

Synopsis of PGM IV 296-466 *Agoge* (adapted from Martinez 1991, pp. 15-17.)

I. Praxis (296-335)

A. The effigies (296-328)

1. Making and positioning of 2 effigies (296-303)
2. Writing magical formulae on female effigy (304-21)
3. Piercing female effigy with needles (321-28)

B. The tablet (328-35)

1. Writing *logos* on tablet and reciting (328-30)
2. Binding tablet to effigies (330-32)
3. Depositing tablet beside grave (332-34)

II. *Logos* (335-406)

A. Deposition with the underworld gods (335-42)

B. Deposition with and adoration of the *daimones* (342-47)

C. Conjunction of the *nekydaimon* (347-406)

1. First command to bind the beloved (347-56)
2. First threat: "the fearful name" (356-67)
3. Second command (367-84)
4. Second threat: *Barbaradonai* (385-94)
5. Third command (395-96)
6. Final adjuration: *LAEW-logos* (396-406)

III. Continuation of praxis (406-33)

A. *LAEW-logos* *Schwindeform*

B. *characteres*

IV. Hexametric Prayer to Helios (434-66)



Papyrus	SM 46	SM 47	SM 49	SM 50	SM 48
I.A 1		*differs			
I.A 2					
I.A 3		*			
I.B 1	*	*	*	*	*
I.B 2					
I.B 3	*	*	*	*	*
material not in papyrus			*	*	*
II.A	*	*	*	* differs	*
II.B	*	*	*	* differs	*
II.C 1	*	*	*	* differs	*
material not in papyrus					*
II.C 2	*	*	*	* differs	*
II.C 3	*	*	* differs	*	* differs
material not in papyrus			*		*
II.C 4					*
II.C 5					
II.C 6					
III.A					*
III.B					*
material not in papyrus					*



Pella Tablet – 4th century BCE Macedon

Of Thetima and Dionysophon the ritual wedding and the marriage I bind by a written spell, as well as (the marriage) of all other women (to him), both widows and maidens, but above all of Thetima; and I entrust (this spell) to Macron and to the daimones. And were I ever to unfold and read these words again after digging (the tablet) up, only then should Dionysophon marry, not before; may he indeed not take another beside myself, but let me alone grow old by the side of Dionysophon and no one else. I implore you: have pity for [Phila (?)], dear daimones, [for I am indeed bereft (?)] of all my dear ones and abandoned. But please keep this (piece of writing) for my sake so that these events do not happen and wretched Thetima perishes miserably [---] but let me become happy and blessed.

(Voutiras 1998: 8 = SEG 43.434, cp. Ogden #197)