

The Life Cycle

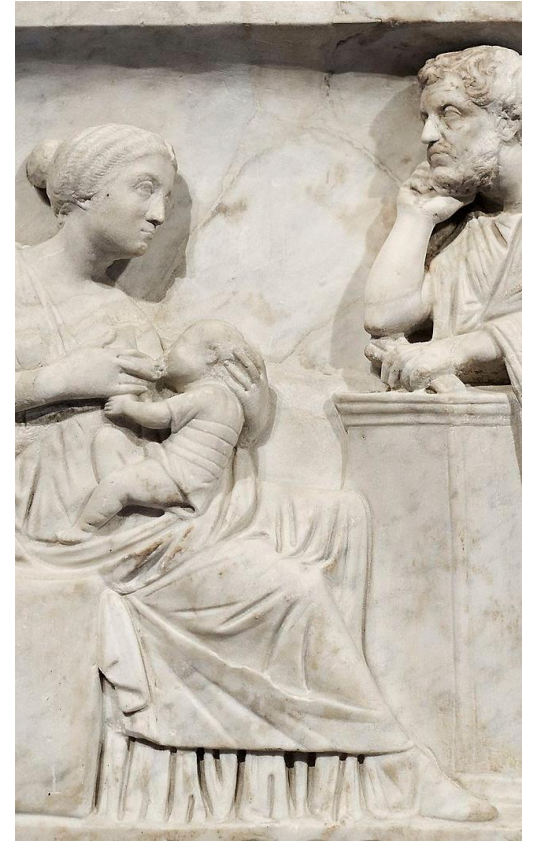
Expanding Your Greek Vocabulary

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The Start of Life

- ζάω, "I live"
 - Present active ind. forms ζω, ζης, ζη, ζημεν, etc.
 - Cognate noun ἡ ζωή, "life"
- γεννάω, "I beget, I conceive"
 - the act of giving someone life (father or mother)
- ἡ γενεά, "generation, lineage"
 - a line of conception
 - a group conceived together
- γαμέω, "I marry, I get married"
 - children viewed as the main purpose of marriage

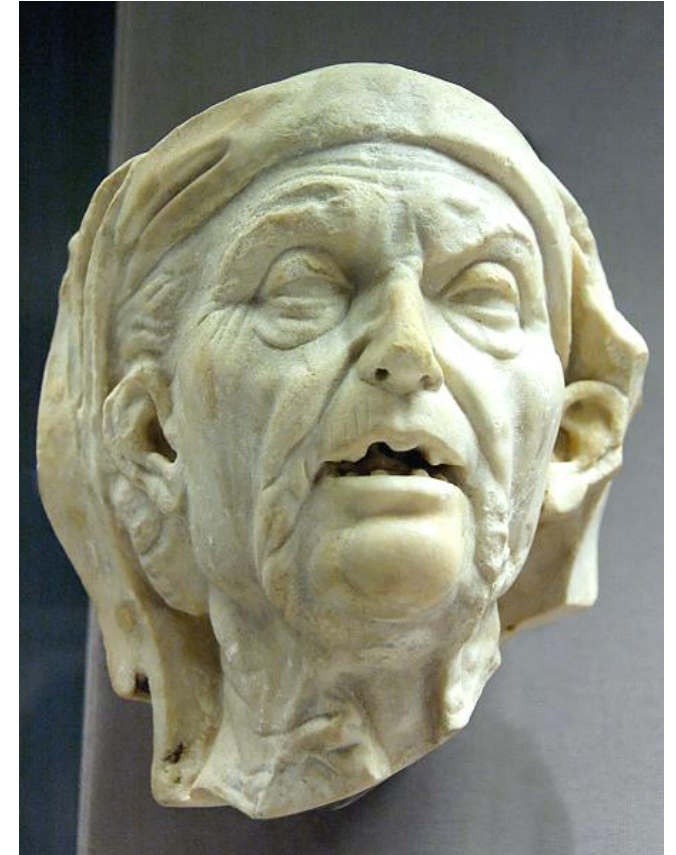


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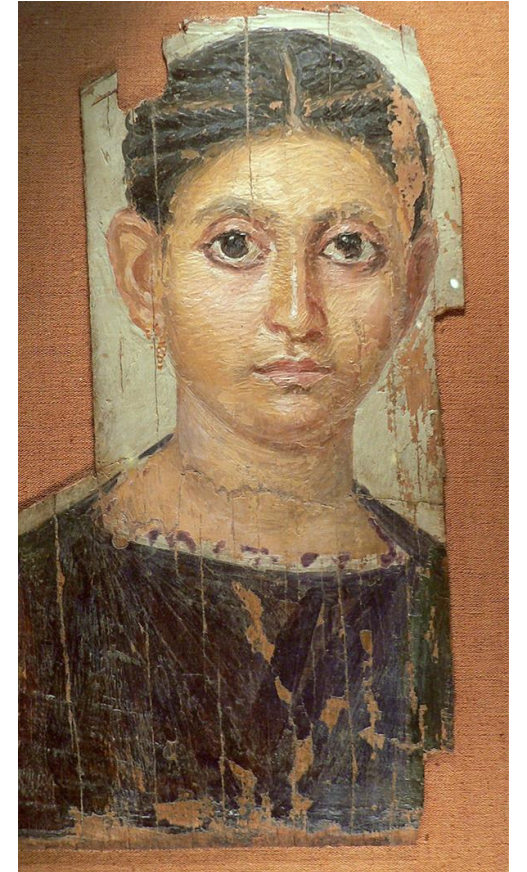
The Three Phases of Life

- το παῖδιον, "infant, child"
 - Other terms like **παις, τεκνον**
- ὁ νεάνισκος, "young man, youth"
 - **νεος, -η, -ον**, "new, young"
 - Not necessarily very young
 - Adult, but not yet the oldest generation
 - No grandchildren
- πρεσβύτερος, -η, -ον, "older; elder"
 - Oldest generation in the household
- early churches like households
 - Natural for older generation ("elders") to rule
 - **πρεσβυτερος** -> presbyter, presbyterian



The End of Life

- νεκρός, -ά, -όν (adj.), "dead"
 - In many compound English words (e.g., necropolis)
- ὁ θάνατος, "death"
- ἀποθνήσκω, "I die"
 - Iota subscript in the middle (unusual)
 - 2nd aorist: ἀπέθανον (stem ἀποθαν-)
- ἀποκτείνω, "I kill"
 - Liquid 1st aorist: ἀπεκτείνα



The End of Life

- τὸ μνημεῖον, "grave, tomb, monument"
 - Related to term for memory
- ἡ ἀνάστασις, "resurrection"
 - 3rd declension (πολις-type)
 - a distinctly Jewish idea

