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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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