

## ***Sources on Late Neoplatonic Theurgy*** (in English, with a few exceptions)

*(including Hekate & the Chaldean Oracles, Hermes & the Hermetica, the Emperor Julian, Harran, the “end” of classical Paganism, and other related subjects)*

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Here are over 250 texts that I have found both accessible and informative. The list is by no means comprehensive, but offers introductory material on a wide-range of related subjects. The best introductions, IMHO – those that are *also* available at good book stores – are marked in **red**. Contact me if you have any questions or would like to examine copies, as all of the texts are in my library. I have much more available on each subject for those interested in deeper study.  
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### **EGYPTIAN MAGIC RELATING TO LATER CLASSICAL THEURGY**

Boylan, Patrick, Thoth: The Hermes of Egypt, Oxford University Press, Oxford UK, 1922 (Lays the groundwork for the later “thrice-great” Thoth who becomes Hermes Trismegistus.)

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Ritner, Robert Kriech, The Mechanics of Ancient Egyptian Magical Practice, The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, Chicago IL, 1993 (Too early for our period, but the definitive work on the subject and useful for comparison with later systems.)

### **EMPEDOCLES & THE ROOTS OF CLASSICAL MAGIC**

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- Ankarloo, Bengt, and Clark, Stuart, eds., Witchcraft and Magic in Europe: Ancient Greece and Rome, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1999 (Part of a series. Good source book.)
- Armstrong, A.H., ed., Classical Mediterranean Spirituality: Egyptian/Greek/Roman, Crossroad Publishing Company, New York NY, 1986 (Excellent collection of essays covering Classical spirituality, including Neoplatonism.)
- Brown, Peter, "The Rise and Function of the Holy Man in Late Antiquity", in The Journal of Roman Studies, Vol. LXI, Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, London, 1971
- Dickie, Matthew W., Magic and Magicians in the Greco-Roman World, Routledge, Londo, 2001
- Faraone, Christopher, ed., Magika Hiera, Oxford University Press, New York NY, 1991 (Excellent anthology on ancient Greek magic & religion.)
- Fowden, Garth, "The Pagan Holy Man in Late Antique Society", in The Journal of Hellenic Studies, Vol. CII, Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, London, 1982
- Godwin, David, Light in Extension: Greek Magic from Homer to Modern Times, Llewellyn Publications, St. Paul MN, 1992 (An attempt to update classical magical systems for modern practice.)
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- Janowitz, Naomi, Icons of Power: Ritual Practices in Late Antiquity, Pennsylvania State University Press, University Park PA, 2002
- Johnston, Sarah Iles, ed., Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide**, Harvard University Press, Cambridge MA, 2004 (Excellent anthology!)
- , and Struck, Peter T., eds., Manikê: Studies in Ancient Divination, E.J. Brill, Leiden, 2005 (Excellent anthology covering the lesser known systems of divination commonly used in the ancient world.)
- Jordan, David R., et al., eds., The World of Ancient Magic: Papers from the first International Samson Eitrem Seminar at the Norwegian Institute at Athens, 4-8 May 1997, The

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- Luck, Georg, Arcana Mundi: Magic and the Occult in the Greek and Roman Worlds, Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, Baltimore MD, 1985 (Good anthology on Classical magic, including theurgy, as presented in original texts.)
- Martin, Luther, Hellenistic Religions: An Introduction, Oxford University Press, New York NY, 1987 (Good intro to the background and context.)
- Meyer, Marvin, ed., Ancient Magic & Ritual Power (Religions in the Graeco-Roman World, Volume 129), E.J. Brill, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1995 (Very good anthology!)
- Noegel, Scott, et al. eds., Prayer, Magic, and the Stars in the Ancient and Late Antique World, Pennsylvania State University Press, University Park PA, 2003 (Another excellent anthology of essays relating to “astral” magic and religion.)
- Oden, R.A., Studies in Lucian’s *De Syria Dea*, Scholars Press, Missoula MT, 1977
- Ogden, Daniel, Greek and Roman Necromancy, Princeton University Press, Princeton NJ, 2001  
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- Reale, Giovanni, The Schools of the Imperial Age (A History of Ancient Philosophy, vol. IV), SUNY, Albany NY, 1990 (Good systematic survey of Hermetic, Chaldean, and Neoplatonic authors, philosophy, and theurgy.)
- Relihan, Joel C., tr. Apuleius: The Golden Ass, Hackett Publishing Co., Indianapolis MO, 2007 (Modern translation of this classic work by a Middle Platonist.)
- Rollins, Alden, Rome in the Fourth Century A.D.: An Annotated Bibliography with Historical Overview, McFarland & Co. Inc. Publishers, Jefferson NC, 1991 (Where to go next.)
- Turcan, Robert, The Cults of the Roman Empire**, Basil Blackwell, Ltd., Oxford, 1996 (Excellent overview of mystery cults in the late Empire.)
- LATE CLASSICAL MAGIC & RELIGION → Papyri Graecae Magicae**
- Betz, Hans Dieter, ed., The Greek Magical Papyri in Translation (including the Demotic Spells)**, 2nd (revised) edition, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1992
- Faraone, Christopher, “The Collapse of Celestial and Chthonic Realms in a Late Antique ‘Apollonian Invocation’ (PGM I 262-347)”, in Boustan & Reed, eds., Heavenly Realms

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**Flowers, Stephen Edred, Hermetic Magic: The Postmodern Magical Papyrus of Abaris**, Samuel Weiser, Inc., York Beach ME, 1995 (Dicey history, but good portrayal of the mindset of a late antique magician. The “Papyrus of Abaris” is a creation of Flowers’.)

Frankfurter, David, “The Magic of Writing and the Writing of Magic: The Power of the Word in Egyptian and Greek Tradition”, in Helios, Vol. 21 No. 2, Texas Tech University Press, 1994

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Faraone, Christopher A., “Orpheus’ Final Appearance: Necromancy and a Singing Head on Lesbos”, in Studi Italiani Di Filologia Classica, Vol. XCVII No. 1, Felice Le Monnier, Florence, 2004

Guthrie, W.K.C., Orpheus and Greek Religion: A Study of the Orphic Movement, Princeton University Press, Princeton NJ, 1993

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- Barry, Kieron, The Greek Qabalah: Alphabetic Mysticism and Numerology in the Ancient World, Samuel Weiser, Inc., York Beach ME, 1999
- Burkert, Walter, Lore and Science in Ancient Pythagoreanism, Harvard University Press, Cambridge MA, 1972
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- Guthrie, Kenneth Sylvan, ed., The Pythagorean Sourcebook and Library**, Phanes Press, Grand Rapids MI, 1988 (Excellent collection of source texts!)
- Johnston, Sarah Iles, “Rising to the Occasion: Theurgic Ascent in its Cultural Milieu”, in Scafer, Peter, and Kippenberg, Hans G., eds., Envisioning Magic: A Princeton Seminar and Symposium, E.J. Brill, Leiden, 1997
- Joost-Gaugier, Christiane L., Measuring Heaven: Pythagoras and His Influence on Thought and Art in Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Cornell University Press, Ithaca NY, 2006
- Lawlor, R. & D., trans., Theon of Smyrna: Mathematics Useful for Understanding Plato, Wizard’s Bookshelf, San Diego CA, 1978
- Levin, Flora R, tr., The Manual of Harmonics (of Nicomachus the Pythagorean), Phanes Press, Grand Rapids MI, 1994
- O’Meara, Dominic J., Pythagoras Revived: Mathematics and Philosophy in Late Antiquity, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1989
- Morgan, Morris Hicky, trans., Vitruvius: The Ten Books on Architecture, Dover Publications, Inc., New York NY, 1960 (Probably more Dionysian than Pythagorean, it still contains much useful information on classical conceptions of number and proportion.)
- Shaw, Gregory, “Eros and Arithmos: Pythagorean Theurgy in Iamblichus and Plotinus”, in Ancient Philosophy, Spring 1999, Vol. XIX No. 1, Mathesis Publications, Inc., Pittsburgh PA, 1999 (Excellent article using Pythagorean concepts to reconcile Iamblichus and Plotinus.)
- Waterfield, Robin, tr., The Theology of Arithmetic (attrib. to Iamblichus), Phanes Press, Grand Rapids MI, 1988

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-----, Restless Dead: Encounters between the Living and the Dead in Ancient Greece, University of California Press, Berkeley CA, 1999 (Chapter 6 is “Hekate and the Dying Maiden: How the Mistress of Ghosts Earned Her Title”.)

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## **HERMETICA & HERMES TRISMEGISTOS**

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**Copenhaver, Brian P., trans. and ed., Hermetica**, Cambridge University Press, 1992 (The single best edition of the Hermetica in English.)

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