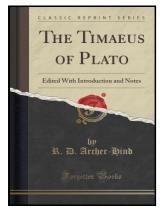
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Timaeus (dialogue)

Perhaps the reason is that for Timaeus—and by extension Plato—man is not simply a patchwork of physical parts: cells, tissues, organs, and systems. This naturally prompts the question: Why is so close a connection drawn between man and plants? Rather than returning to Athens, Alcibiades fled to Sparta, where he gave his best advice on how to overcome his mother city. Proclus would rather say the body becomes at one time an impediment to the soul and at another disturbs it in a less degree.

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Reprinted, Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co. But the gods, foreknowing that the palpitation of the heart in the expectation of danger and the swelling and excitement of passion was caused by fire, formed and implanted as a supporter to the heart the lung, which was, in the first place, soft and bloodless, and also had within hollows like the pores of a sponge, in order that by receiving the breath and the drink, it might give coolness and the power of respiration and alleviate the heat.

Plato: The Timaeus

But why would you need a fabricating or creator god when that solves nothing? The type of artisanal constraints at stake here do not commit an interpreter to think of the demiurge as a power less god. Just as puzzling is the subsequent passage on the movement of this soul according to certain mathematical ratios. Reydams-Schils, Notre Dame 2003 and M.

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Some dialogues such as the Republic, Symposium, and Phaedo are narrated. He invites his companions to give speeches of their own, but once they begin, he listens intently, never interrupting.

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