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If our appetites were let loose altogether against our neighbours, they would be like wild beasts uncaged, and bring a deluge of calamity on the whole civilised world. Then I was speaking of the delineation and co-ordination of the principal circumstances.

## 'On the Sublime': Ancient Greek Rhetoric and Literary Criticism

Such digressions become offensive and monstrous when the language is cast in a poetical and fabulous mould, and runs into all sorts of impossibilities. Whatever its date, and whoever its author may be, the Treatise is fragmentary. It could be said that Helen of Troy will surely have been the most beautiful woman in the world, but she have never been sublime in Greek literature.

### Edmund Burke and the Sublime

Dionysius maintained ideas which are absolutely opposite to those written in the treatise; with Longinus, there are problems with chronology.

#### **Longinus: On the Sublime**

So far as we can judge from what remains of his works, he was distinguished rather by elegance than by force.

#### On The Sublime

The Sublime Longinus the Centurion. Both, however, seek to work on the emotions.

## Longinus theory of the Sublime? Comment of Longinus'

Sayce, Deputy-Professor of Comparative Philology, Oxford.

A Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin of Our Ideas of the Sublime and Beautiful

It would be a tedious, or rather an endless task, to deal with every detail of this subject here; so in order to establish what I have laid down, I will just run over, without further preface, a few of those figures which are most effective in lending grandeur to language. The 32 term image in its most general acceptation includes every thought, howsoever presented, which issues in speech.

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How well-bred he is, how dexterous in the use of irony! Neither one of the authors can be acknowledged as the real essayist of the treatise. But the reader may be left to twine a garland of them for himself; to select from contemporaries were invidious, and might provoke retaliation. He at last excited the enmity of Alexander to such a degree that the latter took the opportunity afforded by the conspiracy of Hermolaus, in which Kallisthenes was accused of participating, to rid himself of his former school companion, whom he caused to be put to death.

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