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The very first Loeb I ever bought was *Hesiod, The Homeric Hymns and Homeric*. After more than a third of a century of intense use, my battered copy needed to be replaced—and not only my copy: even when it was first published in 1914, Evelyn-White's edition was, though useful, rather idiosyncratic, and the extraordinary progress that scholarship on Hesiod has made since then has finally made it altogether outdated. The Homeric parts of that edition have now been replaced by two volumes edited by Martin West, *Homeric Hymns. Homeric Apocrypha. Lives of Homer* and *Greek Epic Fragments from the Seventh to the Fifth Centuries BC*; the present volumes are intended to make the rest of the material contained in Evelyn-White's edition, Hesiod and the poetry attributed to him, accessible to a new generation of readers.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

<i>BE</i>	<i>Bulletin épigraphique</i>
<i>DK</i>	Hermann Diels, Walther Kranz, <i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i> , fifth edition (Berlin, 1934–1937)
<i>FGrHist</i>	Felix Jacoby, <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> (Berlin and Leiden, 1923–1958)
<i>FHG</i>	Carolus et Theodorus Müller, <i>Fragmenta Historicorum Graecorum</i> (Paris, 1841–1873)
<i>GP</i> ²	Bruno Gentili, Carlo Prato, <i>Poetae Elegiaci</i> , second edition (Leipzig-Munich and Leipzig, 1988–2002)
<i>JöByzG</i>	<i>Jahrbuch der österreichischen Byzantinischen Gesellschaft</i>
<i>K. A.</i>	Rudolf Kassel, Colin Austin, <i>Poetae Comici Graeci</i> (Berlin–New York, 1983–2001)
<i>OCT</i> ³	Friedrich Solmsen, Reinhold Merkelbach, M. L. West, <i>Hesiodi Theogonia, Opera et Dies, Scutum, Fragmenta selecta</i> , third edition (Oxford, 1990)
<i>SEG</i>	<i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i>
<i>SH</i>	Hugh Lloyd-Jones and Peter Parsons, <i>Supplementum Hellenisticum</i> (Berlin, 1983)

ABBREVIATIONS

SOD	Peter Stork, Jan Max van Ophuijsen, Tiziano Dorandi, <i>Demetrius of Phalerum: the Sources, Text and Translation</i> , in W. W. Fortenbaugh and Eckart Schütrumpf (eds.), <i>Demetrius of Phalerum: Text, Translation and Discussion</i> (New Brunswick-London, 1999), pp. 1–310
SVF	Hans von Arnim, <i>Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta</i> (Leipzig, 1903–1905)
ZPE	<i>Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik</i>
[]	words restored where the manuscript is damaged
< >	editorial insertion
{ }	editorial deletion
† †	corruption in text

INTRODUCTION

“Hesiod” is the name of a person; “Hesiodic” is a designation for a kind of poetry, including but not limited to the poems of which the authorship may reasonably be assigned to Hesiod himself. The first section of this Introduction considers what is known and what can be surmised about Hesiod; the second provides a brief presentation of the various forms of Hesiodic poetry; the third surveys certain fundamental aspects of the reception and influence of Hesiodic poetry; the fourth indicates the principal medieval manuscripts upon which our knowledge of the *Theogony* (*Th*), *Works and Days* (*WD*), and *Shield* is based; and the fifth describes the principles of this edition. There follows a brief and highly selective bibliography.

HESIOD’S LIFE AND TIMES

The *Theogony* and the *Works and Days* contain the following first-person statements with past or present indicative verbs:¹

¹ This list includes passages in which the first person is indicated not by the verb but by pronouns, and excludes passages in which the first person verb is in a different grammatical form and expresses a preference or a judgment rather than a fact (e.g., *WD* 174–75, 270–73, 475–76, 682–84).

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1. *Th* 22–34: One day the Muses taught Hesiod song while he was pasturing his lambs under Mount Helicon: they addressed him scornfully, gave him a staff of laurel, breathed into him a divine voice with which to celebrate things future and past, and commanded him to sing of the gods, but of themselves first and last.

2. *WD* 27–41: Hesiod and Perses divided their allotment, but Perses seized more than was his due, placing his trust in law-courts and corruptible kings rather than in his own hard work.

3. *WD* 633–40: The father of Hesiod and Perses sailed on ships because he lacked a fine means of life; he left Aeolian Cyme because of poverty and settled in this place, Ascra, a wretched village near Helicon.

4. *WD* 646–62: Hesiod never sailed on the open sea, but only crossed over once from Aulis to Chalcis in Euboea, where he participated in the funeral games of Amphidamas; he won the victory there and dedicated the trophy, a tripod, to the Muses of Helicon where they first initiated him into poetry and thereby made it possible for him to speak knowledgeably even about seafaring.

Out of these passages a skeletal biography of Hesiod can be constructed along the following lines. The son of a poor emigrant from Asia Minor, born in Ascra, a small village of Boeotia, Hesiod was raised as a shepherd, but one day, without having had any training by human teachers, he suddenly found himself able to produce poetry. He attributed the discovery of this unexpected capability to a mystical experience in which the Muses themselves initiated him into the craft of poetry. He went on to achieve success in poetic competitions at least once, in Chalcis; unlike his father, he did not have to make his living on the

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high seas. He quarreled with his brother Perses about their inheritance, accusing him of laziness and injustice.

We may add to these bare data two further hypothetical suggestions. First, Hesiod's account of his poetic initiation does not differ noticeably from his other first-person statements: though we moderns may be inclined to disbelieve or rationalize the former—indeed, even in antiquity Hesiod's experience was often interpreted as a dream, or dismissed as the result of intoxication from eating laurel leaves, or allegorized in one way or another—Hesiod himself seems to regard all these episodes as being of the same order of reality, and there is no more reason to disbelieve him in the one case than in the others. Apparently, Hesiod believed that he had undergone an extraordinary experience, as a result of which he could suddenly produce poetry.² Somewhat like Phemius, who tells Odysseus, "I am self-taught, and a god has planted in my mind all kinds of poetic paths" (*Odyssey* 22.347–48), Hesiod can claim to have been taught directly by a divine instance and not by any merely human instructor. Hesiod's initiation is often described as having been a visual hallucination, but in fact it seems to have had three separate phases: first an exclusively auditory experience of divine voices (Hesiod's

² Other poets, prophets, and lawgivers from a variety of ancient cultures—Moses, Archilochus, and many others—report that they underwent transcendental experiences in which they communed with the divine on mountains or in the wilderness and then returned to their human audiences with some form of physical evidence proving and legitimating their new calling. Within Greek and Roman literary culture, Hesiod's poetic initiation went on to attain paradigmatic status.

Muses, figures of what hitherto had been a purely oral poetic tradition, are "shrouded in thick invisibility" [*Th* 9] and are just as much a completely acoustic, unseen and unseeable phenomenon as are the Sirens in the *Odyssey*; then the visual epiphany of a staff of laurel lying before him at his feet (Hesiod describes this discovery as though it were miraculous, though literal-minded readers will perhaps suppose that he simply stumbled upon a carved staff someone else had made earlier and discarded there, or even upon a branch of a peculiar natural shape); and finally the awareness within himself of a new ability to compose poetry about matters past and future (hence, presumably, about matters transcending the knowledge of the human here and now, in the direction of the gods who live forever), which he interprets as a result of the Muses having breathed into him a divine voice.

And second, initiations always denote a change of life, and changes of life are often marked by a change of name: what about Hesiod's name? There is no evidence that Hesiod actually altered his name as a result of his experience; but perhaps we can surmise that he could have come to understand the name he had already received in a way different from the way he understood it before his initiation. Etymologically, his name seems to derive from two roots meaning "to enjoy" (*hēdomai* > *hēsi-*) and "road" (*hodos*)³—"he who takes pleasure in the journey," a perfectly appropriate name for the son of a mercantile seaman who had to travel for his living and expected that his son would follow him in this profession or in a closely related

³ The ancient explanations for Hesiod's name (see Testimonia T27–29) are untenable.

one. But within the context of the proem to the *Theogony* in which Hesiod names himself, his name seems to have a specific and very different resonance. For Hesiod applies to the Muses the epithet *ossan hieisai*, "sending forth their voice," four times within less than sixty lines (10, 43, 65, 67), always in a prominent position at the end of the hexameter, and both of the words in this phrase seem etymologically relevant to Hesiod's name. For *hieisai*, "sending forth," is derived from a root meaning "to send" which could no less easily supply the first part of his name (*hiēmi* > *hēsi-*) than the root meaning "to enjoy" could; and *ossan*, "voice," is a synonym for *audē*, "voice," a term that Hesiod uses to indicate what the Muses gave him (31, cf. 39, 97, and elsewhere) and which is closely related etymologically and semantically to *oidē*, the standard term for "poetry" (also applied by Hesiod to what the Muses gave him in 22, cf. also 44, 48, 60, 83, 104, and elsewhere). In this context it is difficult to resist the temptation to hear an implicit etymology of "*Hēsi-odos*" as "he who sends forth song."⁴ Perhaps, then, when the Muses initiated Hesiod into a new life, he resemanticized his own name, discovering that the appellation that his father had given him to point him towards a life of commerce had always in fact, unbeknownst to him until now, been instead directing him towards a life

⁴ To be sure, these terms for "voice" and "poetry" have a long vowel or diphthong in their penultimate syllable, whereas the corresponding vowel of Hesiod's name is short. But the other etymologies that Hesiod provides elsewhere in his poems suggest that such vocalic differences did not trouble him very much (nor, for that matter, do they seem to have bothered most other ancient Greek etymologists).

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of poetry. If so, Hesiod will not have been the only person whom his parents intended for a career in business but who decided instead that he was really meant to be a poet.

This is as much as—indeed it is perhaps rather more than—we can ever hope to know about the concrete circumstances of Hesiod's life on the basis of his own testimony. But ancient and medieval readers thought that they knew far more than this about Hesiod: biographies of Hesiod, full of a wealth of circumstantial detail concerning his family, birth, poetic career, character, death, and other matters, circulated in antiquity and the Middle Ages, and seem to have been widely believed.⁵ In terms of modern conceptions of scholarly research, these ancient biographical accounts of Hesiod can easily be dismissed as legends possessing little or no historical value: like most of the reports concerning the details of the lives and personalities of other archaic Greek poets which are transmitted by ancient writers, they probably do not testify to an independent tradition of biographical evidence stretching with unbroken continuity over dozens of generations from the reporter's century back to the poet's own lifetime. Rather, such accounts reflect a well attested practice of extrapolation from the extant poetic texts to the kind of character of an author likely to produce them. But if such ancient reports probably tell us very little about the real person Hesiod who did (or did not) compose at least some of the poems transmitted under his name, they do provide us with precious indications concerning the reception of those poems, by concretely suggesting the nature of the

⁵ See Testimonia T1–35 for a selection of some of the most important examples.

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image of the poet which fascinated antiquity and which has been passed on to modern times. We will therefore return to them in the third section of this Introduction.

If many ancient readers thought they knew far more about Hesiod's life than they should have, some modern scholars have thought that they knew even less about it than they could have. What warrant have we, after all, for taking Hesiod's first-person statements at face value as reliable autobiographical evidence? Notoriously, poets lie: why should we trust Hesiod? Moreover, rummaging through poetic texts in search of evidence about their authors' lives might well be considered a violation of the aesthetic autonomy of the literary work of art and an invitation to groundless and arbitrary biographical speculation. And finally, comparative ethnographic studies of the functions and nature of oral poetry in primitive cultures, as well as the evidence of other archaic Greek poets like Archilochus, have suggested to some scholars that "Hesiod" might be not so much the name of a real person who ever existed independently of his poems but rather nothing more than a designation for a literary function intrinsically inseparable from them. Indeed, the image that Hesiod provides us of himself seems to cohere so perfectly with the ideology of his poems that it might seem unnecessary to go outside these to understand it, while, as we shall see in the second section of this Introduction, attempts to develop a coherent and detailed narrative regarding the exact legal situation of Hesiod and his brother Perses as this is presented in different portions of the *Works and Days* have often been thought to founder on self-contradictions. Can we be sure that Hesiod ever really did have a brother named Perses with whom he had a legal quarrel,

and that Perses is not instead merely a useful fiction, a convenient addressee to whom to direct his poem? And if we cannot be entirely sure about Perses, can we really be sure about Hesiod himself?

The reader should be warned that definitive answers to these questions may never be found. My own view is that these forms of skepticism are most valuable not because they provide proof that it is mistaken to understand Hesiod's first-person statements as being in some sense autobiographical (for in my opinion they cannot provide such proof) but rather because they encourage us to try to understand in a more complex and sophisticated way the kinds of autobiographical functions these statements serve in Hesiod's poetry. That is, we should not presuppose as self-evident that Hesiod might have wished to provide us this information, but ask instead why he might have thought it a good idea to include it.

There was after all in Hesiod's time no tradition of public autobiography in Greece which has left any discernable traces. Indeed, Hesiod is the first poet of the Western cultural tradition to supply us even with his name, let alone with any other information about his life. The difference between the Hesiodic and the Homeric poems in this regard is striking: Homer never names himself, and the ancient world could scarcely have quarreled for centuries over the insoluble question of his birthplace if the *Iliad* or *Odyssey* had contained anything like the autobiographical material in the *Theogony* and *Works and Days*. Homer is the most important Greek context for understanding Hesiod, and careful comparison with Homer can illumine not only Hesiod's works but even his life. In antiquity the question of the relation between Homer and Hesiod

was usually understood in purely chronological terms, involving the relative priority of the one over the other (both positions were frequently maintained); additionally, the widely felt sense of a certain rivalry between the two founding traditions of Greek poetry was often projected onto legends of a competition between the two poets at a public contest, a kind of archaic shoot-out at the oral poetry corral.⁶ In modern times, Hesiod has (with a few important exceptions) usually been considered later than Homer: for example, the difference between Homeric anonymity and Hesiodic self-disclosure has often been interpreted as being chronological in nature, as though self-identification in autobiographical discourse represented a later stage in the development of subjectivity than self-concealment. But such a view is based upon problematic presuppositions about both subjectivity and discourse, and it cannot count upon any historical evidence in its support. Thus, it seems safer to see such differences between Homeric and Hesiodic poetry in terms of concrete circumstances of whose reality we can be sure: namely, the constraints of production and reception in a context of poetic production and consumption which is undergoing a transition from full orality to partial literacy. This does not mean, of course, that we can be certain that the Hesiodic poems were *not* composed after the Homeric ones, but only that we cannot use *this* difference in the amount of apparently autobiographical material in their poems as evidence to decide the issue.

Both Homer's poetry and Hesiod's seem to presuppose a tradition of fully oral poetic composition, performance,

⁶ See Testimonia T1-24.

reception, and transmission, such as is idealized in the *Odyssey's* Demodocus and Phemius, but at the same time to make use of the recent advent of alphabetic writing, in different and ingenious ways. Most performances of traditional oral epic in early Greece must have presented only relatively brief episodes, manageable and locally interesting excerpts from the vast repertory of heroic and divine legend. Homer and Hesiod, by contrast, seem to have recognized that the new technology of writing afforded them an opportunity to create works which brought together within a single compass far more material than could ever have been presented continuously in a purely oral format (this applies especially to Homer) and to make it of interest to more than a merely local audience (this applies to both poets). Homer still focuses upon relatively brief episodes excerpted out of the full range of the epic repertoire (Achilles' wrath, Odysseus' return home), but he expands his poems' horizons by inserting material which belonged more properly to other parts of the epic tradition (for example, the catalogue of ships in *Iliad* 2 and the view from the wall in *Iliad* 3) and by making frequent, more or less veiled allusions to earlier and later legendary events and to other epic cycles. As we shall see in more detail in the following section, Hesiod gathered together within the single, richly complicated genealogical system of his *Theogony* a very large number of the local divinities worshipped or otherwise acknowledged in various places throughout the Greek world, and then went on in his *Works and Days* to consider the general conditions of human existence, including a generous selection from popular moral, religious, and agricultural wisdom. In Homer's sheer monumental bulk, in Hesiod's cosmic range, and in

the pan-Hellenic aspirations of both poets, their works move decisively beyond the very same oral traditions from which they inherited their material.

Indeed, not only does Hesiod use writing; he also goes to the trouble of establishing a significant relation between his poems that only writing could make possible. In various passages, the *Works and Days* corrects and otherwise modifies the *Theogony*: the most striking example is *WD* 11, "So there was not just one birth of Strifes after all," which explicitly rectifies the genealogy of Strife that Hesiod had provided for it in *Th* 225. Thus, in his *Works and Days* Hesiod not only presupposes his audience's familiarity with his *Theogony*, he also presumes that it might matter to them to know how the doctrines of the one poem differ from those of the other. This is likely not to seem as astonishing to us as it should, and yet the very possibility of Hesiod's announcement depends upon the dissemination of the technology of writing. For in a context of thoroughgoing oral production and reception of poetry, a version with which an author and his audience no longer agree can be dealt with quite easily, by simply replacing it: it just vanishes together with the unique circumstances of its presentation. What is retained unchanged, from performance to performance, is the inalterable core of tradition which author and audience together continue to recognize as the truth. In an oral situation, differences of detail between one version and another are defined by the considerations of propriety of the individual performance and do not revise or correct one another: they coexist peacefully in the realm of compatibly plausible virtualities. By contrast, Hesiod's revision of the genealogy of Eris takes advantage of the newer means of communication afforded by writing.

For his emphatic repudiation of an earlier version presupposes the persistence of that version in an unchanged formulation beyond the circumstances in which it seemed correct into a new situation in which it no longer does; and this persistence is only made possible by writing.

But if the novel technology of writing provided the condition of possibility for Hesiod's announcement, it can scarcely have motivated it. Why did he not simply pass over his change of view in silence? Why did he bother to inform the public instead? An answer may be suggested by the fact that in the immediately preceding line, Hesiod has declared that he will proclaim truths (*etētyma*: *WD* 10) to Perses. Of these announced truths, this one must be the very first. Hesiod's decision publicly to revise his earlier opinion is clearly designed to increase his audience's sense of his reliability and veracity—paradoxically, the evidence for his present trustworthiness resides precisely in the fact that earlier he was mistaken: Hesiod proves that he will now tell truths by admitting that once he did not.

Hesiod's reference to himself as an *author* serves to *authorize* him: it validates the truthfulness of his poetic discourse by anchoring it in a specific, named human individual whom we are invited to trust because we know him. Elsewhere as well in Hesiod's poetry, the poet's self-representation is always in the service of his self-legitimation. In the *Theogony*, Hesiod's account of his poetic initiation explains how it is that a merely mortal singer can have access to a superhuman wisdom involving characters, times, and places impossibly remote from any human experience: the same Muses who could transform a shepherd into a bard order him to transmit their knowledge to human listeners (*Th* 33–34) and, moreover, vouch for its truthfulness (*Th*

28).⁷ In the *Works and Days*, Hesiod's account of his father's emigration and of his quarrel with his brother creates the impression that he is located in a real, recognizable, and specific socio-economic context: he seems to know what he is talking about when he discusses the importance of work and of justice, for he has known poverty and injustice and can therefore draw from his experiences the conclusions that will help us to avoid undergoing them ourselves. And in the same poem, Hesiod's acknowledgment of his lack of sailing experience serves not only to remind his audience that he is not reflecting only as a mere mortal upon mortal matters but is still the very same divinely inspired poet who composed the *Theogony*, but also to indicate implicitly that, by contrast, on every other matter that he discusses in this poem his views are based upon extensive personal experience.

In contrast with Hesiod, Homer's anonymity seems best

⁷ The Muses, to be sure, declare that they themselves are capable of telling falsehoods as well as truths (*Th* 27–28). But if the Muses order Hesiod “to sing of the race of the blessed ones who always are, but always to sing of themselves first and last” (*Th* 33–34), they are presumably not commanding him to tell falsehoods, but to celebrate the gods truthfully. The point of their assertion that they can tell falsehoods is not that Hesiod's poetry will contain falsehoods, but that ordinary human minds, in contrast to the gods', are so ignorant that they cannot tell the difference, so similar are the Muses' falsehoods to their truths (*etymoisin homoiā*: *Th* 27). Their words are a striking but conventional celebration of their own power: Greek gods typically have the capacity to do either one thing or else the exact opposite, as they wish, without humans being able to determine the outcome (cf. e.g. *Th* 442–43, 447; *WD* 3–7).

understood simply as the default option, as his continuation of one of the typical features of oral composition: for the audience of an orally composed and delivered text, there can be no doubt who its author is, for he is singing or declaiming before their very eyes, and hence there is no necessity for him to name himself. Homer's poetry is adequately justified, evidently, by the kinds of relationships it bears to the archive of heroic legends latent within the memories of its audience: it needs no further legitimation by his own person. In the case of Hesiod, however, matters are quite different: his self-references justify his claim to be telling "true things" (*alēthea*: *Th* 28) and "truths" (*etētyma*: *WD* 10) about the matters he presents in the *Theogony* and *Works and Days*, and the most reasonable assumption is that this poetic choice is linked to those specific matters (to which we will turn in the second section of this Introduction) at least as much as to Hesiod's personal proclivities. To derive from the obvious fact that these self-references are well suited to the purpose of self-justification the conclusion that they bear no relation to any non-poetic reality is an obvious *non sequitur*: the fact that they have a textual function is not in the least incompatible with their also having a referential one, and the burden of proof is upon those who would circumscribe their import to the purely textual domain.

As for Hesiod's approximate date and his chronological relation to Homer, certainty is impossible on the evidence of their texts. Passages of the one poet that seem to refer to the poems or to specific passages of the other poet are best understood not as allusions to specific texts that happen to have survived, but rather as references to long-lived oral poetic traditions which pre-dated those texts and eventu-

ally issued in them. Homeric and Hesiodic poetic traditions must have co-existed and influenced one another for many generations before culminating in the written poems we possess, and such apparent cross-references clearly cannot provide any help in establishing the priority of the one poet over the other. A more promising avenue would start from the assumption that each of the two poets probably belonged to the first generation of his specific local culture to have experienced the impact of writing, when old oral traditions had not yet been transformed by the new technology but the new possibilities it opened up were already becoming clear, at least to creative minds. A rough guess along these lines would situate both poets somewhere towards the end of the 8th century or the very beginning of the 7th century BC. But it is probably impossible to be more precise.⁸ Did writing come first to Ionia and only somewhat later to Boeotia? If so, then Homer might have been somewhat older than Hesiod. Or might writing have been imported rather early from Asia Minor to the Greek mainland—for example, might Hesiod's father even have brought writing with him in his boat from Cyme to Asera? In that case Hesiod could have been approximately coeval with Homer or even slightly older. In any case, the question, given the information at our disposal, is probably undecidable.

⁸ Hesiod's association with Amphidamas (*WD* 654–55) has sometimes been used to provide a more exact date for the poet, since Amphidamas seems to have been involved in the Lelantine War, which is usually dated to around 700 BC. But the date, duration, and even historical reality of this war are too uncertain to provide very solid evidence for dating Hesiod with any degree of precision.

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HESIODIC POETRY

Hesiod's Theogony

Hesiod's *Theogony* provides a comprehensive account of the origin and organization of the divinities responsible for the religious, moral, and physical structure of the world, starting from the very beginning of things and culminating in the present regime, in which Zeus has supreme power and administers justice.

For the purposes of analysis Hesiod's poem may be divided into the following sections:

1. *Proem* (1–115): a hymn to the Muses, telling of their birth and power, recounting their initiation of Hesiod into poetry, and indicating the contents of the following poem.

2. *The origin of the world* (116–22): the coming into being of the three primordial entities, Chasm, Earth, and Eros.

3. *The descendants of Chasm 1* (123–25): Erebus and Night come to be from Chasm, and Aether and Day from Night.

4. *The descendants of Earth 1* (126–210): Earth bears Sky, and together they give birth to the twelve Titans, the three Cyclopes, and the three Hundred-Handers; the last of the Titans, Cronus, castrates his father Sky, thereby producing among others Aphrodite.

5. *The descendants of Chasm 2* (211–32): Night's numerous and baneful progeny.

6. *The descendants of Earth 2* (233–69): Earth's son Pontus begets Nereus, who in turn begets the Nereids.

7. *The descendants of Earth 3* (270–336): Pontus' son

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Phorcys and daughter Ceto produce, directly and indirectly, a series of monsters.

8. *The descendants of Earth 4* (337–452): children of the Titans, especially the rivers, including Styx (all of them children of Tethys and Ocean), and Hecate (daughter of Phoebe and Coeus).

9. *The descendants of Earth 5* (453–506): further children of the Titans: Olympian gods, born to Rhea from Cronus, who swallows them all at birth until Rhea saves Zeus, who frees the Cyclopes and is destined to dethrone Cronus.

10. *The descendants of Earth 6* (507–616): further children of the Titans: Iapetus' four sons, Atlas, Menoetius, Epimetheus, and Prometheus (including the stories of the origin of the division of sacrificial meat, of fire, and of the race of women).

11. *The conflict between the Titans and the Olympians* (617–720): after ten years of inconclusive warfare between the Titans and the Olympians, Zeus frees the Hundred-Handers, who help the Olympians achieve final victory and send the defeated Titans down into Tartarus.

12. *Tartarus* (721–819): the geography of Tartarus and its population, including the Titans, the Hundred-Handers, Night and Day, Sleep and Death, Hades, and Styx.

13. *The descendants of Earth 7* (820–80): Earth's last child, Typhoeus, is defeated by Zeus and sent down to Tartarus.

14. *The descendants of Earth 8* (881–962): a list of the descendants of the Olympian gods, including Athena, the

Muses, Apollo and Artemis, Hephaestus, Hermes, Dionysus, and Heracles.⁹

15. *The descendants of Earth* 9 (963–1022): after a concluding farewell to the Olympian gods and the islands, continents, and sea, there is a transition to a list of the children born of goddesses, followed by a farewell to these and a transition to a catalogue of women (this last is not included in the text of the poem).

Already this brief synopsis should suffice to make it obvious that the traditional title *Theogony* gives only a very inadequate idea of the contents of this poem—as is often the case with early Greek literature, the transmitted title is most likely not attributable to the poet himself, and corresponds at best only to certain parts of the poem. “Theogony” means “birth of the god(s),” and of course hundreds of gods are born in the course of the poem; and yet Hesiod’s poem contains much more than this. On the one hand, Hesiod recounts the origin and family relations of at least four separate kinds of entities which are all certainly divine in some sense but can easily be distinguished by us and were generally distinguished by the Greeks: (1) the familiar deities of the Greek cults venerated not only in Boeotia but throughout Greece, above all the Olympian gods and other divinities associated with them in Greek religion, like Zeus, Athena, and Apollo; (2) other Greek gods,

⁹ Many scholars believe that Hesiod’s authentic *Theogony* ends somewhere in this section or perhaps near the beginning of the next one (precisely where is controversial), and that the end of the poem as we have it represents a later continuation designed to lead into the *Catalogue of Women*. This question is discussed further below.

primarily the Titans and the monsters, most of whom play some role, major or minor, in Greek mythology, but were almost never, at least as far as we can tell, the object of any kind of cult worship; (3) the various parts of the physical cosmos conceived as a spatially articulated whole (which were certainly regarded as being divine in some sense but were not always personified as objects of cult veneration), including the heavens, the surface of the earth, the many rivers and waters, a mysterious underlying region, and all the many things, nymphs, and other divinities contained within them; and (4) a large number of more or less personified embodiments of various kinds of good and bad moral qualities and human actions and experiences, some certainly the objects of cult veneration, others surely not, ranging from Combats and Battles and Murders and Slaughters (228) to Eunomia (Lawfulness) and Dike (Justice) and Eirene (Peace) (902). And on the other hand, the synchronic, systematic classification of this heterogeneous collection of Greek divinities is combined with a sustained diachronic narrative which recounts the eventual establishment of Zeus’ reign of justice and includes not only a series of dynastic upheavals (Sky is overthrown by Cronus, and then Cronus by Zeus) but also an extended epic account of celestial warfare (the battle of the Olympians against the Titans and then of Zeus against Typhoeus).

To understand Hesiod’s poem, it is better to start not from its title and work forwards but instead from the state of affairs at which it eventually arrives and work backwards. At the conclusion of his poem, Hesiod’s world is all there: it is full to bursting with places, things, values, experiences, gods, heroes, and ordinary human beings, yet these all seem to be linked with one another in systematic

relationships and to obey certain systematic tendencies; chaotic disorder can easily be imagined as a terrifying possibility and indeed may have even once been predominant, but now seems for the most part a rather remote menace. For Hesiod, to understand the nature of this highly complex but fully meaningful totality means to find out where it came from—in ancient Greece, where the patronymic was part of every man's name, to construct a genealogy was a fundamental way to establish an identity.

Hesiod recognizes behind the elements of human experience the workings of powers that always are, that may give or withhold unpredictably, that function independently of men, and that therefore may properly be considered divine. Everywhere he looks, Hesiod discovers the effects of these powers—as Thales will say about a century later, “all things are full of gods.”¹⁰ Many have been passed on to him through the Greek religion he has inherited, but by no means all of them; he may have arrived at certain ones by personal reflection upon experience, and he is willing to reinterpret even some of the traditional gods in a way which seems original, indeed rather eccentric (this is especially true of Hecate¹¹). The values that these gods

¹⁰ Aristotle *De anima* A 5.411a7 = Thales 11 A 22 D-K, Fr. 91 Kirk-Raven-Schofield.

¹¹ Hesiod's unparalleled attribution of universal scope to Hecate (*Th* 412–17) derives probably not from an established cult or personal experience but from consideration of her name, which could be (mis-)understood as etymologically related to *hekēti*, “by the will of” (scil. a divinity, as with Zeus at *WD* 4), so that Hecate could seem by her very name to function as an intermediary between men and any god at all from whom they sought favor.

embody are not independent of one another, but form patterns of objective meaningfulness: hence the gods themselves must form part of a system, which, given their anthropomorphism, cannot but take a genealogical form.

The whole divine population of the world consists of two large families, the descendants of Chasm and those of Earth, and there is no intermarrying or other form of contact between them. Chasm (not, as it is usually, misleadingly translated, “Chaos”) is a gap upon which no footing is possible: its descendants are for the most part what we would call moral abstractions and are valorized extremely negatively, for they bring destruction and suffering to human beings; but they are an ineradicable and invincible part of our world and hence, in some way, divine. The progeny of Chasm pass through several generations but have no real history. History, in the strong sense of the concrete interactions of anthropomorphic characters attempting to fulfill competing goals over the course of time, is the privilege of the progeny of Earth, that substantial foundation upon which alone one can stand, “the ever immovable seat of all the immortals” (117–18).

Hesiod conceives this history as a drastically hyperbolic version of the kinds of conflicts and resolutions familiar from human domestic and political history.

We may distinguish two dynastic episodes from two military ones. Both dynastic episodes involve the overthrow of a tyrannical father by his youngest son. First Earth, resenting the fact that Sky has concealed within her their children, the Cyclopes and Hundred-Handers, and feeling constricted by them, engages Cronus to castrate his father the next time he comes to make love with her; then Cronus himself, who has been swallowing his children by

Rhea one after another lest one of them dethrone him, is overthrown by Zeus, whom Rhea had concealed at his birth, giving Cronus a stone to swallow in his stead (Zeus manages to be not only Cronus' youngest son but also his oldest one, because Cronus goes on to vomit out Zeus' older siblings in reverse sequence). The two stories are linked forwards by Sky's curse upon his children and his prophecy that vengeance would one day befall them (207–10) and backwards by Rhea's seeking advice from Earth and Sky on how to take revenge upon Cronus for what he has done both to his children and to his father (469–73). There is of course an unmistakable irony, and a fitting justice, in the fact that Cronus ends up suffering at the hands of his son a fate not wholly different from the one he inflicted upon his own father, though cosmic civility has been making some progress in the meantime and his own punishment is apparently not as primitive and brutal as his father's was. Zeus too, it turns out, was menaced by the threat that a son of his own would one day dethrone him, but he avoids this danger and seems to secure his supremacy once and for all by swallowing in his turn not his offspring but their mother, Metis (886–900).

The two military episodes involve scenes of full-scale warfare. First the Olympians battle inconclusively against the Titans for ten full years until the arrival of new allies, the Hundred-Handers, brings them victory. This episode is linked with the first dynastic story by the fact that Zeus liberates first the three Cyclopes, then the three Hundred-Handers (whose imprisonment in Earth had provoked her to arrange Sky's castration): the first group of three provides him his characteristic weapons, thunder, thunderbolts, and lightning, while the second group assures his

victory. In broad terms the Hesiodic Titanomachy is obviously modeled upon the Trojan War familiar from the Homeric tradition: ten years of martial deadlock are finally broken by the arrival of a few powerful new allies (like Neoptolemus and Philoctetes) who alone can bring a decisive victory. At the end of this war the divine structure of the world seems complete: the Olympians have won; the Titans (and also, somewhat embarrassingly, the Hundred-Handers) have been consigned to Tartarus; its geography and inhabitants can be detailed at length. The *Theogony* could have ended here, with Zeus in his heaven and all right with the world. Instead, Hesiod has Earth bear one last child, Typhoeus, who engages in a second military episode, a final winner-take-all duel with Zeus. Why? One reason may be to close off the series of Earth's descendants, which had begun long ago with Sky (126–27), by assigning to the first mother of us all one last monstrous offspring (821–22): after Typhoeus, no more monsters will ever again be born from the Earth. But another explanation may also be imagined, a theologically more interesting one. The birth of Typhoeus gives Zeus an opportunity to demonstrate his individual prowess by defeating in single-handed combat a terrifying adversary and thereby to prove himself worthy of supremacy and rule. After all, the Titanomachy had been fought by all the gods together, and had been decided by the intervention of the Hundred-Handers: in this conflict Zeus had been an important warrior (687–710, 820) but evidently not the decisive one. Like the *Iliad*, Hesiod's martial epic must not only include crowd scenes with large-scale havoc but also culminate in a single individual duel which proves incontestably the hero's superiority. It is only after his victory in this single

combat that Zeus, bowing to popular acclaim, can officially assume the kingship and assign to the other gods their honors (883–85), and then wed Themis (Justice) and father Eunomia (Lawfulness), Dike (Justice), and Eirene (Peace, 902). Zeus' rule may well have been founded upon a series of violent and criminal deeds in a succession of divine generations, but as matters now stand his reign both expresses and guarantees cosmic justice and order, and it is certainly a welcome improvement upon earlier conditions.

Theogonic and cosmogonic poetry was limited neither to Hesiod nor to Greece. Within Greek culture, Hesiod's poem certainly goes back to a variety of local oral traditions which he has selected, compiled, systematized, and transformed into a widely disseminated written document; some of these local traditions Hesiod no doubt thereby supplanted (or they survived only by coming to an accommodation with his poem), but others continued to remain viable for centuries, as we can tell from sources like Plutarch and Pausanias. At the same time, Hesiod's *Theogony* is the earliest fully surviving example of a Greek tradition of written theogonies and cosmogonies in verse, and later in prose, ascribed to mythic poets like Musaeus and Orpheus and to later historical figures like Pherecydes of Syros and Acusilaus of Argos in the 5th century BC (and even the Presocratic philosophers Parmenides and Empedocles stand in this same tradition, though they interpret it in a radically original way); in the few cases in which the fragmentary evidence permits us to form a judgment, it is clear that such authors reflect traditions or personal conceptions different from Hesiod's yet at the same time have written under the strong influence of Hesiod's *Theogony*.

Moreover, Greece itself was only one of numerous ancient cultures to develop such traditions of theogonic and cosmogonic verse. In particular, the *Enûma Eliš*, a Babylonian creation epic, and various Hittite mythical texts concerning the exploits of the god Kumarbi present striking parallels with certain features and episodes of Hesiod's *Theogony*: the former tells of the origin of the gods and then of war amongst them, the victory and kingship of Marduk, and his creation of the world; the latter recount a myth of succession in heaven, including the castration of a sky-god, the apparent eating of a stone, and the final triumph of a weather-god corresponding to Zeus. There can be no doubt that Hesiod's *Theogony* represents a local Greek inflection upon a cultural *koine* evidently widespread throughout the ancient Mediterranean and Near East. But despite intensive research, especially over the past decades, it remains unclear precisely what the historical relations of transmission and influence were between these various cultural traditions—at what time or times these mythic paradigms were disseminated to Greece and by what channels—and exactly how Hesiod's *Theogony* is to be evaluated against this background. In any case, it seems certain that this Greek poem is not only a local version but a characteristically idiomatic one. For one thing, there is no evidence that Greek cosmogonic poetry in or before Hesiod was ever linked to any kind of cult practice in the way that, for example, the *Enûma Eliš* was officially recited as part of the New Year festival of the city of Babylon. And for another, even when the accounts of Hesiod and the Near Eastern versions seem closest, the differences between them remain striking—for example, the castration of the sky-god, which in other traditions serves

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to separate heaven and earth from one another, in Hesiod seems to have not this function but rather that of preventing Sky from creating any more offspring and constricting Earth even further. Thus the Near Eastern parallels illuminate Hesiod's poem, but they enrich its meaning rather than exhausting it.

Hesiod's Works and Days

Hesiod's *Works and Days* provides an exhortation, addressed to his brother Perses, to revere justice and to work hard, and indicates how success in agriculture, sailing, and other forms of economic, social and religious behavior can be achieved by observing certain rules, including the right and wrong days for various activities.

For the purposes of analysis Hesiod's poem may be divided into the following sections:

1. *Proem* (1–10): a hymn to Zeus, extolling his power and announcing Hesiod's project of proclaiming truths to Perses.¹²

2. *The two Strifes* (11–41): older than the bad Strife that fosters war and conflict there is also her sister, the good Strife that rouses men to work, and Perses should shift his allegiance from the former to the latter.

3. *The myth of Prometheus and Pandora* (42–105): men suffer illness and must work for a living because Zeus punished them with Pandora for Prometheus' theft of fire.

4. *The races of men* (106–201): the current race of men, unlike previous ones, has a way of life which is neither idyl-

¹² Various ancient sources report that some copies of the poem lacked this proem, cf. Testimonia T42, 49, 50.

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lic nor incapable of justice, but it will be destroyed as those earlier ones were unless it practices justice.

5. *Justice and injustice* (202–285): justice has been given not to animals but to men, and Zeus rewards justice but punishes injustice.

6. *Work* (286–334): work is a better way to increase one's wealth than is violence or immorality.

7. *How to deal with men and gods* (335–80): general precepts regarding religion and both neighborly and domestic economics.

8. *Advice on farming* (381–617): precepts to be followed by the farmer throughout the course of the whole year.

9. *Advice on sailing* (618–93): precepts on when and how best to risk seafaring.

10. *Advice on social relations* (694–723): specific precepts regarding the importance of right measure in dealings with other people.

11. *Advice on relations with the gods* (724–64): specific precepts on correct behavior with regard to the gods.

12. *Good and bad days* (765–821): days of good and bad auspices for various activities as these occur during the course of every month.

13. Conclusion (822–28).

As in the *Theogony*, so too here: the title of the *Works and Days* gives only a very inadequate idea of its contents, emphasizing as it does the advice on farming (and perhaps also on sailing, cf. "works" WD 641) and the list of good and bad days, at the expense of the matters discussed in the rest of the poem. But if it is evident that the *Works and Days* is not only about works and days, it is less clear just what it is about, and how the works and days it does discuss

are to be understood within the context of its other concerns.

Above all, what is the relation between the two main themes of the poem, work and justice? Rather than being linked explicitly to one another, they seem to come into and go out of focus complementarily. Hesiod begins by asking Zeus to "straighten the verdicts with justice yourself" (9–10), but in the lines that immediately follow it is for her inciting men to work that he praises the good Strife (20–24). The myth of Prometheus and Pandora is presented as an explanation for why men must work for a living (42–46), and the list of evils scattered by Pandora into the world, though it emphasizes diseases, does include toil (91). But in the story of the races of men that follows, it is only the first race whose relation to work is given prominence—the golden race need not work for a living (113, 116–19)—but in the accounts of all the subsequent races it is justice and injustice that figure far more conspicuously (134–37, 145–46, 158, 182–201) than work does (only 151, 177). The fable about the hawk and nightingale, which immediately follows, introduces a long section on the benefits of justice and the drawbacks of injustice (202–85), from which the theme of work is almost completely absent (only 231–32). And yet the very next section (286–334) inverts the focus, extolling the life of work and criticizing sloth, and subordinating to this theme the question of justice and injustice (320–34). And in the last 500 lines of the poem, filled with detailed instructions on the proper organization of agricultural and maritime work and other matters, the theme of justice disappears almost entirely (only 711–13).

To be sure, the themes of justice and work are linked closely in the specific case of the legal dispute between

Hesiod and Perses, whom the poet accuses of trying to achieve prosperity by means of injustice and not of hard work. But even if we could believe in the full and simple reality of this dispute (we shall see shortly that difficulties stand in the way of our doing so), it would provide at best a superficial and casual link between these themes, scarcely justifying Hesiod's wide-ranging mythological and anthropological meditation. Again, there is indeed a certain tendency for Hesiod to direct the sections on justice towards the kings as addressees (202, 248, 263) and those on work towards Perses (27, 286, 299, 397, 611, 633, 641), as is only natural, given that it is the kings who administer justice and that Hesiod could scarcely have hoped to persuade them to go out and labor in the fields. And yet this tendency is not a strict rule—there are also passages addressed to Perses in which Hesiod encourages him to pursue justice (213, 274)—and to invoke it here would merely redescribe the two kinds of themes in terms of two sets of addressees without explaining their systematic interconnection.

In fact, for Hesiod a defining mark of our human condition seems to be that, for us, justice and work are inextricably intertwined. The justice of the gods has imposed upon human beings the necessity that they work for a living, but at the same time this very same justice has also made it possible for them to do so. To accept the obligation to work is to recognize one's humanity and thereby to acknowledge one's place in the scheme of things to which divine justice has assigned one, and this will inevitably be rewarded by the gods; to attempt to avoid work is to rebel in vain against the divine apportionment that has imposed work upon human beings, and this will inevitably be punished. Hu-

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man beings, to be understood as human, must be seen in contrast with the other two categories of living beings in Hesiod's world, with gods and with animals; and indeed each of the three stories with which Hesiod begins his poem illuminates man's place in that world in contrast with these other categories.

The story of Prometheus and Pandora defines human work as a consequence of divine justice: Prometheus' theft of fire is punished by the gift of Pandora to men. Whereas in the *Theogony's* account of Prometheus the emphasis had been upon the punishment of Prometheus himself in the context of the other rebellious sons of Iapetus, and Pandora (not yet named there) had been responsible only for the race of women, in the *Works and Days* the emphasis is laid upon the punishment of human beings, with Pandora responsible for ills that affect all human beings as such. The necessity that we work for a living is part of Zeus' dispensation of justice; we will recall from the *Theogony* that Prometheus had been involved in the definitive separation between the spheres of gods and of men (*Th* 535–36), and now we understand better what that means. We ourselves might think it unfair that human beings must suffer for Prometheus' offence. But that is not for us to decide.

Hesiod's "story" (106) of the races of men helps us to locate our present human situation in comparison and contrast with other imaginable, different ones. The golden and silver races express in their essential difference from us the two fundamental themes of the *Works and Days*, on the one hand the terrible necessity of working and taking thought for the future (something that the golden race, unlike us, did not need to do, for they did not toil for their liv-

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ing and did not grow old), on the other hand the obligation and the possibility to conduct our life in accordance with justice (something that the silver race, unlike us, was constitutionally incapable of doing). Our race, the iron one, alone remains open-ended in its destiny, capable either of following justice and hence flourishing or practicing injustice and hence being destroyed; our choice between these two paths should be informed by the models of good and bad behavior furnished by the traditional stories about the members of the race of bronze and of the heroes, the great moral paradigms of Greek legend.

Finally, Hesiod establishes justice as an anthropological universal in his "fable" (202) of the hawk and nightingale, by contrasting the condition of men with that of animals. For animals have no justice (274–80), and nothing prevents them from simply devouring one another. But human beings have received justice from Zeus; and if Zeus' justice means they must toil in the fields for their living, at least they thereby manage to nourish themselves in some way other than by eating their fellow-men. The point of Hesiod's fable is precisely to highlight the difference between the situations of human beings and of animals; if the kings to whom it is addressed do indeed "have understanding" (202), then this is how they will understand it, and they will not (literally or figurally) devour (literal or figurally) songsters.

In summary, the world of the *Works and Days* knows of three kinds of living beings and defines them systematically in terms of the categories of work and justice: the gods always possess justice and never need to work; human beings are capable of practicing justice and are obliged to work for a living; and animals know nothing of either jus-

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tice or work. For a human being to accept his just obligation to work is to accept his place in this world.

Thus the first part of the *Works and Days* provides a conceptual foundation for the necessity to work in terms of human nature and the organization of the world. The rest of the poem goes on to demonstrate in detail upon this basis just how, given that Zeus has assigned work to men, the very same god has made it possible (but certainly not inevitable) for them to do this work well. The world of non-human nature is one grand coherent semiotic system, full of divinely engineered signs and indications which human beings need to read aright if they are to perform successfully the endless toil which the gods have imposed upon them. The stars that rise and set, the animals that call out or behave in some striking way, are all conveyors of specific messages, characters in the book of nature; Hesiod's mission is to teach us to read them. If we manage to learn this lesson, then unremitting labor will still remain our lot, and we will never be free from various kinds of suffering; but at least, within the limits assigned to mankind, we will flourish. The farmer's and sailor's calendars semioticize the year in its cyclical course as a series of signals and responses; then the list of auspicious and inauspicious days with which the poem ends carves a different section out of the flow of time, this time in terms of the single month rather than of the whole year, demonstrating that there is a meaningful and potentially beneficial logic in this narrower temporal dimension as well.¹³ And the same human

¹³ Some scholars, mistakenly in my view, have assigned lines 765–828, the so-called “*Days*,” to some other, later author than Hesiod, because of what they take to be the superstitious charac-

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willingness to acknowledge divine justice that expresses itself in the domain of labor by adaptation to the rules of non-human nature manifests itself in the rest of this second half of the *Works and Days* in two further domains: in that of religion, by avoiding various kinds of improper behavior which are punished by the gods; and in that of social intercourse, by following the rules that govern the morally acceptable modes of competition and collaboration with other men. Thus a profound conceptual unity links all parts of the poem from beginning to end, from the hymn to Zeus and the praise of the good Strife through the most detailed, quotidian, and, for some readers at least, superstitious precepts.

At the same time, the *Works and Days* is a fitting sequel to the *Theogony*. If Hesiod's earlier poem explains how Zeus came to establish his rule of justice within the world, his later one indicates the consequences of that rule for human beings. Human beings were certainly not completely absent from the *Theogony*, but by the same token they obviously did not figure as its central characters either. But in the *Works and Days* they take center stage. With this shift of focus from gods (in their relation to other gods and to men) to men (in their relation to other men and to gods) comes an obvious change in both the tone and the rhetorical stance of the later poem, which can be seen most immediately in the difference between the virtual absence of imperatives and related grammatical forms in Hesiod's first poem and their extraordinary frequency in

ter of this passage and because it presupposes a lunar calendar not used elsewhere by Hesiod.

his second one. Both poems deal with values, and especially with the most fundamental value of all, justice. But the *Theogony* views these values from the perspective of the gods who embody them always and unconditionally, while the *Works and Days* considers them from the viewpoint of human beings who may fail to enact them properly and therefore must be encouraged to do so for their own good. That is why the *Theogony* is a cosmogony, but the *Works and Days* is a protreptic.

Hesiod's protreptic is directed ultimately to us, but it is addressed in the first instance to someone whom he calls his brother Perses and whose degree of reality or unreality has been the object of considerable scholarly controversy. Two observations about Perses seem incontestable. The first is that he plays a far more prominent role in the first half of the poem than in its second half: in the general part that comprises its first 334 lines his name appears six times, in the sections containing specific precepts that comprise its last 494 lines it appears only four times (and three of these passages occur within the space of only 30 lines, between 611 and 641). The second is that the various references to Perses seem to presuppose a variety of specific situations involving Hesiod's relation with him that cannot easily be reconciled with one another within the terms of a single comprehensible dramatic moment: Perses prefers to waste his time watching quarrels and listening to the assembly rather than working for his living, but he will not be able to do this a second time, for Hesiod suggests that the two of them settle with straight judgments here and now their quarrel, which arose after they had divided their allotment when Perses stole many things and went off, confiding in the corruptible kings (27-41); Perses should

revere Justice rather than Outrageousness (213); Perses should listen to what Hesiod tells him, obey Justice and forget violence (274-76); Hesiod will tell Perses, "you great fool" (286), what he thinks, namely that misery is easy to achieve but excellence requires hard work (286-92); Perses, "you of divine stock" (299), should continue working in order to have abundant means of life (299-301); "foolish Perses" (397) has come to ask Hesiod for help but will receive nothing extra from him, and should work so that he and his own family will have sufficient means of life (396-403); Perses should harvest the grapes in mid-September (609-11); the father of Hesiod and Perses, "you great fool" (633), used to sail in boats to make a living; Perses should bear in mind all kinds of work in due season, but especially sailing (641-42). Who won the law suit, and indeed whatever became of it? Has Perses remained a fool or become an obedient worker? Some scholars have concluded from these discrepancies that Perses is a purely fictional character with no reality outside of Hesiod's poem; others have tried to break down the *Works and Days* into a series of smaller poems, each of which would be tied to a specific moment in Hesiod's relation with his brother. It may be preferable, instead, to understand the adverb *authi* ("right here," 35) in Hesiod's invitation to his brother to "decide our quarrel right here with straight judgments" (35-36) as referring not to some real legal tribunal existing independently from the *Works and Days* but rather to the sphere of effectiveness of this very poem. There is no reason not to believe that Perses existed in reality just as much as Hesiod himself did; but Hesiod could certainly have been convinced enough of the power of his poetry to be able to ascribe to its protreptic such per-

suasive force that even the recalcitrant Perses would be swayed by it, so that the man who had begun as his bitter opponent would end up becoming so completely identified with the anonymous addressees of his didactic injunctions as to be almost fully assimilated to them. That is, the *Works and Days* does not represent a single moment of time or a single dramatic situation: instead, the dynamic development of the poem measures out a changing situation to which the conspicuous changes in the characterization of Perses precisely correspond. Whether or not additionally there is an actual legal dispute between Hesiod and Perses being fought out in the courts (and we cannot exclude this possibility altogether), the most pertinent arena for reconciling their differences, the one in which their quarrel will be decided by "straight judgments, which come from Zeus, the best ones" (36), is this very poem.

Like his *Theogony*, Hesiod's *Works and Days* is a characteristically original version of a genre of wisdom literature which existed in Greece and was also widespread throughout the ancient world. While fewer other Greek poems like the *Works and Days* seem to have been composed than ones like the *Theogony*, there can be no doubt that Hesiod's poem goes back to earlier oral traditions in Greece. Indeed, some poems were extant in antiquity that were considered similar enough to Hesiod's that they were ascribed to him (they are discussed in the second section of this Introduction), and after Hesiod other gnomic poets, especially Phocylides and Theognis, followed his lead in this genre. From other ancient cultures, comparable works providing various kinds of religious, social, and agricultural instruction have survived in Sumerian (examples include the very ancient *Instructions of Šuruppak*,

collections of proverbs and admonitions, an agricultural handbook ascribed to Ninurta, and a dialogue between a father and his misguided son), Akkadian (above all the *Counsels of Wisdom*, full of advice on proper dealings with gods and men, and other works addressed to sons, kings, and princes), Egyptian (where one of the most important literary genres was called "instruction"), Aramaic (the language of the earliest known version of the widely disseminated story of Ahiqar), Hebrew (the book of Proverbs), and other ancient languages. There are many striking parallels both in detail and in general orientation between Hesiod's poem and its non-Greek counterparts, and it seems evident that we can best understand Hesiod if we see him as working, consciously or unconsciously, within this larger cultural context. But, at least until now, no other work has ever been discovered which rivals his own in depth, breadth, and unity of conception.

*The Hesiodic Catalogue of Women
or Ehoiai, and the Shield*

Besides the *Theogony* and the *Works and Days*, one additional poem is transmitted in medieval manuscripts of Hesiod, the *Shield* (i.e. of Heracles). But this text must be understood, at least in part, as an outgrowth of the *Catalogue of Women* or *Ehoiai*, which survives only in fragments; hence it will be necessary to discuss the two together.

The *Theogony* reaches a splendid climax in Zeus' defeat of Typhoeus (868), followed, perhaps not unexpectedly, by a list of the offspring of that monster (869-80). Now Zeus' investiture as king of the Olympians and his

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distribution of honors to the other gods can finally occur and be recounted, albeit with surprising brevity (881–85). There follows a catalogue of seven marriages of Zeus and of the offspring they produce—now that he has resolved his career difficulties he can set about starting a family. Each entry is of decreasing length; the list begins with Zeus thwarting a potential threat to his rule by swallowing Metis (886–900), includes his expectable and climactic fathering of Eunomia (Lawfulness), Dike (Justice), Eirene (Peace, 902), and the Muses (915–17), and culminates in his marriage to Hera, his legitimate spouse (886–923); this is followed, perhaps not unsuitably, by the births, achieved without a sexual partner, of Athena and Hephaestus (924–29). There follows a series of very short indications of other gods and mortals who united with one another and in some cases gave birth to other gods or mortals (930–62)—in only 33 lines, 10 couples (including Zeus three more times) and 10 children. This is followed by a farewell to the Olympian gods and the divinities who make up the natural surroundings of the Eastern Mediterranean, and then by a transition to a catalogue of the goddesses who slept with mortals and produced children (963–68); this catalogue, though it gives the impression of being somewhat less summary than the preceding one, still manages to compress 10 mothers and 19 children into only 50 verses (969–1018). This is then followed by a transition from the just concluded list of goddesses who slept with mortals to the announcement of a new list of mortal women (1019–22). Either with this announcement, or just before it, ends the *Theogony* as it is transmitted by the medieval manuscripts.

It is extremely difficult to resist the impression that towards its close our *Theogony* peters out quite anticlimacti-

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cally, and it is just as difficult to imagine why Hesiod should have set out to make his poem create this effect. Moreover, the last two lines of the transmitted text, “And now sing of the tribe of women, sweet-voiced Olympian Muses, daughters of aegis-holding Zeus” (1021–22), are identical to the first two lines of another poem ascribed to Hesiod in antiquity, the *Catalogue of Women* or *Ehoiai* (Fr. 1.1–2). The most economical explanation of all this is that the ending of our *Theogony* has been adapted to lead into that other poem; and if, as most scholars believe, the *Catalogue* of which it is possible to reconstruct the outlines and many details postdates Hesiod significantly, then the modifications to the *Theogony* can only have been the work, not of Hesiod himself, but rather of a later editor. Where exactly Hesiod’s own portion of the text ceases and the inauthentic portion begins remains controversial; most scholars locate the border somewhere between lines 929 and line 964, but there can be no certainty on this question.¹⁴

The *Catalogue of Women* is a systematic presentation in five books of a large number of Greek legendary heroes and episodes, beginning with the first human beings and continuing down to Helen and the time just before the be-

¹⁴ Here as in other cases, the difficulty of resolving this question is increased by the fact that it has sometimes been formulated erroneously: for the scholarly hypothesis that everything (or almost everything) up to a given line must be entirely the work of Hesiod and everything thereafter entirely the work of a later poet or poets supposes, far too simplistically, that later accretions always take the form of supplementary additions to a fully unchanged text, and not, more realistically, that of more or less extensive modifications and adaptations of the inherited text as well.

ginning of the Trojan War. The organizational principle is genealogical, in terms of the heroes' mortal mothers who were united with divine fathers; the repeated, quasi-formulaic phrase with which many of these women are introduced, *ē hoiē* ("or like her"), gave rise to another name for the poem, the *Ehoiai*. The *Catalogue of Women* was one of Hesiod's best known poems in antiquity and seems to have enjoyed particular popularity in Greek Egypt. But because it did not form part of the selection of three poems that survived antiquity by continuous transmission, for many centuries it was lost except in the form of citations by other ancient authors who were so transmitted.

Two developments over the past century or so, however, have restored to us a good sense of its general structure as well as a considerable portion of its content. The first is the discovery and publication of a large number of Hesiod papyri from Egypt: for example, Edgar Lobel's publication in 1962 of Volume XXVIII of the Oxyrhynchus Papyri, containing exclusively Hesiodic fragments, single-handedly provided almost as much new material from the poem as had hitherto been available altogether, and already in 1985 West estimated that the remains of more than 50 ancient copies of the *Catalogue* had been discovered.¹⁵ One very rough measure of the growth in the sheer number of extant fragments of the poem over the past century is the difference between the 136 testimonia and fragments that Rzach was able to collect in his 1902 Teubner edition and the 245 in Merkelbach and West's *Fragmenta*

¹⁵ M. L. West, *The Hesiodic Catalogue of Women* (Oxford 1985), pp. 35, 1.

Hesiodica of 1967.¹⁶ Since then many more testimonia and fragments have been added, and new ones continue to be discovered each year.

This increase in the surviving material has gone hand in hand with a second development, the gradual recognition on the part of scholars that in the genealogical sections of his *Library*, a handbook of Greek mythology of the 1st or 2nd century AD, Pseudo-Apollodorus made extensive use of the *Catalogue of Women*, and that in consequence this extant work could be used, though with great caution, to reconstruct a considerable part of Hesiod's lost one, not only in outline but also in some detail. It must be acknowledged that there is still no direct, adequate, non-circular proof for the correctness of the large-scale organization which has been deduced for the *Catalogue* from Pseudo-Apollodorus, and it is not entirely impossible that today's scholarly reconstruction will be vitiated by tomorrow's papyrus. But as it happens, so far none of the papyri discovered since the work of Merkelbach and West has disproven their general view of the poem; in fact, each more recent discovery has confirmed their analysis, or at least been compatible with it. Moreover, as of yet no cogent alternative account has been proposed. It is for good reason, then, that almost all the scholarship on the *Catalogue* in the last decades has taken their work as a starting-point. Hence it

¹⁶ Of course these bare numbers are misleading for a number of reasons: there are empty numbers, cancelled numbers, and subdivided numbers; there are fragments that consist of a few letters and fragments that go on for a number of pages. These figures are intended only to give a general impression of the scale of the growth in our knowledge of the poem.

is their reconstruction that provides the basis for the presentation of the *Catalogue* in this Introduction and for the general organization of the fragments in the present edition, though I have disagreed with them in a number of questions of specific placement, and in the selection and evaluation of some of the fragments presented, and have provided a new numeration.¹⁷

As far as we can tell, the contents of the five books of the *Catalogue of Women* were arranged as follows:

Book 1: an introductory proem, then the descendants of Prometheus' son Deucalion (northern Greeks), beginning with his children, including Hellen; and then Hellen's descendants, including Aeolus and Aeolus' descendants.

Book 2: Aeolus' descendants, continued, beginning with Atalanta; then a new starting-point, the descendants of Inachus (Argives), including after a number of generations Belus, and Belus' descendants.

Books 3 and 4: Inachus' descendants, continued from the descendants of Belus' brother Agenor; then a new starting-point, the descendants of Pelasgus (Arcadians); then another new starting-point, the descendants of Atlas (with various geographical branches, including the

¹⁷ The reader should be warned that numerous problems remain. Perhaps the most worrisome is the uncertainty whether the mother of Asclepius is Arsinoe or Coronis. In the present edition I assign the fragments identifying his mother as Arsinoe to Book 2 of the *Catalogue* (Fr. 53–60), another fragment concerning Coronis (without apparent reference to Asclepius) to unplaced fragments of the *Catalogue* (Fr. 164), and one or two fragments concerning Coronis' betrayal of Apollo to unplaced fragments of Hesiod's works (Fr. 239–40). Other scholars have distributed these fragments differently.

Pelopids); then yet another new starting-point, the descendants of Asopus (also geographically heterogeneous); one more starting-point, the descendants of Cecrops and of Erechtheus (Athenians), may well also have figured in Book 3 or 4.¹⁸

Book 5: the suitors of Helen and Zeus' plan for the destruction of the heroes.

As in the case of the *Theogony* and *Works and Days*, the *Catalogue of Women* has many analogues throughout the other cultures of the ancient world, and genealogy remained a primary form of historical explanation in Greece for centuries. Indeed, elements of catalogue poetry can also be found in Homer, especially in Odysseus' visit to the Underworld in *Odyssey* 11. But in this case too the (admittedly fragmentary) evidence seems to point to an idiosyncratic, original work of art of which the meaning is certainly enriched but cannot be entirely explained by these parallels. The Hesiodic *Catalogue* provides a human counterpart to Hesiod's *Theogony*: a general classification of all the major heroes and heroines of Greek mythology, organized genealogically from a definite beginning to a definite end and with all-encompassing pan-Hellenic ambitions. The whole rich panoply of Greek local legend is reduced to a very small number of starting-points, and from these are developed lines of descent that bind all the characters and events into a single history, an enormously complex but

¹⁸ It is uncertain just where Book 3 ended and Book 4 began; the new starting-point of Pelasgus may have been set at the opening of Book 4 (so proposed in the present edition), or Pelasgus' descendants and at least the first descendants of Atlas may have formed part of Book 3 (so Merkelbach-West).

highly structured and, at least to a certain extent, unified story. As in the *Theogony*, the bare bones of genealogical descent often produce verse consisting of little more than proper names—in itself already a demonstration of a high degree of poetic skill, and doubtless a source of considerable pleasure to ancient audiences. And yet here too the severe structure is often enlivened by entertaining stories whose meaning goes well beyond what would be required for the purposes of strict genealogy. In comparison with Homer's tendency to humanize and sanitize Greek myth, the *Catalogue of Women* (like the *Theogony*) presents us with tantalizing glimpses of an astonishingly colorful, erotic, often bizarre, sometimes even grotesque world of legend: the monstrous Molionian twins (Fr. 13–15), Periclymenus with his deadly metamorphoses (Fr. 31–33), lovely swift Atalanta (Fr. 47–51), thievish Autolycus (Fr. 67–68), Mestra whom her father sells repeatedly in order to buy food for his blazing hunger (Fr. 69–71), Phineus and the Harpies (Fr. 97–105), Caenis whom her lover Poseidon transforms at her request into the man Caeneus (Fr. 165)—our view of Greek myth would certainly be far poorer without them. And finally, the *Catalogue of Women* seems to be driven diachronically by a single long-term narrative which corresponds on a different level to the complementary stories of the triumph of the justice of Zeus, which provides the backbone to the *Theogony*, and of the administration of that justice, which structures the *Works and Days*. In the *Catalogue* this narrative provides a vast preamble to the Trojan War, interpreting the heroic age as a long period of frequent and intimate intercourse (in all senses) between gods and men to which Zeus decides to put an end after Helen gives birth to Hermione

(Fr. 155.94ff.). Why exactly Zeus decides to kill off the heroes at this moment in world history is not clear, and the point of the extensive natural scene that follows in the text, with its lengthy account of weather conditions and a terrible snake (Fr. 155.129ff.), has not yet been satisfactorily explained. But it is clear that, for the author of this Hesiodic poem, the Trojan legends that inspired Homer were the most fitting possible *telos* at which to aim his own composition. After the *Catalogue* come the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* and other epic poems; and a long time after them comes the world of ordinary men and women.

The *Catalogue of Women* was almost always considered a genuine work of Hesiod's in antiquity, and this view has been followed by a few modern scholars as well. But most modern scholarship prefers to see the poem as a later, inauthentic addition to the corpus of Hesiod's poems. Various considerations, of unequal weight individually but fairly persuasive cumulatively, suggest that the *Catalogue* was probably composed sometime between the end of the 7th century and the middle of the 6th century BC (though of course the stories and names that fill it go back centuries earlier), well over a century after the lifetime of Hesiod. Given its character it is not in the least surprising that it was attributed at some point to Hesiod himself and was spliced into ancient editions of his poems, immediately following the *Theogony*.

The other poem transmitted in medieval manuscripts of Hesiod, the *Shield*, is at least partially an outgrowth of the *Catalogue of Women* and another striking example of the interaction between the Hesiodic and Homeric poetic traditions. The *Shield* begins with the phrase *Ē hotē* ("Or like her"), familiar from the *Catalogue*, and indeed the first

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56 lines were transmitted in antiquity as part of that poem (cf. T52 and Fr. 139). They recount how Zeus slept with Amphitryon's wife Alcmena the same night as Amphitryon did, so that she gave birth to unequal twins, to Zeus' son Heracles and Amphitryon's son Iphicles (1-56). To this story is appended a much longer narrative telling how, many years later, Heracles, aided by his nephew Iolaus, slew Ares' son Cygnus and wounded Ares (57-480). Almost half of this narrative is filled by a lengthy and richly detailed description of the shield that Heracles takes up in preparation for his combat (139-321); in comparison, the scenes preceding the duels are stiff and rather conventional, and the fighting itself is dealt with in rather summary fashion.

Whereas in the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* Heracles is referred to only about eighteen times, almost always in a marginal role,¹⁹ in the *Theogony* he has an important function as an instrument of Zeus' justice, slaying monsters, liberating Prometheus, and receiving as a reward for his labors a place in Olympus and Hebe as his bride.²⁰ So too, he recurs repeatedly in a variety of different contexts in the *Catalogue of Women*, as we would only expect of the greatest hero of Greek legend—indeed he is already named in the poem on a par with the other sexually productive male Greek gods (Fr. 1.22).²¹ So it is not surprising that a poet who decided to provide a Hesiodic counterpart to the celebrated shield which Homer gives his hero Achilles in *Iliad*

¹⁹ *Il.* 2.653, 658, 666, 679, 5.628, 638, 11.690, 14.266, 324, 15.25, 640, 18.117, 19.98, 20.145; *Od.* 8.224, 11.267, 601, 21.26.

²⁰ *Th.* 289, 315, 317, 318, 332, 527, 530, 943, 951, 982.

²¹ Then Fr. 22, 31-33, 117, 133, 138-41, 174-75.

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18—that this is the point of the *Shield* is pretty obvious, and was already recognized by Aristophanes of Byzantium²²—should have chosen Heracles to be the protagonist of his own poem. Yet it is remarkable how faithful this Hesiodic poet remains to his Homeric model at the same time as he elaborates upon it in an original and interesting way.

We may surely presume it as likely that in heroic times most real shields, if they were not constructed for purely defensive purposes but also bore any figural representations at all, were intended not to instruct enemies but to terrify them. Yet Homer assigns a practical shield of this sort not to Achilles but to Agamemnon, whose shield bears allegorical personifications of fear designed to strike fear into anyone who sees them (Gorgo, Deimos, Phobos: *Il.* 11.32-37). To the hero who matters to him most, Achilles, Homer grants a shield whose grand cosmological vision locates even the epic story of the *Iliad* as a whole within a wider and much more significant horizon of meaning, demonstrating its limits and thereby enlarging its import. Achilles' shield encloses within a heaven of the sun, moon, and stars (*Il.* 18.484-89) and the all-encompassing circle of Ocean (607-8) the earth as a world of human beings, divided first into two cities, one at peace (including a murder trial, 491-508) and one at war (509-40), and then into the basic agricultural activities, first fieldwork (plowing 541-49, reaping 550-60, wine harvest and festival 561-72) and then livestock (at war 573-86, at peace 587-89). Perhaps it was the cosmic scope or the juridical and agricultural content that struck some Hesiodic poet as belonging

²² See Testimonium T52.

more rightly to his own tradition than to a Homeric one. In any case, when he chose to imitate the Homeric shield, he sought to surpass it by heightening it whenever possible. He begins with a terrifying shield, like Agamemnon's, which starts out with allegorical personifications (144–60) and then moves up the biological ladder from animals (snakes 161–67, boars and lions at war 168–77) through Lapiths and Centaurs (178–90) to the gods at war (191–200) and peace (201–7). He then supplements this by providing a variation on Achilles' cosmic shield: beginning with non-military strife (fishing 207–15, the mythic pursuit of Perseus by the Gorgons 216–37), he then gives his own two cities, one at war (237–69) and one at peace (270–85), followed by such peaceful activities as horsemen (285–86), agriculture (plowing 286–88, reaping 288–91, wine harvest 292–300) and non-military competition (athletic boxing and wrestling 301–2, hunting 302–4, athletic contests of horsemen and chariots 304–13), and he closes the whole composition with the ring of all-surrounding Ocean (314–17). Throughout the poem he demonstrates a consistent taste for hyperbolic and graphically violent, indeed often lurid detail which has earned him fewer admirers among modern readers than he deserves.

The *Shield* is generally dated to sometime between the end of the 7th and the first half of the 6th century BC. Its precise relation to the *Catalogue of Women* is controversial. Some have thought that the author of the *Shield* himself borrowed the first 56 lines of his poem from the *Catalogue* and therefore that the *Shield* postdates the *Catalogue*. But the two parts of the poem have in fact nothing whatsoever to do with one another except for the fact that they both have Heracles as protagonist, and it seems there-

fore much more likely that lines 1–56 of the *Shield* originally formed part of the *Catalogue* but that the rest of the *Shield* arose independently of the *Catalogue* and was later combined with the first part and included among Hesiod's works by an ancient editor.

Other Poems Ascribed to Hesiod

As in the case of the *Catalogue of Women* and *Shield*, the fame of Hesiod's name attracted to it productions by other poets which bore some affinity to his own, and thereby helped ensure their survival in antiquity. But the other poems which bore Hesiod's name circulated far less in antiquity than the *Theogony* and the *Works and Days* did, and they were excluded from at least some selected lists of his works; so today they exist only in exiguous fragments if at all, and often even their nature and structure remain quite obscure.

One group of poems must have been comparable to the *Catalogue of Women*:

1. The *Great Ehoiai* (Testimonia T42 and 66; Fr. 185–201, and perhaps also 239, 241–43, 247–48). Given its title, this poem clearly must have been broadly similar in content and form to the *Ehoiai*; and if the *Ehoiai* had five books, then the *Great Ehoiai* must have consisted of even more. Some of the stories the *Great Ehoiai* told coincide with those in the *Catalogue*, others seem to have been different; in at least one case ancient scholars noted a discrepancy between the versions of the same story they found in the two works (Fr. 192). Very little is known about this poem. It seems to have circulated scarcely at all in antiquity outside the narrow confines of professional literary

scholarship: citations and reports from Pausanias and the scholia and commentaries to Pindar, Apollonius Rhodius, Aristotle and other authors make up all but one or two of the extant fragments, and only a single papyrus has so far been identified as coming from this poem (Fr. 189a).

2. *The Wedding of Ceyx* (T67–68; Fr. 202–5). The marriage of Aeolus' daughter Alcyone to Ceyx, the son of the Morning Star, was recounted in Book 1 of the *Catalogue of Women* (Fr. 10.83–98, 12; cf. Fr. 46); they seem to have loved one another so much that he called her Hera and she called him Zeus, and consequently Zeus punished them by transforming them into birds. Ceyx also plays a marginal role in the *Shield* (354, 472, 476) and is otherwise associated with Heracles (Fr. 189a); conversely, Heracles seems to have figured in *The Wedding of Ceyx* (Fr. 202–3, and cf. Fr. 291). What the content of this poem was—whether it was romantic and tragic, or epic, or something else—remains unknown; one fragment from it (Fr. 204) seems to evince a rather frosty wit.

3. *The Melampodia* (T42; Fr. 206–15, and perhaps also Fr. 253 and 295). Melampus was a celebrated seer in Greek legend who figured both in the *Catalogue of Women* (Fr. 35, 242) and in the *Great Ehoiai* (Fr. 199). The *Melampodia*, in at least three books (Fr. 213), must have recounted the exploits not only of Melampus himself but also of other famous seers like Teiresias (Fr. 211–12), Calchas and Mopsus (Fr. 214), and Amphilochous (Fr. 215). How these accounts were related to one another is not known.

4. *The Descent of Peirithous to Hades* (T42; Fr. 216, and perhaps also 243). A poem on this subject is attributed to Hesiod by Pausanias (T42). A papyrus fragment contain-

ing a dialogue in the Underworld between Meleager and Theseus in the presence of Peirithous (Fr. 216) is assigned by editors, plausibly but uncertainly, to this poem.

5. *Aegimius* (T37, 79; Fr. 230–38). A poem of this title, extant in antiquity, was attributed either to Hesiod or to Cercops of Miletus. Aegimius figures in the *Catalogue of Women* (Fr. 10) as a son of Dorus, the eponym of the Dorians; other sources report that Heracles helped him in battle, and that after Heracles' death he showed his gratitude by raising Heracles' son Hyllus together with his own sons. The fairly numerous fragments, mostly deriving from ancient literary scholars, indicate that the poem recounted myths, including those relating to Io (Fr. 230–32), the Graecae (Fr. 233), Theseus (Fr. 235), the golden fleece (Fr. 236), and Achilles (Fr. 237). But what the connection among such stories might have been and even what the poem was basically about are anyone's guess.

Another group of poems bears obvious affinities to the *Works and Days*:

1. *The Great Works* (T66; Fr. 221–22, and perhaps also 271–73). From its title it appears that this poem bore the same relation to the *Works and Days* as the *Great Ehoiai* bore to the *Catalogue of Women*. One of the surviving fragments is moralistic (Fr. 221), the other discusses the origin of silver (Fr. 222); both topics can be correlated with the *Works and Days*.

2. *The Astronomy or Astrology* (T72–78; Fr. 223–29, and perhaps also 118, 244–45, 261–62). A work bearing one or the other of these two titles was celebrated enough in the Hellenistic period for Aratus to have taken it as his model for his own *Phenomena*, according to Callimachus (T73); and it survived as late as the 12th century, when the

Byzantine scholar Tzetzes read and quoted it (T78; Fr. 227b). Most of the few remaining fragments that can be attributed to it with certainty regard the risings and settings of stars and constellations; the similarity of this topic to the astronomical advice in the *Works and Days* is obvious.

3. The *Precepts of Chiron* (T42, 69–71; Fr. 218–20, and perhaps also Fr. 240, 254, 271–73, 293). Until Aristarchus declared its inauthenticity (T69), a poem under this title was attributed in antiquity to Hesiod. Its content seems to have consisted of pieces of advice, some moral or religious (Fr. 218), some practical (Fr. 219–20); presumably they were put into the mouth of Chiron, the centaur who educated Achilles and Jason and appeared in the *Catalogue* (Fr. 36, 155, 162–63). No doubt it was the admonitions and precepts in Hesiod's *Works and Days* that suggested to some ancient readers that this poem too was his.

4. *Bird Omens* (T80; perhaps Fr. 295). In some copies of the *Works and Days* that poem was followed after its conclusion at line 828 by a poem called *Bird Omens*; the words in lines 826–28, "Happy and blessed is he who knows all these things and does his work without giving offense to the immortals, *distinguishing the birds* and avoiding trespasses," may either have been what suggested to some editor that such a poem could be added at this point or may even have been composed or modified by a poet-editor in order to justify adding such a poem. In either case, Apollonius Rhodius marked the poem as spurious (T80) and no secure fragment of it survives.

5. *On Preserved Foods* (T81). Athenaeus quotes some lines from a poem about preserved foods attributed to Hesiod by Euthydemus of Athens, a doctor who may have lived in the 2nd century BC; Athenaeus suggests that their

real author was Euthydemus himself, and there seems no reason to doubt him. Perhaps it was the general subject, advice regarding household matters, that suggested attributing the poem to the author of the *Works and Days*.

Finally, there were some poems assigned to Hesiod in antiquity of which the attribution is more difficult to explain:

1. *The Idaean Dactyls* (T1; Fr. 217). The two ancient reports about this poem show only that it told of the discovery of metals.

2. *Dirge for Batrachus* (T1). Nothing is known about this poem or about Batrachus except that the *Suda* identifies him as Hesiod's beloved. The fact that the personal name Batrachus is well attested only in Attica might suggest that the poem was attributed to Hesiod during a period of Athenian transmission or popularity of his poetry.

3. *The Potters* (T82; for the text, see Pseudo-Herodotus, *On Homer's Origins, Date, and Life* 32, pp. 390–95 West). A short hexametric poem found in an ancient biography of Homer and consisting first in a prayer to Athena to help potters if they will reward the poet, and then in imprecations against them if they should fail to do so, was also attributed by some ancient scholars to Hesiod, on the testimony of Pollux.

HESIOD'S INFLUENCE AND RECEPTION

The ancient reception of Hesiod is a vast, complex, and very under-researched area. Here only a sketch of its very basic outlines and some indications of its fundamental tendencies can be provided.

While the Testimonia regarding Hesiod's life (T1–40) demonstrate that his biography was of interest in antiquity, there can be little doubt that it was of less interest than Homer's: Homer was by far the more culturally central poet of the two, and the absolute absence of information about his life could spur his many admirers' historical fantasy. Some details of Hesiod's biography were derived from his poems; he was supplied with a father, Dius (T1, 2, 95, 105), whose name arose out of a misunderstanding of *WD* 299; his mother's name, Pycimede (T1, 2, 105), which means "cautious-minded" or "shrewd," may have been invented on the basis of the character of his poetry. Various details seem to have been created out of a hostile reading of his poetry: thus Ephorus stated that Hesiod's father left Cyme not, as Hesiod claimed, because of poverty, but because he had murdered a kinsman (T25); and the various legends concerning the poet's death (T1, 2, 30–34) involve him as an innocent or sometimes even guilty party in a sordid tale of seduction, violation of hospitality, and murder, which seems fully to confirm his highly negative account of the race of iron men among whom he is destined to live. And yet his murderers are punished in a way that suggests the workings of divine justice (T2, 32–34); and as an infant, Hesiod is marked out by a miracle for future greatness as a poet (T26). Ancient scholarship attempted to determine the chronological relation between Homer and Hesiod (T3–24); the tendency to correlate the prestige of these two poets by inventing legends of competition between them led to the idea of their relative contemporaneity (T10–14), but the other options, that Homer was older than Hesiod (T5–9) and that Hesiod was older than Homer (T15–16), were both also well represented. The se-

quence Orpheus-Musaeus-Hesiod-Homer recurs a number of times in very different contexts (17, 18, 116a, 119bi and bii), but it is far from certain that it was always, or indeed ever, meant in a strictly chronological sense.

In the Archaic and Classical periods, Hesiod's *Theogony* and *Works and Days* both found a number of poets and prose writers who continued to work within the generic traditions he canonized, as indicated above in the sections discussing those poems. But it is the *Catalogue of Women* that seems to have had the greatest impact not only upon lyric poets like Stesichorus, Pindar (who at *Isthmian* 6.66–67 cites *WD* 412, attributing it to Hesiod by name), and Bacchylides (who mentions Hesiod by name and quotes from him a sentence not found in any of his extant works, Fr. 306) but also upon the tragic poets, who generally preferred to draw their material not from the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* but from the Epic Cycle and the Hesiodic *Catalogue*. It was in the Hellenistic period, however, that Hesiod reached the acme of his literary influence in ancient Greece: he provided a model of learned, civilizing poetry and a more modest alternative to pompous martial epic that made him especially prized by Callimachus himself (T73, 87) and by Callimachus' Greek (T73, 56) and Latin (T47, 90–92) followers. In particular, Hesiod was celebrated by ancient poets and in ancient poetics as a founder of literary genres (especially didactic poetry, but also the poem of instruction for princes); it was mostly through the mediation of Aratus, of Latin translations of this poet, and of Virgil that Hesiod was known in Late Antiquity and in the Latin Middle Ages. For Greek readers in Hellenistic and Imperial Egypt, the *Catalogue of Women* seems, at least to judge from the evidence of the papyri, to

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have been one of the most intensely studied archaic texts after Homer's epics; perhaps its systematic presentation of their own rich and sometimes bizarre mythology gave these readers a sense of orientation and consolation. To the same period may belong the essential conception of the extant version of the *Contest of Homer and Hesiod*, in which Homer pleases the crowd more than Hesiod does but the king nevertheless awards the prize for victory to Hesiod, because a poem about peace and agriculture should be deemed superior to one about war and bloodshed. Hesiod's poems continued to be set to music and performed privately, and perhaps also publicly, well into the Imperial period (T84–86), and as late as the 3rd or early 4th century AD his story of his poetic initiation was still capable of inspiring a technically gifted anonymous poet (T95) to compose a tour-de-force acrostic poem on this subject.

But the *Theogony* and *Works and Days* have had their greatest influence perhaps not so much as whole poetic constructs, but in terms of two of the myths they narrate. Hesiod's tale of Prometheus inspired the author of a tragedy attributed to Aeschylus (as well as Protagoras in Plato's dialogue of that title), and then went on from there to become one of the central myths of Western culture, usually with little regard for the details or even the general import of Hesiod's own treatment of the tale; the same applies to Hesiod's story of the races of men, which, isolated from its argumentative context and transformed (especially in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*) into an account not of the races but of the ages of men, bequeathed to later centuries the consoling image of a Golden Age, when life was easier and men were better and happier than they are now. So

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too, Hesiod's portrayal of his poetic initiation generated a whole tradition of such scenes, in Greek, Latin, and post-Classical literature.

Hesiod also plays a crucial role in the history of Greek religion and philosophy. He was the object of a cult at Thespieae (T104–5, 108), and was venerated not only at Orchomenus (T102–3), Helicon (T109), and Olympia (T110), but also as far away as Macedonia (T107) and Armenia (T106). Herodotus could quite rightly say that it was Hesiod's systematization of the various local traditions of Greek mythology, together with Homer's, which gave the Greeks their national religion (T98). And for that very reason, Hesiod was a preferred target of philosophers, starting with Xenophanes (T97) and culminating most famously in Plato (T99), who objected to the popular views of the nature of the gods as these were canonized in his poetry. Yet Hesiod's relation to Greek philosophy is in fact quite complicated. Already Aristotle seems uncertain as to whether he should count Hesiod as a true philosopher or not: in some passages he begins the history of philosophy with Thales, consigning Hesiod to the pre-philosophical theologians (so T117.c.i), while in others he considers Hesiod's accounts of such figures as Eros to be cosmological doctrines apparently worthy of serious attention (so T117.c.ii). Indeed, Hesiod's poetry has always seemed to occupy an ambiguous and unstable position somewhere between pure mythology, in which the gods are autonomous divine beings with their own personalities and destinies, and a rudimentary philosophy, in which the gods are merely allegorical designations for moral and rational categories of thought. Yet Hesiod's questions—what are the origin and structure of things? how can human beings

achieve success and happiness in their lives?—are the very same ones that concerned all later Greek philosophers; and his answers, despite their often mythical form, continued to interest philosophers until the end of antiquity. Sometimes the philosophers expressed this interest in the form of outright attack (T97, 99, 100, 113, 118), rarely in that of unabashed praise (T114, 116ab), increasingly over the course of time in that of allegorical recuperation (T115, 116c, 117, 119–20). The difficulties of explaining the erudite, pagan, often rebarbative *Theogony* in particular to children in Imperial and, even more so, in Byzantine Christian schools led to a particularly rich set of allegorical scholia on this poem.

The Byzantine study of Hesiod was the culmination of the work of centuries of historians, rhetoricians, and literary scholars who devoted themselves to the edition, elucidation, and sometimes allegedly even plagiarism of his poems. Greek historiography, in such figures as Eumelus and Acusilaus, begins as the continuation of the *Theogony* and *Catalogue of Women* by other means (T121–22). The authors of Greek rhetorical manuals, developing and systematizing the work of earlier professionals like the rhapsodes (T83), sophists (T115), and rhetors (T123), applied their technical categories, with some success, to the rather recalcitrant set of his texts (T124–27). Greek literary scholarship starts, in the case of Hesiod as in so many other instances, with Aristotle, who wrote a treatise on *Hesiodic Problems* in one book (T128), and Hesiodic philology, though it always takes second place in the study of archaic epic to Homeric philology, continues to occupy the attention of more and less celebrated philologists until at least

the end of antiquity (T129–50). One place of honor in the history of Hesiodic philology belongs to Plutarch, who wrote a biography of Hesiod (which does not survive) and a predominantly moralizing commentary on the *Works and Days* in at least four books, of which extensive excerpts are cited in the ancient scholia to that poem (T147); and another one should be assigned to the 5th century Neoplatonist Proclus, who wrote a mostly philosophical commentary on the same poem which often quotes Plutarch's commentary and of which many fragments are cited in the same scholia (T148).

THE TRANSMISSION OF HESIOD'S POETRY

Hesiod's works are transmitted in very varying degrees of incompleteness by fragments from well over fifty ancient manuscripts, papyrus or parchment rolls or codices from Egypt dating from at least the 1st century BC to the 6th century AD; and numerous medieval and early modern manuscripts transmit his three extant poems—about 70 for the *Theogony*, over 260 for the *Works and Days*, about 60 for the *Shield*.²³ But the most important witnesses for constructing a critical edition are only about a dozen:

²³ The basic information about the transmission of Hesiod's poems is conveniently available in M.L. West, *Commentary on Th* 48–72, and *Commentary on WD*, 60–86; and in Solmsen-Merkelbach-West, *Hesiodi Theogonia . . .*, pp. ix–xxiii. For the symbols that indicate some further minor manuscripts cited only rarely in the apparatus to this edition, the reader is referred to West's commentaries.

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- S Laurentianus 32,16, dated to 1280, containing *Th*, *WD*, and *Shield*.
 B Parisinus suppl. gr. 663, from the end of the 11th or the beginning of the 12th century, containing in part *Th* and *Shield*.
 L Laurentianus conv. soppr. 158, from the 14th century, containing the whole of *Th* and *Shield*.
 R Casanatensis 356, from the 13th or likelier 14th century, containing *Th* and most of *Shield*.
 J Ambrosianus C 222 inf., partly from the late 12th century, containing *WD* and *Shield*.
 F Parisinus gr. 2773, from the 14th century, containing *WD* and most of *Shield*.
 Q Vaticanus gr. 915, from a few years before 1311, containing *Th*.
 K Ravennas 120, from the 14th century, containing *Th*.
 C Parisinus gr. 2771, from the 10th or 11th century, containing most of *WD*.
 D Laurentianus 31,39, from the 12th century, containing *WD*.
 E Messanensis bibl. univ. F.V. 11, from the end of the 12th century, containing *WD*.
 H Vaticanus gr. 2383, dated to 1287, containing *WD*.
 A fol. 75 of Parisinus suppl. gr. 663 (indicated as B above) contains lines 87–138 of *Shield* written at the same time as B but by a different hand.

In addition, the following symbols designate groups of manuscripts:

- m* Parisinus gr. 2763, Parisinus gr. 2833, Vratislaviensis Rehd. 35, and Mosquensis 469 (all 15th century).

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- b* *m*, *L*, and *R*.
n Marcianus IX. 6 (14th century) and Salmanticensis 243 (15th century).
v Laurentianus conv. soppr. 15 (14th century), Panormitanus Qq-A-75 and Parisinus suppl. gr. 652 (both 15th century).
a *n* and *v*.
u Matritensis 4607, Ambrosianus D 529 inf., and Vaticanus gr. 2185 (all 15th century).
k *K* and *u*.
φ *E* and *H*.

For the numbers which designate the papyri cited, the reader is referred to the editions of West²⁴ and of Solmsen-Merkelbach-West.²⁵

THIS EDITION

The aim of this edition is to make available to professional scholars, students, and interested general readers the texts of Hesiod's poetry and the Testimonia of his life and works as these are understood by current scholarship. This Loeb edition can make no claim to being a truly critical edition: I have not examined the papyri or the manuscripts and have relied instead upon the reports of editors I consider trustworthy. My general impression is that there is little to be gained at this point by a renewed *recensio* of the manu-

²⁴ West, Commentary on *Th*, pp. 64–65, and Commentary on *WD*, pp. 75–77.

²⁵ Solmsen-Merkelbach-West, *Hesiodi Theogonia . . .*, pp. xxvi–xxviii.

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script evidence—in other words, recent editors seem to have done that job very well indeed.

There are three parts to this edition, and each requires a few words of explanation:

1. *Theogony, Works and Days, Shield*. The first two of these poems are found in vol. 1 of the present edition, the third one in vol. 2. For the texts of these three poems I have availed myself of what in my judgment is the best critical edition of each poem currently available: for the *Theogony* and *Works and Days*, West's commented editions to each poem;²⁶ for the *Shield*, Solmsen's edition in Solmsen-Merkelbach-West's Oxford Classical Text of Hesiod.²⁷ I have relied upon these editions for their reports of the manuscript evidence, but I have differed from their choice of readings whenever it seemed necessary to do so, often (but not always) in order to defend the transmitted reading against what I consider an unnecessary conjectural correction. As a general rule I have tried always to translate a Greek word wherever it occurs with the same English one; but of course that has not always been possible and I have not hesitated to sacrifice strict observance of that rule to the requirements of intelligibility. So too I have tried in general to give in the sequence of clauses and even words in the English translation a sense of the syntactical sequence of the Greek original, but that has not always been possible either.

2. *Fragments*. These are found in vol. 2 of the present

²⁶ West, Commentary on *Th*, pp. 111–49, and Commentary on *WD*, pp. 95–135.

²⁷ Solmsen-Merkelbach-West, *Hesiodi Theogonia . . .*, pp. 88–107.

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edition. Like virtually all contemporary scholars, I have been fundamentally guided in my understanding of the *Catalogue of Women* and the other fragments of Hesiodic poetry by the work of Merkelbach and West. But while I have gratefully followed their interpretation of the *Catalogue's* general structure, I have chosen to differ from their detailed arrangement of the fragments when doing so yielded what seemed to me a more plausible result. I have also decided, after considerable hesitation, to provide a new numeration for the fragments; aware though I am of the inconveniences resulting from the multiplication of systems of numeration, I judged that the disadvantages in doing so at this point were considerably less than those entailed by continuing to follow the Merkelbach-West numbers, outdated, inconsistent, and confusing as these have become over the decades, in large part due to the very progress achieved by their own research. In any case the Merkelbach-West numbers are provided together with the Greek texts of the fragments, and a concordance of fragment numbers at the back of vol. 2 should make it possible without too much difficulty to shift back and forth between the two systems.²⁸ I have followed Merkelbach-West and other editors in grouping together under the general term of "fragments" both verbal citations or direct witnesses (fragments in the narrow sense) and reports about the contents of the poems (strictly speaking, *Testimonia*). But in arranging the fragments I have grouped to-

²⁸ To make this edition more convenient for the reader I have also included in these concordances the numbers of Hirschberger's recent, useful commentary on the *Catalogue of Women* and *Great Ehoiai*.

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gether direct witnesses and verbal citations on the one hand and indirect Testimonia on the other in those cases in which both kinds of witnesses refer to exactly the same mythic datum, even at the occasional cost of briefly interrupting thereby the continuity of a direct witness to the *Catalogue*; I hope that this disadvantage (lessened by cross-references in the different parts of the same direct witness) will be found to be outweighed by the greater perspicuity in the resulting arrangement of the various kinds of witnesses. In the translations of fragments transmitted by papyri, I have attempted wherever possible to give a visual indication of what is actually transmitted on the papyrus and where, as well as to differentiate attested material from what is supplemented by editors (the latter is set off by square brackets []). So too I have tried to follow in the case of the fragments the rules noted above for the translation of the three fully extant poems; but here too I have preferred pragmatism and intelligibility to rigorously following rules without exceptions.

3. *Testimonia*. These are to be found in vol. 1 of the present edition. I have provided only a small sampling of what I consider to be the most interesting and important among the thousands of Testimonia provided by ancient Greek and Latin writers concerning the life and works of Hesiod. The Testimonia are divided into those concerning Hesiod's life, his works, and his influence and reception, with further subdivisions in each case. Readers should bear in mind that, while these classifications are useful, they are sometimes somewhat artificial; cross-references should help to direct readers to particularly important areas of overlap but can provide only a minimal orientation. A model and an indispensable help in the collection of

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these Testimonia was provided by the corresponding section in Felix Jacoby's edition of the *Theogony*;²⁹ the reader who wishes to compare my collection with his will be aided in doing so by the concordance of the two collections of Testimonia at the back of this volume.

²⁹ Felix Jacoby, ed., *Hesiodi Carmina. Pars I: Theogonia* (Berlin 1930), pp. 106–35.

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ΘΕΟΓΟΝΙΑ

Μουσάων Ἑλικωνιάδων ἀρχώμεθ' αἰεΐδεν,
αἴ θ' Ἑλικῶνος ἔχουσιν ὄρος μέγα τε ζῆθεόν τε,
καί τε περὶ κρήνην ἰοειδέα πόσσ' ἀπαλοῖσιν
ὄρχεῦνται καὶ βωμὸν ἔρισθενέος Κρονίωνος·
5 καὶ τε λοεσσάμεναι τέρενα χροῖα Περμησσοῖο
ἢ Ἴππου κρήνης ἢ Ὀλμειοῦ ζαθέιο
ἀκροτάτῳ Ἑλικῶνι χοροὺς ἐνεποιήσαντο,
καλοὺς ἱμερόεντας, ἐπερρώσαντο δὲ ποσσίν.
ἔνθεν ἀπορνύμεναι κεκαλυμμέναι ἤερι πολλῶ
10 ἐννύχιαι στείχον περικαλλέα ὕσαν ἰεῖσαι,
ὑμνεῦσαι Δία τ' αἰγίοχον καὶ πότνιαν Ἥρην
Ἄργεΐην, χρυσεόισι πεδίλοις ἐμβεβαῦϊαν,
κούρην τ' αἰγίοχοιο Διὸς γλαυκῶπιν Ἀθήνην
Φοῖβόν τ' Ἀπόλλωνα καὶ Ἄρτεμιν ἰοχέαιραν
15 ἠδὲ Ποσειδάωνα γαίηοχον ἐννοσίγαιον
καὶ Θέμιν αἰδοίην ἐλικοβλέφαρόν τ' Ἀφροδίτην
Ἥβην τε χρυσοστέφανον καλήν τε Διώνην
Λητώ τ' Ἰαπετόν τε ἰδὲ Κρόνον ἀγκυλομήτην

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(1) Let us begin to sing from the Heliconian Muses, who possess the great and holy mountain of Helicon and dance on their soft feet around the violet-dark fountain and the altar of Cronus' mighty son.¹ And after they have washed their tender skin in Permessus or Hippocrene or holy Olmeius, they perform choral dances on highest Helicon, beautiful, lovely ones, and move nimbly with their feet. Starting out from there, shrouded in thick invisibility, by night they walk, sending forth their very beautiful voice, singing of aegis-holding Zeus, and queenly Hera of Argos, who walks in golden sandals, and the daughter of aegis-holding Zeus, bright-eyed Athena, and Phoebus Apollo, and arrow-shooting Artemis, and earth-holding, earth-shaking Poseidon, and venerated Themis (Justice) and quick-glancing Aphrodite, and golden-crowned Hebe (Youth) and beautiful Dione, and Leto and Iapetus and crooked-counseled Cronus, and Eos (Dawn) and great

¹ Zeus.

- Ἦὼ τ' Ἡέλιόν τε μέγαν λαμπράν τε Σελήνην
 20 Γαϊάν τ' Ὠκεανόν τε μέγαν καὶ Νύκτα μέλαιναν
 ἄλλων τ' ἀθανάτων ἱερὸν γένος αἰὲν ἔόντων.
 αἶ νύ ποθ' Ἡσίοδον καλήν ἐδίδαξαν ἀοιδήν,
 ἄρνας ποιμαίνουθ' Ἐλικῶνος ὑπο ζαθέοιο.
 τόνδε δέ με πρόωιστα θεαὶ πρὸς μῦθον ἔειπον,
 25 Μοῦσαι Ὀλυμπιάδες, κοῦραι Διὸς αἰγιόχοιο·
 “ποιμένες ἄγραυλοι, κάκ' ἐλέγχεα, γαστέρες οἶον,
 ἴδμεν ψεύδεα πολλὰ λέγειν ἐτύμοισιν ὁμοῖα,
 ἴδμεν δ' εὖτ' ἐθέλωμεν ἀληθέα γηρύσασθαι.”
 ὣς ἔφασαν κοῦραι μεγάλου Διὸς ἀρτιέπειαι,
 30 καὶ μοι σκῆπτρον ἔδον δάφνης ἐριθιλέος ὄζον
 δρέψασαι, θηητόν· ἐνέπνευσαν δέ μοι αὐδὴν
 θέσπιν, ἵνα κλείοιμι τὰ τ' ἐσσόμενα πρό τ' ἔόντα,
 καὶ μ' ἐκέλουθ' ὑμνεῖν μακάρων γένος αἰὲν ἔόντων,
 σφᾶς δ' αὐτὰς πρῶτόν τε καὶ ὕστατον αἰὲν ἀείδειν.
 35 ἀλλὰ τίη μοι ταῦτα περὶ δρῦν ἢ περὶ πέτρην;
 τύνη, Μουσάων ἀρχώμεθα, ταὶ Διὶ πατρὶ
 ὑμνεῦσαι τέρπουσι μέγαν νόον ἐντὸς Ὀλύμπου,
 εἵρουσαι τὰ τ' ἔόντα τὰ τ' ἐσσόμενα πρό τ' ἔόντα,
 φωνῇ ὀμηρεῦσαι, τῶν δ' ἀκάματος ῥέει αὐδῆ
 40 ἐκ στομάτων ἠδεῖα· γελᾷ δέ τε δώματα πατρὸς
 Ζηνὸς ἐριγδαύποιο θεᾶν ὅπῃ λειριώεσση

19 ante 18 habent P²S, ante 15 K, om. P¹⁸L (exp. Hermann)

28 γηρύσασθαι P¹ P²n, γρ. I² ex Σ; μωθήσασθαι hvK

31 δρέψασαι P¹(?)a; δρέψασθαι hKSSΔ Aristides

32 θέσπιν Goettling: θεῖην codd.: θεσπεσίην Aristides

Lucianus 37 ἐντὸς P¹P²KV Etym.: αἰὲν a

Helius (Sun) and gleaming Selene (Moon), and Earth and great Ocean and black Night, and the holy race of the other immortals who always are.

(22) One time, they² taught Hesiod beautiful song while he was pasturing lambs under holy Helicon. And this speech the goddesses spoke first of all to me, the Olympian Muses, the daughters of aegis-holding Zeus: “Field-dwelling shepherds, ignoble disgraces, mere bellies: we know how to say many false things similar to genuine ones, but we know, when we wish, how to proclaim true things.” So spoke great Zeus’ ready-speaking daughters, and they plucked a staff, a branch of luxuriant laurel, a marvel, and gave it to me; and they breathed a divine voice into me, so that I might glorify what will be and what was before, and they commanded me to sing of the race of the blessed ones who always are, but always to sing of themselves first and last.

(35) But what is this to me, about an oak or a rock?³ Come then, let us begin from the Muses, who by singing for their father Zeus give pleasure to his great mind within Olympus, telling of what is and what will be and what was before, harmonizing in their sound. Their tireless voice flows sweet from their mouths; and the house of their father, loud-thundering Zeus, rejoices at the goddesses’

² The Muses.

³ A proverbial expression, possibly already so for Hesiod; its origin is obscure but its meaning here is evidently, “Why should I waste time speaking about irrelevant matters?”

σκιδναμένη, ἤχει δὲ κάρη νιφόεντος Ὀλύμπου
 δώματά τ' ἀθανάτων· αἱ δ' ἄμβροτον ὄσσαν ἰεῖσαι
 θεῶν γένος αἰδοῖον πρῶτον κλείουσιν αἰοιδῆ
 45 ἔξ ἀρχῆς, οὓς Γαῖα καὶ Οὐρανὸς εὐρύς ἔτικτεν,
 οἳ τ' ἐκ τῶν ἐγένοντο, θεοὶ δωτήρες ἑάων·
 δεύτερον αὖτε Ζῆνα θεῶν πατέρ' ἠδὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶν
 ἀρχόμεναί θ' ὑμνεῦσι θεαὶ λήγουσιν αἰοιδῆς
 ὅσον φέρτατός ἐστι θεῶν κάρτει τε μέγιστος·
 50 αὐτὶς δ' ἀνθρώπων τε γένος κρατερῶν τε Γυγάντων
 ὑμνεῦσαι τέρπουσι Διὸς νόον ἐντὸς Ὀλύμπου
 Μοῦσαι Ὀλυμπιάδες, κοῦραι Διὸς αἰγιόχοιο.
 τὰς ἐν Πιερίῃ Κρονίδῃ τέκε πατρὶ μνηστῆρα
 Μνημοσύνη, γουνοῖσιν Ἐλευθήρης μεδέουσα,
 55 λημοσύνην τε κακῶν ἄμπαυμά τε μερμηράων.
 ἐννέα γάρ οἱ νύκτας ἐμίσηγετο μητίετα Ζεὺς
 νόσφιν ἀπ' ἀθανάτων ἱερὸν λέχος εἰσαναβαίνων·
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ ῥ' ἐνιαυτὸς ἔην, περὶ δ' ἔτραπον ὦραι
 μηνῶν φθινόντων, περὶ δ' ἤματα πόλλ' ἔτελέσθη,
 60 ἦ δ' ἔτεκεν ἐννέα κόουρας, ὁμόφρονας, ἧσιν αἰοιδῆ
 μέμβλεται ἐν στήθεσσι, ἀκηδέα θυμὸν ἐχούσαις,
 τυτθὸν ἀπ' ἀκροτάτης κορυφῆς νιφόεντος Ὀλύμπου·
 ἐνθά σφιν λιπαροὶ τε χοροὶ καὶ δώματα καλά,
 παρ' δ' αὐτῆς Χάριτες τε καὶ Ἴμερος οἰκί' ἔχουσιν
 65 ἐν θαλίῃσι· ἐρατὴν δὲ διὰ στόμα ὄσσαν ἰεῖσαι

48 damn. Guyet λήγουσιν Π¹S; λήγουσαί codd.

⁴ Line 48 is apparently unmetrical and is excised by some scholars; I retain it, adopting (but without conviction) the banal-

lily-like voice as it spreads out, and snowy Olympus' peak resounds, and the mansions of the immortals. Sending forth their deathless voice, they glorify in their song first the venerated race of the gods from the beginning, those to whom Earth and broad Sky gave birth, and those who were born from these, the gods givers of good things; second, then, the goddesses, both beginning and ending their song, sing⁴ of Zeus, the father of gods and of men, how much he is the best of the gods and the greatest in supremacy; and then, singing of the race of human beings and of the mighty Giants, they give pleasure to Zeus' mind within Olympus, the Olympian Muses, the daughters of aegis-holding Zeus.

(53) Mnemosyne (Memory) bore them on Pieria, mingling in love with the father, Cronus' son—Mnemosyne, the protectress of the hills of Eleuther—as forgetfulness of evils and relief from anxieties.⁵ For the counsellor Zeus slept with her for nine nights, apart from the immortals, going up into the sacred bed; and when a year had passed, and the seasons had revolved as the months waned, and many days had been completed, she bore nine maidens—like-minded ones, who in their breasts care for song and have a spirit that knows no sorrow—not far from snowy Olympus' highest peak. That is where their bright choral dances and their beautiful mansions are, and beside them the Graces and Desire have their houses, in joyous festivities; and the voice they send forth from their mouths as

izing reading transmitted by one second-century papyrus and one thirteenth-century manuscript. ⁵ Hesiod explains, paradoxically, that the Muses, born from Memory, serve the purpose of forgetfulness. Cf. also *Theogony* 98–103.

μέλπονται, πάντων τε νόμους καὶ ἤθεα κεδνὰ
ἀθανάτων κλείουσιν, ἐπήρατον ὄσσαν ἰέισαι.

αἶ τότ' ἴσαν πρὸς Ὀλύμπου, ἀγαλλόμεναι ὀπί
καλῆ,

70 ἀμβροσίῃ μολπῇ· περὶ δ' ἴαχε γαῖα μέλαινα
ὑμνεύσαις, ἐρατὸς δὲ ποδῶν ὑπο δοῦπος ὀρώρει
νισομένων πατέρ' εἰς οὐ· ὁ δ' οὐρανῷ ἐμβασιλεύει,
αὐτὸς ἔχων βροντὴν ἠδ' αἰθαλόεντα κεραυνόν,
κάρτει νικήσας πατέρα Κρόνον· εὖ δὲ ἕκαστα
ἀθανάτοις διέταξεν ὁμῶς καὶ ἐπέφραδε τιμᾶς.

75 ταῦτ' ἄρα Μοῦσαι ἄειδον Ὀλύμπια δώματ'
ἔχουσαι,

ἐννέα θυγατέρες μεγάλου Διὸς ἐκγεγαυῖαι,
Κλειώ τ' Εὐτέρπη τε Θάλειά τε Μελπομένη τε
Τερψιχόρη τ' Ἐρατώ τε Πολύμνιά τ' Οὐρανίη τε
80 Καλλιόπη θ'· ἡ δὲ προφερεστάτη ἐστὶν ἀπασέων,
ἢ γὰρ καὶ βασιλευσιν ἅμ' αἰδοίοισιν ὀπηδεῖ.
ὄντινα τιμήσουσι Διὸς κοῦραι μεγάλοιο
γεινόμενόν τε ἴδωσι διοτρεφέων βασιλῆων,
τῷ μὲν ἐπὶ γλώσση γλυκερὴν χεῖουσιν ἔερσην,
τοῦ δ' ἔπε' ἐκ στόματος ῥεῖ μείλιχα· οἱ δὲ νῦ λαοὶ
85 πάντες ἐς αὐτὸν ὀρώσι διακρίνοντα θέμιστας
ἰθείησι δίκησιν· ὁ δ' ἀσφαλέως ἀγορεύων
αἰψά τι καὶ μέγα νεῖκος ἐπισταμένως κατέπαυσε·
τούνεκα γὰρ βασιλῆες ἐχέφρονες, οὐνεκα λαοῖς

74 διέταξε νόμους van Lennep (νόμοις Guyet)

83 ἔερσην Π³ΒΚΣ Themistius; αἰοιδήν a Aristides Stobaeus

they sing is lovely, and they glorify the ordinances and the cherished usages of all the immortals, sending forth their lovely voice.

(68) They went towards Olympus at that time, exulting in their beautiful voice, with a deathless song; and around them the black earth resounded as they sang, and from under their feet a lovely din rose up as they traveled to their father. He is king in the sky, holding the thunder and the blazing thunderbolt himself, since he gained victory in supremacy over his father Cronus; and he distributed well all things alike to the immortals and devised their honors.

(75) These things, then, the Muses sang, who have their mansions on Olympus, the nine daughters born of great Zeus, Clio (Glorifying) and Euterpe (Well Delighting) and Thalia (Blooming) and Melpomene (Singing) and Terpsichore (Delighting in Dance) and Erato (Lovely) and Polymnia (Many Hymning) and Ourania (Heavenly), and Calliope (Beautiful Voiced)—she is the greatest of them all, for she attends upon venerated kings too. Whomever among Zeus-nourished kings the daughters of great Zeus honor and behold when he is born, they pour sweet dew upon his tongue, and his words flow soothingly from his mouth. All the populace look to him as he decides disputes with straight judgments; and speaking publicly without erring, he quickly ends even a great quarrel by his skill. For this is why kings are wise,⁶ because when the populace is

⁶ The phrase is ambiguous; alternative renderings would be "This is why there are wise kings" or "This is why wise men are (set up as) kings."

- βλαπτομένοις ἀγορήφι μετὰ τροπα ἔργα τελευτοῖσι
 90 ῥηιδίως, μαλακοῖσι παραιφάμενοι ἐπέεσσιν
 ἐρχόμενον δ' ἀν' ἀγῶνα θεὸν ὡς ἰλάσκονται
 αἰδοῖ μελιχίῃ, μετὰ δὲ πρέπει ἀγορομένοισι.
 τοῖη Μουσάων ἱερῆ δύσις ἀνθρώποισιν.
 ἐκ γάρ τοι Μουσέων καὶ ἐκ ἠβόλου Ἀπόλλωνος
 95 ἄνδρες ἀοιοὶ ἔασιν ἐπὶ χθόνα καὶ κιθαρισταί,
 ἐκ δὲ Διὸς βασιλῆς· ὁ δ' ὄλβιος, ὅστινα Μοῦσαι
 φίλωνται γλυκερῆ οἱ ἀπὸ στόματος ῥέει αὐδῆ.
 εἰ γάρ τις καὶ πένθος ἔχων νεοκηδέϊ θυμῷ
 ἄζηται κραδίην ἀκαχήμενος, αὐτὰρ ἀοιδὸς
 100 Μουσάων θεράπων κλέια προτέρων ἀνθρώπων
 ὑμνήσει μάκαράς τε θεοὺς οἳ Ὀλυμπον ἔχουσιν,
 αἰψ' ὃ γε δυσφροσυνέων ἐπιλήθεται οὐδέ τι κηδέων
 μέμνηται ταχέως δὲ παρέτραπε δῶρα θεάων.
 χαίρετε τέκνα Διός, δότε δ' ἡμερούεσσαν ἀοιδίην·
 105 κλείετε δ' ἀθανάτων ἱερὸν γένος αἰὲν ἔοντων,
 οἳ Γῆς ἐξεγένοντο καὶ Οὐρανοῦ ἀστερόεντος,
 Νυκτός τε δυοφερῆς, οὗς θ' ἄλμυρὸς ἔτρεφε Πόντος.
 εἶπατε δ' ὡς τὰ πρῶτα θεοὶ καὶ γαῖα γέγοντο
 καὶ ποταμοὶ καὶ πόντος ἀπείριτος οἴδαμι θνίων
 110 ἄστρά τε λαμπετόωντα καὶ οὐρανὸς εὐρὺς ὑπερθεῖν·
 οἳ τ' ἐκ τῶν ἐγένοντο, θεοὶ δωτῆρες εἰσιν·
 ὡς τ' ἄφενος δάσσαντο καὶ ὡς τιμὰς διέλοντο,
 ἠδὲ καὶ ὡς τὰ πρῶτα πολύπτυχον ἔσχον Ὀλυμπον.

91 ἀν' ἀ[γ]ῶνα Π³¹L²gr. sch. BT II. 24. 1: ἀνὰ ἄστν codd.,
 Stobaeus

being harmed in the assembly they easily manage to turn the deeds around, effecting persuasion with mild words; and as he goes up to the gathering they seek his favor like a god with soothing reverence, and he is conspicuous among the assembled people.

(93) Such is the holy gift of the Muses to human beings. For it is from the Muses and far-shooting Apollo that men are poets upon the earth and lyre-players, but it is from Zeus that they are kings; and that man is blessed, whom-ever the Muses love, for the speech flows sweet from his mouth. Even if someone who has unhappiness in his newly anguished spirit is parched in his heart with grieving, yet when a poet, servant of the Muses, sings of the glorious deeds of people of old and the blessed gods who possess Olympus, he forgets his sorrows at once and does not remember his anguish at all; for quickly the gifts of the goddesses have turned it aside.

(104) Hail, children of Zeus, and give me lovely song; glorify the sacred race of the immortals who always are, those who were born from Earth and starry Sky, and from dark Night, and those whom salty Pontus (Sea) nourished. Tell how in the first place gods and earth were born, and rivers and the boundless sea seething with its swell, and the shining stars and the broad sky above, and those who were born from them, the gods givers of good things; and how they divided their wealth and distributed their honors, and also how they first took possession of many-folded

105–15 exp. Goettling, neque ullus hic v. quem non sive expunxerint sive transposuerint viri docti

108–10 exp. Ellger Wilamowitz alii

111 (=46) om. Π³B Theophilus Hippolytus

115 ταῦτά μοι ἔσπετε Μοῦσαι Ὀλύμπια δώματ' ἔχουσαι
 ἐξ ἀρχῆς, καὶ εἶπαθ', ὅτι πρῶτον γένετ' αὐτῶν.

ἦτοι μὲν πρῶτιστα Χάος γένετ'. αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα
 Γαῖ' εὐρύστερνος, πάντων ἕδος ἀσφαλὲς αἰεὶ
 ἀθανάτων οἳ ἔχουσι κάρη νιφόεντος Ὀλύμπου
 Τάρταρά τ' ἠερόεντα μυχῷ χθονὸς εὐρυοδείης,
 120 ἠδ' Ἔρος, ὃς κάλλιστος ἐν ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσι,
 λυσιμελής, πάντων τε θεῶν πάντων τ' ἀνθρώπων
 δάμναται ἐν στήθεσσι νόον καὶ ἐπίφρονα βουλήν.

ἐκ Χάεος δ' Ἐρεβός τε μέλαινά τε Νύξ ἐγένοντο
 Νυκτὸς δ' αὐτ' Αἰθήρ τε καὶ Ἡμέρη ἐξεγένοντο,
 125 οὓς τέκε κυσαμένη Ἐρέβει φιλότῃτι μυγεῖσα.

Γαῖα δέ τοι πρῶτον μὲν ἐγείνατο ἴσον ἑωυτῇ
 Οὐρανὸν ἀστερόενθ', ἵνα μιν περὶ πάντα καλύπτῃ,
 ὄφρ' εἴη μακάρεσσι θεοῖς ἕδος ἀσφαλὲς αἰεὶ,
 γείνατο δ' οὖρεα μακρά, θεῶν χαρίεντας ἐναύλους
 130 Νυμφέων, αἱ ναίουσιν ἀν' οὖρεα βησσηέεντα,
 ἠδὲ καὶ ἀτρύγετον πέλαγος τέκεν οἴδματι θυῖον,
 Πόντον, ἄτερ φιλότῃτος ἐφιμέρου· αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα
 Οὐρανῷ ἐνήθηείσα τέκε' Ὀκεανὸν βαθυδίνην

114 sq. damn. Seleucus, 115 Aristarchus 127 πάντα
 καλύπτῃ BV, K (sscr. ει), Cornutus v. l., Etym. Magnum: πάντα
 καλύπτῃ a sch. in Pindarum Theophilus Cyrillus Stobaeus Etym.
 Genuinum Meletius: alterutrum Π³: πασαν ἐέργοι vel -η sch. in
 Homerum, Cornutus v. l., Etym. Magnum

Olympus. These things tell me from the beginning, Muses who have your mansions on Olympus, and tell which one of them was born first.

(116) In truth, first of all Chasm⁷ came to be, and then broad-breasted Earth, the ever immovable seat of all the immortals who possess snowy Olympus' peak and murky Tartarus in the depths of the broad-pathed earth, and Eros, who is the most beautiful among the immortal gods, the limb-melter—he overpowers the mind and the thoughtful counsel of all the gods and of all human beings in their breasts.

(123) From Chasm, Erebus and black Night came to be; and then Aether and Day came forth from Night, who conceived and bore them after mingling in love with Erebus.

(126) Earth first of all bore starry Sky, equal to herself, to cover her on every side, so that she would be the ever immovable seat for the blessed gods; and she bore the high mountains, the graceful haunts of the goddesses, Nymphs who dwell on the wooded mountains. And she also bore the barren sea seething with its swell, Pontus, without delightful love; and then, having bedded with Sky, she bore

⁷ Usually translated as "Chaos"; but that suggests to us, misleadingly, a jumble of disordered matter, whereas Hesiod's term indicates instead a gap or opening.

- 135 Κοῖόν τε Κρείόν θ' Ὑπερίονά τ' Ἰαπετόν τε
Θείαν τε Ῥείαν τε Θέμιν τε Μνημοσύνην τε
Φοίβην τε χρυσοστέφανον Τηθύν τ' ἔρατεινήν.
τοὺς δὲ μέθ' ὀπλότατος γένετο Κρόνος
ἀγκυλομήτης,
δεινότατος παίδων, θαλερόν δ' ἤχθηρε τοκῆα.
γείνατο δ' αὖ Κύκλωπας ὑπέρβιον ἦτορ ἔχοντας,
140 Βρόντην τε Στερόπην τε καὶ Ἄργην ὀβριμόθυμον,
οἱ Ζηνὶ βροντῆν τ' ἔδοσαν τεύξάν τε κεραυνόν.
οἱ δ' ἦτοι τὰ μὲν ἄλλα θεοῖς ἐναλίγκιοι ἦσαν,
μόνως δ' ὀφθαλμὸς μέσσω ἐνέκειτο μετώπῳ·
Κύκλωπες δ' ὄνομα ἦσαν ἐπώνυμον, οὐνεκ' ἀρά
σφραων
145 κυκλοτερῆς ὀφθαλμὸς εἷς ἐνέκειτο μετώπῳ
ἰσχυρὸς δ' ἠδὲ βίη καὶ μηχαναὶ ἦσαν ἐπ' ἔργοις.
ἄλλοι δ' αὖ Γαίης τε καὶ Οὐρανοῦ ἐξεγένοντο
τρῆις παῖδες μεγάλοι <τε> καὶ ὄβριμοι, οὐκ
ὀνομαστοί,
Κόττος τε Βριάρεώς τε Γύγης θ', ὑπερήφανα τέκνα.
150 τῶν ἑκατὸν μὲν χεῖρες ἀπ' ὤμων αἰσσοῦντο,
ἄπλαστοι, κεφαλαὶ δὲ ἐκάστω πεντήκοντα
ἐξ ὤμων ἐπέφυκον ἐπὶ στιβαροῖσι μέλεσσιν·
ἰσχυρὸς δ' ἀπλητος κρατερῆ μεγάλη ἐπὶ εἶδει.
ὄσσοι γὰρ Γαίης τε καὶ Οὐρανοῦ ἐξεγένοντο
155 δεινότατοι παίδων, σφετέρῳ δ' ἤχθηοντο τοκῆι
ἐξ ἀρχῆς· καὶ τῶν μὲν ὅπως τις πρῶτα γένοιτο,

144–45 damn. Wolf

deep-eddying Ocean and Coeus and Crius and Hyperion and Iapetus and Theia and Rhea and Themis and Mnemosyne and golden-crowned Phoebe and lovely Tethys. After these, Cronus was born, the youngest of all, crooked-counseled, the most terrible of her children; and he hated his vigorous father.

(139) Then she bore the Cyclopes, who have very violent hearts, Brontes (Thunder) and Steropes (Lightning) and strong-spirited Arges (Bright), those who gave thunder to Zeus and fashioned the thunderbolt. These were like the gods in other regards, but only one eye was set in the middle of their foreheads; and they were called Cyclopes (Circle-eyed) by name, since a single circle-shaped eye was set in their foreheads. Strength and force and contrivances were in their works.

(147) Then from Earth and Sky came forth three more sons, great and strong, unspeakable, Cottus and Briareus and Gyges, presumptuous children. A hundred arms sprang forth from their shoulders, unapproachable, and upon their massive limbs grew fifty heads out of each one's shoulders; and the mighty strength in their great forms was dreadful.

(154) For all these, who came forth from Earth and Sky as the most terrible of their children,⁸ were hated by their own father from the beginning. And as soon as any of them

⁸ The exact reference is unclear, but apparently only the last two sets of three children each, the Cyclopes and the Hundred-Handers, are meant, and not additionally the first set of twelve Titans.

148 om., in mg. add. L¹, post 149 m (hic et II²¹)

- πάντας ἀποκρύπτασκε καὶ ἐς φάος οὐκ ἀνίεσκε
 Γαίης ἐν κενθμῶνι, κακῶ δ' ἐπετέρπετο ἔργω,
 Οὐρανός· ἢ δ' ἐντὸς στοναχίζετο Γαῖα πελώρη
 160 στεينوμένη, δολίην δὲ κακὴν ἐπεφράσσατο τέχνην.
 αἶψα δὲ ποιήσασα γένος πολιοῦ ἀδάμαντος
 τεύξε μέγα δρέπανον καὶ ἐπέφραδε παισὶ φίλοισιν·
 εἶπε δὲ θαρσύνουσα, φίλον τετιμημένη ἦτορ·
 “παῖδες ἐμοὶ καὶ πατὴρ ἀτασθάλου, αἶ κ' ἐθέλητε
 165 πείθεσθαι πατρός κε κακὴν τεισαίμεθα λώβην
 ὑμετέρον· πρότερος γὰρ ἀεικέα μῆσατο ἔργα.”
 ὣς φάτο· τοὺς δ' ἄρα πάντας ἔλεν δέος, οὐδέ τις
 αὐτῶν
 φθέγγετο. θαρσήσας δὲ μέγας Κρόνος ἀγκυλομήτης
 αἶψ' αὐτίς μύθοισι προσηΐδα μητέρα κεδνήν·
 170 “μήτηρ, ἐγὼ κεν τοῦτό γ' ὑποσχόμενος τελέσαιμι
 ἔργον, ἐπεὶ πατὴρ γε δυσωνύμου οὐκ ἀλεγίζω
 ἡμετέρον· πρότερος γὰρ ἀεικέα μῆσατο ἔργα.”
 ὣς φάτο· γήθησεν δὲ μέγα φρεσὶ Γαῖα πελώρη·
 εἶσε δὲ μιν κρύψασα λόχῳ, ἐνέθηκε δὲ χερσὶν
 175 ἄρπην καρχαρόδοντα, δόλον δ' ὑπεθήκατο πάντα.
 ἦλθε δὲ νύκτ' ἐπάγων μέγας Οὐρανός, ἀμφὶ δὲ Γαίην
 ἰμείρων φιλότητος ἐπέσχετο, καὶ ῥ' ἐτανύσθη
 πάντη· ὁ δ' ἐκ λοχέοιο πᾶσι ὠρέξατο χειρὶ
 σκαυῆ, δεξιτερῇ δὲ πελώριον ἔλλαβεν ἄρπην,
 180 μακρὴν καρχαρόδοντα, φίλον δ' ἀπὸ μῆδεα πατρός
 ἐσσυμένως ἤμησε, πάλιν δ' ἔρριψε φέρεσθαι
 ἐξοπίσω. τὰ μὲν οὐ τι ἐτώσια ἔκφυγε χειρός·

was born, Sky put them all away out of sight in a hiding-
 place in Earth and did not let them come up into the light,
 and he rejoiced in his evil deed. But huge Earth groaned
 within, for she was constricted, and she devised a tricky,
 evil stratagem. At once she created an offspring, of gray
 adamant, and she fashioned a big sickle and showed it to
 her dear sons.

(163) And she spoke, encouraging them while she
 grieved in her dear heart: “Sons of mine and of a wicked fa-
 ther, obey me, if you wish: we would avenge your father’s
 evil outrage. For he was the first to devise unseemly
 deeds.”

(167) So she spoke, but dread seized them all, and none
 of them uttered a sound. But great crooked-counseled
 Cronus took courage and at once addressed his cherished
 mother in turn with these words: “Mother, I would prom-
 ise and perform this deed, since I do not care at all about
 our evil-named father. For he was the first to devise un-
 seemly deeds.”

(173) So he spoke, and huge Earth rejoiced greatly in
 her breast. She placed him in an ambush, concealing him
 from sight, and put into his hands the jagged-toothed
 sickle, and she explained the whole trick to him. And great
 Sky came, bringing night with him; and spreading himself
 out around Earth in his desire for love he lay outstretched
 in all directions. Then his son reached out from his ambush
 with his left hand, and with his right hand he grasped the
 monstrous sickle, long and jagged-toothed, and eagerly he
 reaped the genitals from his dear father and threw them
 behind him to be borne away. But not in vain did they fall

165 κε Goettling: κεκ Stras: γε aK: τε Wac

ὄσσαι γὰρ ραθάμιγγες ἀπέσσυθεν αἱματέσσαι,
 πάσας δέξαστο Γαῖα περιπλομένων δ' ἐνιαυτῶν
 185 γείνατ' Ἐρινύς τε κρατερὰς μεγάλους τε Γίγαντας,
 τεύχεσι λαμπομένους, δολίχ' ἔγχεα χερσὶν ἔχοντας,
 Νύμφας θ' ἄς Μελίας καλέουσ' ἐπ' ἀπείρονα γαίαν.
 μήδεα δ' ὡς τὸ πρῶτον ἀποτμήξας ἀδάμαντι
 κάββαλ' ἀπ' ἠπείροιο πολυκλύστῳ ἐνὶ πόντῳ,
 190 ὡς φέρετ' ἄμ πέλαγος πουλὴν χρόνον, ἀμφὶ δὲ
 λευκὸς
 ἀφρὸς ἀπ' ἀθανάτων χροὸς ὄρνυτο· τῷ δ' ἐνὶ κούρῃ
 ἐθρέφθη· πρῶτον δὲ Κυθήροισι ζαθείοισιν
 ἔπλητ', ἔνθεν ἔπειτα περίρρυτον ἔκετο Κύπρον.
 ἐκ δ' ἔβη αἰδοίῃ καλῇ θεός, ἀμφὶ δὲ ποίη
 195 ποσσὶν ὑπο ῥαδινοῖσιν ἀέξετο· τὴν δ' Ἀφροδίτην
 ἀφρογενέα τε θεᾶν καὶ ἐυστέφανον Κυθήρειαν
 κυκλήσκουσι θεοὶ τε καὶ ἄνθρωποι, οὐνεκ' ἐν ἀφρῶ
 θρέφθη· ἀτὰρ Κυθήρειαν, ὅτι προσέκυρσε Κυθήροισι·
 Κυπρογενέα δ', ὅτι γέντο περικλύστῳ ἐνὶ Κύπρῳ·
 200 ἠδὲ φιλομμειδέα, ὅτι μηδέων ἐξεφαάνθη.
 τῇ δ' Ἔρος ὠμάρτησε καὶ Ἴμερος ἔσπετο καλὸς
 γεινομένη τὰ πρῶτα θεῶν τ' ἐς φύλον ἰούσῃ·
 ταύτην δ' ἐξ ἀρχῆς τιμὴν ἔχει ἠδὲ λέλογχε
 μοῖραν ἐν ἀνθρώποισι καὶ ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσιν,

200 φιλομμειδέα Bergk: φιλο(μ)μηδέα vel -μήδεα (μει ssc. Mosqu. 469)

⁹ It is unclear what exactly the relation is between the Melian

from his hand: for Earth received all the bloody drops that
 shot forth, and when the years had revolved she bore the
 mighty Erinyes and the great Giants, shining in their ar-
 mor, holding long spears in their hands, and the Nymphs
 whom they call the Melian ones on the boundless earth.⁹
 And when at first he had cut off the genitals with the ada-
 mant and thrown them from the land into the strongly
 surging sea, they were borne along the water for a long
 time, and a white foam rose up around them from the
 immortal flesh; and inside this grew a maiden. First she
 approached holy Cythera, and from there she went on to
 sea-girt Cyprus. She came forth, a reverend, beautiful god-
 dess, and grass grew up around her beneath her slender
 feet. Gods and men call her (a) "Aphrodite," the foam-
 born goddess and (b) the well-garlanded "Cytherea," (a)
 since she grew in the foam, (b) and also "Cytherea," since
 she arrived at Cythera, (c) and "Cyprogenea," since she
 was born on sea-girt Cyprus, (d) and "genial," since she
 came forth from the genitals.¹⁰ Eros accompanied her and
 beautiful Desire stayed with her as soon as she was born
 and when she went to the tribe of the gods; and since the
 beginning she possesses this honor and has received as her
 lot this portion among human beings and immortal gods—

nymphs, the ash trees with which they are closely associated, and human beings, who may have originated from one or the other of these: cf. *Theogony* 563, *Works and Days* 145.

¹⁰ Hesiod interprets the first half of the name Ἀφροδίτη as though it were derived from ἀφρός ("foam"), and the second half of the traditional epithet φιλομμειδής ("smile-loving", here translated as "genial" for the sake of the pun) as though it were derived from μῆδος ("genitals").

- 205 παρθενίους τ' ὀάρους μειδήματά τ' ἑξαπάτας τε
 τέρψιν τε γλυκερὴν φιλόττητά τε μελιχίην τε.
 τοὺς δὲ πατὴρ Τιτῆνυς ἐπίκλησιν καλέεσκε
 παῖδας νεικείων μέγας Οὐρανός, οὓς τέκεν αὐτός·
 φάσκε δὲ τιταίνοντις ἀτασθαλίη μέγα ῥέξαι
 210 ἔργον, τοῖο δ' ἔπειτα τίσιω μετόπισθεν ἔσεσθαι.

- Νυξ δ' ἔτεκε στυγερόν τε Μόρον καὶ Κῆρα
 μέλαιναν
 καὶ Θάνατον, τέκε δ' Ὕπνον, ἔτικτε δὲ φῦλον
 Ὀνειρών.
 214 δεύτερον αὖ Μῶμον καὶ Ὀιζὺν ἀλγινόεισσαν
 213 οὗ τιμι κοιμηθεῖσα θεῶν τέκε Νυξ ἑρεβεννή,
 215 Ἑσπερίδας θ', αἷς μῆλα πέρην κλυτοῦ Ὠκεανοῖο
 χρύσεια καλὰ μέλουσι φέροντά τε δένδρεα καρπῶν
 καὶ Μοίρας καὶ Κήρας ἐγείνατο νηλεοποίουσι,
 Κλωθῶ τε Λάχεσίν τε καὶ Ἄτροπον, αἷ τε βροτοῖσι
 γεινομένοισι διδοῦσιν ἔχειν ἀγαθόν τε κακόν τε,
 220 αἷ τ' ἀνδρῶν τε θεῶν τε παραιβασίας ἐφέπουσιν,
 οὐδέ ποτε λήγουσι θεαὶ δεινοῖο χόλοιο,
 πρὶν γ' ἀπὸ τῷ δώωσι κακὴν ὄπιν, ὅστις ἀμάρτη.
 τίκτε δὲ καὶ Νέμεσιν πῆμα θνητοῖσι βροτοῖσι
 Νυξ ὀλοή· μετὰ τὴν δ' Ἀπάτην τέκε καὶ Φιλόττηα
 225 Γῆράς τ' οὐλόμενον, καὶ Ἔριω τέκε καρτερόθυμον.
 αὐτὰρ Ἔρις στυγερὴ τέκε μὲν Πόνον ἀλγινόεντα
 Λήθην τε Λιμόν τε καὶ Ἄλγεα δακρυόεντα
 Ἵσμίνας τε Μάχας τε Φόνους τ' Ἀνδροκτασίας τε

maidenly whispers and smiles and deceits and sweet delight and fondness and gentleness.

(207) But their father, great Sky, called them Titans (Strainers) as a nickname, rebuking his sons, whom he had begotten himself; for he said that they had strained to perform a mighty deed in their wickedness, and that at some later time there would be vengeance for this.

(211) Night bore loathsome Doom and black Fate and Death, and she bore Sleep, and she gave birth to the tribe of Dreams. Second, then, gloomy Night bore Blame and painful Distress, although she had slept with none of the gods, and the Hesperides, who care for the golden, beautiful apples beyond glorious Ocean and the trees bearing this fruit. And she bore (a) Destinies and (b) pitilessly punishing Fates, (a) Clotho (Spinner) and Lachesis (Portion) and Atropos (Inflexible), who give to mortals when they are born both good and evil to have, and (b) who hold fast to the transgressions of both men and gods; and the goddesses never cease from their terrible wrath until they give evil punishment to whoever commits a crime. Deadly Night gave birth to Nemesis (Indignation) too, a woe for mortal human beings; and after her she bore Deceit and Fondness and baneful Old Age, and she bore hard-hearted Strife.

(226) And loathsome Strife bore painful Toil and Forgetfulness and Hunger and tearful Pains, and Combats and Battles and Murders and Slaughters, and Strifes and

213-14 transp. Hermann

218-19 secl. Paley; om. Stobaeus l. 3. 38 non respiciunt Σvet (habent Π⁴ codd. Stobaeus l. 5. 5)

230 Νείκεά τε Ψεύδεά τε Λόγους τ' Ἀμφιλλογίας τε
 Δυσνομίην τ' Ἄτην τε, συνήθεας ἀλλήλησιν,
 Ὀρκόν θ', ὅς δὴ πλεῖστον ἐπιχθονίους ἀνθρώπους
 πημαίνει, ὅτε κέν τις ἐκὼν ἐπίορκον ὁμόσση·

235 Νηρέα δ' ἀψευδέα καὶ ἀληθέα γείνατο Πόντος
 πρεσβύτατον παίδων· αὐτὰρ καλέουσι γέροντα,
 οὔνεκα νημερτῆς τε καὶ ἤπιος, οὐδὲ θεμίστων
 λήθεται, ἀλλὰ δίκαια καὶ ἤπια δῆνεα οἶδεν·
 αὐτὸς δ' αὖ Θαύμαντα μέγαν καὶ ἀγήγορα Φόρκυν
 Γαίῃ μισγόμενος καὶ Κητῶ καλλιπάρηον
 Εὐρυβίην τ' ἀδάμαντος ἐνὶ φρεσὶ θυμὸν ἔχουσαν.

240 Νηρῆος δ' ἐγένοντο μεγήριτα τέκνα θεάων
 πόντῳ ἐν ἀτρυγέτῳ καὶ Δωρίδος ἠνκόμοιο,
 κούρης Ὀκεανοῖο τελέηεντος ποταμοῖο,
 Πρωθῶ τ' Εὐκράντη τε Σαώ τ' Ἀμφιτρίτη τε
 Εὐδώρη τε Θέτις τε Γαλήνη τε Γλαύκη τε,
 245 Κυμοθόη Σπειώ τε θυῆ Θαλίη τ' ἐρόεσσα
 Πασιθέη τ' Ἐρατώ τε καὶ Εὐνίκη ῥοδόπηχυν
 καὶ Μελίτη χαρίεσσα καὶ Εὐλιμένη καὶ Ἄγανῆ
 Δωτώ τε Πρωτώ τε Φέρουσά τε Δυναμένη τε
 Νησαίη τε καὶ Ἀκταίη καὶ Πρωτομέδεια,
 250 Δωρίς καὶ Πανόπη καὶ εὐειδῆς Γαλάτεια
 Ἴπποθόη τ' ἐρόεσσα καὶ Ἴππονόη ῥοδόπηχυν
 Κυμοδόκη θ', ἣ κύματ' ἐν ἠεροειδέϊ πόντῳ
 πνοιᾶς τε ζαέων ἀνέμων σὺν Κυματολήγῃ
 ῥεῖα πρηῖνει καὶ ἐυσφύρῳ Ἀμφιτρίτη,
 255 Κυμῶ τ' Ἡϊόνη τε ἐυστέφανός θ' Ἀλιμήδη

Lies and Tales and Disputes, and Lawlessness and Recklessness, much like one another, and Oath, who indeed brings most woe upon human beings on the earth, whenever someone willfully swears a false oath.

(233) Pontus begot Nereus, unerring and truthful, the oldest of his sons; they call him the Old Man, because he is infallible and gentle, and does not forget established customs but contrives just and gentle plans.¹¹ Then, mingling in love with Earth, he begot great Thaumás and manly Phorcys, and beautiful-cheeked Ceto, and Eurybia, who has a heart of adamant in her breast.

(240) And from Nereus and beautiful-haired Doris, the daughter of Ocean the circling river, were born numerous children of goddesses in the barren sea,¹² Protho and Eucrante and Sao and Amphitrite, and Eudora and Thetis and Galene and Glauce, Cymothoe and swift Speo and lovely Thalia, and Pasithea and Erato and rosy-armed Eunice, and graceful Melite and Eulimene and Agave, and Doto and Proto and Pherusa and Dynamene, and Nesaea and Actaea and Protomedea, Doris and Panope and fair-formed Galatea, and lovely Hippothoe and rosy-armed Hipponoe, and Cymodoce, who together with Cymatolege and fair-ankled Amphitrite easily calms the waves in the murky sea and the blasts of stormy winds, and Cymo and Eone and well-garlanded Halimede, and smile-loving

¹¹ The point of this explanation is unclear.

¹² Many of the names of the Nereids reflect their role as sea nymphs.

243 Πρωθῶ Δ: Πρωτώ codd.

- Γλαυκονόμη τε φιλομμειδῆς καὶ Ποντοπόρεια
 Δειαγόρη τε καὶ Εὐαγόρη καὶ Λαομέδεια
 Πουλυνόη τε καὶ Αὐτονόη καὶ Λυσιάνασσα
 Εὐάρινη τε φυὴν ἐρατὴ καὶ εἶδος ἄμωμος
 260 καὶ Ψαμάθη χαρίεσσα δέμας δῖη τε Μενίππη
 Νησώ τ' Εὐπόμπη τε Θεμιστώ τε Προνόη τε
 Νημερτής θ', ἣ πατὴρ ἔχει νόον ἀθάνατοιο.
 αὐταὶ μὲν Νηρηῆος ἀμύμονος ἐξεγένοντο
 κοῦραι πεντήκοντα, ἀμύμονα ἔργ' εἰδυῖαι.
 265 Θάυμας δ' Ὀκεανοῖο βαθυρρέϊταο θύγατρα
 ἠγάγετ' Ἥλέκτρην ἣ δ' ὠκείαν τέκεν Ἴριον
 ἠνκόμοις θ' Ἄρπυϊας, Ἀελλώ τ' Ὀκυπέτην τε,
 αἱ ῥ' ἀνέμων πνοιῆσι καὶ οἰωνοῖς ἄμ' ἔπονται
 ὠκείης πτερύγεσσι μεταχρόνιαι γὰρ ἴαλλον.
 270 Φόρκυι δ' αὖ Κητῶ γραίας τέκε καλλιπαρήους
 ἐκ γενετῆς πολιάς, τὰς δὴ Γραίας καλέουσιν
 ἀθάνατοὶ τε θεοὶ χαμαὶ ἐρχόμενοι τ' ἄνθρωποι,
 Πεμφρηδῶ τ' εὐπεπλον Ἐννώ τε κροκόπεπλον,
 Γοργούς θ', αἱ ναίουσι πέρην κλυτοῦ Ὀκεανοῖο
 275 ἐσχατιῇ πρὸς νυκτός, ἔν' Ἐσπερίδες λιγύφωνοι,
 Σθεννώ τ' Εὐρυάλη τε Μέδουσα τε λυγρὰ παθοῦσα·
 ἣ μὲν ἔην θνητῆ, αἱ δ' ἀθάνατοι καὶ ἀγήρω,
 αἱ δύο τῇ δὲ μῆ παρελέξατο Κυανοχαίτης
 ἐν μαλακῷ λειμῶνι καὶ ἀνθεσιν εἰαρινοῖσι.
 280 τῆς ὅτε δὴ Περσεὺς κεφαλὴν ἀπεδειροτόμησεν,
 ἐξέβουρε Χρυσάωρ τε μέγας καὶ Πήγασος ἵππος.

Glauconome and Pontoporea, Leagore and Euagore and
 Laomedea, Polynoe and Autonoe and Lusianassa, and Eu-
 arne, lovely in shape and blameless in form, and Psamathe,
 graceful in body, and divine Menippe, and Neso and
 Eupompe and Themisto and Pronoe, and Nemertes (In-
 fallible), who has the disposition of her immortal father.
 These came forth from excellent Nereus, fifty daughters
 who know how to do excellent works.

(265) Thaumias married Electra, the daughter of deep-
 flowing Ocean. She bore swift Iris and the beautiful-haired
 Harpies, Aello and Ocypete, who with their swift wings
 keep up with the blasts of the winds and with the birds; for
 they fly high in the air.

(270) Then to Phorcys Ceto bore beautiful-cheeked
 old women, gray-haired from their birth, whom both the
 immortal gods and human beings who walk on the earth
 call the Graecae, fair-robed Pemphredo and saffron-robed
 Enyo, and the Gorgons who dwell beyond glorious Ocean
 at the edge towards the night, where the clear-voiced
 Hesperides are, Sthenno and Euryale, and Medusa who
 suffered woes. She was mortal, but the others are immortal
 and ageless, the two of them; with her alone the dark-
 haired one¹³ lay down in a soft meadow among spring
 flowers. When Perseus cut her head off from her neck,
 great Chrysaor and the horse Pegasus sprang forth; the lat-

¹³ Poseidon.

258 Πουλυνόη Muetzell: -νόμη codd. (Σ^{rec.})

270 γραίας: κούρας Koechly

τῷ μὲν ἐπώνυμον ἦν, ὅτ' ἄρ' Ὀκεανοῦ παρὰ πηγὰς
γένθ', ὃ δ' ἄορ χρύσειον ἔχων μετὰ χερσὶ φίλῃσι.
χῶ μὲν ἀποπτάμενος, προλιπὼν χθόνα μητέρα
μήλων,

- 285 ἴκετ' ἐς ἀθανάτους· Ζηνὸς δ' ἐν δώμασι ναίει
βροντήν τε στεροπήν τε φέρων Διὶ μητιόεντι·
Χρυσάωρ δ' ἔτεκε τρικέφαλον Γηρυονῆα
μιχθεῖς Καλλιρόη κούρη κλυτοῦ Ὀκεανοῖο·
τὸν μὲν ἄρ' ἐξενάριξε βίη Ἡρακληΐη
- 290 βουσι πάρ' εἰλιπόδεσσι περιρρύτῳ εἰν Ἐρυθείῃ
ἤματι τῷ, ὅτε περ βοῦς ἤλασεν εὐρυμετώπους
Τίρυνθ' εἰς ἱερὴν, διαβὰς πόρον Ὀκεανοῖο,
Ὅρθόν τε κτείνας καὶ βουκόλον Εὐρυτιάωνα
σταθμῷ ἐν ἡερόεντι πέρην κλυτοῦ Ὀκεανοῖο.
- 295 ἡ δ' ἔτεκε ἄλλο πέλωρον ἀμήχανον, οὐδὲν εὐκοῦς
θνητοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὐδ' ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσι,
σπῆμι ἐνὶ γλαφυρῷ, θείην κρατερόφρον' Ἐχιδναν,
ἥμισυ μὲν νύμφην ἐλικώπιδα καλλιπάρηον,
ἥμισυ δ' αὐτε πέλωρον ὄφιν δεινὸν τε μέγαν τε
- 300 αἰόλον ὠμηστήν, ζυθέης ὑπὸ κεύθεσι γαίης.
ἐνθα δέ οἱ σπέος ἐστὶ κάτω κοίλῃ ὑπὸ πέτρῃ
τηλοῦ ἀπ' ἀθανάτων τε θεῶν θνητῶν τ' ἀνθρώπων,
ἐνθ' ἄρα οἱ δάσσαντο θεοὶ κλυτὰ δώματα ναίειν.
ἡ δ' ἔρυντ' εἰν Ἀρίμοισιν ὑπὸ χθόνα λυγρῇ Ἐχιδνα,

288 habent bQ, legit Tzetzes: om. Π¹⁶ Π²² akS (add. in mg. S¹)

295–336 versus expulerunt alios alii, aliasve distinxerunt
recensiones 300 αἰόλον Scheer (e Σ^{rec}): ποικίλον codd. Δ

ter received his name from being born beside the waters¹⁴ of Ocean, the former from holding a golden sword¹⁵ in his hands. Pegasus flew off, leaving behind the earth, the mother of sheep, and came to the immortals; he dwells in Zeus' house and brings the thunder and lightning to the counsellor Zeus. And Chrysaor, mingling in love with Callirhoe, glorious Ocean's daughter, begot three-headed Geryoneus, who was slain by Heracles' force beside his rolling-footed cattle in sea-girt Erythea on the day when he drove the broad-browed cattle to holy Tiryns, after he crossed over the strait of Ocean and killed Orthus and the cowherd Eurytion in the murky stable beyond glorious Ocean.

(295) She¹⁶ bore in a hollow cave another monster, intractable, not at all similar to mortal human beings or to the immortal gods: divine, strong-hearted Echidna, half a quick-eyed beautiful-cheeked nymph, but half a monstrous snake, terrible and great, shimmering, eating raw flesh, under the hidden places of the holy earth. That is where she has a cave, deep down under a hollow boulder, far from the immortal gods and mortal human beings; for that is where the gods assigned her to dwell in glorious mansions. She keeps guard among the Arima¹⁷ under the

¹⁴ Hesiod derives Pegasus' name from πηγαί ("waters").

¹⁵ Hesiod derives Chrysaor's name from χρύσειον ἄορ ("golden sword").

¹⁶ Probably Ceto.

¹⁷ Already in antiquity it was unknown whether this was a mountain range or a tribe of people, and where it was located, in Asia Minor or in Italy.

- 305 ἀθάνατος νύμφη καὶ ἀγήραιοσ ἤματα πάντα.
 τῇ δὲ Τυφάουά φασι μιγήμεναι ἐν φιλότῃ
 δεινόν θ' ὑβριστήν τ' ἀνομόν θ' ἐλικώπιδι κούρη
 ἢ δ' ὑποκουσαμένη τέκετο κρατερόφρονα τέκνα.
 Ὅρθον μὲν πρῶτον κύνα γείνατο Γηρυονῆν·
 310 δεύτερον αὖτις ἔτικτεν ἀμήχανον, οὐ τι φατειόν,
 Κέρβερον ὠμηστήν, Ἄιδεω κύνα χαλκεόφωνον,
 πεντηκοντακέφαλον, ἀναιδέα τε κρατερόν τε
 τὸ τρίτον Ὑδρην αὖτις ἐγείνατο λύγρ' εἰδυῖαν
 Δερναίην, ἣν θρέψε θεὰ λευκώλενος Ἥρη
 315 ἄπλητον κοτέουσα βίην Ἑρακληΐην.
 καὶ τὴν μὲν Διὸσ υἱὸσ ἐνήρατο νηλέϊ χαλκῷ
 Ἄμφιτρωνιάδῃσιν σὺν ἄρηφίλῳ Ἰολάῳ
 Ἑρακλέῃσιν βουλήσιν Ἀθηναίῃσιν ἀγελέῃσιν.
 ἢ δὲ Χίμαιραν ἔτικτε πνέουσαν ἀμαιμάκετον πύρ,
 320 δεινὴν τε μεγάλην τε ποδιάκεά τε κρατερὴν τε.
 τῆσ ἦν τρεῖσ κεφαλαί· μία μὲν χαροποῖο λέοντοσ,
 ἢ δὲ χιμαίρησ, ἢ δ' ὄφιοσ κρατεροῖο δράκοντοσ.
 [πρόσθε λέων, ὄπιθεν δὲ δράκων, μέσση δὲ χίμαιρα,
 δεινὸν ἀποπνέουσα πυρὸσ μένοσ αἰθομένοιο.]
 325 τὴν μὲν Πήγασοσ εἶλε καὶ ἐσθλόσ Βέλλεροφόντησ·
 ἢ δ' ἄρα Φῖκ' ὀλοὴν τέκε Καδμείοισιν ὄλεθρον,
 Ὅρθῳ ὑποδμηθεῖσα, Νεμειαῖόν τε λέοντα,
 τὸν ῥ' Ἥρη θρέψασα Διὸσ κυδρὴ παράκοιτισ

307 κούρη aS: νύμφη k: utrumque b

321 τῆσ ἦν West: τῆσ δ' ἦν ab Herodianus et al. gramm.,
 Herodianus rhetor: τῆσ δ' aS kS 323-24 (=Il. 6. 181-182)
 dama. Wolf 324 om. a

earth, baleful Echidna, an immortal nymph and ageless all her days.

(306) They say that Typhon, terrible, outrageous, lawless, mingled in love with her, a quick-eyed virgin; and she became pregnant and bore strong-hearted children. First she bore Orthus, the dog, for Geryoneus; second, she then gave birth to something intractable, unspeakable, Cerberus who eats raw flesh, the bronze-voiced dog of Hades, fifty-headed, ruthless and mighty; third, she then gave birth to the evil-minded Hydra of Lerna, which the goddess, white-armed Hera, raised, dreadfully wrathful against Heracles' force. But Zeus' son, the scion of Amphitryon, Heracles, slew it with the pitiless bronze, together with warlike Iolaus, by the plans of Athena, leader of the war-host.

(319) She¹⁸ gave birth to Chimaera, who breathed invincible fire, terrible and great and swift-footed and mighty. She had three heads: one was a fierce-eyed lion's, one a she-goat's, one a snake's, a mighty dragon's. [In front a lion, behind a dragon, in the middle a she-goat, breathing forth the terrible strength of burning fire.]¹⁹ Pegasus and noble Bellerophon killed her. Overpowered by Orthus, she²⁰ bore the deadly Sphinx, destruction for the Cadmeans, and the Nemean lion, which Hera, Zeus' illustrious

¹⁸ Probably Echidna.

¹⁹ These two lines are identical with *Il.* 6.181-82; they describe Chimaera in terms of what seems to be a very different anatomy from the one in the preceding lines, and are rejected by many editors as an interpolation.

²⁰ Probably Chimaera.

330 γουνοῖσιν κατένασσε Νεμείης, πῆμ' ἀνθρώποις.
 ἐνθ' ἄρ' ὃ γ' οἰκείων ἐλεφαίρετο φύλ' ἀνθρώπων,
 κοιρανέων Τρητοῖο Νεμείης ἠδ' Ἀπέσαντος·
 ἀλλὰ ἐῖς ἐδάμασσε βίης Ἡρακλεΐης.

335 Κητῶ δ' ὀπλότατον Φόρκυι φιλότῃτι μυγείσα
 γείνατο δεινὸν ὄφιν, ὃς ἐρεμνῆς κεύθεσι γαίης
 πείρασιν ἐν μεγάλοις παγχρύσεια μῆλα φυλάσσει.
 τοῦτο μὲν ἐκ Κητοῦς καὶ Φόρκυος γένος ἐστί.

340 Τηθύς δ' Ὠκεανῶ ποταμοὺς τέκε δινήεντας,
 Νείλόν τ' Ἀλφειὸν τε καὶ Ἡριδανὸν βαθυδίνην,
 Στρυμόνα Μαίανδρόν τε καὶ Ἴστρον καλλιρέεθρον
 340 Φᾶσίην τε Ῥητόν τ' Ἀχελῷόν τ' ἀργυροδίνην
 Νέσσόν τε Ῥοδίον θ' Ἀλιάκμονά θ' Ἐπτάπορόν τε
 Γρήνικόν τε καὶ Αἴσηπον θεῖόν τε Σιμοῦντα
 Πηνειόν τε καὶ Ἑρμον ἐρρείτην τε Κάικον
 Σαγγάριόν τε μέγαν Λάδωνά τε Παρθενιόν τε
 345 Εὐνήνόν τε καὶ Ἀλδήσκον θεῖόν τε Σκάμανδρον.
 τίκτε δὲ θυγατέρων ἱερὸν γένος, αἶ κατὰ γαίαν
 ἄνδρας κουρίζουσι σὺν Ἀπόλλωνι ἄνακτι
 καὶ ποταμοῖς, ταύτην δὲ Διὸς πάρα μοῖραν ἔχουσι,
 Πειθῶ τ' Ἀδμήτη τε Ἰάνθη τ' Ἠλέκτρῃ τε
 350 Δωρίς τε Πρυμνώ τε καὶ Οὐρανίη θεοειδῆς
 Ἰππῶ τε Κλυμένη τε Ῥόδειά τε Καλλιρόῃ τε
 Ζευξῶ τε Κλυτίῃ τε Ἰδυιά τε Πασιθόῃ τε
 Πληξαύρῃ τε Γαλαξαύρῃ τ' ἔρατῇ τε Διῶνῃ

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consort, raised and settled among the hills of Nemea, a woe for human beings. For dwelling there it destroyed the tribes of human beings and lorded over Tretus in Nemea and Apesas; but the strength of Heracles' force overpowered it.

(333) Ceto mingled in love with Phorcys and gave birth to her youngest offspring, a terrible snake, which guards the all-golden apples in the hidden places of the dark earth at its great limits. This, then, is the progeny of Ceto and Phorcys.

(337) Tethys bore to Ocean eddying rivers, the Nile and Alpheius and deep-eddying Eridanus, Strymon and Meander and beautiful-flowing Ister, and Phasis and Rhesus and silver-eddying Achelous, and Nessus and Rhodius and Haliacmon and Heptaporus, and Crenicus and Aesepus and divine Simois, and Peneius and Hermus and fair-flowing Caicus, and great Sangarius and Ladon and Parthenius, and Euenus and Aldescus and divine Scamander. And she gave birth to a holy race of daughters²¹ who, together with lord Apollo and the rivers, raise boys so that they become men on the earth, for this is the lot they have from Zeus: Peitho and Admete and Ianthe and Electra, and Doris and Prymno and Ourania of godlike figure, and Hippo and Clymene and Rhodea and Callirhoe, and Zeuxo and Clytia and Idyia and Pasithoe, and Plexaura and Galaxaura and lovely Dione, and Melobosis and Thoe

²¹ Many of the names of the Oceanids reflect their roles as nymphs of fountains and groves and as protectresses of youths.

Μηλόβοσις τε Θόη τε καὶ εὐειδῆς Πολυδώρη
 355 Κερκηίς τε φυὴν ἐρατὴ Πλουτώ τε βοῶπις
 Περσηίς τ' Ἴάνειρά τ' Ἀκάστη τε Ξάνθη τε
 Πετραίη τ' ἐρέεσσα Μενεσθώ τ' Εὐρώπη τε
 Μῆτις τ' Εὐρυνόμη τε Τελεστώ τε κροκόπεπλος
 Χρυσήϊς τ' Ἀσίη τε καὶ ἡμερόεσσα Καλυψώ
 360 Εὐδώρη τε Τύχη τε καὶ Ἀμφιρῶ Ὀκυρόη τε
 καὶ Στύξ, ἣ δὴ σφεων προφερεστάτη ἐστὶν ἀπασέων.
 αὐταὶ ἄρ' Ὀκεανοῦ καὶ Τηθύος ἐξεγένοντο
 πρεσβύταται κοῦραι· πολλαὶ γὰρ μὲν εἰσι καὶ ἄλλαι
 365 αἶ ῥα πολυσπερέες γαῖαν καὶ βένθεα λίμνης
 πάντη ὁμῶς ἐφέπουσι, θεῶν ἀγλαὰ τέκνα.
 τόσσοι δ' αὐτ' ἕτεροι ποταμοὶ καναχηδὰ ῥέοντες,
 υἷες Ὀκεανοῦ, τοὺς γείνατο πότνια Τηθύς·
 τῶν ὄνομα ἄργαλέον πάντων βροτῶν ἄνδρα ἐνισπεῖν,
 370 οἱ δὲ ἕκαστοι ἴσασιν, ὅσοι περὶ ναιετάουσι.
 Θεία δ' Ἡελίον τε μέγαν λαμπρὰν τε Σελήνην
 Ἥω θ', ἣ πάντεσσιν ἐπιχθονίοισι φαεῖνει
 ἀθανάτοισι τε θεοῖσι τοὶ οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἔχουσι,
 γείναθ' ὑποδμηθεῖσ' Ὑπερίονος ἐν φιλότῃ.
 375 Κρείω δ' Εὐρυβίη τέκεν ἐν φιλότῃ μιγεῖσα
 Ἀστραίον τε μέγαν Πάλλαντά τε δῖα θεῶν
 Πέρσην θ', ὃς καὶ πᾶσι μετέπρεπεν ἰδμοσύνησιν.
 Ἀστραίω δ' Ἥως ἀνέμους τέκε καρτεροθύμους,
 ἀργεστήν Ζέφυρον Βορέην τ' αὐψεροκέλευθον
 380 καὶ Νότον, ἐν φιλότῃ θεὰ θεῶ ἐννηθεῖσα.
 τοὺς δὲ μέτ' ἀστέρα τίκτεν Ἐωσφόρον Ἠριγένειαν

and Polydora of fair figure, and Cerceis, lovely of form,
 and cow-eyed Pluto, and Perseis and Ianeira and Aca-
 ste and Xanthe, and lovely Petraea and Menestho and
 Europa, and Metis and Eurynome and saffron-robed
 Telesto, and Chryseis and Asia and lovely Calypso, and
 Eudora and Tyche and Amphiro and Ocyrhoë, and Styx,
 who indeed is the greatest of them all. These came forth
 from Ocean and Tethys as the oldest maidens; but there
 are many others as well. For there are three thousand long-
 ankleed daughters of Ocean who are widely dispersed and
 hold fast to the earth and the depths of the waters, ev-
 erywhere in the same way, splendid children of goddesses;
 and there are just as many other loud-flowing rivers, sons
 of Ocean, to whom queenly Tethys gave birth. The names
 of them all it is difficult for a mortal man to tell, but each of
 those who dwell around them knows them.

(371) Theia, overpowered in love by Hyperion, gave
 birth to great Helius (Sun) and gleaming Selene (Moon)
 and Eos (Dawn), who shines for all those on the earth and
 for the immortal gods who possess the broad sky. Eurybia,
 revered among goddesses, mingling in love, bore to Crius
 great Astraeus and Pallas and Perses, who was conspicuous
 among all for his intelligence. Eos, a goddess bedded in
 love with a god, bore to Astraeus the strong-spirited winds,
 clear Zephyrus and swift-pathed Boreas and Notus; and
 after these the Early-born one²² bore the star, Dawn-

²² The Dawn.

358 Τελεστώ vΔ: Τελεσθώ 362 ἄρ' West: δ' codd.

370 ἕκαστα Σ (?) Eustathius: -οι codd.

379 ἀργεστήν Jacoby: ἀργέστην codd.

ἄστρά τε λαμπετόωντα, τά τ' οὐρανὸς ἐστεφάνωται.

- Στυξὲ δ' ἔτεκε Ὀκεανοῦ θυγάτηρ Πάλλαντι μιν γείσα
 Ζῆλον καὶ Νίκην καλλίσφυρον ἐν μεγάροισι
 385 καὶ Κράτος ἠδὲ Βίην ἀριδείκετα γείνατο τέκνα.
 τῶν οὐκ ἔστ' ἀπάνευθε Διὸς δόμος, οὐδέ τις ἔδρη,
 οὐδ' ὁδός, ὅππῃ μὴ κείνοις θεὸς ἡγεμονεύει,
 ἀλλ' αἰεὶ παρ Ζηνὶ βαρυκτύπῳ ἐδριώνονται.
 ὧς γὰρ ἐβούλευσε Στυξὲ ἀφθιτος Ὀκεανίη
 390 ἡματι τῷ, ὅτε πάντας Ὀλύμπιος ἀστεροπητῆς
 ἀθανάτους ἐκάλεσσε θεοὺς ἐς μακρὸν Ὀλυμπου,
 εἶπε δ', ὅς ἂν μετὰ εἶο θεῶν Τιτῆσι μάχοιτο,
 μή τιν' ἀπορραΐσειν γεράων, τιμὴν δὲ ἕκαστον
 ἐξέμεν ἦν τὸ πάρος γε μετ' ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσι.
 395 τὸν δ' ἔφαθ', ὅστις ἄτιμος ὑπὸ Κρόνου ἠδ'
 ἀγέραστος,
 τιμῆς καὶ γεράων ἐπιβησέμεν, ἣ θέμις ἐστίν.
 ἦλθε δ' ἄρα πρώτη Στυξὲ ἀφθιτος Οὐλυμπόνδε
 σὺν σφοῖσιν παίδεσσι φίλου διὰ μῆδεα πατρός·
 τὴν δὲ Ζεὺς τίμησε, περισσὰ δὲ δῶρα ἔδωκεν.
 400 αὐτὴν μὲν γὰρ ἔθηκε θεῶν μέγαν ἔμμεναι ὄρκον,
 παίδας δ' ἡματα πάντα ἐοῦ μεταναίετας εἶναι.
 ὧς δ' αὐτῶς πάντεσσι διαμπερές, ὧς περ ὑπέστη,
 ἐξετέλεσσε· αὐτὸς δὲ μέγα κρατεῖ ἠδὲ ἀνάσσει.
 Φοῖβη δ' αὖ Κοίου πολυήρατον ἦλθεν ἐς εὐνήν·
 405 κυσαμένη δῆπειτα θεὰ θεοῦ ἐν φιλότῃτι
 Λητῶ κυανόπεπλον ἐγείνατο, μέλιχον αἰεῖ,
 ἥπιον ἀνθρώποισι καὶ ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσι,
 μέλιχον ἐξ ἀρχῆς, ἀγανώτατον ἐντὸς Ὀλύμπου.

bringer, and the shining stars with which the sky is crowned.

(383) Styx, Ocean's daughter, mingling with Pallas, bore Zelus (Rivalry) and beautiful-ankled Nike (Victory) in her house, and she gave birth to Cratos (Supremacy) and Bia (Force), eminent children. These have no house apart from Zeus nor any seat, nor any path except that on which the god leads them, but they are always seated next to deep-thundering Zeus. For this is what Styx, Ocean's eternal daughter, planned on the day when the Olympian lightener²³ summoned all the immortal gods to high Olympus and said that, whoever of the gods would fight together with him against the Titans, him he would not strip of his privileges, but that every one would have the honor he had had before among the immortal gods; and that whoever had been without honor and without privilege because of Cronus, him he would raise to honor and privileges, as is established right. So eternal Styx came first of all to Olympus with her own children, through the plans of her dear father; and Zeus honored her and gave her exceptional gifts. For he set her to be the great oath of the gods, and her sons to dwell with him for all their days. Just as he promised, so too he fulfilled for all, through and through; and he himself rules mightily and reigns.

(404) Phoebe came to the lovely bed of Coeus; and the goddess, pregnant in the love of a god, gave birth to dark-robed Leto, always soothing, gentle to human beings and to the immortal gods, soothing from the beginning, the kindest one within Olympus. She also gave birth to fair-

²³ Zeus.

- γείνατο δ' Ἀσπερίην εὐώνυμον, ἣν ποτε Πέρσης
 410 ἠγάγετ' ἐς μέγα δῶμα φίλην κεκλήσθαι ἄκουιν.
 ἧ δ' ὑποκυσαμένη Ἐκάτην τέκε, τὴν περὶ πάντων
 Ζεὺς Κρονίδης τίμησε· πόρεν δέ οἱ ἀγλαὰ δῶρα,
 μοῖραν ἔχειν γαίης τε καὶ ἀτρυγέτοιο θαλάσσης.
 ἧ δὲ καὶ ἀστερόεντος ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ ἔμμορε τιμῆς,
 415 ἀθανάτοις τε θεοῖσι τετιμένη ἐστὶ μάλιστα.
 καὶ γὰρ νῦν, ὅτε πού τις ἐπιχθονίων ἀνθρώπων
 ἔρδων ἱερά καλὰ κατὰ νόμον ἰλάσκηται,
 κικλήσκει Ἐκάτην πολλή τε οἱ ἔσπετο τιμῆ
 ῥεία μάλ', ᾧ πρόφρων γε θεὰ ὑποδέξεται εὐχάς,
 420 καὶ τέ οἱ ὄλβον ὑπάζει, ἐπεὶ δυνάμεις γε πάρεστίην.
 ὅσσοι γὰρ Γαίης τε καὶ Οὐρανοῦ ἐξεγένοντο
 καὶ τιμὴν ἔλαχον, τούτων ἔχει αἴσαν ἀπάντων
 οὐδέ τί μιν Κρονίδης ἐβίησατο οὐδέ τ' ἀπήνυρα,
 ὅσσ' ἔλαχεν Τιτῆσι μέτα προτέροισι θεοῖσιν,
 425 ἀλλ' ἔχει, ὡς τὸ πρῶτον ἀπ' ἀρχῆς ἔπλετο δασμός.
 οὐδ', ὅτι μουννογενῆς, ἦσσαν θεὰ ἔμμορε τιμῆς
 καὶ γεράων γαίῃ τε καὶ οὐρανῷ ἠδὲ θαλάσσει,
 ἀλλ' ἔτι καὶ πολὺ μάλλον, ἐπεὶ Ζεὺς τίεται αὐτήν.
 ᾧ δ' ἐθέλη, μεγάλως παραγίνεται ἠδ' ὀνίνησιν
 430 ἐν τ' ἀγορῇ λαοῖσι μεταπρέπει, ὃν κ' ἐθέλησιν
 ἠδ' ὑπὸτ' ἐς πόλεμον φθισήνορα θωρήσσωνται
 ἀνέρες, ἐνθα θεὰ παραγίνεται, οἷς κ' ἐθέλησι
 νίκην προφρονέως ὀπάσαι καὶ κῦδος ὀρέξαι.
 ἐν τε δίκη βασιλεύσι παρ' αἰδοίοισι καθίζει,

427 γεράων van Lennep: γέρ|ας ἐν Π²⁵ak

named Asteria, whom Perses once led to his great house to be called his dear wife.

(411) And she became pregnant and bore Hecate, whom Zeus, Cronus' son, honored above all others: he gave her splendid gifts—to have a share of the earth and of the barren sea, and from the starry sky as well she has a share in honor, and is honored most of all by the immortal gods. For even now, whenever any human on the earth seeks propitiation by performing fine sacrifices according to custom, he invokes Hecate; and much honor very easily stays with that man whose prayers the goddess accepts with gladness, and she bestows happiness upon him, for this power she certainly has. For of all those who came forth from Earth and Sky and received honor, among all of these she has her due share; and neither did Cronus' son use force against her nor did he deprive her of anything that she had received as her portion among the Titans, the earlier gods, but she is still in possession according to the division as it was made at first from the beginning. Nor does the goddess, just because she is an only child, have a lesser share of honor and privileges on earth and in sky and sea, but instead she has far more, since Zeus honors her. She stands mightily at the side of whomever she wishes and helps him. In the assembly, whoever she wishes is conspicuous among the people; and when men arm themselves for man-destroying war, the goddess stands there by the side of whomever she wishes, zealously to grant victory and to stretch forth glory. She sits in judgment beside reverend kings; and again, she is good whenever men

434 ante 433 Π²⁵, ante (sive post) 430 Schoemann

- 435 ἐσθλή δ' αὐθ' ὀπότε ἄνδρες ἀθλεύωσ' ἐν ἀγῶνι
 ἐνθα θεὰ καὶ τοῖς παραγίνεται ἡδ' ὀνύνησι,
 νικήσας δὲ βίη καὶ κάρτει, καλὸν ἄθλον
 ῥεῖα φέρει χαίρων τε, τοκεῦσι δὲ κῦδος ὀπάζει.
 ἐσθλή δ' ἱππήεσσι παρεστάμεν, οἷς κ' ἐθέλωσιν
 440 καὶ τοῖς, οἳ γλαυκὴν δυσπέμφελον ἐργάζονται,
 εὔχονται δ' Ἐκάτη καὶ ἔρικτύπῳ Ἐννοσιγαίῳ,
 ῥηιδίως ἄγρην κυδρὴ θεὸς ὤπασε πολλήν,
 ῥεῖα δ' ἀφείλετο φαινομένην, ἐθέλουσά γε θυμῷ.
 ἐσθλή δ' ἐν σταθμοῖσι σὺν Ἑρμῇ ληΐδ' ἀέξειν
 445 βουκολίας τ' ἀγέλας τε καὶ αἰπόλια πλατέ' αἰγῶν
 ποίμνας τ' εἰροπόκων οἴων, θυμῷ γ' ἐθέλουσα,
 ἐξ ὀλίγων βριάει κακὰ πολλῶν μείονα θῆκεν.
 οὕτω τοι καὶ μουνογενῆς ἐκ μητρὸς ἐούσα
 πᾶσι μετ' ἀθανάτοισι τετίμηται γεράεσσι.
 450 θῆκε δὲ μιν Κρονίδης κουροτρόφον, οἱ μετ' ἐκείνην
 ὀφθαλμοῖσιν ἴδοντο φάος πολυδερκέος Ἡοῦς.
 οὕτως ἐξ ἀρχῆς κουροτρόφος, αἱ δὲ τε τιμαί.

Ῥεῖη δὲ δμηθείσα Κρόνῳ τέκε φαίδιμα τέκνα,
 Ἴστίην Δήμητρα καὶ Ἥρην χρυσοπέδιλον,
 455 ἰφθιμόν τ' Αἰδην, ὅς ὑπὸ χθονὶ δώματα ναίει
 νηλεὲς ἦτορ ἔχων, καὶ ἐρίκτυπον Ἐννοσιγαῖον,
 Ζῆνά τε μητιόεντα, θεῶν πατέρ' ἡδὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶν,
 τοῦ καὶ ὑπὸ βροντῆς πελεμίζεται εὐρέϊα χθών.

435 ἀθλεύωσ' ἐν ἀ. West (-ωσιν ἀ. Koechly): ἐν ἀγῶνι
 ἀθλεύωσιν(ν) b: αγωνι α[Π²⁵: ἀγ. ἀ(ε)θλ. κS(α)

are competing in an athletic contest—there the goddess stands by their side too and helps them, and when someone has gained victory by force and supremacy he easily and joyfully carries off a fine prize and grants glory to his parents; and she is good at standing by the side of horsemen, whomever she wishes. And upon those who work the bright, storm-tossed sea and pray to Hecate and the loud-sounding Earth-shaker,²⁴ the illustrious goddess easily bestows a big haul of fish, and easily she takes it away once it has been seen, if she so wishes in her spirit. And she is good in the stables at increasing the livestock together with Hermes; and the herds and droves of cattle, and the broad flocks of goats and the flocks of woolly sheep, if in her spirit she so wishes, from a few she strengthens them and from many she makes them fewer. And so, even though she is an only child from her mother, she is honored with privileges among all the immortals. And Cronus' son made her the nurse of all the children who after her see with their eyes the light of much-seeing Dawn. Thus since the beginning she is a nurse, and these are her honors.

(453) Rhea, overpowered by Cronus, bore him splendid children, Hestia, Demeter, and golden-sandaled Hera, and powerful Hades, who dwells in mansions beneath the earth and has a pitiless heart, and the loud-sounding Earth-shaker and the counsellor Zeus, the father of gods and of men, by whose thunder the broad earth is shaken.

²⁴ Poseidon.

445 τ' ἀγέλας: δὲ βοῶν West

- καὶ τοὺς μὲν κατέπινε μέγας Κρόνος, ὡς τις ἕκαστος
 460 νηδύος ἐξ ἱερῆς μητρὸς πρὸς γούναθ' ἴκοιτο,
 τὰ φρονέων, ἵνα μὴ τις ἀγανῶν Οὐρανόων
 ἄλλος ἐν ἀθανάτοισιν ἔχοι βασιληίδα τιμῆν.
 πύθετο γὰρ Γαίης τε καὶ Οὐρανοῦ ἀστερόεντος
 οὔνεκά οἱ πέπρωτο ἐφ' ὑπὸ παιδὶ δαμῆναι,
 465 καὶ κρατερῶ περ ἐόντι, Διὸς μεγάλου διὰ βουλᾶς.
 τῷ ὃ γ' ἄρ' οὐκ ἀλασκοπιῆν ἔχει, ἀλλὰ δοκεῦν
 παῖδας εἰὸς κατέπινε· Ῥέην δ' ἔχε πένθος ἀλαστον.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ Δί' ἔμελλε θεῶν πατέρ' ἠδὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶν
 τέξεσθαι, τότε ἔπειτα φίλους λιτάνευε τοκῆς
 470 τοὺς αὐτῆς, Γαῖάν τε καὶ Οὐρανὸν ἀστερόεντα,
 μῆτιν συμφράσασθαι, ὅπως λελάθοιτο τεκούσα
 παῖδα φίλον, τείσαιτο δ' ἐρινῶς πατρὸς εἰοῖ
 παίδων <θ'> οὓς κατέπινε μέγας Κρόνος
 ἀγκυλομήτης.
 οἱ δὲ θυγατρὶ φίλην μάλα μὲν κλύον ἠδ' ἐπίθοντο,
 475 καὶ οἱ πεφραδέτην, ὅσα περ πέπρωτο γενέσθαι
 ἀμφὶ Κρόνῳ βασιλῆι καὶ νιέει καρτεροθύμῳ·
 πέμψαν δ' ἐς Λύκτον, Κρήτης ἐς πίονα δῆμον,
 ὀππότε' ἄρ' ὀπλότατον παίδων ἤμελλε τεκέσθαι,
 Ζῆνα μέγαν· τὸν μὲν οἱ ἐδέξατο Γαῖα πελώρη
 480 Κρήτη ἐν εὐρείῃ τρεφόμεν ἀταλλέμεναί τε.
 ἐνθά μιν ἴκτο φέρουσα θεὴν διὰ νύκτα μέλαιναν
 πρώτην ἐς Λύκτον· κρίψει δέ ἐ χειρὶ λαβούσα
 ἄντρῳ ἐν ἠλιβάτῳ, ζαθέης ὑπὸ κεύθεσι γαίης,
 Αἰγαίῳ ἐν ὄρει πεπυκασμένῳ ὑλήεντι.
 485 τῷ δὲ σπαργανίσασα μέγαν λίθον ἐγγυάλιξεν

Great Cronus would swallow these down as each one came from his mother's holy womb to her knees, mindful lest anyone else of Sky's illustrious children should have the honor of kingship among the immortals. For he had heard from Earth and starry Sky that, mighty though he was, he was destined to be overpowered by a child of his, through the plans of great Zeus. For this reason, then, he held no unseeing watch, but observed closely, and swallowed down his children; and unremitting grief gripped Rhea. But when she was about to bear Zeus, the father of gods and of men, she beseeched her own dear parents, Earth and starry Sky, to contrive some scheme so that she could bear her dear son without being noticed, and take retribution for the avenging deities of her father and of her children, whom great crooked-counseled Cronus had swallowed down. They listened well to their dear daughter and obeyed her, and they revealed to her everything that was fated to come about concerning Cronus the king and his strong-spirited son. They told her to go to Lyctus, to the rich land of Crete, when she was about to bear the youngest of her children, great Zeus; and huge Earth received him in broad Crete to nurse him and rear him up. There she came first to Lyctus, carrying him through the swift black night; taking him in her hands she concealed him in a deep cave, under the hidden places of the holy earth, in the Aegean mountain, abounding with forests. And she wrapped a great stone in swaddling-clothes and put it into

477-84 exp. Goettling; duas recensiones 477, 481-4; 478-80 dist. Hermann

Οὐρανίδη μέγ' ἄνακτι, θεῶν προτέρων βασιλῆι.
 τὸν τόθ' ἔλων χεῖρεσσιν ἔην ἐσκάτθητο νηδύν,
 σχέτλιος, οὐδ' ἐνόησε μετὰ φρεσίν, ὥς οἱ ὀπίσσω
 ἀντὶ λίθου ἐὸς υἱὸς ἀνίκητος καὶ ἀκηδῆς
 490 λείπεθ', ὃ μιν τάχ' ἔμελλε βίη καὶ χερσὶ δαμάσσης
 τιμῆς ἐξελάαν, ὃ δ' ἐν ἀθανάτοισιν ἀνάξειν.

καρπαλίμως δ' ἄρ' ἔπειτα μένος καὶ φαίδιμα
 γυῖα

ἠὔξετο τοῖο ἄνακτος· ἐπιπλομένου δ' ἐνιαυτοῦ,
 Γαίης ἐννεσίησι πολυφραδέεσσι δολωθείς,
 495 ὄν γόνον ἄψ' ἀνέηκε μέγας Κρόνος ἀγκυλομήτης,
 νικηθεὶς τέχνησι βίηφί τε παιδὸς ἐοῖο.
 πρῶτον δ' ἐξήμησε λίθου, πύματον καταπίνων
 τὸν μὲν Ζεὺς στήριξε κατὰ χθονὸς εὐρυδοείης
 Πυθοῖ ἐν ἠγαθήῃ, γυάλοις ὑπο Παρνηησοῖο,
 500 σῆμ' ἔμεν ἐξοπίσσω, θαῦμα θνητοῖσι βροτοῖσι.

λῦσε δὲ πατροκασιγνήτους ὀλοῶν ὑπὸ δεσμῶν,
 Οὐρανίδας, οὓς δῆσε πατὴρ ἀσειφροσύνησιν·
 οἳ οἳ ἀπεμνήσαντο χάριν εὐεργεσιῶων,
 δῶκαν δὲ βροντὴν ἠδ' αἰθαλόεντα κεραυνὸν
 505 καὶ στεροπὴν· τὸ πρὶν δὲ πελώρη Γαῖα κεκεύθει·
 τοῖς πίσυνος θνητοῖσι καὶ ἀθανάτοισιν ἀνάσσει.

κούρην δ' Ἴαπετὸς καλλίσφυρον Ὀκεανίην
 ἠγάγετο Κλυμένην καὶ ὁμὸν λέχος εἰσανέβαινευ.
 ἠ δέ οἱ Ἄτλαντα κρατερόφρονα γείνατο παῖδα,

486 προτέρων West: -φ codd.

the hand of Sky's son, the great ruler, the king of the earlier gods.²⁵ He seized this with his hands and put it down into his belly—cruel one, nor did he know in his spirit that in place of the stone his son remained hereafter, unconquered and untroubled, who would overpower him with force and his own hands, and would soon drive him out from his honor and be king among the immortals.

(492) Swiftly then the king's strength and his splendid limbs grew; and when a year had revolved, great crooked-counselled Cronus, deceived by Earth's very clever suggestions, brought his offspring up again, overcome by his son's devices and force. First he vomited up the stone, since he had swallowed it down last of all; Zeus set it fast in the broad-pathed earth in sacred Pytho, down in the valleys of Parnassus, to be a sign thereafter, a marvel for mortal human beings.

(501) And he freed from their deadly bonds his father's brothers, Sky's sons, whom their father had bound in his folly.²⁶ And they repaid him in gratitude for his kind deed, giving him the thunder and the blazing thunderbolt and the lightning, which huge Earth had concealed before. Relying on these, he rules over mortals and immortals.

(507) Iapetus married Clymene, Ocean's beautiful-ankled daughter, and went up into the same bed with her. She bore him Atlas, a strong-hearted son, and gave birth to

²⁵ The Titans.

²⁶ The Cyclopes.

492-506 secl. Arth. Meyer, Jacoby (492-500 Guyet, 501-6 Wolf)

493 ἐπιπλομένου δ' ἐνιαυτοῦ BkΣ; ἐπιπλομένων δ' ἐνιαυτῶν a

- 510 *τίκτε δ' ὑπερκύδαντα Μενοίτιον ἠδὲ Προμηθέα,
ποικίλον αἰολόμητιν, ἀμαρτίνοόν τ' Ἐπιμηθέα·
ὅς κακὸν ἐξ ἀρχῆς γένετ' ἀνδράσιω ἀλφηστῆσι
πρῶτος γάρ ῥα Διὸς πλαστὴν ὑπέδεκτο γυναιῖκα
παρθένον. ὑβριστὴν δὲ Μενοίτιον εὐρύσπα Ζεὺς
515 εἰς ἔρεβος κατέπεμψε βαλὼν ψολόεντι κεραυνῷ
εἶνεκ' ἀτασθαλίας τε καὶ ἠνορέης ὑπερόπλου.
Ἄτλας δ' οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἔχει κρατερῆς ὑπ' ἀνάγκης,
πέiraσιw ἐν γαίης πρόπαρ' Ἐσπερίδων λιγυφάινων
ἔστηώς, κεφαλῇ τε καὶ ἀκαμάτησι χέρεσσι
520 ταύτην γάρ οἱ μοῖραν ἐδάσσατο μητίετα Ζεὺς.
δῆσε δ' ἀλυκτοπέδησι Προμηθέα ποικιλόβουλον,
δεσμοῖς ἀργαλέοισι, μέσον διὰ κίον' ἐλάσσας·
καὶ οἱ ἐπ' αἰετὸν ὄρσε ταινύπτερον· αὐτὰρ ὃ γ' ἦπαρ
ἦσθιεν ἀθάνατον, τὸ δ' ἀέξετο ἴσον ἀπάντη
525 νυκτός, ὅσον πρόπαν ἦμαρ ἔδοι τανυσίπτερος ὄρνις.
τὸν μὲν ἄρ' Ἄλκμήνης καλλισφύρον ἄλκιμος υἱὸς
Ἡρακλῆς ἔκτεινε, κακὴν δ' ἀπὸ νοῦσον ἀλαλκεν
Ἰαπετιονίδη καὶ ἐλύσατο δυσφροσυνάων,
οὐκ ἀέκητι Ζηνὸς Ὀλυμπίον ἕψι μέδοντος,
530 ὄφρ' Ἡρακλῆος Θηβαγενέος κλέος εἴη
πλείον ἔτ' ἢ τὸ πάροιθεν ἐπὶ χθόνα πουλυβότειραν.
ταῦτ' ἄρα ἀζόμενος τίμα ἀριδείκετον υἱόν·
καὶ περ χωόμενος παύθη χόλου, ὃν πρὶν ἔχεσκεν,
οὐνεκ' ἐρίζετο βουλὰς ὑπερμενεί Κρονίωιν.
535 καὶ γὰρ ὄτ' ἐκρίνοντο θεοὶ θνητοὶ τ' ἀνθρώποι*

519 (=747) exp. Guyet

526-34 exp. Paley

the very renowned Menoetius and to Prometheus (Forethought), shifty, quick-scheming, and to mistaken-minded Epimetheus (Afterthought)—he who turned out to be an evil from the beginning for men who live on bread, for he was the one who first accepted Zeus' fabricated woman, the maiden. Far-seeing Zeus hurled down outrageous Menoetius into Erebus, striking him with a smoking thunderbolt because of his wickedness and defiant manhood. And by mighty necessity Atlas holds up the sky with his head and with his tireless hands, standing at the limits of the earth in front of the clear-voiced Hesperides; for this is the portion which the counsellor Zeus assigned him. And with painful fetters he bound shifty-planning Prometheus, with distressful bonds, driving them through the middle of a pillar; and he set upon him a long-winged eagle which ate his immortal liver, but this grew again on all sides at night just as much as the long-winged bird would eat during the whole day. It was killed by Heracles, the strong son of beautiful-ankled Alcmena, who warded off the evil plague from Iapetus' son and released him from distress—not against the will of Olympian Zeus, who rules on high, so that the glory of Theban-born Heracles would become even greater than before upon the bounteous-earth. With this in mind, he honored his eminent son; and although he was angry with Prometheus, he ceased from the anger which he had had before because Prometheus had contended in counsels with Cronus' very strong son.

(535) For when the gods and mortal men were reaching

- Μηκώνη, τότε ἔπειτα μέγαν βοῦν πρόφρουι θυμῷ
 δασυάμενος προύθηκε, Διὸς νόον ἔξαπαφίσκων.
 τῷ μὲν γὰρ σάρκας τε καὶ ἔγκατα πίονα δημῷ
 ἐν ῥινῷ κατέθηκε, καλύψας γαστρὶ βοείη,
 540 τῷ δ' αὖτ' ὄστέα λευκὰ βοῶς δολίη ἐπὶ τέχνη
 εὐθετίσας κατέθηκε, καλύψας ἀργέτι δημῷ.
 δὴ τότε μιν προσέειπε πατὴρ ἀνδρῶν τε θεῶν τε
 " Ἰαπετιονίδη, πάντων ἀριδείκετ' ἀνάκτων,
 ὦ πέπον, ὡς ἑτεροζήλως διεδάσσαιο μοίρας."
 545 ὡς φάτο κερτομέων Ζεὺς ἄφθιτα μῆδεα εἰδῶς·
 τὸν δ' αὖτε προσέειπε Προμηθεὺς ἀγκυλομήτης,
 ἦκ' ἐπιμειδήσας, δολίης δ' οὐ λήθετο τέχνης·
 "Ζεῦ κύδιστε μέγιστε θεῶν αἰεγενετῶν,
 τῶν δ' ἔλεν ὀπποτέρην σε ἐνὶ φρεσὶ θυμὸς ἀνώγει".
 550 φῆ ῥα δολοφρονέων Ζεὺς δ' ἄφθιτα μῆδεα εἰδῶς
 γυνῷ ῥ' οὐδ' ἠγνοίησε δόλον· κακὰ δ' ὄσσετο θυμῷ
 θνητοῖς ἀνθρώποισι, τὰ καὶ τελέεσθαι ἔμελλε.
 χερσὶ δ' ὃ γ' ἀμφοτέρησιν ἀνείλετο λευκὸν ἄλειφαρ,
 χύσατο δὲ φρένας ἀμφί, χόλος δέ μιν ἵκετο θυμόν,
 555 ὡς ἴδεν ὄστέα λευκὰ βοῶς δολίη ἐπὶ τέχνη.

537 διὸς Tr. (L^{pc} in ras.): ζηνὸς codd.

538 τῷ codd.: τοῖς Byz. Schoemann: τῇ Guyet

540 τῷ codd.: τῇ Guyet: τοῖς West

²⁷ The precise meaning of the verb Hesiod uses is obscure; it seems to indicate that gods and men were now being separated definitively from one another, presumably after a time when they had been together.

a settlement²⁷ in Mecone, with eager spirit he divided up a great ox and, trying to deceive Zeus' mind, set it before him. For he set down on the skin before him the meat and the innards, rich with fat, hiding them in the ox's stomach; and then he set down before him in turn the ox's white bones, arranging them with deceptive craft, hiding them with gleaming fat.²⁸

(542) Then the father of men and of gods addressed him: "Son of Iapetus, eminent among all rulers, my fine fellow, how unfairly you have divided up the portions!"

(545) So spoke in mockery Zeus, who knows eternal counsels; but crooked-counseled Prometheus addressed him in turn, smiling slightly, and he did not forget his deceptive craft: "Zeus, most renowned, greatest of the eternally living gods, choose from these whichever your spirit in your breast bids you."

(550) So he spoke, plotting deception. But Zeus, who knows eternal counsels, recognized the deception and did not fail to perceive it; and he saw in his spirit evils for mortal human beings—ones that were going to be fulfilled, too. With both hands he grasped the white fat, and he became enraged in his breast and wrath came upon his spirit when he saw the ox's white bones, the result of the decep-

²⁸ This passage has been much misunderstood and often emended. But the transmitted text makes excellent sense, so long as we recall that in epic usage, *μέν* and *δέ* can distinguish not only two persons but also two actions directed towards the same person (cf. *Il.* 4.415–17, 8.257–59, 8.323–35, 17.193–96, 18.438–42). Prometheus sets both portions before Zeus and lets him choose freely between them.

ἐκ τοῦ δ' ἀθανάτουσιν ἐπὶ χθονὶ φύλ' ἀνθρώπων
καίουσ' ὄστέα λευκὰ θυθέντων ἐπὶ βωμῶν.

- τὸν δὲ μέγ' ὀχθήσας προσέφη νεφεληγερέτα Ζεὺς·
“ Ἰαπετιοίδη, πάντων πέρι μῆδεα εἰδώς,
560 ὦ πέπον, οὐκ ἄρα πω δολῆς ἐπελήθεο τέχνης”.
ὥς φάτο χωόμενος Ζεὺς ἄφθιτα μῆδεα εἰδώς.
ἐκ τούτου δῆπειτα χόλου μεμνημένος αἰεὶ
οὐκ ἐδίδου μελίησι πυρὸς μένος ἀκαμάτιο
θυητοῖς ἀνθρώποις οἱ ἐπὶ χθονὶ ναιετάουσιν·
565 ἀλλὰ μιν ἐξαπάτησεν ἐὺς πάσις Ἰαπετοῖο
κλέφιας ἀκαμάτιο πυρὸς τηλέσκοπον αὐγῆν
ἐν κοίλῳ νάρθηκι δάκεν δ' ἄρα νειόθι θυμὸν
Ζῆν' ὑψιβρεμέτην, ἐχόλωσε δὲ μιν φίλον ἦτορ,
ὡς ἴδ' ἐν ἀνθρώποισι πυρὸς τηλέσκοπον αὐγῆν.
570 αὐτίκα δ' ἀντὶ πυρὸς τεύξεν κακὸν ἀνθρώποισι
γαίης γὰρ σύμπλασσε περικλυτὸς Ἄμφιγυήεις
παρθένῳ αἰδοίῃ ἴκελον Κρονίδεω διὰ βουλᾶς·
ζῶσε δὲ καὶ κόσμησε θεὰ γλαυκῶπις Ἀθήνη
ἀργυφῆν ἐσθῆτιν κατὰ κρήθεν δὲ καλύπτρην
575 δαιδαλέην χείρεσσι κατέσχεθε, θαῦμα ιδέσθαι
ἀμφὶ δὲ οἱ στεφάνους νεοθηλέας, ἄνθεα ποίης,
ἱμερτοὺς περίθηκε καρῆατι Παλλὰς Ἀθήνη·
ἀμφὶ δὲ οἱ στεφάνην χρυσῆν κεφαλῆφιν ἔθηκε,
τὴν αὐτὸς ποίησε περικλυτὸς Ἄμφιγυήεις
580 ἀσκήσας παλάμησι, χαριζόμενος Διὶ πατρί.

562 χόλου S^{ac}; δόλου cett.

563 μελίησι kLSΣ: -οισι am

tive craft. And ever since then the tribes of human beings upon the earth burn white bones upon smoking altars for the immortals.

(558) Greatly angered, the cloud-gatherer Zeus addressed him: “Son of Iapetus, you who know counsels beyond all others, my fine fellow, so you did not forget your deceptive craft after all!”

(561) So spoke in rage Zeus, who knows eternal counsels. And from then on, constantly mindful of his wrath after that, he did not give the strength of tireless fire to the ash trees²⁹ for the mortal human beings who live upon the earth. But the good son of Iapetus fooled him by stealing the far-seen gleam of tireless fire in a hollow fennel stalk. It gnawed deeply at high-thundering Zeus' spirit and enraged his dear heart, when he saw the far-seen gleam of fire among human beings. Immediately he contrived an evil for human beings in exchange for fire. For the much-renowned Lame One³⁰ forged from earth the semblance of a reverend maiden by the plans of Cronus' son; and the goddess, bright-eyed Athena, girdled and adorned her with silvery clothing, and with her hands she hung a highly wrought veil from her head, a wonder to see; and around her head Pallas Athena placed freshly budding garlands that arouse desire, the flowers of the meadow; and around her head she placed a golden headband, which the much-renowned Lame One made himself, working it with his skilled hands, to do a favor for Zeus the father. On this

²⁹ See note on *Theogony* 187.

³⁰ Hephaestus.

573–84 exp. Seleucus

576–77 damn. Wolf

τῇ δ' ἐνὶ δαίδαλα πολλὰ τετεύχαστο, θαῦμα ιδέσθαι,
κνώδαλ' ὄσ' ἤπειρος δεινὰ τρέφει ἠδὲ θάλασσα·
τῶν ὃ γε πόλλ' ἐνέθηκε, χάρις δ' ἐπὶ πᾶσιν ἄητο,
θανμάσια, ζωοῖσιν εὐκότα φωνήεσσιν.

585 αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ δὴ τεύξε καλὸν κακὸν ἀντ' ἀγαθοῖο,
ἐξάγαγ' ἔνθά περ ἄλλοι ἔσαν θεοὶ ἠδ' ἄνθρωποι,
κόσμῳ ἀγαλλομένην γλανκώπιδος Ὀβριμοπάτρης·
θαῦμα δ' ἔχ' ἀθανάτους τε θεοὺς θνητοὺς τ'
ἀνθρώπους,

ὡς εἶδον δόλον αἰπύν, ἀμήχανον ἀνθρώποισιν.
590 ἐκ τῆς γὰρ γένος ἔστι γυναικῶν θηλυτεράων,
τῆς γὰρ ὀλοῖόν ἔστι γένος καὶ φύλα γυναικῶν,
πῆμα μέγα θνητοῖσι, μετ' ἀνδράσι ναιετάουσαι,
οὐλομένης πενίης οὐ σύμφοροι, ἀλλὰ κόροιο.
ὡς δ' ὀπότ' ἐν σμήνεσσι κατηρεφέεσσι μέλισσαι
595 κηφήνας βόσκωσι, κακῶν ξυνήονας ἔργων
αἱ μὲν τε πρόπαν ἡμαρ ἐς ἠέλιον καταδύντα
ἡμάτιαι σπεύδουσι τιθεῖσιν τε κηρία λευκά,
οἱ δ' ἔντισθε μένοντες ἐπηρεφέας κατὰ σίμβλους
ἀλλότριον κάματον σφετέρην ἐς γαστέρ' ἀμῶνται·
600 ὡς δ' αὐτῶς ἀνδρεσσι κακὸν θνητοῖσι γυναικῶν
Ζεὺς ὑψιβρεμέτης θῆκε, ξυνήονας ἔργων
ἀργαλέων. ἕτερον δὲ πόρεν κακὸν ἀντ' ἀγαθοῖο,
ὅς κε γάμον φεύγων καὶ μέρμερα ἔργα γυναικῶν
μὴ γῆμαι ἐθέλλῃ, ὀλοὸν δ' ἐπὶ γῆρας ἴκηται

582 δεινα Π¹³: πολλὰ ak Etym. 590 damn. Heyne
591 om. Par. 2833, damn. Schoemann

were contrived many designs, highly wrought, a wonder to see, all the terrible monsters the land and the sea nourish; he put many of these into it, wondrous, similar to living animals endowed with speech, and gracefulness breathed upon them all.

(585) Then, when he had contrived this beautiful evil thing in exchange for that good one,³¹ he led her out to where the other gods and the human beings were, while she exulted in the adornment of the mighty father's bright-eyed daughter³²; and wonder gripped the immortal gods and the mortal human beings when they saw the steep deception, intractable for human beings. For from her comes the race of female women: for of her is the deadly race and tribe of women,³³ a great woe for mortals, dwelling with men, no companions of baneful poverty but only of luxury. As when bees in vaulted beehives nourish the drones, partners in evil works—all day long until the sun goes down, every day, the bees hasten and set up the white honeycombs, while the drones remain inside among the vaulted beehives and gather into their own stomachs the labor of others—in just the same way high-thundering Zeus set up women as an evil for mortal men, as partners in distressful works. And he bestowed another evil thing in exchange for that good one: whoever flees marriage and the dire works of women and chooses not to marry arrives at deadly old

31 Fire. 32 Athena.

33 Many editors consider the two preceding lines to be alternative versions of one another, and reject one or the other.

592 μετ' codd.: σὺν Stobaeus

597 ἡμάτιον b: ἀκάματοι Hermann (-αι Goettling)

- 605 χήτει γηροκόμοιο· ὁ δ' οὐ βιώτον γ' ἐπιδενῆς
ζῶει, ἀποφθιμένον δὲ διὰ ζωὴν δατέονται
χηρωσταί. φῶ δ' αὖτε γάμον μετὰ μοῖρα γένηται,
κεδνὴν δ' ἔσχευ ἀκοιτιν, ἀρηρυῖαν πραπίδεσσι,
τῷ δέ τ' ἀπ' αἰῶνος κακὸν ἐσθλῶ ἀντιπεριίξει
610 ἔμμενές· ὃς δέ κε τέτμη ἀταρτηροῖο γενέθλης,
ζῶει ἐνὶ στήθεσσι ἔχων ἀλίσσαστον ἀνίην
θυμῷ καὶ κραδίῃ, καὶ ἀνήκεστον κακὸν ἔστιν.
ὡς οὐκ ἔστι Διὸς κλέψαι νόον οὐδὲ παρελθεῖν.
οὐδὲ γὰρ Ἴαπετιονίδης ἀκάκητα Προμηθεὺς
615 τοῖό γ' ὑπεξήλυξε βαρὺν χόλον, ἀλλ' ὑπ' ἀνάγκης
καὶ πολυδριὴν ἔοντα μέγας κατὰ δεσμὸς ἐρύκει.

- Ὀβριάρεω δ' ὡς πρῶτα πατὴρ ὠδύσσατο θυμῷ
Κόττω τ' ἠδὲ Γύγῃ, δῆσε κρατερῷ ἐνὶ δεσμῷ,
ἠγορέην ὑπέροπλον ἀγώμενος ἠδὲ καὶ εἶδος
620 καὶ μέγεθος· κατένασσε δ' ὑπὸ χθονὸς εὐρυοδείης.
ἐνθ' οἳ γ' ἄλγέ' ἔχοντες ὑπὸ χθονὶ ναιετάοντες
εἶατ' ἐπ' ἐσχατιῇ μεγάλης ἐν πείρασι γαίης
δηθὰ μάλ' ἀχνύμενοι, κραδίῃ μέγα πένθος ἔχοντες.
ἀλλὰ σφεας Κρονίδης τε καὶ ἀθάνατοι θεοὶ ἄλλοι
625 οὓς τέκεν ἠήκομος Ῥεῖη Κρόνου ἐν φιλότῃ
Γαίης φραδμοσύνησιν ἀνήγαγον ἐς φάος αὐτίς·
αὐτὴ γὰρ σφιν ἅπαντα διηνεκέως κατέλεξε,
σὺν κείνοισι νίκην τε καὶ ἀγλαὸν εὖχος ἀρέσθαι.

606 ζωὴν Π¹⁴ k Stobaeus: κτήσιν abS

610 ἔμμεναι codd., Σ: corr. Wopkens

age deprived of assistance; while he lives he does not lack the means of sustenance, but when he has died his distant relatives divide up his substance. On the other hand, that man to whom the portion of marriage falls as a share, and who acquires a cherished wife, well-fitted in her thoughts, for him evil is balanced continually with good during his whole life. But he who obtains the baneful species lives with incessant woe in his breast, in his spirit and heart, and his evil is incurable.

(613) Thus it is not possible to deceive or elude the mind of Zeus. For not even Iapetus' son, guileful³⁴ Prometheus, escaped his heavy wrath, but by necessity a great bond holds him down, shrewd though he be.

(617) When first their father³⁵ became angry in his spirit with Obriareus³⁶ and Cottus and Gyges, he bound them with a mighty bond, for he was indignant at their defiant manhood and their form and size; and he settled them under the broad-pathed earth. Dwelling there, under the earth, in pain, they sat at the edge, at the limits of the great earth, suffering greatly for a long time, with much grief in their hearts. But Cronus' son and the other immortal gods whom beautiful-haired Rhea bore in love with Cronus brought them back up to the light once again, by the prophecies of Earth: for she told the gods everything from beginning to end, that it was together with these that they would carry off victory and their splendid

³⁴ The meaning of this epithet, which is also applied to Hermes, is obscure.

³⁵ Sky.

³⁶ An alternative form for the name Briareus.

- 631 δηρὸν γὰρ μάρναντο πόνου θυμαλγέ' ἔχοντες
 ἀντίον ἀλλήλοισι διὰ κρατερὰς ὑσμίνους
 630 Τιτῆνές τε θεοὶ καὶ ὅσοι Κρόνου ἐξεγένοντο,
 632 οἱ μὲν ἀφ' ὑψηλῆς Ὀθρυος Τιτῆνες ἀγανοί,
 οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο θεοὶ δωτῆρες ἑάων
 οὓς τέκεν ἠύκομος Ῥεΐη Κρόνω εὐνηθείσα.
 635 οἳ ῥα τότε ἀλλήλοισιν ἄχη θυμαλγέ' ἔχοντες
 συνεχέως ἐμάχοντο δέκα πλείους ἐνιαυτούς·
 οὐδέ τις ἦν ἔριδος χαλεπῆς λύσις οὐδὲ τελευτὴ
 οὐδετέροις, ἴσον δὲ τέλος τέτατο πτολέμοιο.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ κείνοισι παρέσχεθεν ἄρμενα πάντα,
 640 νέκταρ τ' ἀμβροσίην τε, τά περ θεοὶ αὐτοὶ ἔδουσι,
 πάντων <τ' > ἐν στήθεσσιν ἀέξετο θυμὸς ἀγήνωρ,
 ὡς νέκταρ τ' ἐπάσαντο καὶ ἀμβροσίην ἐρατεινήν,
 δὴ τότε τοῖς μετέειπε πατὴρ ἀνδρῶν τε θεῶν τε·
 "κέκλυτέ μεν Γαίης τε καὶ Οὐρανοῦ ἀγλαὰ τέκνα,
 645 ὄφρ' εἴπω τά με θυμὸς ἐνὶ στήθεσσι κελεύει.
 ἦδη γὰρ μάλα δηρὸν ἐναντίοι ἀλλήλοισι
 νίκης καὶ κάρτεως πέρι μαρνάμεθ' ἤματα πάντα,
 Τιτῆνές τε θεοὶ καὶ ὅσοι Κρόνου ἐκγενόμεσθα.
 ὑμεῖς δὲ μεγάλην τε βίην καὶ χεῖρας ἀάπτους
 650 φαίνετε Τιτῆνεσσιν ἐναντίον ἐν δαΐ λυγρῇ,
 μνησάμενοι φιλότητος ἐνηέος, ὅσσα παθόντες
 ἐς φάος ἄψ ἀφίκεσθε δυσηλεγέος ὑπὸ δεσμοῦ
 ἡμετέρας διὰ βουλάς ὑπὸ ζόφου ἡερόεντος."

631, 630 hoc ordine II⁵, inverso codd.

vaunt. For they battled for a long time, their spirits pained with toil, opposing one another in mighty combats, the Titan gods and all those who were born from Cronus—from lofty Othrys the illustrious Titans, and from Olympus the gods, the givers of good things, those whom beautiful-haired Rhea bore after she had bedded with Cronus. They battled continually with one another, their spirits pained with distress, for ten full years; nor was there any resolution for their grievous strife nor an end for either side, but the outcome of the war was evenly balanced.

(639) But when he had offered them³⁷ all things fitting, nectar and ambrosia, which the gods themselves eat, and in the breasts of them all their manly spirit was strengthened once they received nectar and lovely ambrosia, the father of men and of gods spoke among them: "Listen to me, splendid children of Earth and Sky, so that I can say what the spirit in my breast bids me. We have already been fighting every day for a very long time, facing one another for the sake of victory and supremacy, the Titan gods and all of us who were born from Cronus. So manifest your great strength and your untouchable hands, facing the Titans in baleful conflict, mindful of our kind friendship, how after so many sufferings you have come up to the light once again out from under a deadly bond, by our plans, out from under the murky gloom."

³⁷ Obriareus, Cottus, and Gyges.

635 μα]χην II⁵ au: μάχη||| K: χόλον τ: πόνου Schoemann: -ν, ἄχη Wieseler

642 ante 641 habet k, damn. Guyet

647 κα[II⁶: κράτεος codd.: κάρτεως West

- ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ' αἰψ' αὐτίς ἀμείβετο Κόττος
ἀμύμων·
- 655 "δαιμόνι', οὐκ ἄδάητα πιφάσκειαι, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτοὶ
ἴδμεν ὃ τοι περὶ μὲν πριπίδες, περὶ δ' ἔστι νόημα,
ἀλκτῆρ δ' ἀθανάτοισιν ἀρῆς γένεο κρυεροῖο,
σῆσι δ' ἐπιφροσύνησιν ὑπὸ ζόφου ἠερόεντος
ἄσφορρον ἐξαυτίς ἀμειλίκτων ὑπὸ δεσμῶν
- 660 ἠλύθομεν, Κρόνου νιῒ ἀναξ, ἀνάελπτα παθόντες.
τῷ καὶ νῦν ἀτενεῖ τε νόῳ καὶ πρόφρονι θυμῷ
ρύσόμεθα κράτος ὑμὸν ἐν αἰνῇ δημοτῆτι,
μαρνᾶμενοι Τιτῆσιν ἀνὰ κρατερὰς ὑσμίνας."
- ὡς φάτ'· ἐπήνησαν δὲ θεοὶ δωτῆρες ἑάων
- 665 μῦθον ἀκούσαντες· πολέμου δ' ἑλιχάιετο θυμὸς
μᾶλλον ἔτ' ἢ τὸ πάροιθε· μάχην δ' ἀμέγαρτον
ἔγειραν
πάντες, θήλειά τε καὶ ἄρσενες, ἤματι κείνῳ,
Τιτῆνές τε θεοὶ καὶ ὅσοι Κρόνου ἐξεγένοντο,
οὓς τε Ζεὺς ἐρέβευσφιν ὑπὸ χθονὸς ἦκε φόωσδε,
670 δεινοὶ τε κρατεροὶ τε, βίην ὑπέροπλον ἔχοντες.
τῶν ἑκατὸν μὲν χεῖρες ἀπ' ὤμων αἰσιστοντο
πᾶσιν ὁμῶς, κεφαλαὶ δὲ ἑκάστῳ πεντήκοντα
ἐξ ὤμων ἐπέφυκον ἐπὶ στιβαροῖσι μέλεσσι.
οἱ τότε Τιτῆνεσσι κατέσταθεν ἐν δαὶ λυγρῇ
675 πέτρας ἠλιβάτους στιβαρῆς ἐν χερσὶν ἔχοντες·
Τιτῆνες δ' ἐτέρωθεν ἐκαρτύναντο φάλαγγας
προφρονέως· χειρῶν τε βίης θ' ἅμα ἔργον ἔφαινον
ἀμφοτέροι, δεινὸν δὲ περιάχε πόντος ἀπέιρων,
γῆ δὲ μέγ' ἐσμαράγησεν, ἐπίστενε δ' οὐρανὸς εὐρύς

(654) So he spoke. And at once excellent Cottus answered him in turn: "Really, Sir, it is not something unknown you are telling us. We too know ourselves that your thoughts are supreme and your mind is supreme, and that you have revealed yourself as a protector for the immortals against chilly ruin. It is by your prudent plans that we have once again come back out from under the murky gloom, from implacable bonds—something, Lord, Cronus' son, that we no longer hoped to experience. For that reason, with ardent thought and eager spirit we in turn shall now rescue your supremacy in the dread battle-strife, fighting against the Titans in mighty combats."

(664) So he spoke, and the gods, the givers of good things, praised his speech when they heard it. Their spirit craved war even more than before, and they all roused up dismal battle, the females and the males, on that day, both the Titan gods and those who were born from Cronus, and those whom Zeus sent up towards the light from Erebus, out from under the earth, terrible and mighty, with defiant strength. A hundred arms sprang forth from their shoulders, in the same way for all of them, and upon their massive limbs grew fifty heads out of each one's shoulders. They took up their positions against the Titans in baleful conflict, holding enormous boulders in their massive hands; and on the other side the Titans zealously reinforced their battle-ranks. Both sides manifested the deed of hands and of strength together. The boundless ocean echoed terribly around them, and the great earth crashed, and the broad sky groaned in response as it was shaken,

661]φρονι θυμω[Π13, unde πρόφρονι θ. West: ἐπίφρονι βουλῇ codd.

- 680 σειόμενος, πεδόθεν δὲ τινάσσιετο μακρὸς Ὀλυμπος
 ῥιπῇ ὑπ' ἀθανάτων, ἔνοσις δ' ἴκανε βαρεῖα
 τάρταρον ἠερόεντα ποδῶν αἰπεῖά τ' ἰωῇ
 ἀσπέτου ἰωχμοῖο βολάων τε κρατερῶν.
 ὡς ἄρ' ἐπ' ἀλλήλους ἴεσαν βέλεα στονόεντα·
 685 φωνῇ δ' ἀμφοτέρων ἴκετ' οὐρανὸν ἀστερόεντα
 κεκλομένων· οἱ δὲ ζύνισαν μεγάλῃ ἀλαλητῷ.
 οὐδ' ἄρ' ἔτι Ζεὺς ἴσχευεν ἔδν μένος, ἀλλὰ νυ τοῦ γε
 εἶθαρ μὲν μένεος πλήητο φρένες, ἐκ δέ τε πᾶσαν
 φαίνε βίην· ἄμυδις δ' ἄρ' ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ ἠδ' ἀπ'
 Ὀλύμπου
 690 ἀστράπτων ἔστειχε συνωχαδόν, οἱ δὲ κεραυνοὶ
 ἴκταρ ἄμα βροντῇ τε καὶ ἀστεροπῇ ποτέοντο
 χεῖρὸς ἀπο στιβαρῆς, ἱερὴν φλόγα εἰλυφύωντες,
 ταρφέες· ἀμφὶ δὲ γαῖα φερέσβιος ἐσμαράγιζε
 καιομένη, λάκε δ' ἀμφὶ περὶ μεγάλ' ἀσπετος ὕλη·
 695 ἔζεε δὲ χθὼν πᾶσα καὶ Ὀκεανοῖο ῥέεθρα
 πόντος τ' ἀτρύγετος· τοὺς δ' ἀμφεπε θερμὸς ἀντμῆ
 Τιτῆνας χθονίους, φλόξ δ' αἰθέρα διαν ἴκανε
 ἀσπετός, ὅσσε δ' ἄμερδε καὶ ἰφθίμων περ ἑόντων
 αὐγῇ μαρμαίρουσα κεραυνοῦ τε στεροπῆς τε.
 700 καῦμα δὲ θεσπέσιον κάτεχεν Χάος· εἶσατο δ' ἄντα
 ὀφθαλμοῖσιν ἰδεῖν ἠδ' οὐασιν ὅσσαν ἀκούσθαι
 αὐταῖς, ὡς ὅτε Γαῖα καὶ Οὐρανὸς εὐρύς ὑπερθε
 πύλατο· τοῖος γάρ κε μέγας ὑπὸ δούπος ὀρώρει,

694 *περὶ* West: *πυρὶ* Π²⁹ codd.697 *αἰθέρα* Naber: *ἠέρα* codd. Σ

and high Olympus trembled from its very bottom under the rush of the immortals, and a deep shuddering from their feet reached murky Tartarus, and the shrill sound of the immense charge and of the mighty casts. And in this way they hurled their painful shafts against one another; and the noise of both sides reached the starry sky as they shouted encouragement, and they ran towards one another with a great war-cry.

(687) Then Zeus no longer held back his strength, but at once his breast was filled with strength and he manifested his full force. He strode at the same time from the sky and from Olympus, relentlessly hurling lightning bolts, and the thunderbolts, driving forward a sacred flame, flew densely packed, together with the thunder and lightning, all at once from his massive hand. All around, the life-giving earth roared as it burned, and all around the great immense forest crackled; the whole earth boiled, and the streams of Ocean and the barren sea. The hot blast encompassed the earthly Titans, and an immense blaze reached the divine aether, and the brilliant gleam of the lightning bolt and flash blinded their eyes, powerful though they were. A prodigious conflagration took possession of Chasm; and to look upon it with eyes and to hear its sound with ears, it seemed just as when Earth and broad Sky approached from above:³⁸ for this was the kind of great sound

³⁸ Despite some uncertainty about the Greek text, the meaning is clear: the analogy is not to some cataclysmic final collapse of the sky onto the earth, but instead to the primordial sexual union between Sky and Earth.

703 *πύλαντο* a

- τῆς μὲν ἐρειπομένης, τοῦ δ' ὑψόθεν ἐξεριπόντος·
 705 τόσσος δοῦπος ἔγεντο θεῶν ἔριδι ξυνιόντων.
 σὺν δ' ἄνεμοι ἔνοσιν τε κούην τ' ἐσφαραγίζον
 βροντὴν τε στεροπὴν τε καὶ αἰθαλόεντα κεραυνόν,
 κῆλα Διὸς μέγαλοιο, φέρον δ' ἰαχὴν τ' ἐνοπὴν τε
 ἐς μέσον ἀμφοτέρων ὄτοβος δ' ἄπλητος ὀρώρει
 710 σμερδαλέης ἔριδος, κάρτευσ δ' ἀνεφαίνετο ἔργου.
 ἐκλίνθη δὲ μάχη· πρὶν δ' ἀλλήλοις ἐπέχοντες
 ἐμμενέως ἐμάχοντο διὰ κρατερὰς ὑσμίνας.
 οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἐνὶ πρώτοισι μάχην δριμύειαν ἔγειραν,
 Κόττος τε Βριάρεώς τε Γύγης τ' ἄατος πολέμοιο·
 715 οἳ ῥα τριηκοσίας πέτρας στιβαρέων ἀπὸ χειρῶν
 πέμπον ἐπασσυτέρας, κατὰ δ' ἐσκίασαν βελέεσσι
 Τιτῆνας· καὶ τοὺς μὲν ὑπὸ χθονὸς ἐνρυσσείης
 πέμψαν καὶ δεσμοῖσιν ἐν ἀργαλέοισιν ἔδησαν,
 νικήσαντες χερσὶν ὑπερθύμους περ ἑόντας,
 720 τόσσον ἔνερθ' ὑπὸ γῆς ὅσον οὐρανός ἐστ' ἀπὸ γαίης.

- τόσσον γάρ τ' ἀπὸ γῆς ἐς τάρταρον ἠερόεντα.
 ἐννέα γὰρ νύκτας τε καὶ ἡμέατα χάλκεος ἄκμων
 οὐρανόθεν κατιών, δεκάτῃ κ' ἐς γαίαν ἵκουτο·
 723a [ἵκου δ' αὐτ' ἀπὸ γῆς ἐς τάρταρον ἠερόεντα]
 ἐννέα δ' αὖ νύκτας τε καὶ ἡμέατα χάλκεος ἄκμων
 725 ἐκ γαίης κατιών, δεκάτῃ κ' ἐς τάρταρον ἵκωι.

710 κάρτευσ . . . ἔργου West: κάρτος . . . ἔρ|γων II¹⁹, codd.
 720–819 interpolatoribus pluribus trib. L. Dindorf, Hermann, alii

that would rise up as she was pressed down and as he pressed her down from on high—so great a sound was produced as the gods ran together in strife. At the same time, the winds noisily stirred up shuddering and dust and thunder and lightning and the blazing thunderbolt, the shafts of great Zeus, and they brought shouting and screaming into the middle between both sides. A dreadful din of terrifying strife rose up, and the deed of supremacy was made manifest.

(711) And the battle inclined to one side. For earlier, advancing against one another they had battled incessantly in mighty combats. But then among the foremost Cottus and Briareus and Gyges, insatiable of war, roused up bitter battle; and they hurled three hundred boulders from their massive hands one after another and overshadowed the Titans with their missiles. They sent them down under the broad-pathed earth and bound them in distressful bonds after they had gained victory over them with their hands, high-spirited though they were, as far down beneath the earth as the sky is above the earth.

(721) For it is just as far from the earth to murky Tartarus: for a bronze anvil, falling down from the sky for nine nights and days, on the tenth day would arrive at the earth; [and in turn it is the same distance from the earth to murky Tartarus;]³⁹ and again, a bronze anvil, falling down from the earth for nine nights and days, on the tenth would

³⁹ This line is rejected as an interpolation by many editors.

723a om. (sed verbis suis reddit) *Isagoge in Aratum*

τὸν πέρι χάλκεον ἔρκος ἐλήλαται ἀμφὶ δέ μιν νύξ
 τριστοιχὶ κέχνται περὶ δειρήν· αὐτὰρ ὑπερθε
 γῆς ῥίζαι πεφύασι καὶ ἀτρυγέτιο θαλάσσης.

730 ἐνθα θεοὶ Τιτῆνες ὑπὸ ζόφῳ ἠερόεντι
 κεκρύφαται βουλῆσι Διὸς νεφεληγερέταο,
 χώρῳ ἐν εὐρώεντι, πελώρης ἔσχατα γαίης.
 τοῖς οὐκ ἐξίτον ἔστι, θύρας δ' ἐπέθηκε Ποσειδέων
 χαλκείας, τείχος δ' ἐπελήλαται ἀμφοτέρωθεν.

ἐνθα Γύγης Κόττος τε καὶ Ὀβριάρεως
 μεγάθυμος
 735 ναίουσιν, φύλακες πιστοὶ Διὸς αἰγιόχοιο.
 ἐνθα δὲ γῆς δυοφερῆς καὶ Ταρτάρου ἠερόεντος
 πόντου τ' ἀτρυγέτιο καὶ οὐρανοῦ ἀστερόεντος
 ἐξείης πάντων πηγαὶ καὶ πείρατ' ἔασιν,
 ἀργαλέ' εὐρώεντα, τὰ τε στυγέουσι θεοὶ περ
 740 χάσμα μέγ', οὐδέ κε πάντα τελεσφόρον εἰς ἐνιαυτὸν
 οὐδας ἴκουτ', εἰ πρῶτα πυλέων ἔντοσθε γένοιτο,
 ἀλλὰ κεν ἐνθα καὶ ἐνθα φέροι πρὸ θύελλα θυέλλης
 ἀργαλέῃ· δεινὸν δὲ καὶ ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσι
 τοῦτο τέρας· καὶ Νυκτὸς ἐρεμνῆς οἰκία δεινὰ

745 ἔστηκεν νεφέλης κεκαλυμμένα κνανέησι.
 τῶν πρόσθ' Ἴαπετοῖο πάϊς ἔχει οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν
 ἔστηως κεφαλῇ τε καὶ ἀκαμάτῃσι χέρεσσι
 ἀστεμφέως, ὅθι Νύξ τε καὶ Ἡμέρη ἄσασον ἰοῦσαι
 ἀλλήλας προσέειπον ἀμειβόμεναι μέγαν οὐδὸν·
 750 χάλκεον ἢ μὲν ἔσω καταβήσεται, ἢ δὲ θύραζε

731 ἔσχατα Π¹⁹Π³⁰ a: κεύθεσι k

arrive at Tartarus. Around this a bronze barricade is extended, and on both sides of it night is poured out three-fold around its neck; and above it grow the roots of the earth and of the barren sea.

(729) That is where the Titan gods are hidden under murky gloom by the plans of the cloud-gatherer Zeus, in a dank place, at the farthest part of huge earth. They cannot get out, for Poseidon has set bronze gates upon it, and a wall is extended on both sides.

(734) That is where Gyges, Cottus, and great-spirited Obriareus dwell, the trusted guards of aegis-holding Zeus.

(736) That is where the sources and limits of the dark earth are, and of murky Tartarus, of the barren sea, and of the starry sky, of everything, one after another, distressful, dank, things which even the gods hate: a great chasm, whose bottom one would not reach in a whole long year, once one was inside the gates, but one would be borne hither and thither by one distressful blast after another—it is terrible for the immortal gods as well, this monstrosity; and the terrible houses of dark Night stand here, shrouded in black clouds.

(746) In front of these, Iapetus' son⁴⁰ holds the broad sky with his head and tireless hands, standing immovable, where Night and Day passing near greet one another as they cross the great bronze threshold. The one is about to go in and the other is going out the door, and never does

⁴⁰ Atlas.

734–45 secl. West

742 θυέλλης Wakefield: θυέλλη Π²⁸ codd.

- ἔρχεται, οὐδέ ποτ' ἀμφοτέρας δόμος ἐντὸς ἔέργει,
 ἀλλ' αἰεὶ ἐτέρη γε δόμων ἔκτοσθεν εὐούσα
 γαῖαν ἐπιστρέφεται, ἢ δ' αὖ δόμον ἐντὸς εὐούσα
 μίμνει τὴν αὐτῆς ὄρην ὁδοῦ, ἔστ' ἂν ἴκηται
 755 ἢ μὲν ἐπιχθονίοισι φάος πολυδερκὲς ἔχουσα,
 ἢ δ' Ἔπνον μετὰ χερσὶ, κασίγνητον Θανάτοιο,
 Νυξ ὀλοή, νεφέλη κεκαλυμμένη ἡεροειδεῖ.
 ἔνθα δὲ Νυκτὸς παῖδες ἐρεμνῆς οἰκὶ ἔχουσιν,
 Ἔπνος καὶ Θάνατος, δεινοὶ θεοῦ οὐδέ ποτ' αὐτοῦς
 760 Ἡέλιος φαέθων ἐπιδέρκεται ἀκτίνεσσιν
 οὐρανὸν εἰσανιῶν οὐδ' οὐρανόθεν καταβαίνων.
 τῶν ἕτερος μὲν γῆν τε καὶ εὐρέα νῶτα θαλάσσης
 ἤσυχος ἀνστρέφεται καὶ μείλιχος ἀνθρώποισι,
 τοῦ δὲ σιδηρῆ μὲν κραδίη, χάλκεον δὲ οἱ ἦτορ
 765 νηλεὲς ἐν στήθεσσιν· ἔχει δ' ὄν πρῶτα λάβησιν
 ἀνθρώπων· ἐχθρὸς δὲ καὶ ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσιν.
 ἔνθα θεοῦ χθονίου πρόσθεν δόμοι ἠχήμεντες
 ἰφθίμου τ' Ἄϊδεω καὶ ἐπαινῆς Περσεφονείης
 ἐστάσιν, δεινὸς δὲ κύων προπάρουθε φυλάσσει,
 770 νηλεῖς, τέχνην δὲ κακὴν ἔχει· ἐς μὲν ἰόντας
 σαίνει ὁμῶς οὐρῆ τε καὶ οὔασιν ἀμφοτέροισιν,
 ἐξελθεῖν δ' οὐκ αὐτίς ἐᾷ πάλιν, ἀλλὰ δοκεύων
 ἐσθίει, ὄν κε λάβησι πυλέων ἔκτοσθεν ἰόντα.
 ἰφθίμου τ' Ἄϊδεω καὶ ἐπαινῆς Περσεφονείης.
 775 ἔνθα δὲ ναιετάει στυγερῆ θεὸς ἀθανάτοισι,
 δευῆ Στύξ, θυγάτηρ ἀψορρόου Ὀκεανοῖο

768 om. Π²⁰, Par. 2772: susp. Wolf

the house hold them both inside, but always the one goes out from the house and passes over the earth, while the other in turn remaining inside the house waits for the time of her own departure, until it comes. The one holds much-seeing light for those on the earth, but the other holds Sleep in her hands, the brother of Death—deadly Night, shrouded in murky cloud.

(758) That is where the children of dark Night have their houses, Sleep and Death, terrible gods; never does the bright Sun look upon them with his rays when he goes up into the sky nor when he comes back down from the sky. One of them passes gently over the earth and the broad back of the sea and is soothing for human beings. But the other one's temper is of iron, and the bronze heart in his chest is pitiless: once he takes hold of any human, he owns him; and he is hateful even for the immortal gods.

(767) That is where, in front, stand the echoing houses of the earthly god, of powerful Hades and of dread Persephone, and a terrible dog guards them in front, pitiless. He has an evil trick: upon those going in he fawns alike with his tail and with both ears, but he does not let them leave again: instead, observing them closely he devours whomever he catches trying to go out from the gates of powerful Hades and dread Persephone.

(775) That is where the goddess dwells who is loathsome for the immortals, terrible Styx,⁴¹ the oldest daugh-

⁴¹ Hesiod connects the name Styx with her being loathsome, *στυγερῆ*, to the gods.

774 habet *r*, om. *ak*

- πρεσβυτάτη· νόσφιν δὲ θεῶν κλυτὰ δώματα ναίει
μακρῆσι πέτρῃσι κατηρεφέ· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντῃ
κίουσιν ἀργυρέουσι πρὸς οὐρανὸν ἐστήρικται.
780 παῦρα δὲ Θαύμαντος θυγάτηρ πόδας ὠκέα Ἴρις
ἀγγελίῃ πωλεῖται ἐπ' εὐρέα νῶτα θαλάσσης.
ὕππότη' ἔρις καὶ νεῖκος ἐν ἀθανάτοισιν ὄρηται,
καὶ ῥ' ὅστις ψεύδεται Ὀλύμπια δώματ' ἐχόντων,
Ζεὺς δέ τε Ἴριν ἔπεμψε θεῶν μέγαν ὄρκον ἐνεῖκαι
785 τηλόθεν ἐν χρυσῆῃ προχόῳ πολυώνυμον ὕδωρ,
ψυχρόν, ὃ τ' ἐκ πέτρης καταλείβεται ἠλιβάτοιο
ὑψηλῆς· πολλὸν δὲ ὑπὸ χθονὸς εὐρυοδείης
ἐξ ἱεροῦ ποταμοῖο ῥέει διὰ νύκτα μέλαιναν
ᾠκεανοῖο κέρας, δεκάτῃ δ' ἐπὶ μοῖρα δέδασται·
790 ἐννέα μὲν περὶ γῆν τε καὶ εὐρέα νῶτα θαλάσσης
δίης ἀργυρέης εἰλιγμένος εἰς ἄλα πίπτει,
ἣ δὲ μί' ἐκ πέτρης προρέει, μέγα πῆμα θεοῖσιν,
ὅς κεν τὴν ἐπίορκον ἀπολλεύσας ἐπομόσση
ἀθανάτων οἳ ἔχουσι κάρη νιφόεντος Ὀλύμπου,
795 κείται νήνυμος τετελεσμένον εἰς ἐνιαυτόν·
οὐδέ ποτ' ἀμβροσίης καὶ νέκταρος ἔρχεται ἄσσον
βρώσιος, ἀλλὰ τε κείται ἀνάπνευστος καὶ ἄνανδος
στρωτοῖς ἐν λεχέεσσι, κακὸν δ' ἐπὶ κῶμα καλύπτει.
αὐτὰρ ἐπὴν νοῦσον τελέσει μέγαν εἰς ἐνιαυτόν,
800 ἄλλος δ' ἐξ ἄλλου δέχεται χαλεπώτερος ἄθλος·
εἰνάετες δὲ θεῶν ἀπαμείρεται αἰὲν ἔοντων,
οὐδέ ποτ' ἐς βουλήν ἐπιμίσγεται οὐδ' ἐπὶ δαίτας
ἐννέα πάντ' ἔτεα· δεκάτῃ δ' ἐπιμίσγεται αὐτίς

ter of backward-flowing Ocean. She lives apart from the gods in a famous mansion vaulted with great crags; it is set fast upon silver pillars on every side reaching towards the sky all around. Seldom does Thaumias' daughter, swift-footed Iris, travel to her with a message upon the broad back of the sea: whenever strife and quarrel arise among the immortals and one of those who have their mansions on Olympus tells a lie, Zeus sends Iris to bring from afar in a golden jug the great oath of the gods, the much-renowned water, icy, which pours down from a great, lofty crag. It flows abundantly from under the broad-pathed earth, from the holy river through the black night—a branch of Ocean, and a tenth portion has been assigned to her. For nine-fold around the earth and the broad back of the sea he whirls in silver eddies and falls into the sea, and she as one portion flows forth from the crag, a great woe for the gods. For whoever of the immortals, who possess the peak of snowy Olympus, swears a false oath after having poured a libation from her, he lies breathless for one full year; and he does not go near to ambrosia and nectar for nourishment, but lies there without breath and without voice on a covered bed, and an evil stupor shrouds him. And when he has completed this sickness for a long year, another, even worse trial follows upon this one: for nine years he is cut off from participation with the gods that always are, nor does he mingle with them in their assembly or their feasts for all of nine years; but in the tenth he mingles once again in the meetings of the immortals who have

781 ἀγγελίῃ Guyet: -ίη Π⁵?α Δ: ἀγγελίην Scorial. Φ III 16: -ίης U² Vat. 2185m²: -ίης Stephanus

- 805 *εἶρας ἐς ἀθανάτων οἱ Ὀλύμπια δώματ' ἔχουσι.*
ταῖον ἄρ' ὄρκον ἔθεντο θεοὶ Στυγὸς ἄφθιτον ὕδωρ,
ὠγύγιον τὸ δ' ἴησι καταστυφέλου διὰ χώρου.
ἐνθα δὲ γῆς δυοφερῆς καὶ ταρτάρου ἠερόεντος
πόντου τ' ἀπρυγέτοιο καὶ οὐρανοῦ ἀστερόεντος
ἐξείης πάντων πηγαὶ καὶ πείρατ' ἔασιν,
 810 *ἀργαλέ' εὐρώεντα, τά τε στυγέουσι θεοὶ περ.*
ἐνθα δὲ μαρμάρεα τε πύλαι καὶ χάλκεος οὐδός,
ἀστεμφές ῥίζησι διηνεκέεσσιν ἀρηρώς,
αὐτοφυῆς· πρόσθεν δὲ θεῶν ἔκτασθεν ἀπάντων
Τιτῆνες ναίουσι, πέρην χάεος ζοφεροῖο.
 815 *αὐτὰρ ἐρισμαράγοιο Διὸς κλειτοὶ ἐπίκουροι*
δώματα ναιετάουσιν ἐπ' Ὀκεανοῖο θεμέθλοις,
Κόττος τ' ἠδὲ Γύγης· Βριάρεών γε μὲν ἦν ἐόντα
γαμβρὸν ἐὼν ποίησε βαρύκτυπος Ἐννοσίγαιος,
δῶκε δὲ Κυμοπόλειαν ὀπυίην, θυγατέρα ἦν.
 820 *αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ Τιτῆνας ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ ἐξέλασε Ζεὺς,*
ὀπλότατον τέκε παῖδα Τυφωέα Γαῖα πελώρη
Ταρτάρου ἐν φιλότῃ διὰ χρυσῆν Ἀφροδίτην·
οὗ χεῖρες τμὲν ἔασιν ἐπ' ἰσχύι ἔργματ' ἔχουσαι,†
καὶ πόδες ἀκάματοι κρατεροῦ θεοῦ· ἐκ δὲ οἱ ὤμων
 825 *ἦν ἑκατὸν κεφαλὰὶ ὄφις δεινοῖο δράκοντος,*
γλώσσησι δυοφερῆσι λελιχμότες· ἐκ δὲ οἱ ὄσσων
θεσπεσίης κεφαλῆσιν ὑπ' ὀφρύσι πῦρ ἀμάρυσσεν·
πασέων δ' ἐκ κεφαλῶν πῦρ καίετο δερκομένοιο·

804 *εἶρας ἐς* Hermann: *εἰρέας* codd.: *εἶραις* Ruhnken

their mansions on Olympus. It is as this sort of oath that the gods have established the eternal water of Styx, primeval; and it pours out through a rugged place.

(807) That is where the sources and limits of the dark earth are, and of murky Tartarus, of the barren sea, and of the starry sky, of everything, one after another, distressful, dank, things which even the gods hate.

(811) That is where the marble gates are and the bronze threshold, fitted together immovably upon continuous roots, self-generated; and in front, apart from all the gods, live the Titans, on the far side of the gloomy chasm. The celebrated helpers of loud-thundering Zeus live in mansions upon the foundations of Ocean, Cottus and Gyges; but the deep-sounding Earth-shaker made Briareus, since he was good, his son-in-law, and he gave him Cymopolea, his daughter, to wed.

(820) When Zeus had driven the Titans from the sky, huge Earth bore as her youngest son Typhoeus, in love with Tartarus, because of golden Aphrodite. His hands †are holding deeds upon strength,†⁴² and tireless the strong god's feet; and from his shoulders there were a hundred heads of a snake, a terrible dragon's, licking with their dark tongues; and on his prodigious heads fire sparkled from his eyes under the eyebrows, and from all of his heads

⁴² Line 823 seems to be corrupt; no convincing defense or remedy for it has yet been found.

826 *ἐκ δὲ οἱ ὄσσων* fere codd.: *ἐν δὲ οἱ ὄσσε* West
 828 *damn.* Ruhnken

- φωναὶ δ' ἐν πάσῃσιν ἔσαν δεινῆς κεφαλῆσι,
 830 παντοίην ὅπ' εἰῆσαι ἀθέσφατον· ἄλλοτε μὲν γὰρ
 φθέγγονθ' ὡς τε θεοῖσι συνιέμεν, ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε
 ταύρου ἐριβρύχῳ μένος ἀσχέτου ὄσσαν ἀγαύρου,
 ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε λέοντος ἀναιδέα θυμὸν ἔχοντος,
 ἄλλοτε δ' αὖ σκυλάκεσσιν εἰκότα, θαύματ' ἀκούσαι,
 835 ἄλλοτε δ' αὖ ροίζευσχ', ὑπὸ δ' ἤχεεν οὐρεα μακρά.
 καὶ νύ κεν ἔπλετο ἔργον ἀμήχανον ἤματι κείνῳ,
 καὶ κεν ὁ γε θνητοῖσι καὶ ἀθανάτοισιν ἀναξεν,
 εἰ μὴ ἄρ' ὄξ' ἔνόησε πατὴρ ἀνδρῶν τε θεῶν τε
 σκληρὸν δ' ἐβρόντησε καὶ ὄβριμον, ἀμφὶ δὲ γαῖα
 840 σμερδαλέον κονάβησε καὶ οὐρανὸς εὐρύς ὑπερθε
 πόντος τ' Ὀκεανοῦ τε ροαὶ καὶ Τάρταρα γαίης.
 ποσσὶ δ' ὑπ' ἀθανάτοισι μέγας πελεμίζετ' Ὀλυμπος
 ὀρνημένιοι ἀνακτος· ἐπειτονάχιζε δὲ γαῖα.
 καῦμα δ' ὑπ' ἀμφοτέρων κάτεχεν ἰοειδέα πόντον
 845 βροντῆς τε στεροπῆς τε πυρός τ' ἀπὸ τοῖο πελώρου
 πρηστῆρων ἀνέμων τε κεραυνοῦ τε φλεγέθοντος·
 ἔζεε δὲ χθῶν πᾶσα καὶ οὐρανὸς ἠδὲ θάλασσα·
 θνίε δ' ἄρ' ἀμφ' ἀκτὰς περὶ τ' ἀμφὶ τε κύματα μακρὰ
 ῥιπῆ ὑπ' ἀθανάτων, ἔνοσις δ' ἄσβεστος ὀρώρει
 850 τρέε δ' Αἰδῆς ἐνέροισι καταφθιμένοισιν ἀνάσσων
 Τιτηνῆς θ' ὑποταρτάριοι Κρόνον ἀμφὶς ἐόντες
 ἀσβέστον κελάδιω καὶ αἰνῆς δημοτῆτος.
 Ζεὺς δ' ἐπεὶ οὖν κόρθυνεν εὖν μένος, εἴλετο δ'
 ὄπλα,

832 ἀσχετον codd.: corr. Winterton

fire burned as he glared. And there were voices in all his
 terrible heads, sending forth all kinds of sounds, incon-
 ceivable: for sometimes they would utter sounds as though
 for the gods to understand, and at other times the sound
 of a loud-bellowing, majestic bull, unstoppable in its
 strength, at other times that of a lion, with a ruthless spirit,
 at other times like young dogs, a wonder to hear, and at
 other times he hissed, and the high mountains echoed
 from below. And on that very day an intractable deed
 would have been accomplished, and he would have ruled
 over mortals and immortals, if the father of men and of
 gods had not taken sharp notice: he thundered hard and
 strong, and all around the earth echoed terrifyingly, and
 the broad sky above, and the sea, and the streams of
 Ocean, and Tartarus in the earth. As the lord rushed for-
 ward, great Olympus trembled under his immortal feet,
 and the earth groaned in response. The violet-dark sea was
 enveloped by a conflagration from both of them—of thun-
 der and lightning, and fire from that monster of typhoons
 and winds, and the blazing thunder-bolt. And all the earth
 seethed, and the sky and sea; and long waves raged around
 the shores, around and about, under the rush of the im-
 mortals, and an inextinguishable shuddering arose. And
 Hades, who rules over the dead below, was afraid, and the
 Titans under Tartarus, gathered around Cronus, at the in-
 extinguishable din and dread battle-strife.

(853) Then when Zeus had lifted up his strength and grasped his weapons, the thunder and lightning and the

846 exp. Heyne

852 damn. Hermann: habent Π¹²Π¹⁵Π³¹

- 855 βροντήν τε στεροπήν τε καὶ αἰθαλόεντα κεραυνόν,
 πλήξεν ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο ἐπάλμενος· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάσας
 ἔπρεσε θεσπεσίας κεφαλὰς δεινοῖο πελώρου.
 αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ δὴ μιν δάμασε πληγῆσιν ἰμάσσας,
 ἤριπε γυιωθείς, στονάχιζε δὲ γαῖα πελώρη·
 φλόξ δὲ κεραυνωθέντος ἀπέσσυτο τοῖο ἀνακτος
 860 οὔρεος ἐν βήσσησιν αἰδνῆς παιπαλοέσσης
 πληγέντος, πολλὴ δὲ πελώρη καίετο γαῖα
 αὐτμῆ θεσπεσίῃ, καὶ ἐτήκετο κασσίτερος ὡς
 τέχνη ὑπ' αἰζηῶν ἐν ἐντρήτοις χοάνουσι
 θαλφθείς, ἢ σίδηρος, ὃ περ κρατερώτατός ἐστιν,
 865 οὔρεος ἐν βήσσησι δαμαζόμενος πυρὶ κηλέῳ
 τήκεται ἐν χθονὶ δίῃ ὑφ' Ἑφαίστου παλάμησιν·
 ὡς ἄρα τήκετο γαῖα σέλαι πυρὸς αἰθομένοιο.
 ῥῖψε δὲ μιν θυμῷ ἀκαχῶν ἐς τάρταρον εὐρύν.
 ἐκ δὲ Τυφώος ἔστ' ἀνέμων μένος ὑγρὸν ἀέντων,
 870 νόσφι Νότου Βορέω τε καὶ ἀργεστέω Ζεφύροιο·
 οἳ γε μὲν ἐκ θεόφιν γενεήν, θνητοῖς μέγ' ὄνειαρ.
 αἱ δ' ἄλλαι μὰψ αὔραι ἐπιπνέουσι θάλασσαν·
 αἱ δὲ τοι πίπτουσαι ἐς ἡεροειδέα πόντον,
 πῆμα μέγα θνητοῖσι, κακῆ θυίουσιν ἀέλλη·
 875 ἄλλοτε δ' ἄλλαι ἄεισι διασκιδνάσι τε νῆας
 ναύτας τε φθείρουσι κακοῦ δ' οὐ γίνεται ἀλκή
 ἀνδράσιν, οἳ κείνησι συνάντωνται κατὰ πόντον.
 αἱ δ' αὖ καὶ κατὰ γαῖαν ἀπείριτον ἀνθεμέσσαν
 ἔργ' ἐρατὰ φθείρουσι χαμαιγενέων ἀνθρώπων,
 880 πιμπλείσαι κόμιός τε καὶ ἀργαλέου κολοσυρτοῦ.

blazing thunderbolt, he struck him, leaping upon him from Olympus; and all around he scorched all the prodigious heads of the terrible monster. And when he had overpowered him, scourging him with blows, he fell down lamed, and the huge earth groaned; a flame shot forth from that thunderbolted lord in the mountain's dark, rugged dales, as he was struck, and the huge earth was much burned by the prodigious blast, and it melted like tin when it is heated with skill by young men in well-perforated melting-pots, or as iron, although it is the strongest thing, melts in the divine earth by the skilled hands of Hephaestus when it is overpowered in a mountain's dales by burning fire. In the same way, the earth melted in the blaze of the burning fire. And he hurled Typhoeus into broad Tartarus, grieving him in his spirit.

(869) From Typhoeus comes the strength of moist-blowing winds—apart from Notus and Boreas and clear Zephyrus, for these are from the gods by descent, a great boon for mortals. But the other breezes blow at random upon the sea: falling upon the murky sea, a great woe for mortals, they rage with an evil blast; they blow now one way, now another, and scatter the boats, and destroy the sailors; and there is no safeguard against this evil for men who encounter them upon the sea. And on the boundless, flowering earth too, they destroy the lovely works of earth-born human beings, filling them with dust and with distressful confusion.

860 αἰδνῆς vel -ῆς Π¹²akΣ Etym.: Ἀιδνῆς Wilamowitz: αἰτνῆς anon. in ed. Iunt. exempl. Bodl.: Αἰτνης Tzetzes v. l., qui Aetnam utique intellexit

874 θύουσι(ν) codd.: πνέουσ[ι Π¹⁵

αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ ῥα πόνον μάκαρες θεοὶ ἐξετέλεσαν,
 Τιτῆνεσσι δὲ τιμῶν κρίναντο βίηφι,
 δὴ ῥα τότε ὤτρυνον βασιλευμένῃ ἠδὲ ἀνάσσειν
 Γαίης φραδμοσύνησιν Ὀλύμπιον εὐρύοπα Ζῆν
 885 ἀθανάτων· ὁ δὲ τοῖσιν ἐν διεδάσσατο τιμᾶς.
 Ζεὺς δὲ θεῶν βασιλεὺς πρώτην ἄλοχον θέτο
 Μῆτιν,
 πλείστα θεῶν εἰδυῖαν ἰδὲ θνητῶν ἀνθρώπων.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ ἄρ' ἔμελλε θεῶν γλαυκῶπιον Ἀθήνην
 τέξεσθαι, τότε ἔπειτα δόλῳ φρένας ἐξαπατήσας
 890 αἰμυλίοισι λόγοισιν ἐὴν ἐσκάτθετο νηδύν,
 Γαίης φραδμοσύνησι καὶ Οὐρανοῦ ἀστερόεντος·
 τὼς γάρ οἱ φρασάτην, ἵνα μὴ βασιληίδα τιμῆν
 ἄλλος ἔχοι Διὸς ἀντὶ θεῶν αἰεγενετῶν.
 ἐκ γὰρ τῆς εἴμαρτο περίφρονα τέκνα γενέσθαι
 895 πρώτην μὲν κούρην γλαυκῶπιδα Τριτογένειαν,
 ἴσον ἔχουσαν πατρὶ μένος καὶ ἐπίφρονα βουλήν,
 αὐτὰρ ἔπειτ' ἄρα παῖδα θεῶν βασιλῆα καὶ ἀνδρῶν
 ἤμελλεν τέξεσθαι, ὑπέρβιον ἦτορ ἔχοντα·
 ἀλλ' ἄρα μιν Ζεὺς πρόσθεν ἐὴν ἐσκάτθετο νηδύν,
 900 ὡς οἱ συμφράσσαιτο θεὰ ἀγαθόν τε κακόν τε.
 δεῦτερον ἠγάγετο λιπαρὴν Θέμιν, ἣ τέκεν Ὀρας,
 Εὐνομίην τε Δίκην τε καὶ Εἰρήνην τεθαλυῖαν,
 αἳ τ' ἔργ' ὠρεῦνσι καταθνητοῖσι βροτοῖσι,
 Μοίρας θ', ἧς πλείστην τιμῆν πόρε μητίετα Ζεὺς,
 905 Κλωθῶ τε Λάχεσίν τε καὶ Ἄτροπον, αἳ τε διδοῦσι
 θνητοῖς ἀνθρώποισιν ἔχειν ἀγαθόν τε κακόν τε.

(881) When the blessed gods had completed their toil, and by force had reached a settlement with the Titans regarding honors, then by the prophecies of Earth they urged far-seeing Zeus to become king and to rule over the immortals; and he divided their honors well for them.

(886) Zeus, king of the gods, took as his first wife Metis (Wisdom), she who of the gods and mortal human beings knows the most. But when she was about to give birth to the goddess, bright-eyed Athena, he deceived her mind by craft and with guileful words he put her into his belly, by the prophecies of Earth and of starry Sky: for this was how they had prophesied to him, lest some other one of the eternally living gods hold the kingly honor instead of Zeus. For it was destined that exceedingly wise children would come to be from her: first she would give birth to a maiden, bright-eyed Tritogeneia,⁴³ possessing strength equal to her father's and wise counsel, and then to a son, a king of gods and of men, possessing a very violent heart. But before that could happen Zeus put her into his belly, so that the goddess would advise him about good and evil.

(901) Second, he married bright Themis, who gave birth to the Horae (Seasons), Eunomia (Lawfulness) and Dike (Justice) and blooming Eirene (Peace), who care for the works of mortal human beings, and the Destinies, upon whom the counsellor Zeus bestowed the greatest honor, Clotho and Lachesis and Atropos, who give to mortal human beings both good and evil to have.

⁴³ Athena.

900 οἱ συμφρ. Chrysippus: δὴ οἱ φρ. codd.
901-1022 Hesiodo abiud. West

- τρεῖς δέ οἱ Εὐρυνόμη Χάριτας τέκε καλλιπαρήους,
 Ὀκεανοῦ κόυρη πολυήρατον εἶδος ἔχουσα,
 Ἀγλαΐην τε καὶ Εὐφροσύνην Θαλίην τ' ἐρατεινήν·
 910 τῶν καὶ ἀπὸ βλεφάρων ἔρος εἴβeto δερκομενάων
 λυσιμελής· καλὸν δέ θ' ὑπ' ὀφρύσι δερκιώνονται,
 αὐτὰρ ὁ Δῆμητρος πολυφόρβης ἐς λέχος ἦλθεν
 ἣ τέκε Περσεφόνην λευκώλενον, ἣν Ἀιδωνεύς
 ἤρπασεν ἧς παρὰ μητρός, ἔδωκε δὲ μητιέτα Ζεὺς.
 915 Μνημοσύνης δ' ἐξαῦτις ἐράσσιατο καλλικόμοιο,
 ἐξ ἧς οἱ Μοῦσαι χρυσάμπυκες ἐξεγένοντο
 ἐννέα, τῆσιν ἄδον θαλῖαι καὶ τέρψις ἀοιδῆς.
 Δητὼ δ' Ἀπόλλωνα καὶ Ἄρτεμιν ἰοχέαιραν
 ἱμερόεντα γόνον περὶ πάντων Οὐρανιῶνων
 920 γείνατ' ἄρ' αἰγιόχοιο Διὸς φιλότῃ μιγεῖσα.
 λιοισθοτάτην δ' Ἥρην θαλερὴν ποιήσατ' ἄκοιτιν
 ἣ δ' Ἥβην καὶ Ἄρηα καὶ Εἰλείθυιαν ἔτικτε
 μιχθεῖσ' ἐν φιλότῃ θεῶν βασιλῆι καὶ ἀνδρῶν.
 αὐτὸς δ' ἐκ κεφαλῆς γλαυκώπιδα γείνατ' Ἀθήνην,
 925 δεινὴν ἐγρεκῦδοιμον ἀγέστρατον ἀτρυτώνην,
 πότνια, ἣ κέλαδοί τε ἄδον πόλεμοί τε μάχαι τε
 Ἥρῃ δ' Ἐφαιστον κλυτὸν οὐ φιλότῃ μιγεῖσα
 γείνατο, καὶ ζαμένησε καὶ ἤρισεν ᾧ παρακοίτῃ,
 ἐκ πάντων τέχνησι κεκασμένον Οὐρανιῶνων.
 930 ἐκ δ' Ἀμφιτρίτης καὶ ἔρικτύπου Ἐννοσιγαίου

908 εἶδος: ἦτορ a

τριτογένειαν abks

7, 940-62 Wilamowitz, alios alii

924 γείνατ' Ἄ. Q Chrysippus:

930-1022 Hesiodo abiud. Jacoby, 930-

7, 940-62 Wilamowitz, alios alii

(907) Eurynome, Ocean's daughter, possessing lovely beauty, bore him three beautiful-cheeked Graces, Aglaea (Splendor) and Euphrosyne (Joy) and lovely Thalia (Good Cheer). From their eyes desire, the limb-melter, trickles down when they look; and they look beautifully from under their eyebrows.

(912) Then bounteous Demeter came to his bed; she bore white-armed Persephone, whom Aïdoneus⁴⁴ snatched away from her mother—but the counsellor Zeus gave her to him.

(915) Then he desired beautiful-haired Mnemosyne, from whom the Muses with golden headbands came to be, nine of them, who delight in festivities and the pleasure of song.

(918) Leto, mingling in love with aegis-holding Zeus, gave birth to Apollo and arrow-shooting Artemis, children lovely beyond all Sky's descendants.

(921) Last of all he made Hera his vigorous wife; and she, mingling in love with the king of gods and of men, gave birth to Hebe and Ares and Eileithyia.

(924) He himself gave birth from his head to bright-eyed Athena, terrible, battle-rouser, army-leader, indefatigable, queenly, who delights in din and wars and battles; but Hera was furious and contended with her husband, and without mingling in love gave birth to famous Hephaestus, expert with his skilled hands beyond all of Sky's descendants.

(930) From Amphitrite and the loud-sounding Earth-

⁴⁴ Hades.

- Τρίτων εὐρυβίης γένετο μέγας, ὃς τε θαλάσσης
 πυθμέν' ἔχων παρὰ μητρὶ φίλῃ καὶ πατρὶ ἄνακτι
 ναίει χρύσεια δῶ, δεινὸς θεός. αὐτὰρ Ἄρηι
 ῥινοτόρῳ Κυθέρεια Φόβον καὶ Δεῖμον ἔτικτε,
 935 δεινούς, οἳ τ' ἀνδρῶν πυκινὰς κλονέουσι φάλαγγας
 ἐν πολέμῳ κρῦνεντι σὺν Ἄρηι πτολιπόρθῳ,
 Ἄρμονίην θ', ἣν Κάδμος ὑπέρθυμος θέτ' ἀκοιῖν.
 Ζηρὶ δ' ἄρ' Ἀτλαντὶς Μαίῃ τέκε κύδιμον Ἑρμῆν,
 κήρυκ' ἀθανάτων, ἱερὸν λέχος εἰσαναβάσα.
 940 Καδμηὶς δ' ἄρα οἱ Σεμέλῃ τέκε φαίδιμον υἱὸν
 μιχθεῖσ' ἐν φιλότῃτι, Διώνυσον πολυγηθέα,
 ἀθάνατον θνητῆ· νῦν δ' ἀμφότεροι θεοὶ εἰσι.
 Ἄλκμήνῃ δ' ἄρ' ἔτικτε βίην Ἑρακληΐην
 μιχθεῖσ' ἐν φιλότῃτι Διὸς νεφεληγερέταο.
 945 Ἄγλαίην δ' Ἥφαιστος ἀγακλυτὸς ἀμφιγυήεις
 ὀπλοτάτην Χαρίτων θαλερὴν ποιήσατ' ἀκοιῖν.
 χρυσοκόμης δὲ Διώνυσος ξανθὴν Ἀριάδνην,
 κούρην Μίνωος, θαλερὴν ποιήσατ' ἀκοιῖν
 τὴν δὲ οἱ ἀθάνατον καὶ ἀγήρων θῆκε Κρονίω.
 950 Ἥβην δ' Ἄλκμήνης καλλισφύρου ἄλκιμος υἱός,
 ἴς Ἑρακλῆος, τελέσας στονόεντας ἀέθλους,
 παῖδα Διὸς μεγάλω καὶ Ἥρης χρυσοπεδίλου,
 αἰδοίην θέτ' ἀκοιῖν ἐν Οὐλύμπῳ νιφόεντι
 ὄλβιος, ὃς μέγα ἔργον ἐν ἀθανάτοισι ἀνύσας
 955 ναίει ἀπήμαντος καὶ ἀγήραος ἡματα πάντα.
 Ἥελίῳ δ' ἀκάμαντι τέκε κλυτὸς Ὠκεανίη
 Περσηὶς Κίρκην τε καὶ Αἰήτην βασιλῆα.
 Αἰήτης δ' υἱὸς φαεσιμβρότου Ἥελίοιο

shaker was born great, mighty Triton, who possesses the foundations of the sea and dwells in golden mansions beside his dear mother and his lordly father, a terrible god.

(933) To shield-piercing Ares Cytherea bore Fear and Terror, terrible, who rout the compact battle-lines of men in chilling war together with city-sacking Ares, and also Harmonia, whom high-spirited Cadmus made his wife.

(938) Maia, Atlas' daughter, going up into the holy bed, bore Zeus renowned Hermes, the messenger of the immortals.

(940) Semele, Cadmus' daughter, mingling in love, bore him a splendid son, much-cheering Dionysus, a mortal woman giving birth to an immortal son; and now both of them are gods.

(943) Alcmena, mingling in love with the cloud-gatherer Zeus, gave birth to Heracles' force.

(945) Hephaestus, the very renowned Lamé One, made Aglaea, youngest of the Graces, his vigorous wife.

(947) Golden-haired Dionysus made blonde Ariadne, Minos' daughter, his vigorous wife; Cronus' son made her immortal and ageless for his sake.

(950) The strong son of beautiful-ankled Alcmena, Heracles' strength, made Hebe, the daughter of great Zeus and of golden-sandaled Hera, his reverend wife on snowy Olympus, after he had completed his painful tasks—happy he, for after having accomplished his great work among the immortals he dwells unharmed and ageless for all his days.

(956) Perseis, Ocean's renowned daughter, bore Circe and king Aeetes to tireless Helios. Aeetes, the son of

960 κούρην Ὀκεανοῖο τελέεντος ποταμοῖο
 γῆμε θεῶν βουλῆσιν, Ἰδυίαν καλλιπάρηρον
 ἣ δὴ οἱ Μήδειαν εὐσφυρον ἐν φιλότῃτι
 γείναθ' ὑποδμηθείσα διὰ χρυσῆν Ἀφροδίτην.

ὑμεῖς μὲν νῦν χαίρετ', Ὀλύμπια δόματ' ἔχοντες,
 νῆσοί τ' ἠπειροὶ τε καὶ ἄλμυρὸς ἔνδοθι πόντος·
 965 νῦν δὲ θεῶν φύλον αἰείσατε, ἠδυνέπειαι
 Μοῦσαι Ὀλυμπιάδες, κούραι Διὸς αἰγιόχοιο,
 ὄσσαι δὴ θνητοῖσι παρ' ἀνδράσιν εὐνηθείσαι
 ἀθάναται γείναντο θεοῖς ἐπιείκελα τέκνα.

Δημήτηρ μὲν Πλοῦτον ἐγείνατο διὰ θεῶν,
 970 Ἰασίῳ ἦρωι μιγείσ' ἐρατῇ φιλότῃτι
 νεῖῳ ἐνι τριπόλῳ, Κρήτης ἐν πίονι δήμῳ,
 ἐσθλόν, ὃς εἶσ' ἐπὶ γῆν τε καὶ εὐρέα νῶτα θαλάσσης
 πᾶσαν τῷ δὲ τυχόντι καὶ οὐδ' ἐς χεῖρας ἵκηται,
 τὸν δὲ ἀφνειὸν ἔθηκε, πολὺν δὲ οἱ ὤπασεν ὄλβον.

975 Κάδμῳ δ' Ἀρμονίη, θυγάτηρ χρυσῆς Ἀφροδίτης,
 Ἰνώ καὶ Σεμέλην καὶ Ἀγανῆν καλλιπάρηρον
 Αὐτονόην θ', ἣν γῆμεν Ἀρισταῖος βαθυχαίτης,
 γείνατο καὶ Πολύδωρον εὐστεφάνῳ ἐνὶ Θήβῃ.

κούρη δ' Ὀκεανοῦ Χρυσάορι καρτεροθύμῳ
 980 μιχθείσ' ἐν φιλότῃτι πολυχρύσου Ἀφροδίτης
 Καλλιρόῃ τέκε παῖδα βροτῶν κάρτιστον ἀπάντων,
 Γηρνονέα, τὸν κτείνει βίῃ Ἡρακληείῃ
 βοῶν ἕνεκ' εἰλιπόδων ἀμφιρρύτῳ εἰν Ἐρυθείῃ.

Τιθωνῷ δ' Ἠὼς τέκε Μέμνονα χαλκοκορυστήν·
 985 Αἰθιόπων βασιλῆα, καὶ Ἡμαθίωνα ἀνακτα.

mortal-illuminating Hehus, married beautiful-cheeked Idyia, the daughter of the perfect river Ocean, by the plans of the gods; and she, overpowered in love because of golden Aphrodite, gave birth to fair-ankled Medea.

(963) Farewell now to you who dwell in Olympian mansions, and you islands and continents and the salty sea within. And now, sweet-voiced Olympian Muses, daughters of aegis-holding Zeus, sing of the tribe of goddesses, all those who bedded beside mortal men and, immortal themselves, gave birth to children equal to the gods.

(969) Demeter, divine among goddesses, gave birth to Plutus (Wealth), mingling in lovely desire with the hero Iasius in thrice-plowed fallow land in the rich land of Crete—fine Plutus, who goes upon the whole earth and the broad back of the sea, and whoever meets him and comes into his hands, that man he makes rich, and he bestows much wealth upon him.

(975) To Cadmus, Harmonia, golden Aphrodite's daughter, bore Ino and Semele and beautiful-cheeked Agave and Autonoe, whom deep-haired Aristaeus married, and Polydorus, in well-garlanded Thebes.

(979) Callirhoe, Ocean's daughter, mingling in golden Aphrodite's love with strong-spirited Chrysaor, bore a son, the strongest of all mortals, Geryoneus, whom Heracles' force killed on account of rolling-footed cattle in sea-girt Erythea.

(984) To Tithonus, Eos bore bronze-helmeted Memnon, the king of the Ethiopians, and lord Emathion. And to

- αὐτὰρ τοι Κεφάλῳ φιλύσατο φαίδιμον υἱόν,
 ἴφθιμον Φαέθοντα, θεοῖς ἐπιείκελον ἄνδρα·
 τὸν ῥα νέον τέρεν ἄνθος ἔχοντ' ἐρικυδέος ἤβης
 παῖδ' ἀταλὰ φρονέοντα φιλομμειδῆς Ἀφροδίτῃ
 990 ὄρτ' ἀνερευσαμένη, καί μιν ζαθέοις ἐνὶ νηοῖς
 νηοπόλον μύχιον ποιήσατο, δαίμονα δῖον.
 κούρην δ' Αἰήταο διοτρεφέος βασιλῆος
 Αἰσονίδης βουλῆσι θεῶν αἰεγενετῶν
 ἦγε παρ' Αἰήτῳ, τελέσας στονοέοντας ἀέθλους,
 995 τοὺς πολλοὺς ἐπέτελλε μέγας βασιλεὺς ὑπερήνωρ,
 ὕβριστῆς Πελῆης καὶ ἀτάσθαλος ὄβριμοεργός·
 τοὺς τελέσας ἐς Ἴωλκὸν ἀφίκετο πολλὰ μογήσας
 ὠκείης ἐπὶ νηὸς ἄγων ἐλικώπιδα κούρην
 Αἰσονίδης, καί μιν θαλερὴν ποιήσατ' ἄκοιτιν.
 1000 καὶ ῥ' ἦ γε δμηθεῖσ' ὑπ' Ἰήσῳι ποιμένι λαῶν
 Μῆδειον τέκε παῖδα, τὸν οὖρεσιν ἔτρεφε Χείρων
 Φιλλυρίδης· μεγάλου δὲ Διὸς νόος ἐξετελείτο.
 αὐτὰρ Νηρῆος κοῦραι ἀλίῳ γέροντος,
 ἦτοι μὲν Φῶκον Ψαμάθῃ τέκε δῖα θεάων
 1005 Αἰακοῦ ἐν φιλότῃ διὰ χρυσοῦν Ἀφροδίτην
 Πηλεῖ δὲ δμηθεῖσα θεὰ Θέτις ἀργυρόπεζα
 γείνατ' Ἀχιλλῆα ῥῆξήνορα θυμολέοντα.
 Αἰνείαν δ' ἄρ' ἔτικτεν ἐυστέφανος Κυθήρεια,
 Ἀγχίσῃ ἥρωι μυγείσ' ἐρατῇ φιλότῃ
 1010 Ἴδης ἐν κορυφήσιν πολυπτύχου ἡμεοέσσης.

986-91 *Catalogo tribuit* Pausanias

991 μύχιον Aristarchus: νύχιον ak

Cephalus she bore a splendid son, powerful Phaethon, a man equal to the gods. While he was young, a delicate-spirited child, and still possessed the tender flower of glorious youth, smile-loving Aphrodite snatched him away, and made him her innermost temple-keeper in her holy temples, a divine spirit.

(992) By the plans of the eternally living gods, Aeson's son⁴⁵ led away from Aetes, that Zeus-nurtured king, Aetes' daughter,⁴⁶ after completing the many painful tasks imposed upon him by the great overweening king, arrogant and wicked, violent-working Pelias. When Aeson's son had completed these he came to Iolcus, after enduring much toil, upon a swift ship, leading Aetes' quick-eyed daughter, and he made her his vigorous wife. After she had been overpowered by Jason, the shepherd of the people, she gave birth to a son, Medeus, whom Chiron, Philyra's son, raised upon the mountains—and great Zeus' intention was fulfilled.

(1003) As for the daughters of Nereus, the old man of the sea, Psamathe, divine among goddesses, bore Phocus in love with Aeacus because of golden Aphrodite; while Thetis, the silver-footed goddess, overpowered by Peleus, gave birth to Achilles, man-breaker, lion-spirited.

(1008) Well-garlanded Cytherea bore Aeneas, mingling in lovely desire with the hero Anchises on the peaks of many-valleyed, windy Ida.

⁴⁵ Jason.

⁴⁶ Medea.

1010 ἡμεμ. Q: ὕληέσσης abkS

Κίρκη δ' Ἡελίου θυγάτηρ Ἵπεριονίδου
 γείνατ' Ὀδυσσῆος ταλασίφρονος ἐν φιλότῃ
 Ἄγριον ἠδὲ Λατῖνον ἀμύμονά τε κρατερόν τε·
 Τηλέγονον δὲ ἔτικτε διὰ χρυσοῦν Ἀφροδίτην·
 1015 οἳ δὴ τοι μάλα τῆλε μυχῷ νήσων ἱεράων
 πᾶσιν Τυρσηνοῖσιν ἀγακλειτοῖσιν ἄνασσον.
 Ναυσίθοον δ' Ὀδυσσῆι Καλυψὸν δῖα θεάων
 γείνατο Ναυσινόον τε μυχῷ ἔρατῇ φιλότῃ.

αὗται μὲν θνητοῖσι παρ' ἀνδράσιν εὐνηθεῖσαι
 1020 ἀθάναται γείναντο θεοῖς ἐπιείκελα τέκνα.
 νῦν δὲ γυναικῶν φύλον αἰείσατε, ἠδυπέπαι
 Μοῦσαι Ὀλυμπιάδες, κούραι Διὸς αἰγιόχοιο.

1014 deest in kS sch. in Apollonium Rhodium, negl. Eustathius

1021–22 *Catalogi* initium om. Π^{13ak}: habet Q, post add. L⁴ U²

(1011) Circe, the daughter of Hyperion's son Helius, in love with patient-minded Odysseus, gave birth to Agrius and Latinus, excellent and strong; and she bore Telegonus because of golden Aphrodite. These ruled over all the much-renowned Tyrrhenians, far away, in the innermost part of holy islands.

(1017) Calypso, divine among goddesses, bore Nausithous to Odysseus, and Nausinous, mingling in lovely desire.

(1019) These are the goddesses who bedded beside mortal men and, immortal themselves, gave birth to children equal to the gods. And now sing of the tribe of women, sweet-voiced Olympian Muses, daughters of aegis-holding Zeus.⁴⁷

⁴⁷ These two lines are also the first two lines of the *Catalogue of Women*, cf. Fr. 1.

ΕΠΤΑ ΚΑΙ ΗΜΕΡΑΙ

Μούσαι Πιερίηθεν, ἀοιδῆσι κλείουσαι,
 δεῦτε, Δί' ἐννέπετε σφέτερον πατέρ' ὑμνείουσαι,
 ὃν τε διὰ βροτοὶ ἄνδρες ὁμῶς ἄφατοὶ τε φατοὶ τε
 ῥήτοί τ' ἄρρητοὶ τε Διὸς μέγαλοιο ἔκητι.

- 5 ῥέα μὲν γὰρ βριάει, ῥέα δὲ βριάοντα χαλέπτει,
 ῥεῖα δ' ἀρίζηλον μινύθει καὶ ἄδηλον ἀέξει,
 ῥεῖα δέ τ' ἰθύνει σκολιὸν καὶ ἀγήνορα κάρφει
 Ζεὺς ἠψιβρεμέτης ὃς ὑπέρτατα δώματα ναίει.
 κλύθι ἰδὼν αἰῶν τε, δίκη δ' ἴθυνε θέμιστας
 10 τύνη· ἐγὼ δέ κε Πέρσῃ ἐτήτυμα μυθησαίμην.

οὐκ ἄρα μῶνον ἔην Ἐρίδων γένος, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ
 γαῖαν
 εἰσὶ δύο τῆν μὲν κεν ἐπαινήσειε νοήσας,
 ἣ δ' ἐπιμωμητῆ δια δ' ἀνδιχα θυμὸν ἔχουσιν.
 ἣ μὲν γὰρ πόλεμόν τε κακὸν καὶ δῆριν ἀφέλλει,

1-16 deest C, 1-42 deest ω₄ 1-10 ath. Praxi-
 phanes Aristarchus Crates, om. libri a Praxiphane Pausania visi

WORKS AND DAYS

(1) Muses, from Pieria, glorifying in songs, come here, tell in hymns of your father Zeus, through whom mortal men are unfamed and famed alike, and named and unnamed, by the will of great Zeus. For easily he strengthens, and easily he crushes the strong, easily he diminishes the conspicuous and increases the inconspicuous, and easily he straightens the crooked and withers the manly—high-thundering Zeus, who dwells in the loftiest mansions. Give ear to me, watching and listening, and straighten the verdicts with justice yourself¹; as for me, I will proclaim truths to Perses.

(11) So there was not just one birth of Strifes after all,² but upon the earth there are two Strifes. One of these a man would praise once he got to know it, but the other is blameworthy; and they have thoroughly opposed spirits. For the one fosters evil war and conflict—cruel one, no

¹ These requests are addressed to Zeus.

² This statement corrects the genealogy of Strife in *Theogony* 225.

- 15 σχετλίη· οὐ τις τήν γε φιλεῖ βροτός, ἀλλ' ὑπ'
ἀνάγκης
ἀθανάτων βουλήσιν Ἔριν τιμῶσι βαρεῖαν.
τὴν δ' ἑτέραν προτέραν μὲν ἐγείνατο Νυξ ἑρεβεννή,
θῆκε δέ μιν Κρονίδης ὑφίζυγος, αἰθέρι ναίων
γαίης τ' ἐν ῥίζησι καὶ ἀνδράσι πολλὸν ἀμείνω·
20 ἢ τε καὶ ἀπάλαμόν περ ὁμῶς ἐπὶ ἔργον ἔγειρεν.
εἰς ἕτερον γάρ τις τε ἰδὼν ἔργοιο χατίζων
πλούσιον, ὅς σπεύδει μὲν ἀρώμεναι ἠδὲ φυτεῦν
οἶκόν τ' εὖ θέσθαι, ζηλοῖ δέ τε γείτονα γείτων
εἰς ἄφενος σπεύδοντ'· ἀγαθὴ δ' Ἔρις ἦδε βροτοῖσιν.
25 καὶ κεραμεὺς κεραμεῖ κοτέει καὶ τέκτορι τέκτων,
καὶ πτωχὸς πτωχῷ φθονέει καὶ αἰοιδὸς αἰοιδῷ.
ὦ Πέρση, σὺ δὲ ταῦτα τεῷ ἐνικάτθεο θυμῷ,
μηδέ σ' Ἔρις κακόχαρτος ἀπ' ἔργου θυμὸν ἐρύκοι
νεῖκε' ὀπιπεύοντ' ἀγορῆς ἐπακουδὸν ἔοντα.
30 ὦρῃ γάρ τ' ὀλίγη πέλεται νεϊκέων τ' ἀγορέων τε,
ᾧτινι μὴ βίος ἔνδον ἐπηετανὸς κατάκειται
ῥαῖος, τὸν γαῖα φέρει, Δημήτερος ἀκτῆν.
τοῦ κε κορεσσάμενος νεϊκεαὶ καὶ δῆριν ὀφέλλοις
κτῆμασ' ἐπ' ἀλλοτρίοις. σοὶ δ' οὐκέτι δεύτερον ἔσται
35 ᾧδ' ἔρδειν, ἀλλ' αὖθι διακρινώμεθα νεϊκος
ἰθιήσιν δίκης, αἶ τ' ἐκ Διὸς εἰσιν ἄρισται.
ἦδη μὲν γὰρ κλῆρον ἔδασσάμεθ', ἀλλὰ τε πολλὰ
ἀρπάζων ἐφόρεις μέγα κυδαίνων βασιλῆας
δωροφάγους, οἱ τήνδε δίκην ἐθέλουσι δικάσσαι,
40 νῆπιοι, οὐδὲ ἴσασιν ὅσῳ πλέον ἤμισυ παντός,

mortal loves that one, but it is by necessity that they honor the oppressive Strife, by the plans of the immortals. But the other one gloomy Night bore first; and Cronus' high-throned son, who dwells in the aether, set it in the roots of the earth, and it is much better for men. It rouses even the helpless man to work. For a man who is not working but who looks at some other man, a rich one who is hastening to plow and plant and set his house in order, he envies him, one neighbor envying his neighbor who is hastening towards wealth: and this Strife is good for mortals. And potter is angry with potter, and builder with builder, and beggar begrudges beggar, and poet poet.

(27) Perses, do store this up in your spirit, lest gloating Strife keep your spirit away from work, while you gawk at quarrels and listen to the assembly. For he has little care for quarrels and assemblies, whoever does not have plentiful means of life stored up indoors in good season, what the earth bears, Demeter's grain. When you can take your fill of that, then you might foster quarrels and conflict for the sake of another man's wealth. But you will not have a second chance to act this way—no, let us decide our quarrel right here with straight judgments, which come from Zeus, the best ones. For already we had divided up our allotment, but you snatched much more besides and went carrying it off, greatly honoring the kings, those gift-eaters; who want to pass this judgment—fools, they do not know

19 τ' om. Par. 2763, del. Guyet

21 χατίζων DFGalenus al.: χατίζει C

οὐδ' ὄσον ἐν μαλάχῃ τε καὶ ἀσφοδέλω μέγ' ὄνειαρ.

κρύψαντες γὰρ ἔχουσι θεοὶ βίον ἀνθρώποισιν
 ῥηιδίως γάρ κεν καὶ ἐπ' ἡματι ἐργάσσαιο
 ὥστ' ἐ σε κείσ ἐνιαυτὸν ἔχειν καὶ ἀεργὸν ἔοντα.

45 αἰψά κε πηδάλιον μὲν ὑπὲρ καπνοῦ καταθέιο,
 ἔργα βοῶν δ' ἀπόλοιτο καὶ ἡμιόνων ταλαεργῶν.

ἀλλὰ Ζεὺς ἔκρυψε χολωσάμενος φρεσὶν ἦσιν,
 ὅττι μιν ἐξαπάτησε Προμηθεὺς ἀγκυλομήτης.

50 κρύψιε δὲ πῦρ· τὸ μὲν αὐτίς ἐς πάις Ἰαπετοῖο
 ἔκλειψ' ἀνθρώποισι Διὸς παρὰ μητιόεντος
 ἐν κοίλῳ νάρθηκι, λαθὼν Δία τερπικέραυνον.

τὸν δὲ χολωσάμενος προσέφη νεφεληγερέτα

Ζεὺς·

“ Ἰαπετιοῖδη, πάντων πέρι μήδεα εἰδώς,

55 χαίρεις πῦρ κλέψας καὶ ἐμὰς φρένας ἠπεροπέυσας,
 σοὶ τ' αὐτῷ μέγα πῆμα καὶ ἀνδράσιν ἐσσομένοισιν.
 τοῖς δ' ἐγὼ ἀντὶ πυρὸς δώσω κακόν, ᾧ κεν ἅπαντες
 τέρπωνται κατὰ θυμόν, ἐὼν κακὸν ἀμφαγαπῶντες.”

ὣς ἔφατ', ἐκ δ' ἐγέλασσε πατὴρ ἀνδρῶν τε θεῶν
 τε.

60 Ἐφαιστον δ' ἐκέλευσε περικλυτὸν ὅττι τάχιστα
 γαίαν ὕδει φύρειν, ἐν δ' ἀνθρώπου θέμεν αὐδὴν
 καὶ σθένος, ἀθανάτης δὲ θεῆς εἰς ὦπα εἴσκειν,
 παρθενικῆς καλὸν εἶδος ἐπήρατον· αὐτὰρ Ἀθήνην

59 ἐτέλεσε Origenes

how much more the half is than the whole, nor how great the boon is in mallow and asphodell³

(42) For the gods keep the means of life concealed from human beings. Otherwise you would easily be able to work in just one day so as to have enough for a whole year even without working, and quickly you would store the rudder above the smoke, and the work of the cattle and of the hard-working mules would be ended.

(47) But Zeus concealed it, angry in his heart because crooked-counseled Prometheus (Forethought) had deceived him.⁴ For that reason he devised baneful evils for human beings, and he concealed fire; but the good son of Iapetus⁵ stole it back from the counsellor Zeus in a hollow fennel-stalk for human beings, escaping the notice of Zeus who delights in the thunderbolt.

(53) But the cloud-gatherer Zeus spoke to him in anger: “Son of Iapetus, you who know counsels beyond all others, you are pleased that you have stolen fire and beguiled my mind—a great grief for you yourself, and for men to come. To them I shall give in exchange for fire an evil in which they may all take pleasure in their spirit, embracing their own evil.”

(59) So he spoke, and he laughed out loud, the father of men and of gods. He commanded renowned Hephaestus to mix earth with water as quickly as possible, and to put the voice and strength of a human into it, and to make a beautiful, lovely form of a maiden similar in her face to the

³ Traditionally, the poor man's fare.

⁴ See *Th* 535–57.

⁵ Prometheus.

ἔργα διδασκῆσαι, πολυδαίδαλον ἱστὸν ὑφαίνειν
 65 καὶ χάριν ἀμφιχέαι κεφαλῇ χρυσῆν Ἀφροδίτην,
 καὶ πόθον ἀργαλέον καὶ γυιοβόρους μελεδώνας·
 ἐν δὲ θέμεν κύνεόν τε νόον καὶ ἐπίκλοπον ἦθος
 Ἑρμείην ἤνωγε, διάκτορον ἀργειφόντην.

ὥς ἔφαθ', οἱ δ' ἐπίθοντο Διὶ Κρονίῳ ἀνακτι.
 70 αὐτίκα δ' ἐκ γαίης πλάσσε κλυτὸς Ἀμφιγυήεις
 παρθένῳ αἰδοίῃ ἱκελον Κρονίδεω διὰ βουλᾶς·
 ζῶσε δὲ καὶ κόσμησε θεὰ γλαυκῶπις Ἀθήνη·
 ἀμφὶ δὲ οἱ Χάριτές τε θεαὶ καὶ πύτνια Πειθῶ
 ὄρμους χρυσεῖους ἔθεσαν χροῖ, ἀμφὶ δὲ τήν γε
 75 ὄραι καλλίκομοι στέφον ἀνθεσιν εἰαρινοῖσιν·
 πάντα δὲ οἱ χροῖ κόσμον ἐφήρμοσε Παλλὰς Ἀθήνη,
 ἐν δ' ἄρα οἱ στήθεσσι διάκτορος Ἀργειφόντης
 ψευδέα θ' αἰμυλίους τε λόγους καὶ ἐπίκλοπον ἦθος
 τεύξε Διὸς βουλῆσι βαρυκτύπου· ἐν δ' ἄρα φωνῆν
 80 θῆκε θεῶν κήρυξ, ὀνόμηγε δὲ τήνδε γυναῖκα
 Πανδώρην, ὅτι πάντες Ὀλύμπια δώματ' ἔχοντες
 δῶρον ἐδώρησαν, πῆμ' ἀνδράσιω ἀλφηστῆσιν.

αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ δόλον αἰπὺν ἀμήχανον ἐξετέλεσεν,
 εἰς Ἐπιμηθεά πέμπε πατὴρ κλυτὸν Ἀργειφόντην
 85 δῶρον ἄγοντα, θεῶν ταχὺν ἄγγελον· οὐδ' Ἐπιμηθεὺς
 ἐφράσαθ', ὥς οἱ εἶπε Προμηθεὺς μὴ ποτε δῶρον
 δέξασθαι παρ Ζηνὸς Ὀλυμπίου, ἀλλ' ἀποπέμπειν

66 γυιοβόρους Σ^{vet.} (cī. Cuyet): γυιοκόρους codd. Proclus
 Σ^{vet.} Origenes al.

70-2 (=Theog. 571-3) om. Origenes

immortal goddesses. He told Athena to teach her crafts, to weave richly worked cloth, and golden Aphrodite to shed grace and painful desire and limb-devouring cares around her head; and he ordered Hermes, the intermediary, the killer of Argus, to put a dog's mind and a thievish character into her.

(69) So he spoke, and they obeyed Zeus, the lord, Cronus' son. Immediately the famous *Lame One* fabricated out of earth a likeness of a modest maiden, by the plans of Cronus' son; the goddess, bright-eyed Athena, gave her a girdle and ornaments; the goddesses Graces and queenly Persuasion placed golden jewelry all around on her body; the beautiful-haired Seasons crowned her all around with spring flowers; and Pallas Athena fitted the whole ornamentation to her body. Then into her breast the intermediary, the killer of Argus, set lies and guileful words and a thievish character, by the plans of deep-thundering Zeus; and the messenger of the gods placed a voice in her and named this woman Pandora (*All-Gift*), since all those who have their mansions on Olympus had given her a gift—a woe for men who live on bread.

(83) When he had completed the sheer, intractable deception, the father sent the famous killer of Argus, the swift messenger of the gods, to take her as a gift to Epimetheus (*Afterthought*). And Epimetheus did not consider that Prometheus had told him never to accept a gift from Olympian Zeus, but to send it back again, lest some-

76 damn. Bentley

79 'περιπτόν' dixerunt quidam ap. Proclum, exp. Bentley

82 ἐσ<σ>ομένοισιν Philodemus

ἐξοπίσω, μή πού τι κακὸν θνητοῖσι γένηται.
αὐτὰρ ὁ δεξάμενος, ὅτε δὴ κακὸν εἶχ' ἐνόησεν.

- 90 πρὶν μὲν γὰρ ζώεσκον ἐπὶ χθονὶ φύλ' ἀνθρώπων
νόσφιν ἄτερ τε κακῶν καὶ ἄτερ χαλεποῖο πόνοιο
νόσων τ' ἀργαλέων αἱ τ' ἀνδράσι κήρας ἔδωκαν
[αἴψα γὰρ ἐν κακότητι βροτοὶ καταγηράσκουσιν.]
ἀλλὰ γυνὴ χεῖρεσσι πίθου μέγα πῶμ' ἀφελούσα
95 ἐσκέδασ' ἀνθρώποισι δ' ἐμήσατο κήδεα λυγρὰ.
μούνη δ' αὐτόθι Ἑλπίς ἐν ἀρρήκτοισι δόμοισιν
ἔνδον ἔμιμνε πίθου ὑπὸ χεῖλεσιν, οὐδὲ θύραζε
ἔξέπτῃ πρόσθεν γὰρ ἐπέμβαλε πῶμα πίθου
αἰγιόχου βουλήσι Διὸς νεφεληγερέταο.
100 ἄλλα δὲ μυρία λυγρὰ κατ' ἀνθρώπους ἀλάληται
πλείη μὲν γὰρ γαῖα κακῶν, πλείη δὲ θάλασσα
νοῦσοι δ' ἀνθρώποισιν ἐφ' ἡμέρη, αἱ δ' ἐπὶ νυκτὶ
αὐτόμαται φοιτῶσι κακὰ θνητοῖσι φέρονται
σιγῇ, ἐπεὶ φωνὴν ἐξείλετο μητίετα Ζεὺς.
105 οὕτως οὐ τί πη ἔστι Διὸς νόον ἐξαλέασθαι.

εἰ δ' ἐθέλεις, ἕτερόν τοι ἐγὼ λόγον ἐκκορυφώσω,
εὖ καὶ ἐπισταμένως, σὺ δ' ἐνὶ φρεσὶ βάλλεο σῆσιν,
ὡς ὁμόθεν γεγάασι θεοὶ θνητοὶ τ' ἀνθρώποι.

93 solus E in textu, in mg. H (deest et in Origene, non respic. Proclus Σ^{vet}) 96 δόμοισιν Π₄₁codd., testt.: μυχοῖσιν Seleucus ap. Σ (ubi πίθοισι, μύθοισι male codd. quidam)

98 ἐπέμβαλε Φ: ἐπέβαλε Origenes (alterutrum et Σ^{vet}): ἐπέλ(λ)αβε CDΣ^{vet} (ἐνοι) Plutarchus Stobaeus

99 habent Π₄₁ codd.: non habet Plutarchus (qui 94-8, 100-4), non respic. Proclus Σ^{vet}

thing evil happen to mortals; it was only after he accepted her, when he already had the evil, that he understood.

(90) For previously the tribes of men used to live upon the earth entirely apart from evils, and without grievous toil and distressful diseases, which give death to men. [For in misery mortals grow old at once.]⁶ But the woman removed the great lid from the storage jar with her hands and scattered all its contents abroad—she wrought baneful evils for human beings. Only Anticipation⁷ remained there in its unbreakable home under the mouth of the storage jar, and did not fly out; for before that could happen she closed the lid of the storage jar, by the plans of the aegis-holder, the cloud-gatherer, Zeus. But countless other miseries roam among mankind; for the earth is full of evils, and the sea is full; and some sicknesses come upon men by day, and others by night, of their own accord, bearing evils to mortals in silence, since the counsellor Zeus took their voice away. Thus it is not possible in any way to evade the mind of Zeus.

(106) If you wish, I shall recapitulate⁸ another story, correctly and skillfully, and you lay it up in your spirit: how the gods and mortal human beings came about from the same origin.

⁶ This line is found in the margin or text of very few manuscripts; it is identical with *Od.* 19.360 and is generally rejected here as an intrusive gloss.

⁷ Often translated "Hope"; but the Greek word can mean anticipation of bad as well as of good things.

⁸ The precise meaning of the verb is unclear.

104 ἀθετείται Σ^{vet} (extat in Plutarcho)

108 exp. Lehrs (leg. Proclus Σ^{vet})

- χρύσειον μὲν πρῶτιστα γένος μερόπων ἀνθρώπων
 110 ἀθάνατοι ποίησαν Ὀλύμπια δώματ' ἔχοντες.
 οἱ μὲν ἐπὶ Κρόνου ἦσαν, ὅτ' οὐρανῷ ἐμβασίλευεν·
 ὥστε θεοὶ δ' ἔζων ἀκηδέα θυμὸν ἔχοντες,
 νόσφιν ἄτερ τε πόνου καὶ οἰζύος· οὐδέ τι δειλὸν
 γῆρας ἐπήν, αἰεὶ δὲ πόδας καὶ χεῖρας ὁμοῖοι
 115 τέρποντ' ἐν θαλίησι κακῶν ἔκτοσθεν ἀπάντων·
 θνησκον δ' ὥσθ' ὑπνῷ δεδμημένοι· ἐσθλὰ δὲ πάντα
 τοῖσιν ἔην· καρπὸν δ' ἔφερε ζεῖδωρος ἄρουρα
 αὐτομάτῃ πολλόν τε καὶ ἄφθονον· οἱ δ' ἔθελημοὶ
 ἦσυχοι ἔργ' ἐνέμοντο σὺν ἐσθλοῖσιν πολέεσσιν.
 120 ἀφνειοὶ μήλοισι, φίλοι μακάρεσσι θεοῖσιν.
 αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ δὴ τοῦτο γένος κατὰ γαῖα κάλυψεν,
 τοὶ μὲν δαίμονές εἰσι Διὸς μεγάλου διὰ βουλάς
 ἐσθλοὶ, ἐπιχθόνιοι, φύλακες θνητῶν ἀνθρώπων,
 οἳ ῥα φυλάσσουσίν τε δίκας καὶ σχέτλια ἔργα
 125 ἡέρα ἐσσάμενοι, πάντῃ φοιτῶντες ἐπ' αἶαν,
 πλουτοδοταὶ καὶ τοῦτο γέρας βασιλῆιον ἔσχον.
 δεῦτερον αὖτε γένος πολὺ χειρότερον μετόπισθεν
 ἀργύρεον ποίησαν Ὀλύμπια δώματ' ἔχοντες,
 χρυσέφ' οὔτε φνὴν ἐναλίγκιον οὔτε νόημα.
 130 ἀλλ' ἑκατὸν μὲν παῖς ἔτεα παρὰ μητέρι κεδνῇ
 ἐτρέφετ' ἀτάλλων μέγα νήπιος ᾧ ἐνὶ οἴκῳ·
 ἀλλ' ὅτ' ἄρ' ἠβῆσαι τε καὶ ἠβῆς μέτρον ἴκοιτο,

113 πόνου Π₈ Herodianus rhetor: πόνων codd. Eustathius

120 solus praebet Diodorus: om. Π₃₈ ut vid., prorsus neglexit Dicaearchus

(109) Golden was the race of speech-endowed human beings which the immortals, who have their mansions on Olympus, made first of all. They lived at the time of Cronus, when he was king in the sky; just like gods they spent their lives, with a spirit free from care, entirely apart from toil and distress. Worthless old age did not oppress them, but they were always the same in their feet and hands, and delighted in festivities, lacking in all evils; and they died as if overpowered by sleep. They had all good things: the grain-giving field bore crops of its own accord, much and unstinting, and they themselves, willing, mild-mannered, shared out the fruits of their labors together with many good things, wealthy in sheep, dear to the blessed gods. But since the earth covered up, this race, by the plans of great Zeus they are fine spirits upon the earth, guardians of mortal human beings: they watch over judgments and cruel deeds, clad in invisibility, walking everywhere upon the earth, givers of wealth; and this kingly honor they received.

(127) Afterwards those who have their mansions on Olympus made a second race, much worse, of silver, like the golden one neither in body nor in mind. A boy would be nurtured for a hundred years at the side of his cherished mother, playing in his own house, a great fool. But when they reached adolescence and arrived at the full measure

122 εἰσι Διὸς μεγάλου διὰ βουλάς ἐσθλοὶ ἐπιχθόνιοι codd. Proclus Lactantius: ἀγνοὶ (hoc et Plutarchus) ἐπιχθόνιοι τελέθουσι (καλέονται Plato Crat.) ἐσθλοὶ ἀλεξίκακοι Plato Crat. Resp. ἐπιχθόνιοι et Σ^{vet} al.: ὑποχθ. Plato Crat. codd.

124-5 (=254-5) om. Π₃₈ ut vid. Π₄₀ Proclus Plutarchus Macrobius: habent codd. Σ_c

- παυρίδιον ζώεσκον ἐπὶ χρόνον, ἄλγε' ἔχοντες
 ἀφραδίης· ὕβριν γὰρ ἀτάσθαλον οὐκ ἐδύναντο
 135 ἀλλήλων ἀπέχειν, οὐδ' ἀθανάτους θεραπεύειν
 ἤθελον οὐδ' ἔρδειν μακάρων ἱεροῖς ἐπὶ βωμοῖς,
 ἢ θέμις ἀνθρώποισι κατ' ἤθεα. τοὺς μὲν ἔπειτα
 Ζεὺς Κρονίδης ἔκρυψε χολούμενος, οὐνεκα τιμὰς
 οὐκ ἔδιδον μακάρεσσι θεοῖς οἱ Ὀλυμπον ἔχουσιν.
 140 αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ καὶ τοῦτο γένος κατὰ γαῖα κάλυψεν,
 τοὶ μὲν ὑποχθόνιοι μάκαρες θνητοὶ καλέονται,
 δεῦτεροι, ἀλλ' ἔμπης τιμὴ καὶ τοῖσιν ὀπηδεῖ.
 Ζεὺς δὲ πατὴρ τρίτον ἄλλο γένος μερόπων
 ἀνθρώπων
 χάλκειον ποίησ', οὐκ ἀργυρέῳ οὐδὲν ὁμοῖον,
 145 ἐκ μελιᾶν, δεινὸν τε καὶ ὄβριμον, οἷσιν Ἄρης
 ἔργ' ἔμελε στονόεντα καὶ ὕβριες· οὐδέ τι σῖτον
 ἤσθιον, ἀλλ' ἀδάμαντος ἔχον κρατερόφρονα θυμόν·
 ἀπλαστοὶ μεγάλη δὲ βίη καὶ χεῖρες ἄαπτοι
 ἐξ ὤμων ἐπέφυκον ἐπὶ στιβαροῖσι μέλεσσι.
 150 τῶν δ' ἦν χάλκεα μὲν τεύχεα, χάλκεοι δέ τε οἴκοι,
 χαλκῷ δ' εἰργάζοντο· μέλας δ' οὐκ ἔσκε σίδηρος.
 καὶ τοὶ μὲν χεῖρεσσιν ὑπὸ σφετέρησιν δαμέντες
 βῆσαν ἐς εὐρώεντα δόμον κρυεροῦ Ἄϊδαο,
 νώνυμοι θάνατος δὲ καὶ ἐκπάγλους περ ἔοντας
 155 εἶλε μέλας, λαμπρὸν δ' ἔλιπον φάος ἡελίοιο.

141 ὑποχθόνιοι Proclus^{Cras}D, recit Tzetzes: ἐπιχθ-
 ΣTzetzesψ: τοι χθ- Φ μάκαρες Scodd.: φύλακες Proclus θνητοῦ
 E: θεοὶ D^{Cras}φ₇ + ψ₁₅: θνητοῖς Peppmüller

of puberty, they would live for a short time only, suffering pains because of their acts of folly. For they could not restrain themselves from wicked outrage against each other, nor were they willing to honor the immortals or to sacrifice upon the holy altars of the blessed ones, as is established right for human beings in each community. Then Zeus, Cronus' son, concealed these in anger, because they did not give honors to the blessed gods who dwell on Olympus. But since the earth covered up this race too, they are called blessed mortals under the earth—in second place, but all the same honor attends upon these as well.

(143) Zeus the father made another race of speech-endowed human beings, a third one, of bronze, not similar to the silver one at all, out of ash trees⁹—terrible and strong they were, and they cared only for the painful works of Ares and for acts of violence. They did not eat bread, but had a strong-hearted spirit of adamant—unapproachable they were, and upon their massive limbs grew great strength and untouchable hands out of their shoulders. Their weapons were of bronze, bronze were their houses, with bronze they worked; there was not any black iron. And these, overpowered by one another's hands, went down nameless into the dank house of chilly Hades: black death seized them, frightful though they were, and they left behind the bright light of the sun.

⁹ Or from the Melian nymphs—which may just be another way of saying the same thing. See note on *Theogony* 187.

146 ὕβριος West

148 ἀπλαστοὶ C Proclus

- αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ καὶ τοῦτο γένος κατὰ γαῖα κάλυψεν,
 αὐτίς ἔτ' ἄλλο τέταρτον ἐπὶ χθονὶ πουλυβοτείρῃ
 Ζεὺς Κρονίδης ποίησε, δικαιοτέρον καὶ ἄρειον,
 ἀνδρῶν ἡρώων θεῖον γένος, οἳ καλέονται
 160 ἡμίθεοι, προτέρη γενεὴ κατ' ἀπείρονα γαίαν.
 καὶ τοὺς μὲν πόλεμός τε κακὸς καὶ φύλοπις αἰνῆ
 τοὺς μὲν ὑφ' ἑπταπύλῳ Θήβῃ, Καδμηίδι γαίῃ,
 ὤλεσε μαρναμένους μῆλων ἕνεκ' Οἰδιπόδαο,
 τοὺς δὲ καὶ ἐν νήεσσιν ὑπὲρ μέγα λαῖψμα
 θαλάσσης
 165 ἐς Τροίην ἀγαγὼν Ἑλένης ἕνεκ' ἠγκόμοιο.
 ἔνθ' ἦ τοι τοὺς μὲν θανάτου τέλος ἀμφεκάλυψεν,
 τοῖς δὲ δίχ' ἀνθρώπων βίον καὶ ἦθε' ὀπάσσας
 168 Ζεὺς Κρονίδης κατέναυσε πατὴρ ἐς πείρατα γαίης,
 170 καὶ τοὶ μὲν ναίουσιν ἀκηδέα θυμὸν ἔχοντες
 ἐν μακάρων νήσοισι παρ' Ὀκεανὸν βαθυδίνην·
 ὄλβιοι ἦρωες, τοῖσιν μελιηδέα καρπὸν
 τρις ἔτεος θάλλοντα φέρει ζείδωρος ἄρουρα.
 μηκέτ' ἔπειτ' ὄφελλον ἐγὼ πέμπτοισι μετεῖναι
 175 ἀνδράσιν, ἀλλ' ἦ πρόσθε θανεῖν ἢ ἔπειτα γενέσθαι.

173 a-e τηλοῦ ἀπ' ἀθανάτων τοῖσιν Κρόνος ἐμβασιλεύει.
 αὐτὸς γάρ μιν ἔλυσε πατ[ῆρ ἀνδρῶ]ν τε θε[ῶν τε
 νῦν δ' αἰεὶ] μετὰ τοῖς τιμῆ[ν ἔ]χει ὡς ἐ[πιεικῆς].
 Ζεὺς δ' αὐτ' ἄλλο γένος θῆκ[εν μερόπων
 ἀνθρώπων

ὄσσοι νῦ]ν γεγάασιν ἐπὶ [χθονὶ πουλυβοτείρῃ.

173 a (olim 169) post 160 memorat Σ; ante b-c habet Π₃₈, b-e
 autem ante 174 Π₃

173 a ἐβασίλευε Σ; ἐν[Π₃₈: -ει Buttman b init. suppl.
 West, cetera Weil c init. suppl. Maehler: νῦν δ' ἦδη West τοῖσι

(156) When the earth covered up this race too, Zeus, Cronus' son, made another one in turn upon the bounteous earth, a fourth one, more just and superior, the godly race of men-heroes, who are called demigods, the generation before our own upon the boundless earth. Evil war and dread battle destroyed these, some under seven-gated Thebes in the land of Cadmus while they fought for the sake of Oedipus' sheep, others brought in boats over the great gulf of the sea to Troy for the sake of fair-haired Helen. There the end of death shrouded some of them, but upon others Zeus the father, Cronus' son, bestowed life and habitations far from human beings and settled them at the limits of the earth; and these dwell with a spirit free of care on the Islands of the Blessed beside deep-eddying Ocean—happy heroes, for whom the grain-giving field bears honey-sweet fruit flourishing three times a year.¹⁰

(174) If only then I did not have to live among the fifth men, but could have either died first or been born after-

¹⁰ After this line, two papyri transmit the following lines, 173a-e (line 173a is also found in a few other sources): "far from human beings. Among these Cronus is king. For the father of men and of gods freed him himself; and now among these he always has honor, as is fitting, Zeus established another race of mortal human beings in turn, those who have now come into being upon the bounteous earth." This passage is most likely a very late interpolation, designed to reconcile Zeus with Cronus and to provide the fifth race with an introduction similar to that of the first four.

Π₃: corr. Weil τιμῆ]ν Weil, cetera Maehler d init. suppl. West, exit. Wilam. e init. supplevit Solmsen: τῶν οἱ νῦ]ν Kuiper: οἱ καὶ νῦ]ν Wilamowitz, exit. Weil

- νῦν γὰρ δὴ γένος ἐστὶ σιδήρεον· οὐδέ ποτ' ἦμαρ
 παύσονται καμάτου καὶ οἰζύος οὐδέ τι νύκτωρ
 τειρόμενοι χαλεπῆς δὲ θεοὶ δώσουσι μερίμνας.
 ἀλλ' ἔμπης καὶ τοῖσι μεμείζεται ἐσθλὰ κακοῖσιν.
 180 Ζεὺς δ' ὀλέσει καὶ τοῦτο γένος μερόπων ἀνθρώπων,
 εὖτ' ἂν γεινόμενοι πολιοκρόταφοι τελέθωσιν.
 οὐδὲ πατὴρ παίδεσσι ὁμοίος οὐδέ τι παῖδες,
 οὐδὲ ξείνος ξεινοδόκῳ καὶ ἑταῖρος ἑταίρῳ,
 οὐδὲ κασίγνητος φίλος ἔσσειται, ὡς τὸ πάρος περ.
 185 αἰψὰ δὲ γηράσκοντας ἀτιμήσουσι τοκῆας·
 μέμψονται δ' ἄρα τοὺς χαλεποῖς βάζοντες ἔπεσσι,
 σχέτλιοι, οὐδὲ θεῶν ὄπιω εἰδότες· οὐδὲ μὲν οἳ γε
 γηράντεσσι τοκεῦσιν ἀπὸ θρεπτήρια δοίεν.
 χειροδίκαί· ἕτερος δ' ἑτέρου πόλιν ἐξαλαπάξει·
 190 οὐδέ τις εὐόρκου χάρις ἔσσειται οὐδὲ δικαίου
 οὔτ' ἀγαθοῦ, μᾶλλον δὲ κακῶν ῥεκτῆρα καὶ ὕβριν
 ἀνέρα τιμήσουσι· δίκη δ' ἐν χερσὶ καὶ αἰδῶς
 οὐκ ἔσται· βλάβει δ' ὁ κακὸς τὸν ἀρείονα φῶτα
 μύθοισι σκολοῖς ἐνέπων, ἐπὶ δ' ὄρκον ὀμείται.
 195 Ζῆλος δ' ἀνθρώποισιν οἰζυροῖσιν ἅπασιν
 δυσκέλαδος κακόχαρτος ὀμαρτήσει, στυγερώπης.
 καὶ τότε δὴ πρὸς Ὀλυμπον ἀπὸ χθονὸς εὐρυοδείης
 λευκοῖσιν φάρεσσι καλυψαμένῳ χροῶ καλὸν
 ἀθανάτων μετὰ φύλον ἵτον προλιπόντ' ἀνθρώπους
 200 Αἰδῶς καὶ Νέμεσις· τὰ δὲ λείφεται ἄλγεα λυγρὰ

177 π]αύονται Π₈178 τ]ειρόμενοι ε Π₃₈ West: φθειρόμενοι codd.

wards! For now the race is indeed one of iron. And they will not cease from toil and distress by day, nor from being worn out by suffering at night, and the gods will give them grievous cares. Yet all the same, for these people too good things will be mingled with evil ones. But Zeus will destroy this race of speech-endowed human beings too, when at their birth the hair on their temples will be quite gray. Father will not be like-minded with sons, nor sons at all,¹¹ nor guest with host, nor comrade with comrade, nor will the brother be dear, as he once was. They will dishonor their aging parents at once; they will reproach them, addressing them with grievous words—cruel men, who do not know of the gods' retribution!—nor would they repay their aged parents for their rearing. Their hands will be their justice, and one man will destroy the other's city. Nor will there be any grace for the man who keeps his oath, nor for the just man or the good one, but they will give more honor to the doer of evil and the outrage man. Justice will be in their hands, and reverence will not exist, but the bad man will harm the superior one, speaking with crooked discourses, and he will swear an oath upon them. And Envy, evil-sounding, gloating, loathsome-faced, will accompany all wretched human beings. Then indeed will Reverence and Indignation cover their beautiful skin with white mantles, leave human beings behind and go from the broad-pathed earth to the race of the immortals, to Olympus. Baleful

¹¹ I.e. with their father.

189 exp. Hagen: post 181 traiec. Pertusi

192 post χερσὶ interpunxit Heinsius

θνητοῖς ἀνθρώποισι, κακοῦ δ' οὐκ ἔσται ἀλκή.

νῦν δ' αἶνον βασιλεῦσ' ἐρέω, φρονέουσι καὶ
αὐτοῖς.

205 ᾧδ' ἴρηξ προσέειπεν ἀηδόνα ποικιλόδειρον,
ἴημι μάλ' ἐν νεφέεσσι φέρων, οὐνύχεσσι μεμαρπώς·
ἢ δ' ἐλεόν, γναμπτοῖσι πεπαρμένη ἀμφ' οὐνύχεσσι,
μύρετο· τὴν ὁ γ' ἐπικρατέως πρὸς μῦθον ἔειπεν
"δαιμονίη, τί λέληκας; ἔχει νύ σε πολλὸν ἀρείων
τῆ δ' εἰς ἧ σ' ἀν' ἐγὼ περ ἄγω καὶ ἀοιδὸν εὐοῦσαν
δέϊπνον δ' αἶ κ' ἐθέλω ποιήσομαι ἢ μεθήσω.
210 ἄφρων δ' ὅς κ' ἐθέλη πρὸς κρείσσονας ἀντιφερίζειν·
νίκης τε στέρεται πρὸς τ' αἴσχεσιν ἄλγεα πάσχει."
ὡς ἔφατ' ὠκνέτης ἴρηξ, ταυσιπτερος ὄρνις.
ᾧ Πέρση, σὺ δ' ἄκουε Δίκης, μηδ' Ὀβριον
ὄφελλε·

215 "Ὀβρις γάρ τε κακῆ δειλῶ βροτῶ· οὐδὲ μὲν ἐσθλὸς
ῥηιδίως φερέμεν δύναται, βαρύθει δέ θ' ὑπ' αὐτῆς
ἐγκύρσας ἄτησιν· ὁδὸς δ' ἐτέρηφι παρελθεῖν
κρείσσων ἐς τὰ δίκαια· Δίκη δ' ὑπὲρ Ὀβριος ἴσχει
ἐς τέλος ἐξελθούσα· παθὼν δέ τε νῆπιος ἔγνω·
220 αὐτίκα γὰρ τρέχει Ὀρκος ἅμα σκολιῆσι δίκησιν,
τῆς δὲ Δίκης ῥόθος ἐλκομένης ἧ κ' ἄνδρες ἄγωσιν·
δωροφάγοι, σκολιῆς δὲ δίκης κρίνωσι θέμιστας.
ἢ δ' ἔπεται κλαίουσα πόλιν καὶ ἦθεα λαῶν,

210–11 ath. Aristarchus, habent Π₅ Π₈ Π₃₈ etc.: post 212
transp. Graevius

pains will be left for mortal human beings, and there will
be no safeguard against evil.

(202) And now I will tell a fable to kings who them-
selves too have understanding. This is how the hawk ad-
dressed the colorful-necked nightingale, carrying her high
up among the clouds, grasping her with its claws, while she
wept piteously, pierced by the curved claws; he said to her
forcefully, "Silly bird, why are you crying out? One far
superior to you is holding you. You are going wherever I
shall carry you, even if you are a singer; I shall make you
my dinner if I wish, or I shall let you go. Stupid he who
would wish to contend against those stronger than he is:
for he is deprived of the victory, and suffers pains in addi-
tion to his humiliations." So spoke the swift-flying hawk,
the long-winged bird.

(213) As for you, Perses, give heed to Justice and do not
foster Outrageousness. For Outrageousness is evil in a
worthless mortal; and even a fine man cannot bear her eas-
ily, but encounters calamities and then is weighed down
under her. The better road is the one towards what is just,
passing her by on the other side. Justice wins out over Out-
rageousness when she arrives at the end; but the fool only
knows this after he has suffered. For at once Oath starts to
run along beside crooked judgments, and there is a clamor
when Justice is dragged where men, gift-eaters, carry her
off and pronounce verdicts with crooked judgments; but
she stays, weeping, with the city and the people's abodes,

211 αἴσχεσιν ἄλγεα Π₅ Π₈ Π₃₈ Etym.codd., testt.: ἄλγεσιν
αἴσχεα Merkelbach

- ἡέρα ἐσιταμένη, κακὸν ἀνθρώπουσι φέρουσα
 οἷ τέ μιν ἐξελάσουσιν καὶ οὐκ ἰθείαν ἔνειμαν.
 225 οἷ δὲ δίκας ξείνουσι καὶ ἐνδήμοισι διδοῦσιν
 ἰθείας καὶ μή τι παρεκβαίνουσι δικαίον,
 τοῖσι τέθλε πόλις, λαοὶ δ' ἀνθέουσιν ἐν αὐτῇ·
 Εἰρήνη δ' ἀνὰ γῆν κουροτρόφος, οὐδέ ποτ' αὐτοῖς
 ἀργαλέον πόλεμον τεκμαίρεται εὐρύσπα Ζεὺς·
 230 οὐδέ ποτ' ἰθυδίκησι μετ' ἀνδράσι λιμὸς ὀπηδεῖ
 οὐδ' ἄτη, θαλίης δὲ μεμηλότα ἔργα νέμονται.
 τοῖσι φέρει μὲν γαῖα πολὺν βίον, οὔρεσι δὲ δρυὸς
 ἄκρη μὲν τε φέρει βαλάνους, μέσση δὲ μελίσσας·
 εἰροπόκοι δ' ὄϊες μαλλοῖς καταβεβρίθασιν·
 235 τίκτουσιν δὲ γυναῖκες εὐκότα τέκνα γονεῦσιν·
 θάλλουσιν δ' ἀγαθοῖσι διαμπερές· οὐδ' ἐπὶ νηῶν
 υἴσονται, καρπὸν δὲ φέρει ζεῖδωρος ἄρουρα.
 οἷς δ' ὕβρις τε μέμηλε κακῆ καὶ σχέτλια ἔργα,
 τοῖς δὲ δίκην Κρονίδης τεκμαίρεται εὐρύσπα Ζεὺς.
 240 πολλάκι καὶ ξύμπασα πόλις κακοῦ ἀνδρὸς ἀπηύρα,
 ὅστις ἀλιτραίνει καὶ ἀτάσθαλα μηχανάσεται.
 τοῖσιν δ' οὐρανόθεν μέγ' ἐπήγαγε πῆμα Κρονίων,
 λιμὸν ὁμοῦ καὶ λοιμὸν· ἀποφθινύθουσι δὲ λαοί·
 οὐδὲ γυναῖκες τίκτουσιν, μινύθουσι δὲ οἴκοι
 245 Ζηνὸς φραδμοσύνησιν Ὀλυμπίου· ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 ἢ τῶν γε στρατὸν εὐρὺν ἀπώλεσεν ἢ ὃ γε τείχος
 ἢ νέας ἐν πόντῳ Κρονίδης ἀποτείνονται αὐτῶν.
 ὦ βασιλῆς, ὑμεῖς δὲ καταφράζεσθε καὶ αὐτοὶ
 τῆνδε δίκην· ἐγγὺς γὰρ ἐν ἀνθρώποισιν εἶοντες
 250 ἀθάνατοι φράζονται, ὅσοι σκολιῆσι δίκησιν

clad in invisibility, bearing evil to the human beings who drive her out and do not deal straight.

(225) But those who give straight judgments to foreigners and fellow-citizens and do not turn aside from justice at all, their city blooms and the people in it flower. For them, Peace, the nurse of the young, is on the earth, and far-seeing Zeus never marks out painful war; nor does famine attend straight-judging men, nor calamity, but they share out in festivities the fruits of the labors they care for. For these the earth bears the means of life in abundance, and on the mountains the oak tree bears acorns on its surface, and bees in its center; their woolly sheep are weighed down by their fleeces; and their wives give birth to children who resemble their parents. They bloom with good things continuously. And they do not go onto ships, for the grain-giving field bears them crops.

(238) But to those who care only for evil outrageousness and cruel deeds, far-seeing Zeus, Cronus' son, marks out justice. Often even a whole city suffers because of an evil man who sins and devises wicked deeds. Upon them, Cronus' son brings forth woe from the sky, famine together with pestilence, and the people die away; the women do not give birth, and the households are diminished by the plans of Olympian Zeus. And at another time Cronus' son destroys their broad army or their wall, or he takes vengeance upon their ships on the sea.

(248) As for you kings, too, ponder this justice yourselves. For among human beings there are immortals nearby, who take notice of all those who grind one another

244-45 Π₅Π₉ codd.: in libris nonnullis defuisse testatur Plutarchus (ap. Proclum), non laud. Aeschines

- ἀλλήλους τρίβουσι θεῶν ὅπιν οὐκ ἀλέγοντες.
 τρίς γὰρ μύριοί εἰσὶν ἐπὶ χθονὶ πουλυβοτείρῃ
 ἀθάνατοι Ζητὸς φύλακες θνητῶν ἀνθρώπων,
 οἳ ῥα φυλάσσουσιν τε δίκας καὶ σχέτλια ἔργα,
 255 ἡέρα ἐσάμενοι, πάντῃ φοιτῶντες ἐπ' αἶαν.
 ἡ δέ τε παρθένος ἐστὶ Δίκη, Διὸς ἐκγεγαυῖα,
 κυδρὴ τ' αἰδοίη τε θεοῖς οἳ Ὀλυμπον ἔχουσιν·
 καὶ ῥ' ὀπότ' ἄν τις μιν βλάπτῃ σκολιῶς ὀνοτάζων,
 αὐτίκα παρ Διὶ πατρὶ καθεζομένη Κρονίωνι
 260 γηρύετ' ἀνθρώπων ἄδικον νόον, ὄφρ' ἀποτείσῃ
 δῆμος ἀτασθαλίας βασιλέων, οἳ λυγρὰ νοέοντες
 ἄλλη παρκλίνουσι δίκας σκολιῶς ἐνέποντες.
 ταῦτα φυλασσόμενοι βασιλῆς ἰθύνετε μύθους
 δωροφάγοι, σκολιῶν δὲ δικέων ἐπὶ πάγχυ λάθεσθε.
 265 οἳ τ' αὐτῷ κακὰ τεύχει ἀνὴρ ἄλλῳ κακὰ τεύχων,
 ἡ δὲ κακὴ βουλή τῷ βουλευσάντι κακίστη.
 πάντα ἰδὼν Διὸς ὀφθαλμὸς καὶ πάντα νοήσας
 καὶ νῦν τὰδ' αἴ κ' ἐθέλῃσ' ἐπιδέρεται, οὐδέ ἐ λήθει
 οἴην δὴ καὶ τήνδε δίκην πόλις ἐντὸς ἔεργει.
 270 νῦν δὴ ἐγὼ μῆτ' αὐτὸς ἐν ἀνθρώποισι δίκαιος
 εἶην μῆτ' ἐμὸς υἱός, ἐπεὶ κακὸν ἄνδρα δίκαιον
 ἔμμεναι, εἰ μείζω γε δίκην ἀδικώτερος ἔξει
 ἀλλὰ τά γ' οὐ πῶ ἔολπα τελεῖν Δία μητιόεντα.
 ὦ Πέρση, σὺ δὲ ταῦτα μετὰ φρεσὶ βάλλεο
 σῆσιν,
 275 καὶ νῦν Δίκης ἐπάκουε, βίης δ' ἐπιλήθεο πάμπαν.
 τόνδε γὰρ ἀνθρώποισι νόμον διέταξε Κρονίων,
 ἰχθύσι μὲν καὶ θηρσὶ καὶ οἰωνοῖς πετεηνοῖς

down with crooked judgments and have no care for the gods' retribution. Thrice ten thousand are Zeus' immortal guardians of mortal human beings upon the bounteous earth, and they watch over judgments and cruel deeds, clad in invisibility, walking everywhere upon the earth. There is a maiden, Justice, born of Zeus, celebrated and revered by the gods who dwell on Olympus, and whenever someone harms her by crookedly scorning her, she sits down at once beside her father Zeus, Cronus' son, and proclaims the unjust mind of human beings, so that he will take vengeance upon the people for the wickedness of their kings, who think baneful thoughts and bend judgments to one side by pronouncing them crookedly. Bear this in mind, kings, and straighten your discourses, you gift-eaters, and put crooked judgments quite out of your minds. A man contrives evil for himself when he contrives evil for someone else, and an evil plan is most evil for the planner. Zeus' eye, which sees all things and knows all things, perceives this too, if he so wishes, and he is well aware just what kind of justice this is which the city has within it. Right now I myself would not want to be a just man among human beings, neither I nor a son of mine, since it is evil for a man to be just if the more unjust one will receive greater justice. But I do not anticipate that the counsellor Zeus will let things end up this way.

(274) Perses, lay these things in your heart and give heed to Justice, and put violence entirely out of your mind. This is the law that Cronus' son has established for human beings: that fish and beasts and winged birds eat one an-

263 μύθους Φ: δίκας CD

267-73 damn. Plutarchus

ἔσθθιν ἀλλήλους, ἐπεὶ οὐ Δίκη, ἐστὶ μετ' αὐτοῖς·
 ἀνθρώποισι δ' ἔδωκε Δίκην, ἣ πολλὸν ἀρίστη
 280 γίνεται· εἰ γάρ τις κ' ἐθέλη τὰ δίκαι' ἀγορεύσαι
 γινώσκων, τῷ μὲν τ' ὄλβον διδοῖ εὐρύσπα Ζεὺς·
 ὅς δέ κε μαρτυρήσιν ἐκὼν ἐπίορκον ὁμόσσιας
 ψεύσεται, ἐν δὲ Δίκην βλάβης νήκεστον ἀάσθη,
 τοῦ δέ τ' ἀμαυροτέρη γενεὴ μετόπισθε λέλειπται·
 285 ἀνδρὸς δ' εὐόρκου γενεὴ μετόπισθεν ἀμείνων.

σοὶ δ' ἐγὼ ἐσθλὰ νοέων ἐρέω, μέγα νήπιε Πέρση.
 τὴν μὲν τοι Κακότητα καὶ ἰλαδὸν ἔστιν ἐλέσθαι
 ῥηιδίως· λείη μὲν ὁδός, μάλα δ' ἐγγύθι ναίει·
 τῆς δ' Ἀρετῆς ἰδρῶτα θεοὶ προπάρουθεν ἔθηκαν
 290 ἀθάνατου μακρὸς δὲ καὶ ὄρθιος οἶμος ἐς αὐτὴν
 καὶ τρηχὺς τὸ πρῶτον· ἐπὴν δ' εἰς ἄκρον ἵκηται,
 ῥηιδίῃ δῆπειτα πέλει, χαλεπὴ περ εἴουσα.

οὗτος μὲν πανάριστος, ὃς αὐτῷ πάντα νοήσει,
 φρασσάμενος τά κ' ἔπειτα καὶ ἐς τέλος ἦσιν ἀμείνων·
 295 ἐσθλὸς δ' αὖ καὶ κείνος, ὃς εὖ εἰπὺντι πίθηται·
 ὃς δέ κε μῆτ' αὐτὸς νοέη μῆτ' ἄλλου ἀκούων
 ἐν θυμῷ βάλληται, ὃ δ' αὐτ' ἀχρήσιος ἀνήρ.
 ἀλλὰ σὺ γ' ἡμετέρης μεμνημένος αἰὲν ἐφετμῆς
 ἐργάζεο Πέρση, δῖον γένος, ὄφρα σε Λιμὸς
 300 ἐχθαίρη, φιλήη δέ σ' εὐστέφανος Δημήτηρ
 αἰδοίη, βίωτου δὲ τῆν πιμπλήσι καλιήν·
 Λιμὸς γάρ τοι πάμπαν ἀεργῷ σύμφορος ἀνδρὶ.
 τῷ δὲ θεοὶ νεμεσῶσι καὶ ἀνέρες, ὅς κεν ἀεργὸς

other, since Justice is not among them; but to human beings he has given Justice, which is the best by far. For if someone who recognizes what is just is willing to speak it out publicly, then far-seeing Zeus gives him wealth. But whoever willfully swears a false oath, telling a lie in his testimony, he himself is incurably hurt at the same time as he harms Justice, and in after times his family is left more obscure; whereas the family of the man who keeps his oath is better in after times.

(286) To you, Perses, you great fool, I will speak my fine thoughts: Misery is there to be grabbed in abundance, easily, for smooth is the road, and she lives very nearby; but in front of Excellence the immortal gods have set sweat, and the path to her is long and steep, and rough at first—yet when one arrives at the top, then it becomes easy, difficult though it still is.

(293) The man who thinks of everything by himself, considering what will be better, later and in the end—this man is the best of all. That man is fine too, the one who is persuaded by someone who speaks well. But whoever neither thinks by himself nor pays heed to what someone else says and lays it to his heart—that man is good for nothing. So, Perses, you of divine stock, keep working and always bear in mind our behest, so that Famine will hate you and well-garlanded reverend Demeter will love you and fill your granary with the means of life. For Famine is ever the companion of a man who does not work; and gods and men feel resentment against that man, whoever lives without

288 λείη Plato Xenophon al.: ὀλίγη codd. Proclus

- ζῶη, κηφήνεσσι κοθούροις εἴκελος ὄργην,
 305 οἷ τε μελισσάων κάματον τρύχουσιν ἀεργοῖ
 ἔσθοντες· σοὶ δ' ἔργα φίλ' ἔστω μέτρια κοσμεῖν,
 ὡς κέ τοι ὠραίου βίωτου πλήθωσι καλιαί.
 ἐξ ἔργων δ' ἄνδρες πολὺμηλοὶ τ' ἀφνειοὶ τε
 καὶ τ' ἐργαζόμενος πολὺ φίλτερος ἀθανάτοισιν
 310 ἔσσεαι ἠδὲ βροτοῖς· μάλα γὰρ στυγέουσιν ἀεργούς.
 ἔργον δ' οὐδὲν ὄνειδος, ἀεργίη δέ τ' ὄνειδος·
 εἰ δέ κεν ἐργάζῃ, τάχα σε ζηλώσει ἀεργὸς
 πλουτέοντα· πλούτῳ δ' ἀρετὴ καὶ κῦδος ὀπηδεῖ·
 δαίμονι δ' οἶος ἔησθα, τὸ ἐργάζεσθαι ἄμεινον,
 315 εἰ κεν ἀπ' ἀλλοτρίων κτεάνων ἀεσίφρονα θυμὸν
 εἰς ἔργον τρέψας μελετῆς βίου, ὡς σε κελεύω.
 αἰδῶς δ' οὐκ ἀγαθὴ κεχρημένον ἄνδρα κομίζειν,
 αἰδῶς, ἣ τ' ἄνδρας μέγα σίνεται ἠδ' ὀνύησιν
 αἰδῶς τοι πρὸς ἀνολβίῃ, θάρσος δὲ πρὸς ὄλβῳ.
 320 χρήματα δ' οὐχ ἀρπακτά· θεόσδοτα πολλὸν
 ἀμείνω.
 εἰ γὰρ τις καὶ χερσὶ βίη μέγαν ὄλβον ἔληται,
 ἦ ὃ γ' ἀπὸ γλώσσης ληίσσεται, οἷά τε πολλὰ
 γίνεται, εὖτ' ἂν δὴ κέρδος νόον ἐξαπατήσῃ
 ἀνθρώπων, Αἰδῶ δέ τ' Ἀναιδεῖη κατοπάξῃ,
 325 ρεῖα δέ μιν μαυροῦσι θεοί, μινύθουσι δὲ οἶκον

304 ὄργην Π₃₃CacDac sch. in Platonem al.: ὄρμην CpcDpc (m.
 1) Φ sch. in Theocritum al.: ἀλκὴν φ₉φ₁₁ψ₁₅

310 deest et in Π₅Π₁₁Π₃₃ D Proclo Stobaeo: hab. C (m. rec. in
 mg.) Φ 317-18 ath. Plutarchus; 318 post 319 transp.
 Peppmüller; 317 et 319 invicem transp. Mazon

working, in his temper like stingless drones that consume the labor of the bees, eating it without working. But as for you, be glad to organize your work properly, so that your granaries will be filled with the means of life in good season. It is from working that men have many sheep and are wealthy, and if you work you will be dearer by far to immortals and to mortals: for they very much hate men who do not work.¹² Work is not a disgrace at all, but not working is a disgrace. And if you work, the man who does not work will quickly envy you when you are rich; excellence and fame attend upon riches. Whatever sort you are by fortune, working is better, if you turn your foolish spirit away from other men's possessions towards work, taking care for the means of life, as I bid you. Shame is not good at providing for a needy man—shame, which greatly harms men and also benefits them: for shame goes along with poverty, and self-confidence goes along with wealth.

(320) Property is not to be snatched: god-given is better by far. For if someone grabs great wealth with his hands by violence, or plunders it by means of his tongue, as often happens when profit deceives the mind of human beings and Shamelessness drives Shame away, then the gods easily make him obscure, and they diminish that man's house-

¹² Line 310, "you will be . . . and to mortals: for they very much hate men who do not work," is missing in papyri, scholia, and some medieval manuscripts, and is excluded by many editors.

318 om. D, in marg. rest. m. al.

321 ὄλβον: ὄρκον Π₃₃ Byz. Etym. Genuinum A s. v. μαυροῦσι

ἀνέρι τῷ, παῦρον δέ τ' ἐπὶ χρόνον ὄλβος ὀπηδεῖ.
 ἴσον δ' ὅς θ' ἰκέτην ὅς τε ξεῖνον κακὸν ἔρξει,
 ὅς τε κασιγνήτοιο ἐοῦ ἀνὰ δέμνια βαιῖνη
 κρυπταδίης εὐνήης ἀλόχου, παρακαίρια βέζων,
 330 ὅς τέ τεο ἀφραδίης ἀλιτήνεται ὄρφανὰ τέκνα,
 ὅς τε γονῆα γέροντα κακῶ ἐπὶ γήραος οὐδῶ
 νεικείη χαλεπαῖσι καθαπτόμενος ἐπέεσσιν
 τῷ δ' ἦτοι Ζεὺς αὐτὸς ἀγαιέται, ἐς δὲ τελευταίην
 ἔργων ἀντ' ἀδίκων χαλεπὴν ἐπέθηκεν ἀμοιβήν.
 335 ἀλλὰ σὺ τῶν μὲν πάμπαν ἔργ' ἀεσίφρονα θυμόν,
 καδ̄ δύναμιν δ' ἔρδειν ἱέρ' ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσιν
 ἀγνώως καὶ καθαρῶς, ἐπὶ δ' ἀγλαὰ μηρία καίειν
 ἄλλοτε δὲ σπονδῆσι θύεσσί τε ἰλάσκεσθαι,
 ἦ μὲν ὅτ' εὐνάξῃ καὶ ὅτ' ἀν φάος ἱερὸν ἔλθῃ,
 340 ὥς κέ τοι ἴλασθ' κραδίην καὶ θυμόν ἔχωσιν,
 ὄφρ' ἄλλων ὠνῆ κληῖρον, μὴ τὸν τεὸν ἄλλος.
 τὸν φιλέοντ' ἐπὶ δαῖτα καλεῖν, τὸν δ' ἐχθρὸν
 εἶᾶσαι
 τὸν δὲ μάλιστα καλεῖν ὅστις σέθεν ἐγγύθι ναίειν
 εἰ γάρ τοι καὶ χρῆμ' ἐγχώριον ἄλλο γένηται,
 345 γείτονες ἄζωστοι ἔκιον, ζώσαντο δὲ πηοί.
 πῆμα κακὸς γείτων, ὅσσόν τ' ἀγαθὸς μέγ' ὄνειαρ·
 ἔμμορέ τοι τιμῆς, ὅς τ' ἔμμορε γείτονος ἐσθλοῦ·
 οὐδ' ἀν βοῦς ἀπόλοιτ', εἰ μὴ γείτων κακὸς εἴη.
 εὖ μὲν μετρέϊσθαι παρὰ γείτονος, εὖ δ' ἀποδοῦναι,
 350 αὐτῷ τῷ μέτρῳ, καὶ λώιον, αἶ κε δύνηαι,
 ὡς ἀν χρηρίζων καὶ ἐς ὕστερον ἄρκιον εὖρης.
 μὴ κακὰ κερδαίνειν· κακὰ κέρδεα ἴσ' ἄτησιν.

hold, and wealth attends him for only a short time. It is the same if someone does evil to a suppliant or to a guest, or if he goes up to his own brother's bed, sleeping with his sister-in-law in secret, acting wrongly, or if in his folly he sins against orphaned children, or if he rebukes his aged father upon the evil threshold of old age, attacking him with grievous words: against such a man, Zeus himself is enraged, and in the end he imposes a grievous return for unjust works.

(335) But as for you, keep your foolish spirit entirely away from these things. According to your capability, make holy sacrifice to the immortal gods in a hallowed and pure manner, and burn splendid thigh-pieces on the altar; at other times, seek propitiation with libations and burnt-offerings, both when you go to bed and when the holy light returns, so that their heart and spirit will be propitious to you, so that you may barter for other people's allotment, not someone else for yours.

(342) Invite your friend to the feast, but let your enemy be; and above all call whoever lives near to you. For if something untoward happens on your estate, your neighbors come ungirt, but your in-laws gird themselves. A bad neighbor is a woe, just as much as a good one is a great boon: whoever has a share in a fine neighbor has a share in good value; not even a cow would be lost, if the neighbor were not bad. Measure out well from your neighbor, and pay him back well, with the very same measure, and better if you can, so that if you are in need again you will find him reliable later too. Do not seek profit evilly: evil profit is as

344 ἐγχώριον Etym.codd.: ἐγκώμιον Π₁₉ ΣProclus testt.

τὸν φιλέοντα φιλεῖν καὶ τῷ προσιόντι προσεῖναι,
καὶ δόμεν ὅς κεν δῶ, καὶ μὴ δόμεν ὅς κεν μὴ δῶ·
355 δώτη μὲν τις ἔδωκεν, ἀδώτη δ' οὐ τις ἔδωκεν·
Δὼς ἀγαθή, Ἄρπαξ δὲ κακή, θανάτοιο δότεира.
ὅς μὲν γάρ κεν ἀνὴρ ἐθέλων ὁ γε καὶ μέγα δῶη,
χαίρει τῷ δῶρῳ καὶ τέρπεται ὄν κατὰ θυμόν·
ὅς δὲ κεν αὐτὸς ἔληται ἀναιδείῃφι πιθήσας,
360 καὶ τε σμικρὸν ἔόν, τό γ' ἐπάχνωσεν φίλον ἦτορ.
364 οὐδὲ τό γ' εἶν οἴκῳ κατακείμενον ἀνέρα κήδει·
365 οἴκοι βέλτερον εἶναι, ἐπεὶ βλαβερόν τὸ θύρηφιν.
366 ἐσθλὸν μὲν παρεόντος ἐλέσθαι, πῆμα δὲ θυμῷ
367 χρηζέειν ἀπεόντος· ἄ σε φράζεσθαι ἄνωγα.
361 εἰ γάρ κεν καὶ σμικρὸν ἐπὶ σμικρῷ καταθεῖο,
362 καὶ θαμὰ τοῦτ' ἔρδους, τάχα κεν μέγα καὶ τὸ γένοιτο.
363 ὅς δ' ἐπ' ἔόντι φέρει, ὁ δ' ἀλέξεται αἴθοπα λιμόν·
368 ἀρχομένον δὲ πίθου καὶ λήγοντος κορέσασθαι,
μεσσοῦθι φείδεσθαι· δειλὴ δ' ἐν πύθμηνι φειδῶ.
370 μισθὸς δ' ἀνδρὶ φίλῳ εἰρημένος ἄρκιος ἔστω·
καὶ τε κασιγνήτῳ γελᾶσας ἐπὶ μάρτυρα θέσθαι·
πίστεις ἴδ' ἄρ' ὁμῶς καὶ ἀπιστίαι ὤλεσαν ἀνδρας.

354-55 proscr. Plutarchus

361-363 post 367 transp. Most

363 post 360 traiec. Evelyn-White

370-72 eiecerunt aliqui, om. Π₁₁Π₃₃ (et fort. Π₁₉Π₃₉)

CDTzetzesΦψ; novit Plutarchus sed incertum ubi (e. g. post 352):
in textu hic habent MoschopulusTr, ante 369 ψ₁₁ (traiecit
corrector), in marg. m. al. C⁴ω₂ω₃Nφ₃ψ₉ψ₁₃: 370 solum post 382
φ₇φ₈ 370 Pittheo tribuit Aristoteles, Hesiodo Plutarchus

bad as calamities. Be friendly to your friend, and go visit those who visit you. And give to him who gives and do not give to him who does not give: for one gives to a giver, but no one gives to a non-giver—Give is good, Grab is bad, a giver of death. For whatever a man gives willingly, even if it is much, he rejoices in the gift and takes pleasure in his spirit; but whoever snatches, relying upon shamelessness, this congeals his own heart, even if it is little.

(364) What lies stored up in the household does not cause a man grief: it is better for things to be at home, for what is outdoors is at risk. It is fine to take from what you have, but it is woe for the spirit to have need of what you do not have. I bid you take notice of this. For if you put down even a little upon a little and do this often, then this too will quickly become a lot; whoever adds to what is already there wards off fiery famine.¹³ Take your fill when the storage-jar is just opened or nearly empty, be thrifty in the middle: thrift in the lees is worthless. Let the payment agreed for a man who is your friend be reliable; and smile upon your brother—but add a witness too: for both trust and distrust have destroyed men. Do not let an arse-fancy

¹³ Lines 361-63 discuss the accumulation of domestic stores and are out of place after 360, which concludes the advice to give to others rather than snatching from them; they fit much better after 367, and so, against all the manuscripts, I have transposed them here. The traditional order may have arisen from the similarity between *σμικρὸν* in line 360 and *σμικρὸν ἐπὶ σμικρῷ* in 361.

Heliodorus Michael

372 δ' ἄρα C⁴ω₃φ₃ψ₉ψ₁₃, δ' ἄρα N: γάρ τοι Bentley: δὴ ῥα Reiz: γάρ ῥα Allen

μηδὲ γυνή σε νόον πυγαστόλος ἔξαπατάτω
 αἰμύλα κατίλλουσα, τήν διφῶσα καλιήν
 375 ὅς δὲ γυναικὶ πέποιθε, πέποιθ' ὁ γε φιλήτησιν.
 μουννογενῆς δὲ πάις εἴη πατρῷον οἶκον
 φερβέμεν· ὥς γὰρ πλοῦτος ἀέξεται ἐν μεγάροισιν
 γηραιὸς δὲ θάνοι ἕτερον παῖδ' ἐγκαταλείπων.
 380 ρεῖα δέ κεν πλεόνεσσι πόροι Ζεὺς ἄσπετον ὄλβον
 πλείων μὲν πλεόνων μελέτη, μείζων δ' ἐπιθήκη.

σοὶ δ' εἰ πλούτου θυμὸς ἐέλδεται ἐν φρεσὶν ἦσιν,
 ᾧδ' ἔρδευ, καὶ ἔργον ἐπ' ἔργῳ ἐργάζεσθαι.

Πληιάδων Ἀτλαγενέων ἐπιτελλομενάων
 ἄρχεσθ' ἀμήτου, ἀρότιο δὲ δυσομενάων
 385 αἰ δὴ τοι νύκτας τε καὶ ἡμέματα τεσσαράκοντα
 κεκρύφαται, αὐτίς δὲ περιπλομένου ἐνιαυτοῦ
 φαίνονται τὰ πρῶτα χαρασσομένοιο σιδήρου.
 οὗτός τοι πεδίων πέλεται νόμος, οἳ τε θαλάσσης
 ἐγγύθι ναιετάουσ' οἳ τ' ἄγκεα βησσήεντα
 390 πόντου κυμαίνοντος ἀπόπροθι, πῖονα χῶρον,
 ναίουσιν· γυμνὸν σπείρειν, γυμνὸν δὲ βοωτεῖν,
 γυμνὸν δ' ἀμύειν, εἴ χ' ὄρια πάντ' ἐθέλησθα
 ἔργα κομίζεσθαι Δημήτερος, ὥς τοι ἕκαστα
 ὄρι' ἀέξεται, μή πως τὰ μέταζε χατίζων
 395 πτώσσης ἀλλοτρίους οἴκους καὶ μηδὲν ἀνύσσεις—
 ὥς καὶ νῦν ἐπ' ἔμ' ἦλθες· ἐγὼ δέ τοι οὐκ ἐπιδώσω

woman deceive your mind by guilefully cajoling you while she pokes into your granary: whoever trusts a woman, trusts swindlers. Let there be a single-born son to nourish the father's household; in this way wealth is increased in the halls; and may he die an old man, leaving behind one son in his turn. And yet Zeus could easily bestow immense wealth upon more people: more hands, more work, and the surplus is bigger.

(381) If the spirit in your breast longs for wealth, then act in this way, and work at work upon work.

(383) When the Atlas-born Pleiades rise,¹⁴ start the harvest—the plowing, when they set.¹⁵ They are concealed for forty nights and days,¹⁶ but when the year has revolved they appear once more, when the iron is being sharpened. This is the rule for the plains, and for those who dwell near the sea and those far from the swelling sea in the valleys and glens, fertile land: sow naked, and plow naked, and harvest naked, if you want to bring in all of Demeter's works in due season, so that each crop may grow for you in its season, lest being in need later you go as a beggar to other people's houses and achieve nothing—just as now you have come to me. But I shall not give you anything

¹⁴ In the first half of May.

¹⁵ In late October or early November.

¹⁶ From the end of March until the beginning of May.

375 et Π₁₉: damn. Plutarchus

378 ath. Σ (habent Π₁₁ Π₁₉ Π₃₃) θάνοι Π₁₉ Hermann: θάνοις codd. Σ^{vet} Proclus

οὐδ' ἐπιμετρήσω· ἐργάζεο, νήπιε Πέρση,
 ἔργα, τὰ τ' ἀνθρώποισι θεοὶ διετεκμήσαντο,
 μή ποτε σὺν παίδεσσι γυναικί τε θυμὸν ἀχεύων
 400 ζητεύης βίον κατα γείτονας, οἱ δ' ἀμελῶσιν.
 δις μὲν γὰρ καὶ τρίς τάχα τεύξεαι· ἦν δ' ἔτι λυπῆς,
 χρήμα μὲν οὐ πρήξεις, σὺ δ' ἐτώσια πόλλ'
 ἀγορεύσεις,
 ἀχρεῖος δ' ἔσται ἐπέων νομός. ἀλλά σ' ἄνωγα
 φράζεσθαι χρεῶν τε λύσιν λιμοῦ τ' ἀλεωρῆν.
 405 οἶκον μὲν πρώτιστα γυναῖκά τε βοῦν τ' ἀροτῆρα,
 κτητῆν, οὐ γαμητῆν, ἥτις καὶ βουσὶν ἔποιτο.
 χρήματα δ' εἰν οἴκῳ πάντ' ἄρμενα ποιήσασθαι,
 μή σὺ μὲν αἰτῆς ἄλλον, ὁ δ' ἀρνήται, σὺ δὲ τητᾶ,
 ἢ δ' ὄρη παρμεῖβηται, μινύθη δέ τοι ἔργον.
 410 μηδ' ἀναβάλλεσθαι ἔς τ' αὔριον ἔς τε ἔνηφιν·
 οὐ γὰρ ἐτωσιοεργὸς ἀνὴρ πίμπλησι καλιῆν
 οὐδ' ἀναβαλλόμενος· μελέτη δέ τοι ἔργον ὀφέλλει·
 αἰεὶ δ' ἀμβολιεργὸς ἀνὴρ ἄτησι παλαίει.
 ἦμος δὲ λήγει μένος ὀξέος ἡελίου
 415 καύματος εἰδαλίμου, μετοπωρινὸν ὀμβρῆσαντος
 Ζηνὸς ἐρισθενέος, μετὰ δὲ τρέπεται βρότεος χρῶς
 πολλὸν ἐλαφρότερος· δὴ γὰρ τότε Σείριος ἀστὴρ
 βαιὸν ὑπὲρ κεφαλῆς κηριτρεφέων ἀνθρώπων
 ἔρχεται ἡμάτιος, πλείου δέ τε νυκτὸς ἐπαυρεῖ·
 420 τῆμος ἀδηκτοτάτη πέλεται τμηθείσα σιδήρῳ
 ὕλη, φύλλα δ' ἔραζε χέει πτόρθοιό τε λήγει
 τῆμος ἄρ' ὕλοτομεῖν μεμνημένος, ὄριον ἔργον.
 ὄλμον μὲν τριπόδην τάμνειν, ὕπερον δὲ τρίπηχυν,

extra, nor measure out extra for you. Work, foolish Perses, at the works which the gods have marked out for human beings, lest someday, sorrowing in your spirit, together with your children and your wife you seek a livelihood among your neighbors, but they pay no attention to you. For two times maybe and three times you will succeed; but if you bother them again, you will accomplish nothing but will speak a lot in vain, and the rangeland of your words will be useless. I bid you take notice of how to clear your debts and how to ward off famine: a house first of all, a woman, and an ox for plowing—the woman one you purchase, not marry, one who can follow with the oxen—and arrange everything well in the house, lest you ask someone else and he refuse and you suffer want, and the season pass by, and the fruit of your work be diminished. Do not postpone until tomorrow and the next day: for the futilely working man does not fill his granary, nor does the postponer; industry fosters work, and the work-postponing man is always wrestling with calamities.

(414) When the strength of the sharp sun ceases from its sweaty heat, as mighty Zeus sends the autumn rain, and a mortal's skin changes with great relief—for that is when the star Sirius goes during the day only briefly above the heads of death-nurtured human beings and takes a greater share of the night—at that time,¹⁷ wood that is cut with the iron is least bitten by worms, and its leaves fall to the ground and it ceases putting forth shoots. So at that time be mindful and cut wood, a seasonable work: cut a mortar three feet long, and a pestle three cubits long,¹⁸ and an axle

¹⁷ In late September and early October.

¹⁸ About four and a half feet.

- 425 ἄξονα δ' ἑπταπόδην μάλα γάρ νύ τοι ἄρμενον οὔτω
 εἰ δέ κεν ὀκταπόδην, ἀπὸ καὶ σφύραν κε τάμοιο.
 τρισπίθαστον δ' ἄψιν τάμνειν δεκαδώρῳ ἀμάξῃ.
 πόλλ' ἐπικαμπύλα κᾶλα φέρεω δὲ γύνη ὄτ' ἂν εὖρης
 εἰς οἶκον, κατ' ὄρος διζήμενος ἢ κατ' ἄρουραν,
 430 πρίνινον ὃς γὰρ βουσίην ἀροῦν ὀχυρώτατός ἐστιν,
 εὐτ' ἂν Ἀθηναίης δμῶδες ἐν ἐλύματι πηξῆας
 γόμφουσι πελάσας προσαρήρηται ἰστοβοῆϊ.
 δοιὰ δὲ θέσθαι ἄροτρα πονησάμενος κατὰ οἶκον,
 αὐτόγονον καὶ πηκτόν, ἐπεὶ πολὺ λώιον οὔτω
 εἰ χ' ἕτερον ἄξαις, ἕτερόν κ' ἐπὶ βουσί βάλωιο.
 435 δάφνης ἢ πετέλης ἀκιώτατοι ἰστοβοῆης,
 δρυὸς <δ'> ἔλλυμα, πρίνου δὲ γύης. βόε δ' ἐνναετήρῳ
 ἄρσενε κεκτῆσθαι, τῶν γὰρ σθένος οὐκ ἀλαπαδνόν,
 ἥβης μέτρον ἔχοντε· τὼ ἐργάζεσθαι ἀρίστω.
 οὐκ ἂν τῷ γ' ἐρίσαντε ἐν αὐλακί καμ μὲν ἄροτρον
 440 ἄξειαν, τὸ δὲ ἔργον ἐτώσιον αὐθι λίποιεν.
 τοῖς δ' ἅμα τεσσαρακονταετῆς αἰζητὸς ἔπιτο,
 ἄρτον δειπνήσας τετράτρυφον ὀκτάβλωμον,
 ὃς κ' ἔργου μελετῶν ἰθειᾶν κ' αὐλακ' ἐλαύνει,
 μηκέτι παπταίνων μεθ' ὀμήλικας, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ ἔργῳ
 445 θυμὸν ἔχων· τοῦ δ' οὐ τι νεώτερος ἄλλος ἀμείνων
 σπέρματα δάσασσθαι καὶ ἐπισπορίην ἀλέασθαι
 κούροτερος γὰρ ἀνὴρ μεθ' ὀμήλικας ἐπτοίηται.
 φράζεσθαι δ' εὐτ' ἂν γεράνου φωνὴν ἐπακούσεις

436 δ' addidit West

seven feet long; for this way things will fit together very well. If you cut a length eight feet long, you could cut a mallet-head from it too. Cut a three-span broad¹⁹ wheel for a ten-palm sized²⁰ cart. There are lots of bent timbers: search for one on the mountain or through the fields, and if you find one of holm-oak take it into your house as a plow-tree. For that wood stands up most strongly for plowing with oxen, when Athena's servant has drawn it near and attached it to the yoke-pole after having fastened it with pegs to the plow-stock. Toil hard to lay up a pair of plows in your house, one of a single piece and one put together, since it is much better this way: if you broke one, you could set the other one upon your oxen. Yoke-poles of laurel or of elm are the least wormy, of oak the plow-stock, of holm-oak the plow-tree. Acquire two oxen, nine years old, male, that have reached the measure of puberty, for their strength has not been drained away yet: they are best at working. They will not break the plow by contending with one another in the furrow, leaving the work futile right there. Together with these, a strong forty-year-old man should follow with the plow, after he has breakfasted on a four-piece,²¹ eight-part loaf, someone who puts care into his work and will drive a straight furrow, no longer gaping after his age-mates, but keeping his mind on his work. And another man, not a bit younger than him, is better for scattering the seeds and avoiding over-seeding: for a younger man is all aflutter for his age-mates.

(448) Take notice, when you hear the voice of the crane

¹⁹ About two feet three inches.

²⁰ About two and a half feet. ²¹ It is unclear what exactly is meant; another suggestion is "four-times kneaded."

- ὑπόθεν ἐκ νεφέων ἐνιαύσια κεκληγυίης,
 450 ἢ τ' ἀρότοιο τε σῆμα φέρει καὶ χείματος ὄρη
 δεικνύει ὀμβρηροῦ· κραδίην δ' ἔδακ' ἀνδρὸς ἀβούτεω
 δὴ τότε χορτάζειν ἔλικας βόας ἔνδον ἔοντας.
 ῥήιδιον γὰρ ἔπος εἰπεῖν· “βόε δὸς καὶ ἄμαξαν”
 ῥήιδιον δ' ἀπανήμασθαι· “πάρα δ' ἔργα βόεσσιν.”
 455 φησὶ δ' ἀνὴρ φρένας ἀφνειὸς πῆξασθαι ἄμαξαν
 νήπιος, οὐδὲ τὸ οἶδ'· ἑκατὸν δέ τε δούρατ' ἀμάξης,
 τῶν πρόσθεν μελέτην ἐχέμεν οἰκῆια θέσθαι.
 εὐτ' ἂν δὴ πρότιστ' ἄροτος θνητοῖσι φανήη,
 δὴ τότε ἐφορμηθήναι, ὁμῶς δμῶές τε καὶ αὐτός,
 460 αἴην καὶ διερὴν ἀρόων ἀρότοιο καθ' ὄρην,
 πρῶτ' μάλα σπεύδων, ἵνα τοι πλήθωσιν ἄρουραι.
 ἔαρι πολέϊν· θέρεος δὲ νεωμένη οὐ σ' ἀπατήσει·
 νειὸν δὲ σπείρειν ἔτι κουφίζουσιν ἄρουραν.
 νειὸς ἀλεξιάρη παίδων εὐκλήτεια.
 465 εὐχεσθαι δὲ Διὶ χθονίῳ Δημήτερί θ' ἀγνῆ
 ἐκτελέα βρίθειν Δημήτερος ἱερὸν ἀκτῆν
 ἀρχόμενος τὰ πρῶτ' ἀρότου, ὅτ' ἂν ἄκρον ἐχέτης
 χειρὶ λαβὼν ὄρπηκι βοῶν ἐπὶ νῶτον ἴκηαι
 ἔνδρνον ἐλκόντων μεσάβῳ. ὁ δὲ τυτθὸν ὄπισθεν
 470 δμῶδες ἔχων μακέλην πόνον ὀρνίθεσσι τιθείη
 σπέρμα κατακρύπτων· εὐθημοσύνη γὰρ ἀρίστη
 θνητοῖς ἀνθρώποις, κακοθημοσύνη δὲ κακίστη.
 ᾧδὲ κεν ἀδροσύνη στάχυες νεύοιεν ἔραζε,

464 ἀλεξιάρη παίδων εὐκλή- ΣProclus Etym.codd. test.:
ἀλεξιάρης Ἰδιδωνέος κηλ- West

every year calling from above out of the clouds²²; she brings the sign for plowing and indicates the season of winter rain, and this gnaws the heart of the man without oxen. That is the time to fatten the curving-horned oxen indoors: for it is easy to say, “Give me a pair of oxen and a cart,” but it is also easy to refuse, saying, “There is already work at hand for my oxen.” The man who is wealthy only in his mind says that he will put together his cart—the fool, he does not know this: one hundred are the boards of a cart, take care to lay them up in your house beforehand.

(458) When the plowing-time first shows itself to mortals, set out for it, both your slaves and yourself, plowing by dry and by wet in the plowing-season, hastening very early, so that your fields will be filled. Turn the soil over in the spring; land left fallow in the summer will not disappoint you; sow the fallow land while the field is still brittle. Fallow land is an averter of death, a soother of children.

(465) Pray to Zeus of the land and to hallowed Demeter to make Demeter's holy grain ripen heavy, as you begin plowing at the very start, when you have taken the end of the plow-tail in your hand and have come down with the goad upon the oxen's backs while they draw the yoke-pole by its leather strap. Just a little behind, let another man, a slave holding a mattock, make toil for the birds by covering up the seed: for good management is the best for mortal human beings, bad management the worst. In this way the ears of corn will bend towards the ground in their ripeness,

²² In late October or early November.

εἰ τέλος αὐτὸς ὄπισθεν Ὀλύμπιος ἐσθλὸν ὀπάξει,
 475 ἐκ δ' ἀγγέων ἐλάσειας ἀράχια· καὶ σε ἔολπα
 γηθήσειν βióτον αἰρέόμενον ἔνδον ἐόντος·
 εὐοχθέων δ' ἴξεται πολίων ἔαρ, οὐδὲ πρὸς ἄλλους
 αὐγάσειαι, σέο δ' ἄλλος ἀνὴρ κεχρημένος ἔσται.
 εἰ δέ κεν ἠελίοιο τροπῆς ἀρόψς χθόνα διάν,
 480 ἤμενος ἀμήσεις, ὀλίγον περὶ χειρὸς ἔέργων,
 ἀντία δεσμεύων, κεκουμένος, οὐ μάλα χαίρων,
 οἴσεις δ' ἐν φορμῶ παῦροι δέ σε θήσονται.
 ἄλλοτε δ' ἄλλοιὸς Ζητὸς νόος αἰγύχοιο,
 ἀργαλέος δ' ἀνδρῶσι καταθνητοῖσι νοῆσαι.
 485 εἰ δέ κεν ὄψ' ἀρόσεις, τόδε κέν τοι φάρμακον εἶη·
 ἦμος κόκκυξ κοκκύζει δρυὸς ἐν πετάλοισιν
 τὸ πρῶτον, τέρπει δὲ βροτοὺς ἐπ' ἀπείρονα γαίαν,
 τῆμος Ζεὺς ὕοι τρίτῳ ἡματι μηδ' ἀπολήγοι,
 μήτ' ἄρ' ὑπερβάλλων βοὸς ὀπλήν μήτ' ἀπολείπων·
 490 οὕτω κ' ὀψαρότης πρωιηρότη ἰσοφαρίζοι.
 ἐν θυμῷ δ' εὖ πάντα φυλάσσειο, μηδέ σε λήθοι
 μήτ' ἔαρ γινόμενον πολίων μήθ' ὄριος ὄμβρος.
 παρ δ' ἴθι χάλκειον θῶκον καὶ ἐπαλέα λέσχην
 ὄρη χειμερίη, ὅποτε κρύος ἀνέρας ἔργων
 495 ἰσχάνει· ἐνθά κ' ἄοκνος ἀνὴρ μέγα οἶκον ὀφέλλοι·
 μή σε κακοῦ χειμῶνος ἀμηχανίη καταμάρψει
 σὺν Πενίῃ, λεπτή δὲ παχὺν πόδα χειρὶ πιέζης.
 πολλὰ δ' ἀεργὸς ἀνὴρ, κενεὴν ἐπὶ ἐλπίδα μίμνων,

490 πρωιη- Kirchhoff: πρωιηρότη C, (η in ras.) D: -αρηρότη
 (-τι) Φ: -αρότη Proclus ut vid.: πρωιηρότη Byz. (S) Ammonius

if afterwards the Olympian himself grants them a fine result; you will drive the spider-webs away from the storage-vessels, and I anticipate that you will rejoice as you draw on the means of life that are indoors. You will arrive at bright spring in good shape and will not gape at other people; but some other man will stand in need of you.

(479) If you plow the divine earth first at the winter solstice,²³ you will harvest sitting down, covered in dust, grasping only a little with your hand and tying it together in opposite directions, not at all pleased, and you will carry it off in a basket; few will admire you. But the mind of aegis-holding Zeus is different at different times, and it is difficult for mortal men to know it. If you do plow late, this will be a remedy for you: when the cuckoo in the leaves of the oak tree first calls and gives pleasure to mortals on the boundless earth,²⁴ if at that time Zeus rains for three days without ceasing, neither exceeding the hoof-print of an ox nor falling short of it—in this way the late plower will vie with the early plower. Bear everything well in mind: mark well the bright spring when it comes, and the rain in good season.

(493) Pass by the bronze-worker's bench and his warm lounge in the wintry season, when the cold holds men back from fieldwork but an unhesitating man could greatly foster his household—lest a bad, intractable winter catch you up together with Poverty, and you rub a swollen foot with a skinny hand.²⁵ A man who does not work, waiting upon an

²³ About 20 December.

²⁴ In March.

²⁵ Symptoms of malnutrition.

- 500 *χρηίζων βιότοιω, κακὰ προσελέξατο θυμῷ.
 ἔλπις δ' οὐκ ἀγαθὴ κεχρημένον ἄνδρα κομίζειν,
 ἥμενον ἐν λέσχῃ, τῷ μὴ βίος ἄρκιος εἶη.
 δείκνυε δὲ δμῶεσσι θέρεος ἔτι μέσσου ἐόντος·
 "οὐκ αἰεὶ θέρος ἐσσεύται· ποιείσθε καλιάς."
 μῆγα δὲ Δηναίωνα, κάκ' ἤματα, βουδόρα πάντα,
 505 τοῦτον ἀλεύασθαι, καὶ πηγάδας, αἶ τ' ἐπὶ γαίαν
 πνεύσαντος Βορέαο δυσηλεγέες τελέθουσιν,
 ὅς τε διὰ Θρήκης ἵπποτρόφου εὐρέι πόντῳ
 ἐμπνεύσας ὤρινε· μέμυκε δὲ γαῖα καὶ ὕλη·
 510 πολλὰς δὲ δρυὺς ὑψικόμους ἐλάτας τε παχείας
 οὔρεος ἐν βήσσης πιλνᾷ χθονὶ πουλυβοτείρῃ
 ἐμπίπτων, καὶ πᾶσα βοᾷ τότε νήριτος ὕλη·
 θῆρες δὲ φρίσσουσ', οὔρας δ' ὑπὸ μέζε' ἔθεντο,
 τῶν καὶ λάχνη δέρμα κατάσκιον· ἀλλά νυ καὶ τῶν
 ψυχρὸς ἐὼν διάησι δασυστέρνων περ ἐόντων.
 515 καὶ τε διὰ ῥινοῦ βοὸς ἔρχεται οὐδέ μιν ἴσχει,
 καὶ τε δι' αἶγα ἄησι τανύτριχα· πῶεα δ' οὔ τι,
 οὔνεκ' ἐπηεταναὶ τρίχες αὐτῶν, οὐ διάησιν
 ἰς ἀνέμου Βορέω· τροχαλὸν δὲ γέροντα τίθησιν
 καὶ διὰ παρθενικῆς ἀπαλόχροος οὐ διάησιν,
 520 ἢ τε δόμων ἐντοσθε φίλη παρὰ μητέρι μίμνει
 οὔ πω ἔργ' εἰδυῖα πολυχρύσου Ἀφροδίτης·
 εὖ τε λοεσσαμένη τέρενα χροά καὶ λίπ' ἐλαίῳ
 χρυσαμένη μυχίη καταλέξεται ἐνδοθι οἴκου,
 ἥματι χειμερίῳ, ὅτ' ἀνόστεος ὄν πόδα τένδει*

523 *μυχίη* Φ Proclus: *νυχίη* CD

empty hope, in need of the means of life, says many evil things to his spirit. Hope is not good at providing for a man in need who sits in the lounge and does not have enough of the means of life. Point out to the slaves while it is still mid-summer: "It will not always be summer, make huts for yourselves."

(504) The month of Lenaion,²⁶ evil days, ox-flayers all of them—avoid it, and the frosts that are deadly upon the earth when Boreas blows, which stirs up the broad sea through horse-raising Thrace when it blows upon it, and the earth and the forest bellow. It falls upon many lofty-leaved oaks and sturdy firs in the mountain's dales and bends them down to the bounteous earth, and the whole immense forest groans aloud. The wild animals shiver and stick their tails under their genitals, even those whose skin is shadowed by fur; but, chilly as it is, it blows through them although their breasts are shaggy, and it goes through the hide of an ox, and this does not stop it, and it blows through the long-haired goat—but not at all through sheep does the force of the wind Boreas blow, for their fleece is plentiful. It makes the old man curved like a wheel, but it does not blow through the soft-skinned maiden who stays at the side of her dear mother inside the house, still ignorant of the works of golden Aphrodite; after washing her tender skin well and anointing herself richly with oil she lies down in the innermost recess inside the house—on a wintry day, when the boneless one²⁷ gnaws its foot in its

²⁶ The second half of January and the beginning of February.

²⁷ Probably the octopus is meant, but other suggestions include the cuttlefish and the snail.

- 525 ἔν τ' ἀπύρῳ οἴκῳ καὶ ἤθεσι λευγαλέοισιν
 οὐ γάρ οἱ ἠέλιος δείκνυ νομόν ὀρηθῆναι,
 ἀλλ' ἐπὶ κυανέων ἀνδρῶν δῆμόν τε πόλιν τε
 στρωφᾶται, βράδιον δὲ Πανελλήνεσσι φαείνει.
 καὶ τότε δὴ κεραοὶ καὶ νήκεροι ὑληκοῦται
- 530 λυγρὸν μυλιόωντες ἀνὰ δρία βησσήεντα
 φεύγουσιν, καὶ πᾶσιν ἐνὶ φρεσὶ τοῦτο μέμηλεν,
 οἳ σκέπα μαιόμενοι πυκινοὺς κευθμῶνας ἔχουσιν
 κὰκ γλάφυ πετρῆεν. τότε δὴ τρίποδι βροτῶ ἴσοι,
 οὐ τ' ἐπὶ νῶτα ἔαγε, κάρη δ' εἰς οὐδας ὀρᾶται
- 535 τῷ ἴκελοι φοιτῶσιν ἀλευόμενοι νίφα λευκήν.
 καὶ τότε ἔσσασθαι ἔρυμα χροῦς, ὥς σε κελεύω,
 χλαῖνάν τε μαλακὴν καὶ τερμιόεντα χιτῶνα·
 στήμονι δ' ἐν παύρῳ πολλὴν κρόκα μηρύσασθαι
 τὴν περιέσσασθαι, ἵνα τοι τρίχες ἀτρεμέωσιν
- 540 μηδ' ὀρθαὶ φρίσσωσιν ἀειρόμεναι κατὰ σῶμα.
 ἀμφὶ δὲ ποσσὶ πέδιλα βοῦς ἴφι κταμένοιο
 ἄρμενα δήσασθαι, πίλοις ἐντοσθε πυκάσσας·
 πρωτογόνων δ' ἐρίφων, ὅπυτ' ἂν κρύος ὄριον ἔλθῃ,
 δέρματα συρράπτειν νεύρῳ βοῦς, ὄφρ' ἐπὶ νῶτῳ
- 545 ὑετοῦ ἀμφιβάλῃ ἀλέην· κεφαλῆφι δ' ὑπερθεν
 πῖλον ἔχειν ἀσκητόν, ἵν' οὐατα μὴ καταδεύῃ.
 ψυχρὴ γάρ τ' ἠὲς πέλεται Βορέας πεσόντος·
 ἠῶς δ' ἐπὶ γαίαν ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ ἀστερόεντος
 ἀῆρ πυροφόροις τέταται μακάρων ἐπὶ ἔργοις,

533 κὰκ West: καὶ Wilamowitz: καὶ Proclus Etym.codd.

549 πυροφόροις ψ₁₀ (cum gl. σιτοφόροις), ci. Hermann:

fireless house and dismal abodes, for the sun does not show it a rangeland towards which it can set out but instead roams to the dark men's people and city,²⁸ and shines more tardily for all the Greeks. And that is when the forest dwellers, horned and hornless alike, gnash their teeth miserably and flee through the wooded thickets, caring in their spirit only for searching for shelter and finding sturdy hiding-places down in the hollow of a stone; that is when they avoid the white snow and stalk about like a three-footed mortal²⁹ whose back is broken and whose head looks down to the ground.

(536) And that is when you should put on a defense for your skin, as I bid you: a soft cloak and a tunic that reaches your feet. Wind plenty of woof on a puny warp: put this around you, so that your hairs do not tremble nor stand up straight shivering along your body. Bind around your feet well-fitting boots from the leather of a slaughtered ox, padded inside with felt; when the seasonable cold comes, stitch the skins of newly born kids together with the sinew of an ox, so that you can put it around your back as protection against the rain; wear a well-made felt cap upon your head, so that you do not get your ears wet. For the dawn is chilly when Boreas comes down, and a dawn mist is stretched out upon the earth from the starry sky onto the wheat-bearing works of the blessed ones—a mist which is

²⁸ According to the early Greeks, the sun spent more time in Africa in the winter.

²⁹ An old man, walking with a stick.

πυροφόρος Π₅Σ Proclus codd., πυρφόρος testt.: ὄμβροφόρος ci. Seleucus

- 550 ὅς τε ἀρυσσάμενος ποταμῶν ἀπὸ αἰεναόντων,
 ὑψοῦ ὑπὲρ γαίης ἀρθεῖς ἀνέμοιο θυέλλῃ
 ἄλλοτε μὲν θ' ἕει ποτὶ ἔσπερον, ἄλλοτ' ἄησιν
 πυκνὰ Θρημικίου Βορέω νέφεα κλονέοντος.
 τὸν φθάμενος ἔργον τελέστας οἰκόνδε νέεσθαι,
 555 μὴ ποτέ σ' οὐρανόθεν σκοτόεν νέφος ἀμφικαλύψει.
 χρώτα δὲ μυδαλέον θήῃ κατὰ θ' εἴματα δεύσει·
 ἀλλ' ὑπαλεύασθαι μεις γὰρ χαλεπώτατος οὗτος
 χειμέριος, χαλεπὸς προβάτοις, χαλεπὸς δ'
 ἀνθρώποις.
 τῆμος τῶμισυ βούσ', ἐπὶ δ' ἀνέρι τὸ πλεόν εἶη
 560 ἀρμαλιῆς· μακραι γὰρ ἐπίρροθοι εὐφρόνοι εἰσίν.
 ταῦτα φυλασσόμενος τετελεσμένον εἰς ἐνιαυτὸν
 ἰσοῦσθαι νύκτας τε καὶ ἡμέρας, εἰς ὃ κεν αὖτις
 Γῆ πάντων μήτηρ καρπὸν σύμμικτον ἐνείκη.
 εὖτ' ἂν δ' ἐξήκοντα μετὰ τροπᾶς ἡελίοιο
 565 χειμέρι' ἐκτελέσει Ζεὺς ἡμέρας, δὴ ῥα τότε ἄστῆρ
 Ἄρκτουρος προλιπὼν ἱερὸν ῥύον Ὠκεανοῖο
 πρῶτον παμφαίνων ἐπιτέλλεται ἀκροκνέφαιος·
 τὸν δὲ μέτ' ὀρθρογῶν Πανδιονὶς ὦρτο χελιδῶν
 ἐς φάος ἀνθρώποις, ἔαρος νέον ἰσταμένοιο.
 570 τὴν φθάμενος οἶνας περιταμνέμεν· ὥς γὰρ ἄμεινον.
 ἀλλ' ὀπότ' ἂν φερέοικος ἀπὸ χθονὸς ἄμ φυτὰ
 βαίνῃ
 Πληιάδας φεύγων, τότε δὴ σκάφος οὐκέτι οἰνέων,
 ἀλλ' ἄρπας τε χαρασσόμεναι καὶ δμῶας ἐγείρειν.
 φεύγειν δὲ σκιερὸς θῶκος καὶ ἐπ' ἡῶ κοῖτον

drawn up from ever-flowing rivers and is raised up on high above the earth by a blast of wind; and sometimes it rains towards evening, at other times it blows, when Thracian Boreas drives thick clouds in rout. Forestall him, finish your work and get home ahead of him, lest a shadowy cloud from heaven cover you round, and make your skin wet and drench your clothes. Avoid this: for this is the most difficult month, wintry, difficult for livestock, and difficult for human beings. At this time give half the usual rations to the oxen, but more³⁰ to a man: for the long nights are a help. Bear these things in mind and balance the nights and days³¹ until the end of the year, when Earth, mother of all, brings forth her various fruit once again.

(564) When Zeus has completed sixty wintry days after the solstice, the star Arcturus is first seen rising, shining brightly just at dusk, leaving behind the holy stream of Oceanus.³² After this, Pandion's daughter, the dawn-lamenting swallow, rises into the light for human beings, and the spring begins anew. Forestall her, prune the vines first: for that way it is better.

(571) But when the house-carrier³³ climbs up from the ground on the plants, fleeing the Pleiades,³⁴ there is no longer any digging for vines: sharpen the scythes and rouse your slaves. Avoid shadowy seats and sleeping until dawn

³⁰ I.e. than half his normal ration.

³¹ I.e. against each other.

³² The second half of February.

³³ The snail.

561–63 damn. Plutarchus

568 ὀρθρογ. Byz. (S) Σ^{vet}; ὀρθρογῶν codd. Proclus Hesychius al.: ὀρθροβῶν quidam teste Proclo

- 575 ὄρη ἐν ἀμῆτον, ὅτε τ' ἥελιος χροῖα κάρφει
 τημοῦτος σπεύδειν καὶ οἴκαδε καρπὸν ἀγινεῖν
 ὄρθρου ἀνιστάμενος, ἵνα τοι βίος ἄρκιος εἴη.
 ἥως γάρ τ' ἔργοιο τρίτην ἀπομείρεται αἴσαν
 ἥως τοι προφέρει μὲν ὁδοῦ, προφέρει δὲ καὶ ἔργου,
 580 ἥως, ἣ τε φανείσα πολέας ἐπέβησε κελεύθου
 ἀνθρώπους, πολλοῖσι δ' ἐπὶ ζυγὰ βουσι τίθησιν.
 ἦμος δὲ σκόλυμός τ' ἀνθεί καὶ ἠχέτα τέττιξ
 δενδρέω-ἐφεζόμενος λιγυρὴν καταχέυετ' αἰοιδὴν
 πυκνὸν ὑπὸ πτερύγων θέρεος καματώδεος ὄρη,
 585 τῆμος πιόταταί τ' αἴγες καὶ οἶνος ἄριστος,
 μαχλόταται δὲ γυναῖκες, ἀφαιρότατοι δὲ τοι ἄνδρες
 εἰσίν, ἐπεὶ κεφαλὴν καὶ γούνατα Σείριος ἄξει,
 ἀυαλέος δὲ τε χροῖς ὑπὸ καύματος· ἀλλὰ τότε ἦδη
 εἴη πετραίη τε σκιὴ καὶ Βίβλιος οἶνος
 590 μᾶζά τ' ἀμολγαίη γάλα τ' αἰγῶν σβεννυμενάων
 καὶ βοῦς ὑλοφάγοιο κρέας μὴ πω τετοκυῖης
 πρωτογόνων τ' ἐρίφων· ἐπὶ δ' αἴθοπα πινέμεν οἶνον
 ἐν σκιῇ ἐζόμενον, κεκορημένον ἦτορ ἔδωδῆς,
 ἀντίον ἀκραέος Ζεφύρου τρέψαντα πρόσωπι·
 595 κρήνης δ' αἰενάου καὶ ἀπορρύτου, ἣ τ' ἀθόλωτος,
 τρις ὕδατος προχέειν, τὸ δὲ τέτρατον ἴεμεν οἶνου.
 δμωσι δ' ἐποτρύνειν Δημήτερος ἱερὸν ἀκτὴν
 δινέμεν, εὐτ' ἂν πρῶτα φανῆ σθένος Ὀρίωνος,
 χώρῳ ἐν εὐαεὶ καὶ ἐντροχάλῳ ἐν ἀλωῇ·
 600 μέτρῳ δ' εὖ κομίσασθαι ἐν ἀγγεσιν. αὐτὰρ ἐπὴν δὴ

578 ἀπαμείρ. C^{ac} (?) D^{ac}(?) Eustathius

in the harvest season, when the sun withers the skin: make haste at that time and carry home the crops, getting up at sunrise, so that your means of life will be sufficient. For dawn claims as its portion a third of the work, dawn gives you a head start on the road, gives you a head start on your work too—dawn, which when it shows itself sets many men on their way and puts the yoke on many oxen.

(582) When the golden thistle blooms and the chirping cicada, sitting in a tree, incessantly pours out its clear-sounding song from under its wings in the season of toilsome summer, at that time³⁵ goats are fattest, and wine is best, and women are most lascivious—and men are weakest, for Sirius parches their head and knees, and their skin is dry from the heat. At that time let there be a rock's shadow and Bibline wine,³⁶ bread made with milk, cheese from goats that are just drying up, and the meat of a forest-grazing cow that has not yet calved and of newly born kids. Drink some gleaming wine too, sitting in the shade, when you have eaten to your heart's content, with your face turned towards fresh-blowing Zephyrus; first pour three portions from the water of an ever-flowing spring, running and unreddied, then put in a fourth part of wine.

(597) Urge your slaves to winnow Demeter's holy grain when Orion's strength first shows itself,³⁷ in a well-aired place and on a well-rolled threshing-floor. Bring it in properly, with a measure in storage-vessels. When you have laid

³⁴ In mid-May.

³⁵ In mid-July.

³⁶ A celebrated Thracian wine.

³⁷ About 20 June.

πάντα βίον κατάθηναι ἐπάρμενον ἔνδοθι οἴκου,
 θῆτά τ' ἄοικον ποιείσθαι καὶ ἄτεκνον ἔριθον
 δίλυσθαι κέλομαι χαλεπή δ' ὑπόπορτις ἔριθος·
 καὶ κύνια καρχαρόδοντα κομείν—μὴ φείδῃς σίτου—
 605 μὴ ποτέ σ' ἡμερόκοιτος ἀνὴρ ἀπὸ χρήμαθ' ἔληται.
 χόρτον δ' ἐσκομίσθαι καὶ συρφετόν, ὄφρα τοι εἴη
 βουσι καὶ ἡμιόνοισιν ἐπητανόν. αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα
 δμῶας ἀναψῶξαι φίλα γούνατα καὶ βόε λύσαι.
 εὖτ' ἂν δ' Ὀρίων καὶ Σείριος ἐς μέσον ἔλθῃ
 610 οὐρανόν, Ἄρκτουρον δ' ἐσίδῃ ῥοδοδάκτυλος Ἥως,
 ὦ Πέρση, τότε πάντας ἀπόδρεπε οἴκαδε βότρυν·
 δεῖξαι δ' ἡλίῳ δέκα τ' ἡμέρα καὶ δέκα νύκτας,
 πέντε δὲ συσκιάσαι, ἕκτω δ' εἰς ἄλλγε' ἀφύσσαι
 δῶρα Διωνύσου πολυγηθέος. αὐτὰρ ἐπὶν δὴ
 615 Πληιάδες θ' Ἰάδες τε τό τε σθένος Ὀρίωνος
 δύνωσιν, τότε ἔπειτ' ἀρότου μεμνημένος εἶναι
 ὠραίων πλειῶν δὲ κατὰ χθονὸς ἄρμενος εἴη.

εἰ δέ σε ναυτιλίας δυσπεμφέλου ἱμερος αἰρεῖ·
 εὖτ' ἂν Πληιάδες σθένος ὄβριμον Ὀρίωνος
 620 φεύγουσαι πίπτωσιν ἐς ἠεροειδέα πόντον,
 δὴ τότε παντοίων ἀνέμων θύιουσιν ἀήται·
 καὶ τότε μηκέτι νῆας ἔχειν ἐνὶ οἴνοπι πόντῳ;
 γῆν δ' ἐργάζεσθαι μεμνημένος ὥς σε κελεύω.
 νῆα δ' ἐπ' ἠπείρου ἐρύσαι πυκάσαι τε λίθοισιν
 625 πάντοθεν, ὄφρ' ἴσχωσ' ἀνέμων μένος ὑγρὸν ἀέντων,

622 νῆα Solmsen

up all the means of life well prepared inside your house, then I bid you turn your hired man out of your house and look for a serving-girl without her own child; for a serving-girl with a baby under her flank is a difficult thing. And get a jagged-toothed dog—do not be sparing with its food, lest some day-sleeping man³⁸ steal your things from you. Bring in fodder and sweepings, so that there is plenty for the oxen and mules. Then let the slaves relax their knees, and unyoke the pair of oxen.

(609) When Orion and Sirius come into the middle of the sky, and rosy-fingered Dawn sees Arcturus,³⁹ then, Perses, pluck off all the grapes and take them home. Set them out in the sun for ten days and ten nights, then cover them up in the shade for five, and on the sixth draw out the gift of much-cheering Dionysus into storage-vessels. When the Pleiades and Hyades and the strength of Orion set,⁴⁰ that is the time to be mindful of plowing in good season. May the whole year be well-fitting in the earth.

(618) But if desire for storm-tossed seafaring seize you: when the Pleiades, fleeing Orion's mighty strength, fall into the murky sea, at that time⁴¹ blasts of all sorts of winds rage; do not keep your boat any longer in the wine-dark sea at that time, but work the earth, mindful, as I bid you. Draw up your boat onto the land and prop it up with stones, surrounding it on all sides, so that they can resist the strength of the winds that blow moist, and draw out the

³⁸ A thief.

³⁹ In mid-September.

⁴⁰ In October.

⁴¹ In November.

- χείμαρον ἔξερύσας, ἵνα μὴ πύθη Διὸς ὄμβρος.
 ὄπλα δ' ἐπάρμενα πάντα τεῶ ἐγκάτθεο οἴκῳ,
 εὐκόσμως στολίσας νηὸς πτερὰ ποντοπόροιο·
 630 πηδάλιον δ' εὐεργές ὑπὲρ καπνοῦ κρεμάσασθαι·
 αὐτὸς δ' ὠραῖον μίμνειν πλόον, εἰς ὃ κεν ἔλθῃ·
 καὶ τότε νῆα θοὴν ἄλαδ' ἐλκέμεν, ἐν δέ τε φόρτον
 ἄρμενον ἐντύνασθαι, ἵν' οἴκαδε κέρδος ἄρῃαι
 ὥς περ ἐμός τε πατήρ καὶ σὸς μέγα νήπιε Πέρση
 πλωίξεσκ' ἐν νηυσὶ βίου κεχρημένος ἐσθλοῦ.
 635 ὃς ποτε καὶ τύιδ' ἦλθε πολὺν διὰ πόντον ἀνύσσας
 Κύμην Διολίδα προλιπὼν ἐν νηὶ μελαίνῃ,
 οὐκ ἄφενος φεύγων οὐδὲ πλοῦτόν τε καὶ ὄλβον,
 ἀλλὰ κακὴν πενίην, τὴν Ζεὺς ἀνδρεσσι δίδωσιν
 νάσσητο δ' ἄγχι Ἐλικῶνος οἰζυρῇ ἐνὶ κόμῃ,
 640 Ἄσκη, χεῖμα κακῇ, θέρει ἀργαλή, οὐδέ ποτ'
 ἐσθλῇ.
 τὴν δ' ὦ Πέρση, ἔργων μεμνημένος εἶναι
 ὠραίων πάντων, περὶ ναυτιλίας δὲ μάλιστα.
 νῆ' ὀλίγην αἰνεῖν, μεγάλη δ' ἐνὶ φορτία θέσθαι
 μείζων μὲν φόρτος, μείζον δ' ἐπὶ κέρδει κέρδος
 645 ἔσσηται, εἴ κ' ἄνεμοὶ γε κακὰς ἀπέχωνσιν ἀήτας.
 εὐτ' ἂν ἐπ' ἐμπορίην τρέψας ἀεσίφρονα θυμὸν
 βούλῃαι χρεῦ τε προφυγεῖν καὶ λιμὸν ἀτερπέα,
 δείξω δὴ τοι μέτρα πολυφλοίσβοιο θαλάσσης,
 οὔτε τι ναυτιλίας σεσοφισμένος οὔτε τι νηῶν
 650 οὐ γάρ πώ ποτε νηὶ γ' ἐπέπλων εὐρέα πόντον,
 εἰ μὴ ἐς Εὐβοίαν ἐξ Αὐλίδος, ἧ ποτ' Ἀχαιοὶ

bilge-plug, so that Zeus' rain does not rot it. Lay up all the gear well prepared in your house after you have folded the sea-crossing boat's wings in good order; and hang up the well-worked rudder above the smoke. You yourself wait until the sailing season arrives, and then drag your swift boat down to the sea, arrange the cargo in it and get it ready so that you can bring the profit home, just as my father and yours, Perses, you great fool, used to sail in boats, deprived as he was of a fine means of life. Once he came here too, after he had crossed over a big sea, leaving behind Aeolian Cyme in a black boat, fleeing not wealth nor riches nor prosperity, but evil poverty, which Zeus gives to men. And he settled near Helicon in a wretched village, Ascera, evil in winter, distressful in summer, not ever fine.

(641) As for you, Perses, be mindful of all kinds of work in good season, but above all regarding seafaring. Praise a small boat, but place your load in a big one: for the cargo will be bigger, and your profit will be bigger, profit on profit—if the winds hold back their evil blasts.

(646) If you turn your foolish spirit to commerce and decide to flee debts and joyless hunger, I shall show you the measures of the much-roaring sea, I who have no expertise at all in either seafaring or boats. For never yet did I sail the broad sea in a boat, except to Euboea from Aulis,

632 ἄγῃαι Peppmüller

649 σημειοῦται Σvet

650–62 proscr. Plutarchus, 651–60 alii

- μέιναντες χειμῶνα πολλὸν σὺν λαὸν ἄγειραν
 Ἑλλάδος ἐξ ἱερῆς Τροίην ἐς καλλιγύναικα.
 ἔνθα δ' ἐγὼν ἐπ' ἄεθλα δαΐφρονος Ἀμφιδάμαντος
 655 Χαλκίδα τ' εἰς ἐπέρησα· τὰ δὲ προπεφραδμένα
 πολλὰ
 ἄθλ' ἔθεσαν παῖδες μεγαλήτορος· ἔνθά μὲ φημι
 ὕμνῳ νικήσαντα φέρειν τρίποδ' ὠτώνετα.
 τὸν μὲν ἐγὼ Μούσης Ἑλικωνιάδεσσ' ἀνέθηκα,
 ἔνθά με τὸ πρῶτον λιγυρῆς ἐπέβησαν αἰοιδῆς.
 660 τόσσόν τοι νηῶν γε πεπεύρημαι πολυγόμφων
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὧς ἐρέω Ζηνὸς νόον αἰγιόχοιο·
 Μοῦσαι γάρ μ' ἐδίδαξαν ἀθέσφατον ὕμνον αἰεΐειν.
 ἦματα πεντήκοντα μετὰ τροπᾶς ἡελίου,
 ἐς τέλος ἐλθόντος θέρεος, καματώδεος ὥρης,
 665 ὠραῖος πέλεται θνητοῖς πλόος· οὔτε κε νῆα
 καυάξαις οὔτ' ἄνδρας ἀποφθείσειε θάλασσα,
 εἰ δὴ μὴ πρόφρων γε Ποσειδάων ἐνοσίχθων
 ἢ Ζεὺς ἀθανάτων βασιλεὺς ἐθέλῃσιν ὀλέσσαι
 ἐν τοῖς γὰρ τέλος ἐστὶν ὁμῶς ἀγαθῶν τε κακῶν τε.
 670 τῆμος δ' εὐκρινέες τ' αὔραι καὶ πόντος ἀπήμων
 εὐκηλος τότε νῆα θοῆν ἀνέμοισι πιθήσας
 ἐλκέμεν ἐς πόντον φόρτον τ' ἐς πάντα τίθεσθαι.
 σπεύδειν δ' ὅττι τάχιστα πάλιν οἰκόνδε νέεσθαι,
 μηδὲ μένειν οἶνόν τε νέον καὶ ὄπωρινόν ὄμβρον
 675 καὶ χειμῶν' ἐπιόντα Νότοιο τε δεινὰς ἀήτας,
 ὅς τ' ὥρινε θάλασσαν ὀμαρτήσας Διὸς ὄμβρω
 πολλῶ ὄπωρινῶ, χαλεπὸν δέ τε πόντον ἔθηκεν.
 ἄλλος δ' εἰαρινὸς πέλεται πλόος ἀνθρώποισιν

where once the Achaeans, waiting through the winter, gathered together a great host to sail from holy Greece to Troy with its beautiful women. There I myself crossed over into Chalcis for the games of valorous Amphidamas—that great-hearted man's sons had announced and established many prizes—and there, I declare, I gained victory with a hymn, and carried off a tripod with handles. This I dedicated to the Heliconian Muses, where they first set me upon the path of clear-sounding song. This is as much experience of many-bolted ships as I have acquired; yet even so I shall speak forth the mind of aegis-holding Zeus, for the Muses taught me to sing an inconceivable hymn.

(663) Sailing is in good season for mortals for fifty days after the solstice,⁴² when the summer goes to its end, during the toilsome season. You will not wreck your boat then nor will the sea drown your men—so long as Poseidon, the earth-shaker, or Zeus, king of the immortals, does not wish to destroy them; for in these gods is the fulfillment, both of good and of evil alike. That is when breezes are easy to distinguish and the sea is painless; at that time entrust your swift boat confidently to the winds, drag it down to the sea and put all your cargo into it. But make haste to sail back home again as quickly as possible, and do not wait for the new wine and the autumn rain and the approaching winter and the terrible blasts of Notus, which stirs up the sea, accompanying Zeus' heavy autumn rain, and makes the sea difficult.⁴³ There is also another sailing for human beings,

⁴² From the end of June until August.

⁴³ Late September.

657 ἄλλοι γράφουσιν ὕ. ν. ἐν Χαλκίδι θεῖον Ὀμηρον Σvet

ἤμος δὴ τὸ πρῶτον, ὅσον τ' ἐπιβάσα κορώνη
 680 ἔχνος ἐποίησεν, τόσσον πέταλ' ἀνδρὶ φανήη
 ἐν κράδῃ ἀκροτάτῃ, τότε δ' ἄμβατός ἐστι θάλασσα·
 εἰαρινὸς δ' οὗτος πέλεται πλόος. οὐ μιν ἔγωγε
 αἴνημι· οὐ γὰρ ἐμῶ θυμῷ κεχαρισμένος ἐστίν·
 ἀρπακτός· χαλεπῶς κε φύγοις κακόν· ἀλλὰ νῦν καὶ τὰ
 685 ἀνθρώποι ῥέζουσιν ἀιδρίησι νόοιο·
 χρήματα γὰρ ψυχὴ πέλεται δειλοῖσι βροτοῖσιν.
 δεινὸν δ' ἐστὶ θανεῖν μετὰ κύμασιν· ἀλλὰ σ' ἀνωγα
 φράζεσθαι τάδε πάντα μετὰ φρεσὶν ὡς ἀγορεύω.
 μηδ' ἐν νηυσὶν ἅπαντα βίον κοίλῃσι τίθεσθαι,
 690 ἀλλὰ πλέω λείπειν, τὰ δὲ μείονα φορτίζεσθαι·
 δεινὸν γὰρ πόντου μετὰ κύμασι πῆματι κύρσαι,
 δεινὸν δ' εἴ κ' ἐπ' ἄμαξαν ὑπέρβιον ἄχθος αἰείρας
 ἄξονα κανάξαις καὶ φορτία μαυρωθείη.

μέτρα φυλάσσεσθαι καιρὸς δ' ἐπὶ πᾶσιν ἄριστος.
 695 ὥραιος δὲ γυναῖκα τεδὸν ποτὶ οἶκον ἄγεσθαι,
 μήτε τριηκόντων ἐτέων μάλα πόλλ' ἀπολείπων
 μήτ' ἐπιθείς μάλα πολλά· γάμος δέ τοι ὄριος οὗτος.
 ἢ δὲ γυνὴ τέτορ' ἠβώοι, πέμπτη δὲ γαμοῖτο.
 παρθενικὴν δὲ γαμεῖν, ὡς κ' ἤθεα κεδνὰ διδάξεις·
 700 τὴν δὲ μάλιστα γαμεῖν, ἣτις σέθεν ἐγγύθι ναίει,
 πάντα μάλ' ἀμφὶς ἰδῶν, μὴ γείτοσι χάρματα γήμης.
 οὐ μὲν γάρ τι γυναικὸς ἀνὴρ ληΐζειτ' ἄμεινον
 τῆς ἀγαθῆς, τῆς δ' αὖτε κακῆς οὐ ρίγιον ἄλλο,

700 om. Π₅ Stobaeus, non respic. Proclus Σ^{vet}

in the spring-time: at that time⁴⁴—when a man thinks that the leaves at the top of the fig-tree are as big as the footprint a crow leaves as it goes—the sea can first be embarked upon: this is the spring-time sailing. As for me, I do not praise it, for it is not pleasing to my spirit: it is snatched, only with difficulty would you escape evil. And yet human beings do this too in the ignorance of their mind: for property is life for worthless mortals; yet it is a terrible thing to die among the waves. I bid you take notice of all these things in your spirit as I speak them out publicly: do not put all your means of life in hollow boats, but leave aside more, and load the lesser part: for it is a terrible thing to encounter grief among the waves of the sea—terrible too if by lifting an excessive weight onto your cart you wreck its axle and the load is ruined.

(694) Bear in mind measures; rightness is the best in all things. Lead a wife to your house when you are in good season, neither falling very many years short of thirty nor having added very many: this is a marriage in good season for you. The woman should have reached puberty four years earlier, and in the fifth she should marry. Marry a virgin so that you can teach her cherished usages: and above all marry one who lives near to you, after you have looked around carefully in all directions, lest your marriage cause your neighbors merriment. For a man acquires nothing better than a good wife, but nothing more chilling than a

⁴⁴ The end of April.

- 705 δειπνολόχης, ἧ τ' ἄνδρα καὶ ἰφθιμόν περ ἔοντα
 εὔει ἄτερ δαλοῖο καὶ ὠμῷ γήραι δῶκεν.
 εὖ δ' ὅπιν ἀθανάτων μακάρων πεφυλαγμένος
 εἶναι.
 μηδὲ κασιγνήτῳ ἴσον ποιείσθαι ἑταῖρον·
 εἰ δέ κε ποιήσῃ, μὴ μιν πρότερος κακὸν ἔρξεις,
 μηδὲ ψεύδεσθαι γλώσσης χάριν· εἰ δέ σέ γ' ἄρχῃ
 710 ἧ τι ἔπος εἰπὼν ἀποθύμιον ἧέ καὶ ἔρξας,
 δις τόσα τείνυσθαι μεμνημένος· εἰ δέ κεν αὐτίς
 ἠγήτ' ἐς φιλότητα, δίκην δ' ἐθέλῃσι παρασχεῖν,
 δέξασθαι δειλὸς τοι ἀνὴρ φίλον ἄλλοτε ἄλλον
 ποιεῖται· σέ δὲ μή τι νόος κατελεγχέτω εἶδος.
 715 μηδὲ πολύξεινον μηδ' ἄξεινον καλέεσθαι,
 μηδὲ κακῶν ἕταρον μηδ' ἐσθλῶν νεικεστῆρα.
 μηδέ ποτ' οὐλομένην πενίην θυμοφθόρον ἀνδρὶ
 τέτλαθ' ὀνειδίξειν, μακάρων δόσιν αἰὲν ἔόντων.
 γλώσσης τοι θησαυρὸς ἐν ἀνθρώποισιν ἄριστος
 720 φειδωλῆς, πλείστη δὲ χάρις κατὰ μέτρον ἰούσης·
 εἰ δέ κακὸν εἶπῃς, τάχα κ' αὐτὸς μείζον ἀκούσῃς.
 μηδὲ πολυξείνου δαιτὸς δυσπέμφελος εἶναι
 ἐκ κοινοῦ πλείστη τε χάρις δαπάνη τ' ὀλιγίστη.

- μηδέ ποτ' ἐξ ἠοῦς Διὶ λείβειν αἴθοπα οἶνον
 725 χερσὶν ἀνίπτοισιν μηδ' ἄλλοις ἀθανάτοισιν·
 οὐ γὰρ τοί γε κλύουσιν, ἀποπτύουσι δέ τ' ἀράς.
 μηδ' ἄντ' ἠελίου τετραμμένος ὀρθὸς ὀμείχειν·

706 susp. Lehrs: post 723 transp. Steitz

bad one, a dinner-ambusher, one who sings her husband without a torch, powerful though he be, and gives him over to a raw old age.

(706) Bear well in mind the retribution of the blessed immortals. Do not treat a comrade in the same way as your brother; but if you do, then do not harm him first, nor give him a lying grace with your tongue; but if he begins, telling you some word contrary to your spirit or even doing some such thing, then be mindful to pay him back twice as much. But if he is led once again towards friendship and decides to offer requital, accept it; for worthless is the man who makes now one man his friend, now another. Do not let your mind at all put to shame your outward appearance.

(715) Do not acquire the reputation of having many guests or of having none at all, neither that of being the companion of base men nor a reviler of fine ones. Do not ever dare to reproach a man with baneful, spirit-destroying poverty, the gift of the blessed ones that always are. Among men, the tongue that is the best treasure is a sparing one, and the most pleasure comes from a tongue that goes according to measure: if you say evil, soon you yourself will hear it more. And do not be storm-tossed in your mood at a dinner with many guests: when things are shared in common, the pleasure is the most and the expense is the least.

(724) And do not ever pour a libation of gleaming wine at dawn to Zeus or the other immortals with unwashed hands; for they do not listen, but spurn the prayers. And do not urinate standing up facing the sun; but be mindful to

708 ἔρξαι Solmsen

724-59 Hesiodo abiud. Wilamowitz, alii

- αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ κε δῦη, μεμνημένος, ἔς τ' ἀνιόντα,
 730 μηδ' ἀπογυμνωθείς· μακάρων τοι νύκτες ἕασιν·
 729 μήτ' ἐν ὁδῶ μήτ' ἐκτὸς ὁδοῦ προβάδην οὐρήσεις·
 731 ἐζόμενος δ' ὃ γε θεῖος ἀνὴρ, πεπνυμένα εἰδώς,
 ἢ ὃ γε πρὸς τοίχον πελάσας εὐερκέος αὐλῆς.
 μηδ' αἰδοῖα γονῆ πεπαλαγμένος ἔνδοθι οἴκου
 ἰστίη ἐμπελαδὸν παραφαινόμεν, ἀλλ' ἀλέασθαι.
 735 μηδ' ἀπὸ δυσφήμου τάφου ἀπονοστήσαντα
 σπερμαίνειν γενεήν, ἀλλ' ἀθανάτων ἀπὸ δαιτός.
 757 μηδέ ποτ' ἐν προχοῆς ποταμῶν ἄλαδε προρεύοντων
 758 μηδ' ἐπὶ κρηνάων οὐρεῖν, μάλα δ' ἐξάλεασθαι,
 759 μηδ' ἐναποψύχειν· τὸ γὰρ οὐ τοι λωῖόν ἐστιν.
 737 μηδέ ποτ' αἰετῶν ποταμῶν καλλίρροον ὕδωρ
 ποσσὶ περᾶν πρὶν γ' εὗξῃ ἰδὼν ἐς καλὰ ῥέεθρα,
 χεῖρας νυβιάμενος πολυηράτῳ ὕδατι λευκῶ·
 740 ὃς ποταμὸν διαβῆ κακότητ' ἰδὲ χεῖρας ἀνιπτος,
 τῷ δὲ θεοὶ νεμεσῶσι καὶ ἄλγεα δῶκαν ὀπίσσω.
 μηδ' ἀπὸ πεντόζοιο θεῶν ἐν δαιτὶ θαλείῃ
 αὖτον ἀπὸ χλωροῦ τάμνειν αἰθωνι σιδήρῳ.
 μηδέ ποτ' οἰνοχόην τιθέμεν κρητήρος ὑπερθεῖν
 745 πινόντων· ὀλοή γὰρ ἐπ' αὐτῷ μοῖρα τέτυκται.
 μηδέ δόμον ποιῶν ἀνεπίξεστον καταλείπειν,
 μή τοι ἐφεζομένη κρώξει λακέρυζα κορώνη.
 μηδ' ἀπὸ χυτροπόδων ἀνεπιρρέκτων ἀνελόντα
 ἔσθειν μηδὲ λόεσθαι, ἐπεὶ καὶ τοῖς ἔπι ποιινή.
 750 μηδ' ἐπ' ἀκινήτουσι καθίξειν, οὐ γὰρ ἄμεινον,

729 post 730 traiecit Solmsen

757–59 damn. Plutarchus: post 756 ferunt Π₅codd., sed 758

do so after it sets, and before it rises, but even so do not completely bare yourself: for the nights belong to the blessed ones. And do not urinate while you are walking, on the road or off the road: it is crouching that the god-fearing man, who knows wisdom, does it, or after he has approached towards the wall of a well-fenced courtyard. And inside the house do not reveal your genitals besmirched with intercourse near the hearth, but avoid this. And do not sow offspring when you come home from an ill-spoken funeral, but from a dinner of the immortals. And do not ever urinate into the streams of rivers that flow down towards the sea nor onto fountains—avoid this entirely—and do not defecate into them: for that is not better. And do not cross on foot the fair-pouring water of ever-flowing rivers before you have prayed, looking into the beautiful stream, and washed your hands with lovely, clear water: whoever crosses a river, unwashed in evil and in his hands, against him the gods feel resentment, and they give him pains afterwards. And during the festival, the dinner of the gods, do not cut the dry from the living from the five-brancher with the gleaming iron.⁴⁵ And do not ever put the ladle on top of the wine-bowl while people are drinking; for a baneful fate is established for this. And do not leave a house unfinished when you make it, lest a screaming crow sit upon it and croak. And do not take from undedicated cauldrons to eat or wash yourself, since upon these things too there is punishment. And do not seat a twelve-day-old

⁴⁵ Do not cut your nails.

et hic ('736 a') CD/TzetzesΦψ (at non Π₅Π₃₀Proclus MoschopulusTrω₂): omnes huc transtulit West

740 ath. Aristarchus

- παῖδα δυωδεκαταῖον, ὃ τ' ἀνέρ' ἀνήνορα ποιεί,
 μηδὲ δυωδεκάμηνον ἴσον καὶ τοῦτο τέτυκται.
 μηδὲ γυναικίῳ λουτρῶ χροῖα φαιδρύνεσθαι
 ἀνέρα· λευγαλή γὰρ ἐπὶ χρόνον ἔστ' ἐπὶ καὶ τῷ
 755 ποιῆ. μηδ' ἱεροῖσιν ἐπ' αἰθομένοισι κυρήσας
 756 μωμεύειν αἰδήλα· θεός νύ τε καὶ τὰ νεμεσσηῖ.
 760 ὦδ' ἔρδειν· δειλὴν δὲ βροτῶν ὑπαλέυεο φήμην·
 φήμη γάρ τε κακὴ πέλεται, κούφη μὲν αἰεῖραι
 ῥεῖα μάλ', ἀργαλή δὲ φέρειν, χαλεπὴ δ' ἀποθέσθαι.
 φήμη δ' οὐ τις πάμπαν ἀπόλλυται, ἥντινα πολλοὶ
 λαοὶ φημίξουσιν· θεός νύ τις ἔστι καὶ αὐτή.
- 765 ἡματα δ' ἐκ Διόθεν πεφυλαγμένος εὖ κατὰ μοῖραν
 πεφραδέμεν δμῶεσσι τριηκάδα μηνὸς ἀρίστην
 ἔργα τ' ἐποπτεύειν ἢ δ' ἀρμαλὴν δατέασθαι,
 εὖτ' ἂν ἀληθείην λαοὶ κρίνοντες ἄγωσιν.
 αἶδε γὰρ ἡμέραι εἰσὶ Διὸς παρὰ μητιόεντος·
 770 πρῶτον ἔνη τετράς τε καὶ ἑβδόμη ἱερὸν ἡμαρ·
 (τῇ γὰρ Ἀπόλλωνα χρυσάορα γείνατο Λητώ)
 ὀγδοάτη δ' ἐνάτη τε. δύο γε μὲν ἡματα μηνὸς
 ἔξοχ' ἀεζομένοιο βροτήσια ἔργα πένεσθαι,
 ἑνδεκάτη δὲ δυωδεκάτη τ' ἄμφω γε μὲν ἐσθλαί,
 775 ἡμὲν οἷς πείκειν ἢ δ' εὐφρονα καρπὸν ἀμῖσθαι,
 ἢ δὲ δυωδεκάτη τῆς ἑνδεκάτης μέγ' ἀμείνων·
 τῇ γὰρ τοι νῆ νῆματ' ἀερσιπότητος ἀράχνης

boy upon things that cannot be moved,⁴⁶ for that is not better—it makes a man unmanly—nor a twelve-month-old one: this too is established in the same way. And do not clean a man's skin in a woman's wash-water: for there is a dismal punishment upon this too, for a time. And do not carp destructively at burning sacrifices when you encounter them: for a god feels resentment against this too.

(760) Act this way. Avoid the wretched talk of mortals. For talk is evil: it is light to raise up quite easily, but it is difficult to bear, and hard to put down. No talk is ever entirely gotten rid of, once many people talk it up: it too is some god.

(765) Bear well in mind the days that come from Zeus and point them out according to their portion to the slaves. The thirtieth of the month is the best for watching over the works and distributing the rations: people celebrate it because they distinguish the truth. These are the days that come from counsellor Zeus: to begin with, the first, the fourth, and the seventh, a holy day (for on this last, Leto gave birth to Apollo with his golden sword), and the eighth and the ninth. Two days of the waxing month are outstanding for toiling at a mortal's works, the eleventh and the twelfth. Both of them are fine, for shearing sheep and for gathering together the gladdening corn, but the twelfth is much better than the eleventh. It is on that day that the high-flying spider spins its webs in the fullness of the day

⁴⁶ E.g., tombs.

- ἤματος ἐκ πλείου, ὅτε τ' ἴδρις σωρὸν ἀμάται
 τῇ δ' ἰστὸν στήσαιο γυνὴ προβάλοιτό τε ἔργον.
 780 μηνὸς δ' ἰσταμένου τρεῖσκαϊδεκάτην ἀλέασθαι
 σπέρματος ἄρξασθαι· φυτό δ' ἐνθρέφασθαι ἀρίστη.
 ἕκτη δ' ἢ μέσση μάλ' ἀσύμφορός ἐστι φυτοῖσιν,
 ἀνδρογόνος δ' ἀγαθή· κούρη δ' οὐ σύμφορός ἐστιν,
 οὔτε γενέσθαι πρῶτ' οὔτ' ἄρ γάμου ἀντιβολῆσαι.
 785 οὐδὲ μὲν ἢ πρώτη ἕκτη κούρη γε γενέσθαι
 ἄρμενος, ἀλλ' ἐρίφους τάμνειν καὶ πῶεα μῆλων,
 σηκόν τ' ἀμφιβαλεῖν ποιμνήιον ἥπιον ἤμαρ·
 ἐσθλή δ' ἀνδρογόνος· φιλέοι δέ κε κέρτομα βάζειν
 ψεύδεά θ' αἰμυλίους τε λόγους κρυφίους τ'
 ὄαρισμούς.
 790 μηνὸς δ' ὄγδοάτῃ κάπρον καὶ βοῦν ἐρίμυκον
 ταμνέμεν, οὐρήας δὲ δυωδεκάτῃ ταλαεργούς.
 εἰκάδι δ' ἐν μεγάλῃ πλέῳ ἤματι ἴστορα φῶτα
 γείνασθαι μάλα γάρ τε νόον πεπυκασμένος ἔσται.
 795 ἐσθλή δ' ἀνδρογόνος δεκάτῃ, κούρη δέ τε τετρὰς
 μέσση· τῇ δέ τε μῆλα καὶ εἰλίποδας ἔλικας βούς
 καὶ κύνα καρχαρόδοντα καὶ οὐρήας ταλαεργούς
 πρηθνεῖν ἐπὶ χεῖρα τιθείς· πεφύλαξο δὲ θυμῷ
 τετράδ' ἀλεύασθαι φθίνοντός θ' ἰσταμένου τε
 ἄλγεα θυμοβόρα· μάλα τοι τετελεσμένον ἤμαρ.
 800 ἐν δὲ τετάρτῃ μηνὸς ἄγεσθ' εἰς οἶκον ἀκοίπιν,
 οἰωνοὺς κρίνας οἱ ἐπ' ἔργματι τούτῳ ἄριστοι.

785 κούρη γε Rzach: κ]ούρη τε Π₅D: κούρησι CH
 792-96 om. Plutarchus (homocotel.)

and the canny one⁴⁷ gathers together its heap. On that day a woman should raise her loom and set up her work.

(780) For beginning with the sowing, avoid the thirteenth day after the month begins; and yet it is the best one for getting your plants bedded in. The middle sixth day is very unfavorable for plants, but good for a man to be born; but it is not favorable for a maiden, neither to be born in the first place nor to get married. Nor is the first sixth day fitting for a maiden to be born, but it is a kind day for castrating kids and rams and for fencing in an enclosure for the flocks. And it is fine for a man to be born: such men are fond of speaking mockery and lies and guileful words and hidden whispers. On the eighth day of the month castrate a boar and a loud-bellowing bull, hard-working mules on the twelfth. On the great twentieth, in the fullness of the day, a wise man is born: his mind will be very sagacious. The tenth is fine for a man to be born, for a maiden the middle fourth: on that day place your hand upon sheep and rolling-footed curving-horned oxen and a jagged-toothed dog and hard-working mules, and tame them. Bear in mind to avoid the fourth day, both of the waning month and of the beginning one, spirit-devouring pains: this is a particularly authorized day. On the fourth day of the month lead a wife to your house, after you have distinguished the bird-omens that are the best for this kind of work. Avoid the fifth days,

⁴⁷ The ant.

796 οὐρήας: ἡμίονους Φ

799 ἀλγεα θυμοβορ[Π₅, ἀλγεα θυμοβόρα Schoemann: ἀλγεα θυμοβορεῖν codd.: ἀλγέ' ἃ θυμοβορεῖ (servato 798) Rzach: ἀλγεσι θυμοβορεῖν West

πέμπτας δ' ἐξαλέασθαι, ἐπεὶ χαλεπαί τε καὶ αἰναί·
 ἐν πέμπτῃ γάρ φασιν Ἐρινύας ἀμφιπολεῦειν
 Ὀρκον γεινόμενον, τὸν Ἔρις τέκε πῆμ' ἐπιόρκους.

805 μέσση δ' ἐβδομάτῃ Δημήτερος ἱερὸν ἀκτῆν
 εὖ μάλ' ὀπιπεύοντα ἐντροχάλῳ ἐν ἀλωῇ
 βάλλειν, ὑλοτόμον τε ταμεῖν θαλαμήγια δοῦρα
 νηία τε ξύλα πολλά, τά τ' ἄρμενα νηυσὶ πέλονται
 τετράδι δ' ἄρχεσθαι νῆας πῆγνυσθαι ἀραιάς.

810 εἰνὰς δ' ἡ μέσση ἐπὶ δείελα λώιον ἡμαρ·
 πρωτίστη δ' εἰνὰς παναπήμων ἀνθρώποισιν·
 ἐσθλή μὲν γάρ θ' ἢ γε φυτευέμεν ἠδὲ γενέσθαι
 ἀνέρι τ' ἠδὲ γυναικί, καὶ οὐ ποτε πάγκακον ἡμαρ.
 παῦροι δ' αὐτε ἴσασι τρισεινάδα μηνὸς ἀρίστην
 815 ἄρξασθαί τε πίθου καὶ ἐπὶ ζυγὸν ἀνχένη θείναι
 βουσὶ καὶ ἡμιόνοισι καὶ ἵπποις ὠκνπόδεσσι
 νῆα <τε> πολυκλήϊδα θοῆν εἰς οἴνοπα πόντον
 εἰρύμεναι παῦροι δέ τ' ἀληθέα κικλήσκουσιν.
 τετράδι δ' οἴγε πίθον—περὶ πάντων ἱερὸν ἡμαρ—

820 μέσση. παῦροι δ' αὐτε μετεικάδα μηνὸς ἀρίστην
 ἡοῦς γεινομένης· ἐπὶ δείελα δ' ἐστὶ χερείων.

αἶδε μὲν ἡμέραι εἰσὶν ἐπιχθονίοις μέγ' ὄνειαρ·
 αἱ δ' ἄλλαι μετὰδουποι, ἀκήριοι, οὐ τι φέρουσαι,
 ἄλλος δ' ἀλλοίην αἰνεῖ, παῦροι δέ τ' ἴσασιν·
 825 ἄλλοτε μητρυνὴ πέλει ἡμέρη, ἄλλοτε μήτηρ
 τάων. εὐδαίμων τε καὶ ὄλβιος, ὃς τάδε πάντα
 εἰδὼς ἐργάζηται ἀναίτιος ἀθανάτοισιν,
 ὄρνιθας κρίνων καὶ ὑπερβασίας ἀλεείνων.

815 ἀνχένη codd.: corr. Hermann

since they are difficult and dread: for they say that it was on the fifth that the Erinyes attended upon Oath as it was born—Oath, which Strife bore as a woe to those who break their oath.

(805) On the middle seventh day inspect Demeter's holy grain very well and winnow it on a well-rolled threshing-floor, and the woodcutter should cut boards for a bed-chamber and many planks for a boat, ones which are well fitting for boats. On the fourth begin to build narrow boats.

(810) The middle ninth is a better day towards evening, but the first ninth is entirely harmless for human beings: it is a fine day for both a man and a woman to be conceived and to be born, and never is that day entirely evil. Then again, few know that the thrice-ninth day is the best of the month for starting in on a storage-jar and for placing a yoke on the neck of oxen and mules and swift-footed horses, and for drawing a swift, many-benched boat down to the wine-dark sea—few call things truthfully. On the middle fourth, open a storage-jar—beyond all others it is a holy day. Then again, few know that the twenty-first is the best of the month at daybreak; towards evening it is worse.

(822) These days are a great boon for those on the earth. But the others are random, doomless, they bring nothing. One man praises one kind of day, another another; but few are the ones who know. One time one of these days is a mother-in-law, another time a mother. Happy and blessed is he who knows all these things and does his work without giving offense to the immortals, distinguishing the birds and avoiding trespasses.

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BIOGRAPHIES

T1 *Suda* η 583 (II p. 592 Adler)

Ἡσίοδος, Κυμαῖος· νέος δὲ κομισθεὶς ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρὸς Δίου καὶ μητρὸς Πυκμιήδης ἐν Ἄσκρῃ τῆς Βοιωτίας. γενεαλογεῖται δὲ εἶναι τοῦ Δίου, τοῦ Ἀπελλίδος, τοῦ Μελανώπου· ὃν φασὶ τινες τοῦ Ὀμήρου προπάτορος εἶναι πάππον, ὡς ἀνεψιαδοῦν εἶναι Ἡσιόδου τὸν Ὀμηρον, ἐκάτερον δὲ ἀπὸ τοῦ Ἄτλαντος κατάγεσθαι. ποιήματα δὲ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα· Θεογονία, Ἔργα καὶ Ἡμέραι, Ἀσπίς, Γυναικῶν ἠρωϊνῶν κατάλογος ἐν βιβλίῳ ε', Ἐπικήμειον εἰς Βάτραχόν τινα, ἐρώμενον αὐτοῦ, περὶ τῶν Ἰδαίων Δακτύλων· καὶ ἄλλα πολλά. ἐτελεύτησε δὲ ἐπιξενωθείς παρ' Ἀντίφω καὶ Κτιμένω, οἱ

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T1 *The Suda*

Hesiod: From Cyme. As a youth he was cared for by his father Dius and his mother Pycimede in Ascrea in Boeotia. His genealogy: he is said to be the son of Dius, the son of Apelles, the son of Melanopus, who some say is the grandfather of the founding father Homer, so that Homer would be Hesiod's second cousin and their lines of descent would both derive from Atlas. His poems are the following: *Theogony*; *Works and Days*; *Shield*; *Catalogue of Women Heroines* in 5 books; *Dirge*, for a certain Batrachus, his beloved; *On the Idaean Dactyls*; and many others. He died while staying as a guest with Antiphus and Ctimenus: at

νύκτωρ δόξαντες ἀναιρέιν φθορέα ἀδελφῆς αὐτῶν,
ἀνείλον τὸν Ἡσίοδον ἄκουτες. ἦν δὲ Ὀμήρου κατὰ
τινας πρεσβύτερος, κατὰ δὲ ἄλλους σύγχρονος· Πορ-
φύριος (FGrHist 260 F 20a) καὶ ἄλλοι πλείστοι νεώτε-
ρον ἑκατὸν ἐνιαυτοῖς ὀρίζουσιν, ὡς λβ' μόνους ἐνιαυ-
τοὺς συμπροτερεῖν τῆς πρώτης Ὀλυμπιάδος.

T2 Tzetzes Schol. Hes. Op. pp. 87–92 Colonna (A. Colonna, ed., *Hesiodi Op.*, Milano-Varese 1959)

ὁ Ἡσίοδος σὺν ἀδελφῷ Πέρσῃ παῖς ἐγγόνει Δίου καὶ
Πυκιμήδης, Κυμαίων Αἰολέων, πενήτων ἀνθρώπων, οἱ
διὰ τὸ ἄπορον καὶ τὰ χρέα τὴν ἑαυτῶν πατρίδα Κύμην
φυγόντες μεταναστεύουσι περὶ τὴν Ἄσκηρην, χωρίον
τῶν Βοιωτῶν δυσχείμερόν τε καὶ κακοθέρειον, περὶ
τοὺς πρόποδας κειμένην τοῦ Ἑλικῶνος κάκει κατοι-
κοῦσι. τοιαύτη δὲ τῶν ἀνθρώπων πενία συνεσχήμε-
νων, συνέβηκε τὸν Ἡσίοδον τοῦτον ἄρνας ἐν τῷ
Ἑλικῶνι ποιμαίνειν. φασὶ δὲ ὡς ἐννέα τιμὲς ἐλθοῦσαι
γυναικες Μοῦσαι καὶ δρεψάμεναι κλῶνας δάφνης
Ἑλικωνίτιδος αὐτὸν ἐπεσίτισαν, καὶ οὕτω σοφίας καὶ
ποιητικῆς ἐμπεφόρητο. . . . συνηκμακέναι δ' αὐτὸν οἱ
μὲν Ὀμήρῳ φασίν, οἱ δὲ καὶ Ὀμήρου προγενέστερον
εἶναι δυσχυρίζονται. καὶ οἱ μὲν προγενέστερον εἶναι
Ὀμήρου τοῦτον δυσχυρίζομενοι ἐν ἀρχαῖς εἶναι φασὶ
τῆς Ἀρχίππου ἀρχῆς, Ὀμηρον δὲ ἐν τῷ τέλει—ὁ δ'
Ἄρχιππος οὗτος υἱὸς ἦν Ἀκάστου, ἄρξας Ἀθηναίων
ἔτη τριάκοντα καὶ πεντε — οἱ δὲ συγχρόνους εἶναι

night they thought that they were killing the seducer of
their sister, but unintentionally they killed Hesiod. Ac-
cording to some he was older than Homer, according to
others contemporary with him; Porphyry and most others
define him as being younger by a hundred years, and if so
he would be earlier than the first Olympiad by only 32
years (i.e. ca. 807/6 BC).

T2 Tzetzes, Scholium on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

Hesiod, together with his brother Perses, was born as son
of Dios and Pycimede, who were from Aeolian Cyme, poor
people who because of their lack of resources and their
debts abandoned their native Cyme and emigrated to
Ascra, a little town in Boeotia, bad in winter and evil in
summer, lying at the foot of Mount Helicon, and they set-
tled there. While the human beings were afflicted by such
poverty, it happened that this Hesiod was pasturing his
flocks on Helicon. They say that some women, nine of
them, came and plucked twigs from the Heliconian laurel
and fed him with them, and in this way he took his fill of
wisdom and poetry. . . . Some say that he flourished at the
same time as Homer, others maintain that he was even
older than Homer. And those who maintain that he was
older than Homer say that he lived at the beginning of
the reign of Archippus, and Homer at its end; this
Archippus was the son of Acastus and ruled over the Athe-
nians for 35 years. Those who say they were contemporar-
ies say that they competed with one another upon the

λέγοντες ἐπὶ τῇ τελευτῇ Ἀμφιδάμαντος τοῦ βασιλέως Εὐβοίας φασὶν αὐτοὺς ἀγωνίσασθαι, καὶ νενικηκέναι Ἡσιόδου, ἀγωνοθετοῦντος καὶ κρίνοντος τὰ μέτρα Πανείδου τοῦ βασιλέως τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ Ἀμφιδάμαντος καὶ τῶν υἱῶν Ἀμφιδάμαντος Γανύκτορος τε καὶ τῶν λουπῶν. . . ἀλλὰ ταῦτα μὲν ληρήματα τῶν νεωτέρων εἰσί. . . Ὅμηρος γὰρ ὁ χρυσοῦς, ὡς ἐγῶμαι, μᾶλλον δὲ ἀκριβεστάτως ἐπίσταμαι, πολὺ τε παλαιότερος Ἡσιόδου ὑπήρχε. . . ἀλλ' ἴσως ἕτερος Ὅμηρος ἦν τῷ Ἡσιόδῳ ἰσόχρονος ὁ τοῦ Εὐφρονος παῖς ὁ Φωκεύς. . . τὸν παλαιὸν δὲ Ὅμηρον Διονύσιος ὁ κυκλογράφος φησὶν (FCrHist 15 F 8) ἐπ' ἀμφωτέρων ὑπάρχειν τῶν Θηβαϊκῶν στρατειῶν καὶ τῆς Ἰλίου ἀλώσεως. ἐκ τούτου γοῦν λογίζομαι τούτον τοῦ Ἡσιόδου εἶναι τετρακοσίων ἐτῶν προγενέστερον. Ἀριστοτέλης γάρ, ἢ ὁ φιλόσοφος, μᾶλλον δὲ οἶμαι ὁ τοὺς πέπλους συντάξας, ἐν τῇ Ὀρχομενίων πολιτείᾳ (Fr. 565 Rose) Στησίχορον τὸν μελοποιὸν εἶναι φησιν υἱὸν Ἡσιόδου ἐκ τῆς Κτιμένης αὐτῷ γεννηθέντα τῆς Ἀμφιφάνους καὶ Γανύκτορος ἀδελφῆς, θυγατρὸς δὲ Φηγέως. . . οἱ δὲ Ὅμηρου τετρακοσίοις ὑστέρηζον ἔτεσι, καθά φησι καὶ Ἡρόδοτος. . . βίβλους μὲν οὗτος ἐκκαίδεκα συνεγράφατο, Ὅμηρος δὲ ὁ παλαιὸς γ'. τελευτᾷ δὲ ὁ ῥηθεὶς οὗτος Ἡσιόδος ἐν Λοκρίδι τοιοῦτοτρόπως. μετὰ τὴν νίκην, ἣν αὐτὸν νενικηκέναι φασὶν ἐπὶ τῇ τελευτῇ Ἀμφιδάμαντος εἰς Δελφοὺς ἐπορεύθη, καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ αὐτοσὶ ὁ χρῆσμός:

death of King Amphidamas of Euboea and that Hesiod won at the contest established and judged by King Panedes, Amphidamas' brother, and by Amphidamas' sons, Ganyctor and the rest of them. . . . But that is all nonsense invented by more recent writers For golden Homer, as I believe—no, as I know with absolute precision—was much more ancient than Hesiod But perhaps there was another Homer who was contemporary with Hesiod, the Phocian, son of Euphron Dionysius (i.e. of Samos), who wrote on the cycle, says that the ancient Homer lived at the same time as the Theban wars and also as the capture of Troy. For this reason I calculate that he was four hundred years earlier than Hesiod. For Aristotle the philosopher, or rather I suppose the author of the *Peploi*,¹ says in *The Constitution of Orchomenus* that the lyric poet Stesichorus was the son of Hesiod, born to him from Ctimene, the sister of Amphiphanes and Ganyctor, and the daughter of Phegeus. . . . Others say that he was later than Homer by four hundred years, as Herodotus too says.² . . . This Hesiod composed 16 books, the ancient Homer 13. Hesiod died in Locris, in the following way: after the victory which they say he won upon the death of Amphidamas, he traveled to Delphi where he received this oracle:

¹ A pseudo-Aristotelian mythographical treatise.

² But cf. T10.

ὄλβιος οὗτος ἀνὴρ ὃς ἐμὸν δόμον ἀμφιπολεύει,
 Ἡσίοδος, Μούσῃσι τετιμένος ἀθανάτησιν
 τοῦ δή τοι κλέος ἔσται ὅσον τ' ἐπικίδναται Ἥως.
 ἀλλὰ Διὸς πεφύλαξο Νεμείου κάλλιμον ἄλσος·
 καὶ γάρ τοι θανάτιο τέλος πεπρωμένον ἔστίν.

ὁ δὲ τὴν ἐν Πελοποννήσῳ Νεμέαν φυγὼν ἐν Οἰνότη τῆς
 Λοκρίδος ὑπὸ Ἀμφιφάνους καὶ Γανύκτορος, τῶν Φη-
 γέως παίδων, ἀναιρεῖται καὶ ρίπτεται εἰς τὴν θάλασ-
 σαν, ὡς φθείρας τὴν ἀδελφὴν αὐτῶν Κτιμένην, ἐξ ἧς
 ἐγεννήθη Στησίχορος· ἐκαλεῖτο δὲ Οἰνότη Διὸς Νεμεί-
 ου ἱερόν. μετὰ δὲ τρίτην ἡμέραν ὑπὸ δελφίνων πρὸς
 αἰγιαλὸν ἐξήχθη τὸ σῶμα μεταξὺ Λοκρίδος καὶ Εὐ-
 βοίας, καὶ ἔθαψαν αὐτὸν Λοκροὶ ἐν Νεμέᾳ τῆς Οἰνότης.
 οἱ δὲ φονεῖς τούτου νηὸς ἐπιβάντες ἐπειρώντο φυγεῖν,
 χεიმῶνι δὲ διεφθάρησαν. Ὀρχομένιοι δὲ ὕστερον
 κατὰ χρησμὸν ἐνεγκόντες τὰ Ἡσιόδου ὅστ' ἀπάπτου-
 σιν ἐν μέσῃ τῇ ἀγορᾷ καὶ ἐπέγραψαν τάδε·

Ἄσκρα μὲν πατρὶς πολυλαΐος, ἀλλὰ θανόντος
 ὅστέα πληξίππου γῆ Μινύης κατέχει
 Ἡσιόδου, τοῦ πλείστον ἐν ἀνθρώποις κλέος
 ἔστίν,
 ἀνδρῶν κρινομένων ἐν βασάνοις σοφίης.

ἐπέγραψε δὲ καὶ Πίνδαρος·

χαῖρε δις ἠβήσας καὶ δις τάφον ἀντιβολήσας,
 Ἡσίοδ', ἀνθρώποις μέτρον ἔχων σοφίης.

Happy this man, who is visiting my house,
 Hesiod, honored by the immortal Muses;
 indeed, his glory will reach as far as the dawn is
 outspread.

But beware the beautiful grove of Nemean Zeus:
 for there the end of death is fated for you.

So he fled from the Peloponnesian Nemea; but in Locrian
 Oenoe he was killed and thrown into the sea by Amphi-
 phanes and Ganymctor, the sons of Phegeus, for having se-
 duced their sister Ctimene, from whom Stesichorus was
 born. For Oenoe was called the temple of Nemean Zeus.
 Three days later his body was carried by dolphins to the
 shore between Locris and Euboea, and the Locrians bur-
 ied him in Oenoan Nemea. His murderers boarded a ship
 and tried to flee, but they died in a storm. Later, according
 to an oracle, the Orchomenians transported Hesiod's
 bones and buried them in the middle of the market-place,
 and they set up the following inscription:

Ascra with its many cornfields (was) my homeland,
 but now that I have died
 the land of the horse-smiting Minyan holds my
 bones,
 Hesiod's, whose glory among human beings is the
 greatest
 when men are judged in the trials of wisdom.

Pindar too wrote an inscription:

Hail, you who twice were young and twice received a
 tomb,
 Hesiod, you who hold the measure of wisdom for
 human beings.

DATE AND RELATION TO HOMER
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T3 Aul. Gell. 3.11.1-5

super aetate Homeri atque Hesiodi non consentitur. alii Homerum quam Hesiodum maiorem natu fuisse scripserunt, iu quis Philochorus (*FGrHist* 328 F 210) et Xenophanes (11 B 13 DK), alii minorem, in quis L. Accius poeta (Fr. 1 Funaioli = p. 578 Warmington) et Ephorus (*FGrHist* 70 F 101) historiae scriptor. M. autem Varro in primo *de imaginibus* (Fr. 68 Funaioli), uter prior sit natus, parum constare dicit, sed non esse dubium, quin aliquo tempore eodem vixerint, idque ex epigrammate ostendi, quod in tripode scriptum est, qui in monte Helicone ab Hesiodo positus traditur. Accius autem in primo *didascalico* (Fr. 1 Funaioli = p. 578 Warmington) levibus admodum argumentis utitur, per quae ostendi putat Hesiodum natu priorem: "quod Homerus", inquit, "cum in principio carminis Achillem esse filium Pelei diceret, quis esset Peleus, non addidit; quam rem procul," inquit, "dubio dixisset, nisi ab Hesiodo iam dictum videret (*Theog.* 1006-7). de Cyclope itidem," inquit, "vel maxime quod unoculus fuit, rem tam insignem non praeterisset, nisi aequae prioris Hesiodi carminibus involgatum esset (*Theog.* 139-46)".

DATE AND RELATION TO HOMER
AND OTHER POETS*The Scholarly Controversy*T3 Aulus Gellius, *Attic Nights*

Regarding the age of Homer and of Hesiod there is no consensus. Some, including Philochorus and Xenophanes, have written that Homer was born before Hesiod; others, including the poet Lucius Accius and the historian Ephorus, that he was younger. But Varro says in book 1 of his *Portraits* that it is not at all certain which of the two was born first but that there can be no doubt that they were both alive at the same time for a while, and that this is demonstrated by the epigram which is engraved on a tripod which is said to have been set up on Mount Helicon by Hesiod.³ Accius, however, in book 1 of his *Didascalica* makes use of quite feeble arguments which he supposes demonstrate that Hesiod was born first. "When Homer," he said, "stated in the beginning of his poem that Achilles was Peleus' son, he did not add who Peleus was"; but, he (i.e. Accius) says, "without a doubt he (i.e. Homer) would have said this if he had not seen that it had already been said by Hesiod (cf. *Theogony* 1006-7). In the same way," he (i.e. Accius) said, "concerning the Cyclops he (i.e. Homer) would certainly not have omitted to indicate so remarkable a fact as that he was one-eyed, unless in the same way it had already been made well known by the poems of his predecessor Hesiod (cf. *Theogony* 139-46)."

³ Cf. *The Contest of Homer and Hesiod* 13, pp. 340-41 West; T40.

T4 Paus. 9.30.3

περὶ δὲ Ἡσιόδου τε ἡλικίας καὶ Ὀμήρου πολυ-
πραγμονήσαντι ἐς τὸ ἀκριβέστατον οὗ μοι γράφειν
ἤδὲ ἦν, ἐπισταμένῳ τὸ φιλαίτιον ἄλλων τε καὶ οὐχ
ἤκιστα ὄσοι κατ' ἐμὲ ἐπὶ ποιήσει τῶν ἐπῶν καθεστή-
κεσαν.

T5 Posidonius Fr. 459 Theiler (= Tzetzes, *Exeg. Il.*, p. 19.1–4 Hermann)

καὶ τοῦ Ποσειδωνίου οἶμαι μὴ ἀκηκοῶς λέγοντος
αὐτὸν τὸν Ἡσιόδον ὕστερον γενόμενον πολλὰ παρα-
φθεῖραι τῶν Ὀμήρου ἐπῶν.

T6 Cic. *Cato maior de senectute* 15.54

at Homerus, qui multis ut mihi videtur ante saeculis fuit. . .
(= T152)

T7 Vell. Paterc. 1.7.1

huius temporis aequalis Hesiodus fuit, circa CXX annos
distinctus ab Homeri aetate, vir perelegantis ingenii et
mollissima dulcedine carminum memorabilis, otii quietis-
que cupidissimus, ut tempore tanto viro, ita operis auc-
toritate proximus, qui vitavit ne in id quod Homerus
incideret, patriamque et parentes testatus est, sed patri-
am, quia multatus ab ea erat, contumeliosissime.

T4 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

Although I investigated the ages of Hesiod and Homer as
exactly as possible, I take no pleasure in writing about this,
since I know that other people are captious, especially the
appointed experts on epic poetry in my time.

Cf. T1, T2

Homer Older Than Hesiod

T5 Posidonius, uncertain fragment

I believe that I have perhaps read Posidonius too saying
that Hesiod himself was born much later and corrupted
many of Homer's verses.

T6 Cicero, *Cato. On Old Age*

but Homer, who lived many generations, as I believe, be-
fore (scil. Hesiod) . . . (= T152)

T7 Velleius Paterculus, *Compendium of Roman History*

At this time (ca. 820 B.C.) lived Hesiod, who differed in age
from Homer by about 120 years, a man of extremely re-
fined talent and renowned for the extraordinarily gen-
tle sweetness of his poems, greatly desirous of peace and
quiet, second to such a great man (i.e. Homer) both in time
and in the prestige of his work. He avoided making the
same error as Homer did, and provided testimony con-
cerning his homeland and parents—but in the case of his
homeland he did so very abusively, since he had been pun-
ished by it.

T8 Plut. *Consolatio ad Apollonium* 7 p. 105d

ὁ δὲ μετὰ τοῦτον καὶ τῇ δόξῃ καὶ τῷ χρόνῳ, καίτοι τῶν Μουσῶν ἀναγορεύων ἑαυτὸν μαθητὴν Ἡσίοδος. . .

T9 Solinus 40.17

inter quem et Hesiodum poetam, qui in auspiciis olympiadis primae obiit, centum triginta octo anni interfuerunt.

T10 Hdt. 2.53.2

Ἡσίοδον γὰρ καὶ Ὅμηρον ἡλικίην τετρακοσίοισι ἔτεσι δοκέω μέο πρεσβυτέρους γενέσθαι καὶ οὐ πλέοσι.

T11 Aul. Gell. 17.21.3

de Homero et Hesiodo inter omnes fere scriptores constitit aetatem eos egisse vel isdem fere temporibus vel Homerum aliquanto antiquiorem, utrumque tamen ante Romam conditam vixisse Silviis Albae regnantibus annis post bellum Troianum, ut Cassius in primo *annalium* de Homero atque Hesiodo scriptum reliquit (Fr. 8 Peter), plus centum atque sexaginta, ante Romam autem conditam, ut Cornelius Nepos in primo *Chronicorum* de Homero dixit (Fr. 2 Peter), annis circiter centum et sexaginta.

T8 Plutarch, *Letter of Condolence to Apollonius*

Hesiod, who comes after him (i.e. Homer) both in fame and in time, even though he proclaims himself a disciple of the Muses . . .

T9 Gaius Julius Solinus, *Collection of Memorable Things*

Between him (i.e. Homer) and the poet Hesiod, who died at the beginning of the first Olympiad (777/76), 138 years went by.

Cf. T1, T2; and Proclus, *Chrestomathy I. Homer's Date, Life, Character, Catalogue of Poems* 6 (pp. 422–23 West), and Anonymus I, *Life of Homer (Vita Romana)* 4 (pp. 434–35 West)

Homer and Hesiod as Contemporaries

T10 Herodotus, *History*

For I believe that Hesiod and Homer were born 400 years before me (ca. 885 BC) and not more.

T11 Aulus Gellius, *Attic Nights*

Concerning Homer and Hesiod almost all authors agree that they lived more or less at the same time, or that Homer was only a little bit older, and in any case that they both lived before the foundation of Rome, while the Silvii ruled in Alba, more than 160 years after the Trojan war, as Cassius wrote about Homer and Hesiod in book 1 of his *Annals*, but about 160 years before the founding of Rome, as Cornelius Nepos says about Homer in book 1 of his *Chronicles*.

T12 Clem. Alex. *Strom.* 1.21.117.4, p. 74.5–7 Stählin

Εὐθυμένης δὲ ἐν τοῖς Χρονικοῖς (FGrHist 243 F 1) συνακμάσαντα (scil. Ὀμηρον) Ἡσιόδῳ ἐπὶ Ἀκάστου ἐν Χίῳ γενέσθαι περὶ τὸ διακοσιοστὸν ἔτος ὕστερον τῆς Ἰλίου ἀλώσεως. ταύτης δὲ ἐστὶ τῆς δόξης καὶ Ἀρχέμαχος ἐν Εὐβοϊκῶν τρίτῳ (FGrHist 424 F 3).

T13 Philostratus *Heroicus* 43.7, p. 56.4–6 De Lannoy

οἱ δὲ ἐξήκοντα καὶ ἑκατὸν ἔτη γεγονέναι μετὰ τὴν Τροίαν ἐπὶ Ὀμηρὸν τέ φασι καὶ Ἡσίοδον, ὅτε δὴ ἄσαι ἄμφω ἐν Χαλκίδι.

T14 Syncellus *Chronographia*

(a) p. 202.21–22 Mosshammer

Ἡσιόδός τε ἐγνωρίζετο, ὃν Ἐφορος (FGrHist 70 F 101b) ἀνεῖμὸν καὶ σύγχρονον Ὀμήρου φησί.

(b) p. 206.9 Mosshammer

ἐπ' αὐτοῦ ὁ μέγας ποιητῆς Ὀμηρος παρ' Ἑλλησι καὶ Ἡσίοδος.

T15 Marmor Parium FGrHist 239 A ep. 28–29

28 ἀφ' οὗ [Ἡσ]ίοδος ὁ ποιητῆς [ἐφάν]η, ἔτη ^ΜΗ^ΡΔΔ., βασιλεύοντος Ἀθηνῶν.

T12 Clement of Alexandria, *Miscellanies*

Euthymenes says in his *Chronicles* that he (i.e. Homer) flourished at the same time as Hesiod and was born during the reign of Acastus on Chios, about 200 years after the capture of Troy. Archemachus too is of the same opinion in book 3 of his *Euboean History*.

T13 Philostratus, *Heroicus*

Others say that 160 years went by from Troy to Homer and Hesiod, when they both sang in Chalcis.

T14 Syncellus, *Chronography*

(a) Hesiod was becoming known, who Ephorus says was a first cousin and contemporary of Homer.

(b) During his (i.e. David's) reign (*anno mundi* ca. 4428–68), the great poet Homer among the Greeks, and Hesiod.

Cf. T2, T65; and *The Contest of Homer and Hesiod* 5–13 (pp. 322–45 West), Proclus, *Chrestomathy I. Homer's Date, Life, Character, Catalogue of Poems* 4 (pp. 420–21 West)

Hesiod Older Than Homer

T15 The Parian Marble Inscription

28. From when the poet Hesiod appeared, 67[3?] years, when [] was king of the Athenians (937/5?).

- 29 ἀφ' οὗ Ὁμηρος ὁ ποιητὴς ἐφάνη, ἔτη $\text{M}^{\text{H}}\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta\text{III}$,
 βασιλεύοντος Ἀθηναίων Διογνήτου.

T16 Gnomologium Vaticanum Graecum 1144, f. 222^v
 Sternbach (L. Sternbach, "Gnomica," in *Commentationes philologicae* . . . Ribbeck, Lipsiae 1888, p. 358)

Σιμωνίδης τὸν Ἡσίοδον κηπουρὸν ἔλεγε, τὸν δὲ Ὀμη-
 ρον στεφανηπλόκον, τὸν μὲν ὡς φυτεύσαντα τὰς περὶ
 θεῶν καὶ ἡρώων μυθολογίας, τὸν δὲ ὡς ἐξ αὐτῶν
 συμπλέξαντα τὸν Ἰλιάδος καὶ Ὀδυσσεΐας στέφανον.

T17 Hippias 86 B 6 DK, *FCrHist* 6 F 4

τούτων ἴσως εἴρηται τὰ μὲν Ὀρφεῖ, τὰ δὲ Μουσαίῳ
 κατὰ βραχὺ ἄλλῳ ἀλλαχοῦ, τὰ δὲ Ἡσιόδῳ, τὰ δὲ
 Ὀμήρῳ, τὰ δὲ τοῖς ἄλλοις τῶν ποιητῶν, τὰ δὲ ἐν
 συγγραφαῖς, τὰ μὲν Ἑλλησι, τὰ δὲ βαρβάροις.

T18 Aristoph. *Ranae* 1030–36

σκέψαι γὰρ ἀπ' ἀρχῆς
 ὡς ὠφέλιμοι τῶν ποιητῶν οἱ γενναῖοι γεγέννηται.
 Ὀρφεὺς μὲν γὰρ τελετὰς θ' ἡμῖν κατέδειξε
 φόνων τ' ἀπέχεσθαι,
 Μουσαῖος δ' ἐξακέσεις τε νόσων καὶ χρησμούς,
 Ἡσίοδος δὲ
 γῆς ἐργασίας, καρπῶν ὄρας, ἀρότους· ὁ δὲ θεῖος
 Ὀμηρος

29. From when the poet Homer appeared, 643 years,
 when Diognetus was king of the Athenians (907/5).

T16 Vatican Collection of Greek Sayings

Simonides said that Hesiod was a gardener and Homer a
 weaver of garlands, since the former planted the mytho-
 logical stories about gods and heroes, while the latter wove
 together the garland of the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* out of them.

Cf. T2; and *The Contest of Homer and Hesiod* 4 (pp. 322–23
 West), (Pseudo-) Plutarch, *On Homer* 2 (pp. 404–7 West), Anony-
 mus I, *Life of Homer* (Vita Romana) 4 (pp. 434–35 West)

The Sequence Orpheus-Musaeus-Hesiod-Homer

T17 Hippias of Elis, fragment

Of these things, perhaps some have been said by Orpheus,
 others by Musaeus, briefly, here and there, some by
 Hesiod, others by Homer, some by other poets, others in
 prose writings, some by Greeks, others by barbarians.

T18 Aristophanes, *Frogs*

For look, starting from the very beginning
 how useful the noble poets have been.
 For Orpheus taught us initiatory rites and refraining
 from slaughter,
 Musaeus cures for illnesses and oracles, Hesiod
 working the land, the seasons for harvesting and
 plowing; and godly Homer,

ἀπὸ τοῦ τιμῆν καὶ κλέος ἔσχεν πλὴν τοῦδ' ὅτι
 χρήστ' ἐδίδαξεν,
 τάξεις, ἀρετάς, ὀπλίσεις ἀνδρῶν;

T19 Schol. Hes. *Op.* 271a Pertusi

ιστέον δὲ ὅτι υἱὸς Ἡσιόδου Μνασέας ἐστὶ. Φιλόχορος
 (*FGrHist* 328 F 213) δὲ Στησίχορον φησι τὸν ἀπὸ
 Κλυμένης· ἄλλοι δὲ Ἀρχιέπην.

T20 Cic. *De republica* 2.20 (ed. Ziegler)

Stesichor>us ne<pos ei>us, ut di<xeru>nt quid<am, e>x
 filia. quo <vero> ille mor<tuus, e>odem <est an>no
 na<tus Si>moní<des ol>ympia<de se>xta et quin<qua-
 g>esima.

Stesichor>us: suppl. Mommsen

T21 Cic. *Disp. Tusc.* 1.1.3

si quidem Homerus fuit et Hesiodus ante Romam con-
 ditam. . .

T22 Plin. *Hist. nat.* 14.1.3

ante milia annorum inter principia litterarum Hesiodo
 praecepta agricolis pandere orso. . .

what did he receive honor and glory from, if not from
 teaching us useful things,
 battle orderings and the virtues and arming of men?

Cf. T116a, T119bi, bii

Hesiod as Stesichorus' Father or Grandfather

T19 Scholium on the *Works and Days*

You should know that Hesiod's son is Mnaseas. Philo-
 chorus says he was Stesichorus, and the mother was
 Clymene. Others say she was Archiepe.

T20 Cicero, *On the Republic*

[Stesichorus], his (i.e. Hesiod's) grandson, as some have
 said, from his daughter. [But] Simonides was born in the
 same year in which he (i.e. Stesichorus) died, in the 56th
 Olympiad (i.e. 556/5).

Cf. T2

Miscellaneous

T21 Cicero, *Tusculan Disputations*

if indeed Homer and Hesiod lived before the foundation
 of Rome . . .

T22 Pliny the Elder, *Natural History*

a thousand years ago (i.e. about 920 BC), at the very begin-
 ning of writing, Hesiod was the first to give precepts to
 farmers . . .

HESIOD

T23 Euseb. *Hier.*

(a) 119F, p. 71b.5 Helm

quidam Homerum et Hesiodum his temporibus fuisse se aiunt.

(b) 145F, p. 84b.2 Helm

Hesiodus insignis habetur, ut vult Porphyrius (*FCrHist* 260 F 20b).

(c) 151F, p. 87b.9 Helm

Hesiodus secundum quosdam clarus habetur.

T24 Tzetzes *Chil.* 13.643–44 Leone

Ἡσίοδος δὲ ἤκμαζεν, ὡς εὖρον ἐν ἑτέροις, κατὰ τὴν ἑνδεκάτην μὲν αὐτὴν Ὀλυμπιάδα.

BIRTH

T25 Schol. Hes. *Op.* 635a Pertusi

Ἐφωρος (*FCrHist* 70 F 100) δὲ φησι τοῦτον εἰς Ἄσκραν ἐλθεῖν, οὐ δι' ἐμπορίαν, ἀλλὰ φόνον ἐμφύλιον ἐργασάμενον.

TESTIMONIA

T23 Eusebius, *Chronicle of Jerome*

(a) Some say that Homer and Hesiod lived at this time (i.e. 1017/16 BC).

(b) Hesiod is considered renowned (i.e. 809/8 BC), according to Porphyry.

(c) According to some, Hesiod is considered famous (i.e. 767/6 BC).

T24 Tzetzes, *Chiliads*

Hesiod flourished, as I have found in other authors (scil. other than Apollodorus), in the 11th Olympiad (736/3).

BIRTH

T25 Scholium on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

Ephorus says that he (i.e. Hesiod's father) came to Ascrea not because of poverty but because he had murdered a kinsman.

HESIOD

T26 *Vacca Vita Lucani* p. 403.21–26 Badañ

eventus . . . qui in Hesiodo refertur . . . cunas infantis, quibus ferebatur, apes circumvolantur osque insedere complures, aut dulcem iam tum spiritum eius haurientes aut facundum et qualem nunc existimamus, futurum significantes.

NAME

T27 *Etym. Gudianum* p. 249.49 Sturz (*Etym. Magnum* p. 438.20)

Ἡσίοδος, Αἰωλικῶς, ὁ τὴν αἰσίαν ὁδὸν πορευόμενος. Ἔργα καὶ Ἡμέρας ἔγραψε πρὸς τὴν τοῦ βίου ἐργασίαν καὶ νομοθεσίαν. ἦ ὅτι αἰσίως ἐβάδισε. συνέτυχε γὰρ ταῖς Μούσαις, καὶ οὐχ ὡς Θάμυρις διετέθη. ὅθεν καὶ ποιητὴς ἄριστος.

T28 *Etym. Magnum* p. 438.24

Ἡσίοδος· παρὰ τὸν ἦσσω μέλλοιτα, καὶ τὸ ὁδός.

T29 Schol. Hes. *Op.* 1 p. 22.1 Gaisford

Ἡσίοδος ἐκ τοῦ ἦσις ἢ εὐφροσύνη, καὶ τοῦ εἶδω τὸ λέγω γίνεται.

TESTIMONIA

T26 *Vacca, Life of Lucan*

An event . . . which is reported about Hesiod . . . bees swarmed around the infant's cradle, in which he was being carried about, and many came to sit upon his mouth, either drinking his breath, which was already sweet at that age, or signifying that he would be eloquent and such as we now recognize him to have been.

Cf. also *The Contest of Homer and Hesiod* 1 (pp. 318–19 West)

NAME

T27 *Etymologicum Gudianum and Magnum*

Hesiod: in Aeolic, he who travels on an auspicious (*aisia*) road (*hodos*). He wrote the *Works and Days* with a view towards working for the means of life and towards legislation. Or because he walked auspiciously: for he encountered the Muses, and was not treated by them as Thamyras was; for this reason he is an excellent poet.

T28 *Etymologicum Magnum*

Hesiod: from the future *hêsô* "I will cast" and the word *hodos* "road."

T29 Scholium on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

"Hesiod" comes from *hêsis* "festivity" and *eidô* "I say."

HESIOD

DEATH

T30 Thuc. 3.96.1

αὐλισάμενος δὲ τῷ στρατῷ ἐν τοῦ Διὸς τοῦ Νεμείου τῷ ἱερῷ, ἐν ᾧ Ἡσίοδος ὁ ποιητῆς λέγεται ὑπὸ τῶν ταύτῃ ἀποθανεῖν, χρησθὲν αὐτῷ ἐν Νεμέᾳ τοῦτο παθεῖν.

T31 Paus. 9.31.6

ἐναντία δὲ καὶ ἐς τοῦ Ἡσίοδου τὴν τελευταίην ἐστὶν εἰρημένα. ὅτι μὲν γὰρ οἱ παῖδες τοῦ Γανύκτορος Κτίμενος καὶ Ἀντιφός ἔφυγον ἐς Μολυκρίαν ἐκ Ναυπάκτου διὰ τοῦ Ἡσίοδου τὸν φόνον καὶ αὐτόθι ἀσεβήσασιν ἐς Ποσειδῶνα ἐγένετο τῇ Μολυκρίᾳ σφίσιν ἡ δίκη, τάδε μὲν καὶ οἱ πάντες κατὰ ταῦτα εἰρήκασι τὴν δὲ ἀδελφὴν τῶν νεανίσκων οἱ μὲν ἄλλον τοῦ φασιν αἰσχύναντος Ἡσίοδον λαβεῖν οὐκ ἀληθῆ τὴν τοῦ ἀδικήματος δόξαν, οἱ δὲ ἐκείνου γενέσθαι τὸ ἔργον.

τῇ Μολυκρίᾳ Porson: τῇ μολυκρίδι codd.

T32 Plut. *Sept. sap. conv.* 19 p. 162c-e

Μιλησίου γάρ, ὡς ἔοικεν, ἀνδρός, ᾧ ξενίας ἐκοινῶνει ὁ Ἡσίοδος καὶ διαίτης ἐν Λοκροῖς, τῇ τοῦ ξένου θυγατρὶ κρύφα συγγενομένου καὶ φωραθέντος ὑποψίαν ἔσχεν ὡς γνοὺς ἀπ' ἀρχῆς καὶ συνεπικρύψας τὸ ἀδίκημα, μηδενὸς ὦν αἴτιος, ὀργῆς δὲ καιρῷ καὶ δια-

TESTIMONIA

DEATH

T30 Thucydides, *History*

He (i.e. Demosthenes) bivouacked with his army at the temple of Nemean Zeus, where the poet Hesiod is said by the locals to have died after he had received an oracle that this would happen to him in Nemea.

T31 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

There are conflicting versions of the death of Hesiod. That the sons of Ganyctor, Ctimenus and Antiphus, fled to Molycria from Naupactus because of the murder of Hesiod and that they were punished there for their sacrileges against Poseidon—this is said by all in the same way. But some say that it was someone else who seduced the young men's sister and that Hesiod has undeservedly gotten a bad reputation for this crime, while others say that the deed was done by him.

T32 Plutarch, *The Dinner of the Seven Wise Men*

A man from Miletus, as it seems, with whom Hesiod was sharing room and board in Locris, had intercourse in secret with the host's daughter; and when he was caught, he (i.e. Hesiod) was suspected of having known about the crime from the beginning and having helped to conceal it, although in fact he was guilty of nothing but undeservedly

βολῆς περιπεσὼν ἀδίκως. ἀπέκτειναν γὰρ αὐτὸν οἱ τῆς παιδίσκης ἀδελφοὶ περὶ τὸ Λοκρικὸν Νέμειον ἐνεδρεύσαντες, καὶ μετ' αὐτοῦ τὸν ἀκόλουθον, ᾧ Τρωῖλος ἦν ὄνομα. τῶν δὲ σωμάτων εἰς τὴν θάλατταν ὡσθέντων τὸ μὲν τοῦ Τρωίλου, εἰς τὸν Δάφνον ποταμὸν ἔξω φορούμενον, ἐπεσχέθη περικλύστῳ χοιράδι μικρὸν ὑπὲρ τὴν θάλατταν ἀνεχούσῃ· καὶ μέχρι νῦν Τρωῖλος ἢ χοιρὰς καλεῖται τοῦ δ' Ἡσιόδου τὸν νεκρὸν εὐθὺς ἀπὸ γῆς ὑπολαβοῦσα δελφίνων ἀγέλη πρὸς τὸ Ῥίον κατὰ τὴν Μολύκρειαν ἐκόμιζε. ἐτύγχανε δὲ Λοκροῖς ἢ τῶν Ῥίων καθεστῶσα θυσία καὶ πανηγυρίς, ἣν ἄγουσιν ἔτι νῦν ἐπιφανῶς περὶ τὸν τόπον ἐκείνον. ὡς δ' ὥφθη προσφερόμενον τὸ σῶμα, θαυμάσαντες ὡς εἰκὸς ἐπὶ τὴν ἀκτὴν κατέδραμον, καὶ γνωρίσαντες ἔτι πρόσφατον τὸν νεκρὸν ἅπαντα δεύτερα τοῦ ζητεῖν τὸν φόνον ἐποιούντο διὰ τὴν δόξαν τοῦ Ἡσιόδου. καὶ τοῦτο μὲν ταχέως ἔπραξαν, εὐρόντες τοὺς φονεῖς· αὐτοὺς τε γὰρ κατεπόντισαν ζῶντας καὶ τὴν οἰκίαν κατέσκαψαν. ἐτάφη δ' ὁ Ἡσιόδος πρὸς τῷ Νεμείῳ· τὸν δὲ τάφον οἱ πολλοὶ τῶν ξένων οὐκ ἴσασιν, ἀλλ' ἀποκέκρυπται ζητούμενος ὑπ' Ὀρχομενίων, ὡς φασι, βουλομένων κατὰ χρησμὸν ἀνελεῖσθαι τὰ λείψανα καὶ θάψαι παρ' αὐτοῖς.

fell foul of an angry accusation. For the girl's brothers lay in wait for him near the temple of Nemean Zeus in Locris and killed him, and together with him his attendant, whose name was Troilus. Their bodies were thrown into the sea. Troilus' was borne outwards by the river Daphnus and came to rest on a wave-swept rock that stuck out a little bit above the surface of the sea; and even today that rock is called 'Troilus'. As for Hesiod's corpse, a school of dolphins took it up just off the land and brought it to Rhium in Molycreia. It happened that the customary Rhian sacrifice and festival was taking place in Locris; they celebrate it publicly even now around that place. When the body was seen being carried to land, they ran to the shore, understandably astonished, and when they recognized the body, which was still fresh, they made investigating the murder their first priority because of Hesiod's fame. And they quickly succeeded in discovering the murderers, and cast them living into the sea and tore down their house. Hesiod was buried near the temple of Nemean Zeus. Most outsiders do not know about his grave, for it has been hidden because the Orchomenians are looking for it, as they say, since in accordance with an oracle they want to remove his remains and bury him in their own land.

T33 Plut. *De sollert. animal.*

(a) 13 p. 969d-e

ταῦτὰ δὲ καὶ τὸν Ἡσιόδου κύνα τοῦ σοφοῦ δράσαι λέγουσι, τοὺς Γανύκτορος ἐξελέγξαντα τοῦ Ναυπακτίου παῖδας, ὑφ' ὧν ὁ Ἡσιόδος ἀπέθανεν.

(b) 36 p. 984d

ἔδει δὲ τὸν κύν' αἰτιασάμενον μὴ παραλιπεῖν τοὺς δελφίνας· τυφλὸν γὰρ ἦν τὸ μήνυμα τοῦ κυνός, ὑλακτοῦντος καὶ μετὰ βοῆς ἐπιφερομένου τοῖς φονεῦσιν, <εἰ μὴ τὸν νεκρὸν> περὶ τὸ Νέμειον θαλάσση διαφερόμενον ἀράμενοι δελφίνες, ἕτεροι παρ' ἑτέρων ἐκδεχόμενοι προθύμως, εἰς τὸ Ῥίον ἐκθέντες ἔδειξαν ἐσφαγμένον.

<εἰ μὴ τὸν νεκρὸν> add. Bachet de Meziriac

T34 Pollux 5.42

κύνες δ' ἐνδοξοῦ . . . οἱ δ' Ἡσιόδου παραμείναντες αὐτῷ ἀναιρεθέντι κατήλεγξαν ὑλακῆ τοὺς φονεύσαντας.

T33 Plutarch, *On the Cleverness of Animals*

(a) They say that wise Hesiod's dog did the same thing, convicting the sons of Ganyetor of Naupactus, who had killed Hesiod.

(b) While you were indicating the dog as the cause you should not have left out the dolphins. For the information provided by the dog, which was barking and rushing in full voice against the murderers, would have been quite futile if the dolphins had not picked up his body, which was drifting in the sea around the temple of Nemean Zeus, eagerly taking him up in turns, and then set him ashore at Rhium, revealing that he had been murdered.

T34 Pollux, *Lexicon*

Famous dogs: . . . those of Hesiod, which remained beside him after he had been killed and convicted the murderers by barking.

Cf. T1, T2; and also *The Contest of Homer and Hesiod* 14 (pp. 340–45 West)

HESIOD
MISCELLANEOUS

T35 Paus. 1.2.3

Ἡσίοδος δὲ καὶ Ὅμηρος ἢ συγγενέσθαι βασιλεῦσιν ἠτύχησαν ἢ καὶ ἐκόντες ὠλιγώρησαν, ὁ μὲν ἀγροικία καὶ ὄκνη πλάνης. . .

POEMS

PERFORMANCES BY HESIOD

T36 Plato *Resp.* 10 600d

Ὅμηρον δ' ἄρα οἱ ἐπ' ἐκείνου, εἶπερ οἶός τ' ἦν πρὸς ἀρετὴν ὀνήσαι ἀνθρώπους, ἢ Ἡσίοδον ῥαψωδεῖν ἀν περιόντας εἶων. . . ;

T37 Diog. Laert. 2.46

τούτω τις, καθά φησιν Ἀριστοτέλης ἐν τρίτῳ Περὶ ποιητικῆς (Fr. 75 Rose), ἐφιλονείκει Ἀντίλοχος Λήμνιος καὶ Ἀντιφῶν ὁ τερατοσκόπος, . . . καὶ Κέρκωψ Ἡσίοδῳ ζῶντι, τελευτήσαντι δὲ. . . Ξενοφάνης (21 B 11 DK).

TESTIMONIA
MISCELLANEOUS

T35 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

Hesiod and Homer either were not lucky enough to associate with kings or else deliberately looked down upon doing so, the former because he was rustic and reluctant to travel . . .

POEMS

PERFORMANCES BY HESIOD

T36 Plato, *Republic*

If Homer had been capable of benefiting men with regard to virtue, would his contemporaries have allowed him or Hesiod to wander around and perform as a rhapsode . . . ?

T37 Diogenes Laertius, *Lives of Eminent Philosophers*

As Aristotle says in book 3 of the *Poetics*, someone named Antilochus of Lemnus and Antiphon the seer vied with him (i.e. Socrates), just as . . . Cercops did with Hesiod when he was alive, and . . . Xenophanes after he had died.

T38 Plut. *Sept. sap. conv.* 10 pp. 153f-154a

ἀκούομεν γὰρ ὅτι καὶ πρὸς τὰς Ἀμφιδάμαντος ταφὰς εἰς Χαλκίδα τῶν τότε σοφῶν οἱ δοκιμώτατοι ποιηταὶ συνῆλθον . . . ἐπεὶ δὲ τὰ παρεσκευασμένα τοῖς ποιηταῖς ἔπη χαλεπὴν καὶ δύσκολον ἐποίει τὴν κρίσιν διὰ τὸ ἐφάμιλλον, ἢ τε δόξα τῶν ἀγωνιστῶν, Ὅμηρον καὶ Ἡσιόδου, πολλὴν ἀπορίαν μετ' αἰδοῦς τοῖς κρίνουσι παρεῖχεν, ἐτράποντο πρὸς τοιαύτας ἐρωτήσεις, καὶ πρόεβαλ' ὁ μὲν, ὥς φασι, Λέσχης·

Μοῦσά μοι ἔννεπε κέλνα, τὰ μῆτ' ἐγένοντο
πάροιθε
μῆτ' ἔσται μετόπισθεν. (*Parva Iliad* Fr. 1 Bernabè)

ἀπεκρίνατο δ' Ἡσιόδου ἐκ τοῦ παρατυχόντος·

ἄλλ' ὅταν ἀμφὶ Διὸς τύμβῳ καναχήποδες ἵπποι
ἄρματα συντρέψωσιν ἐπειγόμενοι περὶ νίκης.

καὶ διὰ τοῦτο λέγεται μάλιστα θαυμασθεῖς τοῦ τρίποδος τυχεῖν.

T39 Paus. 10.7.3

λέγεται δὲ καὶ Ἡσιόδου ἀπελαθῆναι τοῦ ἀγωνίσματος ἅτε οὐ καθαρίζεν ὁμοῦ τῇ ᾠδῇ δεδιδαγμένον.

T40 Paus. 9.31.3

ἐν δὲ τῷ Ἑλικῶνι καὶ ἄλλοι τρίποδες κείνται καὶ

T38 Plutarch, *The Dinner of the Seven Wise Men*

For we are told that the most renowned poets among the wise men of that time came together in Chalcis for the funeral of Amphidamas. . . . Since the poems which the poets had prepared made the decision difficult and irksome because they were of matching quality, and the renown of the contestants Homer and Hesiod made the judges feel helpless and embarrassed, they turned to riddles of the following sort, and Lesches, as they say, proposed the following:

Muse, tell me what has never happened earlier
nor will ever come about later.

And Hesiod answered on the spot,

When around the tomb of Zeus the loud-footed
horses
make the chariots rub together, hastening for the
victory.

And he is said to have been very much admired because of this and to have won the tripod.

T39 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

Hesiod is said to have been expelled from the competition (i.e. in music at Delphi) since he had not learned to accompany himself on the lyre while he sang.

T40 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

In Helicon there are other tripods preserved as dedica-

ἀρχαιότατος, ὃν ἐν Χαλκίδι λαβεῖν τῇ ἐπ' Εὐρίπω
λέγουσιν Ἡσίοδον νικήσαντα ᾧδῆ.

T41 Schol. Pind. *Nem.* 2.1 (III p. 31.13 Drachmann)

ῥαψωδῆσαι δέ φησι πρῶτον τὸν Ἡσίοδον Νικοκλῆς
(*FGrHist* 376 F 8).

CATALOGUES OF POEMS

T42 Paus. 9.31.4–5

Βοιωτῶν δὲ οἱ περὶ τὸν Ἑλικῶνα οἰκοῦντες παρελιη-
μένα δόξῃ λέγουσιν ὡς ἄλλο Ἡσίοδος ποιήσειεν
οὐδὲν ἢ τὰ Ἔργα· καὶ τούτων δὲ τὸ ἐς τὰς Μούσας
ἀφαιροῦσι προοίμιον, ἀρχὴν τῆς ποιήσεως εἶναι τὸ ἐς
τὰς Ἐριδας λέγοντες (v.11)· καὶ μοι μόλυβδον ἐδεί-
κνυσαν, ἔνθα ἡ πηγὴ, τὰ πολλὰ ὑπὸ τοῦ χρόνου
λελυμασμένον· ἐγγέγραπται δὲ αὐτῷ τὰ Ἔργα· ἔστι
δὲ καὶ ἑτέρα κεχωρισμένη τῆς προτέρας, ὡς πολὺν
τινα ἐπῶν ὃ Ἡσίοδος ἀριθμὸν ποιήσειεν, ἐς γυναικῆς
τε ἀδόμενα καὶ ἄς μεγάλας ἐπονομάζουσιν Ἡοίας, καὶ
Θεογονίαν τε καὶ ἐς τὸν μάντιν Μελάμποδα, καὶ ὡς
Θησεὺς ἐς τὸν Ἄιδην ὁμοῦ Πειρίθῳ καταβαίη παραι-
νέσεις τε Χίρωνος ἐπὶ διδασκαλίᾳ δὴ τῇ Ἀχιλλέως,
καὶ ὅσα ἐπὶ Ἔργοις τε καὶ Ἡμέραις. οἱ δὲ αὐτοὶ οὗτοι
λέγουσι καὶ ὡς μαντικὴν Ἡσίοδος διδαχθεῖη παρὰ
Ἄκαρνάνων· καὶ ἔστιν ἔπη Μαντικά, ὅποσα τε ἐπελε-
ξάμεθα καὶ ἡμεῖς, καὶ ἐξηγήσεις ἐπὶ τέρασιν.

tions; the oldest is one that they say Hesiod received in
Chalcis on the Euripus when he won a victory in song.

T41 Scholium on Pindar's *Nemeans*

Nicoles says that Hesiod was the first to perform as a
rhapsode.

Cf. also *The Contest of Homer and Hesiod* 5–13 (pp. 322–41 West)

CATALOGUES OF POEMS

Many Poems

T42 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

The Boeotians who live around Helicon say that of the po-
ems commonly ascribed to him Hesiod composed noth-
ing but the *Works*. And from this poem they remove the
proem to the Muses, saying that it begins with the lines
about the Strifes (i.e. line 11). And where the fountain is
they showed me a lead tablet, very much damaged by the
passage of time. On it was written the *Works*. But there is
another opinion, different from the first one, according
to which Hesiod composed a very great number of epic
poems: the poem about women; and what they call the
Great Ehoiai; *The Theogony*; the poem about the seer
Melampous; the one about Theseus' descent into Hades
together with Peirithous; and *The Precepts of Chiron* (the
ones for teaching Achilles); and everything that follows af-
ter the *Works and Days*. These latter also say that Hesiod
was taught the mantic art by the Acharnians; and in fact
there is a poem on soothsaying, which we too have read,
and explanations of prodigies.

T43 'Proclus' Proleg. ad Hes. Op., p. 8 Gaisford

Ἡσιόδου Ἔργα καὶ Ἡμέραι τὸ βιβλίον ἐπιγέγραπται. . . οὕτω δὲ ἐπιγέγραπται πρὸς ἀντιδιαστολήν τῶν ἐτέρων αὐτοῦ πεντεκαίδεκα βιβλίων Ἀσπίδος, Θεογονίας, Ἡρωογονίας, Γυναικῶν καταλόγου, καὶ λοιπῶν ἀπασῶν.

T44 [Asclepiades vel] Archias *Anth. Pal.* 9.64.7–8

οὐδ' σὺ κορεσσάμενος μακάρων γένος ἔργα τε
μολπαῖς
καὶ γένος ἀρχαίων ἔγραφες ἡμιθέων.

T45 Luc. *Hesiodus* 1

θεῶν τε γένεσις διηγούμενος ἄχρι καὶ τῶν πρώτων ἐκείνων, Χάους καὶ Γῆς καὶ Οὐρανοῦ καὶ Ἔρωτος—ἔτι δὲ γυναικῶν ἀρετὰς καὶ παραινέσεις γεωργικὰς, καὶ ὅσα περὶ Πλειάδων καὶ ὅσα περὶ καιρῶν ἀρότου καὶ ἀμῆτου καὶ πλοῦ καὶ ὅλως τῶν ἄλλων ἀπάντων.

T46 Max. Tyr. 26.4.89–93 Trapp = 26. IVa.78–82 Koniaris

καθάπερ ὁ Ἡσιόδος, χωρὶς μὲν τὰ γένη τῶν ἡρώων, ἀπὸ γυναικῶν ἀρχόμενος καταλέγει (τὰ γένη) ὅστις ἐξ ἧσ<τινος> ἔφν, χωρὶς δὲ αὐτῶν πεποίηται οἱ θεῖοι λόγοι, ἅμα τοῖς λόγοις θεογονία· χωρὶς δ' αὖ ὠφελεῖ

T43 'Proclus', Prolegomena to Hesiod *Works and Days*

The book is entitled *Hesiod's Works and Days*. . . . And it is entitled in this way to set it apart from his fifteen other books, *Shield*, *Theogony*, *Heroogony*, *Catalogue of Women*, and all the others.

Cf. T1, T2

Theogony, Works and Days, Catalogue of Women

T44 [Asclepiades or] Archias, epigram from the *Palatine Anthology*

Having drunk your fill of this⁴, the race of the blessed ones and the works you wrote in your songs, and the race of the ancient half-gods.

T45 Lucian, "Dialogue with Hesiod"

recounting the births of the gods going back to those very first ones, Chasm and Earth and Sky and Love, and also the virtues of women and agricultural precepts, about the Pleiades and the seasons for plowing and harvesting and sailing and everything else.

T46 Maximus of Tyre, *Philosophical Orations*

Just as Hesiod catalogued separately the genealogies of the heroes, starting from the woman from which each one was born; and separately from these he composed discussions of divine matters, and together with these discussions a theogony; and again separately he provides useful

⁴ The fountain of Helicon; T44 is the continuation and conclusion of T93.

τὰ εἰς τὸν βίον, ἔργα τε ἃ δραστέον, καὶ ἡμέραι ἐν αἷς
δραστέον.

καταλέγει in app. Trapp: καταλέγων codd. τὰ γένη susp.
Koniaris, del. Most ἤσ<τινος> Anon. Lond. αὐτῶν
Paris. Reg. 1962: αὐτῶ Vatic. 1950 (apogr.)

T47 Manilius 2.11–25 ed. Housman

sed proximus illi

Hesiodus memorat divos divumque parentis
et Chaos enixum terras orbemque sub illo
infantem et primos titubantia sidera cursus
Titanasque senes, Iovis et cunabula magni
et sub fratre viri nomen, sine matre parentis,
atque iterum patrio nascentem corpore Bacchum,
silvarumque deos sacrataque numina nymphis.
quin etiam ruris cultus legesve notavit
militiamque soli, quod colles Bacchus amaret,
quod fecunda Ceres campos, quod Pallas utrumque,
atque arbusta vagis essent quod adultera pomis;
omniaque immenso volitantia lumina mundo,
pacis opus, magnos naturae condit in usus.
astrorum quidam varias dixere figuras . . .

information regarding the means of life, the works to do
and the days to do them.

Theogony, Works and Days

T47 Manilius, *Astronomica*

But second after him (i.e. Homer),
Hesiod tells of the gods and the parents of gods,
and Chasm that gave birth to the earth, and the world
as an infant
under its reign, and the stars wavering on their first
pathways,
and the ancient Titans, and the cradle of great Zeus,
and the name of husband (i.e. Zeus) under the
category of brother (scil. of Hera) and that of
parent (scil. of Athena) without any mother,
and Dionysus being born a second time from his
father's body,
and the gods of the forests, and the Nymphs,
hallowed divinities.
He also noted down the cultivation of the countryside
and laws
and the military service of the soil, that Dionysus
loves the hills,
fertile Demeter the plains, Athena both of them,
that trees are adulterous with errant fruits.
And all the heavenly bodies flying in the immense
universe—
a work of peace—he establishes for the great
purposes of nature.
Some have spoken of the various figures of the
stars . . .

T48 Schol. Hes. *Op. Prolegomena* B p. 3.9–10 Pertusi

μετὰ τὴν ἠρωϊκὴν γενεαλογία καὶ τοὺς καταλόγους ἐπεζήτησε καινουργῆσαι πάλιν ἑτέραν ὑπόθεσιν.

INDIVIDUAL POEMS

T49 Schol. Hes. *Op. Prolegomena* A.c p. 2.7–12 Pertusi

ὅτι δὲ τὸ προοίμιόν τινες διέγραψαν, ὥσπερ ἄλλοι τε καὶ Ἀρίσταρχος ὀβελίζων τοὺς στίχους, καὶ Πραξιφάνης ὁ τοῦ Θεοφράστου μαθητῆς (Fr. 22 a Wehrli). . . οὗτος μέντοι καὶ ἐντυχεῖν φησὶν ἀπροοιμιάστω τῷ βιβλίῳ καὶ ἀρχομένῳ χωρὶς τῆς ἐπικλήσεως τῶν Μουσῶν ἐντεῦθεν “οὐκ ἄρα μόνον ἔην ἐρίδων γένος” (v. 11).

T50 Vita Chigiana Dionys. Perieget. 72.58–60 Kassel

τὸ δὲ τῶν Ἔργων καὶ Ἡμερῶν Ἡσιόδου καὶ τῆς Θεογονίας πάσης ἔστι προτάξι ποιήσεως· διὸ καὶ ὁ Κράτης (Fr. 78 Broggiato) αὐτὰ κατὰ λόγον ἠθέτει.

Works and Days, Catalogue of Women

T48 Scholia on Hesiod's *Works and Days*, Prolegomena
After the heroic genealogy and the *Catalogues*, he wanted to begin anew with a different subject matter.

INDIVIDUAL POEMS

Theogony

T1, T3, T8, T27, T42–T47, T86, T87, T93, T95, T97–T100, T109, T111, T116c, T117–20, T134–37, T139, T140, T142–44, T153, T154

Works and Days

T49 Scholia on Hesiod's *Works and Days*, Prolegomena
Some have crossed out the proem, as for example Aristarchus among others, who obelizes the verses, and Theophrastus' student Praxiphanes. . . . This latter says that he encountered a copy without the proem, which lacked the invocation to the Muses and began with “So there was not just one birth of Strifes after all” (i.e. line 11).

T50 Chigi Life of Dionysius Periegetes

That (scil. proem) of Hesiod's *Works and Days* and of the *Theogony* is a prelude for his poetry as a whole; hence Crates (i.e. of Mallus) too athetized them, reasonably.

T51 Titulus funerarius Prisci (C. Marek, *Stadt, Ära und Territorium in Pontus-Bithynia und Nord-Galatia*, Istanbuler Forschungen 39, Tübingen 1993, p. 207 no. 79, cf. pp. 100–16; *SEG* 43.911)

- 12 ὡς δ' ἐτέλεσσαν ἀγῶνα μέγαν κ' ἐπελήλυθε
 πάτρα,
 φένγος πᾶσιν ἔλκα>νψε, μάλιστα δ' ἐοῖσι
 γουεῦσιν,
 καὶ τότε νοῦν ἔστρεψεν ἀροτρεύειν πατρκίαν
 γῆν,
 15 πάντα ποιῶν ἅμα καὶ θρεπτοῖς ἐπέτελλε
 γεωργοῖς
 ἄρμενα πάντα ποιεῖν, ὅσα Ἡσίοδος περὶ
 γεωργούς
 [ἐξ]α]μάειν καρποὺς μεγάλους ἐπεδείξαι' ἀφείς
 τῶς.
 β[ρί]σε δ' ὄ]λοις ἀγαθοῖσι πολλὸν χρόνον
 ἰσπαταλήσας,
 19 ὄλβω καὶ πλούτῳ κεκορκε>σμένος εἰς ἀνάπανσιν.

T52 Arg. *Scuti* I

Τῆς Ἀσπίδος ἡ ἀρχὴ ἐν τῷ τετάρτῳ Καταλόγῳ φέ-
 ρεται μέχρι στίχων ν' καὶ ζ' (= Hesiodus Fr. 139 Most).

⁵ For a similar reference to Hesiod's *Works and Days* in another funerary epigram, this one from Claudiupolis in Bithynia (of uncertain date, after 130 AD), see S. Sahin, *Bithynische Studien*.

T51 Funerary epigram for the soldier and farmer Priscus (Caesarea in Paphlagonia, after 138 AD)⁵

- When he had completed the great struggle⁶ and returned to his fatherland, 12
 he shone as a beacon to all, especially to his own parents;
 and then he turned his mind to plowing his father's land,
 and doing everything himself, at the same time he 15
 also ordered his home-born peasants
 to do everything fitting that Hesiod indicated about farmers,
 thereby allowing them to harvest crops in abundance.
 And he was laden with all good things and lived in luxury for a long time,
 fully sated with bliss and wealth until his final repose. 19

cf. also T1, T7, T18, T22, T25, T27, T35, T42–T48, T80, T87a, T89, T90b, T91, T92, T95, T96, T105–T107, T112, T113b, T120a, T127, T143–T145, T147–48, T150–T155

Shield

T52 Argument to the *Shield*

The beginning of the *Shield* is transmitted in Book 4 of the *Catalogue* up to line 56 (= Hesiod Fr. 139). For this reason,

Inschriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien 7 (Bonn 1978), pp. 50–52 no. 2; F. Becker-Bertau, *Inschriften von Klaudiu Polis*, *Inschriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien* 31 (Bonn 1986), pp. 81–83, no. 75; cf. *SEG* 28.982.

⁶ Military service.

διὸ καὶ ὑπόπτεικεν Ἀριστοφάνης (Aristoph. Byz. Fr. 406 Slater) ὡς οὐκ οὔσαν αὐτὴν Ἡσιόδου, ἀλλ' ἑτέρου τινὸς τὴν Ὀμηρικὴν ἀσπίδα μιμήσασθαι προαιρουμένον.

Μεγακλείδης ὁ Ἀθηναῖος (Fr. 7 Janko) γνήσιον μὲν οἶδε τὸ ποίημα, ἄλλως δὲ ἐπιτιμᾷ τῷ Ἡσιόδῳ· ἄλογον γάρ φησι ποιεῖν ὄπλα Ἡφαιστον τοῖς τῆς μητρὸς ἐχθροῖς. Ἀπολλώνιος δὲ ὁ Ῥόδιος ἐν τῷ τρίτῳ (Fr. XXI Michaelis) φησὶν αὐτοῦ εἶναι ἕκ τε τοῦ χαρακτήρος καὶ ἐκ τοῦ πάλιν τὸν Ἰόλαον ἐν τῷ Καταλόγῳ εὕρισκειν ἠμοχοῦντα Ἡρακλεῖ (Hesiodus Fr. 141 Most). καὶ Στησίχορος (Fr. 92 Page) δὲ φησιν Ἡσιόδου εἶναι τὸ ποίημα.

T53 [Longin.] *De sublim.* 9.5

εἴγε Ἡσιόδου καὶ τὴν Ἀσπίδα θετέον. . .

T54 Philostratus *Heroicus* 25.7, p. 29.18–21 De Lannoy

Ἡσιόδου μὲν ἐν ἄλλοις τε καὶ οὐκ ὀλίγοις καὶ νῆ Δί' ἐν τοῖς ἐκτυπώμασι τῶν ἀσπίδων ἐρμηνεύων γὰρ οὗτός ποτε τὴν τοῦ Κύκνου ἀσπίδα τὸ τῆς Γοργούσ εἶδος (*Scut.* 223–25) ὑπτίως τε καὶ οὐ ποιητικῶς ᾗσεν.

T55 Schol. Dion. Thrax p. 124.4 Hilgard

τὰ ψευδεπίγραφα τῶν βιβλίων, ὡς ἔχει ἡ Ἀσπίς Ἡσιόδου· ἑτέρον γάρ ἐστιν, ἐπιγραφή δὲ καὶ ὀνομα-

Aristophanes (scil. of Byzantium) suspected that it did not belong to Hesiod but to someone else who had chosen to imitate the Homeric “Shield.”

Megaclides of Athens considered the poem to be genuine but censured Hesiod: for he said it was illogical that Hephaestus should make weapons for his mother's enemies. Apollonius Rhodius says in Book 3 that it is his (i.e. Hesiod's), because of the style and because he finds Iolaus elsewhere in the *Catalogue* driving the chariot for Heracles (= Hesiod Fr. 141). And Stesichorus says that the poem is Hesiod's.

T53 Pseudo-Longinus, *On the Sublime*

if indeed the *Shield* is also to be attributed to Hesiod . . .

T54 Philostratus, *Heroicus*

(scil. Protesilaus criticizes) Hesiod regarding many passages, especially his depictions of shields. For when he described Cycnus⁷ shield, he sang of the appearance of the Gorgon (*Shield* 223–25) carelessly and not poetically.

T55 Scholium on Dionysius Thrax

Falsely titled books, like for example Hesiod's *Shield*; for this was written by someone else who used the title and

⁷ In fact, Heracles'.

σία ἐχρήσατο τῇ τοῦ Ἡσιόδου, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ἀξιοπιστίας τοῦ ποιητοῦ ἄξιον κριθῇ ἀναγνώσεως.

T56 Hermesianax Fr. 7.21–26 Powell

φημὶ δὲ καὶ Βοιωτὸν ἀποπρολιπόντα μέλαθρον
 Ἡσιόδον πάσης ἤρανον ἱστορίας
 Ἀσκραιῶν ἐσικέσθαι ἐρώωνθ' Ἑλικωνίδα κόμην
 ἔνθεν ὃ γ' Ἡοίην μνώμενος Ἀσκραικὴν
 πόλλ' ἔπαθεν, πάσας δὲ λόγων ἀνεγράψατο
 βιβλους
 ὑμνῶν, ἐκ πρώτης παιδὸς ἀνερχόμενος.

T57 Dio Chrys. *Orat.* 2.13

“ὁ μέντοι Ἡσιόδος, ὦ πάτερ, δοκεῖ μοι οὐδὲ αὐτὸς ἀγνοεῖν τὴν ἑαυτοῦ δύναμιν ὅσον ἐλείπετο Ὀμήρου.”
 “πῶς λέγεις;”
 “ὅτι ἐκείνου περὶ τῶν ἡρώων ποιήσαντος αὐτὸς ἐποίησε Γυναικῶν κατάλογον, καὶ τῷ ὄντι τὴν γυναικωνίτην ὑμνησε, παραχωρήσας Ὀμήρῳ τοὺς ἀνδρας ἐπαινεῖσαι.”

T58 [Luc.] *Erotes* 3.18

ἔναγχος γοῦν διηγουμένου σου τὸν πολὺν, ὡς παρ' Ἡσιόδου, κατάλογον ὧν ἀρχῆθεν ἠράσθης. . .

⁸ Ehoie.

name of Hesiod, so that it would be judged worth reading because of our trust in the poet.

cf. also T1, T43, T144, T145

Catalogue of Women

T56 Hermesianax, *Leontion*

And I say that after he left his home far behind,
 Boeotian Hesiod, the keeper of all of history,
 he arrived full of love at the Heliconian village of the
 Ascraeans;
 and there, wooing the Ascræan girl Ehoie,
 he suffered greatly, and he wrote down all those
 books of his discourses,
 singing hymns, starting from his first girlfriend.⁸

T57 Dio Chrysostom, “On Kingship”

“But it seems to me, old man, that even Hesiod too is not unaware of how far his own power falls short of Homer’s.”

“What do you mean?”

“While that one (i.e. Homer) composed a poem about heroes, he himself composed a catalogue of women, and in fact he hymned the women’s quarters, leaving it to Homer to praise men.”

T58 Pseudo-Lucian, “Loves”

while you are narrating the long catalogue, as is found in Hesiod too, of those with whom you have fallen in love since the beginning . . .

T59 Max. Tyr. 18.9.231–233 Trapp = 18. IXa.201–202 Koniaris

Ἡσιόδῳ δὲ αἰέδουσιν αἱ Μοῦσαι τί ἄλλο ἢ γυναικῶν ἔρωτας, καὶ ἀνδρῶν καὶ ποταμῶν ἔρωτας καὶ βασιλέων καὶ φυτῶν;

T60 Men. Rhet. *περὶ ἐπιδεικτικῶν* 6 (III p. 402.17–20 Spengel, p. 140 Russell-Wilson)

ἐπιφωνήσεις δὲ καὶ τῶν Σαπφούς ἐρωτικῶν καὶ τῶν Ὀμήρου καὶ Ἡσιόδου· πολλὰ δὲ αὐτῷ ἐν τοῖς Καταλόγοις τῶν γυναικῶν εἴρηται περὶ θεῶν συνουσίας καὶ γάμου.

T61 Serv. ad Verg. *Aen.* 7.268 (II p. 147.11–14 Thilo)

antiquis semper mos fuit meliores generos rogare . . . Hesiodus etiam *περὶ γυναικῶν* inducit multas heroidas optasse nuptias virorum fortium.

T62 Eunap. *Vitae sophist.* 6.10.1

τούτου δὲ τοῦ γένους, οὐ γὰρ τὰς Ἡσιόδου καλουμένας Ἠοίας ἔσπενδον γράφειν, ἀπόρροιαί τινες, ὥσπερ ἀστέρων περιελείφθησαν. . .

T63 Diomedes *Grammatici Latini* I p. 482.33–483.1 Keil
historice est qua narrationes et genealogiae componuntur,

T59 Maximus of Tyre, *Philosophical Orations*

What else do the Muses sing to Hesiod besides the loves of women and men, and of rivers and kings and plants?

T60 Menander Rhetor, *On Epideictic Speeches*

You should also quote from Sappho's erotic poems, and from Homer's and Hesiod's; for much is said by him (i.e. Hesiod) in the *Catalogues of Women* about the gods' sexual unions and marriages.

T61 Servius on Virgil's *Aeneid*

It was always a custom among the ancients to ask for sons-in-law better (scil. than themselves). . . . And Hesiod *About Women* introduces many heroines wishing for marriages with brave men.

T62 Eunapius, *Lives of the Sophists*

From this family (i.e. that of the female philosopher Sosipatra)—for it has not been my intention to write Hesiod's so-called *Ehoiai*—there have survived some emanations as though from the stars . . .

T63 Diomedes, "On Poems"

a historical (scil. poem) is one in which narratives and

ut est Hesiodi γυναικῶν κατάλογος et similia.

T64 Hesych. η 650 Latte (cf. *Etym. Gudianum* p. 246.23 Sturz)

ἠοῖαι ὁ κατάλογος Ἡσιόδου.

T65 Eustath. in Hom. *Od.* 11.225, p. 1680.29

ὅτι πάνυ δεξιῶς ὁ ποιητὴς τὴν ραψωδίαν ταύτην ἠρώων ἅμα καὶ ἠρωίδων πεποίηκε κατάλογον, Ἡσιόδου μόνων γυναικῶν ποιησαμένου κατάλογον.

T66 Athen. 8.66 p. 364b

ἐκ τῶν εἰς Ἡσιόδου ἀναφερομένων μεγάλων Ἡοίων καὶ μεγάλων Ἔργων.

T67 Plut. *Quaest. conv.* 8.8.4 p. 730f

ὁ τὸν Κήνκος γάμον εἰς τὰ Ἡσιόδου παρεμβالῶν (= Hesiodus Fr. 204e Most). . .

T68 Athen. 2.32 p. 49b

Ἡσιόδου ἐν Κήνκος γάμῳ—κἂν γὰρ γραμματικῶν παῖδες ἀποξενῶσι τοῦ ποιητοῦ τὰ ἔπη ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ἐμοὶ δοκεῖ ἀρχαία εἶναι. . . (= Hesiodus Fr. 204b Most).

genealogies are composed, like Hesiod's *Catalogue of Women* and similar poems.

T64 Hesychius, *Lexicon*

Ehoiai: the catalogue by Hesiod.

T65 Eustathius on Homer's *Odyssey*

Quite cleverly the poet (i.e. Homer) composed this book (*Odyssey* 11) as a catalogue of heroes and heroines at the same time, since Hesiod had composed a catalogue exclusively of women.

cf. also T1, T42-T46, T48

Great Ehoiai

T66 Athenaeus, *Scholars at Dinner*

from the *Great Ehoiai* and the *Great Works* which are attributed to Hesiod.

cf. also T42

The Wedding of Ceyx

T67 Plutarch, *Table Talk*

the man who interpolated *The Wedding of Ceyx* into Hesiod's works (= Hesiod Fr. 204e) . . .

T68 Athenaeus, *Scholars at Dinner*

Hesiod in *The Wedding of Ceyx*—for even if the grammarians' slaves banish this epic from the poet, nonetheless to me it seems to be ancient . . . (= Hesiod Fr. 204b)

The Melampodia

T42

The Descent of Peirithous to Hades

T42

The Idaean Dactyls

T1

*The Precepts of Chiron***T69** Quintil. *Inst. orat.* 1.1.15

is primus (scil. Aristophanes Byzantinus, Fr. 407 Slater)
 ὑποθήκας. . . μεγασιτ εσσε ηνινο ποεταε.

T70 Schol. Pind. *Pyth.* 6.22 (II p. 197.9 Drachmann)

τὰς δὲ Χείρωνος ὑποθήκας Ἡσιόδῳ ἀναπιθέασιν, ὧν ἡ
 ἀρχή· (Hesiodus Fr. 218 Most)

T71 *Suda* χ 267 (IV p. 803.3 Adler)

Χείρων, Κένταυρος· ὃς πρῶτος εὔρεν ἰατρικὴν διὰ
 βοτανῶν· Ἐποθήκας δὲ ἐπέων, ἃς ποιεῖται πρὸς Ἀχιλ-
 λέα· καὶ Ἰππιατρικόν· διὸ καὶ Κένταυρος ὠνομάσθη.

The Melampodia

T42

The Descent of Peirithous to Hades

T42

The Idaean Dactyls

T1

*The Precepts of Chiron***T69** Quintilian, *Institutions of Oratory*

He (i.e. Aristophanes of Byzantium) was the first to assert
 that the *Precepts* . . . are not by this poet (i.e. Hesiod).

T70 Scholium on Pindar's *Pythians*

They attribute to Hesiod *The Precepts of Chiron*, of which
 this is the beginning: (Hesiod Fr. 218).

T71 The *Suda*

Chiron: a Centaur, who was the first to discover medicine
 by means of herbs. <He wrote> *Precepts* in epic verses
 which are addressed to Achilles; and also *Veterinary Medi-*
cine. For this reason he was also called Centaur.

cf. also T42

T72 [Plato] *Epinomis* 990a

ὅτι σοφώτατον ἀνάγκη τὸν ἀληθῶς ἀστρονόμον εἶναι,
μὴ τὸν καθ' Ἡσίοδον ἀστρονομοῦντα καὶ πάντας τοὺς
τοιούτους, οἷον δυσμάς τε καὶ ἀνατολὰς ἐπεσκεμμένον

...

T73 Callim. *Epigram* 27

Ἡσιόδου τό τ' αἶσιμα καὶ ὁ τρόπος· οὐ τὸν
ἀοιδῶν
ἔσχατον, ἀλλ' ὀκνέω μὴ τὸ μελιχρότατον
τῶν ἐπέων ὁ Σολεὺς ἀπεμάξατο· χαίρετε λεπταὶ
ῥήσιες, Ἀρήτου σύμβολον ἀγρυπνίης.

T74 Plin. *Hist. nat.* 18.213

Hesiodus—nam huius quoque nomine exstat astrologia (= Hesiodus Fr. 226 Most) . . .

T75 Athen. 11.80 p. 491b

ὁ τὴν εἰς Ἡσίοδον δὲ ἀναφερομένην ποιήσας Ἀστρονομίαν . . .

The Great Works

T66

*Astronomy or Astrology***T72** Pseudo-Plato, *Epinomis*

that of necessity the true astronomer must be wisest of all, not one who does astronomy according to Hesiod and all who are like him, merely studying the settings and risings

...

T73 Callimachus, epigram

Hesiod's is the song and the mode; it is not the very last bit of the poet, but rather, I do not doubt, his most honey-sweet epic verses, that the man from Soli⁹ has taken as model. Hail slender discourses, token of Aratus' sleeplessness!

T74 Pliny the Elder, *Natural History*

Hesiod—for an *Astrology* in his name too is extant . . . (= Hesiod Fr. 226)

T75 Athenaeus, *Scholars at Dinner*

and the author of the *Astronomy* which is attributed to Hesiod . . .

⁹ Aratus.

T76 Plut. *De Pyth. orac.* 18 p. 402f

οὐδ' ἀστρολογίαν ἀδοξοτέραν ἐποίησαν οἱ περὶ Ἄρισταρχον καὶ Τιμόχαρων καὶ Ἀρίστυλλον καὶ Ἱππάρχον καταλογάδην γράφοντες, ἐν μέτροις πρότερον Εὐδόξου καὶ Ἡσιόδου καὶ Θαλοῦ γραφόντων, εἴ γε Θαλῆς ἐποίησεν, ὡς ἀληθῶς εἰπεῖν, τὴν εἰς αὐτὸν ἀναφερομένην Ἀστρολογίαν.

T77 Georg. Mon. (Hamartolus) *Chron.* 1.10 (1.40 de Boor)

λέγει γὰρ Ἰώσηπος, ὅτι πρῶτος Ἀβραὰμ δημιουργὸν τὸν θεὸν ἀνεκήρυξε καὶ πρῶτος κατελθὼν εἰς Αἴγυπτον ἀριθμητικὴν καὶ ἀστρονομίαν Αἰγυπτίους ἐδίδασκεν. πρῶτοι γὰρ εὑρεταὶ τούτων οἱ Χαλδαῖοι γεγέννηται, παρὰ δὲ τῶν Ἑβραίων ἔλαβον Φοίνικες, ἀφ' ὧν ὁ μὲν Κάδμος ταῦτα μετήγαγεν εἰς τοὺς Ἕλληνας, ὁ δὲ Ἡσιόδος εὖ μάλα συντάξας εὐφυῶς ἐξελλήνισεν.

T78 Tzetzes *Chil.* 12.161–62 Leone

οὐ γράφει βίβλον ἀστρικήν, ἧς τὴν ἀρχὴν οὐκ οἶδα, ἐν μέσῳ τοῦ βιβλίου δὲ τὰ ἔπη κείνται ταῦτα (Hesiodus Fr. 227 Most);

T76 Plutarch, *On the Pythian Oracles*

Nor was astronomy rendered less respectable by Aristarchus and Timocharis and Aristyllus and Hipparchus and their followers writing in prose, even if before them Eudoxus and Hesiod and Thales wrote in verse (if Thales really did write the *Astrology* which is attributed to him).

T77 Georgius Monachus (Hamartolus), *Chronicle*

Josephus says that Abraham was the first to proclaim that God was the creator¹⁰ and the first to go down into Egypt and teach arithmetic and astronomy to the Egyptians. For the first discoverers of these disciplines were the Chaldaeans, and the Phoenicians took them from the Hebrews. From these, Cadmus transferred them to the Greeks, and Hesiod put them into order very well and with great talent hellenized them.

T78 Tzetzes, *Chiliads*

Did he (i.e. Hesiod) not write an astral book? I do not know its beginning; but in the middle of the book are found the following lines: (Hesiod Fr. 227)

¹⁰ Cf. Josephus, *Jewish Antiquities* 1.155 (though Josephus seems nowhere to provide any warrant for the following claims).

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T79 Athen. 11.109 p. 503d

ὁ τὸν Αἰγίμιον δὲ ποιήσας εἶθ' Ἡσιόδός ἐστιν ἢ
Κέρκωψ ὁ Μιλήσιος (= Hesiodus Fr. 238 Most). . .

T80 Schol. Hes. *Op.* 828 (p. 259.3–5 Pertusi)

τούτοις δὲ ἐπάγουσί τινες τὴν Ὀρνιθομαντείαν ἄτινα
Ἀπολλώνιος ὁ Ῥόδιος ἀθετεῖ (p. 42 Michaelis).

T81 Athen. 3.84 p. 116a-d

Εὐθύδημος ὁ Ἀθηναῖος (*SH* 455) . . ἐν τῷ περὶ ταρίχων
Ἡσιόδον φησι περὶ πάντων τῶν ταριχευομένων τάδ'
εἰρηκέναι . . . ταῦτα τὰ ἔπη ἐμοὶ δοκεῖ τινος μαγείρου
εἶναι μᾶλλον ἢ τοῦ μουσικωτάτου Ἡσιόδου. . . δοκεῖ
οὖν μοι αὐτοῦ τοῦ Εὐθυδήμου εἶναι τὰ ποιήματα.

TESTIMONIA

Aegimius

T79 Athenaeus, *Scholars at Dinner*

the author of the *Aegimius*, whether it is Hesiod or Cer-
cops of Miletus (= Hesiod Fr. 238) . . .

cf. T37

Bird Omens

T80 Scholium on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

At this point some people add the *Bird Omens*, which
Apollonius Rhodius (p. 42 Michaelis) marks as spurious.

Dirge for Batrachus

T1

On Preserved Foods

T81 Athenaeus, *Scholars at Dinner*

Euthydemus of Athens . . . says in his *On Preserved Foods*
that Hesiod said the following about all preserved foods:
. . . These verses seem to me to be the work of some cook
rather than the highly refined Hesiod's. . . . So this poem
seems to me to be the work of Euthydemus himself.

T82 Pollux 10.85

τοῦ ποιήσαντος τοὺς Κεραμέας, οὓς τινες Ἡσιόδῳ προσνέμουσιν.

INFLUENCE AND RECEPTION

PERFORMANCES OF HESIOD'S POEMS

T83 Plato *Ion* 531a

“νῦν δέ μοι τοσόνδε ἀπόκριναί ποτερον περὶ Ὀμήρου μόνον δεινὸς εἶ ἢ καὶ περὶ Ἡσιόδου καὶ Ἀρχιλόχου;”
 “οὐδαμῶς, ἀλλὰ περὶ Ὀμήρου μόνον· ἱκανὸν γάρ μοι δοκεῖ εἶναι.”

T84 Diogenes Babyl. Fr. 80 SVF 3.231.8–13 apud Philodem. *De musica* 4.9 (XVII.2–13) pp. 60–61 Neubecker

κάκεινο δὲ χρηστ[ο]μαθῶς εἴρηται τὸ σαίνε[σθαι] μὲν καὶ τοὺς ἰδιώτας ὑπὸ τῆς οἰκειότητος, παραλαμβάνειν [γ]ε τοὶ καὶ ἀκροάματ' εἰς τὰ συμπόσια, διαιπίπτειν δὲ τῷ μὴ τὸν Ὀμηρον καὶ τὸν Ἡσιόδον

¹¹ Plato represents Ion as a successful rhapsode who both per-

The Potters

T82 Pollux, *Lexicon*

the author of *The Potters*, which some people attribute to Hesiod . . .

cf. (Pseudo-)Herodotus, *On Homer's Origins, Date, and Life* 32 (pp. 390–95 West)

INFLUENCE AND RECEPTION

PERFORMANCES OF HESIOD'S POEMS

T83 Plato, *Ion*¹¹

“Now answer me this much: are you only terribly clever about Homer or also about Hesiod and Archilochus?”

“Not at all, but only about Homer—that seems to me to be enough.”

T84 Diogenes of Babylon, *On Music*

The following statement too is quite correct: ordinary people too are pleased by the appropriateness (i.e. of music to drinking parties) and they bring what they have heard with them to drinking parties, but they make a mistake by not bringing with them Homer and Hesiod and the other

forms and explains archaic poetry in public competitions. For public performance of Hesiod cf. also Plato, *Laus* 2.658d.

καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους ποιητὰς τῶν μέτρων καὶ μελῶν·
βελτίω γὰρ ἔστω τὰ χρώμενα συμπόσια τοῖς τούτων.

T85 Athen. 14.12 p. 620a-d

οὐκ ἀπελείποντο δὲ ἡμῶν τῶν συμποσίων οὐδὲ ῥαψω-
δοί. . . ὅτι δ' ἔκαλοῦντο οἱ ῥαψωδοὶ καὶ Ὀμηρισταὶ
Ἀριστοκλῆς ἐν τῷ περὶ Χορῶν (FHG 4.331). τοὺς δὲ
νῦν Ὀμηριστὰς ὀνομαζομένους πρῶτος εἰς τὰ θέατρα
παρήγαγε Δημήτριος ὁ Φαληρεὺς (Fr. 55 a SOD=Fr. 33
Wehrli). Χαμαιλέων δὲ ἐν τῷ περὶ Στησιχόρου (Fr. 31
Giordano=Fr. 28 Wehrli) καὶ μελωδηθῆναί φησιν οὐ
μόνον τὰ Ὀμήρου, ἀλλὰ καὶ Ἡσιόδου καὶ Ἀρχιλόχου,
ἔτι δὲ Μιμνέρμου (Test. 22 G-P²) καὶ Φωκυλίδου (Test.
10 G-P²). . . Ἰάσων δ' ἐν τρίτῳ περὶ τῶν Ἀλεξάνδρου
Ἱερῶν (FGrHist 632 F 1) ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ φησὶν ἐν τῷ
μεγάλῳ θεάτρῳ ὑποκρίνασθαι Ἡγήσιαν τὸν κωμωδὸν
τὰ Ἡσιόδου, Ἑρμόφαντον δὲ τὰ Ὀμήρου.

T86 Plut. *Quaest. conv.* 9.14.1 p. 743c

ἐκ τούτου σπονδὰς ἐποιησάμεθα ταῖς Μούσαις, καὶ τῷ
Μουσηγέτῃ παιανίσαντες συνῆσαμεν τῷ Ἐράτῳ
πρὸς τὴν λύραν ἐκ τῶν Ἡσιόδου τὰ περὶ τὴν τῶν
Μουσῶν γένεσιν (*Theog.* 53ss.)

poets who composed verses and melodies: let us consider
the better drinking parties to be the ones where the poems
of these poets are performed.

T85 Athenaeus, *Scholars at Dinner*

Rhapsodes were not lacking from our drinking parties ei-
ther. . . . Aristocles said in his *On Choruses* that rhapsodes
were also called Homerists. The first person to introduce
those who are now called Homerists into theaters was
Demetrius of Phalerum. Chamaeleon in *On Stesichorus*
says that not only Homer's poems were set to music but
also Hesiod's and Archilochus', and further Mimnermus'
and Phocylides'. . . . Jason in book 3 *On the Divine Honors*
to Alexander says that at the great theater in Alexandria
the comic actor Hegesias performed Hesiod's poems, and
Hermophantus Homer's.

T86 Plutarch, *Table Talk*

After this we made libations to the Muses, we sang a paean
to Apollo, the leader of the Muses, and then we sang to the
lyre, together with Eraton, from among Hesiod's verses
the ones about the birth of the Muses (i.e. *Theogony* 53ff.).

HESIOD
POETRY

T87 Callimachus

(a) *Aetia* I Fr. 2.1–5 Pfeiffer

ποιμ|ένοι μῆλα νέμ|οντι παρ' ἴχνηον ὄξέος ἵππου
Ἑσιόδ|ῳ Μουσέων ἐσμὸ|ς ὄτ' ἠντίασεν
μ|έν οἱ Χάεος γενεσ|
]ἐπὶ πτέργης ὕδα|
τεύχων| ὡς ἐτέρῳ τις ἐῶ |κακὸν ἤπατι τεύχει

(b) *Aetia* IV Fr. 112.3–6 Pfeiffer

...]τερης οὐ σε ψευδον[.....]ματι
πάντ' ἀγαθὴν καὶ πάντα τ[ε]λ[ε]σοφόρον εἶπέν...[...].
κείν.. τῷ Μοῦσαι πολλὰ νέμοντι βοτὰ
σὺν μύθους ἐβάλοντο παρ' ἴχν[ι]ον ὄξέος ἵππου.

T88 Alcaeus Mess. *Anth. Pal.* 7.55

Δοκρίδος ἐν νέμει σκιερῷ νέκυν Ἑσιόδοιο
Νύμφαι κρηνίδων λούσαν ἀπὸ σφετέρων
καὶ τάφον ὑψώσαντο γάλακτι δὲ ποιμένες αἰγῶν
ἔρραναν ξανθῷ μιζάμενοι μέλιτι
τοίην γὰρ καὶ γῆρην ἀπέπνεεν ἐννέα Μουσέων
ὁ πρέσβυς καθαρῶν γευσάμενος λιβάδων.

¹² Cf. also T73.

¹³ Cf. *Works and Days* 265.

TESTIMONIA
POETRY

T87 Callimachus¹²

(a) *Aetia* I, near the beginning

To the shepherd who was pasturing his sheep by the
hoof-print of the swift horse,
to Hesiod, the swarm of Muses when they met
him
] him the birth of Chasm [
] at the water of the hoof [
that in doing evil to someone else one does evil to
one's own heart.¹³

(b) *Aetia* IV, conclusion

] not falsely [
did he say you were fully good and fully perfecting [
that man at whom the Muses, while he tended his
many sheep,
cast stories beside the hoof-print of the swift horse.

T88 Alcaeus of Messina, epigram

In a shadowy glade of Locris, the nymphs
washed Hesiod's corpse with water from their
fountains
and piled up a tomb, and onto it goatherds poured
libations of milk
mixing them with blond honey;
for that was the kind of voice he had breathed forth,
the old man who had tasted of the pure streams of
the nine Muses.

T89 Marcus Argent. *Anth. Pal.* 9.161

Ἡσιόδου ποτὲ βύβλον ἐμαῖς ὑπὸ χερσὶν
 ἐλίσσω
 Πύρρην ἐξαπίνης εἶδον ἐπερχομένην
 βύβλον δὲ ῥύψας ἐπὶ γῆν χερί, τοῦτ' ἐβόησα·
 “Ἔργα τί μοι παρέχεις, ᾧ γέρον Ἡσιόδε;”

T90 Verg.

(a) *Buc.* 6.64–73

tum cauit, errantem Permessi ad flumina Gallum
 Aonas in montis ut duxerit una sororum,
 utque viro Phoebi chorus adsurrexerit omnis;
 ut Linus haec illi divino carmine pastor,
 floribus atque apio crinis ornatus amaro,
 dixerit: «hos tibi dant calamos, en accipe, Musae,
 Ascraeo quos ante seni, quibus ille solebat
 cantando rigidas deducere montibus ornos;
 his tibi Grynei nemoris dicatur origo,
 ne quis sit lucus, quo se plus iactet Apollo»

¹⁴ The last line is a pun; it also means, “Why do you cause me trouble, old Hesiod?”

¹⁵ Silenus.

T89 Marcus Argentarius, epigram

Once while I was unrolling a volume of Hesiod in my
 hands
 I suddenly saw Pyrrha coming towards me.
 I threw the book onto the ground with my hand and
 cried out,
 “Why do you bother me with ‘Works,’ old
 Hesiod?”¹⁴

T90 Virgil

(a) *Eclogues*

Then he¹⁵ sings of Gallus wandering by the streams
 of Permessus,
 how one of the sisters led him into the Aonian
 mountains,
 and how the whole chorus of Apollo rose up to greet
 him;
 how Linus, a shepherd of divine song,
 his hair adorned with flowers and bitter parsley,
 said this to him: “The Muses give you these reeds—
 here, take them—
 which once they gave to the old man of Ascra, with
 which he used
 to draw down the unbending ash-trees from the
 mountains by singing.
 With these may you tell of the origin of the Grynaean
 grove,
 so that there be no forest of which Apollo is prouder.”

(b) *Georg.* 2.173–76

salve, magna parens frugum, Saturnia tellus,
 magna virum: tibi res antiquae laudis et artem
 ingredior sanctos ausus recludere fontis
 Ascræumque cano Romana per oppida carmen.

T91 Prop. 2.34.77–80

tu canis Ascræi veteris praecepta poetae,
 quo seges in campo, quo viret uva iugo.
 tale facis carmen docta testudine, quale
 Cynthius impositis temperat articulis.

T92 Ov. *Amores* 1.15.11–12

vivet et Ascræus, dum mustis uva tumebit,
 dum cadet incurva falce resecta Ceres.

T93 [Asclepiades vel] Archias *Anth. Pal.* 9.64, 1–6

αὐτὰὶ ποιμαίνοντα μεσαμβρινὰ μῆλά σε Μοῦσαι
 ἔδρακον ἐν κραναοῖς οὔρεσιν, Ἥσιόδε,
 καὶ σοὶ καλλιπέτηλον, ἐρυσσάμεναι περὶ πᾶσαι,
 ὠρεξάν δάφνας ἱερὸν ἀκρεμόνα,

¹⁶ Italy.

¹⁷ Virgil.

¹⁸ On the strings.

¹⁹ Like Homer.

(b) *Georgics*

Hail, great mother of fruits, land of Saturn,¹⁶
 great mother of men: it is for your sake that I embark
 upon matters of ancient praise and art,
 daring to open up holy fountains,
 and I sing an Ascræan song through Roman towns.

T91 Propertius, elegy

You¹⁷ sing the precepts of the ancient poet of Ascra,
 in which field the grain flourishes, on which hill
 the grape.
 With your learned lyre you compose the kind of
 poem that
 Cynthian Apollo moderates with his fingers set¹⁸.

T92 Ovid, *Loves*

The Ascræan man too¹⁹ will live as long as the grape
 swells for the must,
 as long as the grain falls when it is cut by the curved
 sickle.

T93 [Asclepiades or] Archias, epigram

The Muses themselves, while you were pasturing
 your noon-time sheep,
 they saw you among the rugged mountains,
 Hesiod;
 and all drawing around you they stretched out to you
 a beautiful-flowered
 holy branch of laurel,

δῶκαν δὲ κράνας Ἑλικωνίδος ἐνθεον ὕδωρ,
τὸ πτανοῦ πῶλου πρόσθεν ἔκοψεν ὄνου.

T94 *Demiurgus Anth. Pal. 7.52*

Ἑλλάδος εὐρυχόρου στέφανον καὶ κόσμον
ἀοιδῆς,
Ἄσκραϊον γενεὴν Ἡσίοδον κατέχω.

T95 P. Oxy. 3537 recto 3ff.¹

τίνας ἂν λόγου[ς Ἡσίοδος εἶπο]ι ὑπὸ
τῶν Μουσῶν ε. [μ]ενος

Τίς με θεῶν ἐτίνα[ξε; τίς ἐνθεο]ν ἤγαγεν ἄσθμα
Οὔρεά τε προλιπόντ[ι καὶ ἄλσεα κ]αὶ βοτὰ μῆλων
Νυκτὶ μιῇ; τίς ἐπίστ[ατ' ἀπ' ἐνδό]ξου Ἑλικῶνος
Δάφνης εὐπετάλο[ιο δρέπειν ἐρι]θηλέας ὄζους;
5 Αὐτῇ μοι γένος εἶπ[ῆ θεῶν πτολ]έμους τε γιγάντων
Πάντων θ' ἠρώ[ων γενεήν, φύλ]όν τε γυναικῶν.
Αὐτῇ κόσμον ἐνιστ[ε, τὸν οὐδέπο]τ' ἔδρακον ὄσσοις.
Μάνδρη ἐμῇ τριτά[λαινα καὶ αὐλ]ιες αἰ πάρος
αἰγῶν
Ἔρχομαι ἐς πτολ ...[c. 8 κ]ύκλον ἀγώνων.

¹ Cf. M.L. West, *ZPE* 57 (1984) 33–36; G. Agosti, *ZPE* 119 (1997) 1–5.

and they gave you the inspiring water of the
Heliconian fountain,
which once the winged mare's hoof struck:

(T44 follows)

T94 *Demiurgus, epigram*

The crown of spacious Greece and the ornament of
poetry,
I contain Hesiod, Ascræan by birth.

T95 *Oxyrhynchus papyrus* (third or early fourth
century AD)

What Hesiod would have said
when he was [] by the Muses
Who of the gods has shaken me? [Who] has sent a
[divine] breath
to me as I leave behind the mountains [and groves] and
flocks of sheep
in one night? Who [knew how, from famous] Helicon,
[to pluck] the luxuriant branches of beautiful-leaved
laurel?
Tell me yourself the race [of the gods and the wars] of 5
the Giants
and [the generation] of all the heroes and [the tribe] of
women;
yourself describe the universe, [which I have never] seen
with my eyes.
O my thrice-wretched cattle stables [and] my former
goat[-stalls,]
I am going to [] the circle of contests.

- 10 Ἴερὸς οὐκέτι κιττῶ[ς ἐπαρκέσει] οὐδ' ἔτι ποιίμγη·
 Βαιῆ] ἐμ[οῖ] σύμπασσα λ[υγροῖς σὺν] δῶμασιν
 Ἄσκη,ῆ,
 Οὐδ' αὐτῆς Κύμη[ς ἀλεγίζω] χαίρ[ετε πάντες].
 Μηλονόμον Μοῦσαι [καλήν μ' ἐδ]ίδαξαν ἀοιδήν,
 Ἐκ δ' ἐλόμην πολὺν [χεῦμα θεοπν]εύτου
 Ἀγανίππης.
- 15 Νῦν μοι Διὲ πάτερ π[ολὺ φίλτατε,] νῦν Πυκιμήδη
 Ὀλβίωτῆ μήτειρα καὶ[.....νήπιε] Πέρση,
 Στήσεται. *εισαλ. οιο* [] οὐ γὰρ ἀοιδήν
 Παύρην βυκολικ[ήν ἀναβάλλο]μαι, οὐδ' ὅσ' ἀφαιροῖ
 Ῥηιδίως μέλπουσι[c. 6 ἀγρο]ῖώται,
- 20 Οὐδέ μοι αἰπολική . [c. 10]. εὐακδδε σῦριγξ·
 Σὺν δ' αὐτοῖς καλά[μοισιν ἀπέσ]τυγον ἄγριον ἠχῆν.
 Ἐκ Διὸς ἐκ Μουσέων [c. 10]ξ οὐράνιοί μοι
 Φαίνονται πυλεῶν[ες, ὁρῶ δ' εἰς θ]εῖα μέλαθρα·
 Ἦδη δ' αἰεῖδεν ἐθέλ[ω c. 9]εοσδε.

v. 1 ἔνθεον, 4 δρέπειν, 8 αὔλιες suppl. Diggle apud Parsons
 v. 1 τίς ἔνθεο]v, v. 2 προλιπόντ[ι, 5 πτολ-, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17
 Στήσεται, 18, 23 suppl. West v. 2 καὶ ἄλσεα, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 13,
 14, 18, 19, 21 suppl. Parsons 9 πτόλεμον vel πτολιέθρ[ον
 Parsons, πτολέμοιο West 10 κῆπος Griffiths
 13 μηλονόμον Most: μηλονόμοι pap. 20 εὐακδδε Bari-
 gazzi, Di Benedetto apud Parsons

- No longer will the holy ivy [be enough], nor any longer 10
 my flock:
 too small for me is all Ascra [with its wretched] houses,
 nor [do I care for] Cyme itself. [Farewell] to them all.
 The Muses have taught me, a sheep-tender, [beautiful]
 song,
 I have taken a big [swallow] from [god-inspired]
 Aganippe.
 Now, Dios, my [dearly beloved] father; now, Pycimede, 15
 most blessed mother; and [foolish] Perses,
 you will set up []. For not a
 small bucolic poem [do I begin to sing,] nor what the
 feeble
 rustics easily sing [],
 nor does the goatherd's pipe please me []: 20
 I have come to loathe its rustic sound together with [the
 reeds] themselves.
 From Zeus, from the Muses []. The heavenly
 gates are revealed to me, [and I see into] the halls of the
 gods.
 Now I begin to sing [].²⁰

²⁰ As Agosti discovered, the Greek poem is an acrostic: the first letter of each line, taken together, yields the Homeric (not Hesiodic) tag phrase τὸν δ' ἀπαμειβόμενος προσέφη, "and answering him he said." The poem seems to have ended here, as the acrostic is complete and the next line is vacant. For another poetic variation on Hesiod's *Theogony*, cf. P. Oxy. 2816 (beginning of the third century AD) = SH 938.

HESIOD

T96 Nonn. *Dionys.* 13.75

δυσπέμφελον Ἄσκραν,
πατρίδα δαφνήεσσαν ἀσιγήτοιο νομῆος.

RELIGION

T97 Xenophanes 21 B 11 DK

πάντα θεοῖσ' ἀνέθηκαν Ὀμηρός θ' Ἡσίοδος τε,
ὄσσα παρ' ἀνθρώποισιν ὀνείδεα καὶ ψόγος ἐστίν,
κλέπτειν μοιχεύειν τε καὶ ἀλλήλους ἀπατεύειν.

T98 Hdt. 2.53.2

οὔτοι δέ εἰσι οἱ ποιήσαντες θεογονίην Ἕλλησι καὶ
τοῖσι θεοῖσι τὰς ἐπωνυμίας δόντες καὶ τιμὰς τε καὶ
τέχνας διελόντες καὶ εἶδεα αὐτῶν σημήναντες.

T99 Plato *Resp.* 2.377c-378c

“ὦν δὲ νῦν λέγουσι τοὺς πολλοὺς ἐκβλητέον. . . . οὐς
(scil. μύθους) Ἡσίοδος τε . . . καὶ Ὀμηρος ἡμῖν
ἐλεγέτην καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι ποιηταί. οὔτοι γάρ που μύθους
τοῖς ἀνθρώποις ψευδεῖς συντιθέντες ἔλεγον τε καὶ
λέγουσι.”

“ποίους δὴ . . . καὶ τί αὐτῶν μεμφόμενος λέγεις;”

“.. ὅταν εἰκάζη τις κακῶς τῷ λόγῳ, περὶ θεῶν τε καὶ

²¹ Cf. also *Euthyphro* 6a, *Symposium* 195c.

TESTIMONIA

T96 Nonnus, *Dionysiaca*

bad-weather Ascra,
the laurelled homeland of the eloquent shepherd.

Cf. T56

RELIGION

Theology

T97 Xenophanes, *Silloi* (*Satirical Verses*)

Homer and Hesiod attributed all things to the gods
which are a shame and rebuke among human beings:
committing theft and adultery and deceiving each other.

T98 Herodotus, *History*

These (i.e. Hesiod and Homer) are the ones who estab-
lished a theology for the Greeks and who gave the gods
their appellations and distributed their honors and skills
and explained their forms.

T99 Plato, *Republic* 2.377d-378c²¹

“Most of the ones (i.e. the stories) they now tell must be
thrown out. . . . The ones that Hesiod and Homer told us,
and the other poets. For it is these who have composed
false stories and told them, and tell them, to human be-
ings.”

“What kinds of stories? . . . And what fault do you say
you find in them?”

“. . . Whenever one creates a wrong image in language

ἡρώων οἰοί εἰσιν. . . πρῶτον μὲν . . . τὸ μέγιστον καὶ περὶ τῶν μεγίστων ψεύδος ὁ εἰπὼν οὐ καλῶς ἐβέβησατο ὡς Οὐρανὸς τε ἡργάσατο ἃ φησι δρᾶσαι αὐτὸν Ἡσιόδου, ὃ τε αὖ Κρόνος ὡς ἐτιμωρήσατο αὐτόν (*Theog.* 154–210). τὰ δὲ δὴ τοῦ Κρόνου ἔργα καὶ πάθη ὑπὸ τοῦ υἱοῦ (*Theog.* 495–505), οὐδ' ἂν εἰ ἦν ἀληθὴ ᾤμην δεῖν ῥαδίως οὕτως λέγεσθαι πρὸς ἄφρονάς τε καὶ νέους. . . οὐδέ γε. . . τὸ παράπαν ὡς θεοὶ θεοῖς πολεμοῦσί τε καὶ ἐπιβουλεύουσι καὶ μάχονται—οὐδὲ γὰρ ἀληθῆ. . . πολλοῦ δεῖ γιγαντομαχίας τε μυθολογητέου αὐτοῖς καὶ ποικιλτέου, καὶ ἄλλας ἔχθρας πολλὰς καὶ παντοδαπὰς θεῶν τε καὶ ἡρώων πρὸς συγγενεῖς τε καὶ οἰκείους αὐτῶν.”

T100 Diog. Laert. 8.21

φησὶ δ' Ἱερώνυμος (Fr. 42 Wehrli) κατελθόντα αὐτὸν εἰς Ἄιδου τὴν μὲν Ἡσιόδου ψυχὴν ἰδεῖν πρὸς κίονι χαλκῷ δεδεμένην καὶ τρίζουσαν, τὴν δ' Ὀμήρου κρεμαμένην ἀπὸ δένδρου καὶ ὄφεις περὶ αὐτὴν ἀνθ' ὧν εἶπον περὶ θεῶν.

T101 Plut. *Numa* 4.9

ἀπέδωκε δὲ τινα τιμὴν καὶ Ἀρχιλόχῳ καὶ Ἡσιόδῳ τελευτήσασιν διὰ τὰς Μούσας τὸ δαιμόνιον.

about what the gods and heroes are like. . . First of all . . . the greatest falsehood and the one about the greatest matters was said falsely and wrongly by the person who said that Sky did what Hesiod said he did, and then that Cronus avenged himself on him (i.e. *Theogony* 154–210). Cronus' deeds and his sufferings at the hands of his son (i.e. *Theogony* 459–505) must not, I think, be told so easily to the foolish and young, even if they were true . . . And not . . . at all how gods war and plot and fight against gods—for they are not true either . . . and even less are the battles of Giants to be recounted and elaborated on for them, and the many and various other hatreds of gods and heroes against their relatives and friends.”

T100 Diogenes Laertius, *Lives of Eminent Philosophers*²²

Hieronymus (i.e. of Rhodes) says that when he (i.e. Pythagoras) descended to Hades he saw Hesiod's soul bound to a bronze pillar and screaming, and Homer's hung from a tree and surrounded by snakes, because of what they had said about the gods.

Cults and Veneration of Hesiod

T101 Plutarch, *Life of Numa*

Because of their Muses, the divinity bestowed a certain honor upon both Archilochus and Hesiod after they had died.

²² Cf. T114.

T102 Plut. Fr. 82 Sandbach = Schol. Hes. *Op.* 633–40 (p. 202 Pertusi)

ἀοίκητον δὲ αὐτὸ ὁ Πλούταρχος ἱστορεῖ καὶ τότε εἶναι, Θεσπιέων ἀνελόντων τοὺς οἰκοῦντας, Ὀρχομενίων δὲ τοὺς σωθέντας δεξαμένων· ὅθεν καὶ τὸν θεὸν Ὀρχομενίοις προστάξει τὰ Ἡσιόδου λείψανα λαβεῖν, καὶ θάψαι παρ' αὐτοῖς, ὡς καὶ Ἀριστοτέλης φησί, γράφων τὴν Ὀρχομενίων πολιτείαν (Fr. 565 Rose).

T103 Paus. 9.38.3–4

τάφοι δὲ Μινύου τε καὶ Ἡσιόδου καταδέξασθαι δέ φασιν οὕτω τοῦ Ἡσιόδου τὰ ὀστᾶ. νόσου καταλαμβα-
νούσης λοιμώδους καὶ ἀνθρώπους καὶ τὰ βοσκήματα ἀποστέλλουσι θεωροὺς παρὰ τὸν θεόν· τούτοις δὲ ἀποκρίνασθαι λέγουσι τὴν Πυθίαν, Ἡσιόδου τὰ ὀστᾶ ἐκ τῆς Ναυπακτίας ἀγαγοῦσιν ἐς τὴν Ὀρχομενίαν, ἄλλο δὲ εἶναι σφίσι οὐδὲν ἴαμα. τότε δὲ ἐπερέσθαι δεύτερα, ὅπου τῆς Νάυπακτίας αὐτὰ ἐξευρήσουσι καὶ αὖθις τὴν Πυθίαν εἰπεῖν ὡς μηνύσοι κορώνη σφίσι. οὕτω τοῖς θεοπρόποις ἀποβᾶσιν ἐς τὴν γῆν πέτραν τε οὐ πόρρω τῆς ὁδοῦ καὶ τὴν ὄρνιθα ἐπὶ τῇ πέτρᾳ φασὶν ὀφθῆναι καὶ τοῦ Ἡσιόδου δὲ τὰ ὀστᾶ εἶρον ἐν χηρα-
μῶ τῆς πέτρας. καὶ ἐλεγεία ἐπὶ τῷ μνήματι ἐπεγέ-
γραπτο·

Ἄσκη μὲν πατὴρ πολυλλῆιος, ἀλλὰ θανόντος

T102 Plutarch in a Scholium on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

Plutarch reports that it (i.e. Ascra) was uninhabited in his time too, because the Thespians killed the inhabitants and the Orchomenians took in the survivors. For this reason, he said, the god had ordered the Orchomenians to take Hesiod's mortal remains and bury them in their own city, as Aristotle too says in his treatise *On the Orchomenian Constitution*.²³

T103 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

And there are tombs of Minyas and of Hesiod (i.e. at Orchomenus). They say that Hesiod's bones were brought there in the following way. Because a pestilential disease had befallen both men and livestock, they sent envoys to the god; they say that the Pythia replied to them that they were to bring Hesiod's bones from the region of Naupactus to that of Orchomenus, and that there was no other remedy for them. Then they asked a second time, where in the region of Naupactus they would find them; and the Pythia said that a crow would show them. And so, they say, when the emissaries were landing they saw a stone not far from the road, and the bird on the stone, and they found Hesiod's bones in a hole in the rock. And an elegy was engraved upon the memorial:

Ascra with its many cornfields (was) my homeland,
but now that I have died

²³ Cf. T2.

ὄστ' ἄρα πληξίππων γῆ Μινυῶν κατέχει
 Ἡσιόδου, τοῦ πλείστον ἐν Ἑλλάδι κῦδος ὀρεῖται
 ἀνδρῶν κρινομένων ἐν βασάνῳ σοφίης.

T104 Inscriptiones Graecae VII 1785; cf. *SEG* 32.426, 506; 36.487

ὄρος τᾶς | γᾶς τᾶς [ια]|ρᾶς τῶν σ[υν]|θιναίων τᾶμ |
 Μωσίων Εἰσιιοδείων

T105 Inscriptiones Graecae VII 4240a, b, c²

(a) 1 Εὐθύ[κλ]ῆς παῖς Ἀμφικρίτου Μούσαις ἀνέθηκε
 κοσμήσ[ας] ἔπεισιν, τῶν ἅ χάρις εἴη αἰνῶς

3 καὶ γένεος τὸ τέλος κείνου καὶ τοῦνομα σῶξοι.

(b) 1 οὕτως ἀνταποῖς ἀριγῆρα[λ]έος βροτῶ ἴσα
 οὐκ ἀδ[α]ῆς Ἑλικῶν Μου[σ]ᾶων χρησμὸν ἰαχέω
 “πειθομένοι[σ]ι βροτοῖς ὑποθήκαις Ἡσιόδοιο

4 εἰνομία χ[ώ]ρα τ' ἔσται καρποῖσι βρύονσα.”

(c) 1 Ἡσιόδου Δίου Μούσας Ἑλικῶνά τε θεῖον
 καλ(λ)ίστοις ὕμνοις [

3] γ α [. .] ἰον ἀνδρα.

(a)1 Εὐθύ[κλ]ῆς Peek (b)1 οὕτως ἀνταποῖς Peek

(c)2–3 [κῦδην, ὁ δ' ἄρ' Ἀμφικρίτου] / [παῖς κείνου τιμαί
 εἴστομο] γ α [ἴσ]ιον Peek

² Cf. W. Peek, *Philologus* 121 (1977) 173–75; A. Hurst, *Recherches et Rencontres* 7 (1996) 57–71.

²⁴ Cf. T105.

The land of the horse-smiting Minyans holds my
 bones,
 Hesiod's, whose glory among human beings is the
 greatest
 When men are judged in the trials of wisdom.

Cf. T2, T32

T104 Boundary stone (Thespieae; dated on epigraphic grounds to the end of the third century BC)²⁴

Boundary of the holy land of those who sacrifice together to the Muses of Hesiod

T105 Stele with three dedicatory inscriptions (Thespieae, third century BC)²⁵

(a) Euthycles, son of Amphicritus, has made a dedication to the Muses, adorning it with epic verses. May their grace be everlasting, and keep safe the fulfillment of his family and his name.

(b) Like this, facing you, very aged, like a mortal, I, Helicon, not ignorant of the Muses, proclaim an oracle:
 “For mortals who obey Hesiod's injunctions there will be good laws and the land will be full of fruits.”

(c) Hesiod, son of Dius, the Muses and godly Helicon in most beautiful hymns [

] man.

²⁵ Cf. T104.

T106 SEG 44.1291, 47.1874; BE 1995.604³

Ἡσιόδος π[ο]τε κλεινός, | ἐπεὶ Πέρση[ν τὸν
ἀδελφόν] |
χῶρος ἀπω.[] | τὰ πατρῷα [-----] |
ἀλλὰ δέ τοι πά[νυ πολλὰ] | παρήνευσεν ὡς ἐπιεικές, |
ὡς ἐπιεικὲς ὄν, | καὶ ταῦτα νεωτέρω[ι - - - - -]

1 Πέρση[ν τὸν ἀδελφόν] Mahé: Πέρσ[η τῷ ἀδελφῷ] Peek
2 ἀπώκ[νησεν] dubitanter Mahé: ἀπορ[ήθη καὶ πάν] | τα Peek:
ἀπω[ρήθη Hallof πατρῷι ἀ[μ' ὄλεσεν] Peek: τὰ πατρῷα [οὐκ
ἐπέδωκε] Hallof 3 ἀλλὰ Hallof 4 ὡς ἐπιεικὲς del.
Peek, qui post v. 3 versum excidisse suspicatus est (καὶ πάλιν
ἐργάζεσθ' ἐκέλευσ'. | ὁ δ' ἄρ' εἴκαθεν αὐτοῦ) | <εὐφρονέ>οντι
[κάσει], | καὶ ταῦτα νεωτέρω[ι ὄντι]) in fine νεωτερι[κοῖσιν
Tybout νεώτερα[ς ὄν dubitanter Richardson

T107 Inscriptiones Graecae X 2. 2. 1 (pars II, fasc. II,
sectio I), 55; cf. SEG 49.710

[οὐδέ ποτ' ἰθυδίκησι μετ' ἀ]νδράσι λειμὸς ὀπηδεῖ
[οὐδ' ἀάτη, θαλίης δὲ μεμηλ]ότα ἔργα νέμονται.
θεῶ
Δικαιοσύνη

T108 Paus. 9.27.5

ἐνταῦθα Ἡσιόδος ἀνάκειται χαλκοῦς.

³ Cf. J.-P. Mahé, *Topoi* 4 (1994) 567–86; K. Hallof, *Hyperboreus* 3.1 (1997) 2–3.

T106 Hexametric inscription (Armawir in Armenia, ca.
200 BC)

Once famous Hesiod, when Perses, [his brother,
the estate [] his father's [
But he gave [very many] injunctions, as was appropriate,
as was appropriate,²⁶ and these to a younger [

T107 Dedicatory inscription (Heraclea Lyncestis in
Macedonia, 110–20 AD)

Nor does] famine attend [straight-judging] men,
nor calamity, but] they share out [in festivities] the
fruits of the labors [they care for.²⁷

To the Goddess
Justice

T108 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

There (i.e. in the marketplace at Thespieae) stands a bronze
statue of Hesiod.

²⁶ The repetition of these words in the inscription is almost
certainly mistaken.

²⁷ *Works and Days* 230–31.

T109 Paus. 9.30.3

κάθηται δὲ καὶ Ἡσίοδος κιθάραν ἐπὶ τοῖς γόνασιν ἔχων, οὐδέν τι οἰκείον Ἡσιόδῳ φόρημα· δῆλα γὰρ δὴ καὶ ἐξ αὐτῶν τῶν ἐπῶν (*Theog.* 30–31) ὅτι ἐπὶ ῥάβδου δάφνης ἦδε.

T110 Paus. 5.26.2

παρὰ δὲ τοῦ ναοῦ τοῦ μεγάλου τὴν ἐν ἀριστερᾷ πλευρᾷν. . . ποιητῶν δὲ Ὀμηρον καὶ Ἡσίοδον . . .

T111 Christodorus *Theb. Aeg. Anth. Pal.* 2.38–40

Ἡσίοδος δ' Ἀσκραῖος ὀρειάσῳ εἶδετο Μούσαις φθεγγόμενος, χαλκὸν δὲ βιάζετο θυιάδι λύσση, ἔνθεον ἰμείρων ἀνάγειν μέλος.

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T112 Plut. *Theseus* 3.3

ἦν δὲ τῆς σοφίας ἐκείνης τοιαύτη τις ὡς ἔοικεν ἰδέα καὶ δύναμις, οἷα χρησάμενος Ἡσίοδος εὐδοκιμῆ μά-
λιστα περὶ τὰς ἐν τοῖς Ἔργοις γνωμολογίας.

T109 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

And Hesiod (i.e. in Helicon) is seated holding a lyre on his knees—not at all an appropriate ornament for Hesiod: for it is clear from his epic poems themselves (i.e. *Theogony* 30–31) that he sang holding a staff of laurel.

T110 Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

(the dedications of Miccythus at Olympia:) beside the great temple, on the left side . . . and of poets, Homer and Hesiod . . .

T111 Christodorus of Egyptian Thebes, epigram

(at Byzantium in the gymnasium of Zeuxippus:)

Ascræan Hesiod seemed to be speaking to the
mountain Muses
and he was trying to burst the bronze in his divine
frenzy,
desiring to give voice to an inspired song.

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T112 Plutarch, *Life of Theseus*

That wisdom (i.e. in the age of Pittheus of Troezen) apparently had the same sort of form and power as the one that made Hesiod celebrated above all for the aphoristic maxims in the *Works*.

²⁸ Cf. also T97–T100 (*Theology*).

T113 Heraclitus

(a) 22 B 40 DK

πολυμαθίη νόον ἔχειν οὐ διδάσκει· Ἡσίοδον γὰρ ἂν ἐδίδαξε καὶ Πυθαγόρην αὐτίς τε Ξενοφάνεά τε καὶ Ἑκαταῖον.

(b) 22 B 57 DK

διδάσκαλος δὲ πλείστων Ἡσίοδος· τοῦτον ἐπίστανται πλείστα εἰδέναι, ὅστις ἡμέρην καὶ εὐφρόνην οὐκ ἐγίνωσκειν· ἔστι γὰρ ἓν.

T114 Iambl. *Vita Pyth.* 164

χρησθαι δὲ καὶ Ὀμήρου καὶ Ἡσιόδου λέξεσιν ἐξελεγμέναις πρὸς ἐπανόρθωσιν ψυχῆς.

T115 Plato *Protagoras* 316d

ἐγὼ δὲ τὴν σοφιστικὴν τέχνην φημὶ μὲν εἶναι παλαιάν, τοὺς δὲ μεταχειριζομένους αὐτὴν τῶν παλαιῶν ἀνδρῶν, φοβουμένους τὸ ἐπαχθὲς αὐτῆς, πρόσχημα ποιεῖσθαι καὶ προκαλύπτεσθαι, τοὺς μὲν ποίησιν, οἷον Ὀμηρόν τε καὶ Ἡσίοδον καὶ Σιμωνίδην, τοὺς δὲ αὖ τελετάς τε καὶ χρησμοφείας, τοὺς ἀμφὶ τε Ὀρφέα καὶ Μουσαῖον . . .

T113 Heraclitus

(a) Learning many things does not teach one to have an intelligent mind; for otherwise it would have taught this to Hesiod and Pythagoras, and to Xenophanes and Hecataeus.

(b) The teacher of most people is Hesiod; they think that he knows the most—he who did not know what day and night are: for they are one.

T114 Iamblichus, *Life of Pythagoras*²⁹

They (i.e. the Pythagoreans) employed expressions of both Homer and Hesiod in order to correct souls.

T115 Plato, *Protagoras*

I (i.e. Protagoras) claim that the sophistic art is ancient, but that those ancient men who applied it, fearing that it was annoying, made a pretence and concealed it, some using poetry as a screen, like Homer and Hesiod and Simonides, others doing so with rites and oracles, like Orpheus and Musaeus and their followers . . .

²⁹ Cf. T100.

T116 Plato

(a) *Apologia* 41a

ἢ αὖ Ὀρφεὶ συγγενέσθαι καὶ Μουσαίῳ καὶ Ἡσιόδῳ
καὶ Ὀμήρῳ ἐπὶ πόσῳ ἂν τις δέξαιτ' ἂν ὑμῶν; ἐγὼ μὲν
γὰρ πολλάκις ἐθέλω τεθνάναι εἰ ταῦτ' ἔστιν ἀληθῆ.

(b) *Symposium* 209d

εἰς Ὀμηρον ἀποβλέψας καὶ Ἡσιόδον καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους
ποιητὰς τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς ζηλῶν, οἷα ἔκγονα ἑαυτῶν
καταλείπουσιν, ἃ ἐκείνοις ἀθάνατον κλέος καὶ μνήμη
παρέχεται . . .

(c) *Timaeus* 40d-41a

περὶ δὲ τῶν ἄλλων δαιμόνων εἰπεῖν καὶ γνῶναι τὴν
γένεσιν μείζον ἢ καθ' ἡμᾶς, πειστέον δὲ τοῖς εἰρηκό-
σιν ἔμπροσθεν, ἐκγόνοις μὲν θεῶν οὖσιν, ὡς ἔφασαν,
σαφῶς δὲ πον τοὺς γε αὐτῶν προγόνους εἰδόσιν
ἀδύνατον οὖν θεῶν παισὶν ἀπιστεῖν, καίπερ ἄνευ τε
εἰκότων καὶ ἀναγκαίων ἀποδείξεων λέγουσιν, ἀλλ' ὡς
οἰκεία φασκόντων ἀπαγγέλλειν ἐπομένους τῷ νόμῳ
πιπτευτέον. οὕτως οὖν κατ' ἐκείνους ἡμῖν ἢ γένεσις
περὶ τούτων τῶν θεῶν ἐχέτω καὶ λεγέσθω. Γῆς τε καὶ
Οὐρανοῦ παῖδες Ὠκεανὸς τε καὶ Τηθύς ἐγενέσθη,ν,
τούτων δὲ Φόρκυς Κρόνος τε καὶ Ῥέα καὶ ὅσοι μετὰ
τούτων, ἐκ δὲ Κρόνου καὶ Ῥέας Ζεὺς Ἥρα τε καὶ

T116 Plato³⁰(a) *Apology*

Or again, to converse with Orpheus and Musaeus and
Hesiod and Homer—how much would any of you give to
be able to do this? As for me, I would be willing to die many
times if this is true.

(b) *Symposium*

considering Homer and Hesiod and the other good poets
with envy for the kind of progeny of themselves they left
behind, which provides them with immortal glory and re-
membrance . . .

(c) *Timaeus*

About the other divinities, to say and to know their origin is
beyond us, and we must believe those who spoke in an-
cient times, themselves children of the gods, as they said,
and surely they must have known their own ancestors. So it
is impossible to distrust the children of gods, even though
they speak without probable and necessary proofs, but
since they say that they are reporting matters regarding
their own families we must follow custom and believe
them. So it is according to them that we must accept and
declare the origin concerning these gods. Of Earth and
Sky were born the children Ocean and Tethys, and of these
Phorcys and Cronus and Rhea and all the others together
with these, and from Cronus and Rhea were born Zeus and

³⁰ Cf. T36, T72, T83, T115, and Fr. 92, 274, 300.; and *Rep.* III
414b–415d. Plato is apparently the earliest author who cites from
Hesiod exclusively the *Theogony* and the *Works and Days*.

πάντες ὄσους ἴσμεν ἀδελφούς λεγομένους αὐτῶν, ἔτι
τε τούτων ἄλλους ἐκγόνους.

T117 Aristoteles

(a) *Phys.* 4.1 208b27–33

ὅτι μὲν οὖν ἐστὶ τι ὁ τόπος παρὰ τὰ σώματα, καὶ πᾶν
σῶμα αἰσθητὸν ἐν τόπῳ, διὰ τούτων ἂν τις ὑπολάβῃ
δόξειε δ' ἂν καὶ Ἡσίοδος ὀρθῶς λέγειν ποιήσας πρῶ-
τον τὸ Χάος. λέγει γοῦν πάντων μὲν "πρώτιστα Χάος
γένετ', αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα Γαῖ' εὐρύστερνος," (*Theog.* 116–
17) ὡς δέον πρῶτον ὑπάρξαι χώραν τοῖς οὐσι, διὰ τὸ
νομίζειν, ὥσπερ οἱ πολλοί, πάντα εἶναί που καὶ ἐν
τόπῳ.

(b) *De caelo* 3.1 298b28

εἰσὶ γὰρ τινες οἱ φασιν οὐθὲν ἀγένητον εἶναι τῶν
πραγμάτων, ἀλλὰ πάντα γίνεσθαι, γενόμενα δὲ τὰ
μὲν ἀφθαρτα διαμένειν, τὰ δὲ πάλιν φθείρεσθαι, μάλι-
στα μὲν οἱ περὶ Ἡσίοδου, εἶτα καὶ τῶν ἄλλων οἱ
πρῶτοι φυσιολογήσαντες.

(c) *Metaphys.*

i. A3 983b27–984a2

εἰσὶ δὲ τινες οἱ καὶ τοὺς παμπαλαίους καὶ πολὺν πρὸ
τῆς νῦν γενέσεως καὶ πρώτους θεολογήσαντας οὕτως

Hera and all those we know of who are said to be their
brothers and sisters, and then others who were the chil-
dren of these.

T117 Aristotle³¹

(a) *Physics*

That place is something aside from bodies, and that every
perceivable body is in place, one might suppose on the ba-
sis of these considerations. Hesiod too would seem to have
spoken correctly when he made Chasm first. At least he
says, "In truth, first of all Chasm came to be, and then
broad-breasted Earth" (*Theogony* 116–17), as though
there had necessarily to be first a space for the things that
are, thinking as he does, as most people do, that everything
is somewhere and in place.

(b) *On the Heavens*

There are those who say that nothing is ungenerated but
that all things are generated, and that once they have been
generated some of them remain indestructible while the
others are once again destroyed—above all Hesiod and his
followers, and then later among other people the first nat-
ural philosophers.

(c) *Metaphysics*

i. There are those who think that the first theologians too,
who were very ancient and lived long before the present

³¹ Cf. T2, T37, T102, T119c, T128, and Fr. 303.

οἴονται περὶ τῆς φύσεως ὑπολαβεῖν· Ὀκεανὸν τε γὰρ καὶ Τηθὺν ἐποίησαν τῆς γενέσεως πατέρας (*Theog.* 337–70), καὶ τὸν ὄρκον τῶν θεῶν ὕδωρ, τὴν καλουμένην ὑπ’ αὐτῶν Στύγα (*Theog.* 775–806). τιμιώτατον μὲν γὰρ τὸ πρεσβύτατον, ὄρκος δὲ τὸ τιμιώτατόν ἐστιν. εἰ μὲν οὖν ἀρχαία τις αὕτη καὶ παλαιὰ τετύχηκεν οὔσα περὶ τῆς φύσεως ἢ δόξα, τάχ’ ἂν ἄδηλον εἶη, Θαλῆς μὲντοι λέγεται οὕτως ἀποφῆναι περὶ τῆς πρώτης αἰτίας . . .

ii. A4 984b23–32

ὑποπεύσειε δ’ ἂν τις Ἡσιόδον πρῶτον ζητῆσαι τὸ τοιοῦτον, κἂν εἴ τις ἄλλος ἔρωτα ἢ ἐπιθυμίαν ἐν τοῖς οὔσιω ἔθηκεν ὡς ἀρχήν, οἶον καὶ Παρμενίδης· καὶ γὰρ οὗτος κατασκευάζων τὴν τοῦ παντὸς γένεσιν “πρώτιστον μὲν” φησιν “ἔρωτα θεῶν μητίσατο πάντων” (28 B 13 DK), Ἡσιόδος δὲ “πάντων μὲν πρώτιστα Χάος γένητ’, αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα Γαῖ’ εὐρύστερνος . . . ἣδ’ Ἔρος, ὃς πάντεσσι μεταπρέπει ἀθανάτοισιν” (*Theog.* 116–20), ὡς δέον ἐν τοῖς οὔσιω ὑπάρχειν τιν’ αἰτίαν ἣτις κινήσει καὶ συνάξει τὰ πράγματα. τούτους μὲν οὖν πῶς χρὴ διανεῖμαι περὶ τοῦ τίς πρῶτος, ἐξέστω κρίνειν ὕστερον . . .

iii. A8 989a8–12

καίτοι διὰ τί ποτ’ οὐ καὶ τὴν γῆν λέγουσιν, ὥσπερ οἱ

generation, had the same idea regarding nature (viz. that water is its origin). For they made Ocean and Tethys the parents of generation (*Theogony* 337–70³²) and made water, which they called the Styx, the oath by which the gods swear (*Theogony* 775–806)³³; for what is oldest is most honorable, and what is most honorable is the oath by which one swears. Well, whether this opinion about nature really is primeval and ancient may well be unclear, but at any rate Thales is said to have spoken in this way about the first cause . . .

ii. Someone might suspect that Hesiod was the first to look for something of this sort (viz. a principle which is the cause of beauty and movement), and anyone else who placed love or desire as a principle among the things that are, like Parmenides too. For the latter as well, when he arranges the creation of the universe, says, “She planned love first of all the gods,” and Hesiod says, “First of all Chasm came to be, and then broad-breasted Earth . . . and Eros, who is foremost among all the immortals” (*Theogony* 116–20), indicating they thought it necessary that there be among the things that are some cause which will move things and bring them together. Well, how we should classify these with regard to who came first, let us be permitted to decide later . . .

iii. And yet why do they (i.e. those who claim there is

³² Cf. also *Il.* 14.201, 302.

³³ Cf. also *Il.* 15.37–38, *Od.* 5.185–86.

πολλοὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων; πάντα γὰρ εἶναι φασι γῆν, φησὶ δὲ καὶ Ἡσίοδος τὴν γῆν πρώτην γενέσθαι τῶν σωμάτων (*Theog.* 116–17)· οὕτως ἀρχαίαν καὶ δημοτικὴν συμβέβηκεν εἶναι τὴν ὑπόληψιν.

iv. B4 1000a5–19

οὐθενὸς δ' ἐλάττων ἀπορία παραλέλειπται καὶ τοῖς νῦν καὶ τοῖς πρότερον, πότερον αἱ αὐταὶ τῶν φθαρτῶν καὶ τῶν ἀφθάρτων ἀρχαί εἰσιν ἢ ἕτεραι. εἰ μὲν γὰρ αἱ αὐταί, πῶς τὰ μὲν φθαρτὰ τὰ δὲ ἀφθαρτα, καὶ διὰ τίν' αἰτίαν; οἱ μὲν οὖν περὶ Ἡσίοδου καὶ πάντες ὅσοι θεολόγοι μόνον ἐφρόντισαν τοῦ πιθανοῦ τοῦ πρὸς αὐτούς, ἡμῶν δ' ὠλιγόρησαν (θεοὺς γὰρ ποιῶντες τὰς ἀρχὰς καὶ ἐκ θεῶν γεγονέναι, τὰ μὴ γευσάμενα τοῦ νέκταρος καὶ τῆς ἀμβροσίας θνητὰ γενέσθαι φασίν, δῆλον ὡς ταῦτα τὰ ὀνόματα γνώριμα λέγοντες αὐτοῖς· καίτοι περὶ αὐτῆς τῆς προσφορᾶς τῶν αἰτίων τούτων ὑπὲρ ἡμᾶς εἰρήκασιν· εἰ μὲν γὰρ χάριν ἡδονῆς αὐτῶν θιγγάνουσιν, οὐθὲν αἶτια τοῦ εἶναι τὸ νέκταρ καὶ τῆ ἀμβροσία, εἰ δὲ τοῦ εἶναι, πῶς ἂν εἶεν αἰτίδιοι δεόμενοι τροφῆς;)—ἀλλὰ περὶ μὲν τῶν μυθικῶς σοφιζομένων οὐκ ἄξιον μετὰ σπουδῆς σκοπεῖν.

T118 Sext. Emp. *Adv. phys.* 2.18 = *Adv. math.* 10.18

ὁ μὲν γὰρ εἰπῶν

ἦτοι μὲν πρώτιστα Χάος γένετ', αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα

one material principle) not name earth too (i.e. besides fire, water, and air), like most men? For they say that all things are earth, and Hesiod too says that the earth was created first among bodies (*Theogony* 116–17), so ancient and popular has this notion been.

iv. A very great difficulty has been neglected both by contemporary philosophers and by earlier ones, whether the principles of destructible things and of indestructible ones are the same or different. For if they are the same, how is it that some things are destructible and others indestructible, and for what reason? Hesiod and his followers and all the theologians only thought of what was plausible for themselves, and paid no attention to us. For when they establish that the principles are gods and are born from gods, they say that what does not taste nectar and ambrosia becomes mortal. It is clear that they are saying words that are intelligible for themselves, and yet what they have said about the actual application of these causes is beyond us. For if they (i.e. the gods) take hold of nectar and ambrosia for the sake of pleasure, then these are not at all the cause of their being; but if it is for the sake of being, how can they be eternal if they are in need of nourishment? But about mythic sophistries it is not worth inquiring seriously.

T118 Epicurus

Sextus Empiricus, *Against the Physicists*

For he who said, "In truth, first of all Chasm came to be,

Γαί' εὐρύστερνος, πάντων ἕδος (*Theog.* 116–117),
 ἐξ αὐτοῦ περιτρέπεται ἐρομένου γάρ τινος αὐτόν, ἐκ
 τίνος γέγονε τὸ Χάος, οὐχ ἕξει λέγειν. καὶ τοῦτό
 φασιν ἔνιοι αἴτιον γεγονέναι. Ἐπικούρῳ τῆς ἐπὶ τὸ
 φιλοσοφεῖν ὁρμῆς. κομιδῇ γὰρ μεираκίσκος ὦν ἤρετο
 τὸν ἐπαναγινώσκοντα αὐτῷ γραμματιστῆν “ἦτοι μὲν
 πρῶτιστα Χάος γένηται”, ἐκ τίνος τὸ χάος ἐγένετο,
 εἶπερ πρῶτον ἐγένετο. τούτου δὲ εἰπόντος μὴ ἑαυτοῦ
 ἔργον εἶναι τὰ τοιαῦτα διδάσκειν, ἀλλὰ τῶν καλου-
 μένων φιλοσόφων, “τοῖνον”, ἔφησεν ὁ Ἐπίκουρος, “ἐπ’
 ἐκείνους μοι βαδιστέον ἐστίν, εἶπερ αὐτοὶ τὴν τῶν
 ὄντων ἀλήθειαν ἴσασιν”.

T119 Stoici

(a) Zeno Fr. 167, *SVF* I p. 43.20–24 = Cic. *De natura deorum* 1.14.36

cum vero Hesiodi Theogoniam interpretatur, tollit omni-
 no usitatas perceptasque cognitiones deorum; neque enim
 Iovem neque Iunonem neque Vestam neque quemquam,
 qui ita appelletur, in deorum habet numero, sed rebus
 inanimis atque mutis per quandam significationem haec
 docet tributa nomina.

and then broad-breasted Earth, the seat of all” (*Theogony* 116–17), is refuted by himself. For if someone asks him what Chasm came to be out of, he will not be able to say. And some say that this was the reason that Epicurus decided to study philosophy. For when he was still very young he asked his teacher, who was reading out to him the line, “In truth, first of all Chasm came to be,” what Chasm came to be out of, if it came to be first. And when he (i.e. the teacher) replied that to teach things of that sort was not his job, but of those called philosophers, “Well then,” Epicurus said, “I must go to them, if indeed they are the ones who know the truth of things.”³⁴

T119 Stoics³⁵

(a) Zeno

But when he (i.e. Zeno) interprets Hesiod’s *Theogony*, he completely destroys the customary and perceived notions of the gods: for he does not reckon among the number of the gods either Zeus or Hera or Hestia or anyone named like this, but teaches that these names have been assigned to inanimate and mute things to signify something.³⁶

³⁴ A shorter version of the same story is found in Diogenes Laertius 10.2, with the additional information that Epicurus was 14 years old at the time.

³⁵ Cf. also Crates of Mallus, T50 and T139.

³⁶ Cf. Zeno Fr. 100, *SVF* 1.28.5–10; Fr. 103–5, *SVF* 1.29.6–24; Fr. 276, *SVF* 1.63.25–27.

(b) Cleanthes et Chrysippus

(i) Cleanthes Fr. 539, SVF I p. 123.11–15 = Philodemus *De pietate* B 9970–80 Obbink

ἐν δὲ τῷ δευτέρῳ τὰ τε εἰς Ὀρφέα καὶ Μουσαῖον ἀναφερόμενα καὶ τὰ παρ' Ὀμήρῳ καὶ Ἡσιόδῳ καὶ Εὐριπίδῃ καὶ ποιηταῖς ἄλλοις γ' ὡς καὶ Κλεάνθης [π]ειρᾶται σ[υ]νοικειῶν ταῖς δόξαις αὐτῶν.

(ii) Chrysippus Fr. 1077, SVF II p. 316.13–15 = Cic. *De natura deorum* I 15.41

in secundo autem volt Orphei, Musaei, Hesiodi, Homerique fabellas accommodare ad ea, quae ipse primo libro de deis immortalibus dixerit, ut etiam veterrimi poetae, qui haec ne suspicati quidem sint, Stoici fuisse videantur.

(iii) Chrysippus Fr. 907, SVF II p. 255.30–34 = Galenus *De placitis Hippocr. et Plato*. III 4

ἐμπλήσας ὁ Χρύσιππος ὅλον τὸ βιβλίον ἐπὼν Ὀμηρικῶν καὶ Ἡσιοδείων καὶ Στησιχορείων, Ἐμπεδοκλείων τε καὶ Ὀρφικῶν, ἔτι δὲ πρὸς τούτοις ἐκ τῆς τραγωδίας καὶ παρὰ Τυρταίου καὶ τῶν ἄλλων ποιητῶν οὐκ ὀλίγα παραθέμενος. . .

(b) Cleanthes and Chrysippus

(i) In book 2 (scil. of *On the Gods*) he (i.e. Chrysippus) tries, like Cleanthes too, to accommodate to their (i.e. the Stoics') doctrines the poems attributed to Orpheus and Musaeus and those of Homer, Hesiod, Euripides, and other poets.

(ii) In book 2 (scil. of *On the Nature of the Gods*) he (i.e. Chrysippus) wants to accommodate the myths of Orpheus, Musaeus, Hesiod and Homer to what he himself said in book 1 about the immortal gods, so that even the most ancient poets, who did not have the slightest inkling of this, would seem to have been Stoics.

(iii) Chrysippus, having filled up the whole book (i.e. *On the Soul*) with verses of Homer and Hesiod and Stesichorus, of Empedocles and Orpheus, and inserting besides these many from tragedy and from Tyrtaeus and the other poets . . .

(c) Philo *De aeternitate mundi* 5.17–19 (VI pp. 77.20–78.11 Cohn-Reiter)

πατέρα δὲ τοῦ Πλατωνείου δόγματος ἔνιοι νομίζουσι τὸν ποιητὴν Ἡσίοδον, γενητὸν καὶ ἀφθαρτον οἰόμενοι τὸν κόσμον ὑπ' ἐκείνου λέγεσθαι, γενητὸν μὲν, ὅτι φησὶν “ἦτοι μὲν πρώτιστα Χάος γένετ', ἀτὰρ ἔπειτα / Γαῖ' εὐρύστερνος, πάντων ἕδος ἀσφαλὲς αἰεὶ” (*Theog.* 116–17), ἀφθαρτον δέ, ὅτι διάλυσιν καὶ φθορὰν οὐ μεμήνηκεν αὐτοῦ. Χάος δὲ ὁ μὲν Ἀριστοτέλης τόπον οἶεται εἶναι, ὅτι τὸ δεζόμενον ἀνάγκη προῦποκεῖσθαι σώματι, τῶν δὲ Στωικῶν ἔνιοι τὸ ὕδωρ παρὰ τὴν χύσιν τοῦνομα πεποιῆσθαι νομίζοντες. ὁποτέρως δ' ἂν ἔχοι, τὸ γενητὸν εἶναι τὸν κόσμον ἐναργέστατα παρ' Ἡσιόδῳ μεμήνηται. μακροῖς δὲ χρόνοις πρότερον ὁ τῶν Ἰουδαίων νομοθέτης Μωϋσῆς γενητὸν καὶ ἀφθαρτον ἔφη τὸν κόσμον ἐν ἱεραῖς βίβλοις (*Gen.* 1. 1–2)...

T120 Neoplatonici

(a) Plotinus *περὶ ψυχῆς ἀποριῶν*, *Ennead.* 4.3.14.78–80

τούτων δὴ γινομένων φῶτα πολλὰ ὁ κόσμος οὗτος ἔχων καὶ καταυγαζόμενος ψυχαῖς ἐπικοσμεῖται ἐπὶ τοῖς προτέροις ἄλλους κόσμους ἄλλον παρ' ἄλλον κομιζόμενος, παρὰ τε θεῶν ἐκείνων παρὰ τε νῶν τῶν ἄλλων ψυχὰς διδόντων οἷον εἰκὸς καὶ τὸν μῦθον αἰνίττεσθαι, ὡς πλάσαντος τοῦ Προμηθέως τὴν γυναῖκα ἐπεκόσμησαν αὐτὴν καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι θεοί. “γαῖαν

(c) Philo, *On the Eternity of the World*

Some think that the poet Hesiod was the father of the Platonic doctrine: they think that the world is said by him to be generated and indestructible, because he says, “In truth, first of all Chasm came to be, and then broad-breasted Earth, the ever immovable seat of all” (*Theogony* 116–17), and indestructible, because he has not asserted its dissolution and destruction. Aristotle thinks that Chasm is place, because before there can be body one must presuppose something that can receive it,³⁷ and some of the Stoics think it is water, supposing that the name is derived from *chysis* (“flowing”).³⁸ But whichever it is, it is revealed most clearly by Hesiod that the world is generated. But a long time earlier, Moses, the lawgiver of the Jews, said in the holy Bible that the world is generated and indestructible . . .

T120 Neoplatonists

(a) Plotinus, *Difficulties about the Soul*

Because this has happened, this world order, which possesses many lights and is illuminated by the souls, is ordered further (*epikosmeitai*), receiving different world orders beyond the earlier ones, each one from a different source, from the gods of the other world and from the other intellects which give souls. It is likely that this is the sort of thing which is hinted at enigmatically by the myth too, that after Prometheus fabricated the woman all the other gods too adorned her further (*epekosmēsan*), that he

³⁷ Cf. T117a.

³⁸ Cf. Zeno Fr. 103, SVF 1.29.6–15.

ὑδει" φύρειν, καὶ ἀνθρώπου ἐνθεῖναι φωνήν, θεαῖς δ' ὁμοίαν τὸ εἶδος (Op. 61–62), καὶ Ἀφροδίτην τι δοῦναι καὶ Χάριτας (Op. 65–66, 73–74) καὶ ἄλλον ἄλλο δῶρον καὶ ὀνομάσαι ἐκ τοῦ δῶρου καὶ πάντων τῶν δεδωκότων (Op. 80–82). πάντες γὰρ τούτῳ ἔδοσαν τῷ πλάσματι παρὰ προμηθείας τινὸς γενομένῳ. ὁ δὲ Ἐπιμηθεὺς ἀποποιούμενος τὸ δῶρον αὐτοῦ (Op. 85–88) τί ἂν σημαῖνοι ἢ τὴν τοῦ ἐν νοητῷ μᾶλλον αἴρεσιν ἀμείνω εἶναι; δέδεται δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς ὁ ποιήσας (Theog. 521–22), ὅτι πῶς ἐφάπτεται τοῦ γενομένου ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὁ τοιοῦτος δεσμὸς ἔξωθεν καὶ ἢ λύσις ἢ ὑπὸ Ἡρακλέους (Theog. 526–34), ὅτι δυνάμις ἐστὶν αὐτῷ, ὡς τε καὶ ὡς λελύσθαι. ταῦτα μὲν οὖν ὅπη τις δοξάζει, ἀλλ' ὅτι ἐμφαίνει τὰ τῆς εἰς τὸν κόσμον δόσεως, καὶ προσάδει τοῖς λεγομένοις.

(b) Iulianus Orat. in Hel. Reg. (4) 136a-137c

μὴ γὰρ δὴ τις ὑπολάβῃ τοῦτον (scil. Ἥλιον), ὃν οἱ μῦθοι πείθουσι φρίττειν, ἀλλὰ τὸν πρῶον καὶ μείλιχον, ὃς ἀπολύει παντελῶς τῆς γενέσεως τὰς ψυχὰς, οὐχὶ δὲ λυθείσας αὐτὰς σώμασιν ἑτέροις προσηλοῖ κολάζων καὶ πραπτόμενος δίκας, ἀλλὰ πορεύων ἄνω καὶ ἀνατείνων τὰς ψυχὰς ἐπὶ τὸν νοητὸν κόσμον. ὅτι δὲ οὐδὲ νεαρὰ παντελῶς ἐστὶν ἡ δόξα, προύλαβον δὲ αὐτὴν οἱ πρεσβύτατοι τῶν ποιητῶν, Ὀμηρὸς τε καὶ Ἡσίοδος, εἴτε καὶ νοοῦντες οὕτως εἴτε καὶ ἐπιπνοῖα

mixed "earth with water" and put into her the voice of a human, and made her like the goddesses in form (cf. *Works and Days* 61–62), that Aphrodite and the Graces gave something to her (cf. *Works and Days* 65–66, 73–74), and each god gave her a different gift, and she was named from the gift (*dōron*) and from the fact that all (*pantes*) had given one (cf. *Works and Days* 80–82). For all gave to this fabrication which came about from a certain forethought (*promētheia*). When Epimetheus is supposed to refuse his gift (cf. *Works and Days* 85–88) what else could this mean except that the better preference is the one for what is in the intelligible world? And the creator is himself bound (cf. *Theogony* 521–22), because in some way he is in contact with what he has generated, and a bond of this sort is external. And his liberation by Heracles (cf. *Theogony* 526–34) (scil. signifies) that even so he has the power to be liberated. One may think about these matters however one will, but in any case they make clear the gift to the world and they agree with what has been said (scil. by myself).

(b) Julian, *Hymn to King Helios*

For let no one think of him (i.e. Helios) as the one at which the myths teach us to shudder, but as someone mild and soothing, who completely frees souls from generation and, once they have been freed, does not nail them to other bodies, punishing them and making them pay a penalty, but instead carries the souls upwards and lifts them up towards the intelligible world. That this opinion is not completely new, but that the most ancient poets, Homer and Hesiod, accepted it—either because they themselves thought this or because they were divinely impelled to—

θεία καθάπερ οἱ μάντιες ἐνθουσιῶντες πρὸς τὴν ἀλήθειαν, ἐνθένδ' ἂν γίγνοιτο γνώριμον. ὁ μὲν γενεαλογῶν αὐτὸν Ὑπερίονος ἔφη καὶ Θείας (*Theog.* 371), μόνον οὐχὶ διὰ τούτων αἰνιττόμενος τοῦ πάντων ὑπερέχοντος αὐτὸν ἔκγονον γνήσιον φῦναι· ὁ γὰρ Ὑπερίων τίς ἂν ἕτερος εἶη παρὰ τούτων; ἢ Θεία δὲ αὐτὴ τρόπον ἕτερον οὐ τὸ θειώτατον τῶν ὄντων λέγεται; μὴ δὲ συνδυασμὸν μηδὲ γάμους ὑπολαμβάνωμεν, ἄπιστα καὶ παράδοξα ποιητικῆς Μούσης ἀθύρματα· πατέρα δὲ αὐτοῦ καὶ γεννήτορα νομίζωμεν τὸν θειώτατον καὶ ὑπέρτατον· τοιοῦτος δὲ τίς ἂν ἄλλος εἶη τοῦ πάντων ἐπέκεινα καὶ περὶ ὃν πάντα καὶ οὗ ἕνεκα πάντα ἐστίν; . . . ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν τῶν ποιητῶν χαίρειν ἑάσωμεν· ἔχει γὰρ μετὰ τοῦ θείου πολὺ καὶ τὰνθρώπινον.

(c) Proclus *In Platonis Rem publ. Comment.* I p. 82.9–20
Kroll

τούτοις δὴ οὖν τοῖς τῶν τοιῶνδε θεαμάτων ἐπηβόλοις λέγοντες, ὡς. . . οἱ δὲ Κρόνιοι δεσμοὶ τὴν ἔνωσιν τῆς ὅλης δημιουργίας πρὸς τὴν νοερὰν τοῦ Κρόνου καὶ πατρικὴν ὑπεροχὴν δηλοῦσιν, αἱ δὲ τοῦ Οὐρανοῦ (*Theog.* 176–81) τομαὶ τὴν διάκρισιν τῆς Τιτανικῆς σειρᾶς ἀπὸ τῆς συνεκτικῆς διακοσμῆσεως αἰνίσσονται, τάχα ἂν γνώριμα λέγοιμεν καὶ τὸ τῶν μύθων τραγικὸν καὶ πλασματώδες εἰς τὴν νοερὰν τῶν θείων γενῶν ἀναπέμπωμεν θεωρίαν.

wards the truth by godly inspiration like seers—is obvious from the following. For the one (i.e. Hesiod) provided a genealogy for him (i.e. Helios) by saying that he is the son of Hyperion and Theia (cf. *Theogony* 371), hinting thereby that he is by nature the legitimate offspring of him who is superior to all things—and who else could Hyperion be than this?³⁹ And is not Theia herself, in a different way, called the most divine of beings?⁴⁰ Let us not imagine a coupling or marriages, the implausible and unbelievable frivolities of the poetic Muse: instead let us believe that his father and begetter is the most divine and superior being; and who could be like this except him who is beyond all things, him about whom and for the sake of whom all things exist? . . . But let us set aside the utterances of the poets: for, mixed in with what is divine, these contain very much of what is human too.

(c) Proclus, *Commentary on Plato's Republic*

If we say then to those who have achieved such visions that . . . and that the binding of Cronus⁴¹ indicates the union of all creation with the intellectual and paternal transcendence of Cronus, that the castration of Sky (cf. *Theogony* 176–81) hints enigmatically at the separation of the Titanic chain from the world ordering that holds things together, then perhaps we would say what they already know and would restore the overly poetic and fictional aspect of the myths to the intellectual doctrine of the divine classes.

³⁹ Julian etymologizes Hyperion's name as "he who goes above."

⁴⁰ Theia's name means "divine."

⁴¹ It is unclear just what passage Proclus has in mind.

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T121 Clem. Alex. *Strom.* 6.2.26

τὰ δὲ Ἡσιόδου μετέλλαξαν εἰς πεζὸν λόγον καὶ ὡς ἴδια ἐξήνεγκαν Εὐμηλὸς (FGrHist 451 T 1) τε καὶ Ἀκουσίλαος (FGrHist 2 T 5) οἱ ἱστοριογράφοι.

T122 Iosephus *Contra Apionem* 1.16

ὅσα δὲ διορθοῦνται τὸν Ἡσιόδον Ἀκουσίλαος (FGrHist 2 T 6). . .

T123 Isocrates *Panathen.* 17-19

μικρὸν δὲ πρὸ τῶν Παραθηναίων τῶν μεγάλων ἠχθέσθη δι' αὐτούς. ἀπαντήσαντες γάρ τινές μοι τῶν ἐπιτηδείων ἔλεγον ὡς ἐν τῷ Λυκείῳ συγκαθεζόμενοι τρεῖς ἢ τέτταρες τῶν ἀγελαίων σοφιστῶν καὶ πάντα φασκόντων εἰδέναι καὶ ταχέως πανταχοῦ γιγνομένων διαλέγοντο περὶ τε τῶν ἄλλων ποιητῶν καὶ τῆς Ἡσιόδου καὶ τῆς Ὀμήρου ποιήσεως, οὐδὲν μὲν παρ' αὐτῶν λέγοντες, τὰ δ' ἐκείνων ραψωδοῦντες καὶ τῶν πρότερον ἄλλοις τισὶν εἰρημένων τὰ χαριέστατα μνημονεύοντες· ἀποδεξαμένων δὲ τῶν περιεστῶτων τὴν διατριβὴν αὐτῶν, ἕνα τὸν τολμηρότατον ἐπιχειρήσαι με διαβάλλειν, λέγονθ' ὡς ἐγὼ πάντων καταφρονῶ τῶν τοιούτων, καὶ τὰς τε φιλοσοφίας τὰς τῶν ἄλλων καὶ τὰς παιδείας ἀπάσας ἀναιρῶ, καὶ φημι πάντας ληρεῖν

SCHOLARSHIP AND RHETORIC

*History*⁴²

T121 Clement of Alexandria, *Miscellanies*

The historians Eumelus and Acusilaus turned Hesiod's poems into prose and published them under their own names.

T122 Josephus, *Against Apion*

all the passages in which Acusilaus corrects Hesiod . . .

Rhetoric

T123 Isocrates, *Panathenaic Discourse*

They (i.e. my rivals) annoyed me shortly before the Great Panathenaea. For some of my friends met me and told me that three or four of the ordinary sort of sophists—those who claim to know everything and want to be everywhere at once—were sitting together in the Lyceum and were discussing the poets, and especially the poetry of Hesiod and Homer. They were saying nothing of their own about them, but merely performing their poems like rhapsodes and repeating from memory the most entertaining things that others had said about them in earlier times. When the bystanders approved their discussion, one of them, the most daring one, undertook to make accusations against me, saying that I despise all such things and would destroy all the forms of culture and teaching practiced by others, and that I say that everyone talks rubbish except for those

⁴² Cf. also Strabo, *Geography* 1.2.14, 22, 35.

πλήν τοὺς μετεσχηκότας τῆς ἐμῆς διατριβῆς· τούτων δὲ ῥηθέντων ἀηδῶς τινὰς τῶν παρόντων διατεθῆναι πρὸς ἡμᾶς.

T124 Dion. Hal.

(a) *De comp. verb.* 23 (II p. 114.1 Usener-Radermacher)

ἐποποιῶν μὲν οὖν ἔμοιγε κάλλιστα τουτοῦ δοκεῖ τὸν χαρακτῆρα ἐξεργάσασθαι Ἡσίοδος.

(b) *De imitat.* 2.2 (II p. 204.14 Usener-Radermacher)

Ἡσίοδος μὲν γὰρ ἐφρόντισεν ἡδονῆς δι' ὀνομάτων λειότητος καὶ συνθέσεως ἐμμελοῦς.

T125 Quintil. *Inst. orat.* 10.1.52

raro adsurgit Hesiodus magnaue pars eius in nominibus est occupata, tamen utiles circa praecepta sententiae, levitasque verborum et compositionis probabilis, daturque ei palma in illo medio genere dicendi.

T126 Men. Rhet. διαίρεσις τῶν ἐπιδεικτικῶν (III p. 340.24–29 Spengel, p. 20 Russell-Wilson)

ἀρετὴ δ' ἐρμηνείας ἐν τοῖς τοιοῦτοις καθαρότης καὶ τὸ ἀπροσκορές· γένοιτο <δ'> ἂν ἐν ποιήσει ἐκ συμμετρίας τῶν περιφράσεων . . . παρέσχετο δὲ τὴν μὲν ἐν ποιήσει ἀρετὴν Ἡσίοδος, καὶ γνοίη τις ἂν μᾶλλον, εἰ τοῖς Ὀρφέως παραθείη.

who participate in my own instruction. And some of those present were turned against me by these statements.

T124 Dionysius of Halicarnassus

(a) *On the Arrangement of Words*

Of the epic poets, it seems to me that it is Hesiod who has elaborated this style (i.e. the smooth arrangement) most finely.

(b) *On Imitation*

Hesiod paid attention to the pleasure deriving from verbal smoothness and harmonious arrangement.

T125 Quintilian, *Institutions of Oratory*

Hesiod takes flight only rarely, and much of his work is filled with proper names, but his didactic maxims are useful, and the smoothness of his choice and arrangement of words can be recommended: he wins the palm in the middle style.

T126 Menander Rhetor, *Classification of Epideictic Speeches*

Excellence of style in writings of this sort (i.e. genealogical hymns) consists in purity and in avoiding a feeling of surfeit, and this can be achieved in poetry by means of moderation in periphrases . . . Hesiod demonstrated this excellence in poetry, and one can recognize this better by comparing his poems with Orpheus'.

T127 Schol. Hes. *Op. Prolegomena* A.b p. 1.15–2.5 Pertusi

ὁ μὲν οὖν σκοπὸς τοῦ βιβλίου παιδευτικός. . . . διὸ καὶ ἀρχαϊότητος ἐστὶν ἢ ἐν αὐτῷ τῆς ποιητικῆς ἰδέας τῶν γὰρ καλλωπισμῶν καὶ τῶν ἐπιθέτων κόσμων καὶ μεταφορῶν ὡς τὰ πολλὰ καθαρεύει. τὸ γὰρ ἁπλοῦν καὶ τὸ αὐτοφνὲς πρέπει τοῖς ἠθικοῖς λόγοις.

T128 Aristoteles

Hesych. in onomatologo s.v. Ἀριστοτέλης (Arist. *Fragments* p. 16.143 Rose)

Ἀπορήματα Ἡσιόδου ἐν ἄ . . .

T129 Heraclides Ponticus

Diog. Laert. 5.87 (Heraclid. Fr. 22 Wehrli)

γραμματικὰ δέ· περὶ τῆς Ὀμήρου καὶ Ἡσιόδου ἡλικίας α' β' . . .

T130 Chamaeleon

Diog. Laert. 5.92 (Chamaeleon Fr. 46 Wehrli, Fr. 47 Giordano)

Χαμαιλέων τε τὰ παρ' ἑαυτοῦ φησι κλέψαντα αὐτὸν (scil. Ἡρακλείδην) τὰ περὶ Ἡσιόδου καὶ Ὀμήρου γράφει.

T127 Scholia on Hesiod's *Works and Days*, Prolegomena

The purpose of the book is educational. . . . For this reason the poetic style in it is archaic, for it is for the most part free of adornments and added ornamentations and metaphors. For simplicity and naturalness are appropriate for ethical discourses.

Cf. T53, T60, T95

Literary Scholarship

T128 Aristotle⁴³

Hesychius, *List of Aristotle's Writings*

Hesiodic Problems, in 1 book . . .

T129 Heraclides Ponticus

Diogenes Laertius, *Lives of Eminent Philosophers*

grammatical works: *On the Age of Homer and Hesiod*, books 1 and 2 . . .

T130 Chamaeleon

Diogenes Laertius, *Lives of Eminent Philosophers*

Chamaeleon says that he (i.e. Heraclides) plagiarized his own treatise about Hesiod and Homer.

⁴³ Cf. T2, T37, T102, T117, T119c, and Fr. 303.

T131 Hecataeus Abder.

Suda ε 359, 2.213.22–23 Adler (73 A 1 DK)

περὶ τῆς ποιήσεως Ὀμήρου καὶ Ἡσιόδου. . .

T 132 Megachides

T 52

T133 Antidorus Cum.

Schol. Dion. Thrax 448.6 Hilgard

φασὶ δὲ Ἀντίδωρον τὸν Κυμαῖον πρῶτον ἐπιγεγρα-
φέναι αὐτὸν γραμματικόν, σύγγραμμά τι γράψαντα
περὶ Ὀμήρου καὶ Ἡσιόδου.

T134 Zenodotus

Schol. Hes. *Theog.* 5b² (p. 4.9–10 Di Gregorio)

T135 Apollonius Rhodius

Schol. Hes. *Theog.* 26b (p. 7.6–9 Di Gregorio = Apoll.
Rhod. Fr. XIX Michaelis); T52, T80

T136 Aristophanes Byz.

Schol. Hes. *Theog.* 68a (p. 15.16–18 Di Gregorio =
Aristoph. Byz. Fr. 405 Slater), 126 (p. 28.3–10 Di Gr. = Fr.
439 Sl.); T52, T69

T131 Hecataeus of Abdera

The *Suda*

On the Poetry of Homer and Hesiod . . .

T132 Megaclides

T52

T133 Antidorus of Cyme

Scholium on Dionysius Thrax

They say that Antidorus of Cyme was the first person to call
himself a grammarian; he wrote a treatise about Homer
and Hesiod.

T134 Zenodotus

Scholium on Hesiod's *Theogony*

T135 Apollonius Rhodius

Scholium on Hesiod's *Theogony*; T52, T80

T136 Aristophanes of Byzantium

Scholium on Hesiod's *Theogony*; T52, T69

T137 Aristarchus

Schol. Hes. *Theog.* 76 (p. 17.2–5 Di Gregorio = Arist. Fr. 1 Waeschke), 114–15 (p. 22.1 Di Gr. = Fr. 2 W.), 138 (p. 32.7–12 Di Gr. = Fr. 3 W.), 253b (p. 51.23–52.1 Di Gr. = Fr. 4 W.), 991 (p. 121.7–8 Di Gr.; ἀρχέλοχος mss., corr. Ruhnken, Flach); Schol. Hes. *Op.* 97a (p. 45.11–14 Pertusi = Fr. 6 W.), 207–12 (p. 76.22–24 P. = Fr. 7 W.), 740a (p. 225.15–18 P. = Fr. 9 W.); T49

T138 Praxiphanes

T49

T139 Crates Mall.

Schol. Hes. *Theog.* 126 (p. 28.4–5 Di Gregorio = Crat. Fr. 79 Broggiato), 142 (p. 34.6–8 Di Gr. = Fr. 80 Br. = Hesiodus Fr. 57 Most); T50

T140 Zenodotus Alex.

Suda ζ 75, 2. 506.21 Adler

εἰς τὴν Ἡσιόδου Θεογονίαν. . .

T141 Demetrius Ixion

Suda δ 430, 2.41.19 Adler (Dem. Ixion pp. 20–21 Staesche)

εἰς Ὅμηρον ἐξήγησιν, εἰς Ἡσιόδου ὁμοίως. . .

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T137 Aristarchus

Scholia on Hesiod's *Theogony* and *Works and Days*; T49

T138 Praxiphanes

T49

T139 Crates of Mallus

Scholia on Hesiod, *Theogony*; T50

T140 Zenodotus of Alexandria

The *Suda*

On Hesiod's Theogony . . .

T141 Demetrius Ixion

The *Suda*

Exegesis of Homer. Exegesis of Hesiod. . . .

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T142 Aristonicus

Suda a 3924 (I p. 356.31–33 Adler)

περὶ τῶν σημείων τῶν ἐν τῇ Θεογονίᾳ Ἡσιόδου καὶ τῶν τῆς Ἰλιάδος καὶ Ὀδυσσεΐας. . .

T143 Didymus

Schol. Hes. *Theog.* 126 (p. 28.7–8 Di Gregorio = Did. p. 300 Schmidt); Schol. Hes. *Op.* 304b (p. 102.15–16 Pertusi = p. 300 Schmidt)

T144 Seleucus

Schol. Hes. *Theog.* 114–15 (p. 21.13 Di Gregorio = Sel. Fr. 27 Müller), 160 (p. 37.6–8 Di Gr. = Fr. 28 M.), 270 (p. 54.8–9 Di Gr. = Fr. 29 M.), 573 (p. 88.11–12 Di Gr. = Fr. 30 M.); Schol. Hes. *Op.* 96a (p. 44.20–21 Pertusi = Fr. p. 44 M.), 150b (p. 60.16–18 P.), 549a (p. 180.23–24 P. = Fr. p. 44 M.); Schol. Hes. *Scut.* 415 (p. 181 Russo = Fr. 33 M.)

T145 Epaphroditus

Etym. Gudianum p. 91.18, 177.23 Sturz

ἐν Ἐπομνήματι Ἀσπίδος . . .

T142 Aristonicus

The *Suda*

On the Critical Signs in Hesiod's Theogony and Those in the Iliad and Odyssey. . . .

T143 Didymus

Scholias on Hesiod's *Theogony* and *Works and Days*

T144 Seleucus

Scholias on Hesiod's *Theogony*, *Works and Days*, *Shield*

T145 Epaphroditus

Etymologicum Gudtanum

in his *Treatise on the Shield* . . .

T146 Dionysius Corinth.

Suda δ 1177 (II p. 110.11–12 Adler)

ἔποποιός. . . καὶ καταλογάδην Ἑπόμνημα εἰς Ἡσίοδου

T147 Plutarchus

Aul. Cell. 20.8.7 = Plut. Fr. 102 Sandbach

quod apud Plutarchum in quarto in Hesiodum commen-
tario legi. . .

Schol. Hes. *Op.* 48 (p. 28.14–16 Pertusi = Plut. Fr. 27 Sandbach), 214–16 (pp. 28.19–79.2 P. = Fr. 32 S.), 220–21 (p. 81.10–22 P. = Fr. 34 S.), 242–47 (p. 86.18–22 P. = Fr. 37 S.), 270–73 (pp. 91.22–92.9 P. = Fr. 38 S.), 286 (pp. 96.11–97.2 P. = Fr. 40 S.), 287–90 (p. 97.7–9 P. = Fr. 41 S.), 317–18 (p. 107.4–6 P. = Fr. 45 S.), 346–48 (pp. 116.25–117.13 P. = Fr. 49 S.), 353–54 (p. 119.1–7 P. = Fr. 51a S.), 355 (pp. 119.18–120.2 P. = Fr. 52 S.), 356–60 <370–72> (pp. 120.20–121.7 P. = Fr. 55 S.), 375 (p. 125.21–23 P. = Fr. 56 S.), 376[377]–78 (p. 126.4–10 P. = Fr. 57 S.), 380 (pp. 128.15–23 P. = Fr. 59 S.), 391–93 (pp. 135.23–136.8 P. = Fr. 60 S.), 423–27 (p. 144.2–17 P. = Fr. 62 S.), 427–30 (p. 148.3–7 P. = Fr. 64 S.), 430–36 (p. 45.1–9 P. = Fr. 65 S.), 504–6 (p. 171.1–10 P. = Fr. 71a S.), 561–63 (p. 183.1–7 P. = Fr. 77 S.), 578–81 (p. 188.7–12 P. = Fr. 79 S.), 591–96 (pp. 191.6–192.18 P. = Fr. 81

T146 Dionysius of Corinth

The *Suda*

Epic poet . . . and in prose *Treatise on Hesiod* . . .

T147 Plutarch

Aulus Gellius, *Attic Nights*

which I have read in Plutarch in book 4 of his commentary on Hesiod . . .

Scholium on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

S.), 633–40 (pp. 201.22–202.9 P. = Fr. 82 S.), 650–62 (pp. 205.22–206.10 P. = Fr. 84 S.), 733–34 (p. 223.8–18 P. = Fr. 91 S.), 748–49 (p. 228.5–15 P. = Fr. 95 S.), 750–52 (p. 229.8–14 P. = Fr. 96 S.), 757–59 (p. 231.6–10 P. = Fr. 98 S.), 780–81 (pp. 242.16–243.8 P. = Fr. 104 S.), 797–99 (p. 248.7–20 P. = Fr. 108 S.)

T148 Proclus

Suda π 2473 (IV p. 210.9–10 Adler)

Ἐπόμνημα εἰς τὰ Ἡσιόδου Ἔργα καὶ Ἡμέρας . . .

Schol. Hes. *Op. passim*

T149 Cleomenes

Clem. Alex. *Strom.* 1.61.2

Κλεομένης . . . ἐν τῷ περὶ Ἡσιόδου . . .

T150 Comanus

Schol. Hes. *Op.* 97a (p. 45.8–11 Pertusi = Comanus Fr. 16 Dyck)

T151 P. Oxy. 4648 recto 14–28

ἤπει[ι-

ρώτης δὲ γεωργ]ός ὧν ὁ Ἄσκραϊος καὶ τὰ να[v-
τικὰ ἀγνοῶν, τὰ δὲ βεβ]αιότατα τῆς γεωργίας, [

T148 Proclus⁴⁴

The *Suda*

Treatise on Hesiod's Works and Days . . .

Scholia on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

T149 Cleomenes

Clement of Alexandria, *Miscellanies*

Cleomenes . . . in his *On Hesiod* . . .

T150 Comanus

Scholium on Hesiod's *Works and Days*

T151 Oxyrhynchus papyrus (third century AD), anonymous prose work on star signs

But the Ascræan, being [a farmer from the mainland and ignorant of sailing] (scil. unlike the educated islander

⁴⁴ Cf. T120(c).

τὰς ὥρας καταμ]ετρῆι “ Πληιάδων Ἄτλαι[γε-
 νέων] [....] [τελ]λομενάων” (Op. 383) καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν
 ἄμ[η-
 τον τότε ἐξώρ]μησεν, “δυομένων” δὲ ἐπὶ τ[ὸν
 ἄροτον, καθάπερ] καὶ ὅτε Ἐρρίων ἐστὶν τρυχ[
] παρε.[.]. α καὶ ὅλως τινέ[ς
 φασιν, ὅταν κ]αί τισι ὁ “ἀκροκν[έ]φαιος” (Op. 567)
 παρ[ῆ].
 ὡς δὲ προειρ]ήκαμεν, οὐ δὴ Ἄρατος ζηλ[ω-
 τῆς οὐκ ἀγ]εννῆς ἐγένετο, ὡς μηδὲ τὸν [
]ον ἐσφάλθαι εἰπόντα (T 73).

MISCELLANEOUS JUDGMENTS

T152 Cic. *Cato maior de senectute* 15.54

quid de utilitate loquar stercoreandi? Dixi in eo libro quem de rebus rusticis scripsi; de qua doctus Hesiodus ne verbum quidem fecit, cum de cultura agri scriberet; at Homerus, qui multis ut mihi videtur ante saeculis fuit, Laertam lenientem desiderium quod capiebat e filio, colentem agrum et eum stercoreantem facit.

T153 Dio Chrys. *Orat.* 2.8

“τὸν δὲ Ἡσίοδον, ὃ Ἀλέξανδρε, ὀλίγου ἄξιον κρίνεις”,
 ἔφη, “ποιητήν;”

Homer), but knowing the most certain signs of agriculture, measures [the seasons] starting from “when the Atlas-born Pleiades rise” (*Works and Days* 383) and [has set out just at that time] for the harvest, and “when they set” to [the plowing, just as] when Orion is [] grape harvest, and some [say] wholly so, [when] it is present to some “just at dusk” (*Works and Days* 567). [As we said earlier,] Aratus was indeed [not] a servile imitator of him, so that [] (i.e. Callimachus) was not mistaken when he said, (T73).

MISCELLANEOUS JUDGMENTS

T152 Cicero, *Cato. On Old Age*

Why should I (i.e. Cato) speak about the usefulness of manuring? I have spoken about that in the book I wrote on agriculture. On this subject the learned Hesiod did not even say a single word when he wrote about cultivation; but Homer, who lived many generations, as I believe, before (= T6), shows us Laertes trying to alleviate his longing for his son by cultivating his field and spreading manure on it.⁴⁵

T153 Dio Chrysostom, “On Kingship”⁴⁶

He (i.e. Philip of Macedon) said, “Well, Alexander, as

⁴⁵ Cicero seems to be referring to *Odyssey* 24.227; but in fact, there is no explicit reference to manure in this passage.

⁴⁶ Cf. also Dio Chrysostom, “Borysthenitic Discourse” 34–35 (= *Orat.* 36.34–35).

“οὐκ ἔγωγε,” εἶπεν, “ἀλλὰ τοῦ παντός, οὐ μέντοι βασιλευσιν οὐδὲ στρατηγοῖς ἴσως.”

“ἀλλὰ τίσι μῆν;”

καὶ ὁ Ἀλέξανδρος γελάσας “τοῖς ποιμέσιν,” ἔφη, “καὶ τοῖς τέκτοσι καὶ τοῖς γεωργοῖς. τοὺς μὲν γὰρ ποιμένας φησὶ φιλεῖσθαι ὑπὸ τῶν Μουσῶν (sed cf. *Th.* 26), τοῖς δὲ τέκτοσι μάλα ἐμπείρως παραινεί πηλίκον χρῆ τὸν ἄξονα τεμεῖν (cf. *Op.* 424–5), καὶ τοῖς γεωργοῖς, ὀπηνίκα ἄρξασθαι πίθου (cf. *Op.* 814–5).”

T154 Dio Chrys. *Orat.* 77.1–2

“ἄρα διὰ ταῦτα καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα ἐνομίσθη σοφὸς ἐν τοῖς Ἑλλησιν Ἡσίοδος καὶ οὐδαμῶς ἀνάξιος ἐκείνης τῆς δόξης, ὡς οὐκ ἀνθρωπίνη τέχνη τὰ ποιήματα ποιῶν τε καὶ ᾄδων, ἀλλὰ ταῖς Μούσαις ἐντυχὼν καὶ μαθητῆς αὐτῶν ἐκείνων γενόμενος; ὅθεν ἐξ ἀνάγκης ὁ, τι ἐπήκει αὐτῷ πάντα μουσικά τε καὶ σοφὰ ἐφθέγγετο καὶ οὐδὲν μάταιον, ὧν δῆλον ὅτι καὶ τοῦτο τὸ ἔπος ἐστίν.”

“τὸ ποῖον;”

“καὶ κεραμεὺς κεραμεῖ κοτέει καὶ τέκτοσι τέκτων.”
(*Hes. Op.* 25)

“πολλὰ μὲν καὶ ἄλλα φανήσεται τῶν Ἡσιόδου πεποιημένα καλῶς περὶ τε ἀνθρώπων καὶ θεῶν σχεδόν τι καὶ περὶ μειζόνων πραγμάτων ἢ ὅποια τὰ λεχθέντα νῦν ἀτὰρ οὖν καὶ ταῦτα ἀπεφῆναιτο μάλ’ ἀληθῶς τε καὶ ἐμπείρως τῆς ἀνθρωπίνης φύσεως.”

for Hesiod, is he not worth very much as a poet in your judgment?”

“Quite the contrary, but he is perhaps not for kings and generals.”

“For whom then?”

Alexander laughed and said, “For shepherds, carpenters, and farmers. For shepherds he says are loved by the Muses (but cf. *Th* 26), carpenters he gives very experienced advice on how big an axle should be cut (cf. *WD* 424–5), and farmers when they should start in on a storage-jar (cf. *WD* 814–5).”

T154 Dio Chrysostom, “On Envy”

“Is it not for this reason and like ones that Hesiod was considered wise among the Greeks and not at all unworthy of that reputation of his, namely that it was not by human skill that he composed his poems, but because he had encountered the Muses and become their disciple? So that of necessity whatever occurred to him and he uttered was all ‘musical’ and wise and nothing in vain. An obvious example of this is this verse.”

“Which one?”

“And potter is angry with potter, and builder with builder.” (*Works and Days* 25)

“It will turn out that many other verses of Hesiod’s are quite correct about human beings and gods and also about more important subjects than what has just been men-

T155 Plut. *Lac. Apophth.* p. 223a (cfr. Aelian. *Varia hist.* 13.19, p. 430 Wilson)

Κλεομένης ὁ Ἀναξανδρίδew τὸν μὲν Ὀμηρον Λακεδαιμονίων εἶναι ποιητὴν ἔφη, τὸν δὲ Ἡσίοδον τῶν εἰλώτων· τὸν μὲν γὰρ ὡς χρῆ πολεμεῖν, τὸν δὲ ὡς χρῆ γεωργεῖν παρηγγελκέναι.

T156 Ael. Aristid. *Orat.* 26.106 Keil

Ἡσίοδος, εἰ ὁμοίως Ὀμήρῳ τέλειος ἦν τὰ ποιητικὰ καὶ μαντικός, ὥσπερ ἐκεῖνος . . .

T157 Gnomologium Vaticanum Graecum 515 Sternbach

ὁ αὐτὸς ἐρωτηθεὶς πότερος κρείσσων, Ὀμηρος ἢ Ἡσίοδος, εἶπεν· “Ἡσίοδον μὲν αἱ Μοῦσαι, Ὀμηρον δὲ αἱ Χάριτες ἐτέκνωσαν.”

tioned. But this verse too is obviously true and based upon experience of human nature.”

T155 Plutarch, *Sayings of the Spartans*

Cleomenes, the son of Anaxandrides, said that Homer was the poet of the Spartans and Hesiod that of the helots: for the one gave orders about how to wage war, the other about how to do farming.

T156 Aelius Aristides, *Orations*

if Hesiod had been as perfect as Homer was in his poetry and as prophetic as he was . . .

T157 Vatican Collection of Greek Sayings

The same man (i.e. Simonides), when asked which was the greater, Homer or Hesiod, said, “Hesiod was born of the Muses, but Homer was born of the Graces.”

TESTIMONIA CONCORDANCE

Most	Jacoby
1	11
2	10
3	18b)
4	115
5	18l)
6	18m)
7	8
8	88a)
9	20
10	19
11	18e)
12	18g)
13	18f)
14	15
15	18c)
16	18d)
17	75
18	76
19	37
20	38
21	21

HESIOD

Most	Jacoby
22	-
23	22
24	23
25	14
26	25
27	17a)
28	17b)
29	17c)
30	32
31	33
32	34
33(a),(b)	35a),b)
34	35c)
35	29
36	-
37	31
38	30
39	27
40	28
41	26
42	46
43	-
44	43
45	44
46	-
47	45
48	-
49	47a)
50	47b)
51	-

TESTIMONIA CONCORDANCE

Most	Jacoby
52	52a)
53	52b)
54	-
55	52c)
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