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ἀλλὰ τί μοι ταῦτα περὶ δρῦν ἢ περὶ πέτρην, indeed?
the elemental networks of the *Theogony*¹

1.) We worship the guardian spirit of the righteous Kavi Vistaspa, / who searched for space / for Truth in tree and rock, / who found space for Truth / in tree and rock... (via Watkins 1995)

2.) Hurry! Move on! Make haste! / Let your feet run to me, / let your legs rush to me! / For I have a word which I want to speak to you, / a message which I want to communicate to you, / *a word of trees and a whisper of stones*, / a groaning of the heavens to the earth, / of the Flood to the stars: / I understand the lightning which the heavens do not know, / a matter that mankind does not know, / and the multitudes do not understand (*Baal Cycle*, de Moor via O'Bryhim 1996)

3.) My people inquire of a thing of wood, and their staff gives them oracles... (*Hosea* 4.21)

4.) ἀλλὰ τί μοι ταῦτα περὶ δρῦν ἢ περὶ πέτρην (“But what are these things about oak or rock to me?”, *Theogony* 35)

5.) τῷ δὲ σπαργανίσασα μέγαν λίθον ἐγγυάλιξεν
Οὐρανίδη μὲγ' ἀνακτι, θεῶν προτέρῳ βασιλῆι.

...

καρπαλίμως δ' ἄρ' ἔπειτα μένος καὶ φαίδιμα γυῖα
ἠύξετο τοῖο ἀνακτος: ἐπιπλομένων δ' ἐνιαυτῶν
Γαίης ἐννεσίησι πολυφραδέεσσι δολωθεῖς
ὄν γόνον ἄψ ἀνέηκε μέγας Κρόνος ἀγκυλομήτης
νικηθεῖς τέχνῃσι βίηφί τε παιδὸς ἐοῖο.

πρῶτον δ' ἐξέμεσεν λίθον, ὄν πύματον κατέπινεν:

τὸν μὲν Ζεὺς στήριξε κατὰ χθονὸς εὐρυοδείης

Πυθοῖ ἐν ἡγαθέῃ γυάλοις ὑπο Παρνησοῖο

σῆμ' ἔμεν ἐξοπίσω, θαῦμα θνητοῖσι βροτοῖσιν. (*Theogony* 485–500)

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