

Week 7

Divination, Theurgy and Tantra

Required Reading

Theurgy

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Johnston, Sarah Iles (ed.), *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide* (Cambridge, MA 2004) : pp.649-650 on theurgy. **Available from UWTSD Library as an e-book**

Tantra

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Additional Reading

Theurgy (Primary Sources)

Chaldean Oracles. Text, translation and Commentary by Ruth Majercik (Leiden 1989 [2015]) **Available from the Prometheus Trust:** www.prometheustrust.co.uk

Iamblichus, *On the Mysteries*. Translated by Emma C. Clarke, John M. Dillon and Jackson P. Hershbell (Atlanta 2003) **Available at**

<http://www.archive.org/stream/iamblichusonmys00taylgoog/page/n9/mode/1up>

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Addey, C., "Oracles, Dreams and Astrology in Iamblichus' *De mysteriis*," in P. Curry and A. Voss (eds.) (2007), *Seeing with Different Eyes: Essays in Astrology and Divination*, Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007, 35-57. **Available from UWTSD Library through eBook collection EBSCO Host**

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Lawrence, Marilyn. 'Astral symbolism in theurgic rites'. In *Divination and Knowledge in Greco-Roman Antiquity*, ed. Crystal Addey, 270-94, London/New York: Routledge, 2022. **Available from UWTSD Library as an e-book**

Ogden, D., *Magic, Witchcraft and Ghosts in the Greek and Roman Worlds*, Oxford: Oxford University Press: 2002: Chapter 4: Apollonius of Tyana (ancient sources in translation); Chapter 14: Libanius and Apuleius (ancient sources in translation). **Available from UWTSD Library as an e-book**

Shaw, Gregory, *Theurgy and the Soul. The Neoplatonism of Iamblichus* (University Park 1995 [2014]) [186 IAMB.S], **Available from UWTSD Library as an e-book**

Sheppard, A., 'Proclus' Attitude to Theurgy', *The Classical Quarterly* 32.1 (1982), 212-224: **Available on JSTOR**

Struck, Peter T. *Birth of the Symbol: Ancient Readers at the Limits of their Texts*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004. **Available from UWTSD Library as an e-book**

Tanaseanu-Döbler, Ilinca, *Theurgy in Late Antiquity: The Invention of a Ritual Tradition* (Göttingen 2013) [203.8 TANA]. **Available from UWTSD Library as an e-book**

Tantra (Primary Sources)

Clark, B. 1995. *The Quintessence Tantras of Tibetan Medicine*. Ithaca: Snow Lion Publications. **Available at** <https://archive.org/details/quintessencetant00drba>

Tsong Kha pa (trans. Jeffrey Hopkins), 1980. *Tantra in Tibet: The Great Exposition of Secret Mantra – Volume 1*. London: George Allen and Unwin, [1977]. **Available at** <https://www.pdfdrive.com/the-great-exposition-of-secret-mantra-volume-1-tantra-in-tibet-e194677701.html>

Wallace, V. (trans.). 2004. *The Kālacakratāntra: The Chapter on the Individual together with the Vimalaprabhā*. Columbia: American Institute of Buddhist Studies. **Available at** <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1748-0922.2006.00101.4.x>

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Poupard, D. J. 2018. 'How the Turtle Lost its Shell: Sino-Tibetan Divination Manuals and Cultural Translation' in *HIMALAYA* 38(2). **Available at** <https://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/himalaya/vol38/iss2/5/>

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Samuel, G. 2008. *The Origins of Yoga and Tantra: Indic Religions to the Thirteenth Century*. Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press.
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Samuel, G. 2012. *Introducing Tibetan Buddhism*. Oxford, New York: Routledge: Chapter 3, pp.44-50 & Chapter 4
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White, D. G. 2000. *Tantra in practice: Mapping a Tradition*, in (ed.) White, D. G., *Tantra in Practice*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press. **Available from UWTSD Library**

Yoeli-Tlalim, R. 2014. 'Medicine, Astrology and Divination', in Hofer (ed) *Bodies in Balance: The Art of Tibetan Medicine* (University of Washington Press) pp. 90-104
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctvcwn8hk.12>