>5</sup> and especially the principal of these, by which I mean the signs ascendant and culminating. They are weakest, with respect to the universe, when they are in places belonging to others or those unrelated to them, and when they are occidental or retreating in their course ; and, with respect to the nativity, when they are declining from the angles. For the time of

<sup>1</sup> See c. 2, p. 233.

<sup>2</sup> The power of the ruling planets.

<sup>3</sup> The horoscopic point and other angles change for each nativity ; the signs of the zodiac, houses of the planets, terms, etc., are cosmic, as being related to the universe itself and therefore fixed.

<sup>4</sup> *I.e.* when their movement in the zodiac is direct, not retrograde. The theory of epicycles was used to explain the stations and changes of direction in the movement of the planets.

<sup>5</sup> Or, the signs succedent (*ἐπαναφοραί*) to the angles.

ὅλου χρόνον τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος πότερον ἐῶοί εἰσιν ἢ ἐσπέριοι πρὸς τε τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὸν ὠροσκόπον, ἐπειδήπερ τὰ μὲν προηγούμενα ἑκατέρου αὐτῶν τεταρτημόρια καὶ τὰ διάμετρα τούτοις ἐῶα γίνεται, τὰ δὲ λοιπὰ καὶ ἐπόμενα ἐσπέρια· καὶ πότερον ἐπὶ τῶν κέντρων τυγχάνουσιν ἢ τῶν ἐπαναφορῶν· ἐῶοι μὲν γὰρ ὄντες ἢ ἐπίκεντροι κατ' ἀρχὰς γίνονται δραστικώτεροι, ἐσπέριοι δὲ ἢ ἐπὶ τῶν ἐπαναφορῶν βραδύτεροι.

⟨δ.⟩ Περὶ γονέων

Ὁ μὲν οὖν προηγούμενος τύπος<sup>1</sup> τῆς κατ' εἶδος ἐπισκέψεως, οὗ διὰ παντὸς ἔχεσθαι προσήκει, τοῦτον ἔχει τὸν τρόπον. ἀρξόμεθα δὲ ἤδη κατὰ τὴν ἐκκειμένην τάξιν ἀπὸ πρώτου τοῦ περὶ γονέων λόγου. ὁ μὲν τοίνυν ἥλιος καὶ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου ἀστὴρ τῷ πατρικῷ προσώπῳ συνοικειοῦνται κατὰ φύσιν, ἢ δὲ σελήνη καὶ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης τῷ μητρικῷ· καὶ ὅπως ἂν οὗτοι διακείμενοι τυγχάνωσι πρὸς τε ἀλλήλους καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἄλλους, τοιαῦτα δεῖ καὶ τὰ περὶ τοὺς γονέας ὑπονοεῖν. τὰ μὲν γὰρ περὶ τῆς τύχης καὶ τῆς κτήσεως αὐτῶν ἐπισκεπτέον ἐκ τῆς δορυφορίας τῶν φωτῶν, ἐπειδήπερ περιεχόμενοι μὲν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγαθοποιεῖν δυναμένων καὶ τῶν τῆς αὐτῆς αἰρέσεως, ἤτοι ἐν τοῖς αὐτοῖς ζωδίοις ἢ καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἐξῆς, ἐπιφανῆ καὶ λαμπρὰ τὰ περὶ τοὺς γονέας διασημαίνουσι,  
114 καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν τὸν μὲν ἥλιον ἐῶοι δορυφορῶσιν

<sup>1</sup> τύπος VPLD, τόπος MNAECam.

the predicted event in general we must observe whether they are oriental or occidental to the sun and to the horoscope ; for the quadrants which precede each of them and those which are diametrically opposite are oriental, and the others, which follow, are occidental. Also we must observe whether they are at the angles or in the succedent signs ; for if they are oriental or at the angles they are more effective at the beginning ; if they are occidental or in the succeeding signs they are slower to take action.

#### 4. *Of Parents.*

The guiding style of the specific inquiry, to which we should adhere throughout, runs after this fashion. We shall now, therefore, begin, following the order just stated, with the account of parents, which comes first. Now the sun and Saturn are by nature associated with the person of the father and the moon and Venus with that of the mother, and as these may be disposed with respect to each other and the other stars, such must we suppose to be the affairs of the parents. Now the question of their fortune and wealth must be investigated by means of the attendance<sup>1</sup> upon the luminaries ; for when they are surrounded by planets that can be of benefit and by planets of their own sect, either in the same signs or in the next following, they signify that the circumstances of the parents will be conspicuously brilliant, particularly if morning stars attend the

<sup>1</sup> *δορυφορία*, "attendance," and *δορυφόρος*, "spear-bearer," "attendant," outside of astrology refer to the hired military guards of princes and tyrants.

ἀστέρες, τὴν δὲ σελήνην ἐσπέριοι, καλῶς καὶ αὐτοὶ διακεείμενοι καθ' ὃν εἰρήκαμεν τρόπον.<sup>1</sup> ἔαν δὲ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ αὐτοὶ τυγχάνωσιν ἀνατολικοὶ τε καὶ ἰδιοπροσωποῦντες ἢ καὶ ἐπίκεντροι, εὐδαιμονίαν πρόδηλον ὑπονοητέον κατὰ τὸ οἰκεῖον ἑκατέρου τῶν γονέων· τὸ δὲ ἐναντίον, ἔαν κενοδορομοῦντα ἢ τὰ φῶτα καὶ ἀδορυφόρητα τυγχάνοντα, ταπεινότητος καὶ ἀδοξίας τῶν γονέων ἐστὶ δηλωτικὰ καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἢ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου μὴ καλῶς<sup>2</sup> φαίνωνται διακεείμενοι. ἔαν δὲ δορυφόρηται μὲν, μὴ μέντοι ὑπὸ τῶν τῆς αὐτῆς αἰρέσεως, ὡς ὅταν Ἄρης μὲν ἐπαναφέρηται τῷ ἡλίῳ, Κρόνος δὲ τῇ σελήνῃ, ἢ μὴ ὑπὸ καλῶς κειμένων τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν καὶ κατὰ τὴν αὐτὴν αἶρεσιν, μετριότητα καὶ ἀνωμαλίαν περὶ τὸν βίον αὐτῶν ὑπονοητέον. κἂν μὲν σύμφωνος ἢ ὁ διασημαιθησόμενος τῆς τύχης κληρὸς ἐν τῇ γενέσει τοῖς τὸν ἥλιον ἢ τὴν σελήνην<sup>3</sup> ἐπὶ καλῶ δορυφορήσασι, παραλήψονται σῶα τὰ τῶν γονέων· ἔαν δὲ ἀσύμφωνος ἢ ἢ ἐναντίος, μηδενὸς ἢ τῶν κακοποιῶν εἰληφότων τὴν δορυφορίαν, ἄχρηστος αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐπιβλαβὴς ἢ τῶν γονέων ἔσται κτήσις.

Περὶ δὲ πολυχροσιότητος ἢ ὀλιγοχροσιότητος<sup>4</sup> αὐτῶν σκεπτέον ἀπὸ τῶν ἄλλων συσχηματισμῶν. ἐπὶ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ πατρός, ἔαν ὁ τοῦ Διὸς ἢ ὁ  
 115 τῆς Ἀφροδίτης συσχηματισθῶσιν ὅπωςδῆποτε

<sup>1</sup> καθ' ὃν . . . τρόπον om. NCam.

<sup>2</sup> μὴ καλῶς MNAECam.Proc., κακῶς VD, om. μὴ PL.

<sup>3</sup> σελήνην VPLADProc., Ἀφροδίτην MNECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἢ ὀλιγοχροσιότητος om. NLCam.



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sun and evening stars the moon, while the luminaries themselves are favourably placed in the way already described.<sup>1</sup> But if both Saturn and Venus, likewise, happen to be in the orient and in their proper faces,<sup>2</sup> or at the angles, we must understand it to be a prediction of conspicuous happiness, in accordance with what is proper and fitting for each parent. But, on the other hand, if the luminaries are proceeding alone and without attendants, they are indicative of low station and obscurity for the parents, particularly whenever Venus or Saturn do not appear in a favourable position. If, however, they are attended, but not by planets of the same sect, as when Mars rises close after the sun or Saturn after the moon, or if they are attended by beneficent planets which are in an unfavourable position and not of the same sect, we must understand that a moderate station and changing fortunes in life are predicted for them. And if the Lot of Fortune,<sup>3</sup> of which we shall make an explanation, is in agreement in the nativity with the planets which in favourable position attend the sun or the moon, the children will receive the patrimony intact; if, however, it is in disagreement or opposition, and if no planet attends, or the maleficent planets are in attendance, the estate of the parents will be useless to the children and even harmful.

With regard to the length or the shortness of their life one must inquire from the other configurations. For in the father's case, if Jupiter or Venus is in any

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* in the preceding chapter.

<sup>2</sup> *Cf.* i. 23.

<sup>3</sup> See iii. 12.

τῷ τε ἡλίῳ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου, ἢ καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου σύμφωνον ἔχη σχηματισμὸν πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον ἦτοι συνῶν ἢ ἐξαγωνίζων ἢ τριγωνίζων, ἐν δυνάμει μὲν ὄντων αὐτῶν, πολυχροσιότητα τοῦ πατρὸς καταστοχαστέον· ἀδυναμούντων δὲ οὐχ ὁμοίως, οὐ μέντοιγε οὐδὲ ὀλιγοχροσιότητα· ἐὰν<sup>1</sup> δὲ τοῦτο μὲν μὴ ὑπάρχη, ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως καθυπερτερήσῃ τὸν ἥλιον ἢ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου, ἢ καὶ ἐπανερχθῆ αὐτοῖς, ἢ καὶ αὐτὸς πάλιν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου μὴ σύμφωνος ἢ πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον ἀλλ' ἦτοι τετράγωνος ἢ διάμετρος, ἀποκεκλικότες μὲν τῶν κέντρων ἀσθενικοὺς μόνον<sup>2</sup> τοὺς πατέρας ποιοῦσιν, ἐπίκεντροι δὲ ἢ ἐπαναφερόμενοι τοῖς κέντροις ὀλιγοχρονίους ἢ ἐπισινεῖς· ὀλιγοχρονίους μὲν ὅταν ἐν τοῖς πρώτοις ὦσι δυσὶ κέντροις, τῷ τε ἀνατέλλοντι καὶ τῷ μεσουρανοῦντι, καὶ ταῖς τούτων ἐπαναφοραῖς· ἐπισινεῖς δὲ ἢ ἐπινόσους ὅταν ἐν τοῖς λοιποῖς δυσὶ κέντροις ὦσι, τῷ τε δύνοντι καὶ τῷ ὑπογείῳ, ἢ ταῖς τούτων ἐπαναφοραῖς·<sup>3</sup> ὁ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ Ἄρεως τὸν ἥλιον βλέψας καθ' ὃν εἰρήκαμεν τρόπον αἰφνιδίως ἀναιρεῖ τὸν πατέρα<sup>4</sup> ἢ σίνῃ περὶ τὰς ὄψεις ποιεῖ, τὸν δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου βλέψας ἢ θανάτοις ἢ ῥιγοπυρέτοις ἢ σίνεσι διὰ τομῶν καὶ καύσεων περικυλίει. ὁ δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ αὐτὸς κακῶς σχηματισθεὶς πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τοὺς θανάτους τοὺς πατρικοὺς ἐπινόσους κατασκευάζει καὶ πάθη τὰ διὰ τῆς τῶν ὑγρῶν ὀχλήσεως.

<sup>1</sup> ἐὰν VPLDProc., ὅταν MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> μόνους MNACam.

<sup>3</sup> ἐπισινεῖς . . . ἐπαναφοραῖς libri Proc.; om. Cam.

<sup>4</sup> τοὺς πατέρας MNACam.

aspect whatever to the sun and to Saturn, or if Saturn himself is in an harmonious aspect to the sun, either conjunction, sextile, or trine, both being in power, we must conjecture long life for the father; if they are weak, however, the significance is not the same, though it does not indicate a short life. If, however, this condition is not present, but Mars overcomes<sup>1</sup> the sun or Saturn, or rises in succession to them, or when again Saturn is not in accord with the sun but is either in quartile or in opposition, if they are declining from the angles, they merely make the fathers weak, but if they are at the angles or rising after them, they make them short-lived or liable to injury: short-lived when they are upon the first two angles, the orient and the mid-heaven, and the succedent signs, and liable to injury or disease when they are in the other two angles, the occident and lower mid-heaven, or their succedent signs. For Mars, regarding the sun in the way described,<sup>2</sup> destroys the father suddenly or causes injuries to his sight; if he thus regards Saturn he puts him in peril of death or of chills and fever or of injury by cutting and cauterizing. Saturn himself in an unfavourable aspect to the sun brings about the father's death by disease and illnesses caused by gatherings of humours.

<sup>1</sup> The anonymous commentator on Ptolemy says that "stars are said to overcome (*καθυπερτερεῖν*) when they are of a smaller number of degrees," i.e. of the zodiac. The right takes precedent over the left, as a general rule. Cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 250, n. 1.

<sup>2</sup> In quartile or opposition.

Ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς μητρὸς, εἴαν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Διὸς συσχηματισθῆ τῇ τε σελήνῃ καὶ τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης  
 116 ὁπωςδῆποτε ἢ καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης συμφώνως ἔχη πρὸς τὴν σελήνην, ἐξάγωνος ὢν ἢ τρίγωνος ἢ συνὼν αὐτῇ ἐν δυνάμει ὄντες, πολυχρόνιον δεικνύουσι τὴν μητέρα. εἴαν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως βλέψη τὴν σελήνην ἢ τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐπανενεχθεὶς ἢ τετραγωνίσας ἢ διαμετρήσας, ἢ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου τὴν σελήνην μόνην ὡσαύτως, ἀφαιρετικοὶ μὲν ὄντες ἢ ἀποκεκλικότες, πάλιν ἀντιπτώμασι μόνον ἢ ἀσθενείαις περικυλίουσι· προσθετικοὶ δὲ ἢ ἐπίκεντροι, ὀλιγοχρονίους ἢ ἐπισινεῖς ποιούσι τὰς μητέρας, ὀλιγοχρονίους μὲν ὁμοίως ἐπὶ τῶν ἀπηλιωτικῶν ὄντες κέντρων ἢ ἐπαναφορῶν, ἐπισινεῖς δὲ ἐπὶ τῶν δυτικῶν. Ἄρης μὲν γὰρ βλέψας τὴν σελήνην τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον, ἀνατολικὴν μὲν οὔσαν, τοὺς τε θανάτους τοὺς μητρικοὺς αἰφνιδίους καὶ σίγη περὶ τὰς ὄψεις ποιεῖ, ἀποκρουστικὴν δὲ τοὺς θανάτους ἀπὸ ἐκτρωσμῶν ἢ τῶν τοιούτων καὶ τὰ σίγη διὰ τομῶν καὶ καύσεων· τὴν δὲ Ἀφροδίτην βλέψας τοὺς τε θανάτους πυρεκτικούς ἀπεργάζεται καὶ πάθη τὰ δι' ἀποκρύφων καὶ σκοτισμῶν καὶ προσδρομῶν αἰφνιδίων. ὁ δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου τὴν σελήνην βλέψας θανάτους καὶ πάθη ποιεῖ, ἀνατολικῆς μὲν οὔσης αὐτῆς διὰ ῥιγοπυρέτων, ἀποκρουστικῆς δὲ διὰ νομῶν<sup>1</sup> ὑστερικῶν καὶ ἀναβρώσεων.

Προσπαραληπτέον δὲ εἰς τὰ κατὰ μέρος εἶδη τῶν συνῶν ἢ καὶ παθῶν ἢ καὶ θανάτων καὶ τὰς τῶν δωδεκατημορίων ἐν οἷς εἰσιν οἱ τὸ αἴτιον ἐμποιοῦντες  
 117 ἰδιοτροπίας, ὑπὲρ ὧν εὐκαιρότερον ἐν τοῖς περὶ αὐτῆς



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In the case of the mother, if Jupiter is in any aspect whatever to the moon and to Venus, or if Venus herself is concordant with the moon, in sextile, trine, or conjunction, when they are in power, they signify long life for the mother. If, however, Mars regards the moon or Venus, rising after her or in quartile or in opposition, or if Saturn similarly regards the moon by herself, when they are diminishing or declining, again they merely threaten with misfortune or sickness; but if they are increasing or angular, they make the mothers short-lived or subject to injury. They make them short-lived similarly when they are at the eastern angles or the signs that rise after them, and liable to injury when they are at the western angles. For when Mars in this way regards the waxing moon, it brings about sudden death and injury of the eyesight for the mothers; but if the moon is waning, death from abortions or the like, and injury from cutting and cauterizing. If he regards Venus, he causes death by fever, mysterious and obscure illnesses, and sudden attacks of disease. Saturn regarding the moon causes death and illnesses, when the moon is in the orient, by chills and fever; when she is in the occident, by uterine ulcers and cancers.

We must take into consideration, also, with reference to the particular kinds of injuries, diseases, or deaths, the special characters of the signs in which are the planets which produce the cause, with which

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<sup>1</sup> νομῶν VPLD; νόσων MNAECum.

τῆς γενέσεως ἐπεξεργασόμεθα.<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἔτι παρατηρητέον ἡμέρας μὲν μάλιστα τὸν τε ἥλιον καὶ τὴν Ἀφροδίτην, νυκτὸς δὲ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τὴν σελήνην.

Λοιπὸν δὲ ἐπὶ τῶν κατ' εἶδος ἐξεργασιῶν<sup>2</sup> ἀρμόζον καὶ ἀκόλουθον ἂν εἴη τὸν τῆς αἰρέσεως πατρικὸν ἢ μητρικὸν τόπον ὥσπερ ὠροσκόπον ὑποστησαμένους<sup>3</sup> τὰ λοιπὰ ὡς ἐπὶ γενέσεως αὐτῶν τῶν γονέων ἐπισκοπεῖν<sup>4</sup> κατὰ τὰς ἐφεξῆς ὑποδειχθησομένας τῶν ὀλοσχερεστέρων εἰδῶν πρακτικῶν τε καὶ συμβατικῶν<sup>5</sup> ἐφόδους· τοῦ μέντοι συγκρατικοῦ τρόπου<sup>6</sup> καὶ ἐνταῦθα καὶ ἐπὶ πάντων μεμνήσθαι προσήκει, καταστοχαζομένους, εἰ μὴ μονοειδεῖς ἀλλὰ διάφοροι ἢ τῶν ἐναντίων ποιητικοὶ τυγχάνωσιν οἱ τὰς κυρίας τῶν ἐπιζητουμένων τόπων εἰληφότες ἀστέρες, τίνες ἐκ τῶν περὶ ἕκαστον<sup>7</sup> συμβεβηκότων<sup>8</sup> πρὸς δύναμιν πλεονεκτημάτων πλείους ἔχοντες εὐρίσκονται ψήφους πρὸς τὴν ἐπικράτησιν τῶν ἀποτελεσθησομένων, ἵνα ἢ ταῖς τούτων φύσεσιν ἀκόλουθον ποιῶμεθα τὴν ἐπίσκεψιν, ἢ τῶν ψήφων ἰσορρόπων οὐσῶν, ὅταν μὲν ἅμα ὦσιν οἱ ἐπικρατοῦντες, τὸ ἐκ τῆς κράσεως τῶν διαφορῶν

<sup>1</sup> ἐπεξεργασόμεθα VAD, -ώμεθα PL, ἐπεργαζόμεθα MNE Cam.; sententiam om. Proo.

<sup>2</sup> ἐξεργασιῶν VPLD, ἐπεξεργασιῶν MNAECam.

<sup>3</sup> ὑποστησαμένους VPLDE, ἐπιστησαμένους MA, ἐπισταμένους NCam.; ὑποστήσασθαι Proo.

<sup>4</sup> σκοπεῖν NCam.

<sup>5</sup> πρακτικῶν τε καὶ συμβατικῶν VD, παρεκτικῶν τ. κ. σημαντικῶν PL (σημαντοτικῶν L), εἰδῶν τῶν τε κατὰ πρᾶξιν καὶ κατὰ σύμβασιν θεωρουμένων Proo.; πραγματικός τε καὶ συμβατικός MNAECam.

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we shall find more appropriate occasion to deal in the discussion of the nativity itself,<sup>1</sup> and furthermore we must observe by day particularly the sun and Venus, and by night Saturn and the moon.

For the rest, in carrying out these particular inquiries, it would be fitting and consistent to set up the paternal or maternal place of the sect as a horoscope<sup>2</sup> and investigate the remaining topics as though it were a nativity of the parents themselves, following the procedure for the investigation of the general classifications, both practical and casual, the headings of which will be set forth in the following. However, both here and everywhere it is well to recall the mode of mixture of the planets, and, if it happens that the planets which rule the places under inquiry are not of one kind but different, or bring about opposite effects, we should aim to discover which ones have most claims, from the ways in which they happen to exceed in power in a particular case, to the rulership of the predicted events. This is in order that we may either guide our inquiry by the natures of these planets, or, if the claims of more than one are of equal weight, when the rulers are together, we may successfully calculate the combined result of the

<sup>1</sup> Cf. iii. 12, iv. 9.

<sup>2</sup> The anonymous commentator, on this passage, says that the significant planet is to be taken as the horoscope. Cf. a similar statement at the end of c. 5 and Bouché-Leclercq, p. 394.

<sup>6</sup> τρόπου VAD, -ον P, -ους I, τόπου ΜΝΕCαμ.; τοῦ τρόπου τῆς συγκράσεως Proe.

<sup>7</sup> ἕκαστον VMADE, -α PLNCαμ.

<sup>8</sup> συμβεβηκότα NCαμ.

φύσεων συναγόμενον εὐστόχως ἐπιλογιζώμεθα· ὅταν δὲ διεστηκότες ἀνὰ μέρος ἑκάστοις<sup>1</sup> κατὰ τοὺς ἰδίους καιροὺς τὰ οἰκεία τῶν συμπτωμάτων ἀπομερίζωμεν,<sup>2</sup> 118 προτέροις μὲν τοῖς ἐώοις μᾶλλον, ὑστέροις δὲ τοῖς ἑσπερίοις. ἀπ' ἀρχῆς μὲν γὰρ ἀνάγκη συνοικειωθῆναι τῷ ζητουμένῳ τόπῳ τὸν μέλλοντά τι περὶ αὐτὸν ἀπεργάζεσθαι τῶν ἀστέρων, καὶ τούτου μὴ<sup>3</sup> συμβεβηκότες οὐδὲν οἶόν τε καθ' ὅλου διαθεῖναι μέγα<sup>4</sup> τὸν μὴδ' ὅλως τῆς ἀρχῆς κοινωνήσαντα, τοῦ μέντοι χρόνου τῆς κατὰ<sup>5</sup> τὸ ἀποτελούμενον ἐκβάσεως οὐκέτι τὸ τῆς πρώτης δεσποτίας αἴτιον, ἀλλ' ἢ τοῦ κυριεύσαντός πως πρὸς τε τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὰς τοῦ κόσμου γωνίας διάστασις.

⟨ε̄.⟩ Περὶ ἀδελφῶν

Ὁ μὲν οὖν περὶ γονέων τόπος σχεδὸν καὶ ἀπὸ τούτων ἂν ἡμῖν γένοιτο καταφανής· ὁ δὲ περὶ ἀδελφῶν, εἴ τις κἀνταῦθα τὸ καθ' ὅλου μόνον ἐξετάζοι καὶ μὴ πέρα<sup>6</sup> τοῦ δυνατοῦ τὸν τε ἀριθμὸν ἀκριβῶς καὶ κατὰ μέρος ἐπιζητοίη, λαμβάνοιτ' ἂν φυσικώτερον ὃ τε περὶ ὁμομητρίων μόνον καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ μεσουρανοῦντος δωδεκατημορίου τοῦ μητρικοῦ τόπου, τουτέστι τοῦ περιέχοντος ἡμέρας μὲν τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, νυκτὸς δὲ τὴν σελήνην, ἐπειδήπερ

<sup>1</sup> ἑκαστος codd. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπομερίζωμεν MNAECam., -όμεθα PL., -ομεν VDProc.

<sup>3</sup> τούτου μὴ VPLAD; τούτου γὰρ μὴ συμβάντος Proc.; τούτου MNECam.<sup>1</sup>, τοῦ Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> μέγα VD; οὐδὲν δύναται γίνεσθαι μέγα Proc.; om. alii Cam.

<sup>5</sup> κατὰ VPLD; περὶ MNAE.

<sup>6</sup> πέρασ Cam.<sup>2</sup>



mixture of their different natures; but when they are separated, that we may assign to each in turn at their proper times the events which belong to them, first to the more oriental among them and then to the occidental. For a planet must from the beginning have familiarity with the place about which the inquiry is made, if it is going to exercise any effect upon it, and in general, if this is not the case, a planet which had no share whatsoever in the beginning can exert no great influence; of the time of the occurrence of the event, however, the original dominance is no longer the cause, but the distance of the planet which dominates in any way from the sun and from the angles of the universe.

#### 5. *Of Brothers and Sisters.*

The preceding may perhaps have made clear the topic of the parents. As for that of brethren, if here too one examines only the general subject and does not carry beyond the bounds of possibility his inquiry as to the exact number and other particulars, it is more naturally to be taken, when it is a question of blood-brethren alone, from the culminating sign, the place of the mother,<sup>1</sup> that is, that which contains by day Venus and by night the

<sup>1</sup>This is the reading of all the MSS. and Proclus. Camerarius, inserting a *καί* before τοῦ μητρικοῦ τόπου, would make it "the culminating sign and the place of the mother." While the best-attested reading has been left in the present text, the passage is extremely difficult to understand, whichever reading is preferred.

τοῦτο τὸ ζῳδιον καὶ τὸ ἐπαναφερόμενον αὐτῷ  
 γίνεται τῆς μητρὸς ὁ περὶ τέκνων τόπος, ὁ αὐτὸς  
 ὀφείλων εἶναι τῷ τοῦ γεννωμένου περὶ ἀδελφῶν.  
 εἰ μὲν οὖν ἀγαθοποιοὶ τῷ τόπῳ συσχηματίζονται,  
 δαμίλειαν ἀδελφῶν ἐροῦμεν, πρὸς τε τὸ πλῆθος  
 119 αὐτῶν τῶν ἀστέρων τὸν στοχασμὸν ποιούμενοι,  
 καὶ πότερον ἐν μονοειδέσι τυγχάνουσι ζῳδίοις ἢ ἐν  
 δισώμοις· εἰ δ' οἱ κακοποιοὶ καθυπερτερῶσιν  
 αὐτῶν ἢ καὶ ἐναντιωθῶσι κατὰ διάμετρον, σπαν-  
 αδελφίας εἰσὶ δηλωτικοί, μάλιστα δὲ κἂν τὸν ἥλιον  
 συμπαραλαμβάνωσιν· εἰ δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν κέντρων  
 ἢ ἐναντίωσις γένοιτο καὶ μάλιστα τοῦ ὠροσκο-  
 ποῦντος, ἐπὶ μὲν Κρόνου καὶ πρωτοτόκοι ἢ πρωτο-  
 τρόφοι γίνονται, ἐπὶ δὲ Ἄρεως θανάτῳ τῶν  
 λοιπῶν<sup>1</sup> σπαναδελφοῦσιν. ἔτι<sup>2</sup> μέντοι τῶν διδόν-  
 των ἀστέρων εἰ μὲν καλῶς κατὰ τὸ κοσμικὸν  
 τυγχάνωσι διακείμενοι, εὐσχήμονας καὶ ἐνδόξους  
 ἡγητέον τοῦς διδομένους ἀδελφούς· εἰ δὲ ἐναντίως,  
 ταπεινοὺς καὶ ἀνεπιφάντους· εἰ δὲ καθυπερτε-  
 ρήσωσι τοὺς διδόντας ἢ ἐπενεχθῶσιν αὐτοῖς οἱ  
 κακοποιοί, καὶ ὀλιγοχρονίους· δώσουσι δὲ τοὺς μὲν  
 ἄρρενας οἱ κοσμικῶς ἡρρενωμένοι, τὰς δὲ θηλείας  
 οἱ τεθηλυσμένοι, καὶ πάλιν τοὺς μὲν πρώτους οἱ  
 ἀπηλιωτικώτεροι, τοὺς δὲ ὑστέρους οἱ λιβυκώτεροι.  
 πρὸς δὲ τούτοις εἰ μὲν οἱ διδόντες τοὺς ἀδελφούς

<sup>1</sup> λοιπῶν VPLD, ὄντων MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> ἔτι VPLDProc., ἐπὶ MNAECam.

moon; for in this sign and that which succeeds it is the place of the children of the mother, which should be the same as the place of the brethren of the offspring. If, then, beneficent planets bear an aspect to this place, we shall predict an abundance of brethren, basing our conjecture upon the number of the planets and whether they are in signs of a simple or of a bicorporeal form. But if the malevolent planets overcome them or oppose them in opposition, they signify a dearth of brethren, especially if they have the sun among them. If the opposition is at the angles, and especially at the horoscope,<sup>1</sup> in case Saturn is in the ascendant, they are the first-born or the first to be reared; in case it is Mars, there is a small number of brethren by reason of the death of the others. If the planets which give brethren are in a favourable mundane<sup>2</sup> position, we must believe that the brethren thereby given will be elegant and distinguished; if the reverse is the case, humble and inconspicuous. But if the maleficent planets overcome those that give brethren, or rise after them, the brethren will also be short-lived; and the male planets in the mundane sense<sup>3</sup> will give males, the female females; again, those farther to the east the first and those farther to the west the later-born. Besides this, if the planets that give brethren are in harmonious aspect with the

<sup>1</sup> "Horoscope" is used here in its more original sense of the point rising above the horizon at the time the observation is made.

<sup>2</sup> See the note on iii. 3, p. 239.

<sup>3</sup> *I.e.* in the quadrant from the orient to mid-heaven or that from the occident to lower mid-heaven; *cf.* i. 6.

συμφώνως ἐσχηματισμένοι τυγχάνωσι τῷ κυριεύοντι τοῦ περὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν δωδεκατημορίου, προσφιλεῖς ποιήσουσι τοὺς<sup>1</sup> διδομένους ἀδελφούς· ἐὰν δὲ καὶ τῷ κλήρῳ τῆς τύχης, καὶ κοινοβίου· ἐὰν δὲ ἐν τοῖς ἀσυνδέτοις τύχωσιν ἢ κατὰ τὴν ἐναντίαν  
 120 στάσιν, φιλέχθρους καὶ φθονερούς, καὶ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ἐπιβουλευτικούς. λοιπὸν δὲ καὶ τὰ καθ' ἕκαστον αὐτῶν εἴ τις ἐπιπολυπραγμονοίη,<sup>2</sup> συνεικάζοιτ' ἂν καὶ ἐνταῦθα πάλιν, τοῦ διδόντος ἀστέρος ὑποτιθεμένου κατὰ τὸν ὠροσκοπικὸν λόγον καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν ὡς ἐπὶ γενέσεως συνθεωρουμένων.<sup>3</sup>

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Ἐπὶ<sup>4</sup> ὅσῳ ἤδη καὶ τοῦ περὶ ἀδελφῶν λόγου κατὰ τὸν ἀρμόζοντα καὶ φυσικὸν τρόπον ἡμῖν γεγονότος,<sup>5</sup> ἐξῆς ἂν εἴη τῶν κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν γενέσειν ἄρξασθαι, καὶ πρῶτον ἐπιδραμεῖν τὸν περὶ ἀρρενικῶν τε καὶ θηλυκῶν ἐπιλογισμὸν. θεωρεῖται δ' οὗτος οὐ μονοειδῶς οὐδ' ἀφ' ἑνός τινος ἀλλ' ἀπὸ τε τῶν φωτῶν ἀμφοτέρων καὶ τοῦ ὠροσκόπου τῶν τε λόγον ἐχόντων πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἀστέρων, μάλιστα μὲν κατὰ τὴν τῆς σποράς διάθεσιν, ὀλοσχερέστερον δὲ καὶ κατὰ τὴν τῆς ἐκτροπῆς. τὸ δ' ὅλον παρατηρητέον, πότερον οἱ προειρημένοι τρεῖς τόποι καὶ οἱ τούτων οἰκοδεσποτοῦντες ἀστέρες ἢ πάντες ἢ οἱ πλείστοι τυγχάνουσιν ἡρρενωμένοι πρὸς ἀρρενο-

<sup>1</sup> τοὺς VPLADE, μὲν MNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐπιπολυπραγμονοίη VPLAD, ἔτι πολ. MNECam.

<sup>3</sup> συνθεωρουμένων om. NCam.



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planet that rules the place of brethren,<sup>1</sup> they will make the given brethren friendly, and will also make them live together, if they are in harmonious aspect with the Lot of Fortune; <sup>2</sup> but if they are in disjunct signs or in opposition, they will produce quarrelsome, jealous, and for the most part, scheming brethren. Finally, if one would busy himself with further inquiries about details concerning individuals, he might in this case again make his conjecture by taking the planet which gives brethren as the horoscope and dealing with the rest as in a nativity.

#### 6. *Of Males and Females.*

Now that the topic of brethren has been brought before our eyes in suitable and natural fashion, the next step would be to begin the discussion of matters directly concerned with the birth, and first to treat of the reckoning of males and females. This is determined by no simple theory based upon some one thing, but it depends upon the two luminaries, the horoscope, and the stars which bear some relation to them, particularly by their disposition at the time of conception, but more generally also by that at the time of the birth. The whole situation must be observed, whether the aforesaid three places and the planets which rule them are either all or the most of them masculine, to produce males, or feminine,

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* the place (literally, "twelfth part" of the zodiac) which governs the inquiry about brethren; see the beginning of this chapter.

<sup>2</sup> For the Lot of Fortune see iii. 10.

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<sup>4</sup> ὕπ' VPDE, ἐπ' MNLACam.

<sup>5</sup> ἐπιγεγονότος MNECam.

γονίαν ἢ τεθλυσμένοι πρὸς θηλυγονίαν, καὶ οὕτως ἀποφαντέον. διακριτέον μέντοι τοὺς τε ἡρρενωμένους καὶ τοὺς τεθλυσμένους καθ' ὃν ὑπεθέμεθα τρόπον ἐν ταῖς πινακικαῖς ἐκθέσει ἐν ἀρχῇ τῆς συντάξεως ἀπὸ τε τῆς τῶν δωδεκατημορίων ἐν οἷς  
 121 εἰσι φύσεως, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῶν τῶν ἀστέρων, καὶ ἔτι ἀπὸ τῆς πρὸς τὸν κόσμον σχέσεως, ἐπειδὴ περ ἀπηλιωτικοὶ μὲν ὄντες ἀρρενοῦνται, λιβυκοὶ δὲ θηλύνονται· πρὸς δὲ τούτοις ἀπὸ τῆς πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον, ἑῶι μὲν γὰρ πάλιν ὄντες ἀρρενοῦνται, θηλύνονται δὲ ἑσπέριοι· δι' ὧν πάντων τὴν κατὰ τὸ πλεῖστον ἐπικράτησιν τοῦ γένους προσήκει καταστοχάζεσθαι.

### ⟨ζ.⟩ Περὶ διδυμογόνων

Καὶ περὶ τῶν γεννωμένων δὲ ὁμοίως ἀνὰ δύο ἢ καὶ πλείονων τοὺς αὐτοὺς δύο τόπους παρατηρεῖν προσήκει, τουτέστι τὰ τε δύο φῶτα καὶ τὸν ὠροσκόπον. παρακολουθεῖν δὲ εἴωθε τοῦτο τὸ σύμπτωμα<sup>1</sup> παρὰ<sup>2</sup> τὰς συγκράσεις, ὅταν οἱ δύο ἢ καὶ οἱ τρεῖς τόποι δίσωμα περιέχωσι ζώδια, καὶ μάλιστα ὅταν καὶ οἱ οἰκοδεσπόζοντες αὐτῶν ἀστέρες τὸ αὐτὸ πάθωσιν<sup>3</sup> ἢ τινες μὲν ἐν δισώμοις, τινὲς δὲ ἀνὰ δύο κείμενοι τυγχάνωσιν ἢ καὶ πλείους. ἐπὶ δὲ καὶ ἐν δισώμοις ὧσιν οἱ κύριοι τόποι καὶ κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ

<sup>1</sup> τοῦτο τὸ σύμπτωμα VD; cf. συμβαίνει δὲ οὕτω γενέσθαι Proc.; τὸ τοιοῦτον σύμπτωμα libri alii Cam.

<sup>2</sup> παρὰ VD, περὶ libri alii Cam.

<sup>3</sup> πάθωσιν VPD; εἰς τοὺς οἰκοδεσποτοῦντας . . . τὸ αὐτὸ συμβῆ Proc.; καθορῶσιν MNAECam., τιθῶσιν L.

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to produce females, and on this basis the decision must be made. We must however distinguish the male and the female planets in the way set forth by us in the tabular series in the beginning of this compilation,<sup>1</sup> from the nature of the signs in which they are, and from the nature of the planets themselves, and furthermore from their position with reference to the universe, since they become masculine when they are in the east and feminine in the west; and besides, from their relation to the sun, for again when they rise in the morning they are made masculine, and feminine when they rise in the evening. By means of all these criteria one must conjecture what planet exercises preponderating control over the sex.

### 7. *Of Twins.*

Likewise with regard to the births of two or even more, it is fitting to observe the same two places, that is, the two luminaries and the horoscope. For such an event is apt to attend the intermixture<sup>2</sup> when either two or the three places<sup>3</sup> cover bicorporeal signs, and particularly when the same is true of the planets that rule them, or when some are in bicorporeal signs, and some are disposed in pairs or in larger groups. But when both the dominant places are in bicorporeal signs and most of the planets are similarly

<sup>1</sup> See i. 6.

<sup>2</sup> That is, of the influences of luminaries, signs, etc.

<sup>3</sup> The places or houses in which the luminaries and the horoscope are found.

## PTOLEMY

πλείονες<sup>1</sup> τῶν ἀστέρων συνεσχηματισμένοι, τότε  
 καὶ πλείονα τῶν δύο κυΐσκεσθαι<sup>2</sup> συμπίπτει, τοῦ  
 μὲν πλήθους ἀπὸ τοῦ τὸ ἰδίωμα ποιούντος ἀστέρος  
 τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ συνευκαζομένου, τοῦ δὲ γένους ἀπὸ  
 τῶν συνεσχηματισμένων ἀστέρων τῷ τε ἡλίῳ καὶ  
 τῇ σελήνῃ καὶ τῷ ὠροσκόπῳ πρὸς ἄρρενογονίαν ἢ  
 θηλυγονίαν κατὰ τοὺς ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν εἰρημένους  
 τρόπους. ὅταν δὲ ἡ τοιαύτη διάθεσις μὴ συμπερι-  
 122 λαμβάνῃ τοῖς φωσὶ τὸ τοῦ ὠροσκόπου κέντρον,  
 ἀλλὰ τὸ<sup>3</sup> τοῦ μεσουραινήματος, αἱ τοιαῦται τῶν  
 μητέρων δίδυμα ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ἢ καὶ πλείονα κυΐσ-  
 κουσιν. ἰδίως δὲ τρεῖς μὲν ἄρρενας πληροφοροῦσιν  
 ὑπὸ τὴν τῶν Ἀνακτόρων γένεσιν ἅμα τοῖς προ-  
 κειμένοις τόποις ἐν δισώμοις συσχηματισθέντες  
 Κρόνος, Ζεὺς, Ἄρης· τρεῖς δὲ θηλείας ὑπὸ τὴν  
 τῶν Χαρίτων Ἀφροδίτῃ, σελήνῃ μεθ' Ἑρμοῦ τεθη-  
 λυσμένου· δύο δ' ἄρρενας καὶ μίαν θήλειαν ὑπὸ  
 τὴν τῶν Διοσκούρων Κρόνος, Ζεὺς, Ἀφροδίτῃ·  
 δύο δὲ θηλείας καὶ ἄρρενα ἓνα ὑπὸ τὴν Δήμητρος  
 καὶ Κόρης<sup>4</sup> Ἀφροδίτῃ, σελήνῃ, Ἄρης· ἐφ' ὧν ὡς  
 ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ συμβαίνειν εἴωθε τό τε μὴ τελεσ-  
 φορεῖσθαι τὰ γινόμενα καὶ τὸ μετὰ παρασῆμων

<sup>1</sup> πλείονες VP (-οιαι) LDProc., πλείοσι MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> κυΐσκεσθαι VAD, κύεσθαι PL, τίκεσθαι MNEProc.Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀλλὰ τὸ VADEProc., ἀλλὰ τῷ PL, ἀλλ' ἀπὸ MNCam.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ Διονύσου post Κόρης add. NCam., om. libri alij Proc.

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<sup>1</sup> That is, from the planet that governs the dominant place.

<sup>2</sup> In the preceding chapter.



configured, then it befalls that even more than two are conceived, for the number is conjectured from the star that causes the peculiar property of the number,<sup>1</sup> and the sex from the aspects which the planets have with respect to the sun and the moon and the horoscope for the production of males or of females, in accordance with the ways stated above.<sup>2</sup> But whenever such an arrangement of the planets does not include the horoscopic angle with the luminaries, but rather that of the mid-heaven, mothers with such genitures generally conceive twins or even more; and in particular, they give multiple birth, to three males, by the geniture of the Kings,<sup>3</sup> when Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars are in bicorporeal signs and bear some aspect to the aforesaid places; and to three females, by the geniture of the Graces, when Venus and the moon, with Mercury made feminine, are so arranged; to two males and one female, by the geniture of the Dioscuri, when Saturn, Jupiter, and Venus are so ordered, and to two females and a male, by the geniture of Demeter and Korê,<sup>4</sup> when Venus, the moon, and Mars are thus ordered. In these cases it generally happens that the children are not completely developed and are born with certain bodily

<sup>1</sup> Bouché-Leclercq, p. 398, n. 3, after remarking upon the various interpretations given this passage, says: "The title *Ἀνάκτορες* (*Ἀνακτες*, *Ἀρακτες*) having been borne by the Dioscuri, the Cabiri, and the Curetes, I do not know to which group he alludes, and possibly he did not know very well himself." Cardanus remarks that Ptolemy regards three children as the largest number that can be born at one birth and survive.

<sup>4</sup> MS. N and Camerarius add here "and Dionysus," but the other MSS. agree in omitting the expression.

τινῶν σωματικῶν ἀποκυττώσκεισθαι καὶ ἔτι τὸ γίνεσθαι  
τινα τοῖς τόποις ἐξαιρέτα καὶ ἀπροσδόκητα διὰ τῆς  
τῶν τοιούτων συμπτωμάτων ὡσπερ ἐπιφανείας.

⟨η.⟩ Περὶ τεράτων

Οὐκ ἀλλότριος δὲ τῆς προκειμένης σκέψεως οὐδ'  
ὁ περὶ τῶν τεράτων<sup>1</sup> λόγος. πρῶτον μὲν γὰρ  
ἐπὶ τῶν τοιούτων τὰ μὲν φῶτα ἀποκεκλικότα  
ἢ<sup>2</sup> ἀσύνδετα τῷ ὠροσκόπῳ κατὰ τὸ πλεῖστον  
εὐρίσκεται, τὰ δὲ κέντρα διειλημμένα ὑπὸ τῶν  
κακοποιῶν. ὅταν οὖν τοιαύτη τις ὑπ' ὄψιν πέσῃ  
123 διάθεσις, ἐπειδὴ γίνεται πολλάκις καὶ περὶ τὰς  
ταπεινὰς καὶ κακοδαίμονας γενέσεις, κἂν μὴ τερα-  
τώδεις ὦσιν, εὐθύς ἐπισκοπεῖν προσήκει τὴν προ-  
γενομένην<sup>3</sup> συζυγίαν συνοδικὴν ἢ πανσεληνιακὴν  
καὶ τὸν οἰκοδεσποτήσαντα ταύτης τε καὶ τῶν τῆς  
ἐκτροπῆς φωτῶν.<sup>4</sup> ἔαν γὰρ οἱ τῆς ἐκτροπῆς αὐτῶν  
τόποι καὶ ὁ τῆς σελήνης<sup>5</sup> καὶ ὁ τοῦ ὠροσκόπου  
πάντες ἢ οἱ πλείονες ἀσύνδετοι τυγχάνωσιν ὄντες  
τῷ τῆς προγενομένης συζυγίας τόπῳ, τὸ γεννώ-  
μενον αἰνιγματῶδες ὑπονοητέον. ἔαν μὲν οὖν  
τούτων οὕτως ἐχόντων τὰ τε φῶτα ἐν τετράποσιν  
ἢ θηριώδεσιν εὐρίσκηται ζωδίοις καὶ οἱ δύο κεν-  
τρωμένοι τῶν κακοποιῶν, οὐδ' ἐξ ἀνθρώπων ἔσται  
τὸ γεννώμενον, ἀλλὰ μηδενὸς μὲν μαρτυροῦντος

<sup>1</sup> τερατώδων VD.

<sup>2</sup> ἢ VPLMNDProc.; καὶ AECam.

<sup>3</sup> προγενομένην EProc., προγι- A, προγεγωνυῖαν P, προτε-  
γονίαν L, γενομένην MNCam., om. VD.

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marks, and again the governing places may bear certain unusual and surprising marks by reason of the divine manifestation, as it were, of such portents.

### 8. *Of Monsters.*

The subject of monsters is not foreign to the present inquiry ; for, in the first place, in such cases the luminaries are found to be as far as possible removed from the horoscope or in no way related to it, and the angles <sup>1</sup> are separated by the maleficent planets. Whenever, then, such a disposition is observed, for it frequently occurs in humble and unlucky nativities, even though they are not the genitures of monsters, one should at once look for the last preceding new or full moon, and the lord of this and of the luminaries of the birth. For if the places of the birth, of the moon, and of the horoscope, all or the majority of them, happen to be unrelated to the place of the preceding syzygy, it must be supposed that the child will be nondescript. Now if, under such conditions, the luminaries are found in four-footed or animal-shaped signs,<sup>2</sup> and the two maleficent planets are centred, the child will not even belong to the human race, but if no beneficent planet witnesses to

<sup>1</sup> Cardanus and Whalley say the ascendant and the mid-heaven are meant.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. i. 12. The only human signs are Virgo, Gemini, Sagittarius, and Aquarius.

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<sup>4</sup> φωτῶν VPLMDEP<sub>roc.</sub>, τόπων NAC<sub>am.</sub>

<sup>5</sup> ὁ τῆς σελήνης MNAEC<sub>am.</sub><sup>1</sup>, ἡ τῆς σελ. P, οἱ τῆς σελ. VDL<sub>Cam.</sub>

τοῖς φωσὶ ἀγαθοποιῦ,<sup>1</sup> τῶν δὲ κακοποιῶν,<sup>2</sup> τέλεον ἀνήμερον καὶ τῶν ἀγρίαν καὶ κακωτικὴν ἔχόντων φύσιν· μαρτυρούντων δὲ Διὸς ἢ Ἀφροδίτης, τῶν ἐκθειαζομένων, οἷον κυνῶν ἢ αἰλούρων<sup>3</sup> ἢ τῶν τοιούτων· Ἑρμοῦ δέ, τῶν εἰς χρεῖαν ἀνθρωπίνην, οἷον ὀρνίθων ἢ συῶν ἢ βοῶν ἢ αἰγῶν καὶ τῶν τοιούτων. εἰ δὲ ἐν ἀνθρωποεῖδεσι τὰ φῶτα καταλαμβάνηται, τῶν ἄλλων ὡσαύτως ἔχόντων, ὑπ' ἀνθρώπων μὲν ἢ παρ' ἀνθρώποις ἔσται τὰ γεγενημένα, τέρατα δὲ<sup>4</sup> καὶ αἰνιγματώδη τῆς κατὰ τὸ ποιὸν ἰδιότητος, καὶ ἐνταῦθα συνορω-  
 124 μένης ἐκ τῆς τῶν ζῴδιων μορφώσεως, ἐν οἷς οἱ διειληφότες τὰ φῶτα ἢ τα κέντρα κακοποιὸι τυγχάνουσιν. εἰ μὲν οὖν κἀνταῦθα μηδὲ εἰς τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν ἀστέρων προσμαρτυρή<sup>5</sup> μηδενὶ τῶν προειρημένων τόπων, ἄλογα καὶ ὡς ἀληθῶς αἰνιγματώδη γίνεται τέλεον· εἰ δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διὸς ἢ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης μαρτυρήσῃ, τιμώμενον καὶ εὖσχημον ἔσται τὸ τοῦ τέρατος ἴδιον·<sup>6</sup> ὁποῖον περὶ τοὺς ἔρμαφροδίτους ἢ τοὺς καλουμένους ἀρποκρατικούς καὶ τοὺς τοιούτους εἴωθε συμβαίνειν. εἰ δὲ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ μαρτυρήσειε μετὰ τούτων μὲν καὶ ἀποφθεγγομένους καὶ διὰ<sup>7</sup> τῶν τοιούτων ποριστικούς· μόνος<sup>8</sup> δὲ ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ<sup>9</sup> νωδοὺς καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἀγαθοποιῦ PLMNEProc.Cam., ἀγαθοποιῶν VD, τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν A; pos. post μὲν MNECam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν δὲ κακοποιῶν P, ἀποιούντων δὲ κακοποιῶν L, τῶν κακοποιῶν MNECam.<sup>1</sup>, τῶν κακοποιῶν μαρτυρούντων Cam.<sup>2</sup>, ἀλλὰ τῶν κακοποιῶν Proc.

<sup>3</sup> Post αἰλούρων add. ἢ πιθήκων MNAECam., om. VPLD.

<sup>4</sup> δὲ om. MNECam.



the luminaries, but the maleficent planets do so, it will be completely savage, an animal with wild and harmful nature; but if Jupiter or Venus witness, it will be one of the kinds regarded as sacred, as for example dogs, cats,<sup>1</sup> and the like; if Mercury witnesses, one of those that are of use to man, such as birds, swine, oxen, goats, and the like. If the luminaries are found in signs of human form, but the other planets are disposed in the same way, what is born will be, indeed, of the human race or to be classed with humans, but monsters and nondescript in qualitative character, and their qualities in this case too are to be observed from the form of the signs in which the maleficent planets which separate the luminaries or the angles happen to be. Now if even in this case not one of the beneficent planets bears witness to any of the places mentioned, the offspring are entirely irrational and in the true sense of the word nondescript; but if Jupiter or Venus bears witness, the type of monster will be honoured and seemly, such as is usually the case with hermaphrodites or the so-called harpocratiacs,<sup>2</sup> and the like. If Mercury should bear witness, along with the foregoing, this disposition produces prophets who also make money thereby; but when alone, Mercury

<sup>1</sup> The later MSS. here add "or apes."

<sup>2</sup> Deaf mutes.

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<sup>5</sup> προσμαρτυρή PLProc., προσμαρτυρούμενα VD, συμμαρτυρή MNAECam.

<sup>6</sup> ἴδιον VPLAD; cf. Proc. τὴν ιδιότητα ἔξει; om. MNECam.

<sup>7</sup> διὰ VPLAD, ἀπὸ MNECam.

<sup>8</sup> μόνος VPLMNADProc., -ον ECam.

<sup>9</sup> ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ VADProc.; om. PLMNECam.

κωφούς, εὐφυεῖς μέντοι καὶ πανούργους ἄλλως ἀπεργάζεται.<sup>1</sup>

⟨θ.⟩ Περὶ ἀτρόφων

Λοιποῦ δ' ὄντος εἰς τὰ κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν γένεσιν τοῦ περὶ ἀτρόφων λόγου, προσήκει διαλαβεῖν ὅτι πῆ μὲν ὁ τρόπος οὗτος ἔχεται τοῦ περὶ χρόνων ζωῆς λόγου,<sup>2</sup> ἐπειδὴ τὸ ζητούμενον εἶδος οὐκ ἀλλότριον ἑκατέρου, πῆ δὲ κεχώρισται παρὰ τὸ κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν τῆς ἐπισκέψεως δύναμιν διαφέρειν πως. ὁ μὲν γὰρ περὶ χρόνων ζωῆς ἐπὶ τῶν ὅλως ἐχόντων χρόνους αἰσθητοὺς θεωρεῖται, τουτέστι μὴ ἐλάττονας ἡλιακῆς περιόδου μιᾶς· χρόνος γὰρ ἰδίως ὁ τοιοῦτος ἐνιαυτὸς καταλαμβάνεται· δυνάμει δὲ καὶ ὁ ἐλάττων τούτου, μῆνές εἰσι καὶ ἡμέραι  
 125 καὶ ὥραι. ὁ δὲ περὶ ἀτρόφων ἐπὶ τῶν μηδ' ὅλως φθανόντων ἐπὶ τὸν προκείμενον χρόνον, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς ἐλάττοσιν ἀριθμοῖς δι' ὑπερβολὴν τῆς κακώσεως φθειρομένων. ἔνθεν κακῆνος μὲν πολυμερεστέραν ἔχει τὴν ἐπίσκεψιν, οὗτος δὲ τὴν ὀλοσχερεστέραν. ἀπλῶς γὰρ εἴαν τε κεκεντρωμένον ἢ τὸ ἕτερον τῶν φωτῶν καὶ τῶν κακοποιῶν ὁ ἕτερος συνῆ ἢ καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἀπεργάζεται VMDE, ἐργάζεται PL, ἀπεργάζεται NACam.

<sup>2</sup> λόγου om. MNECam.

<sup>1</sup> Either because they do not survive or because they are exposed; Ptolemy treats both classes in the same

makes them toothless and deaf and dumb, though otherwise clever and cunning.

### 9. *Of Children that are not Reared.*

As the account of children that are not reared<sup>1</sup> is still lacking in the discussion of matters related to the birth itself, it is fitting to see that in one way this procedure is connected with the inquiry concerning length of life, for the question in each case is of the same kind; but in another way they are distinct, because there is a certain difference in the actual meaning of the inquiry. For the question of length of life considers those who in general endure for perceptible lengths of time, that is, not less than one circuit of the sun, and such a space is properly understood to be a year; but potentially also lesser periods than this, months and days and hours, are perceptible lengths of time. But the inquiry concerning children that are not reared refers to those who do not attain at all to "time" thus defined, but perish in something less than "time" through excess of the evil influence. For this reason the investigation of the former question is more complex; but this is simpler. For it is merely the case that if one of the luminaries is angular<sup>2</sup> and one of the maleficent planets is in conjunction with it, or in

chapter, as does Firmicus Maternus, vii. 2 (*De expositis et non nutritis*). Cunnont, *L'Égypte des astrologues*, p. 186, remarks that whereas the ancient Egyptian custom had been to bring up all children born, the Greeks introduced the practice of exposing unwanted babes.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* at one of the angles—rising, setting, or culminating.

διαμηκίῳ, ταῦτα δὲ μοιρικῶς καὶ κατ' ἰσοσκελείαν, μηδενὸς μὲν ἀγαθοποιῶν συσχηματιζομένου, τοῦ δ'<sup>1</sup> οἰκοδεσπότη τῶν φωτῶν ἐν τοῖς τῶν κακοποιῶν τόποις κατειλημμένου, τὸ γεννώμενον οὐ τραφήσεται, παρ' αὐτὰ δὲ ἕξει τὸ τέλος τῆς ζωῆς.<sup>2</sup> ἂν δὲ μὴ κατ' ἰσοσκελείαν μὲν τοῦτο συμβαίη ἀλλ' ἐγγὺς ἐπαναφέρωνται τοῖς τῶν φωτῶν τόποις αἱ τῶν κακοποιῶν βολαί, δύο δ' ὧσιν οἱ κακοποιοί, καὶ ἦτοι τὸ ἕτερον τῶν φωτῶν ἢ καὶ ἀμφοτέρα βλάπτοντες ἢ κατ' ἐπαναφορὰν ἢ κατὰ διάμετρον ἢ ἐν μέρει τὸ ἕτερον ὁ ἕτερος ἢ ὁ μὲν ἕτερος διαμετρῶν ὁ δὲ ἕτερος ἐπαναφερόμενος, καὶ οὕτως ἄχρονα γίνεται, τοῦ πλήθους τῶν κακώσεων ἀφανίζοντος τὸ ἐκ τοῦ διαστήματος τῆς ἐπαναφορᾶς εἰς ἐπιμονὴν τῆς ζωῆς φιλόθρονον. βλάπτει δὲ ἐξαιρέτως κατὰ μὲν τὰς ἐπαναφορὰς ἥλιον μὲν ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως, σελήνην δὲ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου, κατὰ δὲ τὰς διαμετρήσεις ἢ καθυπερτερήσεις ἀνάπαλιν ἥλιον μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου, σελήνην δὲ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως, καὶ 126 μάλιστα ἂν κατάσχωσι τοπικῶς ἦτοι<sup>3</sup> τὰ φῶτα

<sup>1</sup> δ' om. NCam.

<sup>2</sup> τῆς ζωῆς om. NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἦτοι VD, cf. Proc. ; τῶν MNAECam. ; γ' L.

<sup>1</sup> κατ' ἰσοσκελείαν, literally, "by equality of leg." The anonymous commentator does not explain this expression. Cardanus (pp. 264-265) understands it to mean that the two are exactly in opposition not only in longitude ("in degrees"), but also in latitude (as when the moon is in 10° of Aries, 3° north latitude, and Saturn or Mars in 10° of Libra, 3° south latitude).

<sup>2</sup> The planet which governs the sign in which the luminaries are found.



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opposition, both in degrees and with equality of distance,<sup>1</sup> while no beneficent planet bears any aspect, and if the lord of the luminaries<sup>2</sup> is found in the places of the maleficent planets, the child that is born will not be reared, but will at once come to its end. But if this comes about without the equality of distance, but the shafts of the maleficent planets succeed closely upon the places of the luminaries, and there are two maleficent planets, and if they afflict<sup>3</sup> either one or both of the luminaries either by succeeding them or by opposition, or if one afflicts one luminary and the other the other in turn, or if one afflicts by opposition and the other by succeeding the luminary, in this way too children are born that do not live; for the number of afflictions dispels all that is favourable to length of life because of the distance of the maleficent planet through its succession. Mars especially afflicts the sun by succeeding it, and Saturn the moon; but conversely in opposition or in superior position Saturn afflicts the sun and Mars the moon, most of all if they occupy as rulers the

<sup>3</sup> Affliction, which in general is damage done by a maleficent planet to a beneficent one, is defined by the astrologer Antiochus (*CCAG*, viii. 3, p. 106, 34-38) as existing "when (*sc.* a beneficent planet) is smitten by the rays of maleficent planets, or is surrounded, or is in application with one of them, or in *glutinatio* (*κόλλησις*), or is governed by one of them, when the maleficent planet is in the inactive (non-signifying, *ἀχρημάτιστοι*) places. These are the sixth, third, second, eighth, and twelfth from the horoscope." Ptolemy says little about the "places" (less correctly "houses") of a geniture; they are twelfth parts of the zodiacal circle marked off from the horoscope, each with some special significance; *cf.* Boll-Bezold-Gundel, pp. 62-63.

ἢ<sup>1</sup> τὸν ὠροσκόπον οἰκοδεσποτήσαντες.<sup>2</sup> εἰ δὲ  
 δύο τυγχάνωσι διαμετρήσεις ἐπὶ κέντρων ὄντων  
 τῶν φωτῶν καὶ τῶν κακοποιῶν κατ' ἰσοσκελείαν,  
 τότε καὶ νεκρὰ ἢ ἡμιθανῆ τίκτεται τὰ βρέφη.  
 τούτων δὲ οὕτως ἔχόντων, εἰ μὲν ἀπόρροιαν ἀπό  
 τινος τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν ἔχοντα τὰ φῶτα τυγχάνη<sup>3</sup>  
 ἢ καὶ ἄλλως αὐτοῖς ἢ συνεσχηματισμένα, ἐν τοῖς  
 προηγούμενοις αὐτῶν<sup>4</sup> μέρεσι μέντοιγε τὰς ἀκτῖνας  
 αὐτῶν ἐπιφερόντων, ἐπιζήσεται τὸ τεχθὲν ἄχρι  
 τοῦ μεταξὺ τῆς τε ἀφέσεως καὶ τῶν ἐγγυτέρων<sup>5</sup>  
 τῶν κακοποιῶν ἀκτίνων ἀριθμοῦ, τῶν μοιρῶν τοὺς  
 ἴσους μῆνας ἢ ἡμέρας ἢ καὶ ὥρας πρὸς τὸ μέγεθος  
 τῆς κακώσεως καὶ τὴν δύναμιν τῶν τὸ αἷτιον  
 ποιούντων. εἰ δὲ αἱ τῶν κακοποιῶν ἀκτῖνες εἰς  
 τὰ προηγούμενα φέρωνται τῶν φωτῶν, αἱ δὲ τῶν  
 ἀγαθοποιῶν εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα, τὸ γεννώμενον ἐκτεθὲν  
 ἀναληφθήσεται καὶ ζήσεται. καὶ πάλιν εἰ μὲν οἱ  
 συσχηματισθέντες ἀγαθοποιοὶ καθυπερτερηθῶσιν  
 ὑπὸ τῶν κακοποιῶν εἰς κάκωσιν καὶ ὑποταγὴν, εἰ δὲ  
 καὶ καθυπερτερήσωσιν εἰς ὑποβολὴν ἄλλων γονέων.  
 εἰ δὲ καὶ τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν τις<sup>6</sup> ἀνατολὴν ἢ τὴν  
 συναφὴν ποιῶιτο τῇ σελήνῃ, τῶν δὲ κακοποιῶν ὑπὸ  
 δύσειν τις εἴη, ὑπ' αὐτῶν τῶν γονέων ἀναληφθήσεται.  
 κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν δὲ τὸν τρόπον<sup>7</sup> καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν πλειστο-

<sup>1</sup> ἢ VLDProc.; καὶ MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> οἰκοδεσποτήσαντες VLDProc., -ων MNAECam.

<sup>3</sup> τυγχάνη libri, -οι Cam.

<sup>4</sup> ἐαυτῶν VLD.

<sup>5</sup> τῶν ἐγγυτέρων VLDProc.; τοῦ ἐγγυτέρω MNACam.; τῶν  
 ἐγγυτέρω E.

<sup>6</sup> Post τις add. ἢ τὴν MNECam.Proc.

<sup>7</sup> κατὰ δὲ αὐτὸν τὸν τρόπον Cam.

places of the luminaries or of the horoscope. But if there chance to be two oppositions, when the luminaries are at the angles and the maleficent planets are in an isosceles configuration, then the infants are born dead or half-dead. And in such circumstances, if the luminaries should chance to be removing from conjunction with one of the beneficent planets, or are in some other aspect to them, but nevertheless cast their rays in the parts that precede them, the child that is born will live a number of months or days, or even hours, equal to the number of degrees between the prorogator <sup>1</sup> and the nearest rays of the maleficent planets, in proportion to the greatness of the affliction and the power of the planets ruling the cause. But if the rays of the maleficent planets fall before the luminaries, and those of the beneficent behind them, the child that has been exposed will be taken up and will live. And again, if the maleficent planets overcome <sup>2</sup> the beneficent ones that bear an aspect upon the geniture, they will live to affliction and subjection; but if the beneficent planets overcome, they will live but as superstitious children of other parents; and if one of the beneficent planets should either be rising or applying <sup>3</sup> to the moon, while one of the maleficent planets is setting, they will be reared by their own parents. And the same methods of judgement are to be used

<sup>1</sup> A luminary, planet, or portion of the zodiac which determines the length of life or the duration of some event. The prorogators are discussed in the next chapter.

<sup>2</sup> See on iii. 4 above (p. 245, n. 1).      <sup>3</sup> See i. 24.

127 γοιούντων. εἰ μὲν ὑπὸ δύσιν τις ἢ τῶν κατὰ δύο ἢ καὶ πλείους συνεσχηματισμένων ἀστέρων, ἡμιθανές τι<sup>1</sup> ἢ σάρκωμα καὶ ἀτελὲς τὸ γεννώμενον ἀποτεχθήσεται. εἰ δὲ ὑπὸ κακοποιῶν καθυπερτερῆται, ἄτροφον ἢ ἄχρονον ἔσται τὸ ὑπὸ τῆς κατ' αὐτὸν αἰτίας συγγεγεννημένον.

ζι.) Περὶ χρόνων ζωῆς

Τῶν δὲ μετὰ τὴν γένεσιν συμπτωμάτων ἡγεῖται μὲν ὁ περὶ χρόνων ζωῆς λόγος, ἐπειδήπερ κατὰ τὸν ἀρχαῖον γέλοιόν ἐστι τὰ καθ' ἕκαστα τῶν ἀποτελουμένων ἐφαρμόζειν τῷ μηδ' ὅλως ἐκ τῆς τῶν βιωσίμων ἐτῶν ὑποστάσεως ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποτελεστικούς αὐτῶν χρόνους ἤξοντι. θεωρεῖται δὲ οὗτος<sup>2</sup> οὐχ ἀπλῶς οὐδ' ἀπολελυμένως, ἀλλ' ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν κυριωτάτων τόπων ἐπικρατήσεως πολυμερῶς λαμβανόμενος. ἔστι δ' ὁ μάλιστα τε συμφωνῶν ἡμῖν καὶ ἄλλως ἐχόμενος φύσεως τρόπος τοιοῦτος. ἡρτηται μὲν γὰρ τὸ πᾶν ἐκ τε τῆς τῶν ἀφετικῶν τόπων<sup>3</sup> διαλήψεως καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν τῶν τῆς<sup>4</sup> ἀφέσεως ἐπικρατούντων καὶ ἔτι ἐκ τῆς τῶν ἀναιρετικῶν τόπων ἢ ἀστέρων. διακρίνεται δὲ τούτων ἕκαστον οὕτως.

<sup>1</sup> τι VPLD; ἐστιν MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> οὗτος MNAEProc.; οὕτως VPLD, om. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> τόπων PLAEPProc., om. VMNDCam.

<sup>4</sup> αὐτῶν τῶν τῆς VPLD; τῶν τῆς αὐτῆς MNAECam.

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps a reference to Petosiris. The passage is included by E. Riess among the fragments of Nechepso and Petosiris, *Philologus*, Supplementband 6, p. 358.

<sup>2</sup> Aphetic is also used. Hyleg is the Arabic term.



also in cases of multiple births. But if one of the planets that two by two or in larger groups bear an aspect to the geniture is at setting, the child will be born half-dead, or a mere lump of flesh, and imperfect. But if the maleficent planets overcome them, the infant born subject to this influence will not be reared or will not survive.

#### 10. *Of Length of Life.*

The consideration of the length of life takes the leading place among inquiries about events following birth, for, as the ancient<sup>1</sup> says, it is ridiculous to attach particular predictions to one who, by the constitution of the years of his life, will never attain at all to the time of the predicted events. This doctrine is no simple matter, nor unrelated to others, but in complex fashion derived from the domination of the places of greatest authority. The method most pleasing to us and, besides, in harmony with nature is the following. For it depends entirely upon the determination of the prorogative<sup>2</sup> places and the stars that rule the prorogation, and upon the determination of the destructive<sup>3</sup> places or stars.<sup>4</sup> Each of these is determined in the following fashion:

<sup>1</sup> Or *anacretic*.

<sup>4</sup> Bouché-Locheq's (p. 411) summary of Ptolemy's system of prorogations is helpful: "His theory rests essentially upon the likening of the zodiac to a wheel upon which the life of the individuals is cast with a greater or less force from a certain place of departure (*τόπος ἀφαιτικός*) and finds itself arrested, or in danger of being arrested, by barriers or destructive places (*τόποι ἀναιρετικοί*), without being able in any case to go beyond a quarter of the circle. The number of degrees traversed, converted into degrees of right ascension, gives the number of the years of life."

Τόπους<sup>1</sup> μὲν πρῶτον ἡγητέον ἀφαιτικούς ἐν οἷς εἶναι δεῖ πάντως τὸν μέλλοντα τὴν κυρίαν τῆς 128 ἀφέσεως λαμβάνειν, τό τε περιὶ τὸν ὠροσκόπον δωδεκατημόριον ἀπὸ πέντε μοιρῶν τῶν προαναφερομένων αὐτοῦ τοῦ ὀρίζοντος μέχρι τῶν λοιπῶν καὶ ἐπαναφερομένων εἴκοσι πέντε μοιρῶν, καὶ τὰς ταύταις ταῖς λ' μοίραις δεξιὰς ἐξαγώνους τε τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ δαίμονος, καὶ τετραγώνους τοῦ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουρανήματος, καὶ τριγώνους τοῦ καλουμένου θεοῦ, καὶ διαμέτρους τοῦ δύνοντος· προκρινομένων καὶ ἐν τούτοις εἰς δύναμιν ἐπικρατήσεως πρῶτον μὲν τῶν<sup>2</sup> κατὰ τὸ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουράνημα ἐστώτων,<sup>3</sup> εἶτα τῶν κατὰ τὴν ἀνατολήν, εἶτα τῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐπαναφορὰν τοῦ μεσουρανήματος, εἶτα τῶν κατὰ τὸ δύνον, εἶτα τῶν κατὰ τὸ προηγούμενον τοῦ μεσουρανήματος. τό τε γὰρ ὑπὸ γῆν πᾶν εἰκότως ἀθετητέον πρὸς τὴν τηλικαύτην κυρίαν, πλὴν μόνον τῶν παρ' αὐτὴν τὴν ἀναφορὰν εἰς φῶς ἐρχομένων, τοῦ τε ὑπὲρ γῆν οὔτε τὸ ἀσύνδετον τῷ ἀνατέλλοντι δωδεκατημόριον<sup>4</sup> ἀρμόζει παρα-

<sup>1</sup> Hic titulum habent *Περὶ τόπων ἀφαιτικῶν* NCam.; om. VPLMADEProc.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν AE, om. PL; τῆς NCam., τὸ VMD.

<sup>3</sup> ἐστώτων VPLD, om. MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> ὁ λέγεται τόπος ἀργός auld. mg. N et Cam., om. libri omnes.

<sup>1</sup> Sc. degrees.

<sup>2</sup> Though he pays little attention to the system of "places" or "houses" so much used by the astrologers in

In the first place we must consider those places prorogative in which by all means the planet must be that is to receive the lordship of the prorogation; namely, the twelfth part of the zodiac surrounding the horoscope, from  $5^{\circ}$  above the actual horizon up to the  $25^{\circ}$  that remains, which is rising in succession to the horizon; the part sextile dexter to these thirty degrees, called the House of the Good Daemon; the part in quartile, the mid-heaven; the part in trine, called the House of the God; and the part opposite, the Occident. Among these there are to be preferred, with reference to power of domination, first those<sup>1</sup> which are in the mid-heaven, then those in the orient, then those in the sign succedent to the mid-heaven, then those in the occident,<sup>2</sup> then those in the sign rising before mid-heaven; for the whole region below the earth must, as is reasonable, be disregarded when a domination of such importance is concerned, except only those parts which in the ascendant sign itself are coming into the light. Of the part above the earth it is not fitting to consider either the sign that

the actual casting of nativities, Ptolemy here deals with four besides the horoscope itself. Their usual names are: I, Horoscope, ὄροσκόπος; II, Gate of Hades, Ἄιδου πύλη; III, Goddess, Θεά (i.e. moon); IV, lower mid-heaven, ὑπογαίον; V, Good Fortune, ἀγαθὴ τύχη; VI, Bad Fortune, κακὴ τύχη; VII, Occident, δύσις; VIII, Beginning of Death, ἀρχὴ θανάτου; IX, God, Θεός (i.e. sun); X, mid-heaven, μεσουράνημα; XI, Good Daemon, ἀγαθὸς δαίμων; XII, Bad Daemon, κακὸς δαίμων. Cf. P. Mich. 149, col. ix, 13-19, where slightly different names are given. In this passage Ptolemy has mentioned numbers I, XI, X, IX, VII.

λαμβάνειν οὔτε τὸ προανατεῖλαν, ὃ καὶ καλεῖται  
κακοῦ δαίμονος, ἐπειδήπερ κακοῖ<sup>1</sup> τὴν ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν  
ἀπόρροϊαν τῶν ἐν αὐτῷ ἀστέρων μετὰ τοῦ καὶ  
ἀποκεκλικέναι· θολοῖ τε<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὡσπερ ἀφανίζει τὸ  
ἀναθυμιώμενον ἐκ τῶν τῆς γῆς ὑγρῶν παχὺ καὶ  
ἀχλυῶδες παρ' ὃ καὶ τοῖς χρώμασι καὶ τοῖς μεγέθεσιν  
οὐ κατὰ φύσιν ἔχοντες φαίνονται.<sup>3</sup>

Μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα πάλιν ἀφέτας παραληπτέον τοὺς  
τε κυριωτάτους δ' τόπους ἥλιον, σελήνην, ὠρο-  
129 σκόπον, κλήρον τύχης καὶ τοὺς τούτων οἰκοδεσποτή-  
σαντας.<sup>4</sup>

Κλήρον μέντοι τύχης τὸν συναγόμενον ἀπὸ τοῦ  
ἀριθμοῦ πάντοτε καὶ νυκτὸς καὶ ἡμέρας τοῦ τε ἀπὸ  
ἡλίου ἐπὶ σελήνην, καὶ τὰ ἴσα φέροντος<sup>5</sup> ἀπὸ τοῦ  
ὠροσκόπου κατὰ τὰ ἐπόμενα τῶν ζωδίων,<sup>6</sup> ἵνα ὄν  
ἔχει λόγον καὶ σχηματισμὸν ὃ ἥλιος πρὸς τὸν

<sup>1</sup> κακοῖ V; κακοῖ D; cf. βλάπτει Proo.; ὑπερκακῆ (= ἐπει-  
δήπερ κακοῖ) P; ὅπερ κακέι L; om. MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> τε VD; μέν PL; om. MNAECam.

<sup>3</sup> κατὰ φύσιν ἔχοντες φαίνονται libri; καταφαίνονται Cam.

<sup>4</sup> Post hoc verbum inser. titulum Περί τοῦ κλήρον τῆς  
τύχης NACam.; om. libri alii.

<sup>5</sup> φέροντος VPLD; ἀφαιροῦντες MNAECam.; καὶ τὰ ἴσα  
ἔχοντος ἀπὸ τοῦ ιβ' κατὰ τὰ ἐπόμενα τῶν ζωδίων Proo.

<sup>6</sup> Hic add. NACam: ὅπου δ' ἂν ἐκπέσῃ ὁ ἀριθμὸς ἐκείνην  
τὴν μοῖραν τοῦ δωδεκατημορίου καὶ τὸν τόπον φαμέν ἐπέχειν  
τὸν κλήρον τῆς τύχης.

<sup>1</sup> The eighth house. "Sign," of course, in this passage means not the fixed signs of the zodiac, but the places or houses of the nativity. One MS. adds here, "which is



is disjunct from the ascendant,<sup>1</sup> nor that which rose before it, called the House of the Evil Daemon,<sup>2</sup> because it injures the emanation from the stars in it to the earth and is also declining, and the thick, misty exhalation from the moisture of the earth creates such a turbidity and, as it were, obscurity, that the stars do not appear in either their true colours or magnitudes.

After this again we must take as prorogatives the four regions of greatest authority, sun, moon, horoscope, the Lot of Fortune, and the rulers of these regions.

Take as the Lot of Fortune<sup>3</sup> always the amount of the number of degrees, both by night and by day, which is the distance from the sun to the moon, and which extends to an equal distance from the horoscope in the order of the following signs,<sup>4</sup> in order that, whatever relation and aspect the sun

called the Inactive Place," probably a scholion which has entered the text. See the critical note.

<sup>2</sup> The twelfth house.

<sup>3</sup> The directions given amount to this : Take the angular distance from sun to moon in the order of the following signs, *i.e.* in the direction in which the zodiac is graduated ; then lay out the same distance, in the same sense, from the horoscope. The point reached is the Lot of Fortune, and it will be located with respect to the moon as the horoscope is with respect to the sun ; hence it can be called a "lunar horoscope." With the older MSS. and Proclus we read *φέρωντος* instead of *ἀφαιρούντες* in this passage. On the various accounts of the Lot of Fortune see Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 289-296 (who, however, read *ἀφαιρούντες* here).

<sup>4</sup> Here two MSS. and Camerarius (see the critical note) add : "and wherever the number falls, we may say that the Lot of Fortune falls upon that degree of the sign and occupies that place."

ώροσκόπον<sup>1</sup> τοῦτον ἔχη καὶ ἡ σελήνη πρὸς τὸν κλήρον τῆς τύχης καὶ ἡ ὡσπερ σεληνιακὸς ώροσκόπος.<sup>2</sup>

- 130) Προκριτέον δὲ καὶ ἐκ<sup>3</sup> τούτων ἡμέρας μὲν πρῶτον τὸν ἥλιον. εἴνπερ ἡ ἐν τοῖς ἀφαιτικοῖς τόποις· εἰ δὲ μή, ἡν σελήνην· εἰ δὲ μή, τὸν<sup>4</sup> πλείονας ἔχοντα λόγους οἰκοδεσποτίας πρὸς τε τὸν ἥλιον καὶ τὴν προγενομένην σύνοδον καὶ πρὸς<sup>5</sup> τὸν ώροσκόπον, τουτέστιν ὅταν τῶν<sup>6</sup> οἰκοδεσποτικῶν τρόπων εἴ ὄντων τρεῖς ἔχη πρὸς ἓνα ἢ καὶ πλείους τῶν εἰρημένων· εἰ δὲ μή, τελευταῖον τὸν ώροσκόπον. νυκτὸς δὲ πρῶτον τὴν σελήνην, εἶτα τὸν

<sup>1</sup> ώροσκόπον VDProc.; ἀνατολικὸν ὀρίζοντα PLMNECam.; τὴν ώροσκοποῦσαν μοῖραν τοῦ ἀνατέλλοντος ἰβ' τημορίου A.

<sup>2</sup> Hic add. NACam.: πλὴν ὀφείλομεν ὁρᾶν ποῖον τῶν φωτῶν ἐπὶ τὰ ἐπόμενα εὐρίσκεται τοῦ ἑτέρου. εἰ μὲν γὰρ ἡ σελήνη ὡς πρὸς τὰ ἐπόμενα μᾶλλον εὐρίσκεται τοῦ ἡλίου, τὸν ἐκβαλλόμενον ἀπὸ τοῦ ώροσκόπου ἀριθμὸν ἐπὶ τὸν κλήρον τῆς τύχης ὡς πρὸς τὰ ἐπόμενα τῶν ζωδίων δεῖ ἡμᾶς τοῦτον διεκβάλλειν· εἰ δὲ ὡς πρὸς τὰ προηγούμενα τοῦ ἡλίου μᾶλλον εὐρίσκεται ἡ σελήνη, τὸν αὐτὸν ἀριθμὸν ὡς πρὸς τὰ προηγούμενα τοῦ ώροσκόπου διεκβάλλειν. Om. VPLMDE Proc. Deinde pergunt VPLMNDCam.: ἴσως δὲ αὐτὸ τοῦτο θέλει, καὶ δύναται παρὰ τῷ συγγραφῆ τὸ τοῖς νυκτὸς γεννωμένοις ἀπὸ σελήνης ἐπὶ ἥλιον ἀριθμεῖν καὶ ἀνάπαλιν ἀπὸ τοῦ ώροσκόπου, τουτέστιν εἰς τὰ προηγούμενα, διεκβάλλειν. καὶ αὐτῷ γὰρ κακείνος ὁ αὐτὸς τόπος τοῦ κλήρου καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς τοῦ συσχηματισμοῦ λόγος ἐκβήσεται. Om. ἴσως δὲ . . . διεκβάλλειν A, ἴσως δὲ . . . ἐκβήσεται E; in ing. N scriptum est σχόλιον; habent ἐστὶ τε pro θέλει MNCam., εὐρεθήσεται pro ἐκβήσεται MNACam. Titulum capituli Πόσοι ἀφέται post haec add. NCam., om. VPLMADE.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἐκ VPLD, cf. Proc.; om. MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> τὸν VD; τὴν PL, cf. Proc.; τοὺς MNAECam.

<sup>5</sup> πρὸς om. NDCam.

<sup>6</sup> τῶν om. MNECam.

bears to the horoscope, the moon also may bear to the Lot of Fortune, and that it may be as it were a lunar horoscope.<sup>1</sup>

Of these,<sup>2</sup> by day we must give first place to the sun, if it is in the prorogative places; if not, to the moon; and if the moon is not so placed, to the planet<sup>3</sup> that has most relations of domination to the sun, to the preceding conjunction, and to the horoscope; that is, when, of the five methods of domination<sup>4</sup> that exist, it has three to one, or even more; but if this cannot be, then finally we give preference to the horoscope. By night prefer the moon first,

<sup>1</sup>Camerarius and certain MSS. add here: "We ought, however, to observe which of the luminaries is found following the other. For if the moon is found following the sun, we must lay out the number which intervenes between the horoscope and the Lot of Fortune in the order of following signs; but if the moon is found preceding the sun, we must set forth this same number from the horoscope in the order of leading signs. Perhaps this is what he means, and the writer's intention is to count from moon to sun in the case of those born at night, and to make the interval in the other direction from the horoscope, that is in the order of leading signs; for thus it will turn out to be the same place for the Lot of Fortune and the same relation of aspect which he mentions." The first part of this passage can hardly be genuine because it is at variance with the general directions just given by Ptolemy; the introductory phrase of the last part clearly shows that it originated as a scholion.

<sup>2</sup>*I.e.* sun, moon, horoscope, Lot of Fortune, and the rulers (see above).

<sup>3</sup>In an aphetic (prorogative) place, says Cardanus (p. 469).

<sup>4</sup>See iii. 2 (p. 233).

ἥλιον, εἶτα τὸν πλείονας ἔχοντα<sup>1</sup> λόγους οἰκοδεσποτίας πρὸς τε τὴν σελήνην καὶ πρὸς τὴν προγενομένην πανσέληνον καὶ τὸν κλῆρον τῆς τύχης· εἰ δὲ μή, τελευταῖον, συνοδικῆς μὲν οὔσης τῆς προγενομένης συζυγίας, τὸν ὠροσκόπον, πανσεληνιακῆς δὲ τὸν κλῆρον τῆς τύχης.<sup>2</sup> εἰ δὲ καὶ ἀμφοτέρω τὰ φῶτα ἢ καὶ ὁ τῆς οἰκείας αἰρέσεως οἰκοδεσπότης ἐν τοῖς ἀφαιτικοῖς εἶεν τόποις, τὸν ἐν<sup>3</sup> τῷ κυριωτέρῳ τόπῳ<sup>4</sup> τῶν φωτῶν παραληπτέον· τότε δὲ μόνον τὸν οἰκοδεσπότην ἀμφοτέρων προκριτέον, ὅταν καὶ κυριώτερον ἐπέχη τόπον καὶ πρὸς ἀμφοτέρας τὰς αἰρέσεις οἰκοδεσποτίας λόγον ἔχη.<sup>5</sup>

Τοῦ δὲ ἀφέτου διακριθέντος, ἔτι καὶ τῶν ἀφέσεων  
 131 δύο τρόπους παραληπτέον, τὸν τε εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα τῶν ζυδίων μόνον ὑπὸ τὴν καλουμένην ἀκτινοβολίαν,

<sup>1</sup> τὸν . . . ἔχοντα VP (ἔχωντα) LD; cf. Proc.; τοὺς . . . ἔχοντας MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> Hic add. MNECam.: εἰ δὲ μή, τελευταῖον ὁ ὠροσκόπος ἀφήσει τοὺς χρόνους; om. VPLADProc.

<sup>3</sup> τὸν ἐν VMNDE, τὸν P, τῶν L, τῶν ἐν A, τὸ μὲν Cam.

<sup>4</sup> τόπῳ VMADEProc., om. PL, τρόπῳ NCam.

<sup>5</sup> Post ἔχη add. capitis titulum, Ἰῶσοι τρόποι ἀφέσεως NCam.; om. VPLMADEProc.

<sup>1</sup> "But otherwise finally the horoscope is the prorogator" is added here in certain MSS.

<sup>2</sup> I.e. a planet which may be the prorogator. The "proper sect" will be diurnal in diurnal genitures, nocturnal in nocturnal.



next the sun, next the planets having the greater number of relations of domination to the moon, to the preceding full moon, and to the Lot of Fortune; otherwise, finally, if the preceding syzygy was a new moon, the horoscope, but if it was a full moon the Lot of Fortune.<sup>1</sup> But if both the luminaries or the ruler of the proper sect<sup>2</sup> should be in the prorogative places, we must take the one of the luminaries that is in the place of greatest authority. And we should prefer the ruling planet to both of the luminaries only when it both occupies a position of greater authority and bears a relation of domination to both the sects.

When the prorogator has been distinguished, we must still further adopt two methods of prorogation.<sup>3</sup> The one, that which follows the order of the following signs, must be used only in the case of what is called

<sup>3</sup> Bouché-Leclercq's (pp. 418-419) exposition may be quoted: "The prorogator once determined . . . it is necessary to determine the sense in which it launches the life from its prorogative place; the direct sense, that is, in accordance with the proper movement of the planets, when it follows the series of [following] signs . . . ; retrograde . . . when it follows the diurnal movement. . . . At all events there is in both cases unity of measurement, the diurnal movement. In the sense here called direct the diurnal movement brings the anaeretic planet or 'following place' to meet the 'preceding place' where the prorogator is lodged. In the contrary sense it is the prorogator which is carried to the anaeretic place, which is always the occident. By either manner the length of life was equal to the number of degrees of right ascension between the prorogative place and the anaeretic place, at the rate of one year to a degree." He proceeds to point out that it therefore becomes necessary to convert degrees of the zodiac into degrees of right ascension measured on the equator.

ὅταν ἐν τοῖς ἀπῆλιωτικοῖς τόποις, τουτέστι τοῖς ἀπὸ τοῦ μεσουρανήματος ἐπὶ τὸν ὠροσκόπον, ἢ ὁ ἀφέτης· καὶ τὸν οὐ μόνον εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸν<sup>1</sup> εἰς τὰ προηγούμενα κατὰ τὴν λεγομένην ὠριμαίαν, ὅταν ἐν τοῖς ἀποκεκλικόσι τοῦ μεσουρανήματος τόποις ἢ ὁ ἀφέτης.

Τούτων δὲ οὕτως ἐχόντων ἀναιρετικά γίνονται μοῖραι κατὰ μὲν τὴν εἰς τὰ προηγούμενα τῶν ζωδίων ἄφεσιν ἢ τοῦ δυτικοῦ ὀρίζοντος μόνη διὰ τὸ ἀφανίζειν τὸν κύριον τῆς ζωῆς· αἱ δὲ τῶν οὕτως ὑπαντώντων ἢ μαρτυρούντων ἀστέρων ἀφαιροῦσι μόνον καὶ προστιθέασιν ἔτη τοῖς<sup>2</sup> μέχρι τῆς καταδύσεως τοῦ ἀφέτου συναγομένοις καὶ οὐκ ἀναιροῦσι διὰ τὸ μὴ αὐτοὺς ἐπιφέρεσθαι τῷ ἀφετικῷ τόπῳ ἀλλ' ἐκείνον τοῖς αὐτῶν· καὶ προστιθέασι μὲν οἱ ἀγαθοποιοί, ἀφαιροῦσι δὲ οἱ κακοποιοί, τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ<sup>3</sup> πάλιν ὁποτέρους ἂν αὐτῶν συσχηματισθῆ προστιθεμένου.<sup>4</sup> ὁ δὲ ἀριθμὸς τῆς προσθέσεως ἢ ἀφαιρέσεως θεωρεῖται διὰ τῆς καθ' ἕκαστον μοιροθεσίας· ὅσοι γὰρ ἂν ὦσιν ὠριαῖοι χρόνοι τῆς ἐκάστου μοίρας, ἡμέρας μὲν οὔσης οἱ

<sup>1</sup> τὸν VAD, om. PLMNECam.

<sup>2</sup> Post τοῖς add. ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀφέτου συναγομένοις MNAE; haec omittunt et συναγομένοις post ἀφέτου inser. VPLD.

<sup>3</sup> τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ VD; τοῦ δὲ Ἑ. PL; τούτου Ἑ. A; ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑ. MNECam.

<sup>4</sup> προστιθεμένου VP (-τηθ-) LMADE, -ος NCam.

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<sup>1</sup> On projection of rays (ἀκτινοβολία) see Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 247-250. The planets, by their rotation in their orbits moving, as the astrologers said, "from

the projection of rays,<sup>1</sup> when the prorogator is in the orient, that is, between mid-heaven and the horoscope. We must use not only the method that follows the order of following signs, but also that which follows the order of leading signs, in the so-called *Jorimaea*, when the prorogator is in places that decline from mid-heaven.<sup>2</sup>

This being the case, the destructive degrees in the prorogation that follows the order of leading signs are only the degree of the western horizon, because it causes the lord of life<sup>3</sup> to vanish; and the degrees of the planets that thus approach or bear witness<sup>4</sup> merely take away and add years to the sum of those as far as the setting of the prorogator, and they do not destroy because they do not move toward the prorogative place, but it moves toward them.<sup>5</sup> The beneficent stars add and the maleficent subtract. Mercury, again, is reckoned with the group to which he bears an aspect. The number of the addition or subtraction is calculated by means of the location in degrees in each case. For the entire number of years is the same as the number of hourly periods of each

right to left," "in the order of the following signs," "regard" those that precede them and "cast rays," like missiles, at those that follow them; always, however, if the action is to be effective, at the angle of one of the recognized aspects (opposition, quartile, etc., these two having the greatest offensive force).

<sup>1</sup>That is, in such cases either method may be used.

<sup>2</sup>The prorogator, which in this case moves toward the anaeretic place.

<sup>3</sup>Planets in aspect to one another are said to "bear witness."

<sup>4</sup>In this case the rays of the planets are cast away from the prorogator; Bouché-Leclercq, p. 420.

τῆς ἡμέρας, νυκτὸς δὲ οἱ τῆς νυκτός, τοσοῦτον  
 πλήθος ἐτῶν ἔσται τὸ τέλειον, ὅπερ<sup>1</sup> ἐπὶ<sup>2</sup> τῆς  
 ἀνατολῆς αὐτῶν ὄντων<sup>3</sup> λογιστέον, εἶτα κατὰ τὸ  
 132 ἀνάλογον τῆς ἀποχωρήσεως ὑφαιρετέον, ἕως ἂν  
 πρὸς τὰς δυσμὰς εἰς τὸ μηδὲν κατακτήσῃ.

Κατὰ δὲ τὴν εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα τῶν ζωδίων ἄφεισιν  
 ἀναιροῦσιν οἱ τε τῶν κακοποιῶν τόποι, Κρόνου καὶ  
 Ἄρεως, ἧτοι σωματικῶς ὑπαντώντων ἢ ἀκτίνα  
 ἐπιφερόντων ὅθενδήποτε τετράγωνον ἢ διάμετρον,  
 ἐνίοτε δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ<sup>4</sup> τῶν ἀκούοντων ἢ βλεπόντων  
 κατ' ἰσοδυναμίαν ἐξαγώνων,<sup>5</sup> καὶ αὐτὸς δὲ ὁ τῷ  
 ἀφετικῷ τόπῳ τετράγωνος ἀπὸ τῶν ἐπομένων·  
 ἐνίοτε δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ<sup>6</sup> τῶν πολυχρονιούντων δωδε-  
 κατημορίων κακωθεῖς ὁ ἐξάγωνος,<sup>7</sup> ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν  
 ὀλιγοχρονίων<sup>8</sup> ὁ τρίγωνος· σελήνης δὲ ἀφεισῆς  
 καὶ ὁ τοῦ ἡλίου τόπος.<sup>9</sup> ἰσχύουσι γὰρ αἱ κατὰ  
 τὴν τοιαύτην ἄφεισιν ἀπαντήσεις καὶ ἀναιρεῖν καὶ  
 σῶζειν, ἐπειδὴ αὐταὶ τῷ τοῦ ἀφέτου τόπῳ ἐπι-  
 φέρονται. οὐ πάντοτε μέντοι τούτους τοὺς τόπους<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ὅπερ VPLADE; ὅπως MNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐπὶ VPLMADEProc.; ἐκ NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ὅλον post ὄντων add. MNAECam., om. VPLD.

<sup>4</sup> ἐπὶ VPLADProc.; ἀπὸ MNECam.

<sup>5</sup> ἐξαγώνων VPDProc., -ον MLNAECam.

<sup>6</sup> ἐπὶ VADEProc.; ἐπὶ μὲν PL; ἀπὸ MNCam.

<sup>7</sup> Post ἐξάγωνος ins. ἀναιρεῖ NACam.; om. VPLMDEProc.

<sup>8</sup> ὀλιγοχρονίων VPLDProc., -χρονιούντων MNAECam.  
 πάλιν κακωθεῖς ins. post ὀλιγοχρονίων NAECam.; om.  
 VPLMDProc.

<sup>9</sup> Post τόπος ins. ἀναιρεῖ MNAECam.; om. VPLDProc.

<sup>10</sup> τούτους τοὺς τόπους VPLDA (add. καὶ A); τοιούτους τοὺς  
 τόπους καὶ M (cf. Proc.); τοιούτοις τοῖς τόποις καὶ E, τοὺς  
 τοιούτους καὶ Cam.



degree, hours of the day<sup>1</sup> when it is day and hours of the night when it is night; this must be our reckoning when they are in the orient, and subtraction must be made in proportion to their departure therefrom, until at their setting it becomes zero.

In the prorogation which follows the order of following signs, the places of the maleficent planets, Saturn and Mars, destroy, whether they are approaching bodily, or project their rays from any place whatever in quartile or in opposition, and sometimes too in sextile, upon the signs called "hearing" or "seeing"<sup>2</sup> on grounds of equality of power; and the sign that is quartile to the prerogative sign in the order of following signs likewise destroys. And sometimes, also, among the signs that ascend slowly the sextile aspect destroys, when it is afflicted,<sup>3</sup> and again among the signs that ascend rapidly the trine. When the moon is the prorogator, the place of the sun also destroys. For in a prorogation of this kind the approaches of planets avail both to destroy and to preserve, since these are

<sup>1</sup> "Hours" were merely twelfth parts of the day (sunrise to sunset) or of the night, and hence "hours of the day" are not of the same length as "hours of the night" except when day and night are equal.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. i. 15.

<sup>3</sup> See above, p. 267, concerning "affliction." Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Pisces, Aquarius, and Capricorn were classed as rapidly ascending signs; the others, as slowly ascending signs.

πάντως ἀναιρεῖν ἡγητέον, ἀλλὰ μόνον ὅταν ὦσι  
 κεκακωμένοι. παραποδίζονται γὰρ εἴαν τε εἰς  
 ἀγαθοποιουῦ ὄριον ἐμπέσωσιν, εἴαν τέ τις τῶν ἀγαθο-  
 ποιῶν ἀκτῖνα συνεπιφέρῃ<sup>1</sup> τετράγωνον ἢ τρίγωνον  
 ἢ διάμετρον ἤτοι πρὸς αὐτὴν τὴν ἀναιρετικὴν μοῖραν  
 ἢ εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα αὐτῆς, ἐπὶ μὲν Διὸς μὴ ὑπὲρ τὰς  
 β' μοίρας, ἐπὶ δὲ Ἀφροδίτης μὴ ὑπὲρ τὰς η'·  
 εἴαν τε σωμάτων ὄντων ἀμφοτέρων τοῦ τε ἀφιέντος  
 καὶ τοῦ ὑπαντῶντος, μὴ ταὐτὸ πλάτος ἢ ἀμφοτέ-  
 133 ρων.<sup>2</sup> ὅταν οὖν δύο ἢ καὶ πλείονα ἢ ἑκατέρωθεν  
 τὰ τε βοηθοῦντα καὶ τὰ κατὰ τὸ ἐναντίον ἀναι-  
 ροῦντα, σκεπτέον τὴν ἐπικράτησιν ὁποτέρου τῶν  
 εἰδῶν, κατὰ τε τὸ πλῆθος τῶν συλλαμβανομένων  
 αὐτοῖς καὶ κατὰ τὴν δύναμιν· κατὰ μὲν τὸ πλῆθος,  
 ὅταν αἰσθητῶς πλείονα ἢ τὰ ἕτερα τῶν ἐτέρων,  
 κατὰ δύναμιν δέ, ὅταν τῶν βοηθούντων ἢ ἀναι-  
 ρούντων ἀστέρων οἱ μὲν ἐν οἰκείοις ὦσι τόποις, οἱ  
 δὲ μή· μάλιστα δ' ὅταν οἱ μὲν ὦσιν ἀνατολικοί, οἱ  
 δὲ δυτικοί. καθ' ὅλου γὰρ τῶν ὑπὸ τὰς αὐγὰς  
 ὄντων οὐδένα παραληπτέον οὔτε πρὸς ἀναίρεσιν  
 οὔτε πρὸς βοήθειαν, πλὴν εἰ μὴ σελήνης ἀφετίδος  
 οὔσης αὐτὸς ὁ τοῦ ἡλίου τόπος ἀνέλη,<sup>3</sup> συντετραμ-

<sup>1</sup> συνεπιφέρεται ECam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀμφοτέρων libri omnes; cf. Proc.; ἑκατέρων Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀνέλη VMDE. -ει PL, -οι NCam., ἀναιρεῖ A.

<sup>1</sup> In this type of prorogation the diurnal movement of the heavens is carrying the planets toward the prorogative

in the direction of the prorogative place.<sup>1</sup> However, it must not be thought that these places always inevitably destroy, but only when they are afflicted. For they are prevented both if they fall within the term<sup>2</sup> of a beneficent planet and if one of the beneficent planets projects its ray from quartile, trine, or opposition either upon the destructive degree itself or upon the parts that follow it, in the case of Jupiter not more than  $12^{\circ}$ , and in that of Venus not over  $8^{\circ}$ ; also if, when both the prorogator and the approaching planet are present bodily, the latitude of both is not the same.<sup>3</sup> Thus when there are two or more on each side, assisting and, *vice versa*, destroying, we must consider which of them prevails, both by the number of those that co-operate and by power; by number when one group is perceptibly more numerous than the other, and with regard to power when some of the assisting or of the destroying planets are in their own proper places, and some are not, and particularly when some are rising and others setting. For in general we must not admit any planet, either to destroy or to aid, that is under the rays of the sun, except that when the moon is prorogator the place of the sun itself is destructive, when it is changed about by the presence

place; cf. Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 420-421 (esp. 421). He points out the complexity of the calculation and the multitude of choices that lay open to an astrologer in his interpretation of a geniture.

<sup>2</sup> See i. 20-21.

<sup>3</sup> This would be true only in cases of the bodily approach of planets, not in aspect. The notion is that the ray will not hit its mark if the two bodies are not in the same latitude.

μένος μὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ συνόντος κακοποιού, ὑπὸ μηδενὸς δὲ τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν ἀναλευμένος.<sup>1</sup>

Ὁ μέντοι τῶν ἐτῶν ἀριθμὸς ὃν ποιοῦσιν οἱ τῶν μεταξὺ διαστάσεων τοῦ τε ἀφαιτικοῦ τόπου καὶ τοῦ ἀναιροῦντος οὐχ ἀπλῶς οὐδ' ὡς ἔτυχεν ὀφείλει λαμβάνεσθαι κατὰ τὰς τῶν πολλῶν παραδόσεις ἐκ τῶν ἀναφορικῶν πάντοτε χρόνων<sup>2</sup> ἐκάστης μοίρας,<sup>3</sup> εἰ μὴ μόνον ὅταν ἦτοι αὐτὸς ὁ ἀνατολικὸς ὀρίζων τὴν ἄφεισιν ἢ εἰληφῶς ἢ τις τῶν κατ' αὐτὸν ποιουμένων ἀνατολήν. ἐνὸς γὰρ ἐκ παντὸς τρόπου τῶ φυσικῶς τοῦτο τὸ μέρος ἐπισκεπτομένῳ προκει-

<sup>1</sup> βοηθούμενος καὶ ἀναλευμένος MACam., βο. ἢ ἀν. NE; βοηθούμενος καὶ om. VPLDProc.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ post χρόνων add. MCam.; om. alii.

<sup>3</sup> ἐκάστης μοίρας Proc.; ἐκάστη μοῖρα VD; ἐκάστας μοίρας PLMNAECam.

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<sup>1</sup> As the anonymous commentator says (p. 120, ed. Wolf), the sun is of a "middle temperature" (κρᾶσις), and takes the character, good or bad, of the planet associated with it; cf. i. 5 above.

<sup>2</sup> Some of the MSS. have βοηθούμενος καὶ (or ἢ) ἀναλευμένος, "assisted or released"; probably an explanatory gloss which worked its way into the text. The anonymous commentator explains the word to mean that a beneficent planet does not permit the sun to retain the "affliction" attached by the evil planet, but "releases" it.

<sup>3</sup> The following general description is intended to apply to Ptolemy's lengthy account of this method. In each prorogation, two points on the ecliptic are concerned, the prorogator or precedent and the subsequent or anaeretic place, which we may call P and S respectively. S may or may not be occupied by a planet, but in this type of prorogation it always follows P, that is, lies east of it and comes to the horizon later. P, as a point on the ecliptic, may (a) lie at the intersection of the ecliptic and the equator or



of a maleficent planet<sup>1</sup> and is not released<sup>2</sup> by any of the beneficent ones.

However, the number of years, determined by the distances between the prorogative place and the destructive planet, ought not to be taken simply or off-hand, in accordance with the usual traditions, from the times of ascension of each degree, except only when the eastern horizon itself is the prorogator, or some one of the planets that are rising in that region. For one method alone<sup>3</sup> is available for him who is

be (b) north of the equator or (c) south of it. The vernal and autumnal equinoxes, the beginnings of Aries and Libra, are the only points of the ecliptic which can occupy position (a); if, however, P is one of these, since it is also a point on the equator, it will pass, like all points on the equator, from horizon to meridian in 6 hours, at the rate of 15° in 1 hour (this is the hour called "equinoctial hour" by the Greeks). If P is to the north of the equator, in a north latitude, its ascension from horizon to meridian will be along a path parallel to the equator and longer than the distance from horizon to meridian on the equator; hence it takes longer than 6 equinoctial hours. Conversely, points south of the equator take a shorter course and ascend in times correspondingly shorter than 6 equinoctial hours. Nevertheless, since the Greeks defined "day" as the period from sunrise to sunset and divided it into 12 hours, similarly dividing the night, the ascension of P from rising to culmination, wherever it is situated on the ecliptic and whatever the latitude, takes place in 6 hours of the day, that is, ordinary or civil (καίρικαί) hours, which may be longer or shorter than equinoctial hours, and equal to them only when P occupies position (a), described above. The "horary magnitude" or "period" of a point on the ecliptic is the expression in terms of equinoctial times (see p. 95, n. 2) of the length of the civil hour when the sun is at that point; in north latitudes, horary magnitudes are greater than 15 for points north of the equator and less

[For continuation of footnote, see pages 288 and 289.

131 μένου, σκοπεῖν<sup>1</sup> μετὰ πόσους ἰσημερινούς χρόνους  
 131 ὁ τοῦ ἐπομένου σώματος ἢ σχήματος τόπος ἐπὶ  
 τὸν<sup>2</sup> τοῦ προηγουμένου κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν γένεσιν  
 παραγίνεται, διὰ τὸ τοὺς ἰσημερινούς χρόνους ὁμαλῶς  
 διέρχεσθαι καὶ τὸν ὀρίζοντα καὶ τὸν μεσημβρινόν,  
 πρὸς οὓς ἀμφοτέρους αἱ τῶν τοπικῶν ἀποστάσεων<sup>3</sup>  
 ὁμοιότητες λαμβάνονται, καὶ ἰσχύειν<sup>4</sup> δὲ ἕκαστον  
 τῶν χρόνων ἐνιαυτὸν ἓνα ἡλιακὸν εἰκότως· ὅταν  
 μὲν ἐπ' αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀνατολικοῦ ὀρίζοντος ἦ ὁ  
 ἀφελτικὸς καὶ προηγούμενος τόπος, τοὺς ἀναφορι-  
 κούς χρόνους τῶν μέχρι τῆς ὑπαντήσεως μοιρῶν  
 προσήκει λαμβάνειν· μετὰ τοσοῦτους γὰρ ἰση-  
 μερινούς χρόνους ὁ ἀναιρέτης ἐπὶ τὸν τοῦ ἀφέτου  
 τόπον, τουτέστιν ἐπὶ τὸν ἀνατολικὸν ὀρίζοντα,  
 παραγίνεται· ὅταν δὲ ἐπ' αὐτοῦ τοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ,  
 τὰς ἐπ' ὀρθῆς τῆς σφαίρας ἀναφοράς, ἐν ὅσαις  
 ἕκαστον τμήμα διέρχεται τὸν μεσημβρινόν· ὅταν

<sup>1</sup> σκοπεῖν VPLD, τοῦ σκοπεῖν MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> τὸν VDPoc.; τὴν alii Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀποστάσεων VPMADEProc., ὑποστάσεων L, om. NCam.

<sup>4</sup> ἰσχύειν VPND, cf. Proc.; ἰσχύει LMAECam.

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for points south, 15 being the horary magnitude of the two equinoctial points. All that has been said about P applies of course to S, which is another point on the ecliptic. The problem of prorogation is simply to discover after how many equinoctial periods or times S comes to the position originally occupied by P with relation to the meridian (or other centre, such as the western horizon). This position is defined as the one in which S is just as many civil hours removed from the meridian (or the point of reference) as was P in its original position.

considering this subject in a natural manner—to calculate after how many equinoctial periods<sup>1</sup> the place of the following body or aspect comes to the place of the one preceding at the actual time of birth, because the equinoctial periods pass evenly<sup>2</sup> through both the horizon and the mid-heaven, to both of which are referred the proportions of spatial distances, and, as is reasonable, each one of the periods has the value of one solar year.<sup>3</sup> Whenever the prorogative and preceding place is actually on the eastern horizon, we should take the times of ascension of the degrees up to the meeting-place; for after this number of equinoctial periods the destructive planet comes to the place of the prorogator, that is, to the eastern horizon. But when it<sup>4</sup> is actually at the mid-heaven, we should take the ascensions on the right sphere in which the segment<sup>5</sup> in each case passes mid-heaven; and when it is on

One therefore determines how far S was originally removed, how far it is removed when it comes to the position of P, and takes the difference, in equinoctial times, as the answer.

<sup>1</sup> An "equinoctial period" or "time" is the length of time which it takes one degree on the equator to pass a fixed point, *i.e.* 1/360 of 24 hours. An "equinoctial hour" is 15 "equinoctial times." For the definition *cf.* Heliodorus (?) in *CCAG*, vii. 122, 20 ff.

<sup>2</sup> At the rate of 15 per hour, in contrast to the varying horary periods of degrees on the ecliptic.

<sup>3</sup> In predicting the life of the subject of the horoscope. *Cf.* P. Mich. 149, col. xii. ll. 10-11.

<sup>4</sup> The prorogator.

<sup>5</sup> The "segment" is the arc (of the ecliptic) between the two places, but the ascension of the following body is to be measured on the right sphere; that is, it is right ascension, which is measured on the equator.

δὲ ἐπ' αὐτοῦ τοῦ δυτικοῦ ὀρίζοντος, ἐν ὅσαις  
 ἐκάστη τῶν τῆς διαστάσεως μοιρῶν καταφέρεται,  
 τουτέστιν ἐν ὅσαις αἱ διαμετροῦσαι ταύτας<sup>1</sup> ἀνα-  
 φέρονται· τοῦ δὲ προηγουμένου τόπου μηκέτ' ὄντος  
 ἐν τοῖς τρισὶ τούτοις ὄροις ἀλλ' ἐν ταῖς μεταξὺ  
 διαστάσεσιν, οὐκ ἔτι τῶν προκειμένων ἀναφορῶν  
 ἢ καταφορῶν ἢ μεσουρανήσεων<sup>2</sup> οἱ χρόνοι τοὺς  
 ἐπομένους τόπους οἴσουσιν ἐπὶ τοὺς αὐτοὺς τοῖς  
 προηγουμένοις, ἀλλὰ διάφοροι. ὁμοῖος μὲν γὰρ  
 καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς τόπος ἐστὶν ὁ τὴν ὁμοίαν καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ  
 135 αὐτὰ μέρη θέσιν ἔχων ἅμα πρὸς τε τὸν ὀρίζοντα  
 καὶ τὸν μεσημβρινόν. τοῦτο δὲ ἔγγιστα συμβέβηκε  
 τοῖς ἐφ' ἐνὸς κειμένοις ἡμικυκλίου τῶν γραφομένων  
 διὰ τῶν τομῶν τοῦ τε μεσημβρινοῦ καὶ τοῦ ὀρί-  
 ζοντος, ὧν ἕκαστον κατὰ τὴν αὐτὴν θέσιν τὴν ἴσην  
 ἔγγιστα καιρικὴν<sup>3</sup> ὥραν ποιεῖ. ὥσπερ δ',<sup>4</sup> ἂν  
 περιάγῃται περὶ τὰς εἰρημένας τομάς, ἔρχεται μὲν  
 ἐπὶ τὴν αὐτὴν θέσιν καὶ τῷ ὀρίζοντι καὶ τῷ μεσημ-  
 βρινῷ, τοὺς δὲ τῆς διελεύσεως τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ  
 χρόνους ἀνίσους ἐφ' ἑκάτερον<sup>5</sup> ποιεῖ, τὸν αὐτὸν  
 τρόπον καὶ κατὰ τὰς τῶν ἄλλων ἀποστάσεων

<sup>1</sup> ταύτας VDMLE; cf. Proc.; ταύταις PNACam.

<sup>2</sup> συμμεσουρανήσεων NCam.

<sup>3</sup> καιρικὴν οἰν. MNCam.

<sup>4</sup> δ(ε) om. MNCam.

<sup>5</sup> ἑκάτερον VD; -ου cett. Cam.; om. Proc.

<sup>1</sup> Comes to the meridian in the same time, and is on the same side of the equator ("in the same direction"). Ptolemy introduces this characterization of "same and



the western horizon, the number in which each of the degrees of the interval descends, that is, the number in which those directly opposite them ascend. But if the precedent place is not on these three limits but in the intervals between them, in that case the times of the aforesaid ascensions, descensions, or culminations will not carry the following places to the places of the preceding, but the periods will be different. For a place is similar and the same if it has the same position <sup>1</sup> in the same direction with reference both to the horizon and to the meridian. This is most nearly true of those which lie upon one of those semicircles <sup>2</sup> which are described through the sections of the meridian and the horizon, each of which at the same position makes nearly the same temporal hour. Even as, if the revolution is upon the aforesaid arcs, it reaches the same position with reference to both the meridian and horizon, but makes the periods of the passage of the zodiac unequal with respect to either, in the same way also at the positions of the other distances it makes their

similar places " because the whole system of prorogation depends on determining the period after which a subsequent body will come to the same place as, or a similar place to, that occupied by a precedent body. It cannot come to exactly the same place, because both bodies are on the ecliptic, oblique to the equator. Hence it is necessary to define " similar places."

<sup>2</sup> He refers to the arcs of circles, parallel to the equator, passing through the degree of the ecliptic in question, and cutting both horizon and meridian, which are intercepted between the horizon and the meridian.

θέσεις δι' ἀνίσων ἐκείνοις χρόνων τὰς παρόδους ἀπεργάζεται. μία δέ τις ἡμῖν ἔφοδος ἔστω<sup>1</sup> τοιαύτη, δι' ἧς, εἴαν τε ἀνατολικὴν εἴαν τε μεσημβρινὴν ἢ δυτικὴν, εἴαν τε ἄλλην τινὰ ἔχη θέσει ὁ προηγούμενος τόπος, τὸ ἀνάλογον τῶν ἐπ' αὐτὸν φερόντων χρόνων τὸν ἐπόμενον τόπον ληφθήσεται. προδιαλαβόντες γὰρ τὴν μεσουρανοῦσαν τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ μοῖραν καὶ ἔτι τὴν τε προηγουμένην καὶ τὴν ἐπερχομένην, πρῶτον σκεψόμεθα τὴν τῆς προηγουμένης θέσει, πόσας καιρικὰς ὥρας ἀπέχει τοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ, ἀριθμήσαντες τὰς μεταξὺ αὐτῆς καὶ<sup>2</sup> τῆς μεσουρανούσης οἰκείως ἦτοι ὑπὲρ γῆν ἢ ὑπὸ γῆν μοίρας<sup>3</sup> ἐπ' ὀρθῆς τῆς σφαίρας ἀναφορὰς καὶ μερίσαντες εἰς τὸ πλῆθος τῶν αὐτῆς τῆς 136 προηγουμένης μοίρας ὠριαίων χρόνων, εἰ μὲν ὑπὲρ

<sup>1</sup> ἔστω VDProc. ; ἔσται PLMNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ om. LCam.

<sup>3</sup> μοίρας MAE, μοῖραν VPD, μ<sup>οῖ</sup> N, μεσουρανοῖ Cam.

<sup>1</sup> This obscure sentence is thus explained by the anonymous commentator: "If you imagine a star moving either from the horoscope (*sc.* to mid-heaven), or from mid-heaven to the horoscope, you will discover the temporal periods of the distance; in the same way also when they are not upon the degrees of the angles."

<sup>2</sup> ὠριαῖοι χρόνοι; the expression ὠριαῖον μέγεθος, "horary magnitude," is used further on, when Ptolemy gives examples. In the *Almagest*, ii. 8, there is a table which gives the time, in degrees and minutes of the equator (*i.e.* equinoctial times), in which each arc of 10° of the ecliptic rises above the horizon in each of eleven latitudes beginning with the equator (right sphere); the table also gives the cumulative sums of these ascensions for each arc from the beginning of Aries. In the following chapter Ptolemy tells how the horary magnitude may be determined

passages in times unequal to the former.<sup>1</sup> We shall therefore adopt one method only, as follows, whereby, whether the preceding place occupies the orient, the mid-heaven, the occident, or any other position, the proportionate number of equinoctial times that bring the following place to it will be apprehended. For after we have first determined the culminating degree of the zodiac and furthermore the degree of the precedent and that of the subsequent, in the first place we shall investigate the position of the precedent, how many ordinary hours it is removed from the meridian, counting the ascensions that properly intervene up to the very degree of mid-heaven, whether over or under the earth, on the right sphere, and dividing them by the amount of the horary periods<sup>2</sup> of the precedent degree, diurnal if it is

by the use of this table. His directions are, in brief, to take the sum of the ascensions for the degree of the sun by day (or the opposite degree by night) both in the right sphere and in the given latitude; to ascertain the difference between the two and take  $\frac{1}{6}$  of it; and then, if the degree was in the northern hemisphere, to add this fraction to the 15 "times" of one equinoctial hour, or, for a southern position, to subtract it. This will give the length of the ordinary or civil hour for the latitude and time of the year in question, in terms of the ascension of degrees of the equator, or "equinoctial times," or as Ptolemy puts it, "the number of (equinoctial) times of the civil hour under consideration." The civil day-time hour was  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the period from sunrise to sunset, or, of course,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the time from sunrise to noon. In *Almagest*, ii. 9, Ptolemy gives the same directions for reducing periods expressed in equinoctial times to ordinary or civil hours; multiply the given equinoctial hours by 15 (in order to express them in "equinoctial times," as are the ascensions dealt with in the present passage) and divide by the horary period.

γῆν εἴη τῶν ἡμερησίων, εἰ δὲ ὑπὸ γῆν τῶν τῆς νυκτός. ἐπεὶ δὲ τὰ τὰς αὐτὰς καιρικὰς ὥρας ἀπέχοντα τοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ τμήματα τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ καθ' ἐνὸς καὶ τοῦ αὐτοῦ γίνεται τῶν προειρημένων ἡμικυκλίων, καὶ<sup>1</sup> δεήσει λαβεῖν μετὰ πόσους ἰσημερινούς χρόνους<sup>2</sup> καὶ τὸ ἐπόμενον τμήμα τὰς ἴσας καιρικὰς ὥρας ἀφέξει τοῦ αὐτοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ τῇ προηγουμένῃ. ταύτας δὲ διειληφότες ἐπισκεψόμεθα πόσους τε κατὰ τὴν ἐξ ἀρχῆς θέσιν ἀπείχεν ἰσημερινούς χρόνους καὶ ἡ ἐπομένη μοῖρα τῆς κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ μεσουράνημα διὰ τῶν ἐπ' ὀρθῆς πάλιν τῆς σφαίρας ἀναφορῶν, καὶ πόσους ὅτε τὰς ἴσας καιρικὰς ὥρας ἐποίει τῇ προηγουμένῃ· πολυπλασιάσαντές τε καὶ ταύτας ἐπὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν τῆς ἐπομένης μοίρας ὠριαίων χρόνων, εἰ μὲν πρὸς τὸ ὑπὲρ γῆν εἴη μεσουράνημα πάλιν ἡ σύγκρισις τῶν καιρικῶν ὠρῶν, τὸ<sup>3</sup> τῶν ἡμερησίων, εἰ δὲ πρὸς τὸ ὑπὸ γῆν τὸ τῶν τῆς νυκτός, καὶ τοὺς γινομένους ἐκ τῆς ὑπεροχῆς ἀμφοτέρων τῶν διαστάσεων λαβόντες ἔξομεν τὸ τῶν ζητουμένων ἔτων πλῆθος.<sup>4</sup>

Ἴνα δὲ φανερώτερον γένηται τὸ λεγόμενον, ὑποκείσθω προηγούμενος μὲν τόπος ἡ ἀρχὴ<sup>5</sup> τοῦ Κριοῦ λόγου ἔνεκεν, ἐπόμενος δὲ ὁ τῆς ἀρχῆς τῶν Διδύμων, κλίμα δὲ ὅπου ἡ μὲν μεγίστη ἡμέρα 137 ὠρῶν ἐστι ἰδ', τὸ δ' ὠριαῖον μέγεθος τῆς ἀρχῆς

<sup>1</sup> καὶ VPLD, om. MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> χρόνους PLAProc., om. VMNDECam.

<sup>3</sup> τὸ (post ὠρῶν) . . . τὸ (post γῆν) VPLD, om. MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> Post πλῆθος ins. cap. Ὑπόδειγμα NCam., om. libri alii.

<sup>5</sup> ἡ ἀρχὴ VDPProc., ὁ τῆς ἀρχῆς alii Cam.



above the earth and nocturnal if it is below. But since the sections of the zodiac which are an equal number of ordinary hours removed from the meridian lie upon one and the same of the aforesaid semi-circles, it will also be necessary to find after how many equinoctial periods the subsequent section will be removed from the same meridian by the same number of ordinary hours as the precedent.<sup>1</sup> When we have determined these, we shall inquire how many equinoctial hours at its original position the degree of the subsequent was removed from the degree at mid-heaven, again by means of ascensions in the right sphere, and how many when it made the same number of ordinary hours as the precedent, multiplying these into the number of the horary periods<sup>2</sup> of the degree of the subsequent; if again the comparison of the ordinary hours relates to the mid-heaven above the earth, multiplying into the number of diurnal hours, but if it relates to that below the earth, the number of nocturnal hours. And taking the results from the difference of the two distances, we shall have the number of years for which the inquiry was made.

To make this clearer, suppose that the precedent place is the beginning of Aries, for example, and the subsequent the beginning of Gemini, and the latitude that where the longest day is fourteen hours long,<sup>3</sup> and the horary magnitude of the beginning of Gemini

<sup>1</sup> For it will then have "come to the same place" that the precedent originally occupied.

<sup>2</sup> Or, horary magnitude.

<sup>3</sup> This is the latitude of lower Egypt; cf. *Almagest*, ii. 6, p. 108, 15 ff. (Heiberg), and the table in ii. 8, pp. 134-141.

τῶν Διδύμων ἔγγιστα χρόνων ἰσημερινῶν ιζ',<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἀνατελλέτω πρῶτον ἡ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Κριοῦ, ἵνα μεσουρανήῃ ἡ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Αἰγοκέρωτος, καὶ ἀπεχέτω<sup>2</sup> τοῦ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουρανήματος ἡ ἀρχὴ τῶν Διδύμων χρόνους ἰσημερινούς ρμη'.<sup>3</sup> ἐπεὶ οὖν ἡ τοῦ Κριοῦ ἀρχὴ ἀπέχει τοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ μεσουρανήματος καιρικὰς ὥρας ἕξ, ταύτας πολλαπλασιάσαντες ἐπὶ τοὺς ιζ' χρόνους, οἷπερ εἰσὶ τοῦ ὠριαίου μεγέθους τῆς ἀρχῆς τῶν Διδύμων, ἐπειδήπερ πρὸς τὸ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουρανήμα ἐστὶν ἡ τῶν ρμη' χρόνων ἀποχή, ἕξομεν καὶ ταύτης τῆς διαστάσεως χρόνους ρβ'.<sup>4</sup> μετὰ τοὺς τῆς ὑπεροχῆς ἄρα χρόνους μς'<sup>5</sup> ὁ ἐπόμενος τόπος ἐπὶ τὸν τοῦ προηγουμένου μεταβήσεται. τοσοῦτοι δ' εἰσὶν ἔγγιστα χρόνοι καὶ τῆς ἀναφορᾶς τοῦ τε Κριοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ταύρου, ἐπειδὴ ὁ ἀφαικὸς τόπος ὑποκεῖται ὠροσκοπῶν.

Μεσουρανεῖτω δὲ ὁμοίως ἡ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Κριοῦ, ἵνα ἀπέχη κατὰ τὴν πρώτην θέσιν ἡ ἀρχὴ τῶν Διδύμων τοῦ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουρανήματος χρόνους ἰσημερινούς νη'. ἐπειδὴ οὖν κατὰ τὴν δευτέραν θέσιν ὀφείλει μεσουρανεῖν ἡ ἀρχὴ τῶν Διδύμων,<sup>6</sup> ἕξομεν τὴν τῶν διαστάσεων ὑπεροχὴν<sup>7</sup> αὐτῶν τῶν<sup>8</sup> νη'<sup>9</sup> χρόνων, ἐν

<sup>1</sup> ιζ' VPLMDEProc., ιζ' ἡ' NACam. Sic et infra.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπεχέτω VAD, ἔστω ἀπέχουσα Proc., ἀπέχει PL, ἀπέχη MNECam.

<sup>3</sup> ρμη' VPLMDEProc., ρμη' μζ' NACam.<sup>1</sup>, ρμη' μη' Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> ρβ' VPLMDEProc., ρβ' μη' NACam.

<sup>5</sup> μς' libri omnes Proc. Cam.<sup>1</sup>, μέ' Cam.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>6</sup> ἡ ἀρχὴ τῶν Διδύμων Proc.; Διδύμων om. VD; om. PLME; ὁ ἀφαικὸς τόπος NACam.

<sup>7</sup> τὴν τῶν διαστάσεων ὑπεροχὴν VPLD; ἡ ὑπεροχὴ τῆς διαστάσεως Proc., τὴν τῆς προτέρας διαστάσεως ὑπεροχὴν MNECam., τὴν τῆς τοιαύτης διαστ. ὑπ. A.

is approximately 17 equinoctial times.<sup>1</sup> Assume first that the beginning of Aries is rising, so that the beginning of Capricorn is at mid-heaven, and let the beginning of Gemini be removed from the mid-heaven above the earth 148 equinoctial times.<sup>2</sup> Now since the beginning of Aries is six ordinary hours<sup>3</sup> removed from the diurnal mid-heaven, multiplying these into the 17 equinoctial times, which are the times of the horary magnitude of the beginning of Gemini, since the distance of 148 times relates to the mid-heaven above the earth, we shall have for this interval also 102 times. Hence, after 46 times, which is the difference, the subsequent place will pass to the position of the precedent. These are very nearly the equinoctial times of the ascension of Aries and Taurus, since it is assumed that the prorogative sign is the horoscope.

Similarly, let the beginning of Aries be at mid-heaven, so that at its original position the beginning of Gemini may be 58 equinoctial times<sup>4</sup> removed from the mid-heaven above the earth. Therefore, since at its second position the beginning of Gemini should be at mid-heaven, we shall have for the difference of the distances precisely this amount of 58 times,

<sup>1</sup> The method described in *Almagest*, ii. 9, cited above, applied to data from the table in *Almagest*, ii. 8, gives 17 times 6 min. 30 sec.

<sup>2</sup> This is reckoned on the right sphere. The data from the table in the *Almagest* will give 147 times 44 min.

<sup>3</sup> Likewise 6 equinoctial hours, since it is an equinoctial point. <sup>4</sup> *I.e.* 148 minus 90.

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<sup>5</sup> αὐτῶν τῶν Π'Ε, τῶν τῶν VD, τῶν Λ'Ρου., αὐτὴν τὴν τῶν ΜΝΑCαμ.

<sup>6</sup> νξ' μδ' Α.

ὅσοις πάλιν διὰ τὸ μεσουρανεῖν τὸν ἀφαιτικὸν τόπον  
διέρχεται τὸν μεσημβρινὸν ὃ τε Κριὸς καὶ ὁ Ταῦρος.  
138 Δυνέτω δὲ τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον ἢ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Κριοῦ,  
ἵνα μεσουρανῆ μὲν ἢ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Καρκίνου, ἀπέχη δὲ  
τοῦ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουρανήματος ἢ ἀρχὴ τῶν Διδύμων  
εἰς τὰ προηγούμενα χρόνους ἰσημερινούς λβ'.<sup>1</sup> ἐπεὶ  
οὖν πάλιν ἕξ ὥρας καιρικὰς ἀπέχει τοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ  
ἢ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Κριοῦ πρὸς δυσμάς, ἐὰν ἑπτακαϊδεκάκις  
ταύτας ποιήσωμεν, ἔξομεν ρβ'.<sup>2</sup> χρόνους, οὓς ἀφέξει  
τοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ καὶ ἢ ἀρχὴ τῶν Διδύμων ὅταν  
δύνη. ἀπέιχε δὲ κατὰ τὴν πρώτην θέσιν ἐπὶ  
τὰ αὐτὰ χρόνους λβ'.<sup>3</sup> ἐν τοῖς τῆς ὑπεροχῆς ἄρα  
χρόνοις ἑβδομήκοντα<sup>4</sup> ἐπὶ τὸ δύνον ἠνέχθη, ἐν οἷς καὶ  
καταφέρεται μὲν ὁ τε Κριὸς καὶ ὁ Ταῦρος, ἀναφέρε-  
ται δὲ τὰ διαμετροῦντα δωδεκατημόρια τό τε τῶν  
Χηλῶν καὶ τὸ τοῦ Σκορπίου.

Ἐποκείσθω τοίνυν ἐπὶ<sup>5</sup> μηδενὸς<sup>6</sup> μὲν οὔσα τῶν  
κέντρων ἢ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Κριοῦ, ἀπέχουσα δὲ λόγου  
ἕνεκεν εἰς τὰ προηγούμενα τῆς μεσημβρίας καιρικὰς  
ὥρας τρεῖς, ἵνα μεσουρανῆ μὲν ἢ τοῦ Ταύρου μοῖρα  
ὀκτωκαϊδεκάτη, ἀπέχη δὲ κατὰ τὴν πρώτην θέσιν ἢ  
τῶν Διδύμων ἀρχὴ τοῦ ὑπὲρ γῆν μεσουρανήματος  
εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα χρόνους ἰσημερινούς δεκατρεῖς. ἐὰν

<sup>1</sup> λβ' VPMDEProc., λη' L, λβ' ις' NACam.<sup>1</sup>, λβ' ιβ' Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> ρβ' VPLMDEProc., ρβ' μη' NACam.

<sup>3</sup> λβ' VPLMDEProc., λβ' ις' NACam.<sup>1</sup>, λβ' ιβ' Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> ἐν τοῖς τῆς ὑπεροχῆς ἄρα χρόνοις ἑβδομήκοντα VD, cf. Proc.;  
ἐν τοῖς τῆς ἄρα ὑπ. ὁ χρόν. P, ἐν ταύτης ἄρα ὑπ. ὁ χρόνος L, ἐν τοῖς  
(add. τῆς E) ὑπὲρ γῆν (γῆς E) ἄρα χρόν. ο' MNAECam., ο' λβ' A.

<sup>5</sup> ἐπὶ VPLDE, ὑπὸ MNACam., ἐν Proc.

<sup>6</sup> μηδενὸς VPLMDE, μηδὲν NACam.



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in which again, because the prorogative sign is at mid-heaven, Aries and Taurus<sup>1</sup> pass through the meridian.

In the same way let the beginning of Aries be setting, so that the beginning of Cancer may be at mid-heaven and the beginning of Gemini may be removed from the mid-heaven above the earth in the direction of the leading signs<sup>2</sup> by 32 equinoctial periods. Since, then, again the beginning of Aries is six ordinary hours removed from the meridian in the direction of the occident, if we multiply this by 17 we shall have 102 times, which will be the distance of the beginning of Gemini from the meridian when it sets. At its first position also it was distant from the same point 32 times; hence it moved to the occident in the 70 times of the difference, in which period also Aries and Taurus descend and the opposite signs Libra and Scorpio ascend.<sup>3</sup>

Now let it be assumed that the beginning of Aries is not on any of the angles, but removed, for example, three ordinary hours from the meridian in the direction of the leading signs, so that the 18th degree of Taurus is at mid-heaven, and in its first position the beginning of Gemini is 13 equinoctial times removed from the mid-heaven above the earth in the order of

<sup>1</sup> The table of the *Almagest* gives 45 times 5 min. for the combined ascensions of these two signs in the latitude of lower Egypt.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* beyond the meridian and toward Aries.

<sup>3</sup> The table of the *Almagest* gives 70 times 23 min.

οὖν πάλιν τοὺς ιζ' <sup>1</sup> χρόνους ἐπὶ τὰς γ' ὥρας πολ-  
 λαπλασιάζωμεν, ἀφέξει μὲν καὶ κατὰ τὴν δευτέραν  
 θέσιν ἢ τῶν Διδύμων ἀρχὴ τῆς μεσημβρίας εἰς τὰ  
 139 προηγούμενα χρόνους να', <sup>2</sup> τοὺς δὲ πάντας ποιήσει  
 χρόνους ξδ'. <sup>3</sup> ἐποίει δὲ διὰ τῆς αὐτῆς ἀγωγῆς, ὅτε  
 μὲν ἀνέτελλεν ὁ ἀφетικὸς τόπος, χρόνους μς', <sup>4</sup> ὅτε  
 δὲ ἐμεσουράνει χρόνους νη', ὅτε δὲ ἔδυνε χρόνους  
 ο'. <sup>5</sup> διήνεγκε μὲν ἄρα καὶ ὁ κατὰ τὴν μεταξὺ θέσιν  
 τῆς τε μεσουρανήσεως καὶ τῆς δύσεως τῶν χρόνων  
 ἀριθμὸς ἐκάστου τῶν ἄλλων. γέγονε γὰρ χρόνων  
 ξδ', διήνεγκε δὲ κατὰ τὸ ἀνάλογον τῆς τῶν γ' ὥρῶν  
 ὑπεροχῆς, ἐπειδήπερ αὕτη <sup>6</sup> ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν ἄλλων <sup>7</sup>  
 κατὰ τὰ κέντρα τεταρτημορίων ιβ' χρόνων ἦν, ἐπὶ  
 δὲ τῆς τῶν τριῶν ὥρῶν ἀποστάσεως ἕξ χρόνων.  
 ἐπεὶ δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ πάντων ἢ αὐτῇ σχεδὸν ἀναλογία  
 συντηρεῖται, δυνατόν ἔσται καὶ κατὰ τοῦτον τὸν  
 τρόπον ἀπλούστερον τῇ μεθόδῳ χρῆσθαι. πάλιν  
 γὰρ ἀνατελλούσης μὲν τῆς προηγουμένης μοίρας  
 ταῖς μέχρι τῆς ἐπομένης ἀναφοραῖς χρῆσόμεθα,  
 μεσουρανούσης δὲ ταῖς ἐπ' ὀρθῆς τῆς σφαίρας,  
 δυνούσης δὲ ταῖς καταφοραῖς. ὅταν δὲ μεταξὺ  
 τούτων ἦ, οἷον λόγου ἔνεκεν ἐπὶ τῆς ἐκκειμένης  
 διαστάσεως τοῦ Κριοῦ, ληψόμεθα πρῶτον τοὺς

<sup>1</sup> ιζ' VPLMDEProc. ; ιζ' η' NACam.

<sup>2</sup> να' VPLMDEProc. ; να' κδ' ACam. ; να' δ' N.

<sup>3</sup> ξδ' VPLMDE ; ξδ' κδ' NACam.<sup>2</sup>, ξδ' κζ' Cam.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>4</sup> μς' libri Proc. Cam.<sup>1</sup> ; με' Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>5</sup> ο' VPLMDEProc. ; ο' λβ' NACam.<sup>1</sup>, λς' Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>6</sup> αὕτη VAD, αὐτῇ PL, αὐτός MNECam.

<sup>7</sup> ἄλλων VPLADProc., ὄλων MNECam.

the following signs.<sup>1</sup> If, then, again we multiply 17 equinoctial times into the three hours, the beginning of Gemini will at its second position be distant from mid-heaven in the direction of the leading signs 51 equinoctial times, and it will make in all 64 times.<sup>2</sup> But it made 46 times by the same procedure when the prorogative place was rising, 58 when it was in mid-heaven, and 70 when it was setting. Hence the number of equinoctial times at the position between mid-heaven and the occident differs from each of the others. For it is 64, and the difference is proportional to the excess of three hours,<sup>3</sup> since this was 12 equinoctial times in the case of the other quadrants at the centres, but 6 equinoctial times in the case of the distance of three hours. And inasmuch as in all cases approximately the same proportion is observed, it will be possible to use the method in this simpler way. For again, when the precedent degree is at rising, we shall employ the ascensions up to the subsequent; if it is at mid-heaven, the degrees on the right sphere; and if it is setting, the descensions. But when it is between these points, for example, at the aforesaid interval from Aries, we shall take

<sup>1</sup> Thus, the first of Aries is west of the meridian and the first of Gemini east of it.

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* 13 times to reach the meridian, plus 51 times beyond it.

<sup>3</sup> *I.e.* the centres are 6 hours removed from one another, and a difference of 12 times is observed when the movement of the subsequent place up to one of the centres is compared with its movement to the next centre in order. Hence when the prorogative place does not move between centre and centre, 6 hours, but only half of that time, this differential also will be only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of its full amount, 6 times instead of 12 times.

ἐπιβάλλοντας χρόνους ἑκατέρω<sup>1</sup> τῶν περιεχόντων<sup>2</sup> κέντρων, εὐρήσομεν δέ, ἐπειδὴ μετὰ τὸ μεσουράνημα τὸ ὑπὲρ γῆν ὑπέκειτο ἢ ἀρχὴ τοῦ Κριοῦ μεταξὺ τοῦ τε μεσουρανοῦντος κέντρου καὶ τοῦ δύνοντος, τοὺς ἐπιβάλλοντας χρόνους<sup>3</sup> μέχρι τῆς ἀρχῆς τῶν Διδύμων, τῶν μὲν συμμασουρανήσεων νη', τῶν δὲ συγκαταδύσεων ο'. ἔπειτα μαθόντες,<sup>4</sup> ὡς προκίται, πόσας καιρικὰς ὥρας ἀπέχει τὸ προηγούμενον τμήμα ὁποτέρου τῶν κέντρων, ὅσον<sup>5</sup> ἂν ὦσι μέρος αὐταὶ τῶν τοῦ τε τεταρτημορίου καιρικῶν ὥρῶν ἕξ, τοσοῦτον μέρος τῆς ἀμφοτέρων τῶν συναγωγῶν ὑπεροχῆς προσθήσομεν ἢ ἀφελούμεν τῶν συγκρινομένων κέντρων.<sup>6</sup> οἷον ἐπεὶ τῶν προκειμένων ο' καὶ νη' <sup>7</sup> ἢ ὑπεροχὴ ἐστὶ χρόνων β', ὑπέκειτο δὲ τὰς ἴσας καιρικὰς ὥρας γ' ὁ προηγούμενος τόπος ἑκατέρου τῶν κέντρων ἀπέχων, αἶ εἰσι τῶν ἕξ ὥρῶν ἡμισυ μέρος, λαβόντες <sup>8</sup> καὶ τῶν β' τὸ ἡμισυ καὶ ἦτοι τοῖς νη' προσθέντες ἢ τῶν ο' ἀφελόντες, εὐρήσομεν τὴν ἐπιβολὴν χρόνων ξδ'.<sup>8</sup> εἰ δέ γε δύο καιρικὰς ὥρας ἀπείχεν ὁπότερον τῶν κέντρων, αἶ εἰσι τῶν σ' ὥρῶν τρίτον μέρος,<sup>10</sup> τὸ τρίτον πάλιν τῶν τῆς ὑπεροχῆς β' χρόνων, τουτέστι τοὺς δ', εἰ μὲν ἢ τῶν δύο ὥρῶν ἀποχὴ ἀπὸ τοῦ μεσουρανήματος

<sup>1</sup> ἑκατέρω VMADE, -ων PLNCam.

<sup>2</sup> περιεχόντων VP (-εχόντων) LD, -ομένων NMAECam.

<sup>3</sup> Post χρόνους add. ξδ' ἔγγιστα NACam.; om. VPLMDEProc.

<sup>4</sup> μαθόντες VPLMADEProc.; -ωμεν NCam.

<sup>5</sup> Post ὅσον add. δ' Cam.; om. libri.

<sup>6</sup> τῶν συγκρινομένων κέντρων VLDProc., τῶ συγκρινομένῳ κέντρῳ PMNAECam.

<sup>7</sup> ο' καὶ νη' VPLDProc.; ἑτῶν add. VD.; ὥρῶν MNAECam.



first the equinoctial times corresponding to each of the surrounding angles, and we shall find, since the beginning of Aries was assumed to be beyond the mid-heaven above the earth, between mid-heaven and the occident, that the corresponding equinoctial times up to the first of Gemini from mid-heaven are 58 and from the occident 70. Next let us ascertain, as was set forth above,<sup>1</sup> how many ordinary hours the precedent section is removed from either of the angles, and whatever fraction they may be of the six ordinary hours of the quadrant, that fraction of the difference between both sums we shall add to or subtract from the angle with which comparison is made. For example, since the difference between the above mentioned 70 and 58 is 12 times, and it was assumed that the precedent place was removed by an equal number of ordinary hours, three, from each of the angles, which are one half of the six hours, then taking also one-half of the 12 equinoctial times and either adding them to the 58 or subtracting them from the 70, we shall find the result to be 64 times. But if it was removed two ordinary hours from either one of the angles, which are one-third of the six hours, again we shall take one-third of the 12 times of the excess, that is, 4, and if the removal by two hours had been assumed to be from the mid-heaven, we would have added

<sup>1</sup> See p. 297.

<sup>8</sup> δὲ post λαβόντες add. MNCam.

<sup>9</sup> ξα' NMCam.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>10</sup> τρίτον μέρος οἰμ. MNCam

ὑπέκειτο,<sup>1</sup> προσεθήκαμεν ἂν τοῖς νη' χρόνοις · εἰ δ' ἀπὸ τοῦ δύνοντος, ἀφείλομεν ἂν ἀπὸ τῶν ο'.

141 Ὁ μὲν οὖν τρόπος τῆς τῶν χρονικῶν διαστάσεων<sup>2</sup> ποσότητος οὕτως ἡμῖν κατὰ τὸ ἀκόλουθον ὀφείλει λαμβάνεσθαι. διακρινοῦμεν δὲ λοιπὸν ἐφ' ἐκάστης τῶν προειρημένων ὑπαντήσεων ἢ καταδύσεων, κατὰ τὴν ἀπὸ τῶν ὀλιγοχροنيωτέρων τάξιν, τὰς τε ἀναιρε-  
 τικὰς καὶ τὰς κλιμακτηρικὰς καὶ τὰς ἄλλως παροδικὰς, διὰ τε τοῦ ἢ κεκακῶσθαι τὴν ὑπάντησιν ἢ βοηθεῖσθαι κατὰ τὸν προειρημένον ἡμῖν τρόπον, καὶ διὰ τῶν καθ' ἕκαστον τῶν διασημαινομένων ἐκ τῆς ὑπαντήσεως χρονικῶν ἐπεμβάσεων. κεκακωμένων τε γὰρ ἅμα τῶν τόπων καὶ τῆς πρὸς τὴν ἐπέμβασιν τῶν ἐτῶν παρόδου τῶν ἀστέρων κακοποιούσης τοὺς κυριωτάτους τόπους, ἄντικρυς θανάτους ὑπονοητέον · τοῦ δ' ἑτέρου τούτων φιλανθρωποῦντος κλιμακτῆρας μεγάλους καὶ ἐπισφαλεῖς · ἀμφοτέρων δὲ<sup>3</sup> νωθρίας μόνον ἢ βλαβὰς καὶ καθαιρέσεις παροδικὰς, τῆς καὶ ἐν τούτοις ιδιότητος λαμβανομένης ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν ὑπαντικῶν<sup>4</sup> τόπων πρὸς τὰ τῆς γενέσεως πράγματα συνοικειώσεως. οὐδὲν δὲ ἐνίστε κωλύει, δισταζομένων τῶν τὴν ἀναιρετικὴν κυρίαν λαμβάνειν ὀφειλόντων, τὰς καθ' ἕκαστον αὐτῶν ὑπαντήσεις ἐπιλογι-

<sup>1</sup> ἢ . . . ἀποχὴ . . . ὑπέκειτο VPLDProc. ; αἰ . . . ἀποχαὶ . . . ὑπέκειντο MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> διαστάσεων PLA, -εως VMNDECam.

<sup>3</sup> δὲ om. ECam.

<sup>4</sup> ὑπαντητικῶν MNECam.

<sup>1</sup> The prorogations, which are determined by the approach of the anaeretic place to that of the prorogator, or the setting of the prorogator.

them to the 58 times, but if it was measured from the occident we would have subtracted them from 70.

The method of ascertaining the amount of the temporal intervals ought in this way consistently to be followed. For the rest, we shall determine in each of the aforesaid cases of approach or setting,<sup>1</sup> in the order of those that ascend more rapidly, those which are destructive, climacteric, or otherwise transitional,<sup>2</sup> according as the meeting is afflicted or assisted in the way we have already explained,<sup>3</sup> and by means of the particular significance of the predictions made from the temporal ingresses of the meeting.<sup>4</sup> For when at the same time the places are afflicted and the transit of the stars relative to the ingress of the years of life afflicts the governing places, we must understand that death is definitely signified; if one of them is benignant, great and dangerous crises; if both are benignant, only sluggishness, injuries, or transitory disasters. In these matters the special quality is ascertained from the familiarity of the occurrent places with the circumstances of the nativity. Sometimes, when it is doubtful which ought to take over the destroying

<sup>2</sup> *I.e.* we shall discover whether the periods determined by such prorogations as have been described are terminated by actual death, some important crisis, or an event of less importance. *Cf.* Hephaestion ap. *CCAG*, viii. 2, p. 81, 1 ff.

<sup>3</sup> The reference is to what was said earlier in the chapter about the influence of the various planets; see pp. 281 ff.

<sup>4</sup> *Cf.* what is said about the chronocrators in the latter part of iv. 10.

ζομένους ἤτοι ταῖς μάλιστα πρὸς τὰ ἐκβάντα ἤδη τῶν συμπτωμάτων συμφωνούσαις καὶ πρὸς τὰ μέλλοντα κατακολουθεῖν, ἢ πρὸς ἀπάσας ὡς κατ' ἰσότητα τῆς δυνάμεως ἰσχυούσας παρατηρητικῶς ἔχειν, τὸ μᾶλλον καὶ ἦττον αὐτῶν κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον ἐπισκεπτομένων.

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σωματικῆς

Ἐφοδευομένης δὲ καὶ τῆς τοῦ περὶ χρόνων ζωῆς  
142 λόγου πραγματείας, λέγομεν ἀρχὴν τὴν κατὰ μέρος λαβόντες κατὰ τὴν οἰκείαν τάξιν περὶ τε τῆς μορφῆς καὶ τῆς σωματικῆς διατυπώσεως, ἐπειδὴ καὶ τὰ τοῦ σώματος τῶν τῆς ψυχῆς<sup>1</sup> προτυποῦται κατὰ φύσιν, τοῦ μὲν σώματος διὰ τὸ ὑλικώτερον συγγενωμένας ἔχοντος σχεδὸν τὰς τῶν ἰδιοσυγκράσεων φαντασίας, τῆς δὲ ψυχῆς μετὰ ταῦτα καὶ κατὰ μικρὸν τὰς ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης αἰτίας ἐπιτηδειότητος ἀναδεικνυούσης, τῶν δ' ἐκτὸς ἔτι μᾶλλον ὕστερον<sup>2</sup> κατὰ τὸν ἐφεξῆς χρόνον ἐπισυμπιπτόντων.

Παρατηρητέον οὖν καθ' ὅλου μὲν τὸν ἀνατολικὸν ὀρίζοντα καὶ τοὺς ἐπόντας ἢ τοὺς τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν αὐτοῦ λαμβάνοντας τῶν πλανωμένων καθ' ὃν εἰρήκαμεν τρόπον, ἐπὶ μέρους δὲ καὶ τὴν σελήνην ὡσαύτως. διὰ γὰρ τῆς τῶν τόπων τούτων ἀμφοτέρων καὶ τῆς τῶν οἰκοδεσποτησάντων διαμορφωτικῆς φύσεως καὶ τῆς καθ' ἑκάτερον εἶδος συγκράσεως

<sup>1</sup> τῶν τῆς ψυχῆς VPL (τὸν . . .) D, πρὸς τὴν ψυχὴν MNAEProc. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ὕστερον VP (εἶστ-) LDProc. ; om. MNAECam.



power, there is nothing to prevent our calculating the occurrences of each and then either following, in predicting the future, the occurrences which most agree with past events, or observing them all, as having equal power, determining as before the question of their degree.

### 11. *Of Bodily Form and Temperament.*

Now that the procedure in the matter of the length of life has been explained, we speak about the form and character of the body, beginning the detailed discussion in the proper order, inasmuch as naturally, too, the bodily parts are formed prior to the soul; for the body, because it is more material, carries almost from birth the outward appearances of its idiosyncrasies, while the soul shows forth the characters conferred upon it by the first cause only afterwards and little by little, and external accidental qualities come about still later in time.

We must, then, in general observe the eastern horizon and the planets that are upon it or assume its rulership in the way already explained;<sup>1</sup> and in particular also the moon as well; for it is through the formative power of these two places<sup>2</sup> and of their rulers and through the mixture of the two kinds,<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See iii. 2 (p. 233).

<sup>2</sup> The eastern horizon and the place where the moon is found.

<sup>3</sup> Apparently, the influence of the places and that of their rulers are the two "kinds" to which reference is made.

καὶ ἔτι τῆς τῶν συνανατελλόντων αὐτοῖς ἀπλανῶν ἀστέρων σχηματογραφίας τὰ περὶ τὰς διατυπώσεις τῶν σωμάτων θεωρεῖται, πρωτευόντων μὲν τῇ δυνάμει τῶν τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν ἔχόντων ἀστέρων, ἐπισυνεργούσης δὲ καὶ τῆς τῶν τόπων αὐτῶν ἰδιοτροπίας.

Τὸ μέντοι καθ' ἕκαστον, καὶ ὡς ἂν τις ἀπλῶς οὕτως ἀποδοίῃ, τοῦτον ἔχει τὸν τρόπον. πρῶτον γὰρ ἐπὶ τῶν ἀστέρων ὁ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου ἀνατο-  
 143 λικὸς ὢν τὴν μὲν μορφήν μελίχροας ποιεῖ καὶ εὐεκτικούς καὶ μελανότριχας καὶ οὐλοκεφάλους καὶ δασυστέρνους<sup>1</sup> καὶ μεσοφθάλμους<sup>2</sup> καὶ συμμέτρους τοῖς μεγέθεσι, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ μᾶλλον ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ὑγρῷ καὶ ψυχρῷ· δυτικὸς δὲ ὑπάρχων τῇ μὲν μορφῇ μέλανας καὶ σπινώδεις καὶ μικροὺς καὶ ἀπλότριχας καὶ ὑποσίλους καὶ ὑπορρύθμους καὶ μελανοφθάλμους, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ<sup>3</sup> μᾶλλον ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ξηρῷ καὶ ψυχρῷ.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς οἰκοδεσποτήσας τοὺς προκειμένους τόπους ἀνατολικὸς τῇ μὲν μορφῇ ποιεῖ λευκοὺς ἐπὶ τὸ εὐχρουν καὶ μεσότριχας καὶ μεγαλοφθάλμους<sup>4</sup> καὶ εὐμεγέθεις καὶ ἀξιωματικούς, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ πλέον ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ θερμῷ καὶ ὑγρῷ. δυτικὸς δὲ ὑπάρχων τῇ μὲν χροᾷ λευκοὺς μὲν, οὐκ ἐπὶ τὸ εὐχρουν δὲ ὁμοίως·<sup>5</sup> τετανότριχάς τε ἢ καὶ ἀναφαλάκρους<sup>6</sup> καὶ μεσοφαλάκρους καὶ μετρίους τοῖς

<sup>1</sup> καὶ δασυστέρνους VPLD, cf. Proc. : om. MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> μεσοφθάλμους VPLDProc., μεγαλοφθάλμους MNAECam.

<sup>3</sup> τὸ om. MNECam.

<sup>4</sup> μεγαλοφθάλμους VP (-μας) LDE Proc., μελανοφθάλμους MNACam.

and furthermore through the forms of the fixed stars that are rising at the same time, that the conformation of the body is ascertained; the ruling planets have most power in this matter and the special characters of their places aid them.

The detailed account, then, as one might report it in simple terms, is this: First, among the planets, Saturn, if he is in the orient, makes his subjects in appearance dark-skinned, robust, black-haired, curly-haired, hairy-chested, with eyes of moderate size, of middling stature, and in temperament having an excess of the moist and cold. If Saturn is setting, in appearance he makes them dark, slender, small, straight-haired, with little hair on the body, rather graceful, and black-eyed; in temperament, sharing most in the cold and dry.

Jupiter, as the ruler of the aforesaid regions, when he is rising, makes his subjects in appearance light of skin, but in such a way as to have a good colour, with moderately curling hair and large eyes, tall, and commanding respect; in temperament they exceed in the hot and the moist. When Jupiter is setting, he makes his subjects light, to be sure, but not as before, in such a way as to give them a good colour, and with lank hair or even bald in front and on the

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<sup>5</sup> δὲ post ὁμοίως add. MNECam.

<sup>6</sup> ἀνοφαλάκρους Proe., ἀνωφαλάκρους Cam.<sup>2</sup>, ἀναφαλανταίους VD, ἀναφαντολιακούς P, ἀναφανταλιαίους L, ἀναφαλάνδους MNAECam.<sup>1</sup>.

μεγέθεσι, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ὑγρῷ.

Ἄδὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως ὁμοίως<sup>1</sup> ἀνατολικὸς τῇ μὲν μορφῇ ποιεῖ λευκερύθρους καὶ εὐμεγέθεις καὶ εὐέκτας καὶ γλαυκοφθάλμους καὶ δασεῖς καὶ μεσότριχας, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ θερμῷ καὶ ξηρῷ. δυτικὸς δὲ ὑπάρχων τῇ μὲν μορφῇ ἐρυθροὺς ἀπλῶς καὶ μετρίους τοῖς μεγέθεσι καὶ μικροφθάλμους<sup>2</sup>  
 144 καὶ ὑποσίλους καὶ ξανθότριχας καὶ τετανούς, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ξηρῷ.

Ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης τὰ παραπλήσια ποιεῖ τῷ τοῦ Διός, ἐπὶ μέντοι τὸ εὐμορφότερον καὶ ἐπιχαριτώτερον καὶ γυναικοπρεπωδέστερον καὶ θηλυμορφότερον<sup>3</sup> καὶ εὐχυμότερον καὶ τρυφερώτερον. ἰδίως δὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς ποιεῖ μετὰ τοῦ εὐπρεποῦς ὑποχαροπούς.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἀνατολικὸς τῇ μὲν μορφῇ ποιεῖ μελίχροας καὶ συμμέτρους τοῖς μεγέθεσι καὶ εὐρύθμους καὶ μικροφθάλμους καὶ μεσότριχας, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ θερμῷ. δυτικὸς δὲ ὑπάρχων τῇ μὲν μορφῇ λευκοὺς μὲν, οὐκ ἐπὶ τὸ εὐχρουν δὲ ὁμοίως, τετανότριχας,<sup>4</sup> μελανοχλώρους<sup>5</sup> καὶ σπινούς<sup>6</sup> καὶ ἰσχνούς καὶ λοξοφθάλμους τε<sup>7</sup> καὶ αἰγοπούς<sup>8</sup> καὶ ὑπερύθρους, τῇ δὲ κράσει τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ξηρῷ.

<sup>1</sup> ὁμοίως VPLD, om. MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> μικροφθάλμους VPLDEProc., μικροκεφάλους MNAECam.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ θηλυμορφότερον (or -φωτ-) VPLDProc., καὶ εὐσχημονέστερον MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> λευκοὺς . . . τετανότριχας VPLDProc., om. MNAECam.



crown, and of average stature ; in temperament they have an excess of the moist.

Similarly, Mars, when rising, makes his subjects in appearance red and white of complexion, tall and robust, gray-eyed, with thick hair, somewhat curly, and in temperament showing an excess of the warm and dry. When he is setting, he makes them in appearance simply ruddy, of middle height, with small eyes, not much hair on the body, and straight yellow hair ; their temperament exceeds in the dry.

Venus has effects similar to Jupiter's, but is apt to make her subjects more shapely, graceful, womanish, effeminate in figure, plump, and luxurious. On her own proper account she makes the eyes bright as well as beautiful.

Mercury, in the orient, makes his subjects in appearance sallow, of moderate height, graceful, with small eyes and moderately curling hair ; in temperament, showing an excess of the warm. In the occident he makes them, in appearance, of light but not of good colouring, with straight hair and olive complexion, lean and spare, with glancing, brilliant eyes,<sup>1</sup> and somewhat ruddy ; in temperament they exceed in the dry.

<sup>1</sup>The text is perhaps corrupt ; *αἰγοπός* seems to be otherwise unknown.

<sup>6</sup> *μελανοχλάρους* PLProc., *μελαγχλάρους* VD, *μελίχροας* MNAECam.

<sup>6</sup> *σπινοῦς* PLEProc., *σπιροῦς* VD, *σπανοῦς* MNACam.

<sup>7</sup> *λοξοφθάλμους τε* PL, *ληξοφθάλμους τε* V, *ξηροφθάλμους τε* D, *κοινοφθάλμους* N, *κυνοφθάλμους* Cam.<sup>1</sup>, *κοιλοφθάλμους* MAECam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>8</sup> *αἰγοπός* P (-ωπ-) LProc., *αἰγόπλους* VD, *αἰγόποδας* MNAECam.<sup>1</sup>, *αἰγίλοπας* Cam.<sup>2</sup>

Συνεργοῦσι δ' ἐκάστω τούτων σχηματισθέντες, ὁ μὲν ἥλιος ἐπὶ τὸ μεγαλοπρεπέστερον καὶ εὐεκτικώτερον, ἢ δὲ σελήνη, καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν τὴν ἀπόρροϊαν αὐτῆς ἐπέχωσι, καθ' ὅλου μὲν ἐπὶ τὸ συμμετρώτερον καὶ ἰσχυρότερον καὶ τῇ κράσει ὑγρότερον, κατὰ μέρος δ' ἀναλόγως τῇ τῶν φωτισμῶν ιδιότητι κατὰ τὴν ἐν ἀρχῇ τῆς συντάξεως ἐκτεθειμένην κρᾶσιν.<sup>1</sup>

Πάλιν δὲ καθ' ὅλου ἐῷοι μὲν ὄντες καὶ φάσεις ποιησάμενοι μεγαλοποιούσι τὰ σώματα, στηρίζοντες δὲ τὸ πρῶτον ἰσχυρὰ καὶ εὔτονα, προηγούμενοι  
145 δὲ ἀσύμμετρα, τὸ δὲ δεύτερον στηρίζοντες ἀσθενέστερα, δύνοντες δὲ ἄδοξα μὲν παντελῶς, οἰστικά δὲ κακουχιῶν καὶ συνοχῶν.<sup>2</sup>

Καὶ τῶν τόπων δὲ αὐτῶν πρὸς τοὺς σχηματισμοὺς μάλιστα τῶν διατυπώσεων καὶ τὰς κράσεις, ὡς ἔφαμεν, συνεργούντων,<sup>3</sup> καθ' ὅλου δὲ πάλιν τὸ μὲν ἀπὸ ἐαρινῆς ἰσημερίας ἐπὶ θερινὴν τροπὴν τεταρτημύριον ποιεῖ εὔχροας εὐμεγέθεις εὐέκτας εὐοφθάλμους, τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ὑγρῷ

<sup>1</sup> κατὰ . . . κρᾶσιν VPLD, καθ' ὡς περὶ κράσεως ἐν ἀρχῇ τῆς συντάξεως ἔφαμεν Proc., καθάπερ ἐν ἀρχῇ τῆς συντάξεως ἐξεθέμεθα MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ συνοχῶν libri, cf. Proc.; om. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> συνεργούντων VPLDProc., συνοικειούντων MNECam., συνοικειούντων καὶ συνεργούντων A.

<sup>1</sup> See i. 24.

<sup>2</sup> Probably a reference to the last paragraph of i. 10, but the anonymous commentator (p. 136, ed. Wolf) seems to think it refers to i. 8.

<sup>3</sup> The commentator's (*l.c.*) explanation of this phrase is "being oriental" (ἀνατολικοὶ τυχόντες). Tho φάσεις,

The luminaries assist each of these when they bear an aspect to them, the sun tending to a more impressive and robust effect, and the moon, especially when she is separating<sup>1</sup> from the planets, in general tending toward better proportion and greater slenderness, and toward a more moist temperament; but in particular cases her effect is proportioned to the special quality of her illumination, in accordance with the system of intermixture explained in the beginning of the treatise.<sup>2</sup>

Again, generally, when the planets are morning stars and make an appearance,<sup>3</sup> they make the body large; at their first station, powerful and muscular; when they are moving forward,<sup>4</sup> not well-proportioned; at their second station, rather weak; and at setting, entirely without repute but able to bear hardship and oppression.

Likewise their places, as we have said,<sup>5</sup> take an important part in the formation of the bodily characters and temperaments. In general terms, once more, the quadrant from the spring equinox to the summer solstice makes the subjects well-favoured in complexion, stature, robustness, and eyes, and exceeding

"appearances," "phases," are the positions of the planets with respect to the sun.

<sup>4</sup> Strangely enough, according to the ancient terminology, when the planets are "moving forward" (in the direction of the diurnal movement, "in the direction of the leading signs," or east to west) they are "retreating" (*ἀναποδίζοντες*) with respect to their (west to east) motion in their own orbits; cf. Bonché-Leclercq, p. 429, 1 (on this passage) and p. 117, 1. The commentator (*l.c.*) here says, *τουτέστιν, ἀφαιρετικοί* (probably *ἀφαιρετικοί* should be read).

<sup>5</sup> He refers to places in the zodiac and to i. 10.

καὶ θερμῶ· τὸ δ' ἀπὸ θερινῆς τροπῆς μέχρι μετοπωρινῆς ἰσημερίας μεσόχροας συμμέτρους τοῖς μεγέθεσιν εὐέκτας μεγαλοφθάλμους<sup>1</sup> δασεῖς οὐλότριχας, τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ θερμῷ καὶ ξηρῷ· τὸ δ' ἀπὸ μετοπωρινῆς ἰσημερίας μέχρι χειμερινῆς τροπῆς μελίχροας ἰσχνούς σπινώδεις παθηνοὺς<sup>2</sup> μεσότριχας εὐοφθάλμους, τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ξηρῷ καὶ ψυχρῷ. τὸ δ' ἀπὸ χειμερινῆς τροπῆς ἕως ἑαρινῆς ἰσημερίας μελανόχροας συμμέτρους τοῖς μεγέθεσι τετανότριχας ὑποψίλους ὑπορῦθμους,<sup>3</sup> τὸ πλεόν ἔχοντας ἐν τῷ ὑγρῷ καὶ ψυχρῷ.

Κατὰ μέρος δὲ τὰ μὲν ἀνθρωποειδῆ τῶν ζῴδιων τῶν τε ἐν τῷ ζῴδιακῷ καὶ τῶν ἐκτὸς εὐρυθμα καὶ σύμμετρα τοῖς σχήμασι τὰ σώματα κατασκευάζει. τὰ δ' ἑτερόμορφα μετασχηματίζει πρὸς τὸ τῆς ἰδίας μορφώσεως οἰκείον τὰς τοῦ σώματος συμ-  
 146 μετρίας καὶ κατὰ τινα λόγον ἀφομοιοῖ τὰ οἰκεία μέρη τοῖς ἑαυτῶν, ἢτοι ἐπὶ τὸ μείζον καὶ ἔλαττον ἢ ἐπὶ τὸ ἰσχυρότερον καὶ ἀσθενέστερον<sup>4</sup> ἢ ἐπὶ τὸ εὐρυθμώτερον καὶ ἀρρυθμώτερον·<sup>5</sup> ἐπὶ τὸ μείζον μὲν ὡς λόγου ἔνεκεν ὁ Λέων καὶ ἡ Παρθένος καὶ ὁ Τοξότης, ἐπὶ τὸ ἔλαττον δὲ ὡς οἱ Ἰχθύς καὶ ὁ Καρκίνος καὶ ὁ Αἰγόκερως. καὶ πάλιν ὡς<sup>6</sup> τοῦ Κριοῦ καὶ τοῦ Ταύρου καὶ τοῦ Λέοντος τὰ μὲν ἄνω καὶ ἐμπρόσθια ἐπὶ τὸ εὐεκτικώτερον, τὰ δὲ κάτω καὶ ὀπίσθια ἐπὶ τὸ ἀσθενέστερον· τὸ δ' ἐναντίον ὡς τὸ

<sup>1</sup> μεγαλοφθάλμους VDProc., μελανοφθάλμους MNAECam., ὑοφθάλμους P, εὐθάλμους L.

<sup>2</sup> παθηνοὺς VD, παθινοὺς PL, νοσεροὺς Proc.; σπανοὺς NACam., σπανθινοὺς ME.



in the moist and warm. The quadrant from the summer solstice to the autumn equinox produces individuals with moderately good complexion and moderate height, robust, with large eyes and thick and curly hair, exceeding in the warm and dry. The quadrant from the autumn equinox to the winter solstice makes them sallow, spare, slender, sickly, with moderately curling hair and good eyes, exceeding in the dry and cold. The quadrant from the winter solstice to the spring equinox produces individuals of dark complexion, moderate height, straight hair, with little hair on their bodies, somewhat graceful, and exceeding in the cold and moist.

In particular, the constellations both within and outside of the zodiac which are of human shape produce bodies which are harmonious of movement and well-proportioned; those however which are of other than human shape modify the bodily proportions to correspond to their own peculiarities, and after a fashion make the corresponding parts like their own, larger and smaller, or stronger and weaker, or more and less graceful. For example, Leo, Virgo, and Sagittarius make them larger; others, as Pisces, Cancer, and Capricorn, smaller. And again, as in the case of Aries, Taurus, and Leo, the upper and fore parts make them more robust and the lower and hind parts weaker. Conversely the fore parts of

<sup>3</sup> ὑπο(ρ)ύθμους VMADE, ὑποερύθμους PL, εὐαρμόστους Proc., om. Cam.

<sup>4</sup> Post ἀσθενέστερον add. ἢ ἐπὶ τὸ VPLD, καὶ MNAECam.

<sup>5</sup> καὶ ἀρρυθμότερον E; ἀρρυθμώτερον (ἀριθ- L) καὶ εὐρυθμώτερον PL; cf. Proc.; καὶ ἀρρ. om. VMNADCam.

<sup>6</sup> ἐπὶ post ὡς add. MNAECam.

τοῦ Τοξότου καὶ τοῦ Σκορπίου καὶ τῶν Διδύμων  
τὰ μὲν ἐμπρόσθια ἐπὶ τὸ ἰσχυρότερον,<sup>1</sup> τὰ δὲ ὀπίσθια  
ἐπὶ τὸ εὐεκτικώτερον· ὁμοίως δὲ ὡς ἡ μὲν Παρθένος  
καὶ αἱ Χηλαὶ καὶ ὁ Τοξότης ἐπὶ τὸ σύμμετρον  
καὶ εὐρυθμον, ὁ δὲ Σκορπίος καὶ οἱ Ἰχθύς καὶ ὁ  
Ταῦρος ἐπὶ τὸ ἄρρυθμον καὶ ἀσύμμετρον, καὶ ἐπὶ  
τῶν ἄλλων ὁμοίως. ἄπερ ἅπαντα συνεφορῶντας  
καὶ συνεπικίρναντας<sup>2</sup> προσήκει τὴν ἐκ τῆς κράσεως  
συναγομένην ἰδιοτροπίαν περί τε τὰς μορφώσεις καὶ  
τὰς κράσεις τῶν σωμάτων καταστοχάζεσθαι.

⟨ιβ.⟩ Περὶ σινῶν καὶ παθῶν  
σωματικῶν

Ἐπομένου δὲ τούτοις τοῦ περὶ τὰ σωματικὰ σίνη  
τε καὶ πάθη λόγου, συνάψομεν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τὸ<sup>3</sup>  
ἐξῆς τὴν κατὰ τοῦτο τὸ εἶδος συνισταμένην ἐπί-  
σκεψιν ἔχουσιν οὕτως. καὶ ἐνταῦθα γὰρ<sup>4</sup> πρὸς  
μὲν τὴν καθ' ὅλου διάληψιν ἀποβλέπειν δεῖ πρὸς  
τὰ τοῦ ὀρίζοντος δύο κέντρα, τουτέστι τὸ ἀνατέλλον  
147 καὶ τὸ δύνον, μάλιστα δὲ πρὸς τε τὸ δύνον αὐτὸ  
καὶ πρὸς τὸ προδύνον,<sup>5</sup> ὃ ἐστὶν ἀσύνδετον τῷ  
ἀνατολικῷ κέντρῳ, καὶ παρατηρεῖν τοὺς κακω-  
τικούς τῶν ἀστέρων πῶς ἐσχηματισμένοι πρὸς  
αὐτὰ τυγχάνουσιν. εἴν γὰρ πρὸς τὰς ἐπαναφερο-  
μένας μοίρας τῶν εἰρημένων τόπων ὦσιν ἐστῶτες

<sup>1</sup> ἰσχυρότερον VPA, τῶν ἰσχυρότερων L, ἰσχυρότερον D, ἀσθε-  
νέστερον MNECam.Proc.

<sup>2</sup> συνεπικίρναντας VD; cf. Proc.; συνεπικρίνοντας PLMNAE  
Cam.

Sagittarius, Scorpio, and Gemini cause slenderness and the hind parts robustness. Similarly too Virgo, Libra, and Sagittarius tend to make them well-proportioned and graceful, while Scorpio, Pisces, and Taurus bring about awkwardness and disproportion. So it is with the rest, and it is fitting that we should observe and combine all these things and make a conjecture as to the character which results from the mixture, with regard both to the form and to the temperament of the body.

### 12. *Of Bodily Injuries and Diseases.*

Since the subject which comes next is that which treats of the injuries and diseases of the body, we shall attach here in regular order the method of investigation devised for this form of query. It is as follows. In this case also, to gain a general comprehension, it is necessary to look to the two angles of the horizon, that is, the orient and the occident, and especially to the occident itself and the sign preceding it, which is disjunct<sup>1</sup> from the oriental angle. We must also observe what aspect the maleficent planets bear to them. For if they, one or both of them, are stationed against the ascending degrees of the aforesaid

<sup>1</sup> See i. 16; this sign is the fifth from the ascendant and is the so-called sixth house.

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<sup>3</sup> αὐτοῖς κατὰ τὸ VPL (καὶ τὸ) ADE; cf. Proc.; om. NCam.

<sup>4</sup> γὰρ VPLADE, ἐν M, om. NCam.

<sup>5</sup> προδύνον P, δύνον VMD, om. LE, τὸ πρὸ δύσεως Proc., ἡγούμενον NACam.

ἦτοι σωματικῶς ἢ τετραγωνικῶς ἢ καὶ κατὰ διάμετρον, ἦτοι ὁπότερος αὐτῶν ἢ καὶ ἀμφότεροι, σίνη καὶ πάθη σωματικὰ περὶ τοὺς γεννωμένους ὑπονοητέον, μάλιστα δ' ἂν καὶ τῶν φωτῶν ἦτοι τὸ ἕτερον ἢ καὶ ἀμφότερα κεκεντρωμένα καθ' ὃν εἰρήκαμεν τρόπον τυγχάνη ἢ ἅμα ἢ κατὰ διάμετρον. τότε γὰρ οὐ μόνον ἐὰν ἐπαναφέρηται τις τῶν κακοποιῶν, ἀλλὰ καὶ προαναφέρηται τῶν φωτῶν, αὐτὸς κεκεντρωμένος, ἱκανός ἐστι διαθεῖναι τι τῶν ἐκκειμένων ὁποῖον ἂν οἱ τε τοῦ ὀρίζοντος τόποι καὶ οἱ τῶν ζωδίων ὑποφαίνωσι σίνος ἢ πάθος, καὶ αἱ τῶν ἀστέρων φύσεις τῶν τε κακούντων καὶ τῶν κακουμένων καὶ ἔτι τῶν συσχηματιζομένων αὐτοῖς. τά τε γὰρ μέρη τῶν ζωδίων ἐκάστου τὰ περιέχοντα τὸ ἀδικούμενον μέρος τοῦ ὀρίζοντος δηλώσει τὸ μέρος τοῦ σώματος περὶ ὃ ἔσται τὸ αἷτιον καὶ πότερον σίνος ἢ πάθος ἢ καὶ ἀμφότερα τὸ δηλούμενον μέρος ἐπιδέξασθαι δυνατόν, αἶ τε τῶν ἀστέρων φύσεις τὰ εἶδη καὶ τὰς αἰτίας τῶν συμπτωμάτων ποιῶσιν,<sup>1</sup> ἐπειδὴ τῶν κυριωτάτων τοῦ ἀνθρώπου μερῶν ὁ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου κύριός ἐστιν ἀκοῶν τε δεξιῶν καὶ σπληνός καὶ κύστεως καὶ φλέγματος καὶ ὀστέων· ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς ἀφῆς τε καὶ πνεύμονος καὶ ἀρτηριῶν καὶ σπέρματος· ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἀκοῶν εὐωνύμων καὶ νεφρῶν καὶ φλεβῶν καὶ μορίων· ὁ δὲ ἥλιος ὀράσεως καὶ ἐγκεφάλου καὶ καρδίας καὶ νεύρων καὶ τῶν δεξιῶν πάντων· ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ὀσφρήσεώς τε καὶ ἥπατος καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ποιῶσιν VPLADProc., om. MNECam.



places, either bodily on them or quartile or in opposition to them, we must conclude that the subjects born will suffer bodily injuries and disease, especially if either one or both of the luminaries as well chance to be angular in the manner described,<sup>1</sup> or in opposition. For in that case not only if one of the maleficent planets is rising after the luminaries, but even if it is rising before them and is itself angular, it has power to produce one of the aforesaid injuries or diseases of such kind as the places of the horizon and of the signs may indicate, likewise what is indicated by the natures of the afflicting and the afflicted<sup>2</sup> planets, and moreover by those that bear an aspect toward them. For the parts of the individual signs of the zodiac which surround the afflicted portion of the horizon will indicate the part of the body which the portent will concern, and whether the part indicated can suffer an injury or a disease or both, and the natures of the planets produce the kinds and causes of the events that are to occur. For, of the most important parts of the human body, Saturn is lord<sup>3</sup> of the right ear, the spleen, the bladder, the phlegm, and the bones; Jupiter is lord of touch, the lungs, arteries, and semen; Mars of the left ear, kidneys, veins, and genitals; the sun of the sight, the brain, heart, sinews and all the right-hand parts; Venus of

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* in either the first or seventh house (orient or occident), and not at either of the other two angles.

<sup>2</sup> See on iii. 9 (p. 267).

<sup>3</sup> A planetary melothesia (distribution of parts of the body to the planets) follows. On such *cf.* Boll-Bezold-Gundel, p. 138, and *P. Mich.* 149, col. ii., 31 ff. (University of Michigan Studies, Humanistic Series, vol. xl.).

σαρκῶν ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ λόγου καὶ διανοίας καὶ γλώσσης καὶ χολῆς καὶ ἔδρας ἡ δὲ σελήνη γεύσεώς τε καὶ καταπόσεως καὶ στομάχου καὶ κοιλίας καὶ μήτρας καὶ τῶν εὐωνύμων πάντων.

Ἔστι δὲ τῶν καθ' ὄλου καὶ τὰ σίνη μὲν ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ συμπίπτειν ἀνατολικῶν ὄντων τῶν τὸ αἴτιον ποιούντων κακοποιῶν, πάθη δὲ τούναντίον δυτικῶν αὐτῶν ὑπαρχόντων ἐπειδήπερ καὶ διώρισται τούτων ἐκάτερον τῶ τὸ μὲν σίνος ἅπαξ διατιθέναι καὶ μὴ διατείνουσιν ἔχειν τὴν ἀλγηδόνα, τὸ δὲ πάθος ἦτοι συνεχῶς ἢ ἐπιληπτικῶς τοῖς πάσχουσιν ἐπισκῆπτειν.

Πρὸς δὲ τὴν κατὰ μέρος ἐπιβολὴν ἤδη τινὰ παρατηρήσεως ἔτυχεν ἐξαιρέτου σινωτικά τε καὶ παθητικά σχήματα, διὰ τῶν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν κατὰ τὰς ὁμοιοσχήμονας θέσεις παρακολουθούντων συμπτωμάτων. πηρώσεις γὰρ ὄψεως ἀποτελοῦνται κατὰ μὲν τὸν ἕτερον τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν ὅταν τε ἡ σελήνη καθ' αὐτὴν<sup>1</sup> ἐπὶ τῶν προειρημένων οὔσα  
 149 κέντρων ἢ συνοδεύουσα ἢ πανσεληνιαζούσα τύχη, καὶ ὅταν ἐφ' ἑτέρου<sup>2</sup> μὲν ἢ πρὸς τὸν ἥλιον σχήματος τῶν λόγον<sup>3</sup> ἐχόντων, συνάπτῃ δέ<sup>4</sup> τινι τῶν νεφελειδῶν ἐν τῷ ζωδιακῷ συστροφῶν, ὡς τῷ νεφελίῳ<sup>5</sup> τοῦ Καρκίνου καὶ τῇ Πλειάδι τοῦ Ταύρου<sup>6</sup> καὶ τῇ ἀκίδι τοῦ Τοξότου καὶ τῷ κέντρῳ τοῦ Σκορπίου καὶ τοῖς περὶ τὸν Πλόκαμον μέρεσι τοῦ Λέοντος ἢ τῇ καλπιδι τοῦ Ὑδροχόου· καὶ

<sup>1</sup> καθ' (ἐ)αυτῆς VPADEProc., καθ' ἑαυτοὺς L, κατ' αὐτὴν MNCam.; post haec verba add. ἐκτροπήκ Cam., om. libri Proc.

smell, the liver, and the flesh; Mercury of speech and thought, the tongue, the bile, and the buttocks; the moon of taste and drinking, the stomach, belly, womb, and all the left-hand parts.

For the most part it is a general principle that injuries occur when the significant maleficent planets are oriental, and diseases, conversely, when they are setting. The reason for this is that these two things are distinguished thus—an injury affects the subject once for all and does not involve lasting pain, while disease bears upon the patient either continuously or in sudden attacks.

For the purpose of ascertaining particulars, certain configurations significant of injury or sickness have been specially observed, by means of the events which generally accompany such positions of the stars. For blindness in one eye is brought about when the moon by itself is upon the aforesaid angles, or is in conjunction, or is full, and when it is in another aspect that bears a relation to the sun, but applies to one of the star clusters in the zodiac, as for example to the cluster in Cancer, and to the Pleiades of Taurus, to the arrow point of Sagittarius, to the sting of Scorpio, to the parts of Leo around the Coma Berenices, or to the pitcher of Aquarius;

<sup>2</sup> *ἐτέρου* VPLD, *ἐκατέρου* MNAECam.; *soquitur* in MNACam. *τῶν*, PL *μέν*, VD *μέν ἤ*, E *μέν τῶν*.

<sup>3</sup> *τῶν λόγων* κτλ. ME, *τῶν λόγων* VD, *τὸν λόγον* PL, *λόγον* NACam.

<sup>4</sup> *συνάπτῃ* δὲ PEProc., *συνάπτει* δὲ VLMD, *καὶ ὅταν συνάπτῃ* NA (-ῆται Λ).

<sup>5</sup> *τῶ νεφελίῳ* VMNADEProc., *τῶν ἐφελίων* P, *τῶν νεφελίων* L, οἰη. Cam.

<sup>6</sup> *τοῦ Ταύρου* VADProc., οἰη. PLMNECam.

ὅταν ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἢ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου ἐπικέντρῳ οὔσῃ αὐτῇ καὶ ἀποκρουστικῇ ἀνατολικοὶ αὐτοὶ ὄντες ἐπιφέρωνται ἢ πάλιν τοῦ ἡλίου αὐτοὶ ἐπικέντροι ὄντες προαναφέρωνται. ἔαν δὲ ἀμφοτέρους ἅμα τοῖς φωσὶν ἦτοι κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ ζώδιον ἢ καὶ κατὰ διάμετρον, ὡς εἶπομεν, συσχηματισθῶσιν, ἐῷοι μὲν τῷ ἡλίῳ ὄντες, τῇ δὲ σελήνῃ ἐσπέριοι, περὶ ἀμφοτέρους τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς τὸ αἷτιον ποιήσουσιν. ὁ μὲν γὰρ <sup>1</sup> τοῦ Ἄρεως ἀπὸ πληγῆς ἢ κρούσματος ἢ σιδήρου ἢ κατακαύματος ποιεῖ τὰς πηρώσεις, μετὰ δὲ Ἑρμοῦ συσχηματισθεὶς ἐν παλαιίστραις καὶ γυμνασίοις ἢ κακουργῶν ἐφόδοις. ὁ δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου δι' ὑποχύσεων ἢ ψύξεων ἢ ἀπογλαυκώσεων καὶ τῶν τοιούτων· πάλιν ἔαν ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐπίτινος ἢ τῶν προειρημένων κέντρων, μάλιστα δὲ ἐπὶ τοῦ δύνοντος, τῷ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου συνὼν ἢ καὶ συσχηματιζόμενος ἢ ἐνηλλαχῶς τοὺς τόπους, ὑπὸ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως καθυπερτερούμενος ἢ διαμετρούμενος, οἱ μὲν ἄνδρες ἄγονοι γίνονται, αἱ δὲ γυναῖκες ἐκτρωσμοῖς ἢ ὠμοτοκίαις ἢ καὶ ἐμβρυοτομίαις <sup>2</sup> <sup>150</sup> περικυλίνονται,<sup>3</sup> μάλιστα δὲ ἐν Καρκίνῳ καὶ Παρθένῳ καὶ Αἰγοκέρῳτι.<sup>4</sup> κἂν ἢ σελήνῃ ἀπ' ἀνατολῆς τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως συνάπτῃ, ἔαν δὲ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ συσχηματισθῇ σὺν τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου, τοῦ τοῦ Ἄρεως πάλιν καθυπερτεροῦντος ἢ διαμετροῦντος, εὐνοῦχοι ἢ ἔρμα-

<sup>1</sup> μὲν γὰρ VD, μὲν οὖν PLProc., μὲν MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐμβρυοτομίαις VNADECam.<sup>1</sup>, ἐμβρυοτομίαις M; cf. τὰ ἔμβρυα . . . κατακοπήσεται Proc.; ἐμβρυοτοκίαις Cam.<sup>2</sup>, om. PL.



## TETRABIBLOS III. 12

and whenever Mars or Saturn moves toward the moon, when it is angular and waning and they are rising, or again when they ascend before the sun, being themselves angular. But if they are in aspect with both luminaries at once, either in the same sign or in opposition, as we said, morning stars with respect to the sun and evening stars to the moon, they will affect both eyes; for Mars brings about blindness from a blow, a thrust, iron, or burning; when he has Mercury in aspect, in palaestras and gymnasiums or by felonious attack. Saturn causes it by suffusion, cold, glaucoma, and the like. Again if Venus is upon one of the aforesaid angles, particularly the occident, if she is joined with Saturn or is in aspect with him or has exchanged houses, and is inferior to Mars or has him in opposition, the men who are born are sterile, and the women are subject to miscarriages, premature births, or even to embryotomies, particularly in Cancer, Virgo, and Capricorn.<sup>1</sup> And if the moon at rising applies to Mars, and if she also bears the same aspect to Mercury that Saturn does, while Mars again is elevated above her or is in opposition, the children born are eunuchs or

<sup>1</sup>Certain MSS. here add, "when the moon applies to the star clusters she incapacitates the eyes," which, as Camerarius notes in the margin of the second edition, is redundant here.

<sup>2</sup>περικυλίωνται VNMDECam.<sup>1</sup>, περικηλύονται P, παρακηλύονται L, ἐπικυλίωνται A, κηλοῦνται Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Post Αἰγοκέρωτι add. καὶ τοῖς νεφελοειδέσι συνάπτουσα ὀφθαλμὸν πηροῖ ἢ σελήνη VNADCam. (in mg. \*notatum et haec redundant in hoc loco Cam.<sup>2</sup>); om. PLMEProc.

φρόδιτοι ἢ ἄτρωγλοι καὶ ἄτρητοι<sup>1</sup> γίνονται. τούτων δὲ οὕτως ἐχόντων, ἐπὶ καὶ ὁ ἥλιος συσχηματισθῆ, τῶν μὲν φωτῶν καὶ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἡρρενωμένων, ἀποκρουστικῆς δὲ τῆς σελήνης οὔσης καὶ τῶν κακοποιῶν ἐν ταῖς ἐπαναφερομέναις<sup>2</sup> μοίραις ἐπιφερομένων, οἱ μὲν ἄνδρες ἀπόκοποι ἢ τὰ μόρια σεσινωμένοι γίνονται καὶ μάλιστα ἐν Κριῶ καὶ Λέοντι καὶ Σκορπίῳ καὶ Αἰγόκερω<sup>3</sup> καὶ Ὑδροχόῳ, αἱ δὲ γυναῖκες ἄτοκοι καὶ στεῖραι. ἐνίοτε δὲ οὐδ' ἀσινεῖς ταῖς ὄψεσιν οἱ τοιοῦτοι διαμένουσιν, ἐμποδιζονται δὲ τὴν γλῶτταν καὶ γίνονται τραυλοὶ ἢ μογιάλαι ὅσοι τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ συνόντας ἐπὶ τῶν εἰρημένων κέντρων ἔχουσι τῷ ἡλίῳ, μάλιστα δ' ἂν καὶ δυτικὸς ἢ ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ συσχηματίζονται ἀμφότεροι τῇ σελήνῃ· τούτοις δ' ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως παρατυχῶν λύειν εἴωθεν ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ τὸ τῆς γλώττης ἐμπόδιον ἀφ' οὗ ἂν ἡ σελήνη τὴν πρὸς αὐτὸν συνάντησιν<sup>4</sup> ποιήσῃται. πάλιν ἐὰν ἦτοι τὰ φῶτα ἐπικέντροις τοῖς κακοποιοῖς ἐπιφέρηται<sup>5</sup> ἅμα ἢ κατὰ διάμετρον, ἢ ἐὰν τοῖς φωσίν οἱ κακοποιοί, καὶ μάλιστα τῆς σελήνης ἐπὶ συνδέσμων ἢ ἐπὶ καμπίων οὔσης ἢ 151 ἐπὶ τῶν ἐπαιτίων ζωδίων, οἷον Κριοῦ, Ταύρου, Καρκίνου, Σκορπίου, Αἰγόκερω, γίνονται λωβήσεις τοῦ σώματος κυρτώσεων ἢ κυλλώσεων ἢ χωλώσεων

<sup>1</sup> ἄτρωγλοι καὶ ἄτρητοι VAD, ἄτρω. κ. ἀτροίτη P, ἀτρογλοι κ. ἄτρωτοι L, ἄτρωγλοι καὶ om. MNECam., μὴ ἔχοντες τρυπήματα μηδὲ διέξοδον Proc.

<sup>2</sup> ἐν ταῖς μοίραις ταῖς ἐπαναφερομέναις Proc., ταῖς ἐπαναφ. μοίραις PVAD, τοῖς ἐπαναφερομένοις μοίραις L, κατὰ τὰς ἐπαναφερομένας μοίρας MNECam.

hermaphrodites or have no ducts and vents.<sup>1</sup> Since this is so, when the sun also is in aspect, if the luminaries and Venus are made masculine, the moon is waning, and the maleficent planets are approaching in the succeeding degrees, the males that are born will be deprived of their sexual organs or injured therein, particularly in Aries, Leo, Scorpio, Capricorn, and Aquarius, and the females will be childless and sterile. Sometimes those who have such genitures continue not without injury to the sight also; but those suffer impediment of speech, lisp, or have difficulty in enunciation who have Saturn and Mercury joined with the sun at the aforesaid angles, particularly if Mercury is also setting and both bear some aspect to the moon. When Mars is present with them he is generally apt to loosen the impediment to the tongue, after the moon meets him. Again, if the luminaries, together or in opposition, move toward the maleficent planets upon the angles, or if the maleficent planets move toward the luminaries, particularly when the moon is at the nodes<sup>2</sup> or her bendings, or in the injurious signs such as Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio, or Capricorn, there come about deformations of the body such as hunchback,

<sup>1</sup> Proclus paraphrases thus: ἢ μὴ ἔχοντες τρυπήματα μηδὲ διέξοδον.

<sup>2</sup> The points at which the moon's path intersects the ecliptic. The "bendings" are the points quartile to the nodes (cf. the anonymous commentator, p. 139, ed. Wolf).

<sup>3</sup> καὶ Λέοντι . . . Αἰγόκερω VPLDProc., om. MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> συνάντησιν VPLADProc., ἀπάντησιν MNECam.

<sup>5</sup> ἐπιφέρηται VPLDProc., ἐπαναφέρηται MNAECam.<sup>1</sup>, ἐπαναφέρωνται Cum.<sup>2</sup>

ἢ παραλύσεων, εἰ μὲν σὺν τοῖς φωσὶν ὧσιν οἱ  
κακοποιοὶ ἀπὸ τῆς γενέσεως αὐτῆς, εἰ δὲ ἐν τοῖς  
μεσουρανήμασι καθυπερτεροῦντες τὰ φῶτα ἢ δια-  
μηκίζοντες ἀλλήλους ὧσιν ἀπὸ κινδύνων μεγάλων,  
ὡς τῶν ἀποκρημνισμῶν ἢ συμπτώσεων ἢ λησθηρίων  
ἢ τετραπόδων · Ἄρεως μὲν ἐπικρατοῦντος, τῶν διὰ  
πυρὸς ἢ τραυμάτων ἢ χολικῶν<sup>1</sup> ἢ λησθηρίων ·  
Κρόνου δὲ τῶν διὰ συμπτώσεων ἢ ναυαγίων ἢ  
σπασμῶν.

Ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ δὲ γίνεται σίγη καὶ περὶ τὰ  
τροπικὰ καὶ ἰσημερινὰ σημεῖα τῆς σελήνης οὕσης,  
μάλιστα δὲ περὶ μὲν τὸ ἔαρινόν τὰ δι' ἀλφῶν.  
περὶ δὲ τὸ θερινόν τὰ διὰ λειχίνων · περὶ δὲ τὸ  
μετοπωρινόν τὰ διὰ λεπρῶν · περὶ δὲ τὸ χειμερινόν  
τὰ διὰ φακῶν καὶ τῶν ὁμοίων. πάθη δὲ συμβαίνειν  
εἴωθεν ὅταν ἐπὶ τῶν προκειμένων στάσεων οἱ κακο-  
ποιοὶ συσχηματισθῶσι, κατὰ τὸ ἐναντίον μέντοι,  
τουτέστιν ἐσπέριοι μὲν τῷ ἡλιῷ, τῇ δὲ σελήνῃ ἐῷι.  
καθ' ὅλου γὰρ ὁ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου ψυχροκοιλίους ποιεῖ  
καὶ πολυφλεγμάτους καὶ ρευματώδεις, κατίσχνους  
τε καὶ ἀσθενικοὺς καὶ ἰκτερικοὺς<sup>2</sup> καὶ δυσεντερι-  
κοὺς καὶ βηχικοὺς καὶ ἀναφορικοὺς καὶ κωλικοὺς καὶ  
ἐλεφαντιῶντας · τὰς δὲ γυναῖκας ἔτι καὶ ὑστερικός.  
152 ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως αἵμαπτοϊκοὺς μελαγχολικοὺς<sup>3</sup>  
πνευμονικοὺς ψωριῶντας · ἔτι δὲ τοὺς διὰ τομῶν ἢ  
καύσεων<sup>4</sup> κρυπτῶν τόπων συνεχῶς ἐνοχλουμένους  
συρίγγων ἕνεκεν ἢ αἱμορροϊδῶν ἢ κονδυλωμάτων<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ἢ χολικῶν VP (χολοικ-) LADProc.; ὀχλικῶν MNECam.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἰκτερικοὺς om. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> μελαγχολικοὺς om. Cam.



crookedness, lameness, or paralysis, congenital if the maleficent planets are joined with the luminaries, but if they are at the mid-heaven points, elevated above the luminaries or in opposition one to the other, the deformations will result from serious dangers, such as falls from a height, the collapse of houses, or the attacks of robbers or animals. If Mars prevails, the danger is from fire, wounds, bilious attacks, or robberies; if it is Saturn, through collapse of buildings, shipwreck, or spasms.

For the most part injuries come about when the moon is near the solstitial or equinoctial signs, particularly at the spring equinox, injuries by white leprosy; at the summer solstice, by lichens; at the fall equinox, by leprosy; at the winter solstice, by moles and the like. Diseases are likely to result when at the positions already described the maleficent planets are in aspect, but in the opposite sense, that is, evening stars with respect to the sun and morning stars to the moon. For in general Saturn causes his subjects to have cold bellies, increases the phlegm, makes them rheumatic, meagre, weak, jaundiced, and prone to dysentery, coughing, raising, colic, and elephantiasis; the females he makes also subject to diseases of the womb. Mars causes men to spit blood, makes them melancholy, weakens their lungs, and causes the itch or scurvy; and furthermore he causes them to be constantly irritated by cutting or cautery of the secret parts because of fistulas, hæmorrhoids,

\* Post καύσεων add. ἡ PLMNAECam; cf. Proc., διὰ καύσεως ἢ τομῆς εἰς κρυπτοὺς τόπους κτλ.

<sup>5</sup> ἡ κονδυλωμάτων VP (-λομ-) LDEProc., om. MNACam.; add. ἡ καὶ πυρωμάτων MNACam.

ἢ καὶ τῶν πυρωδῶν ἐλκώσεων ἢ νομῶν· τὰς δὲ γυναικας ἔτι καὶ ἐκτρωσμοῖς ἢ ἐμβρυοτομίαις<sup>1</sup> ἢ ἀναβρώσεσιν εἴωθε περικυλίειν. ἰδίως δὲ καὶ παρὰ<sup>2</sup> τὰς προειρημένας τῶν συσχηματιζομένων ἀστέρων φύσεις πρὸς τὰ μέρη τοῦ σώματος τὰ ἰδιώματα ποιούσι τῶν παθῶν.

Συνεργεῖ δ' αὐτοῖς μάλιστα πρὸς τὰς ἐπιτάσεις τῶν φαύλων ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἀστήρ, τῷ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου πρὸς τὸ ψυχρὸν συνοικειούμενος καὶ μᾶλλον ἐν κινήσει συνεχεῖ ποιῶν τοὺς ῥευματισμοὺς καὶ τὰς τῶν ὑγρῶν ὀχλήσεις, ἐξαιρέτως δὲ τῶν περὶ θώρακα καὶ φάρυγγα καὶ στόμαχον· τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρειος πρὸς τὸ ξηραντικώτερον συνεπισχύων, ὡς ἐπὶ τε τῶν ἐλκωδῶν πτιλώσεων<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἐσχαρῶν καὶ ἀποστημάτων καὶ ἐρυσιπελάτων καὶ λειχήνων ἀγρίων καὶ μελαίνης χολῆς ἢ μανίας<sup>4</sup> ἢ νόσου ἱεράς ἢ τῶν τοιούτων.

Καὶ παρὰ τὰς τῶν ζῴδιων ἐναλλαγὰς τῶν τοὺς προειρημένους ἐπὶ τῶν δύο κέντρων συσχηματισμοὺς περιεχόντων γίνονται τινες ποιότητες παθῶν. ἰδίως γὰρ ὁ μὲν Καρκίνος καὶ ὁ Αἰγόκερως καὶ οἱ Ἰχθύς καὶ ὄλως τὰ χερσαῖα καὶ τὰ ἰχθυϊκὰ ζῴδια  
153 τὰ διὰ τῶν νομῶν πάθη ποιεῖ καὶ λειχήνων ἢ λεπίδων<sup>5</sup> ἢ χοιράδων ἢ συρίγγων ἢ ἐλεφαντιάσεων καὶ τῶν τοιούτων. ὁ δὲ Τοξότης καὶ οἱ Δίδυμοι

<sup>1</sup> ἐμβρυοτοκίας NCam.

<sup>2</sup> παρὰ VPLD, περὶ MNAECam.

<sup>3</sup> πτιλώσεων ego; πτηλώσεων PL, πιλώσεων VD, ψιλώσεων MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἢ μανίας VPLMADProc., om. NECam.

or tumours, or also burning ulcers, or eating sores; he is apt to afflict women furthermore with miscarriages, embryotomies, or corrosive diseases. Of themselves, they also bring about the properties of disease in agreement with the natures, which have been already discussed, of the planets in aspect, as they relate to the parts of the body.<sup>1</sup>

Mercury assists them<sup>2</sup> chiefly to prolong the evil effects, when he is allied with Saturn inclining toward cold and continually stirring into activity rheumatisms and gatherings of fluid, particularly about the chest, throat, and stomach. When he is allied with Mars he adds his force to produce greater dryness, as in cases of ulcerous sore eyes, eschars,<sup>3</sup> abscesses, erysipelas, savage lichens or skin eruptions, black bile, insanity, the sacred disease,<sup>4</sup> or the like.

Certain qualities of disease are determined by changes among the zodiacal signs which surround the aforesaid configurations on the two angles. For in particular Cancer, Capricorn, and Pisces, and in general the terrestrial and piscine signs, cause diseases involving eating sores, lichens, scales, scrofula, fistulas, elephantiasis, and the like. Sagittarius and Gemini are responsible for those that come

<sup>1</sup> The reference is to the planetary melothesia, earlier in the chapter (p. 319). Acting in their own proper characters (*ιδίως*), the maleficent planets will affect those parts of the body of which, in the melothesia, they were said to be the "lords".

<sup>2</sup> Saturn and Mars, the maleficent planets.

<sup>3</sup> Dry sloughs, crusts, or scabs.

<sup>4</sup> Epilepsy.

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<sup>6</sup> ἡ λεπίδων VD, ἡ λοιπίδων P, ὁ δὲ πίδων I, ἡ λεπρῶν MNAE, om. Cam.

τὰ διὰ πτωματισμῶν ἢ ἐπιλήψεων · καὶ ἐν ταῖς ἐσχάταις δὲ μοίραις παρατυγχάνοντες οἱ ἀστέρες τῶν δωδεκατημορίων περὶ τὰ ἄκρα μάλιστα τὰ πάθη<sup>1</sup> καὶ τὰ σίγη ποιοῦσι διὰ λωβήσεων ἢ ρευματισμῶν, ἀφ' ὧν καὶ ἐλεφαντιάσεις τε καὶ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν χειράγραι καὶ ποδάγραι συμβαίνουσι. τούτων δὲ οὕτως ἐχόντων, ἐὰν μὲν μηδεὶς τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν συσχηματίζεται τοῖς τὰ αἴτια ποιοῦσι κακοποιοῖς ἢ τοῖς κεντρομένοις φωσίν, ἀνιάτα καὶ ἐπαχθῆ τά τε σίγη καὶ τὰ πάθη γενήσεται · ὡσαύτως δὲ κἂν συσχηματίζονται μὲν, καθυπερτερῶνται δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν κακοποιῶν ἐν δυνάμει ὄντων. ἐὰν δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ κατὰ κυρίων ὄντες σχημάτων καθυπερτερῶσι τοὺς τὸ αἴτιον ἐμποιοῦντας κακοποιούς, τότε τὰ σίγη εὐσχήμονα καὶ οὐκ ἐπονείδιστα γίνεται καὶ τὰ πάθη μέτρια καὶ εὐπαρηγόρητα, ἔσθ' ὅτε δὲ καὶ εὐαπάλλακτα, ἀνατολικῶν ὄντων τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν. ὁ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ Διὸς βοθηταῖς ἀνθρωπίνας διὰ πλούτων ἢ ἀξιομάτων τά τε σίγη κρύπτειν εἴωθε καὶ τὰ πάθη παρηγορεῖν · σὺν δὲ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ φαρμακείαις ἢ ἰατρῶν ἀγαθῶν ἐπικουρίαις. ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης διὰ προφάσεως θεῶν καὶ χρησμῶν τὰ  
 154 μὲν σίγη τρόπον τινὰ εὐμορφα καὶ ἐπιχαρῆ κατασκευάζει, τὰ δὲ πάθη ταῖς ἀπὸ θεῶν ἰατρείαις εὐπαρηγόρητα · τοῦ μέντοι Κρόνου προσόντος μετὰ παραδειγματισμῶν καὶ ἐξαγοριῶν<sup>2</sup> καὶ τῶν τοιού-

<sup>1</sup> ἄκρα μάλιστα τὰ πάθη VPLD, ἄγρια καὶ μάλιστα πάθη NCam.<sup>1</sup>, ἄγρια μάλιστα πάθη MAE, ἐσχατα μέλη τὰ πάθη Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> ἐξαγοριῶν VD, -ειῶν A, ἐξαγοριῶν P, ἐξαγωνίων L, cf. ἐξαγορεύειν Proc. ; ἐξαγορεύσεων MNECam.



about with falling fits or epileptic seizures. And when the planets are in the last degrees of the signs they cause diseases and injuries especially in the extremities, through lesions or rheumatism, from which elephantiasis and, in general, gout in the feet and hands result. Since this is the case, if no beneficent planet bears an aspect to the maleficent ones which furnish the cause, or to the luminaries on the centres, the injuries and diseases will be incurable and painful; so also, if they bear an aspect but the maleficent planets are in power and overcome them. But if the beneficent planets are themselves in the authoritative positions and overcome the maleficent planets that bear the responsibility for the evil, then the injuries are not disfiguring and do not entail reproach and the diseases are moderate and yield to treatment, and sometimes they may be easily cured, if the beneficent planets are rising. For Jupiter generally causes the injuries to be concealed by human aid through riches or honours, and the diseases to be mitigated; and in company with Mercury he brings this about by drugs and the aid of good physicians. And Venus contrives that through pronouncements of the gods and oracles the blemishes shall be, in a way, comely and attractive,<sup>1</sup> and that the diseases shall be readily moderated by divine healing; if however Saturn is by, the healing will be accompanied by exhibition and

<sup>1</sup> Cf. the famous passage of the *Republic* (474DE) in which Plato tells how lovers praise the irregular features and the complexions of their favourites.

των· τοῦ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ μετ' ἐπικουρίας καὶ πορισμοῦ τινος δι' αὐτῶν τῶν σινῶν ἢ καὶ παθῶν τοῖς ἔχουσι περιγυνομένου.

<ἰγ> Περὶ ποιότητος ψυχῆς

Περὶ μὲν οὖν τῶν σωματικῶν συμπτωμάτων ὁ τύπος τῆς ἐπισκέψεως τοιοῦτος ἄν τις εἶη. τῶν δὲ ψυχικῶν ποιότητων αἱ μὲν περὶ τὸ λογικὸν καὶ νοερὸν μέρος καταλαμβάνονται διὰ τῆς κατὰ τὸν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἀστέρα θεωρουμένης ἐκάστοτε περιστάσεως· αἱ δὲ περὶ τὸ αἰσθητικὸν<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἄλογον ἀπὸ τοῦ σωματοδεστέρου τῶν φωτῶν,<sup>2</sup> τουτέστι τῆς σελήνης, καὶ τῶν πρὸς τὰς ἀπορροίας ἢ καὶ τὰς συναφὰς αὐτῆς συνεσχηματισμένων ἀστέρων. πολυτροπωτάτου δ' ὄντος τοῦ κατὰ τὰς ψυχικὰς ὁρμὰς εἶδους εἰκότως ἄν καὶ τὴν τοιαύτην ἐπίσκεψιν οὐχ ἀπλῶς οὐδ' ὡς ἔτυχε ποιούμεθα, διὰ πλειόνων δὲ καὶ ποικίλων παρατηρήσεων. καὶ γὰρ αἱ τῶν ζωδίων τῶν περιεχόντων τὸν τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ τὴν σελήνην ἢ τοὺς τὴν ἐπικράτησιν αὐτῶν εἰληφώτας ἀστέρας διαφοραὶ πολὺ δύνανται συμβάλλεσθαι πρὸς τὰ τῶν ψυχικῶν<sup>3</sup> ἰδιώματα, καὶ οἱ τῶν λόγον ἔχόντων πρὸς τὸ προκείμενον εἶδος ἀστέρων σχη-

155 ματισμοὶ πρὸς ἡλίον τε καὶ τὰ κέντρα, καὶ ἔτι τὸ

<sup>1</sup> αἰσθητικὸν VDA (mg. : γρ. ἠθικόν), αἰσθητὸν PL ; cf. αἰσθησιον Proc. ; ἠθικόν MNECam.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ σωματοδεστέρου τῶν φωτῶν A ; similia habent VPLD ; τῶν σωματοδεστέρων φωτῶν MNCam., τῶν σ. τῶν φ. E.

<sup>3</sup> ψυχικῶν VP (-χη-) LDE, ψυχῶν MNACam.

confession of the disease,<sup>1</sup> and such like, but if Mercury<sup>2</sup> is joined with her it will be with the accrual of use and gain, through the injuries and diseases themselves, to those that have them.

### 13. *Of the Quality of the Soul.*

The character, then, of the inquiry into bodily affections would be of this sort. Of the qualities of the soul, those which concern the reason and the mind are apprehended by means of the condition of Mercury observed on the particular occasion; and the qualities of the sensory and irrational part are discovered from the one of the luminaries which is the more corporeal, that is, the moon, and from the planets which are configured with her in her separations and applications.<sup>3</sup> But since the variety of the impulses of the soul is great, it stands to reason that we would make such an inquiry in no simple or offhand manner, but by means of many complicated observations. For indeed the differences between the signs which contain Mercury and the moon, or the planets that dominate them, can contribute much to the character of the soul; so likewise do the aspects to the sun and the angles shown by the planets that are related to the class of qualities under consideration, and, furthermore,

<sup>1</sup>The commentator (p. 141, ed. Wolf) says that this refers to the custom of taking the sick to temples for healing. So the disease would be openly exhibited and spoken of. Proclus indicates that the cure is through display and confession.

<sup>2</sup>Hermes (Mercury) was the god of commerce and gain.

<sup>3</sup>*Cf.* i. 24.

κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν ἐκάστου τῶν ἀστέρων φύσιν πρὸς τὰς ψυχικὰς κινήσεις ἰδιότροπον.

Τῶν μὲν οὖν ζωδίων καθ' ὅλου τὰ μὲν τροπικὰ δημοτικωτέρας ποιεῖ τὰς ψυχὰς ὀχλικῶν τε καὶ πολιτικῶν πραγμάτων ἐπιθυμητικὰς, ἔτι δὲ φιλοδόξους καὶ θεοπροσπλόκους<sup>1</sup> εὐφνεῖς τε καὶ εὐκινήτους, ζητητικὰς τε καὶ εὐρετικὰς, εὐεικάστους καὶ ἀστρολογικὰς<sup>2</sup> καὶ μαντικὰς· τὰ δὲ δίσωμα ποικίλας, εὐμεταβόλους, δυσκαταλήπτους, κούφας, εὐμεταθέτους, διπλᾶς, ἐρωτικὰς, πολυτρόπους, φιλομούσους, ῥαθύμους, εὐπορίστους, μεταμελητικὰς· τὰ δὲ στερεὰ δικαίας, ἀκολακεύτους, ἐπιμόνους, βεβαίας, συνετάς, ὑπομονητικὰς, φιλοπόνους, σκληράς, ἐγκρατεῖς, μνησικάκους, ἐκβιβαστικὰς,<sup>3</sup> ἐριστικὰς, φιλοτίμους, στασιώδεις, πλεονεκτικὰς, ἀποκρότους, ἀμεταθέτους.

Τῶν δὲ σχηματισμῶν αἱ μὲν ἀνατολικαὶ καὶ ὠροσκοπικαὶ καὶ μάλιστα αἱ ἰδιοπροσωπικαὶ ἐλευθερίου καὶ ἀπλᾶς καὶ αὐθάδεις καὶ ἰσχυρὰς καὶ εὐφνεῖς καὶ ὀξειάς καὶ ἀπαρακαλύπτους τὰς ψυχὰς ἀπεργάζονται· οἱ δὲ ἔῳοι στηριγμοὶ καὶ αἱ μεσουρανήσεις ἐπιλογιστικὰς, ἐπιμόνους, μνημονευτικὰς, βεβαίας, συνετάς, μεγαλόφρονας, ἀποτελεστικὰς ὧν βούλονται, ἀτρέπτους, ῥωμαλέας, ὠμάς, ἀνεξαπατήτους, κριτικὰς, ἐμπράκτους, κολαστικὰς, ἐπιστημονικὰς·  
156 αἱ δὲ προηγῆσεις καὶ αἱ δύσεις εὐμεταθέτους,

<sup>1</sup> θεοπροσπλόκους NCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀστρολογικὰς PLMAE, ἀστρολογίας VD; cf. Proc., ἀπολογικὰς N, -ητικὰς Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἐκβιβαστικὰς VP (-ηκας) L (ἐκβαβ-) MADEProc. Cam.<sup>1</sup>; ἐκβιαστικὰ; NCam.<sup>2</sup>



that peculiar natural quality of each one of the planets which relates to the movements of the soul.

Of the signs of the zodiac in general, then, the solstitial signs produce souls fitted for dealing with the people, fond of turbulence and political activity, glory-seeking, moreover, and attentive to the gods, noble, mobile, inquisitive, inventive, good at conjecture, and fitted for astrology and divination. The bicorporeal signs make souls complex, changeable, hard to apprehend, light, unstable, fickle, amorous, versatile, fond of music, lazy, easily acquisitive, prone to change their minds. The solid signs make them just, unaffected by flattery, persistent, firm, intelligent, patient, industrious, stern, self-controlled, tenacious of grudges, extortionate, contentious, ambitious, factious, grasping, hard, inflexible.

Of configurations, positions in the orient and at the horoscope, and in particular those which are in proper face,<sup>1</sup> produce liberal, simple, self-willed, strong, noble, keen, open souls. Morning stations and culminations make them calculating, patient, of good memory, firm, intelligent, magnanimous, accomplishing what they desire, inflexible, robust, rough, not readily deceived, critical, practical, prone to inflict punishment, gifted with understanding. Precessions<sup>2</sup> and settings make them easily changed,

<sup>1</sup> See i. 23.

<sup>2</sup> The advances of a planet, as opposed to its retrograde movement (*ἀναποδισμός*) or its stations (*στηριγμοί*); cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 111. The term can be ambiguous; see on c. 11 above (p. 313).

ἀβεβαίους, ἀσθενεῖς, ἀφερεπόνους, ἐμπαθεῖς, ταπεινάς, δειλάς, ἀμφιβόλους, θρασυδείλους, ἀμβλείας, βλακώδεις, δυσκινήτους · οἱ δὲ ἐσπέριοι στηριγμοὶ καὶ αἱ ὑπὸ γῆν μεσουρανήσεις, ἔτι δὲ καὶ ἐφ' Ἑρμοῦ καὶ Ἀφροδίτης ἡμέρας μὲν αἱ ἐσπέριαι δύσεις, νυκτὸς δὲ αἱ ἑῶι, εὐφνεῖς μὲν καὶ φρενήρεις,<sup>1</sup> οὐκ ἄγαν δὲ μνημονικὰς<sup>2</sup> οὐδ' ἐπιμόχθους καὶ φιλοπόνους, διερευνητικὰς δὲ τῶν ἀποκρύφων καὶ ζητητικὰς τῶν ἀθεωρήτων, οἷον μαγικὰς, μυστηριακὰς, μετεωρολογικὰς, ὀργανικὰς, μηχανικὰς, θαυματοποιούσας, ἀστρολογικὰς, φιλοσόφους, οἰωνοσκοπικὰς, ὄνειροκριτικὰς καὶ τὰς ὁμοίας.

Πρὸς τούτοις δὲ<sup>3</sup> ἐν ἰδίῳ μὲν ἢ καὶ οἰκείῳ ὄντες τόποις καὶ αἰρήσεσιν οἱ τὴν κυρίαν ἔχοντες τῶν ψυχικῶν, καθ' ὃν ἐν ἀρχῇ διωρισάμεθα τρόπον, προφανῆ καὶ ἀπαραπόδιστα καὶ ἀνθέκαστα καὶ ἐπιτευκτικὰ ποιοῦσι τὰ ἰδιώματα, καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν οἱ αὐτοὶ τῶν δύο τόπων ἐπικρατήσωσιν ἅμα, τουτέστι<sup>4</sup> τῷ μὲν τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ὅπωςδῆποτε τυγχάνωσι<sup>5</sup> συνεσχηματισμένοι, τὴν δὲ τῆς σελήνης ἀπόρροιαν ἢ καὶ συναφὴν ἐπέχοντες · μὴ οὕτω δὲ διακείμενοι ἀλλ' ἐν ἀνοικείῳ ὄντες τόποις, τὰ μὲν τῆς ἑαυτῶν φύσεως οἰκεῖα πρὸς τὴν ψυχικὴν ἐνέργειαν ἀνεπίφαντα καὶ ἀμαυρὰ καὶ ἀτελείωτα καὶ ἀπρόκοπα καθιστᾶσι.  
157 τὰ δὲ τῆς τῶν ἐπικρατησάντων ἢ καθυπερτερησάν-

<sup>1</sup> φρενήρεις] φρονίμους NCam.Proc.

<sup>2</sup> μνημονικὰς VP (-ηκὰς) LDE, cf. Proc.; μνημονευτικὰς MNACam.

<sup>3</sup> πρὸς τούτοις δὲ A, πρὸς τούτῳ δὲ P, πρὸς τούτοις L, πρὸς τούτοις δὲ VD, ἔτι δὲ Proc.; ὅτε δὲ MNECam. (τύχοιεν post ὄντες add. NCam.).

unstable, weak, unable to bear labour, emotional, humble, cowardly, deceitful, bullying, dull, slow-witted, hard to arouse. Evening stations and position at mid-heaven beneath the earth, and furthermore, in the case of Mercury and Venus, by day evening settings and by night morning settings, produce souls noble and wise, but with mediocre memory, not painstaking nor fond of labour, but investigators of hidden things and seekers after the unknown, as for example magicians, adepts in the mysteries, meteorologists, makers of instruments and machines, conjurors, astrologers, philosophers, readers of omens, interpreters of dreams, and the like.

When, in addition, the governors of the soul, as we explained at the beginning, are in their own or familiar houses or sects,<sup>1</sup> they make the characters of the soul open, unimpeded, spontaneous, and effective, especially when the same planets rule the two places at once, that is, when they are configured to Mercury in any aspect whatever, and hold the separation or application of the moon;<sup>2</sup> if they are not so disposed, however, but are in places alien to them, it renders the properties of their own natures obscure, indistinct, imperfect, and ineffective with respect to the active quality of the soul. The powers, however, of the nature of the planets that dominate

<sup>1</sup>The governors of the soul are Mercury and the moon. For the houses, see i. 17, and for the sects, i. 7 and 12.

<sup>2</sup>That is, when the moon is separating from them or applying to them.

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<sup>4</sup> *τουτέστι* om. Cam.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>5</sup> *τυγχάνωσι* om. Cam.<sup>3</sup>

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των ἰσχυρά τε καὶ ἐπιβλαβῆ τῶν ὑποκειμένων,<sup>1</sup> ὡς ὅταν οἱ τε διὰ κακοποιῶν οἰκείωσιν ἄδικοι καὶ πονηροί, κρατούντων μὲν αὐτῶν, εὐπροχώρητον ἢ καὶ ἀνεμποδίστον καὶ ἀκίνδυνον καὶ ἐπίδοξον ἔχουσι τὴν πρὸς τὸ κακῶς ἀλλήλους ποιεῖν ὄρμην· κρατουμένων δὲ ὑπὸ τῆς ἐναντίας αἰρέσεως, κατάφοροι καὶ ἀνεπίτευκτοι καὶ εὐτιμώρητοι γίνονται. οἱ δ' αὖ πάλιν διὰ τὴν τῶν ἀγαθοποιούντων πρὸς τοὺς εἰρημένους ὄρους συνοικείωσιν ἀγαθοὶ καὶ δίκαιοι, ἀκαθυπερτερῆτων μὲν ὄντων, αὐτοὶ τε χαίρουσι καὶ εὐφημοῦνται ἐπὶ ταῖς τῶν ἄλλων εὐποιΐαις καὶ ὑπὸ μηδενὸς ἀδικούμενοι ἀλλ' ὀνησιφόρον ἔχοντες τὴν δικαιοσύνην διατελοῦσι· κρατουμένων δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν ἐναντίων ἀνάπαλιν, δι' αὐτὸ τὸ πρᾶον καὶ φιλόανθρωπον καὶ ἐλεητικὸν<sup>2</sup> καὶ εὐκαταφρόνητοί τε καὶ ἐπίμεμπτοι ἢ καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν πλείστων εὐαδίκητοι τυγχάνουσιν.

Ὁ μὲν οὖν καθ' ὅλου τρόπος τῆς ἠθικῆς<sup>3</sup> ἐπισκέψεως τοιοῦτός τις ἂν εἴη· τὰς δὲ κατὰ μέρος ἀπ' αὐτῆς τῆς τῶν ἀστέρων φύσεως κατὰ τὴν τοιαύτην κυρίαν ἀποτελουμένης ἰδιοτροπίας ἐξῆς κατὰ τὸ κεφαλαιῶδες ἐπεξελευσόμεθα μέχρι τῆς καθ' ὀλοσχέρειαν θεωρουμένης συγκράσεως.

Ὁ μὲν οὖν τοῦ Κρόνου ἀστήρ μόνος τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν τῆς ψυχῆς λαβὼν καὶ αὐθεντήσας τοῦ τε Ἑρμού

<sup>1</sup> ὑποκειμένων VPLDE, προκειμένων MNACam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐλεητικὸν VP (-λαιη-) LMADE, ἐλεγκτικὸν NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἠθικῆς VP (ἠθηκ-) MADE, cf. Proc.; εἰδικῆς MNCam., ἰδικῆς L.



or overcome<sup>1</sup> them are vigorous and injurious to the subjects. Thus men who, by reason of the familiarity of the maleficent planets, are unjust and evil, find their impulse to injure one another easy, unimpeded, secure, and honourable, if those planets are in power; but if they are overcome by planets of the opposite sect, the men are lethargic, ineffective, and easily punished. And those again that through the familiarity of the beneficent planets to the afore-said boundaries are good and just, if these planets are not overcome, are themselves happy and bear a good repute for their kindness to others, and, injured by none, continue to benefit from their own justice; if, however, the good planets are dominated by opposites, simply because of their gentleness, kindness, and compassion, they suffer from contempt and reproach or even may easily be wronged by most people.

This, then, is the general method of inquiry as to character. We shall next briefly consider, in due order, the particular traits resulting from the very nature of the planets, in this kind of domination, until the theory of mixture has been treated in its most important aspects.

If Saturn alone is ruler of the soul and dominates Mercury and the moon, if he has a dignified position

<sup>1</sup>On the expression "overcome," see above, on iii. 4, p. 245. Planets would "dominate" the governors of the soul (Mercury and the moon) by exercising rulership (*οἰκοδεσποτία*) over the portion of the zodiac occupied by the governors; this could be done in any of the five ways specified by Ptolemy in iii. 2 (p. 233).

158 καὶ τῆς σελήνης, ἐὰν μὲν ἐνδόξως ἔχη πρὸς τε τὸ κοσμικὸν καὶ τὰ κέντρα, ποιεῖ φιλοσωμάτους, ἰσχυρογνώμονας, βαθύφρονas, αὐστηροὺς, μονογνώμονας, ἐπιμόχθους, ἐπιτακτικούς, κολαστικούς, περιουσιαστικούς, φιλοχρημάτους, βιαίους, θησαυριστικούς, φθονερούς. ἐναντίως δὲ καὶ ἀδόξως κείμενος ῥυπαροὺς, μικρολόγους, μικροψύχους,<sup>1</sup> ἀδιαφόρους, κακογνώμονας,<sup>2</sup> βασκάνους, δειλοὺς, ἀνακεχωρηκότας, κακολόγους, φιλερήμους, φιλοθρήνους, ἀναιδεῖς, δεισιδαίμονας, φιλομόχθους, ἀστόργους, ἐπιβουλευτικούς τῶν οἰκείων, ἀνευφράντους, μισοσωμάτους.

Τῷ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς κατὰ τὸν ἐκκείμενον τρόπον συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων πάλιν διαθέσεων ποιεῖ ἀγαθοὺς, τιμητικούς τῶν πρεσβυτέρων, καθεστῶτας, καλογνώμονας, ἐπικούρους,<sup>3</sup> κριτικούς, φιλοκτήμονας, μεγαλοψύχους, μεταδοτικούς, εὐπροαιρέτους, φιλοικεῖους, πρᾶους, συνετοὺς, ἀνεκτικούς, ἐμφιλοσόφους· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων ἀπειροκάλους, μανιῶδεις, ψοφοδεεῖς, δεισιδαίμονας, ἱεροφοιτῶντας,

<sup>1</sup> μικροψύχους om. MECam.

<sup>2</sup> κακογνώμονας VPLDProc., μονογνώμονας MAECam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀπίκρους post ἐπικούρους add. MAE, om. VPLDProc.

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<sup>1</sup> Bouché-Leclercq, p. 309, enumerates the conditions which should exist if a planet is to act effectively, classifying them as relations to the circles of the nativity, to the zodiac, to the other planets, and to the planet's own movement and the sun. With reference to the zodiac, the planet should be in a "solid" sign, in a quadrant and a sign of the same sex as itself, in one of its own proper domains (house, triangle, exaltation, terms, decans), and

with reference to the universe and the angles,<sup>1</sup> he makes his subjects lovers of the body,<sup>2</sup> strong-minded, deep thinkers, austere, of a single purpose, laborious, dictatorial, ready to punish, lovers of property, avaricious, violent, amassing treasure, and jealous; but if his position is the opposite and without dignity, he makes them sordid, petty, mean-spirited, indifferent, mean-minded, malignant, cowardly, diffident, evil-speakers, solitary, tearful, shameless, superstitious, fond of toil, unfeeling, devisers of plots against their friends, gloomy, taking no care of the body.

Saturn, allied with Jupiter in the way described, again in dignified positions, makes his subjects good, respectful to elders, sedate, noble-minded, helpful,<sup>3</sup> critical, fond of possessions, magnanimous, generous, of good intentions, lovers of their friends, gentle, wise, patient, philosophical; but in the opposite positions, he makes them uncultured, mad, easily frightened, superstitious, frequenters of shrines,

not in its place of depression. With regard to the circle of the nativity, the planet should be upon an angle (especially mid-heaven) or in a favourable aspect (trine or sextile) to an angle, and not in a place which bears no aspect to the horoscope (is disjunct). This will explain what, in general, are "dignified" or "honourable" positions, and their opposites.

<sup>2</sup> Ptolemy's lists of characters and qualities attaching to the various planets, which occupy the rest of this chapter, are remarkably useful in reconstructing a picture of life in Egypt under the Roman Empire. F. Cumont, *L'Égypte des astrologues* (Brussels, 1937), makes constant use of them for this purpose.

<sup>3</sup> Certain MSS. add "without sharpness" here; see the critical note.

ἔξαγορευτάς, ὑπόπτους, μισοτέκνους, ἀφίλους, ἐνδομύχους, ἀκρίτους, ἀπίστους, μωροκάκους,<sup>1</sup> ἰώδεις, ὑποκριτικούς, ἀδρανείς, ἀφιλοτίμους, μεταμελητικούς, αὐστηρούς, δυσεντεύκτους, δυσπροσίτους, εὐλαβητικούς,<sup>2</sup> εὐήθεις δ' ὁμοίως καὶ ἀνεξικάκους.

159 Τῶ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ ἀδιαφόρους, ἐπιπόνους, παρρησιαστικούς, ὀχληρούς, θρασυδείλους, αὐστηροπράξους, ἀνελεήμονας, καταφρονητικούς, τραχεῖς, πολεμικούς, ρίψοκινδύνους, φιλοθορύβους, δολίους, ἐνεδρευτάς, δυσμηνίτας, ἀδήκτους,<sup>3</sup> ὀχλοκόπους, τυραννικούς, πλεονέκτας, μισοπολίτας, φιλέριδας, μνησικάκους, βαθυπονήρους, δράστας, ἀνυποίστους, σοβαρούς, φορτικούς, καυχηματίας, κακωτάς, ἀδίκους, ἀκαταφρονήτους,<sup>4</sup> μισανθρώπους, ἀτρέπτους, ἀμεταθέτους, πολυπράγμονας, εὐαναστρόφους μέντοι καὶ πρακτικούς καὶ ἀκαταγωνίστους καὶ ὅλως ἐπιτευκτικούς. ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων ἄρπαγας, ληστάς, νοθευτάς, κακοπαθεῖς, αἰσχροκερδεῖς, ἀθέους,<sup>5</sup> ἀστόργους, ὑβριστάς, ἐπιβουλευτικούς, κλέπτας, ἐπιόρκους, μαιφόνους, ἀθεμιτοφάγους, κακουργούς, ἀνδροφόνους, φαρμακευτάς, ἱεροσύλους, ἀσεβεῖς, τυμβορούχους καὶ ὅλως<sup>6</sup> παγκάκους.

<sup>1</sup> μωροκάκους VADProc., ἀμωροκάκους PL, μωροκάλους MECam.

<sup>2</sup> αὐστηρούς . . . εὐλαβητικούς om. PLMCam., habent VADEProc.

<sup>3</sup> ἀδήκτους codd. Cam.<sup>1</sup>; fortasse ἀδεήτους legendum est ut coniecit Cam.<sup>2</sup>; om. Proc.

<sup>4</sup> ἀκαταφρονήτους codd. et Proc., ἀκατακρίτους Cam.



public confessors of ailments, suspicious, hating their own children, friendless, hiding within doors, without judgement, faithless, knavishly foolish, venomous, hypocritical, ineffective, unambitious, prone to change their minds, stern, hard to speak with or to approach, cautious, but nevertheless foolish and submissive to abuse.

Saturn, allied with Mars, in honourable positions makes his subjects neither good nor bad, industrious, outspoken, nuisances, cowardly braggarts, harsh in conduct, without pity, contemptuous, rough, contentious, rash, disorderly, deceitful, layers of ambushes, tenacious of anger, unmoved by pleading, courting the mob, tyrannical, grasping, haters of the citizenry, fond of strife, malignant, evil through and through, active, impatient, blustering, vulgar, boastful, injurious, unjust, not to be despised, haters of mankind, inflexible, unchangeable, busy-bodies, but at the same time adroit and practical, not to be overborne by rivals, and in general successful in achieving their ends. In the opposite positions he makes his subjects robbers, pirates, adulterators, submissive to disgraceful treatment, takers of base profits, godless, without affection, insulting, crafty, thieves, perjurers, murderers, eaters of forbidden foods, evildoers, homicides, poisoners, impious, robbers of temples and of tombs, and utterly depraved.

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<sup>6</sup> ἀθέους VPLADProc., ἀθέτους MECam.<sup>1</sup>, ἀθέσρους Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>•</sup> ὄλωσ om. Cam.

Τῷ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ μισογυναίους, φιλαρχαίους,<sup>1</sup> φιλερήμους, ἀηδεῖς πρὸς τὰς ἐντεύξεις, ἀφιλοτίμους, μισοκάλους, φθονερούς, αὐστηροὺς πρὸς συνουσίας, ἀσυμπεριφόρους, μονογνώμονας, φοιβαστικούς, θρησκευτάς, μυστηρίων καὶ τελετῶν ἐπιθυμητάς, ἱεροποιούς, ἐνθεαστικούς, θεοπροσπλόκους, σεμνοὺς δὲ καὶ εὐεντρέπτους, αἰδήμονας, 160 ἐμφιλοσόφους, πιστοὺς πρὸς συμβιώσεις,<sup>2</sup> ἐγκρατεῖς, ἐπιλογιστικούς, εὐλαβεῖς, ἀγανακτητάς τε καὶ πρὸς τὰς τῶν γυναικῶν ὑποψίας ζηλοτύπους· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων λάγνους, ἀσελγεῖς, αἰσχροποιούς, ἀδιαφόρους καὶ ἀκαθάρτους πρὸς τὰς συνουσίας, ἀνάγνους, ἐπιβουλευτικούς θηλυκῶν προσώπων καὶ μάλιστα τῶν οἰκειοτάτων, σαθρούς,<sup>3</sup> παμψόγους, καταφερεῖς, μισοκάλους, μωμητικούς, κακολόγους, μεθύσους, λατρευτικούς, ὑπονοθευτάς, ἀθεμίτους<sup>4</sup> πρὸς τὰς συνελεύσεις, διατιθέντας καὶ διατιθεμένους, οὐ μόνον πρὸς τὰ κατὰ φύσιν ἀλλὰ καὶ τὰ παρὰ φύσιν πρεσβυτέρων καὶ ἀτίμων καὶ παρανόμων καὶ θηριωδῶν μίξεων ἐπιθυμητάς, ἀσεβεῖς, θεῶν καταφρονητικούς, μυστηρίων καὶ ἱερῶν διασυρτικούς, πάμπαν ἀπίστους, διαβολικούς, φαρμακούς, παντοποιούς.

Τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ περιέργους, φιλοπεύστας, νομίμων

<sup>1</sup> φιλαρχαίους VPLDProc., -αρχίους E, -άρχους MACam.<sup>1</sup>, -άνδρους Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> εὐσταθεῖς post συμβιώσεις add. MECam., om. VPLAD Proc.

Allied with Venus in honourable positions Saturn makes his subjects haters of women, lovers of antiquity, solitary, unpleasant to meet, unambitious, hating the beautiful, envious, stern in social relations, not companionable, of fixed opinions, prophetic, given to the practice of religious rites, lovers of mysteries and initiations, performers of sacrificial rites, mystics, religious addicts, but dignified and reverent, modest, philosophical, faithful in marriage,<sup>1</sup> self-controlled, calculating, cautious, quick to take offence, and easily led by jealousy to be suspicious of their wives. In positions of the opposite kind he makes them loose, lascivious, doers of base acts, indiscriminating and unclean in sexual relations, impure, deceivers of women and particularly their own kin, unsound, censorious, depraved, hating the beautiful, fault-finders, evil-speakers, drunken, servile, adulterators, lawless in sexual relations, both active and passive, both natural and unnatural, and willing to seek them with those barred by age, station, or law, or with animals, impious, contemptuous of the gods, deriding mysteries and sacred rites, entirely faithless, slanderous, poisoners, rogues who will stop at nothing.

Saturn, in familiarity with Mercury, in honourable positions makes his subjects meddlers, inquisitive,

<sup>1</sup> At this point some of the MSS. and Camerarius add "steadfast".

<sup>2</sup> σαθροὺς VPDP<sup>roc.</sup>, καθροὺς L, θρασεῖς MAECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἀθεμίτους VP (-μητ-) LADE, -τως M<sup>Cam.</sup>; οἰν. P<sup>roc.</sup>

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ζητητικούς, φιλιάρους, μυστικούς, μετόχους ἀποκρύφων καὶ ἀπορρήτων, τερατουργούς, παραλογιστάς, ἔφημεροβίους, ἐντρεχεῖς, διοικητικούς πραγμάτων καὶ ἀγγίφρονας, περιπίκρους καὶ ἀκριβεῖς, νήπτας, φιλόφρονας,<sup>1</sup> φιλοπράκτους, ἐπιτευκτικούς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων ληρώδεις, μνησικάκους, νηλεεῖς  
 161 ταῖς ψυχαῖς, ἐπιμόχθους, μισοῖδίους, φιλοβασάνους,<sup>2</sup> ἀνευφράντους, νυκτερέμβους,<sup>3</sup> ἐνεδρευτάς, προδότας, ἀσυμπαθεῖς, κλέπτας, μαγικούς, φαρμακευτάς, πλαστογράφους, ῥαδιουργούς, ἀποτευκτικούς καὶ εὐεκπτώτους.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς ἀστὴρ μόνος τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν τῆς ψυχῆς λαβὼν ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ μεγαλοψύχους, χαριστικούς, θεοσεβεῖς, τιμητικούς, ἀπολαυστικούς, φιλανθρώπους, μεγαλοπρεπεῖς, ἐλευθέρους, δικαίους, μεγαλόφρονας, σεμνοῦς, ἰδιοπράγμονας, ἐλεήμονας, φιλολόγους, εὐεργετικούς,<sup>4</sup> φιλοστόργους, ἡγεμονικούς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς ἐναντίας διαθέσεως τυγχάνων τὰς ὁμοίας μὲν φαντασίας περιποιεῖ<sup>5</sup> ταῖς ψυχαῖς, ἐπὶ τὸ ταπεινότερον μέντοι καὶ ἀνεπιφαντότερον καὶ ἀκριτωτέρον· οἷον ἀντὶ μὲν μεγαλοψυχίας ἀσωτίαν, ἀντὶ δὲ θεοσεβείας δεισιδαι-

<sup>1</sup> φιλόφρονας PL, -ους VD, φιλοφρονητικούς Proc., φιλοπόνους MAECam.

<sup>2</sup> φιλοβασάνους VPLDEProc., φιλοβασκάνους MACam.

<sup>3</sup> νυκτερέμβους VPLD, νυκτιρρέμβους A, νυκτεριρέμβους MNE Cam., νυκτοβίους Proc.

<sup>4</sup> εὐεργετικούς VPLDProc., εὐρετικούς MNAECam.

<sup>5</sup> περιποιεῖται MNDCam.



inquirers into matters of law and custom, fond of the art of medicine, mystics, partakers in concealed and secret rites, miracle-workers, cheaters, living only for the day, facile, able to direct business, shrewd, bitter, accurate, sober, friendly, fond of practical affairs, capable of gaining their ends. In dishonourable positions he makes them frivolous talkers, malignant, with no pity in their souls, given to toil, hating their own kin, fond of torment, gloomy, night-prowlers, layers of ambushes, traitors, unsympathetic, thieves, magicians, poisoners, forgers, unscrupulous, unfortunate, and usually unsuccessful.

If Jupiter alone has the domination of the soul, in honourable positions he makes his subjects magnanimous, generous, god-fearing, honourable, pleasure-loving, kind, magnificent, liberal, just, high-minded, dignified, minding their own business, compassionate, fond of discussion, beneficent, affectionate, with qualities of leadership. If he chances to be in the opposite kind of position, he makes their souls seem similar, to be sure, but with a difference in the direction of greater humility, less conspicuousness, and poorer judgement.<sup>1</sup> For example, instead of magnanimity, he endows them with prodigality; instead

<sup>1</sup> Ptolemy probably has in mind Aristotle's famous doctrine that virtue is a mean (*Ethica Nicomachea*, 2, p. 1106b, 27) and the examples cited by Aristotle, but Ptolemy's instances are only similar to, not identical with, Aristotle's. Aristotle, for example, makes *ἐλευθεριότης*, "liberality," the virtue of which *ἀσωτία*, "prodigality" is an excess; contrasts *μεγαλοψυχία*, "magnanimity," with *χαυνότης*, "vanity," and *μικροψυχία*, "meanness of spirit"; *αἰδήμων*, "modest," with the excessive quality *κατάπληξ*, "shy," and with the deficiency *ἀναίσχυρος*, "shameless."

μονίαν, ἀντὶ δὲ αἰδοῦς δειλίαν, ἀντὶ δὲ σεμνότητος οἷσιν, ἀντὶ δὲ φιλανθρωπίας εὐήθειαν, ἀντὶ δὲ φιλοκαλίας φιληδονίαν, ἀντὶ δὲ μεγαλοφροσύνης βλακείαν, ἀντὶ δὲ ἐλευθεριότητος ἀδιαφορίαν, καὶ ὅσα τούτοις παραπλήσια.

Τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ τραχεῖς, μαχίμους, στρατηγικούς,<sup>1</sup> διοικητικούς, κекινημένους, ἀνυποτάκτους, θερμούς, παραβόλους, πρακτικούς, παρρησιαστικούς, ἔλεγκ-  
 162 τικούς, ἀνυστικούς, φιλονείκους, ἀρχικούς, εὐεπιβούλους, ἐπιεικεῖς, ἐπάνδρους, νικητικούς, μεγαλοψύχους δὲ καὶ φιλοτίμους καὶ θυμικούς καὶ κριτικούς καὶ ἐπιτευκτικούς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων ὕβριστάς, ἀδιαφόρους, ὤμους, ἀνεξιλάστους, στασιαστάς, ἐριστικούς, μονοτόνους,<sup>2</sup> διαβόλους, οἰηματίας, πλεονέκτας, ἄρπαγας, ταχυμεταβόλους, κούφους, μεταμελητικούς, ἀστάτους, προπετεῖς, ἀπίστους, ἀκρίτους, ἀγνώμονας, ἐκστατικούς, ἐμπράκτους,<sup>3</sup> μεμψιμοίρους, ἀσώτους, ληρώδεις καὶ ὅλως ἀνωμάλους καὶ παρακεκινημένους.

Τῷ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ καθαρίους, ἀπολαυστικούς, φιλοκάλους, φιλοτέκνους, φιλοθεώρους, φιλομούσους, ὠδικούς, φιλοτρόφους,<sup>4</sup> εὐήθεις, εὐεργετικούς,

<sup>1</sup> στρατηγικούς] στρατιωτικούς NCam.

<sup>2</sup> μονοτόνους PMEPProc., μονοπόνους VLAD, μονοτρόπους NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἐμπράκτους Proc., ἐμπατάκτους VPL, εὐπατάκτους MNADECam.

<sup>4</sup> φιλοτρόφους libri Cam.<sup>1</sup>, -τρίφους Cam.<sup>2</sup>

of reverence for the gods, with superstition; instead of modesty, with cowardice; instead of dignity, with conceit; instead of kindness, with foolish simplicity; instead of the love of beauty, with love of pleasure; instead of high-mindedness, with stupidity; instead of liberality, with indifference, and the like.

Jupiter allied with Mars in honourable positions makes his subjects rough, pugnacious, military, managerial, restless, unruly, ardent, reckless, practical, outspoken, critical, effective, contentious, commanding, given to plotting, respectable, virile, fond of victory, but magnanimous, ambitious, passionate, judicious, successful. In the opposite position he makes them insolent, indiscriminating, savage, implacable, seditious, contentious, stubborn, slanderous, conceited, avaricious, rapacious, quickly changeable, light, readily changing their minds, unstable, headstrong, untrustworthy, of poor judgement, unfeeling, excitable, active, querulous, prodigal, gossipy, and in all ways uneven and easily excited.

Jupiter, allied with Venus, in honourable positions makes his subjects pure, pleasure-loving, lovers of the beautiful, of children, of spectacles, and of the domain of the Muses, singers, fond of those who reared them, of good character,<sup>1</sup> beneficent, com-

<sup>1</sup> *εὐήθεια* and the corresponding adjective, *εὐήθης*, have two distinct senses, the original, etymological one, "good character," and a derived meaning, "simplicity" or "guilelessness," which may amount to nothing more than downright folly. Plato, in *Republic*, 400 DE, uses *εὐήθεια* in the first sense, specifically saying that he does not mean the other kind of *εὐήθεια*. In the present passage, the context clearly shows that the first sense is intended; but in the very next paragraph *εὐήθης* occurs in its second meaning.

ἐλεητικούς,<sup>1</sup> ἀκάκους, φιλοθέους, ἀσκητάς, φιλαγωνιστάς, φρονίμους, φιλητικούς, ἐπαφροδίτους ἐν τῷ σεμνῷ, λαμπροψύχους, εὐγνώμονας, μεταδοτικούς, φιλογραμμάτους, κριτικούς, συμμέτρους καὶ εὐσχήμονας πρὸς τὰ ἀφροδίσια, φιλοικείους,<sup>2</sup> εὐσεβεῖς, φιλοδικαίους, φιλοτίμους, φιλοδόξους καὶ ὅλως καλοῦς τε καὶ ἀγαθοῦς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων τρυφητάς, ἡδυβίους, θηλυψύχους, ὄρχηστικούς, γυναικοθύμους, δαπανηρούς,<sup>3</sup> κακογυναίους,<sup>4</sup> ἔρωτικούς, λάγνους, καταφερεῖς, λαιδόρους,<sup>5</sup> μοιχοῦς, φιλοκόσ-  
 163 μους, ὑπομαλάκους,<sup>6</sup> ῥαθύμους, ἀσώτους, ἐπιμώμους,<sup>7</sup> ἐμπαθεῖς, καλλωπιστάς, γυναικονοήμονας, ἱερῶν ἐγκατόχους, προαγωγικούς, μυστηριακούς, πιστοὺς μέντοι καὶ ἀπονήρους καὶ ἐπιχαρίτους καὶ εὐπροσίτους<sup>8</sup> καὶ εὐδιαγώγους καὶ πρὸς τὰς συμφορὰς<sup>9</sup> ἐλευθεριωτέρους.

Τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ πολυγραμμάτους,<sup>10</sup> φιλολόγους, γεωμέτρας,<sup>11</sup> μαθηματικούς, ποιητικούς, δημηγορικούς, εὐφυεῖς, σωφρονικούς, ἀγαθόφρονας, καλοσυμβούλους, πολιτικούς, εὐεργετικούς, ἐπιτροπικούς,

<sup>1</sup> ἐλεητικούς VD, ἐλεήμονας Proc., om. PL, ἐλεγκτικούς MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> φιλοικείους E, φιλικείους VD, φιλοικίους P, φιλικίους L, φιλονείκους MNACam.

<sup>3</sup> δαπανηρούς PLProc., δαπάνους cett. Cam.

<sup>4</sup> κακογυναίους Proc., καταγυναίους VD, κατὰ γυναίων PL, καὶ γυναίους MNAECam.

<sup>6</sup> λαιδόρους μοιχοῦς Proc., om. λαιδόρους PLMNECam., om. μοιχοῦς VAD.



passionate, guileless, religious, prone to athletic training, fond of competition, wise, affectionate, charming in a dignified way, magnanimous, fair, charitable, fond of learning, of good judgement, moderate and decorous in matters of love, fond of their kinsfolk, pious, just, ambitious, seekers after glory, and in general gentlemanly. In the opposite positions he renders them luxurious, soft-livers, effeminate, fond of the dance, womanly in spirit, lavish in expenditure, evil in relations with women, erotic, lascivious, lecherous, slanderous, adulterous, lovers of ornament, rather soft, lazy, profligate, given to fault-finding, passionate, adorners of their persons, womanly minded, infatuated by religious rites, panderers, frequenters of the mysteries, trustworthy however and not rascally, but gracious, easy of approach, and cheerful, and inclined to liberality in misfortune.

Jupiter allied with Mercury in honourable positions makes his subjects learned, fond of discussion, geometricians, mathematicians, poets, orators, gifted, sober, of good intellect, good in counsel, statesmen, benefactors, managers, good-natured, generous, lovers

<sup>6</sup> ὑπομαλάκους VP (-μαλλ-) LADE, φιλομαλάκους MNCam.

<sup>7</sup> ἐπιμώμους VPLProc., ἐπιβώμους D, φιλομώμους MNECam., om. A; post hoc verbum add. ὑπομώρους MNECam., φιλομώρους A, om. cett. Proc.

<sup>8</sup> Post εὐπροσίτους add. πιστούς MNCam., om. cett. Proc.

<sup>9</sup> συμφορὰς VDPProc., περισυμφορὰς P (-φωρ-) L, ἐπιφορὰς MNAECam.

<sup>10</sup> πολυγραμμάτους VADProc., φιλογραμμάτους MNECam., πολυπραγμάτους φιλοπράκτους PL.

<sup>11</sup> γεωμέτρας VPLDProc., φιλογεωμέτρας MNAECam

χρηστοθήθεις, φιλοδώρους, φιλόχλους, εὐπηβόλους,<sup>1</sup> ἐπιτευκτικούς, ἡγεμονικούς, εὐσεβεῖς, φιλοθέους, εὐχρηματίστους, φιλοστόργους, φιλοικείους, εὐπαιδεύτους, ἐμφιλοσόφους, ἀξιωματικούς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων εὐήθεις, ληρώδεις, σφαλλομένους, εὐκαταφρονήτους, ἐνθουσιαστικούς, θεοπροσπλόκους,<sup>2</sup> φληνάφους, ὑποπίκρους, προσποιησισόφους,<sup>3</sup> ἀνοήτους, ἀλαζονικούς, ἐπιτηδευτάς, μαγευτικούς, ὑποκεκινημένους, πολυῖστορας δὲ καὶ μνημονικούς καὶ<sup>4</sup> διδασκαλικούς καὶ καθαρίους ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἀστήρ μόνος τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν τῆς ψυχῆς λαβὼν ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξου διαθέσεως ποιεῖ γενναίους, ἀρχικούς, θυμικούς, φιλόπλους,<sup>5</sup> πολυτρόπους,<sup>6</sup> σθεναρούς, παραβόλους, ῥιψοκινδύνους, ἀνυποτάκτους, ἀδιαφόρους, μονοτόνους, ὄξεις, αὐθάδεις, καταφρονητικούς, τυραννικούς, δράστας, ὀργίλους, ἡγεμονικούς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς ἐναντίας ὤμούς, ὑβριστάς, 164 φιλαίμους, φιλοθορύβους, δαπάνους, κραυγαστάς,<sup>7</sup> πλήκτας, προπετεῖς, μεθύσους, ἄρπαγας, κακούργους, ἀνελεήμονας, τεταραγμένους, μανιώδεις, μισοικείους, ἀθέους.

Τῷ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης συνοικειωθεὶς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ ἐπιχάριτας, εὐδιαγώγους, φιλεταίρους, ἡδυβίους, εὐφροσύνους, παιγνιώδεις,

<sup>1</sup> εὐπηβόλους ME, εὐεπιβούλους PLNCam., ἐπιβόλους VAD, om. Proc.

<sup>2</sup> θεοπροσπλόκους P (-πλωκ-) L (-πλωκ-) MAEProc., θεοπλόκους VD, θεοπροσπόλους NCam.

<sup>3</sup> προσποιησισόφους ME, προσποιήσει σοφούς PL, προσποιήσεις σοφούς VD, προσποιήτους σοφούς A, προσποιησόφους NCam.

<sup>4</sup> μνημονικούς καὶ om. Cam.<sup>2</sup>

of the mob, shrewd, successful, leaders, reverent, religious, skilful in business, affectionate, lovers of their own kin, well brought up, philosophical, dignified. In the opposite positions he makes them simple, garrulous, prone to make mistakes, contemptible, fanatical, religious enthusiasts, speakers of folly, inclined to bitterness, pretenders to wisdom, fools, boasters, students, magicians, somewhat deranged, but well informed, of good memory, teachers, and pure in their desires.

Mars alone, given the domination of the soul, in an honourable position makes his subjects noble, commanding, spirited, military, versatile,<sup>1</sup> powerful, venturesome, rash, unruly, indifferent, stubborn, keen, headstrong, contemptuous, tyrannical, active, easily angered, with the qualities of leadership. In a position of the opposite kind he makes them savage, insolent, bloodthirsty, makers of disturbances, spendthrifts, loud-mouthed, quick-fisted, impetuous, drunken, rapacious, evil-doers, pitiless, unsettled, mad, haters of their own kin, impious.

Allied with Venus, in honourable positions, Mars makes his subjects pleasing, cheerful, friendly, soft-living, happy, playful, artless, graceful, fond of

<sup>1</sup>The epithet constantly used to describe Odysseus by Homer.

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<sup>5</sup> φίλοπλους VPLMADE, φιλοπολέμους PProc., φιλοπλούτους NCam.

<sup>6</sup> πολυτρόπους VP (πολλ-) LDProc., πολυτρόφους MNAECam.

<sup>7</sup> κραυγαστάς PL, κραυγάσους VD, κραυγαστικούς AProc., κραυγάζους MNECam.

ἀφελείς, εὐρύθμους, φιλορχηστὰς,<sup>1</sup> ἐρωτικούς, φιλοτέχνους, μιμητικούς, ἀπολαυστικούς, διασκευαστὰς, ἐπάνδρους καὶ εὐκαταφόρους μὲν πρὸς τὰς ἀφροδισιακὰς ἀμαρτίας, ἐπιτευκτικούς δὲ καὶ εὐπεριστόλους καὶ νουνεχείς καὶ δυσελέγκτους καὶ διακριτικούς,<sup>2</sup> ἔτι δὲ νέων ἐπιθυμητικούς ἀρρένων τε καὶ θηλειῶν, δαπανηρούς τε καὶ ὀξυθύμους καὶ ζηλοτύπους· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων ρύσφοφθάλμους, λάγνους, καταφερεῖς, ἀδιαφόρους, διασύρτας, μοιχικούς, ὑβριστὰς, ψεύστας, δολοπλόκους, ὑπονοθευτὰς οἰκείων τε καὶ ἄλλοτριῶν, ὄξεις ἅμα καὶ προσκορεῖς πρὸς τὰς ἐπιθυμίας, διαφθορέας γυναικῶν καὶ παρθένων, παραβόλους, θερμούς, ἀτάκτους,<sup>3</sup> ἐνεδρευτὰς, ἐπιόρκους, εὐεμπτώτους τε καὶ φρενοβλαβεῖς, ἐνίοτε δὲ καὶ ἀσώτους,<sup>4</sup> φιλοκόσμους καὶ θρασεῖς καὶ διατιθεμένους καὶ ἀσελγαίνοντας.<sup>5</sup>

Τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ συνοικειωθεῖς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ στρατηγικούς, δεινούς,<sup>6</sup> δράστας, 165 εὐκινήτους, ἀκαταφρονήτους, πολυτρόπους, εὐρετικούς,<sup>7</sup> σοφιστὰς, ἐπιπόνους, πανούργους, προγλώσσους, ἐπιθετικούς, δολίους, ἀστάτους, μεθοδευτὰς, κακοτέχνους, ὀξύφρονας, ἔξαπατητὰς, ὑποκριτικούς, ἐνεδρευτὰς, κακοτρόπους, πολυπράγμονας, φιλοπονήρους, ἐπιτευκτικούς δ' ἄλλως καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ὁμοίους εὐσυνθέτους καὶ εὐσυνδεξιάστους, καὶ ὅλως

<sup>1</sup> φιλοτέχνους PLProc., φιλοτέκνους cett. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> διακριτικούς VPLADProc., ἀδιακρίτους MNECam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀτάκτους libri; ἀτόπους Cam.

<sup>4</sup> ἀσώτους VADProc., αὐτῷ τοὺς PL, αὐτοὺς MNECam.

<sup>5</sup> Post ἀσελγαίνοντας add. ἀπεργάζεται MNAECam., om. VPLDProc.



dancing, erotic, artistic, imitative, pleasure-loving, able to secure themselves property,<sup>1</sup> masculine, and given to misconduct in matters of love, but still successful, circumspect, and sensible, difficult to convict and discreet, furthermore passionate for both young men and young women, spendthrifts, quick-tempered, and jealous. In contrary positions he makes them leering, lascivious, profligate, indifferent, slanderers, adulterers, insolent, liars, deceivers, seducers of those both in their own families and in those of others, at the same time keen and insatiate of pleasure, corrupters of women and maidens, venturesome, ardent, unruly, treacherous, perjurers, easily influenced and of unsound mind, but sometimes likewise profligate, fond of adornment, bold, disposed to base practices, and shameless.

Allied with Mercury, in honourable positions Mars makes his subjects leaders of armies, skilful, vigorous, active, not to be despised, resourceful, inventive, sophistic, painstaking, rascally, talkative, pugnacious, tricky, unstable, systematic workers, practising evil arts, keen-witted, deceitful, hypocritical, insidious, of bad character, meddlers, inclined to rascality but nevertheless successful and capable of keeping contract and faith with persons like themselves, and in

<sup>1</sup> *διασκευαστής* also means one who arranges a text, "editor," but here a less specialised meaning seems to be called for. The verb *διασκευάζειν* has, in general, the active meaning "set in order," and in the middle voice "equip one's self." Proclus omits this word in the *Paraphrase*.

<sup>6</sup> *δεινός* VD, *δειλός* MNAEProc.Cam.; *δεινός* . . . *ἀκαταφρονήτους* om. PL.

<sup>7</sup> *εὐρετικούς*] *εὐεκτικούς* NCam.

ἐχθρῶν μὲν βλαπτικούς, φίλων δὲ εὐποιητικούς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐναντίων δαπανηρούς, πλεονέκτας, ὤμούς, παραβόλους, τολμηρούς, μεταμελητικούς, ἐμπαράκτους,<sup>1</sup> παρακεκινημένους, ψεύστας, κλέπτας, ἀθέους, ἐπιόρκους, ἐπιθέτας, στασιαστάς, ἐμπρηστάς, θεατροκόπους, ἐφυβρίστους,<sup>2</sup> ληστρικούς, τοιχωρύχους,<sup>3</sup> μαιφόνους, πλαστογράφους, ῥαδιουργούς, γόητας, μάγους, φαρμακούς, ἀνδροφόνους.

Ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης μόνος τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν τῆς ψυχῆς<sup>4</sup> λαβὼν ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξου διαθέσεως ποιεῖ προσηνεῖς, ἀγαθούς, τρυφητάς,<sup>5</sup> λογίους,<sup>6</sup> καθαρίους, εὐφροσύνους, φιλορχηστάς, καλοζήλους,<sup>7</sup> μισοπονήρους, φιλοτέχνους, φιλοθεωτάτους,<sup>8</sup> εὐσχήμονας, εὐεκτικούς, εὐονείρους, φιλοστόργους, εὐεργετικούς, ἐλεήμονας, σικχούς,<sup>9</sup> εὐσυναλλάκτους, ἐπιτευκτικούς καὶ ὄλως ἐπαφροδίτους· ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς ἐναντίας ῥαθύμους, ἐρωτικούς, τεθηλυσμένους, γυναικώδεις, ἀτόλμους, ἀδιαφόρους, καταφερεῖς, 166 ἐπιψόγους, ἀνεπιφάντους, ἐπονειδίστους.<sup>10</sup>

Τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ συνοικειωθεὶς ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξων διαθέσεων ποιεῖ φιλοτέχνους, ἐμφιλοσόφους, ἐπιστημονικούς, εὐφνεῖς, ποιητικούς, φιλομούσους, φιλοκάλους, χρηστοθήεις, ἀπολαυστικούς, τρυφερο-

<sup>1</sup> ἐμπαράκτους VD, ἐμπράκτους PLA, ἐμπατάκτους MNE Cam.; om. Proc. Fortasse legendum est εὐπαράκτους.

<sup>2</sup> ἐφυβρίστους VMNDE, om. PLProc., ἐφυβρίστας ACam.

<sup>3</sup> τοιχωρύχους VP (-or-) DProc., τυμβωρύχους MNAEL (-or-) Cam.

<sup>4</sup> τῆς ψυχῆς om. VDProc.

<sup>5</sup> κοινούς post τρυφητάς add. MNECam., om. VPLADProc.

general injurious to their enemies and helpful to their friends. In opposite positions he makes them spendthrifts, avaricious, savage, venturesome, daring, prone to change their minds, excitable, easily aroused, liars, thieves, impious, perjurers, ready to take the offensive, seditious, kindlers of fires, creators of disturbances in the theatre, insolent, piratical, burglars, murderers, forgers, villains, wizards, magicians, sorcerers, homicides.

If Venus alone takes the domination of the soul, in an honourable position she makes her subjects pleasant, good, luxurious,<sup>1</sup> eloquent, neat, cheerful, fond of dancing, eager for beauty, haters of evil, lovers of the arts, fond of spectacles, decorous, healthy, dreamers of pleasant dreams, affectionate, beneficent, compassionate, fastidious, easily conciliated, successful, and, in general, charming. In the opposite position she makes them careless, erotic, effeminate, womanish, timid, indifferent, depraved, censorious, insignificant, meriting reproach.

Joined with Mercury, in honourable positions Venus makes them artistic, philosophical, gifted with understanding, talented, poetic, lovers of the muses, lovers of beauty, of worthy character,

<sup>1</sup> Certain texts add here "affable" (κοινούς).

<sup>6</sup> λογίους VADProc., λογικούς PL, ἐλλογίμους MNECam.

<sup>7</sup> κακοζήλους MNEProc.Cam., καλοζήλους VPLAD.

<sup>8</sup> φιλοθεωτάτους libri Cam.<sup>1</sup>, -θεώρους Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>9</sup> σικχούς om. MNCam.

<sup>10</sup> ἐπονειδίστους om. Cam.

διαίτους,<sup>1</sup> εὐφροσύνους,<sup>2</sup> φιλοφίλους, εὐσεβεῖς, συν-  
 ετούς, πολυμηχάνους, διανοητικούς, εὐεπιβόλους,<sup>3</sup>  
 κατορθωτικούς, ταχυμαθεῖς,<sup>4</sup> αὐτοδιδάκτους, ζη-  
 λωτὰς τῶν ἀρίστων, μιμητὰς<sup>5</sup> τῶν καλῶν, εὐστό-  
 μους καὶ ἐπιχάριτας τῷ λόγῳ, ἐρασμίους, εὐαρ-  
 μόστους τοῖς ἤθεσι, σπουδαίους, φιλάθλους,  
 ὀρθούς,<sup>6</sup> κριτικούς, μεγαλόφρονας, τῶν δὲ ἀφρο-  
 δισίων πρὸς μὲν τὰ γυναικεῖα φυλακτικούς, πρὸς  
 δὲ τὰ παιδικὰ μᾶλλον κεκινημένους καὶ ζηλο-  
 τύπους· ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς ἐναντίας ἐπιθέτας, πολυ-  
 μηχάνους, κακοστόμους, ἄλλοπροσάλλους, κακογνώ-  
 μονας, ἔξαπατητάς, κυκητάς, ψεύστας, διαβόλους,  
 ἐπιόρκους, βαθυπονήρους, ἐπιβουλευτικούς, ἀσυν-  
 θέτους, ἀδεξιάστους, νοθευτάς, γυναικῶν διαφθορέας  
 καὶ παίδων, ἔτι δὲ καλλωπιστάς, ὑπομαλάκους,  
 ἐπιψόγους,<sup>7</sup> κακοφήμους, πολυθρυλήτους, παντο-  
 πράξους,<sup>8</sup> καὶ ἐνίοτε μὲν ἐπὶ διαφθορᾷ τὰ τοιαῦτα  
 ὑποκρινομένους, ἐνίοτε δὲ καὶ ταῖς ἀληθείαις,  
 διατιθεμένους τε καὶ αἰσχροποιούοντας καὶ ποικίλοις  
 πάθεσιν ὑβρίζομένους.

- 167 Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἀστήρ μόνος τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν  
 τῆς ψυχῆς λαβὼν ἐπὶ μὲν ἐνδόξου διαθέσεως ποιεῖ  
 τοὺς γεννωμένους συνετούς, ἀγχίνους, νοήμονας,  
 πολυῖστορας, εὐρετικούς, ἐμπείρους, λογιστικούς,

<sup>1</sup> τρυφεροδιαίτους VP (τρυφαιροδιέτους) L (τριφεροδιέτους) AD, τρυφεροέτους ME, τρυφεροβίους Proc., τρυφερούς NCam.

<sup>2</sup> φιλοσόφους post εὐφροσύνους add. MNCam., om. cett. Proc.

<sup>3</sup> εὐεπιβόλους NACam., εὐεπηβόλους ME, εὐεπιβούλους VPLD; om. Proc.

<sup>4</sup> φιλομαθεῖς post ταχυμαθεῖς add. NCam., om. VPLADProc.; ταχυφιλομαθεῖς ME.



seekers after enjoyment, luxurious, happy,<sup>1</sup> fond of friends, pious, sagacious, resourceful, intellectual, intelligent, successful, quick to learn,<sup>2</sup> self-taught, seekers after the best, imitators of beauty, eloquent and pleasing in speech, commanding affection, of well-ordered character, earnest, fond of athletics, upright, of good judgement, magnanimous; in affairs of love, restrained in their relations with women but more passionate for boys, and jealous. In the contrary position she makes them pugnacious, resourceful, evil-speakers, unstable, of bad intentions, deceivers, agitators, liars, slanderers, perjurers, thorough rascals, plotters, faithless, unreliable, adulterators, corrupters of women and children; furthermore, adorners of their persons, rather effeminate, malicious in censure and in gossip, garrulous, villains, sometimes<sup>3</sup> feigning such acts with a view to corruption and sometimes performing them in earnest, lending themselves to base acts and performing them, and subjected to all sorts of base treatment.

Mercury, by himself taking the domination of the soul, in an honourable position makes those who are born under him wise, shrewd, thoughtful, learned, inventive, experienced, good calculators, inquirers

<sup>1</sup> "Fond of wisdom" (*φιλοσόφους*) is added here by certain MSS.

<sup>2</sup> Certain MSS. add "fond of learning" at this point.

<sup>3</sup> Proclus omits the rest of this paragraph.

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<sup>6</sup> *μιμητὰς* VPLADE Proc., *ζηλωτὰς* MNECam.

<sup>6</sup> *ὀρθοῦς* VPLADProc.; *οἰν.* MNECam.

<sup>7</sup> *ἐπιπόγους* VP (-*ψωγ*-) LADProc.; *κακοπόγους* MNECam.

<sup>8</sup> *παντοπράξους* VPLMD, -*πράκτους* A, -*πράκτας* NECam., *πάντα ἐπιχειροῦντας* Proc.

φυσιολόγους, θεωρητικούς, εὐφυεῖς, ζηλωτικούς, εὐεργετικούς, ἐπιλογιστικούς, εὐστόχους, μαθηματικούς, μυστηριακούς, ἐπιτευκτικούς· ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς ἐναντίας πανούργους, προπετεῖς, ἐπιλήσμονας, ὄρμηματίας,<sup>1</sup> κούφους, εὐμεταβόλους, μεταμελητικούς, μωροκάκους, ἄφρονας, ἁμαρτώλους, ψεύστας, ἀδιαφόρους, ἀστάτους, ἀπίστους, πλεονέκτας, ἀδίκους καὶ ὅλως σφαλεροὺς τε τῇ διανοίᾳ καὶ καταφόρους τοῖς ἁμαρτήμασι.

Τούτων δὲ οὕτως ἐχόντων συμβάλλεται μέντοι καὶ αὐτὴ ἢ τῆς σελήνης κατάστασις,<sup>2</sup> ἐπειδήπερ ἐν μὲν τοῖς ἐπικαμπίοις τυγχάνουσα τοῦ τε νοτίου καὶ τοῦ βορείου πέρατος συνεργεῖ τοῖς ψυχικοῖς ἰδιώμασι ἐπὶ τὸ πολυτροπώτερον καὶ τὸ πολυμηχανώτερον καὶ εὐμεταβολώτερον· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν συνδέσμων ἐπὶ τὸ ὀξύτερον καὶ πρακτικώτερον καὶ εὐκίνητότερον· ἔτι δὲ ἐν μὲν ταῖς ἀνατολαῖς καὶ ταῖς τῶν φωτῶν αὐξήσεσιν ἐπὶ τὸ εὐφυέστερον καὶ προφανέστερον καὶ βεβαιότερον καὶ παρρησιαστικώτερον· ἐν δὲ ταῖς μειώσεσι<sup>3</sup> τῶν φωτῶν ἢ ταῖς κρύψεσιν ἐπὶ τὸ νωχελέστερον καὶ ἀμβλύτερον καὶ μεταμελητικώτερον καὶ εὐλαβέστερον καὶ ἀνεπιφανέστερον.

Συμβάλλεται δὲ πῶς καὶ ὁ ἥλιος συνοικειωθεὶς τῇ τῆς ψυχικῆς κράσεως οἰκοδεσποτήσαντι, κατὰ μὲν τὸ ἔνδοξον πάλιν τῆς διαθέσεως ἐπὶ τὸ δικαιότερον

<sup>1</sup> ὄρμηματίας VPLD, ὄρμητάς MAE, ὄρμητικός Cam.<sup>1</sup>, ὄρμητικούς NCam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> αὐτὴ ἢ τῆς σελήνης κατάστασις VAD, ἢ αὐτῆς τῆς σελήνης PLMNECam.

<sup>3</sup> μειώσεσι(ν) P (μοι-) LMAEProc., βιώσεσιν VD, οἰκειώσεσι NCam.

into nature, speculative, gifted, emulous, beneficent, prudent, good at conjecture, mathematicians, partakers in mysteries, successful in attaining their ends. In the opposite position he makes them utter rascals, precipitate, forgetful, impetuous, light-minded, fickle, prone to change their minds, foolish rogues, witless, sinful, liars, indiscriminating, unstable, undependable, avaricious, unjust, and, in general, unsteady in judgement and inclined to evil deeds.

While the foregoing is true as stated, nevertheless the condition of the moon itself also makes a certain contribution. For when the moon happens to be at the bendings of its northern and southern limits,<sup>1</sup> it helps,<sup>2</sup> with respect to the character of the soul, in the direction of greater versatility, resourcefulness, and capacity for change; at the nodes, in the direction of greater keenness, activity, and excitability; again, at rising and in the increases of its illumination, towards greater natural endowments, renown, firmness, and frankness; and in the waning of its illumination, or its occultations, towards greater sluggishness and dullness, less fixity of purpose, greater cautiousness, and less renown.

The sun also aids, when it is familiar with the planet that governs the temperament of the soul, in an honourable position modifying it in the

<sup>1</sup> See the note on iii. 12 (p. 325) concerning the bendings and nodes of the moon's orbit.

<sup>2</sup> Here, as in the case of bodily form and temperament (iii. 11; cf. especially p. 313), the actual rulers are the five planets, and it is the rôle of the luminaries to assist, adding their influences to those of the former.

καὶ ἀνυστικώτερον καὶ τιμητικώτερον<sup>1</sup> καὶ σεμνό-  
τερον καὶ θεοσεβέστερον· κατὰ δὲ τὸ ἐναντίον καὶ  
ἀνοίκειον ἐπὶ τὸ ταπεινότερον καὶ ἐπιπονώτερον  
καὶ ἀσημότερον<sup>2</sup> καὶ ὠμότερον καὶ μονογνωμονέσ-  
τερον καὶ αὐστηρότερον καὶ δυσδιαγωγότερον καὶ  
ὄλως ἐπὶ τὸ δυσκατορθώτερον.

<ιδ.> Περὶ παθῶν ψυχικῶν

Ἐπεὶ δὲ τοῖς τῆς ψυχῆς ιδιώμασιν ἀκολουθεῖ πως  
καὶ ὁ περὶ<sup>3</sup> τῶν ἐξαιρέτων αὐτῆς παθῶν λόγος, καθ'  
ὄλου μὲν πάλιν ἐπισημαίνεσθαι καὶ παρατηρεῖν  
προσῆκει τὸν τε τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἀστέρα καὶ τὴν σελήνην,  
πῶς ἔχουσι πρὸς τε ἀλλήλους καὶ τὰ κέντρα καὶ  
τοὺς πρὸς κάκωσιν οἰκείους τῶν ἀστέρων· ὡς εἴαν  
τε αὐτοὶ ἀσύνδετοι ὄντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους, εἴαν τε πρὸς  
τὸν ἀνατολικὸν ὀρίζοντα, καθυπερτερηθῶσιν ἢ ἐμ-  
περισχεθῶσιν ἢ διαμηκισθῶσιν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀνοικείως  
καὶ βλαπτικῶς ἐσχηματισμένων, ποικίλων παθῶν  
περὶ τὰς ψυχικὰς ἰδιοτροπίας συμπιπτόντων εἰς  
ποιητικοί, τῆς διακρίσεως<sup>4</sup> αὐτῶν πάλιν θεωρου-  
μένης ἀπὸ τῆς προκατειλημμένης τῶν τοῖς τόποις  
συνοικειωθέντων ἀστέρων ἰδιοτροπίας.

- 169) Τὰ μὲν οὖν πλείστα τῶν μετριωτέρων παθῶν  
σχεδὸν καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν περὶ τῶν τῆς ψυχῆς  
ιδιωμάτων ῥηθεῖσι διακέκριταί πως, τῆς ἐπιτάσεως  
αὐτῶν ἐκ τῆς τῶν κακούντων ὑπερβολῆς συννοῶσθαι  
δυναμένης· ἐπειδὴ περ ἤδη τις ἂν εἰκότως εἴποι

<sup>1</sup> ἀνυστικώτερον καὶ τιμητικώτερον VAD; πρακτικώτερον καὶ  
τιμητικώτερον Proc.; ἀνυστικώτερον MNECam.<sup>1</sup>; om. PL;  
ἠθικώτερον Cam.<sup>2</sup>



direction of justice, success, honour, dignity, and reverence for the gods, but in the contrary and alien position making it humbler, more industrious, less conspicuous, more savage, more obstinate, harsher, with a harder life, and in general less successful.

#### 14. *Of Diseases of the Soul.*

Since the account of the principal diseases of the soul, in a sense, follows upon that of the soul's characteristics, it is in general needful to note and observe the positions of Mercury and the moon relative to each other, to the angles, and to the planets whose nature it is to do injury; for if, while they themselves are unrelated to each other, or to the eastern horizon, they are overcome, or surrounded, or held in opposition by unfamiliar stars in injurious aspect, they cause the incidence of various diseases which affect the soul's character. Their interpretation again is to be calculated from the previously described qualities of the planets which are familiar to the places<sup>1</sup> in the sky.

Indeed, most of the more moderate diseases have, in a way, already been distinguished in what has been said about the character of the soul, and their increase can be discerned from the excess of injurious influences; for one might now with propriety call

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* of the moon and Mercury.

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<sup>2</sup> ἀσημότερον] ἀσημώτερον VD, ἀσημ(ε)ιότερον PL; cf. ἀφανέστερον Proc.; ἀσεμνότερον MNAFCam.

<sup>3</sup> ὁ περὶ] ὡσπερὶ Cam.

<sup>4</sup> διακρίσεως VPLMADE, διακράσεως NCam.<sup>1</sup>, δυσκρασίας Cam.<sup>2</sup>; cf. διάγνωσις Proc.

πάθη καὶ τὰ ἄκρα<sup>1</sup> τῶν ἡθῶν καὶ ἢ ἐλλείποντα ἢ πλεονάζοντα τῆς μεσότητος· τὰ δ' ἐξαίρετον<sup>2</sup> ἔχοντα τὴν ἀμετρίαν καὶ ὡσπερ νοσηματώδη καὶ παρ' ὄλην τὴν φύσιν καὶ περί τε αὐτὸ<sup>3</sup> τὸ διανοητικὸν τῆς ψυχῆς μέρος καὶ περί τὸ παθητικόν, ὡς ἐν τύπῳ, τοιαύτης ἔτυχε παρατηρήσεως.

Ἐπιληπτικοὶ μὲν γὰρ ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ γίνονται ὅσοι τῆς σελήνης καὶ τοῦ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, ὡσπερ εἶπομεν, ἢ ἀλλήλοις ἢ τῷ ἀνατολικῷ ὀρίζοντι ἀσυνδέτων ὄντων τὸν μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου ἡμέρας, τὸν δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως νυκτὸς ἔχουσιν ἐπίκεντρον καὶ κατοπεύοντα τὸ προκείμενον σχῆμα· μανιώδεις δ' ὅταν ἐπὶ τῶν αὐτῶν ἀνάπαλιν ὁ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου νυκτὸς, ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἡμέρας, κεκυριευκῶς ἢ τοῦ σχήματος, καὶ μάλιστα ἐν Καρκίνῳ ἢ Παρθένῳ ἢ Ἰχθύσι· δαιμονιόπληκτοι δὲ καὶ ὑγροκέφαλοι ὅταν οὕτως ἔχοντες οἱ κακοποιοῦντες ἐπὶ φάσεως<sup>4</sup> οὔσαν<sup>5</sup> κατέχωσι τὴν σελήνην, ὁ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου συνοδεύουσαν, ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως πανσεληνιαζούσαν, μάλιστα δ' ἐν Τοξότη καὶ Ἰχθύσι. μόνοι μὲν οὖν οἱ κακοποιὸι κατὰ τὸν προειρημένον τρόπον τὴν ἐπικράτησιν τοῦ σχήματος λαβόντες ἀνίατα μὲν, 170 ἀνεπίφαντα δὲ ὅμως καὶ ἀπαραδειγματίστα ποιούσι

<sup>1</sup> ἄκρα MNECam., ἄκρατα VADProc., ἀκράτητα P, ἀκρότατα L.

<sup>2</sup> ἐξαίρετον] ἐξαίροντα NCam.

<sup>3</sup> περί τε αὐτὸ VD, περί αὐτὸ PL, περί τὸ διανοητικὸν κτλ. Proc.; παρ' ὄλον MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἐπὶ φάσεως] ἐπιφάσεως VPLDProc., οὕτω θέσεως E, ἐπὶ φῶς MNACam.

<sup>5</sup> οὔσαν VPMD, οὐς ἂν L, ἔχουσαν E, ἰοῦσαν NACam.; οὔσα Proc.

“diseases” those extremes of character which either fall short of or exceed the mean. Those affections, however, which are utterly disproportionate and as it were pathological, which relate to the whole nature, and which concern both the intelligent part of the soul and its passive part, are, in brief, to be discerned as follows.

In most cases those are epileptic<sup>1</sup> in whose genitures the moon and Mercury are, as we said above, unrelated to each other or to the eastern horizon, while Saturn by day or Mars by night is angular and in the aspect previously described.<sup>2</sup> They are violently insane when, again under the same conditions, Saturn by night and Mars by day rules the position, particularly in Cancer, Virgo, or Pisces. They are afflicted by demons<sup>3</sup> and have water on the brain when the maleficent planets are in this position and control the moon in phase, Saturn when she is at conjunction, Mars when she is full, and particularly in Sagittarius and Pisces. When the maleficent planets are by themselves and rule the configuration in the manner stated, the diseases of the rational part of the soul which we have mentioned as being

<sup>1</sup> Epilepsy and insanity were also mentioned among the bodily diseases (c. 12 above, pp. 329, 331).

<sup>2</sup> Overcoming, surrounding, or opposing; see above.

<sup>3</sup> On this superstition in Roman Egypt, cf. Cumont, *L'Égypte des astrologues*, 167-170. Ptolemy apparently identifies seizure by demons with “water on the brain.”

τὰ προκείμενα<sup>1</sup> τοῦ διανοητικοῦ τῆς ψυχῆς νοσήματα. συνοικειωθέντων δὲ τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν Διὸς τε καὶ Ἀφροδίτης ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν λιβυκῶν μερῶν ὄντες αὐτοί, τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν ἐν τοῖς ἀπηλιωτικοῖς<sup>2</sup> κεκεντρωμένων, ἰάσιμα μὲν, εὐπαραδειγματίστα<sup>3</sup> δὲ ποιούσι τὰ πάθη· ἐπὶ μὲν τοῦ τοῦ Διὸς διὰ θεραπειῶν ἰατρικῶν καὶ ἥτοι διαιτητικῆς<sup>4</sup> ἀγωγῆς ἢ φαρμακείας, ἐπὶ δὲ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης διὰ χρησμῶν καὶ τῆς ἀπὸ θεῶν ἐπικουρίας. ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἀπηλιωτικῶν αὐτοὶ κεκεντρωμένοι, τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν δυνόντων, ἀνιάτα τε ἄμα καὶ πολυθρύλλητα καὶ ἐπιφανέστατα ποιούσι τὰ νοσήματα, κατὰ μὲν τὰς ἐπιληψίας συνεχείαις καὶ περιβοησίαις καὶ κινδύνοις θανατικοῖς τοὺς πάσχοντας περικυλίοντες· κατὰ δὲ τὰς μανίας καὶ ἐκστάσεις ἀκαταστασίαις<sup>5</sup> καὶ ἀπαλλοτριώσεσι τῶν οἰκείων καὶ γυμνητείαις καὶ βλασφημίαις καὶ τοῖς τοιούτοις· κατὰ δὲ τὰς δαιμονιοπληξίας ἢ τὰς τῶν ὑγρῶν ὀχλήσεις, ἐνθουσιασμοῖς καὶ ἐξαγορίαις καὶ αἰκίαις καὶ τοῖς ὁμοίοις τῶν παραδειγματισμῶν. ἰδίως δὲ καὶ τῶν τὸ σχῆμα περιεχόντων τόπων οἱ μὲν ἡλίου καὶ οἱ τοῦ Ἄρεως πρὸς τὰς μανίας μάλιστα συνεργούσιν, οἱ δὲ Διὸς καὶ Ἑρμοῦ πρὸς τὰς ἐπιληψίας, οἱ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης πρὸς τὰς θεοφορίας καὶ ἐξαγορίας, οἱ δὲ τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ σελήνης πρὸς τὰς τῶν ὑγρῶν ὀχλήσεις καὶ πρὸς τὰς δαιμονιοπληξίας.

<sup>1</sup> πάθη καὶ τὰ post προκείμενα add. MNAECam, om. VPLD.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπηλιωτικοῖς (ἀφηλ-, ἀπιλ-) VPLMADEProc., ἀγαθοποιοῖς NCam.<sup>1</sup>, ἀνατολικοῖς Cam.<sup>2</sup>



caused by them are, to be sure, incurable, but latent and obscure. But if the beneficent planets Jupiter and Venus have some familiarity to them when they are themselves in the western parts and the beneficent planets are angular<sup>1</sup> in the east, they make the diseases curable, but noticeable; if it be Jupiter, curable by medical treatments, a diet, or drugs; if Venus, by oracles and the aid of the gods. When the maleficent planets themselves are angular in the east and the beneficent planets are setting, the diseases which they cause are both incurable, the subject of talk, and conspicuous; in epilepsy they involve the victims in continuous attacks, notoriety, and deadly peril; in madness and seizures, they cause instability, alienation of friends, tearing off clothes, abusive language, and the like; in demonic seizures, or water on the brain, possession, confession, torments, and similar manifestations. In detail, of the places that possess the configuration, those of the sun and Mars aid in causing madness, those of Jupiter and Mercury, epilepsy; those of Venus, divine possession and public confession; and those of Saturn and the moon, gatherings of water and demonic seizures.

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* at the angle, in this case the orient.

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<sup>3</sup> εὐπαραδειγμάτιστα VPDE: ἐπιφανῆ Proc.; ἀπαρδειγμάτιστα MNA Cam.

<sup>4</sup> διαιτητικῆς ego; διαιτικῆς VD, διαγητικῆς PI, ὑπὸ διαίτης Proc.; ἰατρικῆς MNAE Cam.

<sup>5</sup> ἀκαταστασίαις VD, cf. ἀκαταστατοῦσι Proc.; ἀκατασχεσίαις cett. Cam.

Ἡ μὲν οὖν περὶ τὸ ποιητικὸν τῆς ψυχῆς καθ' ὅλας τὰς φύσεις νοσηματικὴ παραλλαγή σχεδὸν ἔν τε τοῖς τοιούτοις<sup>1</sup> εἶδεσι καὶ διὰ τῶν τοιούτων ἀποτελεῖται σχηματισμῶν. ἡ δὲ περὶ τὸ παθητικόν, κατ' αὐτὸ πάλιν τὸ ἐξαιρετόν θεωρουμένη, καταφαίνεται μάλιστα περὶ τὰς κατ' αὐτὸ τὸ γένος τοῦ ἄρρενος καὶ θήλεως ὑπερβολὰς καὶ ἐλλείψεις τοῦ κατὰ φύσιν, διαλαμβάνεται δὲ ἐπισκεπτικῶς κατὰ τὸν ὅμοιον τῷ προκειμένῳ τρόπον, τοῦ ἡλίου μέντοι μετὰ τῆς σελήνης ἀντὶ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ παραλαμβάνομένου καὶ τῆς τοῦ Ἄρεως σὺν τῷ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης πρὸς αὐτοὺς συνοικειώσεως· τούτων γὰρ οὕτως ὑπ' ὄψιν πιπτόντων, εἴαν μὲν μόνα τὰ φῶτα ἐν ἀρρενικοῖς ἢ ζωδίοις, οἱ μὲν ἄνδρες ὑπερβάλλουσι τοῦ κατὰ φύσιν, αἱ δὲ γυναῖκες τοῦ παρὰ φύσιν πρὸς τὸ ἔπανδρον ἀπλῶς τῆς ψυχῆς καὶ δραστικώτερον· εἴαν δὲ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἢ καὶ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἦτοι ὀπότερος ἢ καὶ ἀμφοτέροι<sup>2</sup> ὦσιν ἡρρενωμένοι, οἱ μὲν ἄνδρες πρὸς τὰς κατὰ φύσιν συνουσίας γίνονται καταφερεῖς καὶ μοιχικοὶ καὶ ἀκόρεστοι<sup>3</sup> καὶ ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ πρόχειροι πρὸς τε τὰ αἰσχρὰ καὶ τὰ παράνομα τῶν ἀφροδισίων· αἱ δὲ γυναῖκες πρὸς τὰς παρὰ φύσιν ὁμιλίαις λάγναι καὶ ῥιψόφθαλμοι καὶ αἱ καλούμεναι τριβάδες· διατιθέασιν δὲ θηλείαις, ἀνδρῶν ἔργα ἐπιτελοῦσαι. καὶ μὲν ὁ μόνος ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἡρρενωμένος ἢ, λάθρα καὶ οὐκ ἰ72 ἀναφανδόν· εἴαν δὲ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως, ἀντικρυς ὥστε

<sup>1</sup> Post τοιούτοις add. ἐστὶ(ν) PLMNECam., om. VADProc.

<sup>2</sup> ἀμφοτέροι VADProc., ἐκάτερος PLMNCam., -οι E.

<sup>3</sup> ἀκόρεστοι VPL, ἀκόρεστοι D, ἀκόλαστοι MNAECam.

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The morbid perversion of the active part of the soul in its general nature, therefore, is produced in some such forms as these and is produced by these configurations of the planets. The corresponding perversion of the passive portion, as in the former instance viewed in its extreme cases, is most apparent in excesses and deficiencies in matters of sex, male and female, as compared with what is natural, and in inquiry is apprehended in the same fashion as before, though the sun is taken, together with the moon, instead of Mercury, and the relation to them of Mars, together with Venus, is observed. For when these thus fall under observation, if the luminaries are unattended in masculine signs, males exceed in the natural, and females exceed in the unnatural quality, so as merely to increase the virility and activity of the soul. But if likewise Mars or Venus as well, either one or both of them, is made masculine,<sup>1</sup> the males become addicted to natural sexual intercourse, and are adulterous, insatiate, and ready on every occasion for base and lawless acts of sexual passion, while the females are lustful for unnatural congresses, cast inviting glances of the eye, and are what we call *tribades*; <sup>2</sup> for they deal with females and perform the functions of males. If Venus alone is constituted in a masculine manner, they do these things secretly and not openly. But if Mars likewise is so constituted, without

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 6.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 405, n. 1.

ἐνίοτε καὶ νομίμας ὡσπερ γυναῖκας τὰς<sup>1</sup> διατιθε-  
 μένας ἀναδεικνύειν.

Τὸ δ' ἐναντίον, τῶν φωτῶν κατὰ τὸν ἐκκεί-  
 μενον σχηματισμὸν ἐν θηλυκοῖς ζωδίοις ὑπαρ-  
 χόντων μόνων, αἱ μὲν γυναῖκες ὑπερβάλλουσι τοῦ  
 κατὰ φύσιν, οἱ δὲ ἄνδρες τοῦ παρὰ φύσιν, πρὸς  
 τὸ εὐθρυπτον καὶ τεθηλυσμένον τῆς ψυχῆς· ἐὰν  
 δὲ καὶ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἢ τεθηλυσμένος, αἱ μὲν  
 γυναῖκες καταφερέϊς τε καὶ μοιχάδες καὶ λάγναι  
 γίνονται πρὸς τὸ διατίθεσθαι κατὰ<sup>2</sup> φύσιν ἐν παντί  
 τε καιρῷ καὶ ὑπὸ παντὸς οὔτινοσοῦν, ὡς μηδενὸς  
 ἀπλῶς, ἐὰν τε αἰσχροὺς ἢ, ἐὰν τε παράνομον,  
 ἀπέχεσθαι τῶν ἀφροδισίων· οἱ δὲ ἄνδρες μαλακοί  
 τε καὶ σαθροὶ<sup>3</sup> πρὸς τὰς παρὰ φύσιν συνουσίας καὶ  
 γυναικῶν ἔργα, διατιθέμενοι παθητικῶς, ἀποκρύφως  
 μέντοι καὶ λεληθότως· ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως  
 ἢ τεθηλυσμένος, ἄντικρυς καὶ μετὰ παρρησίας ἀν-  
 αισχυντοῦσι, τὰ προκείμενα καθ' ἑκάτερον εἶδος ἀπο-  
 τελοῦντες,<sup>4</sup> τὸ πορνικὸν καὶ πολυκοῖνον καὶ πολύ-  
 ψογον καὶ πάναισχρον σχῆμα περιβαλλόμενοι μέχρι  
 τῆς κατὰ τε τὴν λοιδορίαν καὶ τὴν τῆς χρήσεως  
 ὕβριν σημειώσεως.<sup>5</sup> συμβάλλονται δὲ καὶ οἱ μὲν  
 ἀνατολικοὶ καὶ ἐῷσι σχηματισμοὶ τοῦ τε τοῦ Ἄρεως  
 καὶ τοῦ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης πρὸς τε τὸ ἐπανδρότερον  
 καὶ εὐδιαβοητότερον, οἱ δὲ δυτικοὶ καὶ ἐσπέριοι  
 πρὸς τε τὸ θηλυκώτερον καὶ τὸ κατασταλτικώτερον·  
 173 ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ ὁ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου συμπροσγενομένος  
 ἐπὶ τὸ ἀσελγέστερον καὶ ἀκαθαρτότερον ἢ καὶ  
 ἐπονειδιστότερον ἐκάστῳ τῶν ἐκκειμένων πέφυκε

<sup>1</sup> τὰς om. MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> κατὰ libri; παρὰ Cam.



reserve, so that sometimes they even designate the women with whom they are on such terms as their lawful "wives."

But on the other hand, when the luminaries in the aforesaid configuration are unattended in feminine signs, the females exceed in the natural, and the males in unnatural practice, with the result that their souls become soft and effeminate. If Venus too is made feminine, the women become depraved, adulterous, and lustful, with the result that they may be dealt with in the natural manner on any occasion and by any one soever, and so that they refuse absolutely no sexual act, though it be base or unlawful. The men, on the contrary, become effeminate and unsound with respect to unnatural congresses and the functions of women, and are dealt with as pathics, though privately and secretly. But if Mars also is constituted in a feminine manner, their shamelessness is outright and frank and they perform the aforesaid acts of either kind, assuming the guise of common bawds who submit to general abuse and to every baseness until they are stamped with the reproach and insult that attend such usages. And the rising and morning positions of both Mars and Venus have a contributory effect, to make them more virile and notorious, while setting and evening positions increase femininity and sedateness. Similarly, if Saturn is present, his influence joins with each of the foregoing to produce more licentiousness,

<sup>3</sup> σαθροί VPLDProc. ; θαρσείς NCam., θρασείς MAE.

<sup>4</sup> ἀποτελοῦντες VD, -οναι(ν) PL, ἐπιτελοῦσι MNAECam.

<sup>5</sup> σημειώσεως MNACam. ; δημοσίως ἕως VD (διμ-) E, δημοσίως ὡς PL.

συνεργεῖν, ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς πρὸς τὸ εὐσχημονέστερον καὶ φυλακτικώτερον καὶ αἰδημονέστερον, ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ πρὸς τε τὸ περιβοητότερον καὶ τὸ τῶν παθῶν<sup>1</sup> εὐκινήτοτερον καὶ πολυτροπώτερον καὶ εὐπροσκοπώτερον.

## BIBΛΙΟΝ Δ΄

## 〈α. Προοίμιον〉

Τὰ μὲν οὖν πρὸ τῆς γενέσεως καὶ τὰ κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν γένεσιν δυνάμενα θεωρεῖσθαι, καὶ ἔτι τῶν μετὰ τὴν γένεσιν ὅσα τῆς συστάσεως ἐστὶν ἴδια τὸ καθ' ὅλου ποιὸν τῶν συγκριμάτων ἐμφαίνοντα, σχεδὸν ταῦτ' ἂν εἴη. τῶν δὲ κατὰ τὸ ἐκτὸς συμβεβηκότων καὶ ἐφεξῆς ὀφειλόντων διαλαμβάνεσθαι προηγείται μὲν ὁ περὶ τύχης κτητικῆς τε καὶ ἀξιοματικῆς λόγος, συνῆπται δ' ὥσπερ ἡ μὲν κτητικὴ ταῖς τοῦ σώματος οἰκειώσεσιν, ἡ δ' ἀξιοματικὴ ταῖς τῆς ψυχῆς.

## 〈β.〉 Περὶ τύχης κτητικῆς

Τὰ μὲν οὖν τῆς κτήσεως ὅποιά τινα ἔσται ληπτέον ἀπὸ τοῦ καλουμένου κλήρου τῆς τύχης, 174 μόνου μέντοι καθ' ὃν πάντοτε τὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἡλίου ἐπὶ τὴν σελήνην διάστασιν ἐκβάλλομεν ἀπὸ τοῦ ὠροσκόπου καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν τῆς ἡμέρας καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν τῆς νυκτὸς γεννωμένων, δι' ἃς εἶπομεν ἐν τοῖς περὶ

<sup>1</sup> παθῶν VPLMADEProc., ἡθῶν NCam.

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impurity, and disgrace, while Jupiter aids in the direction of greater decorum, restraint, and modesty, and Mercury tends to increase notoriety, instability of the emotions, versatility, and foresight.

### BOOK IV.

#### [1. *Introduction.*]

THE foregoing may be taken as what can be learned by investigation of matters antecedent to the nativity and contemporary with it, together with such of those posterior to the nativity as properly apply to the constitution of the subject by disclosing the general quality of his temperament. Among external accidentals, which should be treated next in order, the discussion of the fortune of both riches and honour comes first; and as material fortune is associated with the properties of the body, so honour belongs to those of the soul.

#### 2. *Of Material Fortune.*

What the subject's material acquisitions will be is to be gained from the so-called "Lot of Fortune";<sup>1</sup> that one alone, however, to discover which we measure from the horoscope the distance from the sun to the moon, in both diurnal and nocturnal nativities, for the reasons which we stated in the

<sup>1</sup> See iii. 10, pp. 275-77. The authenticity of the following clause (to "nativities") is doubtful, since it appears to refer to the sentence in iii. 10 (p. 277, n. 1) which is clearly an interpolation.

χρόνων ζωῆς αἰτίας. σκοπεῖν οὖν δεήσει τούτου<sup>1</sup>  
 συνισταμένου<sup>2</sup> τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον, τοῦ<sup>3</sup> δωδεκα-  
 τημορίου λαβόντας τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν, καὶ πῶς  
 ἔχουσιν οὗτοι δυνάμεως καὶ οἰκειότητος καθ' ὃν ἐν  
 ἀρχῇ διωρισάμεθα τρόπον· ἔτι δὲ τοὺς συσχημα-  
 τίζομένους αὐτοῖς<sup>4</sup> ἢ τοὺς<sup>5</sup> καθυπερτεροῦντας τῶν  
 τῆς αὐτῆς ἢ τῆς ἐναντίας αἰρέσεως· ἐν δυνάμει μὲν  
 γὰρ ὄντες οἱ τοῦ κλήρου τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν λαβόντες  
 ποιοῦσι πολυκτήμονας, καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν ὑπὸ τῶν  
 φωτῶν οἰκείως τύχῃσι μαρτυρηθέντες· ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν  
 τοῦ Κρόνου διὰ θεμελιῶν ἢ γεωργιῶν ἢ ναυκληριῶν,  
 ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς διὰ πίστεως ἢ ἐπιτροπιῶν ἢ ἱερατειῶν,  
 ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως διὰ στρατειῶν καὶ ἡγεμονιῶν, ὁ δὲ  
 τῆς Ἀφροδίτης διὰ φιλικῶν<sup>6</sup> ἢ γυναικείων δωρεῶν,  
 ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ διὰ λόγων καὶ ἐμποριῶν. ἰδίως  
 δ' ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου τῇ κτητικῇ τύχῃ συνοικειούμενος,  
 εἰάν τῳ τοῦ Διὸς συσχηματισθῇ, κληρονομίας περι-  
 ποιεῖ, καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν ἐπὶ τῶν ἄνω κέντρων τοῦτο<sup>7</sup>  
 συμβῇ, τοῦ τοῦ Διὸς ἐν δισώμῳ ζῳδίῳ τυχόντος ἢ  
 καὶ τὴν συναφὴν τῆς σελήνης ἐπέχοντος· τότε γὰρ  
 καὶ εἰς παιδοποιεῖαν ἀναχθέντες ἀλλότρια κληρονο-  
 μοῦσι· κἂν μὲν οἱ τῆς αὐτῆς αἰρέσεως τοῖς οἰκο-  
 175 δεσπόταις τὰς μαρτυρίας τῶν οἰκοδεσποτιῶν αὐτοῖ  
 τύχῃσι ποιούμενοι, τὰς κτήσεις ἀκαθαιρέτους δια-  
 φυλάττουσιν· εἰάν δὲ οἱ τῆς ἐναντίας αἰρέσεως καθυ-  
 υπερτερήσωσι τοὺς κυρίους τόπους ἢ ἐπανενεχθῶσιν

<sup>1</sup> τούτου VD, τοῦ τοῦ P, τοῦ L, τοὺς τοῦ MNAECam.

<sup>2</sup> συνισταμένου libri Cam.<sup>1</sup>, περιεχομένου Cam.<sup>2</sup> Cf. τούτου δὲ συσταθέντος Proc.

<sup>3</sup> τοῦ om. MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> αὐτοῖς VADProc., -ῆς PL, -οὺς MNECam.



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discussion of the length of life. As it is constituted in this way, we shall be obliged therefore to take the lordship of the sign, and observe what is the condition of these planets with regard to power and familiarity, in the way which we specified at the beginning.<sup>1</sup> Further, we must consider the planets in aspect with them, or those of their own or of the opposite sect that overcome them. For when the planets which govern the Lot of Fortune are in power, they make the subjects rich, particularly when they chance to have the proper testimony<sup>2</sup> of the luminaries; thus Saturn brings riches through building, or agriculture, or shipping ventures, Jupiter through fiduciary relationships, guardianships, or priesthoods, Mars through military operations and command, Venus through gifts from friends or women, and Mercury through eloquence and trade. And in a special way, when Saturn is associated with material fortune, if he is in aspect with Jupiter, he is the cause of inheritances, particularly when this comes about upon the upper angles and Jupiter is in a bicorporeal sign or holds the application of the moon. For in that case they are adopted and inherit the possessions of others; and if the planets of the same sect as the ruling planets happen themselves to witness to the rulership, they retain their possessions without loss; but if the planets of the opposite sect overcome the governing places or rise after them, they bring

<sup>1</sup> Cf. ii. 7 (pp. 169-71), and iii. 2 (p. 233).

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 379, n. 3.

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<sup>5</sup> ἢ τοὺς VMADÉ, ἦ om. PL, ἦ τοὺς om. N'Cam.

<sup>6</sup> φιλικῶν VD, φυληκῶν P, φίλων L, φίλων MNAECam.

<sup>7</sup> τοῦτο libri Proc., Cam.<sup>1</sup>; αὐτὸς Cam.<sup>2</sup>

αὐτοῖς,<sup>1</sup> καθαιρέσεις ποιοῦνται τῶν ὑπαρχόντων, τοῦ καθολικοῦ καιροῦ λαμβανομένου διὰ τῆς τῶν τὸ αἴτιον ποιούντων πρὸς τὰ κέντρα καὶ τὰς ἐπαναφορὰς προσνεύσεως.

⟨γ.⟩ Περὶ τύχης ἀξιωματικῆς

Τὰ δὲ τῆς ἀξίας<sup>2</sup> καὶ τῆς τοιαύτης εὐδαιμονίας δεήσει σκοπεῖν ἀπὸ τε τῆς τῶν φωτῶν διαθέσεως καὶ τῆς τῶν δορυφορούντων ἀστέρων<sup>3</sup> οἰκειώσεως<sup>4</sup> αὐτοῖς·<sup>5</sup> ἐν ἄρρενικοῖς μὲν γὰρ ζωδίοις ὄντων ἀμφοτέρων τῶν φωτῶν καὶ ἐπικέντρων ἤτοι ἀμφοτέρων πάλιν ἢ καὶ τοῦ ἐτέρου, μάλιστα δὲ τοῦ τῆς αἰρέσεως καὶ δορυφορουμένου ὑπὸ τῶν πέντε πλανωμένων, ἡλίου<sup>6</sup> μὲν ὑπὸ<sup>7</sup> ἑώων, σελήνης δὲ ὑπὸ ἑσπερίων,<sup>8</sup> οἱ γεννώμενοι βασιλεῖς ἔσονται. κἄν μὲν οἱ δορυφοροῦντες ἀστέρες ἤτοι ἐπίκεντροι καὶ αὐτοὶ ὦσιν ἢ πρὸς τὸ ὑπὲρ γῆν κέντρον συσχηματίζωνται, μεγάλοι καὶ δυναμικοὶ καὶ κοσμοκράτορες διατελοῦσι· καὶ ἔτι μᾶλλον εὐδαίμονες εἰάν οἱ δορυ-

<sup>1</sup> αὐτοῖς] ἐπ' αὐτοῖς MNCam.

<sup>2</sup> τῆς αὐτῆς ἀξίας NCam., τῆς τοιαύτης ἀξίας (corr. in τῆς αὐτῆς ἀ.) M.

<sup>3</sup> Post ἀστέρων add. συνορώντα τὰς MNECam.

<sup>4</sup> οἰκειώσεις MNECam.

<sup>5</sup> αὐτῶν MNECam.

<sup>6</sup> ἡλίου VD, ἡλιον PLA, πρὸς ἡλιον MNECam.

<sup>7</sup> ὑπὸ οἰμ. MNECam.

<sup>8</sup> σελήνης . . . ἑσπερίων VPLAD; ἑσπερίων δὲ πρὸς σελήνην MNFCam.

about loss of possessions, and the general time<sup>1</sup> is discovered by means of the approach of the causative planets to the angles and the succedent signs.

### 3. *Of the Fortune of Dignity.*

It will be needful to determine the questions of dignity and happiness resulting therefrom from the position of the luminaries and the familiarity to them of their attendant planets.<sup>2</sup> For if both the luminaries are in masculine signs and either both of them, or even one of the two, angular, and particularly if the luminary of the sect<sup>3</sup> is also attended by the five planets, matutine to the sun and vespertine to the moon, the children will be kings. And if the attendant planets are either themselves angular or bear an aspect to the superior angle, the children born will continue to be great, powerful, and world-rulers,<sup>4</sup> and they will be even more fortunate if the

<sup>1</sup> When the inheritance falls due; Bouché-Leclercq, p. 437. Ashmand, p. 173, would have the expression refer to the duration of the wealth.

<sup>2</sup> "Attendance" is described by Porphyry, *Introduction*, pp. 190-191, ed. Wolf, whom Hephaestion i. 17, pp. 74-75, ed. Engelbrecht, follows. The second of the three varieties of attendance mentioned applies to the luminaries. If one of these is at the horoscope or mid-heaven, whether or not it is in its own house, it will have as attendant any planet of its own sect which projects its ray upon the luminary, those of the sun's (diurnal) sect in the direction of the diurnal movement of the heavens, those of the moon's sect in the other direction.

<sup>3</sup> The sect of the geniture, diurnal or nocturnal.

<sup>4</sup> Ptolemy doubtless meant Roman emperors, but the epithet was used of kings by the astrologers before it appeared in the inscriptions of the emperors (Cumont, *L'Égypte des astrologues*, p. 27).

φοροῦντες ἀστέρες δεξιοὶ τοῖς ὑπὲρ γῆν κέντροις  
 συσχηματίζονται. εἰάν δὲ τῶν ἄλλων οὕτως ἐχόν-  
 των μόνος ὁ ἥλιος ἢ ἐν ἀρρениκῶ, ἢ δὲ σελήνη ἐν  
 θηλυκῶ, ἐπίκεντρον δὲ τὸ ἕτερον τῶν φωτῶν, ἡγε-  
 176 μόνες μόνον ἔσονται ζωῆς καὶ θανάτου κύριοι. εἰάν  
 δὲ πρὸς τούτοις μηδὲ οἱ δορυφοροῦντες ἀστέρες  
 ἐπίκεντροι ὧσιν ἢ μαρτυρήσωσι τοῖς κέντροις,  
 μεγάλοι μόνον ἔσονται καὶ ἐν ἀξιώμασι τοῖς ἀπὸ  
 μέρους στεμματηφορικοῖς ἢ ἐπιτροπικοῖς ἢ στρατο-  
 πεδαρχικοῖς καὶ οὐχὶ τοῖς ἡγεμονικοῖς. εἰάν δὲ τὰ  
 φῶτα μὴ ἢ ἐπίκεντρα, τῶν δὲ δορυφορούντων ἀστέ-  
 ρων οἱ πλείστοι ἢτοι ἐπίκεντροι ὧσιν ἢ συσχηματί-  
 ζονται τοῖς κέντροις, ἐν ἀξιώμασι μὲν ἐπιφανεστέ-  
 ροις οὐ γενήσονται, ἐν προαγωγαῖς δὲ πολιτικαῖς  
 καὶ μετριότητι περὶ τὰς κατὰ τὸν βίον προλήψεις·  
 μηδὲ τῶν δορυφορούντων μέντοι τοῖς κέντροις συν-  
 οικειωθέντων ἀνεπίφαντοι ταῖς πράξεις καὶ ἀπρό-  
 κοποι καθίστανται· τέλειον δὲ ταπεινοὶ καὶ κακοδαί-  
 μονες γίνονται ταῖς τύχαις ὅταν μηδέτερον τῶν φωτῶν  
 μήτε κεκεντρωμένον ἢ μήτ' ἐν ἀρρениκῶ ζωδίῳ  
 τυγχάνη μήτε δορυφορῆται ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν.  
 ὁ μὲν οὖν καθ' ὅλου τύπος τῆς προκειμένης ἐπι-  
 σκέψεως τοιαύτην τινὰ τὴν ἀῤξομείωσιν ἔχει τῶν  
 ἀξιωμάτων· τὰς δὲ μεταξὺ τούτων καταστάσεις

<sup>1</sup> Dexter, or on the right, is in the direction of the diurnal movement of the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Certainly officers of very high rank in the imperial service are meant. Cumont, *op. cit.*, pp. 39-40, shows that ἡγεμών (Lat. *dux*) was commonly so understood in Egypt, and sometimes it is equivalent to *iudex*, "judge" (pp. 45-46).



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attendant planets are in dexter aspect<sup>1</sup> to the superior angles. But if, while the others are in this position, the sun alone is in a masculine sign, and the moon is in a feminine one, and one of the luminaries is angular, they will merely be generals,<sup>2</sup> with power of life and death. If, however, besides this the attendant planets are neither angular nor witnessing<sup>3</sup> to the angles, they will be merely great and will enjoy partial dignities, those which involve the wearing of chaplets,<sup>4</sup> or those of superintendence<sup>5</sup> or of military command,<sup>6</sup> and not those of first rank. But if the luminaries are not angular, and most of the attendant planets are either angular or in aspect with the angles, they will not attain the more conspicuous honours but rather civil leadership and moderate advancement in their careers. If, however, the attendant planets are not associated with the angles, they are rendered obscure in their actions and without preferment, and they are entirely humble and miserable in their fortunes when neither of the luminaries is angular, or in a masculine sign, or attended by the beneficent planets. The general outline, then, of the investigation before us involves a gradation of dignities of this sort. Since there are very many

<sup>1</sup>In aspect.

<sup>2</sup>Connected with priestly dignities; cf. Cumont, *op. cit.*, p. 117.

<sup>3</sup>Probably referring to prominent positions at court or in the civil service.

<sup>4</sup>The word *στρατοπεδάρχης* primarily means "commander of a camp," as, in Latin, *praefectus castrorum*, but came to be used generally to mean "commander of troops"; cf. Cumont, *op. cit.*, pp. 40-41.

παμπληθείς οὔσας καταστοχαστέον ἀπὸ τῶν περὶ αὐτὸ τὸ εἶδος τῶν τε φωτῶν καὶ τῆς δορυφορίας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ μέρους ἐναλλοιώσεως καὶ τῆς κυρίας τῶν δορυφορήσεων· ταύτης γὰρ περὶ μὲν τοὺς τὴν  
 177 αἵρεσιν ἔχοντας ἢ τοὺς ἀγαθοποιούς συνισταμένης τὸ αὐθεντικώτερον καὶ ἀπταιστότερον τοῖς ἀξιώμασι παρακολουθεῖ· περὶ δὲ τοὺς ἐναντίους ἢ τοὺς κακοποιούς, τὸ ὑποτεταγμένον καὶ ἐπισφαλέςτερον. καὶ τὸ τῆς ἀξίας δὲ τῆς ἐσομένης εἶδος ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν δορυφορησάντων ἀστέρων ἰδιοτροπίας θεωρητέον· ἐπειδήπερ ὁ μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου τὴν κυρίαν τῆς δορυφορίας ἔχων ἐπὶ πολυκτημοσύνη καὶ συναγωγῇ χρημάτων τὰς δυναστείας ποιεῖ, ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς ἢ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐπὶ χάρισι καὶ δωρεαῖς καὶ τιμαῖς καὶ μεγαλοψυχίαις· ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἐπὶ στρατηλασίαις καὶ νίκαις καὶ φόβοις τῶν ὑποτεταγμένων· ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ διὰ σύνεσιν ἢ παιδείαν καὶ ἐπιμέλειαν καὶ οἰκονομίαν τῶν πραγμάτων.

<δ.> Περὶ πράξεως<sup>1</sup> ποιότητος

Ὁ δὲ τῆς πράξεως τὴν κυρίαν ἐπέχων λαμβάνεται κατὰ τρόπους δύο, ἀπὸ τοῦ τε ἡλίου καὶ τοῦ μεσουρανοῦντος ζωδίου. σκοπεῖν γὰρ δεήσει τὸν τε τὴν φάσιν ἑῶαν ἔγγιστα πρὸς ἡλίον πεποιημένον καὶ τὸν ἐπὶ τοῦ μεσουρανήματος, ὅταν μάλιστα τὴν συναφὴν τῆς σελήνης ἐπέχη. κἂν μὲν ὁ<sup>2</sup> αὐτὸς ἢ ἀστήρ ἀμφότερα ἔχων<sup>3</sup> τὰ εἰρημένα, τούτῳ μόνῳ

<sup>1</sup> πράξεων NCam.

<sup>2</sup> ὁ om. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἢ . . . ἔχων VPLD, ἔχη MNAECam.

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conditions intermediate between these grades, one must estimate them from the specific qualities of the luminaries themselves, and the particular variations in the manner in which they are attended, and the government of the attendance. For if their attendance consists of planets of the same sect, or of the beneficent planets, greater independence and security will attend the dignities; but if it involves the opposite sect, or the maleficent planets, there will be dependency and less security. The kind of future honour is to be divined from the quality of the attending planets; for if Saturn governs the attendance, he brings about power based on wealth and the amassing of riches, but Jupiter or Venus that which rests upon favours, gifts, honours, and magnanimity; Mars brings power founded on generalships, victories, and the fears of subordinates, and Mercury that which depends upon intelligence, education, and the care and management of affairs.

### *4. Of the Quality of Action.*

The lord of action is apprehended by two methods, from the sun and from the culminating sign. For it will be needful to look both for the planet that has made its morning appearance closest to the sun, and that which is at mid-heaven, particularly when it occupies the application of the moon; and if the same star occupies both the aforesaid positions, this alone must be employed, and similarly if none

προσχηστέον· ὁμοίως δὲ κἂν τὸ ἕτερον μηδεὶς ἔχη, τῷ τὸ ἕτερον εἰληφότι μόνῳ. ἔαν δὲ ἕτερος ἢ ὁ τὴν<sup>1</sup> ἔγγιστα φάσιν πεποιημένος καὶ ἕτερος ὁ τῷ μεσουρανήματι καὶ τῇ σελήνῃ συνοικειούμενος, 178 ἀμφοτέροις προσχηστέον,<sup>2</sup> τὰ πρωτεῖα διδόντας τῷ κατὰ ἐπικράτησιν πλείους ἔχοντι ψήφους οἰκοδεσποτίας καθ' ὃν προεκτεθείμεθα τρόπον. ἔαν δὲ μηδεὶς εὐρίσκηται μήτε φάσιν<sup>3</sup> πεποιημένος μήτε ἐπὶ τοῦ μεσουρανήματος, τὸν κύριον αὐτοῦ παραληπτέον, πρὸς ἐπιτηδεύσεις μέντοι τὰς κατὰ καιροῦς· ἄπρακτοι γὰρ ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν οἱ τοιοῦτοι γίνονται.

Ὁ μὲν οὖν τῆς πράξεως τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν λαβὼν ἀστὴρ οὕτως ἡμῖν διακριθήσεται· τὸ δὲ ποιὸν τῶν πράξεων ἔκ τε τῆς ἰδιοτροπίας τῶν τριῶν ἀστέρων Ἄρεως καὶ Ἀφροδίτης καὶ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ἐκ τῆς τῶν ζωδίων ἐν οἷς ἂν τύχῃσι παραπορευόμενοι. ὁ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ τὸ πράττειν παρέχων, ὡς ἂν τις εἴποι τυπωδῶς, ποιεῖ γραμματέας, πραγματευτικούς,<sup>4</sup> λογιστάς, διδασκάλους, ἐμπόρους, τραπεζίτας, μάντεις, ἀστρολόγους, θύτας καὶ ὄλως τοὺς ἀπὸ γραμμάτων καὶ ἐρμηνείας καὶ δόσεως καὶ λήψεως ἐργαζομένους· κἂν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου αὐτῷ μαρτυρήσῃ, ἀλλοτρίων οἰκονόμους ἢ ὄνειροκρίτας ἢ ἐν ἱεροῖς τὰς ἀναστροφὰς<sup>5</sup> ποιουμένους προφάσει μαντείων καὶ ἐνθουσιασμῶν· ἔαν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διός,

<sup>1</sup> τὴν om. MNCam.

<sup>2</sup> προχηστέον NCam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> ἔωαν post φάσιν add. MNAECam.; om. VPLDProc.

<sup>4</sup> πραγματευτικούς VP (-τηκ-) D, πραγματικούς L, πραγμάτων ἐπιμελητάς Proc., γραμματικούς MNAECam.

<sup>5</sup> ἀναστροφὰς] ἀνατροφὰς NMCam.<sup>1</sup>; ἀναφορὰς E.



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occupies one of these places, we must use only the one which occupies the other of the places. And if one planet has made the nearest morning appearance and another is associated with the mid-heaven, and with the moon, we must employ them both, giving preference to the one which by reason of its strength has the greater number of claims to domination according to the scheme which we have already set forth.<sup>1</sup> But if not one is found which either has made an appearance<sup>2</sup> or is at mid-heaven, we must take the lord of the latter region, with reference however to the occasional pursuits of the subject, for persons with such genitures are for the most part inactive.

Thus, then, we shall determine the planet that governs action. The quality of the action, however, is to be discerned from the character of the three planets, Mars, Venus, and Mercury, and from that of the signs through which they happen to be passing. For if Mercury governs action, to speak generally, he makes his subjects scribes, men of business, calculators, teachers, merchants, bankers, soothsayers, astrologers, sacrificers, and in general those who perform their functions by means of documents, interpretation, and giving and taking. And if Saturn testifies to him, they will be managers of the property of others, interpreters of dreams, or frequenters of temples for the purpose of prophecies and inspiration. If it is Jupiter that witnesses, they will be law-makers,

<sup>1</sup> In iii. 2 (p. 233).

<sup>2</sup> Certain MSS. say "a morning appearance."

νομογράφους, ῥήτορας, σοφιστάς, μετὰ προσώπων μειζόνων ἔχοντας τὰς ἀναστροφάς.

Ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης τὸ πράττειν παρέχων ποιεῖ τοὺς παρ' ὄσμαϊς ἀνθέων ἢ μύρων ἢ οἴνοις  
 179 ἢ χρώμασιν ἢ βαφαῖς ἢ ἀρώμασιν ἢ κόσμοις τὰς πράξεις ἔχοντας, οἶον μυροπώλας, στεφανηπλόκους, ἐκδοχέας, οἶνεμπόρους,<sup>1</sup> φαρμακοπώλας, ὑφάντας, ἀρωματοπώλας, ζωγράφους, βαφέας,<sup>2</sup> ἱματιοπώλας· κἂν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου αὐτῷ μαρτυρήσῃ, ἐμπόρους τῶν πρὸς ἀπόλαυσιν καὶ κόσμον, γόητας δὲ καὶ φαρμακοὺς καὶ προαγωγοὺς καὶ τοὺς ἐκ τῶν ὁμοίων τούτοις πορίζοντας· ἐὰν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διός, ἀθλητὰς στεφανηφόρους, τιμῶν καταξιουμένους, ὑπὸ θηλυκῶν προσώπων προβιβαζομένους.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως μετὰ μὲν τοῦ ἡλίου συσχηματισθεὶς τοὺς διὰ πυρὸς ἐργαζομένους ποιεῖ, οἶον μαγεύρους, χωνευτάς, καύστας, χαλκέας, μεταλλευτάς·<sup>3</sup> χωρὶς δὲ τοῦ ἡλίου τυχῶν, τοὺς διὰ σιδήρου, οἶον ναυπηγούς, τέκτονας, γεωργούς, λατόμους, λιθοξόους,<sup>4</sup> λιθουργούς, ξυλοσχίστας, ὑπουργούς· κἂν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου αὐτῷ μαρτυρήσῃ, ναυτικούς, ἀντλητάς, ὑπονομευτάς, ζωγράφους, θηριοτρόφους,<sup>5</sup> μαγεύρους, παρασχιστάς·<sup>6</sup> ἐὰν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διός, στρα-

<sup>1</sup> οἶνεμπόρους VPAD; οἶνοπώλους Proo.; ἡνεαπόρους L; οἶον ἐμπόρους MNECam.

<sup>2</sup> βαφέας om. NECam.

<sup>3</sup> μεταλλευτάς om. Cam.

<sup>4</sup> λιθοξόους Proo., λιθόξωας P, λιθόξωας L, λιθοξόους λαοξόους V, λιθ. λοξούς D, λαοξόους MNECam., om. A.

<sup>5</sup> ζωογράφους θηριοτρόφους VDPProo.; θηριοτρόφους P (θυρο-) LAE; στρατιώτας MNECam.

<sup>6</sup> παρασχιστάς VDPProo., παρασχηστάς PL; περιχύτας MNAECam.

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orators, sophists, who enjoy familiarity with great persons.

If Venus rules action, she makes her subjects persons whose activities lie among the perfumes of flowers or of unguents, in wine, colours, dyes, spices, or adornments, as, for example, sellers of unguents, weavers of chaplets, innkeepers, wine-merchants, druggists, weavers, dealers in spices, painters, dyers, sellers of clothing. And if Saturn testifies to her, she makes them dealers in goods used for pleasure or adornment, sorcerers, poisoners, panders, and those who make their living from similar occupations. If Jupiter testifies, they will be athletes, wearers of the wreath, persons deemed worthy of honours, and men who derive advancement from women.

Mars, in aspect with the sun, makes his subjects those who use fire in their crafts, such as cooks, moulders, cauterizers, smiths, workers in mines; if he is not with the sun, those who work with iron, such as shipbuilders, carpenters, farmers, quarrymen, stone-dressers, jewellers, splitters of wood, and their subordinate workers. If Saturn testifies to him, he produces seamen, drawers of water, tunnelers, painters, gamekeepers,<sup>1</sup> cooks, embalmers.<sup>2</sup> If Jupiter testifies, he produces soldiers,

<sup>1</sup> The Egyptian kings and Roman emperors kept exotic animals and had servants to look after them; *cf.* Cumont, *op. cit.*, pp. 63-64.

<sup>2</sup> More accurately, those who opened the corpses for the purpose of embalming them; *cf.* Cumont, *op. cit.*, pp. 138 ff.

τιώτας, ὑπηρέτας, τελώνας, πανδοκέας, πορθμέας, θυσιουργούς.

Πάλιν δὲ δύο τῶν τὰς πράξεις παρεχομένων εὔρεθέντων, ἔαν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης λάβωσι τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν, ἀπὸ Μούσης καὶ ὀργάνων καὶ μελωδιῶν ἢ ποιημάτων καὶ ῥυθμῶν ποιούσι τὰς πράξεις, καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν τοὺς τόπους ὧσιν  
 180 ἀμφιλελαχότες· ἀποτελοῦσι γὰρ θυμελικούς, ὑποκριτάς, σωματεμπόρους, ὀργανοποιούς, χορευτάς,<sup>1</sup> χορδοστρόφους,<sup>2</sup> ζωγράφους, ὀρχηστάς, ὑφάντας, κηροπλάστας· κἄν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου πάλιν αὐτοῖς<sup>3</sup> μαρτυρήσῃ, ποιεῖ τοὺς περὶ<sup>4</sup> τὰ προειρημένα γένη καὶ τοὺς γυναικείους κόσμους ἐμπορευομένους· ἔαν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διός, δικολόγους, λογιστηρίων προισταμένους, ἐν δημοσίοις<sup>5</sup> ἀσχολουμένους, παίδων διδασκάλους, ὄχλων προεστῶτας.

Ἐὰν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἅμα τὴν κυρίαν λάβωσι τῆς πράξεως, ποιούσιν ἀνδριαντοποιούς, ὄπλουργούς, ἱερογλύφους, ζωοπλάστας,<sup>6</sup> παλαιστάς, ἱατρούς, χειρουργούς, κατηγόρους, μοιχικούς, κακοπράγμονας, πλαστογράφους· κἄν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου αὐτοῖς μαρτυρήσῃ, φονέας, λωποδύτας, ἄρπαγας, ληστάς, ἀπελάτας, ραδιούργους· ἔαν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διός, φιλόπλους ἢ φιλομονομάχους,<sup>7</sup> δράστας, δεινούς,

<sup>1</sup> χορευτάς Proc., χωρευτάς PL, om. VMNADECam.

<sup>2</sup> χορδοστρόφους VMADEProc., -τρόφας P, -τρόφους L; χονδροστρόφους NCam.

<sup>3</sup> αὐτοῖς VMDEProc., -ὸ P, -ὸς L, -ῶ NACam.

<sup>4</sup> τοὺς περὶ VAD, πρὸς τοὺς περὶ P, πρὸς τοὺς L: cf. ἐπὶ τοῖς εἰρημένοις Proc.; om. MNECam.

<sup>6</sup> ἐν δημοσίοις VPLDProc., δημοσίοις MAE, δημοσίοις NCam.



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servants, publicans, innkeepers, ferrymen, assistants at sacrifice.

Again, when two planets are found to rule action, if Mercury and Venus take the rulership, they bring about action expressed by the arts of the Muses, musical instruments, melodies, or poems, and rhythm, particularly when they have exchanged places. For they produce workers in the theatre, actors, dealers in slaves, makers of musical instruments, members of the chorus, makers of strings, painters, dancers, weavers, and wax-moulders. And again, if Saturn testifies to them, he produces those in the aforesaid callings, as well as dealers in feminine finery. If Jupiter testifies, he produces lawyers, supervisors of counting houses,<sup>1</sup> public officers, teachers of children, leaders of the populace.<sup>2</sup>

If Mercury and Mars together assume the lordship of action, they produce sculptors, armourers, makers of sacred monuments, modellers, wrestlers, physicians, surgeons, accusers, adulterers, evil-doers, forgers. If Saturn testifies to them, they produce murderers, sneak-thieves, burglars, pirates, cattle-thieves, villains. If Jupiter testifies, they produce men-at-arms, duellists, energetic, clever persons,

<sup>1</sup> Probably the public fiscal offices are meant: Cumont, p. 47, n. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Cumont, p. 71, n. 3, who remarks on the vagueness of astrological references to minor civil offices.

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<sup>6</sup> ζωοπλάστας VPLAD; cf. Proc.; πλαστάς MNECam.

<sup>7</sup> φιλόπλους ἢ φιλομονομάχους VP (οιη. ῆ) L (οιη. ῆ) MADE; φιλοπόνοους ἢ δράστας (οιη. φιλομονομάχους) NCam.

φιλοπράγμονας, ἀλλοτρίων ὑπεξερχομένους καὶ διὰ τῶν τοιούτων πορίζοντας.

Ἐὰν δὲ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἅμα τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν λάβωσι τῆς πράξεως, ποιούσι βαφέας, μυρεψούς, κασσιτεροποιούς, μολυβδουργούς, χρυσοχόους, ἀργυροκόπους, γεωργούς, ὀπλορχηστάς, φαρμακοποιούς, ἰατροὺς τοὺς διὰ τῶν φαρμάκων ταῖς θεραπείαις χρωμένους · κἂν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου αὐτοῖς μαρτυρήσῃ, ἱερῶν ζῶων θεραπευτάς, ἀνθρώπων ἐνταφιαστάς, θρηνηδούς, τυμβαύλας, 181 ἐνθουσιαστάς, ὅπου μυστήρια καὶ θρῆνοι καὶ αἵμαγμοὶ τὰς ἀναστροφὰς ποιουμένους · ἐὰν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Διός, ἱεροπροσπλόκου,<sup>1</sup> οἰωνιστάς, ἱεροφόρους, γυναικῶν προῖσταμένους, γάμων καὶ συνεπιπλοκῶν ἐρμηγέας καὶ διὰ τῶν τοιούτων ζῶντας, ἀπολαυστικῶς ἅμα καὶ ῥιψοκινδύνως.<sup>2</sup>

Καὶ τῶν ζωδίων δὲ ἐν οἷς ἂν ὦσιν οἱ τὸ πράττειν παρέχοντες αἱ κατ' εἶδος ἰδιοτροπίαὶ συμβάλλονται τι πρὸς τὸ ποικίλον τῶν πράξεων. τὰ μὲν γὰρ ἀνθρωπόμορφα συνεργεῖ πῶς πρὸς πάσας τὰς ἐπιστημονικὰς καὶ περὶ<sup>3</sup> τὴν ἀνθρωπίνην χρεῖαν καταγινομένας · τὰ δὲ τετράποδα πρὸς τὰς μεταλλικὰς καὶ ἐμπορικὰς καὶ οἰκοδομικὰς καὶ τεκτονικὰς · τὰ δὲ τροπικὰ καὶ ἰσημερινὰ πρὸς τὰς ἐρμηνευτικὰς καὶ μεταβολικὰς καὶ μετρητικὰς<sup>4</sup> καὶ γεωργικὰς

<sup>1</sup> ἱεροπροσπλόκου VADProc., ἱεροπροσπόλου cett. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀπολαυστικῶς . . . ῥιψοκινδύνως VMDE, -ους . . . -ους cett. Cam.; om. Proc.

<sup>3</sup> περὶ VADProc., πρὸς cett. Cam.

<sup>4</sup> μετρητικὰς VLD (-ιτι-) Proc., μετρικὰς P; γεωμετρικὰς cett. Cam.

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busybodies, who meddle in others' affairs and thereby gain their living.

But if Venus and Mars together dominate action, they produce dyers, perfumers, workers in tin, lead, gold, and silver, farmers, dancers in armour, druggists, physicians who employ drugs in their treatments. If Saturn testifies to them, they produce attendants of sacred animals, those who bury men, mourners, pipers at funerals, fanatics, who resort to wherever there are mysteries, laments, and bloody rites. But if Jupiter testifies, frequenters of temples, interpreters of omens, bearers of the sacred instruments, supervisors of women, interpreters of marriages<sup>1</sup> and matches, making their living by such occupations, and at the same time devoted to pleasure, and reckless.

Likewise the specific natures of the signs in which are the rulers of action contribute to the variety of the action. For anthropomorphic signs<sup>2</sup> are of some assistance to all scientific pursuits or those useful to man; the quadrupedal<sup>3</sup> assist in those that concern mines, commerce, building, and carpentry; the solstitial and equinoctial,<sup>4</sup> those that are interpretative, involve barter, or concern measuring,

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps, "matrimonial agents"; cf. Cumont, p. 177, n. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius (partly), Libra. This and the following notes depend upon Hephæstion's characterisations.

<sup>3</sup> Leo, Sagittarius.

<sup>4</sup> Cancer, Capricorn, Aries, Libra.

καὶ ἱερατικὰς · τὰ δὲ χερσαῖα καὶ τὰ κάθυγρα πρὸς τὰς ἐν ὑγροῖς ἢ δι' ὑγρῶν καὶ τὰς βοτανικὰς καὶ ναυπηγικὰς · ἔτι τε περὶ ταφὰς ἢ ταριχείας ἢ ἀλείας.

Ἰδίως δὲ πάλιν ἡ σελήνη ἔαν τὸν πρακτικὸν τόπον<sup>1</sup> ἐπισχῆ, τὸν ἀπὸ συνόδου δρόμον ποιουμένη σὺν τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, ἐν μὲν Ταύρω καὶ Αἰγόκερω καὶ Καρκίνῳ ποιεῖ μάντεις, θύτας, λεκανομάντεις · ἐν δὲ Τοξότη καὶ Ἰχθύσι νεκρομάντεις καὶ δαιμόνων κινητικούς · ἐν δὲ Παρθένῳ καὶ Σκορπίῳ 182 μάγους, ἀστρολόγους, ἀποφθεγγομένους, προγνώσεις ἔχοντας · ἐν δὲ Ζυγῷ καὶ Κριῷ καὶ Λέοντι θεολήπτους, ὄνειροκρίτας, ἔξορκιστάς.<sup>2</sup>

Τὸ μὲν οὖν αὐτῶν τῶν πράξεων εἶδος διὰ τῶν τοιούτων κατὰ τὸ συγκρατικὸν εἶδος δεήσει καταστοχάζεσθαι · τὸ δὲ μέγεθος αὐτῶν ἐκ τῆς τῶν οἰκοδεσποτησάντων ἀστέρων δυνάμεως. ἀνατολικοὶ μὲν γὰρ ὄντες ἢ ἐπίκεντροι ποιοῦσι τὰς πράξεις αὐθεντικὰς · δυτικοὶ δὲ ἢ ἀποκεκλικότες τῶν κέντρων, ὑποτακτικὰς ·<sup>3</sup> καὶ ὑπὸ μὲν ἀγαθοποιῶν καθυπερτερούμενοι μεγάλας καὶ ἐπιδόξους καὶ ἐπικερδεῖς καὶ ἀπταίστους καὶ ἐπαφροδίτας, ὑπὸ δὲ κακοποιῶν ταπεινὰς καὶ ἀδόξους καὶ ἀπερικτήτους καὶ ἐπισηφαλεῖς · Κρόνου μὲν ἐναντιουμένου καταψύξεις καὶ

<sup>1</sup> τὸν πρακτικὸν τόπον VADE, τῶν πρακτικῶν τόπων PL, cf. τὸν τῆς πράξεως τόπον PGC. ; τὸν προσθετικὸν τόπον MNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἔξορκιστάς MNAECam., ἔφορκιστάς VPLD, ἐπ- PGC.

<sup>3</sup> ὑποτακτικὰς PGC. ; ὑποπρακτικὰς VPLD, -καὶ A ; ὑπὸ τὰς πρακτικὰς MNECam.



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agriculture, and religion; the terrestrial<sup>1</sup> and aquatic,<sup>2</sup> activities in or with liquids, or those that are botanical, or concern shipbuilding, and furthermore burial, or pickling, or salting.<sup>3</sup>

In a special way, again, if the moon holds the place of action, and is moving away from conjunction, together with Mercury, in Taurus, Capricornus, and Cancer, she produces soothsayers, makers of sacrifices, and adepts in lekanomancy;<sup>4</sup> in Sagittarius and Pisces necromancers and those who can arouse daemons; in Virgo and Scorpio magicians, astrologers, prophets, those who have second sight; in Libra, Aries, and Leo persons inspired by the gods, interpreters of dreams, and exorcists.

So, then, the particular species of action will have to be conjectured by such means, through combinations; its amplitude must be discovered from the power of the dominating planets. For when they are rising or angular the actions which they cause are independent, but if they are setting or declining from the angles, subordinate; when beneficent planets overcome them, great, glorious, profitable, unerring, and gracious; but if maleficent planets overcome them, mean, inglorious, profitless, and fallible. With Saturn in opposition, they bring

<sup>1</sup> Aries, Taurus, Scorpio, Sagittarius.

<sup>2</sup> Pisces; Cancer and Capricorn are amphibious.

<sup>3</sup> Preserved fish were an important article of commerce in Egypt; Cumont, p. 112. *ταριχευτής* (cf. *ταριχεύας* in the text) means also one who embalms corpses; Cumont, p. 139.

<sup>4</sup> Divination by the inspection of liquids in vessels.

χρωματοκρασίας, Ἄρεως δὲ καταρριψοκινδυνίας καὶ περιβοησίας, ἀμφοτέρων δὲ κατὰ τὰς τελείας ἀναστασίας, τοῦ καθολικοῦ χρόνου τῆς ἀυξήσεως ἢ τῆς ταπεινώσεως πάλιν θεωρουμένου διὰ τῆς τῶν αἰτίων τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος ἀστέρων πρὸς τὰ ἑῶα καὶ τὰ ἑσπέρια κέντρα αἰ<sup>1</sup> διαθέσεως.

ε̅.) Περὶ συναρμογῶν

Ἐξῆς δὲ τούτοις ὄντος τοῦ περὶ συναρμογῶν λόγου, περὶ μὲν τῶν<sup>2</sup> κατὰ νόμους ἀνδρὸς καὶ γυναικὸς συμβιώσεων οὕτω σκεπτέον. ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἀφορᾶν<sup>3</sup> δεῖ τὴν σελήνην αὐτῶν<sup>4</sup> πῶς διάκειται. πρῶτον μὲν γὰρ ἐν τοῖς ἀπηλιωτικοῖς  
 183 τυχοῦσα τεταρτημορίοις νεογάμους ποιεῖ τοὺς ἀνδρας ἢ νεωτέρας παρ' ἡλικίαν συμβάλλοντας· ἐν δὲ τοῖς λιβυκοῖς, βραδυγάμους ἢ πρεσβυτέρας συνιόντας· εἰ δὲ ὑπὸ τὰς αὐγὰς εἴη καὶ τῷ τοῦ Κρόνου συσχηματιζομένη, τέλειον ἀγάμους. ἔπειτα ἐὰν μὲν ἐν μονοειδεῖ ζωδίῳ ἢ καὶ ἐν τῶν ἀστέρων

<sup>1</sup> αἰ VPLAD, om. MNECam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν . . . συμβιώσεων VADE, τῆς . . . συμβιώσεως PLProc., τῆς . . . συμβιβάσεως MNCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀφορᾶν VPMNADE, ἐφορᾶν Cam., ἐμφορᾶν L.

<sup>4</sup> αὐτῶν VD, αὐτὴν MNAECam., om. PL.

cold and mixtures of colours ;<sup>1</sup> with Mars, temerity and notoriety ; with both together, utter ruin of action. In general the period of increase or diminution, again, is calculated by means of the position, from time to time, of the planets responsible for the effect relative to the eastern and western angles.<sup>2</sup>

### 5. *Of Marriage.*

As the subject of marriage comes next in order to these matters, the following is the method whereby the lawful association of man and wife must be investigated. For men it is necessary to observe the position of the moon in their genitures.<sup>3</sup> For, in the first place, if she chances to be in the eastern quadrants, she makes men marry young or marry women younger than themselves ; but if she is in the western quadrants they marry late or marry older women. And if she is under the rays of the sun<sup>4</sup> and in aspect with Saturn, they do not marry at all. Then again, if the moon is in a sign of a single

<sup>1</sup>The anonymous commentator (p. 152, ed. Wolf) explains: *τούτέστιν ἀσχημοσύνας*, "that is, deformities." Proclus paraphrases, "Saturn brings opposition in cold and in the mixtures of colours."

<sup>2</sup>*Cf.* the directions for computation of the time involved which were given at the end of iv. 2 (p. 377).

<sup>3</sup>The text has, literally, "their moon," but this, of course, means the moon as found in the genitures of the subjects. *Cf.* P. Mich. 149, vi. 31-32, *τούτων Ἀφροδείτη εὐρεθήσεται κτλ.*, "Venus in the genitures of these men will be found," etc.

<sup>4</sup>Within 15° of the sun ; *cf.* Bouché-Leclercq, p. 309.

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συνάπτουσα τύχη, μονογάμους ἀποτελεῖ· ἐὰν δὲ ἐν  
 δισώμῳ ἢ καὶ πολυμόρφῳ ἢ καὶ πλείοσιν ἐν τῷ  
 αὐτῷ ζῳδίῳ τὴν συναφὴν ἔχουσα, πολυγάμους.  
 κὰν μὲν οἱ τὰς συναφὰς ἐπέχοντες τῶν ἀστέρων  
 ἦτοι κατὰ κολλήσεις ἢ κατὰ μαρτυρίας<sup>1</sup> ἀγα-  
 θοποιοὶ<sup>2</sup> τυγχάνωσι, λαμβάνουσι γυναῖκας ἀγαθὰς·  
 ἐὰν δὲ κακοποιοὶ, τὰς ἐναντίας. Κρόνος μὲν γὰρ  
 ἐπισχὼν τὴν συναφὴν περιποιεῖ γυναῖκας ἐπιπόνους  
 καὶ αὐστηράς· Ζεὺς δέ, σεμνὰς καὶ οἰκονομικάς·  
 Ἄρης δέ, θρασεῖας καὶ ἀνυποτάκτους· Ἀφροδίτη  
 δέ, ἰλαρὰς καὶ εὐμόρφους καὶ ἐπιχάριτας· Ἑρμῆς  
 δέ, συνετὰς καὶ ὀξείας. ἔτι δὲ Ἀφροδίτη μετὰ  
 μὲν Διὸς ἢ Κρόνου ἢ<sup>3</sup> μεθ' Ἑρμοῦ βιωφελεῖς καὶ  
 φιλάνδρους καὶ φιλοτέκνους· μετὰ δὲ Ἄρεως  
 θυμικὰς καὶ ἀστάτους καὶ ἀγνώμονας.

Ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν γυναικῶν ἀφορᾶν<sup>4</sup> δεῖ τὸν ἥλιον  
 αὐτῶν,<sup>5</sup> ἐπειδήπερ καὶ αὐτὸς ἐν μὲν τοῖς ἀπηλιω-  
 τικοῖς πάλιν τυχῶν τεταρτημορίοις ποιεῖ τὰς  
 ἐχούσας αὐτὸν οὕτω διακείμενον ἦτοι νεογάμους ἢ  
 νεωτέροις συμβαλλούσας, ἐν δὲ τοῖς λιβυκοῖς  
 184 βραδυγάμους ἢ πρεσβυτέροις παρ' ἡλικίαν ζευγνυ-  
 μένας· καὶ ἐν μὲν μονοειδεῖ ζῳδίῳ τυχῶν ἢ ἐνὶ

<sup>1</sup> μαρτυρίας VPLAD; cf. μαρτυρίαν Proc.; μαρτυροποιίας MNECam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀγαθοποιοὶ] ἀγαθοὶ NCam.

<sup>3</sup> ἢ (post Κρόνου) VPLAD, om, MNECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἐφορᾶν Cam.

<sup>5</sup> αὐτῶν VPD, αὐτόν cett. Cam.

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<sup>1</sup>The "bicorporeal" signs (δίσωμα) precede the solstitial and equinoctial signs and follow the "solid" signs; see i. 11. Ptolemy explains the name on the ground that they



figure, or is applying to one of the planets,<sup>1</sup> she makes them men of one marriage; but if she is in a bicorporeal or multiform sign, or applies to several planets in the same sign, she makes them marry more than once. And if the planets to which she applies, either by propinquity, or by testimony,<sup>2</sup> are beneficent, the men get good wives; but if they are maleficent planets, the opposite. If she applies to Saturn, he makes the wives hardworking and stern; Jupiter, dignified and good managers; Mars, bold and unruly; Venus, cheerful, beautiful, and charming; Mercury, intelligent and keen. Further, Venus with Jupiter, Saturn, or Mercury makes them thrifty and affectionate to their husbands and children, but with Mars, easily roused to wrath, unstable, and unfeeling.

In the case of the wives one must observe the sun in their genitures; for if he, again, chances to be in the eastern quadrants, he makes those who have him in this position in their genitures either marry young or marry men younger than themselves, but in the western quadrants, he makes them marry late or marry husbands older than themselves. And if the sun is in a sign of a single figure, or applies to one of

share in two kinds of weather, rather than that the constellations represent more than one figure (*e.g.* Gemini, Pisces), or a figure of a mixed nature (*διφωής*; *e.g.* Sagittarius, Capricorn); it is characteristic of him to prefer scientific explanations to those based on mythology or fancy. The anonymous commentator says that he means by "signs of a single figure" the tropical and solid signs, with the exception of the fecund (*πολύσπερμα*), which are akin to the bicorporeal. For "application," *cf.* i. 24.

<sup>2</sup> Synonymous with "aspect."

τῶν ἐφῶν ἀστέρων συνάπτων,<sup>1</sup> μονογάμους· ἐν  
 δισώμῳ δὲ ἢ πολυμόρφῳ πάλιν ἢ καὶ πλείοσιν  
 ἐφῶις συσχηματισθεῖς, πολυγάμους. Κρόνου μὲν  
 οὖν ὡσαύτως τῷ ἡλίῳ συσχηματισθέντος, λαμ-  
 βάνουσιν ἄνδρας καθεστῶτας καὶ χρησίμους καὶ  
 φιλοπόνους· Διὸς δέ, σεμνοὺς καὶ μεγαλοψύχους·  
 Ἄρεως δέ, δράστας καὶ ἀστόργους καὶ ἀνυπο-  
 τάκτους· Ἀφροδίτης δέ, καθαρίους καὶ εὐμόρφους·  
 Ἑρμοῦ δέ, βιωφελεῖς καὶ ἐμπράκτους· Ἀφροδίτης  
 δὲ μετὰ μὲν Κρόνου, νωχελεῖς καὶ ἀσθενεστέρους  
 ἐν τοῖς ἀφροδισίοις· μετὰ δὲ Ἄρεως, θερμοὺς καὶ  
 καταφερεῖς καὶ μοιχώδεις· μετὰ δὲ Ἑρμοῦ, περὶ  
 παιδας ἐπτοημένους. λέγομεν δὲ νῦν ἀπηλιωτικὰ  
 τεταρτημόρια ἐπὶ μὲν τοῦ ἡλίου τὰ προηγούμενα  
 τοῦ τε ἀνατέλλοντος σημείου τοῦ ζωδιακοῦ καὶ τοῦ  
 δύνοντος· ἐπὶ δὲ τῆς σελήνης τὰ ἀπὸ συνόδου καὶ  
 πανσελήνου μέχρι τῶν διχοτόμων·<sup>2</sup> λιβυκὰ δὲ τὰ  
 τοῖς εἰρημένοις ἀντικείμενα.

Διαμένουσιν μὲν οὖν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν αἱ συμβιώσεις  
 ὅταν ἀμφοτέρων τῶν γενέσεων τὰ φῶτα συσχη-  
 ματιζόμενα τύχῃ συμφώνως, τουτέστιν ὅταν ἢ  
 τρίγωνα ἢ ἀλλήλοις ἢ ἐξάγωνα, καὶ μάλιστα  
 ὅταν ἐναλλάξ τοῦτο συμβαίῃ· πολὺ δὲ πλεόν

<sup>1</sup> ἐνὶ τῶν (τῶν οἰμ. A) ἐφῶν ἀστέρων συνάπτων VAD, ἐνὶ ἐφῶν  
 ὄντων (όντες L) ἀστέρων PL, ἐνὸς ἐφῶου τῶν ἀστέρων (οἰμ.  
 συνάπτων) MNECam.

<sup>2</sup> τῶν διχοτόμων VP (-χω-) LADProc., τῆς διχοτόμου  
 MNECam.

<sup>1</sup>The anonymous commentator (p. 154, ed. Wolf) says,  
 on this passage: "And if (sc. the aspects) are harmonious,

the oriental planets, he makes them marry but once ; but, again, if he is in a bicorporeal or multiform sign, or in aspect with several planets in the east, they marry more than once. If Saturn is similarly in aspect with the sun, they marry sedate, useful, industrious husbands ; if Jupiter is in aspect, dignified and magnanimous ; Mars, men of action, lacking in affection, and unruly ; Venus, neat and handsome ; Mercury, thrifty and practical ; Venus with Saturn, sluggish and rather weak in sexual relations ; Venus with Mars, ardent, impetuous, and adulterous ; Venus with Mercury, infatuated with boys. In this connection we mean by eastern quadrants, in the case of the sun, the signs which precede the rising sign of the zodiac, and those which precede the setting sign ; with reference to the moon, the signs from new and full moon to the quarters ; and by western quadrants the signs opposite these.

Marriages for the most part are lasting when in both the genitures the luminaries happen to be in harmonious aspect, that is, in trine or in sextile with one another, and particularly when this comes about by exchange ;<sup>1</sup> and even more when the

either both the luminaries (*sc.* are in aspect), or in both the genitures, or one with the other ; and if one (*sc.* with the other), either sun with sun, or moon with moon, or alternately (*ἐνῆλλαγμαίνα*) the sun with the moon and the moon with the sun." By the expression "one with the other" he seems to mean "the luminaries in one geniture with those in the other," and this would be his interpretation of Ptolemy's *ἐναλλάξ* (Proclus, *κατ' ἐναλλαγῆν*). This is more likely to be correct than Bouclé-Leclercq's assumption (p. 449) of an exchange of houses, especially as the houses of the sun and moon, Leo and Cancer, are disjunct (*ἀσύνδετα*).

ὅταν ἢ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς σελήνη τῷ τῆς γυναικὸς  
 ἡλίω. διαλύονται δ' ἐκ τῶν τυχόντων καὶ  
 185 ἀπαλλοτριοῦνται τέλεον ὅταν αἱ προειρημέται τῶν  
 φωτῶν στάσεις ἐν ἀσυνδέτοις ζωδίοις τύχωσιν ἢ  
 ἐν διαμέτροις ἢ τετραγώνοις. κἄν μὲν τοὺς συμ-  
 φώνους τῶν φωτῶν συσχηματισμοὺς οἱ ἀγαθοποιοὶ  
 τῶν ἀστέρων ἐπιθεωρῶσιν, ἡδεΐας καὶ προσηνεΐς  
 καὶ ὄνησιφόρους τὰς διαμονὰς συντηροῦσιν· ἐὰν  
 δ' οἱ κακοποιοί, μαχίμους καὶ ἀηδεΐς<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἐπι-  
 ζημίους. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἀσυμφώνων  
 στάσεων οἱ μὲν ἀγαθοποιοὶ τοῖς φωσὶ μαρτυρή-  
 σαντες οὐ τέλεον ἀποκόπτουσι τὰς συμβιώσεις,  
 ἀλλὰ ποιοῦσιν ἐπανόδους καὶ ἀναμνήσεις συν-  
 τηρούσας τό τε προσηνὲς καὶ τὸ φιλόστοργον· οἱ  
 δὲ κακοποιοὶ μετὰ τινος ἐπηρείας καὶ ὕβρεως<sup>2</sup>  
 ποιοῦσι τὰς διαλύσεις. τοῦ μὲν οὖν<sup>3</sup> τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ  
 μόνου σὺν αὐτοῖς γενομένου, ἐν<sup>4</sup> περιβοησίαις  
 καὶ ἐγκλήμασι περικυλῖονται·<sup>5</sup> μετὰ δὲ τοῦ  
 τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐπὶ<sup>6</sup> μοιχείαις ἢ φαρμακείαις  
 ἢ τοῖς τοιούτοις. τὰς δὲ κατ' ἄλλον οἰονδήποτε  
 τρόπον γενομένας συναρμογὰς διακριτέον ἀφ-  
 ορῶντας<sup>7</sup> εἰς τε τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἀστέρα καὶ  
 τὸν τοῦ Ἄρεως καὶ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου. συνόντων  
 γὰρ αὐτῶν τοῖς φωσὶν οἰκείως<sup>8</sup> καὶ τὰς συμβιώσεις<sup>9</sup>  
 οἰκείας καὶ νομίμους τὰς συγγενείας· συγγένειαν<sup>10</sup>  
 γὰρ ὡσπερ ἔχει πρὸς ἑκάτερον τῶν εἰρημένων  
 ἀστέρων ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, καὶ πρὸς μὲν τὸν τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> ἀηδεΐς VLDE, ἀειδεΐς P, cf. ἀηδῆς Proc.: ἀνιδεΐς MNACam.

<sup>2</sup> ὕβρεως VLADEProc., ὕβριος P, ὄρας MN, ἄρας Cam.



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husband's moon is in such aspect with the wife's sun. Divorces on slight pretexts and complete alienations occur when the aforesaid positions of the luminaries are in disjunct signs, or in opposition or in quartile. And if the beneficent planets regard the luminaries when the latter are in harmonious aspect, they keep the marriage pleasant, agreeable, and profitable, but if the maleficent planets so regard the luminaries, the marriage will be quarrelsome, unpleasant, and unprofitable. Similarly, when the luminaries are in inharmonious positions, the beneficent planets testifying to the luminaries do not completely terminate the marriages, but bring about renewals and recollections, which preserve kindness and affection ; but the maleficent planets cause divorces with abuse and violence. If Mercury alone is with them, they are involved in notoriety and recriminations ; and along with Venus, in adultery, poisonings, and the like. Marriages which come about in any other manner whatsoever must be judged by looking to Venus, Mars, and Saturn. For if they are with the luminaries in familiarity, we must decide that the marriages also will be domestic and the relationship lawful. For the marriage relationship will follow the relation which Venus holds to each of the planets mentioned,

<sup>3</sup> μὲν οὖν VPLD, μὲν MNAECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἐν PL, om. cett. Cam.

<sup>5</sup> περικυλίοντες VD.

<sup>6</sup> ἐπὶ VPLDEProc., om. MNACam.

<sup>7</sup> ἀφορῶντας VP (-οροντ-) LADE, ἀμφοτέρας MNCam.

<sup>8</sup> οἰκείως VP (οἰκί-) MADE, οἰκείους L. om. NCam.

<sup>9</sup> καὶ τὰς συμβιώσεις PLMA, om. καὶ VD ; om. NCam.

<sup>10</sup> συγγένειαν PLMA, συγγένειαν VD, συγγένεια NECam.

Ἄρεως κατὰ τὸ συνακμάζον πρόσωπον, ἐπειδήπερ ἐν τοῖς τριγωνικοῖς ἀλλήλων ζωδίοις ἔχουσι τὰ ὑψώματα, πρὸς δὲ τὸν τοῦ Κρόνου κατὰ τὸ πρεσβύτερον πρόσωπον, ἐπειδὴ πάλιν ἐν τοῖς τριγωνικοῖς ἀλλήλων ἔχουσι τοὺς οἴκους.

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Ὅθεν ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης μετὰ μὲν τοῦ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἀπλῶς ἔρωτικὰς διαθέσεις ποιεῖ· προσόντος δὲ τοῦ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, καὶ περιβοησίας· ἐν δὲ τοῖς ἐπικοινωνοῖς καὶ συνοικειουμένοις ζωδίοις Αἰγόκερω, Ἰχθύσιν, ἀδελφῶν ἢ συγγενῶν ἐπιπλοκάς· κἂν μὲν ἐπὶ τῶν ἀνδρῶν τῇ σελήνῃ συμπάρῃ, ποιεῖ δυσὶν ἀδελφαῖς ἢ συγγενέσι συνερχομένους· ἐὰν δὲ ἐπὶ τῶν γυναικῶν τῷ τοῦ Διός, δυσὶν ἀδελφοῖς ἢ συγγενέσιν.

Μετὰ δὲ τοῦ τοῦ Κρόνου πάλιν ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης τυχῶν ἀπλῶς μὲν ἠδείας καὶ εὐσταθεῖς ποιεῖ τὰς συμβιώσεις· προσόντος δὲ τοῦ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, καὶ ὠφελίμους· συμπροσγενομένου δὲ καὶ τοῦ τοῦ Ἄρεως, ἀστάτους καὶ βλαβεράς καὶ ἐπιζήλους· κἂν μὲν ὁμοιοσχημονῇ<sup>1</sup> αὐτοῖς, πρὸς ὁμήλικας ποιεῖ τὰς ἐπιπλοκάς· ἂν δ' ἀνατολικώτερος αὐτῶν, πρὸς νεωτέρους ἢ νεωτέρας· ἐὰν δὲ δυτικώτερος, πρὸς πρεσβυτέρας ἢ πρεσβυτέρους· ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἐπικοινωνοῖς ζωδίοις ὦσιν ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου, τουτέστιν Αἰγόκερω καὶ Ζυγῷ,

<sup>1</sup> ὁμοιοσχημονῇ VAD, ὁμοιοσχήμεων ἢ PL, ὁμοιοσχήμεων αὐτοῖς ἢ NCam.

<sup>1</sup> More properly, their exaltations are in trine with their houses; for the exaltation of Mars (Capricorn) is in trine

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toward Mars, that of persons of the same age, since they have their exaltations in signs that are in trine to one another ;<sup>1</sup> toward Saturn, that of the older person, since again they have their houses in signs which are in trine to each other.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore Venus, with Mars, produces merely amorous dispositions, but if Mercury is present, notoriety also ; in the common and familiar signs,<sup>3</sup> Capricorn and Pisces, unions with brethren or kindred. If in the case of men Venus is with the moon, she makes them unite with two sisters or kinsfolk, and if in the case of women Venus is with Jupiter, with two brothers, or kinsfolk.

Again, if Venus happens to be with Saturn, she produces merely pleasant and firm unions, but if Mercury is present, they are also beneficial. But if Mars also is present the marriage will be unstable, harmful, and full of jealousy. And if she is in the same aspect to them, she brings about marriages with equals in age ; but if she is further to the east than they, marriages with younger men or women, and if she is further to the west, with older women or men. But if Venus and Saturn are also in the common signs, that is, in Capricorn or Libra,<sup>4</sup> they

with the house of Venus (Taurus), not with her exaltation (Pisces). The latter is in trine with Scorpio, the house of Mars.

<sup>2</sup>This is literally so ; Taurus, the house of Venus, and Capricorn, the house of Saturn, both belong to the second or south-eastern triangle.

<sup>3</sup>Capricorn is the house of Saturn and Pisces the exaltation of Venus.

<sup>4</sup>Capricorn is the house of Saturn ; Libra the house of Venus and the exaltation of Saturn.

συγγενικὰς ποιούσι<sup>1</sup> τὰς συνελεύσεις. ὠροσκοπήσαντι δὲ ἢ μεσουρανήσαντι τῷ προειρημένῳ σχήματι ἢ σελήνη μὲν συμπροσγενομένη ποιεῖ τοὺς μὲν ἄρρενας μητράσιν ἢ μητέρων ἀδελφαῖς<sup>2</sup> ἢ μητρυιαῖς συνέρχεσθαι, τὰς δὲ θηλείας υἱοῖς ἢ υἱοῖς ἀδελφῶν<sup>3</sup> ἢ θυγατέρων ἀνδράσιν· ἥλιος δὲ δυτικῶν μάλιστα ὄντων τῶν ἀστέρων τοὺς μὲν  
 187 ἄρρενας θυγατράσιν ἢ θυγατέρων ἀδελφαῖς ἢ γυναιξὶν υἱῶν, τὰς δὲ θηλείας πατράσιν ἢ πατέρων ἀδελφοῖς ἢ πατρωοῖς.<sup>4</sup> εἰ δ' οἱ προκείμενοι σχηματισμοὶ τῶν μὲν συγγενικῶν ζῳδίων μὴ τύχωσιν, ἐν θηλυκοῖς δὲ ὧσι τόποις,<sup>5</sup> ποιούσι καὶ οὕτως καταφέρεις καὶ πρὸς τὸ διαθεῖναι τε καὶ διατεθῆναι<sup>6</sup> πάντα τρόπον προχείρους, ἐπ' ἐνίων δὲ μορφώσεων καὶ ἀσελγεῖς, ὡς ἐπὶ τε τῶν ἐμπροσθίων καὶ ὀπισθίων τοῦ Κριοῦ καὶ τῆς Ὑάδος καὶ τῆς Καλπίδος<sup>7</sup> καὶ τῶν ὀπισθίων τοῦ Λέοντος καὶ τοῦ προσώπου τοῦ Αἰγόκερω. κεντρωθέντες<sup>8</sup> δὲ κατὰ μὲν τῶν πρώτων δύο κέντρων τοῦ τε ἀπηλιωτικοῦ καὶ τοῦ μεσημβρινοῦ, παντελῶς ἀποδεικνύουσι τὰ πάθη καὶ ἐπὶ δημοσίων τόπων προάγουσι· κατὰ δὲ τῶν ἐσχάτων δύο τοῦ τε λιβυκοῦ καὶ τοῦ βορείου σπάδοντας ποιούσι καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ποιούσι] ποιοῦνται MNCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀδελφαῖς VPADE, -οῖς cett. Cam.; (πρὸς) ἀδελφάς Proc.

<sup>3</sup> υἱοῖς ἀδελφῶν VMDE, πρὸς υἱοὺς ἀδελφῶν Proc., υἱῶν ἀδελφοῖς PLNCam., om. A.

<sup>4</sup> θυγατέρων ἀνδράσιν PLProc.; πατρωοῖς cett. Cam.

<sup>5</sup> καὶ προσώποις add. MNAECam., om. VPLDProc.

<sup>6</sup> διατεθῆναι] desinit N.

<sup>7</sup> καὶ τῆς Καλπίδος om. MECam.



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portend marriages of kin. If the moon is present with this aforesaid combination when it is at the horoscope or at mid-heaven, she makes men wed their mothers, or with their mother's sisters, or their stepmothers, and women wed their sons, their brothers' sons, or their daughters' husbands. The sun, particularly if the planets are setting, makes men wed their daughters, daughters' sisters, or sons' wives, and the women wed their fathers, fathers' brothers, or stepfathers. But if the aforesaid aspects chance not to be composed of signs of the same gender, but are in feminine places,<sup>1</sup> thus they produce depraved individuals, ready in every way for both active and passive participation, and in some formations utterly obscene, as for instance in the forward and hinder parts of Aries, the Hyades, and the Pitcher, and the hind parts of Leo, and the face of Capricorn. But if the configuration is angular, on the first two angles, the eastern and mid-heaven, they make a complete display of their abnormalities and bring them forward even in public places; on the last two, that is, the western and northern, they produce spades and eunuchs or sterile women and

<sup>1</sup> Cf. i. 6, according to which positions following the sun, or in the two quadrants from mid-heaven to occident and from lower mid-heaven to orient are feminine. The anonymous commentator in his explanation (p. 157, ed. Wolf) apparently has i. 6 in mind, but his account seems somewhat confused.

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<sup>8</sup> κεντροθέτες VD, cf. Proc.; -θέντος ΠΕΑCan., -θέν L, -θέντα M.

αὐλικούς<sup>1</sup> ἢ στείρας<sup>2</sup> ἢ ἀτρήτους · Ἄρεως δὲ προσόντος, ἀποκόπους ἢ τριβάδας.

Καὶ καθ' ὅλου δὲ ποδαπήν<sup>3</sup> τινα διάθεσιν<sup>4</sup> πρὸς τὰ ἀφροδίσια ἔξουσιν ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἐπισκεψόμεθα. τοῦ μὲν γὰρ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης καὶ τοῦ τοῦ Κρόνου χωρισθεῖς, μαρτυρηθεῖς δὲ ὑπὸ Διός, καθαρίους καὶ σεμνοὺς περὶ τὰ ἀφροδίσια ποιεῖ καὶ μόνης τῆς φυσικῆς χρείας στοχαζομένους · μετὰ Κρόνου δὲ μόνου μὲν τυχῶν, εὐλαβεῖς καὶ ὀκνηροὺς καὶ καταψύχρους ἀπεργάζεται · συσχηματιζομένων δ' Ἀφροδίτης καὶ Διός, 188 εὐκινήτους μὲν καὶ ἐπιθυμητικούς, ἐγκρατεῖς δὲ καὶ ἀντιληπτικούς καὶ τὸ αἰσχρὸν φυλαττομένους · μετὰ μόνης δ' Ἀφροδίτης ἢ καὶ τοῦ Διός σὺν αὐτῇ τυχόντος, ἀπόντος τοῦ τοῦ Κρόνου, λάγνους καὶ ῥαθύμους καὶ πανταχόθεν ἑαυτοῖς τὰς ἡδονὰς ποριζομένους. κἂν ὁ μὲν ἐσπέριος ἦ τῶν ἀστέρων, ὁ δὲ ἐῷος, καὶ πρὸς ἄρρενας καὶ πρὸς θηλείας οἰκείως ἔχοντας, οὐχ ὑπερπαθῶς<sup>5</sup> μέντοιγε πρὸς οὐδέτερα τὰ πρόσωπα · ἐὰν δ' ἀμφότεροι ἐσπέριοι, πρὸς τὰ θηλυκὰ μόνα καταφερεῖς · θηλυκῶν δ' ὄντων τῶν ζωδίων, καὶ αὐτοὺς διατιθεμένους · ἐὰν δ' ἀμφότεροι ἐῷοι, πρὸς τὰ παιδικὰ μόνα<sup>6</sup> νοσηματώδεις · ἀρρενικῶν δ' ὄντων τῶν ζωδίων, καὶ πρὸς πᾶσαν ἀρρένων ἡλικίαν. κἂν μὲν ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης δυτικώτερος ἦ, ταπειναῖς ἢ δούλαις ἢ

<sup>1</sup> αὐλικούς VMADECam.<sup>1</sup>, αὐλίσκους PL, εὐνούχους Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> στείρους Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> ποδαπήν Cam.<sup>1</sup>, ποταπήν ME, παντοδαπήν VPAD, παντοδαπεῖς L, om. Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> διάθεσιν libri, ποιότητα Cam.<sup>2</sup>, om. Cam.<sup>1</sup>

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those without passages ; if Mars is present, men who have lost their genitals, or the so-called *tribades*.<sup>1</sup>

In general we shall, in the case of men, investigate through Mars what will be their disposition with respect to matters of love. For if Mars is separated from Venus and Saturn, but has the testimony of Jupiter, he produces men who are cleanly and decorous in love and who aim only at its natural use. But if he is accompanied by Saturn alone, he produces men cautious, hesitant, and frigid. If Venus and Jupiter are in aspect with him, he will produce men easily roused and passionate, who are, however, continent, hold themselves in check, and avoid unseemliness. With Venus alone, or if Jupiter also is with her, but Saturn is not present, he produces lustful, careless men, who seek their pleasures from every quarter ; and if one of the planets is an evening and the other a morning star, men who have relations with both males and females, but no more than moderately inclined to either. But if both are evening stars, they will be inclined toward the females alone, and if the signs of the zodiac are feminine, they themselves will be pathics. If both are morning stars, they will be infected only with love of boys, and if the signs of the zodiac are masculine, with males of any age. If Venus is further to the west, they will have to do with women of low degree, slaves, or

<sup>1</sup> Female perverts ; see Cumont, pp. 182-183.

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<sup>2</sup> ὑπερπαθῶς VD, ὑπὲρ παθ PL, ὑπὲρ παθῶν MECam.<sup>1</sup>, ὑπερπάσχοντας Cam.<sup>2</sup>, ὑπὲρ παθ||| (lacuna) A ; ὑπερβολικῶς Proc.

<sup>3</sup> μόνα VAD, -ον cett. Cam.

## PTOLEMY

ἄλλοφύλοις συνερχομένους · ἐὰν δὲ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως, ὑπερεχούσαις ἢ ὑπάνδροις ἢ δεσποίνοις.

Ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν γυναικῶν τὸν τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ἐπισκεπτέον. συσχηματιζόμενος γὰρ τῷ τοῦ Διὸς ἢ καὶ τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, σώφρονας καὶ καθαρίους ποιεῖ περὶ τὰ ἀφροδίσια · καὶ τοῦ τοῦ Κρόνου<sup>1</sup> δὲ ἀπόντος, τῷ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ συνοικειωθεῖς, κεκινημένας μὲν καὶ ὀρεκτικὰς, εὐλαβεῖς δὲ καὶ ὀκνηρὰς τὰ πολλὰ καὶ τὸ αἰσχρὸν φυλαττομένας. Ἄρει δὲ μόνῳ μὲν συνῶν ἢ καὶ συσχηματισθεῖς ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης ποιεῖ λάγνους καὶ καταφερεῖς καὶ μᾶλλον ραθύμους · ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ὁ τοῦ Διὸς αὐτοῖς  
 189 προσγένηται, κἄν μὲν ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως ὑπὸ τὰς αὐγὰς ἢ τοῦ ἡλίου,<sup>2</sup> συνέρχονται δούλοις ἢ ταπεινοτέροις ἢ ἄλλοφύλοις · ἐὰν δὲ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης, ὑπερέχουσιν ἢ δεσπόταις, ἑταιρῶν<sup>3</sup> ἢ μοιχάδων ἐπέχουσιν τρόπον · κἄν μὲν τεθηλυσμένοι ὥσι τοῖς τόποις ἢ τοῖς σχήμασιν οἱ ἀστέρες, πρὸς τὸ διατίθεσθαι μόνον καταφερεῖς · ἐὰν δὲ ἡρρενωμένοι, καὶ πρὸς τὸ διατιθέσθαι γυναῖκας. ὁ μέντοι τοῦ Κρόνου τοῖς προκειμένοις σχήμασι συνοικειωθεῖς, ἐὰν μὲν καὶ αὐτὸς ἢ τεθηλυσμένος, ἀσελγειῶν μόνος<sup>4</sup> γίνεται αἴτιος · ἐὰν δὲ ἀνατολικὸς καὶ ἡρρενωμένος, ἐπιφύγους ἴστησιν ἢ τῶν ἐπιφύγων ἐραστὰς ἀπεργάζε-

<sup>1</sup> Κρόνου VPLDProc., Διὸς MAECam.

<sup>2</sup> τοῦ ἡλίου PLProc.; om. cett. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἑαυτῶν post δεσπόταις add. MECam.

<sup>4</sup> μόνος VPLMAE, μόνον DCam.

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<sup>1</sup> The reading of the better MSS. and Procius is restored here. Camerarius (see the cr. n.) read "Jupiter" with



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foreigners ; if Mars is further west, with superiors, or married women, or ladies of high station.

In the genitures of women one must examine Venus. For if Venus is in aspect with Jupiter or likewise with Mercury, she makes them temperate and pure in love. If Saturn<sup>1</sup> is not present, but she is associated with Mercury, she makes them easily aroused and full of desire, but generally cautious, hesitant, and avoiding turpitude. But if Venus is together with Mars only, or is in some aspect to him, she makes them lustful and depraved and more heedless. If Jupiter too is present with them, and if Mars is under the sun's rays, they have commerce with slaves, men of lower classes, or foreigners ; but if Venus is in this position, they consort with men of superior rank or masters, playing the part of mistresses or adulteresses ; if the planets are made feminine by their places or aspects,<sup>2</sup> they are inclined only to take the passive part, but if the planets are made masculine they are so depraved as actively to have commerce with women. However, when Saturn is brought into association with the aforesaid configurations, if he is himself made feminine, he is by himself the cause of licentiousness, but if he is rising and is in a masculine position, he makes them the objects of censure or lovers of such ; but combination with

some plausibility, to be sure, because Jupiter and Mercury have been associated with Venus in the preceding sentence ; but this very plausibility would have been a good reason for substituting "Jupiter" for an original "Saturn." Furthermore, the effect of the absence of Saturn, in this sentence, is not unlike what it is said to be in the preceding paragraph, that is, to make the subjects more lustful.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. i. 6.

ται, τοῦ μὲν τοῦ Διὸς πάλιν αἰεὶ πρὸς τὸ εὐσχημονέστερον τῶν παθῶν συλλαμβανομένου, τοῦ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ πρὸς τὸ διαβοητότερον καὶ εὐπταιστότερον.

⟨ξ.⟩ Περὶ τέκνων

Ἐπειδὴ δὲ τῷ περὶ γάμου τόπῳ καὶ ὁ περὶ τέκνων ἀκολουθεῖ, σκοπεῖν δεήσει τοὺς τῷ κατὰ κορυφὴν τόπῳ ἢ τῷ ἐπιφερομένῳ, τουτέστι τῷ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ δαίμονος, προσόντας ἢ συσχηματιζομένους· εἰ δὲ μή, τοὺς τοῖς διαμέτροις αὐτῶν· καὶ σελήνην μὲν καὶ Δία καὶ Ἀφροδίτην πρὸς δόσιν τέκνων λαμβάνειν, ἥλιον δὲ καὶ Ἄρη καὶ Κρόνον πρὸς ἀτεκνίαν ἢ ὀλιγοτεκνίαν· τὸν δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ, πρὸς ὁποτέρους ἂν αὐτῶν τύχη συσχηματισθεῖς, ἐπίκοινον καὶ ἐπιδότηρα μὲν ὅταν ἀνατολικὸς ᾖ, ἀφαιρέτην δ' ὅταν δυτικὸς.

190 Οἱ μὲν οὖν δοτῆρες ἀπλῶς μὲν οὕτω κείμενοι καὶ κατὰ μόνας ὄντες μοναχὰ διδόασι τέκνα· ἐν δισώμοις δὲ καὶ ἐν θηλυκοῖς ζῳδίοις, ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ ἐν τοῖς πολυσπέρμοις, οἷον Ἰχθύσι καὶ Σκορπίῳ καὶ Καρκίνῳ, δισὰ ἢ καὶ πλείονα· καὶ ἡρρενωμένοι μὲν τοῖς τε ἄρρενικοῖς<sup>1</sup> ζῳδίοις καὶ τοῖς πρὸς ἥλιον σχηματισμοῖς ἄρρενα· τεθηλυσμένοι δὲ θήλεα· καθυπερτερηθέντες δὲ ὑπὸ τῶν κακοποιῶν ἢ καὶ ἐν στειρώδεσι τόποις<sup>2</sup> τυχόντες, οἷον ἐστὶ<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ἄρρενικοῖς PL; cf. Proc.; om. cott. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> τόποις VD; τόποις ἢ ζῳδίοις PLProc.; ζῳδίοις MAECam.

<sup>3</sup> ἐστὶ VDProc., om. cott. Cam.

<sup>1</sup> The eleventh place, or house.

<sup>2</sup> Some of the MSS. at this point read "places," some "signs," and some (with Proclus) "places or signs"; see

Jupiter, again, always gives a more seemly appearance to these faults, and with Mercury makes them more notorious and unsafe.

### 6. *Of Children.*

As the topic of children follows upon that of marriage, we shall have to observe the planets that are in the mid-heaven or in aspect with it or with its succedant, that is, the house of the Good Daemon,<sup>1</sup> or, in default of such planets, those connected with the diametrically opposite places; and we must take the moon, Jupiter, and Venus to portend the giving of children, the sun, Mars, and Saturn to indicate few or no children. Mercury must be taken as common, with whichever group of planets he chances to be in aspect, and to give children when he is a morning star, and to take them away when he is an evening star.

Now, the donative planets, when they are merely in such a position and are by themselves, give single offspring, but if they are in bicorporeal and feminine signs, and similarly if they are in the fecund signs, such as Pisces, Scorpio, and Cancer, they give two or even more. If they are of a masculine nature, because they are in masculine signs or in aspect to the sun, they give male children; but female, if they are of a feminine nature. If the maleficent planets overcome them, or if they are found in sterile places,<sup>2</sup> such as Leo or Virgo,

the critical note. Probably the less usual term, "places" (τόποις), is the more original; "signs" (ζωδίοις) was added as a gloss, and thus came into the text.

Λέων ἢ Παρθένος, διδόασι μὲν, οὐκ ἐπὶ καλῶ δέ, οὐδ' ἐπὶ διαμονῇ. ἥλιος δὲ καὶ οἱ κακοποιοὶ διακατασχόντες τοὺς εἰρημένους τόπους, εἴαν μὲν ἐν ἀρρενικοῖς ὧσιν ἢ στειρώδεσι ζῳδίοις καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν ἀκαθυπερτέρητοι,<sup>1</sup> τελείας εἰσὶν ἀτεκνίας δηλωτικοί, ἐπὶ θηλυκῶν δὲ ἢ πολυσπέρμων ζῳδίων τυχόντες ἢ ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν μαρτυρηθέντες διδόασι μὲν, ἐπισινη δὲ καὶ ὀλιγοχρόνια. τῶν δὲ αἰρέσεων ἀμφοτέρων λόγον ἔχουσῶν πρὸς τὰ τεκνοποιὰ ζῳδία, τῶν δοθέντων τέκνων ἀποβολαὶ γενήσονται ἢ πάντων ἢ ὀλίγων, πρὸς τὰς ὑπεροχὰς<sup>2</sup> τῶν καθ' ἑκατέραν αἵρεσιν μαρτυρησάντων, ὁποτέρους ἂν εὐρίσκωμεν ἤτοι πλείους ἢ δυνατωτέρους<sup>3</sup> ἐν τῷ ἀνατολικωτέρους ὑπάρχειν ἢ ἐπικεντροτέρους ἢ καθυπερτερεῖν ἢ ἐπαναφέρεσθαι. εἴαν μὲν οὖν οἱ κυριεύσαντες τῶν εἰρημένων ζῳδίων ἀνατολικοὶ τυγχάνωσι, δοτῆρες ὄντες<sup>4</sup> τέκνων, εἰ<sup>5</sup> ἐν ἰδίῳ ὧσι<sup>6</sup> τόποις, ἔνδοξα καὶ ἐπιφανῆ ποιούσι τὰ δοθέντα τέκνα· εἴαν δὲ δυτικοὶ καὶ ἐν τοῖς τῆς  
 191 ἄλλοτρίας αἰρέσεως τόποις, ταπεινὰ καὶ ἀνεπίφαντα. καὶ μὲν σύμφωνοι τῇ ὥρᾳ καὶ τῷ κλήρῳ τῆς τύχης καταλαμβάνονται, προσφιλεῖ τοῖς γονεῦσι καὶ ἐπαφρόδιτα καὶ κληρονομοῦντα τὰς οὐσίας αὐτῶν· ἂν δ' ἀσύνδετοι ἢ ἀντικείμενοι, μάχιμα

<sup>1</sup> ἀκαθυπερτέρητοι . . . ἀγαθοποιῶν om. MECam.; habent libri reliqui et Proclus.

<sup>2</sup> ὑπεροχὰς VPLAD; cf. Proc.; ὑπερεχούσας δὲ MECam.

<sup>3</sup> δυνατωτέρους ἢ MAE.

<sup>4</sup> ὄντες VPLDProc.; ἔσονται MAECam.

<sup>5</sup> εἰ δὲ MACam., εἰ E, ἢ VPLD.

<sup>6</sup> ὧσι(ν) VPLMAD, εἰσὶ E, εἰεν Cam.



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they give children, but for no good nor for any length of time. When the sun and the maleficent planets govern the aforesaid regions, if they are in masculine signs or in sterile signs, and if they are not overcome by the beneficent planets, they signify complete childlessness, but if they are in feminine or fecund signs or have the testimony of the beneficent planets, they give offspring, but it will suffer injury and be short-lived. If both the sects<sup>1</sup> bear some relation to the signs which signify the begetting of children, there will be losses among the children given, either of all of them or of a few, depending upon the superiority of the planets of either sect that bear witness, whichever we find to be more in number, or greater in power, because they are further to the east, or are closer to the angles, or are superior, or are succedant. If, then, the planets which rule the aforesaid signs are rising, and are givers of children, if they are in their own places, they will make famous and illustrious the children which are given; but if they are setting and are in places belonging to the other sect, the children will be humble and obscure. And if they are found to be in harmony with the horoscope and with the Lot of Fortune, the children will be dear to their parents, they will be attractive, and will inherit their parents' estates; if however they are disjunct or opposed, they will be

<sup>1</sup> The Anonymous (p. 159, Wolf) says that Ptolemy here does not mean the ordinary sects, diurnal and nocturnal, but the donative and destructive planets.

καὶ ἐχθροποιούμενα καὶ ἐπιβλαβῆ καὶ μὴ<sup>1</sup> παραλαμβάνοντα τὰς τῶν γονέων οὐσίας. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ μὲν ἀλλήλοις ὡς συνεσχηματισμένοι συμφώνως<sup>2</sup> οἱ τὰ τέκνα διδόντες,<sup>3</sup> διαμένουσιν οἱ δοθέντες φιλάδελφοι καὶ τιμητικοὶ<sup>4</sup> πρὸς ἀλλήλους· ἂν δ' ἀσύνδετοι ἢ διάμετροι, φιλέχθρως καὶ ἐπιβουλευτικῶς διακείμενοι. τὰ δὲ κατὰ μέρος πάλιν ἂν τις καταστοχάζοιτο χρησάμενος ἐφ'<sup>5</sup> ἑκάστου<sup>6</sup> τῷ τὴν δόσιν πεποιημένῳ τῶν ἀστέρων ὠροσκοπίῳ καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς λοιπῆς διαθέσεως ὡς ἐπὶ γενέσεως τὴν περὶ τῶν ὀλοσχερεστέρων ἐπίσκεψιν ποιούμενος.

⟨ζ̄.⟩ Περὶ φίλων καὶ ἐχθρῶν

Τῶν δὲ φιλικῶν διαθέσεων καὶ τῶν ἐναντίων, ὧν τὰς μὲν μείζους καὶ πολυχρονίους καλοῦμεν συμπαθείας καὶ ἔχθρας, τὰς δὲ ἐλάττους καὶ προσκαιροὺς συναστρίας<sup>7</sup> καὶ ἀντιδικίας, ἣ ἐπίσκεψις ἡμῖν ἔσται τὸν τρόπον τοῦτον. ἐπὶ μὲν γὰρ τῶν κατὰ μέγала<sup>8</sup> συμπτώματα θεωρουμένων παρατηρεῖν δεῖ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρων τῶν γενέσεων κυριωτάτους τόπους, τουτέστι τὸν τε ἡλιακὸν καὶ τὸν σεληνιακὸν  
 192 καὶ τὸν ὠροσκοπικὸν καὶ τὸν τοῦ κλήρου τῆς τύχης, ἐπειδή περ κατὰ μὲν τῶν αὐτῶν τυχόντες δωδεκατημορίων ἢ ἐναλλάξαντες τοὺς τόπους ἤτοι πάντες ἢ

<sup>1</sup> μὴ VPLADECam.<sup>1</sup>, cf. Proc.; om. MCam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> συμφώνως L, -ος P, ἢ συμφώνως VD, ἢ σύμφωνα A, σύμφωνα MECam., οἰκείως Proc., οἱ om. MAECam.

<sup>3</sup> διδόντες libri Cam.<sup>1</sup>, διδόασι καὶ Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> τιμητικοὶ libri Proc., μιμητικοὶ Cam.

<sup>5</sup> ἐφ' libri Proc., ἀφ' Cam.

quarrelsome, trouble-makers, and injurious, and will not succeed to their patrimony. And similarly, if also the planets which give children are in harmonious aspect one to another, the children which they give continue in brotherly affection and mutual respect; but if they are disjunct or in opposition to one another, the disposition of the children will be quarrelsome and scheming. Particular details, again, one could conjecture by using in each case as a horoscope the planet which gives children, and making his investigation of the more important questions from the rest of the configuration, as in a geniture.

### 7. *Of Friends and Enemies.*

With regard to friendly dispositions and the opposite, the deeper and more lasting of which we call sympathies and hostilities, and the lesser and occasional acquaintances<sup>1</sup> and quarrels, our investigation will follow this course. In inquiries regarding matters of importance we must observe the places in both nativities which have the greatest authority, that is, those of the sun, the moon, the horoscope, and the Lot of Fortune; for if they chance to fall in the same signs of the zodiac, or if they exchange

<sup>1</sup> *συναστρία* is an uncommon word. The anonymous commentator says that Ptolemy uses it of the "second and moderate" type of friendship.

<sup>6</sup> *ἐκάστου* VPADEProc., -ω cett. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> *συναστρίας* libri Proc. Cam.<sup>1</sup>, \**συναφείας* Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> *μεγάλα* libri, τὰ *μεγάλα* Cam.

οἱ πλείους, καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν οἱ ὠροσκοποῦντες  
περὶ τὰς ἰζ' μοίρας ἀλλήλων ἀπέχωσι, ποιούσι  
συμπαθείας ἀπταιστούς καὶ ἀδιαλύτους καὶ ἀνε-  
πηρέαστους· κατὰ δὲ τῶν ἀσυνδέτων ἢ τῶν  
διαμετρούντων σταθέντες ἔχθρας μεγίστας καὶ  
ἐναντιώσεις πολυχρονίους· μηδετέρως δὲ τυχόντες  
ἀλλὰ μόνον ἐν τοῖς συσχηματιζομένοις, εἰ μὲν ἐν  
τοῖς τριγώνοις εἶεν ἢ ἐν ἑξαγώνοις,<sup>1</sup> ἦττονας  
ποιούσι τὰς συμπαθείας· εἰ δ' ἐν τοῖς τετραγώνοις,  
ἦττονας τὰς ἀντιπαθείας, ὡς<sup>2</sup> γίνεσθαι τινὰς  
κατὰ καιροῦς ἐν μὲν ταῖς φιλίαις ἀποσιωπήσεις  
καὶ μικρολογίας<sup>3</sup> ὅταν οἱ κακοποιοὶ τὸν συσχη-  
ματισμὸν<sup>4</sup> παροδεύωσιν· ἐν δὲ ταῖς ἔχθραις  
σπονδὰς καὶ ἀποκαταστάσεις κατὰ τὰς τῶν  
ἀγαθοποιῶν τοῖς σχηματισμοῖς<sup>5</sup> ἐπεμβάσεις.  
ἐπεὶ δὲ φιλίας καὶ ἔχθρας εἶδη τρία· ἢ γὰρ διὰ  
προαίρεσιν οὕτως ἔχουσι πρὸς ἀλλήλους ἢ διὰ  
χρείαν ἢ δι' ἡδονὴν καὶ λύπην· ὅταν μὲν<sup>6</sup> πάντες<sup>7</sup>  
ἢ οἱ πλείους τῶν εἰρημένων τόπων οἰκειωθῶσι  
πρὸς ἀλλήλους, ἐκ πάντων ἢ φιλία συνάγεται τῶν  
εἰδῶν, ὡσπερ ὅταν ἀνοικείως<sup>8</sup> ἢ ἔχθρα. ὅταν δὲ  
οἱ τῶν φωτῶν μόνον, διὰ προαίρεσιν, ἦτις ἐστὶ  
φιλία καὶ βελτίστη καὶ ἀσφαλεστάτη καὶ<sup>9</sup> ἔχθρα<sup>10</sup>  
193 χειρίστη καὶ ἄπιστος· ὁμοίως δ' ὅταν μὲν οἱ τῶν

<sup>1</sup> ἐν ἑξαγώνοις VD, ἐν τοῖς ἑξ. A, ἐν om. PLMECam. Proc.

<sup>2</sup> ὡς VPLAD, ὡστε Proc., οἷα MECam.

<sup>3</sup> μικρολογίας VP (μικρο-) MADECam.<sup>1</sup>, -αις L, μακρολογίας Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> τὸν σχηματισμὸν VLAD, τοῦ συσχηματισμοῦ PProc., τῶν συσχηματισμῶν MECam.

<sup>5</sup> τοῖς (συ)σχηματισμοῖς VPLAD, συσχηματισμοὺς ME, -ῶν Cam.



places,<sup>1</sup> either all or most of them, and particularly if the horoscopic regions are about 17° apart, they bring about secure and indissoluble sympathy, unbroken by any quarrel. However, if they are in disjunct signs or opposite signs, they produce the deepest enmities and lasting contentions. If they chance to be situated in neither of these ways, but merely in signs which bear an aspect to one another, if they are in trine or in sextile, they make the sympathies less, and in quartile, the antipathies less. Thus there come about occasional spells of silence and of disparaging talk in friendships, whenever the maleficent planets are passing through these configurations, and truces and reconciliations in enmities at the ingress of the beneficent planets upon them. For there are three classes of friendship and enmity, since men are so disposed to one another either by preference or by need or through pleasure and pain; when all or most of the aforesaid places have familiarity with each other, the friendship is compounded of all three kinds, even as the enmity is, when they are dissociated. But when the places of the luminaries only are in familiarity, the friendship will result from choice, which is the best and surest kind, and in the case of enmity the worst and faithless; similarly, when the places of the

<sup>1</sup> See Bouché-Leclercq, p. 241, n. 1.

<sup>6</sup> μὲν] μὲν γὰρ CAm.

<sup>7</sup> οἱ πάντες MCam.

<sup>8</sup> ἀνοικείως VAD, ἀν οἰκείως PL, ἀνοίκειος MECam.

<sup>9</sup> καὶ (post ἀσφαλεστάτη) VPLD, ἤτις ME, ἢ ἤτις A, ἢ Cam.

<sup>10</sup> ἔχθρα om. MECam.

κλήρων<sup>1</sup> τῆς τύχης, διὰ χρείας· ὅταν δὲ οἱ τῶν ὠροσκόπων, δι' ἡδονὰς ἢ λύπας.

Παρατηρητέον δὲ τῶν συσχηματιζομένων τόπων τὰς τε καθυπερτερήσεις καὶ τὰς<sup>2</sup> τῶν ἀστέρων ἐπιθεωρήσεις·<sup>3</sup> ἐφ' ὧν μὲν γὰρ<sup>4</sup> ἂν γενέσεων ἢ ἢ τοῦ σχηματισμοῦ καθυπερτέρησις, ἢ ἂν τὸ αὐτὸ ἢ τὸ ἔγγιστα ἢ ζώδιον τῇ ἐπαναφορᾷ, ἐκείνη τὸ αὐθεντικώτερον καὶ ἐπιστατικώτερον<sup>5</sup> τῆς φιλίας ἢ τῆς ἔχθρας προσνεμητέον· ἐφ' ὧν δὲ ἢ ἐπιθεώρησις τῶν ἀστέρων βελτίων πρὸς ἀγαθοποιίαν καὶ δύναμιν, ἐκείναις<sup>6</sup> τό τε ἐκ τῆς φιλίας ὠφελιμώτερον καὶ τὸ ἐκ τῆς ἔχθρας κατορθωτικώτερον ἀποδοτέον.<sup>7</sup>

Ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν κατὰ χρόνους τισὶ συνισταμένων προσκαίρων συναστριῶν τε καὶ ἐναντιώσεων προσεκτέον ταῖς καθ' ἑκατέραν γένεσιν κινήσει τῶν ἀστέρων, τουτέστι κατὰ ποίους χρόνους αἱ τῶν τῆς ἐτέρας γενέσεως ἀστέρων ἀφέσεις ἐπέρχονται<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> οἱ τῶν κλήρων] cf. οἱ τόποι τῶν κλήρων Proc.; οἱ κλήροι MECam., τὸν κλήρον VPD, τῶν κλήρων L.

<sup>2</sup> τὰς om. Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἐπιθεωρήσεις libri Cam.<sup>1</sup> (cf. Proc.); ὑποθεωρήσεις Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> γὰρ om. MECam.

<sup>5</sup> καὶ ἐπιστατικώτερον om. MECam.

<sup>6</sup> ἐκείναις VPAD, -ας L, -ης MECam.

<sup>7</sup> κατορθωτικώτερον (κατορθοκώτερον VD) ἀποδοτέον VDAE; om. ἀποδοτέον PL; ἀποδοτικώτερον κατορθωτέον MECam.

<sup>8</sup> ἐπέρχονται VPDEProc., ὑπέρχ. L, ἐπιφέρωνται Cam., ἀφέσεις . . . ἀστέρων om. MA.

<sup>1</sup> A star to the right is elevated above, or "overcomes," a star to the left, that is, one which follows it in the diurnal motion. Cf. Porphyry, *Introd.*, pp. 188-189, Wolf.

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Lots of Fortune are familiar, through need ; and when the places of the horoscopes are familiar, through pleasure or pain.

One must observe, of the places in aspect, their elevations<sup>1</sup> and how the planets regard them. To the nativity in which an elevation of the configuration occurs, whether it is the same sign as the succedant place or the one closest to it,<sup>2</sup> must be assigned the greater authority and direction over friendship or enmity ; and to those nativities in which the regard of the planets is more favourable<sup>2</sup> for benevolence and power, we must allot the greater benefit from the friendship and the greater success in the enmity.

In the occasional acquaintances and oppositions that arise from time to time between individuals, we must pay attention to the movements of the planets in each of the nativities, that is, at what times the prorogations of the planets of one nativity reach the

<sup>2</sup> Rather obscure, but apparently he means whether the preceding and the succeeding places, which might be, *e.g.* the horoscopes of the two genitures, are in the same sign or in successive ones. The latter is possible, for in unbroken friendships, as he said above, the horoscopes should be within 17° of each other, and hence could be in successive signs. Proclus paraphrases thus : " For that place will have the greater authority over the friendship or the enmity to which the elevation or the succedant place is near, either in the same sign or closest by " (ἐκείνος γὰρ ὁ τόπος ἔξει τὸ δυνατότερον τῆς φιλίας ἢ τῆς ἐχθρας πρὸς ὃν ἐγγίξει ἢ καθυπερτέρησις ἢ ἐπαναφορῆς, ἢ κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ ζώδιον ἢ ἐγγιστα).

<sup>3</sup> As, for example, trine is generally more favourable than quartile.

τοῖς τόποις τῶν τῆς ἐτέρας γενέσεως ἀστέρων.<sup>1</sup> γίνονται γὰρ κατὰ τούτους φιλίας καὶ ἔχθραι μερικαὶ καὶ<sup>2</sup> διακρατοῦσαι<sup>3</sup> χρόνον ὀλίγιστον μὲν τὸν μέχρι τῆς διαλύσεως αὐτῆς, πλείστον δὲ τὸν μέχρι τῆς ἐτέρου τινὸς τῶν ἐπιφερομένων ἀστέρων καταλήψεως. Κρόνος μὲν οὖν καὶ Ζεὺς ἐπελθόντες τοῖς ἀλλήλων τόποις ποιοῦσι φιλίας διὰ συστάσεις<sup>4</sup> ἢ γεωργίας ἢ κληρονομίας· Κρόνος δὲ καὶ Ἄρης μάχας καὶ ἐπιβουλάς τὰς κατὰ προαίρεσιν· Κρόνος 194 δὲ καὶ Ἀφροδίτη συνεπιπλοκὰς διὰ συγγενικῶν προσώπων, ταχὺ μέντοι ψυχούσας· Κρόνος δὲ καὶ Ἑρμῆς συμβιώσεις καὶ κοινωνίας<sup>5</sup> διὰ δόσιν καὶ λῆψιν καὶ ἐμπορίαν ἢ μυστήρια· Ζεὺς δὲ καὶ Ἄρης ἐταιρίας δι' ἀξιοματικῶν ἢ οἰκονομικῶν· Ζεὺς δὲ καὶ Ἀφροδίτη φιλίας τὰς διὰ θηλυκῶν<sup>6</sup> προσώπων ἢ<sup>7</sup> τῶν ἐν ἱεροῖς θρησκευῶν ἢ χρησμῶν ἢ τῶν τοιούτων· Ζεὺς δὲ καὶ Ἑρμῆς συναναστροφὰς διὰ λόγους καὶ ἐπιστήμας καὶ προαίρεσιν φιλόσοφον·<sup>8</sup> Ἄρης δὲ καὶ Ἀφροδίτη συνεπιπλοκὰς τὰς δι' ἔρωτας καὶ μοιχείας ἢ νοθείας,<sup>8</sup> ἐπισφαλεῖς δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἐπὶ πολὺ διευθηνούσας· Ἄρης δὲ καὶ Ἑρμῆς ἔχθρας καὶ περιβοησίας καὶ δίκας διὰ πραγμάτων<sup>10</sup> ἢ φαρμάκων ἀφορμὰς· Ἀφροδίτη δὲ καὶ Ἑρμῆς

<sup>1</sup> τοῖς τόποις . . . ἀστέρων VDE (τὸν pro τῶν VD); τοῖς τόποις PL, τοῖς τῆς ἐτέρας τόποις Cam.

<sup>2</sup> καὶ (post μερικαὶ) MAEProc.Cam., om. VD, αἱ PL.

<sup>3</sup> διακρατοῦσαι VPLAD, -οῦσι MECam., cf. διαμένουσαι Proc.

<sup>4</sup> συστάσεις VDPProc., -ης P, -εως cett. Cam.

<sup>5</sup> συμβιώσεις καὶ κοινωνίας VP (κινον-) L (κοινων-) ADE, συμβ. κ. συγγενείας M, συγγενείας καὶ συμβιώσεις Cam.; post haec verba add. διδόασι καὶ PLMAECam., om. VDPProc.



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places of the other.<sup>1</sup> For partial friendships and enmities take place in these times, prevailing at the shortest up to the completion of the prorogation, and at the longest until some other of the approaching planets reaches the place. Now if Saturn and Jupiter approach each other's places they produce friendships through introductions, agriculture, or inheritance; Saturn and Mars make intentional quarrels and schemings; Saturn and Venus, associations through kinsfolk, which, however, quickly cool; Saturn and Mercury make marriage and partnerships for the sake of giving and receiving, trade, or the mysteries. Jupiter and Mars cause associations through dignities or the management of property; Jupiter and Venus friendships through women, religious rites, oracles, or the like; Jupiter and Mercury associations for learned discussion, based upon philosophic inclination. Mars and Venus cause associations through love, adultery, or illegitimate relations, but they are unsure and flourish only briefly; Mars and Mercury produce enmities, noisy disputes, and lawsuits which arise through business or poisonings. Venus and

<sup>1</sup>The method of prorogation explained at length in iii. 10 is used, with a point of departure in one nativity and point of arrival in the other.

<sup>6</sup> θηλυκῶν VP (θυλη-) LDEProc., καθολικῶν MACam.

<sup>7</sup> ἦ (post προσώπων) om. Cam.

<sup>8</sup> φιλόσοφον VPLDProc.Cam.<sup>1</sup>, -ων MAECam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>9</sup> νωθείας AECam.

<sup>10</sup> πραγμάτων VADProc., γραμμάτων PLMECam.

συμβιώσεις τὰς διὰ τέχνην τινὰ ἢ μοῦσαν ἢ σύστασιν ἀπὸ γραμμάτων ἢ θηλυκῶν προσώπων.

Τὴν μὲν οὖν ἐπὶ τὸ μάλλον καὶ ἥττον ἐπίτασιν καὶ ἄνεσιν τῶν συναστριῶν ἢ τῶν ἐναντιώσεων διακριτέον ἐκ τῆς τῶν ἐπιλαμβανομένων τόπων πρὸς τοὺς πρώτους καὶ<sup>1</sup> κυριωτάτους τέτταρας τόπους διαθέσεως· ἐπειδήπερ κατὰ κέντρων<sup>2</sup> μὲν ἢ κλήρων ἢ τῶν φωτῶν τυχόντες ἐπιφανεστέρας ποιοῦσι τὰς ἐπισημασίας· ἄλλοτριωθέντες δὲ αὐτῶν ἀνεπιφάντους· τὴν δὲ ἐπὶ τὸ βλαβερώτερον ἢ ὠφελιμώτερον τοῖς ἐταίροις ἐκ τῆς τῶν ἐπιθεωρούντων ἀστέρων τοὺς εἰρημένους τόπους ἐπὶ τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἢ κακὸν ἰδιοτροπίας.

Ἰδίως δὲ ὁ περὶ δούλων τόπος ἢ λόγος καὶ τῆς τῶν  
195 δεσποτῶν πρὸς αὐτοὺς συμπαθείας ἢ ἀντιπαθείας ἐκ τοῦ κακοδαιμονοῦντος ζωδίου λαμβάνεται, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἐπιθεωρούντων τὸν τόπον<sup>3</sup> ἀστέρων<sup>4</sup> κατὰ τὴν γένεσιν αὐτὴν καὶ κατὰ τὰς ἐπεμβάσεις ἢ διαμετρήσεις φυσικῆς ἐπιτηδειότητος, καὶ μάλισθ' ὅταν<sup>5</sup> οἱ τοῦ δωδεκατημορίου κυριεύσαντες ἦτοι συμφωνῶσι<sup>6</sup> τοῖς ἀνθεντικοῖς τόποις τῆς γενέσεως ἢ ἐναντίους ποιῶνται τοὺς συσχηματισμοὺς.

<sup>1</sup> πρώτους καὶ libri, om. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> κέντρον VD; cf. πρὸς τοὺς τόπους τῶν κλήρων ἢ τῶν φωτῶν κεντρωθέντες, Proo.

<sup>3</sup> τὸν τοιοῦτον τόπον Cam.

<sup>4</sup> ἀστέρων VPLDProo., τοῦ τοιοῦτου ζωδίου ἀστέρων A, ζωδίου ME, τοῦ ζωδίου Cam.

<sup>5</sup> ὅταν VPLADE, ὅτε MCam.

<sup>6</sup> συμφωνῶσι VD, συμφώνως PMECam., -ήσεως L.

Mercury give associations based upon some art or domain of the Muses, or an introduction by letter or through women.

Now then we must determine the degree of the intensity or relaxation of acquaintances and oppositions from the relation between the places which they assume and the four principal and most authoritative places,<sup>1</sup> for if they are upon the angles or the Lots of Fortune or the houses of the luminaries, their portent is the more conspicuous, but if they are removed from them, they are insignificant. Whether the association will be more injurious or more beneficial to the associates is to be determined from the character for good or bad of the planets which regard the places named.

The special topic or account of slaves<sup>2</sup> and the sympathy or antipathy of their masters to them is elucidated from the house of the Evil Daemon<sup>3</sup> and from the natural suitability of the planets which regard this place both in the nativity itself and in their ingresses and oppositions to it, particularly when the lords of the sign are either in harmonious aspect to the principal places of the nativity, or the opposite.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*I.e.* those named at the beginning of the chapter: horoscope, Lot of Fortune, sun, and moon.

<sup>2</sup> Camerarius and one or two of the MSS. here insert the heading of a new chapter, *Περὶ δούλων* ("Of Slaves"). The prominence given to the subject reflects the importance of slavery in ancient society.

<sup>3</sup> The twelfth house, immediately preceding the horoscope.

<sup>4</sup> This passage has difficulties, as Bouché-Leclercq points out (p. 454, esp. n. 4). Apparently we are to observe, as

{For continuation of footnote see pages 422 and 423.

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Ὁ δὲ περὶ ξενιτείας τόπος καταλαμβάνεται διὰ τῆς τῶν φωτῶν πρὸς τὰ κέντρα στάσεως, ἀμφοτέρων μὲν, μάλιστα δὲ τῆς σελήνης. δύνουσα γὰρ ἢ ἀποκεκλικυία τῶν κέντρων ξενιτείας καὶ τόπων μεταβολὰς ποιεῖ. δύναται δὲ τὸ παραπλήσιον ἐνίστε καὶ ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἦτοι δύνων ἢ<sup>1</sup> καὶ αὐτὸς<sup>2</sup> ἀποκεκλικῶς τοῦ κατὰ κορυφῆν, ὅταν τοῖς φωσὶ διάμετρον ἢ τετράγωνον ἔχη στάσιν. εἰ δὲ καὶ ὁ κλήρος τῆς τύχης ἐν τοῖς ποιήσασιν τὴν ἀποδημίαν ζῶδιους ἐκπέση,<sup>3</sup> καὶ τοὺς βίους ὅλους καὶ τὰς ἀναστροφὰς καὶ τὰς πράξεις ἐπὶ τῆς ξένης ἔχοντες διατελοῦσιν. ἀγαθοποιῶν μὲν οὖν ἐπιθεωρούντων τοὺς εἰρημένους τόπους ἢ ἐπιφερομένων αὐτοῖς, ἐνδόξους ἔξουσι καὶ ἐπικερδεῖς τὰς ἐπὶ ξένης πράξεις καὶ τὰς ἐπανόδους ταχείας καὶ ἀνεμποδίστους· κακοποιῶν δέ, ἐπι-  
 196 πόνους καὶ ἐπιβλαβεῖς καὶ ἐπικινδύνους καὶ δυσανακομίστους,<sup>4</sup> τῆς συγκρατικῆς ἐπισκέψεως πανταχῇ συμπαραλαμβανομένης κατ' ἐπικράτησιν τῶν τοῖς

<sup>1</sup> ἢ VD, εἴη PL, om. cott. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> Post αὐτὸς add. ἢ MAECam., καὶ PL.

<sup>3</sup> ἐκπέση VPLADEProc., ἐμπέση MCam.

<sup>4</sup> δυσανακομίστους libri, \*ἐπανόδους βραδείας Cam.

he says, whether the planets that are actually in the twelfth house, or are in aspect to it, or in opposition to it, are of the same natural temperament; but in the following clause Bouché-Leclercq confesses himself not to be sure of the meaning of *ἀθηντικοῖς*, rendered *praecipuis* by Cardanus,



3. *Of Foreign Travel.*

The topic of foreign travel<sup>1</sup> receives treatment by observing the position of the luminaries to the angles, both of them, but particularly the moon. For when the moon is setting or declining from the angles,<sup>2</sup> she portends journeys abroad or changes of place. Mars too sometimes has a similar force, either when he is setting or when he himself also has declined from mid-heaven, when he is in opposition or quartile to the luminaries. If the Lot of Fortune also falls among the signs that cause travel, the subjects spend their whole lives abroad and will have all their personal relations and business there. If beneficent planets regard the aforesaid places or succeed them, their activities abroad will be honourable and profitable and their return quick and unimpeded; but if the maleficent planets regard them, their journeys will be laborious, injurious, and dangerous, and the return difficult, although in every case the mixture of influences is taken into consideration, determined

*locis domini et potestatis eorum* by Junctinus, and *cum dominatore nativitatis* by Melanchthon. It may be noted that Proclus has *πρὸς τοὺς κυρίους τόπους τῆς γενέσεως*. The anonymous commentator gives no help.

<sup>1</sup>The insecurity and uncertainty of travel in ancient times made it a much more serious undertaking than nowadays, and consequently the astrologers devoted much attention to it.

<sup>2</sup>*I.e.* when she is in the Occident (seventh house) or the so-called *ἀποκλίματα* (third, sixth, ninth, and twelfth houses). These and the zodiacal signs that fall upon them are the "signs that cause travel." The moon is the greatest traveller among the celestial objects. *Cf.* Bouhé-Leclercq, p. 455.

αὐτοῖς τόποις συσχηματιζομένων, καθάπερ ἐν τοῖς πρώτοις διωρισάμεθα.

Ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν δὲ ἐν μὲν τοῖς τῶν ἑώων τεταρτημορίων ἀποκλίμασιν ἐκπεσόντων τῶν φωτῶν, εἰς τὰ πρὸς ἀνατολὰς καὶ μεσημβρίαν μέρη τῶν οἰκήσεων τὰς ἀποδημίας γίνεσθαι συμβαίνει· ἐν δὲ τοῖς τῶν λιβυκῶν ἢ καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ τῷ δύνοντι, εἰς τὰ πρὸς ἄρκτους<sup>1</sup> καὶ δυσμάς.<sup>2</sup> κἂν μὲν μονοειδῆ τύχῃ τὰ τὴν ξενιτείαν ποιήσαντα ζώδια, ἦτοι αὐτὰ ἢ οἱ οἰκοδεσποτήσαντες αὐτῶν ἄστερες, διὰ μακροῦ καὶ κατὰ καιροὺς ποιήσονται τὰς ἀποδημίας· ἐὰν δὲ δίσωμα ἢ δίμορφα, συνεχῶς καὶ ἐπὶ πλείστον χρόνον. Ζεὺς μὲν οὖν καὶ Ἄφροδίτη κύριοι γενόμενοι τῶν τὴν ξενιτείαν ποιούντων τόπων καὶ φωτῶν οὐ μόνον ἀκινδύνους ἀλλὰ καὶ θυμῆρεις ποιούσι τὰς ὁδοιπορίας·<sup>3</sup> ἦτοι γὰρ ὑπὸ τῶν προεστώτων ἐν ταῖς χώραις ἢ διὰ φίλων ἀφορμὰς<sup>4</sup> παραπέμπονται, συνεργούσης αὐτοῖς τῆς τε τῶν καταστημάτων εὐαερίας καὶ τῆς τῶν ἐπιτηδείων ἀφθονίας· προσγενομένου δὲ αὐτοῖς καὶ τοῦ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ πολλάκις καὶ δι' αὐτῆς τῆς εἰρημένης συντυχίας ὠφέλειαι καὶ προκοπαὶ καὶ δωρεαὶ καὶ τιμαὶ<sup>5</sup> προσγίνονται. Κρόνος δὲ καὶ Ἄρης ἐπιλαβόντες τὰ φῶτα, κἂν 197 μάλιστα διαμηκίζωσιν ἀλλήλους, τὰ περιγεγόμενα ποιούσιν ἄχρηστα καὶ κινδύνους περικυλίουσι μεγάλοις, ἐν μὲν τοῖς καθύγροις τυχόντες ζωδίοις, διὰ δυσπλοιῶν καὶ ναυαγίων ἢ πάλιν δυσοδιῶν καὶ

<sup>1</sup> τὰ πρὸς ἄρκτους VADE, τὰς π. ἄ. cett. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> δυσμάς VPLAD, ἐν δυσμαῖς MECam.

<sup>3</sup> ὁδοιπορίας VMADEProc., ἀποδημίας PLCam.

by the dominance of the planets that bear an aspect to these same places, as we explained at first.<sup>1</sup>

In general, it happens that, if the luminaries fall in the lower parts of the eastern quadrants, the travel is to the eastern and southern parts of the world, but if in the western quadrants or in the occident itself, to the north and the west; and if the zodiacal signs which caused the travel chance to be those of a single figure, either themselves or the planets that rule them, the journeys will be made at long intervals and upon occasion; but if they are bicorporeal signs, or of double form, they will travel continuously and for a very long time. If Jupiter and Venus are the rulers of the places which govern travel, and of the luminaries, they make the journeys not only safe but also pleasant; for the subjects will be sent on their way either by the chief men of the country or by the resources of their friends, and favourable conditions of weather and abundance of supplies will also aid them. Often, too, if Mercury is added to these, profit, gain, gifts, and honour result from this good fortune of which we have spoken. If Saturn and Mars control the luminaries, however, and particularly if they are in opposition to each other, they will make the results useless and will involve the subject in great dangers, through unfortunate voyages and shipwreck if they are in watery signs, or

<sup>1</sup> Cf. iii. 4 *ad fin.*

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<sup>4</sup> ἀφορμᾶς VPLAD (ἐνεργείας supra scr. A), ἐνεργείας MECam.

<sup>5</sup> καὶ τιμαὶ VPLADProc., om. MECam. (καὶ habet M).

ἐρήμων τόπων· ἐν δὲ τοῖς στερεοῖς, διὰ κρημνισμῶν καὶ ἐμβολῶν πνευμάτων· ἐν δὲ τοῖς τροπικοῖς καὶ ἰσημερινοῖς δι' ἔνδειαν τῶν ἐπιτηδείων καὶ νοσώδεις καταστάσεις· ἐν δὲ τοῖς ἀνθρωποεῖδεσι διὰ ληστήρια καὶ ἐπιβουλάς καὶ συλήσεις·<sup>1</sup> ἐν δὲ τοῖς χερσαίοις διὰ θηρίων ἐφόδους ἢ σεισμούς, Ἐρμοῦ δὲ συμ-προσόντος διὰ μετέωρα καὶ κατηγορίας ἐπισφαλεῖς, ἔτι δὲ καὶ διὰ τὰς τῶν ἐρπετῶν καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ἰοβόλων πληγὰς, παρατηρουμένης ἔτι μὲν τῆς τῶν συμπτωμάτων, εἴαν τε ὠφέλιμα<sup>2</sup> εἴαν τε βλαβερὰ ἢ, ἰδιοτροπίας, τουτέστι<sup>3</sup> τῆς περὶ τὸ αἷτιον<sup>4</sup> διαφορᾶς, καὶ ἐκ τῆς τῶν αἰτιατικῶν τόπων πράξεως ἢ κτήσεως ἢ σώματος ἢ ἀξιώματος κατὰ τὴν ἐξ ἀρχῆς διάθεσιν κυρίας,<sup>5</sup> τῶν δὲ τὰς ἐπισημασίας μάλιστα ποιησόντων καιρῶν ἐκ τῆς τῶν ε' πλανωμένων<sup>6</sup> κατὰ χρόνους ἐπεμβάσεων ποιότητος. καὶ ταῦτα μὲν ἡμῖν μέχρι τοσοῦτων ὑποτετυπώσθω.

<θ.> Περὶ θανάτου ποιότητος

Καταλειπομένης δ' ἐπὶ πᾶσι τῆς περὶ τὸ ποιὸν  
198 τῶν θανάτων ἐπισκέψεως, προδιαληψόμεθα διὰ τῶν ἐν τοῖς περὶ τῶν χρόνων τῆς ζωῆς ἐφωδευμένων πότερον κατὰ ἄφεςιν ἀκτίνος ἢ ἀναίρεσις ἀποτελεσθήσεται ἢ κατὰ τὴν ἐπὶ<sup>7</sup> τὸ δυτικὸν τοῦ

<sup>1</sup> συλήσεις VAD, συλλείσης P, συλλήσεις L, τυραννήσεις cett. Cain.

<sup>2</sup> ὠφέλιμος MECam.

<sup>3</sup> τουτέστι(ν) VPLD, ἐκ MAECam.

<sup>4</sup> Post αἷτιον add. ἔσται VPLD.

<sup>5</sup> κυρίας VPLD, κυρ(ε)ίαν MECam., καὶ κυρείαν A.



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again through hard going and desert places; and if they are in solid signs, through falling from heights and assaults of winds; in the solstitial and equinoctial signs, through lack of provisions and unhealthy conditions; in the signs of human form, through piracy, plots, and robberies; in the terrestrial signs, through the attacks of beasts, or earthquakes, and if Mercury is present at the same time, through the weather, dangerous accusations, and, furthermore, through the bites of reptiles and other poisonous creatures. The peculiar quality of the events, whether they be beneficial or harmful—that is, the differentiation in the cause—is observed from the government of the places significant of action, property, body, or dignity, according to our original disposition of them,<sup>1</sup> and the occasions which will to the greatest degree bring about these portended events are judged from the time of the ingresses<sup>2</sup> of the five planets. Such be our general account of the matter.

### 9. *Of the Quality of Death.*

Since after all the others the inquiry concerning the quality of death remains, we shall first determine, through the means furnished by the discussion of the length of life, whether the destruction will be accomplished by the projection of a ray or by the descent

<sup>1</sup> Cf. iv. 4, iv. 2, iii. 11, and iv. 3 respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Presumably into the "signs that cause travel."

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<sup>6</sup> ε' πλανωμένων VDPProc., om. cett. Cam.

<sup>7</sup> τὴν ἐπὶ VPAD, om. cett. Cam.

ἐπικρατήτορος<sup>1</sup> καταφοράν.<sup>2</sup> εἰ μὲν γὰρ κατὰ ἄφεσιν καὶ ὑπάντησιν ἢ ἀναίρεσις γίνοιτο, τὸν τῆς ὑπαντήσεως τόπον εἰς τὴν τοῦ θανάτου ποιότητα προσήκει παρατηρεῖν· εἰ δὲ κατὰ τὴν ἐπὶ τὸ δύνον καταφοράν, αὐτὸν τὸν δυτικὸν τόπον. ὅποιοι γὰρ ἂν ὦσιν ἦτοι οἱ ἐπόντες τοῖς εἰρημένοις τόποις, ἢ ἔαν μὴ ἐπῶσιν, οἱ πρῶτοι τῶν ἄλλων αὐτοῖς ἐπιφερόμενοι, τοιούτους καὶ τοὺς θανάτους ἔσσεσθαι διαληπτέον, συμβαλλομένων ταῖς φύσεσιν αὐτῶν πρὸς τὸ ποικίλον τῶν συμπτωμάτων τῶν τε συσχηματιζομένων ἀστέρων καὶ τῆς αὐτῶν τῶν εἰρημένων ἀναιρετικῶν τόπων ἰδιοτροπίας ζωδιακῶς τε καὶ κατὰ τὴν τῶν ὀρίων φύσιν.

Ὁ μὲν οὖν τοῦ Κρόνου τὴν κυρίαν τοῦ θανάτου λαβὼν ποιεῖ τὰ τέλη διὰ νόσων πολυχρονίων καὶ φθίσεων καὶ ρευματισμῶν καὶ συντήξεων<sup>3</sup> καὶ ριγοπυρέτων καὶ σπληνικῶν καὶ ὑδρωπικῶν καὶ κοιλιακῶν<sup>4</sup> καὶ ὑστερικῶν διαθέσεων καὶ ὅσαι κατὰ πλεονασμὸν τοῦ ψυχροῦ συνίστανται. ὁ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς ποιεῖ τοὺς θανάτους ἀπὸ συνάγχης καὶ περιπνευμονίας καὶ ἀποπληξίας καὶ σπασμῶν καὶ κεφαλαλγίας καὶ τῶν καρδιακῶν διαθέσεων καὶ ὅσαι κατὰ πνεύματος ἀμετρίαν ἢ δυσωδίαν ἐπισυνάπτουσιν.<sup>5</sup> ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως ἀπὸ πυρετῶν 199 συνεχῶν καὶ ἡμιτριταϊκῶν καὶ αἰφνιδίων πληγῶν καὶ νεφριτικῶν καὶ αἱμοπτυικῶν διαθέσεων καὶ

<sup>1</sup> ἐπικρατήτορος P, ἐπικράτηρος VLAD, κρατήτορος MECam.

<sup>2</sup> καταφοράν VPADE, δι' ἀφοράν L, καταφορά MECam.

<sup>3</sup> καὶ συντήξεων om. MECam.

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of the significator to the occident.<sup>1</sup> For if the destruction should come about through the projection of rays and occourse, it is fitting to observe the place of the occourse in order to determine the quality of the death, but if it occurs by the descent of the significator to the occident, we must observe the occident itself. For of whatever quality are the planets that are upon the aforesaid places, or, if they are not upon them, the first planets to approach them, such we must understand that the deaths will be, while at the same time the planets in aspect by their natures contribute to the complexity of the events, as do also the peculiar characters of the aforesaid destructive places themselves, both through the signs of the zodiac and through the nature of the terms.<sup>2</sup>

Now then, if Saturn holds the lordship of death, he brings about the end through long illness, phthisis, rheumatism, colliquations, chills and fever, and splenic, dropsical, enteric, or hysteric conditions, and such as arise through excesses of cold. Jupiter causes death through strangulation, pneumonia, apoplexy, spasms, headaches, and cardiac affections, and such conditions as are accompanied by irregularity or foulness of breath. Mars kills by means of fevers, continued or intermittent at intervals of one and a half days, sudden strokes, nephritic con-

<sup>1</sup> Cf. iii. 10, especially p. 279. The "significator," as the anonymous commentator points out, is the prorogator (*ἀφέτης*).

<sup>2</sup> For the "terms," cf. i. 21-22.

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<sup>4</sup> *κοιλιακῶν* VLDProu., *κυληακῶν* P *κωλυκῶν* ME, *κωλικῶν* ACam.

<sup>5</sup> *ἐπισυνάπτουσι* VPLD, *ἐπισυμπίπτουσι* MAECam

αίμορραγιῶν<sup>1</sup> καὶ ἐκτρωσμῶν καὶ τοκετῶν καὶ ἐρυσιπελατῶν καὶ ὀλέθρων καὶ ὅσα τῶν νοσημάτων κατ' ἐκπύρωσιν καὶ ἀμετρίαν τοῦ θερμοῦ τοὺς θανάτους ἐπιφέρει. ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης διὰ στομαχικῶν καὶ ἥπατικῶν καὶ δυσεντερικῶν διαθέσεων ποιεῖ τοὺς θανάτους, ἔτι δὲ διὰ νομῶν καὶ συρίγγων καὶ λειχήνων καὶ φαρμάκων δόσεως καὶ ὅσα τοῦ ὑγροῦ πλεονάσαντος ἢ φθαρέντος ἀποτελεῖται συμπτώματα. ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ διὰ μανιῶν καὶ ἐκστάσεων καὶ μελαγχολιῶν<sup>2</sup> καὶ πτωματισμῶν καὶ ἐπιλήψεων καὶ βηχικῶν καὶ ἀναφορικῶν νοσημάτων καὶ ὅσα τοῦ ξηροῦ πλεονάσαντος ἢ φθαρέντος συνίσταται.

Ἰδίους μὲν οὖν τελευτῶσι θανάτοις οἱ κατὰ τὸν εἰρημένον τρόπον μεταστάντες τοῦ ζῆν, ὅταν οἱ τὴν κυρίαν τοῦ θανάτου λαβόντες ἐπὶ τῆς ἰδίας ἢ τῆς οἰκείας φυσικῆς ἰδιοτροπίας τύχωσιν ὄντες, ὑπὸ μηδενὸς καθυπερτερηθέντες τῶν κακῶσαι καὶ ἐπιφανέστερον ποιῆσαι τὸ τέλος δυναμένων· βιαίους δὲ καὶ ἐπισήμοις ὅταν ἢ ἀμφότεροι κυριεύσωσιν οἱ κακοποιοὶ τῶν ἀναιρετικῶν τόπων ἢτοι συνόντες ἢ τετραγωνίζοντες ἢ διαμηκίζοντες ἢ ὀπότερος αὐτῶν ἢ καὶ ἀμφότεροι τὸν ἥλιον ἢ τὴν 200 σελήνην ἢ καὶ ἀμφότερα τὰ φῶτα καταλάβωσι,<sup>3</sup> τῆς μὲν τοῦ θανάτου κακώσεως ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῶν συνελεύσεως συνισταμένης, τοῦ δὲ μεγέθους ἀπὸ

<sup>1</sup> αἰμορραγιῶν VADProc., αἰμορρηγιῶν P, αἰμογγιῶν L, αἰμορροϊκῶν MECam.

<sup>2</sup> μελαγχολικῶν ACam.; καὶ (post hoc verbum) om. AECam.



ditions and those that involve the spitting of blood, hæmorrhages, miscarriages, childbirth, erysipelas, and pestilences, and such diseases as induce death by fever and immoderate heat. Venus causes death by stomachic, hepatic, and intestinal conditions, and furthermore through cancers, fistulas, lichens, taking poisons, and such misfortunes as come about from excess or deficiency of moisture. Mercury portends death by madness, distraction, melancholy, the falling sickness, epilepsy, diseases accompanied by coughing and raising, and all such ailments as arise from the excess or deficiency of dryness.

Thus, then, those who depart from life in the way described die natural deaths,<sup>1</sup> whenever the lords of death happen to be in their own or in kindred natural characters,<sup>2</sup> and if no planet that is able to do injury and to make the end more remarkable overcomes them. They die, however, by violent and conspicuous means whenever both the evil planets dominate the destructive places, either in conjunction, or in quartile, or in opposition, or also if one of the two, or both, seize upon<sup>3</sup> the sun, or the moon, or both the luminaries. The affliction of the death in this case arises from their junction, its magnitude

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "by their own deaths," contrasted with violent (*βίαιοι*) deaths caused by some external agency. The anonymous commentator thus explains.

<sup>2</sup> When they are in the houses of members of their own sect, says the Anonymous.

<sup>3</sup> Apparently the word is used in the sense of "affliction" (see iii. 9, p. 267).

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<sup>3</sup> καταλάβωσι VA (mg. : γρ. κακωθῶσιν) DProe., λάβωσι(ν) PL, κακωθῶσι MECam.

τῆς τῶν φωτῶν ἐπιμαρτυρήσεως, τῆς δὲ ποιότητος πάλιν ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν λοιπῶν ἀστέρων συνεπιθεωρήσεως καὶ τῶν τοὺς κακοποιούς περιεχόντων<sup>1</sup> ζῳδίων.

Ὁ μὲν γὰρ τοῦ Κρόνου τὸν ἥλιον παρὰ τὴν αἴρεσιν τετραγωνίσας ἢ διαμηκίσας ἐν μὲν τοῖς στερεοῖς ποιεῖ τοὺς κατὰ θλίψιν<sup>2</sup> ὄχλων ἢ ἀγχόναις ἢ στραγγαλιαῖς ἀπολλυμένους· ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ δύνῃ τῆς σελήνης ἐπιφερομένης· ἐν δὲ τοῖς θηριώδεσι ζῳδίοις, ὑπὸ θηρίων διαφθειρομένους· καὶ ὁ τοῦ Διὸς ἐπιμαρτυρήσει κεκακωμένος καὶ αὐτός, ἐν δημοσίοις τόποις ἢ ἐπισήμοις ἡμέραις<sup>3</sup> θηριομαχοῦντας· ἀνθρωροσκοπήσας δὲ ὁποτέρω τῶν φωτῶν, ἐν εἴρκταις ἀπολλυμένους· τῷ δὲ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ συσχηματισθεὶς καὶ μάλιστα περὶ τοὺς ἐν τῇ σφαίρα ὄφεις ἢ τὰ χερσαῖα τῶν ζῳδίων,<sup>4</sup> ἀπὸ δακέτων ἰοβόλων ἀποθνήσκοντας· Ἀφροδίτης δὲ αὐτοῖς προσγενομένης, ὑπὸ φαρμακειῶν καὶ γυναικείων ἐπιβουλῶν· ἐν Παρθένῳ δὲ καὶ Ἰχθύσιν ἢ τοῖς καθύγροις ζῳδίοις τῆς σελήνης συσχηματισθείσης, ὑποβρυχίους καὶ ἐν ὕδασι ἀποπνιγομένους· περὶ δὲ τὴν Ἀργώ, καὶ ναυαγίοις περιπίπτοντας· ἐν δὲ τοῖς τροπικοῖς ἢ τετραπόδοις<sup>5</sup> ἡλίῳ<sup>6</sup> συνῶν ἢ διαμηκίσας ἢ ἀντι

<sup>1</sup> περιεχόντων Proc., -εζόντων VMADECam., ὑπερεχόντων P (-εχώντ-) L.

<sup>2</sup> κατὰ θλίψιν VLAD, κατὰ θλύψιν P, κατὰ λήψιν ME, διὰ κατάληψιν Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἡμέραις AP L (ἢ μέραις) Proc., ἡμέρας cett. Cam.

<sup>4</sup> ζῳδίων VProc., ζῳων cett. Cam.

<sup>5</sup> ἢ τετραπόδοις VProc., τετραπόδοις PL, om. cett. Cam.

<sup>6</sup> ἡλίῳ VMD, cf. Proc.; -ος PLAECam.

from the testimony of the luminaries, and its quality, again, from the way in which the other planets regard them, and from the signs in which the evil planets are found.

For if Saturn is in quartile to the sun from a sign of the opposite sect, or is in opposition, in the solid signs he causes death by trampling in a mob, or by the noose, or by indurations, and similarly if he is setting and the moon is approaching him; in the signs that have the form of animals, he causes death by wild beasts, and if Jupiter, who is himself afflicted, bears witness to him, death in public places, or on days of celebration, in fighting with the beasts; but in the ascendant, in opposition<sup>1</sup> to either of the luminaries, death in prison. If he is in aspect to Mercury, and particularly in the neighbourhood of the serpents<sup>2</sup> in the sphere, or in the terrestrial signs, he makes men die from the bites of poisonous creatures, and if Venus is present with them, by poisoning and by feminine plots; but in Virgo and Pisces, or the watery signs, if the moon is in aspect, by drowning and suffocation in water; in the neighbourhood of Argo, as the victims of shipwreck; in the tropical or four-footed signs, when [Saturn] is with the sun or is in opposition to him, or if he is

<sup>1</sup> The Anonymous, p. 165, Wolf, explains the rare word *ἀνθρωποσκοπίας* thus. Melanchthon, however, took it in the opposite sense, "in the occident and opposing the luminaries."

<sup>2</sup> The Anonymous says that he means the constellations, such as Draco and Hydra, of serpent-like form.

201 τοῦ ἡλίου τῷ τοῦ Ἄρεως, ὑπὸ συμπτώσεων κατα-  
λαμβανομένους· ἐὰν δὲ καὶ μεσουρανῶσιν ἢ ἀντι-  
μεσουρανῶσιν,<sup>1</sup> ἀπὸ ὕψους κατακρημνιζομένους.

Ὁ δὲ τοῦ Ἄρεως τῷ ἡλίῳ παρ' αἴρεσιν ἢ τῇ  
σελήνῃ τετράγωνος ἢ διάμετρος σταθεῖς ἐν μὲν  
τοῖς ἀνθρωποεῖδεσι ζῳδίοις ἐν στάσεσιν ἐμφυλίοις  
ἢ ὑπὸ πολεμίων ποιεῖ σφαζομένους ἢ αὐτόχειρας  
ἐαυτῶν γινομένους, διὰ γυναῖκας δὲ ἢ καὶ γυναικῶν  
φονέας,<sup>2</sup> ἐπὰν καὶ ὁ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης αὐτοῖς<sup>3</sup> μαρ-  
τυρήσῃ· κἂν ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ δὲ τούτοις<sup>4</sup> συσχη-  
ματισθῇ, ὑπὸ πειρατῶν ἢ λησθηρίων ἢ κακουργῶν  
ἀπολλυμένους· ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν μελοκοπομένων καὶ  
ἀτελῶν ζῳδίων ἢ κατὰ τὸ γοργόνιον τοῦ Περσέως,  
ἀποκεφαλιζομένους ἢ μελοκοπομένους· ἐν δὲ  
Σκορπίῳ καὶ Ταύρῳ<sup>5</sup> καύσεσιν ἢ τομαῖς ἢ ἀποτο-  
μαῖς ἰατρῶν ἢ σπασμοῖς ἀποθνήσκοντας· ἐπὶ δὲ  
τοῦ μεσουρανήματος ἢ ἀντιμεσουρανήματος, σταυ-  
ροῖς ἀνορθουμένους, καὶ μάλιστα περὶ τὸν Κηφέα  
καὶ τὴν Ἄνδρομέδαν· ἐπὶ δὲ τοῦ δύνοντος ἢ ἀνθω-  
ροσκοποῦντος, ζῶντας καιομένους· ἐν δὲ τοῖς  
τετράποσιν, ἀπὸ συμπτώσεων καὶ συνθραύσεων καὶ  
συμπτωμάτων<sup>6</sup> ἀποθνήσκοντας. τοῦ δὲ τοῦ Διὸς  
καὶ τούτῳ μαρτυρήσαντος καὶ συγκακωθέντος

<sup>1</sup> ἢ ἀντιμεσουρανῶσιν (aut-ήσωσιν) codd. ; om. Cam.

<sup>2</sup> φονέας VP (φων-) LMDEProc., φονενομένους ACam.

<sup>3</sup> αὐτοῖς VDPProc., -ῆς PL, -ὄν MAECam.

<sup>4</sup> τούτοις VPLADProc., αὐτῷ MECam.

<sup>5</sup> Ταύρω VPLDProc., Κενταύρω MAECam.

<sup>6</sup> καὶ συνθραύσεων καὶ συμπτωμάτων VPLD (cf. ἀπὸ συμπτω-  
μάτων καὶ κλασμάτων Proc.); καὶ συνθ. ἢ συμπ. A, ἢ συρμάτων  
MECam.



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with Mars instead of the sun, by being caught in the collapse of a house ; and if they are in mid-heaven, above or below the earth, by a fall from a height.

If Mars is quartile or in opposition to the sun or the moon, from a sign of the other sect, in the signs of human form, he causes the subjects to be slaughtered in civil factions or by the enemy, or to commit suicide, and to die because of women or as murderers of women, whenever Venus testifies to them ;<sup>1</sup> and if Mercury also is in aspect to these, he causes death at the hands of pirates, robbers, or criminals ; in the mutilated and imperfect signs,<sup>2</sup> or in the Gorgon of Perseus, death by decapitation or mutilation ; in Scorpio and Taurus, death through cautery, cutting,<sup>3</sup> or amputation by physicians, or death in convulsions ; at mid-heaven or the opposite point, by being set up on stakes,<sup>4</sup> and particularly in Cepheus and Andromeda ; at the occident or in opposition to the horoscope, by being burned alive ; in the quadrupedal signs, death by the collapse of houses, by breaking, or by crushing ; if Jupiter also bears witness to him and is afflicted at the same time, again the subjects perish

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* Mars and the luminaries.

<sup>2</sup> Such as Taurus, the blind Cancer, Scorpio, Sagittarius ; *cf.* Bouché-Leclercq, p. 151.

<sup>3</sup> *καυσις* and *τομή* were the two principal methods of ancient surgery, were often applied together, and so are frequently mentioned together, as in Plato, *Rep.* 406D (see Adam *ad loc.*).

<sup>4</sup> *I.e.* crucifixion.

ἐπισήμοις πάλιν ἀπόλλυνται κατακρίσεισι καὶ χόλοις ἡγεμόνων ἢ βασιλέων.

Συγγερόμενοι δὲ ἀλλήλοις οἱ κακοποιοὶ καὶ οὕτω διαμηκίσαντες ἐπὶ τινος τῶν εἰρημένων αἰτιατικῶν διαθέσεων συνεργοῦσιν ἔτι μᾶλλον πρὸς τὴν τοῦ θανάτου κάκωσιν, τῆς κατὰ τὸ ποιὸν κυρίας περὶ 202 τὸν<sup>1</sup> αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀναιρετικοῦ τόπου τυχόντα<sup>2</sup> γινομένης, ἢ καὶ πολλῶν τῶν θανατικῶν συμπτωμάτων ἢ δισσῶν ἤτοι κατὰ τὸ ποιὸν ἢ κατὰ τὸ ποσὸν ἀποτελουμένων, ὅταν ἀμφότεροι λόγον ἔχωσι πρὸς τοὺς ἀναιρετικούς τόπους. οἱ τοιοῦτοι δὲ καὶ ταφῆς ἄμοιροι καταλείπονται· δαπανῶνται δὲ ὑπὸ θηρίων ἢ οἰωνῶν, ὅταν περὶ τὰ ὁμοειδῆ τῶν ζωδίων οἱ κακοποιοὶ τύχωσι, μηδενὸς τῶν ἀγαθοποιῶν<sup>3</sup> τῶ ὑπὸ γῆν<sup>4</sup> ἢ τοῖς ἀναιρετικοῖς τόποις μαρτυρήσαντος. ἐπὶ ξένης δὲ οἱ θάνατοι γίνονται τῶν τοὺς ἀναιρετικούς τόπους κατασχόντων ἀστέρων ἐν τοῖς ἀποκλίμασιν<sup>5</sup> ἐκπεσόντων, καὶ μάλιστα ὅταν καὶ ἡ σελήνη παροῦσα ἢ τετραγωνίζουσα ἢ διαμηκίζουσα τύχη τοὺς εἰρημένους τόπους.

### ⟨ι.⟩ Περὶ χρόνων διαιρέσεως

Ἐφωδευμένου δὲ ἡμῖν κεφαλαιωδῶς τοῦ τύπου τῆς καθ' ἕκαστον εἶδος ἐπισκέψεως μέχρι μόνων

<sup>1</sup> τυγχάνοντα post περὶ τὸν add. MECam.

<sup>2</sup> Post τόπου add. τυχόντα VPLMADE, \*αἰτίας Cam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀγαθοποιῶν τινα PL.

<sup>4</sup> τῶ ὑπὸ γῆν VADE, ὑπὸ γῆν PL, τῶ ὑπὸ τη//////// (lac.) M, \*ἐν τῶ ὑπὲρ γῆν ἡμισφαιρίῳ ὄντος Cam.<sup>2</sup>; om. Cam.<sup>1</sup>; cf. Proc.

<sup>5</sup> ἀποκλίμασιν VDEProc., ἀποκλήμασιν PL, ἀποτελέσμασιν MACam.

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conspicuously by condemnation and through the anger of generals or kings.

If the maleficent planets are together and in this state are in opposition in some one of the aforesaid significant positions, they work together all the more for the affliction of the death. In this case the signification of the quality of the death lies with the one that chances to occupy the destructive place, or else the fatal occurrences are multiplied, or doubled, either in quality or in quantity, whenever both have some relation to the destructive places. Persons with such genitures are even left without burial, and are consumed by wild beasts or birds, whenever the maleficent planets chance to be in signs of such form,<sup>1</sup> if none of the beneficent planets is witnessing to the lower mid-heaven or to the destructive places. Deaths occur in foreign lands if the planets that occupy the destructive places fall in the declining places,<sup>2</sup> and particularly whenever the moon happens to be in, or quartile to, or in opposition to, the aforesaid regions.

### 10. *Of the Division of Times.*

As we have treated systematically under its several heads the outline of each kind of inquiry only so

<sup>1</sup>That is, constellations that have the form of wild beasts or birds. The anonymous commentator cites as an instance "if the dog star (κύων) or Corvus (κόραξ) were rising at the same time," i.e. were παραπατέλλοντα (cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 125, n. 1).

<sup>2</sup>The "places" (twelfths of the zodiac) may be classified as κέντρα, the angles; επαναφοραί, succedants, the signs rising immediately after the angles; and αποκλίματα, the declining places, which follow the succedants.

αὐτῶν, ὡσπερ ἐν ἀρχῇ προεθέμεθα, τῶν καθ' ὅλα  
 μέρη λαμβανομένων πραγματειῶν, λοιπὸν ἂν εἶη  
 προσθεῖναι κατὰ τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον ὅσα καὶ περὶ τὰς  
 τῶν χρόνων διαιρέσεις ὀφείλει θεωρηθῆναι φυσικῶς  
 καὶ ἀκολουθῶς ταῖς ἐπὶ μέρους ἐκτεθειμέναις  
 πραγματεῖαις. ὡσπερ τοίνυν καὶ ἐπὶ πάντων  
 ἀπλῶς τῶν γενεθλιαλογικῶν τόπων προυφέστηκέ  
 τις τῶν ἐπὶ μέρους εἰμαρμένη μείζων, ἢ τῆς τῶν  
 χωρῶν αὐτῶν, ἥ τὰ καθ' ἕκαστον ὀλοσχερῶς  
 203 θεωρούμενα περὶ τὰς γενέσεις ὑποπίπτειν πέφυκεν,  
 ὡς τὰ τε περὶ τὰς τῶν σωμάτων μορφὰς καὶ τὰς  
 τῶν ψυχῶν ἰδιοτροπίας καὶ τὰς τῶν ἔθῶν καὶ  
 νομίμων ἐναλλαγὰς, καὶ δεῖ τὸν φυσικῶς ἐπισκεπ-  
 τόμενον αἰεὶ τῆς πρώτης καὶ κυριωτέρας αἰτίας  
 κρατεῖν, ὅπως μὴ κατὰ τὸ τῶν γενέσεων παρόμοιον  
 λάθῃ<sup>1</sup> ποτέ, τὸν μὲν ἐν Αἰθιοπία γενόμενον,<sup>2</sup> φέρε  
 εἰπεῖν, λευκόχρουν ἢ τετανὸν τὰς τρίχας εἰπῶν,  
 τὸν δὲ Γερμανὸν ἢ τὸν Γαλάτην μελάγχροα<sup>3</sup> καὶ  
 οὐλοκέφαλον· ἢ τούτους μὲν ἡμέρους τοῖς ἠθεσιν ἢ  
 φιλολόγους ἢ φιλοθεώρους, τοὺς δ' ἐν τῇ Ἑλλάδι  
 τὰς ψυχὰς ἀγρίους καὶ τὸν λόγον ἀπαιδεύτους· ἢ  
 πάλιν κατὰ τὸ τῶν ἔθῶν καὶ νομίμων ἴδιον ἐπὶ τῶν  
 συμβιώσεων, λόγου χάριν, τῷ μὲν Ἰταλῷ τὸ γένος  
 ἀδελφικὸν γάμον προθέμενος, δέον τῷ Αἰγυπτίῳ,  
 τούτῳ δὲ μητρικόν, δέον τῷ Πέρσῃ· καὶ ὅλως  
 προδιαλαμβάνειν τὰς καθ' ὅλου τῆς εἰμαρμένης  
 περιστάσεις, εἶτα τὰς κατὰ μέρος πρὸς τὸ μᾶλλον

<sup>1</sup> λάθῃ VPLADE, λάθοι M, πάθῃ Cam.

<sup>2</sup> τὸν . . . γενόμενον] τὸν μὲν Αἰθίοπα Cam.



far as to explain the general doctrine, which was our original intention, it would remain to add in the same manner any observations that should be made about the division of times, in such manner as to agree with nature and to be consistent with the specific doctrines which have already been set forth. So then, as, among all genethliological inquiries whatsoever, a more general destiny takes precedence of all particular considerations, namely, that of country of birth, to which the major details of a geniture are naturally subordinate, such as the topics of the form of the body, the character of the soul and the variations of manners and customs, it is also necessary that he who makes his inquiry naturally should always hold first to the primary and more authoritative cause, lest, misled by the similarity of genitures, he should unwittingly call, let us say, the Ethiopian white or straight-haired, and the German or Gaul black-skinned and woolly-haired, or the latter gentle in character, fond of discussion, or fond of contemplation, and the Greeks savage of soul and untutored of mind; or, again, on the subject of marriage, lest he mistake the appropriate customs and manners by assigning, for example, marriage with a sister to one who is Italian by race, instead of to the Egyptian as he should, and a marriage with his mother to this latter, though it suits the Persian. Thus in general it is needful first to apprehend universal conditions of destiny, and then to attach to them the particular conditions which relate to

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<sup>3</sup> μελάγχροα VD, μελανόχρονν Prou., μελίχρονν MAECam., om. PL.

ἢ ἦττον ἐφαρμόζειν· τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν χρονικῶν<sup>1</sup> διαιρέσεων τὰς τῶν χρονικῶν ἡλικιῶν διαφορὰς καὶ ἐπιτηδειότητος πρὸς ἕκαστα τῶν ἀποτελεσμάτων ἀναγκαῖον προϋποτίθεσθαι, καὶ σκοπεῖν ὅπως μὴ κατὰ τὸ κοινὸν καὶ ἀπλοῦν τῶν πρὸς τὴν ἐπίσκεψιν θεωρουμένων συμβατικῶν<sup>2</sup> λάθωμεν αὐτούς ποτε τῷ μὲν βρέφει πράξιν ἢ 204 γάμον ἢ τι τῶν τελειότερων εἰπόντες, τῷ δὲ πάννυ γέροντι τεκνοποιῖαν ἢ τι τῶν νεανικωτέρων· ἀλλὰ καθάπαξ τὰ διὰ τῶν ἐφόδων τῶν χρονικῶν θεωρούμενα κατὰ τὸ παρόμοιον καὶ ἐνδεχόμενον τῶν ταῖς ἡλικίαις συμφύλων ἐφαρμόζωμεν.<sup>3</sup> ἔστι γὰρ ἐπιβολὴ μία καὶ ἡ αὐτὴ πάντων ἐπὶ τῶν χρονικῶν τῆς καθ' ὅλου φύσεως τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἐχομένη καθ' ὁμοιότητα καὶ παραβολὴν τῆς τάξεως τῶν ἐπτά πλανωμένων, ἀρχομένη μὲν ἀπὸ τῆς πρώτης ἡλικίας καὶ τῆς πρώτης ἀφ' ἡμῶν σφαίρας, τουτέστι τῆς σεληνιακῆς, λήγουσα δὲ ἐπὶ τὴν πυμάτην τῶν ἡλικιῶν καὶ τῶν πλανωμένων σφαιρῶν τὴν ὑστάτην, Κρόνου δὲ προσαγορευομένην. καὶ συμβέβηκεν ὡς ἀληθῶς ἐκάστη τῶν ἡλικιῶν τὰ οἰκεία τῇ φύσει τοῦ παραβεβλημένου τῶν πλανωμένων, ἃ δεήσει παρατηρεῖν, ὅπως τὰ μὲν καθ' ὅλου

<sup>1</sup> ἐπὶ τῶν χρονικῶν MAECam., χρονικῶν om. VPLD.

<sup>2</sup> συμβατικῶν VA, συμβαντικῶν PLD, συμβαματικῶν MECam.

<sup>3</sup> ἐφαρμόζωμεν ACam., -ειν VP (-μωζ-) LD, -ομεν ME.

<sup>1</sup> Boll, *Studien*, p. 123, points out that this chapter, with its account of the seven ages of man, does not properly belong to the plan adopted for the *Tetrabiblos* and is in certain details at variance with what has preceded; e.g.

degree. In the same fashion likewise, dealing with the division of time, one must take as a basis in each single prediction the differences and special proprieties of the temporal ages, and see to it that we do not, in the ordinary, simple treatment of matters incident to the inquiry, carelessly assign to a babe action or marriage, or anything that belongs to adults, or to an extremely old man the begetting of children or anything else that fits younger men; but once and for all let us harmonize those details which are contemplated in temporal terms with that which is suitable and possible for persons in the various age-classes. For in the matter of the age-divisions of mankind<sup>1</sup> in general there is one and the same approach, which for likeness and comparison depends upon the order of the seven planets; it begins with the first age of man and with the first sphere from us, that is, the moon's, and ends with the last of the ages and the outermost of the planetary spheres, which is called that of Saturn. And in truth the accidental qualities of each of the ages are those which are naturally proper to the planet compared with it, and these it will be needful to observe, in order that by this means we may investigate the

there are seven ages instead of four, as in i. 10, and "seven planets," though elsewhere the two luminaries are kept distinct from the five planets. We may, however, agree with his conclusion that the style of the chapter is unquestionably Ptolemaic and that it is more probably an addition by the author than an interpolation by another hand. Nevertheless, Ptolemy has probably borrowed much of this material from others, and the differences in his sources will account for apparent discrepancies. The ages of man, most familiar to us through *As You Like It*, II. vii, are found in many ancient writers.

τῶν χρονικῶν ἐντεῦθεν σκοπῶμεν, τὰς δὲ τῶν κατὰ μέρος διαφορὰς ἀπὸ τῶν ἐν ταῖς γενέσεσιν εὐρισκομένων ἰδιωμάτων.

Μέχρι μὲν γὰρ τῶν πρώτων σχεδόν που τεττάρων ἐτῶν κατὰ τὸν οἰκείον ἀριθμὸν τῆς τετραετηρίδος τὴν τοῦ βρέφους ἡλικίαν ἢ σελήνη λαχοῦσα<sup>1</sup> τὴν τε ὑγρότητα καὶ ἀπηξίαν τοῦ σώματος καὶ τὸ τῆς αὐξήσεως ὄξυ καὶ τὸ τῶν τροφῶν ὡς ἐπὶ πᾶν ὑδατῶδες καὶ τὸ τῆς ἕξεως εὐμετάβολον καὶ τὸ τῆς  
205 ψυχῆς ἀτελὲς καὶ ἀδιάρθρωτον<sup>2</sup> ἀπειργάσατο τοῖς περὶ τὸ ποιητικὸν αὐτῆς συμβεβηκόσιν οἰκείως.

Ἐπὶ δὲ τὴν ἐξῆς δεκαετίαν τὴν παιδικὴν ἡλικίαν δεύτερος καὶ δευτέραν λαχὼν ὁ τοῦ Ἑρμοῦ ἀστήρ<sup>3</sup> τοῦ καθ' ἡμῖς μέρους<sup>4</sup> τοῦ τῆς εἰκοσαετηρίδος ἀριθμοῦ τό τε διανοητικὸν καὶ λογικὸν τῆς ψυχῆς ἄρχεται διαρθροῦν καὶ διαπλάττειν, καὶ μαθημάτων ἐντιθέσθαι σπέρματά τινα καὶ στοιχεῖα, τῶν τε ἡθῶν καὶ τῶν ἐπιτηδειοτήτων<sup>5</sup> ἐμφαίνειν<sup>6</sup> τὰς ἰδιοτροπίας, διδασκαλίαις ἤδη καὶ παιδαγωγίαις καὶ τοῖς πρώτοις γυμνασίοις<sup>7</sup> ἐγείρων τὰς ψυχάς

Ὁ δὲ τῆς Ἀφροδίτης τὴν μεираκιώδη καὶ τρίτην ἡλικίαν παραλαβὼν ἐπὶ τὴν ἐξῆς ὀκταετίαν<sup>8</sup> κατὰ τὸν ἴσον ἀριθμὸν τῆς ἰδίας περιόδου κίνησιν εἰκότως

<sup>1</sup> λαχοῦσα VPLAD, λαβοῦσα E, παραλαβοῦσα MCam.

<sup>2</sup> ἀδιάρθρωτον PLA, ἀρθρωτὸν VD, ἀδιόρθωτον MECam.

<sup>3</sup> ἀστήρ libri, om. Cam. ; post hoc verbum add. τοῦ VD, τὸ AE, τὴν PLMcam.

<sup>4</sup> μέρους VPLD, μέρος cett. Cam.

<sup>5</sup> ἐπιτηδειοτήτων VADProc., -τάτων L, ἐπιτηδι . . . (?) P, ἐπιτηδευμάτων MECam.

<sup>6</sup> ἐμφαίνειν PLMAE, -ει VD, ἐκφαίνειν Cam., ἐμφανίζει Proc.



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general questions of the temporal divisions, while we determine particular differences from the special qualities which are discovered in the nativities.

For up to about the fourth year, following the number which belongs to the quadrennium,<sup>1</sup> the moon takes over the age of infancy and produces the suppleness and lack of fixity in its body, its quick growth and the moist nature, as a rule, of its food, the changeability of its condition, and the imperfection and inarticulate state of its soul, suitably to her own active qualities.

In the following period of ten years, Mercury, to whom falls the second place and the second age, that of childhood, for the period which is half of the space of twenty years,<sup>2</sup> begins to articulate and fashion the intelligent and logical part of the soul, to implant certain seeds and rudiments of learning, and to bring to light individual peculiarities of character and faculties, awaking the soul at this stage by instruction, tutelage, and the first gymnastic exercises.

Venus, taking in charge the third age, that of youth, for the next eight years, corresponding in number to her own period, begins, as is natural, to

<sup>1</sup>The Anonymous says that four years is assigned to the moon because after a period of that length its phases again occur in the same degrees.

<sup>2</sup>Only half the period is assigned to Mercury because of the latter's double nature, according to the Anonymous.

<sup>1</sup> τοῖς πρώτοις γυμνασίοις PProc., τ. π. γενεαίσις L, τῆς πρώτης γυμνασίοις VD, ταῖς πρώταις γυμνασίοις MAECam.

<sup>2</sup> ὀκταετίαν VPADEProc., ὀκτωετίαν MCam., ὀκταετησίαις L.

τῶν σπερματικῶν πόρων ἐμποιεῖν ἄρχεται κατὰ<sup>1</sup> τὴν πλήρωσιν αὐτῶν καὶ ὄρμην ἐπὶ τὴν τῶν ἀφροδισίων συνέλευσιν, ὅτε μάλιστα λύσσα τις ἐγγίνεται ταῖς ψυχαῖς<sup>2</sup> καὶ ἀκρασία καὶ πρὸς τὰ τυχόντα τῶν ἀφροδισίων ἔρωσ καὶ φλεγμονὴ καὶ ἀπάτη καὶ τοῦ προπετουῦς<sup>3</sup> ἀβλεψία.

Τὴν δὲ τετάρτην καὶ τάξει μέσῃν ἡλικίαν τὴν νεανικὴν λαβὼν ὁ τῆς μέσης σφαίρας κύριος<sup>4</sup> ὁ ἥλιος<sup>5</sup> ἐπὶ τὰ τῆς ἐνεακαιδεκαετηρίδος ἔτη τὸ δεσποτικὸν ἤδη καὶ αὐθεντικὸν τῶν πράξεων ἐμποιεῖ τῇ ψυχῇ, βίου τε καὶ δόξης καὶ καταστάσεως 206 ἐπιθυμίαν καὶ μετάβασιν ἀπὸ τῶν παιγνιωδῶν καὶ ἀνεπιπλάστων<sup>6</sup> ἀμαρτημάτων ἐπὶ τὸ προσεκτικὸν καὶ αἰδημονικὸν καὶ φιλότιμον.

Μετὰ δὲ τὸν ἥλιον ὁ τοῦ Ἄρεως πέμπτος, ἐπιλαβὼν τὸ τῆς ἡλικίας ἀνδρῶδες ἐπὶ τὰ ἴσα τῆς ἰδίας περιόδου πεντεκαίδεκα ἔτη, τὸ αὐστηρὸν καὶ κακόπαθον εἰσάγει τοῦ βίου, μερίμνας τε καὶ σκυλμοὺς ἐμποιεῖ τῇ ψυχῇ καὶ τῷ σώματι, καθάπερ αἰσθησίην τινα ἤδη καὶ ἔννοιαν ἐνδιδοὺς τῆς παρακμῆς καὶ ἐπιστρέφων πρὸς τὸ πρὶν ἐγγυὺς ἐλθεῖν

<sup>1</sup> κατὰ VPLAD, καὶ MECam.

<sup>2</sup> ἐγγίνεται ταῖς ψυχαῖς VPLAD, γίνεται MECam.

<sup>3</sup> προπετουῦς VP (πρω-) LAD; cf. τὸ προπετές Proc.; πρόποιτος ME; βλέποντος Cam.

<sup>4</sup> κύριος om. Cam.

<sup>5</sup> ὁ ἥλιος PL, ὁ om. cett. Cam.

<sup>6</sup> ἀνεπιπλάστων VPLAD, ἀνεπιστήτων πλάστων ME, ἀκαταστήτων καὶ πλαστῶν Cam.

inspire, at their maturity, an activity of the seminal passages and to implant an impulse toward the embrace of love. At this time particularly a kind of frenzy enters the soul, incontinence, desire for any chance sexual gratification, burning passion, guile, and the blindness of the impetuous lover.

The lord of the middle sphere, the sun, takes over the fourth age, which is the middle one in order, young manhood, for the period of nineteen years, wherein he implants in the soul at length the mastery and direction of its actions, desire for substance, glory, and position, and a change from playful, ingenuous error to seriousness, decorum, and ambition.

After the sun, Mars, fifth in order, assumes command of manhood for the space of fifteen years, equal to his own period.<sup>1</sup> He introduces severity and misery into life, and implants cares and troubles in the soul and in the body, giving it, as it were, some sense and notion of passing its prime and urging it, before it approaches its end, by labour to accomplish

<sup>1</sup> As Bouché-Leclercq (p. 409) remarks, why fifteen years should be given as the "period" of Mars is a mystery. The synodic period of this planet is 780 days and its sidereal period 687 days. In the next paragraph twelve years, stated to be the period of Jupiter, is not far from the actual sidereal period of this planet (11.86 years) and is the measurement ordinarily given by ancient astronomers. For this astrological, not astronomical, statement about Mars cf. P. Mich. 149, col. v, 18 ff., which speaks of the "period of Mars, who returns to his original position in fifteen years" (ἐν τῷ Ἄρειος κύκλῳ, ὅς ἐν ἔτεσιν ἑξήκοντα ἑπτά ἀποκαταστασιν ἔχει). In the Michigan astrological treatise, however, the length of the period of Mars is associated with the age of boys at puberty rather than with the length of a division of the life of man, as in the *Tetrabiblos*.

τοῦ τέλους ἀνύσαι τι λόγου ἄξιον μετὰ πόνου τῶν μεταχειριζομένων.

Ἔκτος δ' ὁ τοῦ Διὸς τὴν πρεσβυτικὴν ἡλικίαν λαχὼν ἐπὶ τὴν τῆς ἰδίας περιόδου πάλιν δωδεκαετίαν τὸ μὲν αὐτουργὸν καὶ ἐπίπονον καὶ ταραχῶδες καὶ παρακεκινδυνευμένον τῶν πράξεων ἀποστρέφεισθαι ποιεῖ, τὸ δὲ εὐσχημον καὶ προνοητικὸν καὶ ἀνακεχωρηκός, ἔτι δὲ ἐπιλογιστικὸν πάντων καὶ νοητικὸν καὶ παραμυθητικὸν ἀντεισάγει, τιμῆς τότε μάλιστα καὶ ἐπαίνου καὶ ἐλευθεριότητος ἀντιποιεῖσθαι παρασκευάζων μετ' αἰδοῦς καὶ σεμνοπρεπείας.<sup>1</sup>

Τελευταῖος δὲ ὁ τοῦ Κρόνου τὴν ἐσχάτην καὶ γεροντικὴν ἡλικίαν ἐκκληρώθη μέχρι τῶν ἐπιλοίπων τῆς ζωῆς χρόνων, καταψυχομένων ἤδη καὶ ἐμπο-  
207 διζομένων τῶν τε σωματικῶν καὶ τῶν ψυχικῶν κινήσεων ἐν ταῖς ὁρμαῖς καὶ ἀπολαύσεσι καὶ ἐπιθυμίαις καὶ ταχεύαις, τῆς ἐπὶ τὴν φύσιν<sup>2</sup> παρακμῆς ἐπιγυνομένης τῷ βίῳ κατεσκληρότι καὶ ἀθύμῳ καὶ ἀσθενικῷ καὶ εὐπροσκόπῳ καὶ πρὸς πάντα<sup>3</sup> δυσαρέστῳ<sup>4</sup> κατὰ τὸ οἰκείον τῆς τῶν κινήσεων νωχελείας.

Αἱ μὲν οὖν κατὰ τὸ κοινὸν καὶ καθ' ὅλου τῆς φύσεως θεωρούμεναι τῶν χρόνων ἰδιοτροπίαι τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον προὔποτετυπώσθωσαν. τῶν δὲ ἐπὶ μέρος κατὰ τὸ τῶν γενέσεων ἴδιον

<sup>1</sup> σεμνοπρεπείας VPADE, -τρεπείας L, -τροπίας M<sup>C</sup>Cam.

<sup>2</sup> τῆς ἐπὶ τὴν φύσιν VD, ταῖς ἐ. τ. φ. PL, τῇ φύσει MAE<sup>C</sup>Cam.

<sup>3</sup> πάντα VD, ἅπαντα PL, πάντας MAE<sup>C</sup>Cam.; om. Proc.

<sup>4</sup> καὶ post δυσαρέστῳ add. ME<sup>C</sup>Cam.



something among its undertakings that is worthy of note.

Sixth, Jupiter, taking as his lot the elderly age, again for the space of his own period, twelve years, brings about the renunciation of manual labour, toil, turmoil, and dangerous activity, and in their place brings decorum, foresight, retirement, together with all-embracing deliberation, admonition, and consolation; now especially he brings men to set store by honour, praise, and independence, accompanied by modesty and dignity.

Finally to Saturn falls as his lot old age, the latest period, which lasts for the rest of life. Now the movements both of body and of soul are cooled and impeded in their impulses, enjoyments, desires, and speed; for the natural decline supervenes upon life, which has become worn down with age, dispirited, weak, easily offended, and hard to please in all situations, in keeping with the sluggishness of his movements.

The foregoing, then, may be taken as a preliminary description of the characteristics of the ages of life, viewed generally and in accordance with the ordinary course of nature. But as for particulars,<sup>1</sup> which are

<sup>1</sup> Bouché-Leclercq, pp. 502 ff., discusses the following sections of this chapter, which present Ptolemy's treatment of the subject of *καταρχαί*, "initiatives"—the prediction of the success or failure of individual enterprises—insofar as he recognizes the theme. The general method is the same as that of iii. 10, but five places are taken simultaneously as prorogatives, and the planets that influence by their occurrence (*ὑπάντησις*), which may be either bodily or by aspect, need not be merely the destructive ones, as in the prorogation discussed in iii. 10, but also the beneficent stars.

ὀφειλουσῶν λαμβάνεσθαι, τὰς μὲν κατὰ τὸ προϋπο-  
 τιθέμενον πάλιν καὶ ὀλοσχερέστερον ἀπὸ τῶν  
 κυριωτάτων πάλιν ἀφέσεων ποιησόμεθα, πασῶν  
 μέντοι καὶ οὐκ ἀπὸ μιᾶς, ὥσπερ ἐπὶ τῶν τῆς ζωῆς  
 χρόνων, ἀλλὰ τὴν μὲν ἀπὸ τοῦ ὠροσκόπου πρὸς τὰ  
 σωματικὰ τῶν συμπτωμάτων καὶ τὰς ξενιτείας,  
 τὴν δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ κλήρου τῆς τύχης πρὸς τὰ τῆς  
 κτήσεως, τὴν δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς σελήνης πρὸς τὰ τῆς  
 ψυχῆς πάθη καὶ τὰς συμβιώσεις, τὴν δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ  
 ἡλίου πρὸς τὰ <sup>1</sup> κατ' ἀξίαν καὶ δόξαν, τὴν δ' ἀπὸ  
 τοῦ μεσουρανήματος πρὸς τὰς λοιπὰς καὶ κατὰ  
 μέρος τοῦ βίου διαγωγὰς, οἷον πράξεις, φιλίας,  
 τεκνοποιίας. οὕτω γὰρ <sup>2</sup> ἐν τοῖς αὐτοῖς καιροῖς  
 οὐχ εἰς ἕσται ἤτοι ἀγαθοποιὸς ἢ κακοποιὸς <sup>3</sup>  
 κύριος αὐτῶν, πολλῶν ὡς ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ συμβαινόν-  
 των ὑπὸ τοὺς αὐτοὺς χρόνους ἐναντίων συμ-  
 πτωμάτων, ὡς ὅταν τις ἀποβαλὼν πρόσωπον οἰκεῖον  
 208 λάβῃ κληρονομίαν, ἢ νόσω κατακλιθῆ κατὰ τὸ αὐτὸ  
 καὶ τύχῃ τινὸς ἀξίας καὶ προκοπῆς, ἢ ἐν ἀπραγία  
 τυγχάνων τέκνων γένηται πατήρ, καὶ ὅσα τοιαῦτα  
 συμβαίνειν εἴωθεν. οὐ γὰρ τὸ αὐτὸ σώματος καὶ  
 ψυχῆς καὶ κτήματος καὶ ἀξιώματος καὶ τῶν συμ-  
 βιούντων, ἀγαθῶν ἢ κακῶν, ὡς ἐξ ἀνάγκης ἐν ἅσασι  
 τούτοις εὐτυχεῖν τινα ἢ πάλιν ἀτυχεῖν, ἀλλὰ συμ-  
 βαίνοι μὲν ἂν ἴσως καὶ τὸ τοιοῦτο ἐπὶ τῶν τέλεον  
 εὐδαιμονιζομένων ἢ ταλανιζομένων καιρῶν, ὅταν ἐν  
 πάσαις ἢ ταῖς πλείσταις ἀφέσεσι συνδράμωσι αἱ  
 ὑπαντήσεις ἀγαθοποιῶν πάντων ἢ κακοποιῶν,

<sup>1</sup> πρὸς τὰ] in his verbis desinit V.

<sup>2</sup> ἂν post γὰρ add. MADECam., om. PLProc.

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to be discovered from the peculiarities of the nativities, some of them again we shall base upon the general considerations already set forth, that is, upon the prorogations of greatest authority, all of them, however, and not one, as in the case of the space of life. We shall apply the prorogation from the horoscope to events relating to the body and to journeys abroad; that from the Lot of Fortune to matters of property; that from the moon to affections of the soul and to marriage; that from the sun to dignities and glory; that from the mid-heaven to the other details of the conduct of life, such as actions, friendships, and the begetting of children. For thus it will come about that one beneficent or maleficent star will not be the ruler of all of them on the same occasion, for usually many contradictory events take place at the same time. One may, for example, lose a relative and receive an inheritance, or at once be prostrated by illness and gain some dignity and promotion, or in the midst of misfortune become the father of children, or have other experiences of this sort which are apt to occur. For it is not usual that alike in goodness or badness of body, soul, property, dignity, and companions, one must by very necessity be either fortunate or, again, unfortunate in all these particulars. This, to be sure, might perhaps happen upon occasions that are completely blessed or completely unhappy, when the occurrences of all the beneficent planets, or of all the maleficent planets, converge upon all or the majority of the prorogations. Rarely would this take place, however, because

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<sup>3</sup> ἢ κακοποιός οἰμ. Cam.

σπανίως δὲ διὰ τὸ τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης φύσεως ἀτελὲς μὲν πρὸς ἑκατέραν τῶν ἀκροτήτων,<sup>1</sup> εὐκατάφορον δὲ πρὸς τὴν ἐκ τῆς ἐναλλαγῆς τῶν ἀγαθῶν καὶ κακῶν συμμετρίαν. τοὺς μὲν οὖν ἀφετικούς τόπους κατὰ τὸν εἰρημένον τρόπον διακρινουῦμεν, τοὺς δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἀφέσεσιν ὑπαντῶντας οὐ μόνον πάλιν τοὺς ἀναιρέτας, ὥσπερ ἐπὶ τῶν τῆς ζωῆς χρόνων, ἀλλὰ πάντας ἀπλῶς παραληπτέον, καὶ ὁμοίως οὐ τοὺς σωματικῶς μόνον ἢ κατὰ διάμετρον ἢ τετράγωνον στάσι συναντῶντας ἀλλὰ καὶ τοὺς κατὰ τρίγωνον καὶ ἐξάγωνον σχηματισμόν.

Καὶ πρῶτον μὲν δοτέον τοὺς χρόνους καθ' ἑκάστην ἄφεσιν τῷ κατ' αὐτῆς τῆς ἀφετικῆς μοίρας τυχόντι ἢ συσχηματισθέντι, ἐὰν δὲ μὴ  
 209 οὕτως ἔχῃ, τῷ τὴν ἔγγιστα προήγησιν ἐπιλαβόντι μέχρι τοῦ τὴν ἐξῆς εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα μοῖραν ἐπιθεωρήσαντος, εἶτα τούτῳ μέχρι τοῦ ἐξῆς καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἄλλων ὁμοίως, παραλαμβανομένων εἰς οἰκοδεσποτίαν καὶ τῶν τὰ ὄρια ἐπεχόντων ἀστέρων. δοτέον δὲ πάλιν ταῖς τῶν διαστάσεων μοίραις ἔτη· κατὰ μὲν τὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ ὠροσκόπου ἄφεσιν ἰσάριθμα τοῖς τοῦ οἰκείου κλίματος χρόνοις ἀναφορικοῖς, κατὰ δὲ τὴν ἀπὸ τοῦ μεσουρανήματος ἰσάριθμα τοῖς χρόνοις τῶν μεσουρανήσεων, κατὰ δὲ τὰς ἀπὸ τῶν λοιπῶν ἀνάλογον ἢ κατὰ τὸν<sup>2</sup> πρὸς τὰ κέντρα συνεγγισμὸν<sup>3</sup> τῶν ἀναφορῶν ἢ καταφορῶν ἢ συμ-

<sup>1</sup> ἀκροτήτων PL (-κρι-) ADE ; cf. ἀκρότητα Proc. ; ἀκρωτάτων M<sup>2</sup>Cam.<sup>2</sup>, ἀκροτάτων Cam.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> ἢ κατὰ τὸν PL, cf. Proc., om. MADECam.

<sup>3</sup> συνεγγισμὸν] cf. κατὰ τὴν ἐγγύτητα Proc. ; συνεγγισμῶν P, συνεγγύς L, συνεγγισμῶ MADECam.



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human nature is imperfectly adapted to either one of the extremes, but is inclined toward the balance of good and evil arising from their alternation. We shall, then, make distinctions among the prorogatory places in the manner described, and as for the stars whose occurrences take place in the prorogations, we must take into account not only the destructive ones, as in the case of the length of life, but absolutely all of them, and similarly not those alone that meet the prorogation only bodily, or by opposition, or in quartile,<sup>1</sup> but also those that are in the trine and sextile aspects.

In the first place, we must give the rulership of the times in each prorogation to the star that is actually upon the prorogatory degree or in aspect to it, or, if this condition does not exist, to the one that most nearly precedes, until we come to another which is in aspect with the next following degree in the order of the signs; then to this as far as the next following, and so on; and the planets which govern the terms are to be given a part of the rulership. And again we must assign years to the degrees of the intervals: in the prorogation from the horoscope a number equal to the times of ascension in the latitude concerned; in the prorogation from mid-heaven, as many as the times of the culminations; and in the prorogations from all the others, in proportion to or in accordance with the nearness of the

<sup>1</sup> That is, not only in the harmful aspects but also in the favourable ones.

μεσουρανήσεων, καθάπερ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν τῆς ζωῆς χρόνων διωρισάμεθα.

Τοὺς μὲν οὖν καθολικοὺς χρονοκράτορας ληψόμεθα τὸν εἰρημένον τρόπον, τοὺς δ' ἐνιαυσιαίους ἐκβάλλοντες<sup>1</sup> τὸ πλῆθος τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς γενέσεως ἐτῶν ἀφ' ἐκάστου τῶν ἀφαιτικῶν τόπων εἰς τὰ ἐπόμενα κατὰ ζώδιον,<sup>2</sup> καὶ τοῦ συντελειουμένου ζωδίου τὸν οἰκοδεσπότην συμπαραλαμβάνοντες. τὸ δ' αὐτὸ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν μηνῶν ποιήσομεν, ἐκβάλλοντες<sup>3</sup> πάλιν καὶ τούτων τὸ<sup>4</sup> ἀπὸ τοῦ γενεθλιακοῦ μηνὸς πλῆθος ἀπὸ τῶν τὴν κυρίαν τοῦ ἔτους λαβόντων τόπων, κατὰ ζώδιον μέντοι ἡμέρας κη'. ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ ἐπὶ τῶν ἡμερῶν· τὰς γὰρ ἀπὸ τῆς γενεθλιακῆς ἡμέρας ἐκβαλοῦμεν ἀπὸ  
210 τῶν μηνιαίων τόπων, κατὰ ζώδιον ἡμέρας β' γ'.<sup>5</sup>

Προσεκτέον δὲ καὶ ταῖς ἐπεμβάσεσι πρὸς τοὺς τῶν χρόνων<sup>6</sup> τόπους γινομέναις, ὡς οὐ τὰ τυχόντα καὶ αὐταῖς συμβαλλομέναις πρὸς τὰ τῶν καιρῶν

<sup>1</sup> ἐκβάλλοντες] cf. ἐκβαλοῦμεν Proc.; ἐκβαλλόντων L, ἐμβάλ-  
λοντες PMADECam.

<sup>2</sup> ἔν post ζώδιον add. MADECam., om. PLProc.

<sup>3</sup> ἐκβάλλοντες] ἐκβαλόντες P; cf. ἐκβαλοῦμεν Proc.; ἐμβάλ-  
λοντες cett. Cam.

<sup>4</sup> τὸ ego; cf. τὸν ἀριθμὸν τὸν . . . εὕρισκόμενον Proc.; τὰ  
MADECam.; om. PL.

<sup>5</sup> β' γ' ME; cf. ἡμέρας δύο καὶ τρεῖς Proc.; β' καὶ ἡμισυ AD;  
β' ἡμισυ Cam.

<sup>6</sup> τῶν χρόνων PEProc., χρόνων L, καθολικοὺς μάλιστα  
MADCam.

<sup>1</sup> Literally, "masters of the times." The Anonymous (p. 173, Wolf) says that there are three "general chrono-  
crators" (i.e. in each of the five general prorogations), the

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risings, or settings, or culminations, to the angles, as we explained in the discussion of the length of life.

We shall discover the general chronocrators,<sup>1</sup> then, in the manner described, and the annual chronocrators by setting out from each of the prorogatory places, in the order of the signs, the number of years from birth, one year to each sign,<sup>2</sup> and taking the ruler of the last sign. We shall do the same thing for the months, setting out, again, the number of months from the month of birth, starting from the places that govern the year, twenty-eight days to a sign; and similarly for the days, we shall set out the number of the days from the day of birth, starting with the places which govern the months, two and a third days to a sign.<sup>3</sup>

We must also pay attention to the ingresses<sup>4</sup> which are made to the places of the times, for they play no small part in the prediction of the times of

*ἀφέρτης* (prorogator), *ὑπαντήτωρ* ("the one which comes to meet" the prorogator), and *ὀριοκράτωρ* ("master of the term").

<sup>2</sup>This is evidently the meaning of the text and it is so taken by the Anonymous, Proclus' *Paraphrase*, Gogava, and Cardanus, yet Bouché-Leclercq (p. 504) and Melancthon's translation would count one year to each degree.

<sup>3</sup>There is dispute over the readings in this passage; the text reports what is best attested by the MSS. Bouché-Leclercq (p. 505, n. 1) would assign 30 days to a sign in laying out the number of months (so too Cardanus, but without any manuscript support), and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  days to a sign in the calculation of days (this reading is found in two MSS.). If "28 days" is correct, it represents roughly the length of the lunar month.

<sup>4</sup>*ἐπέμβασις*, "ingress," is the time taken by a planet to pass through one sign of the zodiac; cf. Bouché-Leclercq, p. 506; Cardanus, p. 364.

ἀποτελέσματα, καὶ μάλιστα ταῖς μὲν τοῦ Κρόνου πρὸς τοὺς καθολικοὺς τῶν χρόνων τόπους, ταῖς δὲ τοῦ Διὸς πρὸς τοὺς τῶν ἐνιαυσιαίων, ταῖς δὲ τοῦ ἡλίου καὶ Ἄρεως καὶ Ἀφροδίτης καὶ Ἑρμοῦ πρὸς τοὺς τῶν μηνιαίων, ταῖς δὲ τῆς σελήνης παρόδοις πρὸς τοὺς τῶν ἡμερησίων, καὶ ὡς τῶν μὲν καθολικῶν χρονοκρατόρων κυριωτέρων ὄντων πρὸς τὴν τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος τελείωσιν, τῶν δ' ἐπὶ μέρους συνεργούντων ἢ ἀποσυνεργούντων κατὰ τὸ οἰκεῖον ἢ ἀνοικεῖον τῶν φύσεων, τῶν δ' ἐπεμβάσεων τὰς ἐπιτάσεις καὶ τὰς ἀνέσεις τῶν συμπτωμάτων ἀπεργαζομένων. τὸ μὲν γὰρ καθ' ὅλου τῆς ποιότητος ἴδιον καὶ τὴν τοῦ χρόνου παράτασιν ὅ τε τῆς ἀφέσεως τόπος καὶ ὁ τῶν καθολικῶν χρόνων κύριος μετὰ τοῦ τῶν ὀρίων διασημαίνει, διὰ τὸ συνοικειοῦσθαι τῶν ἀστέρων ἕκαστον ἐπ' αὐτῆς τῆς γενέσεως τοῖς τόποις ὧν<sup>1</sup> ἀπ' ἀρχῆς ἔτυχον λαβόντες τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν.

Τὸ δὲ πότερον ἀγαθὸν ἢ τούναντίον ἔσται τὸ σύμπτωμα καταλαμβάνεται διὰ τῆς τῶν χρονοκρατόρων φυσικῆς τε καὶ συγκρατικῆς ἰδιοτροπίας, 211 εὐποιητικῆς ἢ κακωτικῆς, καὶ τῆς ἀπ' ἀρχῆς πρὸς τὸν ἐπικρατούμενον τόπον συνοικειώσεως ἢ ἀντιπαθείας. τὸ δ' ἐν ποίοις χρόνοις μᾶλλον ἐπισημανθήσεται τὸ ἀποτέλεσμα δείκνυται διὰ τῶν ἐνιαυσιαίων καὶ μηνιαίων ζῳδίων πρὸς τοὺς αἰτιατικούς τόπους συσχηματισμῶν καὶ τῶν κατὰ τὰς ἐπεμβάσεις τῶν ἀστέρων καὶ τὰς φάσεις ἡλίου καὶ σελήνης πρὸς τὰ ἐνιαύσια καὶ μηνιαῖα τῶν ζῳδίων. οἱ μὲν γὰρ συμφώνως ἔχοντες πρὸς τοὺς διατιθε-



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events ; particularly to the ingresses of Saturn to the general places of the times, and to those of Jupiter to the places of the years ; to those of the sun, Mars, Venus, and Mercury to those of the months, and to the transits of the moon to those of the days. The reason for this is that the general chronocrators have greater authority to realize the prediction, while the partial chronocrators assist or deter, in accordance with the familiarity or unfamiliarity of their natures, and the ingresses influence the degree of increase or diminution in the event. For in general the special quality and the length of time are signified by the prorogatory place and the lord of the general times together with the lord of the terms, because each one of the planets at the very time of the nativity is made familiar with the places which they happened at first to govern.

Whether the event will be good or bad is discovered from the natural and composite properties of the chronocrators, whether they are beneficent or maleficent, and from their original familiarity with or antipathy to the places which they possess. At what time the predicted event will be evidenced is shown by the aspects of the annual and monthly signs to the places which furnish the causes, and by the aspects of the signs into which the planets are making ingress and in which the phases of the sun and moon occur to the annual and monthly signs. For those whose relation to the affected places under

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<sup>1</sup> ἀν post ὧν add. MADECam. ; om. PLProc.

μένους τόπους ἀπὸ τῆς ἐν τῇ γενέσει καταρχῆς καὶ κατὰ τὰς ἐπεμβάσεις συμφώνως αὐτοῖς συσχηματισθέντες ἀγαθῶν εἰσι<sup>1</sup> περὶ τὸ ὑποκείμενον εἶδος ἀπεργαστικοί, καθάπερ ἐὰν ἐναντιωθῶσι φαύλων· οἱ δὲ ἀσυμφώνως καὶ παρ' αἴρεσιν διαμηκίσαντες μὲν ἢ τετραγωνίσαντες ταῖς παρόδοις κακῶν εἰσιν αἴτιοι, κατὰ δὲ τοὺς ἄλλους σχηματισμοὺς οὐκέτι.

Κἂν μὲν οἱ αὐτοὶ καὶ τῶν χρόνων καὶ τῶν ἐπεμβάσεων κυριεύσωσιν ἀστέρες, ὑπερβάλλουσα καὶ ἄκρατος γίνεται ἢ τοῦ ἀποτελέσματος φύσις, ἐὰν τε ἐπὶ τὸ ἀγαθὸν ἐὰν τε ἐπὶ τὸ φαῦλον ῥέπη<sup>2</sup> καὶ πολὺ πλέον<sup>3</sup> ἐὰν μὴ μόνον<sup>4</sup> διὰ τὸ χρονοκράτορας εἶναι κυριεύσωσι τοῦ τῆς αἰτίας εἶδους, ἀλλὰ καὶ διὰ τὸ κατ' αὐτὴν τὴν ἀρχὴν τῆς γενέσεως τὴν οἰκοδεσποτίαν αὐτοῦ τετυχηκέναι. κατὰ πάντα  
 212 δ' ὁμοῦ δυστυχοῦσιν ἢ εὐτυχοῦσιν, ὅταν ἦτοι τόπος εἰς καὶ ὁ αὐτὸς ὑπὸ πασῶν ἢ τῶν πλείστων ἀφέσεων τύχη καταληφθεῖς, ἢ τούτων διαφόρων οὐσῶν οἱ αὐτοὶ χρόνοι πάσας ἢ τὰς πλείστας ὑπαντήσεις ὁμοίως ἀγαθοποιοὺς ἢ κακοποιοὺς τύχωσιν ἐσχηκότες. ὁ μὲν οὖν τύπος<sup>5</sup> τῆς τῶν καιρῶν ἐπισκέψεως τοιοῦτός<sup>6</sup> τις ἂν γίγνοιτο,

<sup>1</sup> εἰσι PLAD, εἰς τὸ MECam.

<sup>2</sup> ῥέπη MEACam.<sup>1</sup>, -ει D, om. PLCam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> καὶ πολ(λ)ὺ πλέον PL, πολὺ δὲ πλέον MAD, ὡς ἐπὶ πολὺ δὲ πλέον ECam.

<sup>4</sup> ἐὰν μὴ μόνον PL, εἰ μὲν οὐ μόνον Cam.<sup>2</sup>, om. MADECam.<sup>1</sup>

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consideration is harmonious from the beginning made in the nativity, and which in their ingresses are in favourable aspect to them, exert a good effect upon the species of the matter concerned, even as they cause evil if they oppose. And those which are inharmoniously related and of opposite sect cause evil if they are in opposition or in quartile to the transits, but not in the other aspects.

And if the same planets are lords of both the times and the ingresses, the nature of the predicted event is made excessive and unalloyed, whether it incline to the good or to the bad; all the more so if they govern the species of the cause<sup>1</sup> not only because they are chronoerators, but also because they ruled it originally in the nativity. The subjects are unfortunate or fortunate in all respects at once, whenever either all or most of the prorogations are found in one and the same place, or if these are different, whenever all or most of the occurrences occurring at the same times are similarly fortunate or unfortunate. The character of the investigation of the times, then, is of this fashion,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.* determine the quality (good or bad) of the causation.

<sup>2</sup> The original ending of the treatise is in doubt; see the Introduction, pp. xviii-xx

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<sup>b</sup> τύπος libri, τοπος Cam.

<sup>c</sup> τοιοῦτος PL, τοσοῦτος cett. Cam.

*Conclusion according to Parisinus 2425 :*

κατὰ τὸν ἀρμόζοντα ταῖς φυσικαῖς<sup>1</sup> χρηματείαις<sup>2</sup> τύπον· τὰς δὲ κατὰ μέρος ἐπιβολὰς τῆς ποιότητος τῶν χρονικῶν ἀποτελεσμάτων πολυχόως<sup>3</sup> καὶ δυσερμηνεύτως ἐχούσας ἐνθάδε μάλιστα <κατὰ><sup>4</sup> τὸ διεξοδικὸν τῶν ἀποβησομένων ὑπολειπτόν,<sup>5</sup> διὰ τὴν ἐξ ἀρχῆς ἡμῶν πρόθεσιν, τῇ τοῦ μαθηματικοῦ πρὸς τὸ συγκρατικὸν εἶδος εὐστοχία,<sup>6</sup> τὸ τῆς καθ' ὅλου φύσεως τῶν ἀστέρων ποιητικὸν ἔτι καὶ τοῖς ἐπὶ μέρους ὁμοίως κατὰ τὸ ἀκόλουθον ἐφαρμόζειν δυναμένου. διοδενομένου δὲ καὶ τοῦ γενεθλιαλογικοῦ τόπου κεφαλαιωδῶς <καλῶς> ἂν ἔχοι<sup>7</sup> καὶ τῆδε τῇ πραγματεία τὸ προσῆκον ἐπιθεῖναι τέλος.

*Conclusion according to MADProc.Cam. :*

τὰ δὲ εἶδη<sup>8</sup> τῶν ἀποτελεσμάτων τῶν συμβαινόντων κατὰ χρόνους συνάπτειν ἐνταῦθα κατὰ διέξοδον παραλείψομεν, δι' ὃν ἔφην σκοπὸν ἐξ ἀρχῆς, ὅτι<sup>9</sup> τῶν ἀστέρων ἡ ποιητικὴ δύναμις, ἣν ἔχουσιν ἐπὶ τοῖς καθ' ὅλου, ὁμοίως καὶ ἐν τοῖς μερικοῖς κατὰ τὸ ἀκόλουθον ἐφαρμόζεσθαι δύναται, συναπτομένων εὐστόχως τῆς τε αἰτίας τοῦ μαθηματικοῦ καὶ τῆς αἰτίας τῆς ἐκ τῆς συγκράσεως.

<sup>1</sup> φυσικαῖς] δυνακαῖς PL.

<sup>2</sup> χρηματείαις] χρωματείαις P, χρωματίαις L.

<sup>3</sup> πολυχόως] πολύχρουν P, πολύχροαν L; cf. πολύχουν τε ὄντα καὶ σχεδὸν ἄπειρον p. 107, 5 Cam.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> <κατὰ> addidi: cf. infra κατὰ διέξοδον et iii. 1, p. 226, κατὰ τὴν διέξοδον.

<sup>5</sup> ὑπολυπτόν P, ὑποληπτόν L.

<sup>6</sup> εὐστοχίαν PL

<sup>7</sup> ἂν ἔχοι] ἀνέχη P, ἀνέχει L.



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### *Conclusion according to Parisinus 2425 :*

by the style which agrees with the natural procedures.<sup>1</sup> At this point, however, the method of attacking, in particular cases, the problem of the quality of temporal predictions, with a complete account of the results, which is a complicated matter difficult of explanation, must, in accordance with our original programme, be left to the astrologer's good judgement of the matter of temperaments, for thereby he is able correctly to accommodate to specific instances the effective force of the stars' general nature. Now since the topic of nativities has been summarily reviewed, it would be well to bring this procedure also to a fitting close.

### *Conclusion according to MADProc.Cam. :*

We shall, however, omit adding at this point<sup>2</sup> a detailed account of the kinds of predicted events that happen at the times, on account of the plan which I stated at the outset, namely that the effective power which the planets exercise in general situations can be made to apply similarly and consistently in particular cases also, if the cause furnished by the astrologer and the cause arising from the mixture are combined with due skill.

<sup>1</sup> Parallels to many of the words and expressions used in the conclusion which appears in PL can be found in iii. 1; see the Introduction, p. xx, n. 1.

<sup>2</sup> This concluding paragraph, found in MAD among the MSS. studied, seems to have been borrowed bodily from the *Paraphrase* of Proclus. Camerarius used it in both his editions.

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\* τὰ δὲ εἶδη . . . ἐκ τῆς συγκρίσεως scr. m. altera M: ipsissima haec verba ap. Vat. gr. 1453 (Procli Paraphrasin continentem) leguntur.      <sup>9</sup> ὄτι] ὄτε Cam.



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