

τῆς μὲν κατ' οἴκους αὐτὸς ὄν θέλεις τάφον  
 θεοῦ· καὶ γὰρ ὀρθῶς τῶν γε σῶν τελεῖς ὕπερ·  
 ἐμοῦ δὲ μήποτ' ἀξιωθήτω τόδε  
 πατρῶον ἄστνυ ζῶντος οἰκητοῦ τυχεῖν, 1450  
 ἀλλ' ἔα με ναίειν ὄρεσιν, ἔνθα κλήζεται  
 οὐμὸς Κιθαιρῶν οὔτος, ὄν μήτηρ τέ μοι  
 πατήρ τ' ἐθέσθην ζῶντε κύριον τάφον,  
 ἔν' ἐξ ἐκείνων, οἳ μ' ἀπωλλύτην, θάνω.  
 καίτοι τοσοῦτόν γ' οἶδα, μήτε μ' ἂν νόσον 1455

1453 ζῶντε codd.: ζῶντι coniecit Toup., receperunt multi edd.: vide tamen annot.

too I lay an injunction, and will now make a prayer to thee; *i. e.* as I turn to the god for what he alone can give (cp. 1519 τοῦ θεοῦ μ' αἰτεῖς δόσιν), so I turn to *thee* for that which lies in thine own power. The midd. προστρέφομαι as in fr. 759 Ἐργάνην (Athene)...προστρέπεσθε: the active has the same sense in *Ai.* 831, *O. C.* 50. On the future, see 1077. There is no cause to desire ἐπισκήψω: each tense has its due force: I now enjoin, and am going on to ask. Just so in *Thuc.* 2. 44 οὐκ ὀλοφύρομαι μᾶλλον ἢ παραμυθήσομαι, where the conjecture ὀλοφουροῦμαι is needless: 'I *do not* bewail them, but rather *intend to* comfort them.' The reading προτρέφομαι must be judged by the context. With it, the sense is:—yes [*I am sensible of my duty to Apollo*], and I enjoin on *thee*, and will *exhort* thee, to do thine. (Cp. 358 προτρέψω: *Plat. Legg.* 711 B πρὸς ἀρετῆς ἐπιτηδεύματα προτρέπεσθαι τοὺς πολίτας.) But this strain of lofty admonition seems little in accord with the tone of the broken man who has just acknowledged Creon's unexpected goodness (1432), and is now a suppliant (cp. 1468). In *Ai.* 831 and *O. C.* 50, where προστρέπω is undoubtedly right, προτρέπω occurs as a variant. 1447 τῆς...κατ' οἴκους: the *name* of Iocasta has not been uttered since 1235. Contrast 950. 1448 τελεῖς, absol., like ἔρδειν, perform rites, *i. e.* the ἐντάφια (*Isae. or.* 8 § 38). The special term for offerings to the dead was ἐναγίζειν (*Isae. or.* 3 § 46). 1449 ἀξιωθήτω, *be condemned*: *Her.* 3. 145 ἐμὲ μὲν, ὦ κάκιστε ἀνδρῶν, ...ἀδικήσαντα οὐδὲν ἄξιον δεσμοῦ γοργύρης ἠξίωσας, *doomed* me to a dungeon though I had done no wrong *worthy* of bonds. 1451 ἔα, a monosyllable by synizesis, as in *Ant.* 95 ἀλλ' ἔα με. Cp. *Od.* 9. 283 νέα μὲν μοι κατέαξε Ποσειδάων ἐνοσίχθων. ὄρεσιν, locative dative, cp. γῆ, 1266. ἔνθα κλήζεται κ.τ.λ., lit., 'where my Cithaeron yonder is