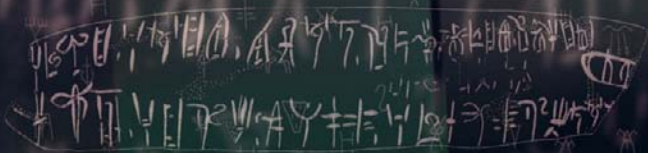


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## *Preface*

### *Archaeology of the book*

This book was originally commissioned from James Hooker (1931–91), then Reader in Classics at University College London. A parallel *Reader* in Latin was commissioned from Patrick Considine and is in preparation. At the time of his death Hooker had prepared the first draft of a manuscript, which the distinguished linguist and phonetician Katrina Hayward (1951–2001) agreed to take forward to publication; Hayward was then in the Department of Linguistics at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. Hooker's early death was by sad coincidence to be shared by Hayward. In the last months of her illness she spent time annotating the manuscript; when her friend and colleague Patrick Considine suggested that I take over the commission after her death in 2001 I was honoured to do so (Hayward, a student of Anna Morpurgo Davies, had been my doctoral examiner at Oxford in the early 1990s). I inherited Hooker's original draft, with Hayward's (always useful and perceptive) comments. After some hesitation I decided it would be impossible to bring it out in its original form, since it was well over a decade old, and its original author had not intended the draft for publication in the form in which it survived. Nor was it clear that, if I made the substantial additions that were necessary, either of the two earlier scholars would have wanted to take responsibility for my views. I therefore retained the structure of the book, but rewrote it almost from scratch within that framework. Some of the passages reflect Hooker's original selection, and in those instances I mostly retained his elegant translations. I referred constantly to his commentary, of course, in preparing my own, and made use of Hayward's remarks on the texts wherever possible. For the most part, however, I take full responsibility for the book, and any errors in judgement or execution are mine.

### *Notes on use*

The book is intended as an introduction to the history of the ancient Greek language for university-level students. It includes a selection of

epigraphic and literary texts from the Mycenaean period (roughly the fourteenth century BC) to the koiné (the latest text dates to the second century AD). In the epigraphic section I wanted to balance a selection of well-known epigraphic texts with recent discoveries which may not be easily available elsewhere. I have linked commentary to an outline reference grammar, and have tried to provide a basic amount of up-to-date bibliography so that advanced students and others can pursue linguistic issues at greater depth where necessary. The reference grammar is not a comprehensive historical grammar: it is an outline which is meant to provide a general historical context, and to explain features which occur in the texts in a more orderly way than is possible in the commentary. A general aim has been to provide an overview of recent linguistic thinking, especially in areas such as dialectology and the koiné, where excellent work by international scholars in the last couple of decades has not yet become easily accessible.

In the literary section the choice of passages was difficult to make, especially as the book is not intended as a chrestomathy of Greek literature. I chose passages which would illustrate the general lines of the linguistic development of Greek as economically as possible. I was not thinking primarily of the stylistic development of the language, though the two are often difficult to untangle. I ended the selection with the koiné in line with the original conception of the book: and indeed for obvious cultural and sociolinguistic reasons a detailed study of the development of Greek after the Hellenistic period would have to be a very different enterprise, given the diglossia which adds an extra level of complication to the analysis of written texts after the disappearance of the dialects.

The book may also serve as a practical introduction to historical linguistics and linguistic method as applied to a corpus language. No prior experience of Indo-European or theoretical linguistics is assumed, though in fact anyone who has mastered the ancient Greek language will have developed a range of practical linguistic skills that theoreticians might well envy. There is a glossary of linguistic terms at the back; beginners may have to do some basic homework such as familiarizing themselves with a small range of characters from the International Phonetic Alphabet.

*Texts and transliterations*

Since the book is linguistic in design, direct transliterations from Greek have in general been used rather than the Latinized version (thus *Sotairos* rather than *Sotaerus*). The usual cultural exceptions have been made in the case of familiar literary and historical names (*Thucydides*, *Lucian*, etc.); but thematic (second declension) names in *-os* are not changed to *-us*.

In epigraphic and papyrological texts dotted letters have been kept to a minimum, especially where there is a well-established modern text whose readings are widely accepted. The best or most recent edition available has served as the basis for the extracts, supplemented by any recent commentary or revision. The use of diacritics varies from editor to editor (for example, some use rough breathings in inscriptions from psilotic areas in line with the conventions of a modern printed text, and likewise iota subscript). In this book the notation of breathings in inscriptions reflects what is known of the local phonology (sometimes this is doubtful); iota subscript is not used; and makrons are printed on vowels in Greek texts as an aid to the reader (and in some cases they indicate an editorial judgement). Standard Attic accentuation is printed except in the case of eastern Aeolic (§23.10). In the case of literary texts with a continuous transmission I have indicated the edition used and noted significant departures. In the case of fragments (surviving in quotation, papyri, etc.) I have referred to a standard modern collection. The use of an apparatus has been kept to an absolute minimum.

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My debts to scholars in the field will be obvious to anyone who has worked on the history of Greek. I have relied so heavily on the ideas of Albio Cassio, Anna Morpurgo Davies, and Cornelius Ruijgh that citation became an almost superfluous exercise. There are many others, in particular a generation of post-war Spanish and French scholars and their students, who shaped the discipline after the appearance of the great German handbooks of the early part of the twentieth century. I have tried to rein in the list of citations, given the intended readership, and I hope that the absence of a reference to an important piece of work will not be taken as a slight. Buck's *Greek Dialects* has been a near-constant companion for over two decades;



the nature of the present book and considerations of space ruled out any attempt at a grammar of the Greek dialects on the same scale.

It remains to thank friends and colleagues who have read versions of the present work. Patrick Considine read a draft of the epigraphic commentary and saved me from numerous mistakes and omissions. Philomen Probert and Eleanor Dickey read an entire draft with customary acumen and patience, and I am deeply indebted to their kind suggestions. Alan Griffiths and Donna Shalev also read sections of the literary commentary: the resulting text benefited greatly from their expert advice. The list of scholars who have endured importuning on specific issues, and made courteous and helpful suggestions, includes Victor Bers, Ann Hanson, Simon Hornblower, Stephen Instone, Bentley Layton, Herwig Maehler, Craig Melchert, Andrew Sihler, Elizabeth Tucker, Michael Weiss, and Julia Wildberger. Much of the work was completed while on research leave at Yale University, and completed at University College London. It is a pleasure to record thanks to both of these institutions.

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## *Abbreviations and Symbols*

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### **Languages and dialects**

Aeol.	Aeolic
Arc.	Arcadian
Att.	Attic
Boe.	Boeotian
Cyp.	Cypriot
Hom.	Homeric
IE	Indo-European
Ion.	Ionic
Lac.	Laconian
Lesb.	Lesbian
Myc.	Mycenaean
NW Gk.	North-west Greek
Skt.	Sanskrit
Thess.	Thessalian
WGk.	West Greek

### **Linguistic abbreviations and symbols**

C	Consonant (e.g. C-stem: consonant stem)
V	Vowel
R	Resonant ( <i>r, l, m, n, w, y</i> and the laryngeals): see Glossary
*	Reconstructed form, no longer extant
<	Develops out of, is derived from
>	Becomes, develops into
<i>i</i>	Consonantal <i>i</i>
<i>m, n</i>	Vocalic <i>m, n</i> (or any resonant)
[a:]	Colon indicates a long vowel
[a:]	Square brackets denote a sound in (broad) phonetic transcription
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them., athem. thematic, athematic (see Glossary)

[ɛ:]	η	open mid front, as in Fr. <i>élève</i> (second syllable), Brit. Engl. <i>snared</i>
[ɛ:]	ει	close mid front, as in Fr. <i>élève</i> (first syllable), Ger. <i>Beet</i>
[ɔ:]	ω	open mid back, as in Engl. <i>more</i>
[ɔ:]	ου	close mid back, as in Fr. <i>beau</i> , Ger. <i>Kohl</i>

### Editorial abbreviations and symbols

cj.	Conjecture
ed. pr.	<i>Editor prior</i> : first modern editor of an ancient text
[     ]	Square brackets in a text enclose restorations (typically where the stone or papyrus is damaged)
<     >	Angle brackets in a text enclose additions suggested by editors (letters or words mistakenly omitted by the engraver or scribe)
{     }	Curly brackets in a text enclose letters which the editor believes were mistakenly added by the engraver (or scribe): e.g. repeated letters or words
(s)	Round brackets in a text are occasionally used to indicate single writing of a double consonant (normal in archaic inscriptions) across a word boundary: e.g. τὰ(s) στήλας where the stone has ταστηλας.
Ɀ	A dot under a letter indicates that only part of the letter is visible (its reading may be in doubt)

### Epigraphic publications and edited collections

Buck	C. D. Buck, <i>The Greek Dialects</i> (Chicago 1955)
Calame	C. Calame, <i>Alcman. Introduction, texte critique, témoignages, traduction et commentaire</i> (Rome 1983)
CEG	<i>Carmina epigraphica Graeca saeculorum VIII–V a.Chr.n.</i> , ed. P. A. Hansen (Berlin 1983)
CID	<i>Corpus des Inscriptions de Delphes</i> , vol. 1, ed. G. Rougemont (Paris 1977)
IEG	<i>Iambi et elegi Graeci ante Alexandrum cantati</i> <sup>2</sup> , ed. M. L. West (Oxford 1992)
I. Erythrai	<i>Die Inschriften von Erythrai und Klazomenai (IGSK 1–2)</i> , ed. H. Engelmann and R. Merkelbach (1972–3)
LSAG	L. H. Jeffery, <i>The Local Scripts of Archaic Greece</i> , 2nd edn. rev. A. W. Johnston (Oxford 1990)

LXX	Septuagint: J. W. Williams (ed.), <i>Septuaginta</i> (Göttingen 1974)
Meiggs– Lewis	R. Meiggs and D. Lewis (eds.), <i>A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions to the end of the 5th Century B.C.</i> (Oxford 1969)
NAGVI	R. Wachter, <i>Non-Attic Greek Vase Inscriptions</i> (Oxford 2001)
<i>Nomima</i>	<i>Nomima: recueil d'inscriptions politiques et juridiques de l'archaïsme grec</i> , ed. H. van Effenterre and F. Ruzé, 2 vols. (Rome 1994–5)
PCG	<i>Poetae Comici Graeci</i> , eds. C. Austin and R. Kassel (Berlin and New York 1983– )
PMG	<i>Poetae Melici Graeci</i> , ed. D. L. Page (Oxford 1962)
Schwyzler	E. Schwyzler, <i>Dialectorum Graecarum exempla epigraphica potiora</i> (Leipzig 1923)
SEG	<i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i> (Leiden)
Sihler	A. Sihler, <i>New Comparative Grammar of Greek and Latin</i> (Oxford 1995)
Ventris– Chadwick	M. Ventris and J. Chadwick, <i>Documents in Mycenaean Greek</i> , 2nd edn. (Cambridge 1973)
Voigt	<i>Sappho et Alcaeus. Fragmenta edidit Eva-Maria Voigt</i> (Amsterdam 1971)

### Journals and ancient authors

Unless self-evident, the abbreviations of journals follow *L'Année philologique*, and those of ancient authors follow Liddell–Scott–Jones, *Greek–English Lexicon* (9th edn.). General abbreviations, such as parts of speech, also follow Liddell–Scott–Jones.

# I. Introduction

## §1. GREEK AND INDO-EUROPEAN

1. Greek is one of a number of interrelated languages that spread over a vast area of Europe and Asia during the second and first millennia BC. These languages are now known as 'Indo-European', since at the time of the discovery of the relationship the languages were known to exist in Europe and the Indian subcontinent. Apart from Greek, the earliest attested Indo-European languages are Sanskrit (India); Avestan and Old Persian (Iran); the Anatolian languages (Hittite, Luwian, and others); and Latin and the Italic languages of central Italy. Celtic (continental) is attested in inscriptions starting in the VI cent. BC, but is not well documented until the seventh century AD (Old Irish). Indo-European languages (or language-groups) which are not attested until the common era include Albanian, Armenian, Baltic, Germanic, Slavic, and Tocharian (central Asia). The hypothesis that all these languages are derived from an original 'parent' language (never written down) was put forward by Sir William Jones (in a now-famous speech in Calcutta) in the eighteenth century, but the term 'Indo-European' to denote this language did not come into use until the nineteenth century. Jones argued that the correspondences between Sanskrit, Greek, and Latin were so many and so striking that they could not be ascribed to mere chance. We owe the comparative method for the systematic study of Indo-European to the nineteenth-century Indo-Europeanists, beginning with Franz Bopp, Rasmus Rask, and Jacob Grimm; Bopp's pioneering comparison of the verbal systems of Sanskrit, Avestan, Latin, Greek, and Germanic was published in 1816.

The nineteenth- and early twentieth-century linguists relied on the family tree as model for language history (i.e. a 'genetic' model which saw language history largely in terms of parent and daughter languages). This was influenced by the emergence of disciplines such

as botany and natural history (Charles Darwin, *Origin of Species*, 1859). In the second half of the twentieth century the development of sociolinguistics led to a slightly modified view of language development. Although languages are constantly evolving (and an earlier stage of the language may in that sense be thought of as a parent language), it is recognized (*a*) that most languages are in fact agglomerations of dialects (social and regional) rather than unitary phenomena, and (*b*) that interaction with neighbouring languages, or other types of language contact (such as the arrival in the community of people speaking a different language), can have as much influence on what a language looks like as its historical roots.

Modern linguists do not recognize any important difference between a language and a dialect: the distinction is political and ideological, not linguistic.

2. The movements of peoples and the interaction of one language with another make it very difficult to plot the dispersion of Indo-European and the development of the individual languages. The processes by which the various language-groups were carried to their destinations from a hypothetical Indo-European homeland must have been complex. The location of this homeland has been the subject of much speculation. If there was indeed an Indo-European language (which is likely, like most languages, to have consisted of a group of dialects), then it must indeed have been spoken by specific people living in a specific area. But the methods employed to determine this region have not yet produced a solution that is universally accepted. Proposals for a centre of Indo-European dispersement stretch east from central Europe to Anatolia, the Black Sea and Caucasus region, and across the southern Russian steppes as far as the Ural mountains.

3. Speakers of an Indo-European dialect reached Greece at some point during the first half of the second millennium BC (estimates range from 2100 to 1600 BC). The nineteenth-century view that Greek-speakers entered Greece in three waves, each separated from the next by as much as 400 years, has now been abandoned. These waves were thought to correspond to early dialect groups (Ionic, Aeolic, and Doric), and it followed that the Greek language had

developed its salient characteristics outside of Greece proper. Research in the second half of the twentieth century led scholars to conclude that this cannot have been the case: Greek—including the historical dialects—developed within Greece, and dialect differences are due to normal processes of interaction and differentiation that arose as a function of Greek geography and human agency. By whatever means they arrived and were assimilated into the indigenous peoples, the newcomers borrowed many items of vocabulary that were eventually absorbed into the Greek language. This category includes nouns containing the non-Greek elements *-vθoς* or *-σ(σ)oς*. The words in question are names of natural features (for instance Mount *Παρνασσός*, the river *Κηφισός*), plant-names (*ύάκινθος*), towns (*Κνωσός*), and certain cultural artefacts (*ἀσάμινθος*, ‘bathtub’, *πλίνθος*, ‘brick’). These non-Greek words may conceivably belong to an Indo-European language that was brought to Greece before the arrival of the Greek-speakers (either an unknown language, sometimes named Pelasgian, or a neighbouring language such as Luwian). But this ‘substrate’ language cannot be reconstructed from the meagre evidence at our disposal, and its affinities are probably beyond the reach of our research.

*Arrival of the Greeks*: Drews (1988), Garrett (1999). *Indo-European*: Mallory (1989), Baldi (1983). *Comparative method*: Meillet (1924). *Nineteenth-century scholarship*: Morpurgo Davies (1998).

## §2. MYCENAEAN GREEK

At the beginning of our historical survey, c.1500 BC, we find two civilizations occupying a dominant position in the Aegean area. These have become known in modern times as the ‘Minoan’ civilization in Crete and the ‘Mycenaean’ in southern and central Greece. The non-Greek Minoan was the older of the two: the Mycenaeans were heavily influenced by Minoan culture, and Mycenaean civilization at its height was essentially a fusion of the Minoan and the native (‘Helladic’) culture of the Greek mainland. Between the sixteenth and the twelfth centuries BC, Mycenaean power and influence expanded at the expense of the Minoans, and the Mycenaeans seem



to have taken control of Crete itself in the fifteenth century. Mycenaean power was at its height between 1400 and 1200, with the establishment of great palatial centres at Pylos, Mycenae, and Tiryns in the Peloponnese, and Thebes and Orchomenos in Boeotia. Mycenaean settlement is attested in the Cycladic Islands, the Dodecanese, and on the west coast of Asia Minor. There is also evidence for Mycenaean trading activity around the Mediterranean, with Cyprus and the Levant in particular, and with Sicily and southern Italy in the West.

The Mycenaean world went into decline during the twelfth century, at a time of unrest throughout the eastern Mediterranean world. Widespread destruction brought the life of many of the palatial centres to an end (including Pylos and Thebes), while others, such as Mycenae and Tiryns, survived for a time in spite of severe devastation.<sup>1</sup> The date of the final destruction of the palace at Knossos, which was inhabited by Mycenaean in its final phase, is a matter of some controversy.<sup>2</sup> Most archaeologists (following Evans, the original excavator of the site) have argued that the material evidence points to a date around 1400–1375; others believe that a date closer to 1200 is more likely, as this would bring the events at Knossos into line with the destruction of the mainland sites. The dispute affects the dating of the Linear B tablets found at Knossos (the conventional dating of 1375–1350 is followed in this book).

<sup>1</sup> Murray (1993: 7–8). <sup>2</sup> Palmer and Boardman (1963), MacGillivray (2000: 308–9).

### §3. Linear B Script

Many of the ‘palaces’ (administrative centres) of Mycenaean Greece and Crete contained archives of clay tablets inscribed in the Linear B script. These tablets survived because they were baked in the fires which destroyed the palaces: substantial numbers of tablets have been found at Pylos, Mycenae, and Thebes on the mainland, and at Knossos on Crete. Linear B was so named by Arthur Evans because it is a linear (as opposed to pictographic) script that is clearly derived from an older script found at Knossos that he named Linear A. This

script presumably records the language of the Minoans, which is unknown; too little survives to permit a verifiable decipherment.

Linear B conveys information partly by means of words spelled out in syllabic signs (*syllabograms*), and partly by means of ideograms. These ideograms (often stylized drawings of the object in question) are not used in the body of the text, but typically stand at the end of a line or clause in a totalling formula, and are followed by a numeral (almost all of the tablets are lists of one sort or another). Nearly a hundred syllabic signs are used in the Linear B documents, and sound-values can be assigned to about three-quarters of these (the most common) with reasonable certainty. The script is often ambiguous: it does not represent all the phonemic distinctions of Greek (see below), and is not suited to writing consonant clusters.

#### §4. Syllabification

Linear B signs denote a vowel (V) or consonant + vowel (CV). In a very few cases a sign denotes two consonants followed by a vowel (CCV), but in general consonant clusters have to be written either by inserting extra vowels, or by omitting consonants:

- 1 Most syllables of the pattern CCV have to be written either
  - (a) with the aid of ‘empty’ vowels: e.g. *Φρινίω* ‘leather’ is spelled *wi-ri-ni-jo*;
  - (b) by omitting consonants (this is normal with clusters *s+* obstruent): *pe-mo* = *σπέρμο*.
- 2 In the case of syllables of the shape VC or CVC (i.e. closed syllables)
  - (a) the final consonant is not usually represented: e.g. *pa-we-a<sub>2</sub>* = *φάρφε(h)α*, *pe-mo* = *σπέρμο*;
  - (b) but a final obstruent is spelled out: *τέκτονες* ‘carpenters’ *te-ko-to-ne*.
- 3 Word-final consonants (i.e. *-n*, *-r*, and *-s*) are ignored.

These ‘rules’ do not fully capture Linear B spelling, and the underlying principles have been much disputed.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Woodard (1997: 8–132).

*08 a	*38 e	*28 i	*61 o	*10 u	*25 a <sub>2</sub>	*43 ai	*85 au	*18	*83
									
*01 da	*45 de	*07 di	*14 do	*51 du	*71 dwe	*90 dwo		*19	*86
									
*57 ja	*46 je		*36 jo					*22	*89
									
*77 ka	*44 ke	*67 ki	*70 ko	*81 ku				*34	
									
*80 ma	*13 me	*73 mi	*15 mo	*23 mu				*35	
									
*06 na	*24 ne	*30 ni	*52 no	*55 nu	*71 nwa			*47	
									
*03 pa	*72 pe	*39 pi	*11 po	*50 pu	*29 pu <sub>2</sub>	*61 pte		*49	
									
*16 qa	*78 qe	*21 qi	*32 qo					*56	
									
*60 ra	*27 re	*53 ri	*02 ro	*26 ru	*76 ra <sub>2</sub>	*33 ra <sub>3</sub>	*68 ro <sub>2</sub>	*63	
									
*31 sa	*09 se	*41 si	*12 so	*58 su				*64	
									
*59 ta	*04 te	*37 ti	*05 to	*69 tu	*66 ta <sub>2</sub>	*87 twe	*91 two	*65	
									
*54 wa	*75 we	*40 wi	*42 wo					*79	
									
*17 za	*74 ze		*20 zo					*82	
									

There is some consensus that \*82 may be *swa*. \*34/\*35 may be variants of the same sign, and may denote *lu*.

Figure 1 The Linear B syllabary

### §5. Vowels

Vowel-length is not indicated, and *i*-diphthongs are generally represented by the simple vowel (*ko-wo*, *κόςφοι*).

### §6. Liquids

Only one series of signs is used for *l* and *r*: this series is by convention transcribed with *r* (*re-u-ko* = *λευκός*). The glide-sound *w* is usually inserted between two vowels when the first vowel is *u* (*ta-ra-nu-we*, *θράννες*), and *y* (written *-j-*) when the first vowel is *i* (*i-je-re-u*, *ίερεύς*).

### §7. Stops

1. PLAIN There is just one series for the labial stops (*π*, *β*, and *φ*), conventionally written *p-*; one series for the velar stops (*κ*, *γ*, *χ*), written *k-*; while the signs for apical stops differentiate between voiced and voiceless series (*d-/t-*, §10.5).

2. LABIOVELAR A single series (transcribed *q-*) shows that the IE labiovelars had not yet merged with the dental and labial stops, as in later Greek. Their phonetic value can only be guessed, though it is generally assumed to be *κ<sup>w</sup>*, *γ<sup>w</sup>*, *χ<sup>w</sup>* (§10.6).

## §8. Mycenaean Dialect

The Linear B archives are written in a standard form of Greek (sometimes called a chancellery language). This official language used by the scribes obscures the fact that a number of different dialects must already have existed within Greek. In the alphabetic period (first millennium BC) the Greek dialects can be divided into West Greek, comprising Doric and North-west Greek, and East Greek, comprising Attic-Ionic and Arcado-Cypriot (§15 below). The Aeolic dialects do not fit easily into this scheme (see §33 below).

We can see in Mycenaean Greek that in verbal endings the third person *ti* (inherited from IE) has already become *si* (thus *e-ko-si* = *ἔχουσι*); and we can also see from alphabetic inscriptions of the first millennium that while the eastern dialects have *si* in this

position, the dialects of western Greece retain original *ti* (thus West Greek ἔχοντι = Attic-Ionic ἔχουσι < ἔχονσι). In this and other respects Mycenaean seems to be part of the eastern grouping: for example, Myc. *o-te* ‘when’ represents ὄτε, which is characteristic of eastern Greek (western Greek has ὄκα); and *i-je-re-u* ‘priest’ recalls eastern *iερ-* (rather than western *ιαρ-*). This indicates that the divergence between western and eastern Greek had already taken place in Mycenaean times, and that dialects of the western type must have existed somewhere in the Greek-speaking world (this in turn raises the question of where the Dorians were in the Bronze Age, and whether the Greek belief that they did not enter the Peloponnese until after the Trojan War should be given any credence).

*Greek dialects in the Bronze Age*: García Ramón (1975), Horrocks (1997: 6–15).

### §9. Vocabulary

The vocabulary of Mycenaean Greek is more or less the same mixture of Indo-European, substrate, and borrowed items that we find in later Greek. Myc. words with well-established IE origins include:

<i>de-</i>	δε-	‘bind, tie’	<i>ne-wo</i>	νέφος	‘new’
<i>di-we</i>	Διφεί	‘Zeus’ (dat.)	<i>pa-te</i>	πατήρ	‘father’
<i>do-</i>	δο-/δω-	‘give’	<i>pe-ma</i>	σπέρμα	‘seed’
<i>e-ke</i>	ἔχει	‘have’	<i>po-de</i>	ποδεί	‘foot’ (dat./instr.)
<i>e-q-</i>	έπ-	‘follow’	<i>-qe</i>	τε	‘and’
<i>me-no</i>	μηνός	‘month’	<i>te-ke</i>	θήκε	‘put, place’ (aor.)
<i>me-ri</i>	μέλι	‘honey’	<i>wi-de</i>	ΐδε	‘see’ (aor.)

Other words apparently lack IE cognates:

<i>a-to-ro-qo</i>	άνθρωπος	‘human’	<i>ke-se-nu-w-</i>	ξενΐ-	‘foreign’
<i>do-e-ro</i>	δοϋλος	‘slave’	<i>o-no</i>	όνος	‘donkey’
<i>e-ra<sub>3</sub>-wo</i>	έλαιΐον	‘olive oil’	<i>ra-wo-</i>	λαΐός	‘people’
<i>ka-ko</i>	χαλκός	‘bronze’	<i>re-wo</i>	λεΐοντ-	‘lion’
<i>ke-ra-me-u</i>	κεραμείς	‘potter’	<i>wa-na-ka</i>	ΐναξ	‘lord’

Certain words ending in *-(i)nthos* and *-(s)sos* have traditionally been associated with the substrate language(s) of Greece, i.e. the language (which may or may not have been Indo-European) spoken by the inhabitants of Greece before the arrival of the ‘Greeks’ (§1.3 above). In addition, some words are clearly loans from Semitic or other neighbouring languages:<sup>1</sup>

<i>e-re-pa</i>	ἐλέφας	‘ivory’	<i>ku-ru-so</i>	χρυσός	‘gold’
<i>ki-to</i>	χιτών	‘tunic’	<i>ku-wa-no</i>	κύφανος	‘blue enamel’
<i>ku-mi-no</i>	κύμινον	‘cumin’	<i>sa-sa-ma</i>	σάσαμα	‘sesame’

As one would expect, some changes in meaning are detectable between the Mycenaean period and Homeric Greek:

Mycenaean:			Homeric:		
<i>a-mo-ta</i>	ἄρματα	‘wheels’	ἄρματα	‘chariot’ <sup>2</sup>	
<i>qa-si-re-u</i>	γ <sup>w</sup> ασιλεύς	‘supervisor’	βασιλεύς	‘king’ <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Szemerényi (1974), Burkert (1992: 33–40). <sup>2</sup> Ruijgh (1976).

<sup>3</sup> Murray (1993: 38), Yamagata (1997).

## §10. Phonology

Mycenaean has been well described as a milestone between Indo-European and Greek.<sup>1</sup> While certain sound-changes characteristic of Greek have already occurred (for example *\*s- > h-*), others have not (notably the development of labiovelars to labials and dentals); and in a third category the writing system does not allow us to be certain (loss of final obstruents and Grassmann’s Law, §23.5). It is worth noticing that a number of characteristic Greek sound-changes have not yet happened in Mycenaean, and cannot therefore be ascribed to a stage of ‘common’ (i.e. undifferentiated) Greek. This implies that it was not only dialect differentiation that occurred on Greek soil (§1.3), but also processes of integration or coalescence by which the Greek language was formed.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Szemerényi (1968*b*). <sup>2</sup> Morpurgo Davies (1985: 76), Garrett (1999).

## 1. Vowels

Although Greek vowels are conservative until the early classical period, the Myc. vowel system must nevertheless have been different from classical Gk. in important respects, owing to the post-Myc. creation of a new series of long vowels.

The inherited long vowels [ɛ:] (η) and [ɔ:] (ω) were low (or open). The 'new' long vowels [ɛ:] and [ɔ:] had a close quality: they developed from contraction and compensatory lengthening (they were written with the digraphs *ει, ου* from the late V cent., §23.1). It is unlikely that secondary long *e* and *o* had developed in Myc. Greek, since they were triggered by changes in the consonant system which are post-Mycenaean:

(a) loss of intervocalic *y* (*τρεῑς* < *τρéyεs*), *h* (from *s*: *γένους* < *γέν-εhos*), and *w*;

(b) a tendency to open syllables by dropping (e.g.) *n* before *s* (this was accompanied by compensatory lengthening of the vowel to preserve the syllabic structure): *λυθένς* > *λυθείς*.

The Attic-Ionic change *ā* > η is to be dated to the early first millennium BC, and may have been triggered by the new long *a* produced by the developments outlined above: i.e. *πάνς* (from \**pant-s*) > *πâς* (the new [a:] being lower than the inherited vowel, which moved towards [ä:] before merging finally with [ɛ:]).

## 2. Semi-vowels

- \**y*
  - Intervocalic \**y* is preserved: e.g. in the gen. sing. ending *-o-jo* (from \*-*osyo*).
  - Initial \**y*- develops into two separate sounds in Greek (viz. *h*- and *z*-): the reasons for this have never been properly understood. Myc. shows already the split treatment familiar from later Greek: cf. *ze-u-ke-si* versus the relative stem *o-ljo-* (indication that the change *y*- > *h*- was in progress).
- \**w*
  - That *w* is preserved in Myc. is hardly surprising, given that it survives in many dialects into the alphabetic period: thus *wa-na-ka*, *Ἔναξ*, *ko-wo*, *κόρφος*.

## 3. Syllabic resonants

The syllabic resonants  $*\eta$ ,  $*\eta$ ,  $*r$ ,  $*l$  of Indo-European show the reflexes familiar from alphabetic Greek:

- $*\eta$ ,  $*\eta$  • Become *a* before a consonant and at word end (*a-ki-ti-to*, *ἄκτιτος* ‘uncultivated’ <  $*\eta$ -*k-ti-*); but also *o* when preceded by a labial consonant (cf. *pe-mo*, much more frequent than *pe-ma*, *σπέρμα*, ‘seed’ <  $*sper-m\eta$ ).
- Are vocalized *am*, *an* before a vowel (*a-na-mo-to*, *ἀνάμωστος*, ‘unassembled’).
- $*r$ ,  $*l$  • Are vocalized *or* ~ *ro* etc. as in later Aeolic and Arc.-Cyp. (*tu-ka-to-si* [t<sup>h</sup>ugatorsi], class. *θυγατράσι*, ‘daughters’ dat. plur.).

(They are vocalized *ar* ~ *ra* in Att.-Ion. and West Gk.)

4. Fricative: *s* (and aspirate *h*)

The sign transcribed  $a_2$  is the only indicator of aspiration in Myc., and is used irregularly. The characteristic Gk. sound-change  $*s > h$  (before a vowel, §23.10) is already evident in: *e-me* (instr.) <  $*sem-$ , ‘one’.<sup>1</sup> Intervocally there is every indication that the *-h-* was still present in Myc., as opposed to the hiatus of later Greek: *pa-we-a\_2* [p<sup>h</sup>arwe<sup>h</sup>a] <  $*p^h arwes-a$ .<sup>2</sup> The *s* has been analogically restored in some places (the sigmatic aorist and future: *do-se*, *δώσει*), but not yet in others (such as the 1st–2nd decl. dat. plur.): *e-pe-to-i* [h<sup>h</sup>erpetoi<sup>h</sup>i], ‘serpents’. The irregular aspiration metathesis seen in alphabetic Greek (*εὔω* <  $*ew^h\bar{o}$  <  $*ews\bar{o}$ ) seems to be post-Mycenaean: e.g. *a-mo*, ‘wheel’ [ar<sup>h</sup>mo] (Pylos and Knossos) from  $*ar-sm\eta$  is never spelled with  $a_2$ -. Contrast the initial aspirate in classical *ἄρμα*, ‘chariot’.

<sup>1</sup> Palmer (1980: 235) for Gk. development of an aspirate from pre-vocalic  $\sigma$ -. <sup>2</sup> Colvin (2006).

## 5. Stops: apical

The voiced apical  $\delta$  is written with one series *da de di do du*, the unvoiced  $\tau$   $\theta$  with a distinct series *ta te ti to tu* (§2.2 above). The presence of two separate series for the apical stops provides valuable evidence that the IE voiced aspirate stops were already devoiced in Mycenaean: cf. *tu-ka-te*, *θυγάτηρ* < IE  $*d^hug^{(h)}H_2 ter-$ .



## 6. Stops: labiovelar

Labialized velar stops seem to have been preserved in Mycenaean (§7.2 above), except that the voiced aspirates will have been devoiced in line with other obstruents:  $\kappa^w$ ,  $\gamma^w$ ,  $\chi^w$  (< \* $g^{wh}$ ).

By the time of alphabetic Greek the labiovelars had fallen together with either labial or dental stops in most dialects (but cf. Arc.-Cyp. §27.2), depending on the phonetic environment:

- \* $k^w$  >  $\pi$  before *a, o*, or consonant;  $\tau$  before a front vowel (*e, i*).  
 Cf. *re- $qo$ -me-no* [leik<sup>w</sup>omenoi] ‘leaving’, class. *λειπόμενοι*.
- \* $g^w$  >  $\beta$  before *a, o*, consonant (and *i*);  $\delta$  before *e*.  
 Cf. *qo-u-ko-ro* [g<sup>w</sup>ou-kolos], ‘cow-herd’, class. *βουκόλος*.
- \* $g^{wh}$  >  $\varphi$  before *a, o*, consonant (and *i*);  $\theta$  before *e*.  
 No clear examples from Myc., but see the following.

In addition, all labiovelars had lost their labial element by dissimilation when they were next to a *u*, and had ended up as plain velars. This is already evident in Mycenaean.

Cf. *e-u-ke-to* [euk<sup>h</sup>etoi], ‘declares’ (\**eug<sup>wh</sup>-*), class. *εὔχεται*.

7. Consonant clusters: stop + *y*

The combination of a velar or apical stop and a consonantal *y* gave a new sound in Greek (the effect known as palatalization). This has already happened in Mycenaean:

- me-zo-e* < \**meg-yohes* (cf. class. *μείζων*), ‘bigger’;  
*to-pe-za* < \**t<sub>ɣ</sub>ped-ya* (cf. class. *τράπεζα*), ‘table’;  
*to-so* < \**totyos* (cf. class. *τόσος, τόσσος*), ‘so much’;  
*pa-sa* < \**pant-ya* (cf. class. *πάσα*), ‘all’.

It is not at all clear, however, how the series transcribed *z-* was pronounced in these cases: most likely it represented some sort of voiced affricate, [ddʰ] or [dʒ]. It is usually assumed that the *-s-* here represents a voiceless affricate or a geminate *-ss-*.

8. Combination: *t + i*

The change *-ti* > *-si* in verbal endings is an important indication of the dialectal affiliations of Mycenaean (§4 above).

*pa-si* < \**p<sup>h</sup>ā-ti* (cf. Doric *φᾶτί*, Attic *φησί*), ‘s/he says’.

### 9. Word-final position

All obstruents were lost in Greek at word end: thus \**melit* > *μέλι*, aor. \**widet* > *ΐδε*, etc. Most classical scholars assume the loss had happened in Myc., although it is impossible to be certain. A possible reason for thinking that it had in fact happened rather early in the history of Greek is that Homeric language does not make use of the final consonant as a metrical licence (but cf. on *πτόλιυ* § 1).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Garrett (2006:140–1) for arguments in favour of a post-Myc. date for loss of final obstruents.

## Morphology

### INFLECTION: NOUNS AND ADJECTIVES

#### §11. Nominal inflection

Inflectional patterns are relatively straightforward: the interpretation of archaic features is, however, often obscured by the writing system.

- 1 GEN. SING. Thematic *-o-jo* recalls Hom. *-οιο* (IE \**-osyo*).
- 2 DAT.-INSTR. SING. Consonant-stem *-e* is ambiguous:
  - (a) Dative function: to be read as [-ei] (e.g. *di-we*, and cf. later *Διΐφείφιλος*).
  - (b) Instr. function: usually read as [-ei] (e.g. *e-me po-de* ‘with one foot’), but perhaps more likely to represent [-e:], a dedicated instr. < \**-eh*.<sup>1</sup>
- 3 DAT.-INSTR. PLUR. Thematic dat.-loc. *-o-i* [-oihi] versus instr. *-o* [-ois].  
The formal distinction seems guaranteed both by the spelling (§3.2) and by the evidence of the PY Ta tablets (cf. 5), where adjs. in *-o* agree with nouns in *-pi* (cf. *e-re-pa-te-jo a-di-ri-ja-pi*, ‘with ivory figures of men’). The older view that both endings represent [-ois]<sup>2</sup> is now generally rejected.
- 4 INSTR. PLUR. Consonant-stem *-pi* and *a*-stem *-a-pi*.  
*-φι* continues an IE instr. marker \**-bhi(s)*. In Myc. the instr. is formally distinct from the dative in the plural (cf. *a-ni-ja-pi*

[ha:nia:phi], ‘with reins’); with place-names it has a locative function. This morphological clarity has to a large extent been lost in Homeric language: the ending  $-\varphi\iota$  is extended to almost any substantive (including  $o$ -stems and sing. nouns), and is a general marker of loc., dat., abl. as well as instr. function.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hajnal (1995: 242–6). <sup>2</sup> e.g. Ruijgh (1967: §54). <sup>3</sup> Hainsworth (1957), Thompson (1998).

#### ADJECTIVE FORMATION

##### §12. Comparative adjective

The comparative was formed by adding the suffix  $*-yos-$  to the stem. Outside the nom. sing. this suffix was affected by the change  $*-s- > -h-$  (§10.4).<sup>1</sup> Thus the neut. plur.  $*meg-yos-a$  appears in Myc. as  $me-zo-a_2$  (§10.7): cf. Lat. *melius* → *meliōra*.

1. Later Greek used an  $-n-$  extension to prevent hiatus (so  $\mu\epsilon\acute{\iota}\zeta\omicron\nu\alpha$ , but also older  $\mu\epsilon\acute{\iota}\zeta\omega < * \mu\epsilon\acute{\iota}\zeta\omicron\alpha$ ): there is no sign of this in Myc., so we assume that nom.  $me-zo$  ends in  $-s$  rather than  $-n$ .

2. The suffix  $-teros$  exists in Mycenaean in adj. formation (cf. *wana-ka-te-ro* 6 1), but is not used as a comparative marker (its original significance appears to have been contrastive, as in Lat. *sinister* vs. *dexter*).

<sup>1</sup> Szemerényi (1968a).

##### §13. Adjectives in $*-went-$

Greek inherited an adj. suffix  $*-F\epsilon\nu\tau s > -(F)\epsilon\iota s$  meaning ‘[endowed] with  $x'$ ’ (IE  $*-went-$ , Sihler §346): *pe-ne-we-ta* 1 (a) and  $\chi\alpha\rho\acute{\iota}F\epsilon\tau\tau\alpha\nu$  12 2. The fem. is built on  $*-w\eta\tau-ya$ , but Myc.  $-we-sa$  and class.  $-(F)\epsilon\sigma\sigma\alpha$  show an  $\epsilon$  analogical on the masc. (for  $*C\eta C$  in Gk. see §10.3). The suffix is added directly to the root in Myc. (in later Gk. a linking  $-o$ -vowel was generally inserted between root and suffix).

##### §14. Verbs

There are relatively few verbal forms in the Mycenaean tablets, owing to their inventory format.

## 1. Personal endings: 3 sing. (med.-pass.)

In alphabetic Greek the 3rd person endings *-ται/-νται* are found in all dialects except Arc.-Cyp., which has *-τοι/-ντοι*. Myc. *e-u-ke-to* [euk<sup>h</sup>etoi], ‘declares’ indicates that Arc.-Cyp. has retained the inherited ending, while the other dialects have innovated (extending the *a*-vocalism from the 1st person).

## 2. Augment

The augment is mostly absent in Mycenaean (one reasonably certain case: *a-pe-do-ke*, which is also found in the unaugmented form *a-pu-do-ke*). This means that unaugmented forms in Homer cannot be regarded as a mere literary device: but the history and early function of the augment in Greek remain obscure.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bakker (1999), Duhoux (1987).

## §15. THE ALPHABETIC PERIOD

The passing of Mycenaean civilization was followed by a dramatic decline in population, disintegration of trading links, and in general a much poorer material culture.<sup>1</sup> This transformation has been connected with movements of population in Greece in the centuries following the Mycenaean collapse. There were also far-reaching migrations from Greece to the coast of Asia Minor and the offshore islands during this period, no doubt triggered to some extent by unsettled conditions in Greece. The Greek settlers who occupied Lesbos and the most northerly part of Asia Minor called the region they inhabited ‘Aeolis’: these Aeolians seem to have migrated from Thessaly. To the south of Aeolis lay Ionia, which was settled for the most part by migrants from Attica; most of the central Aegean islands between Attica and Ionia were also settled by Ionic-speakers. The Asiatic coast south of Ionia, and the southern Aegean islands (Crete, Carpathos, Rhodes, and Cos) were occupied by Dorians from southern Greece.

The migrations within and beyond Greece were complex movements, which took centuries to run their course. But the major upheavals had taken place by about 800 BC, by which time the

speakers of the major dialects occupied those parts of the Aegean world which they were to inhabit for centuries to come. In the eighth and seventh centuries more settled conditions and re-establishment of trading links with East and West led to an increase in prosperity and population levels. Prompted by trading possibilities, internal political struggle, and perhaps the strain on resources caused by rapidly expanding numbers, the new *poleis* (city-states) sent out colonies around the Mediterranean world.<sup>2</sup> This no longer took the form of the movement of entire populations: individual cities planted new settlements in France and Spain, north Africa, Syria, Sicily, Italy, and around the Black Sea. These adventures had linguistic repercussions, since normally the inhabitants of a given colony would continue to speak a dialect closely resembling that of their mother-city. There was clearly scope, however, for areal innovation: over time the idiom of the colonies must have started to reflect their new geographic context, including perhaps the arrival of colonists from different regions. Sicily, for example, is a region where there is clear evidence for areal convergence of a number of dialects from different 'genetic' groups.

<sup>1</sup> Murray (1993: 1–15), Drews (1988: 203–25), Whitley (2001: 77–80).

<sup>2</sup> Murray (1993: 64–5, 102–23), Boardman (1980).

## §16. The Greek Alphabet

An important result of the commerce between Greece and the east was the adaptation of a north Semitic (probably Phoenician) alphabet to write Greek. It is not clear where this adaptation took place: it might have happened in Crete, Al Mina (a trading post in Syria), or Cyprus. Rhodes and Euboea have also been proposed as candidates.<sup>1</sup>

The date of the adaptation has long been disputed. Until recently the oldest alphabetic inscriptions known were the cup of Nestor (25) and the Dipylon vase (28), both dated to the second half of the VIII cent. bc. In the 1980s and 1990s discoveries in Egypt (a bronze tablet with an early version of the alphabet) and Italy (five letters found scratched onto a pot in a burial site in Gabii), both dated to the first half of the VIII cent. bc, led scholars to push the adaptation back to at least 800 or (perhaps a century) earlier.

The process of adaptation, and the diffusion of the resulting Greek alphabet, are obscure in many details. Some facts, however, seem clear. The Greeks borrowed both the letter names and order of the letters:

'aleph	~	ἄλφα
beth	~	βῆτα
gimel	~	γάμμα
daleth	~	δέλτα, etc.

The Phoenician alphabet ended with /t/, *taw* (Greek *tau*). The five letters of the Greek alphabet which follow *tau* are Greek additions, the so-called supplementals.

The direction of writing in the earliest Greek inscriptions is either from right to left, or *boustrophedon* ('as the ox ploughs'—alternately right to left and left to right). The left-to-right direction gradually became the norm in the seventh century.

<sup>1</sup> Coldstream (2003: 295–302).

### §17. Adaptation of the Phoenician signs

The Greek adapter(s) made some practical changes: the Phoenician script (in common with most Semitic alphabets) had no vowel signs, and more signs for sibilants than Greek needed.

1. About half of the letters were used by the Greeks with approximately the same value as they had been given by the Phoenicians: such are *B*, *Γ*, *Δ*, *Ζ*, *Κ*, *Λ*, *Μ*, *Ν*, *Π*, *Ρ*, *Τ*.
2. Other letters were taken over with partial reassignment of values: the voiced affricate *Z* (a Phoen. sibilant); the voiceless aspirate *Θ* (Phoen. emphatic *t*); the back velar *ϕ* or *qoppa*, used only before *O* and *Y* (Phoen. emphatic velar); and the voiceless fricative (sibilant) written either *Σ* (*sigma*) or, in a few cities, *Μ* (*san*). Greek *H* (aspirate or long *e*) derives from Phoen. /ħ/, emphatic *h*.
3. Letters with reassignment of value include the Greek vowel signs: *A* (Phoen. /ʔ/, glottal stop), *E* (Phoen. /h/, aspirate), *O* (Phoen. /ʕ/, pharyngeal).
  - (a) The Greek vowels *I*, *Y* were written with the signs for the corresponding semi-vowels (glides) in Phoenician: *yod* /y/ and *waw* /w/.

- (b) Both consonantal  $F$  and vocalic  $Y$  derive from Phoen. *waw* ( $F$  has the appropriate alphabetic position,  $Y$  joined the supplementals).
4. *Omega* was derived by the Greeks from *omicron* (and joined the supplementals).
  5. Although the Greeks gradually introduced the special signs  $H$ ,  $\Omega$  for long  $e$  and  $o$  (§19), they did not develop any way to distinguish long and short vowels in the case of  $a$ ,  $i$ , and  $u$ .

### §18. Blue and Red epichoric alphabets of Greece<sup>1</sup>

Before the fourth century BC there were many local varieties of the Greek alphabet. These varieties can be broadly divided into two major groups (plus two small ones). The distinction rests on different uses of the letters  $\xi$  and the supplementals  $\phi$ ,  $\chi$ , and  $\psi$ :

1. The original Greek alphabet (i.e. as adapted without the supplementals) oddly included one consonant cluster sign, namely  $\Xi$  (= [ks]), deriving from Phoen. /s/ (*samek*).
2. The three supplemental letters  $\Phi$ ,  $X$ ,  $\Psi$  have a curious relationship with  $\Xi$ . The use and distribution of these four is as shown in the table.

‘Red’		‘Blue’
Euboea, Boeotia, Thessaly, Western Greece and western colonies, Rhodes		Attica, Megarid, Argolid, Corinth, Megara, Cyclades, Ionia, Aeolis
$\Phi$	$p^h$	$p^h$
$X$	$k+s$	$k^h$
$\Psi$	$k^h$	$p+s$
$\Xi$	$(\Phi\Sigma=p+s)$	$k+s$

- (a) A subsection of the Blue alphabets did not use  $\Psi$  or  $\Xi$ , but wrote instead  $\Phi\Sigma=[ps]$ ,  $X\Sigma=[ks]$ . These so-called ‘light

Blue' alphabets were used in Athens, Aegina, and some Ionic islands. The use of  $\Phi$ ,  $X$  in these clusters implies that the *s* had an acoustic effect on a preceding stop which was reminiscent of aspiration.

- (b) The 'Green' group: Crete, Thera, and Melos lack the supplementals and have no letter with the value *ks*.
3. The Euboean alphabet (a Red alphabet) was exported to Euboean colonies in Italy, where it was adapted by the Etruscans and then passed on to the Romans.

<sup>1</sup> The colour terms derive from the first printed map of the distribution of the Greek alphabets, by A. Kirchhoff in 1887.

### §19. *Spread of Ionic script*

The local (or epichoric) alphabets were in use until the V cent., when they were gradually usurped by the Ionic alphabet. Each had its idiosyncrasies, both in the use of the letters and in the letter shapes:<sup>1</sup> this may be partly due to accidents of transmission and selection, and partly to a conscious desire on the part of each *polis* to have a distinctive script.<sup>2</sup>

The Ionians, whose dialects were psilotic (§23.10), reused the aspirate sign *H* for long *e* (*eta*): then they created a sign for the corresponding long *o* by opening up *o* to make  $\Omega$ . Neither *F* nor  $\varphi$  was used: *F* because the sound [w] disappeared early in Ionic, and  $\varphi$  because it was functionally irrelevant (the difference between front and back velars in Greek is not phonemic). Ionia standardized the alphabet (and an 'official' epigraphic dialect) at an early stage, and to this extent was atypical. The Ionic alphabet seems to have enjoyed great prestige in the Greek world, perhaps because of its association with the archaic literature and culture of the region (including epic and scientific prose). Most high literature in Athens seems to have been written in the Ionic alphabet in the V cent., and an increasing number of private inscriptions.<sup>3</sup> Official inscriptions (paid for by the state) continued to be written in the Attic alphabet until the official adoption of Ionic script in 403/2.

<sup>1</sup> Jeffery (1990). <sup>2</sup> Luraghi (forthcoming). <sup>3</sup> Colvin (1999: 92–103), D'Angour (1999).



### §20. *Cypriot syllabary*

While the rest of the Greek world without exception adopted some form of the alphabet, the Cypriots continued to use a syllabic system to write Greek until the III cent. BC. The earliest texts are dated to the VIII cent. (one inscription is perhaps as early as the XI cent.). This script was adapted from an earlier syllabary used in Cyprus known as Cypro-Minoan, since it is clearly related to Cretan Linear A. Cypro-Minoan is attested (in slightly different forms) from the XVI to the XII centuries BC, and may have been used to record more than one language (but probably not Greek).

The classical Cypriot syllabary was better suited to writing Greek than Linear B had been, in that it differentiated *l* from *r* and represented final *-n* and *-s*. But it made no distinction between voiced (*b, d, g*), voiceless (*p, t, k*), or aspirate (*p<sup>h</sup>, t<sup>h</sup>, k<sup>h</sup>*) stops, and had no means of indicating aspiration or vowel length. Unlike Linear B, the Cypriot syllabary made no use of ideograms.

### §21. DIALECT DIVERSITY: THE EIGHTH TO THE FOURTH CENTURIES BC

Mycenaean script disappeared with Mycenaean civilization, and the Greek dialects flourished and diverged for two or three relatively unsettled centuries, free (outside of Cyprus) from the checks that a writing system imposes.

The end of the Dark Ages brought political stability and a new alphabet, and a four-hundred year window in the history of Greek when the regional diversity of the language was reflected (to a large extent) in writing.

The political structure of the ancient Greek world meant that there was no standard language corresponding to Latin in Roman Italy, or a modern standard such as English, French, or Italian. It is hard to think of a parallel, ancient or modern, for this situation: a collection of small states speaking closely related dialects, with a loose sense of political and ethnic affiliation, each state using its own written standard (and indeed its own variety of the alphabet).

Even within the Greek world, however, there were exceptions to the principle of unchecked diversity: the larger Greek city-states such as Attica and Laconia must have contained numerous ‘sub-dialects’ (social and regional) for which there was no written form; and in Ionia the Ionian states adopted a written standard based on Miletos at such an early stage that there is very little evidence for the diversity which Herodotos (1. 142) records and general dialectology would in any case predict.

The Greek dialects of the first millennium BC clearly fall into several sub-groups, and the Greeks related these to ‘tribal’ subdivisions among the Greek themselves. They identified three kin groups: the Ionians, the Dorians, and the Aeolians (cf. §15 above). In a fragment of Hesiod<sup>1</sup> the three sons of Hellen (‘Greek’) are presented as the mythological ancestors of these subdivisions:

*Ἕλληγος δ' ἐγένοντο φιλοππολέμου βασιλῆος  
Δῶρός τε Ξοῦθός τε καὶ Αἴολος ἵππιοχάρμης.*

From Hellen the warrior king sprang Doros and Xouthos and Aeolus lover of horses.

The Greeks took this type of kinship seriously (cf. 65): there were religious, cultural, and political ties within the groups, and anomalies (e.g. a Dorian ally of the Athenians) were commented on.<sup>2</sup> The Greeks, then, recognized three principal dialect groupings, though they also saw that contiguity could cause dialects to grow together.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Frag. 9 (Merkelbach–West 1967). <sup>2</sup>See Thuc. 7. 57 for a classic account of dialect and ethnic loyalty in war. <sup>3</sup> e.g. Thuc. 6. 5 (Himera).

## §22. Dialects: Traditional Classification

Modern dialectology has added a fourth group to this trio, namely Arcado-Cypriot. These regions were politically and culturally marginal in the classical period, which may explain the Greeks’ failure to integrate them properly into their ethnic and linguistic classification.

The traditional genetic classification of the dialects is as follows:

- Arcado-Cypriot
  - Arcadian
  - Cypriot
- Attic-Ionic
  - Attic
  - Ionic (Euboean, central Ionic, eastern Ionic)
- Aeolic
  - Lesbian
  - Thessalian
  - Boeotian
- West Greek
  - Doric (Saronic, Argolic, Laconia/Messenia, Insular, Crete)
  - North-west Greek (Phokis, Lokris, Achaëa, Elis)
- Unclassified: Pamphylian

The schema provides a useful reference point for describing the dialects, so long as two related features of the classification are taken into account:

- (a) It is more or less inherited from the Greeks, and is therefore based on non-linguistic (cultural, political) as well as linguistic factors.
- (b) The grouping of the dialects is to a large extent historical, meaning that it indicates as much about the evolution of the dialects between the mid-second millennium BC and the end of the Dark Ages as it does about synchronic relations in the archaic and classical periods (cf. §8 above).

## Historical grammar: an overview of distinctive developments in Greek

### §23. Phonology (general characteristics)

#### VOWELS

#### 1. Spurious diphthongs

Inherited long *e* in Greek was an open mid vowel [ɛ:] (*η* in the Ionic alphabet). In the history of Greek a new long *e* emerged from contraction and compensatory lengthening; in many dialects this had a close quality, i.e. [ɛ:] distinct from inherited [ɛ:]/*η*. These dialects include Att.-Ion., WGk. dialects of the Saronic area, Phokis and Lokris (contrast §38.3).

The new long vowel was written *E* in Att. inscriptions until the VI cent. BC, when the inherited diphthong [ei] simplified its articulation and became [ɛ:]. As a result of this the digraph *EI* came into use for [ɛ:], even though in many cases the sound did not (historically) continue a diphthong (e.g. infin.  $\epsilon\chi\epsilon\upsilon$  [ek<sup>h</sup>ɛ:n] <  $\epsilon\chi\epsilon(h)\epsilon\upsilon$ ). In these cases classical scholarship has traditionally, if inaccurately, referred to the digraph as a 'spurious diphthong'. The same applies to the digraph *OY*, which continues both lengthened omicron and the old diphthong [ou] > [ɔ:].

The use of *EI* for lengthened [e] became common after c.450 BC, and standard by the early IV cent.; the use of *OY* for lengthened [ɔ] spread a little more slowly, and was standard by around 350 BC.

*Note:* (a)  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\mu\acute{\iota}$  'I am' < \**esmi* is frequently written with <*EI*> from the earliest period. This must, then, be a real diphthong imported analogically from the 2nd sing.  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}$  rather than the (expected) lengthened  $\epsilon$ .<sup>1</sup>

(b) In Attic the new vowel [ɔ:] very soon became [u:] (the slot was free, as original [u:] had moved to [ü:], §30.4): e.g.  $\tau\omicron\upsilon$  [tu:] < [tɔ:] <  $\tau\acute{o}(\iota)\omicron$ . This had happened by the IV cent. BC, but it is difficult to be precise.

#### 2. Synizesis (loss of syllabicity)

(a) In many areas across the Greek-speaking world inscriptions show *ι* in place of *ε* before *α*, *ο*. A natural conclusion is that this spelling tries to capture a raised quality of *ε* before a back vowel: and it

probably also denotes synizesis (i.e. loss of syllabicity), by which the vowel became a glide ( $i > y$ ): *πωλίοντας* 15 6, [pɔ:lʲontas].<sup>2</sup> This is not a feature associated with Att.-Ion. (but cf. §30.2, quantitative metathesis).

(b)  $\epsilon + o$ : the maintaining of  $\epsilon o$  in writing is most likely a conservative spelling in all dialects where this occurs (exceptions are words like *θεός*, where the desire to retain two syllables may have inhibited sound-change). There is evidence for four treatments of this cluster: (i)  $\epsilon > \iota$  (above). (ii) Assimilation of  $\epsilon$  to  $o$  resulting in a lengthened  $o$ , either [ɔ:] (Att. *ου*, §23.1) or [ɔ:] (Lac. *ω*, §38.3). (iii) Raising of  $o$  to  $υ$ , giving a diphthong  $\epsilon υ$  in many West Greek and Ionic dialects (§30.7). (iv) Syncope  $\epsilon o > o$  in certain conditions (§37 10): this is rare.

When the spelling  $\epsilon o$  occurs the actual realization is likely to have been (i) or (iii).

### 3. Osthoff's Law

A long vowel was shortened (in pre-alphabetic Greek) before resonant + consonant:<sup>3</sup>

\**ἔθηντ* > \**ἔθεντ* > *ἔθεν* (3 plur. aor., §32.1).

\**μήνς* 'month' > \**μένς* > Ion. *μείς*: since gen. \**μηνσ-ος* > *μηνός* (Lesb. *μῆννος*) without shortening, the law must have operated after the ancient deletion of *s* after *n* and before a vowel (§23.6). Attic nom. *μήν* must be analogical.

## CONSONANTS

### 4. Assimilation

When two consonants are next to each other one of them will often influence the articulation of the other, with the result that they become more similar (or identical). This process is common to all languages: in Greek literary texts assimilation is generally observed in writing within a word, but not across word boundaries. Inscriptions often represent assimilation across words (this is known by the Sanskrit term *sandhi*): e.g. in *πόσοδομ ποέντω* 7 9 final *-ν* has assimilated to the labial articulation of the following *π-*.

### 5. Dissimilation: Grassmann's Law

A process of dissimilation which occurred in all dialects before alphabetic literacy: an aspirate or aspirated stop at the beginning

of a word was de-aspirated if there was another aspirate following (separated by at least one vowel); e.g. *θρίξ* (nom.) but *τριχός* < \**θριχός* (gen.).

## 6. Intervocalic clusters: resonant and s

(a) Nasal clusters (with original \*s): *νσ σν μσ σμ*

When *s* disappeared from forms such as aor. \**ἔκριν-σα* (syllabified *e.krin.sa*) re-syllabification took place:<sup>4</sup>

- in most dialects by compensatory lengthening (Att.-Ion. and WGk. *ἔκρινῃα*)
- in the Aeolic area (sporadically elsewhere) gemination is attested (Lesb. *ἔκριννα*); except that Boeotian went with West Greek in adopting compensatory lengthening.

(b) Liquid clusters (with original \*s): *σλ σρ λσ ρσ*

- development similar to (a) above: \**ἔστεισα* > Att.-Ion. *ἔστειλα*, Lesb. *ἔστειλλα*
- but in isolated cases *λσ ρσ* remain: e.g. *θάρσος* (> Att. *θάρρος* §31.5).

(c) Later development: the cluster *n* with secondary *s*

- In most dialects the *n* is lost, with lengthening: \**πάντγα* > *πάνσα* > *πάσα*
- In Lesb. the ‘lengthening’ takes the form of a diphthong: *παῖσα*
- In a few dialects (Crete, Thess., Arc.) the *n* is retained: *πάνσα*.

## 7. Inherited clusters of resonant + *γ* (intervocalic)

The treatment is similar to that of resonant + \*s: in most dialects the result is compensatory length (*κρῖνω* < \**κρίν-γω*), while Lesb. and Thess. show gemination (*κρίννω*).

But:

- (a) when the cluster -R*γ*- is preceded by *a*, *o* all dialects show metathesis of the *γ*: \**μέλαν-γα* > *μέλαινα*, \*(σ)*μορ-γα* > *μοῖρα*. Except that—
- (b) almost all dialects have a geminate from *l* + *γ* (*ἄλλος* < \**alyos*, but Cypriot §26.8).

It is widely assumed that between \*[krin-yo:] and attested [kri:no:] ~ [krinno:] was an intermediate stage of palatalized geminates, \*[kriñño:] (and so for all -Ry- clusters).

### 8. Dialect difference in the treatment of obstruent + y

The prehistory of these clusters is complex and much disputed. Assuming a stage of palatalized geminates in early Greek, a simplified account of the development might be as follows:<sup>5</sup>

- \*ty > \*[tʰy]
  - either depalatalized (> ττ): Attica, Boeotia, Crete (ἐρέττω);
  - or became assibilated (e.g. \*[tʃ] > \*[ʃʃ] > σσ): all other areas (ἐρέσσω);
- \*ky > \*[kkʰy]
  - then merged with \*[tʰy]: φυλάττω (Attica, etc.), φυλάσσω (other areas);
- \*dy > [ddʰy]
  - either depalatalized (> δδ): Laconia, Crete, Elis, Thessaly, Boeotia;
  - or became an affricate ζ: all other areas;
- \*gy
  - merged with \*dy.

(a) Att.-Ion. (and Arc.) ὄσος (\*yotyō-), τόσος, μέσος form a special category (the phonological difference is explained by the fact that in these words \*ty does not occur at the boundary of a morphologically productive suffix: i.e. the sequence \*yotyōs was not obviously analysable as a combination root + suffix, unlike \*ἐρεττω).

(b) Note also that \*tw gives the same result as \*ty.

### 9. Dialect difference in the treatment of final -ns

The acc. plur. article τόνς, τάνς formed a close accentual unit with the following noun. At an early date the sequence τόνς + C- gave τός (since the cluster -nsC- lost the *n* in pre-alphabetic Greek); while τόνς + V- was not affected.

(a) Most dialects generalized either τός or τόνς (the latter usually in the form τούς or τώς).

(b) On Crete the distinction τόνς ~ τός was maintained.

(c) In Lesb. τόνς > τοίς by regular sound change (§34.11).

Compare the development of εἶς ~ ἐς < ἐν-ς (§§28.8, 32.10). In the acc. plur. of nouns most dialects generalized -ονς (the prevocalic

form): Thessaly, Cyprus, and Insular Doric have *-os*, but it may have been heard more widely than the epigraphic record suggests.

#### 10. The aspirate [h]

(a) The aspirate in Greek comes from IE \**s-* (and \**sw-*, for which see *ἡκᾶδι* 50 2). There are also words in which it is a secondary analogical feature (see on *ἴππος* 2); and conversely, some words lost it for analogical reasons. In Laconian the *s* which developed within Greek (secondary *s*) also started to be written *h* from the V cent. BC (probably also in Cypriot: §27.5).

(b) By the beginning of alphabetic literacy Ionian and Lesbian had lost the aspirate (this is known as psilosis, and the dialects as psilotic). The Ionians therefore felt free to reuse *H* for the long open vowel [ε:] (§19). Other regions continued to use it for [h] until adoption of the Ionic alphabet: by convention the transcription uses a Roman *h* for this. Other regions which were psilotic at an early date are Elis and Crete (at least the central region, which includes Gortyn). In many dialects outside of Asia Minor the aspirate seems to have been weakly articulated. This is true for some of the dialects of the north-western area, including western Lokris. Loss of *h* does not in Greek imply de-aspiration of the aspirated consonants *θ, φ, χ*.

(c) Ancient inscriptions signal the presence of the aspirate in two ways: by the use of the letter *H*, and by the use of aspirated consonants *Θ, Φ, Χ* at word junctions: *ἐφ' ἰερέως*, etc.). The *spiritus asper* ' and *spiritus lenis* ' familiar from modern printed texts were brought into use for literary texts in the Alexandrian period. They should be regarded with caution in the transcription of ancient epigraphic texts: the presence of an aspirate must have been a function of region, sociolect, date, and even lexeme. After the adoption of the Ionic alphabet it is impossible to see what is going on (the phoneme [h] probably disappeared from Attica during the Hellenistic period: the breathings on most koiné texts must therefore be conventional). Ionian literary texts have generally been transmitted and are printed with rough breathings on the Attic model (see *ὦς* 66 93 and *χῶς* 72 82), while Lesbian texts have conventionally been left psilotic.



## NON-SEGMENTAL PHONOLOGY

## 11. Greek accentuation

With the exception of Lesbian we have little information about the details of accentuation of Greek dialects other than Attic-Ionic.<sup>6</sup> The accentuation of dialect texts (on the Attic system) is nothing more than a typographic convention, and the linguistic reality may have been quite different in some cases. The phonological interpretation offered by the commentary is occasionally at odds with the accent of the standard editions (cf. §26.5 on Arc. *ἐργωνήσας* 7 12).

<sup>1</sup> Threatte (1980: 176), Wachter NAGVI p. 244. <sup>2</sup> Méndez Dosuna (1993b). <sup>3</sup> Collinge (1985: 127–31). <sup>4</sup> Steriade (1982: 146–53). <sup>5</sup> Allen (1958), Diver (1958), Nagy (1970: 102–30). <sup>6</sup> Colvin (1999: 180–3), Probert (2006: 70–82).

§24. Morphology (*general characteristics*)

## 1. Thematic and athematic inflection of vowel-stem verbs

Vowel-stem (contract) verbs in Greek come from disparate sources but form a synchronically coherent pattern in the present, which is thematic in most dialects. Lesb., Thess. and Arc.-Cyp. show a long-vowel athematic pattern: the history of these competing types is disputed.

*Attic-Ionic and West Greek:*

*e*-stems οἰκέω (οἶκος);

*a*-stems τιμάω (τιμή): cf. Lat. *cūrō* < \**cūrāō* (*cūra*);

*o*-stems δουλόω, ἐλευθερόω (these are most often factitive in meaning).

(a) The *o*-stems are a purely Greek development.

(b) The *e*- and *a*-stems have IE cognates, but have undergone such extensive remodelling that it makes little sense to argue whether thematic or athematic conjugation is ‘original’. They contain two inherited ingredients:<sup>1</sup>

(i) A suffix \*-*ye/yo-* (also \*-*éye/éyo-*), particularly associated with denominative verbs:

τροπέω (~ Lat. *torqueō*), οἰκέω etc. Cf. C-stems such as ἀγγέλλω < ἀγγέλ-γω, φυλάσσω < φυλάκ-γω (Lat. *custōdiō*).

- (ii) A 'stative' marker  $*-\bar{e} < *-\epsilon H_1-$  (cf. Lat. *tacēre*, *sedēre*), which appears clearly in the aorist: *ἀνθήσας* 'in flower', *θαρσήςσας* 'summoning courage'.

In many cases the *e*-stem present may have been built with this suffix:

$\thetaαρσέω < *θαρσηω < *-\epsilon H_1-\gamma\epsilon/\gamma\omicron-$	} Att.-Ion., WGk.
$\thetaάρσημι < *-\epsilon H_1-mi$	} Lesb. Thess., Arc.-Cyp.

(c) Isolated forms in  $-\eta\omega$  are found in the Aeolic dialects, Arcadian, and West Greek; the ancient grammatical tradition ascribed *καλήω* to 'Aeolians'.<sup>2</sup> They may represent back-formations from the aor. and fut. in  $-\eta\sigma\alpha$  etc., or thematization of  $-\eta\mu\iota$ .

## 2. The Future

There was no regular IE future: the IE dialects formed it (or not) from their own resources, which accounts for the competing patterns that can be seen in ancient Greek. The future was discarded in Byzantine Greek (partly owing to its messiness, and partly because sound-change had made it difficult to distinguish from the aor. subj.) and replaced with the periphrastic form *θά* (from *θέλω*) + present or perfective indic. An analogous development can be seen in classical *μέλλω* + infin.

### (a) Contracted futures

Verbs such as *βάλλω* have a future *βαλέω*  $< *βαλέσω$ , a normal sigmatic future built to the stem *βαλε-* (disyllabic root  $*g^wIH_1-$ ), with regular loss of intervocalic  $-s-$ . So also *καλέω*  $< *καλέσω$  (root  $*klH_1-$ ), etc. These futures in  $-\acute{e}\omega$  spread analogically to verbs ending in a resonant ( $\mu, \nu, \lambda, \rho$ ) and a new type was born. Hence *κτείνω* forms a future *κτεν-ῶ*, *ἀγγέλλω*  $\rightarrow$  *ἀγγεῶ*, etc.

Derived presents in  $-\acute{i}\zeta\omega$  form a similar fut. in Attic (*κομίζω*  $\rightarrow$  *κομιῶ*): this is clearly influenced by the resonant stems, but details are disputed: possibly an original pres.  $*κομῖω \rightarrow$  fut. *κομιῶ* by adding the new future ending  $-\acute{e}\omega$  to stem *κομι-* (the old pres. was later replaced by *κομ-ίζω*, which led to a competing fut. *κομίσω*).<sup>3</sup>

## (b) Middle futures

A group of verbs in Greek have a future with middle endings and *e*-vocalism of the stem: e.g. *πάσχω* → *πείσομαι* (\**πένθ-σομαι*), *λαμβάνω* → *λήψομαι* (\**sleH<sub>1</sub>g<sup>w</sup>-?*). These have been connected to an old IE desiderative (see Palmer 1980: 311): middle endings would be appropriate to the ‘inward deixis’ of a desiderative.<sup>4</sup>

3. Masculine *a*-stem nouns

Early in Greek attempts were made to distinguish the inflection of masc. from fem. *a*-stems. In the nom. an *-s* was added (analogy: *λόγος*, etc.). In the gen. sing. original *-ās* was replaced: Att. added *-ου* (< \**-oo*) from the *o*-stems. Other dialects added *-ο* (from the same source) to the stem, giving *-āo*. In Ionic this gave *-ηο* > *-εω* (§30.2), in WGk. and Aeolic *-ā* or *-av*.

## 4. Inherited archaisms: nominal inflection

## (a) Collective nouns

There are faint traces in Greek of an old collective formation inherited from Indo-European: the ending was \**-al/-ā*. It was taken over by neut. nouns as a plural (so also Latin): in classical Gk. the neut. plur. still takes a singular verb. The relationship with the fem. *a*-stem nouns is difficult to unravel, but there are nouns which are clearly built on an old collective: e.g. *ἡνία*, ‘reins’ (neut. plur. in Homer, but a fem. *a*-stem in Myc. and later Greek).

(b) Archaic neuter stems in *-r/-n*

Many IE languages show traces of an old pattern in the inflection of a class of neut. nouns: the nom.-acc. sing. had a stem in \**-r*, while the rest of the paradigm had a stem in \**-n*: Lat. *femur*, *feminis*. This gives the Gk. type *ἡπαρ*, *ἡπατος* (~ Lat. *iecur*), where the old stem in *-n* has been replaced by *-ατ-* (of uncertain origin, but common in Gk. *n*-stems: cf. *ὄνομα*, *-τος* vs. Lat. *nōmen*, *-inis*).

## 5. Prepositions: apocope

Most dialects apart from Att.-Ion. use shortened forms of at least some of the prepositions: this may depend on which consonant follows the preposition. Thus *ἀνά*, *παρά*, *κατά*, *ποτί* appear as *ἄν*, *πάρ*, *κάτ*, *πότ*, etc. Assimilation to a following consonant is frequent: e.g. *κάββαλλε* < *κάτ-βαλλε* 75(a) 5 (Alkaios).

## 6. Tmesis

In Homeric Greek the first (prepositional) element of a compound verb is often separated from its stem (e.g. ἀπὸ ... δύω 66 125). This was long assumed to be an archaic feature of epic language (borrowed as a poetic licence by late Greek poetry). It is, however, absent from Mycenaean Greek: the reasons for this may be stylistic<sup>5</sup> or chronological (epic preserves a feature of Greek which was already lost in XIV–XIII centuries BC).<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cf. Watkins (1971), Tucker (1990), Jasanoff (2003). <sup>2</sup> Blümel (1982: 175). <sup>3</sup> Ruijgh (1975). <sup>4</sup> Palmer (1980: 311), Rijksbaron (1994: 153–4). <sup>5</sup> Hajnal (2004). <sup>6</sup> Horrocks (1980).

## The Greek dialects: an overview

§25. *Arcado-Cypriot*

This dialect group is the most closely related to the language of the Mycenaean tablets. The similarities which link these dialects appear relatively straightforward. Arcadian is the relic of a dialect spoken in the Peloponnese in the Mycenaean Age. At some period (before 1000 BC) Greeks emigrated from the Peloponnese to Cyprus. When the Dorians became dominant in coastal regions of the Peloponnese (Messenia, Laconia, Argolis, Corinthia) they did not penetrate the mountainous interior, with the result that Arcadia formed an isolated linguistic community, surrounded by states speaking a different dialect from its own. The Bronze Age dialect of the Peloponnese and its historical survivors are sometimes called ‘Achaean’. The group has commonalities with Att.-Ion. which look inherited (assibilation  $-\tau i > -\sigma i$ , and the athematic infin.  $-\nu a i$ ): in addition Arc. has certain isoglosses with Att.-Ion. which may reflect a period of contact after the Mycenaean collapse (and the departure of Cypriot), but before Arc. was isolated by the surrounding Doric dialects ( $\epsilon i$  ‘if’, and the particle  $\acute{\alpha} \nu$ ).

Cypriot syllabic script (§20) is often ambiguous, especially with regard to vowels. Arc. is of limited help, since there is no particular reason to assume that the two dialects would show similar reflexes in developments which postdate the eleventh century. After this period Cyp. will have been in interaction with its nearest Greek neighbours

in Pamphylia, Rhodes (which had colonies on the Anatolian coast), and Ionia. Reconstructing the phonetic properties of the Cypriot vowel system remains conjectural, however.

## PHONOLOGY

### §26. Vowels

1. The raising of  $\epsilon$  to  $\iota$  before a nasal:  $\iota\nu$  7 2.
2. The raising of  $o$  to  $u$  before a nasal and at word end:  $\epsilon\upsilon\text{Φρητάσατυ}$  8 4.
3. Vocalic resonants are generally vocalized with  $o$  (§10.3): but  $\text{τριακάσιοι}$  7 8 < \* $-\kappa\eta\tau\iota\omicron\iota$  (contrast Attic, §32.9a). The perf.  $\epsilon\text{φθορκώς}$  7 10 (assuming  $\epsilon\text{φθορκα}$  was formed analogically on a mid.  $\epsilon\text{φθορμαι}$ ) shows  $op$  < \* $r$ .

#### ARCADIAN ONLY:

4. Long vowels  $\eta$  and  $\omega$  (inherited and from contraction etc.): cf. the ‘severe’ WGk. vocalism of the southern Peloponnese (§38.3).

5. In the acc. plur. the sequence \* $-\omicron\nu\varsigma$  >  $-\omicron\varsigma$  with a short vowel (§23.9): therefore the  $a$ -stem acc. plur. is probably also short ( $\delta\alpha\rho\chi\mu\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$  7 23), and so also the aor. ptcl.  $\epsilon\rho\gamma\omega\nu\eta\sigma\alpha\varsigma$  7 12 (§23.11 for the accent).

#### CYPRIOI ONLY:

6.  $\epsilon$  is written  $\iota$  before  $a$  and  $o$  ( $\epsilon\pi\acute{\iota}\omicron\nu\tau\alpha$  <  $\epsilon\pi\epsilon\acute{\omicron}\nu\tau\alpha$  8 9): §23.2.
7. \* $a\lambda\acute{\iota}\omicron\varsigma$  >  $a\acute{\iota}\lambda\omicron\varsigma$  (cf. Lat. *alius*), 8 14: §23.7.
8. Vowel plus  $n$  : nasalized vowels are the most plausible interpretation of the graphic data.<sup>1</sup>
  - (a) From vowel +  $n$  before a consonant:  $p\acute{a}n\tau\alpha$  > [pāta] (written *pa-ta*): cf. parallels from Asia Minor (§42.5). The new nasalized vowel was probably long.
  - (b) If the following consonant starts a new word the final  $-n$  is generally written unless it belongs to a ‘prepositive’ word (i.e. the article, or a preposition). However, nouns occasionally have a final  $-n$  elided: thus  $\acute{\rho}\acute{\omicron}\text{Φ}\omicron(\nu)$   $\tau\acute{\omicron}(\nu)$   $\Delta\rho\acute{\upsilon}\mu\omicron\nu$  8 19.
  - (c) From vowel +  $n$  before  $s$  :  $k\acute{\alpha}\rho\omicron\nu\varsigma$  > [ka:pōs] (written *ka-po-se*),  $h\epsilon\chi\omicron\nu\varsigma$  > [heksōsi] (written *e-ke-so-si*). For the article (§23.9)

we assume that when a consonant followed the result was a short vowel (as on Crete): τὸς κάπο(ν)ς 8 30.

9. In common with most dialects, Cypriot probably maintained a distinction between inherited [ɛ:] / η and [e:] from contraction (§23.1): on this view *e-ke-ne* (8 10) represents ἔχεν (Att. ἔχεν) rather than ἔχην (severe Doric) or ἔχεν (a WGk. morphological innovation). So also between inherited [ɔ:] / ω and [o:] : τὸ (Att. τοῦ) < \*τό(ι)ο.

<sup>1</sup> So Ruijgh (1988).

## §27. Consonants

1. Inherited *w* is maintained: starts to disappear in Arc. in the IV cent. (absent from 7 Tegea: cf. ἐργώναις < Fεργ-).

2. A labiovelar followed by *e* or *i* produced a sound written ζ / τζ or with a special letter Ξ in Arcadia until the V cent. BC; and with the *s*-series in Cypriot (*si-se* ~ σις 8 10, cf. Arc. ὄζις ‘whoever’ Buck 16, but IV cent. τισ 7 15). This probably represents an affricate such as [tʃ].

3. The change *-ti* > *-si* in verbal endings occurs in Arc.-Cyp. as in Myc. (§10.8): so also in a few other categories such as numerals (τριακάσιοι 7 8).

4. The sequence *-νσ-* is retained in Arc. in the 3 plur. of thematic verbs: κρίνωνσι 7 5. For Cyp. we posit a nasalized vowel (§26.8) to explain the general failure to write *n* in this position.

5. The lack of an *h*-series in the syllabary does not prove that Cypriot was psilotic. The dialect seems to have had a tendency (mostly ignored in inscriptions, but Hesych. preserves some words which show it) to make initial and intervocalic *s* into an aspirate:<sup>1</sup> thus κὰ(s) ἂ(ν)τὶ τᾱ̀(s) 8 5 is written *ka-a-ti ta*. Cf. §23.10.

<sup>1</sup> Woodard (1997: 90).

## §28. Morphology/Syntax

### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF ARCADO-CYPRIOT

1. Third person med.-pass. ending in *-(ν)τοι* (§14.1).

2. Present infin. ending (thematic): Myc. *e-ke-e* [ekehen] suggests that Arc. *-εν* is the result of common development with neighbouring

WGk. dialects (e.g. Argolic). Cyp. *e-ke-ne* is ambiguous: for the reading  $\epsilon\chi\bar{\epsilon}v$  see §26.9.

3. Athematic inflection of vowel-stem verbs:  $\acute{\alpha}\delta\iota\kappa\acute{\eta}\mu\epsilon\nu\omicron\varsigma$  7 3 (§24.1).

4. *a*-stem masc. gen. sing. in *-av* < *-ao* (§§24.3, 26.2): cf. Myc. gen. sing. *su- $\rho$ o-ta-o*, ‘swineherd’ (Hom. *\sigma\upsilon\beta\acute{\omega}\tau\eta\varsigma*). In Arc. this was extended to fem. stems:  $\zeta\alpha\mu\acute{\iota}\alpha\nu$  7 21.

5. The prepositions meaning ‘from’ ( $\acute{\alpha}\pi\acute{\upsilon}$  and  $\acute{\epsilon}\xi$ ) are constructed with a dat.-loc. rather than a gen. (so also Pamph.). This loss of ability to govern a genitive is probably the result of a tendency to reduce the number of cases governed by three-case prepositions such as *\pi\alpha\rho\acute{\alpha}*, which merged the gen. with the dat. This then spread to ablatival one-case prepositions.<sup>1</sup>

6.  $\acute{\alpha}\pi\acute{\upsilon}$  is found in Arc.-Cyp., Myc., Lesb. and (some) Thess., and often coexists with  $\acute{\alpha}\pi\acute{\omicron}$  in these dialects. Both forms appear to have been inherited from Indo-European (i.e.  $\acute{\alpha}\pi\acute{\upsilon}$  is not a phonological variant of  $\acute{\alpha}\pi\acute{\omicron}$  within Greek).<sup>2</sup>

7. Arc.-Cyp.  $\pi\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$  <  $\pi\omicron\sigma\acute{\iota}$  (the Myc. form) <  $\pi\omicron\tau\acute{\iota}$  (Att.  $\pi\rho\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$  is a different stem, for which cf. Skt. *prati*).  $\pi\omicron\acute{\iota}$  (NW Gk. and eastern Argolic) must also come from  $\pi\omicron\tau\acute{\iota}$  (perhaps by dissimilation before the article). Arc.-Cyp.  $\kappa\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$  ‘and’ has often been compared: for  $\pi\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ ,  $\pi\omicron\sigma\acute{\iota}$ ,  $\pi\omicron\acute{\iota}$  cf.  $\kappa\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$ ,  $\kappa\alpha\sigma\iota-$  (*\kappa\alpha\sigma\acute{\iota}\gamma\eta\eta\tau\omicron\varsigma*),  $\kappa\alpha\acute{\iota}$ .<sup>3</sup>

8.  $\acute{\epsilon}\nu$  with the acc. (‘into’, as in Latin) is preserved in Arc.-Cyp. (also NW Gk., Thess., and Boe.): Att.-Ion. and Doric innovate  $\acute{\epsilon}\nu\text{-}\varsigma$  (variously  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\varsigma$ ,  $\acute{\epsilon}\varsigma$ ,  $\acute{\epsilon}\nu\varsigma$ , §23.9).

9.  $\acute{\omicron}\nu$  (Att.  $\acute{\alpha}\nu\acute{\alpha}$ ): both  $\acute{\omicron}\nu$  (Pelasgiotis, Lesb., Arc.-Cyp.) and  $\acute{\alpha}\nu\acute{\alpha}$  may derive from  $*\acute{\alpha}\nu\omicron$  by vowel assimilation.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Morpurgo Davies (1966), Brixhe (1976: 126–7), Thompson (2001).

<sup>2</sup> Dubois (1986: I, 137), Hodot (1990: 148). <sup>3</sup> Ruijgh (1966), (1981a): disputed by Willi (2003b). <sup>4</sup> Ruijgh (1970: 309).

#### ARCADIAN ONLY:

10. Dat. sing. ending *-oi*:  $\acute{\epsilon}\rho\gamma\omicron\iota$  7 2. This is also found in Euboea, Boeotia, Elis, and across the NW Greek area. It is the result of shortening of the long diphthong *-oi*, and appears to be relatively late (the data can be ambiguous as the distinction depends on use of Ionic  $\omega$ ). It is not the old loc. ending.<sup>1</sup>

## CYPRIOT ONLY:

11. Thematic gen. sing. in  $-\bar{o}\nu$  (syllabic  $-o-ne$ ). This is unlikely to represent  $-\omega\nu$ , since it would be strange for the gen. sing. and gen. plur. to be identical. It can be connected with the loss of  $-n$  in Cypriot (§26.8): e.g. gen. plur.  $\tau\bar{\omega}\nu$  will have had two variants (final  $-n$  before vowels, lost before consonants), giving a proportional analogy  $\tau\bar{\omega} : \tau\bar{\omega}\nu :: \tau\bar{o} : x$  ( $x \rightarrow \tau\bar{o}\nu$ ).<sup>2</sup>

12. The C-stem acc. sing. has  $-n$  added:  $\tau\bar{o}\nu$  *ιατη̄ραν* 8 3. There is some evidence that the C-stem acc. plur. had also added a nasal, on the analogy of the thematic decl. (hence the transcription  $\tau\bar{o}s$  *παῑδα(ν)s* 8 11, 24). So also in Crete (Gortyn): 53 42 *θυγατέρανs*.

13.  $i$ -stem nouns are inflected with an intrusive  $-F-$  (presumably imported from  $u$ -stems): *πτόλιFi* 8 6.

<sup>1</sup> Méndez Dosuna (1985: 413–25), Ruijgh (1989: 157). <sup>2</sup> Ruijgh (1988: 137–8).

## §29. Attic-Ionic

Attic-Ionic shares a range of ‘East Greek’ features with Mycenaean and Arcado-Cypriot (§8, §25): there are also, however, a number of isoglosses with West Greek, which may indicate a period of contact in the post-Mycenaean era. These include a common innovation in middle endings ( $-\tauαι$  for  $-\τοι$ , etc.), thematic conjugation of vowel-stem verbs (§24.1), and a general vocalization in  $a$  of the vocalic resonants (§10.3, 26.3). Differences between Attic and Ionic are relatively small: the separation must have started in the XI cent. with migrations across the Aegean from the Greek mainland (§15).

Eastern Ionic inscriptions appear to have been written in a standardized epigraphic koiné from the earliest period, and give little insight into regional variation (which Herodotos records at 1. 142 and which we would in any case expect). At least one variety of Ionic used  $\kappa$  rather than  $\pi$  in pronominal forms (§31.6). This appears in Ionic prose: its appearance in Hipponax, and imitation in Attic comedy, guarantees that it was widely heard. The  $\pi$  forms of the epigraphic language were perhaps based on older or prestige varieties (including epic).

Euboean has traditionally been subsumed under Ionic, though the group could as well be called Attic-Euboean-Ionic. The cities



of Euboea spoke a dialect which shared many characteristic Attic innovations: lack of vowel lengthening after loss of digamma (ξένος), the assimilation of ρσ to ρρ, and the development of ττ from palatalized stops.

## Phonology

### §30. Vowels

1. Raising of [a:] to [ɛ:] (η): universal in eastern Ionic and Euboea, partial in Attic (§30.3). In central Ionic (Cyclades) *E* was used for inherited [ɛ:], and *H* only for the new vowel that had emerged from [a:], until the end of the V cent. This indicates that a complete merger did not take place till late (*H* presumably denoted a more open vowel than [ɛ:], such as [ä:]), and raises the interesting possibility that a difference might have been heard in Attica and Ionia as well for longer than is commonly assumed. Cf. §10.1.

2. Quantitative metathesis (or synizesis), ηο > εω and ηα > εᾱ. Caused in particular by the disappearance of intervocalic \*w and \*y (\*βασιλῆφος, \*πόληγος). On the older view the two vowels simply swapped quantity,<sup>1</sup> but it is more likely that the first vowel became a glide (i.e. lost its syllabicity) and the second underwent compensatory lengthening: [e:o] > [eɔ:].<sup>2</sup> Thus the development of ā + o/ω (e.g. in the gen. plur. of *a*-stems) gives εω > ω in Att.-Ion., but ā in all other dialects.

#### ATTIC ONLY:

3. Raising of [a:] to [ɛ:] was reversed after [e, i, r] and does not, synchronically, apply.

4. Inherited [u(:)] was raised to [ü(:)] (and ου became [u:], §23.1).

5. Widespread contraction of vowels (e.g. *s*-stem gen. sing. γένους < γένε(h)ος, where other dialects have γένεος, §23.2b).

#### IONIC ONLY:

6. Compensatory lengthening in ξένος, κοῦρος, etc. after the loss of [w]. This also happened in some West Greek dialects (Argolic and insular Doric): ξήνος, κῶρος (§38.3).

7. In contrast to Attic (§30.5), the vowels εω were often maintained uncontracted in spelling, but in pronunciation probably diphthong-

ized to  $\epsilon\nu$  at an early date (§23.2*b*). The same may be true in certain circumstances for  $\epsilon\omega$ .<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ruijgh (1968). <sup>2</sup> So Méndez Dosuna (1993*a*), but see Probert (2006: 85, n.5). <sup>3</sup> Szemerényi (1956).

### §31. Consonants

1. Disappearance of [w] (digamma) from the time of the earliest inscriptions.

2. In  $\mu\acute{\epsilon}\sigma\omicron\varsigma$ ,  $\omicron\sigma\omicron\varsigma$  etc.  $*-ty- > -\sigma-$ , as in Arcadia (§23.8*a*).

3. The change  $-ti > -si$  in verbal endings occurs in Att.-Ion. as in Myc. (§10.8): so also in a few other categories such as numerals ( $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\kappa\omicron\sigma\iota$  §32.9). This gives the characteristic 3 plur. ending  $-\omicron\upsilon\sigma\iota$  [- $\omicron$ :si]  $< *-ov\sigma\iota$  (WGk.  $-\omicron\nu\tau\iota$ ): §23.6*c*.

#### ATTIC ONLY:

4. In  $\acute{\epsilon}\rho\acute{\epsilon}\tau\tau\omega$ ,  $\acute{\eta}\tau\tau\omega\nu$ , etc.  $*-ty-$  and  $*-ky- > -\tau\tau-$ , as in Boeotia and Eretria (§23.8), and very occasionally in Thessaly.

5. Assimilation of  $\rho\sigma$  to  $\rho\rho$  ( $\acute{\alpha}\rho\rho\eta\nu$ ,  $\theta\acute{\alpha}\rho\rho\omicron\varsigma$ , etc.).

#### IONIC ONLY:

6. Psilosis (§23.10): loss of the aspirate, an areal development which affected eastern Aeolic (Lesbian) as well as eastern Ionic. Central Ionic and Euboea for the most part retained the aspirate.

7. Some pronominal forms have  $\kappa$  (rather than  $\pi$ )  $< *k^w$ . The  $\kappa$  is generally assumed to be the result of labial dissimilation in  $*ok^w\omicron-$  ( $> \acute{\omicron}\kappa\omicron\tau\epsilon$ ,  $\acute{\omicron}\kappa\omega\varsigma$ , etc.), from where it spread to  $*k^w\omicron-$  forms. It is not found in epic poetry or in inscriptions (with the exception of  $\delta\kappa\omicron\lambda\acute{\alpha}$ , Erythrai, IV cent. BC): in literary Ionic it occurs in the texts of Herakleitos, Semonides, Kallinos, Anakreon, Hipponax, Herodotos, the Hippocratic corpus, and Herodas. Mimicked also by Aristophanes.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Aristoph. *Triphales* 556 PCG.

### §32. Morphology/Syntax

#### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF ATTIC-IONIC

1. The athematic 3 plur. imperf. and aor. was originally  $\acute{\epsilon}\theta\epsilon\nu$ ,  $\acute{\epsilon}\delta\omicron\nu$ , etc.  $< *^{\acute{\epsilon}}\theta\epsilon-\nu\tau$ ,  $^{\acute{\epsilon}}\delta\omicron-\nu\tau$ , and this is retained in some dialects. Att.-Ion.

ἔθεσαν, etc. has been recharacterized with *-σαν* from the sigmatic aor. (so also the aor. pass. \*ἔλύθηντ → ἔλύθησαν); other dialects abstracted an ending *-αν* from the sigmatic aor., giving ἔθειαν, etc.

2. In line with the preceding, ἦν (< ἦεν < \*ἦσεντ) 'they were' was replaced by ἦσαν, but was reused as the 3 sing. in place of ἦς < \*ἦστ. (ἦεν was perhaps analysed as \*ἦε + *-ν*, by analogy with the old 1 sing. ἦα.)

3. Imperative, 3 plur. active ending *-ντων* (*-ντω + ν*): so also at Delphi (Att.-Ion. influence?) and some insular Doric (Crete, Thera): cf. Lesb. *-ντων*. Most dialects have *-ντω*.

4. The most common *i*-stem inflection in Att.-Ion. (that of πόλις) is peculiar: it is marked by ablaut of the *i*-suffix (thus nom. plur. \*polei-es > πόλεις), followed by extensive reorganization. The attested paradigm was built by reinterpreting (or refashioning) the old endingless loc. πόλιη (lengthened stem and zero ending) as πόλη-*ι* (stem plus ending *-ι*): cf. Hom. πόλιος 66 110. Elsewhere *i*-stems were organized in a relatively simple pattern without ablaut, whereby endings were added to a stem in *-ι* (πολι-). The inflection of *u*-stems is more or less parallel.

5. (a) Sing. pronouns: the *s*/*t*- alternation of the 2 sing. σύ σέ σοί (WGk. τύ τέ τοί) was ironed out by extensive analogical levelling in the dialects. The *s*- got a foothold in the paradigm through the acc. sing. σέ < \*τφέ.

(b) Plur. pronouns (1 and 2 plur.): inherited \**usme* was recharacterized with *-εσ* in the nom. and *-ας* in the acc., giving ἡμεῖς, ἡμᾶς, etc. Most other dialects simply added *-ς* in the nom. (WGk. ἀμές) and left the acc. unchanged (ἀμέ). So also \**us-me* (for \**us* cf. Lat. *uōs*) > WGk. ὑμέ (Att. ὑμεῖς).

6. οἶ, αἶ (extended from the sing. ὄ, ἦ) replace inherited τοί, ταί (from a pronominal stem \**to-*). So also Arc.-Cyp., Lesb., and eastern Thess. (τοί found once in western Thess.).

7. Moveable *-ν* (νῦ ἐφελκυστικόν). This probably spread earlier in Ionia than in Attica, and must be due to a complex series of analogies.<sup>1</sup> In V cent. Attic prose inscriptions moveable *nu* is quite rare (most common in the dat. plur., no doubt on the analogy of ἡμῖν, ὑμῖν), but becomes increasingly common from the mid IV cent. (formulaic ἔδοξεν always occurs with *-ν*, even in early Attic texts). By the time of the koiné it is the norm not only before vowels and pauses, but also before consonants.

8.  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}$ , ‘if’, and particle  $\acute{\alpha}\nu$ , with Arc. (Cypr. has  $\eta$  and  $\kappa\epsilon$ , other dialects have  $\alpha\acute{\iota}$  and  $\kappa\epsilon/\kappa\alpha$ ). Also  $\acute{\epsilon}\acute{\alpha}\nu$ , in which  $\bar{a}$  suggests:  $ei + an > \hat{a}n$ , subsequently recharacterized with  $ei$  (giving  $ei-\hat{a}n > e-\hat{a}n$ ). The final contraction to  $\hat{a}n$  is found in Thuc., perhaps under Ionic influence, but is rare in inscriptions until the Hellenistic period.

#### 9. Numerals

- (a) the  $-o-$  in  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\kappa\omicron\sigma\iota$  and the hundreds ( $\delta\iota\alpha\kappa\acute{o}\sigma\iota\omicron\iota$ , etc.) is extended analogically from the decads in  $-\kappa\omicron\nu\tau\alpha < *-\kappa\omicron\mu\tau\alpha$  (WGK. dialects preserve,  $-a-$ , as in  $\text{F}\acute{\iota}\kappa\alpha\tau\iota < \text{IE } *wik\eta\mu\acute{t}i$ , Lat.  $u\bar{i}ginti$ ).
- (b) Initial  $\epsilon-$  in  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\kappa\omicron\sigma\iota$  is an apparently un-etymological vowel of a type found in Greek before some words beginning with a resonant (cf.  $\acute{\delta}\nu\omicron\mu\alpha$  vs. Lat.  $n\bar{o}men$ ): such ‘prothetic vowels’ can sometimes be derived from IE laryngeals.

10. Att.-Ion. and Doric innovate  $\acute{\epsilon}\nu\text{-}\varsigma$  (§23.9): Att. generalized  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\varsigma$ , Ion. mostly has  $\acute{\epsilon}\varsigma$  but in some areas maintained the distinction  $\acute{\epsilon}\varsigma + C$ ,  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\varsigma + V$ .

#### ATTIC ONLY:

11. The present ptclpl. of  $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\mu\acute{\iota}$ , ‘be’, is in most dialects  $\acute{\epsilon}\acute{\omega}\nu \acute{\epsilon}\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha \acute{\epsilon}\acute{\omicron}\nu$  ( $*H_1s-on-$ ). Attic  $\acute{\alpha}\nu$ ,  $\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha$ ,  $\acute{\delta}\nu$  is unexpected: loss of  $\acute{\epsilon}-$  is presumably the result of hyperesis<sup>2</sup> or contraction (§30.5): if contraction there must have been some analogical remodelling to account for neut.  $\acute{\delta}\nu$ . Fem.  $\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha/\acute{\epsilon}\omicron\upsilon\sigma\alpha$  must in any case have been remodelled on the masc./neut., since  $*H_1s-\eta\tau\text{-}ya$  would give  $\acute{\epsilon}\acute{\alpha}\sigma\sigma\alpha$  (Myc.  $a-pe-a-sa$ ), a form found in other dialects. So also subj.  $\acute{\epsilon}\omega$  versus Att.  $\acute{\omega}$ .

12. Athem. verbs, 3 plur. present ending  $-\bar{a}\sigma\iota$  ( $\tau\iota\theta\acute{\epsilon}\bar{a}\sigma\iota$ ,  $\delta\iota\delta\acute{o}\bar{a}\sigma\iota$ ): an innovation associated with Attic (but Att.-Ion.  $\bar{i}\bar{a}\sigma\iota$  and epic  $\bar{e}\bar{a}\sigma\iota$  61 7 show the same ending). Homer, Herod., and other Ion. sources have  $\tau\iota\theta\acute{\epsilon}\iota\sigma\iota$  (WGK.  $\tau\iota\theta\epsilon\nu\tau\iota$ ): cf. 77 208 for the accent.  $-\bar{a}\sigma\iota < *-\alpha\nu\sigma\iota$  may be a recharacterized version of  $-\bar{a}\sigma\iota < *-\eta\tau\acute{i}$ : but the details are difficult and disputed.<sup>3</sup>

13. Att. assigns relativizing function to the the pronoun  $\acute{\delta}\varsigma < *yos$ . Other dialects also use the ‘article’ pronoun  $\acute{\delta}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\tau\acute{o} < *so$ ,  $*s\bar{a}$ ,  $*tod$  as a relative (esp. Ionic, Aeolic, Arc.-Cyp.): this became a feature of the Hellenistic koiné.<sup>4</sup>

#### IONIC ONLY:

14. Ionic (with Lesb. and Pamph.) has the long dat. plur. in  $-οισι$

(the original loc. ending), with *a*-stem  $-\eta\iota\sigma\iota$  (the result of *o*-stem influence on inherited  $-\eta\sigma\iota < *-\bar{a}\sigma\iota$ ). Most dialects have  $-\sigma\iota\varsigma$  (the old instr. ending) in dat. function, and *a*-stem  $-\alpha\iota\varsigma$  (formed analogically). Att. dropped  $-\sigma\iota\sigma\iota$  in the mid V cent. in favour of  $-\sigma\iota\varsigma$ ; and *a*-stem  $-\alpha\iota\varsigma$  replaced  $-\eta\sigma\iota/-\alpha\iota\sigma\iota$ . The retention of the long form in V cent. Attic comedy is merely a metrical convenience. Cf. Myc. (§11.3).

<sup>1</sup> Kurylowicz (1972), Ruijgh (1989: 161). <sup>2</sup> Cowgill (1965: 167–8), López Eire (1986). <sup>3</sup> Rix (1976: 252, 256–7), Ruijgh (1992: 464–6).

<sup>4</sup> Humbert (1960: 42), Horrocks (1997: 127).

### §33. *Aeolic*

The Aeolic dialects bear witness to a relatively brief period of common development followed by a much longer process of areal convergence (Boeotian and Thessalian have features in common with West Greek, Lesbian with East Greek). Whether proto-Aeolic was in the Bronze Age a north-western or south-eastern idiom (§8) is a vexed question, and perhaps misconceived (it implies a strongly genetic rather than an areal model of how dialects develop). Aeolic was clearly a conservative dialect (and therefore resembled the conservative north-western dialects in many respects), and probably did not develop distinctively Aeolic features (innovations) until the post-Mycenaean period.<sup>1</sup> In the late second millennium the proto-Aeolians seem to have occupied the regions between Epirus and Thessaly, and to have migrated as far as the northern Peloponnese.

At the end of the Dark Ages the speakers of dialects traditionally classified as Aeolic were separated geographically and isolated: Boeotian is surrounded to the east by Attic-Ionic, and in all other directions by West Greek. Thessalian is surrounded by North-west Greek, and eastern Aeolic (Lesbian) by Ionic. Boeotian is often described as a mixed dialect (West Greek and Aeolic), and in fact all three are in varying degrees fusions of disparate elements. The group—even more than the other traditional dialect ‘families’—is united by a series of overlapping similarities rather than a large number of diagnostic common features.<sup>2</sup>

An extra problem with the term *Aeolic* is that it was used by ancient grammarians and commentators to denote Lesbian (owing to the ancient and famous literary tradition associated with the

dialect, including aspects of Homeric language), and this is reflected to a certain extent in modern usage.

<sup>1</sup> García Ramón (1975), Brixhe (2006: 49–55). <sup>2</sup> Vottéro (2006: 137–42).

## Phonology

### §34. Vowels

1. There is evidence that vocalic resonants (§10.3) were in some contexts vocalized with *o*, as in Arc.-Cyp. (§§26.3, 10.3): Boe. *στροτευιάων* 14 9, Sapph. *βροχέ(α)* 74 b7.

2. In Lesb. and Thess. clusters of resonant and \*s (§23.6) or \*γ (§23.7) characteristically result in the gemination of the resonant, rather than compensatory lengthening of the vowel: *ἀμμέ* (<\**ḡsme*) 11 13 (Thess.), Sapph. *ἰμέρρει* (-ρρ- <\*-rγ-) 74 a27.

#### THESSALIAN ONLY:

3. (a) Secondary long *e* and *o* merged with the inherited long vowels [ε:] (η) and [ο:] (ω). By the IV cent. long *e* and long *o* had a closed quality and were written *ει*, *ου* (with a spelling borrowed from Att.-Ion., §23.1): *συνθείκα* 10 1. (b) There is a possible related sound-change at Larisa, by which *αι* came to be written *ει* (i.e. [ai] > [ε:] > [ε:]), for which cf. §34.6 below. But the evidence is late and the spelling only attested in verbal endings.<sup>1</sup>

#### BOEOTIAN ONLY:

Boeotian vowels changed rapidly from the V cent., in most cases anticipating the developments that characterize modern Greek. The Boeotians attempted to keep track of sound-changes in the spelling, especially after the introduction of the Ionic alphabet at the beginning of the IV cent.

4. In the V cent. the diphthong *ει* [ey] began to be written *ι*, indicating transition to a monophthong [i:] (probably via [ε:]). As in Attica (Threatte 1980: 205), it seems likely that this change was retarded before a vowel (cf. *στροτευιάων* 14 9).

5. Secondary long *e* and *o* had merged with the inherited long vowels [ε:] (η) and [ο:] (ω); but at the beginning of the IV cent.

inherited long *e* ( $\eta$ ) started to be written  $\epsilon\iota$ , indicating a closer pronunciation [ $\epsilon$ ].

6. From the end of the VI cent. the diphthong  $\alpha\iota$  began to be written  $a\epsilon$ , and by the mid IV cent. was written  $\eta$ . These changes indicate transition to a monophthong [ $\epsilon$ ].

7. In a parallel development to (6), the diphthong  $\omicron\iota$  began to be written  $o\epsilon$  and then (in the mid IV cent.)  $\upsilon$ . This indicates a change to the monophthong [ $\ddot{u}$ ] (for the spelling cf. §30.4).

8. Inherited  $\upsilon$  remained a true [u], unlike in Attic, and from the early IV cent. was generally written  $o\upsilon$  to indicate this.

9.  $\epsilon$  written  $\epsilon\iota$  (from the VI cent.) or  $\iota$  (IV cent.) before another vowel indicates synizesis (§23.2).

#### LESBIAN ONLY:

10. Ancient grammatical sources, and the accentuation of some manuscripts, indicate that the accent in Lesbian was recessive (as close to the beginning of the word as possible, as in the Att. verb). By convention this is observed in the printing of modern accents.<sup>2</sup>

11. By way of compensatory lengthening, the sequence  $*Vns > Vis$  ( $\lambda\acute{\upsilon}\omicron\iota\sigma\iota < * \lambda\acute{\upsilon}\omicron\nu\sigma\iota$ , etc.): word-final (§23.9) or with secondary *s* (§23.6c).

12. Secondary long *e* and *o* merged with the inherited open vowels [ $\epsilon$ :] ( $\eta$ ) and [ $\omicron$ :] ( $\omega$ ).

<sup>1</sup> Blümel (1982: 159–61). <sup>2</sup> Probert (2003: 159–60), West (1970b).

### §35. Consonants

1. Labiovelar  $*k^w$  ( $*g^w$ ,  $*g^wh$ ) > labial  $\pi$  ( $\beta$ ,  $\varphi$ ) even before *e*, *i* (§10.6): Boe.  $\pi\epsilon\tau\rho\acute{\alpha}\tau\alpha\nu$ , ‘fourth’ 14 19. (But note  $\tau\acute{\iota}\varsigma < *k^w$  is even in Aeolic.)

2. [w] (digamma) was lost early in Lesb. (cf. Ionic). Its appearance in Sapph. and Alk. appears to be purely ‘literary’: it had already disappeared from the spoken language in the VI cent.<sup>1</sup> Initial *F-* is maintained in Boe. and Thess. until the koiné (sometimes written internally in archaic Boe. inscriptions).

3. For Boe. (and probably also Thess., though evidence is scanty)  $\tau\tau$  in common with Attica and Eretria (§23.8).

<sup>1</sup> Bowie (1981: 69–74).

### §36. Morphology/Syntax

#### OVERLAPPING FEATURES OF LESBIAN, THESSALIAN, BOEOTIAN

1. Athematic inflection of vowel-stem verbs (§24.1): but Boeotian inscriptions show thematic inflection with West Greek and Attic.

2. Perfect ptcl.: the inherited suffix *\*-wos-* was replaced with *-ont-* imported from the present (*\*-wos-* had to be remodelled in all dialects after the disappearance of intervocalic *\*-s-*): ἐπεστᾶκοντα 9 8, ‘in office’ (ἐφ-ίσταμαι).

3. Infinitives: (a) the athematic infin. (active) is *-μεν* in Thess. Boe., extended to thematic verbs also. (b) Lesb. has athematic *-μεναι* (apparently a blend of *-μεν* and *-ναι*), but only in the case of short-vowel monosyllabic stems (ἐμ-μεναι, δό-μεναι, θέ-μεναι): other athematic stems share the thematic ending, viz. long vowel + *-ν*. (c) Sigmatic *-σαι* and med.-pass. *-σθαι* are common to all three, with the exception of Larisa in Thessaly where *-σειν*, *-σθειν* are found (cf. §34.3).

4. The athematic (C-stem) dat. plur. is *-εσσι* (the result of an analogical ‘proportion’ λύκοι:λύκοισι::πάντες:χ→πάντεσσι): it must have been created after the sound-change *-ss->-s-* had ceased to be effective (cf. στήθεσιν 74 b6). Hom. *s-*stem forms such as ἔπρεσσι are creations of the epic *Kunstsprache* (the doublet *-εσσι/-εσι* is metrically convenient).<sup>1</sup>

5. First sing. pronoun ἐγών (rare in epigraphic texts): associated with Aeolic and West Greek. For the final *-ν* cf. Indo-Iranian *-m* (Skt. *ahám*).

6. Patronymic adj. in *-ιος* (also Myc.): other dialects use gen. of the father’s name.<sup>2</sup>

7. *αι*, ‘if’, and particle *κε* (*κεν* in Homer and lyric poetry): *κα* in Boe. from West Greek.

#### THESSALIAN ONLY:

8. Thematic gen. sing. in *-οιο* (rarely), mostly *-οι < -οιο* (cf. Myc. *o-jo*): the form familiar from Homer.

#### LESBIAN ONLY:

9. Imperative, 3 plur. active/medio-pass. Lesb. forms a 3 plur. imper. in *-ντον* (act.) and *-σθον* (medio-pass.), with an unusual short vowel. Greek generally builds these forms on



3 sing.  $-\tau\omega$  and  $-\sigma\theta\omega$  (§32.3), but in this case the development is hard to trace.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Morpurgo Davies (1976). <sup>2</sup> Morpurgo Davies (1968), Hodot (2006: 174–8). <sup>3</sup> García Ramón (1978).

### §37. *West Greek*

West Greek includes the group of dialects known traditionally to classicists as Doric, a term (and a concept) inherited from the Greeks. The Dorians had a distinct political and cultural identity: their dialect was particularly associated with choral poetry, which suggests that the form developed somewhere in the Doric world. For linguistic purposes it is useful, however, to distinguish a sub-grouping of north-western dialects which share a range of overlapping features. With the notable exceptions of Delphi and Elis, much of the north-western area was both geographically and culturally isolated in the classical period.<sup>1</sup>

Although West Greek is characterized by some striking isoglosses which mark it off from the eastern group, the individual dialects nevertheless developed in different linguistic contexts across a wide area of mainland and insular Greece. Since it seems likely that speakers of West Greek were involved in migrations across the Greek world in the sub-Mycenaean period (starting roughly in the XII cent.), the dialects as they appear in the archaic period can be expected to show the effects of interaction with the language of speakers who were absorbed or subdued by the new arrivals ('substrate' influence), as well as that of neighbouring population groups (Arcadia, Boeotia, Attica, and Thessaly). This is difficult to quantify, but for both North-west Greek and Doric there are features which appear anomalous, as well as sporadic irregularities which are difficult to account for; and in a couple of cases (Achaea and Elis) the written standards admit these features so freely that doubt has been cast on their classification as West Greek. This is not a particularly useful step: if we are to use the traditional groupings at all, we should recognize that for West Greek, and particularly for North-west Greek, the evidence is often both scanty and late; and it is therefore not unlikely that in many cases we are dealing with a koinéized written form which did not closely represent local vernacular. Better

evidence would no doubt give us a whole new set of criteria for classifying the western dialects.

The literary dialect known as Doric cannot on the whole be located in a specific region: it seems to be a supra-regional creation (compare literary Ionic), and may in any case have borrowed features from other literary idioms such as epic or Aeolic. The choral ‘Doric’ of Attic tragedy is particularly feeble, and comprises little more than the occasional  $\bar{a}$  for  $\eta$  (as well as a number of epic features).

<sup>1</sup> Bile (2006).

## Phonology

### §38. Vowels

1. *ἰαρός* (eastern Gk. *ἰερός*): root  $*isH_1-$  and suffix in  $*-er/r_2-os$  (cf. §10.3 for  $*r > ar$  in WGk. and Att.-Ion.).<sup>1</sup>

2. *πῤῆτος* (Att. *πρῶτος*)  $< *p\bar{r}_2-tos$  with the long vowels from long vocalic  $r$  (root  $*prH-$ ), but there may have been analogical interference.<sup>2</sup> So also Boe.

3. In Arc., Aeol., and some WGk. dialects secondary long  $e$  and  $o$  (§23.1) fell together with inherited  $[ε:]$  ( $\eta$ ) and  $[ο:]$  ( $\omega$ ). WGk. dialects in which this occurs (traditionally labelled *severior*) are (a) Peloponnesian dialects outside of the Saronic area: viz. Elis, the western Argolid, Laconia, and their colonies (Taras, Heraklea, etc.); and (b) Crete, and some of the smaller islands.

4. The contraction of  $\alpha + \epsilon$  gives  $\eta$  (Att.-Ion.  $\bar{a}$ ); for  $\bar{a} < \bar{a} + o/\omega$  cf. §30.2.

<sup>1</sup> Ruijgh (1981*b*: 59). <sup>2</sup> Lejeune (1972: §203), Sihler §106.

#### NORTH-WEST GREEK:

5.  $\epsilon$  is lowered to  $\alpha$  before  $\rho$  (as in Brit. Engl. *clerk*): *φάρην* (Att. *φέρειν*) §4 1. At Elis  $\eta > \bar{a}$  in most contexts.

### §39. Consonants

1.  $[w]$  (digamma) is retained until the koiné period, especially in word-initial position. Exceptions:  $[w]$  is lost early in insular Doric (but retained in Crete), and the Saronic dialects (but post-consonantal  $\mathcal{F}$  is found in early inscriptions from Corinth).

2. \**ty* and \**ky* give *σσ* (*φυλάσσω* < *φυλάκ-γω* etc.): but *-ττ-* is found on Crete (§23.8).

3. \**dy* and \**gy* give *ζ* in most dialects: but in Laconia, Crete, and Elis the result is *δδ* (initial *δ-*): §23.8.

4. Retention of inherited *-τι* in verbal endings and numerals: *δίδωτι* 42 8, *Φίκατι* 41 2.

#### NORTH-WEST GREEK:

5. *στ* for *σθ* (*ηλαξάστῶ* 54 2): best accounted for by assuming an early development of [k<sup>h</sup>], [t<sup>h</sup>] to fricatives [x], [θ] (as in Laconia). The writing *στ* would indicate that *θ*/[t<sup>h</sup>] had failed to become a fricative [θ] after [s]. Cf. also on *πάσκοι* 58 8. Occasional examples are also found in Boe. and Thess. (it was clearly a feature of north-central Greece).

#### LACONIAN:

6. There is a regular change of intervocalic *-s-* > *-h-* in Laconian from the V cent. (and sporadically in other dialects, though not attested till the IV cent.): both epigraphic, and captured in Aristoph. *Lysistrata*. e.g. aor. ptcp. *νικάῃας* 33 3.

7. The spelling <*σ*> for <*θ*> in sources (epigraphic, and Aristoph. *Lysistrata*) dating to the late V or early IV cent. indicates that [t<sup>h</sup>] had moved early to the fricative [θ] in Lac., as in Modern Gk. ([s] was the only fricative of classical Gk., which explains the choice of sign). It is difficult to know how early this change had occurred: but however Alkman pronounced the sound, it is unlikely that he would have used the spelling <*σ*> (which must be a later addition to the text).

## §40. Morphology/Syntax

#### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF WEST GREEK

1. Personal endings: 1 plur. *-μες* (cf. Lat. *-mus*). Athematic 3 plur. imperf. and aor. forms such as *ἔθεν*, *ἔδον* < \**ἔθε-ντ*, *ἔδο-ντ* are retained in most WGk. dialects (cf. §32.1).

2. Contracted future in *-σῶ* (*-σέω*). Built with a suffix *-se-*: *ἔσσεισθαι* < *ἔσ-σέ-εσθαι* 45 12 (cf. §24.2a).

3. (a) Athematic infin. *-μεν* (cf. §36.3). Crete (*ἡμην* 53 25) and insular Doric (Rhod. *-μεν* 49 5) have a lengthened vowel.<sup>1</sup>

(b) Thematic infin. *-ην* (by §38.3), *-ειν* in ‘mild’ Doric (§23.1): also *-εν* (a morphological innovation) in insular Doric (not Rhodes), Heraklea, and eastern Argolic.<sup>2</sup>

4. Verbs in *-ζω* were built originally on velar or dental stems. These gave an aor. (and fut.) stem in *-ξ-* and *-σ-* respectively; WGk., Thess. and Arc.-Cyp. generalized *-ξ-* (Att.-Ion. preserved the difference): *παρετάξωνσι* 7 28 (aor. subj.).

5. Inherited *τοί, ταί* (article, nom. plur.) retained (but Crete shares *οί, αί* with Att.-Ion. and Arc.-Cyp., §32.6).

6. *αί*, ‘if’, and particle *κα*. The normal ordering *αί τις κα* is different from Att.-Ion. *εάν τις*.

7. Conjunctions and temporal adverbs: WGk. dialects (and Boe.) typically have *-κα* in place of *-τε* in *ὅτε, τότε, πότε*.

8. *ποτί* (*προτί* at Argos) corresponding to Att.-Ion. *πρός* (§28.7): so also Thess., Boe.

#### NORTH-WEST GREEK:

9. The mediopass. ptcpl. of *e*-stem verbs ends in *-ημενοι* (or *-ειμενοι*, §38.3): the *e*-vowel has been extended from the infin. *-ησθαι* (*-εισθαι*) < \**-ε-εσθαι*. (It is not evidence of athematic inflection.)<sup>3</sup>

10. A shortened form of the thematic dat. sing. in *-οι* is found as a variant (with *-ωι*) across the NW Gk. area (cf. §28.10), but identifiable only after adoption of the Ionic alphabet. There is evidence that this variant reflects a less formal variety of the language.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ruijgh (1988: 139). <sup>2</sup> Ruijgh (1988: 139, n. 43). <sup>3</sup> Méndez Dosuna (1985: 502 f.). <sup>4</sup> Méndez Dosuna (1985: 453–6).

### §41. Pamphylian

The history of the Greek dialect spoken in Pamphylia is obscure; inscriptions are poorly preserved and difficult to understand. It seems to have affinities with Arc.-Cyp., West Greek, and (to a lesser extent) Aeolic. There may have been an Achaean presence in Pamphylia in the Mycenaean or sub-Mycenaean period: but the preservation of *-τι* (§10.8) points to a fundamental West Greek stratum in the language (Aspendos was said to have been settled from Argos, and Rhodian colonies stretched up the western side of Lycia). Whatever the prehistory, contacts with Crete and Cyprus

may also explain certain features shared with these dialects. The Greek-speakers of Pamphylia were surrounded by Luwian languages (Lycian, Sidetic, Cilician), and some degree of influence is to be expected from these.

## Phonology

### §42. Vowels

1. The raising of  $\epsilon$  to  $\iota$  before a nasal (§26.1, Arc.-Cyp.).
2. The raising of  $o$  to  $\upsilon$  at word end (§26.2, Arc.-Cyp.).
3.  $\epsilon$  is lowered to  $a$  before  $\rho$  (§38.4, NW Gk.).
4.  $\epsilon$  is written  $\iota$  (plus a glide) before  $a$  and  $o$  (§26.6, Cyp.).
5. Evidence for nasalized vowels from the sequence  $-VnC-$ , §43.3 (§26.8, Cyp.).

### §43. Consonants

1. Inherited  $*w$  is retained in most positions: perhaps as a fricative (it seems to have merged with  $*b$ ). See on  $\Sigma\epsilon\lambda\upsilon\text{W}\iota\iota\upsilon\varsigma$  63 1.
2. Retention of inherited  $-\tau\iota$  (verbal endings and numerals), as in WGk.
3.  $\upsilon$  is not written before consonants (as in Cyp.), which points to nasalized vowels: e.g.  $\pi\epsilon\delta\epsilon$  [pēde] 63 5. Also absent at word end in many cases.

### §44. Morphology/Syntax

#### CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF PAMPHYLIAN

1. Dat. plur. in  $-οισι/-αισι$  (as in Ionic, Lesb., early Att. and early Argolic): §32.14.
2. Prepositions meaning ‘from’ are constructed with the dat.-loc., as in Arc.-Cyp. (§28.5).
3. Imper. 3 plur. in  $-οδ\upsilon < -οντων$  (cf. §32.3), similar to the Lesb. form (§36.8).
4. The sigmatic aor. has thematic endings (i.e. those of the imperfect):  $\acute{\epsilon}\beta\omicron\lambda\acute{\alpha}\sigma\epsilon\tau\upsilon$  63 8. There are also examples in Homer ( $\delta\acute{\upsilon}\sigma\epsilon\tau\omicron$ , etc.).

## §45. LITERARY LANGUAGES

Greek literary language forces us to recognize that no society uses the same linguistic variety in oral literary texts, in written texts (whether literary or not), and in verbal interaction (the normal spoken language). A strict division between poetry and prose, fundamental in modern western thinking, has had an unhelpful effect on the appreciation of the literary languages of Greece (including the *koiné*). The various genres of ancient literature were all written in *koinai*: there is no a priori reason to expect that a historian would attempt to write his prose in the local vernacular any more than a poet would do so. It has long been recognized that poets wrote in a dialect associated with the genre they were working in, rather than their native idiom: the prose genres too were marked by a characteristic (and 'artificial') mixture of dialect forms. This implies not that all writers working within a tradition use an identical idiom, but that they refer back to a common idiom which their own production both represents and expands.

## §46. Epic

Of all the literary dialects, the language of epic (Homer and Hesiod) offers the most perplexing mixture of real and invented elements. It seems likely that *Iliad* and *Odyssey* took a form close to the one we are familiar with between the late VIII and early VII cent., though there is some dispute as to whether they were committed to writing contemporaneously or later (following a period of oral transmission). They represent the climax of many centuries of oral epic composition, and this is reflected in the peculiar language of the poetry. It is a literary dialect (*Kunstsprache*) which contains elements from different dialects and different periods, and some which were never spoken at all but created by the bards within the tradition.<sup>1</sup>

It has generally been assumed that the two Homeric poems took more or less their final form in the eastern Ionic dialect area, since the prevailing dialectal affiliation (and hence the last phase of composition) reflects an Ionian context. This does not exclude the

possibility that the tradition moved from Ionia to Euboea at the end of this phase, which might explain a few late features that seem to have entered from a mainland (Boeotian or West Greek) dialect.<sup>2</sup> Underlying the Ionic cast of the language there is also a significant component of Aeolic forms: analysis of these forms has convinced most scholars that the epic tradition was taken over by Ionian bards from neighbouring Aeolis, and that there was, therefore, an Aeolic period or phase of composition immediately prior to the Ionic phase within which the Homeric *Iliad* and *Odyssey* took shape.<sup>3</sup> However, a number of forms (e.g. nom. plur. of the article *τοί* besides *οί*) could just as well be archaisms as Aeolic forms, and this has given rise to an alternative theory that all Aeolic forms could actually be archaic forms in disguise,<sup>4</sup> rather than remnants of a phase when the whole tradition was in Aeolic. Finally, a small number of ‘Achaean’ elements (i.e. items shared with Arc.-Cyp. or Myc., §25) points to the earliest phase of epic poetry in the Mycenaean Bronze Age; this would be a continuation of the tradition of heroic song that the Greeks shared with most other Indo-European peoples. Much of the reconstructed history of the Homeric text is educated guesswork, and almost every detail is disputed, but the broad outline of a long tradition of oral formulaic hexameter poetry on Greek soil is necessary to account for its peculiarities.

Hesiod represents a slightly different epic tradition (didactic and wisdom literature), but the language of *Theogony* and *Works and Days* is the same Ionic literary dialect as the Homeric texts, even though the poet tells us he is Boeotian. Most scholars believe that the Hesiodic poems are a little later than the *Iliad* and *Odyssey*.<sup>5</sup>

The language of epic was enormously influential on all subsequent Greek literature, including ‘sub-literary’ production (epitaphs, etc.). It is not necessarily the case that the text was known in all regions in the same form as the vulgate which has come down to us: there may have been local variation in the surface phonology.

### 1. Epic diction: repetition and variation

Since the fieldwork on the oral poetry of the Balkans by Milman Parry in the 1930s it has been recognized that the structural and linguistic peculiarities of Greek epic poetry are indicators of oral composition.<sup>6</sup> The archaisms in the text derive from the use

of traditional formulae by the bards: the tradition retains metrically useful formulae, but modernizes where it can (i.e. when it can do so without upsetting the metre). Most of the language reflects the most recent phases of composition (the Greek ‘Dark Ages’); an increasingly small proportion goes back to the earlier periods.<sup>7</sup> The structural units which are generally identified can be set out in ascending order as follows (the categories are not necessarily distinct, or even complete):

(a) The traditional epithet: one epithet per person (or object) per metrical position: *ξανθὸς Μενέλαος* 67 147.

(b) The formula: fills a slot in the line: *εἶπε πρὸς ὃν μεγαλήτορα θυμόν* 66 98, *τὴν [τόν] δ’ ἀπαμειβόμενος προσέφη* 67 147.

(c) The line: 66 98 (over ten times in *Il.* and *Od.*).

(d) The ‘type’ scene (arrival, deliberation, libation, meal, reception of visitor, etc.).

## 2. Homeric dialect: phonology

On the whole, in line with Ionic features outlined in §§30–1.

(a) Inherited [w]. Digamma is not written in the extant manuscripts of Homer. By the end of the VIII cent. the consonant [w] had disappeared from the spoken language of Ionia, but its original presence in Homeric formulae can be demonstrated by hundreds of examples (over 80% of cases where [w] would be reconstructed).<sup>8</sup> In most of these the loss of [w] produces apparent hiatus (I) between two vowels:

*Il.* 7. 296: *ἀντὰρ ἐγὼ κατὰ | ἄστν μέγα Πριάμοιο | ἄνακτος* (earlier *Φάστν . . . Φάνακτος*).

See also on *τις* (*F*)*εἴπησι* 66 106 (original [w] has lengthened the preceding syllable).

(b) Some Aeolic features: *πίσυρες* beside Ion. *τέσσαρες* (initial labiovelar: §35.1), *ἐρεβεννός*, ‘dark’ < \**ἐρεβεισ-νός* (§23.6).

## 3. Homeric dialect: morphology

On the whole in line with Ionic features outlined in §32.

(a) Archaic features: gen. sing. *-οιο* and *-οο* (the latter spelled *-ου* in the vulgate), a ‘dat.-loc.’ ending *-φι* (§11.4), *ὁ ἦ τό* with demonstrative and relative force, optional augment (cf. §14.2), *athem*.



3 plur. ἔσταν etc. besides ἔστησαν (§32.1), short-vowel subjunctive ἴομεν, etc. (εἶμι, ἴβο), tmesis (§24.6).

(b) Some Aeolic features: dat. plur. in -εσσι (§36.4), plur. pronouns ἄμμε, etc. (§§32.5b, 34.2), athem. infin. δόμεν, δόμεναι, etc. (§36.2), vowel-stem verbs καλήμεναι etc. (§36.1).

(c) Some late mainland (Att./Boe./WGk.) features: κείντο (an analogical rebuilding of κέατο), τε(Ϝ)ίϛ (both the stem \*τεϜ- and the dat. -ιϛ are WGk./Boe.), and others.<sup>9</sup>

#### 4. Homeric dialect: lexicon

(a) Archaic words, some of which may represent the oldest strata (perhaps ‘Achaean’, §46 above) in the poetry: αἶσα, δῶμα, ἦμαρ, ἰδέ, πτόλις (8 1), φάσγανον.

(b) The dialect mixture gave rise to convenient doublets: ἄν/κε(ν), πτόλις/πτόλις, etc.

#### 5. Homeric dialect: ‘artificial’ forms

This merely refers to forms which were produced analogically by the tradition over centuries of composition, and which were never heard in any dialect. Thus, for example, the extension of the ending (suffix) -φι (§11.4), or the diektasis of εὐχετόωνται 67 139 (note ad loc.).

#### 6. Hesiodic dialect

The language of Hesiod is very similar to that of Homer, and was composed in the same Ionic-based oral tradition.

The most striking feature in which Hes. differs from Hom. is the presence of around eight instances of an *a*-stem acc. plur. with a short vowel (cf. τροπᾶς 68 663, δεινᾶς 68 675): a roughly equal number have a long vowel.<sup>10</sup> If this is an ‘artificial’ feature of the diction, poetic innovation may have favoured the retention of a short *a*-stem acc. plur. (a) as an extension of Hom. formulae such as τροπαὶ ἠελίοιο (nom. τροπαί is ∪∪ before a vowel), and (b) on the analogy of the C-stem. acc. plur. in -ᾶς. But it has been plausibly argued that the feature has its roots in the language of ‘mainland’ Greek epic (it is found in Thess., Arc., and several WGk. dialects); in this case the absence of short-vowel *o*-stem acc. plur. forms could be explained by supposing that the imbalance arose in dialects which generalized -ᾶς, -οῦς (§23.9) and then extended -ᾶς to the athem.

declension (cf. *θυγατέρας* 53 42). In poetry, however, the replacement of *athem. -ās* by *-āvs* before a vowel would have been blocked by the metre: thus *-ās* became the prevocalic poetic variant, and spread to the *a*-stems as a handy doublet for new compositional contexts.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Palmer (1980: 83–101), Fowler (2004). <sup>2</sup> West (1988): cf. §46.3c  
<sup>3</sup> See Janko (1994), West (1988). <sup>4</sup> So Horrocks (1987), Wyatt (1992).  
<sup>5</sup> Janko (1982). <sup>6</sup> See Lord (1960: 3–12). <sup>7</sup> *Oral composition*: Lord (1960), with rival interpretations by Nagy (1995) and Janko (1998). *History*: Dickinson (1986). <sup>8</sup> Janko (1982: 46–7). <sup>9</sup> Cf. the list of West (1988: 167–8). <sup>10</sup> See Edwards (1971: 141–65). <sup>11</sup> Cassio (2006).

#### §47. Lyric Poetry: The Archaic Period (VII–early V cent. BC)

The term ‘lyric’ often subsumes all the poetry which survives from the centuries following the introduction of alphabetic writing to Greece down to Pindar (518–c.445 BC). This classificatory imprecision is partly due to ancient vagueness on the subject, and partly to modern difficulties with the term lyric, and, in general, with ancient notions of genre. By way of shorthand lyric has been described as the poetry which follows epic, a characterization which needs to be treated with caution since it is not clear when Homeric and Hesiodic epic took their final form, and since other epic poetry (including the ‘Homeric Hymns’) continued to be composed. Moreover, many of the disparate genres which constitute ‘lyric’ poetry must have been sung for centuries before the alphabetic period and the masters familiar to us from then. Lyric poetry was eclipsed (in Athens at any rate) by drama: if more non-dramatic poetry had survived from the V and IV cent. we would doubtless be able to see continuities between archaic and Hellenistic forms.

The poems can be grouped by metre, by dialect, and by the circumstances of performance, where these are known (musical accompaniment, the performers, and the context of performance). A grouping by dialect illustrates the diverse nature of the poetry:

- Ionic: (a) poems in elegiac metre (Archilochos, Kallinos, Tyrtaios, Solon)

- (b) poems in iambic and trochaic metre (Archilochos, Semonides, Hipponax)
- (c) poems in non-stichic sung metres (Anakreon)
- (d) poems in hexameters (Hipponax, Xenophanes)
- Doric:
  - (a) poems in non-stichic sung metres (Alkman, Stesichoros, Ibykos, Simonides, Bacchylides, Pindar)
  - (b) poems in hexameters (Alkman)
- Lesbian: poems in non-stichic sung metres (Sappho and Alkaios)

In most cases the choice of dialect is determined by the genre (roughly defined as a mixture of metre, theme, and performance context). However, the notion of ‘dialect’ in this formulation is far from straightforward: exceptions such as Alkman’s Doric hexameters (26 *PMG*), or the mixed metre of Archilochos 69, make a schematic approach impossible. Literary dialect (and its interaction with metre) was clearly a fluid category, and one which developed over time in the hands of individual poets: in this respect Hellenistic poets were heirs to a long tradition of innovation.

### 1. Ionic: Elegy and Iambos<sup>1</sup>

Writers of elegiac couplets (which allow easy deployment of epic formulae) use a fairly standard epic diction, even when their native dialect is West Greek (Tyrtaios) or Attic (Solon). In their poetry, as in Hesiod’s, the dialect of the genre overrode the local dialect. There are some small variations: Kallinos (an Ionian) uses Ionic *κῶς, κότε* where Tyrtaios and Solon have standard Homeric *πῶς*.<sup>2</sup> Writers of *iambos*, a colourful Ionian tradition independent of epic, used a literary dialect which was distinctly Ionic, and which more obviously suggested the vernacular; but they borrowed epic items freely when theme or metre suggested this (*iambos* denotes a genre rather than a metre: Archilochos and Semonides wrote poems in both elegiac and iambic/trochaic metre).

### 2. Doric: choral poetry

There is significant diversity in the Doric diction of surviving poetry, partly owing to the pervasive influence of epic, and also of an Aeolic poetic tradition (the early Lesbian poet Terpander was said to have

worked in Sparta).<sup>3</sup> It is difficult to arrive at a satisfactory evaluation of Alkman's dialect owing to the uncertainties in the textual tradition, and the small amount which survives. On the whole it represents Doric with a number of Aeolic and epic elements, to which some later Laconian features have been added.<sup>4</sup> We do not know enough about either Laconian in the VII cent. or Alkman's autograph to judge how close his literary dialect was to the spoken language. It may have been roughly as close to Laconian vernacular as were Sappho's poems to contemporary Lesbian (that is to say, not particularly close: probably both poets were working within a poetic koiné with an oblique rather than a direct relationship to the vernacular). Stesichoros, a speaker of West Greek, also uses a fairly thorough West Greek diction, but with epic features which reflect the dactylic quality of his metre and his Homeric flavour.

Pindar's language is heavily influenced by epic (much of the vocabulary is Homeric), with a surface phonology that reflects (so far as one can judge by the spelling) the Doric choral tradition. In line with this tradition he includes a number of Lesbian features (in particular *Μοῖσα*, the pres. ptcl. in *-οῖσα*, the aor. ptcl. *-αῖσ/-αῖσα*, and 3 plur. *-οῖσι*): although there are important overlaps between his native Boeotian and WGk. (retention of inherited [a:], etc.), he avoids features associated narrowly with Boe. Following the example of epic, and no doubt of Alkman too, he selects dialect features for his poetic convenience, and this poetic freedom within a basic West Greek phonological frame is what came to be understood as 'literary Doric'. It was further developed (with a continuing diminution of the Doric elements) by the Ionian poets Simonides and Bacchylides.

### 3. Lesbian: Sappho and Alkaios

Sappho and Alkaios were clearly working within a tradition of Aeolic poetry, one which must have had a long history of interaction with the neighbouring Ionian traditions. As with Alkman, the earliness of these poets, combined with the difficulty of their dialect, makes it very hard to unravel the relationship between the received text and what they might actually have written. Hellenistic scholars put the texts into a form resembling the one that has come down to us (a process which included rewriting the texts in the Ionic alphabet); presumably hyper-Aeolic features go back to this period. The dialect

is recognizably Lesbian, but, like the Ionic and Doric literary languages, contains forms from a poetic tradition which do not reflect contemporary vernacular.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Palmer (1980: 105–13); details of phonological and morphological variation are collected at West (1974: 77–111). <sup>2</sup> Cf. §48.3 <sup>3</sup> Cassio (2005). <sup>4</sup> Cassio (in press). <sup>5</sup> A. Bowie (1981: 47–137).

### §48. The Classical World: 480–320 BC

The Persian occupation of the Ionian Greek states in the mid VI cent. BC led to a shift in the intellectual centre of gravity in the Greek world, as Ionian thinkers moved west to mainland Greece and Ionia ceased to be the dominant force in Greek thought. Athens had been an important cultural centre in the VI cent. (the Peisistratid tyrants were patrons of the arts), but was distracted by political and constitutional upheaval for much of the period. After the Persian wars (490–79), however, a new-found self-confidence, stable democratic government, and a rapid increase in wealth and political influence through the Delian league led to undisputed Athenian leadership in the artistic and intellectual life of the Greek world.

The Peisistratid appropriation of the Homeric text in the VI cent.<sup>1</sup> reflected the Athenian desire to position themselves as the intellectual heirs to the Ionian tradition—a claim which was, of course, bolstered by ethnic and dialectal affiliations. Ionic had traditionally been the language of literary prose (scientific and artistic, to the extent that the distinction is valid); the Ionian alphabet was prestigious for this reason, and also perhaps because of an association with the Homeric text. Over the course of the V cent. it is clear that Athenian writers switched increasingly to the Ionian alphabet for literary production.<sup>2</sup> More importantly, they forged a new set of literary languages for themselves: in particular, a prose medium which retained the lexical and syntactic influence of Ionic, but which was to be the new literary standard of Attica (and, therefore, the Greek-speaking world), rather than the old language of Ionia.

In the following notes the term ‘poetic’ is occasionally used to describe vocabulary (less often syntax). Poetic diction is defined in

two ways: negatively, the term covers vocabulary and syntax which are excluded from the IV cent. Attic orators, from comedy, and from documentary inscriptions. Aristotle (*Poetics* 22) noted that diction alien to the vernacular is appropriate for literary language (this reflects the different function of poetic language, which ‘consists in the maximum foregrounding of the utterance’).<sup>3</sup> Descriptively the language is alien because it is archaic, or is at home in a different dialect, or is the creation of a productive *Kunstsprache* (these categories often intersect).

<sup>1</sup> Fowler (2004). <sup>2</sup> Colvin (1999: 92–100), D’Angour (1999).  
<sup>3</sup> Mukařovský (1932 = 1964: 19).

### 1. Attic tragedy

The language of tragedy is tied closely to the metre. Passages of dialogue in iambic (occasionally trochaic) metre have a mostly Attic phonology: much of the lexicon and syntax is poetic, i.e. characteristic of Ionic, or Homeric *Kunstsprache*, rather than normal Attic. Phonological features of vernacular Attic which are avoided even in dialogue are  $-\tau\tau-$ , and Att.  $-\rho\rho-$  for  $-\rho\sigma-$ . It may be that these were avoided in the new high Attic (at least initially) because they are characteristics of Attic which are not shared with eastern Ionic:  $-\tau\tau-$  in particular is a feature that Attic shared with Boeotian, and there are reasons for suspecting that the Athenians were keen to dissociate themselves from this particular dialect, even though they were connected by several striking isoglosses.<sup>1</sup> Choral passages are written in lyric metre, and in an idiom which makes a bow to the tradition of the Doric choral tradition (§47.2). In practice much of the Doric flavour of these choral sections, as with Bacchylides, comes from the substitution of  $\bar{a}$  for Att.-Ion.  $\eta$ , and the contraction of  $\bar{a} + o/\omega$  to  $\bar{a}$  (§30.2).<sup>2</sup> The proportion of poetic words increases in lyric sections, though many of these reflect epic/Ionic poetry rather than (necessarily) West Greek usage: this of course begs the question of how much of the lexicon of Doric choral poetry was borrowed from, or in common with, epic poetry. Aeschylus uses lexical items associated with Doric ( $\acute{\alpha}\gamma\rho\acute{\epsilon}\omega$ ,  $\kappa\alpha\acute{\iota}\nu\omega$ ,  $\mu\acute{\epsilon}\acute{\iota}\omega\nu$ ,  $\mu\omicron\lambda\epsilon\acute{\iota}\nu$ ,  $\nu\iota\nu$ , etc.): he also uses  $\pi\omicron\tau\acute{\iota}$ , but this is found in epic too (so also  $\mu\acute{\epsilon}\acute{\iota}\omega\nu$ ,  $\mu\omicron\lambda\epsilon\acute{\iota}\nu$ ). Choral passages are also remarkable for an increase in the syntactic

complexity, and for syntactic usages alien to the vernacular (this probably represents a mixture of archaism, dialectal syntax, and poetic licence).<sup>3</sup> The language of tragic lyric, however, does *not* include the substitution of  $\omega/\eta$  for  $ou/\epsiloni$  (the spurious diphthongs), third plur.  $-ντι$ , or Aeolic-looking participles of the  $-οισα$  type (seen in Alkman and Pindar). In the field of morphology the most obvious categories are missing, such as the potential particle  $κα$ , the 1 plur.  $-μεις$ , the athen. infin.  $-μεν$ , and the vowel-stem ‘Doric’ future. Apocope occurs, mostly in compounds and mostly with  $ἀνά$ , but this is more likely to reflect epic usage.

The last plays of Euripides were written around half a century after the death of Aeschylus, and it is unsurprising that there should have been some developments in the language of tragedy during this period. From a linguistic perspective the developments are not wildly significant: a slight relaxing of the strictness of the metrical scheme, and a greater willingness to admit colloquial idioms into the poetry accompany a general movement towards a blurring of the boundaries between tragedy and comedy. Euripidean language is in general less markedly poetic: the syntax is less dense, and the lexicon is often (not always) less rarified. There is a parodic comparison of the style and diction of Aeschylus and Euripides in Aristophanes, *Frogs* 795–1478.

<sup>1</sup> Colvin (2004). <sup>2</sup> Björck (1950). <sup>3</sup> Bers (1984).

## 2. Aristophanes

The language and structure of Old Comedy are largely parasitic on tragedy. Spoken passages are written in iambic (or trochaic) metre, and choral passages (which become increasingly rare) are written in a comic approximation of tragic lyric; however, once allowance is made for the constraints of the metre, the ordinary conversational language is Attic. Of course, Aristophanic language has to be treated with some caution since the playwright is constantly engaged in word-play and parody of other language registers (literary genres and individual or group speech styles); at the same time, the skill with which he evokes a range of linguistic repertoires makes comedy an unmatched source of information on social varieties of Attic.<sup>1</sup> The freedom with which he invents new compounds is both an example

of the liveliness of comic language, and also parodies the compounds of serious poetry.

The extant Aristophanic plays were preserved (through the Byzantine school curriculum), in spite of their content, because of their usefulness as a source of ‘pure’ (i.e. unpoetic) Attic. It is generally assumed that the appearance of a lexeme in comedy or in the IV cent. orators guarantees that it existed in a least one variety of contemporary Attic (though not necessarily or even probably the lowest vernacular levels).

<sup>1</sup> Dover (1987), Willi (2003a).

### 3. Herodotos

The language of Herodotos (born c.485 BC) has received much attention from a stylistic perspective, and in recent years has been the subject of useful pragmatic analysis. Nevertheless, on a purely linguistic level (features of dialect and poetry) his text remains peculiar to look at owing to the large number of apparently epic forms, some of which seem to be ‘eye dialect’ (an orthographic device intended to give a dialectal character to the text without necessarily being intended to affect the oral performance), and some of which do not (lexicon, morphology, phrasing). A large part of the problem stems from uncertainties in the transmission of the text: the suspicion that we do not have what Herodotos wrote, but the result of embellishment by later (Hellenistic) editors. To give a rough hierarchy of examples:

- (a) *οὔνομα* in the Hom. text denotes a purely metrical lengthening. Its appearance in Hdt. begs the question: was the digraph *OY* (§23.1) in regular use in late V cent. Ionia to denote [o:]? On the balance of epigraphic evidence this seems unlikely, though not impossible. If in fact Hdt. was responsible for the spelling, is it conceivable that he intended [o:] to be pronounced in reading the text? This also seems very unlikely.
- (b) *βασιλέες* could be a legitimate spelling for *βασιλείς* (assuming the digraph *EI* was not yet in use for [e:]), and it is easy to imagine a contracted pronunciation. But it is less easy to see what lies behind *εὐδοκιμέειν* (83 37. 2), unless it is a later editorial ‘correction’ of *εὐδοκιμένειν*, where *-έειν* (on the same



principle) was an early spelling of  $-\epsilon\acute{\iota}\nu$ . Compare the spelling  $\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\epsilon\tau\alpha\iota$  (2. 164. 1) of a historical diphthong (spelled  $\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\iota\tau\alpha\iota$  at 7. 198. 2).

- (c) Forms such as  $\delta\alpha\iota\tau\upsilon\mu\acute{\omicron}\nu\epsilon\sigma\sigma\iota$  are different from the above: both the word and the morphology are Homeric. It can hardly have been introduced by later editors, though it is conceivable (perhaps unlikely) that the dative ending was Homerized.

There are also pseudo-Ionic forms in the text such as  $\alpha\upsilon\tau\acute{\epsilon}\omega\nu$  (masc.), i.e. artificial forms which do not occur in the Homeric text. Historically, of course, they are neither more nor less pseudo-Ionic than  $\omicron\upsilon\breve\nu\omicron\mu\alpha$ .

Halikarnassos was a Doric city, recently absorbed into the orbit of the Ionian world, and it is perfectly possible that Herodotos' native idiom was West Greek rather than Ionic. This is impossible to know, but in any case his historiographic *Kunstsprache* cannot closely reflect his vernacular. Nor is there any reason to expect that it would, since vernacular was no more suited to artistic prose than to epic or lyric poetry. Herodotos needed an appropriate linguistic frame for his 'epic' history: in addition to the tradition of historical, ethnographic, and scientific prose in Ionia, epic language, as the earliest Greek *koiné*, must have been a tempting reservoir for a universal prose language.<sup>1</sup> It is difficult to be sure whether his decision to use  $\kappa$ - rather than  $\pi$ -forms ( $\kappa\acute{\omega}\varsigma$ ,  $\kappa\acute{\omicron}\tau\epsilon$ , etc.) marks a break with epic, since it is possible that the Homeric texts that he was familiar with (at least in his youth) contained these forms. The epic heritage of Herodotos may go some way in explaining the character of the text: as he says in his proem (1. 1), his history is an *apodeixis* of deeds which require *kleos*: the emphasis is on performance, and 'saying and writing are treated as parallel speech-acts'<sup>2</sup> (while Thucydides, by contrast, is writing a  $\kappa\tau\eta\grave{\mu}\alpha$  . . .  $\epsilon\acute{\varsigma}$   $\alpha\acute{\iota}\epsilon\acute{\iota}$  (1. 22. 4), a written text oriented on the absent reader).

<sup>1</sup> Leumann (1950: 303–15), Cassio (1996b: 147–50). <sup>2</sup> Nagy (1990: 219, and in general 213–49), Griffiths (2006: 135–6).

#### 4. Hippocratic corpus

The Hippocratic corpus consists of around sixty works, most of which were written between the late V and late IV centuries BC.

Although *Airs, Waters, Places* has traditionally been ascribed to Hippokrates himself, it is difficult to identify 'genuine' works within the large corpus of medical literature associated with the name. Hippokrates was born on Kos around 460 BC: all of the material under his name is written in Ionic, however. This doubtless reflects the tradition of scientific prose in Ionia, especially in ethnography, but also to some extent in medicine (the output of the famous medical school at Dorian Knidos, near to Kos on the mainland, was also in Ionic). There does not appear to have been a tradition of literary Doric prose in the eastern Greek world: and since Hippokrates spent most of his working life in and around Thessaly, he will in any case have been writing for an international rather than a local audience.

#### 5. Thucydides

The language of Thucydides (c.460–400 BC) is notoriously challenging to read. This is due to a combination of factors, including: long and structurally complex sentences; innovative uses of Greek syntax; and a striving after brevity or compression of phrasing. In dialect terms Thucydides is writing 'international' or expanded Attic: i.e. a form of Attic much influenced by the lexicon and innovative morphology of Ionic prose. He clearly made a decision to position his history in the Ionian tradition of technical or scientific prose: in this respect his language is an important precursor of the koiné. Part of the reason his language is difficult is that he is trying, perhaps in deliberate opposition to Herodotos, to create an appropriate idiom for his vision of scientific historiography. Not all of his innovations survived in Attic; nevertheless, his influence on the history of prose can be clearly seen in the work of the IV cent. masters Plato and Demosthenes. Logical antithesis is a characteristic of both the narrative and the speeches, but, in spite of a debt to the rhetorician Gorgias (c.485–380 BC), he goes to some pains to avoid the obvious symmetries and musical tricks associated with that name.

#### 6. Xenophon

The prose of Xenophon (c.427–354 BC) marks a divergence from the line which leads to the Attic masters of the IV cent., but in the history of the Greek language it occupies a significant place. Although a

native of Athens, Xenophon spent most of his life in an international or panhellenic milieu. He led a mixed army of Greek mercenaries (the ‘ten thousand’) back from Mesopotamia to the Aegean in 401–399 BC; after his return he worked with the Spartan king Agesilaos and was banished by Athens until 365. During his exile he lived in the Peloponnese near Elis, and at Corinth. As a historiographer he saw himself as inheriting the mantle of Thucydides, and his language partly reflects this: he writes in the expanded literary Attic which Thucydides had pioneered. We see in his writings the emergence of a pedestrian but lucid ‘all-purpose’ style, inadequate for the needs of a Plato but a competent medium of everyday communication. In other words, Xenophon is a forerunner of the literary koiné. His language is unusual by the standards of ‘classical’ Attic prose: he admits words and constructions which are not found elsewhere before the Hellenistic period, and his long association with Doric speakers seems to have led to a degree of dialect mixing which is evident in his writing.

### §49. Hellenistic Poetry: Theokritos and Kallimachos

The language of passages **87** and **88** is a playful mixture of Homeric and poetic language with more informal or colloquial diction. Theokritos was a native of Syracuse, a Doric-speaking city in Sicily. The idylls (εἰδύλλια, ‘vignettes’) deal with many themes other than the purely bucolic, as **87** shows. Of the surviving hexameter poems, most are written in a predominantly Doric version of epic language, and a handful are in epic language; there are in addition four poems written in (archaic literary) Lesbian dialect and metre. The nature of the Doric dialect that he uses has been much disputed, a debate not helped by the usual textual problems which apply to dialect texts.<sup>1</sup> We have almost no dialect texts from Syracuse, which makes it difficult to judge how much Syracusan there is in the mixture: there was, however, a literary tradition at Syracuse in genres close to Theokritos (Epicharmos and Sophron), and this may have played a role. There was also a Doric vernacular in Ptolemaic Alexandria: there were many immigrants from Cyrene in the city, and from elsewhere in the Doric-speaking world (as **87** shows), but since we

have little evidence for this variety it is again difficult to judge to what extent Theokritos based his poetic idiom on it. The most easily identifiable elements in his language are epic, and choral/lyric Doric poetry (Alkman, Stesichoros, epinician, etc.).

Kallimachos was a native of Cyrene, a West Greek-speaking colony of Thera, but spent his working life in the cosmopolitan city of Alexandria. His *Hymns* represent a reworking of the Homeric form, and are saturated in Homeric diction. He claims that his blurring of poetic and linguistic boundaries (πολυείδεια or ποικιλία) attracted criticism: in the fragmentary remains of *Iambos* 13 (lines 17–18) an imaginary critic specifically attacks his unconventional mixing of dialect. It is difficult to judge how unusual this was in Hellenistic literature (Theokritos' language is equally innovative). Another feature associated with Hellenistic poetry in general and Kallimachos in particular is the use of arcane (and regional) words. Most of his large output is lost or fragmentary: apart from the *Hymns* only a selection of his epigrams survives.

<sup>1</sup> Ruijgh (1984), Molinos Tejada (1990).

## §50. POST-CLASSICAL PROSE: THE KOINÉ

The Greek-speaking world after Alexander the Great is more or less diglossic. For the first time in Greek history there is a common Greek language, which remains the standard for the next several centuries while becoming increasingly distant from the everyday spoken language. This is the era of the koiné (ἡ κοινὴ διάλεκτος), a term which probably dates to the beginnings of Alexandrian textual and grammatical activity in the III/II cent. BC. This common language was contrasted (a) with foreign languages, and (b) with the classical dialects Attic, Ionic, Aeolic, and Doric. It has proved difficult, however, to specify exactly which variety of the language should be called 'koiné'. One variety can be immediately excluded, and that is the spoken vernacular: the language spoken by most people most of the time. This may seem surprising: there are two reasons for it. First, the ancient writers ignored the vernacular in discussing language, and probably thought of it (if at all) as a decayed, corrupt, and

impoverished version of the true Greek language. Secondly, the Greek world stretched over Greece, Asia Minor, the Near East, and beyond: there must have been many vernaculars over such a large region and extended time period, and it would be odd to refer to them as a single common variety (at the lowest social level they are not likely to have been all mutually intelligible).

Accordingly, two contenders for the title of koiné are commonly proposed: the dialect employed by prose writers of the Hellenistic/Roman periods, such as Polybios and Plutarch,<sup>1</sup> and the highest ‘code’ spoken by the urban elite in formal situations.<sup>2</sup> These are both *koinai* in the sense that they are supra-regional standards which allowed communication between an educated elite. A problem with the first definition is that it is narrow, excluding prose which should historically be described as koiné (the Septuagint, documentary inscriptions, letters, etc.). The second is difficult for the simple reason that we have no access to the spoken language.

We shall therefore treat the koiné as an abstract quantity: an ideal which united the Greek-speaking world in the literary and educational heritage of Greece, rather than defining it as something that emerged from the mouth (or pen) of a particular speaker on a particular occasion. The concrete manifestations of koiné (written or spoken) might be ‘higher’ or ‘lower’ on a scale of formality, proximity to the classical language, etc. The reality of the koiné lay in the social psychology of the community: the sense that the Greek world was united by a common language which all educated people aspired to (with varying degrees of success). In the Hellenistic period there is no sense that koiné was inferior to Attic, Ionic, etc., although this attitude does emerge in the Roman (Imperial) period. A good modern analogy for this situation is modern standard Arabic:<sup>3</sup> this, like the koiné, is based on a classical corpus (the *Qur’ân* and early poetry) and reinforces a perception of common ethnicity and culture. It is the language of literature and formal written communication; and it can provide a medium of spoken communication between speakers from different areas of the Arabic-speaking world (there is of course a continuum between the standard and the vernaculars, and speakers may modify their language just far enough to allow efficient communication, rather than switching to the ‘highest’ form).<sup>4</sup>

The written language in the koiné period does of course give some insight into the contemporary development of the Greek language: but for the most part the orthography is fossilized and the grammar (morphology and syntax) is based on the classical language. It is extremely difficult to trace the details of the evolution of spoken Greek in the various regions of the Hellenistic world.

<sup>1</sup> Meillet (1929: 253), Brixhe–Hodot (1993: 20). <sup>2</sup> Brixhe (1987: 22).  
<sup>3</sup> Versteegh (2002). <sup>4</sup> Cf. Mitchell (1980).

### §51. The Beginning and the End of the Koiné

The koiné is essentially an expanded, international variety of Attic, heavily influenced by Ionic.<sup>1</sup> Its roots go back to Athens in the period following the Persian wars (§48), as the city became the dominant cultural and political force in the Aegean. Both the ‘high’ (literary) and the ‘low’ (vernacular) strands of Hellenistic Greek (§50) can be traced to this period. On the one hand, high literature and culture in Athens came under increasing Ionian influence: literary prose and poetry used Ionic words and inflections, and the educated elite started to adopt some Ionic idioms in speech. On the other, the Athenian empire made Athens a hub of trade and military activity, with a high degree of interaction between Athenians and their Ionian allies; there is no doubt that the cosmopolitan character of the city (which the ‘Old Oligarch’ complains about in a famous passage)<sup>2</sup> left its mark on the language of the working urban population (many of whom will have been *θηῆτες*, the lowest naval class).

The new international Attic was apparently adopted as the official language of the Macedonian court in the IV cent., as the expansionist Macedonian kingdom sought to position itself for a leading role in Greek affairs. Since it had become the language of education and literary prose, it was a natural choice as a panhellenic medium of administration and lingua franca.

It is difficult to say when the koiné ends. The linguistic culture of Greek-speakers underwent a significant shift in the I–II cent. AD, when the elite made an effort to emulate classical Attic, and koiné became, by comparison, a disfavoured term. This movement is

known as Atticism, and the cultural context as the Second Sophistic. Nevertheless, at less exalted literary levels the koiné persisted as the general language of communication until the end of late antiquity.

<sup>1</sup> Browning (1969: 27–58), Palmer (1980: 174–98), Horrocks (1997: 32–70). <sup>2</sup> A writer of c.425 BC: ps.-Xenophon, *Ath. Pol.* 2. 7–8.

## Phonology

The selection of variants from Attic and Ionic:

1. In most lexical items, and in most authors,  $-\sigma\sigma-$  is preferred to Att.  $-\tau\tau-$  (§31.4).
2. Att. retention of [a:] after [e, i, r] is the norm (§30.3). This combined with the preceding led to the hybrid form (Doric- or Aeolic-looking)  $\pi\rho\acute{\alpha}\sigma\sigma\omega$ .
3.  $-\rho\sigma-$  is retained in most words (§31.5): but  $\theta\alpha\rho\rho\acute{\omega}$ .

## §52. Greek Phonology in the Hellenistic Period

Since the orthography is frozen it is difficult to trace precisely the phonological changes that were undoubtedly taking place in the vernacular. We may speculate whether in the *recital* of formal literary texts an archaizing pronunciation was adopted. There are spelling errors in less formal documents (inscriptions and papyri) which give an indication of the phonology of the writer. The development is usually (but not always) in the direction of modern Greek: since the modern Greek language is a continuation of just one of the many varieties which constituted the vernacular koiné, it is to be expected that some regional features are not continued in any known variety of the modern language.

In general the phonetic and phonological developments of the Attic-based vernacular were as follows. It is commonly assumed that many of the vowel changes were under way in Attic by the early IV cent.<sup>1</sup>

§53. *Vowels*

1. The pitch accent moves towards a stress accent, and distinctive vowel length is lost.
2. The front vowels  $\bar{\iota}$  [i:] and  $\epsilon\iota$  [ɛ:] merge as [i], and are later (II cent. AD) joined by  $\eta$  [ɛ:].
3.  $ου$  [ɔ:] > [u].
4. The diphthongs [ai] > [ɛ], [oi] > [ü].
5. The second element of the diphthongs [au], [eu] becomes a fricative: [af], [ef].
6. The second element of the long diphthongs [a:i], [e:i], [o:i] disappears.

§54. *Consonants*

1. Voiced stops  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\gamma$  become fricatives [v], [ð], [ɣ].
2. Aspirated stops  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\chi$ , become fricatives [f], [θ], [x].
3. The affricate/cluster  $\zeta$  becomes a simple voiced fricative [z].
4. The aspirate disappears (psilosis): §23.10.
5. Final *-n* becomes weak or non-existent.

<sup>1</sup> Teodorsson (1974), Brixhe–Hodot (1993: 15 f.), Horrocks (1997: 102–7): against this Threatte (1980).

§55. *Morphology/Syntax*

Some characteristic features of Greek in the Hellenistic period:

1. Anomalous verbs such as  $οἶδα$  are regularized (3 plur.  $οἶδασι$ ): cf. 21 10. The gradual elimination of athematic verbs continues;  $\epsilonἰμί$  (*sum*) is transferred to the middle:  $\epsilonἰμαι$  (past  $\etãμην$ ,  $\etãτο$ ).

2. The middle starts to fade as a separate category; so too the optative.

3. In the aor., thematic endings are replaced by athematic ones:  $\epsilonἶπον$  →  $\epsilonἶπα$ . The characteristic *-σα-* marker of the aor. spreads; in the 3 plur. a mixing of the competing forms *-ον* and *-σαν* produced *-οσαν*.

4. The *-σαν* ending of the 3 plur. spreads to the 3 plur. imper.:  $\epsiloñστωσαν$ .

5. The distinction between aor. and perf. starts to break down.



6. Nouns with an awkward morphology are replaced: e.g.  $\hat{\upsilon}\varsigma$  ( $\chi\omicron\iota\pi\omicron\varsigma$ , and cf. 97 3),  $\nu\alpha\hat{\upsilon}\varsigma$  ( $\pi\lambda\omicron\iota\omicron\nu$ ). In some cases an easier (dialect) form was selected:  $\lambda\epsilon\acute{\omega}\varsigma \rightarrow \lambda\alpha\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ .

### §56. *Lexicon*

The lexicon of Hellenistic Greek is in many ways the area in which the differences from classical Attic are most striking; however, none of the developments below is new to the koiné.

1. A large proportion of the words were originally at home in Ionic: there are a number of reasons for this. The literary koiné (e.g. of historiography) aligned itself with the tradition of scientific prose, where, as we have seen, Ionic was always extremely influential. Secondly, the importance of Ionians in the hellenization of Asia Minor explains why a large number of Ionicisms entered the common language on a spoken level.

2. Some literary prose authors (notably Polybios) use words which seem oddly poetic from an Attic perspective. No doubt this is partly due to the presence of dialect words (mostly Ionic) in the constitution of the koiné, words which were confined to poetry in Attic (but vernacular elsewhere). Another reason is the artificial nature of the literary koiné: writers drew on the lexical resources of the classical past, and this sometimes included the poets (especially epic).

3. The language is enriched by borrowings: particularly from Latin, but also from other languages in the case of regional standards (such as Egypt).

4. New forms were created by derivation:

- (a) Prepositional compounds in the case of verbs (often with multiple preverbs: e.g.  $\pi\rho\omicron\sigma\alpha\pi\epsilon\lambda\omicron\gamma\acute{\iota}\zeta\omicron\nu\tau\omicron$  65 22).
- (b) New verbs by means of derivational suffixes: e.g.  $-\acute{\alpha}\zeta\omega$ ,  $-\acute{\iota}\zeta\omega$ ,  $-\epsilon\acute{\upsilon}\omega$ .
- (c) New substantives by means of derivational suffixes: e.g. fem.  $-\omicron\sigma\alpha$ , abstracts in  $-\mu\alpha$ ,  $-\acute{\iota}\alpha$ , and adjs. in  $-\omicron\kappa\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ . Diminutive forms, which play a huge role in later Gk. morphology, start to appear in the written language in significant numbers.

5. Semantic shift

This is normal in all languages: thus, for example,  $\varphi\theta\acute{\alpha}\nu\omega$ , ‘I antici-

pate' → 'I arrive', δόξα, 'reputation' → 'glory'. Religious sects are particularly prone to investing words with a specific new significance, and this is of course to be found in Septuagint and New Testament Greek.

### §57. Post-Classical Literary Prose

The distinction between literary prose of the Hellenistic period and formal inscriptions (such as 65) is to a large extent artificial. The koiné takes many forms, and although the Atticizing movement of the I cent. AD is presented as a marked shift in attitude, there was always a continuum between 'low' koiné (the letters in 64) and the 'high' variety which closely emulated classical prose, and which required a high level of education. The move to Atticism could be compared to the return to classicizing Latin in medieval Europe after the reforms of Charlemagne.

#### 1. The Septuagint

A translation of the Pentateuch (*torah*, or first five books of the Hebrew Bible) was made in Alexandria in the III cent. BC. Translation of the rest of the Hebrew Bible was probably complete by the end of the I cent. BC. To refer to the Septuagint (LXX) as though it constitutes a unitary work is misleading, since it is likely that there were competing translations of much of it. According to tradition (documented in the so-called *Letter of Aristeas*), Ptolemy II wrote to the high priest of Jerusalem requesting six elders from each of the twelve tribes to make a translation: he hosted them in Alexandria, where it took them seventy or seventy-two days (hence the name *Septuagint*).<sup>1</sup> In fact the translation was probably undertaken by and for the hellenized Jewish community of Alexandria for whom Hebrew and Aramaic were becoming inaccessible. For obvious religious reasons the Greek text remains close to the Hebrew original: the result is a rather peculiar form of the koiné which has been described as 'translation Greek'. This is an exaggeration if it implies that the morphology and syntax are artificially tied to the Hebrew.<sup>2</sup> It is real Greek of its period, serving a very specific purpose; it is, of course, a far cry stylistically from the Greek of Jewish writers like

Philo or Josephus. The LXX is close but not identical to the Hebrew Bible (the Masoretic text): the Greek version reflects an earlier and slightly different Hebrew textual tradition.

<sup>1</sup> Jobes-Silva (2000: 29–38, 105–17), Fernández Marcos (2000: 3–31, 35–51). <sup>2</sup> Evans (2001).

## 2. Polybios

Polybios was born in Arcadia around 210 BC and spent much of his working life in Rome under the patronage of the philhellene Scipio family. He has been called the first authentic representative of the literary koiné.<sup>1</sup> He writes clear and business-like Greek, though his style is dull and wordy; his prose has been compared to Hellenistic documentary inscriptions. His lexicon is innovative (with many previously unattested compounds), with a large Ionic component. Some of his words look poetic from an Attic perspective (§56.2). His morphology is essentially classical: unlike the LXX, for example, there are no 3 plur. forms in *-οσαν* (§55.3), although he uses *εἶπα(ν)* besides *εἶπον*.

<sup>1</sup> Foucault (1972: 5).

## 3. The New Testament

The NT was written in Greek by people who for the most part had neither the desire nor the *paideia* to write ‘high’ literary koiné: for evangelical reasons they valued clarity of language and accessibility above elegance. Quotations and allusions to the LXX show that the writers were familiar with a Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible. Although the mother tongue of the gospel writers and Paul was Aramaic, they were perfectly at home in Greek; and when the Greek phrasing recalls Semitic idiom this seems mostly to be in imitation of LXX usage (rather than influence of Aramaic substrate). In other words, we are dealing with the normal bilingualism of educated inhabitants of the Hellenistic world.<sup>1</sup> The Greek is by no means uniform: the four gospels show varying degrees of literary competence and attention to style: the narrative of Luke is generally considered to be the most polished, and that of Mark the least. The letters of Paul are on the whole written rather carefully: he pays

attention to balance, anaphora, and antithesis, and often attains stylistic elegance or striking rhetorical effect.

<sup>1</sup> Voelz (1984), Wilcox (1984).

#### 4. Atticizing texts

Both Lucian and Galen lived in the II cent. AD, the height of the return to Atticism.<sup>1</sup> This was an era when public declamation was an art form admired almost beyond all others. Lucian had an enormous satirical output: in passage 92 he targets pretentious Atticizers: nevertheless, his own Greek is pure and elegant Attic, and it is noticeable in this passage that the satire is directed at frauds: those who aim to make a name as sophisticated speakers while lacking the true educational preparation. The passage reflects the anxieties that a diglossic society engenders. Presumably even the most determined Atticist orator would not have used a form such as *λεώς* in informal conversation. Galen also writes good (if inelegant) Atticizing Greek, but (like Lucian) attacks excesses: elsewhere (*De aliment. facult.* 57. 633) he mocks the *ἐπίτριπτον ψευδοπαιδείαν* (pestilential pseudo-erudition) of those who use the old Attic term *ῥάφανος* for cabbage, ‘as though we were in conversation with Athenians of 600 years ago’. In 93 he insists on the need for good ‘common’ Greek in scientific discourse: the presence or absence of Attic seems not to be an issue.


For a sense of the diversity of ‘common Greek’ it is instructive to compare these two texts to the Greek of the New Testament, much of which was written at about the same time.

<sup>1</sup> Swain (1996).

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## II. Texts with Translation and Commentary

### MYCENAEAN

1. Clay tablet from Knossos (KN Ld 571), recording quantities of textiles. c.1375 BC. Ventris–Chadwick 214.  Melena (1975: 43–4), Chadwick (1976: 150–2), Killen (1979).

- .a *pe-ne-we-ta a-ro<sub>2</sub>-a* \*158 1
- .b *pa-we-a* / *e-qe-si-ja re-u-ko-nu-ka* TELA<sup>3</sup> 25
- .a — *Ἔντα ἀρίοῦχα* \*158 1
- .b *φάρῤεχα* / *ἐκ<sup>w</sup>έσια λευκώνυχα* TELA<sup>3</sup> 25
- .a {....., of superior quality \*158 1 unit
- .b Cloths { ‘Follower’-type (?), with white-hook decoration  
(?) CLOTH 25 units


*pa-we-a* [p<sup>h</sup>arweha]: nom. plur. of the neut. noun *φάρῤος* ‘cloth’, indicating the subject-matter of the inscription (usually written in larger characters, and conventionally signalled in transcription by the following oblique stroke). Inherited *w* is retained in all positions. At Pylos this word is spelled *pa-we-a<sub>2</sub>*, but the sign *a<sub>2</sub>* (= *ha*) seems not to have been in widespread use at Knossos. The intervocalic *-h-* comes from *-s-* (stem *φάρῤεσ-* + ending *-a*): in later Greek the *-h-* disappeared and the vowels contracted. The other four words are neut. plur. adjectives describing *pa-we-a*.

(a) *pe-ne-we-ta* contains an unknown root *pe-ne*, but the suffix represents *-Ἔντα* (§13): in later Gk. a linking *-o-* vowel was generally inserted between root and suffix. *a-ro<sub>2</sub>-a* is a comp. adj. with stem *\*ar-yos-* (root *ar* as in later *ἀρείων*, *ἄριστος* plus comparative suffix *-yos*, §12).

(b) *e-qe-si-ja* is an adj. built to the noun *e-qe-ta* [hek<sup>w</sup>eta:s], lit.

‘follower’, which became *ἐπέτᾱς* in classical Gk. (with development of \**k<sup>w</sup>* to *p* on analogy of *ἔπομαι*, §10.6). Formed from *ἐκ<sup>w</sup>έτ-* plus the adj. suffix *-ιος* (the change *-τι-* > *-σι-* has already taken place: §§8, 10.8). In the Linear B tablets from Pylos *e-qe-ta* seems to denote a person of high social status, and it is possible *e-qe-si-ja* here means ‘destined for use by an *e-qe-ta*’; but in the Knossos textile tablets it alternates with the adj. *ke-se-nu-wi-ja* (*ξένωια*, ‘foreign’) which suggests the interpretation *e-qe-si-ja*, ‘for domestic use’ versus ‘for export’ (in this case we should assume that the *e-qe-ta* ‘had something to do with the control, keeping and distribution of domestic cloths’, Melena 1975: 45). ***re-u-ko-nu-ka*** is interpreted as a compound of two Greek stems, *λευκ-* ‘white’ and *ὄνυχ-* ‘nail, claw’. The compound seems to refer to a decoration on the textiles, perhaps of white claws or hooks; the adj. *po-ki-ro-nu-ka* (*ποικιλο-*) is found on other tablets of the same series. (The meaning of the ideogram conventionally numbered 158 is unknown; since it is always followed by the numeral 1, it perhaps signifies a container for the cloths.)

Compare *Odyssey* 24. 277 for textiles as ‘gifts’ among the Homeric elite.

2. Clay tablet from Knossos (KN Sd 4401) describing a pair of chariots. c.1375 BC. Ventris–Chadwick 266.  Lejeune (1968), Ruijgh (1976: 15–24), Chadwick (1976: 164–70).

- .b *i-qi-jo / a-ja-me-no e-re-pa-te a-ra-ro-mo-te-me-no po-ni-ki[-jo]*  
 .a *a-ra-ru-ja a-ni-ja-pi wi-ri-ni-jo o-po-qo ke-ra-ja-pi o-pi-i-ja-pi* CUR [2]  
 .b *ikk<sup>w</sup>ίω / [αἰαι?]-μένω ἐλεφάντει [ἀραρμοτ?]-μένω φοινῖκί[ω]*  
 .a *ἀραρυῖα(ι) ἀνῖᾱφι Ἐρῖνίοις ὀπώκ<sup>w</sup>οις κεραῖᾱφι ὀπιῆᾱφι* CUR [2]  
 .b A pair of chariots decorated with ivory, assembled (?), red,  
 .a fitted with reins; with leather blinkers and horn bits:  
 CHARIOT 2 units

(On the tablet line .b is under line .a but was written first.)

The subject of the inscription is the opening word *i-qi-jo*, i.e. [ikk<sup>w</sup>io:] ‘two chariots’. The fem. sing. *i-qi-ja* is used for ‘chariot’ in

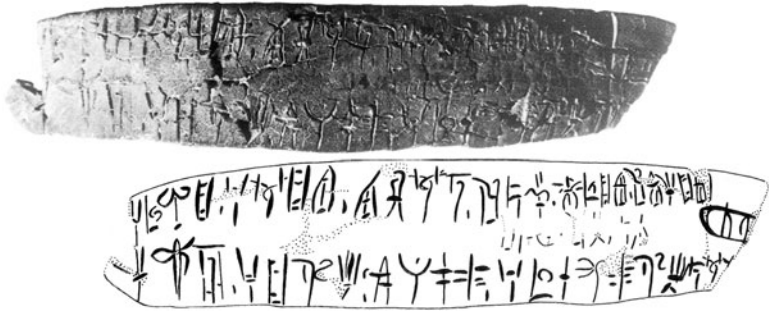


Figure 2 KN Sd 4401 (CMIK)


Mycenaean; it is a collective noun (§24.4) formed from the adj. [ikk<sup>w</sup>ios], class. ἵππιος. The initial aspirate in class. ἵππιος is plausibly explained as the result of the influence of ἄρμα, ‘chariot’ (Ruijgh 1979): the two were often coordinated in expressions, as in Homer. Note the use of the *q*-series to denote the development of a cluster [k + w]: elsewhere it is used for the reflexes of the unitary labiovelar phonemes (\*k<sup>w</sup> etc., §10.6). If they sounded similar there was nevertheless a difference in prosodic weight.

(b) **a-ja-me-no**: is a dual pres. ptcl. pass. agreeing with *i-qi-jo*; stem is unclear, but the context requires some such meaning as ‘decorated’. **e-re-pa-te**: instr. sing. of ἐλέφας. The transcription -ει of the ending implies that it was formally identical with the dat., but see §11.2. **a-ra-ro-mo-te-me-no**: medio-pass. participle, containing the stem of ἀρμόττω, ‘put together, fit out’ (class. ἡρμοσμένος): the reduplication is due to the analogy of *a-ra-ru-ja* (and the unusual spelling also: §4). A pointer to the meaning is the chariot ideogram \*241, a fully assembled chariot (without wheels), which always accompanies it (as opposed to ideogram \*242, a bare chariot frame). **po-ni-ki-jo**: φοινικίω, an adj. formed from φοῖνιξ (i.e. φοῖνικ-ς).

(a) **a-ra-ru-ja**: probably fem. sing. [araru<sup>h</sup>ya] under the influence of the other tablets of the Sd set which describe only *one* chariot. From \**arar-us-ya* (with perf. ptcl. suffix \*-wos/us-, §36.2): the neut. plur. *a-ra-ru-wo-ha* [ara:rwoha] is also attested in Myc. Notice the intransitive sense of the perfect, verging on a pass., continued in Homeric ἀρηρώς, ἀραρυῖα. **a-ni-ja-pi**: instr. plur. (ἦνία is neut.



plur. in Homer, but a fem. *a*-stem here and in later Greek: perhaps an old collective, §24.4). The aspiration is doubtful: if the word derives from \**ansia* then the Linear B form may represent [a:n<sup>h</sup>iai] (§10.4); *-φι* continues an IE instr. ending \**-bhi(s)*, §11.4 ***o-po-qa*** (instr. plur.): a compound of *δπί* ‘upon, at’, an alternative form of *ἐπί* (see Morpurgo Davies 1983), and the stem \**ok<sup>w</sup>*- (as in Hom. acc. *ὠπα*, ‘eye’); therefore ‘things at the eye, blinkers’. *wi-ri-ni-jo* is an adj. of material formed from the stem *Fρῖν*- ‘leather’. ***o-pi-i-ja-pi*** (instr. plur.): a compound of *δπί* and (probably) *ἰᾶφι*; if the stem of the latter word is that of *ἰμάς*, ‘thong’ (from \**si-*), then *o-pi-i-ja-pi* might mean ‘with things on the bridle’, namely ‘bits’. *ke-ra-ja-pi* is instr. plur. (fem.) of *κεραιός* ‘made of horn (*κέρας*)’, §11.4.

3. Clay tablet from Pylos (PY Ad 666), recording a number of young men and boys. c.1200 BC.  Chadwick (1988: 45–6, 67).

*pu-ro a-ke-ti-ra<sub>2</sub>-o ko-wo* VIR 20 *ko-wo* 7  
*Πύλος· ἀσκητριᾶνων κόρφοι* VIR 20 *κόρφοι* 7  
 Pylos: sons of the (female) decorators MAN 20 boys 7

The Aa, Ab, and Ad tablets at Pylos record groups of women and their children. Some of the women are designated as working at specific tasks: one group comprises the *a-ke-ti-ri-ja* = *ἀσκητρίαι*, ‘[textile] decorators, finishers’ (Killen 1979: 165–7). The Ab series lists rations for the women and children mentioned in the Aa tablets; the Ad series specifies the women by profession and lists their sons.

The first word *pu-ro* gives the location of the group: either a nom. of ‘rubric’ (unconnected syntactically with the other words) or a loc. [Puloi]. ***a-ke-ti-ra<sub>2</sub>-o***: [aske:tria:ho:n], *a*-stem gen. plur. (the sign *ra<sub>2</sub>* [rya] is a variant spelling of *ri-ja*). ***ko-wo***: Att. *κόροι* ‘sons’, but also ‘boys’. The Ad tablets are careful to distinguish adults and boys, which may be connected the issue of rations by the palace.

4. Clay tablet from Pylos (PY Ae 303), referring to a group of women. c.1200 BC. Ventris–Chadwick 27.

*pu-ro i-je-re-ja do-e-ra e-ne-ka ku-ru-so-jo i-je-ro-jo* MUL 14[  
*Πύλος· ἱερείᾶς δόηλαι ἔνεκα χρυσοῖο ἱεροῖο* MUL 14[  
 Pylos: slaves of the priestess on account of the sacred gold  
 WOMAN 14[

The expression ‘slaves of the priestess’ occurs several times in the Pylos tablets; it may allude to temple-servants or cult-officials of high standing who had the duty of attending the sacred treasure.

**pu-ro:** cf. 3 above. **i-je-re-ja** (the regular Myc. form) is interesting: if the word comes from \**ιερηF*+ *ya* (cf. *ιερεύς* < *ιερηF-s*) then we might expect to find the spelling \**i-je-re-wi-ja* (but see Ruijgh 1967, §212; Ruipérez 1966). On the aspirate see below. **do-e-ra:** [dohelai], class. *δοῦλαι* with loss of *-h-* and contraction. **e-ne-ka:** the spelling without *-w-* shows that *ἐνεκα* cannot be derived from \**ένFεκα*, as formerly supposed (Hom. *ἐνεκα* must be the result of metrical lengthening). **ku-ru-so-jo:** cf. the Homeric gen. sing. ending *-οιο* (< IE \**-osyo*). An early Semitic (prob. Phoenician) loanword in Greek, Myc. *ku-ru-so* functions as both noun (here) and adj. **i-je-ro-jo:** class. *ἱερός* < \**iheros* (from inherited \**iseros*, cf. Skt. *isirá-*). The forward-flip of *-h-* to the beginning of the word may not yet have happened in Myc. (§10.4): in this case the spelling would represent [iy<sup>h</sup>eros].

5. Clay tablet from Pylos (PY Ta 641), giving a list of vessels. c.1200 BC. Ventris–Chadwick 236. This is the famous ‘tripod tablet’ which confirmed Ventris’ decipherment in 1953 (Chadwick 1958: 81–4).

1. *ti-ri-po-de / ai-ke-u ke-re-si-jo we-ke* \*201<sup>VAS</sup> 2  
*ti-ri-po e-me po-de o-wo-we* \*201<sup>VAS</sup> 1  
*ti-ri-po ke-re-si-jo we-ke a-pu ke-ka-u-me-no ke-re-a<sub>2</sub>*  
\*201<sup>VAS</sup> [1]
2. *qe-to* \*203<sup>VAS</sup> 3 *di-pa me-zo-e qe-to-ro-we* \*202<sup>VAS</sup> 1  
*di-pa-e me-zo-e ti-ri-o-we-e* \*202<sup>VAS</sup> 2  
*di-pa me-wi-jo qe-to-ro-we* \*202<sup>VAS</sup> 1
3. *di-pa me-wi-jo ti-ri-jo-we* \*202<sup>VAS</sup> 1 *di-pa me-wi-jo a-no-we*  
\*202<sup>VAS</sup> 1
1. (a) *τρίποδε Αἰγυῶς(?) ΚρησιοΦεργῆς* \*201<sup>VAS</sup> 2  
(b) *τρίπως ἐμὲι ποδεὶ οἰFώFης* \*201<sup>VAS</sup> 1  
(c) *τρίπως ΚρησιοΦεργῆς ἀπὸ κεκαυμένους σκέλεχα* \*201<sup>VAS</sup> [1]
2. (d) — \*203<sup>VAS</sup> 3  
(e) *δίπας μὲζοhe κ<sup>w</sup>ετρώFες* \*202<sup>VAS</sup> 1  
(f) *δίπαhe μὲζοhe τρώFηe* \*202<sup>VAS</sup> 2

- (g)  $\delta\acute{\iota}\pi\alpha\varsigma \mu\acute{\epsilon}\iota\phi\iota\omicron\varsigma \kappa^w\epsilon\tau\rho\hat{\omega}\phi\epsilon\varsigma *202^{VAS} 1$   
 .3 (h)  $\delta\acute{\iota}\pi\alpha\varsigma \mu\acute{\epsilon}\iota\phi\iota\omicron\varsigma \tau\rho\iota\hat{\omega}\phi\epsilon\varsigma *202^{VAS} 1$   
 (i)  $\delta\acute{\iota}\pi\alpha\varsigma \mu\acute{\epsilon}\iota\phi\iota\omicron\varsigma \acute{\alpha}\nu\hat{\omega}\phi\epsilon\varsigma *202^{VAS} 1$

- (a) a pair of tripods ‘Aigeus’ (?); of Cretan workmanship  
 TRIPOD 2  
 (b) tripod on one foot, with one (?) handle TRIPOD 1  
 (c) tripod of Cretan workmanship, burnt off at the legs  
 TRIPOD [1]  
 (d) *qe-to* PITHOS 3  
 (e) jar of larger size, four-handled FOUR-HANDLED JAR 1  
 (f) a pair of jars of larger size, three-handled THREE-HANDLED  
 JAR 2  
 (g) jar of smaller size, four-handled FOUR-HANDLED JAR 1  
 (h) jar of smaller size, three-handled THREE-HANDLED JAR 1  
 (i) jar of smaller size, handleless HANDLELESS JAR 1

(a) **ai-ke-u:** presents a considerable problem. If it represents a personal name such as *Aίγεύς*, it might refer to the maker of the tripod (or a type? On the analogy of e.g. ‘Wedgwood’); the word seems grammatically unconnected with *τρίποδε*. **ke-re-si-jo we-ke:** the translation is generally accepted and would be acceptable from a historical point of view, since a long tradition in Crete of manufacturing fine artefacts would have lent value and prestige to vessels made by Cretan craftsmen; note that the word does not cohere syntactically with dual *τρίποδε*. Writing compounds as two words is not uncommon in Linear B (cf. *a-pu ke-ka-u-me-no* below).

(b) **ti-ri-po:** lengthened *o* (i.e.  $\omega/[o:]$ , from *\*tri-pōd-s*) is assumed, but Hom. *τριπός* is also possible (in Att. *πούς* the  $[o:]$  has been replaced by  $[o:]$ , but the analogy is not clear: *χείρ?*). **e-me:** the stem is  $\acute{\epsilon}\mu-$  < *\*σεμ-* (cf. Lat. *sem-el*, and §10.4). In later Greek the influence of neut. *ἔν* provoked the replacement of *-μ-* by *-ν-* throughout the declension; hence classical dat. *ἐνί*. For the instr. ending *-e* see §11.2: it was replaced in later Greek by the loc. *-ι*. In item (b), and in each of the items (e) to (i), we find an adj. derived from uncontracted *\*owos* ‘ear’, the ancestor of classical *οὔς*: either in *-ώφης* (as in Theokr. 1. 28, *κισσύβιον ἀμφώες*) with lengthening of the first vowel in composition, or in *-όφης* (see Szemerényi 1967 for details).

These compounds refer to the number of ‘ears’ or ‘handles’ attached to the vessel in question, and the number is confirmed by the respective ideogram. This depicts a four-handled jar (corresponding to  $\kappa^w\epsilon\tau\rho-\acute{\omega}\mathcal{F}\epsilon\varsigma$ ) in items (e) and (g), a three-handled jar (corresponding to  $\tau\rho\iota-\acute{\omega}\mathcal{F}\epsilon\eta\epsilon$  or  $\tau\rho\iota-\acute{\omega}\mathcal{F}\epsilon\varsigma$ ) in items (f) and (h), and a jar without handles (corresponding to  $\acute{\alpha}\nu-\acute{\omega}\mathcal{F}\epsilon\varsigma$ , with alpha privative) in item (i). In item (b) the tripod seems to be damaged, with only one foot and one handle (assuming  $o$ -*wo*-*we* contains the stem of  $\acute{o}\acute{\iota}\mathcal{F}\acute{o}\varsigma$  ‘sole, single’)—the ideogram does not reflect the damage.


(c) **a-pu**: §28.6.  $\kappa\epsilon\kappa\alpha\upsilon\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\varsigma$  is perf. pass. ptcpl. of  $\kappa\alpha\acute{\iota}\omega$ , used just as in classical Greek. **ke-re-a<sub>2</sub>**: class. neut. plur.  $\sigma\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\eta$  with loss of *-h-* and contraction; the acc. of respect, familiar in later Greek, here makes an early appearance.

(d) It is unclear what Greek term is represented by **qe-to**; it may be a loanword, in which case  $\pi\acute{\iota}\theta\omicron\varsigma$  would be a possibility (with the fluctuation  $e \sim i$  which is not uncommon in loanwords in Linear B).

(e) **di-pa** is probably a spelling of  $\delta\acute{\epsilon}\pi\alpha\varsigma$ , with the  $e \sim i$  fluctuation noted above. **me-zo-e**: the scribe has erroneously written the dual ending *-e* (perhaps anticipating the following entry). **me-zo** (<  $*\mu\acute{\epsilon}\gamma-\gamma\omicron\varsigma$ ) is nom. sing. neut. of the comp. of  $\mu\acute{\epsilon}\gamma\alpha\varsigma$  ‘large’ (§10.7). **qe-to-ro-we**: [ $k^w$ etro:wes] contains the combining form of the word for ‘four’, with original labiovelar ( $*k^w\epsilon\tau\rho_0-$ , which gave Attic  $\tau\epsilon\tau\rho\alpha-$ , §§10.3, 29).

(f) All words in the dual (with intervocalic *-s-* > *-h-*).

(g) **me-wi-jo**: also spelled *me-u-jo*. The alternation *me-wi-jo* ~ *me-u-jo* points to [meiwi<sup>y</sup>os]. Class.  $\mu\epsilon\acute{\iota}\omega\nu$  (see *a-ro<sub>2</sub>-a* 1a above). For the stem  $*mei(w)-$  cf. (with nasal affix)  $\mu\acute{\iota}\nu\acute{\upsilon}\theta\omega$ , Lat. *mīnus*.

**6.** Clay tablet from Pylos (PY Er 312), detailing plots of land. c.1200 BC. Ventris–Chadwick 152.  Lejeune (1973), Chadwick (1976: 70–7), Dickinson (1994: 84–5).

- .1 *wa-na-ka-te-ro te-me-no*
- .2 *to-so-jo pe-ma* GRANUM 30
- .3 *ra-wa-ke-si-jo te-me-no* GRANUM 10
- vacat
- .5 *te-re-ta-o to-so pe-ma* GRANUM 30
- .6 *to-so-de te-re-ta* VIR 3

.7 *wo-ro-ki-jo-ne-jo e-re-mo*

.8 *to-so-jo pe-ma* GRANUM 6

(a) *Φανάκτερον τέμενος τόσ(σ)οιο σπέρμα* GRANUM 30

(b) *λαΦᾶγέσιον τέμενος* GRANUM 10

(c) *τελεσᾶήων(?) τόσ(σ)ον σπέρμα* GRANUM 30

(d) *τοσ(σ)οῖδε τελεσᾶί(?)* VIR 3

(e) *F[—]ον ἐρήμον, τόσ(σ)οιο σπέρμα* GRANUM 6

(a) precinct of the lord: seed-corn in such an amount: WHEAT 30 *measures*

(b) precinct of the leader of the people: WHEAT 10 *measures*

(c) so much seed-corn of the *telestai* (?): WHEAT 30 *measures*

(d) and so many *telestai* (?): MAN 3

(e) *w[—]on* unoccupied, seed-corn in such an amount: WHEAT 6 *measures*

(a) ***wa-na-ka-te-ro***: an adj. formed from *Φάναξ*, ‘lord’ (§12). Here it agrees with neut. *τέμενος*, that which is ‘cut off’ (*τεμ-*) for the use and enjoyment of god or human (cf. *Il.* 6. 194–5). In the extant Myc. documents, only the *Φάναξ* and the *λαΦᾶγέτᾶς* are said to possess a precinct; like all plots of land in the Linear B tablets, the area of the precinct is measured by the amount of seed-corn (*σπέρμα*) needed to sow it. The gen. *τόσ(σ)οιο* expresses value, as in Homer and classical Gk.

(b) ***ra-wa-ke-si-jo***: adj. built to *λαΦᾶγέτᾶς* (\**λαΦᾶγέτ-* plus the adj. suffix *-ιος*: cf. *e-qe-si-ja* 1b), a compound of the stems of *λαΦός* ‘people’ and *ἄγω* ‘lead’ (Pindaric *λαγέτᾶς* by contraction). The translation expresses the formal elements of its composition, without enlightening us about the precise function of the *λαΦᾶγέτᾶς* in Myc. times. His importance as a participant in cult is suggested in other texts, which speak of him as both a giver and a recipient of offerings.

(c–d) ***te-re-ta-o*** is the gen. plur. of *te-re-ta*, a masc. noun in *-τᾶς* usually identified with class. *τελεσᾶίς*. The meaning of the word in the Mycenaean context is much disputed (the derivation from *τέλος* is not very helpful, as this word has the widest possible range of meanings); in 59 8 (Elis) it means ‘official’ or ‘magistrate’, but the only identifiable feature of the Myc. *te-re-ta* is the usufruct or possession of a particular type of land (*ki-ti-me-na*, apparently ‘cultivated’ or ‘private’ land).

(e) The form and meaning of the first word in the entry are obscure; but the entry as a whole apparently refers to land which is, or which has been up to the present, ‘deserted’ or ‘uncultivated’.

## DIALECT INSCRIPTIONS

### ARCADIAN

(Arcado-Cypriot)

7. Inscription on stone from Tegea concerning the awarding of building-contracts: only the first part is given here. Mid IV cent. BC. *IG V 2. 6. Buck 19. Schwyzer 656. Thür–Taeuber (1994: no. 3). Rhodes–Osborne (2003, no. 60). [D] Dubois (1986: II, 39–61).*

[.....] | εἰκ ἄν τι γίνηται τοῖς ἐργόνοις τοῖς ἐν τοῖ αὐτοῖ | ἔργοι, ὅσα περὶ τὸ ἔργον. ἀπυέσθω δὲ ὁ ἀδικήμενος | τὸν ἀδικέντα ἐν ἀμέραις τρισὶ ἀπὸ ταῖ ἄν τὸ ἀδί ||<sup>5</sup> κῆμα γένηται, ὕστερον δὲ μή· καὶ ὅτι ἄγκ[ρ]ίνωνσι | οἱ ἐσδοτήρες, κύριον ἔστω. εἰ δὲ πόλεμος διακωλύσει τι τῶν ἔργων τῶν ἐσδοθέντων ἢ τῶν | ἠργασμένων τι φθέραι, οἱ τριακάσιοι διαγόντων | τί δεῖ γίνεσθαι· οἱ δὲ στραταγοὶ πόσοδομοποιόντων, ||<sup>10</sup> εἰκ ἄν δέατοί σφεις πόλεμος ἦναι ὁ κωλύων ἢ ἐλθορκῶς τὰ ἔργα, λαφυροπωλίου ἐόντος κατὸ τῆς | πόλιος. εἰ δὲ τι ἐργωνήσας μὴ ἔγκεχηρήκοι τοῖς | ἔργοις, ὁ δὲ πόλεμος διακωλύει, ἀπυδόας [τ]ὸ ἀργύριον, | τὸ ἄν λελαβηκῶς τυγχάνη, ἀφεύσθω τῷ ἔργῳ, ||<sup>15</sup> εἰκ ἄν κελεύωνσι οἱ ἐσδοτήρες. εἰ δ' ἄ[ν] τις ἐπισυνίσταται ταῖς ἐσδόσεσι τῶν ἔργων ἢ λυμαίνηται κατ' εἰ δὲ τινα τρόπον φθέρων, ζαμιόντων | οἱ ἐσδοτήρες ὅσαι ἄν δέατοί σφεις ζαμίαι, καὶ | ἀγκαρυσ[σόν]τω ἐν ἐπίκρισιν καὶ ἰναγόντων ||<sup>20</sup> ἐν δικαστήριον τὸ γινόμενον τοῖς πλήθι τῆς | ζαμίαν. μὴ ἐξέστω δὲ μηδὲ κοινᾶς γενέσθαι | πλέον ἢ δύο ἐπὶ μηδενὶ τῶν ἔργων· εἰ δὲ μή, ὀφλέτω | ἕκαστος πεντήκοντα δαρχμάς· ἐπελασάσθων | δὲ οἱ ἀλιασταί, ἰμφαίνεν δὲ τὸμ βολόμενον ἐπὶ τοῖ ||<sup>25</sup> ἡμίσοι τῆς ζαμίαν. καὶ τὰ αὐτὰ δὲ καὶ εἰκ ἄν [τ]ις | πλέον ἢ δύο ἔργα ἔχη τῶν ἱερῶν ἢ τῶν δαμ[ο]σίων | κατ' εἰ δὲ τινα τρόπον, ὅτινι ἄμ μὴ οἱ ἀλιαστα[ί] | παρετάξωνσι ὀμοθυμαδὸν πάντες, ζαμιώ[σ]θω | καθ' ἕκαστον τῶν πλεόνων ἔργων κατὸ μῆνα ||<sup>30</sup> πεντήκοντα δαρχμαῖς, μέστ' ἄν ἐπισ[χ]ή πάντα | τὰ ἔργα τὰ πλεονα.

... if any (dispute) arises among the contractors (employed) on

the same work, so far as it concerns the work; let the wronged party summon the wrongdoer within three days from the time at which the injury (5) arose, but not later; and whatever the contract-awards decide, that is to be valid. Now if war hinders any of the works which have been contracted out or destroys any of those completed, let the Three Hundred decide what should be done; let the Generals provide revenue (10) if it seems to them that it is war which hinders or has destroyed the works, with a sale of booty at the city's expense. Now if anyone, having entered into a contract, has not taken the works in hand, but war hinders him, let him return whatever money he has received, and let him be excused the work, (15) if the contract-awards so order. Now if anyone interferes with the letting-out of the works or damages them, doing harm in any way whatever, let the contract-awards fine him in whatever sum seems good to them, and let them summon him to judgment and bring him (20) into a court competent to impose the penalty incurred (?). It shall not be permitted for more than two partners to be employed upon any one of the works; but if there are, let each be fined fifty drachmas, and let the heliasts enforce the fine, and whoever wishes may lay information for half the fine. And, in exactly the same manner, if anyone wishes to hold more than two works, sacred or civic, in any way whatever, unless the heliasts have allowed it to him by unanimous vote, let him be fined for each of the excess works (30) fifty drachmas per month, until all the excess works have ceased.

2. **εἰκ ἄν**: this form of εἰ probably arose (like οὐ ~ οὐκ) to prevent hiatus. The inscription of course has *EIKAN*, which could be read εἰ καν on the assumption of a modal particle καν (so Forbes 1958*b*, Palmer 1980: 67–8); but the presence of εἰ δ' ἄν at line 15, and εἰκ ἐπί in another inscription, argues against this. The apodosis appears to be in the missing lines earlier. **γίνητοι**: 3 sing. pres. subj. (§28.1). The ι is probably long: [gi:n-] < [giηn-] < [gign-] by assimilation and compensatory lengthening (this occurred at different dates in the dialects: not until the late IV cent. in Attic). **ἐργώνας**: initial F- has now disappeared in Arc. (§27.1). **ἴν** (Att. ἐν): §26.1. **ροῖ αὐτοῖ ἔργοι**: dat. sing. (§28.10).

3. **ῶσα**: rough breathings are printed without much confidence,

since erratic notation of the aspirate in earlier Arc. inscriptions (which use *h*) indicates that it was disappearing from the spoken language (cf. §23.10). **ἀπυέσθω**: 3 sing. mid. imper. ‘summon to justice’ (cf. Hom. ἡπύω ‘call, shout’). **ἀδικήμενος**: pres. ptcpl. (med.-pass.): for the athem. ending see §24.1.

4. **ἀδικέντα**: pres. ptcpl., athematic inflection (§24.1). **ἀπό**: cf. *a-ru* 5 1 (§28.5–6). **ταῖ**: relative use of the article stem (fem. sing., understand ἀμέραι). **ἀμέραις**: for the breathing see on ἀμέραν 76 38.

5. **ἄγ=ἄν**, with assimilation of *-ν* to the following (velar) consonant. **κρίνωνσι**: 3 plur. pres. subj. (§27.3–4).

6. **ἔσοδοτήρες** (Att. ἐκ-): ‘givers-out of contracts’; Arc. has ἐξ before a vowel and ἐς (<ἐος <ἐκς) before a consonant (Attic drops the final *-ς*). **εἰ δὲ πόλεμος**: δέ in this inscription is connective rather than disjunctive, and this may reflect koiné influence (Morpurgo Davies 1997). **διακωλύσει**: we expect an optative: but the evidence for an aor. opt. in *-ει* is weak (it would presumably be related to the common παύσειε type in Homer and Attic). It could be fut. indic. in a ‘mixed’ condition, in which the possibility of destruction (opt.) is conceived as more remote than mere impediment (vivid fut.): cf. Hdt. 1. 71 (fut. εἰ νικῆσεις juxtaposed with subj. ἦν νικηθήης). See also Forbes (1958*a*), Dubois (1986: I, 159–60).

8. **φθέραι**: 3 sing. aor. opt. of φθείρω. *-ρ-* is either graphic for *-ρρ-* (φθέρραι < \*φθέρ-σαι), or is a real phonetic reduction of *-ρρ-*. **τριακάσιοι**: a regular development from \**-κητιοί* (for Att. *-κόσιοι* see §32.9). **διαγόντω**: 3 plur. aor. imper. (§32.3).

9. **πόσοδομ** (Arc. πός=Att. πρός, §28.7): final *-ν* has assimilated to the labial articulation of the following *π-* (Dubois 1986: II, 43–4 takes the word to mean ‘tribunal’). **ποέντω**: imper. (§32.3), athematic inflection (ἀδικήμενος 3 and §24.1).

10. **δέατοι**: 3 sing. pres. subj. of a verb found also in Homer (δέατο, *Od.* 6. 242): equivalent in meaning to Attic δοκεῖ ‘it seems (good)’. The *a* is marked long by editors on the analogy of the long-vowel subj. of thematic verbs (παύηται); for the ending see §28.1. **σφεις**: Attic σφισι, dat. plur. of the enclitic 3 sing. pron. The form σφέσι, also attested in Arc. (*SEG* 37 340, 1987), shows that there was hesitation between inflectional patterns which followed the 2



and 3 declensions (as in *ταῖς ἐσδόσεσι* 16 below). Cf. Myc. *pe-i* [sp<sup>h</sup>ehi] < \* [sp<sup>h</sup>e-si]. **ἦναι:** ‘to be’, morphologically parallel to Att. *εἶναι*, from \*ἔσ-ναι or \*ἔσ-ε-ναι. **ἔφθορκώς** (Att. *ἐφθαρκώς*): perf. ptcl. of *φθειρώ*, with *ορ* < \**ῥ* (§26.3).

11. **λαφυρο-πωλίον:** ‘sale of booty’ (the verb *λαφυροπωλέω* is found in Att.); -*ου* is the koiné gen. sing. ending (vs. Arc. -*ω*, e.g. *τῷ ἔργω* 14). **ἔόντος:** §32.11. **κατύ:** probably analogical on *ἀπύ*.

12. **πόλιος:** gen. sg. (§32.4). **ἵγκεχηρήκοι** (Att. *ἐγκεχειρήκοι*): 3 sing. perf. opt. (*ἰν* §26.1, cf. *ἄγ* 3). *χηρ-* < \**χεσρ-*, but see Lejeune (1972: §120).

13. **ἀπυδόας:** aor. ptcl. of *ἀπυδίδωμι*. An analogical rebuilding: the weak aor. ptcl. ending (§26.5) has been attached to the stem *δο-* (cf. Att. *δούς* < \**δο-ντ-ς*).

14. **λελαβηκώς:** perf. ptcl. of *λαμβάνω*, formed by analogy with (e.g.) *μεμαθηκώς* from *μανθάνω*. Att. *εἶληφα* was probably formed to mid. *εἶλημμαι* < \**se-slāg<sup>w</sup>-mai* (Slings 1986). **τὸ:** cf. *ταῖ* 4. **τυγγάνη:** Arc. preserves the 2/3 sing. pres. subj. without -*ι*. Most dialects have -*ηις*, -*ηι* on the influence of indic. -*εις*, -*ει* (Palmer 1980: 309). **ἀφεώσθω:** 3 sing. imperat. of perf. pass. *ἀφεώσθαι* ‘be dismissed from’ (*ἀφίημι*): Arc. and WGk. form a perf. act. *ἀφέωκα*, from which -*ω-* spread to the medio-pass.

15. **κελεύωνσι:** cf. *κρίνωνσι* 5. **ἐπισυνίστατοι:** 3 sing. subj. mid. of *ἐπι-συν-ίσταμι*, ‘conspire against’ (for the ending see §28.1).

16. **ἐσδόσεσι:** the Attic ending reflects koiné influence (§32.4: contrast *πόλιος* 12).

17. **εἰ δέ τινα τρόπον:** the *δέ* is redundant in an ossified phrase (originally *εἰ δέ τις* with a verb) meaning ‘any’. **ζαμιόντω:** 3 plur. imper. §32.3 (athematic, §24.1).

18. **ῶσᾱ . . . ζαμίᾱ:** dat. sing. (instrument).

19. **ἀγκᾶρυσόντω** (Att. *ἀνακηρυττόντων*): 3 plur. imper. (§32.3): *ἀν-* rather than *ὄν-* due to koiné influence, §28.9). **ἰν:** for *ἐν* with the acc. cf. 8 27 (§§26.1, 28.8).

19–21. **ἰναγόντω . . . τὰς ζαμίαν:** the translation suggested is substantially that of Buck, in which *πλήθι* means ‘amount’. Dubois takes *γινόμενον* closely with *πλήθι* and understands the latter word in the sense of *δάμωι*, hence: ‘let them deposit with the court that part of

the fine which belongs to the people'; but this interpretation suits the word-order less well.

20. **πλήθι**: early \*πληθεσ-ι > Att. πλήθει. The Arc. form perhaps <πλήθι (with raising of ε in hiatus after loss of -σ-), or (accented πλήθι) could be an analogical extension of the replacement of -εῖ by -ι in the masc. obstruent-stems (cf. on Myc. *po-de* 5 1b): Dubois (1978).

21. **ζᾱμίαν** (Att. ζημίᾱς): gen. sing. in -ᾱο of masc. *a*-stems was extended to fem. nouns only at Tegea (§28.4 and Lillo 1987). **κοινᾱνας**: acc. plur. (κοινᾱ-Φον- 'partner' > κοινᾱον- 'partner' > κοινᾱν- in most dialects except Att., where the contraction gave κοινῶν).

22. **πλέον**: advb., koiné form (Arcadian πλός).

23. **δαρχμᾱς**: a noun in -smâ- formed from a verbal stem meaning 'to grab a handful' (the alternation δαρχ-/δραχ- among the dialects points to original vocalic \*ʔ). **ἐπελασάσθων**: 3 plur. aor. mid. imper. of ἐπελάω (a form of ἐπελαύνω).

24. **ἰμφαίνεν** (Att. ἐμφαίνειν): a thematic infin. -εν is also found in some WGk. dialects (§28.2). **βολόμενον**: the dialect forms of this verb (Att. βουλ-, Thess. βελλ-, WGk. δηλ-, etc.) reflect an ablauting stem \*g<sup>w</sup>els- (present) ~ \*g<sup>w</sup>ols- (perfect, with shift of the *o*-grade to the present in eastern dialects). For τὸμ cf. πόσοδομ 9.

25. **ἡμίσοι**: dat. sing. of Arc./WGk. ἡμισσον (<\*ἡμιτF-): cf. Att. ἡμισυ < \*ἡμιτυ. **κά**: has lost a syllable (contrast κατύ 11), either by haplogy before τὰ αὐτά, or apocope with simplification of the double consonant (κάτ τὰ).

26. **ἔχη**: 3 sing. pres. subj. (cf. τυγχάνη 14).


27. **δτινι**: indefinite pron. 'whoever', with only the second element declined. **ᾱμ**: see πόσοδομ 9.

28. **παρετάξωνσι**: 3 plur. aor. subj. παρετάξω 'approve' (§40.4). For the ending cf. κρίνωνσι 5.

30. **μέστ(ε)**: 'until' (cf. Thess. μέσποδι 11 13). **ἐπισχῆ** (if correctly restored): 3 sing. aor. subj. (for the ending cf. τυγχάνη 9). The sense is either intransitive 'cease' (with τὰ ἔργα as subject) or transitive 'abandon, desist from' (with τις 25 understood as subject). Restored ἐπιτ[ελέση] in Thür-Taeuber (1994), 'until he completes (the supernumerary contracts)'.

## CYPRIOT

(Arcado-Cypriot)

8. Bronze tablet, inscribed on both sides in the Cypriot syllabary (§18), from Idalion, c.18 km south of Nicosia. The inscription records an agreement made between the Idalians on the one hand and the physician Onasilos and his brothers on the other, for free treatment of the wounded. c.475 BC. Here a transliteration of the first ten lines of the syllabic text is given (the ‘word-divider’ is marked with a dot), followed by a version in the Greek alphabet with the addition of *F* and the letter *j* (representing the glide-sound). Masson (1961), no. 217. Schwyzer 679. Buck 23. *Nomima*, i. 31.  Chadwick (1987) for the relationship between the Cypriot and Linear B syllabaries. Powell (1991: 91–9).

o te · ta po to li ne e ta li o ne · ka te wo ro ko ne ma to i · ka se ke ti  
 e we se · i to i · pi lo ku po ro ne we te i to o na sa ko [2] ra u · pa si  
 le u se · sa ta si ku po ro se · ka se a po to li se · e ta li e we se · a no  
 ko ne o na si lo ne · to no na si ku po [3] ro ne to ni ja te ra ne · ka  
 se · to se · ka si ke ne to se · i ja sa ta i · to se · a to ro po se · to se · i ta  
 · i · ma ka i · i ki [4] ma me no se · a ne u · mi si to ne · ka sa pa i · e  
 u we re ta sa tu · pa si le u se · ka se · a po to li se · o na si [5] lo i · ka  
 se · to i se · ka si ke ne to i se · a ti to mi si to ne · ka a ti · ta u ke ro  
 ne · to we na i · e xe to i · [6] wo i ko i · to i pa si le wo se · ka se · e xe  
 ta i po to li wi · a ra ku ro · ta · I · ta · e tu wa no i nu · a ti to [7] a ra  
 ku ro ne · to te · to ta la to ne · pa si le u se · ka se · a po to li se · o na  
 si lo i · ka se · to i se · ka si [8] ke ne to i se · a pu ta i · ga i · ta i pa si  
 le wo se · ta i to i ro ni · to i · a la pi ri ja ta i · to ko ro ne · [9] to ni  
 to i · e le i · to ka ra u o me no ne · o ka to se · a la wo · ka se · ta te re  
 ki ni ja · ta e pi o ta [10] pa ta · e ke ne · pa no ni o ne · u wa i se · ga  
 ne · a te le ne . . .

<sup>A</sup> ὅτε τὰ(ν) πτόλιον Ἐδάλιον κατέφορον Μᾶδοι κὰς Κετιῆῤῥες ἰ(ν) τῶι  
 Φιλοκύπρῳν φέτει τῶ Ὀνασαγόρῳν, βασιλεὺς Στασίκυπρος κὰς ἄ  
 πτόλις Ἐδαλιῆῤῥες ἄνωγον Ὀνάσιλον τὸν Ὀνασικύπρῳν τὸν ἰγιατῆρῳν  
 κὰς τὸς κασιγνήτο(ν)ς ἰῤῥᾶσθαι τὸ(ν)ς ἄ(ν)θρώπο(ν)ς τὸ(ν)ς ἰ(ν) τᾶι  
 μάχαι ἰκλαμμένο(ν)ς ἄνευ μισθῶν κὰς παι εὐφρητάσατῳ βασιλεὺς  
 κὰς ἄ πτόλις Ὀνασίλλ<sup>5</sup>λωι κὰς τοῖς κασιγνήτοις ἄ(ν)τὶ τῶ μισθῶν

κὰ(ς) ἀ(ν)τι τὰ(ς) ὑχῆρῶν δοφέναι ἐξ τῶι | Φοίκωι τῶι βασιλῆΦος  
 κὰς ἐξ τῶι πτόλιφι ἀργύρῳ(ν) τὰ(λαντον) **I** τὰ(λαντον)· ἔδουΦαν οἶνυ  
 ἀ(ν)τι τῶ | ἀργύρῶν τῶδε τῶ ταλά(ν)τῶν βασιλεὺς κὰς ἀ πτόλις Ὀνα-  
 σίλωι κὰς τοῖς κασιγνήτοις ἀπὺ τῶι γάι τῶι βασιλῆΦος τὰ(ι) ἰ(ν)  
 τ(ῶι) οἰρῶνι τῶι Ἄλα(μ)πριάται τὸ(ν) χῶρον | τὸν ἰ(ν) τῶι ἔλει  
 τὸ(ν) χραυόμενον Ὀ(γ)κα(ν)τος ἄλφῶ(ν) κὰς τὰ τέρχνιζα τὰ  
 ἐπιό(ν)τα <sup>10</sup> πὰ(ν)τα ἔχεν πανώνιον ὕφαῖς γὰν(?) ἀτελήν· ἥ κέ σις  
 Ὀνάσιλον ἦ τὸς | κασιγνήτο(ν)ς ἦ τὸς παῖδα(ν)ς τῶ(ν) παιδῶν τῶν  
 Ὀνασικύπρῶν ἐξ τῶι χῶρωι τῶιδε | ἐξορύξη, ἰδέ παι οἰ ἐξορύξη πείσει  
 Ὀνασίλωι κὰς τοῖς κασιγνήτοις ἦ τοῖς παισι τὸν ἀργυρον τό(ν)δε·  
 ἀργύρῳ(ν) τὰ(λαντον) **I** τὰ(λαντον)· | κὰς Ὀνασίλωι οἴΦωι, ἄνευ τῶ(ν)  
 κασιγνήτων τῶν αἰλων, ἐΦρητάσατυ βασιλεὺς <sup>15</sup> κὰς ἀ πτόλις  
 δοφέναι ἀ(ν)τι τὰ(ς) ὑχῆρῶν τῶ μισθῶν ἀργύρῳ(ν) πε(λέκεΦας) **III**  
 πε(λέκεΦας) | **II** δι(δραχμα) Ε(δάλια)· ἔδωκ' οἶνυ βασιλεὺς κὰς ἀ  
 πτόλις Ὀνασίλ<sup>B</sup>λλωι ἀ(ν)τι τῶ ἀργύρῳ(ν) τῶδε ἀπὺ τῶι γάι τῶι  
 βασιλῆΦος τὰ(ι) ἰ(ν) Μαλανίζαλι τῶι πεδίζαι τὸ(ν) χῶρον τὸ(ν)  
 χραυζόμενον Ἀμενίζα ἄλφῶ(ν), κὰς τὰ τέρχνιζα τὰ ἐπιό(ν)τα  
 πὰ(ν)τα, τὸ(ν) ποεχόμενον πὸς τὸ(ν) ῥόφο(ν) τὸ(ν) Δρύμιον κὰς  
 πὸ<sup>20</sup>ς τὰν ἱερηΦίζαν τὰς Ἀθάνας, κὰς τὸ(ν) κᾶπον τὸν ἰ(ν) Σίμιδος  
 ἀρούραλι, τὸ(ν) ΔιΦείθεμις ὁ Ἀρμάνευς ἦχε ἄλφο(ν), τὸ(ν) ποεχόμε-  
 νον πὸς Πασαγόραιν τὸν Ὀνασαγόραυ, κὰς τὰ τέρχνιζα τὰ ἐπιό(ν)τα  
 πὰ(ν)τα, ἔχεν πανώνιο(ν)ς ἰλφαῖς γὰν(?), ἀτελίζα ἰό(ν)τα· ἥ κέ σις  
 Ὀνάσιλον ἦ τὸς παῖδα(ν)ς τὸ(ν)ς Ὀινασίλῶν ἐξ τῶι γάι τῶιδε ἰ ἐξ τῶι  
 κάπωι τῶιδε ἐξορύξη, ἰ<sup>25</sup>δὲ ὁ ἐξορύξη πείσει Ὀνασίλωι ἦ τοῖς παισι  
 τὸν ἀργυρον τό(ν)δε· ἀργύρῳ(ν) πε(λέκεΦας) **III** πε(λέκεΦας) **II**  
 δι(δραχμα) Ε(δάλια)· ἰδὲ τὰ(ν) δάλτον τὰ(ν)δε, τὰ Φέπιζα τάδε  
 ἰναλαλισμένα, | βασιλεὺς κὰς ἀ πτόλις κατέθιζαν ἰ(ν) τὰ(ν) θιὸν τὰν  
 Ἀθάναν τὰν περ Ἐιδάλιον, σὺν ὄρκοις μὴ λῦσαι τὰς Φρήτα(ν)ς τάσδε  
 ὕφαῖς γὰν(?). | ὅπι σίς κε τὰς Φρήτα(ν)ς τάσδε λύση, ἀνοσίζα Φοι  
 γένοιτυ· τὰς κε <sup>30</sup> γὰ(ν)ς τάσδε κὰς τὸς κάπο(ν)ς τόσδε οἰ Ὀνα-  
 σικύπρῶν παῖδες κὰς τῶ(ν) παιδῶν οἰ παλῖδες ἔξο(ν)σι αἰΦεί, ο(ἰ) ἰ(ν)  
 τ(ῶι) οἰρῶνι τῶι ἘδαλιήΦι ἴωσι.

When the Medes and Ketians were laying siege to the city of Edalion in the year of Philokypros the son of Onasagoras, King Stasikypros and the city of the Edalians instructed Onasilos the son of Onasikypros, the physician, and his brothers to treat the men wounded in battle, without payment. And the king and the

city promised (5) to give Onasilos and his brothers, by way of compensation and gratuity, from the king's household and from the city a talent of silver: one *t*. Now instead of this silver, the talent, the king and the city gave to Onasilos and his brothers, from the estate of the king which is in the district of Alampria: the land in the marshland bordering the vineyard of Onkas and all the young plants upon it, to hold with all saleable products (10) for ever, free of tax. If anyone expels Onasilos or his brothers or the sons of the sons of Onasikypros from this land, then the expeller shall pay to Onasilos and to his brothers or to his sons this sum: one talent of silver. And to Onasilos alone, apart from the other men his brothers, the king (15) and the city undertook to give, by way of gratuity and compensation, four axes of silver and two Edalian didrachms. Now the king and the city gave (B) to Onasilos, instead of this money, from the estate of the king that is in the plain at Malanea: the land adjoining the vineyard of Amenea, and all the young plants upon it—the land bordering the stream Drymios and (20) the shrine of Athena—and the garden in the land of Simmis which Diweithemis the son of Armanes held as his vineyard, bordering the land of Pasagoras the son of Onasagoras, and all the young plants upon it, to hold with all saleable products for ever, free of tax. If anyone expels Onasilos or the sons of Onasilos from this land or from this garden, (25) then the expeller shall pay to Onasilos or to his sons this money: four axes of silver and two Edalian didrachms. Behold, the king and the city have set up this tablet, with these words inscribed upon it, to the goddess Athena, who protects Edalion, with oaths not to break these undertakings for ever. Whoever does break these undertakings, may a curse befall him! These (30) lands and these gardens the sons of Onasikypros and the sons of their sons shall hold for ever, those who shall be in the land of Edalion.

*Note:* in the alphabetic transcription (*ν*) indicates that the preceding vowel is nasalized, [*ã*] etc. (it is not in the syllabic text: §26.8).

1. **ὄτε:** it is not clear whether Cyp. had [h], §27.5. **τὰ(ν):** for the final *-n* see §26.8*b*. **πτόλιν:** πτόλις is a doublet of πόλις found in Arc.-Cyp., Myc., and (with ττ- for πτ) Thessalian. Common in Homer, whence occasional use in Attic tragedy. The reason for

$\pi\tau$ -/ $\pi$ - doublets in Greek is unclear (Szemerényi 1979 suggested that false division of an early Greek syntagm, e.g. \* $\eta\lambdaυθε\tau\ \acute{\alpha}\lambda\omega\iota\nu$ , gave \* $\eta\lambdaυθε\ \tau\acute{\alpha}\lambda\omega\iota\nu > \eta\lambdaυθε\ \acute{\alpha}\lambda\omega\iota\nu$ , for which cf. Engl. *a newt* < *an ewt*). **Ἐδάλιον**: spelled Ἰδάλιον in literary texts (the toponym *Κίτιον* is usually spelt with  $-\iota$ , but in this text the corresponding ethnic is *Κετιεύς*); the  $\epsilon/\iota$  alternation points to a close pronunciation of  $\epsilon$ . **κατέφοργον**: 3 plur. strong aor. of a verb *καταφέρω* ‘press hard’ (*φοργ-* from aor. stem \* $w\eta r\gamma-$ , §26.3). **κάς**: ‘and’, §28.7. **ἰ(ν)**: Att.  $\acute{\epsilon}\nu$  (§26.1). **Φιλοκύπρον**: gen. sing. (§28.11). **Ἔτεει**: inherited  $F$ - maintained in all positions (§27.1). **τὸ Ὑνασαγόραυ**: gen. (§§26.2, 28.4).

2. **ἘδαλιῆϜες**: nom. plur. of ethnic *Ἐδαλιεύς*, formed from *Ἐδάλιον* as *ΚετιῆϜες* 1 is formed from *Κέτιον*. The scribe writes ‘the city Edalians’; for this formulation cf.  $\acute{\alpha}\ \acute{\alpha}\lambda\omega\iota\varsigma\ \acute{\alpha}\iota\ \Gamma\omicron\rho\tau\acute{\upsilon}\nu\iota\omicron\iota$  in a Cretan inscription (Schwyzer 184). **ἄνωγον**: past tense formed to the perf. *ἄνωγα*, with ending borrowed from the imperf. (cf. on *ἄνωγα* 68 687: poetic only in Attic). **Ὑνασικύπρον**: gen. sing. (§28.11). **ἰγατήραν** (Hom. *ἰγτήρ*, Att. *ἰατρός*): acc. sing. (§28.12) with glide between  $\iota$  and the following vowel.

3. **τὸς κασιγνήτο(ν)ς . . . τὸ(ν)ς ἄ(ν)θρώπο(ν)ς**: acc. plur. (§26.8). **ἰῶσθαι**: infin. of *ἰάομαι*. **ἰκμαμένο(ν)ς**: acc. plur. perf. pass. ptcl. of a verb not otherwise attested; the context suggests the meaning ‘wounded’ (perhaps cognate with Lat. *icō* ‘strike’).

4. **κάς παι**: the particle *παι* in a function that seems peculiar to Cyp.: the ensemble seems to have the force of Attic *καὶ μὴν* (‘progressive’, in the terminology of Denniston 1954), but cf. also the use of *καὶ κως* in Hdt. (e.g. 3.40). See in general Morpurgo Davies (1997). **εὐἜρητάσαυ**: 3 sing. aor. mid. of \**Ἔρητάω* ‘promise’ (a denominative from *Ἔρητα* 30: root \* $w\epsilon rH_1$ , cf. Attic *ἔρω*, *ῥήτωρ*). The  $-v-$  before  $-F-$  is merely a glide; it is omitted in the same word in 14. For the ending, see §26.2.

5. **κά(ς) ἄ(ν)τὶ τᾶ(ς)**: perhaps *κᾶη ἄ(ν)τὶ τᾶη* (cf. *ποεχόμενον* 19 and §27.5). **ὑχῆρον**: ‘bonus, gratuity’ (gen. sing.); cf. Att. *ἐπίχειρα* (n. pl.). Cyp.  $\acute{\upsilon}(ν)$  seems functionally equivalent to *ἐπί*, though perhaps formally cognate with Att. *ἀνά* (Strunk 1986): §28.9. **δοἜναι**: aor. inf. of *δίδωμι*. The  $-F-$  is unexpected, and may have originated as a glide (cf. on *ἔδουσαν* 6, and Cowgill 1964: 354).

ἐξ + dat.: cf. ἀπὸ ταῖ 7 4 (§28.5). Other dialects (except Pamph.) simplify to ἐκ or ἐς before a cons. (cf. Woodard 1997: 118).

6. **πτόλιφι**: dat. sing. (§28.13) **ἔδουσαν οἶνον**: this phrase needs to be considered together with ἔδωκ' οἶνον 16. An earlier interpretation of the syllabic phrases *e-tu-wa-no-i-nu* and *e-to-ko-i-nu* was ἡ δουφάνοι νυ and ἡ δώκοι νυ, with an imperatival opt. 'let . . . give', but serious problems are raised: (i) by the form \*δουφάνοι, pres. opt. of an unknown verb δουάνω, (ii) by the form \*δώκοι, unparalleled aor. opt. based on the stem δωκ-, (iii) by the alternation between the two stems, and between pres. and aor. in what are apparently parallel formulae, (iv) by the fact that the tablet, which otherwise records decisions taken in the past by king and city, is here made to record a prescription for the future. Cowgill (1964) proposed a more attractive interpretation (here adopted): the verbs are aor. ind. expressing what actually took place, ἔδουσαν being plur., ἔδωκε being sing. (as if 'king' and 'city' formed a single entity). ἔδουσαν < \*ἔδοσαν, with raising of ο to υ and φ as a glide; \*ἔ-δο-αν (the existence of which is implied by Arc. ἀπυδόας 7 8) is an athematic aor., parallel to κατέθεισαν 29 (§32.1). οἶνον (not found elsewhere) is on this view a particle cognate with Att. οὖν + νυ. **τὸ ἀργύρον τὸδε τὸ ταλά(ν)των**: gen. sing. (§§26.8, 28.11).

8. **ἀπὸ τῆς γᾶς**: the sign here represented *ga* was originally thought to represent *za*; but if, as seems likely, this means 'from the land', then γᾶ rather than ζᾶ must be read (Lejeune 1954). Cf. also ὕφαϊς γᾶν [ζᾶν] 12. For the case after ἀπὸ cf. ἐξ 5 (§28.5). **οἰρών**: dat. sing. of οἰρών 'limit', so 'district'. **Ἄλαμπριζᾶται**: dat. sing. of adj. in -ατᾶς formed from the place-name Ἄλαμπρία.

9. **χραυόμενον**: synonym of κραυζόμενον 18, 'grazing', so 'adjoining'. **ἄλφῶ(ν)**: gen. (of the object reached), 'vineyard, orchard': cf. Hom. ἄλω(φ)ή. **τέρχνηια**: neut. plur. of τέρχνος (< τέρχνεα): §26.6. **ἐπιό(ν)τα**: from ἐπεόντα (§§26.6, 32.11).

10. **ἔχεν**: ~ Att. ἔχειν < -(h)εν (§26.9). **παν-ώνιον**: root as in ὀνίνημι 'benefit'. **ὕφαϊς γᾶν**: not fully understood. The context suggests a formula of emphasis ('for ever', 'completely'); ὕφαϊς may be related to αἰφεῖ 31, 'always', with initial ὕ- either as part of this root (Weiss 1994: 151–4), or a prefix equivalent to ἐπί (cf. ὕχῆρων 5). γᾶν has been taken as an infin. 'to enjoy [forever]' (Lejeune 1954: 77, comparing Hom. γαίω 'rejoice') or an acc. of respect 'on earth'

(Calvert Watkins, at Weiss 1994: 152). ζᾶν (see γᾶι-ζᾶι 8) was interpreted as a noun related to ζάω 'live'. **ἀτελήν:** acc. sing. of ἀτελής formed by analogy with the declension of *o*-stems; the meaning 'exempt from tax (τέλος)' is found also in literary Greek (e.g. Hdt. and Lys.). **ἦ κέ σις:** corresponds to Att. εἰάν τις (ἦ is the Cyp. word for 'if'). **σις:** \**kwi-* (§§27.2, 10.6).

11. **παῖδα(ν)ς:** §28.11.

12. **ἐξορύξῃ:** 3 sing. aor. subj. of a verb which cannot be identified precisely. Perhaps ἐξορύσσω, 'dig out', so 'expel', or a denominative from ὄρφος, 'boundary' (cf. Attic ἐξορίζω) meaning 'banish'. For the ending cf. τυγχάνῃ 7 9. **ἰδέ παι:** 'then indeed', used to emphasize the apodosis (see κάς παι 4). **ὄ:** 'whoever' (Att. ὅστις). **πέισσει** (Att. τείσει): 'shall pay', *π-* by analogy with ποινή 'fine'; both ποινή and τείσει derive from the root \**k<sup>w</sup>ei-/k<sup>w</sup>oi-* (§10.6).

14. **οἴῤῥω:** dat. sing. of οἴῤῥος 'sole, only'. **αἴλων** (Att. ἄλλων): §26.7.

15. **τά(ς):** cf. 5 above. **πε:** abbreviation for πελέκεϜας, acc. plur. of πέλεκυς, 'axe'. The term denotes a sum of money on Cyprus, perhaps ten *minae*.

16. **ἔδωκ' οἴνυ:** cf. ἔδωϜαν οἴνυ 6.

18. **πεδίῃα:** a fem. noun (only here) with the meaning of πεδίον, 'level ground, plain'. **Ἄμενῖα:** gen. sing. in -ᾱ < -αο (more often -αυ, §28.4). For -ι- from -ε-: τέρχνῖα 9.

19. **ποεχόμενον:** perhaps ποηεχόμενον (ποσεχόμενον, 'adjoining'), §27.5. **πός < ποσί** (Myc. form): §28.7. **ρόϜο(ν):** 'stream', with *o*-grade of the stem found in ρέϜω, 'flow' (Att. ροῦς, with loss of -*F*- and contraction).

20. **ἱερῃῤῖαν:** interpreted here as 'sanctuary' (with adj. suffix -ια), which fits the context, but the word could in theory mean 'priestess' (with fem. suffix -γᾶ). **ἀρούρᾱ:** 'arable land' (Myc. and Homer, but poetic in Attic).

21. **ΔιϜεί-θεμῖς:** compound name containing ΔιϜει-, the original dat. of Ζεύς found also in Myc. *di-we* 'for Zeus' (§11.2). **Ἀρμάνευς:** probably patronymic, '(son) of Ἀρμάνης', with -ευς from -εος (for the loss of syllabicity cf. the gen. sing. -αυ < -αο).

23. **ἀτελίῃα ἰό(ν)τα:** < \*ἀτελέα ἰόντα (§26.6): for the *s*-stem acc. plur. contrast ἀτελήν 10.

24. **ῖ:** apparently a form of ἦ 'or'. The simplest way to relate them



is to assume that  $\eta$  was shortened in hiatus to  $\epsilon$  before vowels, which in turn became  $\imath$  before back vowels (§26.6). Here a front vowel follows, however, so it must have become generalized as the standard antevocalic form.

26. **δάλτρον** (Att.  $\delta\epsilon\lambda\tau\text{-}$ ): ‘tablet’. The variation reflects the origin of the word as a loan from Phoenician *dlt* (E. Masson 1967: 61–5). **Ἐπιγραφή**: cf. Hom. (*F*) $\acute{\epsilon}\pi\epsilon\alpha$  (§26.6). **ἱναλισμένη**: perf. pass. ptcl. of *ἱναλίνω*, ‘engrave, inscribe’. *ἀλίνω* (= *ἀλείφω*, ‘anoint, smear’) seems to have been the standard Cypriot term for ‘write’: Hesychius gives *διφθεράλοιφος* (‘skin-anointer’) as the Cypriot for ‘scribe’.

27. **κατ-έθιζαν**: 3 plur. aor. (*κατ-έ-θε-αν*, §32.1) from *κατατίθημι*. **ἰ(ν)**: for *ἐν* with the acc. cf. 7 19 (§28.8). **περ(ί)**: ‘round about’, so ‘protecting’. **Φρήτα(ν)ς**: from *Φρή-τρᾶ*, ‘contract’ (cf. 61 1) with dissimilation of  $\rho$ .

29. **ὄπι σίς κε**: corresponds in meaning to Att. *ὄστις ἄν*. The morphology of *ὄπι* is mysterious. If related to *ὄπη* in Crete (‘where’) and Thessaly (‘when’), it could mean ‘in the case that (somebody does *x* . . .)’. **λύση**: 3 sing. aor. subj. (cf. *ἐξορύξη* 13). **ἀνοσίχα**: what is not *ὄσιος* (established by the gods for human well-being): a curse formula. **Φοι**: dat. sing. 3 personal pron., with original *w* (§27.1). **γένοιτν**: 3 sing. aor. opt. (§26.2).

30. **ἔξο(ν)σι**: 3 plur. fut. (§26.8). **αἰφέι**: see on *ὑφαίς γάν* 10. **ἴωσι**: \**ἔωνσι* (§§32.11, 26.6), 3 plur. pres. subj. of the verb ‘be’. The transcription *ἴωσι* rather than *ἴω(ν)σι* assumes that a long vowel plus nasal simply lost the nasal element (Ruijgh 1988: 137).

## THESSALIAN

(*Aeolic*)

The dialects of western Thessaly (Thessaliotis, Hestiaeotis) show some WGk. influence: eastern Thessaly (Pelasgiotis) retains a greater number of Aeolic features.

9. Bronze tablet from a site near Kierion recording the privileges conferred by the people of Thetionion upon Sotairos, a citizen of Corinth. The tablet has a line at the top, separated by a horizontal stroke, which is probably the last line of the text (the engraver ran out of space). Thessaliotis (western

Thessaly), V cent. BC. IG IX 2. 257. Buck 35. Schwyzer 557. *Nomima*, i. 33.

A number of features anomalous in Thessalian may point to an attempt to write the text in Ionic-influenced ‘chancellery’ diction (perhaps by an Ionian secretary).

ε<ο>ς *ηυλοῤρέοντος Φιλονικόῃ ηυιός*

Θετόνιοι ἔδοκαν Σοταίρω τῷ Κορινθίῳ καὶ τῷ καὶ γένει καὶ Φιοικιάταις καὶ χρέμασιν ἀσυλίαν<sup>5</sup> κατέλειαν κεῦΦεργέταν ἐποίεσαν κέν ταγᾶ κέν ἀταγλίαι. αἴ τις ταῦτα παρβαίνοι, τὸν ταγὸν ἐπεστάκοντα ἐξίξανακάδεν. τὰ χρυσία καὶ τὰ ἰ<sup>10</sup> ἀργύρια τῆς Βελφαίῳ ἀπολλόμενα ἔσῃσε Ὀρέσταο Φερεκράτ-

(2) The Thetonians gave to Sotairos the Corinthian, to him and to his family and to his household, both immunity for his property (5) and freedom from taxation, and made him their benefactor both in wartime and in peacetime. If anyone contravenes these provisions, let the *tagos* in office enforce them. He saved the gold and (10) silver objects lost from Delphi when Orestes (?) son of Pherecrates son of Philonicos was *hyloros*.

3. **καὶ τῷ:** *crasis* (καὶ αὐτῷ); cf. *κατέλειαν* 2 (καὶ ἀτέλειαν), etc. **Φιοικιάταις:** Att. *οἰκέτης* is derived from *οἶκος*; some of the dialects (including Ion.) derive the word from *οἰκία*.

4. **χρέμασιν:** the dat. plur. of consonant stems in Thess. (as in the other Aeolic dialects) is normally *-εσσι*. Since the *-ν* at the end of the word is a trait of Attic-Ionic, it looks like the legalistic formulae of this inscription were simply borrowed *in toto*. **ἀσυλίαν:** ‘exemption of property from seizure (*σύλαι*)’. **ἀτέλειαν:** < \**ἀτελεσ-ια* cf. adj. *ἀτελής* 8 10. **εῦΦεργέταν:** ‘internal’ *-F-* retained in the transparent element *Φεργ-*, ‘work’ (§34.4): and there is a glide after the *υ*.

6–7. **κέν ταγᾶ κέν ἀταγλίαι:** equivalent in sense to *καὶ ἐν πολέμῳ καὶ ἐν εἰρήνῃ* (a common epigraphic formula), probably ‘when there is a *tagos* in office and when there is not’ (Hooker 1980). For *ταγᾶ* (rather than *ταγία*) cf. *δίκη* ~ *ἀδικία* (see also Chadwick 1969 and 1992).

7. **αἴ:** §36.1. **τις:** *κῖς* in eastern Thessaly (cf. *κί* 11 11). **ταῦτα:** the normal demonstr. in Thess. is built with *-νε* (neut. plur.

τάνε). **παρβαίνοι** (Att. παραβαίνοι): short prepositional forms (§24.5) are the norm in Thess.

8. **πᾶγόν**: Thessalian magistrate. **ἐπεστάκοντα**: perf. ptcl. (Att. ἐφεστηκότα): §36.2. The lack of aspiration (typical of Ion.) is unexpected in Thess. **ἐξξανακάδεν** (Att. ἐξανακάζειν): infin. expressing command (for the normal Thess. infin. see §36.3). For double ξ see ἐστροτευμέναις 14 25. The κ is a simplex writing of κκ, assuming the original γ [η] assimilated to the following obstruent. So also δ is a simplified writing of -δδ- < \*-δγ- (§23.8).

10. **τῆς** (τὰ ἐς)+gen.: in Thess. and Boe. (and sporadically elsewhere) ἐξ+cons.>ἐς (7 6). **Βελφαῖο**: gen. of a sing. form (Att. Δελφῶν); the initial labial shows Aeolic treatment of labiovelar \*g<sup>w</sup> (§34.3).

11 f. **Ὀρέστῳ . . . ἠυλῶρέοντος**: gen. absolute on this interpretation. Φερεκράτε<ο><sub>S</sub>, if correctly restored, is gen. of the father's name: elsewhere in Thessaly patronymic adjectives are found (but the reading is disputed: see Morpurgo Davies 1968: 88). ἠυλῶρέοντος, 'being *hyloros*', lit. 'keeper of the woodland' (cf. ὕλη+ὄραω), but the word presumably has a wider application here. In Thess. vowel-stem verbs are generally athematic (§24.1): this is either a western isogloss with WGk., or an Ionic form. **ἠυῖος**: < \**siwjos*, gen. of an archaic nom. *uiws* (as in Homer, 67 143).

10. Stone from Metropolis in Hestiaetis (western Thessaly), confirming the privileges of the Basaidai clan. Second half of III cent. BC. SEG 36. 548. [▶▶] Helly (1970), García Ramón (1987).

θιός· τύχαν ἀγαθάν· | Συνθείκα Βασαίδουν τείς εἴντεσσι τοῦν  
 πελτάρουν γενίουν καὶ τᾶς ταγᾶς κοιναεῖντιλουν τὲν πάντα χρόνεν,  
 καὶ αὐτεῖς καὶ τᾶι γελ<sup>5</sup>νιᾶι τᾶι ἐς τύτουν γινυμέναι. μὰ ἔστου  
 πολδέξαστα πὸτ τᾶν ἰσοτιμίαν μαδέμινα μαδὲ ταγὰν δοῖν ἔξου τᾶς  
 συγγενείας. αἰ μὰ | κά τις ἐν τύτεις μὰ ἐμ[μ]έναι, ἀπόλαος ἔστου |  
 [ᾶ]τ τᾶς συγγενεί[ας] καὶ τάλαντεν ἀργύρ<sup>10</sup>[ρου] ὀφλέτου [τ]εῖς  
 συγγενέσσι· ὀνύματα τοῦν | [συγγ]ενίουν· Κλίανδρες Ἐπικρατίδαις  
 . . .

.....

. . . ξενδόκοι τύτο[υν παρ τὲν <sup>10</sup>Ἄπλουνα] Ἐκατόμβιεν· ὁ λείτορας  
 ὁ ἐν [Ματροπόλει, ὁ λείτ]ορας ὁ ἐπὶ Ττυλίχνας.

God. Good fortune. Compact for those of the Basaidai who belong to the four tribes and who participate in the *taga* in perpetuity, both for themselves and for the (5) progeny issuing from them. Let it not be lawful for them to receive anyone into an equality of privilege, nor to bestow the *taga* outside the clan. But if anyone does not abide by these provisions, let him be expelled from the clan and pay a talent of silver (10) to the clansmen. Names of the clansmen: Kleandros son of Epikratidas . . .

[13 further names]

Witnesses of these provisions in the presence of (20) Apollo Hekatombios: the priest at Metropolis, the priest for Polichnai.

In addition to regular Thess. vowel changes (§34.3), the Matropolis inscription shows further peculiarities:

(a) *v* is sometimes used where *ou* would be expected (as in *τύτουν* 3): this may be the result of a change [ow] > [u:], as in Attic and Boeotian (Blümel 1982: 64).

(b) *ε*: in word-final syllables *ε* is found in place of *ο* (unparalleled in Greek): this probably denotes a loss of vowel colour in unstressed position, as in Engl. *talon* [tælən] (cf. Chadwick 1992). If this is true, the implication is that—as the accent moved from a pitch to a stress accent—vowel length ceased to be distinctive. This should be borne in mind as a possible factor in peculiar vowel spellings below: for example, there seems to be a neutralization of distinction between *α*, *αι* (perhaps now [ä], as in Boe.) and various *e*-vowels in final (or unstressed?) position.

2. **Βασαίδουν**: has the form of a patronymic (cf. 55 19). **τείς είντεσσι** (Att. *τοῖς οὔσι*): for *τείς* cf. *αὐτείς* 4. *εἰν-* instead of expected *ἐν-* in the pres. ptcl. of *εἶμι* may be analogical: *φίλειμι* (§24.1) exports its long vowel to the ptcl. (*φιλέντες* → *φιλείντες*), from where it spreads to the ptcl. of 'be' (*ἔντες* → *εἰντες*). See Morpurgo Davies (1978). **πετάρουν** (Att. *τετάρων*): initial *π-* < \**k*<sup>w</sup> (§35.1). For *-ττ-* (< \**-tw-*) in common with Att., Boe. see §35.3.

3. **γενίουν**: < *γενέων* (Att. *γενών*), §23.2. **τᾶς ταγάς**: i.e. the chief Thess. magistracy. **κοινᾶνείντων**: Att. *κοινωνούντων* (for the stem cf. *κοινᾶνας* 7 21), §24.1. For the long *e* in *-είντων* cf. on *εἰντεσσι* 2.

4. **τὲν . . . χρόνεν:** <ε> is probably [ə] in an unaccented syllable: (b) above. **αὐτεῖς:** the spelling <ει> suggests monophthongization of [oi] > [ü] > [i] (as in Boeotian, and later in the koiné).

5. **ἔς:** <ἐκ-ς (9 10). **γυμμέναι:** for *υ* < *ο* in this context cf. *δνύματα* 10. **μά** (Att. *μή*): elsewhere the usual Thess. form is *μεί* by (a) above. **ποδέξαστα** (Att. *προσδέξασθαι*): aor. mid. inf. The preposition *ποσ* (§24.5) assimilates to the following *δ* (> -δδ-, here written with a single). For -στ- see §39.5. For the odd ending -α (instead of -αι or -ει) cf. (b) above.

6. **μαδέμνα** (Att. *μηδένα*): unique form. Perhaps created by contamination of *μήτινα* with a part of *μηδεῖς* (cf. the fem. *μαδεμίαν*); or *μηδάμα* with *μηδένα* (cf. Alk. fr. 129. 16). Hesych. gives a form *μηδαμινός* (stem as in *μηδάμα* plus suffix -ινος).

7. **δοῖν:** 3 plur. aor. opt. of *δίδομι*, expressing prohibition. Probably derives from *δοῖεν*, by syncope of unaccented [e]. **μά** (ǎ): Thess. particle corresponding in function to Att. *δέ* (not to be confused with *μά* = *μή*). It occurs in Att. oaths, *μά Δία*, etc. (Mod. Gk. *μά*, 'but', is borrowed from It. *ma* < Lat. *magis*).

8. **κα:** usually *κε* in Thess. (§36.7) **τις:** *κίς* in north-eastern Thessaly (cf. *κί* 11 11). But the word order *αὶ κά τις* is the normal Thess. pattern (cf. §40.6). **ἐμμέναι:** apparently the 3 sing. aor. opt. of *ἐμμένω*. The use of the opt. rather than the subj. is striking, and García Ramón (1987: 117–19) may be right to see an anomalous spelling of the pres. sub. *ἐμμένη(ι)*. **ἀπόλαος:** *hapax*, '[banished] away from the community (λαός)'

9. **[ǎ]τ:** *ἀπό* (apocope and assimilation: cf. *ἔπ* 11 10). **ἀργύ[ρου]:** restored thus because Thess. has a tendency to palatalize and double a resonant before *i* (indicating that the *i* is consonantal: -Ry- > -RR<sup>y</sup>-): a secondary development analogous to §23.7.

10. **ὀφλέτου** (Att. *ὀφλείτω*): 3 sing. aor. imper. of *ὀφλισκάνω*. **δνύματα:** *ο* > *υ* between resonant and labial may be an early sound-change common to all dialects (Cowgill 1965: 113), in which case Att. *δνομα* would be the result of assimilation (cf. Sihler §44).

11. **Ἐπικρατίδαις** (<-αιος): patronymic adj., nom. The final syllable is syncopated, helped perhaps by the phonetic similarity of <αι> = [ǎ(:)] and <ο> = [ə] (cf. *χρόνεν* 4).

19. **ξεν-δόκοι:** syncopated form of *ξενο-δόκοι*, 'witnesses'.

20. **[Ἄπλουνα]:** acc. The dialects present various forms of the

god's name (Ἀπόλλων, Ἀπέλλων, Ἀπείλων, etc.): Thess. Ἄπλων is syncopated (Fraenkel 1956: 82–6, and Plato *Crat.* 405c). **Ἑκατόμβιεν**: epithet of Apollo, 'to whom hecatombs are dedicated'. **λείτορας**: elsewhere in Thess. the expected form *λείτ-ουρ* is found. The agent-noun ending in *-ορας* is standard in Mod. Gk. (replacing *-ωρ*): this seems to be a uniquely early example (Helly 1970: 179).

21. **Ττυλίχνας** (Att. *Πολίχνας*): *Tτ-* by assimilation from *Πτ-* (cf. § 1 and §23.4).

11. Stone from Larisa in Pelasgiotis, recording letters in koiné from Philip V of Macedon which 'recommend' that the city enroll new citizens, and the decrees by the city in Thessalian enacting Philip's instructions (the decrees follow Philip's letters almost verbatim). Only the part containing the first decree is given here. 214 BC. *IG IX 2. 517. Buck 32. Schwyzler 590.*

ψαφιξαμένας τᾶς πόλιος ψάφισμα <sup>10</sup> τὸ ὑπογεγραμμένον· «Παν-  
 ἄμμοι τὰ ἕκτα ἐπὶ ἰκάδι συνκλείτος γενομένας, ἀγορανομέντων τῶν  
 ταγῶν πάντων· Φιλίπποι τοῖ βασιλείος γράμματα πέμφαντος πὸτ  
 τὸς ταγὸς καὶ τὰν πόλιν διὰ κί Πιτραίος καὶ Ἀνάγκιππος καὶ <sup>12</sup>  
 Ἀριστόνοος, οὓς ἄτ τᾶς πρῆσβείας ἐγένονθο, ἐφανίσσοεν αὐτοῦ  
 ποκκὶ καὶ ἁ ἄμμεον πόλις διὰ τὸς πολέμος πολιτεδέετο πλειόνων  
 τῶν κατοικεῖσόντων· μέσποδι κε οὖν καὶ ἐτέρος ἐπινοεῖσομεν  
 ἀξίος τοῖ πᾶρ ἄμμε <sup>14</sup> πολιτεύματος, ἔτ τοῖ παρεόντος κρηννέμεν  
 ψαφίξασθαι ἄμμε ο<ῦ>ς κε τοῖς κατοικέντεσσι πᾶρ ἄμμε  
 Πιτθ[α]λλοῦν καὶ τῶν ἄλλων Ἑλλάνων δοθεὶ ἁ πολιτεία· τοῖνεος  
 γὰρ συντελεσθέντος καὶ συνμενάντων πάντ<sup>16</sup>ων διὰ τὰ  
 φιλάνθρωπα πεπεισθαι ἄλλα τε πολλὰ τῶν χρεῖσῶν ἐσσεσθαι  
 καὶ εὐτοῦ καὶ τᾶι πόλι καὶ ἰ τὰν χούραν μᾶλλον ἐξεργασθῆσθαι  
 ἐψάφισται τᾶ πολιτεία πρᾶσμένον πὲρ τῶννεον κατ τὰ ὁ  
 βα<sup>18</sup>σιλεὺς ἔγραψε, καὶ τοῖς κατοικέντεσσι πᾶρ ἄμμε Πιτθαλοῦν  
 καὶ τῶν ἄλλων Ἑλλάνων δεδόσθαι τὰν πολιτείαν καὶ αὐτοῖς καὶ  
 ἐσγόνοις καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ τίμια ὑπαρχέμεν αὐτοῖς πάντα ὅσσαπερ  
 Λασαίοις, φυλᾶς ἐλομέ<sup>20</sup>νοις ἐκάστου ποίας κε βέλλεται· τὸ μὰ  
 ψάφισμα τότε κῦρρον ἔμμεν κατ παντὸς χρόνοι καὶ τὸς ταμίαις  
 ἐσδόμην ὀνγράψαι αὐτὸ ἐν στάλλας λιθίας δῦας καὶ τὰ ὀνύματα  
 τῶν πολιτογραφειθέντων καὶ καθέμεν <sup>22</sup> τὰμ μὲν ἴαν ἐν τὸ ἱερὸν

τοῖ Ἄπλωνος τοῖ Κερδοῖοι, τὰμ μὰ ἄλλαν ἐν τὰν ἀκρόπολιν καὶ τὰν ὀνάλαν, κίς κε γιλνύειται ἐν τάνε, δόμεν.»

The city passed the following decree: on the twenty-sixth of Panammos an assembly was held, with all the *tagoi* acting as *agoranomoi*; Philip the king having sent a letter to the *tagoi* and the city—because Petraios and Anankippos and Aristonoos, when they came on the embassy, declared to him that our city too on account of the wars was in need of more inhabitants—[saying that] until therefore we can think of others worthy of our citizenship, for the present he judges that we should decree that the citizenship be granted to those of the Thessalians (15) and the other Greeks who are resident among us; for if this is done and all stand together in friendship, he is convinced that many other benefits will accrue both to him and to the city and that the land will be cultivated more widely.—It was decreed, in respect of the citizenship, to act concerning these matters as the king had written, and that the citizenship should be conferred upon those of the Thessalians and the other Greeks living with us, both to them and to their descendants, and that all the other privileges should be available to them that are available to the Larisaians, each choosing (20) whichever tribe he wishes to belong to; and this decree is to be valid for all time, and the treasurers are to disburse money to inscribe it on two stone blocks along with the names of the enrolled citizens, and to set up one in the shrine of Apollo Kerdoios and the other on the acropolis and to pay the expenses which are incurred for this purpose.

9–10. The text starts with a series of genitive absolutes: ψαφιξ-  
αμένας τὰς πόλιος, συνκλείτος γενομένας, ἀγορανομέντων πάντων.

9. ψαφιξαμένᾱς: aor. mid. ptcl. of ψαφίζομαι, ‘vote’ (for aor. in -ῆα §40.4). πόλιος: §32.4.

10. Πανάμμοι: gen. sing., shortened -οιο (§36.8), ‘of (the month) Panammos’. Πάναμμος < \*Πάνασμος (Doric Πάνᾱμος). τῷ ἕκτῳ: dat. sing. (the long diphthong has already disappeared); ἱκάδι from ἱκάς (< \*Φικάς): ‘on the sixth (day) after the twentieth’ (Attic μετ’ εἰκάδα, 41 2). ἔπ: apocope (§24.5); so also πὸτ 11, ἄτ 12, πὸκ 12, πάρ 13, ἔτ 14, πέρ and κάτ 17.

10. συνκλείτος: gen. sing. of a consonant-stem συνκλείς,

‘assembly’, for which cf. Attic ἡ σύγκλητος (βουλή). *ει* denotes close [e:] < open η (§34.3). **ἀγορᾶ-νομέντων**: pres. ptcl. (Att. ἀγορᾶνομέω): in eastern Thess. ‘contracted’ (vowel-stem) verbs are athematic (§24.1). Here a technical term, perhaps ‘presiding over the assembly’. *ου* denotes close [o:] < open ω (§34.3).

11–17. The syntax wanders hopelessly, since the composer starts with a gen. absolute (Φιλίπποι πέμφιαντος), and then tries to reproduce the entire contents of Philip’s letter before resuming with the main verb ἐψάφισται at 17.

11. **πότ**: §24.5. **τὸς τᾶγός**: acc. plur. (cf. §23.9). **διέ κί** (cf. Att. διότι ‘because’): *διέ*, of uncertain origin, is used for *διά* in inscriptions at Larisa and Phalanna; these two places are unique also in producing *κ-* from labio-velar \**kʷ* before *i* (§10.6 and Dunnett 1970).

12. **οὺς ἄτ τὰς πρεισβεῖᾶς** (Att. ὡς ἀπὸ τῆς πρεισβεῖᾶς): ἄτ < ἄπ (assimilation). *πρέσβυς* and related forms in the dialects are difficult to explain neatly; there seems to have been a variant containing the digraph *ει* in Boe., Thess., and WGk. **ἐγένονθο**: 3 plur. forms (act. and pass.) in Thess. and Boe. often have <νθ> instead of <ντ>. This probably represents aspiration extended from the mid. endings *-μεθα*, *-σθε*. **ἐνεφανίσσοεν** (Att. ἐνεφάνιζον): 3 plur. imperf. The stem in *-σσ-* is a back-formation from the aor. ἐνεφάνιξα (present stems in *-σσ-* and *-ζ-* are sometimes confused because they both have *-ξ-* in the aor. and fut., §40.4). The imperf. and aor. in Thess. end in *-οεν/-αεν* in the 3 plur. This unusual ending could have developed on the analogy of the opt., which it resembles (Morpurgo Davies 1965); or may be a digraph representing a weak unstressed vowel (so Chadwick 1992). **αὐτοῦ** (Att. αὐτῶν): dat. **ποκκί**: < \**ποδ-κι* (functionally equivalent to Att. *ᾠτι* < \**γoδ-kʷid*, but with first element \**kʷoδ*). **ἀμμέων**: the gen. plur. ending is added to the acc. ἀμμέ (§32.5) in Thess., just as in Att.-Ion. ἡμῶν < ἡμέων < \*ἡμέ + ων (the acc. was later recharacterized in Att.-Ion. by the addition of *-ας*): §38a. **ποτεδέετο** (Att. προσεδέιτο): in reported speech, Att. syntax would normally require opt. or pres. indic., but here the verb has been assimilated to the imperf. ἐνεφανίσσοεν (helped perhaps by the unusual closeness of opt. and imperf. in Thess.).

13. **κατοικεῖσόντων** (Att. κατοικησόντων): fut. ptcl. ‘settle’. **μέσποδι**: Thess. conj. meaning ‘until’ (García Ramón 1993: 137); the



first element can be seen in Arc. μέστε (7 30) and Hom. μέσφα (for -ποδ- cf. on ποκκί 12), and cf. Chadwick (1996: 195–8). **ἐτέρος, ἀξίος**: acc. plur. (§23.9). **ἐπινοοῖσουμεν** (Att. ἐπινοήσωμεν): 1 plur. aor. subj. **παρ ἄμμέ**: the acc. rather than the dat. after παρά is characteristic of Thess., Boe. and NW Gk.; occurs sporadically elsewhere (Colvin 1999: 224), incl. Att.-Ion.

14. **ἔτ**: < ἐπ (ἐπι). **κρεννέμεν**: pres. act. inf. In north-eastern Thessaly (Pelasgiotis) and in Boe. the -μεν ending of the athematic inf. spread to thematic verbs. The stem κριννω (Att. κρῖνω) < \*krin-yō (§23.7); ι is often written ε after ρ in Thess., indicating a more open sound. **ψᾶφίξασθαι** (Att. ψηφίσασθαι): infinitives in -σαι and -σθαι turn up at Larisa with an ending -ειν (with final -ν perhaps triggered to avoid ambiguity with finite forms: §34.3b and García Ramón 1975: 67). **ο(ῦ)ς κε** (with υ added by editors): corresponds to ὅπως in the koiné of Philip's letter; for ὡς κε in a final relative clause cf. 13 2. **κατοικέντεσσι**: pres. ptcl. (dat. plur.) of an athematic verb (§24.1): Att. κατοικέω. **Πετθαλούν** (Att. Θετταλών): the aspiration of the Aeolic form Φετταλός (for Φ- see §35.1) has been transferred from the labial to the dental.

15. **δοθεῖ** (Att. δοθῆι): 3 sing. aor. pass. subj. **τοίνεος**: gen. sing. of a demonstr. pronoun ὄ-νε, both parts of which are declined (Lejeune 1943). **συν-μενάντων** (Att. -μεινάντων): aor. ptcl. of συν-μένω. For the aor. stem μενν- < \*μενσ- cf. §23.6.

16. **πεπέιστεν** (Att. πεπεῖσθαι): perf. pass. inf. **ἄλλα τε**: the phrase is repeated from Philip's letter; it seems unlikely that τε < \*k<sup>w</sup>e is native to Thess. (§35.1). **ἔσσεσθαι** (Att. ἔσσεσθαι): fut. inf. **εὐτοῦ** (Att. αὐτῶι): dat. sing. (ε-αυτο > ηντο > ευτο: the first vowel in a long diphthong is occasionally shortened in Greek, Lejeune 1972: §376).

17. **ἐξεργασθείσασθαι** (Att. ἐξεργασθήσασθαι): fut. pass. inf. **ἐψάφισται** (Att. ἐψήφισται): 3 sing. perf. pass. For ει in place of αι cf. ψᾶφίξασθαι 14. **πρασέμεν**: pres. act. inf. (cf. κρεννέμεν 14). **τούννεον**: gen. plur. (see τοίνεος 15).

18. **δεδόσθαι** (Att. δεδόσθαι): perf. pass. inf.

19. **ἐσγόνοις**: for ἐς 'from' see on 9 10. **ὑπαρχέμεν**: pres. act. inf. **Λασαίσις**: syncope (Λαρισαίσις).

19–20: **φυλάς ... βέλλειται**: ἐκάστου is dat. in apposition to

ἐλομένοις (which agrees with *Λασαίοις*); *φυλάς* has been attracted into the gen. of *ποιάς* (understand ‘to be’).

20. **βέλλεται** (Att. *βούληται*): 3 sing. pres. subj. (cf. *βολόμενον* 7 24 for the stem; *ἐψάφισται* 17 for the ending). **κῦρρον** (< *κύριον*): see on *ἀργύρ[ρου]* 10 9. **ἔσδόμεν** (Att. *ἐκδοῦναι*): aor. act. inf. (cf. *ἐσγόνοις* 19).

21. **ὀνγράψεν** (Att. *ἀναγράψαι*): aor. act. inf. For *ὄν-*: see §28.9. **ἐν**+acc., the usual construction in Thess. and Boe. (§28.8). **στάλλας**: < \**stal-nā* or \**sta-slā* (cf. §23.6), Att. *στήλη*. **λιθίας**: adjs. of material are usually built with *-ιος* in Gk. (Att. *λίθιος* ‘made of stone’). For the suffix *-ιος*, a general adjectival suffix, see Chantraine (1933: 34–7): however, it may also represent *-εος* (which usually denotes material) in dialects such as Thess. where *ε* > *ι* before a vowel. **δύας**: a rare example of a fem. acc. of *δύο*, ‘two’. **ὀνύματα**: the usual form outside Att.-Ion. (10 10). **πολιτογραφειθέντων**: gen. plur., aor. ptcl. (Thess. rendering of the koiné verb *πολιτογραφέω*). **καθήμεν** (Att. *καταθεῖναι*): aor. act. inf.

22. **τάμ**: *τᾶν* (§23.4). **ἴαν**: fem. form of ‘one’ found in all Aeolic dialects; or perhaps *ἴαν* (assuming *μία* → *ἴα* under the influence of masc. *ἔν-ς*, neut. *ἔν*). **Ἄπλουνος**: gen., cf. on 10 20. **μά**: see on 10 5. **ὀνάλᾶν**: *ā*-stem corresponding to Att. *ἀν-άλ-ωμα*, ‘expense’ (§28.9). **γυνίεται** (Att. *γίγνηται*): 3 sing. pres. subj.; for *γινυ-* cf. *γινυμέναι* 10 5, for the ending *-ται* cf. *ἐψάφισται* 17.

23. **ἐν τάνε**: Att. *ἐς τᾶδε* (§28.8 and *τοίνεος* 15).

## BOEOTIAN

(Aeolic)

For Boeotian phonology and spelling see §34.

12. Dedication in two dactylic hexameters on a bronze statuette of Apollo (probably from Thebes). Early VII cent. BC. LSAG 90, 94 no. 1. CEG 326. ▶▶ Powell (1991: 167–9), NAGVI §303.

*Μάντικλος μ' ἀνέθεκε Φεκᾶβόλῳ ἀργυροτόξῳ  
τᾶς {δ}δεκάτας· τὸ δέ, Φοῖβε, δίδοι χαρίφεταιν ἄμοι[βάν].*

Mantiklos dedicated me to the Far-darter with silver bow out of the tithe; and you, Phoibos, grant a gracious recompense.

1. Two Homeric epithets of Apollo are joined in a single expression (see Risch 1974: 220 for *έκη-βόλος*). *Μάντικλος* is a hypocoristic of a name such as *Μαντι-κλείδας*. *ἀργυροτόξοι*: the letter here transcribed ξ is written <X>, the normal 'red' alphabet sign for [ks] (§18); the first letter of *χαρίφεται* is written <Ψ>.

2. *δεκάτᾱς* (*μερίδος*): 'tenth (part), tithe.' The final phrase is found with epic colouring at *Od.* 3. 58, *δίδου χαρίεσσαν ἀμοιβήν*. *δίδοι* has been explained as a 2 sing. opt. of *δίδωμι*, with imperatival force (and unusual morphology); but 2 sg. imper. is more likely, formed on the 2 sg. indic. *δίδοις* (cf. *Il.* 9. 164) of the Aeolic poetic tradition (see Strunk 1961). The form is also found in Pindar (79 85). *χαρίφεται*: adj. contains the \*-went- suffix seen in *Myc. pe-ne-we-ta 1* (§13). The fem. is built on \*-wnt-ya, where \*ty > ττ in Boe. and Attic (§31.4), σσ in the other dialects.

13. Graffito on a vase of unknown provenance: one word *extra metrum* followed by two iambic trimeters. V cent. BC. IG VII 3467. Buck 38–5. Schwyzer 441. CEG 446.

*Μογέα*      *δίδοτι τᾱί γυναικί δῶρον Εὐχάρῖ*  
                  *τεῦτρῆτιφάντῶ κότυλον, ᾗς χ' ἄδαν πίῃ.*

Mogea(s) gives a cup as a gift to his wife Eucharis, the daughter of Eutretiphantos, that she may drink her fill.

1. *Μογέα*: masc. *a*-stems were recharacterized in Gk. with nom. sing. -s. Forms in -a found occasionally in Boe. and NW Gk. are probably old vocatives, as in Hom. *ίππότᾱ* (Méndez Dosuna 1982).

2. *Εὐχάρῖ* < *Εὐχάρῖ*: dat.

3 *τεῦτρῆτιφάντῶ*: crasis (*τᾱί* + *Εὐ-*). *ᾗς χ' ἄδαν πίῃ*: purpose clause (*ᾗς* generally takes the potential particle in Hom. purpose clauses). *ᾗς*: apparently unaspirated (the inscription could have written the aspirate *H*). *χ'* = *κα* (§36.7) with elision and aspiration (*χ'* denotes *KH*, so the breathing on *ἄδαν* is typographic convention). *πίῃ*: 3 sing. aor. subj. of *πίνω* (the original ending: Att. -ηι is due to the analogy of indic. -ει).

14. Stone from Orchomenos giving details of an agreement between Orchomenos and Chaironea to conduct joint mounted patrols. The first few lines of the inscription are

damaged. Early III cent. BC. Étienne-Roesch (1978). SEG 28.  
461. ►► Étienne-Roesch (1978).

... ὁμολογὰ τοῖς ἱππότης τοῖς Ἐρχομενίων κῆ Χηρωνείων ὑπὲρ τᾶν ἰ στροτειάων. Τὰς μὲν προτεινὶ στρολλ<sup>10</sup>τειάς Θεογονειτίδαο ἄρχοντος Ἐρχομενίοις, Βοιωτοῖς δὲ Φιλοκόμω, ἀφι[εμ]ένας εἶμεν, ἄρχεμεν δὲ τὰς στρο [τε]ίας τὰς ἐπὶ Θεογονειτίδαο ἄρχον[τος] Ἐρχομενίοις, Βοιωτοῖς δὲ Φιλολλ<sup>15</sup>[κώ]μω στροτευθεῖμεν δὲ ἐχθόν[δ]ε τὰς Βοιωτίας πράταν τὴν Σαυκλι[ία]ο, δευτέραν τὴν Πουθοδώρω, π[ι]ρίταν τὴν Χηρωνείων Εὐμειλίαν, ἰ [π]ετράταν Ἀριστίωνος, ἐν δὲ τῇ ἰ<sup>20</sup> [Βο]ιωτίη πράταν τὴν Ἀριστίωνος, ἰ [δ]ευτέραν Πουθοδώρω, τρίταν ἰ [Χ]ηρωνείων Εὐμείλω, πετράταν ἰ [Σ]αυκλίαο· ἡ δὲ κά τινες Φίλη Φίσα ἰ [στρ]οτευθείωνθι, κλαροέτω ὁ ἰπ<sup>25</sup>[πα]ρχος τὰς Φίσα ἐστροτευμένας Φίλας· τιθέσθη δὲ τὰς στροτειίας τὰς τε ἐν τῇ Βοιωτίη κῆ τὰς ἐλχθόνδε τὰς Βοιωτίας χωρὶς ἐκατέ[ρ]ας ἄς κα τὰ ἐφόδια λάβωνθι.

An agreement between the cavalry of Orchomenos and that of Chaironea pertaining to military expeditions. The previous expeditions (10) under the archonship of Theognetidas at Orchomenos and Philokomos in Boeotia are released from duty: the expeditions (constituted) under the archonship of Theognetidas at Orchomenos and Philokomos in Boeotia are (hereby) inaugurated (15). First to exercise outside of Boeotia shall be the (squadron) of Saukleas; second that of Pythodoros; third that of the Chaironians of Eumeilos, fourth that of Aristion. And within (20) Boeotia, first shall be that of Aristion, second that of Pythodoros, third that of the Chaironians of Eumeilos, fourth that of Saukleas. In the case that some of the squadrons spend an equal amount of time on exercise, the Hipparch (25) is to draw lots (*sc.* for extra service) among those squadrons which have spent an equal amount of time on exercise. One should account separately exercises in Boeotia and exercises outside Boeotia, (and the accounting should be) for the time that they are drawing their daily allowance.

7. ὁμολογὰ: Att. ὁμολογία. ἱππότης: dat. plur. Ἐρχομενίων: the form *Orchomenos* is the result of vowel assimilation.

8. **ὑπέρ:** see 15 4. **τᾶν:**  $-\bar{a}-\omega\text{ν}$  contracts in the article, but not in nouns (Att.  $\tau\acute{\omega}\nu < \tau\acute{\epsilon}\omega\text{ν} < \tau\acute{\eta}-\omega\text{ν}$ ): §30.2.

9. **στροτειάων:**  $< *str\tau-$  (§34.1). The Boe. reflex of  $*r$  is mixed, perhaps a result of its WGk./Aeol. history (cf. *πετράταν* 19). The spelling  $-\epsilon\upsilon\acute{\alpha}-$  suggests that a glide  $-y-$  has emerged from the diphthong  $\epsilon\iota$  (§34.4) before another vowel. **προτεινί:** elsewhere spelled *προτηνί* ( $\sim$  Att. *προταινί*), ‘earlier’.

10. **Θιογενειίδαο:** the name is an old patronymic form of *Θεόγγητος*. **ἄρχοντος:** construction with the dat. is found in Homer, but very rare in Att. (occasionally in tragedy).

11. **ἀφι[εμ]ένας:** pass. ptcl. of *ἀφίημι*, here a technical term.

12. **εἶμεν:**  $< \eta\mu\epsilon\upsilon\text{ν} < *es-men$  (§36.3).

13. **ἐπί:** with gen. ‘in the time of’, regular in Boe. archon formulae (cf. Attic *ἐπὶ κινδύνου* ‘in time of danger’, etc.).

15. **στροτευθεῖμεν:** aor. pass. infin. **ἐχθόν[δ]ε:** ‘outside’, *hapax*.  $\acute{\epsilon}\chi\theta\acute{\omicron}\varsigma < * \acute{\epsilon}\chi\tau\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$  (assimilation)  $< * \acute{\epsilon}\kappa\sigma\text{-}\tau\omicron\varsigma$  (cf. 7 6 *ἔσδοτήρες*). For the final  $-v$  cf. *ἔνδον* (Buck §133.3).

16. **πράταν:** Att. *πρώτος*, WGk./Boe. *πρᾶτος* (§38.2). **Σαυκλῖαιο:** gen. of  $*\Sigma\alpha\omicron\text{-}\kappa\lambda\epsilon\alpha\varsigma$ . In Boeotia  $-\kappa\lambda\epsilon\alpha\varsigma$  replaced  $-\kappa\lambda\omicron\varsigma$  in the hypocoristic form of *kleos* names (cf. on 12 1).

18. **Εὐμειλίαν:** ‘of Eumelos’. The adj. performs the same function as a gen., and is an extension of the Boe. patronymic adj. in  $-\iota\omicron\varsigma$  which substitutes for the gen. of the father’s name. Names in *μηλον* were popular in Boeotia.

19. **πετράταν:** for the labial ( $*k^w\text{etwr}\tau\text{-}\tau\omicron\varsigma$ ) see §35.1. **τῆ:**  $< \tau\alpha\acute{\iota} < \tau\acute{\alpha}\iota$ .

23. **ἦ δέ κά:** Att. *ἐὰν δέ* (note different order). **Φίλη:** nom. pl. of *Φίλα*, ‘squadron’. **Φίσα:** neut. plur., adverbial. For initial  $F-$  see  $\acute{\alpha}\varsigma$  29 (§35.2).

24. **στροτευθειώνθι:** aor. subjunct. pass., 3 plur. (uncontracted *θη:* in Att.  $\theta\acute{\omega} < \theta\epsilon\omega < \theta\eta\omega$ ). For  $-v\theta\iota$  see on *ἐγένονθο* 11 12.

25. **ἔστροτευμένας:**  $s$  is often doubled before consonants in Boe., indicating ‘spread’ across the syllable boundary.

29. **ἄς:**  $< * \acute{\alpha}\text{f}\omicron\varsigma$  (Att.  $\acute{\epsilon}\omega\varsigma < \eta\omicron\varsigma$ ). Internal  $-f-$  has now disappeared from Boe. (cf. *χαρίφετταν* 12 2); initial  $F-$  remains (§35.2).

15. Stone from Akraiphia regulating the price of fish. The first text on the stele deals with sea fish, the second with freshwater

fish. The first 11 lines (out of 41) of the first text are given here. Late III cent. BC. SEG 32. 450. ►► Vatin (1971), Roesch (1974), Thompson (1947).

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|----|---|-------------------------|
| 1  | Τὸ ἀγώνναρχυ τὸ ἐπ' Ἀριστοκλείους ἀρχοντος        |                         |
|    | Ἀμινίας Διονουσίω, Δικῆος Διονουσίω,              |                         |
|    | Ἱεροκλείς Ἐγχόρμασ, ἐσταλοκόπεισαν τὰ δεδο[γμένα] |                         |
|    | οὐπὲρ τῷ θαλαττήω·                                | Κουνοπρείστιος Η        |
| 5  | τῶς δὲ τὸ θαλαττήον                               | 5a Κουνὸς καρχαρίαο Π   |
|    | πωλίοντας πωλίμεν                                 | Κανθάρω παντό[s] Η      |
|    | σταθμῦ[s] κο[θ]αροῖς.                             | Κοκκούκων ΙΠΧ           |
|    | Ἀλφειστᾶο [.]ΧΧ                                   | Κορακίνων [ ]           |
|    | Ἀμία[s.]ΧΧ  | Καλλιωνούμω [ ]         |
| 10 | Ἀγνάθω [  | 10a Λάβρακος [ ]        |
|    | Ἀρκάνω [..]ΧΧ                                     | τῷ μίονος τῷ μναιήω [ ] |
|    | (30 more lines in 2 columns, much mutilated)      |                         |

The market-commissioners in the archonship of Aristokles—Aminias son of Dionysios, Dikaios son of Dionysios, Hierokles son of Enkhormas—had the stele cut for the decisions concerning seafood.

- |    |   |                                      |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|
| 5  | Those selling seafood<br>are to sell it with honest<br>measures as follows: | • sawfish ½ obol                     |
|    | • wrasse 2 coppers  | • spiny dogfish 5 coppers            |
|    | • bonito tuna 2 coppers   | • black bream each ½ obol            |
|    | • lamprey (?) [   | • gurnard 1½ obols                   |
| 10 | • bass (?) [..]2 coppers  | • corb [ ]                           |
|    |   | • white scorpion fish [ ]            |
|    |   | • sea-bass [ ]                       |
|    |   | the smaller type, per <i>mna</i> [ ] |

*Money:* X=Att. χαλκοῦς, Boe. χάλκιος (bronze coin: 12 to an obol in Boeotia). Π=5 χ. I=1 obol. H for ἡμι-, 'half' (Att. ἡμιωβέλιον). Prices are apparently per *mna*.

1. **τύ:** i.e. τοί, nom. plur. (Boe. and WGk., §32.6). **ἀγώνναρχυ:** Att. ἀγορανόμοι (officials who regulated the business of the market). **Ἀριστοκλείους:** < \*-κλεφεσ-ος.

2. **Ἀμινίας Διονουσίω:** from around the mid III cent. the Aeolic patronymic adj. gives way to the genitive of the koiné (§36.7).

4. **οὐπὲρ:** ὑπὲρ in the sense of περί was also a feature of colloquial Attic (in the IV cent. orators, and epigraphic after c.300).

**θαλαττήω**: neut. noun made from an adj. meaning ‘of the sea’ (Att. *θαλάττιος*, but Pindar’s *θαλασσαῖος* has the stem seen here).

5. **τῶς**: ‘thus’. Corresponds to Att. *οὔτως*.

6. **πωλίοντας**: synizesis (§34.9). **πωλίμεν**: from *πωλε* + *εμεν* (with [i:] < [e:]).

7. **σταθμῦ[s] κο[θ]αροῖς**: inconsistencies in the spelling of the old diphthongs are not unusual in inscriptions. *κοθαρός*: found in WGK. dialects and Lesbian: the variation *α ~ ο* is unexpected.

8. **ἀλφειστάο**: *ἀλφησστής*, *Labrus cinaedus* (see Athen. 7. 281 for an explanation of the Latin name); the Greek term is obscure. Fish are listed in the gen. (of cause, as at Ar. *Clouds* 31), both sing. and plur.

9. **ἀμία[s]**: bonito (*Sarda sarda*), a fish closely related to skipjack tuna.

10. **ἀγνάθω**: not previously attested. The modern class of *agnatha* (jawless fish) has only two extant examples, one of which is the lamprey (genus *petromyzon*), an eel-like fish which may be meant here.

11. **ἀρκάνω**: not elsewhere attested, but probably a type of bass: cf. (a) *ἀκάρναξ*, a type of *labrax* (bass) according to Hesych.; and (b) *ἄχαρνος*, a fish apparently identified with bass by Aristotle.

4a. **κουνοπρέιστιος**: sawfishes (*pristidae*) are closely related to sharks, which would explain the compound (not elsewhere attested) in *κυνο*-. Cf. Attic *πρίστις* or *πρήστις* (*πρίω* ‘saw’): refers to the shape of its snout.

5a. **κουνὸς καρχαρία**: *καρχαρίας* from *κάρχαρος* ‘jagged’ (i.e. with saw-like teeth). A small shark, called ‘dog(-fish)’ across the Mediterranean (*Squalus acanthias*).

6a. **κανθάρω**: a word borrowed from the Near East (Szemerényi 1974: 148) for a type of drinking-cup: then ‘dung beetle, scarab’ (here *Spondyliosoma cantharus*).

7a. **κοκκούκων**: *κόκκυξ*, ‘cuckoo’. From the noise it makes when caught, according to Aristotle (*Hist. Anim.* 535b). One of the gurnard family (e.g. *Aspitrigla cuculus*).

8a. **κορακίων**: lit. ‘raven fish’ < *κόραξ* ‘raven’ (*Corvina nigra*).

9a. **καλλιωνόμω**: the name may be euphemistic (reflecting the appearance or poisonous spikes of the fish). A member of the *scorpaenidae* or *trachinidae* (said to be the Fr. *rascasse blanche*, an important ingredient in bouillabaisse).

10a. **λάβρακος**: the name suggests its reputation as an aggressive predator (*Dicentrarchus labrax*).

11a. **τῶ μίονος**: *μείων*. A comparative of *ὀλίγος*, rare in Attic (modifies *λάβρακος*). **μναιήω**: apparently < *μναιᾶϊον* (Attic *μνᾶ*), a measure of weight. A loanword from Semitic (probably Phoenician).

## LESBIAN

(*Aeolic*)

For the accentuation of Lesbian see §34.10.

16. Epitaph on a stone monument from the neighbourhood of Kebrene in the Troad. V cent. BC. Buck 24. Schwyzer 638. Hodot (1990), #TRO 302.

σ[ᾶμ]α πὶ Σθενεΐαι ἔμμι τῷ Νικιαΐδι τῷ Γαυκίῳ.

I am the monument upon Stheneias the son of Nikias the son of Gaukos.

**σ[ᾶμ]α**: some editors read σ[τάλ(λ)]α (cf. *στάλλας* 11 21). (**ἔ**)**πί**: prodelision. **ἔμμι** < \**ἔσμί* (Att. *εἶμι*): § 38a. **τῷ**: dat. sing. The loss of *-ι* from long diphthongs happened first in the article. **Νικιαΐδι**: dat. sing. of a patronymic adj., which Aeolic uses in preference to gen. of the father's name (§ 35). **Γαυκίῳ**: another patronymic adj., if the reading is correct, but it may not be a complete word (Bechtel suggests *Γ(λ)αυκίῳ[νος]*).

17. Stone from Mytilene, recording a monetary agreement between that city and Phokaia on the mainland. Late V or early IV cent. BC. IG XII 2. 1. Buck 25. Schwyzer 619. Hodot (1990), #MYT 01. ►► Heisserer (1984), Engelmann (1985).

----- [ὅττι | δέ κε αἶ] πόλις [ᾶ]μφότ[εραι] -----  
 ----- | ----- ]γράφωσι εἰς ταῖ[ς στάλλαις ἢ ἐικκόπ]τωσι,  
 κύ[ρ]ιον ἔστω. τ[ὸν δὲ κέρναν]³τα τὸ χρύσιον ὑπόδικον ἔμ[μ]εναι  
 ἀμφοτέρ[αι]σι ταῖς πολίεσσι. δικ[ᾶ]σ[ταις δὲ | ἔμ]μεναι τῷ μὲν  
 ἔμ Μυτιλήναι κ[έρναν]τι ταῖς ἄρχαις παῖσαις ταῖς ἔμ Μ[υτιλ]λήναι  
 πλέας τῶν αἰμίσεων, ἔμ Φώκαι δ[ε] τ[ῶν]¹⁰αἰς ἄρχαις παῖσαις ταῖς ἔμ



Φώκαι πλ[ε]λας τῶν αἰμίσεω[ν]. τὰν δὲ δίκαν ἔμμεναι | ἐπεὶ κε ὠνίαυτος ἐξέλεθμι ἐν ἔξ μῆννε|σι. αἰ δέ κε καταγ[ρέ]θμι τὸ χρύσειον κέρναν ὑδαρέστερο[ν] θέλων, θανάτωι ζαμι||<sup>15</sup>ῶσθω. αἰ δέ κε ἀπυφ[ύ]γχι μ[ῆ] θέλων ἀμβρότην, τιμάτω τὸ δικαστήριον ὅττι χρῆ αἰδτ<ο>ν πάθην ἢ κατθέ[μ]εναι. ἀ δὲ πόλις ἀναίτιος καὶ ἀζάμιος [ἔσ]τω. ἔλαχον Μυτιλήναιοι πρόσθε κόπτην. ἄρχει πρότανις ὁ ||<sup>20</sup> πεδὰ Κόλωνον, ἐ[μ Φ]ώκαι δὲ ὁ πεδὰ Ἀρίστ|αρχον.

Whatever the two cities [————] inscribe on the [stone] or delete from it, that is to be valid. A person who alloys (5) the gold (coinage) is to be responsible to both cities. For one who makes the alloy in Mytilene the judges are to be all the magistrates in Mytilene, (constituting) more than half; and in Phokaia all the (10) magistrates in Phokaia, (constituting) more than half: the trial is to be held within six months of the end of the year. If anyone is convicted of wilfully debasing the gold, let him be punished with death (15); but if anyone is acquitted of wilful wrongdoing, let the court decide what he should suffer or what fine he should pay. And let the city be free from blame or penalty. The Mytilenians drew the lot to strike (the currency) first. The agreement begins with the magistrate (20) after Kolonos, and at Phokaia with the magistrate after Aristarchos.

2. **πόλις**: nom. plur., most likely extended from the acc. *-ῖς* < *-ις*.

3. **ἰγράφωσι**: 3 plur. pres. subj. < *-ωνσι* (§34.11). Probably a compd. with *προσ-*, 'add'. **εἰς**: note that this is a real diphthong in Lesb., unlike Attic *εἰς* = [e:s].

4. **[κέρναντα]**: pres. ptcl. of *κέρνᾱμι* (Att. *κεράννυμι*), 'mix', so (here) 'make an alloy': but this (hypothetical) form could be thematic (see *κέρνᾱν* 13).

5. **ὑπόδικον**: an item borrowed from Att. legal language (López Eire 1993: 54 f.). **ἔμμεναι**: athematic inf. (§36.3).

6. **πολί-εσσι**: Aeolic *-εσσι* attached to an *i*-stem (§36.4). **δικ[άσαις]**: acc. plur. (§34.11), so also *ταῖς ἄρχαις* 8, etc.

8. **παίσαις**: *παίσα* < \**pansa* < \**pant-ya* (§34.11).

9. **πλέας**: < \**πλέας* with hyperthesis (cf. *δαμιοργόντων* 37 1). Forms of this comparative are built on \**plē-yos-* (Szemerényi 1968a: 33–6), with the diphthong in Att. *πλείους*, etc. probably analogical

on superl. *πλεῖστος*. Cf. Hom. *πλέες*, *πλέας*, and *a-ro<sub>2</sub>-a* 1 (a). **αἰμίσεων**: *αι* for *η* in *αἰμι-* < \**sēmi-* is hard to account for, unless the confusion is evidence for [ai] > [ε:] as in Boe. and later in Att. (Hodot 1990: 71): also found in Sapph. and Alk. (*αἰμιθέων*, Alk. 42.13). **Φώκαι**: dat. < *Φωκαῖαι* by reduction of the *-i-* and contraction.

12. **κε**: §36.7. **ὠνίαυτος**: crasis (*ὁ ἐνίαυτος*). **μήνησ(σ)ι**: the stem is \**μηνησ-* (cf. Lat. *mēns-is*). Lesb. *μήνησ* < \**μηνησός* (§23.6), Att. *μηνός*. The *s*-stem dat. plur. in Sapph. and Alk. is always *-εσι* (cf. §36.4).

13. **αἰ δέ κε**: Att. *ἐὰν δέ* (note different order). **καταγρέθη**: Lesb., Thess., Elean have *ἀγρέω* for *αἰρέω* (and Myc. *a-ke-re-se* = *ἀγρήσει*); cf. the fossilized imper. *ἄγρει* in Homer. **κέρναν**: \**κερνάων*, pres. ptcl. masc. with *καταγρέθη*, for which cf. *θέλων* with *ἀπυφύγη* 15 (Heisserer 1984: earlier editors took it as an athem. pres. infin. of *κέρναμι*). Contrast athem. *κέρναις* 75 b4 (Alk.): a them. ~ athem. doublet is already attested in Hom. *κίρνάω* ~ *κίρνημι*).

14. **ὑδαρέστερον**: lit. 'too watery', so 'debased'. **ζᾱμῶ-σθω**: denominative: athematic endings are added to a long-vowel stem throughout the paradigm (\**ζᾱμῶ-μι*).

15. **ἀμβρότην**: aor. inf. (Att. *ἀμαρτεῖν*): \**amr̥t-* > \**ἀμροτ-* (for *ρο* < \**ɾ* see §34.1); then *-β-* is inserted as a glide between *μ* and *ρ* (cf. *ἀνδρός* < \**ἀνρός*). Inf. ending *-ην* < \**-ε-εν* (§36.3).

16. **ὄττι**: < \**okk<sup>w</sup>i* < \**γod-k<sup>w</sup>id* (Att. *ὄτι* remodelled on the basis of *ὄστις*).

17. **καθήμεναι**: athematic aor. inf. (§36.3), apocope of *κατα-*.

19. **πρότανις**: Att. *πρύτανις*. Fluctuation in the vowel points to borrowing from a non-Greek source (cf. *di-pa* 5e).

20. **πεδά**: prep. equivalent to (unrelated) *μετά*, found in Lesb., Boe., and a few other dialects (and Myc., which has *μετά* also).

18. Stone from Mytilene, much damaged at the left, recording a settlement adopted by the city after Alexander's forces retook it from the Persians in 332 BC. The returning exiles are presumably pro-Macedonian elements who had fled the Persians. (Only the first part of the inscription is given

here.) c.332 BC. IG XII 2. 6. Buck 26. Schwyzer 620. Hodot (1990), #MYT 04. Rhodes–Osborne (2003, no. 85b). ▶▶ Heisserer (1980: 118–39), Hodot-Heisserer (1986: 120–28).

- 1 - - - - - [καὶ οἱ β]ασί[λῆς προστί]θησ[θον τῶν  
κατεληλύθον-  
[τι ὡς τέχναν τεχνα]μέν[ω] τῶ ἐ[ν τᾶι] πόλι πρόσθε [ἔοντος.  
αἱ δέ κέ τις  
[τῶν κατεληλυθόν]των μὴ ἐμμένη ἐν ταῖς διαλυσι[εσ]σι  
ταύτ[αيسي,  
[μὴ - - - - -]ζέσθω παρ τᾶς πόλιος κτήματος μῆδενος  
μη[δὲ στ-  
5 [ειχέτω ἐπὶ μῆ]δεν τῶμ παρεχώρησαν αὐτῶι οἱ ἐν τᾶι πόλι  
πρό[σθε  
[ἔοντες, ἀλλὰ σ]τείχοντον ἐπὶ ταῦτα τὰ κτήματα οἱ  
παρχωρήσαν[τ-  
[εσ αὐτῶι ἐκ τῶν] ἐν τᾶι πόλι πρόσθε ἐόντων. καὶ οἱ στρόταγοι  
εἰσ-  
[αὐθις ἀπυφέρο]ντον ἐπὶ τὸν ἐν τᾶι πόλι πρόσθε ἔοντα τὰ  
κτήματα,  
[ὡς μὴ συναλλαγ]μένω τῶ κατεληλύθοντος· καὶ οἱ βασιλῆς  
προστί-  
10 [θησθον τῶι ἐν τ]ᾶι πόλι πρόσθε ἔοντι ὡς τέχναν τεχναμένω τῶ  
κα-  
[τεληλύθοντος]· μηδ' αἰ κέ τις δίκαν γράφηται περὶ τ[ο]ύτων,  
μὴ εἰσά-  
[γοντον οἱ περὶ]δρομοι καὶ οἱ δικάσκοποι μηδὲ ἄ[λλ]α ἄρχα  
μηδέϊα.

And let the magistrates favour him who has returned on the ground that the party who remained in the city has committed fraud. But if any of the returned exiles does not abide by these agreements, let him not———receive any property from the city, nor let him take possession (5) of any of the properties which those who remained in the city made over to him; but let those of them who were previously in the city take possession of any property which they made over to him; and let the *strotagoi* deliver back the property to the person who remained in the city, on the ground that the returned exile has not entered into the

reconciliation; and let the magistrates favour (10) him who remained in the city, on the ground that the returned exile has committed fraud; and if anyone brings an action regarding these matters, neither the circuit-judges nor the recorders nor any other official are to admit the case.

1. The function of the *βασιλῆες* ('magistrates') at Mytilene is discussed by Carlier (1984: 457–8). **προστίθισ[θον]**: 3 plur. mid. imperat., §36.9 (Att. *-τιθέσθων*). The long vowel of the stem has been generalized from the active *τίθημι*. [**κατεληλύθοντι**]: perf. ptcpl. conjugated like the pres. (§36.2).

2. [**τέχναν τεχνα**]μέν[ω]: gen. absolute, 'plotting a plot'. Subject is [τ]ῶ, '(any-)one who' (gen. absolute). **πόλι**: < πόλι, dat. sing. (cf. §32.4, and πόλιος 4).

3. **ἐμ-μένη**: 3 sing. pres. subj. (final *-ι* is lost in long diphthongs from the IV cent.). **διαλυσί-εσσι**: dat. plur. (§36.4).

4. **-]ζέσθω**: Heisserer (1980: 126) suggests ἀπυκομιζέσθω. **πάρ**: §24.5. **πόλιος**: §32.4.

5. **τῶμ**: τῶν with labial assimilation. Attic would have ὦν (§32.13).

6. [**σ**]τείχοντον **ἐπί**: 3 plur. imper., 'walk upon', so 'take possession of'.

7. **έόντων**: the expected form < \*έσ-οντ-, etc. (§32.11). **στροπαγοί**: στροτ- < \*στρτ- (§34.15, and ἀμβρότην 17 15).

9. [**ώς**] . . . **κατεληλύθοντος**: gen. absolute.

12. [**περί**]δρομοι, **δικασκόποι**: these two terms are not known outside of Lesbos. **μηδε-ία**: for ἴα = μία see ἴαν 11 22.

## IONIC

(Attic-Ionic)

19. Four-sided block from Chios (broken at the top), inscribed on each side (only the first is given here): a decree fixing the boundaries of Lophitis. V cent. BC. Buck 4. Schwyzer 688. LSAG 344 no. 48.

ἀπὸ τούτῳ μέχρι [τῆς] | τριόδῳ, ἧ ἰ Ἐρμώνοσσαν [φ] | ἔρει, τρεῖς· ἀπὸ τῆς τριόδῳ ἄ[χ] | ρι Ἐρμωνόσσης ἐς τὴν τριόδῳ<sup>5</sup>ον, ἕξ· ἀπὸ τούτῳ μέχρι τῷ | Δηλῖῳ, τρεῖς· σύνπαντες ὄρλοι ἐβδομήκοντα πέντε. | ὅση τῶν ὄρων τούτων εἴσω πᾶσα Λοφίτις. ἦν τίς τῶν π<sup>10</sup>ινα τῶν ὄρων

τούτων ἢ ἐξέλιμι ἢ μεθέλιμι ἢ ἀφανέα ποιήσει ἐπ' ἀδικίῃ τῆς πόλεως, ἑκατὸν σιτατῆρας ὀφειλέτω κᾶτι<sup>15</sup>μος ἔστω, πρηξάντων δ' ὀροφύλακες· ἦν δὲ μὴ πρηξοισιν, αὐτοὶ ὀφειλόντων, πρηξάντων δ' οἱ πεντεκαίδεκα τὸς ὀροφύλακας· <sup>16</sup> ἦν δὲ μὴ πρηξοισιν, ἐν ἐπιαρήμῃ ἔστων.

From here as far as the fork in the road which leads to Hermonossa, three (stones); from the fork up to Hermonossa to the fork, six (stones); from here as far as Delion, three (stones); in all seventy-five boundary-stones. What is within these boundaries is all Lophitis. If anyone takes out or removes or destroys any of these stones to the harm of the city, let him be fined one hundred staters and deprived of civic rights, and let the boundary-wardens exact (the fine); and if they do not exact it, let them owe (the fine) themselves, and let the Fifteen exact it from the boundary-wardens; and if they do not exact it, let them be under a curse.

1. **τούτο**:  $\bar{o}$  [o:] is kept distinct from the inherited diphthong *ou* in this inscription (§23.1); so also  $\bar{e}$  [e:] and *ei*, except for *ὀφειλ-* (where the digraph represents lengthened  $\bar{e}$  [e:]).

2. **(ἐ)ς**: prodelision. **τρῆς**: i.e. [trɛs:] < \**trey-s*.

3. **ἄχρι**: synonym of *μέχρι*, with *a-* < \**m-* (zero-grade of initial \**me-*).

5. **ἔξς**: probably a confused spelling. Since the word ends a phrase it seems unlikely that the *-s* had an extended articulation (cf. *ἔξξανακάδεν* 9 8).

6. **δροι**: [o:ros] < (F) *όρφος*. Loss of *-w-* after a liquid caused compensatory lengthening (§30.6).


9. **ἦν**: contraction of *εἰ + ἄν* (cf. Att. *ἔάν*, §32.8).

12. **ἀδικίῃ**: Att. *-iāi* (cf. *ἐπαρήι* 8): §§30.1, 30.3.

14. **κᾶτιμος**: crasis (*καὶ ἄτιμος*).

16. **πρηξοισιν**: 3 plur. fut., the clearest indication that Chian contains elements from the neighbouring Aeolic region: Ionic stem *πρηξ-* (§30.1), Lesbian ending *-οισι* (< *-οισι*, §34.11), Ionic moveable *-ν* (§32.7).

**20.** Two stones from Teos, cursing public and private malefactors. c.475–450 BC. Buck 3. Schwyzer 710. LSAG 340,

345 no. 62. Meiggs–Lewis 30. *Nomima* i. 104.  Herrmann (1981), Merkelbach (1982).

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| <p>A ὅστις φάρμακα δηλητη-<br/>ρια ποιοῖ ἐπὶ Τήιοισι-<br/>ν τὸ ξυνὸν ἢ ἐπ' ἰδιώτη κ-<br/>ἐνον ἀπόλλυσθαι καὶ α-<br/>5 ὑτὸν καὶ γένος τὸ κένῳ.<br/>ὅστις ἐς γῆν τὴν Τήιον κ-<br/>ωλοῦσι σίτον ἐσάγεσθαι<br/>ἢ τέχνην ἢ μηχανῆν, ἢ<br/>κατ-<br/>ὰ θάλασσαν ἢ κατ'<br/>ἥπειρο-<br/>10 ν, ἢ ἐσαχθέντα ἀνωθεοίη,<br/>κέν-<br/>ον ἀπόλλυσθαι καὶ αὐτ-<br/>ὸν καὶ γένος τὸ κένῳ.</p> <p>B 2 lines mutilated<br/>3 ὅστις Τήϊων [ - - - - - ]<br/>2 lines mutilated<br/>6 [ - - - - ] ἀπόλλυσθαι καὶ<br/>αὐτὸν καὶ γένος τὸ κείν-<br/>ῳ. ὅστις τὸ λοιπὸ αἰσυμ-<br/>νῶν ἐν Τέωι ἢ γῆι τῆι Τη-<br/>10 ἰμῖ [ - - - - - ]<br/>[ - - - - - εἰδ- ]<br/>ὡς προδο[ίη - - - - ] τῆ[ν]<br/>πό-<br/>λ[ιν καὶ γῆν] τὴν Τηί-<br/>ων ἢ τὸ[ς] ἀνδρας [ἐν ν-]<br/>15 ἡσωι ἢ θα[λάσση] τὸ</p> | <p>μετέ[πειτ' ἢ τὸ] ἐν<br/>Ἄρο[ί]η περιπό[λιον ἢ<br/>τὸ]<br/>λοιπὸ προδο[ίη ἢ κίξα-]<br/>λλεύοι ἢ κίξάλλας ὑπο-<br/>20 δέχοιτο ἢ ληίζοιτο ἢ λ-<br/>ηιστὰς ὑποδέχοιτο εἰ-<br/>δὼς ἐκ γῆς τῆς Τηίης ἢ<br/>[θ-]<br/>αλάΤης φέροντας ἢ [τι κ-]<br/>ακὸν βόλευοι περὶ Τ[ηί-]<br/>25 ων τὸ ξυνὸ εἰδὼς ἢ π[ρὸς]<br/>Ἑλληνας ἢ πρὸς βαρβάρο-<br/>υς, ἀπόλλυσθαι καὶ αὐ-<br/>τὸν καὶ γένος τὸ κένῳ.<br/>οἵτινες τιμῶντες<br/>30 τὴν ἐπαρῆν μὴ ποιήσεα-<br/>ν ἐπὶ Δυνάμει καθημέν-<br/>ῳ τῶ γῶνος Ἀνθεστηρίο-<br/>ισιν καὶ Ἡρακλείοισιν<br/>καὶ Δίοισιν, ἐν τῆ παρῆ-<br/>35 ι ἔχθεσθαι. ὅς ἂν τὰ(ς)<br/>στήλ-<br/>ας ἐν ἡἰσιν ἡπαρῆ γέγρα-<br/>πται ἢ κατάξει ἢ φοιν-<br/>ικῆια ἐκκόψει ἢ ἀφανέ-<br/>ας ποιήσει, κένον ἀπόλ-<br/>40 λυσθαι καὶ αὐτὸν καὶ γ-<br/>ένος [τὸ κένῳ].</p> |
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A. Whoever shall manufacture poisonous drugs against the Teans—either as a community or against an individual—that man is to die, both himself (5) and his family. Whoever shall prevent grain from being imported to the territory of Teos by any device or means, either by sea or by land (10), or inflates the price of

(re-exports?) grain that has been imported, that man is to die, both himself and his family.

B. . . . Whoever of the Teans [ . . . ], that man is to die, both himself and his family. Whoever in the future shall be *aisumnêtês* in Teos or the territory of Teos (10) and [ . . . ] or shall knowingly betray [ . . . ] the city and territory of Teos or her men on (15) the island or at sea hereafter or the suburb at Aroia; or in the future shall behave treacherously or engage in banditry or (20) harbour bandits; or shall engage in piracy or knowingly harbour pirates bearing (booty) from the territory of Teos or the sea; or shall knowingly plot evil concerning the community of the Teans (25), either with Greeks or barbarians; that man is to die, both himself and his family. Whichever magistrates (?) do not pronounce (30) the curse at the statue of Dynamis during the assembly at the Anthesteria, and at the festivals of Herakles and Zeus, they are to be (35) cursed. Whoever breaks the steles on which the curse is written, or knocks out the letters or makes them illegible, that man is to die (40), both himself and his family.

Colons (not reproduced here) divide the inscription into accentual units (Wachter 1999: 366).

A2. **ποιοῖ:** <ποι-ε-οι (Att. ποι-ε-οιην > ποιοίην). Although ε + οι are usually uncontracted outside Attic, exceptions occur after a vowel: cf. ἀνωθεοίη 10. **Τήμοισιν:** §32.14. Moveable -ν is common before a consonant in inscriptions (§32.7).

3. **ξυνόν:** ξυνός < ξυν-γος (cf. ξύν). Semantically equivalent to Att. κοινός < κομ-γος (cf. Lat. cum).

4. **ἀπόλλυσθαι:** inf. in imperative sense.

5. **κένω:** gen. sing. (Att. κείνου): §23.1.

6. **ἐς:** Ionic has ἐς < \*ἐνς before a consonant (§32.10). In the case of \*ἐνς + V (e.g. ἐσαχθέντα 10) εἶς ~ [ɛ:s] was maintained in some areas: but the spelling of [ɛ:] with E makes this difficult to detect (§23.1).

10. **ἀνωθεοίη:** athem. inflection of a vowel-stem verb in the opt., characteristic of Attic and found occasionally elsewhere (cf. §24.1).

B3–5. The discovery of a new stone in 1976 (SEG 31. 984 and

Herrmann 1981) undid earlier attempts to read these lines. The general sense is ‘Whoever conspires to install a tyrant (*aisumnêtês*) . . .’

8. *αἰσυνῶν*: an ‘elected dictator’ according to Aristotle (*Pol.* 1285a31). The city clearly had bad memories from the Persian occupation.

22. [θ]αλάτης: <T> stands for the sign ‘sampi’, found sporadically along the Ionian coast (*LSAG* 38), and perhaps borrowed from the Karian alphabet. It was used between c.550 and 450 BC to write a sibilant (the result of \*ky, \*ty, \*tw in the case of words of Greek origin), perhaps an affricate such as [ts].

30. ποιήσαν: an intervocalic -i- occasionally becomes a weakly articulated glide and is omitted from the writing (ViV > VĭV > VV).

35. τὰ(s) στηλάς: i.e. ταστηλας on the stone, with single writing of double s.

37. κατάξει: short-vowel subjunctive. Notice the switch from opt. to subj. The clause deals with more mundane wrongdoing (vandalism as opposed to high treason), and the mood is therefore less ‘remote’. *φουικῆια*: see Hdt. 5. 58 for the introduction of writing by the Phoenicians, and 52 below for the Cretan word *πουνικαστάς*, ‘scribe’.

21. Letter written on lead from Achillodorus to his son Protagoras. Found at Berezan near the Milesian colony of Olbia on the Black Sea. *SEG* 26. 845. Dubois (1996: no. 23). *Nomima*, ii. 72. Trapp (2003: no. 1). Late VI cent. BC. ▶▶ Chadwick (1973), Merkelbach (1975), Wilson (1998).

Α. ὦ Πρωταγόρη, ὁ πατήρ τοι ἐπιστέλλε. ἀδικέται | ὑπὸ Ματασους, δόλοται γάρ μιγ καὶ τὸ | φορτηγεσιῶ ἀπεστέρῃσεν. ἐλθῶμ παρ’ Ἀναξαγόρην | ἀπήγησαι· φησὶ γὰρ αὐτὸν Ἀναξαγόρεω ||<sup>5</sup> δόλον εἶναι μυθεόμενος· « Τᾶμ’ Ἀνα<ξ>αγόρης ἔχε, | καὶ δόλος καὶ δόλας κοίκίας.» ὁ δὲ ἀναβῶμι τε | καὶ οὐ φησιν εἶναι οὐδὲν ἐωντῶμι τε καὶ Ματασιν | καὶ φησιν εἶναι ἐλεόθερος καὶ οὐδὲν εἶναι ἐωντ<ῶ>ι | καὶ Ματ{ατ}ασιν. ἔ δέ τι αὐτῶμι κἀναξαγόρη, αὐτοὶ ||<sup>10</sup> οἶδασι κατὰ σφᾶς αὐτός. ταῦτ’ Ἀναξαγόρη λέγειν | καὶ τῇ γυναικί. ἕτερα δέ τοι ἐπιστέλλε. τῆμ μητέρα | καὶ τὸς ἀδελφεὺς <ο>ἶ ἔσ{σ}ιν ἐν Ἀρβινάτησιν ἄγεν ἐς τῆμ πόλιν, | αὐτὸς δὲ Ἰξονορος ἐλθῶμ παρὰ ἴμιν θυωρα καταβήσεται.



B Ἀχιλλοδώρῳ τὸ μολίβδιον παρὰ τὸμ παῖδα | κἀναξαγόρην

A12. *Eoneoros* Chadwick; ἐς *Νεορο(ῦ)ς* Merkelbach; δέ γ' ὁ νεορός *Bravo apud* Dubois.

Protagoras, your father sends you these instructions. He is being treated unjustly by Matasys, who is holding him as a slave and confiscated his equipment. Go to Anaxagoras and tell him, since he (Matasys) claims that he is the (5) slave of Anaxagoras, saying 'Anaxagoras has my stuff—both male and female slaves, and houses'. But he (your father) protests, and denies that there is anything to do between him and Matasys, and declares that he is a free man, and that there's nothing to do between him and Matasys. But if there's some business between him and Anaxagoras, they (10) themselves between them know what it is. Tell this to Anaxagoras, and his wife. And he sends these further instructions: your mother and your brothers who are in Arbinatai, take them to the town. And [ . . . ]self, going [ . . . ] will travel down to the coast at Minthyora (?).

The lead tablet of Achillodorus, to his son and Anaxagoras.

Features characteristic of private letters (but not exclusive to them) include: repetition (see Dover 1997: 59, who compares Lysias i. 17), paratactic style (use of connectives such as *τε καί, δέ* to structure the sentences), and confusing switches in grammatical subject.

1. **ἐπιστέλλε**: Achillodorus refers to himself in the third person throughout the letter. Use of <ε> for the verbal ending (historically a diphthong) indicates that [ei] and [e:] had already fallen together in this Ionic dialect (§23.1). **τοι**: enclitic dat. of *σύ* (as in Hdt., who has a tonic dat. *σοί*). In Att. *τοι* was fossilized as a particle.

2. **Ματασος**: a non-Gk. name. The writer makes limited attempts to inflect it with Gk. case-endings. Merkelbach concludes that Matasys is 'ein halb-hellenisierter Skythe'. The Scythians were a semi-nomadic Iranian people who inhabited the southern steppes north of the Black Sea. **δολόται**: mid. 'enslave'. A connection with *δολόω* 'trick' would also be possible, but makes difficult sense. **μυγ**: [mitj], assimilated to the following velar. An isolated Ionic pronoun (3 sing., acc. only), found in Homer and Hdt. (also in Myc.).

3. **φορτηγεσιό:** *harax*, clearly related to φορτ-ηγέω (Hdt.), ‘carry cargo’. The exact meaning has been disputed: may refer to the ship itself, or the business in a wider sense. **ἀπεστέρῃσεν:** perhaps ἀπεστέρεσεν, given *Od.* 13. 262 στερέσαι (orig. from \*στέρε-μι, Ruijgh 1992: 446).

4. **ἀπήγησαι:** aor. imper. of an Ionic vb. (Att. ἀφηγέομαι is not used in this sense). **Ἄναξαγόρεω:** gen. ending <-ηο < \*-āo. Probably a monosyllable (cf. *Δεινοδίκης* 23 2): §§30.2, 30.7.

5. **μυθεόμενος:** not a verb used in Att. prose (or Hdt.). Perhaps ‘his story is . . .’.

7. **ἔωντῶι:** < ἐοῖ αὐτῶι (Att. εἰωντῶι is the result of ‘etymological’ contraction, i.e. desire to leave the main element recognizable in crasis outweighs the normal phonological rule). **Ματασιν:** dative. Chadwick emends *Ματασ<νι>*.

8. **ἐλεόθερος:** this spelling for ἐλεύθερος suggests that εο and ευ had fallen together (cf. *Χαλκίδειν* 22 2). The spelling of *μυθεόμενος* would be helped by its morphological transparency. **ἔωντ<ῶ>ι:** tablet has *εωνται*.

9. **Ματ{ατ}ασιν:** dative, with dittography. **κἀναξαγόρη:** καὶ Ἄναξαγόρη (dat.), with final -ηι apparently simplified already to -η (cf. 10, τῆ 11).


10. **οἶδασι:** 3 pl. found also in Hdt. Morphological regularity came early to this vb. in Ionic: *οἶδας* *Odyssey* 1. 337. **σφᾶς αὐτός:** the reflexive (later *ἐαυτούς*, both forms in Hdt.) emphasizes the author’s lack of involvement.

11. **γυναικί:** not completely clear whether this is the wife of Achil-lodorus or Anaxagoras.

12. **ἀδεφεύς:** i.e. ἀδελφε-ός (cf. 24 26). Printing ἀδε<λ>φεύς implies that the writer mistakenly omitted λ, but it may be a phonetic spelling: e.g. ἀδευφεύς (attested in Crete, and cf. the change Lat. *alter* > Fr. *autre*), with dissimilation of the first *v*. **Ἄρβινάτησιω:** perhaps ‘among the Arbinatai’, given Steph. Byz. Ἄρβινάται Ποντικὸν ἔθνος.

13. **αὐτὸς δέ:** should refer either to the author or to *εργεορος*. **εργεορος:** suggestions include a new name ‘Euneuros’ (but *neur* is a puzzling onomastic element); ἐς *Νεορούς* ‘to the Neuroi’ (a Scythian tribe mentioned at Hdt. 4. 17); ὁ *νεορός* ‘the captain’ (\**nāF-oros*). **μιν θυωρα:** perhaps a name ‘Minthyora’; otherwise *μιν*, ‘him’ plus a

second word difficult to analyse. **καταβήσεται**: often with the sense ‘towards the coast’.

22. Stone from Erythrai: proposal to place restrictions on the holding of the office of scribe. c.400 BC. *I. Erythrai* 1. Schwyzer 702. *Nomima*, i. 84.  Garbrah (1978).

Ἀπελλίας εἶπεν· ὅσοι ἤδη ἐγραμμάτευσαν ἀπὸ Χαλκίδεω ἔκαθην, τούτων μὴ ἐξεῖναι γραμματεῦσαι ἔτι μηδενὶ μηδεμιῇ ἀρ<sup>15</sup>χῆι, μηδὲ τὸ λοιπὸν γραμματεῦσιν ἐξεῖναι μηδενὶ πλέον ἢ ἄπαξ τῇ αὐτῇ ἀρχῆι μηδὲ ταμίῃ | πλέον ἢ ἐνί, μηδὲ δύο τιμαῖς τὸν αὐτόν. ὅς δ' ἄγ γραμματεύσει ||<sup>10</sup> ἢ ἀνέλῃται ἢ εἴπηι ἢ ἐπιψηφίσῃ, κατάρητόν τε αὐτὸν εἶναι κλαὶ ἄτιμον καὶ ὀφείλῃν αὐτὸν εἰκατὸν στατήρας. ἐκπρηξάσθων | δὲ οἱ ἐξετασται ἢ αὐτοὶ ὀφείλλ<sup>15</sup>όντων. ἀρχῆν δὲ τούτοις μῆνα Ἀρτεμισιώνα ἐπ' ἱεροποιῶ Πόσειος.

Apellias proposed: those who have already held the office of scribe, from (the time of) Chalkides onwards, should no longer be allowed to act as scribe for any magistracy, and should not be allowed in future to act as scribe more than once for the same magistracy nor for more than one treasurer, nor the same scribe for two magistracies. Now whoever acts as scribe [10] (a second time) or chooses (someone) to act as his scribe, or makes a proposal, or puts it to the vote, is to be accursed and deprived of civic rights and fined one hundred staters. Let the auditors exact this sum or be fined [15] themselves. The beginning of these provisions to be the month Artemision in the priesthood of Posis.

Compare the complexity of the syntax with the preceding passage. The proposed relatives (ὅσοι ... etc.) with resumptive pronoun recall the structure of 20. These and other features (e.g. ‘polar’ or universalizing expressions coordinated with ἦ) point to the early development of a technical legal style in Ionia.

1. **Ἀπελλίας**: the name may be borrowed from neighbouring Aeolic, since it is built (a) on the *e*-grade of *Apollo* (cf. on 10 20), and (b) with suffix *-iās* rather than *-ῆς* < *-έης* < *-έās*.

2. **Χαλκίδεω**: gen. of *Χαλκίδης*. Final *-εω* < *-εω* < *\*-ηο* < *\*-āο* (cf. §30.7, and Szemerényi 1956). **ἔκαθεν**: found in the meaning ‘from afar’ in Homer; here it is equivalent to Herodotean *ἀνέκαθεν*, ‘from the beginning, starting with’.

3. **γραμματεῦέν:** pres. inf. with *E* denoting [e:] < \**-e(h)en* (§23.1).  
 4. **μηδεμῆι:** η < ā (§30.1).  
 9. **ἄγ:** [aŋ] < ἄν, with assimilation of the nasal to the following velar.

10. **τιμαῖς:** short dat. plur. ending (replaces older *-ηισιν*, §32.14). By the late V cent. E. Ionic had started to shorten dat. plur. endings: influenced perhaps by Attic (and central/W. Ionic), where *-αις* prevailed by at least 425, and by the Doric area around Halicarnassos.

15. **ἄρχεν δὲ τούτοις:** ἄρχω takes a partitive gen. when a real agent is to start something. In this case μῆνα is not the agent: ἄρχεν is absolute and τούτοις an indirect object ('the beginning for these things is to be the month . . .').

16. **ἱροποιῶ:** gen. sing. The form ἱρο- occurs in Ionic inscriptions only in places close to the Aeolic region (ἱερο- elsewhere in the Ionic speech-area). **Πόσεος:** gen. of Πόσις. The *i*-stem gen. sing. at Erythrai generally ends in *-ιος* (or Att. *-εως*, §30.2): but forms such as πόλεος are found elsewhere in Ionia, and doubtless reflect remodelling under the influence of *u*-stems (cf. ἄστεος in Homer) or *s*-stems.

**23.** Naxian hexameter dedication (boustrophedon) on the statue of a woman found at Delos. Late VII cent. BC. Buck 6. Schwyzer 758. LSAG 303 no. 2. CEG 403. ▶▶ Lejeune (1971), LSAG 291.

Νικάνδρη μ' ἀνέθεκεν ἠ(ε)κηβόλῳ ἰοχαίρηι,  
 ῥόρη Δεινοδίκηῳ τῷ Ναξίῳ, ἔξσοχος ἀλῆδων,  
 Δεινομένεος δὲ κασιγνέτη, | Φηράξῳ δ' ἄλοχος μ[


Nikandre dedicated me to the Far-darter, shooter of arrows, daughter of Deinodikēs the Naxian, exalted above other women, sister of Deinomenēs, wife of Phraxos.

1. **Νικάνδρη:** in this inscription <H> is used to write the sound (perhaps [ä:]) which had developed from original long *a*; but <E> is used to write original long *e* (e.g. ἀνέθεκεν): §30.1. **ἠ(ε)κηβόλῳ:** Hom. epithet of Apollo (cf. 12 1), here applied to his sister Artemis. ἠ(ε)κη- is written HKH-; <H> for [he] is not uncommon in early inscriptions (central Ionic retained the aspirate into the epigraphic period). **ἰοχαίρηι:** traditionally understood as a compd. of ἰός

‘arrow’ and χέω ‘pour out’ (but the second element may historically be the word for ‘hand’). A standard Hom. epithet of Artemis.

2. **Ῥόρη**: i.e. *κούρη* (§23.1). The letter *qoppa* (§17.2) was used for *κ* before a back vowel, in line with the Semitic distinction between back and front velars. Since the distinction is not phonemic in Gk. the letter was dropped at an early date. **Δεινοδίκη**: gen. -*ηο* is scanned as a single syllable (cf. *Χαλκίδειν* 22 1 and §§30.2, 30.7). The spelling is conservative (cf. Szemerényi 1956): it is not necessary to assume with Ruijgh (1968: 315) a hyper-correct spelling by an Athenian scribe on Delos. **Ναξόδο**: the letter transcribed here as <ξ> looks like a rectangular box (so also *ἔξσοχος*, *Φηράξσο*). Buck (ad loc.) suggests that it is a form of <Ξ> (cf. on 19 5 *ἔξς*); it is more probably a by-form of <H> created to write [h] after original <H> was in use for [ε:]. The writing *hσ* for *ξ* is reminiscent of the Gk. preference for *χσ* over *κσ*, and points to an acoustic effect exercised by *s* on a preceding stop (§18.2). **ἀλήων**: simplex writing of -λλ-. For -*ηον* (scanned as a single syllable) cf. *Δεινοδίκη* above.

3. **Δεινομένεος**: -*εος* is scanned as a single syllable. At the end, the cutter seems to have begun a word with *M*, but never completed it; perhaps he intended to write *N* (*νῦν* is the only obvious word that would scan).

24. Stone from Keos, inscribed with a law regulating funeral ceremonies. Late V cent. BC. *IG XII 5. 593*. Buck 8. Schwyzler 766. Sokolowski (1969) no. 97.  Parker (1983: 34–41), Garland (1985).

οἶδε νόμοι περὶ τῶν καταφθιμ[έ]νω[ν· κατὰ | τ]άδε θά[π]τεν τὸν  
 θανόντα· ἐν ἔματι[ο]ισι τρι[ο]σὶ λευκοῖς, στρώματι καὶ ἐνδύματι [καὶ |  
 ἐ]πιβλέματι, ἐξέειναι δὲ καὶ ἐν ἐλάσ[σ]οσ[ι, μι]ῖ<sup>5</sup>ἔ] πλέονος ἀξίους  
 τοῖς τρισὶ ἑκατὸν δρα[α]χ[μ]έων· ἐχφέρῃν δὲ ἐγ κλίνῃ σφηνόπο[δ]ι  
 [κ]αὶ μὲ καλύπτῃν, τὰ δ' ὀλ[ο]σ[χ]ερέα τοῖ[ς] ἔματ[ο]ίοις· φέρῃν δὲ  
 οἶνον ἐπὶ τὸ σῆμα, μὲ π[λέον] | τριῶν χῶν, καὶ ἔλαιον, μὲ πλέο[ν]  
 ἐνό[ς], τὰ δὲ ||<sup>10</sup> ἀγγεῖα ἀποφέρεισθαι· τὸν θανό[ν]τα [φέρῃν |  
 κ]ατακεκαλυμμένον σιωπῇ μέχρι [ἐπὶ τὸ | σ]ῆμα· προσφαγίω  
 [χ]ρέσθαι κατὰ τὰ π[ά]τρια· τ[ῆ]ν κλίνην ἀπὸ το[ῦ] σ[ῆ]ματο[ς]  
 καὶ τὰ σ[τ]ρώ[μ]ατα ἐσφέρῃν ἐνδόσε· τῇ δὲ ὑστεραί[τῃ] ἀ||<sup>15</sup>π[ο]ραίνῃν

τὴν οἰκίην ἐλεύθερον θαλά[σση]ι] πρῶτον, ἔπειτα δὲ ὑσώπῳ  
ο[ἰκ]έτη[ν τὰ π]ίαντα· ἐπὴν δὲ διαρανθῆι, καθαρὴν εἶναι τὴν οἰκίην  
καὶ θύη θύην ἐφί[σσι]α]. τὰς γυναῖκας τὰς [ἰ]ούσας [ἐ]πὶ τὸ κῆδ[ος] |  
ἀπιέναι προτέρας τῶν {αν}ἀνδρῶν ἀπὸ [τοῦ] ||<sup>20</sup> σήματος. ἐπὶ τῷ  
θανόντι τριηκόστ[ια μὲ] | π]οιέν. μὲ ὑποτιθέναι κύλικα ὑπὸ τῆγ  
[κλί]ν]ην μὲδὲ τὸ ὕδωρ ἐκχέν μὲδὲ τὰ καλλύ[σμα]ι]τα φέρειν ἐπὶ τὸ  
σῆμα. ὅπου ἂν θάνηι, ἐπῆ[ν ἐ]ξενιχθεῖ, μὲ ἰέναι γυναῖκας π[ρὸ]ς  
τ[ὴν οἰ]||<sup>25</sup> κίην ἄλλας ἢ τὰς μαινομένας· μια[ίνεσθ]ι]αι δὲ μητέρα καὶ  
γυναῖκα καὶ ἀδε[λφ]εὰς κ[α]ὶ θυγατέρας. πρὸς δὲ ταύταις μὲ π[λέον]  
π[έ]ντε γυναικῶν, παῖδας δὲ τ[ῶν θ]υγ[ατρῶν κ]αὶ νεψιῶν, ἄλλον δὲ  
μ[ε]δένα.

These are the laws concerning the dead. Bury the deceased as follows: in three white cloths, one beneath, one around, and one above—it is permitted to use even fewer—the cost of the three not (5) to exceed one hundred drachmas; carry out (the corpse) on a bier with wedge-shaped legs, and do not cover (the bier with a separate cloth), but the whole with the cloths (already specified); carry wine to the grave, not more than three measures, and oil, not more than one (measure), and carry away the (10) receptacles; bear the deceased, shrouded, in silence as far as the grave; perform the sacrifice in the ancestral manner; the bier and the coverings carry indoors from the grave; and on the following day (15) let a free man first sprinkle the house with seawater, then a slave is to come in and sprinkle with hyssop; and when it has been sprinkled, let the house be (regarded as) purified, and sacrifices made at the hearth. Women who come to the funeral are to depart before the men from the (20) tomb. Do not hold ceremonies for the deceased on the thirtieth day. Do not place a cup under the bier (?), nor pour out water, nor bring sweepings to the tomb. Where a person dies, when he is carried out, women are not to come to the (25) house except for those who are polluted. Those polluted are the mother and the wife and the sisters and the daughters. In addition to these, no more than five women, plus the children of the daughters and cousins, and no one else.

1. τῶγ: [to:ŋ] < τῶν, with assimilation of the nasal to the following velar. Cf. ἐγ 6, τῆγ 13. καταφθιμ[έ]νω[ν]: aor. ptcl. The

verb is poetic in Attic, and probably had a formal feel in Ionic also (death is often subject to linguistic displacement).

2. **θάπτῆν**: the first of a series of infinitives used in imperatival sense. **ἑματίους**: woollen covers. Dimin. of εἶμα (\*wes-mη, as in Skt. *vásman-*, cf. Lat. *uestis*).

5. **πλέονος**: gen. of value with ἀξίους.

6. **ἐχ-φέρῆν**: the final consonant of the prefix has been assimilated to the initial consonant of the stem.

7. **ὄλο-σχερέα**: Ionic *s*-stem adj., uncontracted neut. plur. The second element is formed to *σχε* (root \**seg<sup>h</sup>*- as in ἔχω): cf. Hom. ἐπισχερώ, 'in a row' (for orig. \**σχερός*, a *-ro-* adj., see Chantraine 1933: 224).

9. **χῶν** < *χόρων*: gen. plur., with loss of *-F-* and contraction: cf. χέ(φ)ω, 'pour'.

12. **προ-σφαγίωι**: dat. sing. with *χρῆσθαι* (*προ-* is not temporal 'before'; perhaps 'on behalf of [others]'). [**χ]ρῆσθαι**: from *χρή-εσθαι* (cf. on ἀποχρεωμένων 83 1).

14. **ἐνδόσε**: 'inside', with motion (*haraξ*); formed from ἔνδον with the rare allative suffix *-σε* (cf. ἄλλοσε). Att. εἴσω. **τῆι δέ**: the sentence is arranged chiasmically.

17. **διαρανθῆι**: 3 sing. aor. pass. subj. of *δια-ραίνω*, the prefix conveying the idea of sprinkling 'completely' or 'thoroughly'. **θύη** < *θύφα*: acc. plur. neut., 'sacrifices'; loss of *-F-* and contraction. **ἐφίστια**: neut. plur., lit. 'things at the hearth'; all dialects except Att. (which has *ἐστία*, cf. Lat. *Vesta*) have *ίστία*, perhaps by vowel assimilation.

20. **ἐπὶ τῶι θανόντι**: presumably with the implication 'at the grave-side'. **τριηκόστ[ια]**: adj. (not otherwise attested) derived from *τριᾱκοστός* (for the long *ā* see Palmer 1980: 290). Here a neut. plur. substantive, 'thirtieth-day rituals' (cf. Garland 1985: 39f.).

22. **καλλύ[σµα]τα**: from *καλλύνω*, 'beautify', hence 'sweep clean'. Throwing out water and dirt from the house may have symbolized the banishing of death pollution (cf. Parker 1983: 36).

23. **ἐξ-ειχθῆι**: aor. pass. (suppletive) of *ἐκ-φέρω*. Most dialects have aor. ἦνικ-/ἦνεικ- corresponding to Att. ἦνεγκ-.


26. **ἀδε[λφείας]**: most dialects have *ἀδελφε-ός*, *-ά* (Att. *ἀδελφός* is a simplified form).

29. **ἄλλον**: the masc. is ‘general’: in this case the (unspecified) referent seems to be female.

## EUBOEAN

(Attic-Ionic)

Also known as West Ionic, Euboean occupies an intermediate position between Attic and Ionic.

25. Retrograde inscription on a Geometric vase found in 1954 in a grave at Pithecusae, a Euboean colony on Ischia. Late VIII cent. BC. *LSAG* 235, 239 no. 1; Meiggs–Lewis 1; *CEG* 454 (but ‘535–520’ should read ‘735–720’). Arena (1994: no. 2). Dubois (1995: no. 2).  Hansen (1976), Risch (1987), Powell (1991: 163–7), Cassio (1994).

*Νέστορος* ξ[γῶμ]ι εὖποτ[ον] ποτέριον.

*ἡὸς δ’ ἄ<ν>* τὸδε πίῃσι ποτερί[σ] ἀντίκα κένον{ν.}

*ἡμέρος* χαιρέσει καλλιστε[φά]γῶ Ἀφροδίτης.

I am Nestor’s cup, good to drink from. Whoever drinks from this cup, him straightway shall the desire of fair-crowned Aphrodite seize.

Lines 2–3 are hexameters: line 1 is either prose or an iambic trimeter with an unusual licence in the first foot (*Νέστορος*: – ∪ ∪ has to stand for – –). The whole looks like a *skolion* (a song in which friends tried to cap each other) from a drinking party. It plays with the ‘standard’ formula ‘I belong to *x*, and if anyone [damages or steals] me, then *y*’ (for which compare *Tataie* 26).

1. **Νέστορος**: generally thought to be a humorous allusion to Nestor’s *δέπας* in the *Iliad* (11. 632). **ξ[γῶμ]ι**: crasis (ἐγὼ ἔμι); the restoration is that of Risch (1987), since the gap is too wide for a single *mu*. An obvious alternative is ε[ἰμ]ι, ‘I am’: for the (real) diphthong *ει* see §23.1 (but 26 below). **ποτέριον**: not a word found in epic diction, but it survives into Mod. Gk. (*ποτήρι*).

2. **ἡὸς δ’ ἄν**: Homeric epic always has ὄς δέ κε in this position



(Cassio 1994). This indicates that the lines are not simply borrowed from epic, but (much like archaic hexameter epigrams) were created in epic style using elements of the local dialect (and cf. *ποτήριον* 1). **τῷδε . . . ποτεῖρί[δ]**: genitive (partitive), with <o> spelling the sound which resulted from the contraction of *o + o*. **πίεσι**: an aor. subj. in which -σι (from the athematic conjugation) has been added to the personal ending (in Hom. the ending has a secondary iota ‘subscript’, -ησι). **κένον**: Homeric epic would have (*αὐτίκ’*) *ἐκείνον* at the end of the line (see *hὸς δ’ ἄν* 2 and Cassio 1994). Euboean has *κεῖνος*.

3. **ἡμέρος hairései**: a variation of *ἡμερος αἰρεῖ* at *Il.* 14. 328 (the erotic context of the ‘Deception of Zeus’). **καλλιστε[φά]νῳ Ἀφροδίτης**: she is *εὐστέφανος* (a regular variant) just once in Homer (*Od.* 8. 267), in the tale of Ares and Aphrodite (Cassio 1994); the erotic reference is again significant.

26. Graffito on a vase from Cumae, a Euboean colony near Naples. Mid VII cent. BC. *IG XIV* 865. Schwyzer 786. Buck 10. *LSAG* 240 no. 3. Arena (1994: no. 16). Dubois (1995: no. 12).

*Ταταίῃς ἐμὶ λῆΐ ρυθος· ἡὸς δ’ ἄν με κλέφσει, θυφλὸς ἔσται.*

I am the oil-flask of Tataie; whoever steals me shall become blind!

**Ταταίῃς**: female names in *Tata-* are common in Asia Minor (so-called *Lallnamen*), but there is plenty of evidence for *tata-* as an element in subliterate Gk. appellatives. For examples see Headlam’s commentary (Cambridge 1922) on Herodas 1. 60, *ταταλίζειν*. **κλέφσει** (Att. *κλέψῃ*): 3 sing. aor. short-vowel subj. <φσ> is the regular spelling in alphabets which did not employ <ψ> in this function (§18.2): cf. *Ναξσίῳ* 23 2. **θυφλός** (Att. *τυφλός*): initial stop aspirated by anticipation of -φ-.

27. Stone from Eretria honouring Hegelochos for his part in detaching the city from the Athenian alliance in 411 BC. *IG XII* 9. 187. Buck 13. Schwyzer 804. Meiggs-Lewis 82.

*θεοί. | ἔδοξεν τεῖ βουλῇι Ἡγέλοχον | τὸν Ταραντῖνον πρόξενον  
εἶναι καὶ εὐεργέτην καὶ αὐτὸν ἢ κ[α]ῖ παῖδας, καὶ σίτηρην εἶναι  
καὶ αὐτῷ καὶ παῖρῖν, ὅταν ἐ[π]ιδημέωρῖν, καὶ ἀτελέην καὶ |*

προεδρίην ἐς τὸς ἀγῶνας, ὡς συνελευθερώραντι τῆμ πόλιν ||<sup>10</sup> ἀπ' Ἀθηναίων.

Gods. The Council decided that Hegelochos the Tarentine should be *proxenos* and benefactor, himself and his sons, and that meals (at the public expense) should be available to him and his sons, whenever they are in the city, and also exemption from taxes and an honoured place at the Games, because of his help in freeing the city from the Athenians.

2. **ἔδοξεν**: for *-ν* see §32.7. **τεῖ**: Euboean shortened the long diphthong *-ηι* to *-ει* (probably [e:] via [e<sup>i</sup>]) at an early date, and *-ωι* to *-οι* (cf. §28.10). Attic also has *-ει* sporadically in the IV cent. (cf. Threatte 1980: 368). *βουλήι* may be a conservative spelling, or may reflect the generally slower change of nominal endings compared to the article.

5. **στήτην**: the typical Eretrian development of intervocalic *-σ-* to *-ρ-* (rhotacism, as in Lat. *honos*, *honōris*) is seen here and in *παιρίν* 7, *ἐπιδημέωριν* 7–8, and *συνελευθερώραντι* 8–9. Plato (*Cratylus* 434c) says that final *-s* in Eretria also became *-r*, but there is no epigraphic evidence for this.

6. **ἐπιδημέωριν**: pres. subj. of *ἐπιδημέω* (uncontracted).

7. **ἀτελέην**: a fem. abstract was formed in Gk. with the suffix *-ιά* (*ἀδικία* type). Ionic preserves this pattern with *s*-stems (*-είη/-έη* < *-εσ-ιά*); Att. *ἀτέλειᾶ* is the result of contamination with *-ειᾶ* from (derived) fem. substantives (type *ἡδεῖα* < \**ἡδεῖF-γᾶ*, with fem. suffix *-γᾶ*).

## ATTIC (Attic-Ionic)

28. Vase-inscription from the Dipylon cemetery at Athens, published in 1880. A hexameter followed by some letters which are difficult to make sense of. Widely considered the oldest comprehensible alphabetic Greek inscription. c.740–730 BC. Schwyzer Appendix I, no. 1. LSAG 68, 76 no. 1. CEG 432. *Nomima*, ii. 99. ▶▶ Watkins (1976), Powell (1991: 158–63).

ἡὸς νῦν ὀρχῆστὸν πάντων ἀταλότατα παίζειι,  
τοτοδεκλλμιν

- (a) Whoever of all the dancers now dances most friskily  
 (b) . . . [he is to receive this?]

The vocabulary (especially ἀταλότατα) and composition are Homeric. Various attempts have been made to read the second line and make the vase a prize for the dancer: τοτο has been taken as τούτου ('of him'); or τοτοδε as του τόδε ('of him this . . .'). Watkins compares the syntax and structure of *Il.* 23. 805–7: ὀππότερός κε φθῆσιω . . . τῶι μὲν ἐγὼ δώσω τόδε φάσγανον, 'Whoever comes first . . . to him I shall give this sword'. Wachter (*NAGVI* 50) argues persuasively that the original meaning of παίζω is 'dance'; Chadwick (1996: 218–21) suggests sexual innuendo in both this and ὀρχεστὸν (cf. *Ar. Lys.* 409).

**29.** Stele found near the 'Theseion' at Athens: decree regulating the conduct of the Eleusinian Mysteries. Inscribed on three sides: the second (least damaged) side is given here. c.460 BC. *IG I<sup>3</sup> 6 B4–47*. Schwyzer Appendix I, no. 8. Sokolowski (1962), no. 3. ►► Rougemont (1973: 95–9), Dover (1981), (1997: 82).

. . . ]τ[ἀ μ]ὲν ἡκαῶσι[α | ἡ]απλῆι, τὰ δὲ ἡ[ε]κόσια διπλ[ῆ]ι-  
 σ]πονδὰς εἶν[αι]<sup>5</sup> τοῖσι μύστ[ῆ]σι καὶ το[ῖ]σι | ἐπ[ὶ]όπτῆσιω [κλαῖ  
 τ]οῖς ἀκολ[ούθ]οισιν καὶ [χ]ῆ<sup>10</sup>ρέμα[σι]ω τῶν [θ]ῆ[σ]ιων καὶ  
 [Ἀθ]ῆ[ν]αίωνισιν [ἡ]ἀ|πασιν· ἄρχ[ῆ]ν δ[ὲ] τὸν χρόνον τ[ῆ]<sup>15</sup>ων  
 σπονδῶν [τῶ] | Μεταγεινι[ῶ]νος μὲνὸς ἀπ[ὸ] | διχομηνίας [κ]λαῖ  
 τὸν Βοῆδρ[ο]<sup>20</sup>μιῶνα καὶ τῶ [Π]λυανοφσιῶνος | μέχρι δεκάτῆς  
 ἡσταμένῳ· τὰς δὲ σπονδὰς <sup>25</sup> εἶναι ἐν τέισι πόλεσιω ἡό[σ]ται  
 χρόνται τῶι ἡιερόι, καὶ Ἀθηναίοισιν ἔ<sup>30</sup>κει ἐν τέισιν | αὐτέσι  
 πόλεσιω. τοῖσι δὲ ἄλλεῖζοσι μυστῆ[ρ]ίοισιν τὰς [σ]<sup>35</sup>πονδὰς εἶναι |  
 τῶ Γαμελιῶνος μὲνὸς ἀπὸ δ[ι]χ[ο]μηνίας κα[ὶ] | τὸν Ἀνθεστῆ-  
 [ρ]<sup>40</sup>μιῶνα καὶ τῶ Ἐλλαφῆβωλιῶνος | μέχρι δεκάτῆς ἡσταμένῳ.

. . . ] unintentional (injuries must be paid for) by an equivalent (amount), intentional (injuries) by a double (amount); a truce is to be in force for the initiates and for the observers and for their attendants and for the property of (15) foreigners and for all Athenians; and the time of the truce is to begin at the full moon in the month of Metageitnion, and (to extend through the month

of) Boedromion, and up to the tenth (day) after the beginning of (25) Pyanopsion; and the truce is to apply in those cities which participate in the rite, and to Athenians (resident) there in the same cities. (35) And for the Lesser Mysteries the truce is to be in force from the full moon in the month of Gamelion, and (to extend through the month of) Anthesterion, and up to the tenth (day) after the beginning of Elaphebolion.

This stele once stood in the Eleusinion, and may be the one referred to by Andocides, *On the Mysteries* 116 (ἡ δὲ στήλη παρ' ἡμῶν ἔστηκεν . . . κελεύει).

2. **ἡκῶσια**: a derivative in -ιος from ἀ-έκων, giving an adj. used of actions (ἀ-έκων of people). \*ἀ-Ἔκόντ-ια > \*ἀ-Ἔκόνσια (assibilation of τ before ι) > ἀ-εκούσια (loss of ν before σ with compensatory lengthening). The aspiration is secondary, arising by analogy with positive *ἡεκ-*. A technical legal term in classical Attic (cf. Antiph. 3.2.6).

3. [**h**]απλῆι: ἀπλόος is related to Lat. *simplex* (\**sm̥*, 'once' + \**pel*, 'fold'), but the contracted ending in Gk. is puzzling. ἀπλήμι is an old advb. of manner (κοινήμι, πανταχῆμι, etc.).

5–6. **τοῖσι . . . τοῖς**: of the three instances of τοῖσι in the V cent., two are in this inscription (Threatte 1996: 29). Although -οῖσι more or less disappears from Att. inscriptions by the mid V cent. (§32.14), earlier public inscriptions hesitate between -οῖς and -οῖσι, indicating that the latter is due to the pressure of the 'official' chancellery language.

5–7. **μύστ[εσιν] . . . ἐπόπτῆισιν**: dat. plur. masc. *a*-stems. Although the long forms in -ησι were kept in official documents until the 420s, the appearance of Ionic -ηισιν here suggests that the author was not used to these endings (§32.14, and cf. Dover 1981: 4). Final -ν is found in the earliest Att. inscriptions, before both vowel and consonant (§32.7); but since the 'normal practice' is to omit it in the V cent. (Threatte 1980: 641), its abundance here may be evidence of an Ionicizing chancellery style.

10. [**δθ**]νεῖον: cf. ἔθνος. The word may have been intended to make it clear that all foreigners were included: there is some evidence that ξένος implied citizens of allied (mostly Ionian) states (see Gauthier 1971).

17. **μῆνός**: from \*μηνσ-ος, without apparently undergoing Osthoff's Law (§23.3): contrast *μείς* 42 2.

18. **διχομῆνίας**: the full moon split the month in two (months began with a new moon).

20. **Πυανοφσιόνος**: for φσ in the old Att. alphabet see §18.2.

23. **ἡσταμένῳ**: gen. sing. (with Πυανοφσιόνος), the normal expression for the beginning of a period of time in Hom. and later Greek.

27. **χρῶνται**: from \*χρέωνται < \*χρή-ονται (cf. on ἀποχρεωμένων 83 1).

32. **ὀλείζουσι**: dat. plur. of ὀλείζων (< \*ὀλείγ-γων, §23.8) 'lesser', old Attic comp. of ὀλίγος. Attic literature uses ἐλάττων exclusively, and ὀλείζων disappears from inscriptions around 420. Wilamowitz restored ὀλείζουσι to (appropriately) the Old Oligarch (c.425) at ps.-Xen. *Ath. Pol.* 2.1 (where *μείζουσι* *codd.* does not make sense: scribes were puzzled by an unfamiliar form). See Dover (1981: 4).

**30.** Stone from the Athenian acropolis regulating future relations between Athens and Chalcis in Euboea after the revolt of the island from the Athenian League (Thuc. 1. 114). The first provision is given here. 446/5 BC; though Mattingly (1961) argued for 424/3. *IG I<sup>3</sup> 40*, Meiggs–Lewis 52. Schwyzler Appendix I, no. 11. ►► Balcer (1978), López Eire (1999: 95–8).

ἔδοχσεν τέ[ι β]ὸ λῆι καὶ τῷ δέμῳι, Ἀντιοχίς ἐ[πρυτ]λάνευε, Δρακ-  
[ον]τίδῆς ἐπεστάτῃ, Διόγνῆτος εἶπε· ἰ κατὰ τάδε τὸν ἡόρκον ὁμόσαι  
Ἀθηναίων τλῆν βὸ λῆν καὶ τὸς δικαστάς· οὐκ ἔχσελὸ Χαλλ<sup>5</sup>λκιδέας  
ἐχ Χαλκίδος οὐδὲ τὲν πόλιν ἀνάστατον ποέσῳ οὐδὲ ἰδιότῃν οὐδένα  
ἀτιμύσῳ οὐδὲ φνγῆι ζεμιόσῳ οὐδὲ χσυλλέφσοιμαι οὐδὲ ἀποκτενῳ  
οὐδὲ χρέματα ἀφαιρέισομαι ἀκρίτῳ οὐδενὸς ἄνευ τῷ δέμῳ τῷ  
Ἀθ<sup>10</sup>ῆναίων, οὐδ' ἐπιφσῆφιῳ κατὰ ἀπροσκλέτῳ ἰ οὔτε κατὰ τῷ κοινῳ  
οὔτε κατὰ ἰδιότῳ οὐδὲ ἐνός, καὶ πρεσβείαν ἐλθῶσαν προσάχσῳ ἰ πρὸς  
βὸ λῆν καὶ δέμον δέκα ἔμερῶν ἡόταν ἰ πρυτανεῳ κατὰ τὸ δυνατόν.  
ταῦτα δὲ ἐμπ<sup>15</sup>[ε]δόσῳ Χαλκιδεῳσιν πειθομένοις τῷ δέ[μ]ῳι τῷ  
Ἀθηναίων. ἡορκῳσαι δὲ πρεσβεία[ν] ἐλθῶσαν ἐχ Χαλκίδος μετὰ  
τὸν ἡορκῳτῳλν Ἀθηναίῳς καὶ ἀπογράφσαι τὸς ὁμόσαντλας. ἡόπῳς δ'  
ἂν [ὀ]μόσῳσιν ἡάπαντες ἐπυμελλ<sup>20</sup>ῳσθῳν ἡοι στ[ρ]ατέγῳι.

The Council and People resolved, in the prytany of Antiochis

and the presidency of Drakontides, on the motion of Diognetos: the Council and jurors of the Athenians are to swear the oath as follows: 'I shall not expel (5) the Chalcideans from Chalcis nor lay waste their city nor deprive any individual of his civic rights nor punish him with exile nor arrest him nor put him to death nor deprive him of property, unless sentence has been passed by the Athenian (10) People; nor shall I put to the vote (a motion) against either the community or any individual without his having been summoned (to trial), and when an embassy has come I shall conduct it to the Council and People within ten days when I hold the prytany, so far as possible. These provisions I shall ratify (15) upon the Chalcideans' submission to the Athenian People.' The Athenians shall impose the oath on the embassy when it comes from Chalcis, with the officers responsible for oaths, and shall register the names of those who have sworn. Let the generals see to it (20) that all swear the oath.

1. **ἔδοχσεν**: for  $\chi\sigma$  in the old Att. alphabet see §18.2; for  $-v$  see §32.7.

2. **ἐπ-εστάτῃ**: 3 sing. imperf.  $-\bar{\epsilon} < -\epsilon\epsilon$  (§23.1), 'was president' ( $\epsilon\pi\text{-}\sigma\tau\acute{\alpha}\tau\eta\varsigma$ ).

4. **ἐχσελῶ**:  $< -\epsilon\lambda\acute{\alpha}\omega$  (the Att. pres. stem  $\epsilon\lambda\alpha\nu\text{-}$  is anomalous and may be an old denominative: Benveniste 1935: 112, Sihler §465.6).

5. **ἀνά-στατον**: 'destroyed', a word frequently applied to cities by Athenian writers (from  $\acute{\alpha}\nu\text{-}\iota\sigma\tau\eta\mu\iota$  in its sense of 'break up an assembly of people': of a meeting, a house, or a *polis*).

6. **ποῒσῶ**: intervocalic  $-i-$  tends to disappear in certain common words in Att., esp.  $\pi\omicron\epsilon\acute{\iota}\nu$  (from the VI cent. on). The diphthong [oi-] became [o<sup>v</sup> -], i.e. [o] plus glide, and the glide was then liable to deletion (not having phonemic status in Gk.).

7. **χουλλέφσομαι**: i.e.  $\xi\upsilon\nu\text{-}$  (normal in public inscriptions till c.425, and perhaps an 'official' spelling).  $\sigma\acute{\upsilon}\nu/\xi\acute{\upsilon}\nu$  is not in any case found outside of compounds in Attic, having been replaced by  $\mu\epsilon\tau\acute{\alpha}$ . For the mid. future see §24.2*b*.


8. **ἀποκτενῶ**: contracted future  $< -\acute{\epsilon}\omega$  (§24.2*a*).

9. **ἀκρίτῶ**: 'unjudged' (cf.  $\kappa\rho\acute{\iota}\nu\omega$ ), gen. after  $\acute{\alpha}\phi\alpha\iota\rho\acute{\eta}\sigma\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$ . Formally identical to Lat. *in-cer-tus*.

10. **ἐπιφσῆφιῶ**: both *ψηφίσω* and *ψηφιῶ* are found in Attic (§24.2a). **ἀπροσκλέτῶ**: gen. sing., ‘un-summoned (to trial)’ (cf. *προσ-καλέομαι*).

13. **ἐμερόν**: omission of the *h-* is normal in Attic inscriptions until the second half of the V cent. (Threatte 1980: 500, and cf. on *ἀμέραν* 76 38).

19. **ἰόπῶς**: normal in an Attic object clause (whereas in a purpose clause evidence suggests that *ἵνα* was more common in the spoken language, and that *ὄπως* may have been ‘official sounding’: Dunbar on Ar. *Birds* 1457). Cf. Dover (1997: 82).

31. Curse tablet from Attica, probably deposited in a grave. The curses appear to be directed against commercial competition. Folded lead with a line (*b*) written on the reverse. c.400–350 BC. IG III 3. 3: *Defixionum tabellae* 87. Gager (1992) no. 62.  Faraone (1991: 10–17).

(a) καταδῶ Καλλίαν τὸν κάπηλον τὸν ἐγ γειτόνων καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ | Θραῖτταν καὶ τὸ καπηλεῖον τὸ φαλακροῦ καὶ τὸ Ἀνθεμίωνος καπηλεῖον τὸ πλησίον [.....] | καὶ Φίλωνα τὸν κάπηλον· τούτων πάντων καταδῶ ψυχὴν ἐργασίαν | χεῖρας πόδας· τὰ καπηλεῖα αὐτῶν. ||<sup>5</sup> Καταδῶ Σωσιμένην τ[ὸν] ἀδελφόν, καὶ Κάρπον | τὸν οἰκότην αὐτοῦ/ τὸν σινδο[νο]πώλην καὶ Γλύκανθιν ἦν καλοῦσι | Μαλθάκην, καὶ Ἀγάθωνα τ[ὸ]ν κάπηλον | [τ]ὸν Σωσιμένους | οἰκότην/· τούτων πάντων καταδῶ ψυχὴν ἐργασία[ν β]ίον χεῖρας πόδας· | καταδῶ Κίττον τὸν γείτονα τὸν καν<ν>αβιῶργον καὶ τέχνην τὴν Κίττου καὶ ἐργασίαν καὶ ψυχὴν καὶ νῶν | καὶ γλώτταν τὴν Κίττου. ||<sup>10</sup> καταδῶ Μανίαν τὴν κάπηλιν τὴν ἐπὶ κρήν<η>ι καὶ τὸ καπηλεῖον τὸ Ἀρίστανδρος Ἐλευσινίου | καὶ ἐργασίαν αὐτοῖς καὶ νῶν. | ψυχὴν χεῖρας γλώτταν πόδας νῶν. τούτους πάντας καταδῶ ἐμ μνήμασι ασφαραγίαι | πρὸς τὸν κάτοχον Ἐρμῆν.

(b) τοὺς Ἀριστάνδρου οἰκέτας

(a) I bind Kallias the tavern-keeper, the one who's my neighbour, and his wife Thratta, and the bald man's tavern, and the tavern of Anthemion next door [...] and Philo the tavern-keeper. All of them, I bind their soul, business, hands, feet, their taverns.  
(5) I bind Sosimenes [his] brother, and Karpos (his slave) the

linen-seller and Glykanthis, the one they call Princess. And Agathon the tavern-keeper, (the slave) of Sosimenes. All of them, I bind their soul, work, life, hands, feet. I bind Kittos my neighbour, the rope-maker, and Kittos' craft, and the business and soul and mind and tongue of Kittos. (10) I bind Mania, the woman who runs the tavern by the spring, and the tavern of Aristander from Eleusis, both their business and their mind. Soul, hands, tongue, feet, mind. I bind all of them in *unsealed* (?) tombs to Hermes the restrainer.

(b) The slaves of Aristander.

The tablet is unusually well written (both calligraphically and linguistically).

1. **καταδῶ**: a regular verb of curse tablets (Lat. *defigō*). **κᾶπηλον**: often a tavern, but also the word for shop. **ἔγ**: [eg], from ἐκ (by assimilation to the following γ-).

2. **Θραῖτταν**: lit. 'Thracian'. All the women mentioned appear (from their names) to be non-citizens (either slaves or free *pallakai*). **πλησίον**: the five missing letters may have specified what was next door.

5. **Σωσμεμένην**: the 'correct' acc. is -μένη (<\*-μένεια <\*-μενεσ-α), but s-stem names often acquired an acc. in -ην on the analogy of 1st decl. names. **οἰκότην**: agent noun built to οἶκος, elsewhere οἰκέτης. The ο vowel between root and suffix is analogical on forms such as *δημότης*, *τοξότης*, etc. (Between slash brackets because written above the words it explains: so also at 7.) **συνδο[γο]πώλην**: *συνδών* is a borrowing from Semitic (see Szemerényi 1965: 5 for Phoen. \**sidd-* > Gk. *sind-*).

6. **Μαλθάκην**: 'soft' (cf. Lat. *mollis*), often metaphorical 'soft-living', etc.

8. **καν<ν>αβιδρόγον**: compd. of *κάνναβις*, 'hemp', a foreign loan into Gk. (whence it reached Lat.): cf. Engl. *hemp* < OE *hoenep* < *cannabis*. The second element is taken from words such as *δημιουργός* < *δημιο-(F)οργός* (Hom. *δημιο-εργός* is by diektasis of the contracted form under the influence of ἔργον when (F)οργός 'worker' had been lost). **νόν**: i.e. *νόος* < *νόος* (§23.1). Our author uses *ον* in productive morphological categories such as



the gen. sing. (*αὐτοῦ*): note that *τούτων* contains a historical diphthong.

10. *κρήν(η)ι*: a slip, perhaps facilitated by the movement of *η* towards [i:]. **Ἀρίστανδρος**: if a nom. denoting the name of the tavern, then the following gen. is odd. Perhaps a slip (regular gen. on side *b*).

12. *ασφαραγίαι*: reading and interpretation unclear. Some compd. of *ἀ-* + *σφραγίς*, ‘seal’, is possible: curses were often slipped into unsealed graves (so as to reach the underworld gods?).

(*b*) The line appears to be an afterthought: the curser includes the entire household of his victim in his curse (in this case abbreviated, but listed by name on side *a*).

## LACONIAN

(West Greek)

32. Dedication around the rim of a bronze *aryballos* from the ‘Menelaion’ at Sparta, c.675–650 BC. Probably a hexameter, but the line on the inner rim is corroded and difficult to read. Catling–Cavanagh (1977). *SEG* 26. 457. *LSAG* 446 no. 3a.

$\Delta\epsilon\acute{\iota}\nu\iota[s]$	$\tau\acute{\alpha}\langle\nu\rangle\delta'$	$\acute{\alpha}\nu\acute{\epsilon}\theta\acute{\epsilon}\kappa\epsilon$	$\chi\alpha$	outer rim
$\rho\iota[.]$	$F\epsilon\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\nu\alpha\iota$			inner rim (retrograde)
$M\epsilon\nu\epsilon\lambda\acute{\alpha}F\bar{\eta}$				handle

Deinis dedicated this . . . to Helen (wife) of Menelaos.

**χαρι[.]**: reading uncertain: perhaps  $\chi\alpha\rho[ι]γ$ .

Helen here appears with a digamma (the reading is confirmed by a VI cent. dedication from the same site, with which it was published:  $\tau\acute{\alpha}\iota F\epsilon\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\nu\alpha\iota$ , *SEG* 26. 458): but in archaic inscriptions from Corinth the expected *F-* is absent from the name (for *F* at Corinth cf.  $\Delta F\bar{\epsilon}\nu\acute{\iota}\alpha$  40). It may be that the form *Helena* at Corinth is a foreign literary import (i.e. the name comes from poetry, not the local dialect): see *NAGVI* §§251, 504. If not, Helen is either an amalgam of two separate deities \**sel-* and \**swel-* (Skutsch 1987), or both forms derive from \**swel-* (De Simone 1978): for the phonology of \**sw-* see Lejeune (1972: §128) and cf. *ηκᾶδι* 50 2. The name Menelaos is also spelled with digamma ( $\mu\epsilon\nu-$  +  $\lambda\acute{\alpha}F\omicron-$  ‘withstander of the host’); later it contracts to *Μενέλᾶς*.

33. Inscription on a stone stele found at Mistra (originally in the temple of Athena on the Spartan acropolis), recording the victories of Damonon in various chariot-races: only the first part is given here. The first six lines of the inscription comprise two hexameters. c.450–400 BC. *IG V* 1. 213. Schwyzer 12. Bourguet (1927), no. 6. Buck 71. *LSAG* 196, 201 no. 52. *CEG* 378.

Δαμόνων | ἀνέθεκε Ἀθαναῖα<ι> | πολιάχῳι,  
 νικάῃας | ταυτὰ ἡτ' οὐδέσ ||<sup>5</sup> πέποκα τὸν νῦν. |  
 τάδε ἐνίκαθε Δαμ[όνων] | τῷ αὐτῷ τεθρίππῳ<ι> | αὐτὸς ἀνιοχίῳν |  
 ἐν ΓαῖαΦόχῳ τετράκι<ν> ||<sup>10</sup> καὶ Ἀθάναια τετ[ράκιων] | κἔλευθύνια  
 τετ[ράκιων]. | καὶ Ποιοῖδαῖα Δαμόνω[ν] | ἐνίκε ἥλει, καὶ ἡο κέλ[εξ] |  
 ἡαμ]ᾶ αὐτὸς ἀνιοχίῳν ||<sup>15</sup> ἐνῆεβόῃαις ἥιπποις | ἡεπτάκιων ἐκ τᾶν  
 αὐτῷ | ἥιππῶν κἔκ τῷ αὐ[τ]ῷ [ἥιππῶ]. | καὶ Ποιοῖδαῖα Δαμόνων |  
 [ἐ]νίκε Θεουρία ὀκτά[κ]ι[ν] ||<sup>20</sup> αὐτὸς ἀνιοχίῳν ἐνῆεβόῃαις ἥιπποις |  
 ἐκ τᾶν αὐτῷ ἥιππῶν | κἔκ τῷ αὐτῷ ἥιππῶ. | κἔν Ἀριοντίας ἐνίκε ||<sup>25</sup>  
 Δαμόνων ὀκτάκιων | αὐτὸς ἀνιοχίῳν | ἐνῆεβόῃαις ἥιπποις | ἐκ τᾶν αὐτῷ  
 ἥιππῶν | κἔκ τῷ αὐτῷ ἥιππῶ, καὶ ||<sup>30</sup> ἡο κέλεξ ἐνίκε ἡ[αμᾶ]. | καὶ  
 Ἐλευθύνια Δαμ[όνων] | ἐνίκε αὐτὸς ἀνιοχίῳν | ἐνῆεβόῃαις ἥιπποις |  
 τετράκιων.

Damonon made a dedication to Athena *Poliakhos*, having won victories in a way which none of the men of today (has equalled). Damonon was victorious as follows with his own four-horse chariot, he himself driving: in the Games of the Earth-shaker four times (10) and in the Games of Athena four times and in the Eleusinian Games four times. And Damonon won the Games of Poseidon at Helos, and his courser on the same occasions, he himself driving, seven times, with fillies from his own mares and by his own stallion. And Damonon won the Games of Poseidon at Theuria eight times (20), he himself driving, with fillies from his own mares and by his own stallion. And Damonon won the Games of Ariontia eight times, he himself driving, with fillies from his own mares and by his own stallion, and (30) his courser won on the same occasions. And Damonon won the Eleusinian Games four times with his fillies, he himself driving.

1. **Δαμώνων**: a hypocoristic in *-ων* of a name such as *Δαμώνωνας* or *Δαμώννυμος*.

3. **Πολιάχοι**: ‘holder of the city’ < *πολιάχοος*, with the stem *πολιā-* extracted from forms such as *πολι-ᾱτᾱς* (Att. *πολι-οὔχος* with vowel from *κληροῦχος*, etc.). For *-οχος* (ἔχω) cf. *κάτοχος* 31 13. **νικάῃας**: aor. ptcl. with intervocalic *-s-* > *-h-* (§39.6).

4. **ταυτᾶ ἡᾱτ(ε)**: adv. formed from an old instr. in *-ᾱ* (cf. on *ἡμᾶ* 14). There are examples from Att. (cf. *ἀπλῆι* 29 3), but the type seems to have been more productive in WGk. **οὐδέες**: i.e. *οὐδέης* < \**οὐδ(ε)-ένς* with compensatory lengthening (§38.3).

5. **πέποκα**: ‘ever’, *πη* being a WGk. indef. particle (cf. Att.-Ion. *πω*). For *-κα* see §40.7.

6. **ἐνίκαῃε**: §39.6.

7. **αὐτῶ**: reflexive sense, ‘his own’. There were various ways of expressing the distinction (Lat. *suus/eius*) in the dialects; reflexive use of *αὐτοῦ* (with the article) is not uncommon outside classical Attic (West 1974: 101). Cf. *Il.* 9. 341–2, *ὅς τις ἀνὴρ ἀγαθὸς . . . τὴν αὐτοῦ (ἄλοχον) φιλέει*. **τεθρίπῶ<ι>**: with four (the combining form \**k<sup>w</sup>etr̥-*) horses yoked abreast. From *tetra-hippos* (the *a* is elided and the *h* attaches itself to the beginning of the new syllable).

8. **ἄνιοχίον** (Att. *ἡνιοχέων*): ‘holding the reins’, a denominative vb. from *ἀνι-όχος* (cf. *Πολιάχοι* 3). Lac. like Att. generally keeps the aspirate: however, presence of *h-* is less predictable in cases where it started in the middle of the word and got transferred to the initial vowel by ‘anticipation’ (§10.4): \**ansiai* > \**anhiai* > (*h*)*āniai* (cf. on *a-ni-ja-pi* 2). For *ε* > *ι* see §23.2.

9. **ΓαιᾶΦόχο**: gen., with a word for ‘games’ understood. An epithet of Poseidon. It is difficult to tell whether this is a re-modelling of epic *γαιήοχος*, ‘earth-holder’ (for intrusive *-F-* cf. *Ποτεδά-F-ονι* 39), or represents the original form: in which case *Φόχος* might come from \**wegh-*, ‘put in motion’ (hence ‘earth-shaker’). Like Engl. *drive*, \**wegh-* can signify ‘put in motion’ or ‘be conveyed’ (Lat. *uehō*). **τετράκι<ν>**: the engraver may have intended *τετράκι*. Lac. and Cretan use *-ν* to form numeral adverbs (e.g. *ἑπτάκιω* 16 and *ὀκτάκιω* 25), in contrast to the *-ις* of other dialects; but *-ι* is also found (*τετράκι* at Argos, and cf. *πολλάκι* in choral sections of tragedy).

11. **κέλευθύνια**: crasis (καὶ Ἐλευ-). The vowel in *-hyn-* has been assimilated to the preceding diphthong.

12. **Ποιοδαία**: adj. formed from Lac. *Ποιοιδάν* (cf. Arc. *Ποσοιδάν*). Most WGk. dialects have forms in *-τ-* (*Ποτει-*, etc.): for assibilation in the other dialects cf. §§27.3, 31.3. Lac. \**Ποσ-* may (therefore) be due to the influence of neighbouring or substrate dialects: cf. Myc. *Po-se-da-o* (Pylos), Arc. *Ποσοιδάν* (*-οι-* is the result of vowel assimilation).


13. **ἐνίκῃ**: note the switch from aor. to imperf. (*-ῆ < -αε*, §38.4): *ἐνίκαθε* 6 is foregrounded, and focuses attention on important information (the point of the inscription); in the list that follows it is the number and location of the victories that is important (the fact of victory is established), and the imperf. performs this backgrounding function. **κέλ[ῆξ]**: Att. *κέλης*, with a velar extension of a type associated with WGk. (cf. *ὄρνιξ*, ‘bird’, Pindar). It is found in Att. with *a*-vocalism (*ἄνθραξ*, *δέλφαξ*, *κόραξ*), mostly in sub-literary vocabulary: the suffix became extremely productive in Mod. Gk. as a ‘diminutive’ (Chantraine 1933: 377).

14. [**ἡαμ**]ᾶ: Att. *ἄμα*, with short final (cf. *ταυτᾶ* 4). The vowel length is known from literary Doric (Ar. *Lysistrata*, Pindar, Theokritos). Restored from examples later in the inscription.

15. **ἐνἡεβόῃαις**: ‘mares in their prime’ (ἡβη): from *ἡβα-ωσα-*.

17. **κέκ**: crasis (καὶ ἐκ).

24. **Ἄριοντίās**: gen. of the name of a goddess, with word for ‘games’ understood.

**34.** Dedication on a throne from Sparta, c.400–375 BC. Three hexameters. <H> is used for both the aspirate and *eta*. Ed. pr. Kourinou-Pikoula (1992–8). SEG 46. 400.  Cassio (2000).

*Μνᾶμα γεροντείας ἠππανσίδας | τοῦτ' ἀνέσθηκε  
ταῖ ἡαλέαι καὶ σᾶιτρον· ἡα μὲν κα λῆ ἡώστ' ἀπὸ τούτω |  
σᾶσθαι, τῶς δὲ νέως τοῖς περιγυλλ<sup>5</sup>τέροις ἠυποχάδδην.*

As a memorial of his service in the Council, Hippanthidas dedicated this to (Athena) Halea, and seating for spectators: so, whatever you want you can watch from this—but young men are to yield to their elders.

1. **γεροντείας**: i.e. *γεροντίας*, confirmation of the existence of this

form in Lac. (cf. Cassio 1998, Colvin 1999: 235–6). The Spartan council of elders (Att. *γερονσία*). **ἠππανσίδας**: the spelling <σ> for <θ> indicates that [t<sup>h</sup>] had moved to [θ] (§39.7). Note that the name Hippanthidas cannot be accommodated in regular hexameters (in the fourth foot -δας has to count as a short syllable).

2. **τοῦτ(ο)**: the throne, which is separate from the seating (*καὶ σάτρον*) which Hipp. has also paid for. **ἡαλέαι**: the aspirated form is found only once in Arcadia (the home of Athena Alea). Dubois ad loc. (1986: II, 12) assumes it to be a hypercorrect spelling (which implies weak articulation of the aspirate). **σάτρον**: i.e. *θάτρον* < \*θᾱ(F)ᾱ-τρον (Att. *θεᾱτρον* < \*θηᾱ-τρον). Here apparently ‘a place for spectators [to sit]’. **κα λῆ**: ed. pr. takes this to be *καλῆ* (‘calls’, a mistake for *καλεῖ*), but Cassio (2000) shows that *λῆ* (< *λῆι*) is subj. (3 sing., indefinite subject unexpressed) of *λῆν* ‘wish’ (cf. *λεῖ* 44 2). *ἡα* is then neut. plur. (acc.).

4. **σᾱσθαι**: < θᾱ(F)ᾱ-εσθαι. θ following σ has not been changed (§39.7): presumably because it retained its quality as a stop in this cluster (a position in which aspiration was often lost). **περγυτέροις**: Att. *πρεσβυτέροις*. For WGk. -γ- in the stem of this word cf. *πρέιγυτας* (Crete). An early variant \**περσγυς* is suggested by *σπέργυς*: *πρέσβυς* Hesych.

5. **ἠποχάδδην**: *χάζομαι*, ‘withdraw’ is found in epic and other poetry (compds. in *ἄνα-*, *δια-* in Xen., in military contexts where they may be borrowings from Lac.). In WGk. δδ for ζ is found in Lac., Crete, Elis, and elsewhere: the etymology of this word is uncertain, but δδ/ζ implies an earlier \**dy* or \**gy* (§23.8).

## HERAKLEA

(West Greek)

35. Two bronze tablets from Heraklea, a colony of Taras (itself a Spartan colony) in Lucania: a record of the measurement and apportionment of lands sacred to Dionysos (Table I) and Athena (Table II): part of Table I is given here. Late IV cent. BC. IG XIV 645. Buck 79. Schwyzer 62. Ionic alphabet, with digamma and with † for the aspirate. ▶▶ Uguzzoni–Ghinatti (1968).

*συνεμετρήσαμες δὲ ἀρξάμενοι ἀπὸ τῷ ἀντόμῳ τῷ ἠπὲρ Πανδοσίας*

ἄγοντος, τῷ διατάμνοντος τῶς τε ἱερῶς χώρως καὶ τὰν Φιδίαν γᾶν, ἐπὶ τὸν ἄντομον τὸν ὀρίζοντα τῶς τε τῷ Διονύσω χώρως καὶ ἰ τὸν Κωνέας ἢο Δίωνος ἐπαμώχη. κατετάμομες δὲ μερίδας τέτορας· ἡ<sup>15</sup> τὰν μὲν πράταν μερίδα ἀπὸ τῷ ἀντόμῳ τῷ παρ τὰ Ἡρωίδεια ἄγοντος ἰ εὖρος ποτὶ τὰν τριακοντάπεδον τὰν διὰ τῶν ἱερῶν χώρων ἄγωσαν, ἰ μάκος δὲ ἄνωθα ἀπὸ τὰν ἀποροᾶν ἄχρι ἐς ποταμὸν τὸν Ἄκιριν, καὶ ἰ ἐγένοντο μετριώμεναι ἐν ταῦται τᾷ μερείαι ἐρρηγείας μὲν διλακάται μῖα σχοῖνοι, σκίρω δὲ καὶ ἀρρήκτω καὶ δρυμῷ Φεξακάται ἡ<sup>20</sup> τετρώκοντα Φέξ σχοῖνοι.

We carried out the measurement, beginning with the fence that leads beyond Pandosia, which separates the sacred lands and the private property, up to the fence which separates the lands of Dionysos and the land which Koneas the son of Dio possessed. And we divided it into four parts: (15) the first part from the fence which runs beside the Heroideia, (extending) in width to the thirty-foot (way) leading through the sacred lands, and in length down from the drainage-area (?) as far as the river Akiris; and there were measured in this division two hundred and one *schoinoi* of arable and six hundred and (20) forty-six *schoinoi* of non-arable scrub-land with thickets.

11. **συνεμετρήσαμες**: WGk. 1 plur. in -μες (§40.1).

12. **ἀντόμῳ**: gen. sing. of an apocopated form (ἀνα-) meaning 'that which dissects' (τομός), i.e. 'divider'. **διατάμνοντος**: WGk., Ion. τάμνω < \*την- (a nasal infix present): Att. τέμνω takes its vowel from aor. ἔτεμον. **τῶς . . . ἱερῶς χώρως**: acc. plur. (ἱαρός §38.1).

13. **Φιδίαν**: initial F- retained (§39.1).

14. **τὸν**: use of the 'article' stem as a rel. pron. is relatively rare in WGk. (§32.13). It may represent the penetration of a koiné feature into the dialect. **ἐπαμώχη**: imperf. of the WGk. verb παμωχέω, 'possess' (παμο-οχέω): for the stem cf. πέ-παμαι (86 41), and πολυπάμων, *Il.* 4. 443. **τέτορας**: < \*k<sup>w</sup>etwor-, with o-grade in the second syllable and, apparently, dissimilation of -w- (see Lillo 1988 for a different analysis).

15. **πράτᾶν**: §38.2.

16. **ποτί**: in WGk., Thess., Boe. (§40.8). **τριακοντάπεδον**: sc. ὁδόν.

17. **ἄνωθα**: 'from above'; WGk. adverbial suffix -θα, 'from'

(Att.-Ion. -θε/-θεν). **ἀποροῶν**: < ἀπορο(ι)άων (cf. ποεῖν 32 6), lit. ‘that which flows off’, here ‘watershed’ (Schwyzer 1928: 229). **ἄχρη**: see on 19 3.

18. **μετριώμεναι**: < μετρεόμεναι. The lengthened vowel raises a question about what the (graphic) change of ε to ι denotes (§23.2): the [i] has probably lost most of its syllabicity, leading to a compensatory lengthening of the [o]. **μερείαι**: derived from μέρος (\*μερεσ-ιᾶ); equivalent to Att. μερίς (a dimin. of μέρος). **ἐρρηγείας** (sc. γᾶς): perf. ptcl. of ῥήγνυμι (Att. ἐρρωγυῖας), i.e. land ‘broken (by ploughing)’, with -η- by analogy with ῥήγνυμι. The fem. ptcl. in -ει- occurs in late Attic and the koiné, probably taken from fem. *u*-stem adjs. (ἡδεῖα). **διακάτiai**: < \*-κητiai (§§32.9, 39.4).

19. **σκίρω**: lit. ‘hard’ (perhaps ‘rocky’). **ἄρρηκτω**: ‘unbroken, non-arable’, in opposition to ἐρρηγείας. **Φεξακάτiai**: Φέξ < \*sweks (Φεξα- in compds. is modelled on ἔπτα-, etc.).

20. **τετρώκοντα**: WGk. τετρω- is perhaps from \*k<sup>w</sup>etɾ- (cf. Lat. *quadrāginta*) with *o*-vocalism imported from the numeral τέτορες (other possibilities discussed by Szemerényi 1960: 15–20).

## WEST ARGOLIC

(West Greek)

36. Hexameter dedication on a bronze vessel. Late VII cent. BC. IG V 1. 231. Schwyzer 77. LSAG 156, 168 no. 3. CEG 363.

Χαλροδάμανς με ἀνέθεκε θιοῖν, περικαλλές ἄγαλμα.

Chalkodamas dedicated me to the two goddesses, a gift of surpassing beauty.

**Χαλροδάμανς**: see 23 2 on *qoppa* (§17.2). The dialect of Argos retains final -νς (§23.9): -δάμανς is built with the adj. suffix \*-nt-s found also in the ptcl. **με**: note the *scriptio plena* for μ’. **θιοῖν**: in this dialect an [i] followed by another vowel seems to have given rise to a particularly marked glide (cf. Ἀθᾶναίᾱς 37 2). The scansion ∪ – points to raising of ε rather than synizesis (§23.2). **περικαλλές ἄγαλμα**: is a Hom. formula at verse-end (cf. *Od.* 18.300, and NAGVI §303). The two goddesses are Demeter and Persephone.

37. Boustrophedon inscription from the acropolis at Argos

listing officials who have presided over important work in the temple of Athena, and giving rules for the use of sacred objects. Mid VI cent. bc. Buck 83. SEG 11. 314. Sokolowski (1962), no. 27. LSAG 158, 168 no. 8. *Nomima*, i. 88.

ἐπὶ τῶνδεῶν ἐν δαμιουργόντων τὰ εἰ[ν] Ἀθαναίῃς ἐπ[ο]ιῖθέθε· ταδέν τὰ  
ποιῖθέματα καὶ τὰ χρέματά τε καὶ τὸν [ - - - - - | - - - - - ] ἀ[νέθεν]  
ταῖ Ἀθαναίῃ ταῖ Πολιάδι·||

- |    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 5  | Συλεύς τε<br>καὶ Ἐράττυιος<br>καὶ Πολύρτορ<br>καὶ Ἐξάκεστο[ς]<br>καὶ Ἥγί[ας] | τοῖσι χρέμασι τοῖσι χρεστέρ-<br>ίοισι τοῖσι τὰς θιῶ μὲ χρέ-<br>[σ]θῶ Φηδιέστας [έ]χθὸς<br>τῶ τεμένεος τῶ τὰς Ἀ[θαν-]<br>[αίῃς] τὰς Πολιάδος. δαμόσ-<br>ιον δὲ χ[ρ]όνσθῶ προ[τ]ι τὰ<br>ιαρά]. αἰ δὲ σίναιτο, ἀφ[α]κεσ-<br>άσθῶ, ἡοῖζ δὲ δαμιουργὸς ἐπ[α]ναγκασάτῶ.<br>ἡο δ' ἀμφίπολος μελεταινέτῶ τούτων. |
| 10 | καὶ Ἐρύρο[ιρος].   |  |

During the time that the following held office as *demiourgoi* the work was carried out in (the temple) of Athena; these works and the precious objects and the [ . . . ] they dedicated to Athena Polias:

Syleus and Eratyios and Polyktor and Exakestos and Hagias and Erykoiros.

The precious objects that are utensils of the goddess let no private citizen use outside the precinct of Athena Polias. But the state may use them for the sacrifice. If (anyone) damages (them), let him make restitution: in what amount, let the *demiourgos* impose. And the temple-servant is to see to these matters.

1. **τῶνδεῶν-έν**: gen. plur. of ὄδε, with both elements declined and with the addition of -ην (for which cf. Lat. deictic *ēn*): so also *ταδέεν*, nom. plur. **δαμιουργόντων**: < δαμιουργε-οντ-. Simplification of εο in a closed syllable by dropping the ε (hypheresis) is common in Argos and Crete (sporadic elsewhere). **τά**: perhaps some renovation or new decorative work. Edd. have generally punctuated after *ταδέεν*, which is awkward both for the syntax and the sense (no list of 'works' follows).

2. **Ἀθαναίῃς**: gen. depending on a word for 'temple' understood.



The second *ι* indicates a glide (cf. *θιοῖν* 36, and *Πολυιάδι* below). **ἐποι.Φέθε:** aor. pass., with preservation of *-F-* (§39.1).

4. **ἀ[νέθεν]**: restored, but the normal 3 plur. secondary ending in WGk. (§40.1).

5. **τοῖσι:** the disyllabic ending of the dat. plur., familiar from Ionic (§32.14), is found in early inscriptions from Argos.

6. **χρέ[σ]θῶ:** < *χρη-έσθω* (imper. 3 sing.): cf. on *ἀποχρεωμένων* 83 1.

7. **Φηδιέστας:** cognate with Att. *ιδιώτης*. From \**Φηέδιος*, an adj. formed to the pronoun *Φηε* ('oneself', Hom. *εἶ*): in this case Att. *ἴδιος* must be the result of vowel assimilation (cf. *ἐφίστια* 24 17). A similar derivation for Lat. *sodālis* (Sihler §42.2). For *-έστās* cf. *τελεστάς* ('official', i.e. the semantic opposite). **ἐχθός:** < \**ἐχτός* < \**έκσ-τός* (Att. *έκτός*).

9. **δαμόσιον:** either a collective (§24.4) with plur. verb, or an advb. (Att. *δημοσίαι*, 'in public service') with a plur. of general agency.

10. **χρόνσθῶ:** imper. 3 plur. in *-όνσθω* (the ending is found in various WGk. dialects), with preservation or restoration of *-νσ-* (§23.9). From *χρεόνσθω:* for *εο > ο* in Arg. in closed syllables cf. *διατελοντι* etc. in Thumb–Kieckers (1932: 115): §23.2. For the stem cf. *ἀποχρεωμένων* 83 1. **προ[τί]** (restored here on the basis of *προτ'* in another inscription): elsewhere *ποτί* in WGk., apart from Cretan *πορτί* (§40.8).

11. **[ιαρά]:** for the smooth breathing on the restored word cf. on *ιερόν* 49 4. **ἀφακεσάσθῶ:** 3 sing. imper. (aor.), compd. of *ἀκέομαι* (cf. *ἄκος* 'remedy, cure').

12. **hoiζ:** dat. plur. (neut.), with partial assimilation of *-s* to the following *δ-* shown by the writing *-ζ (=zd)*. **[ἐπ]αναγκασάτῶ:** mid. imper. (aor.) of *ἐπ-αναγκάζω*. Arg. avoids the usual WGk. stem *-ξ-* when a velar precedes (§40.4): for the sporadic doubling of *s* in inscriptions cf. *έσστροτευμένας* 14 25.

13. **μελεταιν-έτῶ:** a form of *μελεδαίνω*, influenced by *μελέτη*, etc. (not found elsewhere).

**38.** Block of stone found at Argos, giving part of a treaty the city had arbitrated between two of her (supposed) colonies, the Cretan cities of Knossos and Tylissos: the dialect is largely Argolic. The first half is given here. c.450 BC. Buck 85. Schwyzer

83a. Meiggs–Lewis 42B. LSAG 165, 170 no. 39a. *Nomima*, i. 54, 2. Another copy was set up at Tylissos, of which fragments survive, and probably at Knossos also. ► Vollgraff (1948).

[. . . τῶι Τυλισίῳι ἐξέμ]εν ξύλλεσθαι πλὰ[ν] τ[ὶ] ἀ μέρῃ τὰ Κνωσίῳιν συν]τέλλοντα ἐνς πόλιν. ἡότ[ι] ἥ<sup>5</sup> δέ κα ἐκ δυσμενε]ῶν ἡέλωμες συνα- νφότεροι, δα[σ]μῶι τὸν κὰτ γ]ἄν τὸ τρίτον μέρος ἔχεν πάντων, τὸ[ν] δὲ κὰτ] θάλασαν τὰ ἡέμισα ἔχεν πάντων· τὰν δὲ [δ]ικ[ε]κ]άταν τὸνς Κνωσίῳινς ἔχεν, ἡότι χ' ἔλωμες κοι[ν]ῶι. τὸν δὲ φαλύρων τὰ μὲν καλλ<ι>στεία Πυθῶδε ἀπ[ά]ἥ<sup>10</sup>γεν κοινῶι ἀμφοτέρονς, τὰ δ' ἄλλα τῶι [Ἄρει Κνωσ]ῶι ἀντιθέμεν κοινῶι ἀμφοτέρονς. ἐξ[α]γῶγὰν δ' ε]ἰ]μεν Κνωσόθεν ἐνς Τυλισὸν κέκ Τυλι[σῶ Κνωσόνδ]ῖε· α[ἰ] δὲ πέρανδε ἐξάγοι, τελίτῳ ἡόσσα[περ ἡοι Κν]ῶιοι· τὰ δ' ἐκ Τυλισῶ ἐξαγέσθῳ ἡόπυ[ἰ] κα χρεῖ. τῳ<sup>15</sup> Ποσειδῶνι τῶι ἐν Ἰυτῶι τὸν Κνωσίῳ[ν] ἱαρέα θύ]εν. τῶι Ἡέρῶι ἐν <H>εραῖῳι θύεν βὸν θέλει[αν ἀμφοτ]ῶι ἐρον[σ κ]οινῶι . . .

[. . . It is permitted to the Tylissians] to plunder [ . . . ], except those areas which pay taxes to the city of the Knossians. Whatever (5) we take together from enemies, in the division of the (spoils taken) by land, (the Tylissians) are to have a third of the whole, while (in the division) of the (spoils taken) by sea (the Tylissians) are to have a half of the whole; and the Knossians are to have one-tenth of whatever we take in common. And of the spoils both parties are to send the choicest in common to Pytho, (10) and the rest both parties are to dedicate in common to Ares at Knossos. There is to be right of export from Knossos to Tylissos, and from Tylissos to Knossos; if (a Tylissian) exports abroad, let him pay whatever the Knossians (pay), but let goods from Tylissos be exported wherever he wishes. The priest of the Knossians is to sacrifice to (15) the Poseidon at Iytos. Both parties are to sacrifice a heifer in common to Hera in the Heraion . . .

3. [ἐξέμ]εν: athematic inf. ending -μεν (§40.3): Att. ἐξεῖναι. ξύλλεσθαι: apparently the mid. of σκύλλω ('tear out' > 'harass'), with metathesis of σκ- to κσ- (a connection with συλάω has also been suggested). The connection with σκύλα, 'spoils' (whether historical or popular) may have influenced the semantic development.

4. **[συν]τέλλοντα:** τέλλω < \*τελ-γω (a doublet of Att. τελέω): found also in Crete, and Att.-Ion. compds. (ἀνατέλλω ‘rise’). **ἐνς:** -νς retained (§23.9).

5. **[δυσμενέ]ων:** restored from a fragment found at Tylissos (Schwyzer 84b). Strikingly poetic in Attic, it may have been less unusual in Argolic (found also in Crete, Gortyn Law Code). **ἠέλῳμες:** regular 1 plur. ending in WGk. (§40.1). **δα[σ]μοῖ:** for the sense cf. *Il.* 1. 166 (means ‘tribute, levy’ in classical literature).

6. **ἔχεν:** thematic infin. (§40.3), found also in neighbouring Arc. (§28.2).

7. **θάλασαν:** writing of single consonant for double (common in early inscriptions). **ἡέμια:** probably another single for double s (\*ἡμιτF-, cf. ἡμίσοι 7 25).

8. **ἡότι χ’:** ὅτι κα, ‘whatever’ (§40.6).

9. **φαλύρῶν:** from λαφύρων, ‘spoils’ by metathesis. **καλλιστεία:** noun (neut. plur.) meaning ‘offering of the finest’ (as at Eurip. *IT* 23).

11. **ἀντιθέμεν:** ἀνα- (apocope) and athem. infin. in -μεν (§40.3).

13. **πέρανδε:** advb. formed to a noun *πέρα* [sc. *χώρα*] ‘the land outside, beyond’. Cf. Aesch. *Ag.* 190, *Χαλκίδος πέραν ἔχων*. **τελίτῳ:** < \*τελε-έτω (imper.), with *ι* < [e:] arising from the contraction. [**ἡοι**]: restored from l. 34 *ἡοι Κνόςιοι*, where the Cretan form of the article has crept into the text when attached to the word for Knossians (Arg. *τοί*, §40.5).

14. **ἡόπυ:** loc. of an old *u*-stem, for which cf. Sappho *τυίδ’ ἔλθ(ε)*, ‘come hither’ (74 A5): Att. *ὄπιοι* comes from a thematic variant of the same stem.

15. **Ποσειδάν:** perhaps due to the influence of neighbouring or substrate dialects: cf. *Ποιοῖδα* 33 12.

16. **βόν:** < \*g<sup>w</sup>ōm (< \*g<sup>w</sup>oum already in late IE), the usual WGk. form of the acc. sing. (Att.-Ion. *βούν* was re-modelled on nom. *βούς*: cf. *βόας* 88 77).

## SARONIC: CORINTH

(West Greek)

39. Dedication to Poseidon on a painted clay tablet from Corinth: hexameter. c.650–625 BC. Buck 92a. Schwyzer 123: 2. CEG 357. LSAG 131 no. 8. NAGVI COP 3.

Ποτεδά[ν]      Σιμίον μ' ἀνέθ<ε>κε Ποτεδά[ν] Φά[ν]ρακτι  
 Poseidon      Simion dedicated me to Lord Poseidon

**Ποτεδά[ν]**: label on a figure. WGk. form (cf. on *Ποιοίδια* 33 12), with contraction (not part of the hexameter). The sign transcribed ε̅ in the word for Poseidon is a special form of the letter <E> reserved for [ε:] <[ei]> (§23.1). **Σιμίον**: the second *i* (short) has to be counted long for the hexameter. **Ποτεδά[ν]**: uncontracted form, with intrusive -F- to avoid hiatus. That this was dictated by the metre is shown by other dedications in the same series: e.g. NAGVI COP 13 μ' ἀνέθεκε Ποτεδά[ν].

40. Hexameter epitaph (boustrophedon) on a stone at Corinth. c.650 BC. Buck 91. Schwyzer 124. LSAG 131 no. 6. CEG 132.

ΔΦενία τόδε [σά | μα] τὸν ὄλεσε πό | ντος ἀναι[δές

This is the tomb of Deinias: him the pitiless ocean destroyed

**ΔΦενία**: *F* retained (§39.1), and ε̅ for [ε:] as in *Poseidon* 39 (Att. *Δεινίου*). Gen. -ā < -āo (§24.3). The name is a hypocoristic of some form such as *Deinomenes* 72. **τόν**: 'whom' or 'him' (cf. 35 14 and τὸν λείπε 67 144). The line is modelled on a number of epic phrases: for a 'pitiless' or 'shameless' object as the cause of human destruction cf. the *λάας ἀναιδής* of *Il.* 4. 521.

## SARONIC: CORINTHIAN (COLONIAL)

(West Greek)

41. Lead tablet recording a delivery of wooden beams and clay tiles: from Corcyra, a colony of Corinth. c.475–450 BC. Ed. pr. A. Choremis (1992–8). IG IX 1<sup>2</sup> 4. 874. SEG 48. 604.

δοκοὶ παρ Ἀλκίμου· σέλματα—ΔΠΠ·  
 2 ἄλλοι Φίκατι ποδὸν—δυσὶν ΔΠΠΠ·  
 ἄλ<λ>οι δεκάπεδοι—τετόρων πλέθος—ΔΠΠΠΠ·  
 4 πλίνθοι παρ Φιλότα πλατεῖαι ΗΗΗΗΗΗΔΔΔΔΔΔ  
 καλυπτρίδες ΗΗΗΗΗΗΔΔΔΔΔΔ.  
 vacat  
 ὀνικίνδιοι{οι} κατέφαξαν ΠΠΠ πλίνθους.

The original line ordering on the tablet is too complicated to replicate in transcription:

Beams from Alkimos: long beams—16.

Others, 20 feet—pairs: 14. Others, 10 feet—bundles of four: 19.

Large tiles from Philotas: 660 Roof tiles: 660.

The carriers broke 4 tiles.

1. **δοκοί:** noun to *δέκ-ομαι*, ‘supporting beams’. **πάρ:** rather than *παρ*’ (apocope, as at 4). **Ἀλκίμων:** an early spelling *ou* = [ο:], from *ο+ο* in Saronic dialects (§38.3): cf. *πλίνθους* 6. **ΔΠ|:** semi-acrophonic, i.e. *δέκα* + *πέντε* + 1.

2. **Φίκατι:** < IE \**wikḡti* (Lat. *uīgintī*): §32.9.

3. **δεκάπεδοι:** evidence for *e*-vocalism in a near derivative of *πούς*. Att. *δεκάπους* (Ar. *Eccl.* 652) is secondary (its formation suggests ‘with ten feet’). **τετόρων:** see *τέτορας* 35 14.

4. **Φιλότα:** gen. *-ā* < *-āo* (§24.3). **πλίνθοι ... πλατεῖαι:** lit. ‘flat (and/or broad) bricks’. The ed. pr. suggests that these are joists.

5. **καλυπτρίδες:** form not elsewhere attested (Att. *καλυπττήρ*).

6. **ὄνικίνδιοι:** i.e. *ὄνο-κίνδιοι* (vowel assimilation), ‘donkey drivers’. For *κινδ-* cf. Hesych. *κινδάνει κινεῖται*. **κατέφαξαν:** aor. of *κατ(α)-Φάγ-νυμι*, ‘break’.

42. Bronze tablet containing a proxeny decree from Corcyra, a colony of Corinth. Late IV cent. BC. *IG IX 1<sup>2</sup> 4. 786*. Schwyzler 136.

*πρύτανις Στράτων. | μείς Ψυδρεύς· ἀμέρα τετάρτα ἐπὶ δέκα προστάτας | Γνάθιος Σωκράτους. ||<sup>5</sup> πρόξενον ποιεῖ ἅ ἄλῖα | Διονύσιον Φρυνίχου | Ἀθηναῖον, αὐτὸν καὶ | ἐκγόνους. δίδωμι δὲ καὶ | γᾶς καὶ οἰκίας ἔμπασιν. ||<sup>10</sup> τὰν δὲ προξενίαν γράψαντας εἰς χαλκὸν ἀνθέμεν, | εἰ κα προβούλοισ καὶ προδίκοις δοκῆι καλῶς ἔχειν. | Διονύσιον ||<sup>15</sup> Φρυνίχου | Ἀθηναῖον.*

Prytanis: Straton. Month of Psydreus, fourteenth day. President: Gnathios son of Socrates. (5) The assembly makes Dionysios son of Phrynichos from Athens a *proxenos*, himself and his descendants; and it bestows the right to own both land and real estate. (10) Those who draw up the proxeny decree are to put it up on a

bronze tablet, wherever seems best to the council members and advocates. Dionysios (15) son of Phrynichos from Athens.

2. **μείς**: < \*μῆνς < \*μῆνς (by Osthoff's Law: §23.3): lengthened ε > ει [ε:] in Saronic dialects (§38.3).

4. **Σωκράτεως**: < Σωκράτεος. This synizesis of ο is normal in Saronic (§23.2b, and cf. ἐλεόθερος 21 8).

5. **πρόξενον**: earlier ξένφος at Corinth and Corcyra (the φ has now disappeared without compensatory lengthening, as in Att.): §39.1. **ποιῆ**: see ποήσω 30 6. **ἄλία**: the WGk. term corresponding to Att. ἐκκλησία. Without initial aspiration (cf. ἀλῖαι 55 41, where h- is noted).

7. **Φρυνίχου**: for ου [ο:] from ο + ο cf. μείς above.

8. **δίδωτι**: all WGk. dialects retain inherited -τι (§39.4).

9. **ἔμψασιν**: Att. ἔγκτησις (for WGk. πάομαι in place of Att. κτάομαι, cf. on ἐπαμώχη 35 14).

11. **ἀνθέμεν**: athematic infin. in -μεν (§40.3), with apocope of preverb (§24.5).

12. **εῖ**: Att. οὐ (see 44 *ἠοπεῖο* 3 *ἠόπε* 6).

## SARONIC: MEGARA

(West Greek)

43. Epitaph on a marble stele from the Megarid. A phrase identifying the deceased followed by a hexameter. c.480–470 BC. SEG 41. 413. ▶▶ Ebert (1996).

λέγῳ Πόλλις Ἀσοπίχῳ φίλος ἠλυῖος·

ὁ κακὸς ἐὼν ἀπέθνασκον | ἠνυπὸ στ[ί]κταισιω ἐγόνῃ

I, Pollis, beloved son of Asopichos, speak: *Proving no coward I died from the tattooers' wounds.*

1. **λέγῳ**: Ebert (1996) suggests the reading ΑΙ|ΑΙ ΕΓΩ, 'woe is me'. In this case the line could be made into an irregular hexameter.

**Ἀσοπίχῳ**: name formed to the Theban river Asopus (the suffix -ιχος is characteristic of Boeotian names). It is not unusual for names to spread into adjacent territories.

2. **ὁ**: negative οὐ (early evidence for pronunciation [ο:] of a historical diphthong: §23.1). **ἐὼν**: scanned with synizesis, i.e. [i'o:n] (§32.11).

3. **στ[ι]κταισιν**: disyllabic dat. plur. and *-ν* are epic (§32.14): the Hom. vulgate has the *a*-stem dat. plur. in *-ησι/-αις*, but Lesb. has *-αισι* and this form may have been in the version known to the composer (or he may have ‘extended’ the local form *-αις*). Hdt. (7. 233) says that Thebans were branded with *στίγματα βασιλήια* (the King’s mark) after the battle of Thermopylae: Pollis may have suffered similar treatment from an enemy. **ἐγόνε̄**: emphatic form, attested (in the grammarians) for WGk. and Boe. Aristophanes’ Megarian (*Ach.* 736 etc.) has *ἐγών*. Cf. §36.5.

### SARONIC: MEGARIAN (COLONIAL)

(West Greek)

44. Lead tablet with instructions for sacrifice and purification: from Selinous, Sicily (a colony of Megara). Two columns, of which B. 1–7 is given here. c.460–450 BC. Ed. pr. Jameson–Jordan–Kotansky (1993). SEG 43. 630. ▶▶ Dubois (1999*b*).

[...] ἀνθρώπος [... . . . . . ἐλ]αστέρων ἀποκα[θαίρεσθαι],  
 προειπὸν ἡόπῳ κα λεί και τῷ Φέ[τ]εος ἡοπ<εί>ῶ και λεί και [τῷ  
 μῆνος]| ἡοπέῳ και λεί και <τῷ> ἀμέραι ἡοπέαι και λ<έ>ι, προειπὸν  
 ἡόπυ και λεί, καθαίρεσθῶ, [. . . ἡυ]|ποδεκόμενος ἀπονίψασθαι δότῳ  
 κάκρατίξασθαι και ἡάλα τῷ αὐ[τῷ ἥ<sup>5</sup> κ]αί θύσας τῷ Δι χοίρον ἐξ  
 αὐτῷ ἴτῳ και περιστ[ι]ραφέσθῳ | και ποταγορέσθῳ και σίτον  
 ἡαιρέσθῳ και καθευδέτῳ ἡόπῃ κ|α λεί.

[If . . . ] a man [wishes] to be purified of avenging spirits, announcing this from wherever he wishes, and in whatever year he wishes, and in whatever [month] he wishes, and on whatever day he wishes, and announcing it in whatever direction he wishes, let him purify himself: and admitting (the spirit) let him provide the means for ablution and food and salt to it; (5) and sacrificing a piglet to Zeus let him leave that place, and turn in a circle: and let him be addressed, and take food, and sleep wherever he wishes.

1. [**ἐλ]αστέρων**: the word *ἀλάστωρ* is familiar from tragedy, and is traditionally connected with *λανθάνειν* (‘the unforgetting one’). This form (restored here from l. 9) may have been influenced by *ἐλάω* (‘drive, persecute’). Denotes the indignant spirit of the deceased:

the missing text may have specified a man 'who has committed homicide' (ed. pr.).

2. **ἡόπῳ**: 'whence' (Att. *όπόθεν*), with old abl. ending. **λέι**: subj. of the WGk. verb *λῶ*, infin. *λήν* (cf. 34 2). **Ἔ[τ]εος**: digamma retained in Selinous (had probably already disappeared in Megara at this date, §39.1).

3. **ἡοπεῖῳ**: gen. of an adj. apparently formed to WGk. *όπει*, 'where'. **ἡόπνι**: as at 38 14. **[ἡν]ποδεκόμενος**: the subject has to purify himself by confronting the spirit and taking certain actions. *δεκ-* is the original form of the root (cf. *δοκεῖ*, L. *decet*), with Att. *δεχ-* coming from infin. *δέχθαι* (where *κ* assimilated to following *θ*).

4. **κἀκρατίξασθαι**: *καί*+ aor. infin. of *ἀκρατίζομαι*, 'have a meal' (from *ἀκρατος*, unmixed wine). For *-ξ-* see §40.4.

5. **ἐξ αὐτόῳ**: presumably the shrine of Zeus in which the sacrifice took place.

6. **ποτᾶγορέσθῳ**: < *-ᾶγορέεσθω*, with preverb WGk. *ποτ/ποτί* (§40.8). The subject can now return to normal society. **ἡόπΊ**: WGk. inherited a tendency to use *-ει* (an old loc.) and *-η* (an old instr.) in advbs. of place.

## SARONIC: EPIDAUROS

(West Greek)

45. Stele from the Asclepieion at Epidauros, inscribed on two sides with twenty miraculous stories of healing, of which the second is given here. Late IV cent. BC. *IG IV*<sup>2</sup> 1. 121. Edelstein (1945, no. 423). Buck 90. Rhodes–Osborne (2003, no. 102).

►► LiDonnici (1995).

Ἰθμονίκα Πελλανὶς ἀφίκετο εἰς τὸ ἱερόν ὑπὲρ γενεᾶς. ἐγ[κατα-  
 λκοι]μαθεῖσα δὲ ὄψιν εἶδε· ἐδόκει αἰτεῖσθαι τὸν θεὸν κηῆσαι κόλ[ραν],  
 τὸν δ' Ἀσκληπιὸν φάμεν ἔγκνον ἐσσεῖσθαι νιν, καὶ εἴ τι ἄλλο |  
 α[ἰτ]οῖτο, καὶ τοῦτό οἱ ἐπιτελεῖν, αὐτὰ δ' οὐθενὸς φάμεν ἔτι  
 ποιιδε[ῖ]σθαι. ἔγκνος δὲ γενομένα ἐγ γαστρὶ ἐφόρει τρία ἔτη ἔστε  
 πα<sup>15</sup>ρέβαλε ποῖ τὸν θεὸν ἰκέτις ὑπὲρ τοῦ τόκου. ἐγκατακοιμαθεῖσα |  
 δὲ ὄψ[ι]ν εἶδε· ἐδόκει ἐπερωτῆν νιν τὸν θεόν, εἰ οὐ γένοιτο αὐταῖ |  
 πάντα ὅσσα αἰτήσαιο καὶ ἔγκνος εἶη· ὑπὲρ δὲ τόκου ποιθέμεν | νιν  
 οὐθέν, καὶ ταῦτα πυνθανομένου αὐτοῦ, εἴ τινος καὶ ἄλλου δέλοιτ[ο],



λέγειν ὡς ποιησοῦντος καὶ τοῦτο. ἐπεὶ δὲ νῦν ὑπὲρ τούτου ἢ<sup>20</sup> παρείη ποτ' αὐτὸν ἰκέτις, καὶ τοῦτό οἱ φάμεν ἐπιτελεῖν. μετὰ δὲ | τοῦτο σπουδαί ἐκ τοῦ ἀβάτου ἐξελθοῦσα, ὡς ἔξω τοῦ ἱεροῦ ἦς, ἔτελε κόραν.

[10] Ithmonika of Pellene arrived at the temple (with a request) about having children. Going to sleep, she saw a vision: she dreamed that she requested the god that she might conceive a daughter, and Asclepios said she would become pregnant, and that if she made any further request this too he would fulfil for her—but she said that she desired nothing more. She became pregnant, and carried (the child) in her womb for three years, until [15] she came to the god as a suppliant (with a request) about giving birth. Going to sleep, she saw a vision: she dreamed that the god asked her whether she had not got all that she had wanted, being now pregnant; she had not added anything about giving birth, even though he had asked her, if there was anything else that she wanted, to speak up, so that he could bring that about as well. But since it was for this reason [20] that she was now before him as a suppliant, he said he would fulfil this too for her. Thereupon she hurried out of the shrine, and when she was outside the temple she gave birth to a daughter.

Much of the diction of these stories is formulaic (ἀφίκετο . . . ὄψιν εἶδε . . . ἐδόκει, etc.): the structure is paratactic and repetitive.

10. **Ἰθμονικά:** 'victorious at the Isthmus', i.e. the Isthmian games. **Ἰθμός** (with simplification of the consonant cluster) is also attested at Delphi. **Πελλανίς:** a woman of Pellene, in Achaea. **ἱαρόν:** §38.1. **ἐγ[κατακοι]μαθείσα:** a technical term for sleeping in a temple in the hope of seeing a vision ('incubation'). Lengthened ε is written <η> and <ει> in eastern Argolic: interaction with the 'mild' Doric of Megara and Corinth encouraged the spread of close [e:] even before koiné influence (§23.1).

12. **φάμεν:** regular WGk. athematic infin. in -μεν (§40.3). **ἐσσεῖσθαι:** fut. infin. (§40.2). **νιν:** WGk. enclitic 3 sing. personal pron. (acc.). **εἶ:** koiné form (from Att.-Ion.): §40.6.

13. **οἶ:** enclitic 3 sing. pron., dative (indirect reflexive: refers to subject of ἐδόκει). **οὔθενός:** a form which appears sporadically from the IV cent. and is standard in the koiné, remade with

aspiration from εῖς and devoicing [dh] > [th]. There will have been pressure (from οὐδέ, οὐδεμία) to restore οὐδείς (cf. Mod. Gk. δέν [ðen] < οὐδέν). **παιδε[ί]σθαι**: Att. προσ-δέομαι, 'need in addition' (cf. ποί 15).

14. **ἐγ**: [eŋ], with assimilation of the nasal to the following velar. **ἔστε**: < \*ἐνς-τε. WGk. and Ion. (poetic in Attic, apart from Xenophon).

15. **ποί**: Att. πρόσ. Usual WGk. form is ποτί, as in prevocalic ποτ<sup>9</sup> 20 (§40.8). **ὑπέρ**: close in meaning to περί (cf. οὐπέρ 15 4).

16. **ἐπερωτήν**: WGk. contraction of α + ε to η (§38.4).

17. **ποιθέμεν**: aor. infin. of ποι-τίθημι (§40.3).

19. **ποιησοῦντος**: < ποιη-σέ-οντος (§40.2).

21. **ἔξελθούσα**: ἐνθεν < ἐλθεῖν is found in some WGk. dialects, including Corcyra (a colony of Corinth): but it may never have existed in this area. **ῆς**: 3 sing. imperf. from \*ēs-t (replaced in Attic by ῆν, the old 3 plur. < \*ēs-ent: §32.2).

## SARONIC: AEGINA

(West Greek)

46. Stone slab (in fragments) from the temple of Aphaia on Aegina recording construction work at the temple. Aegina was settled from Epidaurus (the inhabitants were expelled by Athens in 431 BC). Mid VI cent. BC. *IG IV 580*, rev. Williams (1982). *LSAG* 112 no. 4, 439. *SEG* 32. 356.

[ἐπὶ Θ]εοῖτᾶ ἱαρέος ἑόντος, τᾶφαίᾱ ἠοῖρος | ἐπ[οι]έθε̄ χό βόμος  
χόλέφας ποτεποιέθε̄ | χό [θρίγρο]ς περιποιέθε̄.

In the priesthood of Theoitas the temple was built to Aphaia, and the altar; and the ivory was added, and the coping was put around.

1. [Θ]εοῖτᾶ: gen. -ā < -āo (§24.3). **ἱαρέος**: gen. sing. < \*ἱαρήF-ος (cf. §30.2). **ἑόντος**: cf. §32.11. **τᾶφαίᾱ**: crasis with τᾶ. **ἠοῖρος**: crasis (ἠο οῖρος), the word being used in the sense of 'temple'. See 23 2 on *γορρα* (§17.2).

2. **χό**: crasis, καί + ἠο. **χόλέφας**: crasis, καί + ἠο + ἐλέφας. This may refer to the ivory (chryselephantine) cult statue. **ποτεποιέθε̄**: aor. pass. with WGk. preverb ποτ/ποτί (Att. πρόσ): §40.8.

3. [θρίγρο]s: refers (if correctly restored) to the wall of the sanctuary (Williams 1982).

## RHODES

(West Greek)

47. Vase inscription from Rhodes. Mid V cent. BC. Schwyzer 276a. LSAG 357 no. 30. CEG 461. NAGVI DOH 3. The relation between the two parts is not clear (there are no figures on the vase).

(a) καλλίστα γὰς ἡ Βρασία | ἥως ἐμὴν δοκεῖ

(b) Δεὸς Ἑερμᾶς | Ἄρταμις Ἀθαναία

(a) The girl from Brasos is the finest in the world (?), in my opinion.

(b) Zeus, Hermes, Artemis, Athena.

1. **καλλίστᾱ**: if this is an adj., then the subject could be a place or a person: perhaps *ἡ Βρασία*, ‘the woman from Brasos’ (or with Wachter ad loc., *ἡβραῖα Ἀσία* ‘the delightful Asia’). To make an orthodox trimeter the final vowel must be short: this would make it an advb., which would mean *ἡβρασία* must be a woman, and a courtesan (given the nature of the verb likely to be understood).

2. **ἐμὴν**: the WGk. tonic form of *μοι* (same ending as plur. *ἀμίν*, Att. *ἡμῖν*).

3. **Δεύς**: δ/δδ from \**dy* (§23.8). In most dialects the sound is written ζ, though the pronunciation is much disputed (see τóζ’ 48 1). Not attested elsewhere on Rhodes.

4. **Ἄρταμις**: normal WGk. form of the name.

48. Boustrophedon hexameter dedication on a stone found near Kameiros. Early VI cent. BC. <H> for the aspirate and eta. IG XII 1. 737. Schwyzer 272. Buck 100. LSAG 356 no. 5. CEG 459.

σάμα τóζ’ Ἰδα|μενεὺς ποιή|σα ἵνα κλέος | εἶη· ἥ<sup>5</sup> Ζεὺ δέ νιν, ὅστις |  
πημαῖνοι, λειδίλη θείε.

I, Idameneus, set up this tombstone so that fame should be (mine); and if anyone harms it, may Zeus curse him !

1. **τόζ(ε)**: indicates that inherited [d] > a fricative [ð] as in Mod. Gk. As at Elis (cf. 58 2), the change coincides with the development (at least at some sociolinguistic levels) of  $\delta/\delta\delta < *dy$  (§23.8, 47 3 above): the new *d* is written  $\delta$ , leading to sporadic occurrences of  $\zeta$  for ‘old’ *d* (see Méndez Dosuna 1991, and cf. *ἡππανσίδας* 34 1). That  $\zeta$  does not here represent a double consonant is shown by the scansion  $\sigma\bar{a}\mu\check{\alpha} \tau\acute{o}\zeta'$ . **Ἰδαμενεύς**: cf. Hom. *Ἰδομενεύς* and the Myc. (fem.) name *i-do-me-ne-ja*; the *a/o* alternation suggests a non-Greek origin for the stem. **ποίησα**: epic-style unaugmented aor.

3. **ἡίνα**: the aspirate does not prevent elision in Homeric verse.

5. **Ζεύ**: nom. *Ζεύς* > *Ζεύδ* by assimilation (both consonants are now fricatives); the resulting  $\delta\delta$  is written as a single consonant. **νν**: cf. 45 12.

6. **λειόλη**: same as *παν-ώλης* ‘accursed’, with first element from *λειός*, ‘uniform, without break’, corresponding to *παν-*. Such grave-curses are common in neighbouring Lycia, an area which had much contact with Rhodes.

49. Decree on a stone from Ialysos regulating conduct in the temple precinct (the first part is given here). IV/III cent. BC. *IG XII 1. 677*. Buck 103. Schwyzer 284.

ἔδοξε τοῖς μαστροῖς καὶ Ἰαλυσίοις, | Στρατῆς Ἀλκιμέδοντος εἶπε· | ὅπως τὸ ἱερόν καὶ τὸ τέμενος | τὰς Ἀλεκτρονάς εὐαγῆται καλλ<sup>5</sup> τὰ τὰ πάτρια, ἐπιμεληθήμειν | τοὺς ἱεροταμίαις, ὅπως στάλαι | ἐργασθέωντι τρεῖς λίθου Λαρτ[ί]ου καὶ ἀναγραφῆι ἐς τὰς στάλας τό τε ψάφισμα τόδε καὶ ἄ οὐχ ὅ<sup>10</sup> σιόν ἐντι ἐκ τῶν νόμων ἐσφέρειν οὐδὲ ἐσοδοιοπεῖν ἐς τὸ τέμενος, καὶ τὰ ἐπιτίμια τῶ[ι] πράσισοντι παρὰ τὸν νόμον· θέμειν δὲ | τὰς στάλας μίαν μὲν ἐπὶ τὰς ἐσό<sup>15</sup> δου τὰς ἐκ πόλιος ποτιπορευομένοις, μίαν δὲ ὑπὲρ τὸ ἰστιατόριον, | ἄλλαν δὲ ἐπὶ τὰς καταβάσιος τᾶ[ς] | ἐξ Ἀχαίας πόλιος.

The magistrates and people of Ialysos decided, on the motion of Strates the son of Alkimedon: in order that the shrine and precinct of Alektrona should be well managed in accordance (5) with ancestral custom, the temple-stewards are to see to it that three steles of Lartian marble are prepared; and that there be inscribed upon the stelai both this decree and those things (10) which—

according to the laws—one may not take into the precinct, and those who may not enter; and the penalties for a person who transgresses the law; and to set up the steles, one in the (15) entrance which (is used by) those making their way in from the city, one above the banqueting-hall, and the other on the descent from the Achaean citadel.

1. **μαστροίς**: title of an official (\**μασ-τρο-*, cf. *μαίομαι*, ‘seek, investigate’) in several Dorian cities (Att. *μαστήρ*).

4. **ἱερόν**: koiné form (WGk. *ιαρ-*, §38.1). The word was apparently without the initial aspirate in Rhodian (cf. on *i-je-ro-jo* 4 and §10.4), even after the koiné form had penetrated the dialect (ἐπ’ *ἱερέως*, SEG 3. 674.2, II cent. BC). So also in Argolic. **Ἄλεκτρώνᾱς**: daughter of Helios and Rhodos. *ἠλέκτωρ*, ‘shining’ is an epithet of the sun at *Il.* 19.398 (for a fem. name cf. *Ἥλέκτρα*). This form may be the result of contamination with the stem *ἀλεκ-*, ‘defend’ (cf. *Ἄλέκτωρ*, *Od.* 4.10).

5. **ἐπι-μεληθήμειν**: aor. pass. infin. (§40.3).

7. **ἐργασθέωντι**: aor. pass. subj. (Att. *ἐργασθῶσι*). For uncontracted *-θε-* cf. *στροτευθείωντι* 14 24. Inherited *-τι* preserved (§39.4).

8. **ἀναγραφῆι**: aor. pass. subj., sing. agreeing with the nearest subject (technically the grammatical subjects are neuter, but *ἔσοδοιπορεῖν* implies an antecedent at odds with *ᾶ*).

10. **ἐντι**: 3 plur. for 3 sing. (neut. plur. subject *ᾶ*). Confusion between *ἐντι* and *ἔστι* in later WGk. inscriptions (and Theokritos: e.g. 1. 17, 5. 21) may have originated in the imperf., where WGk. (inherited) 3 plur. *ἦν* was identical to the koiné 3 sing. form (cf. on *ἦς* 45 21).

13. **θέμειν**: see *ἐπιμεληθήμειν* 5.

15. **πόλιος**: see *πόλιος* 7 12. **ποτι-πορευομένοις**: WGk. preverb *ποτί* (Att. *πρός*): §40.8.

16. **ἰστιᾶτόριον**: from *ἐστιάω*, ‘entertain’ (denominative vb. to *ἐστία*): cf. *ἐφί[στια]* 24 17.

## THERA

(West Greek)

50. Rock inscription from Thera referring to the Karneian festival: two iambic trimeters followed by two words *extra*

*metrum*. Early V cent. BC. <H> for the aspirate and *eta*.  
Buck 111. Schwyzer 219. LSAG 323 no. 16. CEG 457.

Ἀγλοτέλης πρᾶτιστος ἀγορὰν ἠικάδι |  
Καρνήια θεὸν δεῖ | πνιξεν ἠὸν [ι] παντίδα ||<sup>5</sup> καὶ Λακαρτῶς.

Agloteles, foremost in the Assembly, on the twentieth (of the month *Karneia*) honoured the god with a Karneian banquet: the (son) of Enipantidas and Lakarto.

1. **Ἀγλοτέλης**: <Ἀγλαφο- with loss of digamma and contraction. **πρᾶτιστος**: to be taken with ἀγορὰν as acc. of respect (πρᾶτος §38.2).

2. **ἀγορὰν**: in Att.-Ion. this would imply ‘at public speaking’ (cf. the Theran name Πρᾶταγόρᾱς): here it might refer to some competitive event of the festival (the vb. ἀγείρω can also have a religious connotation, ‘collect [offerings]’). **ἠικάδι**: dat. sing. <Φικᾱς (cf. 11 10). It is not possible to define the conditions under which IE \*w- gave Gk. h- (as opposed to the ‘normal’ development F- then zero). There was probably confusion in early Gk. between w- < \*w- and <sup>h</sup>w- < \*sw- (sometimes written FH- epigraphically).

3. **Καρνήια**: neut. plur. of an adj. in -ηιος. A festival of Apollo in the Dorian world which gave its name to a month. **δεῖπνιξεν**: unaugmented aor. in a verse-inscription (cf. 48 1). For the velar stem see §40.4.

4. **ἠὸν [ι] παντίδα**: crasis (ἡο Ἐνιπ-); gen. sing. < \*-ᾱο (§24.3).

5. **Λακαρτῶς**: fem. name in -ω (< ωι, cf. λεχῶι 52 16): gen. sing. < \*-οι-ος. A compd. name built to masc. \*λαφο-κράτης (cf. καρτερόν 53 24).

## CYRENE

(West Greek)

51. A list of religious laws from Cyrene (settled from Thera c.630 BC), formulated as an oracular response by Apollo (paras. 4–6 of nineteen given here). Early IV cent. BC. Buck 115. SEG 9. 72. Sokolowski (1962) no. 115. Rhodes–Osborne (2003, no. 97). Dobias-Lalou (2000: 299–303). ►► Brunel (1984), Parker (1983: 332–51).

IV. [ᾱ] λεχῶι ὄροφομ μιανεῖ τὸμ μ[ὲν] ὑπόροφομ μιανεῖ, τὸν | δ’

ἐ]ξόροφον οὐ μιανεῖ, αἶ κα μὴ ὑπένθηι. ὁ δ' ἄ[νθρω]πος, ὃ κα ἔνδοι ἦι, α<ῦ>τὸς μὲν μιαρὸς τέντα[ι ἀμ|έρα]ς τρίς, ἄλλον δὲ οὐ μιανεῖ, οὐδὲ ὄπυι κα ἔνθ[ηι ὀ]||<sup>20</sup> ὕτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος. |

V. [A]καμαντίων ὄσια παντὶ καὶ ἀγνώι καὶ βαβάλω[ι]. | πλὰν ἀπ' ἀνθρώπω Βάττω τῷ {τω} ἀρχαγέτα καὶ | Τριτοπατέρων καὶ ἀπὸ Ὀνυμάστω τῷ Δελφῶ{ι}, | ἀπ' ἄλλω ὅπῃ ἄνθρωπος ἔκαμε, οὐκ ὄσια ἀγνώ<ι>. ||<sup>25</sup> τῶν δ' ἱαρῶν ὄσια παντί.

VI. αἶ κα ἐπὶ βωμῶι θύσει ἱαρήιον, ὃ τι μὴ νόμος θύεν, τ[ὸ] | ποτιπιάμμα ἀφελὲν ἀπὸ τῷ βωμῷ καὶ ἀποπλύν[ι]αι καὶ τὸ ἄλλο λῦμα ἀνελὲν ἐκ τῷ ἱαρῷ, καὶ τὰν ἱκλινν ἀπὸ τῷ βωμῷ καὶ τὸ πῦρ ἀφελὲν ἐς καθαρὸν, ||<sup>30</sup> καὶ τόκα δὴ ἀπονυψάμενος καθάρας τὸ ἱαρὸν καὶ | ζαμίαν θύσας βοτὸν τέλευν, τόκα δὴ θυέτω ὡς νόμ<ος>.

IV. A woman who has given birth will pollute a roof: she will pollute him who lives under the roof, but she will not pollute him who is outside, unless he comes in. Any person who is inside will himself remain polluted for three days, but he will not pass on the pollution to another, nor to the place from which this person comes.

V. Participation in the feast of the Akamantia (is) permitted to everyone, both purified and unpurified, except when (the honor- and is) a human being—Battos the first founder and the Ancestors and Onymastos the Delphian, (and) in any other case in which a person has died—(then) participation is not permitted to the purified. But with regard to the sacred feast (of the Akamantia), the right to participate (belongs) to everyone.

VI. If anyone sacrifices upon an altar a victim which it is not legitimate to sacrifice, take the residue of fat from the altar and cleanse (the altar) and remove the remaining defilement from the temple, and take the ashes and the fire from the altar to a purified (place). Then, having washed himself, purified the temple, and sacrificed in recompense an unblemished animal, then let him carry out the sacrifice according to the law.

16. **λεχώι**: fem. noun in -ωι (an *i*-stem: the final -ι was lost in Att.-Ion.). For the root cf. Hom. λέκτο, 'lay down'. **ῥοφομ**: final -ν> -μ, §23.4 (for the meaning 'roofed building' cf. Lat. *tectum*).

17. **ὑπένθηι**: < ὑπέλθηι, an assimilatory sound-change that occurred sporadically in WGk.

18. **ὄ (κα)**: article with relative function (§32.13). **ἔνδοι**: WGk. form of ἔνδον (re-modelled on οἴκοι). **τέντα[ι]**: Att. ἔσται (form found only at Cyrene). Probably from \*τέλται (cf. ὑπένθηι 17) < τέλεται by syncope (Szemerényi 1964: 165–7). This was a defective (suppletive) fut. to εἰμί in Cretan (the middle may imply futurity, since its reflexive force becomes associated with volition: §24.2b). Hom. πέλομαι (with Aeolic treatment of \*k<sup>w</sup>el-) has present function.

19. **τρῖς**: inherited acc. < τρίνς (Att. generalized the nom. τρεῖς < \*treγ-es, perhaps influenced by *i*-stem nouns like πόλεις). **ὄπυι**: see 38 14.

21. The interpretation of ll. 21–4 is difficult and disputed (the translation follows Brunel). **Ἄκαμαντίων**: nom. ἀκαμάντια, a festival named for the *Akamantes* (heroes whose cult is also attested in Attica). **βαβάλωι**: ‘profane’, perh. derived from βέβηκα (normal WGk. form is βέβᾶλος: βα- here by assimilation to the adjacent vowel), orig. ‘that which may be stepped on’.

22. **ἀπ’ ἀνθρώπω**: ἀπό with the gen. (=abl.) ‘deriving from’ implies the source, reason, or funding of one type of *akamantia*. The ritually pure cannot participate in a feast or ritual with funerary associations. Gen. -ω (§38.3). **ἀρχᾶγέτᾱ**: gen. sing. (§24.3); the ἀρχηγέτης is the legendary founder of a city.

23. **Τριτοπατέρων**: τριτο-, lit. ‘third generation back’ (i.e. great-grandparents), came to mean ‘original’ or ‘earliest’ ancestors (cf. Aesch. τριγέρων, ‘very old’). Three is a conventional designator of ‘many’. **Ὀνυμάστω**: cf. ὀνύματα 10 10.

24. **ὄπη**: ‘where’ for ‘in which’ (cf. *hópe* 44 6 for the form). **ἔκαμε**: cf. Hom. οἱ καμόντες, ‘the dead’.

26. **θύν**: thematic infin. (§40.3).

27. **ποτιπιάμμα**: fat (πιάμμα < \*πιαν-μα, cf. πῖαρ, §24.4) which ‘(still) adheres to’ (ποτι-) the altar. **ἀφελέν** etc.: aor. infin. (§40.3), imperatival.

30. **τόκα**: §40.7.

31. **τέλευν**: < τέλεον (cf. Σωκράτευσ 42 4).



## CRETE

(West Greek)

52. Boustrophedon inscription on both sides of a piece of bronze armour (a semicircular plate), probably from Aphrati: a contract, in the form of a decree, between the scribe Spensitheos and the community (the opening lines of side A are given here). c.500 BC. Ed. pr. Jeffery–Morpurgo Davies (1970). SEG 27.631. LSAG 468 no. 14b. *Nomima*, i. 22.

►► Van Effenterre (1973), Edwards & Edwards (1974), Beattie (1975).

θιοί. ἔφαδε Δαταλεύσι καὶ ἐσπένσαμες πόλις | Σπενσιθίωι ἀπὸ  
 πυλᾶν πέντε ἀπ' ἐκάστας θροπάλν τε καὶ ἀτέλειαν πάντων αὐτῶι τε  
 καὶ γενιᾶι ὥσκα πόλι τὰ δαμόσια τά τε θιήια καὶ τὰνθρώπινα ἢ<sup>5</sup>  
 ποιινικάζεν τε καὶ μναμονευφην. ποιινικάζεν δὲ |[π]όλι καὶ μνα-  
 μονευφεν τὰ δαμόσια μήτε τὰ θιήια μήτε τὰνθρώπινα μηδέν' ἄλλον αἰ  
 μη Σπενσίθ[ιλο]ν αὐτόν τε καὶ γενιᾶν τῶν, αἰ μὴ ἐπαίροι τε καὶ  
 κέλοιτο ἢ αὐτὸς Σπενσίθεος ἢ γενιᾶ ἢ<sup>10</sup> [τ]ῶν ὅσοι δρομῆς εἶεν τῶν  
 [υἱ]ῶν οἱ πλῆς· | μισθὸν δὲ δόμεν τῶ ἐνιαυτῶ τῶι ποιινι[κλα]στᾶι  
 πεντήροντά τε πρόροος κλεύκιος . . .

Gods. The Dataleis decided and we the city, five men from each of the tribes, pledged to Spensitheos subsistence and freedom from all taxes, both to himself and to his descendants, on condition that he act for the city in public matters, both sacred and secular (5), as scribe and recorder. No one other than Spensitheos and his descendants is to be scribe and recorder for the city in public matters, either sacred or secular, unless either Spensitheos himself should initiate and support (this), or his offspring (10), (that is) the majority of his sons, as many as are adults. As payment (the city) is to give annually to the scribe fifty measures of new wine and . . .

1. **θιοί:** §23.2. **ἔφαδε:** aor. of *φανδάνω*, 'please', equivalent in function to Att. ἔδοξε. **Δαταλεύσι:** either the name of the community, or (edd. pr.) a ruling elite or clan within it. **ἐσπένσαμες:** aor. of *σπένδω* (with retention of secondary -νσ- < \*ἔσπενδσα-): orig. 'pour a drink-offering (in ratification of a promise)', Lat. *spondeō*. WGk. 1 plur. -μες agreeing in sense with πόλις.

2. **πυλάν**: Att. φυλών (§30.2). The archaic script of Crete lacked the signs φ, χ. This is not evidence of deaspiration (θ is used): π was used for both π and φ, κ for κ and χ. **ἐκάστας**: initial F- has disappeared from this word (Fέκαστον at Gortyn, 53 41). **θροπάν**: metathesis or anticipation (θροφάν) of the aspirate (Att. τροφήν).

3. **ἀτέλειαν**: cf. 9 5. **ῶσκα**: Att. ὥστε (§40.7).

4. **πόλι**: < πόλι-ι (cf. §32.4). **θήμια**: usually ε > ι before a back vowel. In this case the adj. suffix -ηιος was added to the stem θι- of θιός (edd. pr.): §23.2.

5. **πουνικάζεν**: pres. infin. of a verb previously unknown; if formed to the stem φοινικ-, it could mean 'write Phoenician letters' (cf. Hdt. 5. 58–9), or 'write red letters' (letters cut on stone were often coloured red to improve legibility). Cf. φοινικία, 'letters' at Teos (20 37). **μνᾶμονευφην**: vb. formed to μνάμων, 'recorder' (the position is scribe and public archivist). The infin. ending is probably a scribal error: cf. -εν in the next line.

7. **ἄλον**: single writing of a double consonant (archaic scribal practice).

8. **τόνυ**: Att. τούτου (refers back). These pronouns in -νυ are known from Arc.-Cyp. and may represent survivals of an Achaeae substrate dialect in Crete (Brixhe 1991: 65–7). **ἐπαίροι**: or 'induce' with 'the city' as unexpressed object.

9. **κέλοιτο**: κέλομαι, 'order, urge' is found in WGk. inscriptions, literary Doric, and epic (Att. κέλεύω).

10. **δρομήης**: < δρομήες, nom. plur. of δρομεύς, 'runner, one admitted to the public gymnasium (δρόμος)', i.e. 'one who has come of age'. **οἶ**: τοῖ usual in WGk. (§40.5). Perhaps a substrate feature (Achaean). **πλίεις**: 'more [than half]'; see πλέας 17 9 (with ε > ι extended from the oblique cases: cf. θιήμια 4).

11. **δόμην**: WGk. athem. infin. as elsewhere in Crete (except for -ην at Gortyn): §40.3. **τὸ ἐνιαυτὸ**: gen. with the article may be distributive (as in Att.-Ion.), 'per year'.

12. **πρόροος**: orig. 'jugs' (Att. πρόχους), uncontracted acc. plur. < \*προ-χοφους (-ος < -ους before C-, §23.9). See 23 2 on qoppra (§17.2). The unit was perhaps equivalent to the Attic χοῦς (3¼ litres). **κλεύκιος**: gen. sing. of neut. κλεῦκος, 'must, new wine', which occurs at Gortyn in the form γλεῦκος (cf. γλυκός, 'sweet'): edd. pr. (ad loc.)

suggest ‘a neutralization of voiced and voiceless consonants before liquid’. Damaged text after this word contained another component of the payment (signalled by τε here).

53. Boustrophedon wall inscription at Gortyn, codifying a number of laws (the eighth provision, occupying part of Column IV, is given here). Mid V cent. BC. *Inscriptiones Creticae*, IV, 123–71. Buck 117. Schwyzer 179. Meiggs–Lewis 41. *Nomima*, ii, 49. The inscription has only one sign *E* for all *e*-vowels (other texts from Gortyn have both *E* and *H*).

►► Willetts (1967), Sealey (1994: 37–43), Dubois (1999a).

τὸν πατέρα τῶν | τέκνων καὶ τῶν κρεμάτων κλλ<sup>25</sup>αρτερόν ἔμην τὰδ  
 δαίσιος, | καὶ τὰν ματέρα τῶν Ἰὸν ἀνιτάς κρεμάτων. ἄς κα δόδοντι, | μὲ  
 ἐπάνανκον ἔμην δατέλθθαι. αἱ δέ τις ἀταθειῖε, ἀποδλλ<sup>30</sup>άτταθθαι τῶι  
 ἀταμένῳ ἀι ἔγρατται. εἰ δέ κ' ἀποθάνει τις, | (σ)τέγαν μὲν τὰς ἐν  
 πόλι κᾶλι κ' ἐν ταί(ς) στέγαις ἐνεί, αἷς κα μὲ Φοικεὺς ἐνΦοικεῖ  
 ἐπλλ<sup>35</sup>ὶ κόραι Φοικίον, καὶ τὰ πρόβατα καὶ καρταίποδα, ἄ κα μὲ  
 Φοικέος εἶ, | ἐπὶ τοῖς υἰάσι ἔμην, τὰ δ' ἄλλα κρέματα πάντα  
 δατέλθθαι καλῶς, καὶ λανκάνεν τὸς μλλ<sup>40</sup>ἐν υἰύς, ὁπόττοι κ' ἴοντι,  
 δύο μοίρανς Φέκαστον, τὰδ διὲ θυγατέρανς ὁπότται κ' ἴοντι,  
 μίαν μοίραν Φεκάσταν. θλατέθ[θ]αι δὲ καὶ τὰ ματρῶια, εἷλλ<sup>45</sup> κ'  
 ἀποθά[ν]ει, ἀπερ τὰ [πατρῶ]ι' | εἴ[γρατ]ται. αἱ δὲ κρέματα μὲ εἶλε,  
 στέγα δέ, λακὲν τὰθ θ[υ]γατέρας ἀι ἔγρατται. αἱ δέ κα λέλι ὁ πατέρ  
 δὸς ἰὸν δόμεν τᾶλλ<sup>50</sup>ὶ ὀπνιομένοι, δότῶ κατὰ τὰ ἐγραμμένα, πλίονα  
 δὲ μεί.

The father is to have power over the children and over the division of the estate, and the mother (is to have power over the division) of her own estate. So long as they are alive, there is no obligation to make a division; but if anyone should be fined, (30) the person fined shall have his share apportioned to him, as is prescribed. And if a man should die, the houses in the city and whatever is in the houses—excluding any in which a serf in the (35) country is living—and the animals, both small and large—except those belonging to a serf—are to descend to the sons; and they are to divide all the rest of the estate fairly, and the (40) sons, as many as there may be, are to get two parts each, and the daughters, as many as there may be, are to get one part each. And the estate of the

mother, when (45) she dies, is to be divided in the same way as is prescribed for the father's estate. If there is no property but a building, the daughters are to get their share as is prescribed. If the father wishes, while he is alive, to make a gift to his married daughter, let him make the gift according to what is prescribed, but not more.

24. **κρεμάτων**: the archaic script of Crete lacks the signs  $\chi$  and  $\phi$  (see 52 2 *πυλᾶν*). **καρτερών**: adj. built to the neut. *κράτος/κάρτος* (for the vocalic \* $\gamma$  cf. *δαρχμάς* 7 23).

25. **ἔμην**: i.e. *ἤμην*, 'to be' (§40.3): cf. Rhodian *-μειν* 49 5. **τᾶδ**: *τᾶς*, with assimilation of *-ς* to the following dental. **δαίσιος**: gen. of Cretan noun *δαίσις*, 'division' (cf. Hom. *δαίομαι*).

26. **Ῥόν**: *Ῥός* (*ῶς*) < \**swō-*, 'own' (cf. Lat. *suus*).

27. **ᾶς**: see 14 29. **κα**: §40.6. **δόωντι**: *δ-* < \**g<sup>w</sup>γ-* (§23.8: Att. *ζῶσι* with contraction): pres. subj.

28. **δατέθαι**: mid. infin. < *δατέεσθαι*, with *σ* assimilated to the following *θ*, i.e. [*s+t<sup>h</sup>*] > [*t<sup>h</sup>*], for which cf. the regular assimilation of *-ς* to *δ-* (*τᾶδ* 25).

29. **ἀπαθείε**: pass. opt. (aor.) of *ἀτάω* (< *ἀφατάω*), here in the narrow sense of 'financial distress'. An advance may be given to pay a creditor and avoid the danger of debt bondage (bonded labour); the opt. expresses a more remote contingency than that envisaged by the preceding subj. (for 'urbane' remoteness cf. note on *διακωλύσει* 7 6). **ἀπο-δάτταθαι**: mid. infin. to aor. stem *δαττ-* < \**δατ-σ-*.

30. **ᾷ**: characteristic advb. of WGk., an old dat.-loc. (cf. *ταυτᾶ ἠᾶτε* 33 4); Att. *ὡσπερ* (*ἦι* is rare and poetic).

31. **ἔγρατται**: perf. pass. < *ἔγραπται* with assimilation of *π* to *τ*. Verbs beginning with a cluster stop + liquid generally form a perf. by reduplicating the initial stop (Att. *γέ-γραμμαι*): in some cases dialects have *ε̇-* on the analogy of consonant clusters starting with *s-* (where e.g. *στέλλω* → \**σέ-σταλκα* > \**ἔσταλκα*, remodelled as *ἔσταλκα*). **ε̇**: 'when', here with *κα* and the subj. 'in the case that, in the event that ...' (close in meaning to *αἰ*, 'if'). **τις**: i.e. *τιστέγανς* on the stone, with the double *s* written as a single (cf. *στέγα* 47).

32. **(σ)τέγανς**: acc. plur. of the word for 'roof' (cf. *ῥοφομ* 51 16);

note that Gortyn retains final *-νς* in nouns (contrast *πρόροος* 52 12). **τάνς**: §23.9. **πόλι**: < πόλι-ι (§32.4). **κάτι**: *crasis*, καὶ ἄτι neut. plur. (cf. Att. indef. ἄτινα, re-modelled).

34. **Φοικεύς**: a class of non-citizen peasants (possibly remnants of the pre-Dorian population) with very restricted rights (Arist. *Politics* 1264a).

35. **κόραι**: i.e. *χώραι*, the countryside, as opposed to *πόλι*. **Φοικίον**: pres. ptcl. (§23.2); ‘houses inhabited by serfs belonged, like the serfs themselves, to the soil, being regarded as part of the property producing income, of which the daughters had their share’ (Willets 1967: 65). The sacrifice of elegance for clarity is a feature of all legal language.

36. **καρταίποδα**: ‘stout-footed’ beasts (cf. *καρτερόν* 24), i.e. herds of larger animals, opposed to the *πρόβατα* (sheep and goats). **Φοικέος**: < gen. \**ΦοικήF-ος*. η> ε in hiatus after (relatively recent) loss of *-F-*.

37. **υιάσι**: a *u*-stem in archaic Gk. (cf. gen. *ηυιός* 9 11), later transferred to the thematic declension. The dat. plur. (for which cf. *δάκρυσι*) has been re-modelled after forms such as *πατράσι* (*υιάσι* already in Homer).

39. **λανκάνεν**: thematic infin. (§40.3).

40. **υιύς**: acc. plur., original form (Palmer 1980: 276). **ὀπόττοι**: \**-ty-* > *-ττ-* in Crete (§§23.8, 39.2). The treatment of \**-ts-* is identical (*δάτταθθαι* 29). **ἴοντι**: subj. of the verb ‘be’ (Ion. *έώσι*): §§23.2, 32.11.

42. **θυγατέρανς**: the *-νς* ending has been analogically extended from them. and *a*-stem nouns (cf. *στέγανς* 32): but not at 47–8.

48. **λέι**: pres. subj. of *λω* (44 2).

49. **δός**: ‘alive’ (Att. *ζωός*: cf. *δῶντι* 27). **ἴόν**: cf. *ἴοντι* 40.

## PHOKIS

(North-west Greek)

54. Wall inscription at the stadion at Delphi prohibiting the removal of (sacred) wine. Early/mid V cent. BC. *CID* I 3.

Buck 50. Schwyzer 321. *LSAG* 104 no. 17. Sokolowski (1969) no. 76. *Nomima*, ii. 97.

τὸν Φοῖνον μὲ φάρην ἐς τοῦ δρλόμου· αἱ δὲ κα φάρει, ἠιλαξάστῳ | τὸν

θεὸν ἡὼι κα κεραϊῆται, καὶ ἰ μεταθυσάτῳ κάποτεισάτῳ πέν||<sup>5</sup>τε  
δραχμάς· τούτου δὲ τῷ καταγορέσαντι τὸ ἡέμισσον.

Do not take the wine away from the stadium. If one does remove (it), he is to propitiate the god for whom it is mixed, and make a sacrifice in place of it, and he is to be fined five drachmas; and of this the half (is to go) to the accuser.

The inscription, the language of which appears archaic, was found in a wall dated to the late IV cent. BC. It may be a copy of an older text: this would explain (a) why *FOINON* 1 is written *EOINON* (the engraver was unfamiliar with an old letter), and (b) the appearance of the digraph *ου* for [ο:] (unlikely to have been in use in the first half of the V cent. BC).

1. **Φοῖνον**: initial *w*-preserved (§39.1): Lat. *uīnum*. **φάρεν**: pres. infin. (φέρειν), with  $\epsilon > \alpha$  (§38.5). Infin. -εν (§40.3) is characteristic of Phocis, but not of NW Gk. in general. **ἔς**: for  $\epsilon\varsigma < \acute{\epsilon}\kappa\varsigma$  cf. *ἔσδοτήρες* 7 6. **τοῦ δρόμου**: §38.3.

2. **ἡλαξάστω**: imper. (aor. mid.) of *ιλά-σκομαι*. The Hom. aor. is *ιλασ-* (§40.4 for the stem in -ξ-). Imper. -σθω > -στω (§39.5).

3. **κεραϊῆται**: *κεραίω* (also in Hom.) and *κεράννυμι* are both built to the aor. stem *ἐκέρασα* (cf. *κέρναντα* 17 4). For the root \**krH<sub>2</sub>*, ‘mix’ cf. *κράτηρ* < \**kreH<sub>2</sub>*.

4. **μετα-θυσάτῳ**: compd. not attested elsewhere. **κάποτεισάτῳ**: crasis, καὶ ἀπο-.

6. **ἡέμισσον**: see *ἡμίσοι* 7 25.

55. Block from Delphi, inscribed on all four sides, giving the rules of the so-called ‘phratry of the Labyadaí’ (a kinship group, perhaps on a Thessalian model, with some procedures analogous to an Athenian phratry): part of the first side is given here. IV cent. BC. *CID* I 9. Rhodes–Osborne (2003, no. 1). Buck 52. Schwyzler 323. ◻ Bousquet (1966), Kearns (1994).

ἔδοξε Λαβ[υ]άδαις Βουκατ||<sup>20</sup>ίου μηνὸς δεκ[ά]ται ἐπὶ Κ[ά]μπου ἐν  
ταῖ ἀ[λί]αι σὺμ ψά[φ]λοῖς ἑκατὸν ὀγδοήκοντ[α] ἰ δυοῖν τοῦ[ς]  
ταγοῦς μὴ δέκλεισθαι μήτε δαρατᾶν γάμε||<sup>25</sup>λα μήτε παιδῆια μήτ’  
[ἀπελ]λλαῖα, αἰ μὴ τὰς πατριᾶς ἐπαινεούσας τὰς πληθύους ἐξ ἄς  
κα ἦι. αἰ δέ τί κα παρ ν[ό]μον κελεύσωντι, τῶν κελε||<sup>30</sup>υσάντων ὁ

κίνδυνος ἔστ[ω]. ἰ τὰ δ[έ] ἀπελλαῖα ἄγεν Ἀπέ[λ]λαις καὶ μὴ ἄ[λλ]αι  
 [ἀ]μέραι[ι], ἰ μήτε ἄγεν τοὺς ἄγο[ν]τας μήτε τοὺς ταγο[ο]ὺς  
 δέκεσθα||<sup>35</sup>. αἰ δέ κα δέξονται ἄλλαι ἰ [ἀ]μέραι ἢ Ἀπέλλαις,  
 ἀποτελι[ι]σάτω Φέκαστος δέκα δραχμᾶς· ὁ δὲ χρήζων καταγοριεῖν  
 τῶν δεξαμένων ἐπὶ τῶ||<sup>40</sup>ν ἠυστέρων ταγῶν καταγοιρέτω ἐν ταῖ  
 ἀλῖαι ταῖ με[ι]τ[τ]ὰ Βουκάτια, αἰ κ' ἀμφιλλέγωντι τοῖ ταγοῖ τοῖ  
 δεξάμενοι. ἄγεν δὲ τὰπελλαῖα ||<sup>45</sup> ἀντὶ Φέτεος καὶ τὰς δαράτας  
 φέρεν. ἡόστις δέ κα μὴ ἰ ἄγη τὰπελλαῖα ἢ τὰν δαράταν μὴ φέρη,  
 ἀμμόνιον κλατθέτω στατήρα ἐπὶ Φεκα||<sup>50</sup>τέρω, τῶι δὲ ἠυστέρω  
 Φέ|τει ἀγέτω τὰπελλαῖα καὶ ἰ τὰν δαράταν φερέτω· αἰ δέ ἰ κα μὴ  
 ἄγη, μηκέτι δεκέσθων ἀμμόνια, ἀλλ' ἢ ἀ<γ>έτω ἀπ||<sup>55</sup>ελλαῖα ἢ  
 ἀποτεισάτω Φίκιλι δραχμᾶς ἢ ἠυπογραφάμενος τόκιομ φερέτω.

The Labyadai decided, on the tenth of the month (20) Boukatios, in the presidency of Kampos, in the assembly by 182 votes: the *tagoi* are not to accept either *daratai* (*gamela* or *paideia*) or *apellaia* except with the approval of the majority of the *patria* of which (the party) is a member. Now if they give instructions contrary to the law, let it be at the risk of those (30) who give the order. One is to bring the *apellaia* during the Apellai, and on no other day are the candidates to bring them or the *tagoi* to accept them; if they accept them on any day other than the Apellai, each is to pay ten drachmas. A person wishing to accuse them of (unlawfully) accepting (offerings) is to make the charge during the period of office of the (40) next *tagoi* in the assembly following the Boukatia, if the *tagoi* accused of accepting dispute the charge. One is to bring the *apellaia* in the same year, and (likewise) offer the *daratai*. Whoever does not bring the *apellaia* or does not offer the *daratai*, he is to deposit a pledge of a stater in either case (50), and in the following year he is to bring the *apellaia*, and offer the *daratai*. If he (still) does not bring (them), they are not to accept any more pledges, but he must either bring the *apellaia* or pay twenty drachmas, or give a promissory note and pay interest.

19. **Λαβ[υ]άδαις**: the name has the form of a patronymic (cf. *Θιογενετίδαο* 14 10), appropriately for a social group predicated on descent from a putative common ancestor: the Bassaidai at 10 2 may be a parallel.

20. **ἐπὶ Κάμπου**: cf. the Boeotian use at 14 13. **ἀ[λί]αι**: see on 42 5.
23. **τᾶγούς**: known from Thessaly as the title of an official (e.g. 10 3). **δέκεσθαι**: cf. *ἠυποδεκόμενος* 44 3.
24. **δαρατᾶν**: two kinds of baked offering (*δαραταί*) are specified: those which marked a wedding (*γάμελα*) and those which marked the enrolment of an infant (*παιδῆια*). The *ἀπελλαῖα* were sacrificial offerings which marked a young man's majority, and hence full entry into the clan. Offerings were made at the *Apellai*, a festival corresponding to the Athenian *Apaturia*.
26. **πατριᾶς**: a subdivision of the kinship group (partitive gen. dependent on *τᾶς πληθύος* in the following gen. absolute).
28. **πάρ**: apocope (§24.5).
29. **κελεύσωντι**: aor. subj. (inherited *-τι* preserved, §39.4).
30. **ὁ κίνδυνος**: the article is without aspiration in this inscription (as in Locrian), probably indicating a generally weak articulation of *h-* in the dialect (so also *ὁ δὲ* 38). Cf. on 62 2 and §23.10.
31. **ἄγεν**: pres. inf. (§40.3) with imper. force.
37. **Φέκαστος**: initial *w-* preserved (§39.1).
38. **χρήζων**: a vb. confined to poetry in Attic (which in prose uses *ὁ βουλόμενος* in this context).
42. **ἀμφιλλέγωντι**: a compd. of *ἀμφίς* + *λέγω*, with assimilation of *-s* to *λ-* (the Att. form is a compound of *ἀμφί* + *λέγω*).
43. **τοί**: definite article (§40.5).
45. **ἀντὶ Φέτεος**: i.e. within a year of the event (this sense is supported by the contrast with *τῶι δὲ ἠυστέρωι Φέτει* 50).
48. **ἀμμόνιον**: formed to *ἀναμένω*, 'wait for' (*ἀν* §24.5 > *ἄμ-* §23.4). A *haraax*: perhaps a deposit indicating an intention to act (and returnable when the pledge is made good). **καθθέτω**: aor. imper. (*κατ-* §24.5).
55. **Φίκατι**: §32.9.
57. **τόκιον**: local form of *τόκος*. Nouns denoting payment are often formed with the suffix *-ιον* (cf. *ἀμμόνιον*, and Chantraine 1933: 58). Final *-ν* > *-μ* §23.4.

## LOKRIS

(North-west Greek)

56. Bronze tablet from western Lokris, with a boustrophedon



inscription regarding the settlement of a new tract of land (first paragraph given here). Late VI cent. BC. IG IX 1<sup>2</sup> 3. 609. Buck 59. LSAG 105, 108 no. 2. Meiggs–Lewis 13. *Nomima*, i. 44. ► Vatin (1963), Link (1991).

A. τεθμὸς ὄδε περὶ τὰς γᾶς βέβαιος ἔστῳ κατ τὸν | ἀνδαιθμὸν  
πλακὸς Ὑλίας καὶ Λισκαρίας, καὶ τῶν ἀποτομόων καὶ τῶν δημοσίων.  
ἐπινομία δ' ἔστῳ γονεῦσιν καὶ παιδί· αἱ δὲ μὲ παῖς εἶε, κόραι· αἱ δὲ  
μὲ κόρα εἶε, ἢ ἀδελφεῶν· αἱ δὲ μὲ ἀδελφεὸς εἶε, ἀνχιστέδαν  
ἐπινεμέσθῳ κατ τὸ | δίκαιον· αἱ δὲ μὲ τοὶ ἐπινόμοι [erasure: c. 4]. ἡ ὅτι  
δέ κα φυτεύεται | ἄσυλος ἔῃσῳ, αἱ μὲ πολέμοι ἀνακαζομένοις  
δόξῃαι ἀνδράσιν ἡενὶ κέκατὸν ἀριστίνδαν τῷ πλέθει ἄνδρας  
διακατῶς μείστον ἀξιομάχῳ ἐπιφοικῶς ἐβάγεσθαι· ἡ ὅστῳ<sup>10</sup> δὲ  
δαιθμὸν ἐνφέρει ἔψᾶφον διαφέρει ἐν πείργαι ἐν πόλι ἐν ἀποκλ-  
ῆσῳ εἶε στάσιν ποιέοι περὶ γαδαισίας, αὐτὸς μὲν Φερρέτῳ καὶ γενεὰ  
ἄματα πάντα, χρέματα δὲ δαμεύσθῳ | καὶ Φοικία κατασκαπτέσθῳ  
κατ τὸν ἀνδρεφονικὸν τεθμῶν.

This law concerning land is to be valid in the apportioning of the Hylian and the Liscarian plain, both the reserved and the public (land). The line of inheritance shall be both to parents and to son. If there is no son, to a daughter. If there is no daughter, (5) to a brother. If there is no brother, let it pass to the nearest kin in accordance with the law; if the legal heirs *do not* (?) . . . [erasure, c. 4]. Whatever (land) is planted, let it be exempt from seizure, unless, under constraint of war, a hundred and one men from the best families decide by majority vote to settle at least two hundred men of military age as colonists. Whoever (10) proposes a motion for a distribution (of the land) or casts his vote (for this) in the council of elders, or before the people, or in the select assembly, or agitates for a land distribution, let him be exiled, himself and his family for ever, and let his property be confiscated, and let his house be pulled down in accordance with the law concerning homicide.

1. **τεθμὸς**: ‘that which is laid down’, from θε- plus a suffix -θμος (first aspirate dissimilated, §23.5). Att. θεσμός is formed with a suffix -σμος (Chantraine 1933: 136–40). **κατ τόν**: κατά undergoes apocope (§24.5) in Lokr. only before the article. In common phrases (e.g. κατ τὸ δίκαιον 5) it appears as κά by dissimilation, or haplogy.

2. **ἀν-δαιθμόν**: ἀνά + δαιθμός (10 below). From δαίω with suffix -θμος; for the suffix in Att. δασμός (<\*δατ-σμος, cf. δατέομαι) see τεθμός/θεσμός 1. **πλακὸς Ὑλίας**: the designation seems to entail an adj. ὕλιος, 'wooded' (*hapax*); editors differ in their capitalization of the phrase. It is conceivable that λισκαρίας meant 'cleared' (cf. τὸ λισγάριον, 'hoe, spade').

2.-3. **ἀποτόμων . . . δᾶμοσιῶν**: the lands 'cut off' (cf. τέμνω and τέμενος) are distinguished from those still within the jurisdiction of the community (δᾶμος).

3. **ἐπι-νομιά**: could also mean 'right of pasturage', but the relationship with ἐπινεμέσθω 5 makes it more attractive to assume that the clause specifies inheritance rules for the new allotments slightly different from those in general force in the city. **γονεύσιν**: note the final -ν, probably on the analogy of the pronominal dat. plur. (ἀμίν, etc.): §32.7. So ἀνδράσιν 7.

4. **παιδί . . . κόρα**: παῖς in the sense 'son' is also found at 57 7, and may have replaced υἱός in Lokr. (cf. *ko-wo* 3). So also κόρα (poetic in Att.) for θυγάτηρ.

5. **ἀδελφεοῖ**: for the form see ἀδελφεάς 24 26. On the dat. sing. in NW Gk., §40.10. **ἀγχιστέδᾶν**: adv. formed from a verb \*ἀγχιστέω (cf. ἀγχιστεία 'close kinship') with the suffix -δᾶν (Fraenkel 1932). **κά**: see κατ τόν 1.

6. **τοι ἐπινόμοι**: the sentence appears to break off before the erasure. The top line of the reverse side *may* contain the 'insertion': κομίζοιεν, ἀξιοδότας ἔστω τὰν αὐτὸ ὄιτινι χρέζοι, 'if the heirs do not take possession, one shall be entitled to gift one's land to whoever one wishes' (useful discussion in Meiggs-Lewis). **φυτεύσεται**: short vowel aor. subjunctive (pass.).

7. **δόξαι**: 3 sing. aor. opt. of δοκέω. For the writing with double -ξ- cf. ἐξξανακάδῃν 9 8.

8. **κέκατόν**: crasis, καὶ ἑκατόν (for the erratic appearance of *h-* cf. on ἐφάγεσθαι 9 and ὁ 55 30). **ἀριστίνδᾶν**: adv. formed with the extended suffix -ιν-δᾶν (for -ιν cf. τετράκιν 33 9). **διακατίως**: §§32.9, 39.4.

9. **μείστον**: superl. of μέιον (advb.). **ἐπιφοίκως**: retention of intervocalic *w* (contrast κόρα 5 < κόρφα). **ἐφ-άγεσθαι**: the 'hypercorrect' aspiration of ἐπ- is a sign that *h-* was disappearing from the spoken language.

10. **ἐνφέροι**: the compound reflects NW Gk. ἐν+acc. instead of εἰς < ἐν-s (§28.8). **πρεΐγᾱι**: Att. πρεσβεΐᾱ. The γ~β alternation in WGk. πρει(σ)γ-, Att. πρεσβ- points to an earlier labiovelar \*g<sup>v</sup> (cf. Lac. περιγυτέροις 34 3). For the vowel cf. πρεισβεΐας 11 12.

11. **ἀποκλεΐσῆᾱι**: i.e. a committee of ἀπόκλητοι, ‘chosen delegates’ (a noun parallel in formation to Att. ἐκ-κλησιᾱ). **γᾱ-δαισιᾱς**: ‘land-division’ (δαίω).

12. **Γερρέτῶ**: ἔρρω, ‘go’ always has a perjorative sense in Gk. (Aristophanes ἔρρ’ ἐς κόρακας!); here in a technical sense ‘go into exile’ (Att. φευγέτω, cf. Elis 58 2). **ἄματα**: acc. plur. of ἄμαρ, formulaic in curses (§24.4b for the morphology). ἄμᾱρα < \*ἄμέρα is the normal form (for vowel assimilation cf. βαβάλωι 51 21). **δαμευόσθων**: the 3 pl. imper. in -οσθων (< \*-ονσθων) is common in V cent. Attic inscriptions (Threatte 1996: 465).

13. **ἄνδρ-ε-φονικόν**: the unusual liaison vowel -ε- (Att. -ο-) in this word was considered a peculiarity of Doric by ancient grammarians. **τετθμόν**: syllabification [te.t<sup>h</sup>mo-] and [tet<sup>h</sup>.mo-] led to this hybrid form in which the θ appears as a double consonant. Cf. δόξαι 7.

57. Bronze tablet found at Oianthea in western Lokris, inscribed on both sides with the conditions under which eastern Lokrians are to go to Naupaktos in western Lokris, to keep their colony up to strength (the opening paragraph is given here). Early V cent. bc. IG IX 1<sup>2</sup> 3. 718. Buck 57. LSAG 106, 108 no. 3. Meiggs–Lewis 20. Schwyzer 362. *Nomima*, i. 43. ►► Beck (1999), Wachter (1999).

ἐν Ναύπακτον καὶ τῶνδε ἡἀπιΦοικία. Λοῦρον τὸν ἠυποκναμίδιον, ἐπλεῖ κα Ναυπάκτιος γένεται, Ναυπάκτιον ἔοντα, ἡόπῶ ξένον ὄσια λανχάνειν καὶ θύειν ἐξεΐμεν ἐπιτυχόντα, αἶ κα δειλῆται. αἶ κα δειλῆται, θύειν καὶ λανχάνειν κῆ δάμῶ κῆ ροινάνων αὐτὸν καὶ τὸ γένος κατ’ αἶφεί. τέλος τολ<sup>5</sup>ὺς ἐπιΦοίκους Λοῦρον τὸν ἠυποκναμίδιον μὲ φάρειν ἐν Λοῦροῖς τοῖς ἠυποκναμίδιοις φρὶν κ’ αὐ τις Λοῦρος γένεται τὸν ἠυποκναμίδιον. αἶ | δειλῆτ’ ἀνχῶρεῖν, καταλείποντα ἐν τᾷ ἰστῆαι παῖδα ἡἔβατᾶν ἔ’ δελφεόν, ἐξείμεν ἄνευ ἐνετερίων. αἶ κα ἠυπ’ ἀνάγκας ἀπελάδονται ἐ Ναυπάκτῶ Λοῦροι τοὶ ἠυποκναμίδιοι, ἐξεΐμεν ἀνχῶρεῖν, ἡόπῶ Φέκαστος ἐν, ἄνευ ἔλλ<sup>10</sup>νετερίων. τέλος μὲ φάρειν μεδὲν ἡότι μὲ μετὰ Λοῦρον τὸν Φεσπαρίδων.

The colony to Naupaktos on these (terms). A Hypoknemidian Lokrian, when he has become a Naupaktian, being a Naupaktian may participate as a guest in civil affairs and in sacrifices when he is here, if he wishes; if he wishes, he may sacrifice and participate (in civil affairs), both those of the state and those of the communities, himself and his descendants for ever. (5) The colonists of the Hypoknemidian Lokrians are not to pay tax among the Hypoknemidian Lokrians, unless a man becomes a Lokrian of the Hypoknemidians again. If he wishes to return home, so long as he leaves by his hearth a grown-up son or brother, he may (return) without (payment of) entry-dues. If the Hypoknemidian Lokrians are forcibly driven out of Naupaktos, they may return (to the places) they were severally from, without (payment of) entry-dues. (10) They are not to pay any tax at all except in common with the western Lokrians.

Colons (not reproduced here) divide the inscription into phrases, which appear to be partly accentual and partly syntactic (see Wachter 1999).

1. **ἐν**: §28.8 and **ἐνφέροι** 56 10. **καὶ τῶνδε**: cf. **κατ τόν** 56 1. **ἡἀπιΦοικία**: *crasis* < *hā* + *ἐπιΦοικία*. **Λοθρόν τὸν ἠυποκναμίδιον**: i.e. from eastern Lokris, separated from western Lokris by the Phokians (presumably later arrivals). A copy of the text (the 'original' ?) must have been put up in eastern Lokris: it is uncertain whether the dialect reflects this.

2. **ἔόντα**: §32.11. **ἡόπῳ**: most likely from *ἡόπῳς*, 'as', by simplification of the cluster *-sks-* (contrast line 9). **ῥοια**: 'secular, profane', as opposed to *ἱερά*.

3. **ἔξειμεν**: athem. infin. (§40.3), imperatival ('he is to be able'). **δείλεται**: pres. subj. (cf. *βολόμενον* 7 24, *βέλλεται* 11 20 for the stem).

4. **κῆ**: i.e. *καὶ ἐκ*, with assimilation of *ἐξ* or *ἐς* (cf. *τῆς* 9 10) to the following cons., and single writing of the ensuing geminate *δ* and *κ*. **ροινᾶνῶν**: see 23 2 on *ρορρα* (§17.2). For *κοινᾶ(F)ον-* > *κοινᾶν-* cf. 7 21: gen. plur. **κατ' αἰφέι**: *αἰφέι* (Att. *ἀεί*) is an old loc., frozen here in an advb. phrase.

5. **φάρειν**: *ε* > *α* before *ρ*, §38.5.

6. **φρίν**: i.e. *πρίν* (for erratic aspiration in Lokr. cf. *ἐφάγεσθαι* 56 9).

7. **ἀνχῶρείν**: *ἀν-* §24.5. **ιστία**: cf. *ἐφίστια* 24 7. Initial *h-* has

disappeared (the root probably started with *w-*, cf. *ηικάδι* 50 2). *παῖδα*: see 56 4. (*ἀ*)*δελφεόν*: for the form see *ἀδελφεάς* 24 26.

8. *ἐνετερίων*: ‘entry taxes’, from *ἐν-ε-* (*ἐν-ίημι* ‘cause to enter’) + *-τηρ-ιον* (agent with ‘payment suffix’ *-ιον*, for which cf. *τόκιον* 55 57). *ἀπελάδονται*: pass. subj. of *ἀπελάω*, a form of *ἀπελαύνω* (cf. *ἐπελασάσθων* 7 23). *ἐ*: i.e. *ἐκ* (as at 4).

9. *ἠόπῳ*: ‘from where’ (with old abl. ending), Att. *ὀπόθεν*.

10. *Φεσπαρίων*: Att. *ἐσπέριος* (for the aspirate cf. *ηικάδι* 50 2), Lat. *uesper*. For *ε > a* before *ρ* §38.5.

## ELIS

*Traditionally grouped with North-west Greek, the dialect of Elis also shows affinities with Arcadian*

58. Bronze tablet from Olympia with an inscription concerning the immunity of the scribe Patrias. Early V cent. BC. Buck 61. Schwyzer 409. LSAG 220 no. 15. *Nomima*, i. 23.

►► Koerner (1981: 190–4).

ἂ Φράτρα τοῖς Φαλείοις. Πατρίαν θαρρῆν καὶ γενεὰν καὶ ταῦτῶ. | αἱ ζέ  
τις κατῆραύσειε, Φάρρην ὄρ Φαλείῳ. αἱ ζέ μᾶπιθεῖαν τὰ ζῖλκαια ὄρ  
μᾶγιστον τέλος ἔχοι καὶ τοὶ βασιλᾶες, ζέκα μναῖς κα | ἀποτίνου  
Φέκαστος τὸν μᾶπιποεόντων καθυταῖς τοῖ Ζῖ Ὀλυν<sup>5</sup>πίου. ἐπενπῶι ζέ  
κ' Ἐλλαγοζίκας, καὶ τᾶλλα ζίκαια ἐπενπλέτῳ ἂ ζαμιοργία. αἱ ζέ  
μᾶνπῶι, ζῖφυιον ἀποτινέτῳ ἐν μαστράλαι. αἱ ζέ τις τὸν αἰτιαθέντα  
ζικαῖον ἱμάσκοι, ἐν τᾶι ζεκαμναῖαι κ' ἐνέχο[ιτ]ο, αἱ Φειζῶς ἱμάσκοι.  
καὶ Πατρίας ὁ γροφεὺς ταῦτά κα πάσκοι, | [αἱ τ]ιν' [ἀζ]ικέοι. ὁ  
π[ί]ναξ ἱαρός Ὀλυμπίαι.

The decree of the Eleians. Patrias is to enjoy legal protection, and so are his family and his property. If anyone brings a charge (against him), he is to be prosecuted as (though he were) an Eleian. If the highest magistrate and the kings do not uphold his rights, let each of those who fail to uphold (them) pay ten minas dedicated to Olympian Zeus (5); and let the *Hellanodikas* enforce this, and let the board of magistrates enforce his other rights. If one does not enforce it, let him be fined double the amount at his public audit. If a person, having laid a charge against him, deprives him of his rights, that person is to be held to a ten-mina fine, if he does this knowingly. And let Patrias the scribe suffer the

same (penalty) if he wrongs anyone. The tablet (to be) sacred at Olympia.

1. **ἀ:** *h-* has dropped from the dialect. **Φράτρᾶ:** see 59 1 below. **Φαλείους:** initial digamma (§39.1);  $\check{\alpha} < \epsilon$  as very commonly in the dialect (before  $\rho$ ,  $\lambda$ , and nasals): §38.5. **Πατρίαν:** in view of 52 above, this is probably the name of a scribe (either a foreigner or former slave) who was offered privileges to work for the city. Earlier editors took it to be a noun meaning ‘clan’, which makes the interpretation difficult. **θαρρῆν:** in Att.-Ion. the verb means ‘be confident, cheerful’; here it is used in a technical sense, ‘be immune, enjoy legal rights’ (for the semantic shift cf.  $\phi\epsilon\acute{\upsilon}\gamma\omega$ , ‘flee’ > ‘be prosecuted’). **ταῦτό:** crasis < τὰ αὐτό.

2. **ζέ:** the spelling of initial <Δ> with <Ζ> in Elis is the result of two intersecting phonological developments (Méndez Dosuna 1991): (i) the cluster \**dy* (§23.8) > δδ, initial δ-; (ii) the stops \**b*, \**d*, \**g* became fricatives (as in Mod. Gk.). The Eleans therefore used <Δ> for [d-] (from \**dy-*), and then, since <Ζ> was freed up, used it for [ð] (from \**d*). Cf. τόζ’ 48 1. **κατ-ιαραύ-σειε:** lit. ‘imprecate against’ (Att. *καθιερεύειν*), here ‘bring an accusation against’ (*Φαλείο* in the gen.). **Φάρρῆν:** cf. Lokr. *Φερρέτῶ* 56 12. Here it has a technical sense, ‘stand trial’ (Att. *φεύγω*). **ῥρ:** i.e. *ώς*, with rhotacism (cf. τοῖρ 59 1). **μῆπιθειᾶν:** crasis < μῆ/μά + ἐπι-, 3 plur. opt. (for the ending cf. ἀποτίνοιαν 59 6).

3. **ῥρ:** *ός* (with rhotacism), with ἔχοι attracted into the opt. by ἐπιθειᾶν. **τοί:** §40.5. **βασιλάες:** < -η(φ)ες, local magistrates. **μναίς** < *μνάνας*: acc. plur. As in Lesb. (§§23.9, 34.11), -*Vns* > -*Vis* (but note that this is attested in Elis only at word end). The acc. plur. thus became identical to the dat. plur. in *a-* and *o-*stems.

4. **ἀποτίνοι:** see  $\check{\epsilon}\bar{\alpha}$  59 2. **μῆπιποεόντων:** crasis (μῆπιθειᾶν 2). For ποι->πο- cf. Ion. ποιήσεαν 20 30. **καθυταίς:** adj., acc. plur. < -άνς. καθ- spells the result of καταθ->κατθ- (apocope): the cluster (originally [tʰ]) would have been pronounced [tθ], since it seems likely (πάσκοι 8) that [tʰ] had developed into a fricative [θ]. **τοί ... Ὀλυμπίοι:** dat. sing. with shortened diphthong (§40.10). **Ζί:** i.e. Δί < ΔιΦί.


5. **ἐπενπόι:** 3 sing. pres. opt. of a verb ἐπ-εμπάω, not apparently attested in other dialects. Cf. Hom. ἐμπάζομαι, ‘pay attention to’ (for

doublets in *-άω/-άζω* cf. *δαμάω/δαμάζω*, etc.). *ἔπενπέτο* is 3 sing. imper. of the same verb (*αε > ε*, §38.4). **Ἑλλανοζικάς**: an official with special jurisdiction at the Olympic Games.

6. **ζάμοργιά**: < \**δāμι-Φοργιά* (orig. \**δāμιο-Φοργιά*, shortened by haplology). **ζίφυιον**: by the IV cent., koiné *διπλάσιον* had expelled the local word. **μαστράαι**: < \**μαστρέα* < *μαστρεία* (cf. *μαστροίς* 49 1). The examination of a magistrate on the expiry of his term of office (Athenian *εὔθυνα*).

7. **ιμάσκοι**: the vb. (not attested elsewhere) may be related to *ιμάς*, ‘leather strap’. The interpretation here assumes a semantic development ‘bind’ (*δέω ιμάσιν*, *Il.* 21. 30) > ‘hinder, keep from’ (*δέω*, *Od.* 4. 380, with *Od.* 1. 195, *τόν γε θεοὶ βλάπτουσι κελεύθου*).

8. **γροφεύς**: there is no reason why the dialect of this region should not have had both *a*- and *o*-coloured reflexes of the syllabic resonants (*γράφεα* 59 7, and cf. §26.3). In this case analogy may be a factor (cf. *τροφεύς*?). **πάσκοι**: *-σκ-* for *-σχ-* can be compared to *-στ-* for *-σθ-*, also found in Elis. If we assume an early development of [k<sup>h</sup>], [t<sup>h</sup>] to fricatives [x], [θ] (as in Laconia, and cf. our account of ζέ 2), then *-σκ-* would indicate that *s* inhibited the development of *χ* from stop to fricative. See Méndez Dosuna (1985: 348–66).

59. Bronze tablet from Olympia recording the conclusion of an alliance between Elis and Eua in Arcadia. c.500 BC. Buck 62. Schwyzer 413. LSAG 220 no. 6. Meiggs–Lewis 17. *Nomima*, i. 52.  Dubois (1985), Wachter (1999).

ἂ Φράτρα τοῖρ Φαλείοις καὶ τοῖς Ἑπιφά{οι}οις. *συνμαχία κ' ἕα ἑκατὸν*  
*φέτεα*, | ἄρχοι δέ κα τοῖ. αἰ δέ τι δέοι, αἶτε *φέπος* αἶτε *φιάργον*,  
*συνέαν κ' ἀλάλοισ τά τ' ἄλ<α>* καὶ πᾶλλ<sup>5</sup>ρ πολέμῳ. αἰ δέ μὰ *συνέαν*,  
*τάλαντόν κ' | ἀργύρῳ ἀποτίνοιαν τοῖ Δι Ὀλυμπίοι τοῖ καδαιέμενοι*  
*λατρείομενον*. αἰ δέ *τιρ* τὰ *γράφεα* ταῖ *καδαλείτο*, αἶτε *φέτας*  
*αἶτε πλεεστά* αἶτε *δάμος*, ἐν *τέπιαροι κ' ἐνέχ*<sup>10</sup>*οιτο* τοῖ ἵναυτ'  
*ἐγραμένοι*.

The agreement of the Eleians and the people of Eua. Let there be an alliance for a hundred years, and let this (year) begin (it). And if there should be need of anything, whether word or deed, let them stand by each other in all matters, and especially (5) in war. But if they do not stand by (each other), let those in violation

pay a talent of silver consecrated to Olympian Zeus. And if anyone violates this inscription, whether a private citizen or a magistrate or the community, let him be liable to the penalty written here.

Colons (not reproduced here) divide the inscription into phrases, which appear to be partly accentual and partly syntactic (see Wachter 1999).

1. **Φράτρᾶ:** cf. Cyp. *εὐΦρητάσατυ* 8 4. In Elis η was opened to *ā* (cf. the general NW Gk. *ε > a* before ρ). **τοῖρ:** sporadic rhotacism of -s (later it becomes general), in this text generally before a voiced cons. (τιρ 7 shows it in the process of being generalized). **ἘυΦά{οι}οις:** was read *Ἐρφ-* in earlier editions ('Heraians'), but see Dubois (1985).

2. **ἔᾶ:** 3 sing. opt. of *εἰμί*. The intervocalic -i- became a weakly articulated glide and dropped (ViV > ViV̄ > VV), for which cf. Ion. *ποιήσεαν* 20 30. Note opt. + κ(a) in prescriptive sense (Arc. also uses the opt., without particle). **ἑκατόν:** the dialect has lost *h-*.

3. **τοί:** τό + deictic -ί (a demonstr. pron., Att. τόδε), picking up *φέτος*. **Φάργον:** §38.5.

4. **συν-έαν:** cf. ἔα 2. **ἀλάλοισ:** single writing of double consonant (and throughout). **τά τ' . . . καί:** this idiom puts the emphasis on the second clause, introduced by *καί*. **πάρ:** from *περί* (§§24.5, 38.5).

5. **μά:** μή (cf. *Φράτρα* 1).

6. **ἀπο-τίνοιαν:** 3 pl. opt. (in Elis *ε > a* before final nasal as well as *r*). **τοῖ . . . Ὀλυμπίοι:** cf. 58 4 (§40.10). **τοί:** §40.5. **καδαλέμενοι:** i.e. *καδ-δαλ-ήμενοι* (Att. *κατα-δηλ-ούμενοι*), with apocope (*καδ-*, assimilation) and *η > ā* in *-δαλ-*. The vowel in the mediopass. ptcpl. is analogical (§40.9).

7. **λατρεῖόμενον:** the pres. in *-είω* in Elis < \**-εFγω* (by regular sound change): Attic *-εύω* is re-modelled on the aor. (*ἐλατρεύσα*, etc.). **γράφεα:** uncontracted plur. of a neut. noun *γράφος* (also in Arc.), probably formed to the vb. *γράφειν* (cf. *πάθος: παθεῖν*, earlier *πένθος*).

8. **ταῖ:** cf. τοῖ 3. **φέτᾶς:** formed to the pron. *Φηε* ('oneself', Hom. *ε'*): cf. *Φηεδιέστας* 37 7 (Hom. *ἔτης* 'companion'). **τελεστά:**



for masc. forms in *-a* found occasionally in Boe. and NW Gk. cf. *Μογέα* 13 1.

9. **τῆπιάρου**: crasis < τῶι ἐπιάρου (dat. sing. as at 6). From ἐπ- and ἰαρο- (no *h-*).

10. **ἴταῦτ**: prodelision and elision. ἐνταῦτα < ἐνθαῦτα: Elean and Ionic preserve the earlier form (built to ἐνθα). Att. ἐνταῦθα is the result of metathesis. The replacement of θ by τ in the spelling of ἐνταῦτα indicates that [t<sup>h</sup>] remained an obstruent after [n], rather than becoming a fricative [θ] (see πάσκοι 58 8, and Méndez Dosuna 1985: 368). **ἐγραμένοι**: perf. pass. ptcl. (cf. 53 31 ἐγρατται), dat. sing. Double -μμ- written with a single.

## EPIRUS

### North-west Greek

**60.** Lead tablet from Dodona with an enquiry from Hermon addressed to the oracle. Boustrophedon. Late VI cent. BC. Parke (1967: 264 no. 5). LSAG 230 no. 13.

ἡέρμων· τίνα | κα θεῶν ποτθέμενος γενεά Φλοι γένοιτο ἐκ Κιλρεταίας  
ὀνάσιμος πὸτ τῶι ἐλάσσαι;

Hermon: applying himself to which of the gods would offspring be born to him from Kretaia, a useful (child) in addition to the girl we (already) have?


2. **ποτθέμενος**: apocope (§24.5) of preverb ποτι- (§40.8).

3. **Φοι**: dat. < \**swō-* (Hom. οἶ): cf. Cret. *Φὸν* 53 26.

6. **ἐλάσσαι**: fem. ptcl. of 'be'. To masc.-neut. \**H<sub>1</sub>s-ont-* (§32.11) a fem. \**H<sub>1</sub>s-nt-ya* was formed, with (expected) zero-grade of root and ptcl. suffix (as in Skt. *satī*): resulting \**ἄσσα* was recharacterized with ἐ- from the masc.-neut. Also in Arc. and some WGk. (cf. Myc. *a-pe-a-sa*, ἀπεάσσαι).

## NORTH-WEST GREEK IN SICILY AND ITALY

**61.** Gold leaf from the tomb of a woman in Hipponion, a Lokrian colony in southern Italy (renamed Vibo Valentia by the Romans): a text in hexameters gives information about the afterlife. c.400 BC. Ed. pr. Pugliese Carratelli (1974),

revised Pugliese Carratelli (2003). SEG 26.1139.  Janko (1984), Sacco (2001), Pugliese Carratelli (2003).

- Μναμοσύνας τόδε ἔργον, ἐπεὶ ἄμ μὲλλῆϊσι θανέσθαι.  
εἰς Ἄϊδαο δόμους εὐέρεας ἔστ' ἐπὶ δ<ε>ξιά κρένα,  
πὰρ δ' αὐτὰν ἑστακῦα λευκὰ κυπάρισ<σ>ος·  
ἔνθα κατερχόμεναι ψυχ{κ}αὶ νεκῶν ψύχονται.*
- 5 *ταύτας τᾶ<σ> κράνας μῆδὲ σχεδὸν ἐγγύθεν ἔλθῆϊς·  
πρόσθεν δὲ ἠευρέσεις τᾶς Μναμοσύνας ἀπὸ λίμνας  
ψυχρὸν ὕδωρ προρέον· φύλακες δὲ ἐπύπερθεν ἔασι,  
ἠοὶ δέ σε εἰρέσονται ἐν<ι> φρασί πευκαλίμαισι  
ὄτ<τ>ι δὲ ἕξερέεις Ἄϊδος σκότος †ορρεεντος.*
- 10 *εἶπον· Γῆς παῖ <σ> ἔμῃ καὶ ὀρανὸ ἄστερόεντος,  
δίψῃ δ' ἔμῃ αὔδος καὶ ἀπόλλυμαι· ἀλ<λ>ὰ δὲ δότ' ὄκα  
ψυχρὸν ὕδωρ πιὲν αὐτῆς Μνεμοσύνῆς ἀπὸ λίμ[νε]ς.  
καὶ δέ τοι ἐρέῃσιν ὑποχθονίῳ βασιλῆϊ·  
καὶ δέ τοι δόσῳσι πιὲν τᾶς Μναμοσύνας ἀπὸ λίμνα[ς].*
- 15 *καὶ δὲ καὶ σὺ πιὸν ἠοδὸν ἔρχεα<ι> ἠάν τε καὶ ἄλλοι  
μύσται καὶ βάχχοι ἠιεράν στείχῃσι κλεινοί.*

5 τᾶ<σ> edd., ταρ on leaf. 9 ορρεεντος: ὀρφ<ν>ήεντος Pugliese Carratelli (2003); ἠερόεντος (EEPOENTOS) cj. Cassio (1987).

This is the task of remembrance, when one's time has come to die. Approaching the sturdy halls of Hades there is on the right a spring, and rising up next to it a shining cypress. Entering here the souls of the dead are brought back to life. (5) These springs you should not even go near. But further on you will find the cold water which flows from the lake of remembrance. Guardians there are above it, who will ask in the wisdom of their hearts why you search into the darkness of gloomy (?) Hades. (10) Say: 'I am a child of the earth and the starry heavens, but I am dry with thirst and I perish: give me quickly cold water to drink from this lake of remembrance.' And so they will ask the king of the Underworld; and they will give you to drink from the lake of remembrance. (15) And you, having drunk, enter the road with the other initiates, the holy road which the glorious bacchants are taking.

Around ten such 'Orphic' leaves are known from IV cent. Magna

Graecia and Thessaly (the texts are very similar). This text seems to be an effort to produce epic diction by a speaker of West Greek. Lines 2 and 14 have seven feet.

1. **ἔργον**: by remembering these instructions the initiates will avoid earthly reincarnation (a line or more may have dropped before **εἰς**). The leaf appears to have **EPION**. Conjectures include ἡρίον, <h>ιερόν. **ἄν**: the Att.-Ion. form (§23.4) reflects the epic diction of the poem. **μέλλῃσι**: for the 3 sing. subj. ending (in this case borrowed from epic) cf. *πίεσι* 25 2. **θανέσθαι**: the digraph <EI> (§23.1) is confined to epic glosses: the use of plain <E> for lengthened ε in unmarked (non-epic) words suggests that it had fallen together with inherited η (§38.3), as in the founding city Locri Epizephyrii. This is shared by Laconian and Achaean colonies in south Italy, and is no doubt an areal feature (mainland Lokrian has *ει, ου*). The digraph <OY> is not in use in this text.

2. **εἰς**: epic, <\*ἐν-ς (NW Gk. and Arc. typically have ἐν+acc.). **Αἰδᾶο**: a Hom. (Aeolic) gen. which is at home also in WGK. **εὐέρεας**: epic adj. with Ion. vocalism (\*εὐ-ᾱρ-, root as in ἀραρίσκω). **κρένᾱ**: Ion. vocalism in the first syllable; contrast *κράνας* 5 (Att. *κρήνη* <κρᾱ- is anomalous, perhaps simple vowel assimilation).

3. **πάρ**: apocope (§24.5), but also Homeric (*Od.* 1. 132, *πάρ δ' αὐτός*, line beginning). **ἔστακῦα**: aspiration is erratic: probably absent by now from much of NW Gk. (cf. *ἐφάγεσθαι* 56 9), and in any case absent from Ionic. For -ῦα < -υῖα cf. *ἔᾱ* 59 3. The final short -α is unmetrical (Janko 1984: 93 shows that this is because the author has changed the syntax of the phrase: in parallel texts the word is acc. as the object of *εὐρήσεις*).

4. **ψύχονται**: probably from *ψύχω* 'blow, breathe' (and hence 're-animate'), with a pun on the meaning 'be chilled, be refreshed' (i.e. the uninitiated refresh themselves here, but then experience the deathly chill of forgetfulness and earthly reincarnation).

6. **δέ**: note the *scriptio plena*.

7. **ἐπ-ύπερθεν**: aspiration would be indicated by *ἐφ-*. **ἔᾱσι**: an epic form, not attested in any dialect (Att. *ἴᾱσι* from *εἶμι*): §32.12.

8. [**h**]οι: or [τ]οι, or οἰ. **εἰρέσσονται**: epic form (initial F- would avoid hiatus, §46.2a). **φρασί πευκαλίμαιοι**: epic formula (*πευκάλιμος* is confined to it). *φρασί* is the orig. form <\*p<sup>h</sup>rῆsi (Hom.

φρεσί remodelled on the other cases). For the ‘epic’ dat. plur. in *-αισι* cf. *στίκταισιν* 43 3 (§32.14).

9. **ἐξερέεις**: an epic verb (< \*ἐξ-ερέ $\tilde{\nu}$ εις), though not in Hom. in this form. **ορρεεντος**: a difficult sequence (*ὄρρηνήεντος* here translated).


10. **εἶπον**: 2 sing. imper. (as at Theokr. 14. 11, and cf. Alkman 106 PMG, *Φείπατέ μοι*): probably a WGk. element, esp. given evidence for the form in Sicily (see Thumb–Kieckers 1932: 215 f.). Not common in Att. till New Comedy.

12. **πιέν**: short-vowel infin. This is attested locally in Croton, and in Phokis and Arcadia (cf. §40.3): Lokrian inscriptions have *-ειν*. Cassio (1996a) defends the reading *πιέναι τῆς* of Pugliese Carratelli (2003): the thematic infin. *-έναι* would be an innovation of western Ionic (Euboea and colonies). This would give the line a caesura. **αὐτῆς Μνῆμοσύνῆς**: epic vocalism (contrast 14).

13. **ἐρέσων**: epic future (Att. *ἐρῶ*), with Ion. *-ῶσι* < *-οντι* and final *-ν*.

15. **σύ**: generally *τύ* in WGk. (attested in Epicharmus and Sophron).

16. **ηεράν**: epic form (§38.1). **κλεινοί**: epic form < \*κλε $\tilde{\nu}$ εσσ-*νός*.

62. Retrograde inscription on a bronze tablet from the hinterland (Francavilla Marittima) of Sybaris, an Achaean colony in Calabria. Late VI cent. bc. Edd. pr. Stoop–Pugliese Carratelli (1966). CEG 394. LSAG 456 no. 1a. Arena (1996: no. 2). Dubois (2002: no. 5).  Hornblower (2007).

*Δο· Κλεόμορτος | ὁ Δεξιλάφῳ ἀνέθεκ' | Ὀλυμπίαι νικάσας | Φίσο(μ)  
μακός τε πάχος τε ||<sup>5</sup> τᾶθάναι, ἀφέθλων | ἐξάμενος δεκάταν.*

Kleomrotos the (son) of Dexilaos, having won at Olympia, dedicated (a statue), equal in height and size (to himself), to Athena, having vowed a tithe of his prizes.

1. **Δο**: an abbreviation of the phratry name of Kleomrotos (Guarducci 1965: 394). **Κλεόμορτος**: the absence of a  $\beta$ -glide between  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  has a few parallels in archaic inscriptions from across the Gk. world (contrast Lesb. *ἀμβρότην* 17 15): it may be a mere spelling variant. There is no reason to think (with McDevitt

1968) that this indicates a Thessalian. Hornblower notes that this is the earliest known inscription naming an Olympic victor.

2. **δ**: when *h*- started to disappear from the dialects it was typically lost first in the article (cf. 55 30). **Δεξιλάφω**: intervocalic *-w*-retained (as in Lac. *Μενελάφω* 32); **ἀνέθεκ'**: the object (understood) is the statue, which was probably erected at Olympia out of prize money (*ἀφέθλων*) paid to Kl. by his home city (so Hornblower): he tells his fellow-citizens that he has fulfilled his obligations.

4. **Ἔισο(μ)**: neut. sing. (agreeing with e.g. *τοῦτο* understood). The final *-ν* has undergone assimilation (§23.4): the double consonant is written as a single. Note loss of post-consonantal *-w* (*\*Ἔισφο-*). **μάκος τε πάχος τε**: a formula, apparently, for impressive size: cf. Pind. *Pyth.* 4. 245, *ὄς πάχει μάκει τε πεντηκόντερον ναῦν κράτει*.

5–6. The last two lines form a pentameter, and the preceding two lines have a dactylic rhythm approximating to a hexameter.

## PAMPHYLIAN

(Unclassified dialect)

**63.** Wall inscription from Sillyon (gulf of Antalya): it records an attempt to bring to an end a period of civil strife by the foundation of a social organization open to all parties. The longest extant Pamphylian inscription but much worn, especially at the right, and difficult to understand; only the the first half is given here. Early IV cent. BC. Schwyzer 686. Brixhe (1976: 167, no. 3). ▶▶ Luria (1959), Brixhe (1976).

σὺ Διῖα καὶ ἡμιαροῖσι Μάνε[ς . ] ὕ ἀνῆλε Σελεύ[ι]υς [ .. ? ἡι-  
 †ια[ρ]ά Φίλιουσις ὕπαρ καὶ ἀγίας ὄσα περ(ι)ί[στα- ]  
 τυ *Wοικ*[ ... ] *ισ*[ . . . . ] *τυ* καὶ *Σελυ* *Wίως* †πᾶ[σ]ι *ρα*[ . . ] *π*[ . . .  
 ις'† *απα* κεκραμένως, ἐξ ἐ[πι]τέρια ἰς πόλιν [ . . .  
 5 διὰ πέδε καὶ δέκα *Φέτ*[ι]ια, πόλι *μ*η[ι]άλα [ . . .  
*οσα* καὶ τιμάφεσά πὼς ἄβατι ἀφιέναι *κα*[.] *ιλλ* [ . . .  
*ἀτρώποισι* περτ(ι) ἱρένι ἀ*W*ταῖσι *ἡῆW*όταισι [ . . .  
 ἐβδλάσενυ ἀδριὼνα καταστᾶσ[αι . . .  
*ραιε* *ἡ*ίκα *Μ*ηειάλῃτι καὶ ἐφ[ι] *ἡῆW*όται[σι . . .

- 10 †πᾶς Μάνετϋς καὶ Μῆειά[λε]τϋς καὶ δι[ . . .  
 οεϜε ἰ πόλιϋ ἐφιέλοδϋ [ . . ]ι δικαστέρεσϜ[ι καὶ ἀργυρῶ-  
 ταῖσι καὶ νι σκυδῶρὸν κατεϜέρξοδϋ καὶ [ . . .  
 κάθεδϋ καὶ ἡάυ(α) ἀνεῖε καὶ ὕ βδῶλέμενϋς [ . . .  
 κ]αί νι *Woῖκν* π[ό]λις ἐχέτῶ καὶ †ἡῶ κα δε [ . . .
- 15 ας *Wpυμάλι(α)* ἀγῆαγλέσθῶ. *h(à)* ἀτρέκαδι [ . . .  
 δικαστέρεσ καὶ ἀργυρῶται μὲ ἐξάγῶδι κ [ . . .

With the help of Diwia and the priests, Manes [son of ...] of Sillyon ordered sacrifices on account of the oppression and distress which afflicted the dwellings [...] and the Sillyonians, who had been devastated [by ...], because of his solicitude for the city, [troubled] (5) for fifteen years: to release in some way the city, which was (formerly) great [...] and honoured, from its misfortune [...] For the adult men, with a view to peace, together with the youth [...] he decided to establish a men's club-house [...] for Megales and the young men to come [...] (10) every [ follower ] of Manes and of Megales [...] in the city let them elect both judges and treasurers, and let them quell anger and [...] restore [...] and put an end to sacrilege; and anyone who wishes [...] And the city is to own the building, and whoever [...], that party (15) is to undertake the responsibility for its upkeep. The matters they have examined [...], the judges and treasurers are not to release ...

No interpretation/reconstruction has been offered for underlined letters: cruces warn that the reconstruction is especially doubtful.

1. **σύ**: final -ν is omitted when a consonant follows (§42.5).  
**ΔιϜιά**: female deity formed from ΔιϜ-, the stem of Ζεύς (a goddess spelled *di-u-ja/di-wi-ja* is found in Myc.). Dat. -ᾶ < -ᾱι.  
**ῆυαροῖσι**: the second ι marks a glide between ι and another vowel (cf. Ἀθᾶναίᾱς 37 2). Pamph. shares *ἰαρός* with Boe. and WGk. (§38.1).  
**Μάνε[ς]**: Anatolian personal name. **ἀνῆλε . . . ῆυαρά**: Brixhe's suggestion ad loc. (*ἀνῆλε* is aor. of *ἀναιρέω*, 'appoint, ordain').  
**ΣελόWυυς**: ethnic adj., though oddly separated; if -υς is the right reading it illustrates the characteristic lack of distinction between *o* and *u* in final syllables. <W> here transcribes <H>, the original Pamph. form of <F> (digamma). Pamph. then took over <F> as well:

there is no clear pattern to the distribution of the two signs in this text (see Brixhe 1976: 53–6 and ἄβατι 6).

2. **Φίλοιος**: gen. sing. of an unattested noun *Φίλιος*, the stem of which may be that of the Hom. verb (*Φ*)εἰλέω ‘press hard, confine’.  
**ὑπαρ**: postposition, with usual opening of ε to α (§42.3). **ῥσᾶ**: relative (fem. sing.), agreeing with ἀνίας. **περ(ι)ῖ[στᾶ]τυ**: 3 sing. imperf. of *περ-ίστᾶμι*, a simplified form of *περι-ίστᾶμι*, ‘stand round’, so ‘afflict’.

3. **Wοικ**[: seems to refer, in some sense, to the fabric of the city.  
**ΣελυWίως**: acc. plur.

4. **]ισ**?: on this reading a dat. plur. (in *-οισι/-αισι*, §44.1), taken with *πᾶ[σ]ι* (perhaps an adverbial phrase modifying *κεκραμένως*).  
**κεκραμένως**: perf. pass. ptcl. (acc. plur.), probably of *κείρω* (root \**ker*, zero grade here *-κρα-*). **ἐξ ἐ[πι]τῆρύᾶ**: dat. sing. of a noun formed from *ἐπιτηρέω*, ‘watch out for’ (§28.5). **ῖς**: < ἐν-ς (§§26.1, 28.8).

5. **πέδε**: τ > δ after ν (i.e. the opposition *t~d* was neutralized after a nasal, as in Mod. Gk.); the ν then disappeared before the following stop (§43.3). **Φέτ[ι]α**: cf. Cyp. *Φέπιζα* 8 26 (§26.6).  
**πόλι**: acc. sing., with loss of *-ν* as in *σύ(ν)* 1. **μhe[ι]άλα**: acc. sing. (Att. *μεγάλην*). *μη-* (i.e. <sup>h</sup>*m* < \**sm-*) is not etymological in this root, but has spread analogically from other words beginning \**sR-* (e.g. *μοῖρα* < \**smor-*); found in other dialects also (e.g. Att. *μheγάλο*). After a front vowel intervocalic *g* > *γ* in a development reminiscent of Mod. Gk. (see Wallace 1983, and for Att. cf. Thraette 1980: 440).

6. **τῆμᾶΦεσα**: acc. sing. (Hom. *τιμήεσαν*). For the form (§13) cf. *pe-ne-we-ta* 1 (a). **πῶς**: on this reading an enclitic advb. ‘in some manner or other’. **ἄβατι**: dat. of a by-form of *ἀΦάτᾶ* (> Att. *ἄτη*), ‘ruin’, dat. (§28.5). The spelling of earlier [w] with <β> (as well as *F*, *W*) suggests that the sound had become a fricative and had merged with [v] < inherited \**b* (as in Lac., where the same β/*F* spelling fluctuation is attested at this period).

7. **ἀτῥόποισι**: i.e. *ἀνθρ-*, with loss of nasal (§43.3). The spelling <τ> indicates that inherited [t<sup>h</sup>] maintained its quality as a stop before [r], rather than becoming a fricative [θ] (cf. *πάσκοι* 58 8): whether the aspiration remained distinctive is difficult to say.  
**περτ(ῖ)**: *περτί* has a parallel in Cretan *πορτί* (cf. §28.7). **ῖρενι**: dat.

of a form *ἴρεν*? (Brixhe): variation in this word (Att. *εἰρήνη*) across the dialects is unpredictable (Colvin 1999: 237).

**ἄῶταισι:** the second element of *av* may have developed from semivowel to fricative before the following stop (cf. Mod. Gk. *αὐτός* [aftós]).  
**ἡἔῶταισι:** apparently the dat. of a collective noun *ἡβότᾱς* (cf. *ἡβᾱ*), which may have had a specific social implication similar to *ephebe* at Athens. For the spelling cf. *ἄβατι* 6. The syntagm (also in Hom. and classical Gk.) implies a special connection between the *ἄνθρωποι* and the youths (members of the same civic or kinship group?).

8. **ἐβδῶσαι:** aor. (3 sing.) of *βδῶσαι* (cf. Arc. *βολόμενον* 7 24): §44.4. **ἀδριόνα:** the basic meaning is ‘room or building for men’ (Ion. *ἀνδρεών*): §43.3.

9. **ἡίκαι:** athematic aor. inf. of *ἴκω*. **Μηειάλῃ:** personal name (dat.): cf. *μηειάλᾱ* 5. **ἐφ[ι]εῶται[σι]:** compd. of *ἐπι* + *ἡβοτ-* (for which cf. *ἡἔῶταισι* 7), with *ἐπι* > *ἐφι-* by anticipation of the aspirate (Lejeune 1972: §367, and cf. *τεθρίππῶι* 33 6). Is this the faction of Megales?

10. **Μάνῃ:** gen. sing. (cf. *Σελύῶι* 1): §42.2.

11. **ἰ πόλι:** *ἰ* < *ἰν* < *ἐν* (*ἰς* 4). For *πόλι-ι* cf. *πόλι* 18 2 (§32.4). **ἐφιέλου:** aor. imper. (3 plur.) < \**ἐπι-ἡέλοντον* (§44.3): Att. *ἐλέσθωι*. For *ἐφι-* cf. *ἐφιἔῶτ-* 9 (note lack of expected glide here); for *-ντ* > *-δ-* in *-έλου* cf. *πέδε* 5; plus *ο* > *υ* and loss of final *-ν*. **δικαστέρεσσ[ι]:** the only example so far in Pamph. of the dat. plur. *-εσσι*. Either an independent development in Pamph. (*ἀργυρωταί: ἀργυρωταῖσι :: δικαστήρες: x*), or a reflection of Aeolic influence (§36.4).

12. **καί νι:** this formula introduces a prescription with imperative. The *νι* is perhaps related to enclitic *νυ* (emphatic particle in Homer). **σκυδρό:** < \**σκυδρόν* (cf. Att. *σκυθρός*, ‘angry’, Hom. *σκύζομαι*). **κατεφέρξου:** aor. imper. (3 plur.) < \**κατ-εφέρξοντον* (*κατ-εφέργω*, Att. *κατείργω*): cf. *ἐφιέλου* 11.

13. **κάθεδν:** aor. imper. (§44.3) < \**κάθεντον* (*καθ-ίημι*), ‘they are to restore’. Brixhe (ad loc.) suggests that the object is some such quality as *ὁμόνοια* (in the preceding lacuna). **ἡάι(α):** a disputed word. Brixhe’s interpretation (*ἄγεα*, acc. plur. of an aspirated form *ἄγος* with development *ε* > *ι*) is translated here: it entails the change *γ* > *ι* before a front vowel (but after *α*), for which cf. *μηειάλᾱ* 5. **ἀνεί:**



aor. opt. (3 plur.) of *ἀν-ίημι*, ‘put an end to’ is plausible in context, though *-h-* is kept elsewhere in the inscription in compds. of *ἀν(a)*: *ἀνῆλε* 1, *ἀνῆαγλέσθῳ* 15. **ὁ βδόμενος**: rare, perhaps unique, attestation of the article (Att. *ὁ*) in Pamph. The phrase, common in Att. legal language, was perhaps borrowed *in toto* from a foreign source. *ἐβδολάσεν* 8 points to pres. *βδάομαι*. The *ε* of *βδόμενος* (pres. ptcl.) is most easily explained as the influence of the infin. *βδύσθαι* < *βδλά-εσθαι*, for which cf. *καδαλέμενοι* 59 6 (Elis).

14. **Woίκυ**: < \**Ῥοίκον* (acc. sg.). Presumably a reference to the *ἀνδρεών*. **hō ka**: the sequence *HOKA* is ambiguous. This reading assumes that *HO* is a relative (dat. sing.), and *KA* is the potential particle (i.e. *ὦι ἄν*, Thumb–Scherer 1959: 192).

15. **Wpυμάλι(a)**: if the stem is \**wru-* (as in Hom. *ἔρυμαι*) the word might mean the ‘protection’ or ‘upkeep’ of the *ἀνδρεών* (Brixhe): neut. plur. acc. **ἀνῆαγλέσθῳ**: mid. imper. (3 sing.). Brixhe suggests that the vb. *ῆαγλέω* (Att. *αἰρέω*) is the result of contamination between pres. (*h*)*αγρέω* (cf. *καταγρέθη* 17 13 with García Ramón 1999: 543) and aor. *εἶλον*. **ἀτρέκαδι**: perf. (3 plur.) of *ἀθρέω* (from \**ἀθρήκαντι*). For the spelling with <τ> cf. *ἀτρόποισι* 7.

16. **ἐξάγῳδι**: pres. subj. (3 plur.) in prohibitive sense, from *ἐξάγῳντι*.

## KOINÉ AND NORTH-WEST GREEK KOINA

**64.** Two letters from Ptolemaic Egypt. Both are addressed to the same person, and date to the middle of the III cent. bc. The first seems to have been written by a Greek or Greek-trained scribe, and is composed quite elegantly. The second seems to have been written by an Egyptian scribe: the spelling and composition are more informative about contemporary spoken koiné.

(a) Letter on papyrus from Aunkhis to Zenon, petitioning him to intervene in the abduction of her daughter by Demetrios. Philadelphia, 253 bc. Zenon archive: *P. Lond.* VII 1976.

►► Rowlandson (1998: no. 209).

*Ἀγχις Ζήνωνι χαίρειν. | λαμβάνουσα ζῦτον ἐκ | τοῦ μεγάλου*

ζυτοπωλίου διατίθημι τὴν ἡμέραν ἑ δ, καὶ εὐτακτῶ. | Δημήτρ[ι]ος δέ μου ὁ ἀμπελουργὸς ἀπατήσας | τὴν θυγατέρα ἐξαγαγὼν κρύπτει, φάμενος ἡ<sup>10</sup> συνοικήσ[ε]ω αὐτῆ ἄνευ | ἐμοῦ. αὕτη δέ συνένεμε | τὸ ἐργαστήριον καὶ ἐμέ | ἔτρεφεν πρεσβυτέραν οὐδισαν. νῦν οὖν ζημίαν ποιῶ<sup>15</sup> ταύτης ἐξελοῦσης, καὶ | αὐτῆ δέ τὰ δέοντα οὐκ εἶχω. ἔχει δὲ καὶ γυναῖκα ἐτέραν καὶ παιδιά ὧδε | ὥστε οὐ δύναται συνοικεῖν ἡ<sup>20</sup> ἡπάτησεν. ἀξιῶ οὖν βολεθῆσαί μοι διὰ τὸ γῆρας | καὶ παραδοῦναί μοι αὐτήν. ἔρρωσο.

Label L λβ, Μεχεῖρ | Αὐγκhis

Aunkhis to Zenon: greetings. Taking beer from the large wholesaler I dispose of four drachmas' worth per day, and I pay my account regularly. But Demetrios the vineyard-worker deceived and abducted my daughter and now hides her, saying (10) that he will set up house with her without my consent. She used to manage the business with me, and provided for me now that I am older. So now I make a loss since she has gone, and I don't have the bare necessities for myself. He has another woman, and children, so he can't set up house with (20) the girl he's deceived. I call on you to come to my help, on account of my age, and restore her to me. Be well.

Year 32, (month of) Mekheir. Aunkhis.

1. **Ζήνωνι**: the estate manager of Ptolemy II's chief minister (Apollonius).

2. **ζῦτον**: regular spelling in papyri, but ζῦθον in literary texts. Although a connection with ζύμη, 'leaven' is possible, Gk. writers regarded the word as Egyptian (cf. Theophrastos, *Plants* 6.11). The θ/τ variation could be explained by supposing that Greeks first came across the word in the Delta region, which had a slightly different dialect from the interior (where these and most other papyri come from).

3. **ζυτοπωλίον**: brewing beer was a royal monopoly.

4. **διατίθημι**: distribute, i.e. retail.

5. **εὐτακτῶ**: not found with this meaning before the koiné (but this may be an accident).

6. **μου**: oddly separated from τὴν θυγατέρα.

10. **ἄνευ**: this sense is attested also in the classical period (e.g. Thuc. 8. 5. 3).

16. **δέ:** it is not impossible that *δή* was meant (cf. *ἐνήτυχ[ον]* b1 below): but cf. on *καὶ τοῦ δέ* b9).

20. **ἦι:** corrected by the scribe from *ἦν* (cf. on *συνοικῆσαι* 65 29).

21. **διά:** see on 65 110.

(b) Letter on papyrus from Senkhons to Zenon, petitioning him to make Nikias return her donkey. Philadelphia, 256 BC. Zenon archive: *P.Mich.* I 29. Written with a brush (as Egyptians wrote), not a reed pen (as did Greeks). ► Clarysse (1993). Rowlandson (1998: no. 162).

*Ζήνωνι χαίρειν Σενχώνως. ἐνήτυχ[όν] | σοι περι τῆς ὄνου μου ἦν ἔλαβεν Νικί[ας]. | ἴ μοι ἔγραψας περι αὐτῆς, ἀπέστ[ιλά] | <σοι> ἄν αὐτήν. ἴ σοι δοκεῖ, σύνταξαι ἀποδο[ῦ]||<sup>5</sup>ναι αὐτήν, ἵνα τὰ ζμήνεα μετᾶγ[ά]γωμεν ἐπὶ τὰ νομάς, μέ σοι παραπόλωνται μέτε σοὶ μέτε τῶι βα[σι]λιεῖ. καὶ ἐὰν ἐπιζητῆς τὸ πρᾶγμα, | πεισθήσεις ὅτι χρήσιμοί σοί ἴμεν. κᾶ[ι] ||<sup>10</sup> τοῦ δὲ πώλου αὐτῆς ἀποστηλώ [σοι] | αὐτόν. δέομαι ὄν σοι καὶ εἴκετεύω | μέ με παραελκύσης. γυνή ἴμι χέ[ρα]. | εὐτύχι.*

*Label* L λ, Παχώνως κ[.] | Σενχώνως ὄνου.

Senkhons to Zenon: greetings. I petitioned you concerning my donkey, which Nikias has taken. If you had written to me about her, I would have sent her to you. If it please you, order him to return (5) her, so that we can move the beehives to the pastures, and they won't prove a loss to you, neither to you nor to the king. And if you look into the matter, you'll find that we're good for your profits. As for (10) her foal, I'll send it to you. So I beg and implore you not to put me off. I am a widow. Be prosperous.

Year 30, (month of) Pakhons 2[.] Senkhons, about a donkey.

1. **Ζήνωνι:** see on a1. **Σενχώνως:** 'sister of Khons' according to ed. pr. She leases beehives from a Greek estate, apparently one that Zenon owns or administers. **ἐνήτυχ[ον]:** this sense only in the koiné (Att. 'meet with, talk to'). Confusion of  $\epsilon \sim \eta$  is common in III cent. Ptol. koiné (Teodorsson 1977: 103, 216): it indicates that  $\eta$  still had an open quality. It is markedly less frequent from the late III cent., as  $\eta$  becomes closer ([ $\epsilon:$ ] > [ $\epsilon:$ ]). Clarysse (1993), noting that many instances come from texts written by Egyptian scribes, argues

that since the mistake is rare in Attica it may reflect substrate influence.

3. **ĩ:** Att. *εĩ* (the vowel [ɛ:] was clearly indistinguishable from [i:] to many speakers).

4. <**σοι**>: written above the line. **σύνταξαι**: this sense typical of the koiné (but already in IV cent. Attic). Middle imper., though the vb. is active elsewhere in Ptol. koiné; ed. pr. assumes a mistake for *σύνταξον* (not certain, as the mid. is found in IV cent. Attic prose).

5. **ζμήνεα**: usually spelled *σμῆνος*. The writing ζ for σ before μ (and β) is not uncommon in Ptol. koiné (Teodorsson 1977: 190, 243): it indicates that ζ had become a voiced sibilant [z], and that the opposition [s] ~ [z] was liable to be neutralized before a voiced cons. This may reflect substrate influence (lack of phonemic opposition between [s] and [z]), but ζ had become [z] in at least some varieties of Attic by the late IV cent. (Threatte 1980: 548).

6. **τὰ νομάς**: final -s (before C-) in Ptol. koiné seems to have been feeble: in general, however, the articulation remained robust and survived into Mod. Gk. **μέ:** i.e. *μή* (cf. *ἐνήτυχον* 1). **σοι**: a dative of interest ('ethic'). **παρ-απόλωνται**: aor. subj. of *παρ-απόλλυμαι* (once in Aristophanes, then starts to compete with *ἀπόλλυμαι*, itself a strengthened form of the simplex).

8. **ἐπιζετήης**: i.e. *ἐπιζετήις*, §53.6 (so also *παραελκύσης* 12).

9. **πεισθήσεις**: *πεισθήσει* (fut. pass.), recharacterized with 2 sing. -s. **ἴμεν**: *εἴμεν*, for *ἔσμεν*. **καὶ τοῦ δέ:** an odd sequence of connectives in Gk.

10. **τοῦ δὲ πῶλον**: a gen. expressing relation, Engl. 'regarding' (cf. Pl. *Gorg.* 470e, *οὐ γὰρ οἶδα παιδείας ὅπως ἔχει* [sc. *ὁ βασιλεὺς*] *καὶ δικαιοσύνης*). Ed. pr. emends to *τὸν δὲ πῶλον*. Fronting is a normal mode of topicalization in Gk. (and, probably, contemporary Egyptian): but the following anaphoric *αὐτόν* may reflect substrate influence (required, for example, in Coptic syntax after fronting). **ἀποστηλώ:** i.e. *ἀποστελώ*.

11. **δέομαι . . . σοι**: *δέομαι* takes the gen. in Gk. of all periods. A scribal slip. **δν:** i.e. *οὖν*. There is sporadic confusion of [o] and [u] in Ptol. koiné, esp. next to a nasal or in unstressed position (Horrocks 1997: 62).

12. **παραελκύσης**: the sense as at *Od.* 21. 111, though not in

classical Att. The ‘scriptio plena’ of the preverb is perhaps an instance of hypercorrection. **ἴμι:** i.e. εἴμι.

**65.** Inscription from Xanthos (Lycia), containing an appeal for help from the people of Kytenion in central Greece and the response of the Xanthians. 205 BC. Ed. pr. Bousquet (1988). SEG 38. 1476.

A. Decree of the Xanthians (first 42 lines only): koiné

Βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Πτολεμαίου καὶ | Βερενίκης θεῶν  
 εὐεργετῶν καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ Πτολεμαίου (ἔτους) ιζ', ἐφ' ἱερέως θεῶν  
 εὐεργετῶν καὶ βασιλέως | Πτολεμαίου Ἀνδρονίκου τοῦ Περλαμου,  
 πρὸ πόλεως ||<sup>5</sup> δὲ Τληπολέμου τοῦ Ἀρταπάτου, μηνὸς Αὐθναίου β', |  
 ἐκκλησίας γενομένης, ἔδοξεν Ξανθίοις τῇ πόλει | καὶ τοῖς ἄρχουσιν.  
 ἐπειδὴ ἀπὸ τοῦ κοινοῦ τῶν Αἰτωλῶν | παραγεγόνασιν πρεσβευταὶ  
 Δωριεῖς ἀπὸ Μητροπόλιος | ἐκ Κυτενίου Λαμπρίας, Αἴνετος,  
 Φηγεὺς, ψήφισμά ||<sup>10</sup> τε παρ' Αἰτωλῶν φέροντες καὶ ἐπιστολὴν παρὰ  
 Δωριέων, δι' ἧς, τὰ συμβεβηκότα τῇ πατρίδι αὐτῶν ἀπολογισά  
 μνοι, καὶ αὐτοὶ διαλεγέντες ἀκολουθῶς τοῖς ἐν τῇ ἐπιστολῇ  
 γεγραμμένοις μετὰ πάσης σπουδῆς καὶ φιλοτιμίας, παρακαλοῦσιν  
 ἡμᾶς ἀναμνησθέντας τῆς πρὸς ||<sup>15</sup> αὐτοὺς ὑπαρχούσης συγγενείας  
 ἀπὸ τε τῶν θεῶν καὶ | τῶν ἡρώων μὴ περιδεῖν κατεσκαμμένα τῆς  
 πατρίδος | αὐτῶν τὰ τεῖχη. Λητοῦν γὰρ, τὴν τῆς πόλεως ἀρχηγέτιν |  
 τῆς ἡμετέρας, γεννήσαι Ἄρτεμιν τε καὶ Ἀπόλλωνα παρ' ἡμῖν.  
 Ἀπόλλωνος δὲ καὶ Κορωνίδος τῆς Φλεγύου τοῦ ἀπὸ ||<sup>20</sup> Δώρου γεν-  
 ἔσθαι ἐν τῇ Δωρίδι Ἀσκληπιόν. τῆς δὲ συγγεινείας ὑπαρχούσης  
 αὐτοῖς πρὸς ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ τῶν θεῶν τούτων, προσαπελογίζοντο καὶ τὴν  
 ἀπὸ τῶν ἡρώων συμπλοκὴν | τοῦ γένους ὑπάρχουσαν αὐτοῖς, ἀπὸ τε  
 Αἰόλου καὶ Δώρου | τὴν γενεαλογίαν συνιστάμενοι, ἔτι τε παρε-  
 δείκνουν ||<sup>25</sup> τῶν ἀποικισθέντων ἐκ τῆς ἡμετέρας ἀπὸ Χρυσάορος  
 τοῦ | Γλαύκου τοῦ Ἰππολόχου πρόνοιαν πεποιημένον Ἀλήτην, ὄντα |  
 τῶν Ἡρακλειδῶν. ὀρμηθέντα γὰρ αὐτὸν ἐκ τῆς Δωρίδος βοηθηθῆσαι  
 πολεμουμένοις καὶ τὸν περιεστηκότα κίνδυνον | λύσαντα συνοικήσαι  
 τὴν Ἄορος τοῦ Χρυσάορος θυγατέ||<sup>30</sup> ρα. καὶ δι' ἄλλων δὲ πλειόνων  
 παραδεικνύοντες τὴν ἐκ | παλαιῶν χρόνων συνοικειωμένην πρὸς  
 ἡμᾶς εὐνοιαν διὰ συγγένειαν, ἠξίουσαν μὴ περιδεῖν τὴν μεγίστην  
 πόλιν τῶν ἐν τῇ Μητροπόλει ἐξαλειφθεῖσαν, ἀλλὰ βοηθηθῆσαι εἰς τὸν  
 τειχισμὸν καθ' ὅσον ἂν δυνατὸ[v] ||<sup>35</sup> ἡμῖν ᾗι, καὶ φανεράν ποιῆσαι

τοῖς Ἑλλησι τὴν εὐν[οιαν] | ἦν ἔχομεν πρὸς τε τὸν κοινὸν τῶν Δωριέων καὶ τὴν Κ[υτε]νίων πόλιν, συναντιλαβομένους ἀξίως τε πρ[ογό]λων καὶ ἡμῶν αὐτῶν, χαριεῖσθαι τε ἡμᾶς ὑπακούσαντας εἰς ταῦτα οὐ μόνον αὐτοῖς ἀλλὰ καὶ Αἰτωλοῖς καὶ ἰ<sup>40</sup> τοῖς ἄλλοις Δωριεῦσι πᾶσιν, καὶ μάλιστα τῷ βασιλεῖ Πτ[ο]λεμαίῳ ὄντι συγγενεῖ Δωριέων κατὰ τοὺς βασιλεῖς | τοὺς ἀφ' Ἡρακλέους Ἀργεάδας.

#### B. Decree of the Aitolians

Ἔδοξε τοῖς Αἰτωλοῖς | πρεσβείας δόμεν τοῖς Δωριεῖσι ποτί τε τὰς πόλεις τὰς ἰ<sup>75</sup> συγγενεῖς καὶ τοὺς βασιλεῖς τοὺς ἀπὸ Ἡρακλέους Πτολεμαίων καὶ Ἀντίοχον. τοὺς δε ἀποσταλέντας διαλεγέσθαι ὅπως καὶ διὰ τὰν ποτί Δωριεῖς συγγένειαν καὶ διὰ τὰν ποτ' Αἰτωλλοὺς συναντιλάβωνται τοῦ τειχισμοῦ τὰς πόλεις τῶν Κυτεινέων ὅπως συνοικισθῆι τὰν ταχίσταν.

#### C. Letter of the Aitolian magistrates to Xanthos

Ἀγέλαος, Πανταλέ<sup>80</sup>ων, Μόλοσσος καὶ οἱ σύνοδοι τῶν Αἰτωλῶν Ἐανθίων τῷ βουλῆι καὶ τῷ δάμῳ χαίρειν. Α[α]μπρίας, Αἴνετος, Φηγεύς, οἱ ἀποιδεωκότες ὑμῖν τὰν ἐπιστολάν, ἐντὶ μὲν Δωριεῖς ἐκ Κυτεινίου, παραγεγόναντι δὲ ποθ' ὑμὲ πρεσβεύοντες παρὰ | τῶν Αἰτωλῶν περὶ τειχισμοῦ τὰς τῶν Κυτεινέων πόλεις. κα<sup>85</sup>λῶς οὖν ποιήσετε καὶ ἔνεκεν ἀμῶν καὶ τοῦ κοινού τῶν Αἰτωλῶν καὶ τὰς ποτί Δωριεῖς οἰκειότατος ὑμῖν ὑπαρχούσας, | διακούσαντες αὐτῶν μετὰ φιλανθρωπίας καὶ ἐν τὰ ἀξιούμενα προθύμως ὑπακούσαντες. ἔρρωσθε.

#### D. Letter of the Kytenians to Xanthos

Δωρ[ι]έων τῶν ἀπὸ | Ματροπόλιος οἱ πόλιν Κυτένιον οἰκέοντες Ἐανθίων τῷ βουλῆι καὶ τῷ δάμῳ χαίρειν. ἀπεστάλακαμες ποθ' ὑμὲ πρέσβεις καὶ ἀμεῖς καὶ τοῖ Αἰτωλοῖ Λαμπρίαν [Ι]αγκλέος, Αἴνετον | Πολύτα, Φηγέα Σωτίωνος τοὺς διαλεγησομένους περὶ ὧν | ἔχοντι τὰς ἐντολάς. συμβαίνει γὰρ ἀμῶν, καθ' ὃν καιρὸν | ὁ βασιλεὺς Ἀντίγονος ἐνέβαλε ἐν τὰν Φωκίδα, τῶν τε ἰ<sup>95</sup> τειχέων μέρη τινὰ καταπεπτώκειν ὑπὸ τῶν σεισμῶν παίσαν τὰμ πολίων καὶ τοὺς νεωτέρους εἰσβοασθῆκε<ι>ν ἐν τὸ ἱερό[ν] | τοῦ Ἀπόλλωνος τοῦ ἐν Δελφοῖς. παραγεγόμενος δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐν τὰν Δωρίδα τὰ τε τείχη ἀμῶν κατέσκαψε πᾶσιν | τὰμ πολίων καὶ τὰς οἰκίας κατέκαυσε. ἀξιάζομες οὖν ὑμὲ ἰ<sup>100</sup> μνασθέντας τὰς συγγενείας τὰς ὑπαρχούσας ἀμῖν | ποθ' ὑμὲ μὴ περιδεῖν τὰμ μεγίσταν τὰν ἐν τῷ Ματροπόλ[ι]

πό]λιν Κυτένιον ἔξαλειφθεῖσαν, ἄλλα βοαθοῆσαι ἡμῖν ἐν [τὸν] τε-  
 χισμὸν τᾶς πόλιος καθ' ὃ κα δυνατὸν ὑμῖν φαίνεται ε[ῖ]μιν, καὶ  
 φανεράν ποιῆσαι τοῖς Ἑλλάνοις τὰμ παρ' ὑμῶν εὔνοια[ν] ||<sup>105</sup> ποτί τε  
 το ἔθνο<ς> ἡμῶν καὶ τὰμ πόλιν, συνναντιλαβομένους ἀξίως | καὶ τῶν  
 προγόνων καὶ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν καὶ τοῦ Ἡρακλέος καὶ τῶν ἀπογόνων  
 αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἡμεῖς δὲ χάριτας ἀποδωσείμες καθ' ὃ κα παρακάλητε.  
 γινώσκετε δὲ οὐ μόνον ἡμῖν εὐχαριστῆς ἔοντες ἀλλὰ καὶ | [το]ῖς  
 Αἰτωλοῖς καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις Δωριέοις πᾶσι καὶ μάλιστα βασιλεῖ ||<sup>110</sup>  
 Πτολεμαίωι διὰ τὸ συγγενῆ ἡμῶν εἶμεν κατὰ τοὺς βασιλεῖς.

[A.] In the 17th year of the reign of Ptolemy (IV Philopator), son of Ptolemy (III Euergetes) and Berenike divine benefactors, and of his son Ptolemy (V Epiphanes); with Andronikos son of Perlamos priest of the divine benefactors and of the king Ptolemy; with Tlepolemos son of Artapatēs priest of the civic cult: on the second day of the month Audnaios an assembly was held and the people and magistrates of Xanthos resolved as follows. Whereas: Ambassadors from the Aitolian League, Dorians from Metropolis, have presented themselves: Lamprias, Ainetos, Phegeus from Kytenion. (10) Bringing a decree from the Aitolians and a letter from the Dorians, by means of which they recounted what has befallen their country, and giving a detailed and powerful elaboration of the letter's contents, they call upon us to remember our kinship with them, which descends from a line of gods and of heroes, and not to remain indifferent to the destruction of the walls of their homeland. For Leto (they point out), the founder of our city, gave birth to both Artemis and Apollo in our country; and Asklepios was born in Doris to Apollo and Koronis, daughter of Phlegyas, descendant of (20) Doros. In addition to the kinship which exists between them and us from these gods, they also recounted their connections in heroic genealogy, establishing their descent from Aiolos and Doros. They described, furthermore, the kindness shown by Alêtēs, one of the Herakleidai, to our colonists under the command of Chrysaor, son of Glaukos, son of Hippolochos: for he set out from Doris and came to their aid as they were being attacked, and heading off the danger which threatened them he married the daughter of Aor, son of Chrysaor. (30) And demonstrating with many other arguments the goodwill which has,

through kinship, bound them to us since ancient times, they begged us not to remain indifferent to the obliteration of the biggest city in Metropolis, but to help them in the rebuilding of the walls as far as we are able and to make clear to the Greeks the goodwill we bear towards the Dorian League and city of Kytenion, by assisting in a manner worthy both of our ancestors and of ourselves; and in responding positively we would be obliging not only them, but also the Aitolians and (40) all the other Dorians, and especially King Ptolemy on account of his kinship with the Dorians through the Argead kings descended from Herakles . . .

[B.] The Aitolians resolved to grant to the Dorians embassies to cities (75) linked by kinship and to the kings descended from Herakles, Ptolemy and Antiochos. Those who are sent are to petition them, on account of their kinship with both the Dorians and the Aetolians, to assist in the rebuilding of the city walls of Kytenion, so that the city may be re-established as quickly as possible.

[C.] Agelaos, Pantaleon, (80) Molossos and the magistrates of the Aitolians, to the council and people of Xanthos, greetings. Lamprias, Ainetos, and Phegeus, who have given you this letter, are Dorians from Kytenion, and have come before you as ambassadors from the Aitolians in the matter of the reconstruction of the city of the Kytenians. We request that you be kind enough, for our sake, and for the sake of the Aitolian League and your kinship with the Dorians, to grant them a kind hearing and to entertain their requests with a gracious spirit. Be well.

[D.] From the Dorians in Matropolis who inhabit the city of Kytenion, to the council (90) and people of Xanthos, greetings. We and the Aitolians have sent to you, as ambassadors, Lamprias son of Pankles, Ainetos son of Polutas, and Phegeus son of Sotion: they are to enter into discussions with you according to their instructions. This is what has befallen us: when King Antigonos invaded Phokis, parts of the walls of all of our cities had fallen down as a result of the earthquakes, and our young men had gone to the help of the temple of Apollo in Delphi. When the king arrived in Doris he destroyed the walls of all of our cities and



burned the houses. We therefore call upon you (100) to remember your kinship with us, and not to remain indifferent to the obliteration of the biggest city in Metropolis, but to help us in the rebuilding of the city as far as seems possible to you, and to make clear to the Greeks the extent of the goodwill you have towards our people and our city, by assisting us in a manner worthy both of your ancestors and of you yourselves, and of Herakles and his descendants. For our part, we shall render thanks in whatever way you call for. And you should know that you will not only be obliging us, but also the Aitolians and all the other Dorians, and in particular King Ptolemy, on account of his kinship with us through the kings.

The documents from Kytention are in North-west Greek koina: the Xanthian decree is in elegant chancellery-style Hellenistic koiné. The Lycians were a people of Anatolian (Luwian) origin, who had had a long history of interaction with the Greek world, and were hellenized at an early date. Their language was probably still spoken at this period, but few traces of interference are detectable in texts written in Greek.

#### A. *Hellenistic koiné*

1. **βασιλεύοντος Πτολεμαίου**: great-grandson of Ptolemy I, a Macedonian general of Alexander who took control of Egypt after Alexander's death in 323 and founded a Greek dynasty there. Lycia was under Ptolemaic control until 197.

2. **Βερενίκης**: in standard Gk. this would be *Φερε-*. Details of Macedonian phonology are scarce, since little survives except names.

3. **θεῶν εὐεργετῶν**: i.e. the deified Ptolemy III and Berenike.

4. **Περλαμου**: Lycian name. **πρὸ πόλεως**: i.e. the cult of the patron (protecting) god(s) of the city of Xanthos (Robert and Robert 1983: 171): cf. the title *πολιούχος* (note on 33 3).

5. **Ἄρταπάτου**: Persian name. The Persians controlled Lycia (and Egypt) until Alexander's conquest.

7. **ἐπειδή**: introduces 35 lines of background explanation, until *ἔδοξεν* 6 is picked up by *δεδόχθαι* at 42 (not given here) which gives the response of the Xanthians: the people are sympathetic, but the city's finances are in ruins: the archons are authorized to borrow 500 drachmas to give to the ambassadors. **τοῦ κοινοῦ**: the Aitolian

League, a federal organization which controlled much of central Greece in the III cent. (including Doris).

8. **Δωριείς . . . Μητροπόλιος**: in the narrow sense, people from Doris, a valley north of Delphi. Some Dorian Greeks claimed this as their original home (μητροπόλις: Thuc. 1. 107). *Μητροπόλιος*: a hybrid form (koiné -πόλεως).

12. **διαλεγέντες**: ptcl. of διελέγην (aor. pass.): classical Att. διελέχθην. **ἀκολουθως**: ‘almost exclusively confined to the koiné’ (Welles 1934: 310): a tech. term in diplomatic letters.

13. **φιλοτιμίας**: in classical Att. this has the negative sense implied by its constituent elements; in the koiné it acquires a positive sense of public-spiritedness (of a wealthy elite who perform philanthropic services for their city).

14. **παρακαλοῦσιν**: in the sense ‘exhort’, probably alien to classical Att. before Xenophon.

17. **Λητούν**: acc. formed from the gen. Λητούς < \*Λᾱτόγος (earlier Λητώ < \*Λᾱτόγα, cf. λεχώι 51 16): so already Ἰοῦν Hdt. 1. 2. Leto was the chief deity at Xanthos, and corresponded to an indigenous Lycian/Luwian goddess (the ‘mother of the gods’).

19. **ἡμεῖν**: a rare slip. [e:] had doubtless fallen together with [i:] by this time. **Κορωνίδος**: the story is told at Pind. *Pyth.* 3.

20. **Δώρου**: eponymous ancestor of the Dorians (Hesiod frag. 9 in Merkelbach–West 1967); his brothers were Aiolos (Aeolians) and Xouthos (Ionians).

23. **προσαπελογίζοντο**: the use of multiple preverbs is a feature of koiné Gk., and may be connected with the development of technical or specialist styles in the Hellenistic period (ἀπολογίζομαι, ‘recount’, esp. of ambassadors, is not an idiom of classical Att.).

25. **ἡμετέρας**: sc. γῆς.

26. **Γλαύκου**: Glaukos and Sarpedon led the Lycians at Troy (*Il.* 6. 144 ff. for the family history). Chrysaor, however, is a Carian hero, which makes Bousquet (1988: 36) suspect that the ambassadors had also stopped in Caria. **Ἡρακλειδῶν**: the Dorians claimed to be descendants of Herakles (for the formation cf. *Λαβυάδαι* 55 19).

29. **συνοικῆσαι**: elsewhere takes the dat.

30. **παραδεικνύοντες**: classical Att. -δεικνύντες, but Hdt. 3. 79

δεικνύοντες. The athem. inflection is gradually abandoned in the IV cent.

37. **συναντιλαβομένους**: cf. *προσαπελογιζοντο* 22. A koiné usage (Welles 1934: 314).

42. **Ἀργεάδας**: the Argeadai, ruling clan of Macedonia who claimed kinship with the royal house of Argos, founded by Herakles (cf. Hdt. 5. 22).

#### B–D. North-west Greek koina

73. **ἔδοξε**: note absence of *-ν* (compare the Xanthian text): §32.7.

74. **δόμεν**: athematic infin. (§40.3). **Δωριέοις**: NW Gk. typically replaced the *-σι* ending of C-stem nouns with *-οις* (cf. *Δωριεῦσι* 40). **πόλεις**: koiné influence (earlier *πόλιες*).

75. **συγγενεῖς**: nom. for acc. *-εας* is a feature of Attic (from the mid IV cent.) and koiné, but also of NW Gk. from an early date (Méndez Dosuna 1985: 465–8). So also *βασιλείς*.

77. **ὅπως . . . ὅπως**: marked increase in the use of this conjunction is a feature of koiné Gk. (Horrocks 1997: 45): in this case the first *ὅπως* introduces an object clause, the second a purpose (final) clause.

79. **πόλιος**: non-Att. inflection (§32.4, and contrast *πόλιες* 74). **τὰν ταχίσταν**: sc. *ὁδόν*.

80. **οἱ**: koiné form (§40.5).

82. **ἐντί**: WGk. form (§39.4).

83. **παραγεγόναντι . . . παρά**: apocope (§24.5) is missing from the koina (cf. *πάρ* 59 5). For the ending of *παραγεγόναντι* cf. *ἐντί*, but note that *-αντι* has been recharacterized (earlier NW Gk. 3 plur. *-ατι* < \**-ητι*): cf. §32.12. **ὑμέ**: WGk. (cf. §32.5).

85. **ποιήσετε**: koiné form (cf. *ἀποδωσειμες* 107, §40.2). **ἔνεκεν**: characteristic of Ionic and koiné Gk. (no evidence for the form in NW Gk.).

87. **διακούσαντες**: a tech. term in the koiné for listening to envoys. **ἐν**: NW Gk. (cf. §28.8).

90. **ἀπεστάλακμες**: resultative perfect. A koiné form with WGk. verbal ending (§40.1). **πρέσβεις**: koiné form (cf. Lokr. *πρέιγῶι* 56 10): acc. plur. (*συγγενεῖς* 75).

91. **τοί**: WGk. (§40.5): contrast *οἱ* 80.

92. **Πολύτᾱ**: WGk. gen. sing. < -ᾱο (§24.3).

93. **ἔχοντι**: cf. ἐντί 82. **ἐντολάς**: rare in classical Att., the word becomes common in the koiné (Welles 1934: 331). **ἀμῶν**: probably a slip for ἀμῶν (ed. pr.).

94. **ἐνέβαλε ἐν**: for NW Gk. ἐν + acc. cf. 87 and Lokr. ἐνφέροι 56 10.

95. **καταπεπτῶκειν**: a perf. infin. created with a thematic infin. ending (as in Thess. and Delphi, and sporadically in WGk.). **πασᾶν**: WGk. -ᾶν < -ᾶων (§30.2).

96. **εἰσβοαθοῆκε<ι>ν**: Bousquet emends -εν to match καταπεπτῶκειν (either ending would in theory be acceptable), and notes also the lack of reduplication. The preverb εἰσ- stands in contrast to ἐνέβαλε 94. See βοαθοῆσαι 102.

99. **ἀξιάζομες**: ἀξιάζω for ἀξιώω is not attested elsewhere, though ἀξιάω is found in Lesb. (ἀξίαισι, 3 plur. indic., Eresos): cf. τιμάω/τιμάζω/τιμόω.

102. **βοαθοῆσαι**: βοᾱθοέω is attested in Aitolian (Att. βοηθέω by hyperthesis), formed to βοᾱθό(Ὶ)ος.

103. **ε[ῖ]μεν**: athem. infin. (§40.3) < \*es-men.

104. **Ἑλλάνοις**: cf. Δωριέοις 74 (and Ἑλλησι 35 < \*Ἑλλᾶν-σι).

105. **ἔθνο<ς>**: ed. pr. for ἔθνον on stone.

107. **ἀποδωσειμες**: strange ending. The ‘Doric’ future -σε-ομες (suffix+ending) could not give -σειμες. The vowel must be analogical (e.g. from the 2 plur. -σειτε < -σε-ετε).

108. **γνώσκετε**: forms in γιν- are normal in NW Gk. (this is not a sign of koiné influence): cf. on γίνητοι 7 2. **εὐχαριστήs**: apparently nom. plur. (\*-ήF-ες) of a noun in -εύs, ‘benefactor’. **ἐόντες**: §32.11.

109. **πάσι**: koiné form (NW Gk. πάντοις: cf. Δωριέοις 74).

110. **διά**: διά with the articular infin. was destined to play an important role in the syntax of the koiné, as participle constructions became less common (Horrocks 1997: 46). The Xanthian version avoids it.

## LITERARY TEXTS

## EPIC

- 66.** Homer, *Iliad* 22. 93–125: Hektor's soliloquy before his duel with Achilles. Text: ed. M. L. West (Teubner: Leipzig 2000). Date: probably some time in the VIII cent. BC (when and how it was written down is a matter of debate). Hexameters. ► Chantaine (1953: 362–4), Fenik (1978), Sharples (1983), De Jong (1987: 129–30).

ὥς δὲ δράκων ἐπὶ χειρὶ ὀρέστερος ἄνδρα μένησιν  
 βεβρωκὸς κακὰ φάρμακ', ἔδν δέ τέ μιν χόλος αἰνός,  
 95 σμερδαλέον δὲ δέδορκεν ἐλισσόμενος περὶ χειρὶ,  
 ὡς Ἔκτωρ ἄσβεστον ἔχων μένος οὐχ ὑπεχώρει,  
 πύργῳ ἐπι προύχοντι φαεινὴν ἀσπίδ' ἐρείσας.  
 ὀχθήσας δ' ἄρα εἶπε πρὸς ὃν μεγαλήτορα θυμόν·  
 «ὦ μοι ἐγών, εἰ μὲν κε πύλας καὶ τείχεα δύω,  
 100 Πουλυδάμας μοι πρῶτος ἐλεγχείην ἀναθήσει,  
 ὅς μ' ἐκέλευεν Τρωσὶ ποτὶ πτόλιν ἠγήσασθαι  
 νύχθ' ὑπο τήνδ' ὀλοήν, ὅτε τ' ὤρετο δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς·  
 ἀλλ' ἐγὼ οὐ πιθόμην· ἦ τ' ἂν πολὺ κέρδιον ἦεν.  
 νῦν δ' ἐπεὶ ὤλεσα λαὸν ἀτασθαλίησιν ἐμήσιν,  
 105 αἰδέομαι Τρῶας καὶ Τρωιάδας ἐλκεσιπέπλους,  
 μὴ ποτέ τις εἴπησι κακώτερος ἄλλος ἐμεῖο,  
 «Ἔκτωρ ἦφι βίηφι πιθήσας ὤλεσε λαόν.»  
 ὡς ἐρέουσιν· ἐμοὶ δὲ τότ' ἂν πολὺ κέρδιον εἶη  
 ἄντην ἢ Ἀχιλλῆα κατακτείναντα νέεσθαι  
 110 ἢ ἐκεν αὐτῷ ὀλέσθαι εὐκλείως πρὸ πόλης.  
 εἰ δέ κεν ἀσπίδα μὲν καταθείομαι ὀμφαλόεσσαν  
 καὶ κόρυθα βριαρὴν, δόρυ δὲ πρὸς τεῖχος ἐρείσας  
 αὐτὸς ἰὼν Ἀχιλλῆος ἀμύμονος ἀντίος ἔλθω  
 καὶ οἱ ὑπόσχωμαι Ἑλένην καὶ κτήμαθ' ἅμ' αὐτῆι  
 115 πάντα μάλ', ὅσα τ' Ἀλέξανδρος κοίλῃς ἐνὶ νηυσὶν  
 ἠγάγετο Τροίηνδ', ἦ τ' ἔπλετο νείκεος ἀρχή,  
 δωσέμεν Ἀτρεΐδῃσιν ἄγειν, ἅμα τ' ἀμφὶς Ἀχαιοῖς  
 ἀλλ' ἀποδάσσεσθαι, ὅσα τε πτόλις ἦδε κέκευθεν·  
 Τρωσὶν δ' αὖ μετόπισθε γερούσιον ὄρκον ἔλωμαι  
 120 μὴ τι κατακρύψειν, ἀλλ' ἄνδιχα πάντα δάσσεσθαι—

- 122 ἀλλὰ τίη μοι ταῦτα φίλος διελέξατο θυμός;  
 μή μιν ἐγὼ μὲν ἴκωμαι ἰών, ὃ δέ μ' οὐκ ἐλεήσει  
 οὐδέ τί μ' αἰδέσεται, κτενέει δέ με γυμνὸν ἔοντα  
 125 αὐτῶς ὡς τε γυναιῖκα, ἐπεὶ κ' ἀπὸ τεύχεα δύω.»

As a snake in the mountains waits for a man by its den, having fed on poisonous herbs, and a terrible anger has entered it: dreadfully its eyes glitter as it twists around its den. So Hektor, full of unquenchable fierceness, did not give ground, but leant his bright shield against a projecting battlement. With turbulent feelings he addressed his mighty spirit: 'Ah me, if I enter within the gates and the wall, (100) Polydamas will be the first to lay reproach upon me: he was the man who bade me lead the Trojans to the city during this fatal night when glorious Achilles roused himself. But I did not listen: that indeed would have been far better. As it is, now that I have destroyed the host with my reckless folly, I feel shame before the Trojan men and the long-robed Trojan women, in case someone else, a man of lower rank than I, should say, "Hektor, by putting faith in his own strength, has destroyed the host". So they will say; but for me it would be far better to meet Achilles face to face, slay him, and return home, (110) or die gloriously at his hands in front of the city. Perhaps if I were to lay down my bossed shield and mighty helmet, and leaning my spear against the wall were to go just as I am to meet blameless Achilles and promise him Helen and, along with her, all the treasure which Alexander brought in his hollow ships to Troy (which was the cause of the dispute), and give it to Atreus' sons to carry away, and at the same time divide up amongst the Achaeans all the rest that this city contains, and later take from the Trojans an oath sworn by the elders (120) not to hide anything but to divide everything in two—but why does my heart hold converse with me like this? No, I must not go and approach him, for he will not pity me nor show me any respect, but will kill me there and then like a woman, without defence when I have taken off my armour.'

93–5. Hom. simile. The comparison is both timeless and immediate, hence the non-temporal aorist εἶδεν (Chantraine 1953: 185), in which aor. aspect (achievement of the predicate), rather than past tense, is important. Note the coordination of pres. subjunctive,

non-temporal aor. and perf. (intrans., indicating the snake's appearance).

93. **ὤς**: E. Ionic was psilotic (§31.6). If, as is commonly thought, the poem assumed its final form in this region, rough breathings and other signs of aspiration must reflect the influence of Athens on the history of the text (§23.10). **δράκων**: < \**dḡkōn* (root \**derk-*, 'look'): poetic term derived from the unnerving eyes of a reptile. A play with *δέδορκεν* 95. **μένησι**: the 3 sing. subj. of thematic vbs. in Homer is often extended with the marker *-σι* (earlier *-τι*, as in WGk. athem. *δίδωτι*); the 1 and 2 sing. less frequently have *-μι*, *-θα* added. Some MSS have *μένησιον* (cf. Arc. *τυγχάνη* 7 11).

94. **ἔδν δέ τέ μιν**: enclitic pronouns and particles in Indo-European follow the first accented unit in the phrase (phenomenon known as Wackernagel's Law: cf. Ruijgh 1990); in post-Hom. Gk. this pattern is weakened. (Gk. *δέ* is semi-clitic.) **τέ**: with generalizing force, common in similes. **μιν**: cf. *μιν* 21 2.

98. **εἶπε πρὸς ὃν μεγαλήτορα θυμόν**: direct speech (which comprises about two-thirds of the *Iliad*) is always clearly introduced in epic with formulas such as this (Bers 1997: 15–17). **ὃν**: < \**swo*s (with doublet *έός* < \**sewo*s). Cf. Lat. *suus*.

99. **ὦ μοι ἐγών**: introduces a 'type scene', the monologue of an isolated warrior. All four such scenes in *Iliad* start with this lament (Fenik 1978). **ἐγών**: §36.5. **κε**: Hom. epic uses *κ(ε)*, *κεν*, and *ἄν*. The most common is *κε/κ'* (also found in Lesb., E. Thess. and Cypr.). Cf. §36.7. Here with the pres. subj. *δύω*.

100. **Πουλυδάμας**: < *ου* > in our text represents *ō*, lengthened for metrical convenience. This licence grew out of poetically useful doublets such as *μόνος* ~ *μόνος* (*μοῦνος*) < \**μόνῑος*, which reflect the different dialectal elements which contributed to epic language: compensatory lengthening in some dialects such as E. Ionic (§30.6) but absent from others (such as Lesb.). **ἐλεγχέην**: for the formation of this fem. abstract (elsewhere neut. *ἐλεγχος*) see on *ἀτελέην* 27 7 (Eretria).

101. **ποτί**: *πρός* is most frequent in Hom. epic, and often seems to have replaced *ποτί* (Janko 1982: 177). *προτί* and *ποτί* look like metrically useful archaisms from mainland Gk. (with early Aeolic *ποτί* replacing Achaean *ποσί*: §28.7, and Janko 1982: 90). **πτόλιν**: found in Cypr. (cf. on 8 1).

102. **νύχθ'**: cf. *ώς* 93 (and on *ἐπιστάσα* 83 38.1). **ὔπο**: rare use, perhaps restricted to Ionic (also in Hdt., and on Thasos). **τ(ε)**: following a specific temporal relative, appears to give 'a causal colour' to the relative (Denniston 1954: 522). **ῶρετο**: aor. (intrans.) of *ὄρνυμαι*, 'arise'. A thematic version of athem. *ῶρτο*, it makes a dactyl and was perhaps confectioned for metrical reasons (root as in Lat. *ortus*). **δίος**: adj. < \**diw-yos*, 'relating to Zeus/the sky'. Frequent epithet of Hom. heroes; may also have a sense 'shining' (cf. particularly the use with 'dawn', 'sea', and 'upper air': García Ramón 1999: 549).

103. **πιθόμην**: them. aor. (intrans.) of *πέιθομαι*, 'obey'. The augment may be omitted in Hom. epic: descriptively a poetic licence, the historical reasons are obscure (§14.2). **ἦ τ'**: *ἦ* is emphatic, *τ(ε)* may be due to the tendency in Gk. syntax for negative propositions (here an unfulfilled apodosis) to be marked as indefinite (see also Ruijgh 1971: 54 f.). **ἦεν**: 3 sing. imperf. (> Att.-Ion. *ἦν*): §32.2.

104. **λαόν**: < earlier epic *λαῖφόν*, retained by bards in Ionia in spite of the change *ā* > *η*, since Ion. \**ληόν* had become *λεών* (not metrically equivalent). **ἀτασθαλίησιν**: *a*-stem abstracts may be used in the plur. in Hom., most often the dat. plur. (Hainsworth 1957). §32.14 for the ending.

105. **Τρώας**: acc. plur. of *Τρώς*. The adj. 'Trojan' is *Τρωῖος*, of which *Τρωιάς* (here contracted *Τρωιάς*) is the fem. **ἐλκεσιπέπλους**: compd. adj., in which the second member (a noun) is determined by the first, here a verbal stem (*ἐλκε-*): the linking suffix *-τι-* (assibilated *-σι-*) is characteristic of such compds.

106. **τις**: long because of following (*F*)*εἶπησι* (for the subj. cf. *μῆνησιν* 93). **ἐμείο**: gen. sing., built on acc. *ἐμέ* on the analogy of thematic nouns in *-οιο*.

107. **ἦφι**: dat.-instr. (fem.) of possess. adj. *ῶς* < \**swos*. *βίηφι* could in origin be sing. or plur. (Hainsworth 1957: 6). For the ending *-φι* see §11.4. **πιθήσας**: see on 68 671.

109. **ἦ'**: i.e. *ἦ<sup>F</sup>* (preventing hiatus). For *ἦ-Fέ* cf. the Lat. particle *-ue*. **Ἀχιλλῆα**: a poetic liberty for *Ἀχιλλ-*, perhaps deriving from forms such as *ἔλλαβε* (*ἐλαβε*), in which root-initial *λ-* < \**sl-* could count (metrically) as single or double. **κατακτείναντα**: the need for a dat. in agreement with *ἐμοί* 108 yields to the need for an acc. as the subject of inf. *νέεσθαι*.



110. **κεν**: modal particle with infin. (very rare): it seems to be carrying the hypothetical force of ἄν 108 into the dependent clause. Epigraphic evidence for **κεν** is extremely feeble, suggesting that the form may be an epic innovation (different view in Forbes 1958*b*). **αὐτῶι**: dat. pron. involving Achilles in the action (as agent). **ἔϋκλείως**: or ἔϋκλε(Ϝ)έως (cf. *Il.* 17. 415, ἔϋκλεές, neut. sing. as advb.). **πόλλης**: §32.4.

111–21. A long and complex sentence by Hom. standards. Formally it takes the syntax of an incomplete conditional: protasis, then interruption.

111. **καταθείομαι**: aor. subj. of κατα-τίθεμαι, formed by adding them. vowel and ending to the long grade of the stem (θη-): instead of expected θή-ο-μαι the MSS here and elsewhere give θεί- before ο-vowels (i.e. in contexts where -ηο- underwent metathesis to -εω- in post-Hom. Ionic and Attic). The bards, for whom -ηο- was obsolete, may have tried to make a long *e* vowel (required by the metre) by lengthening the *ε* they were familiar with (giving  $\bar{\epsilon}$ , later written *ει*). Att. θῶμαι < θέωμαι < θήομαι. **ὀμφαλόεσσον**: for the suffix see §13.

114. **καί οἱ**: hiatus caused by loss of *w* (cf. on 72 79). ὑπόσχωμαι has a long final in hiatus, which is unusual: the reason is probably the caesura (not *F*- before Ἑλένην, which is not found in epic: cf. on 32).

115. **ῥοσα**: \*γογγο- > Lesb. Thess. ῥοσο-, Ion. ῥοσο- (§23.8), creating a useful poetic doublet (cf. ῥοσα 118). **κοίλησις**: i.e. κοίλησις' (κοίλησις before C- is a poetic extension of κοίλησις', and extremely rare). For -ηισ(ι) §32.14. **ἐνί**: this doublet of ἐν was inherited from IE. **νησύν**: dat. plur. of ναῦς (Hom. νηῦς), stem \*νᾱF-. In the nom. sing. and dat. plur.  $\bar{a} > a$  in early Gk. (§23.3), restored as *η* in Hom. on the analogy of nom. plur. νῆες, etc. Has undergone synizesis here.

116. **ἦ**: refers to the clause (the abduction, with neut. ῶ attracted into the gender of ἀρχή) rather than Helen in 114. **ἔπλετο**: aor. of πέλομαι, 'be' (the form is Aeolic: \*k<sup>w</sup>el-, lit. 'turn'). Cf. τέντα[ι] 51 18.

117. **δωσέμεν**: 'Aeolic' infin., characteristic of Boe. and Thess. (§36.3). **Ἀτρείδησιν**: -ίδης is a productive patronymic suffix in epic language (cf. Νεστορίδης 67 155). Note metrical shortening: orig. \*Ἀτρη-ίδης cannot go into a hexameter line. **ἄγειν**: an infin. of purpose (also possible in Att. with verbs of giving). **ἀμφίς**:

adv., ‘apart (from that)’. The form with *-ς* is restricted to Hom. **Ἀχαιοίς**: guaranteed short form at line end (contrast *κοίλης* 115). These are rare in *Iliad*, less so in *Odyssey*, and common in Hes. *Works and Days* (where over 60% of short dat. plur. forms are guaranteed short: Janko 1982: 57).

118. **ἀποδάσσεσθαι**: mid. infin. to fut. stem *δασσ-* < \**δατ-σ-* (cf. *ἀποδάτταθθαι* 53 29). For *δάσσεσθαι* 120, cf. *ῥσσα* 115 (\*-*ts-* is subject to the same development as \*-*ty-*).

120. **ἄνδιχα**: ‘into two’, *ἀνά* (syncopated) + *δίχα* (advb. built to *δῖς* ‘twice’).

122. **τίη**: interrog. *τί* + emphatic particle *ῆ* (as in classical Att.). **φίλος**: the semantic relationship between ‘dear’ and ‘own’ (both meanings in Hom.) is not difficult, but the details (and direction) of the shift are hard to pin down (useful discussion by Hooker 1987). **διελέξατο**: an instantaneous aor. (see the note on *ἔδν* 93–5), which typically expresses the sudden onset of an emotion, or an abrupt reaction (characteristic of but not confined to dialogue).

123. **μὲν ... δέ**: the two eventualities are presented paratactically (rather than with *γάρ*, or a conditional clause). **ἴκωμαι**: approach as *ἰκέτης*.

124. **κτενέει**: uncontracted fut. (§24.2). **ἔόντα**: §32.11.

125. **ἀπὸ ... δύω**: tmesis (§24.6).

67. Homer, *Odyssey* 4. 136–67: Helen recognizes Telemachus. Text: ed. T. W. Allen (2nd edn., Oxford 1917). Generally dated a little later than the *Iliad*. Hexameters.

ἔζητο δ' ἐν κλισίῳ, ὑπὸ δὲ θρήνης ποσὶν ἦεν.  
 αὐτίκα δ' ἦ γε ἔπεσσι πόσιν ἐρέεινεν ἕκαστα·  
 «Ἴδμεν δῆ, Μενέλαε διοτρεφέες, οἳ τινες οἶδε  
 ἀνδρῶν εὐχετόωνται ἱκανέμεν ἡμέτερον δῶ;  
 140 ψεύσομαι, ἦ ἔτυμον ἐρέω; κέλεται δέ με θυμός.  
 οὐ γάρ πώ τινά φημι εἰκότα ὧδε ἰδέσθαι  
 οὔτ' ἀνδρ' οὔτε γυναικα, σέβας μ' ἔχει εἰσορώσαν,  
 ὡς ὄδ' Ὀδυσσῆος μεγαλήτορος νῆϊ εἴοικε,  
 Τηλεμάχῳ, τὸν λείπε νέον γεγαῶτ' ἐνὶ οἴκῳ  
 145 κείνος ἀνῆρ, ὅτ' ἐμείο κυνώπιδος εἶνεκ' Ἀχαιοὶ  
 ἦλθεθ' ὑπὸ Τροίην, πόλεμον θρασὺν ὀρμαίνοντες.»

- Τὴν δ' ἀπαμειβόμενος προσέφη ξανθὸς Μενέλαος·  
 « οὕτω νῦν καὶ ἐγὼ νοέω, γύναι, ὡς σὺ εἴσκεις·  
 κείνου γὰρ τοιοῖδε πόδες τοιαῖδε τε χεῖρες  
 150 ὀφθαλμῶν τε βολαὶ κεφαλῇ τ' ἐφύπερθέ τε χαῖται.  
 καὶ νῦν ἦ τοι ἐγὼ μεμνημένος ἀμφ' Ὀδυσσῆι  
 μυθεόμην, ὅσα κείνος οὐζύσας ἐμόγησεν  
 ἀμφ' ἐμοί, αὐτὰρ ὁ πυκνὸν ὑπ' ὀφρύσι δάκρυον εἶβε,  
 χλαῖναν πορφυρέην ἄντ' ὀφθαλμοῖιν ἀνασχών. »  
 155 τὸν δ' αὖ Νεστορίδης Πεισίστρατος ἀντίον ἠῦδα·  
 « Ἄτρεΐδῃ Μενέλαε διοτρεφές, ὄρχαμε λαῶν,  
 κείνου μὲν τοι ὄδ' υἱὸς ἐτήτυμον, ὡς ἀγορεύεις·  
 ἀλλὰ σαόφρων ἐστί, νεμεσάτα δ' ἐνὶ θυμῶι  
 ὦδ' ἐλθὼν τὸ πρῶτον ἐπεσβολίας ἀναφαίνειν  
 160 ἄντα σέθεν, τοῦ νῶϊ θεοῦ ὡς τερπόμεθ' αὐδῆι.  
 αὐτὰρ ἐμὲ προέηκε Γερῆνιος ἱππότα Νέστωρ  
 τῶι ἅμα πομπὸν ἔπεσθαι· ἐέλδετο γὰρ σε ἰδέσθαι,  
 ὄφρα οἱ ἦ τι ἔπος ὑποθήσῃαι ἧέ τι ἔργον.  
 πολλὰ γὰρ ἄλγέ' ἔχει πατρὸς πάϊς οἰχομένοιο  
 165 ἐν μεγάροις, ὅτι μὴ ἄλλοι ἀοσσητῆρες ἔωσιν,  
 ὡς νῦν Τηλεμάχῳ ὁ μὲν οἴχεται, οὐδέ οἱ ἄλλοι  
 εἴσ' οἷ κεν κατὰ δῆμον ἀλάλκοιεν κακότητα. »

She sat down on a chair, with a footstool under her feet. At once she spoke, and began to question her husband on each matter. 'Do we know, Menelaus, cherished by Zeus, who these men say that they are who have come to our house? Shall I hide or say what I believe to be true? My spirit urges me on. I declare that I have never seen such a resemblance, in either man or woman—amazement seizes me as I look—as this man looks like the son of great-hearted Odysseus, Telemachus: him he left as a newborn baby in his house (145) when the Achaeans went to Troy for the sake of shameless me, intending bold war.' In reply fair-haired Menelaus addressed her: 'Now I too see the truth of your comparison, wife. He has similar feet and hands; his eyes have the same glance; his head and hair above are the same. And just now, indeed, I was recalling Odysseus and recounting how much he suffered and toiled on my account; and this man shed a large tear from under his eyebrows, holding up his purple cloak in front of

his eyes.’ (155) Then Nestor’s son Peisistratos answered him: ‘Menelaos, son of Atreus, cherished by Zeus, leader of the host, this is truly his son, as you say; but he is a man of restraint, and on his first coming here he is ashamed to speak rashly before you, in whose voice we take pleasure as in a god’s. I was sent by the Gerenian horseman Nestor to be an escort for him; for he hoped to see you, in case you might offer him some helpful word or deed. Many are the sorrows that a son has in his house in the absence of his father, (165) when there are no others to help him; as now Telemachus’ father is gone, and there are no others among the people to avert harm from him.’

136. **ἔζετο**: imperf., < \*sed-yo- §23.8 (cf. Lat. *sedeō* < \*sedē-yo-, §24.1, b (ii)). **θρήνυς**: richly decorated footstools (Myc. *ta-ra-ni*, *θράνυς*) are listed in the Pylos Ta tablets (palace inventory, cf. 5). **ποσί**: < \*ποσί (\*pod-): cf. ἀποδάσσεσθαι 66 118. **ἦεν**: cf. 66 103.

137. **ἔπεσσι**: hiatus caused by initial *w*- in (F)ἔπος (\*wek<sup>w</sup>-, cf. Lat. *uox*): for the ending see §36.4. The MSS also offer the reading γ’ ἐπέεσσι, which represents an attempt to refashion the phrase (avoiding hiatus) in a period/region which was unfamiliar with digamma. ἐπέεσσι is an entirely artificial form.

139. **ἀνδρῶν**: partitive gen. with οἱ τινες, ‘who?’ **εὐχέωνται**: from εὐχετάομαι by diaktasis. The verb is a product of the epic tradition: a metrically convenient by-form of εὐχομαι. **ικανέμεν**: cf. δωσέμεν 66 117. **δῶ**: always acc., with one exception, and mostly after a poss. adj. (as here): traditionally interpreted as a by-form of δῶμα. Most likely it was a form of the suffix -δε (‘place to which’): ἡμέτερόν-δω would be *chez nous* in origin (cf. Hom. ὑμέτερόνδε, Lat. *endo*). Risch (1974: 359 f.).

141. **ἐοικότα**: < \*Fe-Foik-, isolated perf. (root as in εἰκών). εἴσκεῖς 148, ‘compare’ is a factitive pres. built to this perf. stem (\*FeFík-skw). **ιδέσθαι**: hiatus caused by initial *w*- in (F)ιδ- (Lat. *uideō*).

142. **εἰσορώσαν**: diaktasis of εἰσορώσαν < \*-ορα-ῶσαν.

143. **υἷ**: < \*suiw-i, dat. of a *u*-stem υἷς < \*suyw-s (later made into an *o*-stem υἷος, as at 157).

144. **τόν**: personal pron., ‘him’. **γεγαῶτ(α)**: perf. ptcl. of γίγνομαι. Forms a zero-grade perf. stem in γεγα- as though to a root

\*gen (instead of \*genH<sub>1</sub>-): cf. μεμαώς < \*me-mḡ-wōs (root \*men). The acc. -ῶτα instead of -ότα is unexpected: may conceal an earlier Aeolic ptcl. in -οντα, §36.2 (cf. Thess. ἐπεστάκοντα 9 8). **οἴκω:** hiatus caused by initial *w-* in (F)οικ- (cf. Lat. *uīcus*).

145. **κυνώπιδος:** lit. 'dog-faced' or 'dog-eyed' (\*ok<sup>w</sup>-), with the *o* lengthened in 'composition' (regular when the second element of a compd. starts with a vowel). **εἴνεκ(α):** see on *e-ne-ka* 4.

148. **εἴσκεις:** see εἰκότα 141.

149. **κείνου:** in most cases (around 60%) the gen. ending -ου may (as here) be resolved into earlier uncontracted -οο (or -ο'/-οι' before vowels); in a few cases it *must* be resolved (for the metre: resolution is the replacement of one long syllable by two short ones). Figures in Janko (1982: 54).

151. **Ὀδυσῆϊ:** a poetic liberty for Ὀδυσσ-, perhaps deriving from doublets such as μέσος ~ μέσσος, where the phonology reflects dialect differences (§23.8).

152. **οἰζύσας:** onomatopoeic (built to οἰζύς, a cry οἶ).

153. **εἴβε:** doublet of λείβω (cf. Lat. *libāre*) created by the epic tradition. The sequence adj. + δάκρνον εἴβω (always at line end) is a formulaic reworking of δάκρνα λείβω (and note that δάκρνον is a secondary sing. formed to δάκρνα). See Haslam (1976).

154. **πορφυρέην:** adj. of 'material' in \*-eyos from πορφύρα (cf. Myc. *po-ru-re-jo* of textiles). **ὀφθαλμοῖν:** the Hom. dual in -οῖν is no better understood than other oblique-case dual endings (Att. -ων). A disyllabic ending is attested in Arc. Διδύμοιν (Dubois 1986: I, 101).

155. **Νεσορίδης:** see on 66 117. **ἠῦδᾶ:** imperf. of ἀνδάω 'speak': perhaps an old athematic imperf. (as in Att. ἐτίθη < ἐτίθη-τ, i.e. stem + ending \*-t).

156. **Ἄτρεϊδῆ:** cf. Ἄτρεϊδησιω 66 117. The earliest form of the voc. was in -ᾶ (cf. ἐπτότα 161): the masc. form in -ᾶ/-ῆ may be a borrowing from the fem. *a*-stems (where it would represent substitution of the nom. sing.).

158. **σαόφρων:** of sound (σάφος) mind (φρήν), contracted in Att.-Ion. to σῶφρων.

159. **ᾤδ(ε):** 'hither', the 'directive' of pronominal \*so (cf. Lat. *quō*, *eō* and Sihler §259.6) plus suffix -δε. **ἐπεσβολίας:** lit. 'word-throwing' (ἐπος + βάλλω): initial \*w- is ignored in the scansion.

Neglect of digamma runs at less than 18% in both *Il.* and *Od.* (Janko 1982: 47).

160. **σέθεν**: attested in Sappho and Alkaios, so perh. Aeolic in origin: formed by adding the abl. suffix *-θεν* to the acc. *σέ*. **τού̄**: rel. 'whose' §32.13 (and cf. *κείνου* 149). **νω̄ῑ**: the classical Att. dual is *νώ* (exact cognates in Indo-Iranian). The final *-ι/-Fi* of the Hom. form is obscure. **θεοῦ̄**: can be resolved into *θεοῑ* 'before *ᾶς*.

161. **προέηκε**: aor. of *προΐημι*, with *-έηκα* < \**e-yē-k-* < \**e-yeH<sub>1</sub>-k-* (cf. Lat. *iēc-ī*), contracted in Att. to *ἦκε*. **Γερήνιος**: epithet of Nestor, of uncertain origin (the later tradition may have connected it with *γέρων*). **ἱππότᾶ**: epithet, generally regarded as an old voc. (*ἱππότης* is impossible metrically). Cf. *Μογέα* 13.

162. **πομπὸν ἔπεισθαι**: acc. (Peisistratos) and final infin. (cf. *ἄγειν* 66 117). **ἔέλδετο**: probably from \**H<sub>1</sub>weld-* (the less common *ἔλδετο* looks like the result of re-analysing the first *ε̄-* as an augment). **ιδέσθαι**: cf. 141.

163. **ᾄφρα**: here with the fut. instead of the usual subj./opt. (perhaps influenced by *ᾄπως*). **οἱ . . . ἔπος . . . ἔργον**: hiatus before original *Φοι*, *Φέπος*, *Φέργον*.

164. **παῖς**: both this and contracted *παῖς* are found in Hom.

165. **μεγάρους**: cf. *κοίληις* 66 115. **μη̄ . . . ἔωσιν**: subj. without modal particle is normal in indef. rel. clauses of a very general nature. **ἄοσσητήρες**: derived from \**ἄοσσοσ* (\**sm̥<sub>1</sub>-sok<sup>w</sup>-*, root as in *ἔπομαι*, Lat. *socius*), apparently via the denom. *ἄοσσέω* (not, however, attested until the Hellenistic period, which is suspicious).

166. **οἱ**: pronoun (*Φοι*).

167. **ἀλάλκοιεν**: opt. of a reduplicated aor. *ἀλαλκεῖν* built to the stem *ἄλκ-* (cf. *ἀλέξω*, built to *ἄλεκ-*).

68. Hesiod, *Works and Days* 663–94. Advice to seafarers.

Text: M. L. West (Oxford 1978). Hexameters. ▶▶ West (1978), Rosen (1990).

ἦματα πεντήκοντα μετὰ τροπὰς ἡελίου,  
 ἐς τέλος ἐλθόντος θέρεος, καματώδεος ὥρης,  
 665 ὠραῖος πέλεται θνητοῖς πλόος· οὔτε κέ νῆα  
 κανάξαις οὔτ' ἄνδρας ἀποφθείσειε θάλασσα,  
 εἰ δὴ μὴ πρόφρων γε Ποσειδάων ἐνοσίχθων

- ἢ Ζεὺς ἀθανάτων βασιλεὺς ἐθέλησιν ὀλέσσαι·  
 ἐν τοῖς γὰρ τέλος ἐστὶν ὁμῶς ἀγαθῶν τε κακῶν τε.  
 670 τῆμος δ' εὐκρινέες τ' αὔραι καὶ πόντος ἀπήμων·  
 εὐκηλος τότε νῆα θοὴν ἀνέμοισι πιθήσας  
 ἐλκέμεν ἐς πόντον φόρτον τ' ἐς πάντα τίθεσθαι.  
 σπεύδειν δ' ὅττι τάχιστα πάλιν οἰκόνδε νέεσθαι,  
 μηδὲ μένειν οἶνόν τε νέον καὶ ὀπωρινὸν ὄμβρον  
 675 καὶ χειμῶν' ἐπιόντα Νότιοί τε δεινὰς ἀήτας,  
 ὅς τ' ὄρινε θάλασσαν ὀμαρτήσας Διὸς ὄμβρωι  
 πολλῶι ὀπωρινῶι, χαλεπὸν δέ τε πόντον ἔθηκεν.  
 ἄλλος δ' εἰαρινὸς πέλεται πλόος ἀνθρώποισιν·  
 ἦμος δὴ τὸ πρῶτον, ὅσον τ' ἐπιβᾶσα κορώνη  
 680 ἵχνος ἐποίησεν, τόσσον πέταλ' ἀνδρὶ φανήη  
 ἐν κράδηι ἀκροτάτηι, τότε δ' ἄμβατός ἐστι θάλασσα·  
 εἰαρινὸς δ' οὔτος πέλεται πλόος. οὐ μιν ἔγωγε  
 αἶνημ'· οὐ γὰρ ἐμῶι θυμῶι κεχαρισμένος ἐστίν·  
 ἀρπακτός· χαλεπῶς κε φύγοις κακόν· ἀλλὰ νυ καὶ τά  
 685 ἀνθρωποὶ ῥέζουσιν αἰδρίησι νόοιο·  
 χρήματα γὰρ ψυχὴ πέλεται δειλοῖσι βροτοῖσιν.  
 δεινὸν δ' ἐστὶ θανεῖν μετὰ κύμασιν· ἀλλὰ σ' ἄνωγα  
 φράζεσθαι τάδε πάντα μετὰ φρεσίν, ὡς ἀγορεύω.  
 μηδ' ἐν νηυσὶν ἅπαντα βίον κοίλησι τίθεσθαι,  
 690 ἀλλὰ πλέω λείπειν, τὰ δὲ μείονα φορτίζεσθαι·  
 δεινὸν γὰρ πόντου μετὰ κύμασι πῆματι κύρσαι,  
 δεινὸν δ' εἴ κ' ἐπ' ἄμαξαν ὑπέρβιον ἄχθος αἰέρας  
 ἄξονα κανάξαις καὶ φορτία μαυρωθείη.  
 μέτρα φυλάσσεσθαι· καιρὸς δ' ἐπὶ πᾶσιν ἄριστος.

For fifty days after the solstice, at the tiresome season when summer is coming to an end, it is the right time for mankind to set sail; neither will you wreck your ship nor will the sea destroy the crew, unless Poseidon the earth-shaker or Zeus king of the immortals is intent on bringing them to ruin; for with them rests the issue alike of good things and bad. But at that season the breezes are steady and the sea is harmless: then, free from anxiety, trust in the winds and drag your swift ship down to the sea, putting on board all your cargo; make best speed to return home again, and do not wait for the new wine and autumn rains, the

onset of storms and the dreadful blast of the south wind which stirs up the waves with the heavy autumnal rain of Zeus and makes the sea dangerous. Another time for men to sail comes in the spring: when on the very top of the fig-tree a man first sees a leaf the size of the print made by a crow's foot, then the sea is fit for sailing; this is the springtime sailing-season. For my part, I do not recommend it; it is not agreeable to my spirit, having to be snatched as opportunity offers. With difficulty will you escape disaster; but even that people do in the ignorance of their mind, for wealth is as life for wretched mortals. It is a terrible thing to lose one's life among the waves; but I bid you take thought in your mind of all these things that I am telling you. Do not consign your entire livelihood to hollow ships: leave behind the larger portion, and put on board the smaller. For it is a terrible thing to meet with calamity among the waves of the deep; terrible too, if by overloading a waggon you break the axle and the freight is spoiled. Observe due measure; there is an appropriate time for all things.

663. **ἡματα**: acc. plur. of ἡμαρ (§24.4). Not found in Ionic: the word may be part of the Achaean strand in epic (i.e. a metrically useful archaism from mainland Gk.). It survives into Arc. in the set phrase ἄματα πάντα. **τροπός**: see §46.6 for the short-vowel acc. plur. (so also δεινάς 675).

664. **καματώδεις**: the suffix -ώδης, extracted from adjs. such as εὐώδης (root \*od-, 'smell' with lengthening in composition: κυνώπιδος 67 145), lost its original signification and became increasingly productive in adj. derivation. See Chantraine (1933: 429–32). Gen. sing. fem. with ὤρης.

665. **πέλειται**: equivalent to ἐστί (cf. ἔπλετο 66 116). **νήα**: <\*νήφα <\*nāwhi (Att. ναῦν formed after the nom. sing.). **θηητοῖς**: see on Ἀχαιοῖς 66 117.

666. **κανάξαις**: \*κατ-Φάξαις (aor. opt. of κατ-ἀγνυμι) > \*καΦΦάξαις (assimilation) > κανάξαις with (Aeolic) vocalization of w. The opt. with κε is 'potential' (dependent on a circumstance), but here (as often, and also in Att.) virtually equivalent to a fut.

668. **ἀθανάτων**: the word can only be accommodated in a hexameter with metrical lengthening of the initial ἀ-. **ἐθέλησιν**:



cf. *μένησιν* 66 93. **ὀλέσσαι**: built to a stem *ὀλε-*, the double *σ* being motivated by forms such as *τελεσσαι* (stem *τελεσ-*). This is observable in Lesb. (lit. and epigraphic) and Boe.

671. **πιθήσας**: aor. of *πιθόμην* (old aor. of *πείθομαι*): sigmatic form built with the stative marker *ē* (§24.1, and Palmer 1980: 302). Hexameters would not admit *πιθόμενος*.

672. **ἐλκέμεν**: cf. *δωσέμεν* 66 117. **ἐς ... τίθεσθαι**: tmesis (§24.6).

673. **ὄττι**: < \**yod-k<sup>w</sup>id*, indef. relative. Cf. 17 16 (Lesb.). **πάλιν**: lengthening due to original *w-* in *Φοικ-*.

674. **ὄπωρινόν**: adj. built to *ὄπώρη*, ‘following-summer’: *ὄπι* (*ο-ρο-ρο* 2a) + *ώρη*.

675. **δεινάς**: see on *τροπᾶς* 663.

676. **ᾠρινε**: this and *ἔθθηκεν* 677 are ‘gnomic’ aorists, expressing a timeless or general observation (cf. on 66 93–5), and associated with generalizing *τε*.

678. **εἰαρνός**: metrical lengthening of *εἰαρνός*, built to *εἶαρ* (\**wesr-*, cf. Lat. *uernus* to *uēr*).

680. **ἐποίησεν**: gnomic aor. The use of *-ν* to lengthen a syllable (rather than prevent hiatus) is markedly rarer in Hes. than in Hom. (22% : 36%), which Janko (1982: 66) takes as a reflection of a mainland epic tradition where this feature was not a part of the bards’ own dialect. **τόσσον**: cf. *ὄσσα* 66 115. **φανήη**: aor. subj. (to *ἐφάνην*): the thematic *-ηι* replaces an earlier athem. short-vowel subj. \**φανήει* (*κατάξει* 20 37): cf. 1 plur. forms such as *στήομεν*, where introduction of them. *-ωμεν* is prevented by metre. Found several times in Hom. (and contracted at *Il.* 9. 707 to *φανῆι*). All medieval MSS of Hesiod have *φανείη* (editors correct on the basis of the Homeric text). \**φανήει* itself looks secondary: before the replacement of the athem. endings in Gk. one could imagine a form \**φανη-ε-τι* (cf. Rix 1976: 71 on Hom. *δῶσι*, Skt. *dāti* < \**deH<sub>3</sub>-e-ti*).

681. **ἄμβατος**: *ἀν* (i.e. *ἀνά*) + verbal adj. *βατός* (stem as in *βαίνω*).

683. **αἰνῆμ(ι)**: athem. inflection of a vowel-stem verb (Ion. *αἰνέω*): §24.1. The 1 sing. of this type does not occur in Hom. (only the infin. and dual are well attested, though there are other ‘ghost’ forms: cf. *ἠῦδᾶ* 67 155).

684. **τά**: demonstr. (anaphoric), ‘those things’.

685. **ῥέζουσιν**: (*F*)*ρέζω* comes from \**wrg-g-ō* via \**Fράζω* (replace-

ment of *a-* by *e-*vocalism on the analogy of aor.  $\acute{\epsilon}\text{Fερξα}$ ). There is a doublet ( $\text{F}$ ) $\acute{\epsilon}\rho\delta\omega < *F\acute{\epsilon}\rho\zeta\omega$  (with regular CsC > CC), which was back-formed to aor.  $\acute{\epsilon}\text{Fερξα}$  (cf.  $\text{F}\acute{\epsilon}\rho\gamma\omicron\nu$ ). Orig. zero grade of the pres. stem is seen in Myc. 3 sing.  $\omega\text{-ze} < *w\acute{\epsilon}g\text{-y-}$ . **ἄιδρήσι:**  $\acute{\alpha}(\text{F})\text{idr}\acute{\iota}\alpha$  is built to  $\acute{\alpha}\text{idr}\iota\text{-s}$  with the suffix  $\text{-}\acute{\iota}\alpha$ . For the plur. cf.  $\acute{\alpha}\text{τασθαλίησι}\omega$  66 104.

687. **ἄνωγα:** old perf. with pres. force. Attested only in Cyp. ( $\acute{\alpha}\nu\omega\gamma\omicron\nu$  8 2), which suggests it may be part of the Achaeian strand in epic. Preverb  $\acute{\alpha}\nu(\acute{\alpha})$  with a stem seen in the Att. imperf.  $\acute{\eta} < *ēg\text{-t}$ , 'he said' (root  $*H_1g\text{-}$ , as in Lat.  $\text{ai}\acute{o} < *ag\text{-y}\acute{o}$ ).

688. **φρεσίν:** cf.  $\phi\rho\alpha\sigma\acute{\iota}$  61 8.

689. **νηυσίν:** cf. 66 115.

690. **πλέω . . . μείονα:** parallel older and younger comparatives (neut. plur. acc.): cf. §12, and  $a\text{-ro}_2\text{-a 1 (a)}$ . For  $\pi\acute{\lambda}\acute{\epsilon}\omega$  see on  $\pi\acute{\lambda}\acute{\epsilon}\alpha\varsigma$  17 9.

691. **πόντου:** around two-thirds of the contracted gen. sing. forms cannot (as here) be resolved in *Works and Days* (Janko 1982: 54). Contrast Hom.  $\kappa\epsilon\acute{\iota}\nu\omicron\nu$  67 149.

692. **ἄμαξαν:** from  $\acute{\alpha}\mu\text{-}$  and  $\acute{\alpha}\xi\text{-}$  (as in  $\acute{\alpha}\xi\omega\nu$ , 'axle'). Aspirated (like  $\acute{\alpha}\mu\alpha$ ) in Attic, but not apparently elsewhere (uncertain aspiration is reflected in other compds. with copulative  $\acute{\alpha}\text{-}/\acute{\alpha}\text{-} < *s\eta\text{-}$ ).

693. **φορτία μαυρωθείη:** perhaps from false division of  $\phi\omicron\rho\rho\tau\acute{\iota}$   $\acute{\alpha}\mu\alpha\upsilon\rho\omega\theta\epsilon\acute{\iota}\eta$  (the adj. is  $\acute{\alpha}\mu\alpha\upsilon\rho\acute{o}\varsigma$  in *Odyssey*): but either form could be derivative.

## IONIC ELEGY AND IAMBOS

69. Archilochos of Paros, frag. 196a *IEG* (*P. Köln* 58). From a papyrus (I–II cent. AD) published in 1974. Mid VII cent. BC. A seduction scene. Metre: epodic 'couplets' (*a* iambic trimeter, *b* dactylic hemiepes + iambic dimeter).  $\blacktriangleright$  Van Sickle (1976), Slings (1987), Van Sickle (1989).

- « . . . εἰ δ' ὦν ἐπιίγεται καί σε θυμὸς ἰθύει,  
 ἔστιν ἐν ἡμετέρου ἢ νῦν μέγ' ἱμείρε[ι γάμου  
 καλὴ τέρεινα παρθένος· δοκέω δέ μ[ι  
 5 εἶδος ἄμωμον ἔχειν· τὴν δὲ σὺ ποίη[σαι φίλην. »  
 τοσαῦτ' ἐφώνει· τὴν δ' ἐγὼ ἀνταμει[βόμεν·  
 « Ἀμφιμεδοῦς θύγατερ, ἐσθλῆς τε καὶ [μακαρτάτης  
 γυναικός, ἦν νῦν γῆ κατ' εὐρώεσσ' ἔ[χει,  
 τ[έρψιμές εἶσι θεῆς πολλαὶ νέοισιν ἀνδ[ράσι»

- 10 παρῆς τὸ θεῖον χρῆμα· τῶν τις ἀρκέσει[ι·  
 τ]αῦτα δ' ἐπ' ἡσυχίης εὖτ' ἂν μελανθῆ[ι— υ —  
 ἔ]γῶ τε καὶ σὺ σὺν θεῶι βουλευόσομεν.  
 π]είσομαι ὡς με κέλευα· πολλὸν μ' ἔ[ποτρύνει πόθος.  
 θρ]ιγκοῦ δ' ἔνερθε καὶ πυλέων ὑποφ[θάνειν
- 15 μ]ή τι μέγαιρε, φίλη· στήσω γὰρ ἐς προ[φόρους  
 κ]ήπους· τὸ δὴ νυν γινώθι. Νεοβούλη[ν μὲν ὦν  
 ἄ]λλος ἀνὴρ ἐχέτω· αἰαῖ, πέπειρα δ.[— υ —  
 ἄ]νθος δ' ἀπερρύηκε παρθενήϊον  
 κ]αὶ χάρις ἣ πρὶν ἐπῆν· κόρον γὰρ οὐ κ[ατέσχε πω,  
 20 ἦ]β]ης δὲ μέτρ' ἔφηγε μαινόλῃς γυνή.  
 ἐ]ς κόρακας ἄπεχε· μὴ τοῦτ' ἐφοίτ' ἄν]ηρ φίλος·  
 ὄ]πως ἐγὼ γυναῖκα τ[ο]!αύτην ἔχων  
 γέ]τοσι χάρμ' ἔσομαι· πολλὸν σὲ βούλο[μαι πάρος·  
 σὺ] μὲν γὰρ οὗτ' ἄπιστος οὔτε διπλόη,  
 25 ἦ] δ] ἐμάλ' ὀξυτέρη· πολλοὺς δὲ ποιεῖτα[ι φίλους·  
 δέ]δοιχ' ὅπως μὴ τυφλά κάλιτήμερα  
 σπ]ροδῆι ἐπειγόμενος τὼς ὡσπερ ἣ κ[ύων τέκω. »  
 το]σαῦτ' ἐφώνευν· παρθένον δ' ἐν ἄνθε[σιν  
 τηλ]εθάεσσι λαβῶν ἔκλινα· μαλθακῆι δ[έ] μιν
- 30 χλαί]νῃ καλύψας, ἀχέν' ἀγκάλῃς ἔχων,  
 δειλ]ματι †παυ[σ]αμέην† τὼς ὡστε νέβρ[ον ειλόμεν  
 μαζ]ῶν τε χερσὶν ἠπίως ἐφηψάμην  
 ἦ]ιπε]ρ ἔφηγε νέον ἦβης ἐπήλυσιν χροά·  
 ἄ]παν τ]ε σῶμα καλὸν ἀμφαφώμενος
- 35 λευκ]ὸν ἀφήκα μένος, ξανθῆς ἐπιψαύ[ων τριχός.

.. 'But if you are in a hurry, and your spirit drives you, there is at home a girl who is eager for [marriage], a pretty and delicate maiden. She seems a fine-looking creature to me: so make her your [beloved]!' Such were her words, and I answered her: 'Daughter of Amphimedo, that splendid and wise woman whom now the dank earth holds below: many are the pleasures that the goddess gives to young men, (10) beside the divine deed. One of these will suffice. These things you and I shall decide at our leisure with the god's help when [—] has grown dark. I shall do as you tell me. A great [desire drives] me. Do not begrudge me, beloved, to go as far as the corniced gates: I shall halt at the grassy gardens. Now, be sure of this: another man can have Neoboule. Oy veh! She [is]

over-ripe, the flower of her maidenhood has perished, and the grace she once had. She [could never get] enough, (20) and now she has displayed the limits of her youth, crazed woman. To hell with her! May [a friend] never recommend this—that I should take such a woman to wife and be a laughing-stock to my neighbours. You are the one I have long preferred: you are neither faithless nor two-faced. Her ardour, on the other hand, is all too keen, and many are the [men friends] she makes. I am afraid that if I got carried that far by my excitement I would [give birth—like the bitch] to blind monsters.’ Such were my words; and taking the girl I set her down amid the blooming flowers. (30) Covering her with a soft cloak and cradling her neck in my arm, I took hold of her as she hesitated [nervously] like a fawn, and caressed her breast gently with my hands . . . the onset of her prime was revealed in the bloom of her skin. Stroking the beautiful girl [all over] I released my white force, lightly grazing her blonde [hair].

*Note:* The supplements adopted illustrate the general flow of the narrative, but are not, of course, the only possibilities.

2. **ὄν:** Ionic (e.g. Hdt.) and WGk. (*οὖν* in the text of Homer may be an Atticism): etymology uncertain.

3. **ἐν ἡμετέρου:** as in Hdt. (cf. *Od.* 2. 195, ἐς πατρός, sc. οἶκον).

4. **καλή:** the papyrus has *κᾶλη* (< *καλFή*), the makron denoting the long vowel expected in Ionic (guaranteed by the metre at 34). **μιν:** cf. *μιν* 21 2.

5. **τήν:** pronominal. Archil. does not seem to use the article (cf. its extreme rarity in epic). [**φίλην**]: if correct, this illustrates the slippage between ‘own’ and ‘beloved’ (cf. on *φίλος* 66 122).

6. **ἐγὼ ἀνταμει[βόμεν]:** written *ἐγὼνταμει[βόμεν]*. Note the epic-style absence of augment.

7. **Ἀμφιμεδοῦς:** for the morphology see *λεχῶι* 51 16.

8. **κατ’ . . . εἰ[χει]:** epic-style tmesis (§24.6). **εὐρώεσσ(α):** for the form (§13) cf. *pe-ne-we-ta* 1 (a). An epic adj. of the underworld.

9. [**τ]έρψις:** §32.4. **θεῆς:** gen. of *θεά*, a word found in Hom. (alongside *θείαινα*) and generally supposed to be Aeolic in origin (elsewhere ἡ θεός is normal). A ref. to Aphrodite.

10. **τὸ θεῖον χρέμα:** Hesychius paraphrases *ἔξω τῆς μίξεως*, ‘apart

from intercourse'. *τό* is apparently demonstr., 'that' (cf. on *τήν* 5); *τῶν* is anaphoric.

11. **ἐπ' ἡσυχίης**: an isolated spelling. The text of Archil. generally ignores Ionic psilosis (§31.6; cf. [δέ]δοιχ' ὅπως 26, ἐφηψάμην 32). **εὖτ(ε) ἄν**: Hom. locution. **μελανθή[ι]**: supplements include *μοι γένυς*, 'my beard', and various phrases meaning 'the evening'.

13. **κέλειαι**: cf. *κέλοιτο* 52 9. **πολλόν**: a mixed *u*-stem and thematic declension in class. Attic. In Hom. both types are found; the thematic decl. generally prevails in literary Ionic.

14. [**θρ**]ιγκοῦ . . . πυλέων: hendiadys. *θριγκός* is a protective border of stones (or prickly bushes at *Od.* 14. 10) on top of a wall. *πυλέων* (with synizesis, §23.2) < *πυλήων* < *πυλάων*.

15. **σχήσω**: fut. built to the aor. stem *-σχ-* (zero grade of \**seg<sup>h</sup>-*, pres. *ἔχω*), with the affix *-η-* (cf. *πιθήσας* 68 671). To end a journey, or (of ships) 'put in (at)'. **ποη[φόρους]**: for the reduction of the first syllable *ποι-* cf. *ἐπιπορόντων* 20 30.

16. **Νεοβούλη[ν]**: Archilochos' attacks on a girl called Neoboule (name implies 'changes her mind') are part of his poetic signature: elsewhere he complains that she jilted him.

17. **πέπειρα**: Hom. masc. *πέπων*, 'ripe' (of figs) > 'soft, bad' (of fighting-men). The fem. is analogical on inherited *πίων*: *πίειρα* (§24.4). **δ.[. . .]**: supplements include *δὴ πέλει* and similar (for which cf. *ἔπλετο* 66 116).

18. **ἀπερρύηκε**: perf. of *ἀπο-ρρέω* (root \**sreu-*), built to the old (pass.-intrans.) aor. *ἐρρύην* (affix *-η-* as in *σχήσω* 15). **παρ-θενήιον**: in Ion. and other non-Att. dialects the suffix *-ήϊος* was productive and could be added to any stem (orig. a *u*-stem ending < \**-ηF-ιος*).

20. [**ἦβ**]ης δὲ μέτρ' ἔφηνε: if the supplement is correct, the phrase is modelled on the Hom. *ἐπεὶ ῥ' ἦβης ἐρικύδεος ἔκετο μέτρον* (*Il.* 12. 225), where *μέτρον* has a meaning close to 'peak, prime'. **μαινόλις**: see on *μαινόλαι* 74 (a) 18.

21. [**ἔς**] **κόρακας**: colloquial expression, attested in Athenian Old Comedy (and cf. Theognis 833, *ἐν κοράκεσσι*). **τοῦτ'**: papyrus has *τοῦτο* (*scriptio plena*). **ἐφοῦτ(ο)**: aor. opt. mid. of *ἐφήμι* (secondary thematized form); some editors read *ἐφείτ'* (the regular athem. form < \**ἐ-ῖ-το*).

22. [**ὄ**]πως: the forms familiar from Hom. are generally used by

Archil. (as opposed to E. Ion. ὄκως etc.): so also 26. The conjunction explains τοῦτ' 21.

25. **μάλ(α)**: reinforces the change of subject in [ἤ δ]έ.

26. **ἄλιτήμερα**: missing or offending against (ἀλιτέσθαι) the day (ἡμέρη), so 'untimely born, monstrous'. In crasis with καί.

27. **ὥσπερ ἢ κ[ύων τέκω]**: a proverbial expression (a scholion on Ar. Peace 1079 has ἡ κύων σπεύδουσα τυφλὰ τίκτει). τῶς (as at 15 5) reinforces ὥσπερ.

28. **ἐφώνευν**: contraction of ἐφώνεον (§30.7). IEG restores the uncontracted form.

29. **[τηλ]εθάεσσι**: for adjs. of the form τηλεθάεις cf. εὐρώεσσα 8. A variation of the Hom. participial τηλεθάων (as at Hom. Hymn 7. 41, ἄνθεσι τηλεθάων): the analogy may explain the unexpected short ᾶ in τηλεθάεσσι (Risch 1975: 224). Stem as in θάλλω, τέθηλα, 'flourish' (τηλε-θα- by dissimilation from θηλε-θα-).

33. **ἐπήλυσιν**: taken here as the acc. sing. of 'approach, onset', in apposition to νέον χροά.

34. **καλόν**: cf. καλή 4 for the long vowel. **ἀμφαφώμενος**: ἀφάω is a denom. to ἀφή, 'touch' (cf. ἄπτω < \*ἄφ-γω).

**70.** Kallinos of Ephesos, frag. 1. 1–9 IEG (21 lines survive in a quotation by Stobaios). Mid VII cent. BC. A call to arms: the danger is probably invading Kimmerians from southern Russia. Metre: elegiac couplets. Also in Campbell (1982: 8).

►► Verdenius (1972), Bowie (1990).

μέχρις τέο κατάκεισθε; κότ' ἄλκιμον ἔξετε θυμόν,  
ὦ νέοι; οὐδ' αἰδέισθ' ἀμφιπερικτίονας  
ὠδε λίην μεθιέντες; ἐν εἰρήνῃ δὲ δοκεῖτε  
4 ἦσθαι, ἀτὰρ πόλεμος γαῖαν ἅπασαν ἔχει  
...

καί τις ἀποθνήσκων ὕστατ' ἀκοντισάτω.  
τιμῆν τε γάρ ἐστι καὶ ἀγλαὸν ἀνδρὶ μάχεσθαι  
γῆς πέρι καὶ παιδῶν κουριδίης τ' ἀλόχου  
8 δυσμενέσιν· θάνατος δὲ τότ' ἔσσεται, ὅπποτε κεν δῆ  
Μοῖραι ἐπικλώσωσ' . . .

For how long are you going to lie idle? When will you have a warlike spirit, young men? Do you not feel shame before the

people who live around you, living such an over-relaxed life? You think you recline in peace, but war has a grip on the whole country [. . .] and a dying man should throw his spear one last time. An honourable and glorious thing it is for a man to fight for his country, his children, and his wife against enemies. Death will come whenever the Fates ordain . . .

1. **μέχρις**: final -ς apparently to close the syllable: in Hom. *μέχρι* and *ἄχρι* are used before cons., with final -ς only before a vowel. **τέο**: with synizesis (spelled *τεῦ* in the MSS), Att. *του*. The regularized declension of *τίνος* etc. is built to the old acc. *τιν* (the original indef. stem must have alternated *\*k<sup>w</sup>i-/ \*k<sup>w</sup>e-*). **κότ(ε)**: Kallinos uses E. Ion. *κ*-forms (as opposed to Hom. *π*-forms: cf. *ὄπως* 68 22): §31.7.


2. **ἀμφιπερικτίονας**: one of only two words in the surviving text which is not found in Homer.

4. One or more lines has dropped out of the text.

6. **τιμῆν**: for the form (§13) cf. *pe-ne-we-ta* 1 (a). **τε . . . καί**: copulative: joins *τιμῆν* and *ἀγλαόν*.

7. **κουριδίης**: adj. derived from *κούρη*, implying ‘pertaining to [respectable] girls’, and thus making clear that the consort in question is legitimate (i.e. the mother of legitimate children), rather than a concubine. **ἀλόχου**: bedmate, from *ἀ-* (*\*ση-*) + *λοχ-* (cf. *λέχος*, ‘bed’).

8. **δυσμενέσω**: cf. *ἐποίησεν* 68 680 for metrical use of moveable -*n*. As Janko (1982: 67) notes, Ionian poets use this device freely: its scarcity in Tyrtaios points to his Laconian background. **ὀπότε**: an epicism, of Aeolic origin (< *\*γοτ-k<sup>w</sup>ο-*). Att.-Ion. *ὀπότε*. Contrast *κότε* 1. **κεν**: an epicism (cf. 66 110).

71. Tyrtaios of Sparta, frag. 11. 1–14 *IEG*. Quoted by Stobaios. Mid VII cent. BC. A call for steadfastness in the wars to subjugate Messenia. Metre: elegiac couplets. Also in Campbell (1982: 9).  Dover (1964: 190–5), Murray (1993: 159–80).

ἀλλ', Ἡρακλῆος γὰρ ἀνικητοῦ γένος ἐστέ,  
 θαρσεῖτ'· οὔπω Ζεὺς ἀρχένα λοξὸν ἔχει·  
 μηδ' ἀνδρῶν πληθὺν δειμαίνετε, μηδὲ φοβεῖσθε,  
 ἰθὺς δ' ἐς προμάχους ἀσπίδ' ἀνὴρ ἔχετω,  
 5 ἔχθρην μὲν ψυχὴν θέμενος, θανάτου δὲ μελαίνας

- κῆρας <ὁμῶς> ἀυγαῖς ἠελίοιο φίλας.  
 ἴστε γὰρ ὡς Ἄρεος πολυδακρύου ἔργ' αἰδέηλα,  
 εὖ δ' ὀργὴν ἐδάητ' ἀργαλέου πολέμου,  
 καὶ μετὰ φευγόντων τε διωκόντων τ' ἐγέ<νε>σθε  
 10 ὦ νέοι, ἀμφοτέρων δ' ἐς κόρον ἠλάσατε.  
 οἷ μὲν γὰρ τολμῶσι παρ' ἀλλήλοισι μένοντες  
 ἔς τ' αὐτοσχεδίην καὶ προμάχους ἵεναι,  
 παυρότεροι θνήσκουσι, σαοῦσι δὲ λαὸν ὀπίσσω·  
 τρεσσάντων δ' ἀνδρῶν ἅσ' ἀπόλωλ' ἀρετῆ.

Come, take courage: for you are the race of Herakles the undefeated. Zeus has not turned his back on us yet. Nor should you fear massed ranks of men, nor take to flight; but let each man drive his shield straight towards the front fighters, (5) considering his own life hateful, and the black fates of death as dear as the rays of the sun. You are familiar with the destructive action of Ares, bringer of tears, and you have learned well the temper of toilsome war. (10) You have fled with the pursued and chased with the pursuers, young men, and had your fill of both. Those who have the courage to stand by each other and engage hand-to-hand in the front ranks—fewer among them perish, and they protect the soldiers behind them. But there is no good in men who run away.

1. **Ἡρακλῆος**: < \*κλεῖεσ-ος.
2. **λοξόν**: aslant, at an angle: a head-movement apparently implying disfavour. Perhaps a proverbial expression.
3. **φοβείσθε**: concrete sense (be put to flight), as in Hom.
6. **ἠελίοιο**: the uncontracted stem ἠελι- is necessary in dactylic metre. The epic (Aeolic) gen. ending is used freely by Tyrt. (very rare in Archil.).
8. **ἐδάητ(ε)**: aor. stem ἐδάην, 'I know, I have learned', to which a factitive pres. διδάσκω was formed.
10. **ἠλάσατε**: intrans., 'push up against'. Has a colloquial flavour (not apparently a feature of epic language).
12. **αὐτοσχεδίην**: for the root \*σεῖ<sup>h</sup>- of σχεδόν, 'near' cf. σχήσω 69 15; αὐτο- reinforces the notion of 'close at hand'.
13. **σαοῦσι**: σαόω is a denom. vb. to σά(φ)ος (Hom. aor. σαῶσαι). Att. σῶιζω is back-formed to the contracted aor. σῶσαι. **ὀπίσσω**: built to ὀπί (cf. ο-ρο-γο 2a): the alternation ὀπίσσω ~ ὀπίσω derives



from \**opi-ty-ō* (suffix *-ti-* as in *ὄσος*, and cf. Lat. *tot* < \**toti*, etc.). Final *-ω* may be an old ‘directive’ (cf. 67 159 ὦδε).

14. **τρεσσάντων**: a specifically Laconian term (see e.g. Hdt. 7. 231) for a deserter in battle (ptcpl. of *τρέω*): here with the epic licence *-σσ-* (on the analogy of dental-stem verbs). **ἀρετή**: in a famous excerpt (12 IEG) Tyrtaios discusses competing definitions of *ἀρετή*, and argues that bravery in battle is the true criterion.

72. Semonides of Amorgos, *On Women* 71–91 (7 IEG). Quoted by Stobaios. Late VII or late VI cent. bc. Part of a poem which classifies women in zoomorphic categories (mostly negative). Metre: iambic trimeters. Also in Campbell (1982: 13). ▶ Lloyd-Jones (1975), Hubbard (1994).

- τὴν δ' ἐκ πιθήκου· τοῦτο δὴ διακριδὸν  
 Ζεὺς ἀνδράσιν μέγιστον ὤπασεν κακόν.  
 αἴσχιστα μὲν πρόσωπα· τοιαύτη γυνή  
 εἶσιν δι' ἄστεος πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις γέλωσ.  
 75 ἐπ' αὐχένα βραχεῖα· κινεῖται μόγις·  
 ἄπυγος, αὐτόκωλος. ἃ τάλας ἀνήρ  
 ὅστις κακὸν τοιοῦτον ἀγκαλίζειται.  
 δῆνεα δὲ πάντα καὶ τρόπους ἐπίσταται  
 ὥσπερ πίθηκος· οὐδέ οἱ γέλωσ μέλει·  
 80 οὐδ' ἄν τιν' εὖ ἔρξιεν, ἀλλὰ τοῦτ' ὄραί  
 καὶ τοῦτο πᾶσαν ἡμέρην βουλευέται,  
 ὅκως τί χῶς μέγιστον ἔρξιεν κακόν.  
 τὴν δ' ἐκ μελίσσης· τὴν τις εὐτυχεῖ λαβών·  
 κείνη γὰρ οἴη μῶμος οὐ προσιζάνει,  
 85 θάλλει δ' ὑπ' αὐτῆς κάπαέξεται βίος,  
 φίλη δὲ σὺν φιλέοντι γηράσκει πόσει,  
 τεκοῦσα καλὸν κῶνομάκλυτον γένος.  
 κᾶριπρεπῆς μὲν ἐν γυναιξὶ γίγνεται  
 πάσησι, θεΐη δ' ἀμφιδέδρομεν χάρις.  
 90 οὐδ' ἐν γυναιξὶν ἦδεται καθημένη,  
 ὅκου λέγουσιν ἀφροδισίους λόγους.

And another woman (Zeus created) from a monkey: this is by far the greatest evil Zeus has bestowed on men. Her face is repulsive: such a woman, as she makes her way through the town, is an

object of everybody's mockery. (75) She is short in the neck, and moves with difficulty; she has no buttocks—she is all legs. Ah, wretched is the man who embraces such a mischief. She knows all manner of tricks and cunning ways, just like a monkey; nor does mockery worry her. (80) She will do no one a good turn, but looks to this, and considers this all day long: how to do the worst harm she can. And another woman (Zeus created) from a bee: the man who gets her is lucky. Upon her alone blame does not alight, (85) and under her the household flourishes and increases, and she grows old with her husband in mutual affection, and gives birth to a fine and famous brood. She is pre-eminent among all women, and a divine grace surrounds her. (90) Nor does she take pleasure in sitting with the women where they talk about sex.

71. **διακριδόν**: advb. formed to διακρίνω, 'distinguish'. Found in Hom. and Hdt.

72. **ᾠπασεν**: epic verb.

74. **ἄστεος**: uncontracted gen. sing. < \*ἄστεF-ος. **ἀνθρώποις**: one of only two instances of dat. plur. -οῖς in Semon. Its rarity in Ionian iambic has tempted scholars to emend the text.

76. **αὐτόκωλος**: αὐτό- attached to a noun stem often means 'possessing the properties [of the noun itself] to an extreme degree'. In other cases it may imply reflexive action (esp. with a verbal stem: e.g. αὐτοδαής, 'self-taught'), autonomy, or a personal (perhaps possessive) relationship.

77. **ἀγκαλίζεται**: denom. formed to ἀγκάλη, 'curve of the arms' (cf. 69 30).

78. **δήνεα**: with synizesis of εα (§23.2). An epic word, plural only.

79. **οὐδέ οἶ**: hiatus owing to the original presence of \*w-. Digamma is almost always observed in this pronoun in Greek poetry, even when ignored in all other words.

80. **ἔρξειεν**: see on ῥέζουσιν 68 685. **τούτ'**: one MS has τούθ' (cf. ὡς 66 93).

82. **ὄκως**: E. Ionic (cf. 70 1 κότε): §31.7. **χῶς**: i.e. κ', an epic modal particle of Aeolic origin (all MSS): §36.7. West in *IEG* prints κῶς, which doubtless reflects Semonides' phonology more accurately (cf. τούτ' above). **ἔρξειεν**: the opt. is influenced by the opt. in 80 (in spite of the primary tense of the main vb.).

84. **προσιζάνει**: *ιζάνω* < \**si-sd-an-*, a reduplicated pres. formed to \**sed-* (cf. *ἔζετο* 67 136). Intrans. ‘sit, perch on’ (usu. compounded) is found in epic through classical Att.

85. **κάπαέξεται**: *ἐπ-αέξεται* (in crasis with *καί*). The epic form *ἀ(φ)έξω* reflects \**H<sub>2</sub>weg-*. Att.-Ion. *αὔξω* (\**H<sub>2</sub> ewg-*) is built on a different form of the root (cf. Lat. *augeō*).

86. **φιλέοντι**: with *εο* in synizesis (the MSS give *φιλεῦντι*): §30.7.

87. **κᾶλόν**: cf. *καλή* 69 4.

88. **κᾶριπρηπής**: < *ᾶρι-* (intensive particle, in crasis with *καί*) + *πρηπής* (‘distinguished, outstanding’, from *πρέπω*). A Homeric word.

89. **πάσησι**: §32.14 for the dat. plur.

73. Hipponax of Ephesos. Late VI cent. BC. H. Degani, *Hipponax* (Teubner, 1983). Appeals to Hermes, parodying traditional prayer form. His characteristic metre is the choliambic (‘limping iambic’) trimeter, in which the penultimate syllable is long. Also in Campbell (1982: 8).  
 ▶▶ Degani (1984).

(a) **Degani fr. 1–2 (3–3a IEG).**

*ἔβωσε Μαίης παῖδα, Κυλλήνης πάλμυν*

...

*«Ἐρμῆ κυνάγχα, μηιονιστὶ Κανδαῦλα,  
 φωρῶν ἑταίρε, δεῦρό μοι σκαπερδεῦσαι.»*

He shouted out, calling on the son of Maia, the Lord of Kyllene . . .  
 ‘Hermes dog-strangler—Kandaulas in Lydian—companion of thieves, come here and help me out!’

1. **ἔβωσε**: Ion. contraction of *ἐ-βωσ-σε*. The sense ‘call on, shout for’ is post-Hom. (cf. Hdt. 8. 92, *βώσας τὸν Θεμιστοκλέα ἐπεκερτόμησε* . . .). Not a normal word for calling on a god, so may imply a difficult or undignified situation. **πάλμυν**: a Lydian word which the Greeks seemed to have been familiar with (attested in a fragment of Aesch., and as the name of a Phrygian ally of the Trojans at *Il.* 13. 792). See Gusmani (1964), s.v. *γαλμλυ-*.

2. **κυνάγχα**: voc. of *κυν-άγχης*. The ‘dog-strangler’ was the god who kept the dogs quiet while the thief was at work. **μηιονιστί**:

Maionia is the Hom. term for Lydia. An advb. formed to *μηιονίς* (a fem. derivative in *-ιδ-* denoting either a female member or the territory of a particular group): cf. Hom. *μεγαλωστί*, Hdt. *ὄνομαστί*, etc. Thus *Ἀττικιστί* in V cent. Attic, perhaps an import from Ionic (cf. on 87 92). **Κανδαύλα:** Kandaules is a Lydian king at Hdt. 1. 7, though Hdt. says the Greeks call him Myrsilos (an old Anatolian name *Mursilis* adopted by several Hittite kings). The first element of *Kandaules* has traditionally been connected with Gk. *κυν-*, Lat. *can-*, ‘dog’ (so Oettinger 1995, who analyses the second element as IE *\*teuH<sub>2</sub>-*, be strong’); however, as an onomastic element *kan-* is better interpreted as the preverb seen in Lat. *com-* (so Schürr 2000): thus ‘all-powerful’ rather than ‘having power over dogs’. This would make the regnal title easier to understand; but in a bilingual context the word-play still works, as Hippon. may have been deliberately punning on a Lydian word *\*kan-* (or similar) meaning ‘dog’ (I owe this suggestion to Craig Melchert).

3. **σκαπερδεύσαι:** glossed *συμμαχήσαι* in the Byzantine source of this line (John Tzetzes). Greek sources derive it from a noun *σκαπέρδα*, a game similar to a tug-of-war (see Oettinger 1995: 45 for a derivation from the Lydian verb ‘to steal’).

(b) **Degani fr. 42 (32 IEG).**

Ἑρμῆ, φίλ’ Ἑρμῆ, Μαιαδεῦ, Κυλλήνιε,  
ἐπέυχομαί τοι, κάρτα γὰρ κακῶς ῥιγῶ  
καὶ βαμβαλύζω . . .

δὸς χλαῖναν Ἰππώνακτι καὶ κυπασσίσκον  
5 καὶ σαμβάλισκα κᾶσκερίσκα καὶ χρυσοῦ  
στατήρας ἐξήκοντα τοῦτέρου τοίχου.

Hermes, dear Hermes, son of Maia, Kyllenian, I beg you—because I’m really freezing and my teeth are chattering . . . give a cloak to Hipponax, and a tunic and slippers and little furry boots—and sixty gold staters from the other side of the wall.

1. **φίλ’ Ἑρμῆ:** also at Ar. *Clouds* 1478, where a scholiast says: ‘This is what thieves used to say to Hermes when they had been caught and were being punished, begging him to come and help them.’ **Μαιαδεῦ:** the form of this matronymic is strange: apparently a comic version of the expected *Μαιάδης*. The combination of suffixes *-δ-*

(patronymic, but also diminutive) and *-εως* is relatively rare (Chantraine 1933: 363): mostly of small animals (*ἄλωπεκιδεύς* Ar. *Peace* 1067) and often in comedy.

2. **κάρτα**: Ionic advb. (Att. *μάλα*, *σφόδρα*).

3. **βαμβαλύζω**: onomatopoeic.

4–5. **κυπασσίσκον** etc.: these terms are diminutives, of *κύπασσις*, *σάμβαλον* (*σάνδαλον*), and *ἄσκέρα*. All look like borrowings from a non-Greek source.

6. **τούτέρου τοίχον**: the general sense at any rate is clear, given the earlier appeal to Hermes as *φωρῶν ἑταίρε*.

### AEOLIC MONODY

74. Sappho of Lesbos. Late VII–early VI cent. BC. Text: Voigt (1971). Also in Page (1955), Campbell (1982), Hutchinson (2001). The two poems are in Sapphic stanzas. ►► Hamm (1957), West (1970a), Hooker (1977), Bowie (1981).

(a) **Fr. 1 (Voigt): quoted by Dionysius of Halicarnassus (with fragmentary witness from papyrus P. Oxy. 2288, published 1951).**

- ποικιλόθρον' ἀθανάτ' Ἀφρόδιτα,  
 παῖ Δίος δολόπλοκε, λίσσομαί σε,  
 μή μ' ἄσαισι μηδ' ὀνίαισι δάμνα,  
 4 πότνια, θῦμον  
 ἀλλὰ τυιδ' ἔλθ', αἴ ποτα κατέρωτα  
 τὰς ἔμας αὔδας αἰοῖσα πῆλοι  
 ἔκλυες, πάτρος δὲ δόμον λίποισα  
 8 χρύσιον ἦλθες  
 ἄρμ' ὑπασδεύξαισα· κάλοι δέ σ' ἄγον  
 ὤκεες στρουῖθι περὶ γὰς μελαίνας  
 πύκνα δίννεντες πτέρ' ἀπ' ὠράνω αἴθε-  
 12 ρος διὰ μέσσω·  
 αἴψα δ' ἐξίκοντο· σὺ δ', ὦ μάκαιρα,  
 μειδιαίσαισ' ἀθανάτῳ προσώπῳ  
 ἦρέ' ὅττι δηῦτε πέπονθα κῶττι  
 16 δηῦτε κάλημμι,  
 κῶττι μοι μάλιστα θέλω γένεσθαι  
 μαινόλαι θύμῳι· τίνα δηῦτε πείθω

- ἀψ] σ' ἀγην ἐς Φὰν φιλότατα; τίς σ', ὦ  
 20 Ψάφ', ἀδικήει;  
 καὶ γὰρ αἱ φεύγει, ταχέως διώξει,  
 αἱ δὲ δῶρα μὴ δέκετ', ἀλλὰ δώσει,  
 αἱ δὲ μὴ φίλει, ταχέως φιλήσει  
 24 κωῦκ ἐθέλοισα.  
 ἔλθε μοι καὶ νῦν, χαλέπαν δὲ λύσον  
 ἐκ μερίμναν, ὅσσα δέ μοι τέλεσσαι  
 θῦμος ἰμέρρει, τέλεσον, σὺ δ' αὔτα  
 28 σύμμαχος ἔσσο.

19. Φὰν Edmonds: σὰν MSS and Voigt      20. ἀδικήει: ἀδίκησι  
 Voigt

Immortal Aphrodite on your richly wrought throne, daughter of Zeus, weaver of wiles: I pray you, lady, do not crush my heart with distress or with anguish; (5) but come hither, if ever at another time you heard my voice from afar and gave ear to it, and came (to me), leaving your father's golden house, yoking your chariot; and beautiful (10) swift sparrows drew you over the dark earth, rapidly beating their wings, from the sky through the mid-air; quickly they arrived. And you, blessed one, with a smile on your immortal face, (15) asked what was wrong with me now, and why I was calling, and what exactly I desired for myself in the madness of my heart: 'Who am I to persuade now to take you back to her friendship? (20) Who is doing you wrong, Sappho? Indeed, if she flees, she will soon pursue; if she refuses gifts, she will yet give them; if she does not love, soon she will love even against her will.' (25) Come to me now also, and release (me) from harsh anxieties; and what my heart yearns to fulfil, fulfil (it), and be yourself my helper in the battle.

1. **ποικιλόθρον'**: the traditional interpretation (here translated) takes the second element as *θρόνος*. Another possibility is *θρόνα* (neut. plur.), meaning 'flowers embroidered onto fabric' (cf. *Il.* 22. 441, *θρόνα ποικίλ' ἔπασσε*): the adj. would refer to richly embroidered robes. **ἀθανάτ'**: the first syllable lengthened on an epic model. **Ἀφροδίτᾱ**: ancient grammarians, referring to this passage, cite a short voc. ending (peculiar to Lesbian) in *a*-stem proper nouns.

3. **ὀνίαισι**: Lesb. *a*-stem dat. plur. (§32.14): the plur. perhaps under

epic influence (cf. ἀτασθαλίησιν 66 104). The etymology of ἀνία/ὄνία is unclear: for Lesb. ὄν corresponding to Att.-Ion. ἀν(ά) §28.9. **δάμνα:** imper., nasal infix stem (< \*dm-n-eH₂).

5. **τυῖδ(ε):** cf. *ῥόπυι* 38 14 (Sappho also uses δεῦρυ in invocation to Aphrodite, fr. 2.1). **ποτα κᾶτέρωτα:** -τα marks temporal adverbs in Lesb., vs. Att. -τε and WGk. -κα (§40.7). *ἐτέρωτα* (crasis with καί) is built on \*ἐτέρω (for final -ω cf. ὀπίσσω 71 13).

6. **ἄϊοσα:** ptcl., §34.11 (poetic verb, probably an old aor. stem: Hom. *ἄϊω*, etc. has been recharacterized with present endings). **πήλο:** the Hom. form *τήλου* points to orig. \*kʷel-.

8. **χρύσιον:** the adj. may go with ἄρμα. For adjs. in -ιος/-εος cf. on *λιθίας* 11 21. Hom. *χρύσε(ι)ον* shows the suffix \*-eyos, which contracted to -οῦς in Att.

9. **ὑπασδεύξαισα:** ὑπα- in Sapph. and Alk. (epigraphically in NW Gk.) perhaps on the analogy of κατα- (but cf. ὑπόδικον at 17 5). Lesb. literary texts generally have original word-internal Z spelled out ΣΔ. This is most likely a later editorial decision made for the sake of orthographic clarity, since Z was also used in Lesb. for *dj* (or its reflex) < δι- (as in ζᾶ for διᾶ). Using -ΣΔ- was thus a useful reminder of the original phonological value of the cluster (which in the koiné had become [z]). It does not, therefore, imply that VI cent. Lesbian Z had a different value from contemporary Attic. For -αισα cf. ἄϊοσα 6.

10. **ῶκεες:** < \*ῶκεες. The word is epic and poetic. **περί:** ὑπέρ, ‘over’ may have been alien to Lesb. (Hodot 1990: 149): cf. οὐπέρ 15 4 for the functional overlap. **γάς μελαίνᾱς:** re-shaping of a phrase found in Hom. epic (*γαῖα μέλαινα*, *Il.* 2. 699).

11. **δίνεντες:** an athem. pres. ptcl. (§24.1). Hyper-Aeolic spelling, on the model of e.g. *κρίνω* (< \*krin-y-). The first syllable is long, so δίνεντες should be read. A poetic form (< \*dinw-): evidence suggests that post-consonantal \*w dropped without compensatory lengthening in Lesb. (for the phrase cf. *Od.* 2. 151, ἐπιδῖνηθέντε τιναξάσθην πτερὰ πυκνά). For the ending, MSS give -ήντες (would be the result of an analogical undoing of Osthoff’s Law §23.3), -εῦντες (by confusion with Hom. *δινεύω*). **ῶράνω:** initial long syllable is guaranteed, but ὀρράνω would be expected in Lesb. (Blümel 1982: 102). ὀρρ- might have been replaced by ὦρ- by later copyists (esp. if written *OP-* originally). Cf. Hooker (1977: 84–6), and ὀράνω 75 (a)1.

12. **διά:** the only instance in Lesb. poetry where the word is scanned with two syllables (elsewhere the final *-a* is elided, or the word is written ζά, for which cf. on ὑπασδεύξαισα 9). **μέσσω:** the expected treatment in Lesb. of palatalized \*t<sup>h</sup> (Sappho also uses μέσος when metrically convenient, however): §23.8.

14. **μειδιαίσαισ(α):** aor. ptcl. Final *-αίσα* < \**-antya* (§34.11), but *αι* in *μειδίαι-* is unmotivated and is probably a hyper-Aeolic spelling of *μειδιᾶ-* (cf. Palmer 1980: 115).

15. **ἦρε(ο):** 2 sing. imperf. to \*ἔρομαι (pres. indic. Att. ἐρέω, Ion. εἶρομαι). **ὄττι:** cf. 17 16. **δηῦτε:** δὴ αὐτε. **κῶττι:** καὶ ὄττι.

16. **κάλημμι:** Att. καλέω (§24.1). The double *-μμ-* may be a hyper-Aeolic spelling (on the analogy of ἔμμι < \**es-mi*, etc.): but it is odd that it occurs only after *η*. No example of the 1 sing. active of a vowel-stem verb is attested epigraphically: it seems to have been recharacterized with an ‘athematic’ ending *-μι* (to make the first person morphology clearer): the rest of the paradigm may have had regular thematic endings, however. See also ἀδικῆει 20.

18. **μαινόλαι:** dat. of *μαινόλας*, ‘maddened’, a masc. adj. formed to pres. stem *μαίν-* (for the suffix \**-ol-*, relatively rare in Gk., cf. Lat. *crēdulus* formed to *crēdō*). The adjectival nature of what looks like a noun derives from the original participial function of the suffix (productive in other IE languages). Cf. fem. *μαινόλις* 69 20.

19. [ᾠψ] **σ’ ἄγην ἐς Φάν:** a difficult line to reconstruct. I print *Φάν* for the sake of convenience (cf. fr. 164, τὸν Φὸν παῖδα κάλει, quoted by Apollonios Dyskolos in *On Pronouns*). Evidence indicates that \**w-* had dropped from Lesb. by Sappho’s time, but it was part of the poetic tradition she inherited. See Parca (1982) and Hutchinson ad loc. for a discussion of the possibilities.

20. **Ψάφ(οι):** voc. (for the morphology cf. *λεχῶι* 51 16). Sappho spells her name (here and fr. 94.5) with *Ψ-*, other Greek writers with *Σ-* (incl. Alkaios fr. 384, where it is metrically guaranteed). It has been suggested that she used a variety of ‘sampi’ (cf. 20 A22) which was similar in shape to, and later mistaken for, *psi* (but see Liberman 1988). **ἀδικῆει:** sources are confused (only *αδικη* is clear). Sappho elsewhere has *ποθῆω* (with *η* presumably imported from the aor. and fut.). Some editors print athem. *ἀδίκησι* for the sake of consistency with *κάλημμι* (§24.1). But: (a) the analogical interference between athematic, thematic and vowel-stem inflection in Lesb.



makes such predictions hazardous; (b) the epigraphic data suggest that the form consistent with *κάλημμι* would be *ἀδίκει*; and (c) Sappho's complex literary language is in any case more than a reflection of the vernacular. See also *φίλει* 23.

22. **δέκετ(αι)**: for *δεκ-* cf. on *ὑποδεκόμενος* 44 3.

23. **φίλει**: all *e*-stem verbs in Sappho (apart from *ἀδικήει* 20) have this ending. Either borrowed from C-stem thematic verbs, or (Hodot 1990: 195) formed analogously to the 3 plur. *φίλεισι* < \**φίλεντι*.

24. **κῶνκ**: καὶ οὐκ. **ἐθέλοισα**: but *θέλω* 17 (the normal form in Sappho and Alkaios). In E. Ionic *θέλω* is found in inscriptions and the Iambic poets, while epic has *ἐθέλω*. This phrase is reminiscent of *Od.* 2. 50, οὐκ ἐθελούση (*Penelope*).

25. **χαλέπᾶν**: gen. plur. (§30.2).

26. **ῥοσα**: cf. 66 115, and *μέσσω* 12 above. **τέλεσαι**: reflects the analogical restoration of *-σσ-* in *s*-stems (aor. and fut.) which must have been under way at this period (Morpurgo Davies 1976). *τέλεσον* 27 is the older form (showing simplification of inherited \**ss*): see on *ὀππάτεσσι* (b)11. Inscriptions of the IV cent. and later show *-σσ-* in *s*-stem verbs, and confusion *-σ/-σσ-* in other stems.

27. **ἰμέρρει**: from \**ίμέρ-γ-* (§23.7).

28. **ἔσσο**: 2 sing. imper. of 'be', as in epic. Built on 3 sg. *ἔστω* with a 2 sing. ending added (the initial vowel of *ἔσθι* is anomalous).

(b) Fr. 31 (Voigt), quoted by 'Longinus' in *On the Sublime*.

- φαίνεται μοι κήνος ἴσος θεοῖσιν  
 ἔμμεν' ὤνηρ, ὅττις ἐναντιός τοι  
 ἰσodάνει καὶ πλάσιον ἄδυ φωνεί-  
 4 σας ὑπακούει  
 καὶ γελαίσας ἰμέροεν, τό μ' ἦ μὴ  
 καρδίαν ἐν στήθεσιν ἐπτόαισεν  
 ὡς γὰρ <ἔς> σ' ἴδω βρόχε' ὡς με φώναι-  
 8 σ' οὐδὲν ἔτ' εἴκει,  
 ἀλλὰ κάμ μὲν γλώσσα ἔαγε, λέπτον  
 δ' αὐτίκα χρωὶ πῦρ ὑπαεδρόμακεν,  
 ὀππάτεσσι δ' οὐδὲν ὄρημμ', ἐπιρρόμ-  
 12 βεισι δ' ἄκουαι,  
 καὶ δέ μ' ἴδρωσ κακχέεται, τρόμος δέ

- παῖσαν ἄγρει, χλωροτέρα δὲ ποίας  
 ἔμμι, τεθνάκην δ' ὀλίγω ἴπιδεύης  
 16 φαίνομ' ἔμ' αὐτ[αι].  
 ἀλλὰ πᾶν τόλματον, ἐπεὶ . . .

7–8. φώναισ': φώνησ' Voigt 11–12. ἐπιρρόμβεισι: ἐπιβρόμεισι Voigt 13. καὶ δέ: †εκαδε† Voigt; MSS †εκαδε† μ' ἴδρωσ ψύχρωσ κακχέεται (Longinus cod. P); ἀ δέ μ' ἴδρωσ κακὸσ χέεται (*Anecdota Oxoniensia*)

That man seems to me to be the equal of the gods, the one who sits facing you and listens close by to your sweet voice and lovely laughter, which sets my heart fluttering in my breast; for when I look at you even for a moment—then I can no longer say a word: but my tongue is fractured and at once a subtle flame runs beneath my skin, I see nothing at all with my eyes, and my ears buzz: sweat pours down me and I start to tremble, I am paler than grass and to myself I seem close to death. But everything is endurable, since . . .

2. **ἔμμεν(αι)**: athematic infin. (§36.3). Apart from *ἔμμεναι*, the ending *-μεναι* is attested epigraphically only in *δόμεναι*, *θέμεναι* (i.e. monosyllabic root aorists: cf. *τίθην*, *δίδων*): it is thus more restricted in historical Lesb. than in the athem. infin. ascribed (by ancient and modern commentators) to literary 'Aeolic' (e.g. in the epic *Kunstsprache*). **ᾠνηρ**: ὁ ἄνηρ. The def. article, extremely rare in Lesb. poetry, is here accounted for by the demonstr. adj. (Lobel 1927: §22). **ὄττις**: cj. (ὄστις MSS): other fragments of Sappho and Alkaios give the stem *ὄττ-* (generalized from the neuter) throughout the paradigm; in epigraphic texts both elements are inflected (Blümel 1982: 269).

3. **ἰσδάνει**: cj. (*ἰζάνει* MSS). See on *ὑπασδεύξαισα* (a)9. **φωνεῖσᾶσ**: pres. ptcl. (gen. sing., fem.) of an *e*-stem verb, restored (*ἀδύφων·σαις* and *φωνούσας* MSS). The cj. reflects athem. \**φωνεντ-γα-* (§24.1, but see on *φώναισ'* 7): §34.11.

5. **ἰμέροεν**: for the form (§13) cf. *pe-ne-we-ta* 1 (a). **τόμ(οι)**: relative (referring to the sound of the voice and the laughter): §32.13.

6. **στήθεσων**: from inherited \**στήθεσ-σι* by simplification of *-ss-*. In Sappho and Alkaios the *s*-stem dat. plur. is always *-εσι* (for *-εσσι* in other C-stems, and the epic doublet *-εσσι/-εσι*, see §36.4 and

ὀππάτεσσι 11). **ἐπτόαισεν**: aor. of a vowel-stem verb, apparently an *a*-stem here (cf. *μειδιαίσαισ'* (a)14), though generally in Gk. an *e*-stem. MSS give *ἐπτόασεν*: the hyper-Aeolic reading *ἐπτόαισεν* is found at Sapph. 22.14 (papyrus). For the instantaneous aorist cf. *διελέξατο* 66 122.

7. **ἴδω**: subj., without modal particle. **ἔς**: added by modern editors *metri causa*. **βρόχε(α)**: neut. plur. (acc.), adverbial. Syllabic \**r* gives *or/ro* in Lesb., Thess., and Boe. (§34.1): IE \**mrg<sup>h</sup>u-* (cf. Lat. *brevis* < \**mreg<sup>h</sup>u-i-*). **φώναισ(αι)**: aor. infin. A hyper-Aeolic spelling (*φωνας* MSS), for which cf. *ἐπτόαισεν* 6. (inscriptions, some 200 years later, give an aor. infin. in *-ησαι* to *e*-stem verbs). Forssman (1966: 80 f.) has argued that *φώνασ'* is the right reading here, given the presence of *φώνασε* (an *a*-stem) in Pindar. In this case *ἀδύφων· σαῖς* 3 could be read (*ἄδν*) *φωναίσας*.

8. **εἴκει**: impersonal, in the sense of Att. *παρείκει*, 'is open, is possible'.

9. **κάμ**: i.e. *κατ* (§23.4), preverb to *ἔαγε* (for tmesis see §24.6). The alternative reading *ἀλλακαν* was preferred by Page (*ἀλλ' ἄκᾶν*, 'but in silence'), but the compd. *κατάγνυμι* is acceptable (cf. Radt 1970). **μέν**: cf. 76 50. **ἔαγε**: 3 sing. perf. (intransitive). The hiatus with *γλῶσσα* (which led Page and others to print *ἔαγε* with daggers) is also acceptable: arising from original presence of *w* in \**FéFāγε*, it is a poetic feature and may have onomatopoeic effect. See Ford and Kopff (1976).

10. **ὑπαδεδρόμᾱκεν**: for the preverb cf. *ὑπασδεύξαισα* (a)9.

11. **ὀππάτεσσι**: Lesb. *ὄππα* < \**ὄπ-μα* (in other dialects the assimilation works the other way, giving *ὄμμα*). For the dat. plur. *-εσσι* see §36.4 and *στήθεσιν* 6. **ὄρημ(ι)**: the stem *ὄρη-* seems to have been characteristic of E. Aeolic, and perhaps E. Ionic too (the Att. paradigm is built on an *a*-stem *ὄρα-*). Traces of athem. inflection in *-η-* can be seen in epic (e.g. *ὄρηαι* 2 sing., *Od.* 14. 343). MSS have *ὄρηι μή*. For *-ημ(ι)* cf. *κάλημμι* (a)16. **ἐπιρρόμβεισι**: athem. *-εισι* < \**-εντι* (§§24.1, 34.11).

12. **ἄκουαι**: contrast Att. *ἀκοή* < *ἀκοFή* < \**akowsā*. The development of a diphthong from *VwwV* < *VwsV* is characteristic of E. Aeolic (hence perhaps epic *ἀκουή*). Here and at fr. 104 *αῦωσ* (< \**ἄFFωσ* < \**awsōs*) the diphthong is guaranteed by the metre.

13. **κᾶδ**: i.e. *κατ* (§23.4). **μ'**: *μοι*, enclitic with genitive

function (following *κάδ*), as occasionally in Hom. **κακχέεται:** i.e. *κατ-* (§§24.5, 23.4).

14. **παῖσαν:** < \**πανσα-* < \**rant-ya-* (cj., *πάσαν* MSS): §34.11. **ἄγρει:** cf. on *καταγρέθη* 17 13. For the ending see *φίλει* (a)23.

15. **ἔμμι:** < \**es-mi* (§34.2). **τεθνάκην:** perf. infin. (Att. *τεθνάναι*), formed by adding the pres. thematic infin. ending to the perf. stem in *-k-*. **ὀλίγω:** gen. sing. (neut.), governed by (*ἐ*)*πιδεύης*, ‘lacking little’. For Lesb. and epic *ἐπιδεύης* (Att. *ἐπιδεής*) from \**-dews-ēs* cf. on *ἄκουαι* 12.

17. **τόλματον:** not ‘must be endured’ (which would be *τολμάτεον*: Chantraine 1933: 308): cf. *ἐπαιετός*, ‘praisable’, *πιστός*, ‘trustable’, etc. The suffix *-tos* is not integrated into the Gk. verbal system (as in Lat. *amātus*), but is important in adj. and noun formation.

75. Alkaios of Lesbos. Late VII–early VI cent. bc. Text: Voigt (1971). Also in Page (1955), Campbell (1982). Drinking songs. ▶ Hamm (1957), Hooker (1977), Bowie (1981).

(a) Fr. 338 Voigt (quoted by Athenaeus): Alcaic stanzas.

- ὔει μὲν ὁ Ζεὺς, ἐκ δ' ὀράνω μέγας  
 2 χεῖμων, πεπάγαισιν δ' ὑδάτων ῥόαι  
 < 2 lines missing >  
 κάββαλλε τὸν χεῖμων', ἐπὶ μὲν τίθεις  
 6 πῦρ, ἐν δὲ κέρναις οἶνον ἀφειδέως  
 μέλιχρον· αὐτὰρ ἀμφὶ κόρσαι  
 8 μόλθακον ἀμφι<τίθει> γνόφαλλον . . .

Zeus is raining, out of the sky there's a great storm descending, and the streams have frozen [. . .] To hell with the storm! Build up a fire, mix the honey-sweet wine unstintingly, and put a soft pillow about your temples . . .

1. **μὲν:** cf. 76 50. **ὁ Ζεὺς:** very rare use of the article. Names (unless accompanied by an adj.) are generally without the article in Sappho and Alkaios (cf. on *ὄνηρ* 74 (b)2). **ὀράνω:** single *ρ* is surprising, given Att. *οὐρανός*/WGk. *ὠρανός* (perhaps < \**φορσανός*): §34.2. Most plausibly explained as a metrical simplification of *-ρρ-* (paralleled by *δισχελίους* Alk. 69.2). Cf. on *ὠράνω* 74 (a)11.

2. **πεπάγαισιν:** 3 plur. ending < \**-ανσι* < \**-anti* (§34.11). The

earlier ending was  $-\check{\alpha}\sigma\iota < *-\eta\tau\iota$ , but this was recharacterized with the addition of  $-n-$ .

5. **κάββαλλε**: imper.,  $< \kappa\acute{\alpha}\tau-$  (§§24.5, 23.4). **τόν**: what Lobel (1927: §18) calls ‘anaphoric’ use of the article, referring to an entity (topic) already mentioned. **ἐπὶ . . . τίθεις**: athem. ptcl.  $\tau\acute{\iota}\theta\epsilon\iota\varsigma < * \tau\acute{\iota}\theta\epsilon\nu\tau\varsigma$ , as in Attic: but the diphthong in Lesb. is real, while in Att. the digraph represents [ε:], §23.1 (for tmesis §24.6).

6. **κέρναις**: athem. pres. ptcl. of  $\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\rho\nu\bar{\alpha}\mu\iota$  (Att.  $\kappa\epsilon\rho\acute{\alpha}\nu\nu\mu\iota$ ): a them. ptcl. is apparently attested in  $\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\rho\nu\bar{\alpha}\nu$  17 13 (see note). MSS have  $\kappa\acute{\iota}\rho\nu\alpha\iota\varsigma$ , which reflects the Hom. vocalism (for the development of  $-i-$  from orig. zero-grade cf. Palmer 1980: 240): Lesb. has a tendency to open  $i > \epsilon$  next to  $\rho$  (as in Thess., Boe.).

7. **μέλιχρον**: adj. referring to the sweetness of honey (i.e. a  $-\rho\sigma-$  adj. built to  $\mu\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\iota$  with intrusive  $-\chi-$  as in Hom.  $\pi\epsilon\nu\iota\chi\rho\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ ), or less likely the colour ( $\chi\rho\acute{\omega}\varsigma$ ). **αὐτόρ**: an epic word of Achaean ancestry (not elsewhere in Lesb., but attested in Cypriot). **κόρσαι**: with  $-\rho\sigma-$  as in E. Ion. (Att.  $\kappa\acute{\omicron}\rho\rho\eta$ ). The sporadic preservation (in all dialects) of  $-\rho\sigma-$ ,  $-\lambda\sigma-$  is difficult to account for (cf.  $\delta\rho\acute{\alpha}\nu\omega$  1): presumably due to morphological and analogical forces working against the phonology.

8. **μόλθακον, γνόφαλλον**:  $\sigma$ -vocalism from syllabic resonants (§34.1). The expected Att.-Ion.  $\gamma\nu\acute{\alpha}\phi\alpha\lambda\lambda\omicron\nu$  is attested in koiné documents: the  $\epsilon$  in literary Att.  $\kappa\nu\acute{\epsilon}\phi\alpha\lambda\lambda\omicron\nu$  is odd (for initial  $\kappa\nu-$  cf.  $\kappa\nu\acute{\alpha}\pi\tau\omega$ , ‘comb wool’).

**(b) Fr. 346 Voigt (quoted by Athenaeus): greater Asclepiad.**

- πάνωμεν· τί τὰ λύχν' ὀμμένομεν; δάκτυλος ἀμέρα·*  
 2 *κὰδ δ' ἄερρε κυλίχναις μεγάλαις, αἴτα, ποικίλαις·*  
*οἶνον γὰρ Σεμέλας καὶ Δίος υἱὸς λαθικάδεα*  
 4 *ἀνθρώποισιν ἔδωκ'. ἔγχεε κέρναις ἕνα καὶ δύο*  
*πλήγαις κακὰ κεφάλαις, <ἀ> δ' ἀτέρα τὰν ἀτέραν κύλιξ*  
 6 *ὠθήτω*

Let's start drinking—why should we wait for the lamps? Only a finger's breadth of the day is left. Take down the large cups, friend, the decorated ones. The son of Semele and Zeus gave wine to humans so we can forget our cares. Pour it in, mixing one part water to two of wine, and fill them to the top: and let one cup nudge the next.

1. **πώνωμεν**: edd. (πίνωμεν MSS). The stem of this verb alternates πῦ-/πω-/πο in Gk. (and other IE languages), perhaps reflecting orig. \**peH<sub>3</sub>-i-*. Aeolic dialects seem to have generalized πω- in the present (for Boeotian cf. Euboulos fr. 11 PCG). **τὰ λύχ(α)**: Lobel (1927: §18), noting that ‘respectable people did not start carousing before dark’, rightly sees an extension of the anaphoric use of the article in Lesb. in this phrase: the reference is proverbial. **ὀμμένομεν**: cj. (ἀμμ- MSS): §§24.5, 23.4. For Lesb. ὄν see §28.9.

2. **κάδ . . . ἄερρε**: tmesis (§24.6); assimilation of κατ (§23.4). ἄερρε edd. (ἄειρε MSS): ἀέρρω (Ion. ἀείρω) < \*ἀ(F)έργω, §34.2. **ἄϊτα**: voc., a rare word meaning ‘friend’ (esp. ‘boyfriend’, ἐρώμενος) ascribed to Thess. at Theokr. 12. 14 (García Ramón 1999: 527–8). The first syllable must be the result of metrical lengthening (cf. ἀθανάτ’ 74 (a)1).

3. **λαθικάδεα**: Hom. adj., acc. sing. (for the formation cf. ἐλκεσιπέπλους 66 105). An *s*-stem acc. sing. -ην is found in some inscriptions (IV cent. and later) and in a papyrus of Alkaios ([π]ηλεφάνην, very fragmentary context): the morphology may also be epic here.

4. **κέρναις**: edd. (MSS κινραις, κέρνα εἶς): cf. κέρναις (a)6.

5. **πλήαις**: edd. (πλε-, πλει- MSS). Adj., fem. plur. with κυλίχναις. A stem πλε- is found epigraphically (cf. 17 9). πλήος, if genuine, would be from \**plē-yos* (with loss of -y-): some support provided by a statement in an ancient grammarian that ‘Aeolians turn *ει* into *η* as in πλείων πλήων’, and by ]πληον[ in a papyrus scrap of Sappho (fr. 67 b4). **κάκ**: κάτ(α), with assimilation to following velar. The Gk. says ‘down to the brim’ rather than ‘up to’ (i.e. semantic focus on *pouring* rather than *filling*).

(c) **Fr. 347 Voigt (put together from multiple quotations): greater Asclepiad.**

τέγγε πλεύμονας οἴνωι, τὸ γὰρ ἄστρον περιτέλλεται,

2 ἀ δ’ ὄρα χαλέπα, πάντα δὲ δίψαισ’ ὑπὰ καύματος,  
ἄχει δ’ ἐκ πετάλων ἄδεα τέττιξ <πτερύγων δ’ ὕπα>

4 < line(s) missing >

ἄνθει δὲ σκόλυμος, νῦν δὲ γύναικες μιαρῶταται,

6 λέπτοι δ’ ἄνδρες, ἐπεὶ <δὴ> κεφάλαν καὶ γόνα Σείριος  
ἄσδει . . .

Soak your lungs with wine, because the dog-star is up. The season is harsh, everything is parched from the heat, the cicada whistles sweetly from the leaves [from under its wings] . . . The golden thistle is blooming: now the women are at their worst, but the men are feeble, since Sirius scorches their heads and knees.

The poem is a lyric adaptation of Hesiod, *Works and Days* 582–8.

1. **πλεύμονας**: in later Gk. *πλεύμων* was transformed into *πνεύμων* under the influence of *πνέω*, *πνεύμα* (some MSS offer *πν-* here). The sing. *πλεύμονα* is also attested in MSS, in which case orig. \**w-* in (*F*)οἴνωι prevents hiatus (the *lectio difficilior* and perhaps preferable). **περιτέλλεται**: not necessarily an Ionism, as the root is \**tel-* rather than \**k<sup>w</sup>el-* (for which see on *τένται* 51 17).

2. **δίψαισι(ι)**: either 3 sing. (athem.) of an *a*-stem vb. with hyper-Aeolic *-ai-*, or possibly 3 plur. <\**-ανσι* <\**-anti* (§34.11). **ὑπά**: edd. (*ὑπό* MSS): cf. *ὑπασδεύξαισα* 74 (a)9.

3. After *τέττιξ* earlier editors (including Page 1955: 303f.) inserted a fragment transmitted anonymously by Demetrius and generally assigned to Sappho (Voigt fr. 101a): see Liberman (1992) for reasons not to do this. <*πτερύγων δ' ὕπα*> is conjectured on the basis of the Hesiodic text.


5. **μιαρώταται**: interpreters have taken this to imply 'lustful, libidinous' (Hesiod has *μάχλος*).

6. **γόνα**: edd. (*γόνατα* MSS): from \**γόνφα* (cf. Hom. *δοῦρα* <*δόρφα*>): for loss of *F* without compensatory gemination or lengthening in Lesb. cf. on *δίνεντες* 74 (a)11. The oblique stem in *-ατ-* started in the *n*-stems (where it is attested already in Myc.): it was extended to other neut. stems, more widely in Att. than elsewhere.

7. **ἄσδει**: edd. (*ἄζει* MSS): see on *ὑπασδεύξαισα* 74 (a)9.

## DORIC CHORUS AND LYRIC MONODY

**76.** Alkman of Sparta, *Partheneion* 36–77 (fr. 3 Calame). From a papyrus (1 cent. AD) published in 1863. Late VII cent. BC. Metre: 14 line stanzas (mixed trochaic, dactylic, and Aeolic metre). A song written for a chorus of young women, apparently for a specific occasion. There are many difficulties

in the interpretation: see Griffiths (1972), Calame (1977) with earlier bibliography. *PMG* 1. Also in Campbell (1982), Hutchinson (2001).  Page (1951), Hooker (1977: 61–9), Cassio (1993), Cassio (in press).

- ἔστι τις σιῶν τίσις·  
 ὁ δ' ὄλβιος ὅστις εὐφρων  
 ἀμέραν [δ]ιαπλέκει  
 ἄκλαυτος· ἐγὼν δ' αἰίδω  
 40 Ἄγιδ[ῶ]ς τὸ φῶς ὀρώσ'  
 ὥτ' ἄλιον ὄνπερ ἄμιν  
 Ἄγιδῶ μαρτύρεται  
 φαίνην· ἐμέ δ' οὐτ' ἐπαινῆν  
 οὔτε [μ]ωμήσθαι νιν ἅ κλενὰ χοραγὸς  
 45 οὐδ' ἀμῶς ἐῆ· δοκεῖ γὰρ ἤμιν αὐτα  
 ἐκπρεπῆς τὼς ὥπερ αἴ τις  
 ἐν βοτοῖς στάσειεν ἵππον  
 παγὸν ἀεθλοφόρον καναχάποδα  
 τῶν ὑποπετριδίων ὀνειρών.  
 50 ἦ οὐχ ὀρήϊς; ὁ μὲν κέλης  
 Ἐνητικός· ἅ δὲ χαίτα  
 τὰς ἐμᾶς ἀνεψιᾶς  
 Ἄγησιχόρας ἐπανθεῖ  
 χρυσὸς [ῶ]τ' ἀκήρατος·  
 55 τό τ' ἀργύριον πρόσωπον,  
 διαφάδαν τί τοι λέγω;  
 Ἄγησιχόρα μὲν αὐτα  
 ἅ δὲ δευτέρα πεδ' Ἄγιδῶ τὸ Φεῖδος  
 ἵππος Ἰβηνώϊ Κολαξαῖος δραμήται·  
 60 ταὶ πεληάδες γὰρ ἄμιν  
 Ὀρθρίαι φάρος φεροίσαις  
 νύκτα δι' ἀμβροσίαν ἄτε Σήριον  
 ἄστρον ἀΦηρομένα μάχονται.  
 οὔτε γάρ τι πορφύρας  
 65 τόσσος κόρος ὥστ' ἀμύναι,  
 οὔτε ποικίλος δράκων  
 παγχρύσιος, οὐδὲ μίτρα  
 Λυδία, νεανίδων



- ἰανογ[λ]εφάρων ἄγαλμα  
 70 οὐδὲ ταὶ Ναννώσ κόμαι  
 ἀλλ' οὐδ' Ἀρέτα σιειδής,  
 οὐδὲ Συλακίς τε καὶ Κλησισίηρα,  
 οὐδ' ἐς Αἰνησιμβρό[ό]τας ἐνθοῖσα φασεῖς·  
 Ἀσταφίς [τ]έ μοι γένοιτο  
 75 καὶ ποτιγλέποι Φίλυλλα  
 Δαμαρέτα τ' ἔρατά [τ]ε Φιανθεμῖς·  
 ἀλλ' Ἀγησιχόρα με τείρει.

There is such a thing as the vengeance of the gods: that man is fortunate, who in goodness of heart weaves out his days without tears. As for me, I sing of the radiance of Agido—seeing her like the sun, which indeed Agido summons to shine upon us: but the illustrious choir-leader utterly forbids me to praise or disparage her—for she herself appears pre-eminent, as if one were to set among grazing herds a powerful stallion, a prize-winner with ringing hooves, the stuff of dreams. (50) Do you not see? The courser is Venetic: but the hair of my cousin Hagesichora blooms like pure gold, and her face of silver—why do I tell you openly? This is Hagesichora! But she who is second after Agido in beauty shall run as a Kolaxaian horse against an Ibenian; these Peleiades, you see, rising up like Sirius they contend with us as we bring a robe (?) to the Dawn goddess through the immortal night. (64) All our purple finery is not enough to beat them off, nor our golden bracelets, intricate and serpentine. Neither the Lydian headband, the delight of dark-eyed girls, nor even the locks of Nanno, nor Areta lovely as a goddess, nor Thylakis, nor Kleësithera: nor will you go to Ainesimbrotā's house and say, 'May Astaphis be mine, and may Philylla look in my direction, and Damareta, and lovely Ianthemis'. No, it is Hagesichora who causes me heartache.

36. **σιῶν**: i.e. *θεῶν*, with raising of ε (§23.2). For the use of σ to designate the fricative [θ] < [tʰ] see §39.7 (and *ἡππανσίδας* 34 1). Epigraphic evidence suggests that the spelling was adopted some time after Alkman: this therefore represents interference by later editors.

38. **ἀμέραν**: unaspirated (as attested at *IG V 1. 213. 43* [33]). The *h-* in Attic (see 30 13) is analogical rather than original, perhaps on *ἔως*, *ἥλιος*, or *ἔσπερα* (cf. *ἄλιον* 41 for the converse).

39. **ἐγών**: §36.5. In archaic poetry the first person pronoun often signals a transition (esp. with *δέ*). **αἶδω**: i.e. *ἀ(F)εἶδω*, an epic form, but probably Lac. too in view of *ἀΦηρομέναι* 63 (Att. *αἶδω* by contraction).

40. **Ἀγιδ[ῶ]ς**: gen. < \**-όγος* (for the morphology cf. on *λεχῶι* 51 16). The song appears to mark some important stage in the life of Agido: ritual passage to womanhood and marriage have been suggested. **φῶς**: contracted < *φάφος* (the conditions under which intervocalic *-F-* dropped in Lac. are not completely clear): cf. §39.1.

41. **ῶτ(ε)**: *ῶ* (instr. of the relative \**γο-*) plus *τε*, corresponding to Att.-Ion. *ὤς* (cf. *ῶπερ* 46). **ἄλιον**: lack of aspiration in certain WGk. dialects is unexpected: perhaps analogical on *ἀμέρα*. Here printed with smooth breathing because of preceding *-τ'*. **ἄμιν**: original short *ι* in WGk.

43. **φαίνην, ἐπαινῆν**: edd. (*-εν* pap.): *-ην* in *φαίνην* is metrically guaranteed, and seems certain in *ἐπαινῆν* (*brevis in longo* would be odd). No infin. in *-εν* in Alkm. is required by metre.

44. **[μ]ωμήσθαι**: edd. ([*.*]ωμεσθαι pap.), from stem *μωμα-νν*: WGk. enclitic pronoun (cf. on 45 12) frequent in choral dialect. Occasional cases of *μιν* may be due to scribal confusion. **κλεννά**: from \**κλεφες-νός* (cf. *κλεινοί* 61 6). Elsewhere *κλεεννός* in choral lyric (from the Aeolic poetic tradition: Cassio 2005). This form may be the result of haplogy (Lillo 1995), or perhaps analogous on the lyric alternation *φαεινός/φαεννός*. Less likely a mistaken transliteration by a later editor of *ΚΛΕΝΑ* (i.e. *κληνά*). The choir-leader has a 'speaking name' (*Hagesichora* 53), and may be a divine rather than a mortal figure.

45. **ἐήι**: see §38.4 for the contraction. **ἦμεν**: *athem*. infin. < \**es-men* (§40.3).

46. **τῶς**: demonstr. advb. picked up by *ῶπερ* (cf. *ῶτ'* 41).

48. Cf. the Hom. expression *ἵππους πηγούς ἀθλοφόρους*, *Il.* 9. 123–4. **καναχάποδα**: for the compd. adj. (two substantives: first element *καναχά*, 'noise') cf. *ῥοδοδάκτυλος*, 'with rosy fingers' (Schindler 1986).

49. **ὑποπετριδίων**: meaning is disputed. The second element may be connected with *πτερά*, ‘wing’ (dreams are often winged in Gk. literature) rather than *πέτρα*, ‘rock’.

50. **ὄρηις**: for the contraction cf. ἐῆι 45. **μέν**: shortened form of *μῆν* (Dor. Aeol. *μάν*). The vowel shows it to be an Ionicism, which spread rapidly across the Greek poetic lexicon. **κέλης**: the epigraphic form in the V cent. was *κέλεξ* (see on 33 13): *κέλης* may have been a competing variant, perhaps more suited to choral poetry; or it may have entered the scribal tradition from the koiné.

54. [ὦ]τ(ε): see on 41.

56. **τοι**: dat. of *τύ* (§32.5).

58. **πεδ(ά)**: see on 17 20. **Ἀγιδώ**: acc. <\*-όγα **Φείδος**: pap. has *τοειδος* (hiatus guaranteed).

60. **ταί**: §40.5. **πεληάδες**: edd., *πελειάδες* pap. The change is hardly necessary: it is based on the view (difficult to evaluate) of ancient grammarians that as a rule *ει > η* before a vowel in ‘Doric’ (see Page 1951: 138). The word could mean either ‘doves’ or the Pleiad constellation, which would be rising at dawn. Most likely the latter, given the references to the night in 63.

61. **Ὀρθρία**: here capitalized as the dat. of a Spartan dawn-goddess, ‘the Early One’. Could also be nom. plur., referring to the *πεληάδες*. **φᾶρος**: the pap. has a circumflex, but the scholion ad loc. quotes *φάρος*, ‘plough’, with the gloss *ἄροτρον*. The reading *φάφος*, ‘torch’ has also been suggested (but cf. *φῶς* 40). **φεροίσαις**: ptclpl. with *-οισα* (cf. §34.11). A familiar feature of Lesb. phonology (*ἄοισα* 74 (a)6), but there is no epigraphic support for it in Lac. The theory that it was added to the text of Alkm. by Alexandrian editors because they knew it from the nearby Doric dialect of Cyrene has been disproven (Cassio 1993). It is almost certain that that Alkm. (and other composers of choral lyric) drew on an Aeolic-influenced literary tradition (Cassio 2005). The theory that it was a VII cent. variant in Lac. phonology, marginalized by the epigraphic period, is implausible owing to the extremely restricted distribution (e.g. acc. plur. *τοίς, ταῖς* is not found: §34.11). Found also in Stesichoros, Ibykos, Pindar, and Theokritos.

62. **νύκτα δι’ ἀμβροσίαν**: cf. Hom. *ἀμβροσίην διὰ νύκτα*, *Il.* 2. 57.

63. **ἄΦηρομέναι**: *ἀνειρομέναι* pap. Epigraphic texts from Sparta

spell [w] with both *F* and *β*: *υ* may be due to a copyist unfamiliar with *F*. The sequence *av-*, though unmetrical, would for an early editor have an Aeolic/epic pedigree: cf. on ἄκοιαι 74 (b)12 and *κανάξαις* 68 666 (for the real Lesb. form see ἄερρε 75 (b)2). For the ‘Doric’ accent cf. on *παίδας* 79 211.

65. **τόσσοσ**: not necessarily an epicism: most WGk. dialects had -σσ- here (Crete is an exception: ὀπόττοι 52 40). **ῶστ(ε)**: consecutive. García Ramón (1985: 90–3) argues that ῶτ(ε) would best represent Alkm.’s autograph (cf. 41 above), ῶστ(ε) reflecting the interference of a later editor.

67. **παγχρύσιος**: cf. *χρύσιον* 74(a) 8.

69. **ἱανογ[λ]εφάρων**: compd. of ἴον, ‘violet’ (formally a cross between *ιογλέφαρος* and *κυανογλέφαρος*: cf. 78 1): *F-* restored in *Φιανθεμῖς* 76. For *γλεφ-* (elsewhere only in Pindar) cf. *ποτιγλέποι* 75: the alternation points to an initial labiovelar.

70. **Ναννώσ**: gen. (cf. Ἀγιδῶσ 40).

71. **σιειδῆσ**: from *θεο-ειδῆσ* (with syncope of -ο-, as in *σιείκ-ελοι* < *θεοείκελοι* in the Lac. song at Ar. *Lys.* 1252). Cf. *σιῶν* 36.

72. **Συλακίς**: i.e. *Θυλακίς* ‘poppy’. **Κλησισήρα**: i.e. *Κλησιθήρα*, from *κλέ(φ)ος* and *θήρα*, ‘hunting’.

73. **Αἰνησιμβρο[ό]τας**: gen. (understand ‘house’) of a ‘speaking name’: she is a wise woman who supplies love charms. **ἐνθούσα**: see on *ὑπένθημι* 51 17. For the ending -οῖσα cf. *φεροῖσαις* 61. **φασεῖς**: the circumflex (in the pap.) reflects the fut. infix -σε- characteristic of WGk. (§40.2).

76. **Φιανθεμῖς**: edd. (note hiatus after *τε*), *ἱανθεμῖς* pap. Composed of *Φι-*, ‘violet’ and *ἀνθεμ-*, an onomastic stem derived from *ἄνθος* (cf. Leumann 1950: 249–51).

77. **τείρει**: pap. Not inappropriate in the erotic context of the preceding lines: but if Hagesichora is a divine figure, edd. may be right to read *τηρεῖ*, ‘watches over, protects’. *τείρει* has a spurious diphthong (§23.1), so in either case Alkm. would have written *TEPEI*.

77. Stesichoros (south Italy or Sicily), fr. 222b (*P. Lille* 76A). Text: Bremer (1987). From a papyrus (III cent. BC, mummy cartonnage) published in 1977. Jocasta addresses Teiresias and

her sons. Early VII cent. BC. Metre: dactylic/dactylo-epitrite. ▶▶  
 Nöthiger (1971), Haslam (1978), Bremer (1987), Hutchinson  
 (2001).

ἐπ' ἄλγεσι μὴ χαλεπὰς ποίει μερίμνας  
 μηδέ μοι ἐξοπίσω  
 πρόφαινε ἐλπίδας βαρείας.

οὔτε γὰρ αἰὲν ὁμῶς

205 θεοὶ θέσαν ἀθάνατοι κατ' αἶαν ἱρὰν  
 νεῖκος ἔμπεδον βροτοῖσιν  
 οὐδέ γα μὰν φιλότατ', ἐπὶ δ' ἀμέρα<ι ἐ>ν νόον ἀνδρῶν  
 θεοῖ τιθεῖσι.

μαντοσύνας δὲ τεὰς ἄναξ ἐκᾶεργος Ἀπόλλων

210 μὴ πάσας τελέσσαι.

αἰ δέ με παῖδας ἰδέσθαι ὑπ' ἀλλάλοισι δαμέντας  
 μόρσιμόν ἐστιν, ἐπεκλώσαν δὲ Μοῖρα[ι,  
 αὐτίκα μοι θανάτου τέλος στυγερο[ῖο] γέγ[οιτο,  
 πρὶν ποκα ταῦτ' ἐσιδεῖν

215 ἄλγεσ<σ>ι πολύστονα δακρυόεντα[—  
 παῖδας ἐνὶ μμεγάροις  
 θανόντας ἢ πόλιν ἀλοῖσαν.

ἀλλ' ἄγε παῖδες ἐμοῖς μύθοις φίλα[— υυ — —  
 τᾶιδε γὰρ ὑμῖν ἐγὼν τέλος προφα[ίνω,

220 τὸμ μὲν ἔχοντα δόμους ναίειν π.[υυ — υυ — —  
 τὸν δ' ἀπίμεν κτεάνη  
 καὶ χρυσὸν ἔχοντα φίλου σύμπαντα [πατρός,  
 κλαροπαληθὸν ὅς ἄν  
 πρᾶτος λάχηι ἕκατι Μοιρᾶν.

225 τοῦτο γὰρ ἄν δοκέω  
 λυτήριον ὕμμι κακοῦ γένοιτο πότημο[υ  
 μάντιος φραδαῖσι θείου . . .

. . . to my grief add not gnawing anxiety, nor for my future make  
 woeful predictions. (204) For the deathless gods do not impose  
 unending strife for mortals on the holy earth, nor indeed  
 friendship: but daily the gods put a new disposition into men. May  
 lord Apollo, the worker from afar, not bring to fulfilment all these

your prophecies. (211) But if it is ordained for me to see my sons slain by each other, and the Fates have spun it thus—well, right away let hateful death bring about my end, before ever I should see such things, painful, laden with groans and tears [. . .] my sons killed within the palace, or the city captured. (218) But come, my sons, [listen] to my words [. . .] for thus do I predict for you the end: one of you shall have the house and dwell in it [. . .] the other shall leave, with the goods and the gold of his dear [father], all of it, whoever by lot shall take the first place, by the agency of the Fates. (225) For this, I think, shall prove the solution for you of this evil doom, which comes from the warnings of the divine seer.

201. **χαλεπὰς . . . μερίμνας**: the quantity of the *a*-stem acc. plur. is generally unverifiable in Stes. The two cases which can be verified are short: he may have used whichever was convenient (cf. *τροπὰς* 68 663).

203. **ἐλπιδας**: orig. initial *F*- accounts for the hiatus. Stes. follows epic in his use of this feature (may be observed or not, as convenient).

204. **αἰέν**: alternates with *αἰεί* in Hom. For Stes. a useful literary variant (so also in Alkm., Bacch., and Theokr.).

205. **θέσαν**: omission of the augment is a feature of epic language (cf. *πιθόμην* 66 103). **αἰαν**: epic variant of *γαῖα*, probably by a process analogous to *εἶβε* 67 153 (Haslam 1976). **ἱράν**: form attested in Lesb., but probably here an epicism.

206. **βροτοῖσιν**: see on *κυνέοισιν* 78 1.

207. **γα**: expected WGk. form. **ἐ<ν> . . . τιθείσι**: tmesis (§24.6), assuming the supplement is correct (and there are many Hom. parallels).

208. **τιθείσι**: < \**τίθε-ντι*. The pap. has no accents: editors follow the Hom. tradition in accenting this word, which reflects a late Ionic development (assimilation of 3 plur. athematic verbs to vowel-stems such as *φιλοῦσι*) rather than the phonology of Stes.'s poetry. Cf. §32.12.

209. **τεάς**: a WGk. form, but both *τεός* and *σός* (< \**two-*) are found in epic. **ἄναξ**: initial *F*- is observed (lengthens the previous syllable): cf. *ἐλπιδας* 203.

210. **τελέσσαι**: aor. opt., 3 sing.

211. **παίδας**: edd. justify the accent (which is one mora forward of Att.-Ion. *παῖδας*) by ref. to papyrus frags. of Alkm., Ib., and Stes. which show sporadic ‘progressive’ accentuation of a type ascribed to Doric by ancient grammarians. See Probert (2003: 160–2). **ὑπ’ ἀλλάλοισι**: use of the dat. after *ὑπό* is a feature of epic syntax, where it lays stress on the implication ‘at the hands of, under’ (Chantraine 1953: 140 f.). **ιδέσθαι**: initial digamma not observed (cf. *ἐπίδας* 203).

214. **ποκα**: edd. (*τοκα* pap.): §40.7. **ἔσ-ιδεῖν**: initial digamma (*ιδεῖν*) not observed.

215. **δακρύνεντα**: pap. This makes slightly odd scansion, and Ruijgh (in Bremer ad loc.) suggests *δακρύνεντα* (i.e. the original form \**δακρύνεις* < *δακρυ* + *φεντ-ς*, without a linking vowel: cf. §13 and *pe-ne-we-ta* 1a).

216. **ἐνὶ μμεγάρους**: the scribe has written a double *μ* to indicate the previous syllable is heavy. An epic licence, by which a short vowel could count as long before *μ-*, *ν-*, *λ-*, *ρ-* (starting-point was words with initial *sR-*, such as *μοῖρα* < \**σμοῖρα*).

217. **ἀλοίσαν**: see on *φεροίσαις* 76 61.

219. **ἐγών**: epic and WGk. form (§36.5).

220. **μέν**: cf. 76 50.

221. **ἀπίμεν**: a WGk. form, but also in epic. **κτεάνη**: poetic form. Since the ending is contracted (from *-εα*, neut. plur.), the uncontracted *εα* of the stem is unexpected (*κτῆνη* elsewhere attested).

223. **κλαροπαληδόν**: advb. formed to an unattested verb; cf. *διακριδόν* 72 71.

224. **πράτος**: §38.2. **ἕκατι**: see Leumann (1950: 251 f.) for the formation of this Hom. advb. (related to *έκών*, ‘willing’).

225. **δοκέω**: not found in epic in this sense: perhaps an intrusion of the vernacular.

226. **ῥμμι**: epicism (an Aeolic form): §34.2.

78. Ibykos of Rhegion, fr. 287 *PMG* (quoted by Proklos in his commentary on Plato’s *Parmenides* 137). Later VI cent. BC  
Metre: mostly dactylic. ▶▶ Nöthiger (1971)

Ἔρος αὐτέ με κυανέοισιν ὑπὸ  
βλεφάροις τακέρ’ ὄμμασι δερκόμενος  
κηλήμασι παντοδαποῖς ἐς ἄπει-

- ρα δίκτυα Κύπριδος ἐσβάλλει·  
 5 ἦ μὲν τρομέω νιν ἐπερχόμενον,  
 ὥστε φερέζυγος ἵππος ἀεθλοφόρος ποτὶ γήραι  
 ἀέκων σὺν ὄχεσφι θοοῖς ἐς ἄμιλλαν ἔβα.

Once again Love looks at me meltingly from under dark eyelids and with all types of beguilement hurls me into the endless nets of Kypris. (5) Oh, I tremble at his coming, as a yoked prize-winning horse, near to old age, goes unwillingly with his swift chariot into the fray.

1. **κνανέοισιν**: Ib. more often has the short dat. (native to his and most WGk. dialects): use of the long form (with -ν if convenient) is a licence taken over from epic (§32.14).

2. **τακέρ(α)**: adj. built on the zero-grade stem \*tH<sub>2</sub>-k- (cf. τῆκω < \*teH<sub>2</sub>-k-). **ὄμμασι**: cf. ὀππάτεσσι 74 (b)11.

3. **ἐς**: edd. (for the metre), εἰς MSS. ἐς was generalized in both Ion. and many WGk. dialects (§32.10): it is the normal form in choral dialect.

4. **ἐσβάλλει**: edd., βάλλει MSS.

5. **νιν**: WGk. enclitic pronoun (cf. 76 44). Supplied by edd. from scholia which quote the phrase in the form τρομέων ἔν' (it has dropped from the main text).

6. **ὥστε**: cf. on 76 65. **ἀεθλοφόρος**: Hom. adj. (so at 76 48). **ποτί**: both WGk. and Hom. (§40.8): cf. ποτί 66 101.

7. **σὺν ὄχεσφι**: Hom. phrase (for the dat. ending see §11.4 and ἦφι 66 107). **ἐς**: edd., εἰς MSS. **ἔβα**: a 'gnomic' aor. (see on 68 676 ὤρινε).

79. Pindar (Boeotia), *Olympian* 1 (lines 36–85). Part of a song celebrating the victory of Hieron of Syracuse in the chariot-race at the Olympic Games of 476 BC. Text: B. Snell–H. Maehler (Teubner 1987). Metre: Aeolic (triadic). ▶▶ Forssman (1966), Gerber (1982), Verdenius (1988), Instone (1996).

- νιὲ Ταντάλου, σὲ δ' ἀντία προτέρων φθέγξομαι,  
 ὀπότ' ἐκάλεσε πατῆρ τὸν εὐνομώτατον  
 ἐς ἔρανον φίλαν τε Σίπυλον,  
 ἀμοιβαῖα θεοῖσι δειπνα παρέχων,  
 40 τότε Ἀγλαοτρίαιναν ἀρπάσαι,



- δαμέντα φρένας ἱμέρωι, χρυσέαισί τ' ἀν' ἵπποις  
 ὕπατον εὐρυτίμου ποτὶ δῶμα Διὸς μεταβάσαι  
 ἔνθα δευτέρωι χρόνωι  
 ἦλθε καὶ Γανυμήδης
- 45 Ζηνὶ τωῦτ' ἐπὶ χρέος.  
 ὡς δ' ἄφαντος ἔπελες, οὐδὲ ματρὶ πολλὰ μαιόμενοι φῶτες  
 ἄγαγον,  
 ἔννεπε κρυφαί τις αὐτίκα φθονερῶν γειτόνων,  
 ὕδατος ὅτι τε πυρὶ ζέοισαν εἰς ἀκμάν  
 μαχαίραι τάμον κατὰ μέλη,
- 50 τραπέζαισί τ' ἀμφὶ δεύτατα κρεῶν  
 σέθεν διεδάσαντο καὶ φάγον.
- ἔμοι δ' ἄπορα γαστρίμαργον μακάρων τιν' εἰπεῖν· ἀφίσταμαι  
 ἀκέρδεια λέλογχεν θαμινὰ κακαγόρους.  
 εἰ δὲ δὴ τιν' ἀνδρα θνατὸν Ὀλύμπου σκοποὶ
- 55 ἐτίμασαν, ἦν Τάνταλος οὗτος· ἀλλὰ γὰρ καταπέψαι  
 μέγαν ὄλβον οὐκ ἔδυνάσθη, κόρωι δ' ἔλεν  
 ἄταν ὑπέροπλον, ἄν τοι πατὴρ ὕπερ
- 57b κρέμασε καρτερόν αὐτῶι λίθον,  
 τὸν αἰεὶ μενουῶν κεφαλᾶς βαλεῖν εὐφροσύνας ἀλάται.
- ἔχει δ' ἀπάλαμον βίον τοῦτον ἐμπεδόμοχθον
- 60 μετὰ τριῶν τέταρτον πόνον, ἀθανάτους ὅτι κλέψαις  
 ἀλίκεσσι συμπόταις  
 νέκταρ ἀμβροσίαν τε  
 δῶκεν, οἷσιν ἄφθιτον  
 θέν νιν. εἰ δὲ θεὸν ἀνήρ τις ἔλπεταί <τι> λαθέμεν ἔρδων,  
 ἄμαρτάνει.
- 65 τοῦνεκα προῆκαν υἷον ἀθάνατοὶ <οἱ> πάλιν  
 μετὰ τὸ ταχύποτμον αὐτίς ἀνέρων ἔθνος.  
 πρὸς εὐάνθεμον δ' ὅτε φυὰν  
 λάχναι νιν μέλαν γένειον ἔρεφον,  
 εἰτοῖμον ἀνεφρόντισεν γάμον
- 70 Πισάτα παρὰ πατρὸς εὐδοξον Ἴπποδάμειαν  
 σχεθέμεν. ἐγγυὺς ἐλθὼν πολιᾶς ἀλὸς οἶος ἐν ὄρφναι  
 ἄπυεν βαρύκτυπον  
 Εὐτρίαιναν· ὁ δ' αὐτῶι

- παρ ποδὶ σχεδὸν φάνη.  
 75 τῶι μὲν εἶπε· «φίλια δῶρα Κυπρίας ἄγ' εἴ τι, Ποσειδάων, ἐς χάριν  
 τέλλεται, πέδασον ἔγχος Οἰνομάου χάλκεον,  
 ἐμέ δ' ἐπὶ ταχυτάτων πόρευσον ἄρμάτων  
 ἐς Ἄλιον, κράτει δὲ πέλασον.  
 ἐπεὶ τρεῖς τε καὶ δέκ' ἄνδρας ὀλέσαις  
 80 μναστήρας ἀναβάλλεται γάμον  
 θυγατρός. ὁ μέγας δὲ κίνδυνος ἀναλκιν οὐ φῶτα λαμβάνει.  
 θανεῖν δ' οἷσιν ἀνάγκα, τὰ κέ τις ἀνώνυμον  
 γῆρας ἐν σκότῳ καθήμενος εἴποι μάταν,  
 ἀπάντων καλῶν ἄμμορος; ἀλλ' ἐμοὶ μὲν οὗτος ἄεθλος  
 85 ὑποκίεσται· τὴν δὲ πράξιον φίλαν δίδοι.»

As for you, son of Tantalos, I shall utter an account different from that of my predecessors. When your father invited (the gods) to that well-ordered feast in their beloved Sipylos, reciprocating their hospitality at banquets, (40) then the Lord of the gleaming trident, his heart overcome with desire, seized you and brought you in his golden chariot to the house of far-honoured Zeus on high: there, on a second occasion, Ganymedes also came, (45) on the self-same service for Zeus. When you were lost to view, and in spite of much searching people were not able to take you back to your mother, right away a jealous neighbour spread a tale in secret that they (the gods) had cut you limb from limb with a knife into water boiling furiously at the fire; (50) and at table, for the last course, had divided out your flesh and eaten it. But for me it is impossible to call any of the blessed ones a glutton. I stand back from that. Profitless, most often, is the lot that falls to slanderers. Indeed, if any mortal man was honoured by the guardians of Olympos, (55) that man was Tantalos: but he could not digest his great good fortune, and through insolence he met with ruin unsurpassed which the Father hung over him, a mighty rock: striving constantly to cast this from his head he wanders far from happiness. He has this helpless life of perpetual toil, a fourth trouble (60) among three others, a wearisome burden, because from the immortals he stole the nectar and ambrosia with which they had made him imperishable, and gave them to his drinking companions. If any man hopes to escape god's notice in anything

he does, he is in error. (65) So the immortals thrust forth again his son to join once more the short-lived race of men. When his youthful beauty was at its bloom and down covered his darkening jaw, his thought turned to a marriage which was at hand: to receive renowned Hippodameia (70) from her father in Pisa. Coming close to the grey sea, alone in the darkness, he cried to the deep-roaring Lord of the noble trident: who appeared close by his feet. (75) He said to him, 'If the friendly gifts of the Cyprian (goddess) count at all in one's favour, Poseidon, check the bronze spear of Oinomaos and convey me in the swiftest chariot to Elis, and bring me to victory. (80) For in putting off his daughter's marriage he has slain thirteen suitors. Great danger does not call for a coward. Since we must die, why sit in the shadows and in vain nourish old age without renown, with no share in all that is fine? But for me this contest (85) shall be my goal: do you grant a welcome outcome.'

36. **Ταντάλου**: lengthened vowels in Pindar (§23.1) are represented in the vulgate by the spurious diphthongs of epic rather than the open  $\omega/\eta$  of Doric (and Boeotian). This must represent a performance tradition: P. himself would have used *O* and *E*. **σέ**: an epic (i.e. Ionic and literary Aeolic) form of the pronoun (§32.5): cf.  $\tau\epsilon$  48 below. **φθέγξομαι**: the 'Doric' future is not used (§40.2).

37. **τόν**: with demonstrative force (because the meal was famous, and P.'s version is to be different): cf.  $\tau\grave{\alpha}$  *λύχνα*, Alkaios 75 (b)1. **ὀπότ(ε) . . . τότη(ε)**: epic forms (§40.7). The text of P. has only  $\acute{\omicron}\tau\epsilon$ ,  $\pi\acute{\omicron}\tau\epsilon$ , but WGk. *τόκα* is occasionally found for  $\tau\acute{\omicron}\tau\epsilon$ .

38. **ἐς**: the normal form in choral dialect (§32.10 and cf. 78 3 Ibykos). Boe.  $\acute{\epsilon}\nu$  with the acc. is occasionally found in P. (perhaps a northern Doric form).

39. **θεοῖσι**: epic form (§32.13).

40. **Ἄγλαοτρίαιναν**: appellative built on *τρίαινα*, 'trident' (*τρι-*, 'three' plus fem. ending *-αινα*). **ἄρπάσαι**: §40.4 (P. also uses forms in *-ξ-*).

41. **χρυσέαισι**: adj. of material in *\*-eyos* (cf. Lat. *aureus*, and *πορφυρέην* 67 154): contrast *χρύσιον* 74 (a)8. **ἀν'**: *ἀνά* with the dat. is found only in epic and lyric poetry. **ἵπποις**: cf. the Hom. use of *ἵπποι*, 'chariot'.

42. **ποτί:** both WGk. and Homeric (cf. §28.7). Also Boe. **μεταβάσαι:** the sigmatic aor. could produce a factitive stem (cf. ἔστησα vs. ἔστην, etc.).

45. **Ζηνί:** analogical form built on the old acc. Ζῆν < \*dyēm (Skt. dyām). The usual form Δι(Ὶ)ί is formed on the orig. (zero-grade) stem ΔιῚ- (cf. on 8 21 ΔιῚεἰθεμῖς).

46. **ἔπελες:** equivalent to ἦσθα (cf. ἔπλετο 66 116, πέλεται 68 665). **μαϊόμενοι:** vb. associated with epic and Lesb. lyric (cf. μαστροῖς 49 1).

47. **ἔννεπε:** epic form.

48. **τε:** Instone ad loc. suggests this may be the acc. of τυ (§32.5) rather than the connective particle (in which case σέ 36 would be the result of scribal normalization): a scholion ad loc. glosses σε. So also Wackernagel (1892: 362). **ζέοισαν:** from \*ζε-οντ-γα. On these forms, reminiscent of literary (i.e. eastern) Aeolic (§34.11), see on φεροῖσαις 76 61. **εἰς:** an epic licence (see ἐς 38).

49. **τάμον:** absence of augment is a licence inherited from epic (cf. πιθόμην 66 103): §14.2.

50. **κρεῶν:** partitive gen. as the grammatical object.

51. **σέθεν:** epic form (cf. 67 160).

52. **ἀφίσταμαι:** the unusual absence of connective particle (asyndeton) in this and the next phrase is rhetorical (expressing strong antipathy).

53. **ἀκέρδειᾶ:** abstract formed to ἀκερδής (cf. on ἀτελέην 27 7). **λέλογχεν:** moveable -ν (an epic feature, §32.7) is here used to lengthen a syllable.

54. **εἰ:** epic form (§40.6).

55. **ἦν:** cf. ἦς 45 21 and §32.2.

57. **ἄν τοι:** editors, τάν οἱ MSS (cf. §32.12, and τόν 58).

59–60. **ἄπάλαμον . . . ἄθανάτους:** metrical lengthening of the *a* privative (cf. 68 668).

60. **μετὰ τριῶν:** cf. τριτο- 51 23. **κλέψαις:** aor. ptcl. (cf. ζέοισαν 48).

61. **ἀλίκεσσι:** Aeolic -εσσι attached to an *o*-stem (§36.4): an epic licence.

64. **θέν νιν:** emendation of the unmetrical θέσαν αὐτόν of the MSS (a typical gloss that has replaced the original words). For WGk. (ἐ-)θέν cf. §32.1. **νιν:** WGk. enclitic 3 sing. personal pron. (acc.):

45 12. **λαθέμεν:** WGk. (and Boe.) aor. infin. (§40.3). **ἔρδων:** for (F)έρδω < \*Fέρζω see on ῥέζουσιν 68 685.

65. <οἶ>: moved by edd. from after τοῦνεκα. 3 sing. pron., dat. (as at 45 13) indicating Tantalus' involvement. Hiatus before (F)οι.

66. **αὔτις:** epic and Ion. form (Att. αὐθις may be analogical on advbs. in -θι). **ἀνέρων:** the stem without the secondary glide -δ- is taken from epic.

67. **πρός:** WGk. and Boe. ποτί (§40.8).

70. **Πισιάτᾱ:** gen. (§24.3) of Πισιάτᾱς, '(man) of Pisa'.

71. **σχεθέμεν:** aor. infin. (cf. δωσέμεν 66 117) built to ἔσχεθον, with zero-grade of \*seg<sup>h</sup>- (cf. σχήσω 69 15) and a factitive extension -θ-.

74. **πάρ:** apocope (§24.5): contrast παρά 70.

75. **μέν:** cf. 76 50. Here emphatic. **Ποσειδάων:** voc. of the Att.-Ion. form (cf. on Ποηοίδαια 33 12, and 39).

76. **τέλλεται:** cf. περιτέλλεται 75 (c)1.

78. **Ἄλιν:** §38.5. An interesting intrusion of the local dialect of Elis into literary language.

79. **δλέσαις:** aor. ptcl. (cf. ζέοισαν 48).

80. **ἀναβάλλεται:** absence of apocope, a literary feature (§24.5).

82. **τά:** an interrog. pron. derived from the neut. plur. \*k<sup>w</sup>ia (cf. Lat. *quia*). A very rare instance of a Boe. dialect form in Pindar (Leumann 1950: 48 f.): the Megarian in Ar. *Acharn.* has the WGk. form σά (the phonological equivalent in Att. is the indef. pron. ἄττα, a false segmentation of ὀποῖά ττα: §24.8). It is hard to see why P. should have used this form, which invites speculation on what stage of the text our vulgate reflects: was the Athenian version influenced by a performance tradition in neighbouring Boeotia? **κέ:** Aeolic (epic) particle: §36.7.

84. **κᾶλῶν:** so Att., Lesb., and most mainland WGk. dialects (Boe. κάλφος). Hom. epic has κᾶλ-, but there are a few instances of κᾶλ- in Hesiod (greatly outnumbered by κᾶλ-). Alkm. and the Doric literary tradition appear to use both as convenient. **ἄμμορος:** a Hom., evidently Aeolic, form (-μμ- < \*-σμ-, cf. ἐνὶ μμεγάρους 77 216).

85. **τύ:** WGk. form (although σύ is commoner in our text of Pindar): §32.5. **δίδοι:** 2 sing. imperat. (see 12 2 for the form, and also the shape of the phrase).

## THE CLASSICAL WORLD: 480–320 BC

**80.** Aeschylus (Athens), *Agamemnon* 239–63 (first play of the *Oresteia* trilogy, 458 BC). The end of the *parodos* (entry song) and the entry of *Klytaimestra* for the first scene. Text: D. Page (Oxford 1972). Metre: (239–56) lyric: iambic and cretic, (257–63) iambic trimeters. ▶▶ Denniston and Page (1957).

*The chorus describe the sacrifice of Iphigeneia by her father Agamemnon, who was told by the prophet Kalkhas that this would produce a sailing wind for Troy. Their ode ends and they greet Klytaimestra.*

- κρόκου βαφὰς δ' ἐς πέδον χέουσα  
 240 ἔβαλλ' ἕκαστον θυτήρων ἀπ' ὄμματος βέλει φιλοίκτωι,  
 πρέπουσά θ' ὡς ἐν γραφαῖς, προσεννέπει  
 θέλουσ', ἐπεὶ πολλάκις  
 πατὴρ κατ' ἀνδρώνας εὐτραπέζους  
 245 ἔμελψεν, ἀγναῖ δ' ἀταύρωτος αὐδαῖ πατρὸς  
 φίλου τριτόσπονδον εὐποτμον παιῶνα φίλως ἔτιμα.  
 τὰ δ' ἔνθεν οὐτ' εἶδον οὐτ' ἐννέπω·  
 τέχνη δὲ Κάλχαντος οὐκ ἄκραντοι.  
 250 Δίκα δὲ τοῖς μὲν παθοῦσιν μαθεῖν ἐπιρρέπει· τὸ μέλλον δ'  
 ἐπεὶ γένοιτ' ἂν κλύοις· πρὸ χαιρέτω·  
 ἴσον δὲ τῶι προστένειν·  
 τορὸν γὰρ ἤξει σύνορθρον ἀυγαῖς.  
 255 πέλοιτο δ' οὖν τὰπὶ τούτοισιν εὐ πράξις, ὡς  
 θέλει τόδ' ἄγχιστον Ἀπίας γαίας μονόφρουρον ἔρκος.  
 ἦκω σεβίζων σόν, Κλυταιμῆστρα, κράτος·  
 δίκη γάρ ἐστι φωτὸς ἀρχηγού τίειν  
 260 γυναικ', ἐρημωθέντος ἄρσενος θρόνου.  
 σὺ δ' εἴ τι κεδνὸν εἶτε μὴ πεπυσμένη  
 εὐαγγέλοισιν ἐλπίσιν θυηπολεῖς,  
 κλύοιμ' ἂν εὐφρων· οὐδὲ σιγῶσσι φθόνος.

Trailing her saffron garment towards the ground she cast (240) a pitiful look from her eyes at each of the participants at the sacrifice: she stood out, like the subject of a picture, longing to

address them—since often she had sung at the banquets of her father, hospitality for his male companions, and virginal with pure voice had lovingly honoured that paean which accompanies the third libation for her dear father. As for the rest, I neither saw it nor do I talk of it. The skill of Kalkhas was not without fulfilment. (250) Justice comes down heavily on one side and brings learning through suffering. The future you will know when it comes. Rejoice in advance of it—it is the same to mourn in advance. For when it comes it will be clear as the rays of the dawn. Well, as for what follows let it turn out for the best, in accordance with the wishes of this present guardian, sole defence of the Apian land.

I have come out of reverence for your authority, Klytimestra. For it is right to honour the wife (260) of the man in command, when the throne is empty of the male. Whether or not you have learned something new as you sacrifice with hope of good news, I would gladly hear. But there shall be no resentment if you are silent.

239. **κρόκου βαφάς**: the use of abstract nouns for concrete (in general rarer in Greek than in English) is characteristic of high tragic language, and parodied in comedy. **ἔς**: the normal form in choral dialect, and also Ionic (§32.10 and cf. 78 3 Ibykos). Tragedy uses both as convenient.

240. **θυτήρων**: agent noun (confined to tragedy) built to *θύω*. Agents in *-τηρ* were archaisms in Att.-Ion. (see Palmer 1980: 254), where *-της* (orig. confined to compound nouns such as *κυνηγέτης*) had become the standard form. **ῥμματος**: poetic word (78 2): Att. *ῥφθαλμός*. **φιλοίκτωι**: *hapaχ*. The freedom with which tragic language forms compounds was also parodied in comedy.

241. **προσεννέπειν**: a verb confined to Pindar and tragedy (cf. 79 47).

242. **θέλουσ(α)**: poetic and Ionic form (Att. uses *ἐθέλω*): cf. on 74 (a)24.

245. **ἔμελψεν**: epic and lyric verb. **ἀγνάι**: with the *ā* characteristic of WGk. (in fact, all dialects apart from Att.-Ion.): the principal marker of literary Doric in the lyric sections of Att. drama. **ἀταύρωτος**: a harsh metaphor (picked up in a comic context at Ar.

*Lys.* 217): the adj. may be denominative, or based on a denom. vb. *ταυρόω* (Palmer 1980: 257).

250. **ἐπιρρέπει**: of scales, to sink in one direction; then ‘allot’ (trans.). The *-ρρ-* points to initial \**wr-*.

251. **κλύοις**: an epic and poetic verb. The syntax (with *ἄν* and a force close to the future) is not unusual.

255. **πέλοιτο**: for the sense *εἶη* cf. *ἔπελες* 79 46 with refs. **τούτοιον**: both tragedy and comedy use the long and short forms of the dat. plur. as convenient.

256. **τόδ’ ἄγχιστον**: a ref. either to the chorus, or to Klytaimestra as she enters. The adj. is poetic and Ionic. **Ἀπίας**: the Peloponnese, or Argos specifically (*Ἀπία* from a mythical king *Ἄπις*: *ā*); here influenced by the Hom. *ἐξ ἀπίης γαίας* with a different adj. *ἄπιος* (built to *ἀπό*, with short initial *α*).

257. The chorus turn now to iambics, the usual conversational metre of Att. drama, as the singing ends and the scene with Klytaimestra begins. ‘Doric’ features of the language disappear, and the diction becomes slightly less exalted. Nevertheless, much of the vocab. is epic and poetic (*σεβίζων*, *φωτός*, *τίειν*, etc.).

260. **ἄρσενος**: epic and Ion. (§31.5). Like *-ττ-*, Att. *-ρρ-* was avoided in high poetry. So also Thuc.

**81.** Aristophanes (Athens), *Women at the Thesmophoria* 846–65 (City Dionysia, 411 BC). Text: C. Austin and D. Olson (Oxford 2004). Metre: iambic trimeters. ▶▶ Sommerstein (1994), C. Austin and D. Olson (2004).

*The poet Euripides has persuaded a male relative to dress up as a woman and spy on the Thesmophoria (a women’s festival). He has been caught, and is waiting for Euripides to rescue him from his suspicious guard Kritylla.*

REL. ἄλλος γεγένημαι προσδοκῶν ὁ δ’ οὐδέπω.  
 τί δῆτ’ ἂν εἶη τοῦμποδῶν; οὐκ ἔσθ’ ὅπως  
 οὐ τὸν Παλαμῆδη ψυχρὸν ὄντ’ αἰσχύνεται.  
 τῷ δῆτ’ ἂν αὐτὸν προσαγαγόμεν δράματι;  
 ἐγώϊδα· τὴν καινὴν Ἑλένην μιμήσομαι.  
 πάντως <δ’> ὑπάρχει μοι γυναικεία στολή.

KRIT. τί αὖ σὺ κυρκυνᾶς; τί κοικύλλεις ἔχων;



- πικρὰν Ἑλένην ὄψει τάχ', εἰ μὴ κοσμίως  
 ἔξεις, ἕως ἂν τῶν πρυτάνεών τις φανῆι.
- REL. Νείλου μὲν αἶδε καλλιπάρθενοι ῥοαί, 855  
 ὃς ἀντὶ δίας ψακάδος Αἰγύπτου πέδον  
 λευκῆς νοτίζει μελανοσυρμαῖον λεών.
- KRIT. πανούργος εἶ, νῆ τὴν Ἑκάτην τὴν φωσφόρον.
- REL. ἐμοὶ δὲ γῆ μὲν πατρίς οὐκ ἀνώνυμος,  
 Σπάρτη, πατὴρ δὲ Τυνδάρεως.
- KRIT. σοὶ γ' ὦλεθρε 860  
 πατὴρ ἐκεῖνός ἐστι; Φρυνώνδας μὲν οὖν.
- REL. Ἑλένη δ' ἐκλήθην.
- KRIT. αὖθις αὖ γίγναι γύνη,  
 πρὶν τῆς ἐτέρας δοῦναι γυναικίσεως δίκην;
- REL. ψυχαὶ δὲ πολλαὶ δι' ἔμ' ἐπὶ Σκαμανδρίοις  
 ῥοαῖσιν ἔθανον.
- KRIT. ὦφελος δὲ καὶ σύ γε. 865

RELATIVE. I've gone cross-eyed with looking out for him, but he's not appeared yet. So what could be keeping him? It must be that he's ashamed of the *Palamedes* because it's such a frigid drama. What play can I use to bring him here? (850) I know: I'll act out that new *Helen*. At any rate I've got lots of women's clothing.—KRITYLLA. What are you up to now? Why are you squinting about? I'll give you Helen in a minute if you don't behave yourself till one of the magistrates gets here.—(855) REL. These are the fair and virginal streams of the Nile which, instead of heavenly rain, waters the white plain of Egypt and its black, laxative-swallowing people.—KRIT. You're a criminal, by Hekate bringer of light.—REL. My fatherland is not without renown: (860) Sparta, and my father is Tyndareos.—KRIT. He's your father, you pest? Phrynondas, more like.—REL. I am called Helen.—KRIT. You're becoming a woman again, before you've paid the penalty for your earlier female impersonation?—REL. Many were the souls that perished for my sake by the streams of Scamander.—KRIT. A pity you weren't one of them.

847. **δητ(α)**: a particle alien to epic and lyric poetry, but common in comedy, and also found in tragic dialogue.

848. **Παλαμήδη**: the name of a play (produced in 415).

849. **τῶι**: Ion. *τέωι*, the older form of *dat. τῶι* (see *τέο* 70 1).

850. **καινήν Ἑλένην**: Eur. *Helen*, produced in the previous year (412).

852. **κυρκυνᾶις**: lit. *to mix*, hence *hatch* (a plot). **κοικύλλεις**: ‘goggle’. Formed (according to Hesychius) to *κῦλα* (n. pl.), the bags under the eyes. Verbs in *-ύλλω* are hardly found outside comedy (see Peppler 1921: 152–3). The line illustrates the lively and colloquial language that is characteristic of comedy. So also *ἔχων*, ‘keep doing’, common in Ar.

855. These tragic lines are identifiable by the normal ‘high’ poetic diction of tragedy, and a stricter metrical pattern. They are the two opening lines of *Helen* (857 tails off into para-tragedy).

857. **μελανοσυρμαίων**: instant bathos is provided by the comic compound. The third line of *Helen* is *λευκῆς τακείσης χιόνος ὑγραίνει γύας*. **λεών**: *lāós* outside Att.-Ion. (§30.2).

858. **πανούργος**: with *-ούργος* taken from compds. such as *κακ-ούργος* < *κακό(Ὶ)οργος* (cf. on *κανναβιῶργόν* 31 8). These compds. are usually accented on the last syllable: proper names (*Λυκοῦργος*, etc.) and these two terms have a retracted accent (perhaps the influence of the vocative: cf. Att. *πόνηρος* for *πονηρός*).

861. **Φρυνώνδας**: not a specific person, but a proverbial name (which could be used as an insult) associated with *πονηρία*.

863. **γυναικίσεως**: abstract formed to *γυναικίζω* (cf. *γυναικίζουσι* 84 7).

865. **ἔθανον**: the uncompounded verb is found only in high poetry (and similarly with other verbs: e.g. *ἰκνέομαι* in poetry, *ἀφικνέομαι* in prose).

82. Euripides (Athens), *Orestes* 126–51 (408 BC). Text: M. L. West (Warminster 1987). Metre: iambic trimeters, lyric (parodos 139–51, predominantly dochmiac).

►► West (1987), Willink (1986).

*Elektra sits by the sleeping Orestes, who is being driven mad by the Furies after killing his mother: her sour comments on the departing Helen are interrupted by the entrance of the chorus.*

EL. ὦ φύσις, ἐν ἀνθρώποισιν ὡς μέγ' εἶ κακόν—  
σωτήριόν τε τοῖς καλῶς κεκτημένοις.

εἶδετε, παρ' ἄκρας ὡς ἀπέθρισεν τρίχας,  
 σώϊζουσα κάλλος; ἔστι δ' ἡ πάλαι γυνή.  
 θεοί σε μισήσειαν, ὥς μ' ἀπόλεσας 130  
 καὶ τόνδε πᾶσάν θ' Ἑλλάδ'. ὦ τάλαιν' ἐγώ·  
 αἶδ' αὖ πάρεισι τοῖς ἐμοῖς θρηγήμασιν  
 φίλαι ξυνωιδοί· τάχα μεταστήσουσ' ὕπνου  
 τόνδ' ἡσυχάζοντ', ὄμμα δ' ἐκτῆξουσ' ἐμόν  
 δακρύοις, ἀδελφὸν ὅταν ὄρῶ μεμηγνότα. 135

ὦ φίλταται γυναῖκες, ἡσύχῳ ποδί  
 χωρεῖτε, μὴ ψοφεῖτε, μηδ' ἔστω κτύπος.  
 φιλία γὰρ ἡ σὴ πρευμενῆς μὲν, ἀλλ' ἐμοί  
 τόνδ' ἐξεγεῖραι συμφορὰ γενήσεται.

CHO. σίγα σίγα, λεπτὸν ἴχνος ἀρβύλας 140  
 τίθετε, μὴ κτυπεῖτ'.

EL. ἀποπρὸ βᾶτ' ἐκεῖσ', ἀποπρὸ μοι κοίτας.

CHO. ἰδοῦ, πείθομαι.

EL. ᾄ ᾄ, σύριγγος ὅπως πνοὰ 145  
 λέπτου δόνακος, ὦ φίλα, φώνει μοι.

CHO. ἴδ', ἀτρεμαῖον ὡς ὑπόροφον φέρω  
 βοάν.

EL. ναί, οὕτως.

κάταγε κάταγε, πρόσιθ' ἀτρέμας, ἀτρέμας ἴθι·  
 λόγον ἀπόδος ἐφ' ὅτι χρέος ἐμόλετέ ποτε 150  
 χρόνια γὰρ πεσῶν ὄδ' εὐνάζεται.

ELEKTRA. Oh nature, what a great evil you are to human beings—  
 and a saviour to those who have done well. Did you see how she  
 just cut off the ends of her hair, preserving her good looks? She's  
 the same woman she always was. (130) May the gods hate you, as  
 you have destroyed me and this man here and the whole of Greece.  
 Woe is me, here are my friends again, who join with me in songs  
 of lament. They're likely to rouse this sleeper from his rest—then  
 they'll cause my eyes to melt into tears, when I see my brother out  
 of his mind. Dearest women, come forward with a soft step—do  
 not clatter—do not let there be a noise: your friendship is well  
 meaning, but to wake him up will be a disaster for me.—CHORUS.  
 Hush! Hush! Let your boots tread softly (140); do not make a  
 noise.—EL. Move away over there, away from the sleeper.—CHO.

See, I'm doing as you say.—EL. Ah! Like the breath of a pipe made of soft reeds, my love—make your voice like that for me.—CHO. See, how I keep my noise still indoors.—EL. Yes, like that. Draw in, draw in, approach quietly. Tell me the business on which you have come. (150) For at long last he is settled and sleeps.

126. **ἀνθρώποισιν**: see *τούτοισιν* 80 255.

129. **εἶδετε**: apparently addressed to the audience, a liberty with dramatic illusion reminiscent of comedy. Her chatty style nevertheless contains poetic forms such as *ἀπέθρισεν* (Archilochos), a syncopated form of *ἀποθερίζω* (formed to *θέρως* 'summer', i.e. 'to mow').

132. **θρηγήμασιν**: poetic noun (plur. only).

140. Lyric dialogue marks the entry of the chorus: hence Doric *βᾶτ*, *κοίτας*, *πνοά*, etc. **ἀρβύλας**: a foreign import into Gk., and characteristic of Ionic (i.e. 'poetic' in Att.). MSS have *ἀρβύλης*. 140–2 are quoted by Dionysios of Halikarnassos (*De comp. verb.* 11) to illustrate his statement that in sung poetry the music overrides the pitch accent on the words: 'the phrase *σίγα σίγα λεπτόν* are sung to one note, although each of the three words has both low and high pitch . . .'

150. **χρέος**: 'debt' in normal Attic, 'matter, affair' in poetry. **ἐμόλετε**: *ἐμόλον* is found in Hom. and in Doric (not in Attic prose apart from Xenophon).

83. Herodotos 1. 37–8 (c.425 BC). Text: K. Hude (Oxford 1927). ▶▶ Sicking and Stork (1997: 158–64).

*Kroisos, king of Lydia, explains to his son why he must not join the boar-hunt.*

(37) ἀποχρεωμένων δὲ τούτοισι τῶν Μυσῶν ἐπεσέρχεται ὁ τοῦ Κροίσου παῖς ἀκηκῶς τῶν ἐδέοντο οἱ Μυσοί. οὐ φαμένου δὲ τοῦ Κροίσου τόν γε παῖδά σφι συμπέμφειν λέγει πρὸς αὐτὸν ὁ νεηνίης τάδε· (2) «ὦ πάτερ, τὰ κάλλιστα πρότερόν κοτε καὶ γενναιώτατα ἡμῖν ἦν ἔς τε πολέμους καὶ ἔς ἄγρας φοιτέοντας εὐδοκιμείειν· νῦν δὲ ἀμφοτέρων με τούτων ἀποκληΐσας ἔχεις, οὔτε τινὰ δειλίην μοι παριδῶν οὔτε ἀθυμίην. νῦν τε τέοισί με χρῆ ὄμμασι ἔς τε ἀγορὴν καὶ ἔξ ἀγορῆς φοιτέοντα φαίνεσθαι; (3) κοῖος μὲν τις

τοῖσι πολήτησι δόξω εἶναι, κοῖος δέ τις τῇ νεογάμῳ γυναικί; κοίωι δὲ ἐκεῖνη δόξει ἀνδρὶ συνοικέειν; ἐμὲ ὦν σὺ ἢ μέθες ἰέναι ἐπὶ τὴν θήρην, ἢ λόγῳ ἀνάπεισον ὅκως μοι ἀμείνω ἐστὶ ταῦτα οὕτω ποιούμενα.» (38) ἀμείβεται Κροῖσος τοισίδε· «ὦ παῖ, οὔτε δειλίην οὔτε ἄλλο οὐδὲν ἄχαρι παριδῶν τοι ποιέω ταῦτα, ἀλλὰ μοι ὄψις ὄνειρου ἐν τῷ ὕπνῳ ἐπιστάσα ἔφη σε ὀλιγοχρόνιον ἔσσεσθαι, ὑπὸ γὰρ αἰχμῆς σιδηρέης ἀπολέεσθαι. (.2) πρὸς ὦν τὴν ὄψιν ταύτην τόν τε γάμον τοι τοῦτον ἔσπευσα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰ παραλαμβανόμενα οὐκ ἀποπέμπω, φυλακὴν ἔχων, εἴ κως δυναίμην ἐπὶ τῆς ἐμῆς σε ζόης διακλέψαι. εἰς γάρ μοι μῦθος τυγχάνεις ἔων παῖς· τὸν γὰρ δὴ ἕτερον διεφθαρμένον [τὴν ἀκοήν] οὐκ εἶναί μοι λογίζομαι.»

The Mysians were satisfied with these (words of Kroisos), and there entered Kroisos' son, who had heard what the Mysians requested. On Kroisos' refusal to send his son along with them, the young man said to him: (.2) 'Father, it used at one time to be the finest and noblest thing for us to win renown by going to wars and on hunting expeditions; but now you have debarred me from both, even though you have discerned in me no trace of cowardice or lack of spirit. Now with what face must I show myself as I make my way to and from the market-place? (.3) What kind of man shall I seem to the citizens, and what kind of man to the wife I have just married? What kind of husband will she think she lives with? So then, either let me go to the hunt or give me a convincing reason why this action of yours is best for me.' (38) Kroisos answered with the following words: 'My son, I am doing this not because I have found in you cowardice or any other disgraceful trait; no, a vision appeared to me in a dream as I slept, and standing by me it said you would not live long, for you would be killed by an iron spear. (.2) Because of this vision I have hurried on your marriage, and I refuse to send you to take part in these activities, keeping guard in the hope that I may be able to keep you safe while I am alive. For you are my only real son: for the other is afflicted [in his hearing], and I do not count him.'

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1. (ἀπο-)χρωμένων: ptcpl. (pass.) < -χρηόμενος (§30.2): epic (with synizesis of εω), Ion. and WGk. The verb grew out of χρῆ

(subst.), ‘need, use’. Ion. forms in *χρα-* were formed analogically to the aor. (*τιμήσασθαι*: *τιμᾶσθαι*:: *χρήσασθαι*: *χ* → *χρᾶσθαι*) and passed into the koiné. **τούτοις**: §32.14 **ἐπ-εσέρχεται**: for *ἐς* see §32.10. The technical term for dramatic entrance. The ‘historical’ pres. tense is not found in Homer. It is a feature of classical historiography and the orators (and speeches in tragedy), traditionally interpreted as a stylistic device (vividness, etc.); modern work in discourse analysis, however, has emphasised its role in the structuring of the narrative (Sicking and Stork (1997) argue that in the present context it functions as a marker of a separate narrative unit—one which interrupts the progression of time in the main story). **φαμένον**: ptcp. of *φημί*, used along with *φᾶς* in epic and Ionic prose: both are alien to Att., which uses *φάσκων*. **σφι**: 3 plur. pron. (not reflexive), dat. atonic: Homeric and poetic, but also found in WGk. epigraphic texts. Cf. on *σφεις* 7 10. **νενηής**: §30.1.

2. **κοτε**: §31.7. **ἦν**: §32.2. **φοιτέοντας**: lit. Ionic (but not epic) has *φοιτέω* instead of expected *φοιτάω*. There are sporadic instances of the shift of *αο/αω* to *εο/εω* in vowel-stem verbs in Ion. and WGk. The variation is morphological rather than phonological, and seems to represent the beginnings of a general tendency in Gk. to assimilate the two patterns (in Ion. this would be helped by the identity of aor. and fut. forms). See Méndez Dosuna (1985: 223–5), Horrocks (1997: 242–6). **εὐδοκιμέων**: an epicism: the Hom. form of the *e*-stem infin. **ἀποκληΐσας ἔχεις**: periphrastic perf. formed with *ἔχω* and the aor. ptcp. Common in Hdt. and tragedy: not Homeric (see West 1978 on *Works and Days* 42). It is rare in Hellenistic Gk. and subsequently disappeared. **τέοισι**: dat. plur. *τίς* (see *τέο* 70 1).

3. **πολιήτησι**: §32.14. **ὦν**: see on 69 2. **ἀμείνω**: cf. on *πλέω* 68 690 and §12. **ποιεόμενα**: cf. *ἐλεόθερος* 21 8 (§30.7). (38)

1. **οὔτε δειλίην οὔτε . . .**: Hdt.’s phrasing as well as his diction sometimes has a Homeric ring (cf. *Il.* 1. 93). **ἐπιστάσα**: psilosis (§31.6): rough breathings are written in the text (§23.10), but voiceless stops before aspirated vowels are not changed to *θ*, *φ*, *χ* (in contrast to the Hom. vulgate: *νύχθ’* 66 102). **σιδηρέης**: uncontracted, as in Hom. (cf. *χρυσέαισι* 79 41). **ὑπό**: of an inanimate force is not uncommon in Greek. Not personification: rather

emphasizes the cause of the event (note that this is pivotal in the narration of the argument, and the subsequent tragedy). **ἀπολέεσθαι**: fut. mid. infin. Cf. Hom. *ὀλέεσθαι*: but the presence of *ὀλείται* at Hom. *Il.* 2. 325, where *ὀλέεται* would not scan, shows that Hdt.'s uncontracted form is purely graphic (§48.3).

2. **πρός**: 'with regard to, in accordance with'. Not Homeric, but found occasionally in historiography and tragedy. **μούνος**: <\*μόνφος (cf. on *Πουλυδάμας* 66 100): §30.6. **ἑών**: §32.11. **τὴν ἀκοήν**: cf. on 74 (b)12.

84. Hippocratic corpus: *Airs, Waters, Places* 22. 1–7 (last quarter of the V cent. BC). Text: J. Jouanna (Paris 1996).

►► Van der Eijk (1997).

ἔτι δὲ πρὸς τούτοισιν εὐνουχίαι γίνονται πλείστοι ἐν Σκύθησι καὶ γυναικεῖα ἐργάζονται διαλέγονταί τε ὁμοίως καὶ αἱ γυναῖκες· καλεῦνται τε οἱ τοιοῦτοι Ἄναριεῖς. (2) οἱ μὲν οὖν ἐπιχώριοι τὴν αἰτίην προστιθέασι θεῶι καὶ σέβονται τε τούτους τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ προσκυνέουσι δεδαικότες περὶ γ' ἑωυτῶν ἕκαστοι. (3) ἐμοὶ δὲ καὶ αὐτῶι δοκεῖ ταῦτα τὰ πάθεα θεῖα εἶναι καὶ τᾶλλα πάντα καὶ οὐδὲν ἕτερον ἑτέρου θεϊότερον οὐδὲ ἀνθρωπινώτερον, ἀλλὰ πάντα ὁμοῖα καὶ πάντα θεῖα· ἕκαστον δὲ ἔχει φύσιν τῶν τοιούτων καὶ οὐδὲν ἄνευ φύσιος γίνεται. (4) καὶ τοῦτο τὸ πάθος ὡς μοι δοκεῖ γίνεσθαι, φράσω ὑπὸ τῆς ἵππασίης αὐτοὺς κέδματα λαμβάνει ἅτε αἰ κρεμαμένων ἀπὸ τῶν ἵππων τοῖσι ποσίν· ἔπειτα ἀποχωλοῦνται καὶ ἐλκοῦνται τὰ ἰσχία οἱ ἂν σφόδρα νοσήσωσιν. (5) ἰῶνται δὲ σφᾶς αὐτοὺς τρόπῳ τοιῶιδε. ὀκόταν ἄρχηται ἡ νοῦσος, ὅπισθεν τοῦ ὠτὸς ἑκατέρου φλέβα τάμνουσιν· ὀκόταν δὲ ἀπορρηγι τὸ αἶμα, ὕπνος ὑπολαμβάνει ὑπὸ ἀσθeneίης, καὶ καθεύδουσιν· ἔπειτα ἀνεγείρονται, οἱ μὲν τινες ὑγιεῖς ἐόντες, οἱ δ' οὐ. (6) ἐμοὶ μὲν οὖν δοκεῖ ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ ἰήσει διαφθεῖρεσθαι ὁ γόνος. εἰσὶ γὰρ παρὰ τὰ ὦτα φλέβες, ἃς ἦν τις ἐπιτάμη, ἄγονοι γίνονται οἱ ἐπιμηθέντες· ταύτας τοῖνυν μοι δοκέουσι τὰς φλέβας ἐπιτάμνειν. (7) οἱ δὲ μετὰ ταῦτα, ἐπειδὴν ἀφίκωνται παρὰ γυναῖκας καὶ μὴ οἰοί τ' ἔωσι χρῆσθαι σφισι, τὸ πρῶτον οὐκ ἐνθυμεῦνται, ἀλλ' ἡσυχίην ἔχουσιν. ὀκόταν δὲ δις καὶ τρίς <καὶ> πλεονάκεις αὐτοῖσι πειρωμένοισι μηδὲν ἀλλοιότερον ἀποβαίνῃ, νομίσαντές τι ἡμαρτηκέναι τῶι θεῶι ὄν ἀπαιτιῶνται, ἐνδύονται στολὴν γυναικεῖαν καταγνόντες ἑωυτῶν

ἀνανδρείην γυναικίζουσί τε καὶ ἐργάζονται μετὰ τῶν γυναικῶν ἃ καὶ ἐκεῖναι.

Furthermore, many men among the Scythians become like eunuchs: they do women's work, and speak like women. Such people are called *Anarieis*. (2) Now the inhabitants ascribe responsibility for the condition to a god, and they revere and worship these men, all fearing for themselves. (3) My opinion also is that these diseases are divine, but so are all the rest, and none is more divine or more human than any other; they are all alike, and all are divine. But each of these conditions has its own natural cause, and none arises without a natural cause. (4) As for this condition, I shall explain how, in my view, it comes about: as a result of their equestrian lifestyle their joints become inflamed, because their feet are constantly suspended from the horses; those who are badly afflicted next become lame, and develop sores in the pelvic area. (5) They attempt to treat themselves in the following manner: at the onset of the illness they cut the vein behind each ear; when the blood has ceased to flow they are overcome by weakness, and fall asleep. When they wake up, some are restored to health, and some are not. (6) It is, in my opinion, by this treatment that their sexual functioning is destroyed: for next to the ears are veins, the severing of which causes impotence. It is these veins, it seems to me, that they sever. (7) Afterwards, when they go to their wives and are unable to have sex with them, they think nothing of it on the first occasion, and let it rest. But when their second, third, and further attempts have exactly the same result, they think they have committed some offence against god, and they hold him to be the cause: so they put on women's clothes, condemning themselves for unmanliness, and they behave like women, joining with the women in their tasks.

1. **τούτοισιν**: §§32.14, 32.7. **εὐνουχία**: 'one who is like a eunuch.' For the suffix *-ίας* meaning 'with a characteristic trait of' see Chantraine (1933: 93). *εὐνουχος*, from *εὐνή* + *ἔχω* (see on *Πολιάχῳ* 33 3), is first attested in Hipponax and probably translates a term that the Greeks learned from the Persians in Asia Minor. **γίνονται**: cf. *γίνητοι* 7 2. **καλεῦνται**: §30.7. **Ἀναριεῖς**: edd.,



ἀνδρῖεις MSS. Emendation is on the basis of Ἐνάρες in Hdt. 1. 105, who gives a different account of the same phenomenon. Scythian was an Iranian dialect: a derivation from *a-* (privative) and *nar-* ('man', cf. Gk. ἀνήρ) would fit semantically.

2. **προστιθέασι**: the usual Ion. form is *τιθειῖσι* (§32.12). **δεδοικότες**: perf. formed to *δείδω*, itself an old perf. (< \*δε-δφοι-α). **έωυτῶν**: see on *έωυτῶι* 21 7.

3. **έκαστον δέ έχει φύσιν κτλ.**: the polar structure and repetition are reminiscent of early Ionic exposition (e.g. Anaxagoras, fr. 12, on *νοῦς*).

4. **ίππασίης**: abstract in *-σία* formed to *ίππάζομαι* (Homer, Hdt.). The formation was particularly productive in Ionic, and subsequently in the koiné. **κρεμαμένων**: because there were no stirrups. **ίσχία**: perhaps the groin. In general the pelvis, which supports the body in sitting position (the *ischia* may also be the sitting bones, as in modern usage).

5. **όκόταν**: §31.7. **νοῦσος**: the lengthened vowel could be explained by supposing orig. \*νόσφος (Willi 2006); or the form may be a Homerism (cf. on *Πουλυδάμας* 66 100). But cf. *νοσήσωσιν* 4.

4. **τάμνουσιν**: Att. *τέμνω* takes its vowel from aor. *έτεμον* (see on *διατάμνοντος* 35 12). **έόντες**: §32.11.

6. **ήν**: edd., *έάν* MSS (cf. 19 9).

7. **γυναικίζουσι**: cf. 81 863 *γυναικίσεως*.

85. Thucydides, 3. 36–7. The debate over Mytilene.

Late V cent. BC. Text: H. Stuart Jones (Oxford 1900).

►► Denniston (1952: 1–22), Dover (1997).

*The Athenian assembly has voted to punish the people of Mytilene for revolt by putting the entire male population to death, and enslaving the women and children. The next day they have second thoughts and convene another assembly.*

(36.6) καταστάσης δ' εὐθύς ἐκκλησίας ἄλλαι τε γινῶμαι ἀφ' ἐκάστων ἐλέγοντο καὶ Κλέων ὁ Κλεαινέτου, ὅσπερ καὶ τὴν προτέραν ἐνενικήκει ὥστε ἀποκτείνειν, ὧν καὶ ἐς τὰ ἄλλα βιαιότατος τῶν πολιτῶν τῶι τε δήμῳ παρὰ πολὺ ἐν τῶι τότε πιθανώτατος, παρελθὼν αὐθις ἔλεγε τοιάδε. (37) «Πολλάκις μὲν ἤδη ἔγωγε καὶ ἄλλοτε ἔγνων δημοκρατίαν ὅτι ἀδύνατόν ἐστιν ἑτέρων ἄρχειν,

μάλιστα δ' ἐν τῇ νῦν ὑμετέροι περι Μυτιληναίων μεταμελείαι. (.2)
 διὰ γὰρ τὸ καθ' ἡμέραν ἀδεές καὶ ἀνεπιβούλευτον πρὸς ἀλλήλους καὶ
 ἐς τοὺς ξυμμάχους τὸ αὐτὸ ἔχετε, καὶ ὅτι ἂν ἢ λόγῳ πεισθέντες ὑπ'
 αὐτῶν ἀμάρτητε ἢ οἴκτῳ ἐνδῶτε, οὐκ ἐπικινδύνως ἠγείσθε ἐς ὑμᾶς
 καὶ οὐκ ἐς τὴν τῶν ξυμμάχων χάριν μαλακίζεσθαι, οὐ σκοποῦντες
 ὅτι τυραννίδα ἔχετε τὴν ἀρχὴν καὶ πρὸς ἐπιβουλεύοντας αὐτοὺς καὶ
 ἄκοντας ἀρχομένους, οἳ οὐκ ἐξ ὧν ἂν χαρίζησθε βλαπτομένοι αὐτοὶ
 ἀκροῶνται ὑμῶν, ἀλλ' ἐξ ὧν ἂν ἰσχύι μᾶλλον ἢ τῇ ἐκείνων εὐνοίαι
 περιγένησθε. (.3) πάντων δὲ δεινότατον εἰ βέβαιον ἡμῖν μηδὲν
 καθεστήξει ὧν ἂν δόξῃ πέρι, μηδὲ γνωσόμεθα ὅτι χεῖροσι νόμοις
 ἀκινήτοις χρωμένη πόλις κρείσσω ἐστὶν ἢ καλῶς ἔχουσι ἀκύροις,
 ἀμαθία τε μετὰ σωφροσύνης ὠφελιμώτερον ἢ δεξιότης μετὰ ἀκολα-
 σίας, οἳ τε φαυλότεροι τῶν ἀνθρώπων πρὸς τοὺς ξυνετωτέρους ὡς
 ἐπὶ τὸ πλεόν ἄμεινον οἰκοῦσι τὰς πόλεις.»

(36.6) The assembly was convened immediately, and various
 opinions were expressed by the different speakers: in particular by
 Kleon son of Kleinetos, who had on the previous occasion won
 the resolution to put (the people of Mytilene) to death. He was in
 general the most violent of the politicians, and by far the most
 influential with the people at that time. Coming forward again
 he spoke as follows: (37) 'On many occasions in the past I have
 thought that a democracy is incapable of ruling over others, and
 now especially in your present change of heart concerning the
 people of Mytilene. (.2) Because of the absence of fear and
 plotting in your daily relations with each other you feel the same
 way towards your allies, and when you are persuaded by their
 rhetoric to make a wrong decision, or give in through pity, you do
 not stop to think that softness brings danger to yourselves, not
 gratitude from your allies. You forget that your authority is
 despotic, and exercised over people who are themselves plotting,
 since they are ruled against their will; and who obey you, not
 because you grant them favours which harm yourselves, but
 because of your strength—it is this which gives you superiority
 over them, not your acquisition of their goodwill. (.3) But the
 worst thing of all will be if none of the decisions that we take is
 allowed to stand, and we fail to realize that a city which uses
 inferior laws which are immovable is stronger than one which has

fine laws which are never enforced; that ignorance combined with caution is more useful than irresponsible cleverness; and that on the whole it is ordinary people, rather than intellectuals, who run cities more effectively.’

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6. **ἄλλαι τε**: for the expression of emphasis cf. 59 4 on *τά τ' . . . καί. ἐνεικήκει*: the plup. is rare in Gk., since relative anteriority was generally expressed with the aorist. The plup. simply denotes a state (i.e. the perfect) in the past, and is thus likely to be correlated with the imperf. **ἔς**: the Ionic form (§32.10).

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1. **δημοκρατίαν ὅτι**: a mixed complement structure. The regular classical acc. and ptcl. construction has been replaced by acc. plus ὅτι (leaving acc. *ἀδύνατον* in a syntactically loose position). Perhaps an attempt to capture the anacolutha of live rhetoric.

2. **τὸ . . . ἀδείες**: Thuc. forms abstract substantives with article and neuter adj., and often qualifies them (as here), which is rare (Dover 1997: 34). **ἀνεπιβούλευτον**: this illustrates both Thuc.’s fondness for adjs. in *-τος* (cf. on *τόλματον* 74 (b)17), and his willingness to form prepositional compounds (this was later to become a feature of koiné Greek). **ξύμαχος**: Thuc. uses *ξυν-*, the older Attic form, not *συν-* with Hdt. (cf. *χσυλλήφσομαι* 30 7). Both are found in Homer and Attic drama. **μεταμελείαι**: the first of a number of abstract nouns in the passage. This is characteristic of Thuc., who uses abstracts more frequently than most prose authors. **ἢ λόγῳ . . . ἢ οἴκῳ**: antithesis is a basic structuring principle in Thuc., but he often varies the construction in the antithesis to avoid Gorgianic symmetry.

3. **καθεστήξει**: intrans. fut. formed to the perf. *ἔστηκα*. **κρείσσω**: formed to \**κρετ-*, the *e*-grade of the stem seen in *κράτος*, etc. Thuc. uses the *-σσ-* of Ionic and other dialects rather than Att. *-ττ-* (§23.8): but the lengthened vowel *ει* is an Att. innovation (perhaps imported from *ἀμείνων*, *ὀλείζων*). **πρός**: ‘with regard to, compared to’ (cf. 83 38.2).

86. Xenophon (Athens), *Anabasis* 7. 6. 41–4 (early IV cent. BC). Text: E. C. Marchant (Oxford 1904). ►► Gautier (1911).

*Xenophon and the Greek army are in Thrace, near Byzantium. The local Thracian king Seuthes has failed to produce the pay he promised, and Xenophon has to deal with the rebellious soldiers.*

(41) Πολυκράτης δὲ Ἀθηναῖος εἶπεν ἐνετὸς ὑπὸ Ξενοφώντος· «ὄρω γε μὴν, ἔφη, ὦ ἄνδρες, καὶ Ἡρακλείδην ἐνταῦθα παρόντα, ὃς παραλαβὼν τὰ χρήματα ἃ ἡμεῖς ἐπὶ ἐποίησαμεν, ταῦτα ἀποδόμενος οὔτε Σεύθῃ ἀπέδωκεν οὔτε ἡμῖν τὰ γιγνόμενα, ἀλλ' αὐτὸς κλέψας πέπαται. ἦν οὖν σωφρονῶμεν, ἐξόμεθα αὐτοῦ· οὐ γὰρ δὴ οὗτός γε, ἔφη, Θραῖξ ἐστίν, ἀλλ' Ἕλληνα ὄν Ἕλληνας ἀδικεῖ.» (42) ταῦτα ἀκούσας ὁ Ἡρακλείδης μάλα ἐξεπλάγη· καὶ προσελθὼν τῷ Σεύθῃ λέγει· «ἡμεῖς ἦν σωφρονῶμεν, ἄπιμεν ἐντεῦθεν ἐκ τῆς τούτων ἐπικρατείας.» καὶ ἀναβάντες ἐπὶ τοὺς ἵππους ὄχιχοντο ἀπελαύνοντες εἰς τὸ ἑαυτῶν στρατόπεδον. (43) καὶ ἐντεῦθεν Σεύθης πέμπει Ἀβροζέλμην τὸν ἑαυτοῦ ἑρμηνέα πρὸς Ξενοφῶντα καὶ κελεύει αὐτὸν καταμεῖναι παρ' ἑαυτῷ ἔχοντα χιλίους ὀπλίτας, καὶ ὑπισχνεῖται αὐτῷ ἀποδώσειν τὰ τε χωρία τὰ ἐπὶ θαλάττῃ καὶ τὰ ἄλλα ἃ ὑπέσχετο. καὶ ἐν ἀπορρήτῳ ποιησάμενος λέγει ὅτι ἀκήκοε Πολυνίκου ὡς εἰ ὑποχείριος ἔσται Λακεδαιμονίοις, σαφῶς ἀποθανοῖτο ὑπὸ Θίβρωνος. (44) ἐπέστελλον δὲ ταῦτα καὶ ἄλλοι πολλοὶ τῷ Ξενοφῶντι ὡς διαβεβλημένος εἶη καὶ φυλάττεσθαι δέοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούων ταῦτα δύο ἱερεῖα λαβὼν ἐθύετο τῷ Διὶ τῷ βασιλεῖ πότερά οἱ λῶιον καὶ ἄμεινον εἶη μένειν παρὰ Σεύθῃ ἐφ' οἷς Σεύθης λέγει ἢ ἀπιέναι σὺν τῷ στρατεύματι. ἀναιρεῖ αὐτῷ ἀπιέναι.

Inspired by Xenophon, Polykrates the Athenian said: 'I see, gentlemen, that Herakleides too is present here—the man who received the property we worked hard for. He sold it, and failed to make over the proceeds to Seuthes or to us, but is secretly keeping it for himself. So if we have any sense, we shall seize him; for this man is no Thracian but a Greek, and being a Greek he is doing wrong to other Greeks' (42). Herakleides was panic-stricken on hearing these words, and approaching Seuthes he said, 'If we have any sense we shall leave here, out of the power of these people.' They got on their horses and were off, riding back to their own camp. (43) And after that Seuthes sent Abrozelmēs his

interpreter to Xenophon, urging him to stay behind with him, together with a thousand hoplites. Seuthes undertook to assign him the positions on the coast and to make good his other promises. He also said—treating it as a great secret—that he had heard from Polynikos that if Xenophon should fall into the hands of the Lacedaemonians he would undoubtedly be done to death by Thibron. (44) This was the report which many others, too, sent to Xenophon, saying he had been misrepresented and that he must be on his guard. When he heard these messages, Xenophon took two victims and, making sacrifice to Zeus the king, he enquired whether it was better for him to stay with Seuthes on the conditions which Seuthes proposed or to depart with his army. The god recommended him to depart.

41. **ἐνετός:** adj. derived from ἐνίημι, ‘injected’, hence ‘instigated’. Found elsewhere only in Hellenistic Gk. **γε μήν:** this collocation occurs more frequently in Xen. than in the rest of Gk lit. put together (Denniston 1954: 347). The sense is progressive. **παραλαβών:** the prefix παρα- has the connotation of underhand or crooked behaviour. **ἐπονήσαμεν:** the vb. is rare in class. Gk., and unparalleled with χρήματα as object. **πέπαται:** πάομαι (Att. κτάομαι) is a word associated with WGk. (cf. on ἐπᾶμώχη 35 14). It is a good indication of the mixed character of Xen.’s language that he can use ἐπέπατο and ἐκτώντο in the same sentence (*Anab.* 1. 9. 19). **ἦν:** Ionic contraction of ἐάν (as opposed to Att. ἄν).

42. **ἐπικρατείας:** elsewhere mostly in Hellenistic Gk.

43. **θαλάττη:** Xen. uses the Att. form rather than -σσ- with Hdt. and Thuc.

44. **ἐθύετο:** by a Xenophontic usage, mid. θύομαι subsumes both the meaning of ‘sacrifice’ and that of ‘ask the god (to whom sacrifice is made)’. **λώιον:** an adj. found in epic, Ionic, and high poetry, and in WGk inscriptions. It occurs in Att. prose only in Plato and only in this phrase (i.e. with ἄμεινον). **σύν:** very rare in Att. comedy and prose (Thuc. and the orators mostly use μετά). Its frequency in Xen. is remarkable, and is continued in the koiné. **ἀναιρεῖ:** the verb regularly used of the response of a god by means of an oracle.

## HELLENISTIC POETRY

87. Theokritos (Syracuse), *Idyll* 15. 78–99. Early III cent. BC.  
Text: Dover (1971). Metre: dactylic hexameter. ◻◻ Gow (1950),  
Dover (1971).

*The scene is set in Alexandria around 272 BC. Two Alexandrian housewives, Gorgo and Praxinoa, have gone to look at the Adonis festival at the royal palace and are admiring the display. A stranger accosts them.*

- GOR. Πραξινοά, πόταγ' ὦδε· τὰ ποικίλα πρᾶτον ἄθρησον,  
λεπτὰ καὶ ὡς χαριέντα· θεῶν περονάματα φασεῖς.
- PRA. πότνι Ἄθαναία, ποῖαί σφ' ἐπόνασαν ἔριθοι, 80  
ποῖοι ζωογράφοι τὰκριβέα γράμματ' ἔγραψαν.  
ὡς ἔτυμ' ἐστάκαντι καὶ ὡς ἔτυμ' ἐνδινεῦντι,  
ἔμψυχ', οὐκ ἐνυφαντά· σοφόν τι χρῆμ' ἄνθρωπος.  
αὐτὸς δ' ὡς θαητὸς ἐπ' ἀργυρέας κατάκειται  
κλισμῶ, πρᾶτον ἴουλον ἀπὸ κροτάφων καταβάλλων, 85  
ὁ τριφίλητος Ἄδωνις, ὁ κῆν Ἀχέροντι φιληθεῖς.
- STR. παύσασθ', ὦ δύστανοι, ἀνάνυτα κωτίλλοισαι,  
τρυγόνες· ἐκκναισεῦντι πλατειάσδοισαι ἅπαντα.
- PRA. μᾶ, πόθεν ὄνθρωπος; τί δὲ τὴν εἰ κωτίλαι εἰμές;  
πασάμενος ἐπίτασσε· Συρακοσίαις ἐπιτάσσεις. 90  
ὡς εἰδήσις καὶ τοῦτο, Κορίνθιαί εἰμές ἄνωθεν,  
ὡς καὶ ὁ Βελλεροφῶν. Πελοποννασιστὶ λαλεῦμες,  
Δωρίσδειν δ' ἔξεστι, δοκῶ, τοῖς Δωριέεσσι.  
μὴ φύη, Μελιτώδες, ὃς ἀμῶν καρτερὸς εἴη,  
πλὰν ἑνός. οὐκ ἀλέγω. μὴ μοι κενέαν ἀπομάξῃσι. 95
- GOR. σίγη, Πραξινοά· μέλλει τὸν Ἄδωνιν ἀεῖδειν  
ἅ τὰς Ἀργείας θυγάτηρ, πολυίδρις αἰοιδός,  
ἅτις καὶ πέρυσιν τὸν ἰάλεμον ἀρίστευσε.  
φθεγγεῖται τι, σάφ' οἶδα, καλόν· διαχρέμπτεται ἤδη.

GORGO. Praxinoa, come over here. Look first at the embroideries, how delicate they are, and how elegant—you'll say they're the raiment of gods.—(80) PRAXINOA. Lady Athena, what weavers worked them, what artists drew those lifelike pictures! How realistic their stance, and how realistic their movement—they're living, not woven! A skilful creature is man. And he himself, how

marvellous he is, lying on his silver (85) couch, as the first down grows on his temples: the thrice-loved Adonis, beloved even in the world below!—STRANGER. Do stop your endless chattering, you wretched turtle-doves! They'll be the death of me, with their broad vowels.—PR. Heavens, where is the man from? What is it to you, if we do chatter? (90) Get yourself (a slave) and give orders (to him): you are giving orders to Syracusan women. And, I'd have you know, we are Corinthians by descent, just like Bellerophon. We speak in the Peloponnesian manner: I suppose that Dorians are allowed to speak Doric? Let there be nobody with authority over me, Melitodes, (95) except one. I care nothing for you. You needn't smooth off the corn in an empty jar for me.—GO. Hush, Praxinoa: the Argive woman's daughter is about to sing the *Adonis*, the expert singer who did the best in the lament last year. She's going to sing something beautiful, I know: she's just clearing her throat.

78. **πόταγ(ε)**: §40.8. The intrans. sense of the vb. is absent from classical Att. (found in Xen. and koiné Gk.). **ὠδε**: 'hither' is a feature of Doric literature (and Homer: 67 159): confined to tragedy in Attic. **πρᾶτον**: §38.2.

79. **χαρίεντα**: for the form (§13) cf. *pe-ne-we-ta* 1 (a).

80. **σφε**: acc. plur. form, enclitic: epic and poetic (Att. *σφᾶς* < *σφε-ας*, cf. §32.5*b*). **ἐπόνασαν**: for the sporadic interchange of *a-* and *e-*stem vbs. see on *φοιτέοντας* 83 12.

82. **ἐστάκαντι**: for the ending see §31.3. **ἐνδινεύντι**: *ἐνδινέω*, 'move around' (§23.2*b*) has a colloquial feel. Neither verb nor simplex is used in Attic prose or comedy.

83. **χρήμ(α)**: a colloquial idiom. For *σοφόν τι* cf. *ἄφατόν τι* 88 57.

84. **αὐτός**: i.e. Adonis. **ἀργυρέας**: cf. on *χρύσιον* 74 (a)8.

85. **κλισμῶ**: this noun is masc. elsewhere.

86. **τριφίλητος**: for the intensive force of 'three' cf. on *τριτο-* 51 23 (and 79 60).

87. **δύσταντοι**: the stranger also speaks in Doric. A playful ranking of literary convention over realism?

88. **πλατειάδοισαι**: the WGk. *ā* is 'broader' or 'flatter' than koiné *η* (originally [ε:], moving towards [i:]). For the ptcl. see on Alkm. *φεροίσις* (76 61). MSS of Theokr. usually give *-σδ-* for intervocalic *-ζ-* (cf. on *ὑπασδεύξαισα* 74 (a)9).

89. **τίν:** dat. (cf. on τέο 70 1).
90. **πασάμενος:** for WGk. πάομαι (Att. κτάομαι) cf. on ἐπαμώχη 35 14.
91. **Κορίνθιαι:** Syracuse was founded by Corinth.
92. **Πελοποννασιστί:** the advb. Ἀττικιστί is found as early as the V cent., formed to a verb Ἀττικίζειν; so also later Δωριστί, the likely model for the present form (cf. μηιονιστί 73(a)2). **λαλεῦμες:** ‘chatter’ in Attic, but the standard word for ‘talk’ in the koiné (§23.2b).
93. **Δωριέεσσι:** an Aeolic ending (§36.4) in a paradoxical position (cf. on 87).
94. **φύη:** opt. of second aor. φύναι (ἔφυν), intrans. From \*bhū-iē-t (the -i- of the opt. suffix has dropped).
95. **οὐκ ἀλέγω:** Hom. phrase. **μή μοι . . .** i.e. ‘don’t waste your breath’. χοίνικα ‘measure’ is presumably to be supplied with κενέαν.
96. **σίγη:** §38.4.
98. **ἀρίστευσε:** metrical lengthening of the first syllable (epic licence).

**88.** Kallimachos (Cyrene and Alexandria), *Hymn* 6. 53–77. Early III cent. bc. Text: Hopkinson (1984). Metre: dactylic hexameter. ► Schmitt (1970), Hopkinson (1984).

*Demeter (disguised as a priestess) warns the young Erysichthon not to cut down trees in her sacred grove and gets a rude response.*

- « χάζευ, ἔφα, μή τοι πέλεκυν μέγαν ἐν χροῖ πάξω.  
ταῦτα δ’ ἐμὸν θησεῖ στεγανὸν δόμον, ὦι ἐνὶ δαίτας  
55 αἰὲν ἐμοῖς ἐτάροισιν ἄδαν θυμαρέας ἀξῶ. »  
εἶπεν ὁ παῖς, Νέμεσις δὲ κακὰν ἐγράψατο φωνάν.  
Δαμάττηρ δ’ ἄφατόν τι κοτέσσατο, γείνατο δ’ αὖ θεύς·  
ἴθματα μὲν χέρσω, κεφαλὰ δέ οἱ ἄφατ’ Ὀλύμπω.  
οἱ μὲν ἄρ’ ἠμυθνήτες, ἐπεὶ τὰν πότινιαν εἶδον,  
60 ἕξαπίνας ἀπόρουσαν ἐνὶ δρυσὶ χαλκὸν ἀφέντες.  
ἀ δ’ ἄλλως μὲν ἔασεν, ἀναγκαῖαι γὰρ ἔποντο  
δεσποτικὰν ὑπὸ χεῖρα, βαρὺν δ’ ἀπαμείψατ’ ἀνακτα·  
« ναὶ ναί, τεύχεο δῶμα, κύον κύον, ὦι ἐνὶ δαίτας  
ποιησεῖς· θαμναὶ γὰρ ἐς ὕστερον εἰλαπίναί τοι. »



- 65 ἄ μὲν τόσσ' εἰποῖσ' Ἐρυσίχθονι τεύχε πονηρά.  
 αὐτίκα οἱ χαλεπὸν τε καὶ ἄγριον ἔμβαλε λιμόν  
 αἴθωνα κρατερόν, μεγάλα δ' ἔστρεύγετο νοῦσῳι.  
 σχέτλιος, ὅσα πάσαιτο τόσων ἔχεν ἕμερος αἰτίς.  
 ἕκατι δαῖτα πένοντο, δωδέκα δ' οἶνον ἄφυσσον.
- 71 καὶ γὰρ τῷ Δάματρι συνωργίσθη Διόνυσος·
- 70 τόσσα Διώνυσον γὰρ ἅ καὶ Δάματρα χαλέπτει.  
 οὔτε νιν εἰς ἐράνῳς οὔτε ξυνδείπνια πέμπον  
 αἰδόμενοι γονέες, προχάνα δ' εὐρίσκετο πᾶσα.  
 ἦνθον Ἰτωνιάδος νιν Ἀθαναίας ἐπ' ἄεθλα
- 75 Ὀρμενίδαι καλέοντες· ἀπ' ὧν ἀρνήσατο μάτηρ·  
 «οὐκ ἔνδοι, χθιζὸς γὰρ ἐπὶ Κραννῶνα βέβακε  
 τέλθος ἀπαιτησῶν ἑκατὸν βόας.»

'Beat it,' he said, 'or I'll plant my big axe in your skin. These will roof my house, where I shall have splendid banquets constantly (55) for my friends.' The youth spoke, and Nemesis wrote down his evil words. But Demeter was unspeakably enraged, and became again a goddess. Her feet were planted on earth, and her head reached the heavens. The others, half-dead when they saw the goddess, (60) darted off immediately, leaving their axes in the trees. She let them go, because they were just followers, acting under the hand of necessity; but to their unpleasant lord she replied, 'Yes, yes, build a house, you dog, where you shall have banquets! For your dinners will be frequent in the future.' (65) With these words she devised evil for Erysichthon. Immediately she cast upon him a terrible, wild hunger, burning and mighty: he was tormented by a great disease. Miserable creature, as much as he ate, he wanted the same again. Twenty servants worked on his meal, twelve drew wine for him (70) (for Dionysos becomes indignant along with Demeter, and what provokes Demeter provokes Dionysos too). His embarrassed parents would not send him to pot-luck suppers or dinner-parties, but every kind of excuse was made up. The Ormenidae called (75) to invite him along to the games of Itonian Athena, but his mother declined the invitation: 'He's not at home, because yesterday he went off to Krannon to recover a debt of a hundred cows.'

53. **χάζευ**: mid. imper. (§23.2b). For the verb cf. on *ἠυποχάδδην* 34 5; in the same position at *Il.* 17.13 (*χάζεο, λείπε δὲ νεκρόν . . .*).

54. **ὦι ἐνι δαίτας**: Homeric diction is freely employed throughout the hymn.

55. **ἄδαν**: Hopkinson (*ἄδην* MSS). **ἄξῶ**: §40.2 (but most MSS have *ἄξω*).

57. **κοτέσσατο**: both lack of augment and lexeme are Homeric. **γείνατο**: a factitive in \*-sa- formed to (ἐ)γένετο (cf. *μεταβάσαι* 79 42). Transitive (naturally) in Homer: perhaps *γείνετο* should be read here (see Hopkinson ad loc.). **θεύς**: contraction (or synizesis) of disyllables is rare (§23.2b).

58. **ἴθματα**: root -i- of *εἶμι*, 'go' plus a suffix -θμο- (cf. *τεθμός* 56 1).

61. **ἄλλως**: modern edd. (*ἄλλους* MSS).

63. **τεύχεο**: cf. on *χάζευ* 53.

65. **τόσσα(α)**: cf. *ῶσσα* 66 115. **εἰποῖσ'**: cf. on *φεροίσαις* 76 61.

67. **νούσων**: cf. *νούσος* 84 5.

68. **πάσαιτο**: an epic and Ionic verb. **αὐτίς**: lit. Doric and epic (cf. 66 79).

69. **εἴκατι**: §32.9. **δωδέκα**: the normal form in most dialects outside Att.-Ion.

72. **νν**: cf. 45 12.


74. **ἦνθον**: an assimilation of λ to ν attested sporadically in WGk. (incl. Cyrene, cf. *τένται* 51 18) and Arc.

75. **ἀπ' ὧν ἀρνήσατο**: tmesis with *οὖν* is found in Hdt. and the Hippocratic corpus (with an aor. of repeated action, as here). It may have been a feature of Ionic (and perhaps Doric): cf. Denniston (1954: 430).

76. **ἔνδοι**: form found in a handful of WGk. dialects, incl. Cyrene (cf. 51 18).

77. **τέλθος**: not found outside Kallimachos (Chantraine 1933: 365). **βόας**: both this (Hom., koiné) and *βούς* (Att.) are analogically reformed (cf. 38 16): orig. is perhaps *βῶς* (Theokr.) < \*g<sup>w</sup>ōms.

## POST-CLASSICAL PROSE: THE KOINÉ

**89.** Septuagint: Genesis 18: 1–8: the divine visitation to Abraham. Greek translation from Hebrew, III–II cent. BC. Text: J. W. Williams (ed.), *Septuaginta*: vol. 1, *Genesis* (Göttingen 1974). Standard English translations of the Pentateuch are based on the Masoretic Hebrew text.  Janse (1998), Fernández Marcos (2000), Janse (2002).

(1) ὤφθη δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεὸς πρὸς τῆι δρυὶ τῆι Μαμβρῆ, καθήμενου αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς θύρας τῆς σκηνῆς αὐτοῦ μεσημβρίας. (2) ἀναβλέψας δὲ τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς αὐτοῦ εἶδεν, καὶ ἰδοὺ τρεῖς ἄνδρες εἰστήκεισαν ἐπάνω αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἰδὼν προσέδραμεν εἰς συνάντησιν αὐτοῖς ἀπὸ τῆς θύρας τῆς σκηνῆς αὐτοῦ καὶ προσεκύνησεν ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, (3) καὶ εἶπεν Κύριε, εἰ ἄρα εὗρον χάριν ἐναντίον σου, μὴ παρέλθῃς τὸν παῖδά σου· (4) λημφθῆτω δὴ ὕδωρ, καὶ νυφάτωσαν τοὺς πόδας ὑμῶν, καὶ καταμύξαιτε ὑπὸ τὸ δένδρον· (5) καὶ λήψομαι ἄρτον, καὶ φάγεσθε, καὶ μετὰ τοῦτο παρελεύσεσθε εἰς τὴν ὁδὸν ὑμῶν, οὐ εἴνεκεν ἐξεκλίνατε πρὸς τὸν παῖδα ὑμῶν. καὶ εἶπαν Οὕτως ποιήσον, καθὰ εἶρηκας. (6) καὶ ἔσπευσεν Ἀβραὰμ ἐπὶ τὴν σκηνὴν πρὸς Σάρραν καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ Σπεῦσον καὶ φύρασον τρία μέτρα σεμιδάλεως καὶ ποιήσον ἐγκρυφίας. (7) καὶ εἰς τὰς βόας ἔδραμεν Ἀβραάμ, καὶ ἔλαβεν μοσχάριον ἀπαλὸν καὶ καλὸν καὶ ἔδωκεν τῷ παιδί, καὶ ἐτάχυνεν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτό. (8) ἔλαβεν δὲ βούτυρον καὶ γάλα καὶ τὸ μοσχάριον, ὃ ἐποίησεν, καὶ παρέθηκεν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐφάγασαν· αὐτὸς δὲ παρεστῆκει αὐτοῖς ὑπὸ τὸ δένδρον.

(1) And God appeared to him by the oak of Mambre, as he was sitting by the door of his tent at noon. (2) Looking up he saw with his eyes, and lo three men stood before him; and seeing them he ran to meet them from the door of his tent and bowed down to the ground. (3) And he said, 'Lord, if I have found favour before you, do not pass by your servant. (4) Let water be brought, and let them wash your feet, and refresh yourselves under the tree. (5) And I will bring bread, and you shall eat; and afterwards you shall go on your way, because you turned aside for your servant.' And they said, 'So do as you have said.' (6) And Abraam hurried to Sarra in the tent and said to her, 'Hasten and knead three measures of fine flour and make loaves.' (7) And Abraam ran to the cattle and took

a tender and fine calf and gave it to his servant, and he made haste to prepare it. (8) And he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set them before the men, and they ate; he himself stood by them under the tree.

1. **ὁ Θεός**: rendering of the ineffable name *yhwh*, replaced in Hebr. reading by *'ādônâi*, 'my lord', and usually translated *ὁ κύριος* in the LXX. (The Engl. 1611 translation is usually LORD; *Jehovah* represents the consonants *yhwh* with the vowels of *'ādônâi*, which is what most Hebr. manuscripts give.) **καθημένου αὐτοῦ**: an example of the koiné tendency to use gen. absolute even where the person is mentioned in another case (here dat. *αὐτῶι*).

2. **τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς αὐτοῦ**: *αὐτοῦ* is a literal rendering of the Hebr.; in the usual Greek idiom it would be omitted. **καὶ ἰδοῦ**: the constant use of this expression in LXX and NT to mark a new stage in the narrative reflects Hebr. *wə-hinnēh* 'and behold'. **εἰστήκεισαν**: koiné form. Class. 3 plur. pluperf. *εἰστήκεισαν* has been remodelled under the influence of 3 sing. *εἰστήκει*. **ἐπάνω**: extension of the class. meaning 'above, over' to give the sense 'before'. **εἰς συνάντησιν αὐτοῖς**: Gk. reformation of Hebr. *li-qərāt-ām*, 'for their meeting'. This kind of locution is frequent in the LXX, but the phraseology is found also in class. Gk. (Ar. *Clouds* 269, *ἔλθετε δῆτ', ὦ πολυτίμητοι Νεφέλαι, τῶιδ' εἰς ἐπίδειξιν*, 'Come, most honoured Clouds, to display yourselves to this man').

3. **χάριν**: translation of Hebr. *hēn* 'grace, favour'. It is the word used in the NT for the key NT concept 'unmerited favour of God': hence Lat. *grātia* (Engl. *grace*). **παῖδα**: 'slave' (Hebr. *'ēbed*) rather than 'child'.

4. **λημφθῆτω**: 3 sing. aor. pass. imper. of *λαμβάνω* (class. *ληφθῆτω*); in the koiné the *-μ-* of the pres. spread to the aor. (and to the fut., so *λήμφομαι* 5). **νιψάτωσαν**: 3 plur. aor. imper. of *νίπτω* (back-formed from the aor. *ἔνιψα* < \**nig<sup>w</sup>sa*), which in the koiné is used in preference to class. *νίζω* (\**nig<sup>w</sup>yō*): §55.4. **καταψύξατε**: a meaning which would have been expressed in the class. language by the mid. voice; in the koiné there is a tendency to replace the mid. by the act. (as here) or the pass. (§55.2). Cf. on 61 4.

5. **φάγεσθε**: koiné fut. of *ἐσθίω*, formed from aor. *ἔφαγον* (perh. on the model of *ἔπιον:πίομαι*). **παρελεύσεσθε**: the Ion. fut. prevailed

in the koiné, being morphologically easier than Att. εἶμι. **οὐ εἶνεκεν**: conj. 'because' (cf. οὐνεκα), a literary form not reflecting the spoken language. The long vowel of εἶνεκεν also reflects literary precedents (found in Hdt. and deriving from epic: see on *e-ne-ka* 4). Except in this phrase, the translators of the LXX preferred εἶνεκεν (or Att. εἶνεκα). **εἶπαν**: 3 plur., §55.3. **καθά**: i.e. καθ' ἃ, Hellenistic form (Att. ὡς, ὡσπερ); καθάπερ (or κατάπερ) is found in class. Att. and Ion. writers (cf. Denniston 1954: 490). **σεμιδάλεως**: σεμιδάλις is a Semitic loan-word (via Anatolian according to Szemerényi 1974: 156), found in Greek as early as the V cent. Cf. Lat. *simila* (It. *semola*). **ἐγκρυφίας**: apparently because they were baked buried in hot ashes (ἐγκρύπτω).

7. **βόας**: Homeric and koiné (see on 88 77). **μοσχάριον**: dimin. of μόσχος (§56.4c). **ἐτάχυνεν τοῦ ποιῆσαι**: ταχύνω 'hasten' (trans.) is here constructed with gen. of the articular infin., a development in the literary koiné of the class. (esp. Thucydidean) use of τοῦ+infin. to express purpose. **ποιῆσαι**: a rendering of Hebr. 'āsōt, 'make, do'; the specific sense required here 'dress, prepare (meat)' has to be inferred from the fact that the Hebr. verb is often used in this sense.

8. **ἐφάγοσαν**: 3 plur. aor. (class. ἔφαγον): §55.3.

**90.** Polybius (Megalopolis, Arcadia), *Histories* 2. 15. 2–9 Mid II cent. BC. Text: P. Pédech (Paris 1970). [▶▶] Walbank (1957), Foucault (1972).

*Polybius describes the fertility of the Po valley.*

(2) ἐλύμου γε μὴν καὶ κέγχρου τελέως ὑπερβάλλουσα δαιψιλίαι γίνεται παρ' αὐτοῖς. τὸ δὲ τῶν βαλάνων πλήθος τὸ γινόμενον ἐκ τῶν κατὰ διάστημα δρυμῶν ἐν τοῖς πεδίοις ἐκ τούτων ἂν τις μάλιστα τεκμήρηται· (3) πλείστων γὰρ ὑίκῶν ἱερείων κοπτομένων ἐν Ἰταλίαι διὰ τε τὰς εἰς τοὺς ἰδίους βίους καὶ τὰς εἰς τὰ στρατοπέδα παραθέσεις, τὴν ὀλοσχερεστάτην χορηγίαν ἐκ τούτων συμβαίνει τῶν πεδίων αὐτοῖς ὑπάρχειν. (4) περὶ δὲ τῆς κατὰ μέρος εὐωνίας καὶ δαιψιλίας τῶν πρὸς τὴν τροφήν ἀνηκόντων οὕτως ἂν τις ἀκριβέστατα κατανοήσειε. (5) ποιοῦνται γὰρ τὰς καταλύσεις οἱ διδοεῦντες τὴν χώραν ἐν τοῖς πανδοκείοις, οὐ συμφωνοῦντες περὶ τῶν κατὰ μέρος ἐπιτηδείων, ἀλλ' ἐρωτῶντες πόσου τὸν ἄνδρα

δέχεται. (6) ὡς μὲν οὖν ἐπὶ τὸ πολὺ παρίενται τοὺς καταλύτας οἱ πανδοκεῖς, ὡς ἱκανὰ πάντ' ἔχειν τὰ πρὸς τὴν χρείαν, ἡμιασσαρίον τοῦτο δ' ἔστι τέταρτον μέρος ὀβολοῦ· σπανίως δὲ τοῦθ' ὑπερβαίνουσι. τό γε μὴν πλήθος τῶν ἀνδρῶν, (7) καὶ τὸ μέγεθος καὶ κάλλος τῶν σωματίων, ἔτι δὲ τὴν ἐν τοῖς πολέμοις τόλμαν, ἐξ αὐτῶν τῶν πράξεων σαφῶς καταμαθεῖν. (8) τῶν δ' Ἄλπεων ἑκατέρας τῆς πλευρᾶς, τῆς ἐπὶ τὸν Ῥοδανὸν ποταμὸν καὶ τῆς ἐπὶ τὰ προειρημένα πεδία νεουούσης, τοὺς βουνώδεις καὶ γεώδεις τόπους κατοικοῦσι, τοὺς μὲν ἐπὶ τὸν Ῥοδανὸν καὶ τὰς ἄρκτους ἐστραμμένους Γαλάται Τρανσαλπίνοι προσαγορευόμενοι, τοὺς δ' ἐπὶ τὰ πεδία Ταυρίσκοι καὶ Ἄγωνες καὶ πλείω γένη βαρβάρων ἕτερα. (9) Τρανσαλπίνοί γε μὴν οὐ διὰ τὴν τοῦ γένους, ἀλλὰ διὰ τὴν τοῦ τόπου διαφορὰν προσαγορεύονται, τὸ γὰρ τρᾶνς ἐξηρμηνεύμενον ἐστὶ πέραν.

A great abundance of rye and millet grows in the region. The quantity of acorns produced in the woodland which is scattered across the plain can be best appreciated by the following: (3) huge numbers of pigs are slaughtered in Italy both for private consumption and for the feeding of the army: it is from this plain that they get almost their entire supply. (4) The general cheapness and abundance of everything pertaining to food production can be most clearly understood as follows: (5) when travellers in the region make a stop in the inns, they do not strike a deal for each individual meal: instead they ask the inclusive price for board per person. (6) For the most part innkeepers take in travellers and provide all they need for half an *as* (i.e. about a quarter-obol). It is rare for the price to be higher than that. The numbers of the local population, (7) their size and fine appearance, and their courage in war, will emerge clearly from the events themselves. (8) On either side of the Alps (one side slopes down to the Rhone, the other to the above-mentioned plain) the mountainous regions which have sufficient soil are inhabited, on the northern side towards the Rhone by Gauls called 'Transalpine', and on the side sloping down to the plain by the Tauriskoi and the Agones and several other barbarian tribes. (9) The term Transalpine does not refer to a feature of the people, but of their location: for *trans* means 'on the other side'.

2. **γε μῆν**: see on 86 41 (Xen.). **δαψίλεια**: formed to *δαψιλῆς*, ‘abundant’ (for the root cf. Lat. *daps*). An Ionic word which entered the koiné. **γινόμενον**: cf. *γίνητοι* 7 2. Standard in the koiné. **δρυμῶν**: a poetic word in Attic, though not in all dialects (cf. 35 19). It may have been current in P.’s own dialect, or perhaps in Ionic (§56.2).

3. **υἱκῶν**: adjs. in *-ικός* seem to have taken off in Ionicizing sophistic and scientific language of the late V cent. (Chantraine 1933: 387): their use is parodied by Aristophanes (*Knights* 1375–81). They are extremely common from the IV cent. Cf. §55.6. **ιερείων**: from ‘sacrificial animal’ to ‘animal raised/killed for food’ (koiné). **όλοσχερεστάτην**: cf. *όλοσχερέα* 24 7. **χορηγίαν**: orig. ‘requirement to pay for a chorus’ (a form of tax on wealthy citizens); then ‘wealth, abundance’ and (in the koiné) ‘supplies’ in general.

5. **διοδεύοντες**: not attested before the koiné.

6. **ήμισσαρίου**: Lat. *semmissis*, half an *as*.

8. **βουνώδεις, γεώδεις**: adjs. in *-ώδης* are particularly associated with the Ion. prose tradition and are frequent in P. (Foucault 1972: 24). See on *καματώδεις* 68 664. *βουνός* is a WGk. word (attributed to Cyrene at Hdt. 4.199) which entered the koiné (and Mod. Gk.).

9. **τρᾶνς ἐξηρμηρευόμενον**: engagement with Latin was the fate of the Greek language for the next several centuries.

**91. New Testament. Text:** E. Nestle–K. Aland, *Novum Testamentum Graece* (27<sup>th</sup> edn., Stuttgart 1994). ▶▶ Voelz (1984), Wilcox (1984), Janse (1998), (2002).

**(a) First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 13). Mid I cent. AD. Trans.: King James (Authorized) Version, 1611.**

(1) ἐὰν ταῖς γλώσσαις τῶν ἀνθρώπων λαλῶ καὶ τῶν ἀγγέλων, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, γέγονα χαλκὸς ἤχῶν ἢ κύμβαλον ἀλαλάζον. (2) καὶ ἐὰν ἔχω προφητείαν καὶ εἰδῶ τὰ μυστήρια πάντα καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γνῶσιν καὶ ἐὰν ἔχω πᾶσαν τὴν πίστιν ὥστε ὄρη μεθιστάναι, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, οὐθέν εἰμι. (3) κἂν ψωμίσω πάντα τὰ ὑπάρχοντά μου καὶ ἐὰν παραδῶ τὸ σῶμά μου ἵνα καυχῆσωμαι, ἀγάπην δὲ μὴ ἔχω, οὐδὲν ὠφελοῦμαι.

(4) ἡ ἀγάπη μακροθυμεῖ, χρηστεύεται ἡ ἀγάπη, οὐ ζηλοῖ, ἡ ἀγάπη οὐ περπερεύεται, (5) οὐ φυσιοῦται, οὐκ ἀσχημονεῖ, οὐ ζητεῖ

τὰ ἐαυτῆς, οὐ παροξύνεται, οὐ λογίζεται τὸ κακόν, (6) οὐ χαίρει ἐπὶ τῇ ἀδικίᾳ, συγχαίρει δὲ τῇ ἀληθείᾳ. (7) πάντα στέγει, πάντα πιστεύει, πάντα ἐλπίζει, πάντα ὑπομένει.

(8) ἡ ἀγάπη οὐδέποτε πίπτει· εἴτε δὲ προφητεῖαι, καταργηθήσονται· εἴτε γλώσσαι, παύσονται· εἴτε γνώσις, καταργηθήσεται. (9) ἐκ μέρους γὰρ γινώσκομεν καὶ ἐκ μέρους προφητεύομεν· (10) ὅταν δὲ ἔλθῃ τὸ τέλειον, τὸ ἐκ μέρους καταργηθήσεται. (11) ὅτε ἤμην νήπιος, ἐλάουν ὡς νήπιος, ἐφρόνου ὡς νήπιος, ἐλογιζόμην ὡς νήπιος· ὅτε γέγονα ἀνὴρ, κατήργηκα τὰ τοῦ νηπίου. (12) βλέπομεν γὰρ ἄρτι δι' ἐσόπτρου ἐν αἰνίγματι, τότε δὲ πρόσωπον πρὸς πρόσωπον. ἄρτι γινώσκω ἐκ μέρους, τότε δὲ ἐπιγνώσομαι καθὼς ἐπεγνώσθην. (13) νυνὶ δὲ μένει πίστις, ἐλπίς, ἀγάπη, τὰ τρία ταῦτα· μείζων δὲ τούτων ἡ ἀγάπη.

(1) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. (2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body *to be burned*, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. (4) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, (5) Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; (6) Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; (7) Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (8) Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (13) And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

1. **λαλῶ**: 'chatter' in class. Attic, the normal word for 'talk' in later



Gk. **ἀγάπην**: a LXX term, not particularly common in class. Gk. Plato's dialogue on love (*Symposion*) uses ἔρως, sexual love; the general term is φιλία.

2. **καὶ ἐάν κτλ.**: for balance and chiasmus as 'well-known features of Semitic poetic style' see Voelz (1984: 959). **εἰδῶ**: see βλέπομεν

12. **οὐθέν**: see 45 13.

3. **ψωμίσω**: in class. Gk., to feed with small morsels, with delicacies (Ar. *Knights* 715). The semantic development mirrors ψωμός 'morsel', dimin. ψωμίον > Mod. Gk. ψωμί, 'bread'. **καυχῆσμαι**: 'that I may glory'; the alternative reading καυθήσομαι (fut. indic.) is translated by the 1611 version.

4. **χρηστεύεται**: a vb. built to χρηστός (§56.4b), attested elsewhere only in the LXX.

7. **στέγει**: earlier 'roof over, enclose' (cf. στέγανς 53 32).

11. **ἤμην**: §55.1. **γεγόνα, κατήργηκα**: §55.5.

12. **βλέπομεν**: 'look, look at' in Ar. (distinct from ὁράω), became in post-class. Gk. the standard vb. for 'see' (with aor. εἶδα): cf. §55.1.

**(b) Gospel of Mark (6: 21–7). Mid–late I cent. AD. Trans.: Revised Standard Version (New York, 1946).**

*Salome's mother gets revenge on John the Baptist*

(21) καὶ γενομένης ἡμέρας εὐκαιροῦ ὅτε Ἡρώιδης τοῖς γενεαίοις αὐτοῦ δεῖπνον ἐποίησεν τοῖς μεγιστάσιν αὐτοῦ καὶ τοῖς χιλιάρχοις καὶ τοῖς πρώτοις τῆς Γαλιλαίας, (22) καὶ εἰσελθούσης τῆς θυγατρὸς αὐτοῦ Ἡρωιδιάδος καὶ ὀρχησαμένης ἤρεσεν τῷ Ἡρώιδῃ καὶ τοῖς συνανακειμένοις. εἶπεν ὁ βασιλεὺς τῷ κορασίῳ· αἴτησόν με ὃ ἐὰν θέλῃς, καὶ δώσω σοι. (23) καὶ ὤμοσεν αὐτῇ ὅ τι ἐὰν με αἰτήσῃς δώσω σοι ἕως ἡμίσεος τῆς βασιλείας μου. (24) καὶ ἐξελθοῦσα εἶπεν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτῆς· τί αἰτήσωμαι; ἡ δὲ εἶπεν· τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἰωάννου τοῦ βαπτίζοντος. (25) καὶ εἰσελθοῦσα εὐθὺς μετὰ σπουδῆς πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα ἠιτήσατο λέγουσα· θέλω ἵνα ἐξαυτῆς δῶς μοι ἐπὶ πῖνακι τὴν κεφαλὴν Ἰωάννου τοῦ βαπτιστοῦ. (26) καὶ περίλυπος γενόμενος ὁ βασιλεὺς διὰ τοὺς ὄρκους καὶ τοὺς ἀνακειμένους οὐκ ἠθέλησεν ἀθετῆσαι αὐτήν. (27) καὶ εὐθὺς ἀποστείλας ὁ βασιλεὺς σπεκουλάτορα ἐπέταξεν ἐνέγκαι τὴν κεφαλὴν αὐτοῦ.

(21) But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a

banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. (22) For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it.' (23) And he vowed to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' (24) And she went out, and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask?' And she said, 'The head of John the baptizer.' (25) And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' (26) And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. (27) And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head.

21. **καί**: the most common connective in the NT; Mark's style is especially paratactic. Often invoked as Aramaic (or LXX) influence (cf. *καὶ ἰδοὺ* 94 2), but it seems also to reflect contemporary vernacular Gk. (Trenkner 1960). **γενεσίους**: usu. *γενέθλια* in class. Gk. **μεγιστάσων**: first attested in Menander, common in the LXX. Morphologically unusual: perh. a borrowing from Persian \**mahistān* (Schwyzer 1939: 521).

22. **αὐτοῦ**: an alternative reading (translated by the RSV) is *αὐτῆς τῆς*. **Ἡρωιδιάδος**: Herod (Antipas) had married his brother's wife Herodias (John declared this illegal). **ἤρεσεν**: for the subject in the gen. absol. cf. 94 1. **συνανακειμένοις**: post-class. (§56.4a). **κορασίωι**: dimin. (§56.4c). **ὁ ἐάν**: the standard indef. pron. in Mark and Matthew (not in Luke, rare in John) corresponding to class. *ὁ τι ἄν* (see following).

23. **ὁ τι ἐάν**: indef. (class. *ὁ τι ἄν*): potential *ἄν* (*ᾶ*) had become confused (§53.1) with *ἄν* (*ā*) < *ἐάν* (§32.8). **ἕως**: prep. with gen. (not a class. usage).

25. **θέλω ἵνα**: *ἵνα* with (or as a marker of) the subj. was spreading at the expense of the infin. in the spoken language. The ancestor of the Mod. Gk. subj. marker *νά* (Trypanis 1960).

26. **ἀθετήσαι**: post-class. vb.

27. **σπεκουλάτορα**: Lat. *speculator*, 'scout'. The word was borrowed into Aramaic with the meaning 'Roman military official, executioner' (it is not, therefore, a direct borrowing from

Latin, but represents the influence of the writer's competence in Aramaic).

**92.** Lucian (Lukianos) of Samosata, Syria. *Rhetorum praeceptor* (The Professor of Public Speaking), 16–17. II cent. AD. Text: M. D. Macleod (Oxford 1974). ▶▶ Swain (1996: 45–9, 298–329).

*Lucian's fraudulent professor gives some tips on how to impress one's audience*

ἔπειτα πεντεκαίδεκα ἢ οὐ πλείω γε τῶν εἴκοσιν Ἀττικά ὀνόματα ἐκλέξας ποθὲν ἀκριβῶς ἐκμελετήσας, πρόχειρα ἐπ' ἄκρας τῆς γλώττης ἔχε—τὸ ἄττα καὶ κᾶιτα καὶ μῶν καὶ ἀμηγέπη καὶ λῶιστε καὶ τὰ τοιαῦτα—καὶ ἐν ἅπαντι λόγῳ καθάπερ τι ἡδυσμα ἐπίπαττε αὐτῶν. μελέτω δὲ μηδὲν τῶν ἄλλων, εἰ ἀνόμοια τούτοις καὶ ἀσύμφυλα καὶ ἀπωιδά. ἢ πορφύρα μόνον ἔστω καλὴ καὶ εὐανθής, καὶ σισύρα τῶν παχειῶν (17) τὸ ἱμάτιον ἦι. μετὰ δὲ ἀπόρρητα καὶ ξένα ῥήματα καὶ σπανιάκις ὑπὸ τῶν πάλαι εἰρημένα, καὶ ταῦτα συμφορήσας ἀποτόξευε προχειριζόμενος εἰς τοὺς προσομιλοῦντας. οὕτω γάρ σε ὁ λεῶς ὁ πολὺς ἀποβλέφονται καὶ θαυμαστὸν ὑπολήψονται καὶ τὴν παιδείαν ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦς, εἰ 'ἀποστλεγγίσασθαι' μὲν τὸ ἀποξύσασθαι λέγοις, τὸ δὲ ἡλίω θέρεσθαι 'εἰληθερεῖσθαι', τὸν ἀρραβῶνα δὲ 'προνόμιον', τὸν ὄρθρον δὲ 'ἀκροκνεφές'. ἐνίστε δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς ποίει καινὰ καὶ ἀλλόκοτα ὀνόματα καὶ νομοθέτει τὸν μὲν ἐρμηνεύσαι δεινὸν 'εὐλεξίν' καλεῖν, τὸν συνετὸν 'σοφόνουν', τὸν ὄρχηστὴν δὲ 'χειρίσοφον'. ἂν σολοικίσης δὲ ἢ βαρβαρίσης, ἐν ἔστω φάρμακον ἢ ἀναισχυντία, καὶ πρόχειρον εὐθὺς ὄνομα οὔτε ὄντος τινὸς οὔτε γενομένου ποτέ, ἢ ποιητοῦ ἢ συγγραφέως, ὃς οὕτω λέγειν ἐδοκίμαξε σοφὸς ἀνὴρ καὶ τὴν φωνὴν εἰς τὸ ἀκρότατον ἀπηκριβωμένος.

Next you must scrape together from somewhere or other fifteen or at most twenty Attic phrases, practise them carefully, and keep them ready at the tip of your tongue—*atta* and *kaita* and *mōn* and *hamégépē* and *lōiste*, and so on—and whenever you speak, sprinkle a couple of them on like a seasoning. Don't worry about the context—whether they sound out of place, discordant, or jarring: let your purple cloak be fine and flowery, even if your tunic (17) is the coarsest goats' hair. Next search out obscure and strange

words, rarely used by the ancients: store them up and be ready to fire them off at a moment's notice at your interlocutors. This will make the common mob stare at you and take you for a wonder, so much more cultured than themselves; if (for example) you say 'ablute' instead of 'wash', 'apricate' instead of 'warm in the sun', an 'earnest' instead of a 'surety', or 'gloaming' instead of 'twilight'. And occasionally you yourself should make up some new, outlandish words: decree that a man who gives clear explanations be called 'eulectic', a clever man 'sophonoustic', or a pantomime artist 'cheirosophic'. If you commit a solecism or a barbarism then shamelessness should be your one remedy, with an instant reference to the name of someone who neither exists nor ever existed, a writer of poetry or prose: a wise man who approved your phrase, and whose mastery of language was unrivalled.

16. **γλώττης**: the Att. form. So also *λεώς* 17. **ἄττα κτλ**: a very similar list of Atticizing 'condiments' is given by Luc. at *Lexiphanes* 21. On *ἄττα* see 79 82.

17. **ἀποστλεγγίσασθαι**: 'scrape oneself down' (in Ar.). **ἄρραβῶνα**: A semitic borrowing attested in the class. period (*προνόμιον* in this sense not attested elsewhere). **ὄρθρον**: morning twilight. **σολοικίσις**: from Soloi in Asia Minor, it came to mean a mistake in syntax (Salmeri 2004), as opposed to *barbarismos*, a mistake in the use of a word (in the meaning, or the morphology: esp. of vernacular usage).

93. Galen (Pergamon), *De differentia pulsuum* ii. 5, 584–6. II cent. AD. Text: C. G. Kühn (Leipzig 1833, VIII, 59, repr. Hildesheim 1986). ▶ Hankinson (1994), Swain (1996: 56–63, 357–79), Barnes (1997).

*Galen insists that he is not a rigid Atticist, but that the use of standard Greek is essential for clarity in medical writing.*

ἡμεῖς μὲν γὰρ, ὡς περ νόμισμα καθ' ἐκάστην τῶν πόλεων ἴσμεν σύμβολον ὠνῆς καὶ πράσεως, ὃ τοὺς παραχαράττοντας οἱ νομοθέται κολάζουσιν, οὕτω καὶ διαλέκτων χαρακτῆρας ἴσμεν πολλοὺς, οὓς φυλάττειν ἀξιούμεν ἕκαστον τῶν ἐλομένων ὄντιναοῦν ἐξ αὐτῶν. ἡμεῖς μὲν οὖν συνηρήμεθα τὴν κοινὴν καλουμένην διάλεκτον, εἴτε

μία τῶν Ἀθιδῶν (585) ἐστὶ, πολλὰς γὰρ εἴληφε μεταπτώσεις ἢ τῶν Ἀθηναίων διάλεκτος, εἴτε καὶ ἄλλη τις ὄλως. δείκνυμι γὰρ ἐτέρωθι τὴν ἡμετέραν περὶ τούτου γνώμην. καὶ ταύτην τὴν διάλεκτον πειρώμεθα διαφυλάττειν, καὶ μηδὲν εἰς αὐτὴν παρανομεῖν, μηδὲ κίβδηλον ἐπεισάγειν φωνῆς νόμισμα, μηδὲ παραχαράττειν. σὺ δὲ, εἰ μὲν ἐπιθυμεῖς κατ' αὐτὴν ἡμῖν διαλέγεσθαι, πρότερον ἐκμαθεῖν αὐτὴν πειράθητι, εἰ δ' ἄλλῃ τινὶ χρᾶις, καὶ τούτο μήνυσον. εἰ μὲν γὰρ τῶν Ἑλληνιδῶν ἐστὶ μία, πάντως που καὶ ταύτην γνωρίζομεν καὶ γὰρ καὶ τὰ τῶν Ἰόνων καὶ τὰ τῶν Αἰολέων καὶ τὰ τῶν Δωριέων ἀνελεξάμεθα γράμματα· εἰ δ' οὐδεμία τούτων, ἀλλὰ τις τῶν βαρβάρων, καὶ τούτ' εἰπέ, μόνον πειρῶ φυλάττειν αὐτὴν ἄχραντον, ἢ τις ἂν ἦι, καὶ μή μοι τρία μὲν ἐκ Κιλικίας φέρειν ὀνόματα, τέσσαρα δ' ἐκ Συρίας, πέντε δ' ἐκ Γαλατίας, ἕξ δ' Ἀθήνηθεν. ἐγὼ γὰρ οὕτω πολλὰς ἐκμανθάνειν οὐ δύναμαι διαλέκτους, ἢ ἀνδράσιμ εἰς τοσοῦτον πολυγλώττοις ἔπωμαι. δίγλωττος γὰρ τις ἐλέγετο πάλαι, καὶ θαῦμα τούτο ἦν, ἄνθρωπος εἰς ἀκριβῶν διαλέκτους δύο· σὺ δὲ ἡμᾶς ἀξιοῖς πολλὰς ἐκμαθεῖν, δέον αὐτὸν ἐκμανθάνειν μίαν, οὕτω μὲν ἰδίαν, οὕτω δὲ (586) κοινὴν ἅπασιν, οὕτω δ' εὐγλωττον, οὕτω δ' ἀνθρωπικὴν.

For just as we recognize that there is a currency for buying and selling in each of the cities, and that legislators punish those who debase it, so too we recognize many different types of language, and think it right for each person to maintain the integrity of whichever of them he has chosen. We for our part have chosen the so-called common dialect, whether indeed (585) it is a member of the Attic family (for the dialect of the Athenians shows marked differences), or whether it is completely separate. I have set out my views on this matter elsewhere. And it is this dialect that we try to maintain, and avoid breaking its rules: nor do we introduce spurious linguistic currency into it, or debase it. As for you, if you desire to converse in it with us, first try to master it; and if you use some other, tell us what it is. If it is one of the Greek dialects, I have no doubt that we shall be familiar with that as well. For we have read the literature of the Ionians, the Aeolians, and the Dorians. If it is not one of these, but one of the barbarian idioms, you can speak this too: but try to keep it pure, whatever it is, and do not give me three words from Cilicia, four from Syria, five from Galatia, and six from Athens, because I cannot master so many lan-

guages in order to follow men who are polyglot to this degree. In the past, indeed, one was called bilingual, and it was considered a marvel for one man to master two idioms: but you demand that we learn several, when in fact you yourself should just master one—and that your native tongue, a language (moreover) which is (586) shared by everyone, lends itself to good expression, and is universal in its qualities.

584. **ἴσμεν**: cf. §55.1. **παραχαράττοντας**: the Att. form (§51.1): so also *φυλάττειν*, etc. (but *τέσσαρα*).

585. **ἐτέρωθι**: Galen wrote a number of works on language and on Atticism (see Barnes 1997: 6, 14). **παρανομεῖν**: a little later (587) he maintains that he does not condemn barbarism or solecism (92 17) in Gk. (an anti-Atticist position), so long as he can understand what the speaker intends. **χρᾶις**: cf. on *ἀποχρεωμένων* 83 1. **τῶν βαρβάρων**: sometimes in post-class. authors an expression like *Λυδιστί* seems to refer to the vernacular Gk. of the region in question (Neumann 1980: 178). Here it looks as if Galen is referring (sarcastically) to the non-Gk. languages (dialects respectively of late Luwian, Aramaic, and Celtic): i.e. ‘speak whatever you like, but speak it properly’. **τέσσαρα**: the standard koiné (hybrid) form.

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## Glossary of Linguistic Terms

- Ablaut:** vowel alternation within a word which has a semantic/grammatical significance: e.g. Gk. *ἔλειπον* (imperf.) vs. *ἔλιπον* (aor.). In an Indo-European context it denotes the various ‘grades’ of an IE root, stem, or suffix: (i) full grade with *e* or *o* (cf. Gk. *φέρω*, ‘I carry’, *φόρος*, ‘burden’); (ii) zero grade (Gk. *δίφρος*, ‘chariot’); and (iii) a ‘lengthened’ grade with  $\bar{e}$  or  $\bar{o}$  (Gk. *φῶρ*, ‘thief’)
- Affricate:** an obstruent followed by a fricative: e.g. [tʃ] in Engl. *chat* is a combination of [t] and [ʃ] (the fricative which starts Engl. *shoe*)
- Apical:** consonant made with the tip of the tongue against the roof of the mouth, either behind the teeth (e.g. Fr. dental *t*, *d*) or at the alveolar ridge (Engl. alveolar *t*, *d*)
- Apocope:** the removal of the final element from a word (Gk. ‘cutting off’); in Greek typically denotes the shortening of a preposition or preverb to one syllable (§24.5)
- Assimilation:** the influence of one sound on the articulation of a neighbouring sound, with the result that the two sounds become more similar (or identical): §23.4
- Athematic:** a category of both nouns and verbs in IE languages in which the endings are added directly to the stem, without the insertion of the so-called thematic vowel. In Greek this includes athematic verbs (the so-called *-μι* verbs like *τίθημι*), and consonant-stem (third declension) nouns. Greek *a*-stem nouns (the first declension) are in historical terms athematic, but the term athematic is generally reserved in classical linguistics for consonant stems. See *thematic*
- Back vowel:** a vowel articulated at the back of the mouth: as /ɔ:/ in *all*, /u:/ in *cool*
- Close vowel:** a vowel articulated with the tongue high in the mouth, close to the roof: as /i:/ in *keep*, /u:/ in *cool*. Sometimes referred to as a high vowel. Compare *Open vowel*
- Denominative:** a verb made from a noun: e.g. Gk. *στεφανῶω*, ‘I crown, wreath’ from *στέφανος*
- Dental:** see *Apical*
- Diectasis:** the artificial unpacking (Gk. ‘stretching out’) of a long, contracted vowel into its supposed constituent elements (usually short+long), producing two vowels which are synchronically plausible but



historically incorrect. Especially associated with epic poetry: cf. *εἰσορώσαν* 67 142

**Dissimilation:** a process whereby one of two similar or identical sounds (which need not be contiguous) changes its articulation to reduce the similarity: e.g. *οἶσθα* < \**Foiδ-θα*. See also *Grassman's Law*

**Fricative:** a consonant involving friction (the result of constricting the airflow) rather than complete closure (for which see *obstruent*): as /θ/ in Engl. *thin* (contrast *tin*). The only fricative in classical Attic was /s/

**Front vowel:** a vowel articulated with the highest point of the tongue coming near the front of the mouth: as /i:/ in *beat*, /e/ in *bet*

**Grassmann's Law:** sound-law for Greek proposed in 1863 by Hermann Grassmann (1809–77): §23.5

**\*H<sub>1</sub>, \*H<sub>2</sub>, \*H<sub>3</sub>:** The so-called laryngeals, three phonemes (resonants) which were originally posited for IE by F. de Saussure to explain puzzling irregularities in vowel-length. They have apparently dropped from Greek, Latin, and Sanskrit, but when Hittite was deciphered in the early twentieth century it was found that in some circumstances they appear there as *h*. IE laryngeals can both colour and lengthen adjacent vowels in the daughter languages. See further Sihler §§165–7

**Historical:** a historical (or diachronic) linguistic approach studies the development of a language over time; whereas a synchronic approach studies its state at a particular point in time (concentrating on the structure rather than the history)

**Haplogy:** the deletion of a sound or syllable from a sequence of two (or more) similar sounds. A form of *dissimilation* (q.v.)

**Hypercorrection:** a phenomenon whereby speakers who are aware of a difference between one language (or dialect) and another (often a prestige variety) overcompensate in an effort to reverse it; perhaps because the item is stigmatized for some reason, or because they are attempting to reproduce an idiom they are not perfectly at home in

**Hypheresis:** the dropping of a sound from a sequence (of unlike sounds) so that the length of the word is reduced by a syllable

**Hypocoristic:** a shortened form of a name; a pet-name or nickname

**Labial:** a sound made with the lips: often denotes bilabial stops such as *p*, *b*, etc.

**Labiovelar:** three phonemes reconstructed for IE, written \**k<sup>w</sup>*, \**g<sup>w</sup>*, \**g<sup>wh</sup>*. As the name suggests, they are velar consonants with lip-rounding (with \**k<sup>w</sup>* as in Engl. *queen*). §10.6

**Liquid:** a consonant produced without complete closure (for which see *obstruent*), and without audible friction: in IE languages the term typically denotes [l], [r]. See also *Resonant*

- Monophthongization:** the process of turning a diphthong into a pure vowel, either by loss of one of the two elements, or by evolution into a different sound
- Mora:** the notional minimal element of length in a vowel. A long vowel and a diphthong contain two moras, a short vowel is one mora. In Greek the accent could theoretically fall on either the first or the second mora of a long vowel: *παῖν* /paán/ 'all', *Πάιν* /paán/ 'Pan'
- Nasal:** a consonant produced by passing air through the nasal cavity rather than the oral cavity: in Greek (and Engl.) such consonants are /m, n, ŋ/
- Obstruent:** a consonant produced by impeding the air-flow, either fully (a stop) or partially (a fricative)
- Open vowel:** a vowel articulated with the tongue low in the mouth: as /ɑ:/ in *father*. Sometimes referred to as a low vowel. Compare *Close vowel*
- Osthoff's Law:** sound-law for Greek proposed by Hermann Osthoff (1847–1909): §23.3
- Resonant:** a class of consonants which can be sounded continuously without audible friction, and may in some languages act as a vowel in certain positions in the word (typically, between two obstruents). In IE resonants (also known as sonorants) include liquids, nasals, [w], and [y]. Laryngeals are sometimes included in this category: although they may have been fricatives, they probably also acted as vowels in certain positions
- Rhotacism:** in Greek and Latin the change of (intervocalic or word-final) [s] to [r]
- Substrate:** an adj. used of a language (often a minority language, or one spoken by a socio-political underclass) which has supposedly influenced the development of a superimposed (majority or dominant) language
- Synchronic:** see under *Historical*
- Syncope:** the deletion of a medial (usually unaccented) vowel or syllable
- Synizesis:** a process whereby a vowel is realized as a glide before another vowel and loses most of its syllabicity (Gk. *synizēsis* 'collapse'); e.g. the second *i* in Engl. *million* [miljən]. Cf. Intro. §23.2
- Thematic:** a category of both nouns and verbs in IE languages in which the so-called thematic vowel (*e* or *o*) is inserted between the stem and the endings. In Greek this included verbs in *-ω* (the largest category of verbs in the historically attested language) and nouns of the second declension (*λόγ-ο-ς*, etc.)
- Velar:** a consonant produced by the back of the tongue against the velum or soft palate (and sometimes against the back part of the hard palate): as /k/ in *cat*, /g/ in *get*

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