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POWERS IN PHILO'S *DE OPIFICIO MUNDI*

Situated at the crossword of Judaism and Platonism, Philo's treatise *De opificio mundi*, distinguishes between different types of powers (*dunameis*): God's powers as Maker and Father, which are received by the Divine *Logos* considered as the place (*topos*) of these powers; the powers of numbers, such as four, six and seven; the powers of particular things, from the sun and moon, fixed stars and planets to every single creature on earth, including our "human" power. Present on every ontological level and enabling the participation of the sensible realm to the intelligible realm, as well as the presence of the latter in the former, powers can be considered as the dynamic manifestation of the Divine *Logos* unfolding his activity on every level of the ontological scale.