4. TO OURANOS,

incense—frankincense

Ouranos, father of all, eternal cosmic element,
primeval, beginning of all and end of all,
lord of the universe, moving about the earth like a sphere,
home of the blessed gods. Your motion is a roaring whirl,
and you envelop all as their celestial and terrestrial guard.
In your breast lies nature’s invincible drive;
dark-blue, indomitable, shimmering, variform,
all-seeing father of Kronos, blessed and most sublime divinity,
hearken and bring a life of holiness to the newly initiated.

5. TO ETHER,

incense—crocus

Yours are Zeus’ lofty dwelling and endless power,
and of the stars, the sun, and the moon you claim a share.
O tamer of all, fire-breather, life’s spark for every creature,
sublime Ether, best cosmic element,
radiant, luminous, starlit offspring,
I call upon you and beseech you to be temperate and clear.

6. TO PROTOGONOS,

incense—myrrh

Upon two-natured, great and ether-tossed Protagonos I call;
born of the egg, delighting in his golden wings,
he bellows like a bull, this begetter of blessed gods and mortal men.
Erikepaios, seed unforgettable, attended by many rites.

5 ineffable, hidden, brilliant scion, whose motion is whirring,
you scattered the dark mist that lay before your eyes
and, flapping your wings, you whirled about, and throughout this
world
you brought pure light. For this I call you Phanes
and Lord Priapos and bright-eyed Antauges.

10 But O blessed one of the many counsels and seeds, come gladly
to the celebrants of this holy and elaborate rite.