

The Eye of the World

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First primordium (§ 2-8)

Heavenly circuit governs the world below – but *agnoia* causes fear.

Hermes receives *gnosis*, writes his books and conceals them "close to the secrets of Osiris."

Second primordium (§ 9-21)

Souls are created and put in fixed positions, from where they all contribute to the regular movement of a deistic clockwork.

Third primordium (§ 22-49)

Souls move against the commandments of God. They are punished by having to enter bodies. Hermes, however, provides them with a *krypton organon*:

ἀπλανοῦς καὶ ἀπαραβάτου θεωρίας ἐχόμενον, ᾧ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἀναγκαίως δουλαγωγηθήσεται πάντα τὰ ἀπὸ γενέσεως ἄχρι φθορᾶς ἐσχάτης, ἔχον τὴν ἀποτελουμένων πῆξιν·

"consisting in unwavering and perpetual contemplation (*theoria*), to which everything on earth, from the creation till the final destruction, will necessarily be subjected, since it implies the sum total of what is completed." (§ 48)

Fourth primordium (§ 50-63)

The sensible world with souls in bodies. *Agnoia* is everywhere, and crime and evil reign in a godforsaken world. Killing and bloodshed pollute the elements. Earth prays for a divine emanation.

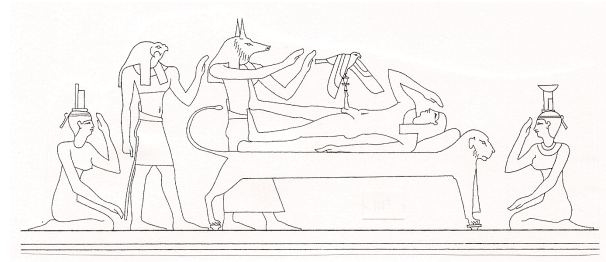
The question of Horus (§ 64)

"How, then, did Earth succeed in having an emanation from God?"

The aretology of Isis and Osiris (§ 65-68)

Isis and Osiris return to Heaven (§ 69)

Horus wants to learn the hymn with which they ascended to Heaven.



The conception of Horus. Isis, in the shape of a falcon receives the semen of the dead Osiris. Cauville 1997: 2, Pl. 257

Kamephis

< Kamutef (*k3 mwt,f*) 'his mother's bull'