

Save Ancient Studies Alliance

Summer 2021 Texts-in-Translation Reading Group

Something Wicked? An Introduction to Greco-Roman Magic

What is magic? How is it different from religion? In this reading group, we will explore the often-very-thin line between the two as we learn about curse tablets and other forms of ancient magic. Dazzle your friends with your deep knowledge of the proper magic rituals for ensuring your own success and the failure of your rivals across so many spheres of daily life! Put those left-over sheets of lead to good use! Join me on a tour of the Greco-Roman system of magic - no prior knowledge required.



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Dates (3 weeks):

Starting: August 6th

Fridays @ 6:00 pm EDT

- Session 1: August 6th
- Session 2: August 13th
- Session 3: August 20th
- Session 4: September 3rd

Location:(Provided by SASA)

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86073654261?pwd=NFBaTnNFL09lWGxSZkhsdWRGOctlZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID 860 7365 4261

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Week 1 (Introduction to Greco-Roman Magic: Curse Tablets)

John G. Gager, *Curse Tablets and Binding Spells from the Ancient World*, 3 -- 30 (26 pages)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A6xuZh7ZHLipKPGI4oaUcTamhgifFbtq/view?usp=sharing>

Daniel Ogden, *Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Greek and Roman Worlds: A Sourcebook*, 210 -- 226 (17 pages)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xdzgdacBqNJYQu014xXVmOF2KLqFAd2H/view?usp=sharing>

Fritz Graf, *Magic in the Ancient World*, 118 -- 174 (57 pages)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FHB-nPLIT4wBvW-RHq8jwE6YTm1bhCA_/view?usp=sharing

Week 2 (Introduction to Greco-Roman Magic: Necromancy!)

Daniel Ogden, *Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Greek and Roman Worlds: A Sourcebook*, 179 -- 209 (31 pages)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1btwIMz9GzPmkRVfJVjzFelgc-L6txSpz/view?usp=sharing>

Daniel Ogden, *Greek and Roman Necromancy*, 43 -- 60 (18 pages)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PYyyYm8rYRNPF433FZhxplPOewDKogYN/view?usp=sharing>

Homer, *Odyssey*, Book XI (14 pages)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XEt7UKsuCt-h7lunGch2UvvzOwnP1BUa/view?usp=sharing>

Week 3 (Amulets & Protection Magic)

Radcliffe G. Edmonds III, *Drawing Down the Moon: Magic in the Ancient Greco-Roman World*, 1 - 28 (28 pages)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kZxqbnG8ps5xSnXJGlrCDt8RiapNu2WU/view?usp=sharing>

Sabino Perea Yebenes, "Magic at Sea: Amulets for Navigation" in *Magical Practice in the Latin West, Papers from the International Conference held at the University of Zaragoza, 30 Sept. – 1st Oct. 2005*, 457 - 484 (28 pages)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zyjMXL---ZTBUqpm0TBP_Sbjd-0aBVvx/view?usp=sharing

Homer, *Odyssey*, Selections from Book X (4 pages)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dj_dFrlnUhmizautQXmzbuB6kyZbs5S/view?usp=sharing

Daniel Ogden, *Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Greek and Roman Worlds: A Sourcebook*, 261 - 274 (14 pages)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w27FVS8IHRISWjdBclnkpUz8kyNdU_Px/view?usp=sharing

Week 4 (September 3rd; Seers, Oracles & Prophets: Divination 'Magic' and Prophecy)

Pierre Bonnechere, "Divination", in *A Companion to Greek Religion*, ed. Daniel Ogden, 145 - 159 (15 pages)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tt_rlTtFfe4Azy2Yvj0vD6KTjuLNTTsm/view?usp=sharing

Hugh Bowden, "Euxenippos at Oropos: Dreaming for Athens," in *Ancient Divination and Experience*, ed. Lindsay G. Driediger-Murphy & Esther Eidinow, 68 -- 83 (16 pages)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zsm1H1BEkiy7_UhrDR22p9H9dCDwSX8f/view?usp=sharing

Sarah Iles Johnston, "Oracles and Divination", in *Oxford Handbook of Ancient Greek Religion*, ed. Esther Eidinow & Julia Kindt, 477 - 488 (12 pages)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZEe5-833F0l4kGivIPF0XOSfPj3fOkap/view?usp=sharing>

Michael Flower, *The Seer in Ancient Greece*, 72 - 103 (32 pages)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EiLTugyv294r_QjBwJYzQgTSxJ6XyTxP/view?usp=sharing

Addenda:

- Love Magic and *agoge* spells
 - John G. Gager, *Curse Tablets and Binding Spells from the Ancient World*, 78 -- 115 (38 pages)
 - Daniel Ogden, *Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Greek and Roman Worlds: A Sourcebook*, 227 -- 244 (18 pages)
 - David Frankfurter, "The Social Context of Women's Erotic Magic in Antiquity" in *Daughters of Hecate: Women and Magic in the Ancient World*, ed. Kimberly Stratton & Dayna Kalleres, 319 -- 339 (21 pages)
- Case Study: Curse Tablets of Bath, England

