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The Power of a Hero: Placement of Erotic Curse Tablets in Nemea, Greece

*Curse Tablet I:*

1 ἀπος{ς}τρέφω Εὐβούλαν

ἀπὸ Αἰνέα, ἀπὸ τοῦ̣

προςώπο̣υ̣, ἀπὸ τῶν ὀ[φ-

θαλμῶν, ἀπὸ τοῦ ςτόμ[α-

5 τος̣, ἀπὸ τῶν τιθθί<ω>ν,

ἀπὸ τᾶς ψυχᾶς,

ἀπὸ̣ τᾶς γαςτρ̣ό̣ς̣, ἀπ̣ὸ

τ]οῦ [ψ]ωλ̣ί̣ου, ἀπὸ τοῦ πρω-

κ̣τοῦ̣, ἀφ ̓ ὅ̣λου τοῦ ςώμα-

10 τος̣. ἀποςτρέφω Εὐβού-

λαν ἀπ ̓ Αἰνέα.

“I turn Euboula away from Aineas: from his face, from his eyes, from his mouth, from his chest, from his soul, from his belly, from his erect penis, from his anus, from all his body. I turn Euboula away from Aieneas.”

*Curse Tablet II:*

1 κατα-

δίδεμι

Διοδώρ̣-

ου τὰν̣

5 κεφαλὰ-

ν ἀποςτ-

ραφῆμ̣-

εν ἀπ ̓ Ἀ-

ρ̣τεμιδώ-

10 ρ̣ας, τὸ μέ̣-

τ̣ωπον̣,

τοὺς ὀφθ-

αλμούς,

τ]ὰ <ὦ>τα, τὸ

15 ςτόμα, τ-

ὸ γένε<ι>ον,

τὰ γυῖα.

καταδίδ<ε>μ[ι

τ̣ὰν ψυχ-

20 ὰ̣ν Διοδώ-

ρ]ο̣υ ἀποςτρ-

α̣φῆμεν ἀ-

π’ Ἀρτεμιδ-

ώρας, τάν

25 γα̣ςτέρα,τὸ

ς]ῶμα, τὸ ψ̣-

ωλίον, τὰ

ςκ̣έλη,το-

ὺς πόδας.

30 κ̣αταδίδε-

μι ΤΦΛΙΑ

τὰν ἀγά̣-

παν μις-̣

ῆςαι . . [- - - -]

35 ΣΩΤ...[----]

vv Σvv [----]

I bind the head of Diodoros to be turned away from Artemidora, his forehead, his eyes, his ears, his mouth, his chin, his arms. I bind the sould of Diodoros to be turned away from Artemidora, his belly, his body, his erect penis, his legs, his feet. I bind [his affection], his love to hate [her]…

*Curse Tablet III:*

1 vΚΕΦ̣[----]

ΑΔΙΔ̣ [...]Δ̣ [----]

.ΣΤΑ..[...]v [----]

ΑΝΣΨΥΧ vvvv Ρ̣ ΟΣ̣

5 ΣΑΣ καταδίδε-

μι τὸ {ς}ψωλίον̣

vv τ̣ὰ {ς}ςκέλ̣η̣ [- - - -]

] ΛΟΝΑ̣ΠΟ [.] . [- - - -]

… I bind his erect penis, his legs…

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