

Healing for the Body

Homer's *Odyssey*, 19.457-459, 8th BCE

And the wound of noble, god-like Odysseus they bound up skillfully, and checked the black blood with a charm (trans. Murray)

Phlinna of Thessaly papyrus

Flee, headache, [lion] flees beneath the rock,
Wolves flee; horses flee on uncloven hoof
[And speed] beneath blows [of my perfect charm]. (trans. O'Neil)

Greek Magical Papyri

A Prescription to Stop Blood

Juice of "Great-Nile" Plant together with Beer; you should make the Woman drink it at Dawn before she has eaten. It stops. [PDM xiv.953-5]

xxiii. The Way to Know it of a Woman Whether She will be Pregnant

You should make the Woman urinate on this Plant, above [i.e., "Great-Nile" plant], at Night. When Morning comes, if you find the Plant scorched, she will not conceive. If you find it green, she will conceive. [PDM xiv.956-60]

Healing for the Heart / Sexual Healing

Greek Magical Papyri

(*N.B.* Evangelos is a daimon. Herais and Sarapias are both female names.)

"I adjure You, Evangelos, by Anubis and Hermes and all the Rest Down Below; attract and bind Sarapias whom Helen bore, to this Herais, whom Thermoutharin bore, now, now; quickly, quickly! By her Soul and Heart attract Sarapias herself, whom Helen bore from her own Womb, MAEI OTE ELBO'SATOK ALAOUBE'TO' O'EIO ... AE'N. Attract and bind the Soul and Heart of Sarapias, whom Helen bore, to this Herais, whom Thermoutharin bore from her Womb now, now; quickly, quickly!" [PGM XXXILi-19, Betz p. 266]

Greek Magical Papyri

Inscribe by scratching on a Tin Lamella the Characters and the Names, and after making it Magically Potent with some Magical Material, roll it up and throw it in the Sea.

The Characters are these: "[omitted]ICHANARMENTHO'
CHASAR, cause her, NN, to love me" (add the usual). Write with a
Copper Nail from a Shipwrecked Vessel. [PGM VII.462-66]

Greek Magical Papyri, 7.185

To be able to fuck a lot: mix fifty [pine nuts] with two measures of honey and seeds of pepper
and drink it. To have an erection whenever you want: mix pepper with honey and rub it on your
thing.

Greek Magical Papyri

"ABIJWATHANABIJ\NAMACHARAMARACHARAMARACH
BLANATHANABLANAMACHARAMARACHARAMARA
LANATHANABLANAMACHARAMARACHARAMAR
ANATHANABIJ\NAMACHARAMARACHARAMA
NATHANABLANAMACHARAMARACHARAM
ATHANABLANAMACHARAMARACHARA
THANABLANAMACHARAMARACHAR
ANABLANAMACHARAMARACHA
NABLANAMACHARAMARACH
ABLANAMACHARAMARA
BLANAMACHARAMAR
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"O Tireless One, KOK KOUK KOUL, save Tais whom Taras bore
from every Shivering Fit, whether Tertian or Quartan or Quotidian
Fever, or an Every-other-day Fever, or one by Night, or even a Mild
Fever, because I am the ancestral, tireless God, KOK KOUK KOUL!
Immediately, immediately! Quickly, quickly!" [PGM XXXIII.1-25]

Greek Magical Papyri

Aphrodite's Name, which becomes known to No One quickly, is
NEPHERIE'RI [i.e. Nfr-iry.t, "the beautiful eye", an epithet for
Aphrodite/Hathor] - this is the Name. If you wish to win a Woman
who is beautiful, be Pure for 3 days, make an offering of
Frankincense, and call this Name over it. You approach the
Woman and say it seven times in your Soul as you gaze at her, and
in this way it will succeed. But do this for 7 days. [PGM IV.1265-74]

Protection in Life

Greek Magical Papyri, 36.320-332

Take as many Bittervetch Seeds as you want for the Number of Years you wish to remain Sterile. Steep them in the Menses of a Menstruating Woman. Let them steep in her own Genitals. And take a Frog that is alive and throw the Bittervetch Seeds into its Mouth so that the Frog swallows them, and release the Frog alive at the place where you captured him. And take a Seed of Henbane, steep it in Mare's Milk; and take the Nasal Mucus of a Cow, with Grains of Barley, put these into a Leather Skin made from a Fawn and on the outside bind it up with Mulehide Skin, and attach it as an Amulet during the Waning of the Moon in a Female Sign of the Zodiac on a Day of Kronos or Hermes [i.e., Saturn or Mercury]. Mix in also, with the Barley Grains, Cerumen from the Ear of a Mule. [PGM XXXVI.320-32]

Greek Amulet with Palindrome

Side 1: "Lahweh is the bearer of the secret name, the lion of Re secure in his shrine."

Side 2: A series of images, including a bandaged mummy, probably representing Osiris, the Egyptian god.



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Greek Herms of Protection (for property)



Protection in the Afterlife

Orphic Gold Tablet, B1 Petelia, 4th BCE

You will find in the halls of Hades a spring on the left,
and standing by it, a glowing white cypress tree;
Do not approach this spring at all.
You will find the other, from the lake of Memory,
refreshing water flowing forth. But guardians are nearby.
Say: “I am the child of Earth and starry Heaven;
But my race is heavenly; and this you know yourselves.
But I am parched with thirst and I perish; but give me quickly
refreshing water flowing forth from the lake of Memory.”
And then they will give you to drink from the divine spring,
And then you will celebrate the rites[?] with the heroes...

Orphic Gold Tablet, Zuntz A5 Rome, 2nd/3rd CE

She comes pure from the pure, Queen of the Chthonian Ones.
Eucles and Eubouleus, child of Zeus.

“But accept this gift of Memory, sung of among mortals”
“Caecilia Secundina, come, by law grown to be divine”

Orphic Gold Tablets

