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They palmed him as victim on the grass
Purusha born in earliest time
With him the deities sacrificed
From that great sacrifice the
dripping fat was gathered up.
He formed the creatures of the air, and
animals both wild and tame.
There from were spells and charms produced.

Purusha — Sukta Hymn of Man Rigveda — a collection of 1017 Sanskrit religious hymns dating in the second millennium B.C., filled with magical incantations and invocation.

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